

## **Report: 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Blessington Forum Zoom Meeting**

The meeting was opened and chaired by Carmel Cashin at 7:30pm.  
The February report was proposed by Andra and seconded by Madge.  
The April report was proposed by Susan and seconded by Anita.

**Apologies:** Pat Conlon and Karen O'Donoghue.

### **Correspondence**

- Letter received regarding the setup of a Community Book Store.
- Letter to be sent on ASD Units

### **Planning & Developments**

- Members noted the ABP decision on the Kilmalum Rd developments was quashed.
- Cairns Home Application is pending further information.
- Members noted the Roadstone Application was rejected by WCC and KCC.
- Members noted the Old Rectory permission was granted, but briefed that the company were in touch with Blessington History Society to ensure all was ok.
- Discussions started on a submission for the County Development Plan.

### **Environment**

- Donal & Allotments Group are continuing to work on procuring a site, hoped to have good news soon with access to a private site for the short term.
- The tidy towns group continues to be active: Wild Mile on N81, Supports to Estates for Cleanups, Maintenance Jobs, Requests to WCC for new Bins, and a number of new planters added through the town for improved visual appearance.
- Members advised a small allotment site has been setup in Deerpark Court Estate by the residents, other estates have been encouraged to consider similar.
- Members congratulated Donal on his excellent presentation to the Oireachtas as a representative of Community Gardens Ireland.

### **Burgage Castle**

- Limited activity at the moment, but a contractor for works has been appointed by the ESB, and it is hoped they will be onsite soon.
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## **BLUC**

- Booked St.Kevins for November 27<sup>th</sup>
- Jobs List in place, volunteers welcome.
- Any spare decorations will be well received from the community to decorate the hall.
- Fundraising letters are being drafted for local businesses, membership stickers will issue.
- Lights storage might be possible in WCC yard.
- Event may have a star guest depending on tours and availability [M.O'N]
- The lower half of main street has been considered for enhancements.

## **Social Inclusion**

- Befriending Training will be made available, places will be offered locally.
- Wicklow LSP are unning a Man on the Move Initiative.
- Substance Abuse webinar with Kevin Fahy JLO for Baltinglass District will be organised for later in the summer. This will give attendees insights into what to look for etc... and how to recognise issues that children may be facing.
- ETB have offered space for KWETB courses to the Women's Shed.
- Members noted the CEP Application for Community Hampers for the Elderly was rejected.
- Access Group Event was a great success, well done to all involved. Group are working on a logo and further outreach into the community.
- ASD Units were discussed, and the needs for same locally, and agreed to contact BCC in relation to this to see how it can be progressed.

## **Community Pool for West Wicklow**

- Website to launch in the coming weeks.
- Meetings with Deputy Simon Harris TD and Avril Cronin Member WCC.
- Meetings planned with WCC CEO Frank Curran and 5 TDs.
- Not successful in the Large Scale Funding Application but WCC working on other options.

## **A.O.B.**

- Members advised that plans in place for the Square are moving extremely slow, and we are limited what we can do without the support of WCC. Liam Cullen is the new district administrator replacing Garvan Hickey. Members recognised the needs for a coherent solution on the Blessington Market Square
  - Members briefed on WCC plans for Dog Fouling Signage.
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- Cultural Sites are now open for business, albeit in a limited capacity.
- Famine Memorial well be sent to WCC Civic Memorial Group for consideration.
- West Wicklow Festival Online {and free} this year.
- National Biodiversity Week 15<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021
- CEP open now with WCC LCDC
- Community Awards decision are pending with WCC and Municipal District
- Members discussed supports available for local business on reopening, outdoor seating etc... And how this would work with respect to drinking and any anti social activity.



















































The meeting ended at 9.30pm and our next meeting will take place on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm via zoom.

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## Attendance: 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Blessington Forum Zoom Meeting

Participants (18)

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