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Report from Dublin C/C Meetings (Officer Board)

10th and 17th April 1978.

The first Officer Board meeting discussed the implementation of the resolutions passed at the AGM of the Dublin C/C. Following is a synopsis of decisions taken arising from the resolutions.

The Officer Board of the C/C will meet once a fortnight on a Monday evening. A full delegate meeting will be called once a month. The first of these will be held on the 8th May. Cumanns will get a report of OB meetings in advance of Full delegate meetings. They will also get copies of the agenda for delegate meetings.

General Members meetings will be held every 3rd Wednesday of the month. The first will take place on the 17th May and will be held in Head Office as will all future Gen. Members meetings.

Treasurers Report. Enclosed are forms which must be filled in every month when making returns for subs. Cumann treasurers are asked to ensure that these forms are regularly filled in. In order to re-register members are asked to note that new membership cards will not be issued unless last years card is fully stamped up to the end of May (correction, to the begining of May.) Registration forms will be sent out shortly. When filling in the forms members should be sure to include information re their union membership. What union they are in, what Branch and what position they hold. Stamps will be available at each delegate meeting for all cumains so delegates should remember to bring cumann subs along, each month. Finally on Finance, it was agreed at the last C/C that the Dublin C/C would pay Hd Office £100.00 to have the C/C room and the room beside it retiled and that the C/C would re-coup this money by levying cumanns £10.00 each. Cumains are reminded therefore to send in their £10.00. At the next full delegate meeting a the delegate from Dublin to the National Women's Committee will be elected. Cumains are asked to mandate their C/C delgate on how to vote. Whoever is elected will become a full member of the OB.

PRO. There will be a meeting of PRO's in Head Office on Monday 24th at 8pm. It is important that cumains have a representative at this meeting. The National PR. Sean Kenny, along with the C/C PRO Philomena Donnelly will be present. The PRO of the Dublin C/C will be available in Head Office every Wednesday from 3.30 - 5.30 to help cumains with publicity.

There is a possibility that we might be able to get Mornington for a week in August. The OB would be interested in hearing if cumains think a week long session is a good idea and if so what topics could be discussed. This subject will be discussed at the next delegate meeting. Also to be discussed at the next delegate meeting is the question of a Director of Elections. Cumains should discuss this and send in recommendations as to who they think would be suitable for the position.

May Day. At this years May Day march cumann members will march behind their union banners. Unlike previous years there will be no Party Banners.

IPOEU. In accordance with the resolution passed at the AGM cumain are asked to contribute to the 'strike' fund. It was recommended at the last OB meeting that cumains take up a collection in the pubs in their areas. There are leaflets available in Head Office for distribution with the collection and it is recommended that all cumains take some as they will help avoid problems vis a vis authorisation. The Lawlor cumann have already collected £60.00 this way. All money is to be in Head Office by May Day weekend.

Economic Affairs Phil Ryan, Economic Affairs Liason off. C/C, suggested that the C/C buy a projection screen for the Economic Affairs Dept at a cost of £60.00. A decision on this will be taken at the next Del. meeting.

Dublin Plan. P. Keating and Phil Ryan are to work on a draft outline of the plan which they plan to have ready to be sent to cumains in 6-8 weeks. Cumains will then be in a position to make submissions, if they wish.

Conventions The Finglas Convention is to be held on 26th April. G. Doherty will attend from the C/C. North Central will hold there Convention on 3rd May. P. Keating will attend that. The Pearse Cuman will hold theirs on 27th May. G. Doherty will attend. Cumains are reminded about the meeting on 25th April in head office to discuss the issue of running two candidates in the Elections.

RPC AGM is expected to be held on Apr. 30th. Details from your local RPC sec.

IDYM PLAY

The play which members of the IDYM and others have been rehearsing over these past months is getting its first showing in the Projects Arts Theatre on Sun eve Apr 30th and also after the May-Day Parade on the Mon night. All our members and friends should try and attend this as there has been a lot of work put into this play.

Easter Lilly Money.

Would cumainn please pay for their lillies and return $\frac{1}{2}$ the profit to this office.

