

# Trinity Retirement Association

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## Executive Committee

The ninth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trinity Retirement Association was held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2015 in Room 4017, Arts Building.

*Present:* Ruth Potterton (chair), Gay Duffy (Treasurer), Mike Jones, Vivien Jenkins (Secretary), Tommy Murtagh, Norah Kelso, Kay O'Neill

*Apologies:* Nap Keeling

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### 1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014 were agreed.

### 2. Matters arising

(a) *Equality Committee – Application for funding:* The Committee had been successful in its application to the Equality Committee in College and had received an award of €500 towards the cost of development of the new website.

(b) *Christmas Commons:* There had been several 'no-shows' on the night because of the Water Charges protest in Dublin. NK had successfully negotiated with Catering a full refund for those who could not attend.

### 3. Association Activities

- *Altamont Garden:* MJ and VJ had arranged a coach trip to Altamont on 11<sup>th</sup> February and eighteen bookings had been received so far.
- *Theatre options:* RP outlined what was available in the Bord Gais theatre, the Gate, and the Gaiety theatres and also the musicals that were scheduled over the next few months. No decision was made on this and it was agreed to return to it at the next meeting.
- *Dublin Castle:* KON and NK proposed a visit to Dublin Castle and the Chapel Royal in the second week of March. This was agreed. KON and NK to finalise arrangements and advertise.
- *Golf:* GD reported that the TCD Golf Society (current staff) had agreed to a match with members of the Trinity Retirement Association. The date had yet to be confirmed but was likely to be mid-April. The committee agreed to contribute €100 to the prize fund.
- *Zoo Visit:* MJ to ask PW if he would give us a guided tour
- *Croquet:* A member of the Association had offered to host a visit to the Herbert Park Croquet Club in the summer months and GD agreed to follow up on this.
- *Gardening Club:* MJ suggested that the Association might consider setting up a gardening club. It may be possible to meet at the Botanic Gardens in Dartry every so often. MJ to give this further consideration and report back.

- *Walking Group:* The next walk was scheduled for Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February in Skerries, taking in a guided tour of the windmills followed by a walk along the seafront/harbour.

#### **4. Arrangements for Annual General Meeting – 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

It had been agreed (via email) that the AGM would be held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015. The constitution requires that the meeting be held in Hilary Term. The committee discussed the possible format of the meeting and agreed that the meeting should be held in the morning, say 11.30am, followed by a sandwich lunch. Because the meeting had to be held in term time, there may be difficulties in securing a venue. MJ agreed to make some enquiries regarding the venue and also regarding the possibility of a tour of the Zoological Museum prior to the meeting.

Members of the Executive Committee were asked to consider whether they would be willing to continue on the Committee for another year. It was noted that the three officer positions had to be filled from the current Executive Committee.

The committee would also have to consider whether it wished to propose any changes in the constitution to the AGM. If so, these changes would have to be circulated at least 14 days in advance of the AGM (with notice of the meeting). Ordinary members could also propose changes and these had to be communicated in writing to the Secretary at least 7 days prior to the meeting.

It was agreed that committee members should review the constitution in advance of a more detailed discussion at the next meeting.

#### **5. Website**

- *Training:* Three members of the committee had attended a training session on 19<sup>th</sup> January KON, NK and VJ. A detailed instruction manual had also been provided.
- *Go Live Date:* The new website would be made live on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2015.
- *Costs:* The once-off cost for the development of the website was €500 (net of contribution from Equality Committee). The annual recurrent costs amounted to €115 per annum and the recurrent costs for a three year period from January 2015 had already been paid.
- *Crest:* Members of the Committee were currently in discussion with the College authorities about the provision of an electronic version of the new Crest for inclusion on the website.

#### **6. Renewal of Membership for 2015**

The Secretary advised the Committee that membership renewal was due on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 but that the invitation to renew had been delayed as an on-line facility was available on the new website. The membership fee for 2015 would remain at €15. In accordance with the Constitution, the subscription must be paid no later than 1<sup>st</sup> March.

## Action List

Plans for Spring 2015:

- Theatre – RP
- Dublin Castle/ Chapel Royal - NK and KON
- Zoo Visit – MJ to make enquiries
- Gardening Club – MJ to consider further
- Croquet – GD to make enquiries

Website: VJ to follow up with Pensions Office once new site operational