## Minutes of ElectricAid Committee Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 Venue: Gateway 2 – Room 4.09

Present:	PK HB ALeC FF AH	ND ÉS DF DÓ'D	JK PH TMcK FO'D
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Apologies: TMcM, PC, TM, BK, SC and JL

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Introduction	• ÉS welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced TMcK as Deputy Treasurer. Theresa is filling the vacancy on the Committee resulting from GF resignation in July.	
	• ÉS is to forward a Mass Bouquet to TP extending the sympathy of the Committee to her and her husband on the recent sad loss of their son, Jamie. A battery operated candle was lighting for the duration of the meeting as a mark of respect and remembrance.	ÉS
	• It was noted that no Trustee was present at the November ElectricAid Committee meeting.	
	• ÉS suggested recurring Agenda items such as Power Challenge, GDPR and Special Appeal updates be circulated, in future, through the Chair, prior to meetings to give the Committee an opportunity to review them; there shouldn't be a need to discuss these items specifically.	
Conflict of Interest Declarations	No conflict of interest was recorded.	
Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters	• <b>Site Visits:</b> ÉS to touch base with ESBI re site visits and the utilisation of their overseas staff, where possible. PC is now on team for international assignments.	ÉS
Arising - ÉS	• There was an Action from September to add an Item on a Review of Projects for the year. This will now form part of the review the EvalCo mentioned below.	
	• <b>Passionist Missionaries Site Visit:</b> At the July ElectricAid Committee meeting, JK mentioned an unannounced visit by him to a solar panel project funded by ElectricAid at the <b>Gataka Slum Resource Centre</b> in <b>Kenya</b> - (15-A-193). Despite his best efforts, he was unable to find the Centre. Two original Referees were contacted. One was less than satisfactory. Referee - Fr. Raphael Mang'iti, C.P., (Passionist). FF to follow up with both Passionist Missionaries and Franciscan Brothers to seek a detailed response from both Referees.	FF
	Action - EvalCo to see what is working or not working. It was agreed that there is a need to tighten up controls. For this reason, an EvalCo process meeting is to be held at the end of January 2019. Have a working paper on structure, etc. was suggested as well as a report back to the Committee.	ÉS
	As this also raises the issue of Referees and Organisations, ÉS suggested building a web of potential Referees. Have 2 Referees and 2 References for every project in future.	

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Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising - És	• The Minutes of the 25th September, 2018 ElectricAid Committee meeting were proposed for adoption by PK, seconded by JK and signed by the Chair and Secretary.				
Previous Meeting and Matters	<ul> <li>were proposed for ado and Secretary.</li> <li>HB said €205,000 has through in October/Now been cleared by DF and</li> <li>With a month and a ha should be on track to re</li> <li>Ghana - A first payme €10,000/€15,000 receiv €100 went through also information, has been s</li> <li>All money/payments for</li> <li>2 outstanding items:</li> <li>&gt; 18-A-075: €3,46 Rongo Regional H Brother Mathew project still has a Referee for this p ElectricAid Comm Sr. Mary Philip Aw</li> <li>&gt; 15-A-193: €7,157 from Brother McC</li> <li>Update on the €2,000 was returned to Electri money reached their ad recommended writing b going on, and putting it</li> <li>Proposed by JK and se ELECTRICALE</li> </ul>	ption by PK, been receive rember. All I d FF. If to go, it is f eceive it by ye ent of $\in$ 10,00 ved by them b. A banking orted by HB. r September 0: Franciscan House, Migori, McCormack "subject to" it project. It was hittee meeting, vino and reque : Solar Project ormack. and $\in$ 8,000 cAid, even th count. Marci back the $\in$ 2,0 back into the econded by P	seconded by √ ed from Reven Revenue queri forecasted that ear end. 00 made in At a Another €10 g query from 0 cycle have bee Sisters of St. √ Kenya. This pro- providing an other s decided to ho pending another sted another Re JK attempted to paid to Pass h 2017 - <b>16-A</b> - 00 and €8,000 e pot.	JK and signed by the Chair ue to-date. $\in$ 99,000 came es re a duplicate PPS have t $\notin$ 215,000 is expected and ugust has been received - ,000 issued. A trial run of Shana, which needed more en paid and are up to date. Joseph - Poultry for Youth at bject was approved, subject to fficial project reference. The - Brother McCormack is also id off until the January, 2019 er Referee. FF has contacted aferee. to visit. Reference being sought ionists Missionaries, which ation was received that the <b>118</b> for $\notin$ 8,000 refers. HB as they don't know what is a favour. <b>E ACCOUNT</b>	HB
	Total Income	948,602	1,087,087	1,171,834	
	Donations January Funding March Funding May Funding July Funding September Funding November Funding Total Normal Donations (Note 2)	111,881 194,195 212,785 182,600 165,046 - <b>886,507</b>	111,881 194,195 212,785 182,600 165,046 200,000 <b>1,066,507</b>	136,089 198,726 175,594 204,656 166,781 173,567 <b>1,055,413</b>	

