

Report: 11th October 2021 – Blessington Forum Zoom Meeting

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

The report of the September meeting was proposed by Paul Tyrell and seconded by Michael McLoughlin

Apologies: Andra Coogan Johnson, Madge Tyrrell, Natasha Jordan, Eamonn Kelly and Mick Duggan

Correspondence

- Submission made to the TVR Streetscape Enhancement Fund
- Submission made to the WCC Christmas Lights Fund 2021
- Letter sent to Cairn Homes re- Meeting on Plans for Inner Relief Road

Planning & Developments

- Works on mini plaza in the Blessington Square are about 90% complete
 - o Concerns highlighted with picnic bench, location and its appropriateness, and the fact it is being used by skate boarders as a ramp is a safety concern.
 - o Tourist / History storyboard suggested for the area
 - o Concerns on bins and what is planned for the area regarding cleanup.
 - o Age Friendly Seating included in design
 - o Age Friendly & Disabled Parking bays to be added in Square
- Action: Jason to follow up with MD on above concerns.

Environment

- Allotments Group – No updates on procuring a long term site from WCC.
 - The Tidy Towns group continues to be active, litter picks, weeds and general maintenance, volunteers welcome. BTT also working closely with Community College TY classes and facilitating Gaisce participants.
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Greenway Update (Caroline Fox)

- Caroline provided an update on plans for the Greenway, and timelines for planning application process and eventual development and delivery.
- Outline map and route overview provided to the membership, including parking and the different loops around the lake side.
- Caroline will provide a further update in November.

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- Event Planning continues, with plans at an advanced stage for the event in November.
- Fundraising from businesses continues, with thanks to businesses who have contributed.
- Fundraising via a public GoFundMe page is under consideration.
- Event location is under consideration as merits of one or two locations are being considered, the group will make a decision and advise the membership in due course.

A.O.B.

- Blessington Day Care re-opened on October 6th to a smaller number of guests, but the group are working with HSE and Minister Donnelly to try and extend this.
- Campaign for Pool working with TDs, WCC and Minister Martin to try expedite the delivery of a pool in West Wicklow. The group are also advanced in their plans for a Christmas market in Russborough.

The meeting ended at 9.15pm and our next meeting will take place on November 11th at 7.30pm, and tentatively it will be an in person meeting 😊
