

Board of Directors



Brendan
McKenna

Alma
Kelly

David
Gunning

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Denis
Byrne

Breffni
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Frank
Toal

Seamus
Murray

Brendan McKenna

Chairman

Brendan was reappointed by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food as Chairman during 2007, for a second 5 year term. He was formerly Chief Executive of Abbott Ireland Manufacturing Operations and is a past President of the Chambers of Commerce Ireland. He chairs the Remuneration Committee.

Board Meetings attended 2011: 10 out of 11

David Gunning

Chief Executive

David has been Chief Executive of Coillte since July 2006.

He commenced his business career with Hewlett Packard in 1987 and joined Tellabs Inc in 1988. He subsequently spent four years with Integral Access, Inc. David returned to Ireland in 2003 and joined ComReg, the Commission for Communications Regulation, where he was a member of the senior executive team.

Board Meetings attended 2011: 6 out of 6

(Director from January to June 2011)

Breffni Byrne

Breffni was reappointed to the Board during 2007 following an initial 5 year term. He is Chairman of NCB Stockbrokers and Aviva Insurance Europe SE and a non-executive Director of Tedcastle Holdings Limited, Cpl Resources Plc and Hikma Plc. A chartered accountant, he was formerly a Senior Partner in Arthur Andersen in Ireland. He chairs the Audit and Risk Committee and is a member of the Remuneration Committee.

Board Meetings attended 2011: 11 out of 11

Denis Byrne

Denis was appointed to the Board of Coillte in 2010. Denis was an Assistant Secretary General in the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food with responsibility for forestry until his retirement in December 2009. He is a member of the Audit and Risk Committee.

Board Meetings attended 2011: 11 out of 11

Alma Kelly

Alma was appointed to the Board in 2008. She is an associate solicitor in Arthur Cox, Dublin, specialising in projects, procurement and energy law. She holds a degree in Law and European Studies from the University of Limerick and a Masters in Law from Trinity College Dublin. She was admitted as solicitor in Ireland in 2003 and is a member of the Society of Construction Law (UK). She is a member of the Audit and Risk Committee.

Board Meetings attended 2011: 10 out of 11

Oliver McCabe

Oliver was appointed to the Board of Coillte in October 2011 as a worker representative. Oliver joined Coillte in March 1985 and worked in harvesting for ten years. He was appointed an Area Foreman in July 1995. He was on the SIPTU National Committee as an employee representative and also sat on the SIPTU Committee representing Area Foremen in the North West.

Board Meetings attended 2011: 2 out of 3

Frank Toal

Frank was appointed to the Board in 2003. He was formerly Chief Executive of the General Electric subsidiary ECCO, an electronics manufacturing company based in Dundalk, Co. Louth. He is a past President of the Chambers of Commerce of Ireland and is now a business consultant. He is a member of the Audit and Risk Committee.

Board Meetings attended 2011: 11 out of 11

Seamus Murray

Seamus Murray was appointed to the Board in 2009. He is a farmer and was a member of Meath County Council from 1992 to 2009 during which period he served as Chairman of the Council and was a member of County Meath Vocational Education Committee. He was also a member of Irish Delegation of the European Union's Committee of the Regions since its inauguration in 1994 as well as being at various stages Chairman and member of both the Mid-East and Southern and Eastern Regional Assemblies.

Board Meetings attended 2011: 11 out of 11

Yvonne Scannell

Yvonne Scannell is a Professor in the Law School, Trinity College, Dublin where she specialises in Irish and European Environmental Law and Policy. She served on the Advisory Board of the Environmental Protection Agency from 1994-1997 and was a founder member and first Chairperson of the Irish Association of Environmental Law. She has been a consultant to the Environmental Law Group at Arthur Cox since 1990. She is a Director of Tara Mines Ltd. She is a member of the Remuneration Committee.

Board Meetings attended 2011: 9 out of 11

Directors' Expenses

The aggregate expenses paid to Directors in 2011 were €12,427 (2010: €16,192). These mainly relate to travel expenses.

First mountain bike trail officially opened in Dublin mountains



Minister Varadkar cutting the ribbon to officially launch the trail.

A new 8km Mountain Bike Trail in Ticknock Forest near Sandyford, Dublin was officially opened by Minister Leo Varadkar TD, Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport in May 2011.

This flagship project of the Dublin Mountains Partnership (DMP) is the first official, purpose built mountain bike trail in the Dublin Mountains.

The trails were designed by the Coillte Recreation Team on behalf of the Dublin Mountains Partnership. The new trails are a very exciting and important addition to the outdoor recreation infrastructure that is managed by the DMP and will provide a wonderful resource for the citizens of Dublin and tourists alike.

Forests and public lands represent a huge resource for the people of Ireland delivering health benefits and enjoyment as well as supporting local jobs through tourism. Visits to forest sites such as Ticknock, in the Dublin Mountains, are estimated to deliver over €270 million to the tourism sector nationally each year. The DMP has worked hard over the last few years developing new trails such as the Dublin Mountains Way and now this new mountain bike trail all of which make the Dublin mountains a great place to visit.

This trail is the latest to join the network of mountain bike trails built and managed by Coillte around the country.

For more information visit:
www.coillteoutdoors.ie