

Report: 9th November Blessington Forum Zoom Meeting

The meeting was opened and chaired by Carmel Cashin at 7:30pm.

The October report was proposed by Susan Rossiter and seconded by Andra Coogan Johnson.

Apologies: Charlie Brophy, Michael Doyle, Brian Kane and Eamonn Kelly.

Greenway

- Further Funding secured via National Greenway Strategy - €6.4 million
- Forum looking at licensing and funding opportunities
- Agreement that the Executive will work with WCC and this will be lead by Kilian and Liam
- Agreement in principle we will be in a position to rescind our existing license when the time comes to WCC in the event that all is in order.

BLUC

- Tree will be put in place on 21st November
- Lights will be put in place before 28th November
- Event will take place on 28th November
- Promoted Online Event only
- Barry Hamilton will coordinate the live stream
- Noel Nolan will provide Audio
- Mick McLoughlin will be the VIP on the evening.
- Fundraising Team presented an overview and current running total

Christmas Voucher and Toy Appeal

- Launched 1st week in November
- Will run from the 7th to 11th December
- Drop off point at the Tourist Office

Burgage Castle

- OPW is in agreement to works being carried out by the ESB
 - Castle preliminary works have started
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Social Inclusion Group

- LGBTQ+ event during Social Inclusion Week, thanks to businesses involved in flags
- Podcasts and face book promotions throughout the week
- Empowering Parents Seminar to be held Online with Webinars 11th, 17th and 24th November
- Age Friendly Newsletter with the weekly meals from Hi Def and West Wicklow

Allotments

- Letters of support presented to BMD and Councillors at the last MD Meeting from the 5 TDs.
- Councillors acknowledged support and back on the agenda for the next meeting.
- Letter of support to be sent to the MD from the Blessington & District Forum

Virtual Christmas Market

- Launched on 9th November, working with Abbey Creative and East Coast FM
- Videos and promotion on facebook, instagram, twitter and youtube channel
- 40+ Businesses signed up

A.O.B.



















- Trees removed at the Old Rectory
- Question on what housing authority is involved with the Old Rectory Developments - Requested that the Forum contacts the Councillors and BMD on this matter for feedback.
- Simon Harris Live Event on Saturday
- Works at the O'Leary Developments Land - Requested that the Forum contact Cairn Homes and WCC to establish what's happening and to remind WCC about previous planning application
- Broken Street Lights - Information provided to members on reporting faults

The meeting ended at 9.00pm and our next meeting will take place on December 14th at 7.30pm via zoom.

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Present:

-  Jason Mulh... (Host, me) 
 -  Andra Johnston
 -  Carmel Cashin
 -  Karen O'Donoghue
 -  Frank Hanlon
 -  Marion McAnally
 -  Noel Murphy
 -  Peter Eustace
 -  Ron Corry
 -  Susan Rossiter
 -  William Fay
 -  Catherine Kehoe
 -  Dónal McCormack
 -  Madge Tyrrell
 -  Michael McLoughlin
 -  Noel Nolan
 -  Noreen Keegan Kavanagh
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 - Burgage Castle
 - Allotments
 - Community Pool Virtual Christmas Market
 - AOB
 - Date of next meeting December 14th, 2020
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