

LONDON IRISH CENTRE

MINUTES OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

12th March, 1991

Present: T. Dunne, J. Myers, Fr. D. Cormican, E. Mc Cormack, C. O'Connell,
M. Kenny, M. Mc Cormack, P. Finnucane, M. Allen

In attendance: Fr. P. Carolan, J. Reynolds,

The Chairman welcomed Fr. Patsy and Jim Reynolds to the meeting.

1. Neighbourhood Association Representative at this meeting.
2. Apologies received on behalf of T. Mangan and M. Fitzsimons.
3. Minutes of February meeting adopted on the proposal of J. Myers and seconded by M. Kenny.
4. Matters Arising - None.
5. Welfare Report - Paul Murphy in Ireland at Emmigrant Congress, representing the Irish Centre. Fr. Cormican reported a slight increase in the number of clients during February. Staff under considerable pressure.

6. Hostels Report - Fr. P. Carolan stated that Conway House is undergoing a period of major change in policy. He is endeavouring to move away the accent on high care and thinking in terms of single units. At present most of the young men are not working. More selective in who is now admitted, trying not to have large groups from any one area in Ireland. No financial problems, no bad debts. Fr. Pat is however aware of a very serious drink problem among the young Irish. Sub-committee has been formed to look at next phase i.e. move to single units. Property being looked at, application to Housing Corporation for £920,000 under Spicer Initiative.

Girls Hostel has few vacancies. Fr. Pat extended an invitation to visit the Hostels. He is aware of the attachment of the Hostels to the Irish Centre and wishes to continue to work closely with the Centre.

The Chairman thanked Fr. Pat for his most comprehensive and informative report.

7. Director's Report - Fr. Cormican stated that the Annual Report is now in draft form. Dinner/Dances are going well, a high level of efficiency is being maintained. He is however concerned with regard to the payment of invoices discrepancy occurring in regard to actual numbers being paid for. Loss occurring on side of Irish Centre. Letter to be sent to all County Associations and other organisations. A tightening up in administration recommended. Disabled lift being installed to serve Mc Namara Hall and Community Services Department. This is being funded by Camden.

Fr. Cormican continued his report stating that he was disappointed that to date no news of the release of the Birmingham Six had been announced. He was grateful that the Irish Centre had, down through the years provided facilities for the Campaign Group to hold their meetings.

Fr. Paul Byrne had approached Lord Forte with a view to Trust Houses Forte seconding a person to the Irish Centre for six months to a year. A meeting has been set up with Mr. Chiandetti to discuss possibilities in relation to our catering business.

8. Appointment of four Directors to London Irish Centre Ltd. - T. Dunne, J. Myers, Fr. D. Cormican, J. Coote. Proposed by E. Mc Cormack, seconded by M. Mc Cormack.

9. Social Club Report - P. Finnucane stated that an improvement in attendance had been observed. The A.G.M. of the club will take place in May. Date to be arranged.
10. A.O.B. - Fr. Cormican welcomed T. Dunne back to the Chair and thanked J. Myers for standing in during his absence. T. Dunne added his thanks to Jim for his total commitment to the Centre. Tommy also asked Fr. Dennis to convey our thanks to his Superior during his visit to the Centre, we owe a great deal to the Oblate Order.
- There being no other business to discuss the Chair closed the meeting.
11. Date of next meeting was set for 9th April, 1991.

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