

LONDON IRISH CENTRE

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON THE 9TH FEBRUARY 1993.

PRESENT:

Jim Kirby, Acting Chairman, M. Allen, Una Cooper, (Secretary) Bridie Shaw, Fr. Denis Cormican, Tom Mangan, Declan Curley, Sean Burke, Rev. Phelan, Tom McAssey, Michael Sills, E. McCormack, Fergal Collins and Donie Egan.

In Attendance:

Mrs. Hancocks, (Camden Square Neighbourhood Association) John Cowley, (Tenants and Residents Association) Jim Reynolds and Fr. Carolan.

1. Tenants & Residents Association:

Mrs Hancocks - no complaints, June Swan instructed Mrs Hancocks to inquire if the take over would have any effect regarding their association.

John Cowley - no complaints everything okay. Fr. Cormican informed those present of the New Management structure of our Bars & Catering a concession arrangement with Saxon Inns, an appointment of a new General Manager and Catering Manager, take over of our staff and some new staff of their own.

The Chairman formally opened the meeting and remarked on the absurd time of finishing last meeting at 11.30p.m.

2. Apologies for Absence - None

3. Matters Arising.

Minutes were taken as read. Tom Mangan proposed, Una Cooper seconded. E. McCormack - New Director for Irish Centre Ltd to be discussed later in Financial Report.

4. Hostels Report

Nice to keep you informed - everything going well - Mee House no vacancies, St. Louise's one vacancy 70% non Irish 30% Irish, with the recession not so many coming from Ireland but lots of students from abroad which will keep us going financially. The Highgate Road building going well it should be ready by the 22nd March official opening the 2nd June it seems it will be ready for the Easter period. No problem in filling it six girls and one staff member will be moving over for some months (Conway House). Another place 12 Kingsgate Road which is run by nuns there is a possibility of buying it roughly in the region of £40,000, we are negotiating at the moment. A Priest has offered to run it for us. Present all the details at the next meeting.

Future doesn't look good a drop in the allocation of funds from the Government to the Housing Corporation Last year they got 60m to 70m they are expecting 4.5m this year so that means in all likelihood no grant for us. Next year small project going, new member of staff moving to Kentish Town then coming back to us. New Community Care Act coming into being this year - Care homes - Nursing Homes cut-throat business. Housing benefit cut after 13 weeks. Double Room £55.00 from to £45.00 (Brent). Secretary of State revision of Housing Benefits.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Jim Reynolds - admit to error in Catering Sales should read £11,747, Catering Purchases £8,582 net result the same. Accounts for two months to the end of January Trading ceased on the 12th January, in the six week period 17,000 (Sales) in comparison to last year down by £9,300 Similar Purchase £7,000 down on last year. Catering Wages £9,258 very heavy, we had to give holiday pay to staff leaving £1,600 in all, figure of discount received from Courage £3,365 at end of trading time. Profit & Loss. Note 4 £25,000 from Saxon Inns the premium we received from them puts us in a much healthier position than in the past, two months break down of expenses any questions?

Bridie Shaw queried the Advertising, Jim said all Irish Post Advertisements are very expensive especially at Christmas time except for one Camden Journal at 84.00 double advert with Irish Post cost £160.00. Audit Fees £500 Ashley Denman £1,600 in total. Una queried the cost of Electricity and Gas. (Dealt with later) Electricity 80% LICL Charity pays 20% of bill no V.A.T. £25,000 total gas and electricity last year.

Una said regarding Rubbish Removal people are starting to throw their rubbish outside our door.

Ed. McCormack - Irish Centre Charity is owed 9,500 why not pay it off if we have £83,000, Can I have an assurance that it will be paid off by next month's meeting. Jim Reynolds - agreed yes.

Charity: End of January £80,000 in Bank in 1991 £23,000 in Bank. Net outflow for January is £4,050 net inflow for February should be good because we have a £10,000 donation - £80,000 in long term deposit account.

Una said this must be looked into. Current account for 80 and current account for 82, there must be financial and internal control again suggested two more accounts. Financial report to Administrative Committee - Report to Charity - what money goes where.

