

MINUTES OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

12th April 1994

Apologies: A.Finan, T.Reilly, R.Kerr, J.Coote, M.Sills, Mgr.Stack.

Residents: Represented by Bob who complained about noise at 2.20 am on one Friday night, also horns hooting late on Sunday nights.
This matter will be brought to the attention of the manager.

Present: D.Egan, Chairman, T.McAssey, U.Cooper, M.Allen, F.Burke, B.Shaw, F.Collins, P.Phelan, Fr.Denis.

In attendance: C.Mohan, E.Fitzpatrick.

47. Presentation by E.Fitzgerald^{patrick}, member of the Welfare Advisory Committee.

POINTS RAISED

1. Insurance cover for Advice Workers lest a claim should be made by a client for misinformation. This is important as we will be carrying out Alcohol Assessments for Camden.
2. Staff handbook: funders sometimes request this.
3. Request for salaries to be reviewed, and linked to NJC scales with increment each year. Request answer for welfare advisory committee meeting on Monday next 18th April.

Chairman thanked Edward for attending and confirmed that the matters raised would be considered by the administrative committee.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING PROPOSED BY M.ALLEN AND SECONDED BY F.COLLINS.

48. WELFARE REPORT

Chairman asked Christine about funding applications - success/failure. Christine stated that Children in Need refused due to £59,000 surplus in our account.

Bride Shaw asked: Are the welfare workers aware of the debt on the centre.

It was suggested that the W.A.C. meeting be rescheduled sometime after 3rd May so that Fergal can attend.

Christine informed us that there has been an increase in the number of travellers and elderly people using the centre and also people are experiencing increasing difficulties with DSS.

Sean Hutton, F.I.S is holding a training day on April 30th and requests that one member from management committee attend. A meeting with DSS, AGLY and F.I.S. is to take place to discuss further the changes in benefits for non British and what arrangements are being made for Irish people seeking work in this country.

Christine is to furnish next admin meeting with the number of referrals to Conway house.

Chairman thanked Christine for attending the meeting.

A discussion followed on staff salaries with no firm conclusions. It was decided that Donie, Fr Denis and Fergal meet with Teresa Ganley, Chair W.A.C. and Christine at 7pm on May 10th.

49. DAYCARE CENTRE

Una Cooper formally announced that she will be retiring from her voluntary post at the Daycare Centre. Una has run the Daycare Centre for 4 1/2 years most successfully organising many outings and parties in addition to her daily chores of setting up and serving lunch each day to 30 elderly.

Negotiations are taking place with Camden Social Services to finance the luncheon club and provide the lunches from Camden kitchens. A meeting was held at the Centre with Robert Donald, Camden Social Services and he proposed the possibility of moving a Luncheon Club from Busby Place to the Irish Centre. He is to contact us at a later date to confirm the outcome of his proposal.

50. FINANCIAL REPORT

All the arrears owed by Saxon Inns have now been settled including Concession Fee for March 1994. L.I.C. Ltd has made a Covenant of £25,000 to L.I.C. Charity - £20,000 plus £5,000 tax. L.I.C. Charity has approximately £60,000 at the end of the financial year. However the Welfare Account is showing a deficit of £37,000 for the year.

Financial statement will be presented one month in arrears to ensure an accurate set of accounts as agreed at our last meeting.

51. FUNDRAISING DRAW

The Draw is proceeding reasonably well. There are our 400 tickets distributed. Over £8,000 has been lodged in the Draw Account and we have also paid £2,100 to Rathcairn. Bridie Shaw and Tony Reilly have been the main sellers. It is hoped to have all tickets sold and returned by 10th May. The first Draw takes place on 27th May in Rathcairn and also here at the Irish Centre.

52. Saxon Inns.

We are sad to see Malcolm Jones leaving as he had a feel for the Centre and was also providing an efficient service in the bars of catering.

The committee wishes to formally thank Malcolm for his service to the Centre.

Concern was expressed about the noise problem . It was suggested that it would be a good idea to have the manager attend the beginning of our meeting with the representatives from the residents associations. It was remarked that St.Patrick's Day was a flop. However, some thought it was a success. Some were surprised that a 4 course lunch was not available. However if that was what people wanted they should have phoned Malcolm and booked a 4 Course meal.

53. Irish Centre Hostels:

The chairman inquired had the name of I.C.H. been changed at the their A.G.M. No decision had been made about the change of name. Fr.Carolan had said the word Hostel presents a bad image and they would probably adopt the name Irish Centre Housing Association.

The chairman read a letter sent to I.C.H. inviting Fr.Carolan to a meeting to discuss the relationship between I.C.H. and L.I.C. this would hopefully be followed by a meeting of the committees of both organisations.

54. Oblate Loan.

Negotiations are still taking place with the banks. The Oblates are very anxious to have the loan transferred elsewhere not and are prepared to re-negotiate the present payments as they want the Irish Centre to make alternative arrangements so that their money can be released for other purposes in the Third World.

A.O.B. vote of sympathy to Michael Sills on the death of his sister-in-law.

We hope to hold the A.G.M. in late June.

Date of next meeting: 10th May 1994 at 8pm