

Longford RTA Meeting - March 29th, 2017

A meeting of Longford RTA took place in Richmond Inn, Clondra on Wednesday, March 29th at 12 noon. There were 22 members in attendance. Apologies were received from 14 members. Chairperson, Leo, welcomed all to the meeting.

Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of June 23rd, 2016 were read to the meeting - there were no matters arising

Annual Convention RTA, Ireland, March 7th, 2017

Chairperson, Leo and Secretary, Noleen, attended the Annual Convention of RTA, Ireland which was held on March 7th, 2017 in the Gresham Hotel, O'Connell Street, Dublin and each gave comprehensive reports on the Convention. Both agreed that the 'Get Together' in The Teachers' Club on the night prior to the Convention was a great success and an opportunity to meet up with old friends. Noleen and Leo were also very impressed with the presentation by Mark Morgan.

Regarding Billy's report Noleen gave details under the following headings:

- Review of Comhnasc and Website
- Branch Secretary Conference on September
- Alliance of Retired Public Servants
- Company Limited by Guarantee

Luke McGinley was elected President and Mary McCarthy was elected rep on NEC for District VI

The following Motions were noted:

- There will be an IT Grant of €2500 at 4 yearly intervals for each Branch
- Company Limited by Guarantee to be put to 2018 Convention
- Change in Terms of Office of NEC members
- Regional Information Seminars to be instituted

Address by Mary McCarthy:

Mary McCarthy, newly elected District VI Rep on National Executive Committee, was warmly welcomed by Leo. Mary addressed the meeting, expressed her delight in having been invited to attend and went on to share some experiences and suggestions for RTA activities. - including Yoga, Mindfulness and trips both at home and abroad.

Social Activities:

A list of names was confirmed for the upcoming trip to Seamus Heaney Centre in Bellaghy, Co. Derry, Cost per person was set at €30, to include Bus and guided tour. The cost is being subsidised by Longford RTA.

Síúiligi Monthly Walk will take place on 3rd Wednesday of each month. Meet in Mall at 10.45 for Car pool.

The following venues were agreed:

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| April 19th - Canal in Kenagh | May 17th - Lough Rynn | June 21st - Glen Lake |
| July 19th - Edenmore Bog Walk | August 16th - Royal Canal, Slashers | Sept. 20th - Derrycassin Woods |
| October 18th - Newcastle Woods | November 15th - Mall, Longford | |

Doreen McHugh gave us information regarding A Memorial Service and Graveyard Launch for St. Paul's Historic Graveyard. The event will take place on Saturday, June 17th at 3pm.

The following activities were suggested for Spring/Summer Season:

- Line dancing
- Writers' groups

Kitty distributed Fridge Stickers with details of emergency numbers.

This concluded the business of the meeting

Leo Donlon (Chairperson)

Date