E. McCormack - I am concerned about Saxon Inns taking over what will happen 1st April 1993. Maintaining two buildings 52 is pretty expensive to run. We have to control costs in this building, it is draining the Charity dry. From the way the bank accounts are being run no way are we getting a true picture of the cost and income of no 50 amalgamation unfair. Welfare people break their backs trying to run it. There should be two accounts one for each company operated independently, one for 50 and one for 52 and an overall deposit account then we would get the true figure of administration costs in no 52. Separate deposit account to put in D.I.O.N. grant feeding only the outgoings of number 50. We have to prove to the Charity Commissioners that the money was spent exclusively on number 50. Fr. Cormican - Camden grant not exclusively for no. 50 J. Reynolds most of Camden grant goes on staff wages. I see we have Gas & Electricity costs which are not borne equally by the two companies Charity are paying 80%. Fr. Cormican no that is not true the Charity is metered. Charity running costs have never been controlled. Fr. Cormican Day care are getting a Service from Saxon Inns (Meals) so Saxon Inns are paying for the electricity in that area (private and confidential information) concerning the Gas we have a very good deal with Saxon paying 80% and Irish Centre 20%. In the winter months we pay a lot but it evens out over the summer if we put on no heating in Luncheon Club or Charity this is very much in favour of Irish Centre, we are carrying some of the cost. When the heating is put on it heats the whole building except the McNamara Hall.

Sean Burke - Why not switch the radiators on and off as required, The Chairman said it would not be feasible to employ someone to do this it wouldn't achieve anything anyway - must accept the situation as it is.

E. McCormack proper Financial report required with the Welfare Advisory Committee bearing the responsibility.

Fr. Cormican agreed with E. McCormack for instance Grant from Camden Council cut this year £42,000 half of that is for Salary of Co-ordinator and the other half is for establishment costs of Irish Centre not only for Welfare Department they (the Council) would look on it as a Community Building serving the Community (likelihood - adjustment of this Grant). D.I.O.N. Grant is specifically for four Social Workers and establishment costs for Welfare department. The Car Raffle was run under Irish Centre Charity but it should in fact have been run under Irish Centre Development Fund but I have not done this in the last couple of years. Not many people realise that part of this building has been vacant since 1974 since the Hostels moved to Quex Road.

E. McCormack in some respects the Welfare Accounts can be sorted out expenditure cross over of establishment charges. The Chairman said this must be looked into. Current account for 50 and current account for 52, there must be financial and internal control again suggested two bank accounts. Financial report to Administrative Committee - Grant to Charity - what money goes where.

Fr. Cormican - we went to a great deal of expense in employing Touche Ross & Co., as Auditors for Charity and Limited Companies (because we thought they were the best - which has proved otherwise in dealing with them) in order to present accounts to grant aided bodies.

Ed suggested Management Committee for 50 and one for 52.

Tom Mangan Limited Company brought into operation by Fr. Denis on whose authority nothing in writing.

Summary by Chairman - we take the point Welfare accounts must be appropriated properly and two accounts opened for each Company no time for further discussion now - two bank accounts one for 50 one for 52 grant to go into current account and a deposit account as well, that means two cheques to pay the same bill E. McCormack - yes. Fergal Collins suggested that the same two people continue to sign the cheques two accounts were now proposed by E. McCormack and seconded by Declan Curley. Both committee's to give accurate accounts proposed and seconded, agreed.

Tom Mangan regarding no 12 one or two of Saxon Inns staff are staying across the road, how much rent are they paying? is it mentioned in agreement? no 12 is part of Irish Centre property. Fr. Cormican bar staff usually stayed there the Chairman interrupted leave this over until later this will be brought up in A.O.B.

Jim Reynolds had two points to make - Company Secretary last year was Tommy Dunne - no direct Chairman for the rest of the Financial year since I was co-opted on to Committee my future here looks very bleak - two months left - have nothing official in writing - Bridie Shaw this will have to be discussed in the next couple of weeks please take note. Fr. Denis like to discuss this at a more appropriate time.

E. McCormack what plans for an Audit - Fr. Denis everything is up to date up to the end of January. Audit will probably be done end of April beginning of May. Ed suggested that Jim should be here when this is being done so that he can hand over paper work regarding accountancy.

Bridie Shaw - Who is policing Saxon Inns - Fr. Cormican John Coote has offered his services - Ed. McCormack do not accept that John Coote is never here. Fergal Collins - Is John an Accountant what qualifications has he got to do the job - Fr. Cormican I have never asked the man his qualifications but I know he has worked in large firms as an accountant.

Sean Burke - Administrative Committee is a joke. - Tom Mangan - as said before in Committee meetings who are Director's responsible to. You can never get a straight answer from Fr. Denis anyway he always tells lies.

