

## **BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT FORUM**

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2011

### **1. Attendance:**

Noel Lyons, Fran Quaid, John Vernon, Mai Quaid, Mary Vernon, Michael Cogan, Ken Browne.

### **2. Apologies:**

Andrew Pender, Ann Patterson, Chris Murray, Paul Gorry, Phillip Reilly, Gerorda Stamps.

### **3. Welcome:**

The Chairperson, Noel Lyons, welcomed the attendees to the meeting and advised that while discussion could take place no decisions could be made in the absence of a quorum.

### **4. The Minutes**

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

### **5. Matters arising**

Despite the request from the Parish office for a payment of €15 per hour for meetings in the Parish Centre it was decided to retain the venue.

The Chairperson stated that no special permit was required to solicit information in the form of a Community Survey. The exercise could be worthwhile if the right questions are asked and the data could be easily processed and presented.

The Secretary as instructed had written to WCC Environmental section re Ragwort, WCC Roads Dept. re the Flood Control Sandbags, WCC Community Cultural and Social Dept. re the Website and the OPW Heritage Sites Dept. re the Travellers camping at the Abbey. No replies had been received to date. The Secretary was asked to write to the Wicklow Forum to enlist their influence on behalf of the Baltinglass Forum.

### **6. Correspondence**

An e-mail received from Paul Gorry stating that he had written to the Minister of Transport and copied our local TDs and received replies to the effect that due to the low level of customer support the afternoon service was being withdrawn. They failed to address the questions asked and Paul expressed his willingness to pursue the matter further with the consent of the Forum. This was unanimously granted.

### **7. Finance**

The Forum Account balance remains at €59.56. The Web-site fund stands at €29.00. The history of fund-raising on behalf of the Forum shows mixed results with a success rate of 50%. The planned Golf Classic had been abandoned due to lack of support.

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

Ken Browne reported good news on the River walk in that all the parties of interest had been contacted and no problems exist to stop the project going ahead. Regulations governing distancing of the walkway from the river bank must be observed. Insurance cover should not present a problem and an undertaking in writing with regard to maintenance to be obtained.

### **9. Social & Fundraising**

The Golf Classic was arranged for 26<sup>th</sup> Sept. in conjunction with Arklow but such was the poor response that it was decided to cancel. The Winter Newsletter will be organised for January 2012 or earlier and Mary Vernon undertook to reconvene the sub-committee. (Mary Vernon, Cait Clerkin, Pat Byrne, Ann Patterson and Phyllis Flanagan)

#### **10. Any Other Business**

The public meeting to recruit people willing to become First Responders has been set for 27<sup>th</sup> October in the Kare Centre at 8.00p.m. Leaflets advertising the meeting to be delivered to the various clubs having suitable members and also placed in areas of public access , Schools ,Library, Supermarket notice-boards, etc Any persons known to the committee who might be interested to be contacted directly.

An information meeting will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> October in the Kare Centre from 2.00 to 4.30p.m. by the Wicklow Network for Older People.

“Making the Community Sustainable” An 8 week course on 1 day per week in Tearmann Gardens  
Contact Number 086-0460510 or 0404-32574.

#### **11. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Forum, the AGM, will take place on 3rd November 2011 at 8.00 p.m. in the Parish Centre your attendance would be greatly appreciated.