

Present: D. Egan, Chairman, A. Finan, T. Reilly, J. Coote, M. Sills, T. McAssey, Rev F. Phelan, F. Collins, U. Cooper, Fr. Denis, B. Shaw.

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A meeting was held with Councillor Dave Horan, Chairman of MTC on 25th. Nov about MTC insurance and also payment of rent to the IC for use of premises. Dave was not familiar with the insurance cover of MTC & suggested we discuss it with Jacqui Connor, Adm. MTC. A letter should be sent inviting her to a meeting to resolve the insurance situation. Donie agreed to attend this meeting. Dave Horan stated that MTC were not in a position to pay rent and if we insisted on payment of rent it might effect our Camden Grant.

Dave Horan also spoke about the possibility of a cut of between 3000 & 10,000 on our Grant from Camden for 94/95. He advised us to lobby the Councillors.

Fr. Denis reported on Licence Application. The same conditions now apply to the Douglas Hyde as apply to the McNamara with the right of the Social Club to the use of the Douglas Hyde on Friday & Saturday nights. A full On-Licence was granted to the JFK & Lounge Bar. There were 4 representatives from the Social Club Committee at the Court with a barrister who lodged their objection to any change on the existing licence.

Fr. Denis also reported that we had received a Grant of 7500 from the Derwent Consultancy to review the Constitution and Management structures of the Centre. Ian McDonald and Fr. Jim Curry from Derwent had a preliminary meeting with Fr. Denis and John Coote on 7th Dec.

21. Social Club Report: J.J.O'Brien, Chairman, presented the report. He informed us that Fri & Sat nights were not successful at the moment. Need for new ideas. The Soc Comm ran an Old Time Waltz competition which was a help. They hope to introduce Take your Pick in the New Year. J.J.O'Brien also suggested a link up with the Ceili on St. Patrick's night. A monster 25 Drive would also be a good idea. He also suggested we should consider running a Jumbo Jet to the World Cup. He requested more support from the Admin Comm. M. Sills offered to on Sat night once a month.

These will replace Lord Landford, Mr

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Chairman thanked J.J. for presenting his report.

25 Card Drive did not recommence in Sept. Bridie Shaw and Fr.Denis to speak to Frank Screene about it.

22. WELFARE REPORT: see separate sheet.

23. FINANCIAL REPORT; Presented by Jim Reynolds.

London Irish Centre Ltd.

Jim presented the Profit/Loss A/c for 8 mths to 30th Nov.
Gross Income ~~48,186~~, budget ~~47,610~~. Gross expenditure ~~29,852~~,
budget ~~28,888~~. Net profit ~~18334~~, budget ~~18,722~~.

Concern was expressed at arrears of Concession Fee owed by Saxon Inns. Negotiations are currently taking place to ensure that a full settlement of all monies due will take place before the end of the financial year.

London Irish Centre Charity

a. Development A/c: Income for 8 mths to 30th Nov ~~53,648~~, budget ~~50,733~~. Expenditure ~~44,783~~, budget 48,950. Savings are due to a decrease in expenditure on repairs & printing/stationery.

b. Welfare A/c: Income ~~67,179~~, budget ~~78,686~~. Expenditure ~~93611~~, budget ~~92,270~~, thus creating a deficit of ~~26,432~~. The budget deficit was estimated at ~~13584~~. A major part of the deficit is due to the cut in the Dion Grant.

The Chairman thanked Jim for his report and also thanked him for his work at the Centre and for his involvement in the London Irish Festival. He also wished him well in his new position at Westminster Cathedral.

Lily Malone has kindly offered to write up the books. It was suggested that the Auditors come in one day per month to produce Management Accounts.

24. AOB

Request from the Welfare Advisory Committee that the Co-ordinator attend the full meeting of the Admin Comm each month. This matter was discussed at length. It was noted that it had never been the policy of the Admin Comm to allow employees of the Centre to attend the full meeting; only to present a report as requested. There was a unanimous decision not to change this policy.

Trustees: The following trustees were proposed by Mary Allen and seconded by Austin Finan namely: Peter Fitzpatrick, Lord Farnham, Jim Commane, John Higgins. These will replace Lord Longford, Dr.

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Larry Morton and the late Tommy Dunne and the late Frank Caulfield.

Telephones: Complaint that phones are not being answered outside office hours. It was suggested that we get an answerphone. Fr. Denis to investigate. The Chairman will write to Saxon Inns about the complaint.

Irish Centre Hostels: Chairman remarked that we had no report from the Hostels. Fr. Denis Questioned the relevance of such report due to the deterioration of the relationships with the Hostels. The Director of the Irish Centre is no longer Director of ICH. Fr. Carolan is now Director of ICH. He has also secured funding from the Irish bishops that would normally have come to the Irish Centre. The Chairman gave a history of the development of ICH from the Irish Centre and that he would wish we continue to foster the relationship.

Paintings: The paintings that were in the Foyer should be re-installed as they were donated to the Centre. A proper picture rail should be put on the walls of the Mcnamara Hall for the exhibition.

25. Draft of Workload

The following sub-committees were appointed:

1. Fundraising: T.Reilly, B.Shaw, M.Sills, U. Cooper
2. Oblate Loan: J.Coote, A.Finan, Fr. Denis
3. County Assoc: D.Egan, M.Allen, T.McAssey

Irish Community Business
The Chairman remarked that only 6 counties were using the I. Centre. Other counties have to be enticed to come back.

26. Date of next meeting: 11th. Jan. 1994 at 8.00pm.

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