

**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 7 September 2015 at 1400 hrs.

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

**In Attendance:** Sir John Leighton, Director-General  
Christopher Baker  
Michael Clarke  
Jacqueline Ridge  
Simon Groom  
Patricia Convery  
Frank Gribben  
Brian Doneghan, Head of Operations (Item 7.4 only)

**Apologies:** Nicola Catterall

**Secretariat:** Elaine Anderson/Lesley Ellen

**Action**

**1 Chairman's Business**

Trustees endorsed the appointment of Nick Pearce on to both the Major Capital Programme Committee and the joint HES/NGS Board for the National Collection Facility.

The Chairman advised that Karen Watt, Director of Culture, Europe and External Affairs at the Scottish Government, would be attending the next Board meeting and lunch in November. Lunch prior to the January Board meeting would be for Trustees only.

**2 Minutes**

**2.1 Minute of the Meeting of 15 June 2015**

The minute of the meeting of 15 June 2015 was approved with minor amendments.

**3 Matters Arising**

It was noted that the Head of Development would be attending the November meeting rather than this meeting to discuss options on driving forward philanthropy.

The Social Media policy would be circulated to Trustees in the next few weeks.

## **Strategy**

### **4 Scottish National Gallery Vision**

Mr Clarke gave a presentation on the vision for the Scottish National Gallery (SNG).

### **5 Business Plan 2016-20**

#### **5.1 Update on Progress**

The Director-General gave an update on progress with the key strands of the Business Plan.

### **6 Collection Development Policy and Collection Criteria**

Trustees were invited to consider and approve a suite of policies covering NGS's approach to collecting.

The policies were approved, taking into account the comments raised.

### **7 Departmental and Gallery Reports**

#### **7.1 Scottish National Gallery**

Mr Clarke outlined the report.

#### **7.2 Scottish National Portrait Gallery**

Mr Baker outlined the report.

#### **7.3 Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art**

The report was noted.

#### **7.4 Operations**

#### **7.4.1 Modern One Water Incident**

Mr Doneghan joined the meeting and provided an update on the work that was being carried out following the serious water leaks that had occurred in Modern One in May. An action plan, overseen by the Disaster Contingency Plan management group, had been drawn up carry out to work to identify and address any similar problem areas elsewhere in the Galleries and to address. Trustees noted the update.

Mr Doneghan left the meeting.

#### **7.5 Audience Engagement**

##### **7.5.1 Quarterly Report**

Trustees noted the quarterly update on audience engagement.

##### **7.5.2 Visitor Figures: June-July 2015**

Noted.

#### **8 Public Programme 2016-20**

Noted.

#### **9 Annual Reports & Compliance Matters**

##### **9.1 Performance Measures: Quarter 1 Report**

Noted.

#### **10. Any Other Business**

There were no other items of business.

#### **11 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday 23 November 2015.