

**Minutes for Public Council Meeting No. 45**  
**Tuesday 26 March 2013**  
**PSI House, Fenian Street, Dublin 2**

The Public session of the 45<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland established under the Pharmacy Act, 2007 was held at 09.30am on Tuesday 26 March at PSI House, Fenian Street, Dublin 2.

**Present:** Mr P Fahey, President, Dr A Frankish, Mr J Brophy, Mr F O’Cuinneagain, Mr J Collins, Mr F Murphy, Mr N Stenson, Ms I Kelleher, Mr K O’Hourihane, Professor C O’Driscoll, Ms L Clarke, Mr A Horan, Ms M Ni Longain, Professor C O’Boyle, Ms M Doherty.

**PSI Staff:** Ms C McGoldrick, Acting Registrar, Ms D Gaughan, Mr J Bryan, Ms K O’Flaherty, Mr T McGinn, Mr T Reilly, Ms S Shanahan, Mr S O hAodha, Ms M McKeown

The President opened the Public Council Meeting Number 45.

**1. Apologies:**

Mr J Corr, Mr E Hanly, Dr J Holohan, Ms D Larkin, Ms R Purcell.

**2. Declaration of Interests**

The President referred to item 2 in the Council Agenda and reminded the Council members present of their obligations under that part of the Act.

Paragraph 9 of Schedule 1 to the Pharmacy Act 2007, deals with the necessary disclosure of certain interests by members of the Council and by members of its various committees. Those requirements are also reflected in the Code of Conduct adopted for Council members which also requires that they “be honest and open with regard to conflicts of interest (either real or perceived). Members must not use their position for personal gain in either business, political or social relationships. Therefore, a member who has, or may be perceived to have, such a personal interest in a particular matter under consideration should declare that interest, withdraw from all discussions relating to it and take no part in any vote on such matter.”

A copy of paragraph 9 of Schedule 1 to the Act, relating to the disclosure of certain interests is therefore included and all members of the Committee are strongly advised to familiarise themselves with its contents.

**3. Draft Minutes of Public Council Meeting No. 44 held on 7 February 2013**

The President noted that the draft minutes of Public Council Meeting Number 44 had been circulated previously and that no amendments were proposed. The minutes were unanimously approved on the proposal of Mr J Brophy, seconded by Ms I Kelleher.

**3a Additional Agenda Item ref Professor K McDonald**

The President advised Council that the Minister had written to him confirming that Professor K McDonald has resigned from Council.

### **3.1 Registrar's Report**

Ms C McGoldrick presented the Registrar's Report to the Council, outlining the activity of the PSI since the last Council meeting.

### **3.2 Corporate Strategy 2013-2017**

It was noted that there will be further slight amendments to the report but nothing that affects the direction or meaning of the document. The President advised that this was a key policy document guiding the Council into 2017 and he thanked the Council for taking the time to assist in developing the policies.

The President sought approval of the Corporate Strategy and it was approved on the proposal of Mr N Stenson and seconded by Ms M Ni Longain.

### **3.3 Service Plan 2013**

The President invited questions/comments on the Service Plan for 2013, there being none, the Service Plan for 2013 was approved on the proposal of Mr K O'Hourihane and seconded by Mr F Murphy.

### **3.4 Annual Report**

The President invited questions/comments on the Annual Report 2012 and the Annual Financial Statements 2012. There being none, the Annual Report 2012 and the Annual Financial Statements 2012 were approved on the proposal of Ms L Clarke and seconded by Mr J Collins.

### **4.0 Consideration of the report of the Accreditation Panel (School of Pharmacy RCSI)**

Professor C O'Boyle declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 10.12am.

The President invited Mr N Stenson to open discussions. M N Stenson said that it is a comprehensive, well written report and advised that we have correspondence regarding the issues. The recommendation is that the accreditation on reports be approved for the next 5 years which will bring us up to September 2018. The president invited questions/comments, there being none, the report was approved on the proposal of Mr K O'Hourihane and seconded by Ms I Kelleher.

Professor C O'Boyle re-joined the meeting.

### **5.0 Steering Group of the Irish Institute of Pharmacy Terms of Reference**

Mr N Stenson advised Council that there were a number of amendments to the draft Steering Group Terms of Reference approved by Council in 2012. These amendments which include increasing the membership to 16 with, 3 nominations from the PSI ie Chair of PD & L, Chair of PPD and a non pharmacist member of Council, were discussed. The amendments were approved on the proposal of Ms M Doherty and seconded by Ms M Ni Longain.

### **6.0 Finalisation of the Funding Mechanism for the Irish Institute of Pharmacy**

Ms C McGoldrick updated the Council on discussions with the Department of Health and that the matter is close to finalisation.

## **7.0 Appointment to Administration and Finance Committee**

The President brought this additional item to the Council.

Mr Jim Brophy expressed an interest in joining the A & F committee. All Council members agreed, The President thanked Mr J Brophy.

The President asked the Council for any other issues to be discussed, there being none, the meeting concluded at 10.30am.