

**Minutes of the
Forty-first Annual General Meeting of the
Crafts Council of Ireland Limited t/a Design & Crafts Council of Ireland held on Wednesday
13th June 2018 at 2.00pm
at St Laurence, DIT, Grangegorman**

Attendees:

1.	Chupi Sweetman	Chupi
2.	Valerie Mullally	Irish Patchwork Society
3.	Kim Mackenzie-Doyle	Institute of Designers in Ireland (IDI)
4.	Rachel Quinn	Made in Sligo
5.	Ray Power	DCCol
6.	Patricia Howard	Wexford Craft Trail
7.	Mary Palmer	Cork Textiles Network & Quilters Guild of Ireland
8.	Elaine Riordan	Ceramics Ireland & DCCol
9.	Roger Bennett	Making.ie
10.	Audrey Whitty	National Museum of Ireland
11.	Geraldine Gray	The Leitrim Design House
12.	Tina Byrne	Ceramics Ireland
13.	Sarah McKenna	Bridge Street Studios & Louth Craftmark
14.	Andrew Bradley	DCCol
15.	Breege O'Donoghue	DCCol
16.	Toby Scott	DCCol
17.	John O'Connor	DCCol
18.	Donagh Quigley	The Handmade Soap Company
19.	Louise Allen	DCCol
20.	John Tynan	DCCol
21.	Susan Brindley	DCCol
22.	Pat McHugh	Council of Irish Fashion Designers
23.	Fiona Deegan	Kilkenny LEO & DCCol
24.	George Kennington	Crowe Ireland
25.	Mary Blanchfield	DCCol
26.	Gay McKeown	Na Píobairí Uilleann
27.	Mary Shiels	Handweavers Guild of Ireland
28.	Karen Hennessy	DCCol

Minutes:	Actions:
<p>1. Apologies</p> <p>Apologies were given for the DCCol makers and members who were unavailable to attend.</p>	

2. Adoption of the minutes of the fortieth Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on the 14 June 2017

The minutes of the AGM held on the 14 June 2017 were circulated in advance to the members. The minutes were adopted, proposed by John O'Connor and seconded by Eddie Shanahan.

3. Presentation of the Directors' Report for the year ended 31st December 2017 by Breege O'Donoghue, Chair.

Breege highlighted the following:

- Design and craft plays a vital role in Ireland's economy and culture, providing quality sustainable jobs across the country and sustaining the skills on which Ireland's unique heritage for design and craftsmanship is based.
- The importance of collaboration with our member organisations and client enterprises along with the key public and private partners at national and local Government level.

Breege thanked the following:

- The Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation, Enterprise Ireland and other Government departments and network of partners in the wider creative industries for their cooperation and support of the sector.
- The Board of Directors for their dedication, especially the retired directors Stephen Hughes and Ray Power who completed their two terms of directorships and Mary Palmer and Rachel Quinn who are
 - up for re-election for their second term today.
- Karen Hennessy and the DCCoI team for the outstanding work delivered in 2017.
- She expressed sympathy to the families of the makers who sadly passed away in the last year.

4. Presentation and adoption of the audited accounts for 2017 by George Kennington, Crowe Ireland

- George confirmed that the audit had taken place and there were no adverse findings in the accounts.
- The audited accounts for 2017 were adopted, proposed by John O'Connor and seconded by Ray Power.

5. The appointment of the auditors and fixing of their remuneration

George Kennington confirmed that Crowe Ireland will be delighted to continue to provide the financial auditing service for DCCoI.

6. Update on DCCoI activities 2017 by Karen Hennessy

Karen gave an overview of DCCoI's events, including the national and international programmes that took place throughout the year.

7. Election for Board positions

There were five nominees up for election. Each of their profiles were circulated in advance and each nominee presented for three minutes. The nominees were:

1. Patrick McHugh
2. Mary Palmer
3. Donagh Quigley
4. Rachel Quinn
5. Chupi Sweetman

8. Presentation by Dr. Audrey Whitty, National Museum of Ireland.

Audrey presented on “The Contemporary Collection of Design & Applied Arts in the National Museum of Ireland from 2000 to present day”.

9. Election results:

Board members Elected:

- Mary Palmer
- Donagh Quigley
- Rachel Quinn

On behalf of the Board and all DCCol staff, Breege O’Donoghue thanked Stephen Hughes and Ray Power for their work on the DCCol Board for the past six years.

10. AOB:

Kim McKenzie-Doyle, President of Institute of Designers in Ireland (IDI) addressed the guests. She outlined the key IDI initiatives and expressed IDI’s support to work collaboratively in the future with DCCol.

Breege O’Donoghue thanked John O’Connor and the Dublin Institute of Technology for providing the venue for the AGM.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Signed: _____
Breege O’Donoghue, Chair

Date: _____