



PLAYBOARD NI
38th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday 22nd November 2023 at 10am

A G E N D A

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks – Chairperson
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of Previous AGM held on Wednesday 16th November 2022
Girdwood Community Hub, Belfast.
4. CEO's Annual Review.
5. Statement of Accounts. – Resolution (RO23/1)
6. Re-election of Board of Directors. – Resolution (RO23/2)
7. Election to Board of Directors. – Resolution (RO23/3)
8. Election of Honorary Officers. - Resolution (RO23/4)
9. Appointment of Auditors. – Resolution (RO23/5)
10. Any other business.
11. Date of Next Meeting – November 2024.
12. Fey Cole - The Art of Storytelling
Curriculum Manager HSC and CCLD, South West College

MINUTES OF THE 37th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF PLAYBOARD
Held on Wednesday 16th November 2022
Girdwood Community Hub, 10 Girdwood Avenue, Belfast

Present: PlayBoard Board of Directors

Patricia Lewsley-Mooney CBE -	Chairperson
Roger Winter -	Vice Chair
Stuart Buchanan	Treasurer
Alix Crawford	Executive Member
Israel Hontavilla Abascal	Executive Member
Alan Herron -	CEO
Jimmy Gillen	Company Secretary

Attendance

Agnes McGinnley	Jess Eadie
Amanda Grimes	Jo-Anne Comerford
Anna Lyness	Josephine McCourt
Bernie McConnell	Keelin Morris
Bethany Boyle	Kelly Allen
Charlene Harris	Liana Vannucci
Charlie Anderson	Mairéad Prunty
Chloe Hagan	Megan Carson
Chloe Campbell	Michaela Wallace
Chloe McKay	Molly Squires
Ciara McCrory	Morgan McCullagh
Dee Edwards	Pauline Martin
Deirdra McCaughey	Rebecca McMurray
Demi Smyth	Richard McMeekin
Denise McVeigh	Risa Rylander
Donna McDowell	Sakina Brennan
Frazer McIlwaine	Serena Morgan
Grace Armstrong	Toni Lynass
Jazmin Graham	Tracy Mulligan
Jenny Carson	

PlayBoard Staff

Aidan Burns	Roberta Johnson
Aisling Hosick-Flynn	Shauneen McCusker
Angela Stallard	
Bernadette McCann	
Ciara McKenna	
Frances Walsh	
Katherine Linsay-Dunlop	
Laura Perry	
Mairead McLaughlin	
Maria McBride	
Michelle McGee	
Olivia Johnson	
Peter McCartney	

1. Apologies

Joy Hadden, Pam Lowry, Neil Galway, Sinead Kelly, Angela Garland, David Morrison, Debby Clarke, Isobel Loughran, Maria McDonagh, Niamh Scullion, Maeve McLaughlin and Sara Madsen.

2. Welcome and opening remarks

PLM welcomed members to PlayBoard's 37th AGM and thanked everyone for attending PlayBoard's first face to face AGM from 2019. PlayBoard have lost its CEO Jacqueline O'Loughlin to retirement and I would like to thank Jacqueline for all her dedication and devotion to PlayBoard and the play sector. I would also like to congratulate Alan Herron on taking up the post of PlayBoard's CEO and I wish him many years of success in the role.

PLM thanked all the members for their commitment to PlayBoard, the Board for their good work throughout what was a successful but very challenging year. The last 24 months has been a very difficult time due to the pandemic, the economic downturn, the absence of an Executive and local Assembly has proved challenging especially when trying to negotiate funding and policy matters and PlayBoard like all other charities found themselves in a difficult position in delivering their services.

Financially we are slowly continuing to grow through the services we provide to all sectors and we hope that this will last. We have continued to work in partnership with organisations to provide a strategic single voice with Officials in delivering the childcare strategy.

This will be my last AGM as I am stepping down as Chairperson, so I would like to thank both Board Members, CEO, Senior Management Team and all PlayBoard staff for the success of what PlayBoard has achieved through continuing to deliver a vital service that many relied on during the last year.

3. Minutes of previous AGM

Due to the last Annual General Meeting in November 2021 been online, the Members agreed the minutes for accuracy and were signed off.

4. CEO's Review

AH updated Members with an overview of the organisation's diverse activity over the last year during the reporting period 31st March 2021 to the 1st April 2022, while paying homage and thanks to the work of Jacqueline O'Loughlin, PlayBoard's CEO who retired in June 2022.

As PlayBoard entered the year, Covid-19 and the social restrictions put into place by government to curtail its spread continued to impact on society as a whole, and on PlayBoard staff as they continued to deliver against a range of contractual obligations.

PlayBoard is delighted to report that once again, the team stepped up to the plate showing creativity and applying innovative approaches to play delivery, ensuring we were able to deliver against, and indeed exceed our funding obligations.

In terms of delivery, PlayBoard's work is based around an Outcomes Framework within 4 key areas:

Enhancing the opportunity to play by increasing access to, and developing the quality of local play. Enhancing the profile of play and playwork with a view to driving quality delivery. Developing relationships with others from across the statutory, community and voluntary sectors. Growing the evidence base for play through research and advocacy work.

AH provided a breakdown on the successful delivery of activities that met all parts of the framework successfully, highlighting the impact PlayBoard had, and continues to have across Northern Ireland.

