

Minutes

Dunlavin & District Forum Meeting

27th November 2007.

Minutes of 23rd October 2007.

Proposed: Una Deering

Seconded: Peter Furlong.

Attendance:

Geraldine Cole, Margaret Conlon, Una Deering, Brigid Downes, Peter Furlong, Kay Hogan, John Lawlor, Mark Lawler, Marie Dwyer, Mick Phelan, Shibhan Slevin, Garda Damien Prendergast, Garda. Insp. Kevin Lavelle.

Apologies

Michael Doran, Florence Grace, Joe O'Flynn, Kitty Tinkler, Cathal Tinkler

Guest Presentation by Alison Fox on Wicklow VEC GAPC's Project:

(Content) FIT and County Wicklow VEC have worked together to develop a two year project to support young people in West Wicklow. They will combine their own resources with funding they have received from the Dormant Accounts Fund to support the implementation of the project.

Working with and supporting local community and voluntary groups is at the heart of the project. Through them the Dunlavin project will engage young people especially those at risk and guide them back into education and training opportunities in West Wicklow.

Young people of the Dunlavin area will be engaged by offering them a dynamic programme which imparts ICT training while promoting involvement in outdoor education.

Should the Forum wish to introduce this programme into Dunlavin then the community will be equipped with IT technology, tutors engaged to support IT element, training in youth work skills for volunteers and organised days at the Baltinglass Outdoor Education Centre.

The overall aim is develop a sustainable youth work development in the area with the GAPC's project as the beginning element.

Wicklow VEC is also putting in an application early next year for a youth work project for West Wicklow to support the work of volunteers etc. I hope to bring together interested individuals from the various community groups to look at a West Wicklow strategy in terms of supporting youth work in the area.

Dunlavin Christmas Tree.

Jim O'Neill, John Lawlor, Mick Phelan and Peter Furlong to liaise.

Garda Briefing

Inspector Kevin Lavelle gave a brief account of the changes in the new Wicklow Garda Division. Divisional HQ for Dunlavin is now Bray. Also Dunlavin Court will disband in early 2008 and all Court cases will now be transferred to Baltinglass.

Fund Raising Committee Report.

Mark Lawler reported on the first meeting of the Forum Fundraising Committee. A target of €20,000 has been set as a fund to develop Forum Projects.

The following are a list of ideas for 2008:

Rathsallagh Golf Club Forum Classic (Agreed with Joe / late summer)

Professional Poker Night (Company from Dublin)

Theatre Night (Small Professional Production).

Car Boot Sale in the town

Other suggestions from tonight's meeting were:

No School Uniform Day (in conjunction with school Heads)

Church Gate Collection

Table Quiz

Race Night.

Forum AGM

A date in January 2008 will be set at next Forum meeting.

Recording Secretary.

Jim O'Neill recommended that a Recording Secretary be put in place to relieve some of the Forum workload from the Secretary, Geraldine Cole. It was agreed that help in the taking of minutes and providing them for proposing and seconding would be a great help. This would free up Geraldine's time for meetings with Council Officials etc. This position can be agreed at the AGM in 2008. In the meantime, Siobhan Slevin, Assistant Secretary agreed to minute the December meeting.

Next Meeting:

18th December at 8pm in the Imaal Hall.

Expressions of Sympathy

The Allen Family

O'Toole Family

Signed:

Geraldine Cole
Secretary

Jim O'Neill
Chairman

Date: 3rd March 2008.