

Executive Committee.

The Thirtieth meeting of the Executive committee of the Trinity Retirement Association was held on 17th January 2017 at 2.30 in the Geography Seminar Room, Museum Building, College.

Present: Mike Jones (Chair) Ruth Potterton (Secretary) Gay Duffy (Treasurer) Susan Parkes, Doreen MacRaois, Norah Kelso, Kay O'Neill and Tom Turpin.

1. Minutes.

The Minutes of the meeting of 19th November 2016 were agreed.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes.

a/ I.T. Agreed leave this for the moment.

b/ Committee Members: Tom McCabe has agreed to join the Committee. MJ to contact Denise Leahy to see if she would be interested in joining the committee

c/ NUIG MJ to contact to say that we would not be carrying out a visit at the moment

3. Review of Activities.

a/ Bird watching event went well, Aidan Kelly was the guide for this event he proved an excellent guide and is happy to conduct another event if required. Agreed ask him for suggestions for venue for a similar event DMR agreed to contact him re this matter.

b/ GPO 1916 exhibition 35 had booked and 34 attended. As there was a discount on price refunds will be arranged. About 8 paid by cheque. Give the 3 people who didn't arrive their money back. The tour was Ok you could stay on after it and look around yourself, maybe it might have been better doing it on our own without a guide.

c/ Christmas Commons very successful, 22 attended. It was the Charity evening in the Common Room and a group were singing which was excellent. This should be an Annual event. NK agreed to prepare notes on who to contact for arranging it next year.

d/Walks: Firhouse Weir was excellent. Hidden Dublin walk booked out. VJ still looking after the organisation of the walks.

4. Future Events.

a/ Casino Marino is closed until 16th March so keep this in mind for a future event. KON will provide more details at a later date.

d/ Berlin. 14 Booked so far another reminder will be sent to members.

e/Botanic Gardens (MJ) The Director had suggested maybe have a tour of the Greenhouses. Agreed an 11am start MJ to see if it might be possible on either the 3rd or 4th of March.

e/Lecture (SMP) Roger Stalley giving his talk on 28th February, title, Book of Kells-unfinished business. It will be in the Swift Theatre at 3pm. Agreed give him a Book Token for €50.

f/AGM in April agreed date of 21st. There is a new area in the Hamilton Building which MJ felt would be suitable for this event. It was originally a Bank area and can be reserved for meetings. MJ agreed to contact reservation person re booking the area. AGM material needs to go out 21 days in advance of meeting. Suggested speaker for AGM Ian Sansom, Director of Oscar Wilde Centre NK agreed to see if he would be available.

g/ Perhaps a visit to Castletown House and another House in May.

h/Possibly a visit to the National Gallery when the refurbished part is open, maybe June.

Any other Business.

1. Membership renewals will go out on 1st February.

2. History of Garden Design talks by Hazel Proctor forward to membership.

7. Next Meeting.

Tuesday 14th February at 2.30 possibly in new area in Hamilton Building.