

Kinvara Community Council Meeting held March 18th 2010

Present: Caoilte Breathnach, Richard Broad, Gerry Browne, Dominic Gallagher, Clare Mara, John Connolly, Liz Murphy, David Patterson, Pam Fleming, Rosaleen Tanham, Sian Morgan-Eustace, Maria Hannigan, Matti Twomey

Correspondence received: Letter from Garda Siochana received in relation to traffic control at castle. Matter cannot be resolved as no traffic plan in Kinvara. Suggestion that we contact our local councillors. It was proposed that Maria and Liz meet John Ruddle the Managing Director of Shannon Development to see if a solution can be found.

Building Improvements: Richard gave an account of some changes to the plans – the ramp from the entrance to the hall could not be put in as the gradient was too steep. The alternative chosen was to put in accessible toilets both at lobby and in the hall. Some other hold ups are now inevitable: GRD's grant process will now also involve a referral to the Dept of the Environment. Permission will also be necessary for some trees to be felled. It is proposed that application for the works be made in July for works to start in January 2011.

Calendar for Kinvara: Photos of Kinvara taken by Richard Cresswell in 1956 are to be donated to the people of Kinvara. Caoilte is organising the assignment of copyright to Kinvara Community Council in Paris next month. He suggested that the KCC fund the publication of a calendar of some of the photographs. This was accepted.

Court House Lease: The Court House is owned by the community but is in the care of the Catholic Diocese. A lease is to be signed between KCC and the diocese. Fundraisers are necessary for rewiring and replumbing which have to be carried out sensitively as the building is a protected structure. Some funds have been guaranteed by the AIB. Although the building will mainly be used for a youth club it is proposed that it will also be available to other users. Insurance will be covered by KCC.

Twinning programme: Fundraisers to help subsidise the cost of this trip are ongoing. So far €800 has been raised.

Galway Film Centre: The Centre's ID project is seeking applications. There is an information evening on the 30th of March. Applications have to be submitted in April.

Community Newsletter: Any information for the newsletter has to be submitted to Pam by the end of March.

Walkway: An exhibition of the drawings of the proposed walkway will be in Liz Murphy's Cornstore in April. It is hoped that the different options will be clearly displayed for all to see and discuss. A talk will also be arranged at a later date.

Fairtrade status: The Fair Trade committee visited Londis and the meeting went well. The committee are trying to recruit new members and to host monthly meetings. The hope is to have Kinvara obtain Fair Trade Status in February of next year.

Minutes proposed by:

Seconded by:

Matti Twomey
Secretary, Kinvara Community Council