

WICKLOW ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
4TH OCTOBER 1988

Meeting opened at 9 p.m.

Last months minutes read agreed and signed.

1. Correspondence read. Decision on sending donation to hospital could not be made as Secretary forgot to bring in letter they sent us.

2. Benefit Dance

Secretary paid in £30 for benefit dance tickets and Pat Shay paid in £70. Tom Mc Asey had £265 with him for tickets.

The raffle made £329.96.

Total amount to date is £961.00. Tom Mc Asey has yet to collect some money for tickets. Nicholas suggested giving a cheque for £1,000 to Mrs Hanley but Tom said to wait in case the end result is over the £1,000 pounds.

The Triple Eireann Band cost £120 for the night.

John had a telephone call from another Mrs Hanley who's husband also died and she had calls from people thinking the benefit dance was for her, she was wondering if we could clear it up. Liz pointed out that it was stated very clearly on the papers who it was for and Committee agreed there is nothing we can do.

3. Dinner Dance Friday 9th December.

After much discussion on bands, John to confirm if Sean Mc Loan & Westsiders band will play on the night. They cost £250. Nicholas feels the band should play when the toast of Ireland is being proposed.

Menu to be :-

	£
Soup	1.10
Turkey and Ham	6.35
Trifle	1.40
Tea or Coffee	65
 Totaling	 9.50

Maybe after dinner mints at 45p per person to be added on.

Tom proposed £11 each ticket and Pat Shay seconded that.

Liz will get 250 tickets printed for us.

Secretary to write to Kathleen Kinsella and inform her of the date.

After much debate over guests it was decided to ask Blaze Tracy County Manager for Wicklow. Nicholas to write and invite him and Tom will invite Mr O' Riely from London Irish Embassy. On speeches it was agreed to give each five minutes. Also to ask Fr. Hugh Kavanagh who is from Wicklow and is in place of Fr. Belton and Fr. Foley.

4. A St. Patrick's night dance to be held in the Mc Namara Hall on Saturday 18th March 1989.
5. Nicholas's correspondence

Nicholas was told to contact the guests who were over for the Irish Festival, that he did, and he was given a guided tour of Wicklow as representative of the London Wicklow Association. He was shown the old Jailhouse and the Heritage Centre which are under development at present, employing 25 young people. The records in the Heritage Centre date back to 16th Century, as our Prodesent predecessors in 16th century kept records intact. This centre will be in full operation from March next year. Of course funds are still needed for the project, and we are asked for our help. The London Wicklow Association was also comended for its efforts in bringing about the end of the Veta strike.

The Jailhouse has some interesting true stories. Many of the convicts in the 18th Century were tried for spitting when members of the Crown were passing and punishment could be a trip to Vandemandsland. A drama group will re-captivate the sceens. This building needs a new roof.

Nicholas also asked for permission to write to Board Failte enquiring as to where the 4m the Irish Government gave them went and 2m which they received from another body for their tourism initiatives. He pointed this out to Mr. Wilson the Minister for Tourism. Nicholas had asked early this year for a small proportion for us to promote Wicklow but got nothing. Chairman gave him permission to enquire.

He also contacted the producer of Names and Places asking if, the Wicklow Association could purchase a video on Wicklow that they produced. He was told they can and it will cost £50. Nicholas said it was an excellent programme and the tape ran for 50 minutes. It was decided to purchase it and maybe show it a concert in the future.

He also wrote to the Gay Byrne show but they can't do anything for us as if they did all other counties would expect the same.

Meeting closed at 11.15 p.m.

*J. Fitzpatrick* Chair  
*C. Mc Eoy* Secretary