

Dunlavin & District Forum
Minutes
Meeting 2nd November, 2009

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Proposed by Una Deering, Seconded by Geraldine Cole

Correspondence:

- Jim received a notice to say that the investigative work for the new sewerage is complete and draft contracts are being prepared.
- Michelle delivered a letter from the parish council to be signed regarding the use of the premises for the meetings. There will be a nominal fee to cover heating costs.
- Insurance letter, plus the insurance is due for renewal.

Wurzburg Visit

Roughly 100 people are expected. Jim and Geraldine attended a reception in Druids Glen last night and there is a lot of interest in the visit to Dunlavin. Some have looked at the DDF web site. The mayor, George Rosenthal is attending.

- The reception will start in the Market House at 4:30 with a welcome and an Irish coffee (Patricia & Peter).
- The Milltown singers will perform 3 songs, (2 Irish and 1 German)
- Talk on the History of the building (Jimmy)
- Presentation of Dunlavin 400 pins (Mark)
- Music for the Orangery (Ger & Jimmy)
- Exhibition of local artists in the Orangery (Mark)
- Dinner in Rathsallagh- cost will be €30 per person (Bernie to collect)
- Flowers for the tables (Kitty)
- Markers will be placed on the tables where Germans to be seated. Forum members are to integrate.

X-Mas Lights Committee –

- A detailed financial report is to be produced for the next meeting on the break down of the race night.
- Lights will be turned on 5th December.
- Kay will speak to Bridget about the trees.
- Lights committee must meet immediately to sort out what's needed where.
- Geraldine will sort out the light for the crib.

X-Mas Fair –

The fair will take place again in the Imaal Hall on 6th Dec. The cost per stall will be €25 and 5 have been sold so far. Contact Bernie if you can help with the following:

- Tables will need to be gathered Saturday night and stored because of bingo.
- Tree and decorations can be done on Saturday.
- Grotto needs to be built.
- Add for paper is needed. Jimmy to send mock up.
- Will start to put up posters.

X- mas Cards –

- A card will be sent to each County Councillor on the Wicklow Council.
- The price of the cards to produce was €5 per pack of 10/€2.50 per pack of 5.
- We will sell these at €6 per pack of 10/€3.50 per pack of 5.
- We have produced 50 packs of 10 and turn around is 5 day for printing.

Residents Group

- Bottle banks have now been removed and are now in the Council Yard. A lot of annoyance about this has been raised. Residence Group will contact the Council to sort this out. It was agreed that the Forum should send a letter to Andrew Lawless thanking him for dealing with the Health and Safety issue and offer their support.
- Halloween Party was a huge success. It was enjoyed by the whole village and there was a huge turn out.

Tidy towns -

Michelle is now the new PRO of the committee.

Phoenix Project

Mark and Ashley will meet the students on 3rd November. They will work on what the project entails from students point of view and break them into groups. They will need a total listing of businesses in the town. The Core site needs to be ready 27th Nov to demonstrate to the Wicklow Partnership.

Focus Point 2009

- Senior Surfers: Now 10 ladies and 1 gent enrolled. It will take place every Thursday 7:30 – 9pm in Parish Centre and Mark will teach them.
- The first Film Club was a good success with 37 people attending - maybe the senior citizens could be bussed up a couple of times a year.

Business Awareness

Phase 1 was well received by the town. They were impressed that the Forum had come up with the idea. It gave them a boost to think of new ideas themselves.

- A kick off is still being planned (Jimmy)
- Compile a short list of problems experienced by local business owners (John)
- Invite John Nolan of Bray Chamber of Commerce to be guest speaker (Ger)

A.O.B

- A night needs to be picked for a social evening of the Forum members.
- GAA are running a dog night on Sat 7th November. The Forum have decided to pay €180 for an advertising board to be used at the races. Afterwards it will be placed at the GAA pitch here in the town.
- Market House clock has been restored at a cost of €50,000 (Wicklow C.C. and Dept. of the Environment)

Votes of sympathy:

Jimmy thanked everyone for their support after his mother's death.
The Forum offers their sympathy to the family of John Flood.

Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 30th November 2009

Signed:

Kay Hogan/Bernie Byrne
Secretary

Jim O'Neill
Chairman

Date:

2nd November 2009.