

## **BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT FORUM**

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011

### **1. Attendance:**

John Vernon, Mai Quaid, Andrew Pender, Ann Patterson, Chris Murray, Orla O'Sullivan, Paul Gorry, Cait Clerkin, Ken Browne,.

### **2. Apologies:**

Noel, Lyons, Fran Quaid, Gerorda Stamps, Phyllis Flanagan, Mary Vernon.

### **3. Welcome:**

The Chairperson, Noel Lyons, being absent the meeting was chaired by John Vernon, Vice-Chairperson.

### **4. The Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting having been distributed were proposed for acceptance by Ann Patterson and seconded by John Vernon.

### **5. Matters arising**

John Vernon and Pat Byrne should have been noted as Forum members on the River Walk Committee.

Although discussed at our last meeting The Street Festival did not happen. This probably explains why it was not reported in the Wicklow People or The Nationalist.

### **6. Correspondence**

A letter received from St Joseph's Parish office requesting a payment of €15 per hour for meetings in the Parish Centre. The Secretary was asked to attend the next Parish Meeting.

Explore costs of using the Kare Centre and the Day Care Centre and Canon McCulloch (use of Stratford Lodge) for future meetings.

The Chairperson, Noel Lyons, had passed on copies of a "Community Survey" sent out in the Blessington district in an attempt to garner information on resident's perception of the level of local services and living conditions. The Secretary undertook to look at this and bring it to the October meeting with a plan to carry out a similar exercise in our Local district. It was decided to invite the Pastoral Council to our next meeting to discuss this exercise. The Secretary to ring Michael Sargeant to get any further information and establish whether it is necessary to get any permits or permissions to carry out the exercise.

A letter received from Kevin Wade at McGill University assuring us that the property in Mill Street is adequately insured against any public liability and that measures have been taken to ensure the safety of passers-by.

### **7. Finance**

The Forum Account balance remains at €559.56. The Web-site fund stands at €229.00.

The Golf Classic is arranged for the 26<sup>th</sup> September with Age Action Week. The entry will be €80 per team

### **8. Roads Sub-Committee**

Nothing materialised over the summer with regard to the River Walk however. Ken Browne asked if Pat Byrne and John Vernon could be included in any e-mail distribution on this subject. Ken will contact the various people concerned and revert to the Parks Committee with his findings.

## **9. Social & Fundraising**

The Winter Newsletter will be organised for January 2012 or earlier. Thanks were expressed to John Dore for the typing up of the Newsletter. Ann Patterson will bring the format of the newsletter to the next meeting.

## **10. Any Other Business**

The secretary is to seek funding from the Wicklow Forum for the installation of the Community Notice-board.

The W.C.C. is to contact us with permission to use the local web-site name "baltinglass.ie"

Ann Patterson requested that W.C.C. be written to about the sandbags (Flood Emergency Measures) on Church Lane. These are an eye-sore on the road leading to a Heritage site and should be removed and stored elsewhere.

The W.C.C. should also be written to about the prevalence of Ragwort about which nothing seems to happen especially when it's on W.C.C. areas of responsibility.

A letter to go to the OPW re the travellers parking at the heritage site.

Orla O'Sullivan asked the Committee for support for the UNICEF concert in Horans on 9<sup>th</sup> September.

It was suggested that persons not attending meetings over a period should be dropped from the minutes circulation list. John Vernon and Frank Quaid to review the circulation list.

## **11. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Forum will take place on 6th October 2011 at 8.00 p.m. in the Parish Centre.