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**Transcript**

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Minutes of the meeting held at the Irish Centre on Wednesday 31st March 1982 at 9.15 p.m.

Present were: Miss E Honahan Chairman Miss K Fitzgerald Vice-president Mr F Aherne Asst. Secretary also Messrs R O'Riordan M Kelleher

Apologies from Miss J O’Sullivan, P Hartnett, J Sheehan, D O’Shea.

As the Secretary was not present no minutes of the previous meeting were available.

The meeting opened with the correspondence received by the Chairman.

A letter from the G Barrett regarding a Cork Student who was seriously injured playing rugby and is now paralysed.

The Mayo Association forwarding 20 tickets for a benefit dance for the family of a Cork Man. Mr O’Riordan proposed we donate £20 Seconded by Mr Aherne.

The Working & District Irish Associations newsletter requesting we take part in their Festival on 30th May. It was decided that we would decline the request.

St. Patricks Day Parade.

The Chairman said she was very disappointed at the support for the Cork Association and suggested that we review our participation in this event nest year.

26th June Function.

A band has been booked for the dance at the Irish **[pg. 2]** Centre. No meeting has been held to discuss the Talent Competition. Mr O’Riordan said the 5-a-side Football Tournament could be organised in a few weeks and suggested the tournament could be played on a league basis over two Sundays. There could be 4 sections: Under 18, Over 18, Under 21, Over 21. Mr O’Riordan will make enquiries.

Festival Day 4th July.

Mr Aherne reported that during his enquiries, as a member of the Festival Committee, he discovered that Mitchelstown Creameries ^ importers would not have a stall of their own this year for financial reasons, but would be very interested in sharing the Cork stall. For this arrangement they are willing to donated £75. A discussion took place as to the amount of the donation. It was agreed that Mitchelstown Creameries should have a display area on our stall and Mr Aherne will ~~neog~~ negotiate with them. Mr Kelleher brought sample of Cork caps which costs £1 each, including the Cork badge. A minimum order of 300.

Annual Dinner.

It was decided to invite the Lord Mayor of Cork and the Irish Ambassador to our annual dinner on 6th November. Mr Aherne and Mr O’Riordan will liaise on booking a band.

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C.I.C.A.

Mr Aherne reported on the AGM of the C.I.C.A. During this meeting a delegate from Cavan questioned the Cork Association about a grant from the Welfare Fund for a Cavan family. This money has been paid to the Association in Dec. but the family had not received the grant. Mr O’Riordan said all applications for Welfare grants should be on the agenda.

AOB

Mr Kelleher said Mrs Betty McDaid would be pleased to join the Committee. The Chairman said that at present she is unaware of the number of Committee members. Mr O’Riordan said we need Committee members who are prepared to work and suggested that it would be helpful if we knew the background of prospective Committee members. Mr Kelleher proposed we co-opt Mrs McDaid Seconded by Mr Aherne.

As there (w)as no other business the meeting closed at 10.30pm.

Date of next meeting: 28th April at 9.00pm.

Chairman: E Honahan Proposed by: M Kelleher

Date: Seconded by: R O’Riordan

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Minutes of the meeting held at the Irish Centre on Wednesday 28th April at 9-00pm.

Present:

L McDaid, M Kelleher, R O’Riordan, E Honahan *Chairman*, M Dooley *Secretary*, F Ahern, K Fitzgerald.

Absent with apologies:

J Sullivan, P Hartnett, J Sheehan, N Gourd, D Shea, F Lehane.

The Chairman opened the meeting and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Correspondence: Received

An invoice from the Irish Centre for £24 for refreshments at the AGM

A fund raising circular on behalf of the Royal Zoological Society of Ireland, Confirmed Raising Committee

A letter form the Youghal Association promoting their dance on May 8th 1982

A letter from the “Britain out of Ireland” movement advising a demonstration march on 8/05/82

A letter from Sealaan O’Briain giving information about her Radio programme Failte Isteach on Radio Eireann

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A letter from the Bobby Sands Commemoration, Committee, advising a social evening and meeting in support of their aims on May 6th 1982.

A bulletin from the Irish Centre Charity work Committee advising their sponsored walk on 20/6/82.

