

BLESSINGTON AND DISTRICT FORUM

Minutes of Meeting held at St. Mary's National School, Blessington on Monday 12 January 2015 at 8.00 p.m.

Present: List of members as per attached

Apologies: List of apologies as per attached

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 8 December 2014 were read and reviewed.

Amendments were agreed relating to inclusion of a thank you to Miley Balfe re Santa, noting that Gerry O'Neill will arrange a meeting with Glending residents, noting that the committee on Christmas Lights will revert in due course regarding possible improvements and finally that a text alert scheme for Westpark is to be followed up.

Pending inclusion of the foregoing amendments, the minutes were proposed by Michael Duggan, seconded by Nuala Cashin and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising

Jason Mulhall advised that there had been discussions with the Council regarding the Skate Park but everybody agrees that it is impossible to prevent intrusions while the work is continuing. It is expected however, that the Skate Park will open in any event very shortly.

WCC Economic Think Tank

Killian McGreal advised the meeting of his having spoken at today's WCC meeting regarding the focus being placed by Wicklow County Council on developing a business network. In this connection the first meeting of a West Wicklow business network will take place at Tulfarris on 28 January at 7pm. Killian McGreal represents the Forum on the Strategic Policy Committee of Wicklow County Council dealing with economic development and enterprise and is the business West Wicklow representative.

Greenway

The meeting was advised that there was no update yet from Simon Harris T.D. in regard to the proposed meeting with interested parties due to be held in Government buildings in January.

Old Library Building

There was a discussion on the old Library building and its continuing deterioration and the need for the Forum to decide what strategy to adopt in relation to this building. Members were asked to have their proposals at the next Forum meeting at which the future of the building will be discussed. It was agreed also that the Chairman and Jason Mulhall will endeavour to meet with Wicklow County Council and establish the present thinking of the Council.

Tidy Towns

Jason Mulhall advised in relation to the following

- Contact has been established with the ESB in regard to the street power lines.
- A Pure Mile calendar is available again this year and a copy was passed to all members with our Pure Mile featured on the July page.
- The Tidy Towns AGM will be at 8.15pm on 29 January in the Parish Centre.
- A table quiz to fund Tidy Town activity will be held on 6 March and also the usual raffle.
- Anita Moroney passed out raffle cards to Forum members.
- Wicklow County Council were not aware of the recent tree cutting on Main Street.

Day Care Centre

Excellent progress in the Day Care Centre development was noted and Fr. Tim advised that it will probably open in February.


Any Other Business

- Pat Conlon advised that there would be up to 100 Swedish visitors visiting Blessington in the week 13 May to 19 May and staying at Avon Rí and that the usual concerts would be arranged, particularly one on May 16.
- Best wishes were extended to Michael Curran who is presently in hospital and also to Michael Doyle who is likewise in Naas Hospital.
- Members were pleased to learn that MenSheds are moving to St. Kevins where the old Parish Office building will now house MenSheds when it is moved.
- The question of a dog park was raised again and this will be mentioned to Wicklow County Council in the context of their lands at Avon Ri.

- The question of parking around the Kilbride Road and Main Street was noted and the Chairman agreed to liaise with Michael O'Rourke in relation to this.
- Jason Mulhall will liaise with Wicklow County Council on the strength of the pedestrian lights at the Community College which probably need to be lessened.
- The meeting agreed also to check on the parking availability at the laneway at the end of Red Lane.
- Carmel Cashin reminded members that the correspondence from Wicklow County Council is due to go to all residents and it was agreed also that the Chairman would remind Councillor Gerry O'Neill in regard to arrangements for a meeting with Michael Nicholson and residents.
- It was noted that the next text alert meeting will be on Wednesday 14 January 2015.

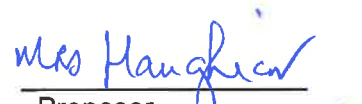
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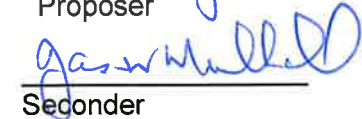
The Forum will reconvene on Monday 9 February 2015



 Chairman
 9 February 2015

 Date



 Proposer


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Blessington & District Forum

Contact Michael Sargent, Chairman 086 244 3640

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Representatives in your area:

Oak Drive, Santry Hill, The Green, Woodleigh, Lakeside Downs, Main Street & St. Josephs Road

Pat Conlon, Michael Curran, David Egar, Catriona Cullen, Fr. Tim Murphy, Joe Murphy.

Lakeview, Old Lakeview, Rockypool Crescent, Rockypool Villas, Carrig Glen, Mountain View & Troopersfield.

Noel Nolan and Aine Keogh.

Blessington Abbey, Blessington Orchard & Blessington Manor.

Frank Hanlon, Brian Kane, Noreen Keegan Kavanagh, Anita Moroney, Ariadne Laurens, Charlie Brophy.

Glashina, Kilmalum, Parkview, Russborough, Burgage, Burgage Manor & Baltinglass Road

Jason Mulhall and Eamonn Kelly

Ashton, Beechdale, Westpark, Glenview Court & Piper Stones,

Michael Doyle, Liam Fay, Nuala Cashin

Crosschapel, Hempstown, Old Paddocks, Tinode, Dublin Road & Red Lane.

Fintan Gilhealy, Joe Hanly and Michael Sargent.

Manor Kilbride & Old Court.

Nuala Haughian, Brian Schweppe, Patsy Phibbs, Mary Lorna Murphy & Tommy Brady

Ballyknockan, Lacken & Valleymount

John Brennan, Killian McGreal and Paul O'Brien

Downshire Park, Deerpark, Glending & Haywood

Peter Eustace, Carmel Cashin & Noel Murphy.

Kilbride Road & Knockieran

Michael Duggan

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Attendance List 12 January 2015

	Name
1	Brady Tommy
2	Brennan John
3	Cashin Carmel
4	Cashin Nuala
5	Conlon Laurens Ariadne
6	Conlon Pat
7	Curran Michael
8	Noel Murphy
9	Doyle Michael
10	Duggan Michael
11	Egar David
12	Fay Liam
13	Hillheany Fintan
14	Hanlon Frank
15	Hanly Joe
16	Haughian Nuala
17	Kane Brian
18	Keegan Kavanagh Noreen
19	McGreal Killian
20	Moroney Anita
21	Mulhall Jason
22	Murphy Fr. Tim 045 865442
23	Murphy Mary Lorna
24	Nolan Noel
25	Phibbs Patsy
26	Sargent Michael
27	Schwepe Brian
	<i>Sam Kelly</i>
	<i>John Curran</i>
	<i>Charles Brady</i>

Signature
<i>J. Brady</i>
<i>Carmel Cashin</i>
<i>N. Cashin</i>
<i>Conlon</i>
<i>Apologies</i>
<i>Michael Doyle</i>
<i>Apologies</i>
<i>Liam Fay</i>
<i>Fintan Hillheany</i>
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<i>Brian Kane</i>
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<i>Anita Moroney</i>
<i>Jason Mulhall</i>
<i>Tim Murphy</i>
<i>Mary Lorna Murphy</i>
<i>Noel Nolan</i>
<i>Patsy Phibbs</i>
<i>Michael Sargent</i>
<i>Brian Schwepe</i>
<i>Sam Kelly</i>
<i>John Curran</i>
<i>Charles Brady</i>