

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LONDON IRISH CENTRE
HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE AT 8.00.P.M. ON TUESDAY 12 MARCH 1983

PRESENT

D. EGAN, FR. MALONE, P. KEEGAN, M. MORONEY, D. QUINN, D. DALY, M. KENNY, K. FITZSIMONS,
F. AHERNE,

APOLOGIES

FR. GORDON, FR. FULLAM, J. TROY AND P. JUDGE.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Fr. Malone stated that an application for a day centre had been made to the London Borough of Camden. This had been omitted from the previous minutes. On a proposal by P. Keegan, seconded by M. Kenny the minutes were adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Irish Centre is to receive a similar grant to last year from the Borough of Camden.

A letter had been received from the owner of property adjoining number 12 Murray St. that he intends to make alterations to their property and add another floor. D. Egan and L. Martin will investigate the matter.

Fr. Malone had received a letter from Whitbreads stating that they would wish to increase their trade by 100% or interest on the loan would double.

A letter had been received from Keith Roberts Associates requesting payment for an outstanding invoice..

D. Daly stated she did not like the way that bins were stored outside the kitchen.

MATTERS ARISING

The brochure had been delivered. The cost per copy 4.7 pence.

The Chairman stated that to make maximum use of the brochure we must make sure that it gets proper distribution.

Mr. T. Beatty of the Waterford Golfing Society had offered to pay the cost of printing £2,300 plus £1,000 towards postage.

F. Aherne suggested that part of the brochure could be used to advertise the Centre in the London Irish Festival programme.

D. Egan thought that a sub-committee should be formed to distribute the brochure. Fr. Malone suggested a little map be inserted with the brochure telling the public how to get to the Centre.

Meeting to be held on Tuesday 19th. April at 7.30.p.m. for thoughts on distribution.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Our financial advisers suggest that we sell the Centre and then lease it back. It would mean that the debt would be cleared. Terms would have to be worked out. A letter had been sent to the Leader of the Council in Camden suggesting that they consider sale and lease-back. Our interest for the year 1981 came to £99,000 and interest for 1982 £84,000. D. Daly thought the letter should have gone to the G.L.C. not the Borough of Camden. A copy of the Camden letter had gone to the G.L.C. M. Moroney stated he was not in favour of selling the Centre to anyone. He said we would still have to find £50,000 to pay back the debt.

Fr. Malone thought that if we could find £200,000 to pay the Murphy debt it would be a load off our shoulders.

T. Durne felt we had to make a decision here and now and that we explore all avenues including the suggestion of 'a sale and lease-back'. P. Keegan seconded this motion. He thought that 'Grand Met' should be approached with the idea of making use of our kitchens during non peak times. It was agreed that all avenues should be investigated re. 'lease-back' and sub leasing of bars. Proposed by M. Moroney seconded by K. Fitzsimons.

FUND-RAISING

Fr. Butler is working very hard on his tour of Ireland. So far he has raised in the region of £7,000.

Matters Arising

The Mayors Banquet has been set for Friday May 6th. 1983.

A break in had occurred three to four Friday nights ago. The vending machines in the Lounge and the Douglas Hyde had been damaged. About £600 had been taken in cash. £40 to £50 worth of spirits had been taken and about £100 worth of damage had been done to the door. A claim had been submitted through our insurance brokers. It was felt that a burglar alarm would be a good investment. A meeting of the social club has been arranged for Monday April 18th. at 8.p.m.

At the last welfare sub-committee meeting a resolution had been put forward that a sum of £5,000 be released for day to day expenses P.Keegan said there should be two signatures on the cheques, that of the director and the senior social worker. The sum of £5,00 to be reviewed each year.

The Council of the London Irish Festival met recently and charitable status has at last been granted. Trustees have been appointed. A Limited Company will have to be formed. Our legal advisers have informed us that this must be done.

The youth had a disco on March 26th. which was well attended. £100 Profit was made on the evening. Age range was between 16 and 19. The next disco is to be held on May 20th. A group of 30 youths are doing a tour of Ireland and tents are being loaned by I.L.E.A. The coach leaves Brighton on July 29th. and returns on August 9th.

M.Kenny reported a member who had abused her on Easter Saturday night, Mr. & Mrs. Doyle had also been abused. The member in question insists on selling tickets in the Centre and adopts pressure tactics on people. It was proposed and seconded that a letter be written to let the member know that his membership be withdrawn until he has been interviewed by the committee.

The date of the A.G.M. has been arranged for Tuesday May 10th. at 8.30.p.m.

The next administrative committee meeting has been arranged for Tuesday May 3rd.

The meeting closed at 11.29.p.m.
