

National Galleries of Scotland Board of Trustees

Minute of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held in the Boardroom, Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art Two, Belford Road, Edinburgh on Monday 25 January 2016 at 1400 hrs.

Present: Ben Thomson, Chairman Edward Green
Alistair Dodds Tricia Bey
Lesley Knox Willie Watt
Tari Lang Catherine Muirden
Nick Pearce Nicky Wilson

In Attendance: Sir John Leighton, Director-General
Christopher Baker Simon Groom
Michael Clarke Patricia Convery
Jacqueline Ridge Frank Gribben
Nicola Catterall

Ann Wilson, Client Project Manager (Item 9.2 only)

Apologies: Benny Higgins

Secretariat: Lesley Ellen

Action

1 Chairman's Business

The Chairman suggested that Trustees check their biographical details on the NGS website and advise the Director-General's office if any updates were required.

Paolozzi Medal – the Chairman proposed that a Paolozzi Medal be presented by the Director-General to Mary Ellen Imlay and the late John Imlay during his forthcoming visit to the US.

The Chairman suggested that, while the financial settlement for the year 2016/17 represented a cut in funding, it was better than expected and should be viewed positively. Trustees thanked the Senior Management Team for the work they had done in the lead up to the settlement.

2 Minutes

2.1 Minute of the Meeting of 23 November 2015

The minute of the meeting of 23 November 2015 was approved with one minor amendment.

3 **Matters Arising**

Follow-up Fire Report – the Director-General advised that the report would be presented to the Board at its April meeting.

Round-up report on the future of Generation – it was agreed that this should be discussed at the Board strategy meeting in May.

Reserved Business Redacted

10 **Departmental and Gallery Reports**

10.1 **Scottish National Gallery**

Michael Clarke outlined the report and advised that there had been 19,000 visitors to the Melville exhibition, which had just closed, and that an extra 1,500 catalogues had been printed to meet demand.

Trustees noted the report.

10.2 **Scottish National Portrait Gallery**

Christopher Baker outlined the report and highlighted the allocation of the Gosford portrait of Bonnie Prince Charlie by Allan Ramsay to the Portrait Gallery through the Acceptance in Lieu of Tax scheme.

Trustees noted the report.

10.3 **Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art**

Simon Groom outlined the report and highlighted the award of £80,000 from the Art Fund for collecting performance art.

Trustees noted the report.

10.4 **Audience Engagement**

10.4.1 **Quarterly Report**

Patsy Convery advised that Jane Wentworth Associates had been appointed as the brand consultant and they were now preparing a first schedule for the programme of work.

Trustees noted the quarterly update on audience engagement.

10.5.2 Visitor Figures: November–December 2015

Noted.

11 Public Programme 2016–20

Noted.

12 Any Other Business

The Chairman advised that Trustees had agreed to receive their Board papers as one pdf document in future with the option also to request printed papers if necessary. They had also suggested that the volume of papers being submitted to meetings should be looked at to see if this could be reduced.

13 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday 3 April AT THE PORTRAIT GALLERY, Queen Street.