

Minutes of ElectricAid Committee Meeting, 21st March, 2017
Venue: Gateway 2 - Room 4.15

Present: JF TP ALeC
 MB JK PC
 FO'D PK SF
 PH TM GB
 JL (By Phone) GM AD
 EF ND (EirGrid)
 PC

Apologies: AH, ES, HB and ML attended but was unable to access the building – apologies extended to ML by JF.

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Presentation by Niamh Delaney, EirGrid, on her work in Nepal after the Earthquake	ND made an interesting presentation on her experience and work in Nepal during and immediately after the earthquake in 2015. The responsiveness and flexibility of small-scale immediate responses was underlined. Our funding of €3,000 (15-A-051 Karma Flights) certainly fell into that category, and it was excellent to see the materials we paid for being put to good use. TM thanked ND.	
Conflict of Interest Declarations	There were no conflicts of interest declared.	
Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising	The Minutes of the 24 th January, 2017 ElectricAid Committee meeting were proposed for adoption by JK, seconded by PK and signed by the Chair and JF (acting Secretary).	
Financial Report March, 2017	In the Treasurer's unavoidable absence, JF took this item. The draft accounts for 2016 are complete, indicating a total revenue of €1.13 m., expenditure of €1.24 m. and a deficit of €26,000 for the year. The decline in income and expenditure was wholly due to the absence of a large Special Appeal in 2016. Total funding was €1.15 m. – a solid and controlled financial performance for the year. All January transfers (bar one) had been made. The balance in the bank was €45,000 – and the available balance was €36,000. The first major payment from the Revenue was due, but payment date was not predicable. This could compromise our ability to respond to the East African situation.	
Auditor Appointment, Accounts Production and arrangements for AGM	JF reported that Moore Stephens have been awarded a 3-year contract for the joint MPF/ElectricAid audit. The accounts are ready for audit, and we are on schedule to have audited accounts ready 2 weeks before the AGM on 25.04.2017. The 2016 AGM will be in the Conference Room, Gateway Three on 25.04.2017. Invitations and agenda are issuing to retired and VS members on 22.03.2017 Members were asked to nominate a "headline speaker/presenter" to add to the attractiveness of the AGM.	ALL

