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## Meeting Minutes Galway Waterways Foundation

Meeting type:	AGM 1.0
Date:	30.04.18
Attendees:	Phil James – Member & Director, acting as Chairman Denis Goggin – Member & Director Gerry Hanley – Member Neil Keaveney - Member

### Governance

Company formation	The Galway Waterways Foundation was officially registered in the Companies Office as a Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG) on 16 April 2018 with company registration number 624748. The next step is to apply for charitable status
Resignation of founding directors	Phil James and Denis Goggin resigned as Directors
Election of directors	Phil James, Denis Goggin, Gerry Hanley, & Neil Keaveney were unanimously returned as Directors.
Members& membership fees	There are two classes of members, those with voting rights and those who want to participate in Foundation activities without the obligations of voting membership. Decisions need to be made about the recruitment of new members and fees for



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	membership of either scheme.
New Board members	In light of recent developments it was decided to "beef up" the Board with some well-known and respected business/community leaders. Gerry and Denis to follow-up as agreed.
Register of Directors' interests	To be discussed at the next meeting

### Updates

Capital of Culture	Phil had a meeting in the previous week with Fintan Maher, PRO and Chris Baldwin, programme Director. They will shortly issue an MOA to the GWF for the preparation of a feasibility study/business plan. A grant of €10k was promised to prepare the plan. Phil to send short paragraph to them to initiate the process.
Local Authority	Meeting with Brendan McGrath – CEO, Gary McMahon – Director of Services and Noel Grealish – Although Brendan likes the idea of the waterways Initiative he is unwilling at this time to engage with it and would not sponsor a visioning session with the key agency players. The reason given was too much other priority business. He expressed willingness to re-visit the item in the autumn.
Green Leaf	The Waterways Initiative will be part of the Green Leaf activities in two ways: clean energy projects with the Galway Energy Co-op; an autumn Green/Blue festival. This will address



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	one of the Foundation's 2020 projects to hold an annual RiverFest
Galway Energy Co-op	Phil is becoming a founding member of the Galway Energy Co-op to link the Waterways Initiative with this new community group. The Co-op and the Foundation have won seed-funding of €900 from the Green Leaf project to pursue local clean energy projects
GCCN	Phil has joined the Galway City Community Network (GCCN) environmental linkage group to unite the Foundation's efforts with it, which represents policy matters to the city's Environmental policy group, the SPC.
New supporters	Support for the Initiative has recently been received from the Presentation Sisters, the Presentation Primary School, Our Lady's College, and the Bish secondary schools

### New Business

Chris Coughlan remembrance	All attendees acknowledged the tremendous contribution that Chris made to so many civic projects and as one of our founder members. We want to extend our most sincere condolences to his wife, Joan, and his family at his passing. Phil will write to Joan on behalf of the Foundation.
Flagship project	The Foundation needs to execute a significant, visual flagship project to demonstrate its ability to get things done and to work in partnership with other organisations. One idea was to



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	work with the Woodquay Residents Association to improve the green park and to draw attention to the river. Follow-up at next meeting.
Other Projects	The next operational meeting of the Foundation will deal exclusively with short to medium term projects
Next operational meeting	Tuesday, 8 May 5:30 – 7:30