



## Executive Committee

The sixteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trinity Retirement Association was held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2015 in Room 4017, Arts Building, College.

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

*Apologies:* Tommy Murtagh

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### 1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015 were agreed.

### 2. Matters arising from the Minutes

- (a) *Library Privileges:* This matter had been raised at the AGM and RP agreed to draft an email for circulation to the membership.
- (b) *Creative Writing:* The Secretary confirmed that she had sent an email to the creative writing group suggesting that the members consider what the nature of the workshop might be and what aspects of creative writing it might cover. She also advised that Richard Cox had agreed to co-ordinate responses. It was noted that it was not yet certain that the services of someone associated with the MPhil programme could be obtained.
- (c) *Lecture on IT Developments:* This matter had also been raised at the AGM. It was considered that those who had recently retired were no longer in a position to keep up to date with new developments as they lacked the supports of the workplace such as in IS Service. A lecture on new development would be of benefit to this group. MJ/VJ agreed to contact JM on the matter.
- (d) *Flyer to new retirees:* VJ had circulated a draft of the flyer to the committee in July and it had subsequently been forwarded to the Pensions Office for circulation to new retirees.
- (e) *Membership Numbers:* The Secretary reported that currently there were 199 members of the Association.

### 3. Correspondence

*Offer from the National Concert Hall:* An email had been received from the NCH offering a reduced 'Friends' annual membership (reduced from €125 to €100). It was agreed to circulate this offer to the membership.

### 4. Association Activities

- (a) *Newgrange and Ardgillan Castle:* Thirty-three members and their guests travelled to Newgrange and Ardgillan on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015. The day had gone well with no particular problems. Numbers were slightly down on previous coach trips and it was suggested that the second half of September might be better as people were still away. It was noted that the subsidy required from Association funds for the trip was less than €100.

There had been a cancellation the day before the trip and the Secretary sought the advice of the committee regarding a possible refund, full or partial. It was agreed that as there had been no payments associated with the cancellation, a full refund could be made.

Arising from this discussion, the Treasurer agreed to draft a general policy on refunds for consideration by the committee.

- (b) *Jane Maxwell's lecture – 17<sup>th</sup> September:* Over 30 bookings had been made for this lecture which would be held in the Henry Jones Room in the Old Library. Those attending had been asked to meet outside the Library Shop from 2.15pm. GD and KON agreed to help bring people in small groups up to the Henry Jones Room through the Library Shop and the Long Room.
- (c) *Theatre – 8<sup>th</sup> October:* RP advised that 13 bookings had been made for *The Curious Incident* in the Bord Gais Theatre. RP had paid for the tickets and VJ agreed to forward a cheque as reimbursement.
- (d) *Tour of Government Buildings – 13<sup>th</sup> October:* VJ reported that some bookings had already been made by those members who received information through the post. NK agreed to check dates and liaise with VJ regarding an email circulation advertising the tour. If there was sufficient demand, consideration might be given to offering a similar tour after Christmas.
- (e) *Luke O'Neill lecture – 28<sup>th</sup> October:* This lecture will take place in the evening in the Botany Lecture theatre with a reception afterwards. It will be advertised about 2/3 weeks beforehand.
- (f) *Chester Beatty Library – 11<sup>th</sup> November:* A tour of the Chester Beatty Library had been booked for Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November. KON agreed to clarify what the tour would cover – permanent collection and/or current exhibition.
- (g) *Budapest - 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> November:* NK reported that she was currently trying to identify good restaurants near the hotel for a group dinner. KON advised that some members of a Friends of the Library group who had been abroad with The Travel Department had been unable to board their flight because of overbooking by the airline. NK agreed to write to The Travel Department on the matter.

It was also noted that for those who had paid a deposit to the TD, the balance was due in the next couple of days. It was agreed that the Association should not become involved in sending reminders to those travelling, as this was an arrangement between individuals and the TD.

It was agreed that a subsidy of up to €250 could be offered towards the trip, perhaps to pay for, or contribute towards, the cost of a sightseeing tour for the group.

**NEXT MEETING: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2015, 2.30pm**

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## Action List

Travel	TM to circulate proposals on possible Paris Trip
Library Privileges	RP to draft email for circulation to membership
Creative Writing	VJ to email group
Lecture on IT Developments	MJ to contact IS Services
Refund Policy	Treasurer to draft refund policy
Activities	Budapest: NK to write to Travel Dept re overbooking