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## BLESSINGTON AND DISTRICT FORUM

### Minutes of Meeting held at St. Mary's National School, Blessington on Monday 10 June 2013 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 May 2013, were circulated, read, proposed by Aisling Dermody, seconded by Michael Duggan and signed by the Chairman.

The meeting dealt with the following matters:-

1. Blessington Greenway

There was no further update for members in respect of Wicklow County Council completing that section of trail on the N81 from Nolan's Corner. Members were advised that John Horan is continuing to liaise with Wicklow County Council in this regard. It was proposed that the local Men's Shed might assist with the provision of a gateway at the entrance onto the N81 at Nolan's Corner.

2. Launch of Town Trail Guide

Hugo Magee, Chairman of the Heritage Sub-group, advised that the launch of the Town Trail Guide would be on Thursday 27 August 2013 at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Seamus Balfe, together with the Chairman, will in the meantime liaise in regard to printing up the Trail pamphlet.

3. The Gathering 2013

Nuala Cashin and Nuala Haughian reported on progress relating to The Gathering 2013 event, scheduled as a harvest festival event on 12/13 October. At present the ideas are to have a country market in the square on Sunday and busking events on Saturday. The group are meeting once a week and there will be involvement of the National Schools and a website is being put in place.

4. Glending

Joe Hanly reported on having visited Glending Estate and endeavoured to assess the floodwater position. Historically rising spring water would have manifested itself on a regular basis, but would always drain away. However with the building development, the rising water has caused a flooding problem with nowhere to go. Joe Hanly explained that the attenuation tank is a buffer, although the outlet is uncertain and it may well be a case of "wait and see", however Joe Hanly explained that the situation is much better than it previously was. There is no update on the building works additional to what was advised at the last meeting. It was agreed to have Forum members meet with Glending Estate residents on 24 June at 7pm in the D-Caff. This meeting would facilitate a subsequent meeting of the Forum and Glending Estate reps with Minister for Housing Jan O'Sullivan.

5. Hempstown Water Scheme

Fintan Gilheany advised that plans are still on target to connect Hempstown residents to the town water supply towards the end of June. Tommy Brady asked if the Forum could query with Wicklow County Council why 5-10 residents at Oldcourt have not been connected.

6. Tidy Towns

Brian Kane, in the absence of Chairman Jason Mulhall on holiday, advised details of progress and took questions. Brian noted the following:

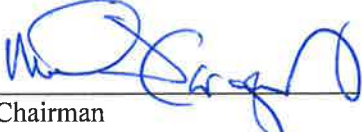
- Contact will be made with the Council in regard to perhaps having keys for the bins which will allow these bins to be emptied at weekends by the Sunday morning volunteers.
- Tree bases have been upgraded, the verges at Oak Drive cleared and flowerbeds at Church cleaned.
- A roadsweeper is in action.
- The fountain at the monument on the square will shortly be activated.
- Efforts are continuing to have the pole removed from the roundabout at Naas Road.
- With the assistance of the GAA, Forum member Mick Curran will cut all the grass on the Relief Road tomorrow.
- The roadway to St. Patrick's Well is not yet complete as the ESB are checking on road ownership.
- The sub-group will look at the Joseph's Road sign.

Many thanks were passed to Tidy Town members for their painting of the house beside SuperValu and Mrs. Quinn's old house on the green. Thanks were paid to John Healy for his contribution and to the Fennan family for their upgrading of the house beside West Wicklow House. It was noted that there are only a couple of derelict sites now to be followed up by the committee.

7. A.O.B.

- The Chairman reported on the presentations having been made by himself and Liam Fay to the first, second and third prizewinners in the logo competition at the Community College.
- Nuala Cashin advised that CWP are planning to release funds again soon and that funds for The Gathering event may well be available.
- Members were advised of continuing Health & Safety upgrades at the Theatre and Pat Winters advised of upcoming events.
- Updates are still awaited on:
  - Dublin Bus/bus shelter
  - Yellow box at exit at Maxol
  - WCC re Scurlock's Graveyard
  - WCC re water quality
  - Members to fill places on St. Patrick's Day sub-committee
  - Members to fill positions on Literary Rambling/Walking Festival May 2014
  - Old Library
  - Fixing date for Blessington & District Awards night
  - Signs re deer at Glending
  - The currachs question
  - Joint Policing Committee meeting which could deal with recent acts of vandalism

This completed the business of the meeting.

  
Chairman

4 Sept 2013  
Date

  
Proposer

  
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# Blessington & District Attendance List

Jame
Balfe Seamus
Brady Tommy
Brennan John
Cashin Carmel
Cashin Nuala
Conlon Pat
Coogan John
Curran Michael
Daly Brian
Dermody Aisling
Doyle Michael
Duggan Michael
Egar David
Fay Liam
Fitzsimons Ruth
Gilheany Fintan
Hamilton Gilmer
Hanlon Frank
Hanly Joe
Haughian Nuala
Kane Brian
Keegan Kavanagh Noreen
Magee Hugo
McGillycuddy Tom
McGrath Patricia
McGreal Killian
McMahon Lorcan
McNabb Roisin
Moroney Anita
Mulhall Jason
Murphy Fr. Tim
Murphy Mary Lorna
Nolan Noel
O hAilín Ruaidhrí
O'Neill Gerry
Phibbs Patsy
Pidgeon Pat
Ryall Sally Ann
Sargent Michael
Schwepe Brian
Ward Deirdre
Winters Pat

Signature
<i>Deanna Balfe</i>
<i>Seamus Brady</i>
<i>Carmel Cashin</i>
<i>Nuala Cashin</i>
<i>Pat Conlon</i>
<i>John Coogan</i>
<i>Michael Curran</i>
<i>Brian Daly</i>
<i>Aisling Dermody</i>
<i>Michael Doyle</i>
<i>Michael Duggan</i>
<i>David Egar</i>
Apologies
<i>Fintan Gilheany</i>
<i>Joe Hanly</i>
<i>Nuala Haughian</i>
<i>Brian Kane</i>
<i>Noreen Keegan Kavanagh</i>
<i>Hugo Magee</i>
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<i>Anita Moroney</i>
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<i>Jason Mulhall</i>
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<i>Sally Ann Ryall</i>
<i>Michael Sargent</i>
<i>Brian Schwepe</i>
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<i>Pat Winters</i>