Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol Board of Directors

Wednesday 17 May 2023 (9:30 – 15.30), National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth

Present

Directors:	Dr Aled Eirug (Chair) Ann Beynon William Callaway Nia Elias Rhys Evans John Hayes Meri Huws Professor Anwen Jones Pedr ap Llwyd
Presentation:	Alan Jones (Welsh Government) (Item 5) Bethan Webb (Welsh Government) (Item 5)
Officers:	Dr Ioan Matthews (Chief Executive) Gwenllian Griffiths (Chief Engagement and Communications Officer) Dr Dylan Phillips (Secretary) Dr Dafydd Trystan (Registrar) Rebecca Williams (Academic Manager)
Apologies:	Nia Brown Angharad Roberts Llinos Roberts Professor Enlli Thomas

Minutes of the 17 May 2023 Strategic Meeting

1. Item 1 – Welcome, apologies and introductory matters

Number	Main points of discussion	Actions	Timescale
1.1	All those present were welcomed to the meeting.		
1.2	Apologies were noted as above.		

2. Item 2 – Declarations of interest

Number	Main points of discussion	Actions	Timescale
2.1	None		
2.2	None		

3. Item 3 – Appointment of a member to the Board of Directors

Number	Main points of discussion	Actions	Timescale
3.1	A recommendation to formally appoint John Hayes as a member of the Board for four years, following the Secretary's correspondence to members on 26 April 2023, was approved and confirmed.		
	At this point, John Hayes joined the meeting.		

4. Item 4 – Advising the Commission for Tertiary Education and Research

Number	Main points of discussion	Actions	Timescale
4.1	A paper was presented by the Chief Executive outlining legal advice from Gwion Lewis KC on the Coleg's designation as the body to advise the Commission on matters relating to the Welsh language. The legal advice was set out in Appendix A.		
4.2	Some matters were discussed, and actions were agreed.	Action points 5.1 and 5.2 in the paper were agreed, but with the wording strengthened to include 'to transform the relationship' rather than 'going beyond the relationship'. IM will start a discussion on the next steps in an initial informal meeting with the preferred candidate for the position of Chief Executive. Following a hearing at the Senedd committee, it is expected that the appointment will be confirmed soon. Hold a further discussion at the Board's June meeting, by which time the designation should have been made and Commission members may have been appointed.	Immediately 23 May 28 June

5. Item 5 – Presentation by Officials from the Welsh Government's Welsh Language Division

Number	Main points of discussion	Actions	Timescale
	At this point, Bethan Webb and Alan Jones joined the meeting.		

5.1	Officials from the Welsh Language Division gave a presentation on the White Paper's main objectives.		
5.2	A number of questions were asked		
	At this point, Bethan Webb and Alan Jones left the meeting.		

6. Item 6 – The Coleg's response to the White Paper on Welsh Language Education

Number	Main points of discussion	Actions	Timescale
6.1	The Chief Executive presented the Coleg's draft response to the Government's consultation on the White Paper for a Welsh Language Education Bill.		
6.2	Following an extensive discussion, an official Coleg response to the consultation was agreed.	Draw up a final draft and share it with the Board before submitting. Present an initial plan created jointly with the Centre to the next Board meeting. Present a paper outlining the Coleg's work in ITE to the next Board meeting. Draw up a co-operation agreement with the Centre.	Consultation closing date: 16 June 28 June 28 June To be discussed by the chief executives.

7. Item 7 – Next meeting

Number	Main points of discussion	Actions	Timescale
7.1	The date of the next meeting was noted:		

	• 28 June 2023, Merthyr College		
7.2	The simultaneous translators were thanked for their service.		