

MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE  
TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER 1983.

Present: Fr Malone, D Egan, P Judge, M Moroney, M Kenny, F Aherne, D Daly  
J Troy, D Quinn.

In Attendance: Fr Ryan, D Ambrose

Apologies: Fr Gordon, Sr Anne Marie

HOSTELS (Fr Ryan reporting)

Handover of Phase 1 of Conway House on 11 December 1983 will provide 33 beds, lounge and dining facilities.

Accommodation is 100% booked. Rehabilitation of 20/22 Quex Road to be completed at Easter which will bring numbers to 100. The cost of the rehabilitation is £300,000 and will be within budget.

Medway Street is full with some pregnant girls resident whilst their hostel is being refurbished.

There are problems in Medway Street with the lift, fire alarms, dry rot.

18 Quex Road: The Hostels are interested in buying this site but the Housing Corporation has no funds available - the cost would in all be £400,000.

Fr Malone is exploring alternative finance with Camden Borough.

There is an increase in the numbers in the Hostels from Northern Ireland.

Increases derive from young people - who are unsuitable for work which is available.

A vote of thanks and encouragement was expressed to the Hostel team.

It was agreed that the January meeting of the Administrative Committee would be held at Quex Road when Committee Members could be shown Conway House.

The Committee would rendezvous there at 7.30 p.m.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 17 NOVEMBER 1983

The forum was postponed because of the funeral of Mrs Reeves which was attended by people who would otherwise have gone to the forum.

On a proposal by T Dunne, seconded by M Moroney, the Minutes of the November Meeting were accepted.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 11 OCTOBER 1983

On a proposal by M Moroney with P Judge seconding the Minutes of that meeting were adopted.

Matters arising meeting 17.11.83

A managerial candidate is lined up for appointment in the New Year.

Executive endorsement is being sought.

Mrs Daly - a member of the executive - wished to see applications etc.

D Ambrose suggested that the Administrative Director of the All Saints Pastoral Centre could be approached to advise the new manager.

D Egan suggested that when the Executive meets to endorse the candidate it could consider then the other applications.

D Daly expressed concern that there was only one candidate for endorsement.

T Dunne felt candidate had all necessary qualifications and experience that the Centre required particularly sales, management and catering ability.

It was decided that the Executive would meet immediately after the meeting to discuss the candidate.

Fr Ryan emphasised that the Committee should provide a proper environment and set controls within which the new manager would operate.

Fr Butler

Fr Butler advised D Egan that he was gratified that his successor in Coolock parish had built so effectively on the foundations he had laid there. D Egan felt it would be nice if the Committee could be seen to build effectively on Fr Butler's efforts at the Centre.

The Chairman's letter re Fr Butler to the Irish Post was discussed.

Many Committee Members expressed support for the letter. M Moroney objected to the inference in the letter that the priests should not raise funds.

There was considerable (and unfortunate) publicity regarding Fr Butler's departure.

The Chairman appealed for unity among Committee Members.

An article in the Irish Post of 26 November 1983 headed Ringside seat at Leitrim Dinner was discussed and the comments therein attributed to D Daly.

The Irish Post alleged that D Daly had said that Fr Butler's departure was a punitive measure.

D Daly, on solicitor's advice, declined to say whether or not she made the remark.

Oblates have written to D Egan regarding the reports of 19 and 26 November in the Irish Post re Fr Butler.

The Oblates stated that the remarks were uncomplimentary to Fr Butler and the Oblates and asked whether the comments reflected the feeling of the Committee. The letter further asked whether D Daly's remarks were said and whether she was Secretary of the Executive Committee.

D Egan replied to the Oblates that the letter would receive attention at the next Administrative Committee meeting.

D Ambrose felt that the matter was a storm in a tea-cup and advised that it be plai down.

D Daly felt that Fr Malone should have told the Committee that Fr Butler was leaving. Fr Malone said he could not tell Committee because he was a member of the Oblate Provincial Council and was bound in confidence not to relay the Council proceedings to anyone.

The Oblates are reluctant to send a replacement for Fr Butler because they feel he would not be welcome and the Chairman felt it was important to heal relations between the Oblates and the Centre.

Fr Ryan resented the pressure placed by Committee Members on Fr McGonigle to retai Fr Butler.

D Ambrose suggested a format of reply to Fr McGonigle i.e. that the comments did not reflect the Committee's feeling.

There was a unanimous expression of support for and confidence in Fr Malone as Director.

The stocktakers' reports were read. He is pleased with Mrs Darcy's performance as temporary Manager and with the trading results.

On a motion by D Ambrose seconded by T Dunne a vote of thanks to Mrs Darcy was carried.

#### CREDITORS

A letter from Murphys was read out whereby Murphys would accept £100,000 in settlement of their debt of in excess of £400,000 which represented an original debt of £200,000 plus £200,000 accrued interest.

Payment must be made by 9 January 1984 and Murphys require an option to take over commercial activities.

D Ambrose said that the Murphys Agreement should be made under seal on the bases that if Murphys went into liquidation the settlement could be null and void.

Details of the Bank's offer were circulated.

The brewery loans were queried. £120,000 + in all is owed and the repayment terms are not being complied with.

Fr Butler's cycle ride has raised £74,719 Sterling to date. Fr Malone confirmed that the Irish Centre had sufficient monies to conclude the Murphy settlement.

On a proposal by M Moroney, seconded by T Dunne, a motion that the offers of Murphy and the Bank be accepted was carried unanimously, T D Quinn abstaining.

## CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Application for Camden Grant - we are to apply for less but we shall apply for at least as much as we got last year
- b) The GLC had written re the Douglas Hyde Lounge - back stairs was left in an unfinished state. Numbers using the Loungs must be limited until essential rapairs done
- c) The day-care Centre for the elderley in the basement of Nos 51-52 Camden Squ was discussed.

An application has been made to the GLC for a grant of £131,000 inclusive of fees and salaries of workers.

The Chairman suggested that a sub-Committee be set up to examine the proposals r the day-care Centre and the unused parts of 51 and 52 Camden Square.

M Moroney, D Daly, Fr Malong and T Dunne agreed to meet on the afternoon of Thursday 29 December 1983 at 2.00 p.m.

## DATE OF FESTIVAL COUNCIL MEETING

The date of Monday 9 January 1984, suggested by the Council of Irish Counties was agreed.

## DATE FOR FORUM

The forum was set for 22 January 1984 at 3.00 p.m..

The Chairman is to be decided at the next meeting.

## OTHER BUSINESS

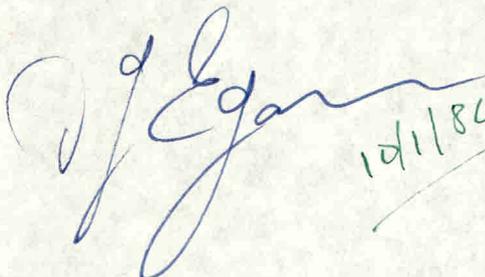
Booking policy. This needs to be presented to the Council of Irish Counties. Copies need to be sent to the Counties. Important that written menus and prices be available on request.

Prices should be quoted on an illustrative basis.

Guidance of new manager should be sought on the price list.

The Meeting closed 10.55 p.m.

Next Meeting Quex Road 7.30p.m.

  
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