Bridie Shaw going back to Jim Reynolds position here must clarify this with the Administrative Committee. Tom Mangan Jim is of more use to the Centre than Fr. Denis.

Sean Burke - The policing of Saxon Inns - daily - weekly - monthly. E. McCormack - Monthly most practical.

Tom Mangan we are down by £9,000 - Jim should be doing the policing of Saxon Inns not John Coote, who has given him authority - Fr. Cormican nobody has given him authority he has just offered his services. The Chairman said shouldn't someone qualified be doing this. Sean Burke we are wasting our time coming down here. John Coote is a Director he is doing it so why have an Administrative Committee at all. The Chairman said that the person should be an Accountant.

The Chairman said Administrative Committee to write to Offaly Association first. E. McCormack. London Irish Centre. E. McCormack - Would it help the Charity if the tax bill was paid off? Jim Reynolds - we are paying it off at £625 a month with no interest as Touche Ross got the interest knocked off. Next November last payment.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Bars & Catering Saxon Inns took over on the 13th January as agreed full time staff now employed by Saxon. Sadly Jimmy McCluskey let himself down and the Irish Centre down by not turning up for work, officially he has left us. I am very sad to see this happening.

Saxon has paid first month rent on 23rd January £1,253, £200 first instalment + £5,000 deposit and 10% Concession fee for that period. In that period Saxon Inns got less than minimum figure. Saxon Inns moved in 13th January stocktake done and agreed, and immediate transfer of £25,000, £5,000 Deposit, Stock and sale of glass ware £10,000 cheque was with us in a matter of hours. £30,000 in high interest account.

E. McCormack are all Creditors paid off Fr. Denis - Large ones are all paid off still some smaller ones to pay off - Jim Kirby Limited Company should look very healthy in 1994, how well were Saxon doing in their first few weeks. Fr. Cormican the week of the Offaly dinner took £12,000 but this week will be bad as the Limerick Dinner was cancelled. Very disappointed with the Limerick Association. Eamon was discussing this today with me and he is hoping for a good profit in March because you have St. Patrick's day in that month.

Bridie Shaw - Offaly dinner was bad if it does not improve more functions will be cancelled there was no flavour and the quality of food was bad. The waiting staff were deplorable, service bad, some refugee serving our table could not understand English, the Wine was like paint stripper - two choices - Liebfraumilch and House not much of a selection. You would need a straw for the trifle. Highly qualified staff at the other end of the room our waiting staff didn't know what they were doing.

Offaly has sent a letter of complaint to (Administrative Committee) Donie Egan, should we make a response to that, Offaly should write a letter first to Saxon. B. Shaw - Three members here attended the Dinner we were waiting 20mts - 30mts for a drink we should make a response to that letter. This was Saxon's first big do, there were 14 Counties represented at that Dinner you would think they would want to make a good impression.

The Chairman said Administrative Committee to write to Offaly Association first, E. McCormack, London Irish Centre Ltd should have a daily diary or comments and complaints book to be kept in Centre. I feel they should be given a chance there are always problems in a new venture give them some time to settle in say about three months no good will this way. The Chairman - put the letter on file from Offaly, meeting suggested.

Bridie Shaw - A person at my table got a drink two times he went back still not right so he just left it aside but I said that is not good enough I brought it up to Eamon and asked him what it was he said it was Shandy but beer was ordered. E. McCormack there are always teething troubles with new venture's.

The Chairman - First Offaly write a letter to Saxon Inns. Second Letter from Administrative Committee saying letter on file and making a strong complaint about Offaly Dinner get your act together etc. Hold letter on file.

Bridie Shaw regarding Jimmy leaving he brought in sick certificate how come Fr. Denis didn't mention that, anybody can get sick if I was employed by a company and I got sick I would be entitled to time off for illness. Una Cooper - That is all heresay what actually happened nobody knows - I see what is going on and lots of things go on in this place but this is all heresay nobody is sure what actually happened. Fr. Denis not discussing this at this meeting. Tom Mangan wanted to express concern regarding Jimmy leaving. B. Shaw - representation from Administrative Committee to Saxon Inns regarding Jimmy's dismissal to find out what actually happened the reason for Jimmy leaving and so on.

