

The AGM of Longford RTA took place in Teallach Íosa, Longford on Wednesday, December 5th, 2018. There were 27 members present. Apologies were received from Judy Mahon, Katherine Kennedy, Mae Moore, Doreen McHugh, Loretta Farrell, Róisín McHugh, Christine Treacy, Bernadette Noonan, Geraldine Kilgallen, Ita Murtagh, Nora Keegan, Marion O'Reilly, Rosemary Kiernan, Anna McGerr, Carmel Fallon, Anne Corkery, Teresa Kyle, Emer Murphy, Angela Bracken, Carmel Fallon and Anna McGerr

Chairperson's Address:

Chairperson, Leo Donlon welcomed all to the meeting. He sympathised with the families of Gertie Sheahan, Jimmy Casey and Paschal Quinn. He thanked Noeleen for organising the AGM and the Mass which took place earlier. He also thanked her for various events which took place during the year.

Minutes of AGM 2017:

Secretary, Noeleen Rooney, read the minutes for AGM 2017. The minutes were adopted by the meeting on the proposal of Mary Connolly and this was seconded by Mary Fallon. There were no matters arising.

Treasurer's Report:

Noeleen then reported on the financial situation. A separate financial statement was signed by Branch auditors, Patsy Fitzmaurice and Rita Canning.

Secretary's Report:

Noeleen reported on activities which took place during the year as follows:

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| February 19th  | Met with local INTO Branch to plan for INTO 500                       |
| March 3rd      | Sive at the Gaiety (Cancelled due to snow)                            |
| March 6th      | Annual Convention RTA, Ireland (Delegates - Bridie & Noeleen)         |
| March 21st     | Spring Meeting in Courtyard Café followed by breakfast                |
| May 23rd       | Longford Branch INTO 150 years Celebration in Longford Arms Hotel     |
| May 30th       | Overnight in Belfast - Titanic Experience                             |
| June 15th      | Meeting in Richmond Inn, followed by lunch - Address by Billy Sheehan |
| September 20th | RTAI Secretary's Conference (Delegate Leo)                            |
| September 21st | District 7 INTO 500 Celebrations in Mullingar                         |
| November 29th  | Attended INTO Retired Teachers' Presentation - 5 teachers retired     |

She also reported on the loss of 3 long standing and very respected members of Longford RTA - Gertie Sheahan in January, Jimmy Casey in May and Paschal Quinn in September. Condolence letters and Mass cards were sent and the sympathies of Longford RTA were passed on to the bereaved families

Election of Officers:

The following officers were elected:

| Position            | Nominee           | Proposed by   | Seconded by    |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Chairperson         | Leo Donlon        | Mary Connolly | Kieran McEntee |
| Vice Chairperson    | Bridie McGuinness | Kitty Hughes  | Mary Fallon    |
| Secretary/Treasurer | Noeleen Rooney    | Seamus McRory | Lynn Nerney    |

Social Sub-Committee:

The following members of our Social Sub-Committee will remain for another year: Loretta Farrell, Lily Minnock, Seamus McRory and Sr. Rose Moran.

RTA Longford Auditors

RTA Longford Auditors were re-elected as follows:

| Position | Nominee           | Proposed by    | Seconded by   |
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| Auditor  | Patsy Fitzmaurice | Sr. Rose Moran | Mary Connolly |
| Auditor  | Rita Canning      | Sr. Rose Moran | Mary Connolly |

Delegates to National Convention:

The following were elected as delegates to National Convention:

| Delegates to Convention | Nominee        | Proposed by   | Seconded by |
|-------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|
| Delegate 1              | Leo Donlon     | Seamus McRory | Rita McEvoy |
| Delegate 2              | Noeleen Rooney | Seamus McRory | Rita McEvoy |

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   |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Vice-President RTAI | Mary Kyne |

Proposed Activities for 2019:

The following activities were proposed for 2018:

- The Great Gatsby in the Gate Theatre for Saturday, January 5th, 2019 - Matinee @ 2.30 - €35.00
- The Three Tenors in The National Concert Hall for Wednesday, January 9th @ 8pm - €65.50
- André Rieu for Sunday, January 6th, 2019 in Omniplex Cinema, Longford - recorded performance - €20.00
- Seminar with Dermot Goode in Longford Arms Hotel for Friday, February 8th, 2019 @ 11.00 am.
- Meet in Coffee House 25 first Wednesday of each month at 11.00 am
- Trip to Derry in May
- One day bus trip to Titanic (if numbers are sufficient)
- Lessons in IT - starting in New Year. Details later

A.O.B:

**Council for Older People:**

Kitty reported on her involvement with the Older People's Council. She circulated a booklet with useful information and asked for submissions of ideas in how to facilitate day-to-day living for older people. She told the meeting that there are now 3 dedicated parking spaces for older people in Longford Town as a result of lobbying by this Council

**Fáilte Isteach:**

Teresa Greene and Mary Hughes told the meeting about 'Fáilte Isteach' - a community project involving predominantly older volunteers welcoming migrants through conversational English classes. The project provides the necessary language skills to new migrants in a student-centred, welcoming and inclusive manner while involving older volunteers and recognising their skills, expertise and contribution to the community. There are 3 Centres in Co. Longford - Longford Town, Edgeworthstown and Ballymahon. The Edgeworthstown Centre needs more volunteers. The Class takes place in The Green, Edgeworthstown and Class times are Monday 9.30-11.30am. Contact Mary Mulvey by email mmulvey@lcril.ie or telephone 086 8536455

This concluded the business of the meeting

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

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

Leo Donlon (Chairperson)

