



Irish Mountaineering Club

Cumann Sleibhteoireachta na hÉireann

Minutes of Committee Meeting

12 January 2015

1. Welcome & Apologies

Welcome:

Niall Ennis "NE" (Chair), Jonathan Smith "JS" (Training Officer), Kevin Coakley "KC" (Membership Secretary), Garry Smith "GS" (Committee Member), Ruth Whelan "RW" (Librarian) Tina Ennis "TE" (Secretary) Ian Christie "IC" (Publicity Officer), Sinead Rickerby "SR" (Meets Secretary) Kieran Kelly "KK" (Hut Warden), David Jacobs "DJ" (Committee Member), James Flanagan "JF" (Committee Member)

Apologies: Vanessa Sumner "VS" (Meets Secretary) Declan Finnegan "DF" (Treasurer)

2. Minutes of meeting 1 December 2014

These were approved.

3. Matters Arising

Helen Lawless "HL" of Mountaineering Ireland "MI" contacted NE in relation to a successor to Peter Norton "PE" as Environmental Officer. HL offered to talk about MI's current Access and Conservation work at PE's talk at the Teachers' Club on 19 February 2015. SR will contact HL to confirm. SR will get a role description from PE and it was agreed that SR will approach Noel Caffery as a potential successor.

4. Correspondence Received

An email was received from Irish Film Archive "IFA" who have a collection of films deposited by Joss Lynam. The IFA want to put in place a new deposit agreement addressing the physical ownership of the films and their copyright. RW will liaise with Peter O'Neill as he looks after the Joss Spot in the Mountain Log.

5. IMC Administration

When passing over to new Environmental Officer was agreed to acknowledge PE's contribution. New members – JS is meeting a new member this week as is Ray Chambers.

Update to the expedition form – NE suggested an email Donal O'Murchu to see what he wants done. It was noted that the expedition panel only convenes when an application is received.

Complaint follow-up – it was agreed to send an approved letter of apology to Ken Doyle. IC reminded the committee that officers' reports were only to be issued following the AGM.

6. Officers Reports

Hut Warden – The fire risk assessment received from Ahearne Fire Engineering was proposed by KK, seconded by KC and adopted by the Committee. KK noted that the report can be amended if any of the terminology is incorrect. KK had reviewed the works involved to bring The Hut in compliance with the report to reduce the risk of fire in accordance with requirements when renting to third parties.

Fire risks were distinguished between intolerable, substantial and moderate.

Intolerable:

- a. Design issue – there is one existing fire escape from the kitchen to outside and a second fire escape is required from upstairs via a protected route to outside, not through the kitchen. KK suggested putting a fire escape door with emergency bar to the left of the toilet entrance where there is an existing window. The cost of the door, supplied and fitted is approximately €1,100 this was agreed. There would be some volunteer work involved in creating the opening and plastering.
It was agreed that we should limit overnight occupancy to less than 20 until there are 2 fire escapes in the main building.
- b. Boiler storage – the oil burner should be outdoors. KK noted that International Youth Hostel in Glendalough have a Flogas system and he spoke with reps from Flogas. Proposed to replace existing oil burner with external LPG Flogas boiler. The ideal spot for the tank would be in the hut beside the picnic area, it needs to be located where it can be filled without the risk of delivery trucks slipping down the hill. Cost estimated at €4,065 and agreed. The tank costs €283, there is an €80 per / annum hire and Flogas are responsible for the tank. A connecting channel will have to be laid. Cost of hiring a mini digger and driver is approx €500 per day. (It subsequently transpired that the Hostel use oil and the issue of oil versus gas will be revisited.)
Gas cannisters must not be located in the kitchen.
It was noted that the current gas rings are illegal and should be replaced with rings where the gas will shut off if the flame goes out. Sunken hob like tops €1,000 for 3.
It was also noted that a drying room could be run off the Flogas system and this was something which could be considered in the future.

Substantial:

- c. Emergency lighting – all fixtures and fittings would amount to €3,475.

