



Executive Committee

The thirteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trinity Retirement Association was held on 26th May 2015 in Room 4017, Arts Building, College.

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

Apologies: Tommy Murtagh, Susan Parkes

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 13th April 2015 were agreed. The Chairperson thanked GD for taking the minutes in the absence of the Secretary.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes

Website: It was agreed that the developer should be given a small token of appreciation from the Association because of the four month delay by the College in processing his payment from the Equality Committee's award.

Car Parking: The issue of evening car parking had been raised at the AGM and the Secretary undertook to write to the relevant College authorities.

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

3. Correspondence

(a) *Creative Writing:* An email had been circulated from a member who was interested in Creative Writing. It was agreed that the Secretary should write to the membership to determine general interest in the area.

(b) *Skydive for Charity:* The Committee declined to support a request from a member to circulate the membership with an invitation to sponsor a skydive for charity. The Committee was of the view that in doing so, it would be obliged to support all such requests.

4. Association Activities

(a) Plans for September to December 2015

- Lectures: The Chair agreed to approach LO'N and JM.
- Lecture on IT Developments – This had been raised at the AGM and NK agreed to take up an offer from ZC in the Foundation Office on setting this up.
- Theatre – RP agreed to review upcoming performances in the NCH and Bord Gais theatre with a view to identifying two shows/concerts – perhaps one musical and one performance
- Smock Alley Theatre – it was agreed that this should be added to our list of possible events/trips

- Travel Abroad – It was agreed that VJ should follow up on initial enquiries regarding a three night visit to Berlin in September or October. It was envisaged that if this were to proceed, the committee member(s) attending should organise dinner on the first evening and also a guided tour of the city. People could attend these if they wished and the rest of the time was their own. No further information was available on the proposed trip to Paris. KON suggested that Map Travel should be investigated further.
- Newgrange – The Secretary had followed up on a proposal made at the previous meeting regarding a trip to Newgrange. Only two dates had been available in September and she had provisionally booked Tuesday 1st September. It was suggested that this could be combined with a tour of Trim Castle. The Trim Castle Hotel was recommended for lunch. The Secretary agreed to make further enquiries and report back.

(b) Report on activities already scheduled

- Walking Group – Churches of Glendalough – 28th May Fourteen members had booked for this tour.
- Croquet – 4th June Twelve had booked for the Croquet and GD said that he knew of several others who had yet to book. The Secretary agreed to send out a reminder and to mention that the event was weather dependent.
- Golf Match – 18th June Only six people had signed up for this event so far.

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

- Dublin Castle – 15th April – this had been very successful with 42 members and some guests attending. All agreed that the guide had been excellent.
- Abbey Theatre – 29th April – Twelve members attended Hedda Gabler for a matinee performance. Several of those attending said they enjoyed being able to go to the theatre in the afternoon.
- Walking Group – 6th May – Claire Chambers had led a walk around Vartry Reservoir and this had been attended by seventeen members.
- National Gallery of Ireland – 12th May – This group size was limited to 25 and had been fully booked.
- Dublin Zoo – 25th May – This group size was limited to 15 and had also been fully booked. It was agreed that when writing a thank-you note to the Director, a donation of €75 to the Zoo should be enclosed.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 17th June 2015, 11am

Action List

Travel	TM and VJ to investigate further
Car Parking	Secretary to write to College authorities
Activities	Lectures – MJ to approach individuals concerned
	Lecture on IT Developments – NK to make enquiries
	Theatre/Concerts/Musicals – RP to review and make proposals
	Golf Match – 18 th June - GD
	Croquet – GD
	Coach trip to Newgrange – VJ+KON
Correspondence	Secretary to respond to correspondence from members