Fèisean nan Gàidheal
Minutes of the meeting of the Tasgadh Panel held on Tuesday 12th February 2019 from 10.00 am via telephone conference

T3-201819-01 PRESENT
Arthur Cormack (AC), Martin Hadden (MH), Dave Francis (DF), Fiona Campbell (FC), Michelle Kelly (MK), Brian Ò hEadhra (BOH), Mairi McFadyen (MM), Siobhan Anderson (SA), Moreen Pringle (MP) (Minuting)

T3-201819-02 APOLOGIES
There were no apologies for the meeting.

T3-201819-03 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS PANEL MEETING
The minutes from the panel meeting held on 13 November were approved as a true record of the meeting.

T3-201819-04 UPDATE ON AVAILABLE FUNDING FOR THIS ROUND
Arthur advised that there was £14,172 left in the budget for allocation at today’s meeting.

T3-201819-05 AGREEMENT ON GRANTS TO BE OFFERED
Where interests were declared, these are noted below in the table of decisions and those involved took no part in the decision-making relating to those grants.

Prior to the meeting the panel members had the opportunity to score the applications based on various criteria. Following careful consideration and discussion the following grants were awarded:

- Donald S Murray: Book tour with accompanying Gaelic Singer – £750
- Hamish Matters Festival: Workshops in Schools – £1000
- Kinlochlovin': "The Legacy Project" – £750
- Barra Fiddle Group: Saturday Fiddle Group – extra tutor/extend – £960 (AC)
- Claire Wilson School of Dance: Dance choreography tuition – £500
- Artsplay Highland: The "Wee Ceilidhs" Project – £600
- Traditional Music Forum: Development of European Folk Network – £990 (FC, MH, AC, DF, MK)
- Dunedin Dancers: 25th Dunedin International Folk Dance Festival 2019 – £630 (FC, MK)
- Taigh Dhonnchaidh: "Ceòl Nis" mini festival – £600
- Fochabers Fiddle Week: Fochabers Fiddle Week 2019 – £700
- Comunn Gàidhealach Mhuile: Mull Junior Mod Club workshops – £400
- Mairi Therese Gilfedder: Continuation of Fiddle Group (East Kilbride) – £560
- Ceolas Ulbhist: Establish Step Dance Classes – £1000 (MK, DF)
- Dannsairean an Eilean Sgitheanaich: Weekend of Dance – £510
- Moniaive Folk Festival: Moniaive Fok Festival – £520 (FC, DF)
- Riona Whyte: 12 week schools programme in Mull – £700
- Kenny Hadden: FluteFling 2019 – £244.50
- HMS Unicorn: Music on the Mess Deck Project – £460
- Sutherland Sessions: Great Big Easter 2019 – £500
- Fèis Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu: Adult workshops in Gaelic arts – £581 (AC)
- Jenni Wren: Week of professional development with Scottish artists – £1000 (AC, BOH, MK)
- Mod Aird nam Murchan: Gaelic singing workshops in lead up to Mod – £216

Letters of offer to successful candidates, and letters to the unsuccessful candidates, would be issued as soon as possible after the meeting to meet the one-month turnaround promised.

T3-201819-06 TASGADH 2019-20
Creative Scotland have indicated that they hope to continue with Tasgadh in the next financial year but this has not been confirmed yet.

T3-201819-07 AOCB
- If the scheme continues we will look at the guidelines and amend to include changes such as requiring more detailed budgets; applicants shouldn't rely on Tasgadh grant as core funding/continuing funding; applications should be more about traditional artists etc rather than things like venue hire.
- We will also look at the panel membership in light of new traditional arts appointments at Creative Scotland.

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