

## Minutes of AGM June 8<sup>th</sup> 2016.

### 1) Attendance – 37

- a. Apologies from Michael Ryan & Mary Kiely to whom sympathy was expressed on the death of her sister.

### 2) Minutes of the 78<sup>th</sup> A.G.M. – were read by the Secretary and unanimously adopted by the meeting having been proposed by Danny McDonnell and seconded by Joe Leavy.

- a. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

### 3) Financial Statement 2015. –

- a. Accounts for 2015 were presented by the outgoing Treasurer Danny McDonnell who was thanked for all his work over the years and was presented with a voucher for a meal for two in a restaurant of his choice.
- b. The Chairman explained that during preparation of the printed notice the accounts from 2014/2015 had become inadvertently mixed up and a separate sheet was presented to the meeting clarifying the matter.
- c. The adoption of the Accounts were proposed by Michael O'Sullivan and seconded by Billy Murtagh and unanimously accepted.
- d. Chairman thanked auditor Lorna McCabe who had taken on the job of auditor at short notice as appointed auditors were unavailable for personal reasons.

### 4) Chairman's Report.

- a. Once again I am happy to report a successful and very busy year for your Committee who have shown real dedication in its endeavours to make life better in Drimnagh.

#### b. Michael Ryan

- i. For many years (roughly 50) Michael Ryan (generally known as Mick Ryan) sat in this chair as Chairman of the Association and both before that and since has been a valued member of the Committee. Recently Michael told me he was standing down from the Committee and did not wish to be considered for re-election on this occasion. Because of the short notice it has not been possible to mark the occasion in a special way, but I want to assure all present and indeed all members that we will be marking this occasion in the not too distant future.
- ii. I take this opportunity to thank Michael and his family for the contribution made to the Association over the years and to wish him good health for many more years.

#### c. Administrator

- i. Derek Keegan, our Administrator, has done tremendous work
  - a) in updating the data-base which has allowed us to make quick contact with everyone who has either a mobile phone or an email address. We are still not in a position to contact everybody electronically but we are hitting about 80%. We encourage everybody to give us their mobile numbers or email address or those of a family member.
  - b) In scanning the minutes of all Ctte meetings going back to 1936 – there are some gaps but we are hopeful all minutes will be scanned on the computer.
  - c) In developing, along with Gráinne & Joe, the new Website and in keeping it up to date
  - d) We hope to involve the Administrator in more of our day-to-day communications in relation to all types of correspondence – letters, emails, text messages etc.

#### d. Ladders & Sewer Rods

- i. The storing of Ladders in Our Lady's Hall is working out well. Sewer Rods are also held there now. Guidelines on how to borrow are on the back of the Membership Cards I appealed to all who use the Ladders or Sewer Rods to return once you are finished with them and to return sewer rods clean.
- ii. Please **do not pass ladders or Sewer Rods on to other people** (or members or non-members) without going through the Association as there are issues of Insurance and also issues of non-members who may not be insured at all and that could lead to serious problems.

**e. Collectors**

- i. Tremendous thanks to all the **Collectors** who continue to be the backbone of the Association. Most of the collection of subscriptions is completed but there are still some call-backs to be done. The collectors are now fully committed to ongoing recruitment on their roads so numbers are continuing to rise.
- ii. During this coming year we will be making it a priority to recruit additional collectors as Billy Murtagh has indicated to me he will be standing down after this year. Billy has been a real soldier for the Association but he feels it is becoming too much of a burden for him at this point.
- iii. We will need additional collectors especially for the following roads:

- a) **Kilworth Rd**
- b) **Carrow Rd**
- c) **Cooley Rd**
- d) **Mangerton Rd**
- e) **Mourne Rd / Donard Road**

If anybody here would like to take on this task or if you know of somebody who might be persuaded to do so, please let us know as soon as possible.

**f. Tradesperson**

- i. **I thank the tradespersons.** who are of course totally professional but much more importantly, totally reliable and trustworthy in and around the home. The list has been added to again this year and we hope this is meeting your needs. If you have difficulty getting a Tradesman, or if you are in any way unhappy with the service provided, please let us know – we need to know of any problems in order to improve the service.