Moderate:

- d. Portable appliance testing "PAT" labels to be reviewed.
- e. A fire detection and alarm system would cost €5,770
- f. Fire rating of the hot press – a fire door needs to be installed here. Cost of door €180, KK will carry out the labour. The cost of installing a coiled cylinder system to heat water would be €2,000 and KK said he could not justify this outlay as the system in place works very well.
- g. Chimney – solid fuel burner in kitchen, KK will check to see if it is a single flu solid construction.
- h. Emergency exit signage - €75 plus 2 hours voluntary labour. €70 for extra stickers if necessary.
- i. Doors to dorms – intermittent brush strips to installed €30. Downstairs doors are fine.
- j. Timber lining in dorms – all wooden roofs, beds, lockers, storage boxes etc to be painted with fire retardant varnish. €400 plus voluntary work.
- k. Plan of premises – to be done with "you are here" and escape routes marked. Will also need to be lit.
- l. Fire safety certificate – it was recommended that the Local Fire Authority be consulted in relation to the works being carried out.

KK noted and agreed with IC's concerns with the fuse board and that it needed to be tidied and address what is to be switched off on leaving The Hut to avoid heating / emersion and lights

being left on while The Hut is vacant. It was agreed that a RECI electrician should be asked to do this and to review the sockets and to run electric lighting to the shed with an assembly point light.

It was noted that the common room needs an escape route, Ahearne stated a door is required but KK will check if an escape friendly window would be acceptable.

No further exit is required for the Cow House as this is just used for members and sleeps only 6.

Total costs of works approx €15,000, to include electrics €18,000.

Estimated €20,000 would cover all.

These costs and works were proposed by KK, seconded by KC and agreed by the Committee. KK will talk to DF re the funds.

KK noted that a piece of trunking had been removed in an act of vandalism between last Monday and Wednesday. KK had sourced a replacement.

Bookings for February and March by UCC and UCD – KK will contact them to advise The Hut is now closed for remedial works.

Christie Rice "CR" and KK had put in an armstrong joint for waste as this had blocked recently. It was noted that the septic tank is registered, has capacity for 70 occupancy and may not need to be emptied. CR will attend once a week and carry out more general works and it was agreed to reimburse his petrol costs.

JF arrived at 9.00pm. JF disagreed with the fire certificate requirement and KK will seek clarification from Ahearne.

Treasurer – report emailed to committee.

Meets – SR to discuss with VS re purchase of tent in advance of winter camp.

Publicity – IC proposed that he would source additional funding for the increased costs in postage for the newsletter via an ad in the newsletter, website or cover of the contacts booklet. This was agreed. It was agreed that IC would source approximately 300 bumper type stickers to be issued with a future newsletter, cost €140 plus VAT. IC will investigate possibility of sourcing club t-shirts. It was also agreed that IC would arrange for new pictures to be hung in The Hut and NE will assist with this. The budget was agreed at €500 and that they would be board mounted prints of selected photographs representing the various activities of the IMC and securely attached to the walls.

Website – It is noted that the website is too slow and does not load at all on some occasions. TE to ask Cearhall Daly to review the hosting and obtain expert advice to resolve these issues. It was agreed to leave the forum's location internally on the website. IC had put a news link on the website to keep news items on view and he asked the committee to review this and let him have their feedback.

Training – JS received an introduction for incorporation into the training schedule from Sé O'Hanlon, which is being done. JS is liaising with KC and is proceeding with his training plan. JS is preparing a list of recommended routes to focus on for training. Two nights are booked for the Mourne which includes the Friday.

Meets – The events list is publicised.

Librarian – RW will handover books requested by a member from the library to them at Awesome Walls on Tuesday nights as this is the members' night. IC will include a note in the newsletter to publicise this.

Membership – KC will have the new members data base, which the committee will have access to, live within the next week. This will be used as an email hub. It will only be accessible by the

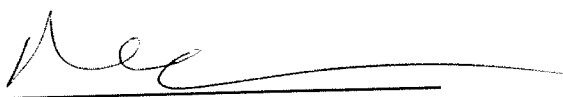
committee and can be used for emailing the entire membership. Members will have access to amend their own details via GroupSpace. It is hoped that this system will eventually replace the contacts booklet.

Treasurer - DF emailed his report. KC noted that to avail of MI's reduction for early membership subscription fees the GroupSpace system will be used to prompt early payment of IMC membership dues.

Committee – JF agreed to furnish TE with the pre 2014 AGM minutes.

7. **AOB** – There being none, the meeting concluded.

Next Meeting – 23 February 2015 at Awesome Walls at 8.00pm.

Approved by: 
Niall Ennis, Chairman

Dated: 23 February 2015