

Maynooth Community Council Notes - February Meeting

by Una Phillips PRO

The February meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place on February 12th, 2018.

CO-OPTION

The following new members were co-opted:

Frances Bradley representing The Maynooth 10k + 5k Committee was proposed by Teresa Murray and seconded by Sean Tracey.

Mary Molloy representing Kingsbry Residents' Association was proposed by John Kavanagh and seconded by Anne Birchall

CONSTITUTION AND NEW POLICIES

Mary Sheehan presented a draft copy of the code of conduct and explained that when complete the draft would be circulated to all members for comment.

A subcommittee was elected to draft a new constitution consisting of: Paddy Holmes, Conor Dempsey, Michael Ahern, Angie Tracey and Mary Sheehan. The new constitution aims to be fit for purpose, to cover all relevant elements surrounding the running and organization of the Council, and will be presented to members for discussion and ratification at a meeting specially convened for that purpose.

ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

The executive confirmed that MCC are not involved in the Parade this year despite having organized it since 1985. Mr. O'Cearuil was elected to run the parade at the September 2014 MCC meeting but this year did not consult with the executive. The executive will apply to KCC for the grant and would be happy to work with Mr. O'Cearuil and his committee for the benefit of the whole community.

Queries were raised from the floor as to who was on the organizing committee and how much community involvement there had been in the decision-making processes around the parade. Mr. O'Cearuil is the only known parade committee member and he is no longer a member of MCC but is a member of MCC Clg. Community groups also queried why their payments for the parade were going to a limited company

COMMUNITY SPACE

The executive has engaged with KCC to resolve issues with access to the community space. After some discussion of the issues the meeting decided that the executive write to KCC requesting that the Space be returned to the rightful guardians for the benefit of the whole community.

ACCOUNTS AND ASSETS

MCC does not have access to our bank accounts and community assets and MCC Clg has not yet engaged with the executive or our legal team regarding returning the loan. It was agreed that the executive should engage with state agencies such as the Revenue, the Office of Corporate Enforcement, the Department of Social Protection and the Charities Regulator to progress these matters further.

MAYNOOTH 10K + 5K COMMITTEE

The Maynooth 10k and 5k run/walk will take place on Sunday 20th May. The 10k Times is beginning production and there will be a press release surrounding the event. Miriam suggested that MCC would help to promote the 10k on our Facebook page and Frances thanked MCC for their support.

TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE

Tidy towns will make a full report at next meeting. Cyril acknowledged the great contribution of this group of volunteers to the well-being and spirit of the community.

MAYNOOTH SAFETY GROUP

Teresa Murray stated that she had received mixed reports on the Small Area Policing Initiative. She hoped to arrange a review with Sgt Paul Kealy and Sgt Wall to gauge feedback on how the initiative was progressing. Teresa was asked if she had any knowledge regarding the redevelopment of the Garda Station and whether it would lead to a 24-hour service. She said he had no definitive answer to the question.

HARBOUR FIELD DEVELOPMENT

There was a short discussion concerning recent reports on KCC plans to develop Harbour Field. It was agreed to put the matter on the agenda for next month's meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Monday March 12th at 8:00 pm

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New members are always welcome and we would like to encourage all the residents' associations and community groups to appoint representatives.