PlayBoard's strategic partnerships continue to grow and flourish both north and south of the border in leading the play agenda and PlayBoard's international work continues through the International Play Association Northern Ireland branch. During the year PlayBoard's communications output continued to increase through social media, growing PlayBoard's reach to countries throughout the world.

AH thanked PlayBoard's many partners for their continued support – whether that be contractual, funding, or strategic. From the Department of Education to the Education Authority, from our partners in the School Age Childcare Sector to our council colleagues, and from schools to the communities with whom we work.

AH thanked his Board Members and especially the Chair for the strategic counsel she has provided. I want to thank staff for all the hard work throughout the year, which PlayBoard would not have gotten to where we are today without that commitment.

In terms of the future, the work we are engaged in has never been so important. Covid-19 shone a light on the critical importance of play in children and young people's lives.

As we seek to move on from the pandemic, we do however face a new and equally as serious challenge in the shape of a cost of living crisis which is unapparelled. Tomorrow the Chancellor will announce an Autumn statement which is likely to present even greater challenges for families, pushing many further into financial difficulty. Alongside this we will see significant cuts to public services which will place pressure on essential health, education and social services.

Be in no doubt that the cost of living crisis we face will impact on children, young people and families at all levels of society and in all areas both now and well into the future.

Given the challenges we face, the need for play has never been greater, and over the coming year/s we within the PlayBoard team alongside you, our membership will continue to support our children, young people and families as we strive to deliver the Right to Play for all.

5. R022/1 Receiving of Statement of Accounts for 2021/22

JG presented the Accounts giving a breakdown of income and expenditure for the year. Full copies of the Accounts were provided.

Proposed by: Alix Crawford
Seconded by: Jess Eadie

6. R022/2 Re-election of Board of Directors – 2022/23

PLM acknowledged the work of the Board of Directors for their commitment, involvement on sub-committees, guidance and strategic direction of PlayBoard throughout the year.

The following were re-elected on PlayBoard Board of Directors by the Members:

- Patricia Lewsley-Mooney CBE
- Roger Winter
- Stuart Buchanan
- Alix Crawford
- Pam Lowry
- Sinead Kelly
- Neil Galway
- Joy Hadden
- Israel Hontavilla Abascal

Proposed by: Richard McMeekin
Seconded by: Pauline Martin

7. R02/3 Election of Honorary Officers for 2022/23

It was agreed that the following be adopted as Honorary Officers

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| - Patricia Lewsley-Mooney | Chairperson |
| - Roger Winter | Vice Chairperson |
| - Kenny Rodgers | Treasurer |

Proposed by: Roger Winter
Seconded by: Charlene Harris

8. R021/4 Election of Auditors for 2022/23

It was decided that FPM Accountants will remain PlayBoard Auditors for the 2022/23 financial year.

Proposed by: Stuart Buchanan
Seconded by: Amanda Grimes

9. Any Other Business

There was no other business discussed

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next AGM will be November 2023.



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RESOLUTIONS

- RO23/1** It is proposed that the Audited Accounts for the period ended 31st March 2023 be adopted.
- RO23/2** Re-election of Board of Directors It is proposed that the following Board Members are re-elected for a further term of office
- Stuart Buchanan
 - Roger Winter
 - Joy Hadden
 - Pam Lowry
 - Sinead Kelly
 - Neil Galway
 - Israel Hontavilla Abascal
- RO23/3** Election to the Board of Directors = It is proposed that the following Member is adopted onto PlayBoard Board of Directors as a Trustee:
- Fey Cole
- RO23/4** Election of Honorary Officers = It is proposed that the following Members are elected as PlayBoard's Honorary Officers for 2023/24
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| - Stuart Buchanan | Chairperson |
| - Roger Winter | Vice Chairperson |
| - Joy Hadden | Treasurer |
- RO23/5** Election of PlayBoard Accountants: It is proposed that PKF-FPM Accountants will remain PlayBoard Auditors 2023/24.

PLAYBOARD NORTHERN IRELAND
Company Limited by Guarantee
Statement of Financial Activities
(incorporating an income and expenditure account)
Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income and endowments from:					
Charitable Activities	2	131,743	800,913	932,656	918,573
Investments	3	636	-	636	164
Total Income and endowments		132,379	800,913	933,292	918,737
Expenditure on:					
Charitable Activities	5	(150,591)	(814,744)	(965,335)	(948,903)
Total Expenditure		(150,591)	(814,744)	(965,335)	(948,903)
Net expenditure for the year before transfers		<u>(18,212)</u>	<u>(13,831)</u>	<u>(32,043)</u>	<u>(30,166)</u>
Transfers between funds		(13,831)	13,831	-	-
Net movement in funds		(32,043)	-	(32,043)	(30,166)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		1,592,396	-	1,592,396	1,622,562
Total Funds Carried Forward	14/15	<u>1,560,353</u>		<u>1,560,353</u>	1,592,396

All income derives from continuing activities; therefore, no statement of recognised gains or losses is given.

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Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	10	904,392	937,070
Current Assets			
Debtors	11	261,464	178,543
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>410,906</u>	<u>524,634</u>
		672,370	703,177
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	16,409	47,851
NET CURRENT ASSETS		655,961	655,326
NET ASSETS		<u>1,560,353</u>	<u>1,592,396</u>
Represented by:			
Unrestricted Funds	14	1,560,353	1,592,396
Restricted Funds	15	-	-
		<u>1,560,353</u>	<u>1,592,396</u>