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MINUTES OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

14 June 1994

Present: D. Egan, Chairman, Fr. D. Cormican, Mgr. G. Stack, F. Collins, A. Finan, J. Coote, F. Burke, T. McAssey, B. Shaw, M. Allen.

In Attendance: Hilary Collis, Christine Mohan.

Residents and Tenants Association represented by Bob Buchanan.

1) Concern regarding noise from wedding on May 29th, when all windows were open. Same on Sunday June 5th from Douglas Hyde Lounge. It was also felt that the manager should be on hand for at least half an hour after a function had finished. Hilary noted points and promised to take on board. The Chairman thanked Bob for his attendance.

The non existence of a telephone for patrons to make calls was put to Hilary. The time of bar closing was discussed, as on two previous occasions the bar had closed at least fifteen minutes before time. McNamara licence is until 1am, with fifteen minutes drinking-up time. Chair thanked Hilary for attending.

a) Apologies were received from F. Phelan, T. Riley, U. Cooper, and M. Sills.

b) Minutes of previous meeting were adopted on a proposition from Finbar Burke and seconded by Austin Finan.

2) Matters Arising:

None.

3) Welfare Report:

Christine Mohan stated that the meeting of May 24th did not take place. Agreed to arrange next one for Thursday June 30th - Christine to confirm with Chair. Christine reported an increase in interviews. Growing concern with regard to an amount of cases relating to domestic violence.

Saturday morning Legal Services successful.

Federation of Irish Societies training sessions recently proved beneficial when making applications for funding.

In the Pipeline: Summer Fayre.

Week long trip to Ireland for some long-term emigrants if funds can be obtained.

Fr. Denis stated that the Welfare services are doing a good job, and urged committee members to drop in whenever possible. The Chairman thanked Christine and asked her to convey our good wishes to the staff.

Request for pay increases was discussed. Mgr. Stack stated that as managers we have to live within our budget. Salaries are agreed at beginning of employment and not linked with Local Authority rates. Grants from Camden and Irish Government do not pay for the Receptionist.

Concern regarding Legal Personnel was raised - are they assuming a negotiating role? This should be looked into.

*Welfare to operate on Agreed Budget.*

#### 4) Daycare Report:

Fr. Denis had meeting to discuss this with Camden Social Services. It was proposed to close down Busby Place and move the members to the Irish Centre. This would make a total of fifty per day. Concern was expressed at this. With two sittings, it was felt our own elderly would be at best pushed out quickly after eating lunch. An offer of £2,500 per annum to rent the premises was considered paltry. Fr. Denis to re-negotiate - proposed by M. Allen, seconded by B. Shaw. Camden will pay salary for two staff plus replacement for holiday period. Camden would install dishwasher and develop back room as rest room.

*Agreed in principle subject to scheme for cost effectiveness  
+ continued negotiations by B. Shaw  
& Fr. Denis*

#### 5) Irish Centre Hostels:

Chairman had written to Fr. P. Carolan to arrange a meeting to discuss matters to our mutual benefit. It was felt that one of the President's nominees should be from the Irish Centre Hostels. This would keep and strengthen the historical ties between our two organisations, though it is a requirement by the Housing Association not to have ties with the Irish Centre. Christine Mohan had been invited to join the Hostels Committee but had to decline due to pressure of work. A staff member from Irish Centre Hostels is now involved in an employment scheme.

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#### 6) Social Club:

Warm tributes were paid to the late Tom Mangan, and sympathy extended to his family. His involvement in fundraising activities in the Centre was considerable.

The A.G.M. has now taken place, and a committee of nine elected. Chairman will be elected at the first meeting. It has been agreed to take no more advertising in the Irish Post.

7) Business Report/Appointment of Directors:

Present Directors: Fr. Denis and John Coote. It was felt other appointees should be the users of the Irish Centre.

Fr. Denis stated that standing order re: payments on photocopier should cease.

Regarding loan - negotiations still proceeding. A formal re-schedule application has been made to both banks. We are now awaiting a response. A.I.B. holds major account. Amount in question - £260,000.00.

Fr. Denis circulated copies of Financial Report.