

# BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT FORUM

Special Meeting Minutes  
10<sup>th</sup> April, 2008

1. **Apologies:** Chris Murray Pauline Murray Pauline Lawrence  
Patricia Bennett Monica Brophy Con Murphy

## 2. Introduction

This special meeting was called specifically to review and accept the Constitution for the Forum. Chairperson Noel Lyons eventually got the meeting under way at 8.30 as up to that point there were insufficient attendees to form a quorum. He asked Paul McGowan to go through the constitution as he had been deeply involved with formulating it.

Paul suggested that as we anticipated having a quorum at some point we should go ahead and if the quorum did not materialise we could at least offer to the next meeting an acceptable text for ratification.

He further suggested that the machinery for co-opting new members to the Forum should be left to a sub-committee when the subject had been analysed fully.

He further suggested that we should establish whether the draft was acceptable “in toto” without discussion.

A quorum was achieved at 8.38p.m.

## 3. The Constitution

The Chairperson proceeded to itemise each section of the draft constitution. As each section was read he asked for acceptance from the meeting which was displayed by a show of hands.

**Ethos.** The word total to be amended to broadest possible

### Structure & Organisation

Decisions of the Forum shall be by consensus of the Members present where possible. In the absence of this, decisions are on the basis of simple majority of those Members present. Liam MacGabhan wanted this changed to also reflect the position of the minority.

It was decided that a quorum should be one third of the membership plus one.

Where the text read “The public are welcome to attend Forum meetings” to be changed to “The public are welcome and encouraged to attend Forum meetings”

Under liaison persons it was decided to remove Church Representatives.

The sub-section on censure and suspension to be amended to allow for a right of reply. The chairperson will supply a text.

**Insurance** Amend to include statement that all agents will be appointed in writing.

**Extraordinary General Meeting.** A procedure to call an EGM should be outlined and inserted in the section on AGMs.

**Dissolution** Should read two-thirds of the members present and entitled to vote.

**Standing Orders** Item 10 to be changed. If an amendment to a motion is passed then the motion is presumed to have passed. If however it is defeated then the original motion must be put to the meeting.

## 4. Correspondence

The Secretary had received a letter from Wicklow Co. Co. re our objection to the planning application at Kilmurray. Apparently all objections must be accompanied by €20.

## **5. Town Plan**

It was reported to the meeting that Councillors Tommy Cullen, Nicky Kelly and John Doran have put in an objection to the legality of the Council meetings held while they were under suspension. This effectively means that no progress will be made on our Local Town Plan.

It was proposed that we write to the Minister for the Environment and copy it to all of the Councillors making them aware of our unhappiness at this situation and the urgency of the attention required to our local issues.

The members of the Forum should proceed with any plans to highlight the parking problem areas and other traffic problems as discussed with the Supt. last week.

We need to get some information on the bridge and what exactly is the situation with regard to a protected structure and the proposed walkway.

The meeting concluded at 9.55p.m.

**Date for Next Meeting. Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2008 at 8.00p.m.  
at Stratford Lodge.**