OFFICER BOARD MEETING 15th May 1978.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

CORRESPONDANCE. The officer board received a letter from Peter Kane. Arising from this letter the OB agreed that 'Notes and Comments', which is sent out to cumann on a monthly basis from Head Office would in future be sold to cumainn. Cumainn would order in advance the number they require each month and c would be charged ~~10p~~⁵ each copy approx. It was also noted that all new members who have applied through Hd Office for membership have been formally notified

Subs. Following a request from Peter Kane, the Treasurer is to compile an up to date list of members stating whether they are employed or not. Also the Dublin organiser is to have a list prepared of those members who have had genuine problems in paying subs through out the year. eg members of a cumainn which collapses. This list to be submitted to the Ard Chomhairle for consideration with regard to paying part or all of outstanding subs.

TREASURERS REPORT. We have £21.88 on hand - when the treasurer has sold the stamps of which he has £100.00 worth bought we will have in the region of £171.00.

C/C Floor Re-Tiling. The Pearse, Lalor, McKee, and O'Leary have contributed £10.00 each and the Devlin has so far contributed £5.00. No other cumainn have paid in their monies so far. They are to be reminded to pay in as soon as possible.

IPOEU FUND. The Pearse, and the O'Leary paid in £10.00 each, the Devlin £5.00. The Russell paid in £24.00 and the Lalor collected £60.00

ELECTION FUND. The OB agreed that an election fund should be set up. The first contribution to this fund will be the sum of £27.12 which will be the first deposit when the funds of the C/C are a bit stronger. It was further agreed that in future one third of all subs to the C/C will be placed in this Election fund for which there will be a separate Bank account.

INVENTORY. The Ard Chomhairle have requested that C/C have an inventory of cumainn and Constituency council funds on a monthly basis. This information is to be filled in on monthly report forms. Treasurer is to ensure that money outstanding from the National Commemoration Committee is paid to us.

FINANCE. THE meeting discussed the running of the Club on Sat. nights. The Finance officer agreed that he was responsible for organising Sat. night sessions. It was agreed that a Finance

Committee would be set up with the aim of planning , in greater detail the question of raising finance in an overall context.

Activities Committee. The Ard Chomhairle have set up an Activities Committee for the Club, of which the Finance officer is to be a member.

EDUCATION. The 3rd Topic for Mornington is to be Federalism and Des O'Hagen is to be asked to give it. For Mornington, T. Moriarty, P. Ryan and P.Keating are to each chair a lecture.

PRO. The PRO reported that there were only 3 in attendance at the last meeting which she convened. She attributed this partly to the notification which was sent out by the Sec. Bad lay out made reading difficult she felt. The point was noted by the secretary.

GENERAL MEMBERS. The meeting of the 20th September will be on the subject of Publicity. It was suggested that the editors of the two Party papers would be asked to attend this meeting.

Statements are still going out from the PRO to the media and she would appreciate more contributions from cumain. The PRO is unable to continue holding meetings on a Wed. evening , and it was suggested that pigeon boxes put up outside the C/C rooms would be a good idea. C/C is to start paying rent for the two rooms immediately.

DUBLIN OFFICE. The OB in discussing the make up of the body to run or organise the Dublin Office would comprise 6 to 7 people, including the PRO, the Director of Elections (dublin) the Ind. Liaison Officer plus three others who were in some way involved in organisation, eg a local director of Elections. The C/C secretary would be involved in a secretarial capacity. The Broad terms of reference of this Committee were to collect and collate information with special reference to Dublin . Industrial information, information re legislation for use in CAB's etc. The director of Elections is to chair these meetings.

ORGANISER'S REPORT. Organiser gave a report on two meetings which are to be held in Maynooth and in Walkinstown. The Tallaght cumann was also discussed and it was agreed that a meeting would be convened in the area at which a specific topic or issue would be agreed upon on which the cumann could reorganise itself. Rory Corrigan is to be asked to attend this meeting.

COISTE SEASTA REPORT. The C/S will report at their next meeting on the first part of the C/C resolution which called for a detailed policy statement from on development of Public Broadcasting. No decision was taken on the 2nd part of statement which means the status quo is maintained.

C/C is to make a submission to the Public Hearing on the Special Amenities Order for Dublin Bay, which will be held on Wed. 23rd May.

BODENSTOWN Cumainn are to be notified that they may purchase in advance tickets for transport to Bodenstown. SUBJECTS for next OB meeting: 1) Dublin Universities 2)EEC Meeting.

Transfers. Sean Fitzsimmons has transferred to the Howth cumain.

23rd May 1978.

30 Gardiner Place,
Dublin 2.

To all Chairmen.

All cumainn are asked to complete their affiliation forms and send these into Head Office as soon as possible.