**g. Auditors**

- i. **This year Kay Duignan & Anne Muddiman have stepped down** – we are most grateful to Laura McCabe who did the auditing for us this year. We will need a second auditor to give support to this important work which amounts to a few hours per year.

**h. Policing**

- i. Regretfully because of the current critical security situation in North Inner City Dublin, it has not been possible to have a Garda present this evening but arrangements are being put in place to set up a meeting where home-security and related issues can be discussed openly with the Gardai. We will let you know the date and time asap.

**ii. Policing Forum**

- a) Our Committee Representative, Margaret Mulrooney, who is a member of the Policing Forum, meets regularly with that group and I am in constant contact with the Garda ne, our Local Community Garda.

**iii. Parking issues**

- a) We have had a number of meetings with the Gárdai, Dublin City Council & representatives from the Children's Hospital and have made some progress but as an issue this will not be solved until the New Children's Hospital is built.
- i. **Litter** continues to be a problem that is difficult to come to grips with and with dog dirt remaining a very serious problem.
  - i. A lot of time is spent dealing with issues which may only affect a small number of houses, but we consider these to be just as important as any other issue because an issue on one road one week may become an issue on another road in a few weeks' time.
  - ii. On behalf of the Committee I promise to continue to do everything we can in the interests of all our members.
- j. **The New Children's Hospital, Davitt Road Site and Traffic.**
  - i. From the New Year, when construction of the New Children's Hospital begins, we are going to face serious traffic problems.
  - ii. Davit Road site will be the Construction Depot for that work which means lots of addition traffic on Davitt Road.
    - a) This, I believe will drive additional traffic into Drimnagh in an attempt to avoid Davitt Rd.
    - b) There will be increased traffic on all our road as a result.
    - c) We are already engaged with the development Company and will continue to do everything possible to lessen the difficulties that are sure to arise.
- k. The report concluded by thanking all loyal members and for their courtesy to our collectors.

5) **Election of Officers for 2016 / '17 – For election of Chairman, Rita Fox, Vice-Chairman, took the chair:**

- a. **Chairman** – Peter Burke proposed by Danny McDonnell and seconded by Joe Leave. On being elected Peter resumed the chair.
- b. **Secretary** – Paul Browne proposed by Danny McDonnell and seconded by Michael O Sullivan
- c. **Vice Chairman** – Rita Fox proposed by Paul Browne and seconded by Billy Murtagh
- d. **Treasurer** – Joe Leavy proposed by Danny McDonnell and seconded by Pat Clarke
- e. **Recruitment & Nominating Officer** – Mary Kiely proposed by Peter Burke and seconded by Paul Browne.
- f. **Six of the remaining 7 positions** were filled unanimously on the proposal of Pat Clarke, seconded by Billy Murtagh.
  - i. Danny McDonnell
  - ii. Margaret Mulrooney.
  - iii. Pat Foley
  - iv. Gráinne Kennedy
  - v. Michael O Sullivan
  - vi. Paul Burke

The 7<sup>th</sup> position, to fill the vacancy created by the standing down of Michael Ryan, was filled by Carmel Ryan on the proposal of Danny McDonnell seconded by Peter Burke.

- g. **The Trustees**, Michael O'Sullivan, Margaret Mulrooney and Rita Fox were unanimously elected. A proposal to thank outgoing trustee Michael Ryan for his "fifty years" service to the Association was proposed by Michael O'Sullivan and seconded by Danny McDonnell.
- h. **The Auditors**, New Auditors are Lorna McCabe & Therese Aherne, were unanimously agreed having been proposed by Nick Dowdall and seconded by Michael O Sullivan. Sincere gratitude was unanimously expressed to the previous auditors Kay Duignan & Ann

Muddiman for their loyal and generous service to the Association over many years.

- i. **Chairman Elect**, the “position” which was publicised in the notice for the meeting was further explained by the Peter who outlined the requirements in his “Chairman’s Report”. As there were no nominees on the night the matter has been referred to the Management Committee for further consideration.

