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## BLESSINGTON AND DISTRICT FORUM

### Minutes of Meeting held at St. Mary's National School, Blessington on Monday 15 September 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 meeting held on 9 June 2014 were proposed by Fintan Gilheaney seconded by Nuala Cashin and signed by the Chairman.

#### Nomination Form – Forum 2014/2017

The Chairman advised that a new 48 member Forum will come into being within the next couple of months and a draft Nomination Form and Electoral Areas list was circulated and agreed. The persons can nominate themselves in the period 15 September 2014 to 10 October 2014 and Nomination Forms will be tabled at the next Forum meeting on Monday 13 October 2014. Thanks were expressed to the following Forum members who are not going forward for another three year term

Seamus Balfe  
John Coogan  
Brian Daly  
Gilmer Hamilton  
Hugo McGee  
Tom McGillicuddy  
Patricia McGrath  
Lorcan McMahon  
Roisin McNabb  
Pat Pidgen  
Sally Anne Ryall  
Deirdre Ward

#### Community Awards Night

Members were advised that it had been decided to bring forward the Community Awards Night to Thursday 9 October 2014 at Avon Ri. Copies of the posters to be circulated were passed around for review. A ballot paper will be included shortly in the Parish newsletter and it is hoped to count the nomination papers on Monday evening 6 October. The judging panel comprises David Egar, Nuala Cashin and Noel Nolan from the Forum and non Forum member Seamus Breen. The

awards to be presented on the night will include the Community Awards and the Tidy Town Awards.

### Blessington Greenway

The Chairman read to the meeting a copy of a letter addressed by a Mr Raymond O'Sullivan, Planning and Design, Eadestown, Naas, Co. Kildare to the Planning Department, Wicklow County Council in relation to Phase 1 walkway/cycle track from the town to Russborough. The correspondence expressed alarm and disappointment at the granting by Wicklow County Council of Exemption Development status to Phase 1. The correspondence which has been filed with Wicklow County Council on behalf of unnamed clients will be discussed at a meeting of directors of the Blessington & District Forum Trails Limited and then clarified further at the next Forum meeting.

### Tidy Towns

Anita Moroney deputising for Jason Mulhall advised the meeting of the very good news relating to our marks for 2014. A mark of 240 points shows an increase of 32 points in the two and a half years since we re-entered Tidy Towns. An award of €500 was also received in respect of an endeavour award. Many thanks were expressed to all those involved and particularly thanks also was expressed to Dan Kenny on the recent Appreciation Night hosted by Dan. Anita read a press release due to appear this week in the local press. Anita also advised of various points which are detracting from our marks and one of these in particular relates to the overhead ESB lines. It was agreed that an extract from the judging panel's report be passed to Wicklow County Council/ESB.

### Community Mobilisation

Members were reminded that the public announcement of Community Mobilisation will be made at the theatre on Wednesday night next 24 September at 8pm. It is expected that the meeting will be chaired by Eddie Darcy and will have in attendance representatives from political and other organisations. Carmel Cashin advised of possible funding available from the south western regional drugs task force.

### Glending

Carmel Cashin and Noel Murphy advised that there has essentially been no communication from Wicklow County Council since the last meeting with Forum members. Works were due to commence in August however Carmel and Noel pointed out that houses that were to be used to decamp residents during works have now been given out. It was agreed to contact Wicklow County Council and recommence discussions. Carmel Cashin wished on behalf of Glending residents to thank outgoing Forum member John Coogan for all his assistance and contributions and also to thank John for his commitment to stay involved with the Glending Forum project.

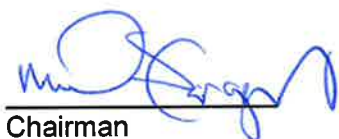
### Other Business

- Lighting at Dempseys Lane is urgent and it is to be taken up with Wicklow County Council
- There is still no movement on the Eircom poles at St. Joseph's Hall and Kilmalum Road
- It was agreed to list the six most important items needing remedial action and discuss these with Wicklow County Council

- The Council to be notified of the poor state of the road between Red Lane and Knockerin Bridge.
- A public meeting in respect of text alert will be held at St. Kevin's Hall on Tuesday night next 23 September.
- Members advised of the poor state and perhaps dangerous state of the gates on the Kilbride Road, point to be mentioned to Wicklow County Council
- There is the possibility of an internship for a local student perhaps studying politics to become involved in the Forum.

This concluded the business of the meeting

The Forum will reconvene on Monday 13 October 2014



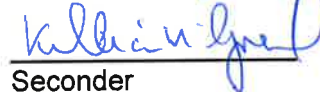
Chairman



Date



Proposer



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# Blessington & District Forum

Attendance List 15 September 2014

	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	Gilheany 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	Schweppe Brian

Signature
Tommy Brady
John Brennan
Carmel Cashin
Nuala Cashin
Ariadne Conlon
Pat Conlon
Michael Curran
Noel Murphy
Michael Doyle
Michael Duggan
Apologies
Liam Fay
Fintan Gilheany
Frank Hanlon
Joe Hanly
Nuala Haughian
Brian Kane
Noreen Keegan Kavanagh
Apologies
Anita Moroney
Apologies
Fr. Tim Murphy
Mary Lorna Murphy
Noel Nolan
Patsy Phibbs
Michael Sargent
Brian Schweppe