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Financial Report October, 2018 - excluding	<b>Other Payments</b> Bank Interest Special Appeals Miscellaneous Expenses	801 8,114 -	961 40,000 13,450	1,293 111,500 245	
Ghana continued –	Total Donations	875,422	1,094,018	1,168,451	
HB	Excess of Expenditure over Income	73,181	<u>(6,931)</u>	<u>(3,383)</u>	
	Bank Balance Creditors Pending Payment	341,202 169,818			
	Note 1 – very conservative estimate. Note 2 – to be reviewed every two months against updated cash flow forecast.				
	Proposed by PH and s	econded by [	)Ó'D.		
Evaluation Report and Proposed	<ul> <li>EvalCo met on 13.1 attended by PH, DF, JI</li> </ul>			nship of ALeC and was	
Fundings - ALC				of 21 funding applications, dered. Treasurer guidance	
		vith 14 applic	ations from acr	ne geographical distribution ross Africa, 2 from Ireland, adesh	
				in full and 8 in part. Three al recommended funding is	
	"Subject to" items were	e discussed a	s follows:		
	• 18-A-134 - Columbia referee confirmed.	- Dan Eley	Foundation.	Name of a 2nd suitable	
	18-A-132 - Chad - Con queries satisfactorily cl		ss to safe water	r. Boreholes - Outstanding	
	• 18-A-128 - Tanzania supplied are sustainab			nation received that cattle calves is 6 months.	
		ance of bore	holes. FF said	ater/sanitation/nitrates. Re d this has been addressed its perimeter in future.	
				<b>Mongu</b> - Construction of nse received and queries	

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Evaluation Report and Proposed Fundings continued - ALC	<ul> <li>The following projects were approved: <ul> <li>18-H-009 €6,270</li> <li>18-H-010 €10,000</li> </ul> </li> <li>18-A-137 €14,382</li> <li>18-A-134 €7,500</li> <li>18-A-132 €12,600</li> <li>18-A-131 €11,300</li> <li>18-A-128 €9,000</li> <li>18-A-128 €9,000</li> <li>18-A-126 €9,000</li> <li>18-A-125 €6,799</li> <li>18-A-122 €10,000</li> <li>18-A-122 €10,000</li> <li>18-A-090 €14,000</li> </ul> <li>Total €142,101</li> <li>Jim Caulfield, MBE, Irish Eyes, CEO, emailed back to say the Kenyan</li>	
	<ul> <li>Government intend making the school a model school (Project 18-A-106). It was suggested he re-apply to ElectricAid for funding for 2 projects to the value of €6,856. For governance purposes, a formal approval for each project will be required as well as a final report. FF to follow up with JC.</li> <li>A discussion took place about an application for the supply of 8 computers to a village in India. Supplying computers to individual, private houses is considered by the ElectricAid Committee to be too big a risk for ElectricAid. FF to advise the applicant that their application has been unsuccessful.</li> <li>Proposed by HB and seconded by FO'D.</li> </ul>	FF FF
Feedback from "Think Big" Charity event - 12.11.18 - ÉS	<ul> <li>"Think organised by Charities Institute Ireland, was Daniel M. "Dan" Pallotta, American entrepreneur, author, and humanitarian activist and is best known to his involvement in multi-day charitable events with the long-distant</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>It is anticipated this Programme will tie in well with the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ElectricAid and may be a helpful means of connecting with younger staff members. As the current trend is for staff not to stay in the same employment until retirement, maybe their involvement in ElectricAid could follow them to other workplaces.</li> <li>ÉS is to talk to DÓ'D with a view to setting up a group which will encourage this way of thinking for ESB/EirGrid ElectricAid members by encouraging them to move out of their comfort zone and adapting a "can do" attitude of "thinking big" and being "bold". The skills available in ESB and EirGrid were eluded to and expected to be tapped into.</li> </ul>	

