

## **Report: 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – Blessington Forum – GP Room**

The meeting was opened and chaired by Michael Doyle at 7:30pm.

The October notes were proposed by Andra Coogon Johnson and seconded by Pat Conlon.

Condolences were offered to the family and friends of Dan Kenny & Fintan Gilheaney.

**Apologies:** Carmel Cashin

### **Correspondence**

Blessington History Society: Upcoming events – 17<sup>th</sup> November 'The Big Dig' and 22<sup>nd</sup> November 'The Dublin & Blessington Steam Tram'.

### **Greenway**

A section of the greenway will remain closed until repairs are completed. The timeline is not yet clear. WCC / Greenway project will cover the costs of repairs. Members will be advised once a contractor is confirmed and a timeline agreed. Liam Fay to notify Insurance in case of any issues.

### **Tidy Towns**

BTT saw a 16 point increase on the previous year. A successful year but disappoint for all involved to not have achieved the bronze medal status. The BTT AGM will be held on November 30<sup>th</sup> @730pm.

### **Subgroup Updates:**

#### **Burgage Castle**

Works remain pending with the stone mason, the weather conditions have not helped. Suggested site layout presented to the Forum members, this has also been forward to WCC, the ESB and the Greenway Project Board for consideration.

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### **Community & Social Inclusion**

Attended the West Wicklow Inter Agency Meeting – discussions on services for a new community centre – agreed to build out services overtime – Drugs Task Force, Foroige, Insynch etc..

Situation in Gending was discussed. Agreed follow-up by the Executive.

### **BLUC**

Event will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> November; volunteers required to provide support for the event.

New lights being erected on the Four Stone Tree.

Repairs and replacements to lights along the Main Street.

Switch on / test before November 24<sup>th</sup>

Posters being erected to advertise the event.

WCC sponsoring a shop front competition, judging by 24<sup>th</sup> November.

Tree being erected on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November; volunteers required to help.

Secretary to send email on volunteer requirements to members.

Entertainment begins at 4pm – local artists featuring.

Christmas Market in aid of Laura Lynn foundation.

Santa Truck has been organised to attend the event from 530pm to 7pm.

### **Under AOB the following matters were discussed:**

#### **Mens Shed**

Event to be held on November 26<sup>th</sup> and the entry fee is €10.

Music by ‘the Rams’ from Newcastle Mens Shed.

#### **Soccer Club**

The soccer club were requesting support from the Forum, but it was not clear what was being requested. Agreed to contact the soccer club and confirm.

#### **Community Pool**

Pool will remain in situ for another 6 weeks. It is important that people utilise the facility to highlight the need for a pool in West Wicklow. It will close on 20<sup>th</sup> December.

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### **Blessington Community College**

Issues highlighted with the existing school, and that the proposed new school is not large enough to cater for the existing headcount. It was agreed to seek clarification following the next BOM, and to confirm what input was being requested from the BDF.

### **Actions:**

#### **Soccer Club**

Contact Edwina to confirm request; and possibly to make a small presentation to the membership.

#### **BLUC Event**

Send volunteer requirements email to the membership.

**The meeting closed at 9.10**

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**Attendance:**

1. Michael Doyle
2. Liam Fay
3. John Moriarty
4. Pat Conlon
5. Charlie Brophy
6. Andra Johnston
7. Madge Tyrrell
8. Joe Hanly
9. Paul Tyrrell
10. Frank Hanlon
11. Sue Rossiter
12. Catherine Keogh
13. Peter Eustace
14. Jason Mulhall
15. Michael Sargent
16. Nuala Haughian
17. Noel Nolan