



Executive Committee

The fourteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trinity Retirement Association was held on 17th June 2015 in Room 4017, Arts Building, College.

Present: Mike Jones (chair), Gay Duffy (Treasurer), Susan Parkes, Vivien Jenkins (Secretary),
Norah Kelso, Kay O'Neill, Joe Carroll

Apologies: Tommy Murtagh, Ruth Potterton

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 26th May 2015 were agreed.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes

Car Parking: The Secretary reported that she had emailed the College authorities regarding the possibility of car parking in the evening.

Library Privileges: This matter had also been raised at the AGM and RP had agreed to draft an email for circulation to the membership.

3. Correspondence

(a) *Creative Writing:* It was agreed that depending on the extent of interest indicated by the membership in creative writing, the Committee may approach those involved in the MPhil in Creative Writing in College to see if it would be possible to arrange a workshop in September for interested members.

(b) *Bookclub:* The Committee agreed that this would be a desirable development but difficulties in obtaining the books and the lack of premises meant that it could not be proceeded with at this time.

4. Association Activities

(a) Plans for September to December 2015

- *Travel Abroad* – The Secretary had consulted with a member of the retirement association for Failte Ireland and had obtained advice about how to proceed with a possible trip abroad. This information had been circulated to the committee by email. The Travel Department had been recommended and the Secretary had been advised that to eliminate risk for the Association, it was better to select from existing offerings by the TD rather than go for a bespoke tour. In such circumstances, any seats reserved by the Association and not taken up could be released back to the general pool for sale to the public. Given the necessary lead time required (4-5 months), a Christmas Market trip would be possible. VJ tabled a copy of existing Christmas Market trips available from the Travel Department for consideration. It was agreed that further enquiries should be made regarding the Budapest trip at the end of November. MJ and NK stated that they would be willing to go on the trip if the dates were suitable. NK agreed to contact The Travel Department with a view to reserving 30 seats for the Association.

- Newgrange- 1st September 2015: KON had booked a coach from Morton's (53 seater costs €475). It was agreed that we should offer the Newgrange tour (12-1pm) but not the Knowth tour as well, as this would delay lunch until about 3.30pm. VJ had visited Trim Castle and reported that it was not very suitable for the group. Other alternatives suggested for the afternoon included Monasterboice, Loughcrew Gardens, and Ardgillan Castle. It was agreed that the Secretary should follow up on Ardgillan Castle for the afternoon's activities. A venue for lunch had yet to be identified.
- Theatre – RP had agreed to follow up on this
- Lecture on IT Developments – NK had arranged to meet with ZC from the Foundation office who had offered to help with setting this up. The area in which interest had been expressed at the AGM was in relation to those who had used IT skills in the workplace but once they retired, had become out of touch with new developments. It was noted that IS Services had provided a Computer for Beginners course for Association members in December 2014.
- Lectures – The Chair had approached LO'N regarding his availability to give a lecture in September. He had yet to approach JM. It was suggested that if JM were willing to give a lecture to the Association, he might also ask if it would be possible to use the Henry Jones Room or some other suitable venue in the Library.
- Half-day trips in Dublin: Two possibilities were suggested (a) Government Buildings and (b) the Chester Beatty Library. NK agreed to contact IB about possibility of her leading a tour of Government Buildings in October.

An outline schedule of activities for the September-December period was developed, as follows:

September	First half:	Coach Trip on 1 st September
	Second half:	Possible Theatre outing (Theatre Festival 24 Sept- 11 Oct)
October	First half:	Possible tour of Government Buildings
	Second half:	Possible lecture by LO'N
November	First half:	Possible lecture by JM
	Second half:	Budapest Christmas Markets (26-29 th Nov)
December	First half:	Possible Tour of Chester Beatty Library
	Second half	Possible Christmas celebration

(b) Report on activities scheduled and yet to take place

- Golf Match – 18th June Eight people had signed up for this event.

(c) Review of activities that had taken place since last meeting

- Walking Group – Churches of Glendalough – 28th May: About 12 people had been on this walk which had been led by Frank Tracy.
- Croquet in Herbert Park – 4th June: There were fourteen attendees for croquet who enjoyed the day in Herbert Park. The Committee extended its thanks to Robert Barklie for inviting Association members.
- Walking Group - Medieval Dublin – 16th June – About 28 people enjoyed a tour of Medieval Dublin led by Lorcan O'Meara, who received a €50 book token from the Association.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 8th July, 11am

Action List

Travel	NK to contact Travel Department
Activities	Coach trip on 1 st September– VJ+KON
	Theatre/Concerts/Musicals – RP to review and make proposals
	Lectures – MJ +NK to follow up
	Government Buildings tour – NK to contact IB