

BLESSINGTON AND DISTRICT FORUM

Minutes of Meeting held at St. Mary's National School, Blessington on Monday, 10 February 2014 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 meetings, held on 13 January 2014 and 27 January 2014 were deferred to the next meeting as this meeting was devoted entirely to discussions on Glending Estate.

Introductions

The Chairman welcomed Wicklow TD's Andrew Doyle, Simon Harris and Billy Timmins to the meeting. The Chairman advised that Stephen Donnelly had conveyed his apologies to Carmel Cashin at lunchtime, where he is at home suffering from flu. The Chairman advised of an email received less than an hour ago from TD Anne Ferris advising that the deputy had been held up at advice clinics and a subsequent meeting in Bray.

The Chairman welcomed all residents of Glending in attendance also those members of the public in attendance and Forum members present on the night as per the attached.

Glending

Forum members Carmel Cashin, Joe Hanly and Michael Duggan first summarised the position to date.

Carmel Cashin noted the following

- Glending Estate opened 29 February 2008 comprising 63 houses.
- Sewerage, electricity, vermin are serious problems
- It has always been a building site
- Never a green area in front of houses
- Wicklow County Council have effectively let residents down
- Eight houses were idle for 5.5 years and are now refurbished
- Wicklow County Council not following duty of care
- Heating a problem and some without heat for six weeks
- It's a band aid solution which Wicklow County Council are applying at the moment
- Could TD's lobby Minister for the Environment to act now

Joe Hanly advised the following

- Drainage works carried out by Wicklow County Council to date are a very good job
- Confident that works will withstand flooding
- We have to believe that this was a very good job done by Wicklow County Council and that they would be able to apply the same level of expertise to the houses
- Wicklow County Council are carrying out minimum health and safety at the moment
- Wicklow County Council are going cap in hand to the Department of the Environment and sitting and waiting for the outcome of the legal case.
- Important now to go to the Department of the Environment and secure the funding to rectify the Estate in its entirety at circa €5m

Michael Duggan advised in relation to workmanship

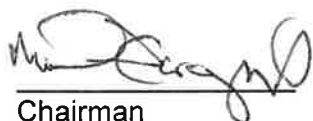
- Every trade substandard
- Clearly unsupervised workmanship
- Very bad conditions
- Residents being treated like second class citizens

Residents then articulated views to the TD's in relation to their own particular difficulties relating to mould, vermin, sewerage, how it was impossible to heat.

The TD's present Andrew Doyle, Simon Harris and Billy Timmins gave their comments and listened to the views and discussions.

It was agreed to have more detail provided in relation to the costings of houses to date and resident's problems. This information will be made available by the residents and a delegation from the residents and the Forum will meet with the TD's again in two weeks time.

This completed the business of the meeting



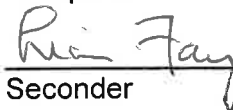
Chairman

10 March 2014

Date



Proposer



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Attendance List

Monday 10 February 2014

	Name
1	Balfe Seamus
2	Brady Tommy
3	Brennan John
4	Cashin Carmel
5	Cashin Nuala
6	Conlon Pat
7	Coogan John
8	Curran Michael
9	Daly Brian
10	NOEL MURPHY
11	Doyle Michael
12	Duggan Michael
13	Egar David
14	Fay Liam
15	Gilheany Fintan
16	Hamilton Gilmer
17	Hanlon Frank
18	Hanly Joe
19	Haughian Nuala
20	Kane Brian
21	Keegan Kavanagh Noreen
22	Magee Hugo
23	McGillycuddy Tom
24	McGrath Patricia
25	McGreal Killian
26	McMahon Lorcan
27	McNabb Roisin
28	Moroney Anita
29	Mulhall Jason
30	Murphy Fr. Tim
31	Murphy Mary Lorna
32	Nolan Noel
33	O hAilín Ruaidhrí
34	O'Neill Gerry
35	Phibbs Patsy
36	Pidgeon Pat
37	Ryall Sally Ann
38	Sargent Michael
39	Schwepe Brian
40	Ward Deirdre

Signature

Tommy Brady
 John Brennan
 Carol Conlon
 excused at Joint Police Meeting
 Pat Conlon
 Mick Curran
 Brian Daly
 Noel Murphy
 Michael Doyle
 Michael Duggan
 David Egar
 Liam Fay
 Apologies
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 Joe Hanly
 Nuala Haughian
 Brian Kane
 Noreen Keegan Kavanagh
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 Lorcan McMahon
 Anita Moroney
 Jason Mulhall
 Apologies
 Mary Lorna Murphy
 Noel Nolan
 Ruaidhrí O hAilín
 Gerry O'Neill
 Patsy Phibbs
 Pat Pidgeon
 Michael Sargent
 Brian Schwepe
 excused at Police Joint Meeting