

KCC Meeting 19th February 2009

Minutes

In attendance: see attendance sheet

Matters arising from last meeting:

Sewerage

A foreshore licence has been applied for by Galway County Council. Correspondence from Peter Feeney (Cllr) indicates that a meeting with Fiona Fallon (GCC) took place. Ryan Hanley has come up with a budget of an additional 50% for the sewerage works. If this cannot be reduced the County Council will have to go back to the Department of Environment for extra funding. Moreover all projects of over €5 million have to be approved at each stage which may slow down the process even further. Cllr Feeney has indicated however that the project is going full steam ahead.

Town Twinning

40 people from Locaol Mendon will be attending the Cuckoo Fleadh. Further meetings will be held with host families.

Playground

€350,000 is necessary for the project.

€180,000 has been granted by Galway County Council. The rest will be funded by personal loans of €150,000 underwritten by the School Board. It is hoped that the shortfall of about €35,000 will be obtained by fundraising efforts.

Seamount

In a letter to the Save Seamount Group Ulick Burke (TD) has indicated that no site for the project has been prioritised although some landowners have been approached. He has also stated that schools prioritised for building in 2008 will have to be built before Kinvara is considered.

There is a possibility that the school may be leased for a period by the Department to allow its continuation until a new school is built by the Government.

Agenda matters:

Building Improvements

Richard Broad outlined a number of works prioritised to improve the Community Centre:

Lagging of ceiling, building of exterior walls, extension and replacement of existing toilets, addition of storage rooms, and removal of rocks under stage to create storage for extendable stage. Galway Rural Development has indicated that there may be a possibility of a grant of up to €10,000. More accurate costings will be provided at next meeting.

It was also noted that the Burco and tables were missing from the Community Centre's kitchen. Whosoever had taken them, please return them ASAP!

Childcare Centre

The building works are proceeding well and on time. A fundraising breakfast will be held on March 1st from 9 -11.30 am in the Pier Head and the community are asked to support. All proceeds to the Child Care Centre.

Court House

It is hoped that the Playschool will vacate the Court House by 1st September 2009. 3 proposals were brought before the Community Council as to the future use of the building.

On the outset it was noted that the Court House is a *listed building* to which conservation rules apply and which will restrict any structural changes without planning permission.

On the plus side this allows the Community Council to apply for a conservation grant for the building. The 3 proposals were:

1. A Community Exhibition Space
2. A Youth Drop In Centre
3. An Active Age Retirement Group Centre

The first proposal was presented by Anne Korff and Pam Fleming and they submitted a written proposal for consideration outlining a brief outline of possible events such as community based exhibitions (maritime, heritage, science, local history etc) and sales based exhibitions (quilting, pottery, painting, sculptures etc).

Geraldine Blackwell outlined her proposal for the youth comparing it to the GAF in Galway where the youth of Kinvara who have no where to go could congregate and have supervised internet access, socialise and buy refreshments in the Centre.

Maria Hannigan outlined her proposal for the Active Age Retirement Group explaining that Father Larkin had offered the convent for the same group but since Respond have put in an application it remained to be seen what the outcome would be. The group are currently meeting in the Merriman.

No vote was taken at this juncture but it was proposed that some compromise could be explored as to what the best use would be and that the compromise proposal should then be submitted to Father Larkin (Trustee) for consideration.

Fair Trade Town Status

A proposal was brought by Siân Eustace to get Kinvara to apply for Fair-trade Town Status. She outlined the benefits of the status both for the town (attraction to shop in and visit Kinvara) and people in the developing world (better working conditions, sustainability and fair trade). This proposal was warmly welcomed by all present and a sub committee was elected to start work on the process.

Tidy Town

The Committee are looking for volunteers to help paint buckets for cigarettes on Saturday the 7th of March. It is hoped that once painted with the Kinvara colours they will be left outside the pubs and used by patrons.

Minutes taken by Matti Twomey

Proposed by:

Seconded By: