

Longford RTA Meeting - June 15th, 2018

A meeting of Longford RTA took place in The Richmond Inn, Clondra on June 15th, 2018 at 12.00 noon. There were 21 members in attendance. Apologies were received from 21 members. Chairperson, Leo, welcomed all to the meeting. Leo paid tribute to esteemed RTA member, Jimmy Casey, who's death had taken place in May. He also paid tribute to Jimmy's wife, Carmel, who died in April. He thanked Bridie McGuinness for attending the RTAI AGM in his stead.

Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of March 21st, 2018 were read to the meeting. These were passed on the proposal of Róisín McHugh and seconded by Seamus McRory. There were no matters arising

Address by RTAI General Secretary, Billy Sheehan:

Leo welcomed RTAI General Secretary, Billy Sheehan, to the meeting. Billy passed around hand-outs and proceeded to address the meeting under the following headings:

- Public Service Pension Reduction (PSPR) - Phase 3 of Restoration 01.01.18
- Public Service Stability Agreement 2018-2020 - Pay increase 5.7%
- Public Service Stability Agreement 2018-2020 - Pension parity
- RTAI Annual Convention 2018
- RTAI Information stand at INTO Congress
- RTAI Head Office - contact hours for queries - 9am - 1.00 pm
- 3rd Branch Secretaries' Conference
- Teaching after Retirement - paid at entry level. Retired Teachers can do temporary work
- Review of Membership Plus Discount Card
- INTO History - Kindling the Flame. Billy presented a copy of the book to Noeleen

There followed a Q & A session. There was a lot of interest regarding various health insurance policies. Billy suggested that Noeleen contact Dermot Goode with a view to organising a local seminar

INTO 150

Secretary Noeleen told the meeting of the Longford Branch INTO 150 years celebration on May 23rd in Longford Arms Hotel. All retired teachers had been invited to attend. She referred specifically to the detailed speech made by Kitty at the event. Leo apologised for his non-attendance but thanked all those who did attend.

Social Activities:

Secretary Noeleen gave details of the visit May 30th by Longford RTA to Titanic Exhibition and the overnight stay in Belfast. It was a most enjoyable experience for all participants.

A comprehensive list of proposed future activities was drawn up, as follows:

- Gaiety: A Beautiful Noise: The Neil Diamond Story - 28th September 2018 - 29th September
- Gaiety: The Matchmaker - 5 November 2018 - 10th November 2018
- Bord Gáis: Andy Irvine & Paul Brady - 11th October
- 3 Arena: Cliff Richard - 29th September <http://3arena.ie/artist/cliff-richard1/2116>
- Olympia: West End hit You Win Again - Celebrating The Music of The Bee Gees - 19th October
- Various Venues: Dublin Festival of History 2018 - 24th September - 7th October
- Bord Gáis: Les Ballet Trockadero de Monte Carlo - 9th & 10th October
- 3 Arena: Andrea Bocelli - 30th & 31st October
- Abbey: Jimmy's Hall - Matinee 1st & 8th September
- Gate: Hamlet (Ruth Negga) September & October Matinee on Wednesdays & Saturdays
- Gate: The Great Gatsby - November - January - Matinee on Saturday & Sunday
- Bord Gáis: Les Misérables - 5 Dec 2018 - 12 Jan 2019
- Richmond Barracks - last Wednesday of each month - music and history Train & Luas
- National Maritime Museum - various events - open daily

This concluded the business of the Meeting

