

BLESSINGTON AND DISTRICT FORUM

Minutes of Meeting held at St. Mary's National School, Blessington on Monday 11 May 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 13 April 2015 were read and reviewed.

The minutes were proposed by Brian Schweppe, seconded by Brian Kane and signed by the Chairman. The meeting dealt with the following matters.

Text Alert

Nuala Cashin outlined where matters stand and again reminded members that the launch date is Tuesday next 19 May 2015 at 8.30 p.m. in St. Kevin's Hall. There are presently 400 members signed up. Forum members requested Nuala to bring to the attention of those involved that notifications to the public need to go out as soon as possible as Facebook and other social media are broadcasting the information much sooner.

Old Library Building

Jason Mulhall advised that a report on the asbestos roof is expected from the asbestos consultant this week. There was a long debate on the use of the building and it was finally concluded that Mens Shed will be the principal occupant. It was noted that Forum and Tidy Towns will probably store their records in one of the rooms and that one of the rooms will be available for small meeting use.

It was agreed that the Chairman, Liam Fay, Jason Mulhall and Joe Hanly should proceed with a lease etc. presuming that a favourable asbestos consultant's report is received.

Tidy Towns

Jason Mulhall advised that most tidy town activity other than clean up/tidy up will be put on hold. Judging on Tidy Towns starts on 14 June 2015 and the Tidy Towns sub group are meeting Wicklow County Council on 20 May. Jason advised that stencils in respect of dog fouling are expected to be put in place shortly.

There was a discussion in regard to inspection of estates and Jason advised that there would be a revised system for judging in our local competition.

Tree Felling

The Chairman advised that there were no further developments and read to the meeting the letter which had issued to Forestry Division, Wexford in relation to the proposed tree felling at Beechdale/Dempsey's Lane.

Drug awareness

Carmel Cashin spoke in regard to the drug awareness programme being expanded into West Wicklow giving West Wicklow a drugs network and the Halo Project becoming available locally. The Chairman agreed to contact Billy Timmins in regard to Billy taking a seat on the Board of the project which meets on the second Thursday of every month in Naas.

Fr. Tim was happy to report that Eddie Darcy has commenced the Halo service in St. Joseph's Hall on a Tuesday and that through the good offices of Councillor Jim Ruttle the education services of the VEC are now also being made available locally.

The members expressed their thanks to Carmel Cashin for representing the Forum on this drug task force and also for progressing matters so far at Board level and to Fr. Tim and the parish for their financing of the local youth services involving Eddie Darcy and the Halo Project.

Blessington Youth Project.

Fr. Tim reported that this project has gone from strength to strength and that the next event will be the launch of a local directory by transition year students in the post primary school.

Hillbilly Run

Nuala Cashin and Nuala Haughian reported on their having attended a meeting recently in Ballyknocken, Valleymount in regard to this years tractor run. Nuala Haughian stated that the representatives in Ballyknocken are emphasising the need to have as much activity as possible in the Ballyknocken, Valleymount area and were hoping that Blessington would not take from this. Accordingly Nuala Haughian and Nuala Cashin are liaising with Peter Eustace and their sub committee in regard to having a low key activity. Saturday will probably just have the Where's Wally event while there will be busking and a bucket collection on Sunday.


Any Other Business


- The Chairman was requested to liaise with Pat Doran, Chairman of the Municipal District in regard to the discretionary spend of Councillors in the area. Members were interested to know what is the amount and how has it been allocated.
- It was noted that the bucket collection will probably require a permit.
- Brian Kane and other members complimented the Glending representatives on the Glending Estate entrance and on how well it looks.
- There was concern at the sale of paintings at Russborough and it was agreed that Eric Blatchford would be invited to the next Forum meeting.

- Pat Conlon advised that 75 Swedish visitors would be arriving tomorrow and that there would be a full concert in the theatre on Saturday night.
- The Chairman was asked to have a look at the Greenway just from the commencement at Avon Rí and perhaps liaise with John Horan as some rectification works may be needed.
- Walking in Glending forest was raised and it was agreed to liaise with Kildare County Council and see if something can be done to reduce littering in that area.

This concluded the business of the meeting

The Forum will reconvene on Monday 8 June 2015


Chairman
8 June 2015
Date


Proposer
Pat Conlon
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Attendance List 11/5/2015

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	Name
1	Brady Tommy
2	Brennan John
3	Brophy Charlie
4	Cashin Carmel
5	Cashin Nuala
6	Conlon Laurens Ariadne
7	Conlon Pat
8	Cullen Catriona
9	Curran Michael
10	Doyle Michael
11	Duggan Michael
12	Egar David
13	Eustace Peter
14	Fay Liam
15	Gilheany Fintan
16	Hanlon Frank
17	Hanly Joe
18	Haughian Nuala
19	Kane Brian
20	Keegan Kavanagh Noreen
21	Kelly Eamonn
22	Keogh Aine
23	McGreal Killian
24	Moroney Anita
25	Mulhall Jason
26	Murphy Fr. Tim 045 865442
27	Murphy Joe
28	Murphy Noel
29	Murphy Mary Lorna
30	Nolan Noel
31	O'Brien Paul
32	Phibbs Patsy
33	Sargent Michael
34	Schwepe Brian

Signature