Equally important is the filling in of individual registration forms. Cumainn Chairmen are asked to ensure that all members fill in these forms and submit FULLY paid up cards to Head Office to enable them to receive new cards. It should be borne in mind that the Ard Chomhairle, as pointed out in Notes and Comments intends to be less flexible in the forthcoming year with regard to enforcing the card system.

Trade Union Also on the subject of reg. forms, could members please be sure to give details of their Trade Union involvement. e.g. T.U. Branch, and what positions held.

Inventory. The Nat. Treas. have asked the C/C to establish what funds cumainn and constituency councils have in hand. They have therefore requested that we forward this information to them and continue to do so on a regular basis. Hopefully, you will all have received by now your report forms which are to be returned to the C/C once a month. There is space on these forms for this information. Report forms should be filled out and sent in with delegates to the monthly delegate Meeting.

Notes and Comments. is a monthly newsletter which is printed in Head Office. Cumainn will be sent sufficient copies for their members once they order the number they require. The charge is 5p per copy. Don't forget to place your order.

Irish Industrial Revolution. The IIR is once more available having been re-printed. The Industrial Liaison officer wants to remind all cumainn that every member should have a copy of this publication. As the cost is quite considerable, cumainn can buy in bulk and thus reduce the overall price by a quarter.

Bodenstown. Buses to Bodenstown are being organised.

There will be at least three buses...I leaving Raheny/Howth area....I leaving the central area and I leaving Ballyfermot/Crumlin. However, we should aim at doubling the number of buses and to help in this we are now printing tickets that will have to be sold in advance. The cost is £1.50 for adults and £1.00 for children ~~under~~ over 12. Youngsters and old people free.

Waiting For Future

After 2 very successful nights over the May-Day weekend the above play is returning to the Projects Arts Theatre on Tues 30th, Wed 31st and Thurs. June 1st at 8PM.

Everyone who saw this play has been impressed by the standard of acting and by its entertainment value. I hope that you can tell your friends to come along and support it. ADM £1.00 Children $\frac{1}{2}$ price.

Next full delegate meeting is on Monday 12th June.

Bodenstown is on Sun. 18th.

General Members meeting is on 21st June. Topic EEC Elections.

Mornington. 2nd session on Local Gov. Elections.

DUBLIN COMHAIRLE CEANTAIR. OFFICER BOARD MEETING.

Minutes of previous meeting were accepted. Meeting agreed that in future members of the Officer Board who had correspondence for cumainn, would write their own letters, and that the secretary would only be responsible for sending it out. Money for Notes and Comments from cumainn will be paid direct to Peter Kane. It was also noted that the cost of each issue per member is 5p and not 10p as stated in previous minutes. It was also noted by the meeting that it was the National Treasurer and not the Coiste Seasta who requested cumainn and Constituency Councils to send in an inventory of Cumainn funds etc.

PRO. The Pro will put out a statement from Ray McCran on the subject of Dublin of Special Amentiy Area Order for Dublin Bay.

Dublin Universities. The meeting briefly discussed Dublin Universities and the question of organising members within. It was agreed that Dublin C/C should a) play a mainly supportive role in terms of overall organisation. b) A rep. from Dublin Univ. should be on the O/B of the C/C. c) Clubs within the Univ. should be properly constituted as a cumann with clubs answerable to C/C and delegated to attend C/C delegate meetings. The O.B agreed to defer discussion on a plan of organisation until early Autumn.

Organisers Report. Howth cumann has been established with 5 members and with a further possibility of members. O.B agreed that Sean Fitzmaurice can give remaining new members classes to Gerry Carthy. This arises from the fact that G. Carthy works late hours and would find it impossible to otherwise attend Head Office. to complete his lectures.

Conventions. North Central;- 14th June- an independant member of the A/C will attend this Convention.

Ballyfermot. 7th June. The Director of Elections (Dublin) will attend both Clontarf. are to hold a meeting on 15th June to discuss election in the area, and a meetin will be held in Prosperous for Tues (30th June) to organise a cumann.

Bodenstown. Buses will cost £94.00 each. Each bus seats 86 passengers. Tickets are £1.50 per adult. £1.00 for children over 12 years old.

Cumann are asked to sell tickets locally as soon as possible. Dublin Organiser will organise where buses will pick up passengers when he has an idea of the numbers travelling from each area.

EEC Meeting. The next General Members meeting will be on the topic of the EEC. Paddy Keating is to prepare a paper for discussion. This will be sent out in advance.

