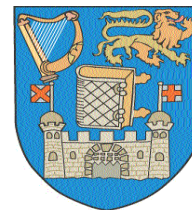


# Trinity Retirement Association

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## Executive Committee

The fifth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trinity Retirement Association was held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 in Room 4017, Arts Building.

*Present:* Ruth Potterton (Chair), Vivien Jenkins (Secretary), Mike Jones, Kay O'Neill, Tommy Murtagh

*Apologies:* Gay Duffy (Treasurer), Norah Kelso, Nap Keeling

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### 1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> June 2014 were agreed.

### 2. Matters arising

(a) *Tour of TCD Buildings:* The Secretary reported that she had sent a booktoken to Eddie McParland as a thank-you for conducting the tour.

(b) *Provost update:* It was noted that at the previous meeting, it had been agreed that the Chairperson should write to the Provost updating him on the Association's activities.

### 3. Association Activities

(a) *Kilkenny trip – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2014:* Summary spreadsheets had been circulated for information. There were 45 bookings for the trip, including several guests. The Secretary raised an issue relating to insurance but it was agreed that this was not a matter of concern as the Association had been clear in stating that it did not hold insurance.

(b) *Theatre:* As it was now three months since the membership had been canvassed regarding their interest in theatre outings, it was agreed that this should be proceeded with without delay. It was noted that of the original three-member sub-group, it appeared that only one remained. The Chairperson agreed to work on this with the Treasurer with a view to circulating information to the membership as soon as possible on various theatre options. It was also noted that the Dublin Theatre Festival would commence shortly.

(c) *Cycling:* Two cycling outings had taken place so far and appeared to be very successful. This activity was co-ordinated by John Miller.

(d) *Walking:* VJ reported that the first walk to be organised by the TRA would be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2014 in St Anne's Park, Clontarf. Jim Malone (formerly Health Sciences) had agreed to lead the walk as he was very familiar with St Anne's. Fifteen people had indicated that they would attend. VJ informed the committee that Jim Malone had introduced her to a Mr Frank Tracy, who was an experienced walk leader and the author of at least one book on walks in Dublin. Mr Tracy had agreed to lead two further walks for the TRA, one on 19<sup>th</sup> September and another on 14<sup>th</sup> October.

(e) *New Activities*

- Music - St Ann's Church, Dawson Street: TM agreed to see if there were any forthcoming concerts that might interest the TRA.
- Lecture series – It was agreed that the Committee should try to organise a series of lectures that would take place in late October and November. MJ said he would see if the Botany Lecture Theatre might be made available to the TRA for the lectures.
  - TM agreed to make contact with former Provost Tom Mitchell

- TM agreed to contact members of the History Department to ask if they would be willing to give a lecture on the Great War
- MJ agreed to contact Luke O'Neill
- Travel – Christmas Markets: VJ agreed to request quotations for travel to Christmas markets such as Vienna. It was envisaged that the trip would be for three or four nights in late November/early December.
- Gardening course: MJ circulated a poster advertising a gardening course for beginners commencing October 2014 which would be held in the TCD Botanic Garden in Dartry. It was agreed that this should be circulated to the membership.

#### **4. Organisational Issues**

(a) *Use of College Crest:* The Executive welcomed the letter from the College Secretary dated 11<sup>th</sup> August 2014 which approved the use of the College crest by the TRA for a three year period ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017. It was noted that use of the crest was for identification rather than representational purposes.

(b) *Accommodation:* It was agreed that the Secretary should send a reminder to the Bursar and the Director of Buildings.

(c) *Website:* At the previous meeting it had been suggested that efforts be made to identify a student who could develop the TRA website. One of the Association's members had put Committee members in contact with a final year student in Trinity who was interested in this project and was quoting €1000 for its development. MJ and VJ had met with him over the summer months and sent a written report to the Executive Committee. An outline specification had then been sent to three Dublin-based website development companies requesting 'ballpark' quotations. The outline specification and the replies from the three companies had been circulated.

The Executive responded very positively to the proposal from the individual in Trinity. It was agreed that the Chair should consult with a TCD staff member to ask if he would be willing to contribute to this project. The contribution would involve attendance at some meetings with other members of the Executive and with the developer.

This item would be returned to at the next meeting with a view to making a final decision. It was agreed that the Secretary should write to the Trinity student indicating that his proposal had been positively received and that a decision would be made in the next few weeks.

#### **5. Executive Committee Membership**

The Committee noted with regret the resignation of Mary Coffey from the Committee. Following discussion, it was agreed that TM should make contact with a possible candidate for co-option to the Executive Committee.

#### **6. Evening and Short Courses in Trinity**

There was little support for approaching the various College authorities to request a concession for TRA members on the various extramural courses that were available. It was decided not to proceed with this at this time.

#### **7. Any Other Business**

(a) *Boat Trip – Howth to Dun Laoghaire:* This was suggested as something that might be followed up next year.

(b) *Membership queries:* An issue had been raised with KON concerning membership of the Association. Several spouses of former TCD staff wished to join the Association but their spouses did not. The Executive confirmed that the individuals concerned were not entitled to join the Association unless their spouses (former staff) were members.

## Action List

- Theatre: RP to work with GD on theatre offerings and bring proposals to the next meeting
- Music: St Ann's, Dawson Street - TM to see if there are any upcoming concerts of interest
- Lectures: a. TM to approach Tom Mitchell  
b. MJ to approach Luke O'Neill
- Travel: VJ to contact The Travel Department for information on Christmas Markets
- Accommodation: VJ to send reminder to Bursar/ Director of Buildings
- Website: a. VJ to contact Trinity student and say his proposal had been very positively received and that a final decision would be made in the next two weeks  
b. RP to speak to colleague about providing support in initial stages
- Co-option to Executive Committee TM to speak to a TRA member to see if she would be willing to be a member of the Executive Committee until March 2015