

Dunlavin & District Forum

Minutes Meeting of 3rd March 2008.

Welcome

Outgoing Chair, Jim O'Neill, welcomed all newcomers to the Forum and thanked those who had chosen to stay involved.

Election of Officers:

Chair

Jim O'Neill: Proposed by Jimmy Whittle
Seconded by Mick Phelan

Vice Chair:

Mark Lawlor: Proposed by Eamonn Dowling
Seconded by Marie Dwyer

Secretary:

Geraldine Cole: Proposed by Mark Lawlor
Seconded by Joe O'Flynn

Assistant Secretary:

Siobhan Slevin: Proposed by Eamonn Dowling
Seconded by Eileen Byrne

PRO:

Jimmy Whittle: Proposed by Siobhan Slevin
Seconded by Michael Doran

Assistant PRO 1:

Joe O'Flynn Proposed by Mark Lawlor
Seconded by Siobhan Slevin

Assistant PRO 2:

Rose Halpin: Proposed by Marie Dwyer
Seconded by Mick Halpin

Treasurer 1:

Mary Grace: Proposed by Bridget Joyce
Seconded by Bridget Downes

Treasurer 2.

Liam Burke: Proposed by Geraldine Cole
Seconded by Siobhan Slevin

Treasurer 3:

Peter Furlong: Proposed by Mark Lawlor
Seconded by Jim O'Neill.

Recording Secretary:

Antoinette Barrett: Proposed by Jimmy Whittle
Seconded by Teresa Whelan

In proposing Jim O'Neill as Chair, Jimmy Whittle added that the Forum was grateful for the dedication and commitment of Jim as outgoing Chair and in the interest of continuity it was important that the Chair be retained.

On Mark Lawlor's re-election as Vice Chair, Jim O'Neill thanked Mark for his commitment and support during the past 18 months.

On Geraldine Cole's re-election as Secretary, Jim O'Neill praised her for her hard work and insight into Council matters during the past 18 months. Jim also thanked Siobhan Slevin for her dedication on specific projects over the first term of the Forum, particularly on the Forum's Community Document and the submission to Wicklow County Council on the New Dunlavin Town Plan.

Una Deering had requested not to be re-elected as Treasurer for personal reasons. The Forum thanks her for her constructive input and exemplary attendance during her term of office. The Forum are delighted that Una will be remaining as a Forum member.

Sub Committees

Finance:

Mark Lawlor, Mary Grace, Liam Burke, Peter Furlong, Bridget Joyce, Mick Phelan, Joe O'Flynn and Jimmy Whittle.

Playground:

Kay Hogan, Geraldine Cole, Siobhan Slevin, Bridget Joyce, Teresa Whelan.

Traders:

Cathal Tinkler, Kitty Tinkler, Liam Burke, Bridget Joyce, Brian McDonald, Patricia Bostrom

Christmas Tree / Lights.

Town Traders Committee undertook to raise sponsorship for 2008 Christmas Lights and Christmas Tree for the town. Committee to report back to next Forum Meeting.

FIT (Fastrack to Information Technology)

Training dates are set for Forum members to be trained for this programme by the VEC during the month of April. Venue still not resolved for this programme. Geraldine Cole to speak with WCC on the matter of access to the Market House.

Teenage Activities.

This issue was discussed at length and it was decided to put on the Agenda for next meeting as a single issue.

Suggestions to be discussed: Junior Forum, Music Sessions and FIT.

Twinning of Dunlavin.

This matter had been discussed previously and Cllr. David Grant (Bray TC) had addressed the Forum on different options and routes. Barry Deering suggested a small town in France called Savignies which is amenable to being twinned with Dunlavin and he suggested that the matter be pursued. The Forum was reminded County Wicklow is already twinned with Wurtzburg in Germany and Rathsallagh House had been requested to twin with a similar business in Austria. This matter will be a timely process and will soon appear as an Agenda item. Barry Deering, Jimmy Whittle, Joe O'Flynn and Rose Halpin to discuss before next meeting. Geraldine Cole

informed the meeting that Cllr. David Grant would be prepared to assist the Forum in whatever route we decide to take.

Forum Website.

Jim O'Neill and Mark Lawlor raised the matter of the website being managed. The Forum express their thanks to Aisling McDermott for her work in bringing the site to this stage. Chair / Vice Chair both felt that we now need a Forum member to act as Webmaster. Patricia Bostrom volunteered the services of her husband, Anders. The Forum expressed their appreciation and Mark Lawlor will liaise.

New Dunlavin Town Plan.

Geraldine Cole informed the meeting that the date of 7th April has been set for the Council Members to discuss the New Town Plan for Dunlavin. The Officer Board will be meeting with our Local Government Representatives before this date to impress upon them the Forum's priorities as set out in our submission.

Childcare Facility

Teresa Whelan raised the issue of the lack of a Childcare Facility in Dunlavin. As a member of the Dunlavin Childcare Group, Teresa asked for the assistance of the Forum in progressing this issue. Geraldine Cole advised the Committee to liaise with Tony O'Neill of Wicklow County Council on the sites at Milltown. This was thought to be highly suitable as some of the existing civic amenities in Dunlavin will be moving to green-field sites in Milltown. The Forum pledged to work with the Childcare Group on this issue and advised that they become active members of the 2008 Forum.

General Issues For Update.

A number of items were raised again which had been part of the Agenda with the Local Area Engineer, Declan Geraghty. These matters to be raised again at next meeting with WCC:

- road traffic safety at schools
- dog-warden
- road signage for the town.

Next Meeting: Monday 31st March 2008 at 8pm – Imaal Hall

Expressions of Sympathy:

Leigh Family, Colm Byrne, Mick Murphy, Des Cole

Signed:

Jim O'Neill
Chairman

Geraldine Cole
Secretary

Date: 31st. March 2008.