Director of Election.s A meeting was held in Leixlip to discuss contesting elections and it was decided to postpone any decision or convention until the Autumn. The Director of Elections outlined

how he intended looking at Elections in an overall context, that is EEC, Local Gov. and General Elections, picking out issues particular to all elections and issues ps specific to each. He intends holding meetings with local Dir. of Elections to discuss strategy and organisation etc in each area.

Dublin Plan. P. Keating suggested that it would be a good idea to print three or four different plans covering a separate topic, ie Inner City, Transport. Ultimately plans to be published as one plan.

Transport Plan. Proinseas de Rossa, Tom Breen, Catherine Mee to be asked to organise a committee to run a campaign on Public Transport. P. Keat- will also be on this committee. They are to arrange a meeting before next Delegate meeting, to formulate a plan.

Dublin Office. Director of Elections who had responsibility for convening meeting listed areas of work to be covered by the proposed Dublin Office.

These included, typing, research, filing, publicity, newsletter printing. All education reports, cumann reports and records should be filed centrally at Head Office. Information on areas covered by CAB's should be collected and it was suggested that Dublin Office should produce a booklet on how CAB's are run. Paper and magazine cuttings, plus different development plans of Dublin Cor. o etc would also be filed at Head Office. Initial expenditure was estimated at being in the region of £50.00 Constituency Councils are to be asked to pay in £50.00 each.

Treasurer's Report. £9.05 Cash in hand. £49.99 in Election Fund. £189.15 in stamps. 7 cumann have not paid in any money for April / May. The Treasurer is to write to cumann.

Finance. finance Officer is having difficulty in organising people to play in club on Saturday's. He is going to put an advt. in the paper for musicians. Another suggestion for fund raising was the idea of block bookings in pubs. Finance Officer is to look into it.

Education. Ed. Officer reported on her difficulty in getting education programmw under way. The next meeting for cumainn education officers

and representatives is on Tues 27th June at 8pm Head Office. The Topic will be 'Methods and Techniques of workers Education.'

Hope Cumann. The Chairman of the C/C is to go to the Hope cumann to discuss some 'ongoing' problems which the OB feel must be resolved immediately. The Dublin Organiser is to write to the cumann to arrange a meeting.

Industrial Affairs. Phill "yan reported on Port inquiry, PRO raised issuing to Press of submission without extracts useful to press we coverage and the issuing of the North Central news letter. An Inner City committee is being formed to develop propoganda from the of the inquiry until the Minister's reply. The Dublin submissions and others will be considered o for issuing to Dublin members.

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There will be a P.R.O. meeting on Thursday 9th June at 8 p.m. It is important that your P.R.O. will be present to ensure that all the very good work your Cumann may be doing is receiving publicity.

At the last meeting only 3 Cumainn were represented.

I would be very grateful if your Cumann meeting would ensure that your cumann is represented at the meeting on the 9th June.

Is mise,

Philomena Donnelly, P.R.O.

Dublin Comhairle Ceanntair,

Sinn Fein The Workers Party.

Annual Bodenstown Rally

The Above Rally will take place this year on Sun. June 18th. Little organisation went into the Rally last year from Dublin's point of view owing to the fact ~~that~~ ^{went} we were very much occupied in the General Election. Consequently numbers from Dublin were very small. This year we have to try and rectify this and ensure that all our members, friends, relatives and supporters attend and make this an event that will recapture its special significance as a rallying point for republican socialists.

We are running special busses as usual but they will be picking up passengers from a much wider area.

Route One

Starting Howth 1.30: Raheny: Clontarf: Fairview and Club Uí Chadhain at 2pm.

Route Two. Ballymun: Finglas: Doyles Cnr: Inchicore and Ballyfermot at 2PM

Route Three, Dockers: The Coombe: Crumlin Shopping Centre and Halfway House. at 2pm.

All buses return from Bodenstown at approx. 6pm.

A number of tickets are being sent to each constituency area and all monies will have to be in head office by Tues 12th at.

Each Cumann and constituency council should now draw up a list of people in their area and detail members to visit them. Old people and under twelves travel free.

Consideration should also be given to those who are unemployed as most cumann could afford to pay or subsidise these people.

There are plenty of tickets and plenty of buses so make this year, from Dublin's viewpoint a memorable one by increasing our numbers.

All those travelling should be aware that drinking beforehand or in Sallins prior to the Rally is frowned upon.

Tickets can also be bought from the Bookshop.