

MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER 1992.

Present: Mrs Mary Allen (Chairperson), Fr. Cormican, Mon. Stack, Fr. Fintan Phelan, E. McCormack, D. Egan, M. Sills, S. Burke, Tom Mangan, J. Kirby, D. Curley and Una Cooper. *John Mc Assey*.

In attendance: Fr. Carolan and Paul Murphy.

Residents and Tenants association representative attended nothing to report, Fr. Cormican explained about change at Centre and how the incoming people will have to adhere to contract.

Apologies: B. Shaw, T. Dunne, J. Kirby late arrival.

Meeting departed from agenda by taking Welfare Report and Hostel Report in that order. Co-ordinator Paul Murphy announced to the meeting that he had tendered his resignation on 10th September in his typed report which he presented, asked if he could make some comments on same.

Ongoing work at limiting visits by repeat callers has progressed well. Their cases have been discussed at staff meetings over the past few months and a service to them is either limited to them or refused, enabling staff to get on with other work. With the recession department should be able to manage with present staffing level, three social advice workers, co-ordinator and receptionist. September figures are high again although unemployment is high in Ireland, not many coming to look for work. He pointed out that if salary levels are not substantially increased experienced post holders will be picked up by other agencies. He regretted the delay at advertising Co-ordinator's position. He urged that we continue with someone in this role. He also said the department left a lot to be desired with regard to decorations, painting needs to be done and carpets thread bare. He wished every success with the struggle to maintain community services to Irish immigrants and people settled here and hoped the good links with Hammersmith will continue and developed with him taking up the Director's position.

The Chairperson thanked Paul and wished him on behalf of all present success in his new appointment.

Hostel report: Fr. Carolan stated they have very little referrals from the Centre. St. Louise's is full but mostly with non Irish girls at present. Conway House full with a waiting list. Lately it has been found that a lot of disturbed people are now calling.

Finance good, Highgate Road very well advanced looking good for opening on 26th March 1993.

Election of Officers.

The position of Chairman was left in abeyance until Tommy Dunne had been approached as to how he felt about carrying on discussion to be held at a later date. Donie Egan spoke of the dedication with which Tommy has helped the Centre down the years in so many ways. The meeting echoed his words.

D. Egan suggested that there being eleven members of the committee, that each would take the Chair for one month in alphabetical order. This was accepted by the meeting. The voting then took place.

Position of Vice-Chairperson.

Tom Mangan - Proposed by Una Cooper.
Seconded by Declan Curley.

Tom Mangan duly elected.

Position of Secretary:

Una Cooper - Proposed by Tom Mangan.
Seconded by Michael Sills.

Duly elected.

Treasurer:

Jim Reynolds - Proposed by E McCormack.
Seconded by T. Mangan.

Director:

Fr. Cormican - Proposed by Donie Egan.
Seconded by Sean Burke.

Donie Egan recommended that the situation of clerical Director should be fully investigated. *Reviewed within the coming year.*

Director's Report-

Fr. Cormican stated that the loss of a welfare worker was felt by the Community services and also that the officers had had no increase in line with inflation. They were doing an excellent job and had organised a dance in the Galtymore in aid of the Irish Centre Welfare Services. Fr. Cormican was asked if he could become Co-ordinator. He replied he could not answer that at the present moment. Fr. Cormican requested that the meeting go on to other business. E. McCormack asked for the chairman of both administrative and Welfare to meet pronto. *The business of negotiating Panel* The business of Concession. Donie Egan said a meeting with ~~his group~~ and John Connell (Saxon Inns) was held on 7th October. After dealing with queries re Saxon Inns, it has been satisfied and no more questions to be asked on the subject.

Concern for ethos of the Centre for culture etc., draft has been made on this issue. All others ruled out as of now.

D. Egan said work had taken many meetings and the Directors should make their recommendations to the Administrative Committee, *before calling an E.G.M.*

Fr. Cormican on behalf of Director's recommended that we proceed with Saxon Inns. ~~Denie Egan~~ said that we do not have the time to make that recommendation in detail and suggested we hold an extraordinary general meeting as soon as possible.

This was accepted by the Committee ^{*by majority vote.*} and meeting was fixed for Thursday 15th October at 8.00p.m. ¹

As there was no other business the meeting ended at 11.45p.m.

Next Administrative Meeting 10th November 1992.

Mary Allen