

AGM Minutes - Longford Branch of the Retired Teachers' Association - November 13th, 2013.

The AGM of Longford Branch of the Retired Teachers' Association was held in The Richmond Inn, Clondra on November 13th, 2013. There were 24 members present.

Leo Donlon was elected Chairperson, Noeleen Rooney was elected Secretary and Kieran McEntee was elected Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

It was agreed to organise an outing in the New Year.

Leo welcomed Joe Conway, National President RTA and Denis Desmond General Secretary RTA.

Joe spoke to the meeting, wearing the Presidential chain, an exact replica of INTO Presidential chain and worth in the region of €15000. He noted that the distance from Tramore to Longford has reduced to a three and a half hour drive due to road improvements.

He stated that the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform has agreed to negotiate with the Alliance of Public Service Retired Groups to discuss the proposed cuts to pensions.

He distributed a survey seeking members views on materials to include in Comhnasc.

He thanked the Branch for inviting him.

Denis then addressed the meeting and made the following points:

- **Motion 2012:** The Longford motion requesting an increase in grant allocation has been passed
- **PRSI:** PRSI on savings does not apply to those over 66. Those under 66 may be liable to PRSI on unearned income (Savings, Rental etc.) The first €3174 may be disregarded. This will apply in 2014 under self-assessment. Form F11 should be completed and an estimate made in October 2014 and amount may be paid by cheque. Balance must be paid before 2015. PRSI does not apply to Post Office savings
- **Medical Cards:** RTA is seeking the return of Medical Cards to those over 75. A widow may retain Medical Card for 3 years after death of spouse. Those earning under €500 per fortnight may retain Medical Card. GP only card is available to those earning €500-€700 per fortnight.
- **Social Services Card:** Notification regarding Social Services Card should not be ignored
- **Comhar Linn Credit Union:** Comhar Linn Credit Union has €167000000 in savings, is a tightly run establishment and has nothing invested in equities
- **DIRT:** DIRT does not apply to Post Office savings. DIRT was 20% in 2008 and is now 33% to 41%

Leo Donlon presented Joe Conway with a picture of Ardagh

A Mass for deceased members of Longford RTA will take place in Clondra in December

This concluded the business of the meeting

Signed: _____

Leo Donlon, Chairperson, Longford RTA

