

## **Report: 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – Blessington Forum – GP Room**

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

The report of the March meeting was proposed by PUL Tyrrell and seconded by Michael Duggan.

**Apologies:** Catriona Cullen and Michael Doyle

### **Correspondence**

1. Community Awards Submission
2. Road Traffic, Quarries and Enforcement Update

### **Rose of Tralee**

Breda outlined plans for the event, and how it could be a success. 10 Roses and 10 Escorts confirmed at this time. Raffle tickets €20 each or 3 for €50. Blessington Rose winner goes forward to represent Blessington in the Wicklow Rose Competition. And Wicklow Rose winner goes to Tralee. Event tickets €25. Raffle on the night, prizes welcome. Frank Hanlon is MC. Event in Punchestown Races prior to Tulfarris. Car Draw tickets will be sold at SuperValu and other locations. No other community based events like this in Ireland. Wicklow Rose selection will be 14 locations covered, and 25 entrants in total, with 9/10 from Blessington. No event in 2023 as its every two years. Tulfarris has event capacity for 240 people. Car Raffle has a maximum of 500 tickets being sold. All escorts and roses are sponsored. Members wished the organising committee the best with the event.

### **Access Group**

Group working with Liam Cullen on an accessible playground. Communication Board has been funded. Working on other more accessible equipment. Jason also opening discussions with CWP on potential funding.

Accessible & Age Friendly Spaces to be painted in the coming months as weather improve, there was also a discussion on the space at Cremins as some work seemed to be taking place there. Members to follow up if being removed. Andra organising a photo event in garden area to thank SuperValu for sponsorship of the seating.

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### **Mental Health Services**

The “Hello, How are you?” programme was launched, training occurred on the 7<sup>th</sup>  
Safe Talk training and programme is in progress  
Mental Health Ireland training has been organised for the 11<sup>th</sup>  
Members encouraged to consider to have more frequent events and better pier support.

### **Planning SubGroup**

Agreed it needs to be re-instated with a more active membership  
Forum needs to articulate and /or formulate its general position on development  
- Consider Newtown as an example?  
Members spoke about the Burgage situation and the lack of public consultation and lack of specific support to the Part8 Housing and other planning activities in the area.

### **Ninette de Valois Festival**

- 27<sup>th</sup> May in the Tramway Theathre, multiple acts, and tickets on sale in Hennessys Off License and the Office Shop. Members asked to attend and support the event.
- Baltyboys House Visit on May 7<sup>th</sup> – tickets €20 per person, limited capacity.
- Talks being organised in the Community

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

- Community Pool for West Wicklow AGM is on Thursday 8pm
- Glamping Site planning application lodged for Burgage Moyle

The meeting ended at 9.15pm.

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