Tom Mangan - Social Committee have been complaining regarding the price increase of drink in the bars. Our members are paying £2.00 to come in non members are paying £2.50 but they are still paying the high prices at the bar. The Committee asked for a meeting with representatives from the Admin Committee to discuss this, the Social Committee were thinking of putting a desk and chair at the door to see if all members and non members are being booked in properly. Mary Allen but entrance fee makes no difference - I see it as freedom of choice whether they come in or not. Tom Mangan - I am talking about Douglas Hyde which is our bar and the prices should be cheaper here than in the other bars. Still want a meeting, a meeting to be arranged to discuss Social Committee complaints, members are going to boycott the bar too dear for old age pensioners. The chairman suggested that we need a delegation from Administrative Committee to meet with Social Committee. Tom Mangan the takings on the door to pay the band. Not many buying raffle tickets because of the prices of beer so their is a shortfall. Mary Allen and Una Cooper (T. McAssey to sit in) volunteered to meet with the Social Committee on Wednesday 17th February. Ed. McCormack more communication needed.

7. Welfare Report:

Letter read out. Fr. Cormican regarding appointment of Co-ordinator Una and Ed agreed to see Geoff Holland neither one was sure if he was the right man for the job. Donie Egan when will the advertisement appear? Fr. Cormican the new advertisements will appear in the Irish Post (£180) and Community Care (£464) this week also it will be advertised free in a subsidiary paper of Community Care. The closing date will be the 19th February thereafter interviews will take place. Donie Egan recommended five persons to be on the Interview Board suggested Una Cooper and E. McCormack from the Administrative Committee and two from the Welfare Advisory Committee and Fr. Denis.

Maureen Rynne off on maternity leave, temporary receptionist at the moment. The role of co-ordinator has been taken over by Fr. Denis as suggested at last months meeting. The Welfare department has two social workers who have seen 245 people in the month of January and the most they have seen in one day is 37 clients.

In these circumstances no adequate interviews are taking place not enough time to spend with clients making a laughing stock of the Welfare department. Not been too busy in the last couple of days. We are very fortunate in having two most co-operative workers (and most helpful). Letter read out from Ann and Charlotte.

Letter from Camden Council informing us of cut in grant of £7,000. Concerning absence of Co-ordinator I feel the grant will be further cut because of this, as any opportunity to cut grants are being taken. Our D.I.O.N. grant could be cut by as much as 50%. Meeting of panel for final interview with the then applicant, Geoff Holland. Una and Ed were the representatives chosen to meet with the applicant which was set up for the 22nd January while Fr. Denis was on holiday in Ireland - they had some reservations regarding Geoff Holland being right for the job. A meeting on the 1st February with Donie Egan, Una Cooper, E. McCormack, Fr. Denis, Teresa Ganley and Mary Clinton from the Welfare Advisory Committee to see if there was a way forward. Donie Egan met with Geoff Holland to explain what happened at the meeting and that the post was being re-advertised. Raymond Hevey had sent a letter of resignation which was read out at the meeting - He expressed one or two concerns regarding the Committee in its present form - Fr. Cormican the timing of that letter seems to be significant Interference with the Welfare Advisory Committee was one point brought up - Fr Cormican I did not speak to Raymond Hevey purposely after that because I did not know what response to make.

Ed. McCormack regarding letter from Two Social Workers (contained in letter) only two Social Workers for the last two months without a co-ordinator for six months, extreme pressure and strain they are under. Health and safety procedures are not being adhered to. The amount of clients has increased three fold great difficulty in completing back up visits. If within five weeks we still have no co-ordinator we will have to seek alternative employment - it is your duty to employ a Co-ordinator taken into consideration the pressure we are under - should regard this as urgent.

Fr. Denis - I will take responsibility as Co-ordinator. Regarding Raymond Hevey resigning I have purposely not been in touch with him, may have taken this opportunity to resign, not at all happy with the representation - interference from the Administrative Committee - very open about reasons for resigning. Donie Egan should we ask him to withdraw his resignation.

E. McCormack - He felt of little value to the administrative committee - too often not been listened to - it is not appropriate for co-ordinator to be in liaison with Director and the Welfare Sub-Committee - Welfare report should be made by Welfare Committee Chairman. Whether we are trustees of London Irish Centre Charity or not we still have responsibility. Welfare Advisory Committee not to be allowed to interfere, Administrative Committee are responsible the Welfare Advisory Committee are not.