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<p>Evaluation Report and Proposed Fundings - ALC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALC introduced the Evaluation Report for March. EvalCo met on 08.03.2017. There was a full attendance, bar apologies from JK. No conflicts of interest were declared. • It was noted that, again, no Committee member attended as an observer. It is strongly recommend that those who have not done so should arrange to attend. • A heavy application load of 32 proposals, with a total applied value of €321,527 were considered. Application quality was generally high, which did not make the task any easier. • 8 applications were received from Uganda, 5 for Kenya, 4 for Ethiopia, and 3 for Nepal. There were 2 Irish applications. • Treasurer guidance remains at €180,000 per funding round, but there was the comfort of a carried-forward under-spend of €44,000 from January. Absorbing the full under-spend in one funding round was not envisaged. • No application was recommended in full. 25 applications are partially recommended; 2 have been rejected, and 5 deferred. 3 of the deferrals are in light of proposed site visits in Uganda, to be undertaken by P.J. McGarrigle, ex-ESB and now working for UMEME in Uganda. • Total recommended funding is €200,808, well beyond Treasurer Guidance, but absorbing €21,000 of the carried-forward under-spend. • JF reported that 5 conditional recommendations made subject to additional information had been cleared. • The following projects were recommended: <table data-bbox="507 1332 782 2049" style="margin-left: 40px; border: none;"> <tbody> <tr><td>17-H-001</td><td>€5,000</td></tr> <tr><td>17-H-002</td><td>€5,000</td></tr> <tr><td>16-A-118</td><td>€8,000</td></tr> <tr><td>17-A-001</td><td>€7,500</td></tr> <tr><td>17-A-002</td><td>€5,000</td></tr> <tr><td>17-A-003</td><td>€6,500</td></tr> <tr><td>17-A-004</td><td>€7,000</td></tr> <tr><td>17-A-005</td><td>€7,273</td></tr> <tr><td>17-A-010</td><td>€3,048</td></tr> <tr><td>17-A-011</td><td>€11,636</td></tr> <tr><td>17-A-012</td><td>€8,738</td></tr> <tr><td>17-A-014</td><td>€5,000</td></tr> <tr><td>17-A-015</td><td>€10,204</td></tr> <tr><td>17-A-016</td><td>€9,000</td></tr> <tr><td>17-A-017</td><td>€6,616</td></tr> <tr><td>17-A-018</td><td>€8,636</td></tr> <tr><td>17-A-019</td><td>€8,000</td></tr> <tr><td>17-A-020</td><td>€8,000</td></tr> <tr><td>17-A-021</td><td>€12,334</td></tr> <tr><td>17-A-024</td><td>€13,000</td></tr> <tr><td>17-A-025</td><td>€12,000</td></tr> <tr><td>17-A-026</td><td>€6,633</td></tr> <tr><td>17-A-027</td><td>€9,000</td></tr> <tr><td>17-A-028</td><td>€8,690</td></tr> <tr><td>17-A-031</td><td>€9,000</td></tr> </tbody> </table> • Proposed for approval by PCX and seconded by TM. Approved. 	17-H-001	€5,000	17-H-002	€5,000	16-A-118	€8,000	17-A-001	€7,500	17-A-002	€5,000	17-A-003	€6,500	17-A-004	€7,000	17-A-005	€7,273	17-A-010	€3,048	17-A-011	€11,636	17-A-012	€8,738	17-A-014	€5,000	17-A-015	€10,204	17-A-016	€9,000	17-A-017	€6,616	17-A-018	€8,636	17-A-019	€8,000	17-A-020	€8,000	17-A-021	€12,334	17-A-024	€13,000	17-A-025	€12,000	17-A-026	€6,633	17-A-027	€9,000	17-A-028	€8,690	17-A-031	€9,000	
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Marking ElectricAid's 30th Anniversary	<p>TP introduced this item. ElectricAid in effect has a 2-year window for this Anniversary – we were founded in 1987 but only really commenced in 1988. We celebrated our 25th in 2013, indicating that 2018 was the appropriate year for the 30th. She recommended a more modest celebration, consisting of (a) an inter-denominational service of thanksgiving, and (b) a programme of 30 x €1,000 opportunities for members to direct funding to charities/causes of their choice. This was supported by JF.</p> <p>TM remarked that that might constitute a missed opportunity, if we did not align our 30th with ESB's 90th in 2017. JF agreed to talk to SC, Group People, about this possibility.</p> <p>TM to discuss possible sponsorship with GO'D of SPCU.</p>	JF TM
Risk	There were no added or enhanced risks identified.	
Membership	<p>TP reported on the agreed recruitment programme in EirGrid, This will comprise of a series of awareness events and briefings, targeting an increase in membership of 20.</p> <p>JF reported on a successful and very well received presentation to ESB Trading staff, building on previous presentations by Stella O'Reilly and GB. This organic publicity/recruitment has now led to at least 3 new members.</p>	
Famine situations in South Sudan, Yemen, Somalia, and Nigeria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JF & TP advised that this situation was long term and deteriorating, with 20-22 million people now at risk. The situation was generally made much worse by armed conflict. • ElectricAid's current financial position probably did not allow an immediate response from our own resources. • They questioned whether the "critical mass" of publicity and awareness was there for a successful Special Appeal – this was robustly debated by all. • Preliminary work has been done for a Special Appeal, but the issue was whether to go now (possibly half-cocked) or to wait for the time to be ripe. • Advice was for a preliminary approval of a Special Appeal, but with the timing of same to be decided by TP – with notice to Committee. • Preliminary publicity to prepare the ground was agreed; SF felt that we needed to put our money where our mouths were, even if it meant that we had to defer some approved development funding. • All agreed to immediately commit €20,000 in advance to this cause, to be recouped from proceeds of Special Appeal. JF to advise funding's for approval. • Preliminary contact to be made with ESB and EirGrid re matching funding. • Communications to emphasise the humanitarian needs, as distinct from the armed conflicts. 	JF EF/JF JF
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JF briefed on the upcoming "Leaving Fitzwilliam" online auction of furniture, glassware, framed prints and bric-a-brac. No targets are being set, but this promises to be a successful fund-raiser. AD to continue work on catalogue and to keep Committee updated • JF briefed on the 2017 "ESB 5K Challenge", provisionally scheduled for 22.06.2017 for the Clontarf seafront, with the social event in Clasach, Alfie Byrne Road. JF to put EF in contact with organisers re EirGrid runner participation. • AD showed a draft version of the video he is working on. Appreciation was shown, and some suggestions made. 	AD JF AD

- **AGM on the 25th April, 2017. Location: Conference Room, Gateway Three. Start time: 3.30 pm.**
- **Next Committee Meeting will be on 23rd May, 2017 – Venue: EirGrid. Start time 4.00 p.m.**

ElectricAid 2017 Meeting Schedule	Application Deadline	EvalCo	Committee	Other Meetings
				25.04.2017 (AGM)
	18.04.2017	09.05.2017	23.05.2017	
				20.06.2017 (Risk)
	27.06.2017	04.07.2017	18.07.2017	
				22.08.2017 (Planning & Strategy)
	29.08.2017	12.09.2017	26.09.2017	
	31.10.2017	14.11.2017	28.11.2017	