

The AGM of Longford Branch of the Retired Teachers' association was held in The Courtyard Café, Longford on December 1st, 2017. There were 25 members present. Apologies were received from the following: Katherine Kennedy, Patsy Fitzmaurice, Gus Hanley, Ita Murtagh, John Fay, Mary Fallon, Mary McDermott, Bernadette Noonan, Sr. Angela Bracken, Elspeth Hal, Anna McGerr, Lynn Nerney, Jimmy Casey, Christine Treacy, Teresa Greene, Carmel Fallon, Judy Mahon, Anne Corkery, Rosemary Kiernan and Rita McEvoy

#### Chairperson's Address:

Chairperson, Leo Donlon welcomed all to the meeting. He sympathised with the families of Patsy O'Beirne and Reena Kennedy, on their recent bereavements. He also sympathised with Mary McDermott on the death of her husband, Brendan. He extended sympathy, also, to the family of Mairtín Ó Muirí on their recent loss. He asked Noeleen to send a Mass Card to the Ó Muirí family from Longford Retired Teachers' Association.

Leo went on to thank Noeleen for organising a trip to the Gate Theatre and the outing to the Seamus Heaney Homeplace, both of which were very enjoyable. He went on to say that we need more of these outings and encouraged members to participate in organised events.

Secretary, Noeleen Rooney, read the minutes for AGM 2016.

The minutes were adopted by the meeting on the proposal of Kitty Hughes and this was seconded by Lily Minnock. There were no matters arising.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Noeleen then reported on the financial situation. She told the meeting that we have we had received a sizeable IT grant from RTAI in addition to the annual subvention. A separate financial statement was signed by Branch auditors, Patsy Fitzmaurice and Rita Canning.

#### Secretary's Report:

January 4th, 2017	The Heiress at The Gate Theatre, Dublin - 21 booked
March 7th, 2017	RTA Annual Convention (Delegates - Leo & Noeleen)
March 29th, 2017	Meeting in Richmond Inn, followed by lunch Address by Mary McCarthy
May 4th, 2017	Meeting in Richmond Inn, followed by lunch - Address by Billy Sheehan
May 31st, 2017	Trip to Seamus Heaney Centre

Siúilí walks continued during the year. Some members joined the Longford Ramblers Sunday walks so numbers for our own walks dwindled as year went on.

The RTA Longford Website is up and running and waiting for contributions - <http://longfordrta.weebly.com/>  
Noeleen attended the Longford Branch INTO Presentation to Retired Teachers in November.

#### Election of Officers:

The following officers were elected:

Position	Nominee	Proposed by	Seconded by
Chairperson	Leo Donlon	Lily Minnock	Seamus McRory
Vice Chairperson	Bridie McGuinness	Kitty Hughes	Mary Connolly
Secretary/Treasurer	Noeleen Rooney	Rita Canning	Mary Connolly

#### Social Sub-Committee:

The following members were elected to our Social Sub-Committee:

Loretta Farrell, Lily Minnock, Seamus McRory and Sr. Rose Moran. It was agreed that any member of the 2017 Sub Committee, who wished to serve on the 2018 Committee would be very welcome on board.

#### RTA Longford Auditors

RTA Longford Auditors were re-elected as follows:

Position	Nominee	Proposed by	Seconded by
Auditor	Patsy Fitzmaurice	Loretta Farrell	Geraldine Farrar
Auditor	Rita Canning	Loretta Farrell	Geraldine Farrar

Delegates to National Convention:

The following were elected as delegates to National Convention:

Delegates to Convention	Nominee	Proposed by	Seconded by
Auditor	Leo Donlon	Seamus McRory	Loretta Farrell
Auditor	Noeleen Rooney	Seamus McRory	Loretta Farrell

In the event that either one of the above delegates is unable to attend Vice-Chairperson, Bridie, will represent the Longford RTA.

Motions for RTAI Convention 2017:

There were no motions for RTAI Convention

Nominations for NEC Annual Convention 2018::

The following were nominated for positions on National Executive Committee:

Position	Nominee
President RTAI	Sheelagh Coyle
Vice-President RTAI	Matt Reville
NEC Representative - District 6.	Mary McCarthy

A.O.B:

After much discussion the following resolutions were agreed:

- Owing to inequity of attendance at Guard of Honour occasions for deceased members it was agreed to discontinue the practice. The Secretary will instead send a Mass Card and letter of condolence to the family of the deceased. Also, an officer/representative from Longford RTA will attend the memorial service and will offer condolences to the bereaved on behalf of the Association
- It was agreed to form a financial sub-committee, consisting of Chairperson, Leo, Secretary/Treasurer, Noeleen, Cheque signatory, Kieran and Auditors, Patsy and Rita to meet and consider how the IT fund of €2500 should be spent. This Committee will meet early in 2018
- The following activities were proposed for 2018:
  - Private Lives by Noël Coward - Wednesday 5th April - 24th June - The Gate
  - Look Back in Anger by John Osborne - 1st February- 24th March, 2018 - The Gate
  - The Titanic - A day-trip in May
  - Patrick Kavanagh Centre in Autumn
  - A trip to the historic city of Waterford

The Social Sub Committee will also meet early in 2018

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Leo Donlon (Chairperson)