26th June

With regard to this evening, it was decided early in the discussion to hold a Talent Competition on this night with prizes of £29 + £10 to the winner + runner up, this was proposed by R O’Riordan + seconded by M Dooley. This event was to be advertised fully in the press and on Radio in the Radio Eireann programme, “Failte Isteach, the latter being suggested by M Kelleher, The debate then moved to pricing the tickets for admission, Mr Hern felt that the tickets should be reasonably priced as to attract as many as possible to the dance. Mr Dooley and Mrs McDaid felt that the tickets should reflect the realistic cost of the evening as running functions at a loss was not aim of the Association. There followed a long debate on behalf of both these arguments, eventually arriving at the decision that the 26th June fell on a day which was unsuitable to our purposes as we would find it difficult to charge cost-effective prices for our tickets and still expect to get a crowd to attend on that evening. It was proposed by Mr Kelleher and seconded M Dooley that Mr Ahern should cancel our date in June and attempt to rebook a more suitable date, this motion was carried.

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FESTIVAL DAY

The discussion on this item of the Agenda was brief, Mr Ahern advised the meeting that centre importer agents for Mitchelstown Creamery would be sharing the Cork stall on Festival Day. M Kelleher agreed to do key of the door again, and some comments were made of the provision of steward for the Organising Committee.

ANNUAL DINNER

It was confirmed that the guests ~~were~~ for this evening would be as decided at a previous meeting

The Lord Mayor of Cork and the Irish Ambassador the band for the evening to be Southern Comfort costing £100. There was also a discussion regarding the profit margin on the tickets for the Dinner Dance. The secretary felt that the meeting should set a profit margin on the tickets at this stage which later could be added to the cost, and a price for the Annual Dinner arrived at. The meeting felt that this was an unrealistic step to take at this early stage, and the matter was referred.

C.I.C.A.

No Report.

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A.O.B.

M. Kelleher and K Fitzgerald raised the matter of the newsletter to the membership. The Secretary informed them that one was being attended to. Mr Ahern informed the Secretary that it had been the custom to issue 4 such letters a year, covering any piece of Cork News available.

Mr Kelleher informed the Committee that due to ill-health Mr D Shea could no longer serve as Vice Chairman, branch he wished ~~he could~~ to remain on the Committee. The Secretary was structured to write to Mr Shea and pass on the members wishes for his speedy recovery; the election of a new Vice Chairman to be held over till the next meeting.

The date of the next meeting was set for the 26/03/82 a 9-00

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10-15 pm.

Proposed : M Kelleher Chairman : E Honahan

Seconded : K Fitzgerald 26/5/82

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Minutes of the meeting held at the Irish Centre on Wednesday 26/05/82 at 9pm

Present were,

C Hartnett, M Kelleher, L McDaid, K Fitzgerald, E Honahan, P Hartnett,

Absent,

F Lehane, J O’Sullivan, J Sheehan, N Gould, D O’Shea, R O’Riordan,

Apologies,

J Sullivan, F Ahern, R O’Riordan

The Chairman opened the meeting, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and adapted.

Treasurer Report,

Mr Hartnett gave the balances of the Association A/C after all bills have been paid. They read as follows. C/A 382-80 CR

D/A 473-35 CR

Building fund £1363-18 + WT

He also informed the Committee that the evening on the 13/02/82 showed a profit of £28, he also wished to go on record as being very grateful to the Kanturk Association for their help and also asked that the Secretary might be instructed to write and thank the Kanturk Association for their excellent prize of a set of Tungsten Darts which were presented in the course of the evening prize giving.

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The Committee were also informed that the Association had only 28 fully paid up members, this figure included Committee members.

26 June.

The Secretary informed the meeting that this function had been cancelled per the Committee instructions of the 28th Apr. 82, It had not been possible to rebook a more suitable date, The Treasurer, on a point of order, informed the Committee that the McNamara Hall had been booked for the 26/6/82 and not the Kennedy Hall as had been mentioned, however he was delighted to hear the function had been postponed as he felt the loss likely to be incurred would not be desirable, The discussion then broadened and included remarks by Mr Kelleher. The Secretary, and the Chairman on the subject of membership. The point was raised that Dances as such were a thing of the past, & McDaid disagreed with this point of view and felt that with combined effort & **[pg. 10]** organisation, they could be made to work very profitably. Mr Hartnett asked that the discussion be brought back to the item on the agenda. Miss McDaid felt it should be discussed in more general terms. It was eventually decided that the matter would be referred to a special meeting on membership to be held after the Festival Day.