Fr. Denis - While Tommy Dunne was Chairman of the Administrative Committee he was a member of the W.A.C. and would normally sit on the interview panel for Welfare Staff. Now there is no other representative apart from myself. The Chairman asked how the meetings of Welfare Committee held - Fr. Cormican every two months meetings are held, Welfare Committee a support to Co-ordinator and Welfare staff they listen to problems and advise on course of action to take - Dr. Morton has given advice which has been invaluable for instance a serious case arose of not passing on information if we had passed on this information we would have been in breach of confidentiality and could have been prosecuted. Una Cooper was asked to join the Welfare Advisory Committee she agreed if it meant only 1hr 30mts every two months. Una proposed by Donie Egan and seconded by Mary Allen.

E. McCormack - Welfare Committee I would like to raise the matter of the Welfare Committee I believe it has a weak structure - I am not impressed 1hr 30mts every two months is insufficient time to discuss everything. The Social Workers and co-ordinator need a strong Welfare Committee. Raymond Hevey has resigned because the Administrative Committee got involved in the Welfare Advisory Committee's work which I feel you also felt the same way Fr. Denis. E. McCormack - Who are on the Welfare Advisory Committee Fr. Denis - Teresa Ganley Social Worker with Camden Council, Margaret Clinton Social worker with Brent Council, Fr. Jim Walsh Chaplaincy, Theresa Kennealy Centrepoint Soho (past member of staff), Dr. Larry Morton and myself. We have a new member now a Solicitor Kay Glynn great asset she has represented families in Court regarding the Housing Act forcing Camden Council to accept responsibility for rehousing. She has won a number of cases. E. McCormack - why meet every two months it would seem from Social Services point of view that we were not flying our flag (Irish Centre) it is our ship we should be promoting it - five to six Welfare Committee seems very weak to me.

E. McCormack - The Committee needs to be revamped this Committee is being drawn apart. He suggested a monthly meeting W.A.C. Paul Murphy fed us with statistics but that was not the be all and end all of Co-ordinator's job. It is the Chairman of W.A.C. who should present the Welfare Advisory Committee report to the Administrative Committee. Jim Kirby would this proposal create a problem for the Welfare Advisory Committee or not, get their opinion.

The Chairman - Una changed her mind regarding representing the W.A.C. - Will the W.A.C. meet on a monthly basis - need some input from the W.A.C. Donie Egan - Administrative Committee has ultimate responsibility - Fergal Collins who on this Committee is qualified to do this job. We are not represented. Fr. Denis - Yes, I am a representative from the Administrative Committee. We need a Chairman like Tommy who was always on the W.A.C. and on the interviewing panel. Fr. Denis also said that he didn't think he should be on the Panel for forthcoming interviews for Co-ordinator. It was agreed that he should be on the panel as Director. It was also agreed that a temporary Social Worker be employed until the new Co-ordinator took up the post. W.A.C. to meet on a monthly basis.

E. McCormack Funding is a big issue, we must trim our sails first and foremost. Any new member proposed for the W.A.C. Fr. Cormican constantly looking for new members, three new members needed as already said it is very hard to get them to go on that Committee - Have to say that I don't think it was as weak as made out to be, quality of work not quantity.

Jim Kirby W.A.C. to meet on a monthly basis. Committee Chairman report monthly to Administrative Committee or recommend direct report from them to us. Fergal Collins to go on W.A.C. Donie offered to fill in when Fergal not available. Fergal Collins proposed by Michael Sills and seconded by Bridie Shaw. Fr. Cormican Financial side good but the W.A.C. have not met since Paul Murphy left, will be calling a meeting soon. Jim Kirby four people on the panel - last time - advertisement re-appearing tomorrow.

E. McCormack Two Welfare Advice Workers Two Administrative Committee members - being Fergal Collins and Una Cooper plus Fr. Denis to be on the interview panel. 3 + 2 agreed. Put to vote 9 for 6 against, carried. Fr. Cormican appointment of a temporary Social Worker would be ideal because the Co-ordinator could make the decision himself but are we being fair to the Social Workers in appointing a temporary Social Worker, Bridie Shaw would it not be costly to employ a temporary Social Worker we would have to employ an Agency would it not have been cheaper to advertise both jobs together Fr. Denis suggested we take someone from Hammersmith they were people interviewed in Hammersmith regarding a post we could use one of the people who were interviewed for that job, and if she so desired she could go for the permanent position here after three months. Donie Egan proposed this and Una Cooper seconded.

