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Subject: Re: Meeting
Date: 27 August 2014 15:25:58

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From: [Michael Hegarty](#)
To: [John Martin](#);
cc: [Michael Doran](#); [Roisin Grimes](#); [Johnston, Chris](#);
[Fred Tottenham](#);
Subject: Re: Meeting
Date: 01 September 2014 16:33:49

Hello John

All confirmed for us meeting you at AFBI Hillsborough at 2.30pm this Wed 3 Sept. I'll let you know the AFBI building/room when I have it from Chris. My number is below if you're delayed at all.

Regards

Michael

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On 29 Aug 2014, at 00:00, Michael Hegarty <michaelhegarty@irbea.ie> wrote:

John

Here attached is the draft MoU. As mentioned on the phone today, it would be good to discuss this with you (and any colleagues you want to bring) next Wed 3 September from 2.30pm at AFBINI – subject to confirmation with Chris Johnston (cc) that the time and place are ok (he's on holiday until Monday but has indicated in general Wed afternoon is fine).

I'll confirm by Monday, and looking forward to seeing you there.

Regards

Michael

<MoU for BENI (28.08.14).docx>

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On 28 Aug 2014, at 13:34, John Martin <jcmfarms@aol.com> wrote:

Michael

I am currently in meetings but will be available after 3.00pm. I am currently available to meet on 3rd September at Afbi Hillsborough.

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On 28 Aug 2014, at 13:02, Michael Hegarty <michaelhegarty@irbea.ie> wrote:

Hello John

I've just left a message on your phone, I'm the new IrBEA Gen Mgr, and apologies for the delay coming back to you after your meeting with Chris Johnston in June, it's been rather busy and with various holiday interruptions too.

I wonder would you and perhaps one or two other BENI

members be available for a meeting with me (possibly Roisin and/or Chris would attend too) **next Wednesday 3 September**? We'd like to build on the discussion you had with Chris, including going through a draft MoU, and also talk about BENI's current issues and needs, some of which are noted in the exchanges below. I can send you the draft MoU probably this evening after it's reviewed by IrBEA President Fred Tottenham (cc).

One option would be to meet at or near AFBINI, Hillsborough. Chris is available on next Wed afternoon for a short while at least. Or if this is not convenient for you, I could possibly come to Dungannon although I'm not sure about Chris or Roisin being able to make it there. If next Wed doesn't suit you, the soonest I can come north is 17 or 18 September. Probably best to talk by phone today/tomorrow rather than numerous emails - my phone number is below, I have yours of course.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

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On 28 Aug 2014, at 11:03, Roisin Grimes
<roisingrimes@irbea.ie> wrote:

Hi Michael,

Please see below.

Roisin

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