Festival Day.

It was agreed that Tea Towels, hats & Rosettes, Sweet Rock and the key of the door should be included in the stall at the Irish Festival. Mr Hartnett agreed to hook into the matter of the Tea Towels. M Dooley the Rocks and a suggestion for Cork Tee shirts & scarfs to be investigated by C Hartnett. The meeting on Wednesday 16th June was called to deal with these matters more thoroughly.

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Annual Dinner : This items was referred,

C.I.C.A : No report.

A.O.B.: Election of new Vice Chairman. This was referred to the meeting 16/06/82

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10:30

Proposed M Kelleher

Seconded K Fitzgerald Chairman E Honahan

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Minutes of the meeting held at the Irish Centre on Wednesday 16/6/82

Present were:

P Hartnett – Treasure, K Fitzgerald, L McDaid, M Kelleher, D Ahern, J Sullivan, R O’Riordan, N Gould, F Ahern, E Honahan – Chairman, M Dooley – Sec

Apologies: M Murphy, F Lehane

The Chairman opened the meeting and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

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Matters Arising: Arising from the previous meeting & brief discussion followed on the point of order referring to the booking of halls for Dances at the Irish Centre. Mr Hartnett again point out that he had booked the McNamara Hall for the proposed function on the 26/6/82. Mr Ahern said that according to the records of the Irish Centre, the Kennedy Hall had been booked. Mr Hartnett was adamant that he had booked the McNamara and it appears that the management of the Irish Centre had made a mistake. Mr Sullivan intervened and said that as the Dance had been cancelled. The matter was now academic but that confirmation should be sought in all further bookings. Mr Ahern agreed with this and the matter was dropped.

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FESTIVAL DAY 4/7/82,

Arrangement for the stall at the Irish Festival were outlined as follows.

STOCK.

4 boxes of Cork Rock, Hats 200 - @ 50p, Rosettes 1000 @ 1.50p

Cater Short who were paying £70 for the use of half the stall would be carrying all Mitchelstown Meat & Creamery Products.

Key of the door to be handed again by Mr M Kelleher: Mr Ahern was to give this to Mr Kelleher

on the day

Soft Drinks 20 Doz

It had been hoped to have Tee-shirts but these had proved too expensive but it was planned to sell Tea Towels and souvenirs from Cork but to date these had not arrived.

The team picked for the stall was as follows: J Sullivan, **[pg. 15]** K Fitzgerald, Mrs Kerwick, M Dooley, N Gould, L McDaid, M Kelleher.

Transport and erection of the stall was to be handled by Mr M Dooley and a volunteer and friend of Mr Hartnett one P J Crowley.

Mr Kelleher then raised the matters of refreshment for those people manning the stall and wonder if something could be arranged, however the Committee present felt that the matter was best left to the individuals concerned and those unvalued reiterated that they would make their own arrangements.

The matter of stewards was raised by Mr Ahern but as none were yet available. The matter was not discussed in detail.

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Election of Vice-Chairman.

Mr R O’Riordan was proposed by Mr M Dooley and seconded Mr J Sullivan for this post. However Mr O’Riordan felt he was over committed at present and regretted that he had to turn down the nomination. Mr F Ahern was then proposed by Mr O’Riordan and seconded by M Dooley and after a vote was duly elected. This left the position of Assistant Secretary vacant. Mr F Ahern proposed Miss N Gould for this position and this was seconded by Mrs K Fitzgerald, after a vote. Miss Gould was duly elected: Mr Hartnett & Mr Sullivan joined in congratulating these people on their election to these officer positions and hoped they would keep up the good-work.

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A.O.B.

Mr P Hartnett made his apologies to the meeting for not been able to attend the forthcoming Festival Day. He was to attend a needing in Ireland on the same day.

Mr Dooley informed the meeting that the investigation he was asked to make at the Rosary Club had proved fruitless and held no promise for the Association.

The Date of next meeting was set for July 14 1982. There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.45pm.

Proposed D Ahern

Seconded P Hartnett Chairman E Honahan

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Minutes of the meeting held at the Irish Centre on September 8th 1982 at nine oclock.

Present were. P Hartnett, K Fitzgerald, L McDaid, M Kelleher, D Allen, J Sullivan, R O’Riordan, F Ahern, F Lehane, M Dooley, K Scanlon.

