

Minutes of the AGM of the Federation of Local History Societies

Date: 27th May 2017

Venue: The Ardilaun Hotel Galway

The AGM was hosted by the Galway Archaeological and Historical Society with excellent organisation by Eugene Jordan.

Federation chairman, Michael Gaynor welcomed delegates. He introduced Daibhi O Croinin, history department NUI Galway who officially opened proceedings. Daibhi spoke of the important work the Federation and local history societies do in creating awareness of the rich heritage of their communities. He expressed his concern regarding the decision by the department of education to ease history out of the curriculum in secondary education. He commended the Federation for their enthusiasm for the subject and for their efforts in engaging young people. The chairman thanked Daibhi and presented him with a copy of the 2016 journal.

Minutes: Minutes of the 2016 AGM held in the Absolute Hotel in Limerick read by the Hon Sec. Betty Quinn were adopted on the proposal of Anne Breen and seconded by Pdraig Laffan.

Chairman's Address: Delivered by Michael Gaynor (copy appended)

Hon. Treasurer's Report: Delivered by Mairead Byrne (copy appended) adopted on the proposal of Dick Ryan, seconded by Martina Griffin.

Hon Secretary's Report: Delivered by Betty Quinn (copy appended)

Motion for Adoption:

A discussion arose regarding the non - attendance of committee members at meetings, it was pointed out that societies were represented on the committee not individuals. It was agreed that if three consecutive meetings were missed without a replacement that society would no longer be deemed to have representation on the committee. It was also agreed to send this information to secretaries of societies.

Resignations from the Committee:

Ann Cusack, Waterford Archaeological and Historical has resigned and is replaced by Clare Walsh. John Bradshaw, Tipperary Clans Heritage Society has resigned, also Clare O Halloran, Cork Archaeological and Historical Society.

Election of Officers:

The present officers and committee members were all willing to stand again and were elected on the proposal of Dick Ryan, seconded by Jim Dockery.

New Committee members:

Mary Kenehan, Thomand Archaeological and Historical Society, elected on the proposal of Elsie O Connell, seconded by Steve Dolan.

Marie McCarthy, Inniscarra Historical Society, elected on the proposal of Dick Ryan, seconded by Anne Breen.

Michael Mullaly, Newbridge Local History Group, elected on the proposal of Mairead Byrne, seconded by Dick Ryan.

AOB:

Larry Breen gave a recommendation for Select Hotels of Ireland for any society wishing to hold conferences etc.

JJ Woods suggested changing the Federation logo, as he didn't consider it a proper logo, a short discussion arose as to the appropriateness of the logo, Moate Society have the same logo. It was agreed not to make any changes.

A discussion also arose regarding the constitution, the question was asked if it is reflective of what the Federation is about. It was noted there is no reference to a President, a constitution being a legal document should reflect this matter. It was agreed to hold a discussion on the matter at the next committee meeting and review any changes/ additions at the next AGM.

Society Spake:

Padraig Laffan devised a slide template which projected on screen basic information on each society while the representative spoke of their extra activities during the year. This approach proved very successful and saved a lot of time.

The AGM welcomed the large number of representatives from the Federation of Ulster Local Studies who attended the meeting and who contributed to the Spake.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Larry Breen thanked delegates for their attendance and outlined the activities for the afternoon.

Betty Quinn Hon. Secretary.