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Risk - ÉS	• ElectricAid Committee Vacancy: At the September ElectricAid Committee meeting, the Committee voted unanimously in favour of TMcK being co-opted onto the ElectricAid Committee. It is anticipated that she will replace HB when she steps down from her role as Honorary Treasurer. In the meantime, her appointment will mean having an additional Approver as well as extra support for banking on line activities.	
	• As a result of the vacancy created by GF resignation from the ElectricAid Committee in July, a search was put in place to find a financial person who would be able to take over from HB when she leaves her role as Honorary Treasurer. As TMcK has now been co-opted onto the Committee as Deputy Treasurer, the risk has dissipated.	
Co-opting Graduates on to the Committee - ÉS	• ÉS thanked DF and ALeC for undertaking this initiative instead of ÉS and FF who stepped out of the process due to conflict of interest. The intention was to co-opt 1 Graduates (in addition to the 10 Committee Members) on to the ElectricAid Committee for representative purposes and who would look at bigger and bolder ideas. A discussion took place around	
	<ul> <li>what is involved in the new Graduate role,</li> <li>what is expected of them,</li> <li>on holding the role for them and</li> </ul>	
	how they will be co-opted again after stepping down at the AGM,	FF
	ElectricAid Constitution is to be consulted in this regard.	FF
	• The involvement of CSR people in the process is considered important. ALC to touch base with Line Managers to explain what is involved in the role.	ALC
	• A proposal to co-opt 2 Graduates, rather than one, was discussed. There are advantages to having a presence in Wilton as well as Dublin.	
	• JK proposed co-opting 2 Graduates onto the ElectricAid Committee in addition to the existing Committee Members. All were in favour.	
<b>Desk Audits</b> - ÉS	<ul> <li>As no Desk Audits have been done in 2018, it was suggested that non- EvalCo Members be given the task of completing a Desk Audit before Christmas.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>It was also suggested that the 2 Graduates do a Desk Audit each and also take part in site visits.</li> </ul>	
30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ElectricAid Update - ÉS	<ul> <li>Prior to the November ElectricAid Committee meeting, the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sub-Committee, comprising of DÓ'D, ÉS, SC, ND, DF, FF and BK, met several times to prepare a Draft Programme of Events to mark 30 years of ElectricAid. The plan was broadly based on the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations with an Inter-Faith Service to be held in St. Anne's, Dawson Street, with "Transmission Amp" - (EirGrid Choir) and a Reception in The Oak Room of the Mansion House, hosted by Lord Mayor, Nial Ring. The date chosen was 22<sup>nd</sup> November.</li> </ul>	
	• However, in the interest of "inclusivity" it was decided, at budget discussion stage, that there was a perceived problem with the "religious" aspect of the plan, both with the location and potential content. Because this decision came late in the process, it was decided initially to postpone the celebration and finally to drop it altogether due to time constraints, delay and perception.	

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30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ElectricAid Update continued- ÉS	• Disappointment was expressed at the Committee meeting as well as attention drawn to the importance of ElectricAid's autonomy. Overall, it was felt that there isn't a huge appetite for a big event. Consequently, it was decided to drop the 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations altogether and maybe have a marketing day instead which would involve "thinking big" about "thinking big".		
	<ul> <li>ÉS thanked ESB/EirGrid ElectricAid Sub-Committee, for the dedication, commitment and huge amount of time they put into planning, organising and booking the event.</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>ÉS to talk to DO'B in EirGrid regarding hosting ElectricAid's next Committee meeting</li> </ul>	ÉS	
Draft 2019 ElectricAid Meeting Schedule	Attached		
<b>AOB</b> - ÉS	• PH mentioned the Halloween Fund Raiser in Tinakilly Country House Hotel, Wicklow, in aid of Dr. Trish Scanlan of <i>"Their Lives Matters"</i> hosted by Lord and Lady Ardee, who generously provided all the food and services for the event.		
	<ul> <li>JK referred Sr. Mary Killeen, a Sister of Mercy, from Phibsboro, Dublin, whom he met during his recent visit to Kenya, is among the recipients of a 2018 Presidential Distinguished Service Awards presented at Áras an Uachtaráin in recognition of her forty years spent in Kenya's capital city working in Mukuru slums in Nairobi.</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>FF mentioned a query from John Bosco Lukwago of MADIPA, Masaka, Uganda, and Sr. Helen Ahern MMM enquiring if ElectricAid would sponsor a mini bus, with wheelchair access. FF to let them know ElectricAid doesn't fund such projects.</li> </ul>	FF	
	• FO'D cited the importance of ElectricAid looking at and ensuring the implementation of the Charities Governance Code launched recently by The Charities Regulator which sets the minimum standards, which every charity/trustee of a charity should ensure their charity meets in order to effectively manage and control their organisations.		
	<ul> <li>January, 2019 ElectricAid Committee meeting is to be held in the EirGrid Oval Office, Shelbourne Road.</li> </ul>		
	• ÉS and FF to meet ML and ND ahead of the meeting.		
	<ul> <li>In conclusion, ÉS wished everyone a Happy Christmas and thanked them for their attendance and commitment to ElectricAid.</li> </ul>		

## Meeting Schedule/Deadlines/Committee Meetings for 2019

Application	1	Executive	
Deadlines	EvalCo	Committee	Other meetings
12.12.2018	08.01.2019	22.01.2019	
Wed	Tues	Tues	
19.02.2019	05.03.2019	20.03.2019	
Tues	Tues	Wed	
			30.04.2019
			(AGM) Tues
23.04.2019	14.05.2019	28.05.2019	
Tues	Tues	Tues	
			25.06.2019
			(Risk) Tues
26.06.2019	09.07.2019	23.07.2019	
Wed	Tues	Tues	
			20.08.2019 - Tues
			(Planning & Strategy)
28.08.2019	10.09.2019	24.09.2019	
Wed	Tues	Tues	
29.10.2019	12.11.2019	26.11.2019	
Tues	Tues	Tues	