In the absence of Miss E O Honalon our Chairman, Mr F Ahern the Vice Chairman opened the meeting and presided.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Matters arsing: K Fitzgerald thanked Mr P Hartnett for all the work he put into the furniture for the stall at the Roundwood Festival. Mr J O’Sullivan reiterated this and wish also to thank K Fitzgerald and all the people who helped with the stall.

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On Mr Hartnett’s suggestion & unanimously agreed by the meeting. The Secretary was instructed to communicate the Association’s thanks to Mr P J Cowley For all the work he put in on the Festival day and to offer him two tickets to the Dinner Dance by way of thanks.

Correspondence (none)

Treasurer’s Report

As the Treasurers was not in a position to give a full statement of affairs with regard to the talking at the Irish Festival, he suggested that if be referred to a later meeting. He did mention that the merchandise had not arrived in time from Dublin for the Festival but as yet he had not been invoiced for it. He said it was not his intention to meet this invoice till next July and would return the

**[pg. 20]**  merchandise if the suppliers would forward the required postal charges. At this point Mr Ahern suggested that the takings of the key of the door be donated to the Irish Centre as after all it was their equipment and they could do with the money. This proposal was not seconded and received no support. Mr O’Sullivan pointed out that the Cork Assoc. had helped the I.C. in the past running two socials a month, and finally donating 2000 to the cause. It was generally felt that it would be better to improve the Associations financial position. This originated the opportunity for Cork-people to be of greater Assistance to the I.C. Mr Hartnett pointed out that our Bank balance was trying to recover from the loss of approx. £400 on the Dinner Dance in 1980 due to tickets not being paid for and that we were not **[pg. 21]**  in a position to be reckless. Mr Ahern withdrew the suggestion.

Annual Dinner

With regard to this function it was agreed to price the tickets at £11 per head with wine. It was confirmed that a band had been booked and that the guest would be invited. The guest of honour hopefully would be the Irish Ambassador Mr Hartnett stated that we are still in discussion and that selling tickets would be difficult but that we must all do our best this year.

AOB.

The Secretary advised the Committee that he had instructed a solicitor to write to Mr John Murphy requesting an explanation as to why the tickets to be Dinner 1980 were still outstanding.

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The date of the next meeting was set for Sept 29 1982.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10-25pm

Proposal P Hartnett

Seconded M Kelleher Chairman E Honahan

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Minutes of the meeting held at the Irish Centre on Oct 6 1982 at nine o’clock.

Present were.

E Honahan - Chairman, P Hartnett – Treasurer, K Fitzgerald, F Lehane, M Kelleher, L McDaid, R O’Riordan, M Dooley – Sec.

Apologies from F Aherne, K Scanlon, Sullivan.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Treasures Report.

Mr Hartnett gave an indication of the situation with referring to the takings at the stall at the Irish Festival. However as the official statement of affairs was still in preparation he asked that a more concise summary be referred to a later meeting. He outlined the Association’s position with the bank, and gave the opinion that things were improving. However he did emphasise the point that discuss anything by meeting should be kept in camera and not repeated outside.

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Dinner Dance.

The meeting went on to discuss this forthcoming function in some detail. Decisions were much with regard to the order of speeches, the menu cards and their printing. Mr Aherne was mentioned as the gentleman looking after the matter. Mr Kelleher asked that the security with the hall on that night be properly organised and suggested that we employ a doorman again this year as in previous years. With regard to the tickets the Secretary gave these out, and asked the Committee to do their best, as we needed 150 to 170 sold to make the evening a success. The Secretary was asked to approach Fr Malone to say grace on that night and also to confirm the bar arrangements. The Secretary confirmed that all the guests were attending with exception of the Ambassador who would be represented by Mr Dempsey. The meeting finalised other arrangements with regard to the band the photographer and flower etc. and then **[pg. 25]** moved on to discuss any other business.

This proved to be a very interesting debate. Mr Kelleher and Miss McDaid revealed the Trojan Work they had been doing over the previous weeks, going around the Irish Clubs in their area as a direct result of this, they procured thirty eight new members for the Association and also gained valuable information for the Association in these institutions in case in point being the Shannon Centre in Ilford who offered their facilities to the Committee to run a function if they so wished. Mr Kelleher also produced a most marvellous set of Posters advertising the Dinner Dance and said that he was confident that his new contracts would head to a lot of tickets being sold. The Committee were very impressed by all this and congratulated Mr Kelleher & Miss McDaid for their enthusiasm.

