

Ceol Aneas AGM

1 June 2025

Meeting began 1.00 pm

Present

Isobel Ross, Doug Makinson, Evey McAuliffe, Kara Dawson, Lynne Wilkins, Don Couling, Michael Mackinnon, Ceara McAuliffe Bickerton, Jacqui Foley, Jill Poulston, Anne Pawley, Karen Jackson, Steve McGlone, Jasper Davidson, Pat Higgins, Ted Cizadlo, Alex Davidson, Joy Burnett, Treza Gallogly, Tamsin Leenhouders, David Leyser, Karen Reid, Andy Linton, Louise Evans

Apologies

Kathy McDonald, Lorcan Bolster

Lynne moved Kara seconded – apologies accepted

Minutes from previous AGM

Jill Poulston moved, Steve McGlone seconded – minutes approved.

No matters arising.

New Business

a. Chairperson's Report

Lynne summarised past experience as the festival has developed in popularity. She noted that the shared love of Irish music and culture drives the whole festival. Summarised achievements of current Committee.
Acknowledged past committees.

Moved by Lynne Wilkins, seconded by Evey McAuliffe - Chairperson's report approved.

b. Treasurer's Report

Kara Dawson thanked Alex Davidson for his work and noted that the books are in a healthy state.

Kara moved the Treasurer's report be accepted, Jill Poulston seconded - Report approved.

- A question was asked about the fact that we had no Culture Ireland support this year. Kara explained that Culture Ireland's focus is on performance whereas Ceol Aneas focuses on teaching. Michael Mackinnon explained that we were unable to use the usual connection with the Australian National festival since Culture Ireland approached it and the Committee was unable to align with its arrangements. Lynne then listed our current funders.
- Evey McAuliffe asked who organised the tours for tutor that had been organised in the past. Lynne explained that members of the Committee had done so privately but that had not been required last year or this.
- Andy Linton asked if the Committee had given up on approaching Nthn Ireland funding possibilities. In response it was explained that Doug Makinson had looked at this but those resources were offered locally and were so much less than Culture Ireland.
- Lynne Wilkins explained that a small amount of funding is available through Comhaltas but that the Committee had declined the invitation from Comhaltas to establish a NZ branch.

c. Resignations/Nominations/ Election of Officers

Doug Makinson moved a vote of thanks to Lynne for her years of work on the Committee and also acknowledged Kara's work. This was approved by acclamation.

Positions Expiring this year

Kara - resignation

Don – willing to continue

Isobel co-opted last year - standing for the Committee this year

Michael - resignation

Nominations

Alex Davidson - treasurer

Ceara McAuliffe Bickerton

Louise Evans

Lorcan Bolster

Pat Higgins moved the above resignations and nominations be accepted, Michael Mackinnon seconded – approved.

Lynne explained that the position of Chairperson has yet to be settled.

General Business

Kara Proposed that Jasper Davidson be co-opted as a Junior member of the Committee. Approved.

Meeting closed 1.25pm