

Longford RTA Meeting - May 4th, 2017

A meeting of Longford RTA took place in Richmond Inn, Clondra on Thursday, May 4th at 11 am. There were 20 members in attendance. Apologies were received from 8 members. Chairperson, Leo, welcomed all to the meeting, in particular RTAI General Secretary, Billy Sheehan.

Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of March 29th, 2017 were read to the meeting. The Minutes were passed on the proposal of Kitty Hughes and was seconded by Loretta Farrell. There were no matters arising.

Proposed Activities - Summer 2017

- Numbers were finalised for trip to Séamus Heaney Centre. It was agreed to involve neighbouring Counties if our own members don't fill the bus.
- Members were reminded of the Memorial Service and Graveyard Launch for St. Paul's Historic Graveyard, to take place on Saturday, June 17th at 3pm.
- Walks were arranged for Summer months.

Address by Billy Sheehan:

Billy Sheehan addressed the meeting. He brought all up-to-date on the following issues:

- Public Service Pension Reduction. The process of restoration of pensions began with effect from 1 January 2016 and is still ongoing. It is due to be completed by 1 January 2018. More information available on RTAI website.
- Alliance of Retired Public Servants
- Pension Parity
- Current Projects
 - Resolutions from Annual Convention 2017
 - Comhnasc Survey
 - Website - recent up-dates
 - Solidarity Funds
 - Counselling - Inspire (Previously Carecall) - Tel: 180409673
- 2nd Branch Secretaries' Conference - September 21st, 2017
- Legal Status of Association - Establishing a Company, Limited by Guarantee
- Teaching after Retirement
 - Daily Rate - €160.35 + €19.82 Holiday Pay
 - Substitute INTO membership - €85
 - A Retired Teacher must be **registered** with the Teaching Council.
 - They must be **vetted** by the National Vetting Bureau.
 - They must complete a declaration - Form SPS/51, which is an Appendix to DES Circular 7/2013. This declaration must be made on first employment in each school year.
- Health Insurance - Check with Dermot Goode - <https://www.totalhealthcover.ie/>
- Car Insurance - Billy to check Insurance rates with Cornmarket

Longford RTA Website

Secretary Noleen drew the attention of the meeting to the Longford RTA website, <http://longfordrta.weebly.com/> which has been updated.

This concluded the business of the Meeting

Leo Donlon (Chairperson)

Date