The Treasurer and the Secretary then put forward their proposals for recovering the monies outstanding to the **[pg. 26]** Dinner Dance in 1980. They informed the meeting that a solicitor had been instructed in this regard and that legal action was contemplated. They asked the Committee for full backing, which they received, and the Secretary pointed at that on a point of principle it was imperative that this matter be processed to a conclusion.

Congratulations were expressed be Mr Lehane on this recent elevation to the Council of the Knights, which the meeting felt was just recognition for all the work he had put into that Association.

The date of next meeting was set for Monday the 25/10/82

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10-45 pm.

Proposed: F Lehane Chairman: E Honahan

Seconded: M Kelleher

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Minutes of the meeting held at the Irish Centre on the 12/1/83, at 8.30 pm.

Present were.

F Aherne, M Dooley, P Hartnett, K Fitzgerald, F Lehane, M Murphy, F Sullivan, B McDaid, R O’Riordan, M Kelleher, N Gould.

In the absence of the Chairperson, Mr Aherne took the chair and convened the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Miss N Gould as the Secretary had missed that meeting, these were adapted.

Matters Arising

The Secretary took the opportunity of answering some criticism of his handling of the dinner dance which had been voiced at the previous meeting at which he was not present.

The pointed out that Mr Kelleher had been placed of table no 6, at the request of Miss K Scanlon and that he “The Secretary“ understood this to mean that Mr Kelleher, & Miss K Scanlon, had agreed to this **[pg. 20]** arrangement.

With regard to notifying Mr Dave Shea, ~~that~~ of the Dinner-Dance, the Secretary said that he had phoned Mr O Shea in the company of Mr P Hartnett three weeks before the Dinner -Dance. Mr Hartnett confirmed this.

On hearing these explanations Mr Kelleher withdrew his criticism.

Before moving on to the next item of the agenda Miss McDaid brought to the meeting’s attention that raffle tickets were on sale in the Hall during the Dress-Dance without the sanction of the ~~meeting~~ Committee Mr Ahern accepted responsibility for sanctioning the sale at these tickets as he believed it to be in a good cause namely to assist the Cavan Assoc. Miss McDaid made the point that these decisions should only be made by the Committee and not by the officers on their own initiative.

Treasurer Report: Mr Hartnett gave a general picture of the Association’s finances **[pg. 29]** coming up to the A.G.M, and stated that overall position was optimistic given the year 81-81, that the Association had come through.

A.G.M

The Secretary read out the nominations received for the officers of the Committee. They read as follows.

President: T O’Sullivan, R Allen.

Vice President: K Fitzgerald, M Murphy, R Allen.

Chairman: C Birke, E Honahan, P Hartnett.

Vice-Chairman: D O’Shea, F Aherne, R O’Riordan.

Secretary: ~~F Aherne, R O’Rion,~~ E Honahan, N Gould, B McDade.

Asst Secretary: N Gould, B McDade.

Treasurer: M Dooley, P Hartnett.

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The nominations for the Committee were as follows.

F Aherne, F Lehane, K Scanlon, M Dooley, R O’Riordan, B McDade, M Kelleher, C Hartnett, D Hartnett, N Gould, C Burke, E Honahan.

The President thanked the officers & Committee for their work throughout the year, and hoped that the coming year would see further advances in the Committee work.

Matters concerning the Quiz & The Darts competition & the booking at the Hall for the Dress-Dance 1983 were referred to the incoming Committee.

A.O.B.

The Secretary informed the meeting that the solicitor acting on behalf of the Association with regard to the Murphy affair was not going to charge the Association for his services.

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The matter of the Committee Party was discussed and arranged for the 23/1/1983 at 7-oclock, Mr Hartnett was handling arrangements.

Mr Hartnett brought the Committee attention to a disturbing domestic predicament in which he found one of his neighbours. Both the parents in this particular family had died leaving four children to fend for themselves. Local people in the area were helping out but the undertakers bill was still outstanding. After some discussion the Secretary was asked to approach the Secretary of the Roscommon Assoc and attain assistance for this family from the Council of Irish Counties.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10-00pm.

Proposed: F Aherne Chairman: E Honahan

Seconded: K Scanlon