E. McCormack regarding Raymond Hevey he has moved from Clapham to Milton Keynes so that is probably one of the reasons he resigned he was a Senior Social Worker how can we replace him. Donie Egan suggested that Fr. Denis write a letter to Raymond Hevey thanking him for his long service. Jim Kirby he wrote to Donie Egan as acting Chairman Fr. Denis should write but also one of us say Donie Egan (he received letter) should reply to points in his letter. Donie Egan I hope now as we resolve structure that the business of Welfare will be channelled directly to the meeting - in the past the problems in Welfare have taken over an awful lot of meetings - the Social Workers are under severe pressure - very committed job. Fr. Denis The Social Workers are doing a good job Geoff Holland was very impressed with the way the place is run when he was taken round to have a look.

8. Role of Priest.

Role of Priest in Irish Centre deferred to be discussed at next meeting cannot leave this for another month arrange now please. E. McCormack suggested that a day meeting be arranged behind closed doors for this discussion and Trustees. The first half of the meeting for the Administrative Committee and the rest for everyone to join in if all these outstanding issues are discussed we will not have 12 items or more on agenda. Fr. Cormican reminded everyone that the Constitution to be discussed as well. Jim Kirby First Administrative Committee meeting this year not A.G.M. Fr. Cormican liked the idea. Lack of communication nothing but good would come out of it.

Donie asked about Tommy Dunne's Mass on Monday night was everything arranged music and so on. Mary Allen said everything was under control. Yes Joan was attending.

9. Any Other Business:

Tom Mangan one or two of Saxon Inns staff staying in no 12, Fr. Cormican one person does stay but that is for practical reason alarm goes off or something else happens, e.g. last week the alarm went off at 4.30am. I have been in contact with John O Connell to work out some charge for the use of no 12. Tom Mangan caretaker role! Jim Kirby would be forthcoming but not yet agreed. Bridie Shaw If I took a post to do a job I would have to pay my rent, living in property belonging to Irish Centre why should we accommodate Saxon Inns Staff pay rent such figure as agreed answer next month regarding what charge for accommodation. Tenancy Agreement to be faxed from Donie Egan to Fr. Denis regarding same.

Fr. Cormican two more Trustees wanted we need four in all legal cost regarding same is high so if anyone knows of any likely candidate please let me know. Dr. Larry Morton and Lord Longford are Trustee's Donie Dr. Morton has expressed a wish to retire. Lord Farnham has been approached Peter FitzPatrick of Mark Fitzpatrick & Co Ltd offices in York Way, these names are under discussion they were put forward as candidates - Donie Egan - need to understand their role as Trustees not an honorary position - cannot accept them just on trust. Fr. Cormican Lord Farnham involved in Irish Centre he is Trustee of two charities that support the Irish Centre. Tom Mangan - Should this be held over until the A.G.M. Unanimous no.

Fr. Cormican Jim Reynolds caught me on the hop when asked about his position here I just answered him off the top of my head. We have to consider the Auditors for the coming year - Touche Ross - No I presume I can get Auditors more efficient at less cost to the Centre. Seventy five percent work of the Accountancy has disappeared - What our needs are - Not sufficient work on a day to day basis. Bridie Shaw is it someone on a part-time basis we need or could Jim do the job, must find out what his position is. Jim Reynolds will cease his employment here at the end of May.

E. McCormack The role of John Coote I don't think he is the one for the job with great respect to the man but will he do it - Accountant needed two cash books two current account - look at the cost of computers which was introduced by John and now they will be of no use to us we are back to manual accountancy books. Bridie Shaw we need someone independent to check till rolls someone who has no contact with Saxon Inns with all the will in the world it is hard to have contact and still remain impartial, and who offered the job to John Coote. Fr. Cormican: John offered his services.

E. McCormack: It will be the end of May before the work with accounts will be finished. Fr. Denis Touche Ross coming in April or May two weeks in May out end of May. E. McCormack - Saxon Inns producing till rolls - to be discussed next Wednesday regarding Saxon Inns, till rolls.

Tom Mangan Retiring due to ill health as Vice Chairman and Chairman of Committee I have done a lot of work over the years I am insulted to be told that I was being sarcastic I have the best interests of the Irish Centre. I wish you all well in the future. Been to Moorefields regarding eyes I am losing my sight. The Chairman wished to thank Tom for his good work over the years and to say sorry for any comments he might have made, he didn't mean to be personal.

E. McCormack said he was saddened to hear of Tom's ill health but could he not get a lift to the Centre it would be a pity if old friends couldn't see each other from time to time for functions or suchlike. Tom said he didn't like to be a burden on anyone he would prefer to come on his own without any help.

There being no other business the Meeting ended at 11.45p.m

10 Date of Next Meeting.

Next meeting on Tuesday 9th March.