#### 6) Report & Discussion with Member(s) of An Garda

There was no report as there was no Garda present, as explained above, however it was agreed to arrange a meeting at which Gárdai would be present to answer questions and give advice on security (both personal and home) matters.

The Chairman brought the AGM’s attention to an ongoing problem in the region of junction of Mourne Rd / Kilworth Rd which was becoming a nightmare for local residents as cars were using the junction for hand-brake turns etc and generally acting dangerously. The meeting agreed to have the matter raised with both the Garda and Dublin City Council and to seek ramps for parts of Kilworth Rd not currently covered.

#### 7) Sixth Annual Report on New Management Committee of Our Lady’s Hall.

- The chairman presented a comprehensive report on a very successful year at Our Lady’s Hall. The management committee has now completed its 2<sup>nd</sup> 3-year term and a new Committee has been installed to operate for another 3-yr term.
- The Panto in the hall was very successful and will be continued for another two years.
- New Mgmt. Ctte met on June 15<sup>th</sup> to begin 3<sup>rd</sup> 3-yr term under the chairmanship of Peter Burke.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parish Council Nominees:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Canon John Flaherty</li><li>b. Margaret Donnelly</li><li>c. Liam FitzGerald</li><li>d. Margaret Mulrooney</li></ol></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DRA Nominees:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Danny McDonnell</li><li>b. John Corr</li><li>c. Tina Maguire</li><li>d. Paul Burke</li></ol></li></ul>
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- The AG.M. was informed that 16 groups avail of the hall which finances the costs involved in day-to-day running costs.
- The chairman informed the meeting of grants received by the management committee from D.C.C.& others which went towards improvements to the hall. The major ljob at the moment is the installation of a platform lift in the hall to facilitate usage of upstairs rooms.
- Further improvements the chairman indicated are required for example the replacement of windows in the future under the management of the new committee when funds are available.

#### 8) 80<sup>th</sup> Celebrations D.R.A.- 2016

- The chairman informed the A.G.M. of the great success of the Presidential visit. The display of arts/crafts were commended on by all attending but due to availability of space some items were displayed in the upper floors.
- The “family day”, set for July 10<sup>th</sup> is being planned by a sub-Ctte of management Ctte.
- The chairman referred to the “For One Night Only” show (August 27<sup>th</sup>) celebrating the “Theatre Royal” era with an appearance from Patricia Cahill representing the huge amount of talent produced in Drimnagh over its 80 years. Tickets are free
- Danny wished for more ticket sales for the “Summer Buffet” as all proceeds would go for the upkeep of O.L.H.
- The chairman also confirmed all arrangements are in place for the “Jubilee Dinner Dance” in the Red Cow Moran’s Hotel September Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Tickets are 25 euro including transport. These tickets are being subsidised to the tune of €20 by the Association.
- Halloween parties for children and adults on 31<sup>st</sup> Oct in our O.L.H. are being arranged.

- A historic walk of Drimnagh, led by Pat Liddy, to last f90 minutes has been arranged by Rita Fox
- The chairman is still in communication with the “community affairs” section of D.C.C. awaiting permission to erect the plaque at the Children’s Hospital junction of Errigal Road, commemorating 80yrs of the D.R.A.
- Recipient of the Tony Ward Perpetual Trophy in the form of Person of the Year will be named at the Annual Dinner Dance September the 24<sup>th</sup> the chairman confirmed.

**9) New Membership - Recruitment.**

- Recruitment on Sperrin Rd., Carrow Rd. and Kilworth is practically complete and as a result we have approximately 150 new members.

**10) A.O.B.**

- A number of questions were put to the chairman by members in particular the delay in developing the “Primary Care Centre”. He responded due to planning permission appeals the centre for Drimnagh had been delayed while other areas proceeded with their care centres. This delay also had implications for the future development of the “convent site” the members were informed
- The Chairman stated he would continue to communicate with local TD’s and appropriate parties to commence work on the centre a.s.a.p.
- The raffle was held as usual with 10 lucky winners of 20 euro each.

**11)** The A.G.M concluded at 9-15 pm app.

**12)** This was followed by light refreshments.