

Board of the National Museum of Ireland

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday 6th July 2023, at 9:30am at Castlebar, Co. Mayo and via video-conference

(Approved on 5th October 2023)

Present: Catherine Heaney (Chair)

Ambrose Loughlin
Marianne Doyle
John Bowen

Barra O'Donnabhain

Linda King Paolo Viscardi

Apologies: Susan Rogers

Helen Shenton Beatrice Kelly

In attendance: Lynn Scarff (Director, NMI)

Aoife Hurley (Head of Operations,

NMI)

Ciaran Byrne

Geraldine Sheridan Andrew Power Claudia Kinmonth Cathal O'Donoghue

Iseult Dunne

Mark Sherry (Head of Finance

& Procurement, NMI)

Jade Dillon (Secretary to the

Board, NMI)

1.0	Opening of meeting, apologies if any and adoption of the agenda
1.1	Apologies were conveyed for S. Rogers, H. Shenton and B. Kelly.
1.2	<u>Agenda</u>
	The agenda was adopted.
2.0	Conflicts of interest
2.1	There were no conflicts of interests.
3.0	Strategic Plan Implementation
3.1	The Board discussed the opportunities and challenges facing the Museum as it transitions to a new strategic plan phase. There was consensus that it is more important than ever to advocate for the relevance of museums to not only culture, but to society as a whole, and to promote the untapped potential that museums possess for other sectors such as education.
4.0	Management Committee presentations
4.1	K. Morton (Head of Conservation), A. Daly (Head of Marketing), C. Doyle (Keeper of Irish Folklife Division), M. Sikora (Keeper of Irish Antiquities Division), J. Murray (Head of Design & Photography) and A. McNeely (Human Resources Manager) from the Management Committee joined the meeting. Presentations on each

	department Head were made to the board and each presentation was followed by a brief q&a session.
5.0	A.O.B
	There were no A.O.Bs and the Chair thanked all board members and NMI staff for attending the meeting.
	End of meeting.

