



IMC Committee meeting

Date:	Thursday, 25 April 2019	
Location:	Dublin Climbing Centre (DCC), Unit 3, The Square Industrial Complex, Belgard Square East, Dublin 24, D24 P5KE	
Present:		
- Chairperson:	Peter Wood	(PW)
- Hut Warden:	Ed Hick	(EH)
- Meets Secretary:	Derek Hendrick	(DH)
- Membership Officer:	Petra Tolarova	(PT)
- Secretary:	Matthew Sammon	(MS)
- President:	Cillian Russell	(CR)
- Treasurer:	Sé O'Hanlon	(SOH)
	Áine O'Reilly	(AOR)
	Darragh Doolan	(DD)
Apologies:		
- Publicity Officer:	Harry McGee	(HMG)
- Training Officer:	Andy Minshull	(AM)

Minutes

Item	Action/Decision/Description	Who
1	<u>Minutes of the Committee meeting on Monday, 21 February 2019</u>	
	Approved.	
2	<u>Matters arising from previous minutes</u>	
	Detailed below in item 3.	
3	<u>Replacement for online membership system</u>	
	Actions:	
	Ask for demonstrations from top Irish potential replacement systems.	MS
4	<u>Correspondence received</u>	
	Photographer seeking climbers to photograph; photos will be shown in a solo exhibition in the Municipal Gallery in the LexIcon library of Dun	

Laoghaire Rathdown (DLR) County Council in September 2019. IMC will get a copy of the photos.

Actions:

She will be told when there are likely to be climbers at the Hut. EH

FRCC's Brackenclose Hut is closed until further notice.

Mountaineering Ireland's AGM was on 30 March 2019.

5 Nomination of Sara Marilungo as new Committee member

Approved. Also, she will run the photo competition.

6 Contact Eugene Shields

Actions:

Ask Eugene, whose nomination as Committee member was approved CR in January, if he's happy to be on the Committee and to receive Committee communications.

7 Monthly weekend meet in Dalkey for new members

Points that were raised, but not necessarily agreed:

- We are not a training organisation.
- The old "New Members' Programme" had 2 functions:
 1. To welcome them to the Club and present what the Club's about (this used to happen at the Teachers' Club).
 2. To develop skills.
- There was a large drop-out rate from the Club of new members who had attended the "New Members' Programme".
- We cannot accept all comers to the "Intro to Trad course", only a subset.
- We need to advertise the course better and clearly state the criteria for acceptance onto the course (e.g. first-come-first-served or applicant survey).
- People who are not accepted onto the course may leave the Club.
- We should have a waiting list.
- We should monitor course attendance.

- Historically the Membership Officer was heavily involved in the “New Members’ Programme”.
- We need an alternative event/time where those who were not accepted onto the course can be introduced to the Club.

Actions:

Take ownership of 2-3 monthly Saturday meets in Dalkey (not on Bank Holiday weekends) for new members, and after that possibly switch to Thursdays. Share the proposed dates with the Committee. PT

8 Hut Warden update

- Most of the update was detailed in the appended report.
- Replacing the existing water tank may be a better solution than adding an extra tank.
- The septic tank has been dipped. We don’t know the last time the septic tank was pumped out.
- Fire extinguishers have been serviced and certified.
- Hut manual has been updated.
- Gate may need replacing.
- The main problem with ovens is cleaning them.
- Oil burner for heating is efficient.
- Sympathetic planting could encourage wildlife.

Actions:

- Cookware will be upgraded for larger groups. EH
- Uniform catering-grade delf will be acquired.
- Air extraction will be investigated.
- Possibility of adding a catering oven will be investigated.
- Possibility of ecological audit will be investigated.
- Extra bin bag holders will be acquired to allow easier rubbish segregation.
- Investigate renewable energy.

9 Archivist update

The position is vacant.

Actions:

Advertise the vacancy on the Forum. MS

10 Meets Secretary update

Burren meet with MI in September will go ahead. There are no access/environmental problems at the proposed crags.

There was a suggestion, similar to the Austrian Alpine Club's method of operation, to separate meets into official Club meets and informal member-organised meets.

The proposed presentation by Michelle O'Loughlin was cancelled due to a clash with a meet. It may be rescheduled at the end of the summer.

The reason that talks sometimes need to be funded by the Club is because otherwise the cost of room rental might not be recouped. When all talks had charges for non-members, attendances were much lower than currently.

Actions:

Potentially, we might have fewer, but higher-quality pre-Christmas talks; this to be added to agenda post-Summer. MS

11 Membership Officer update

We have slightly over 270 members at the moment. There's a concern that potential members aren't joining because the Introduction to Trad course is full. Members should only be able to do the course once.

12 Publicity Officer update

The Publicity Officer did not attend.

13 Secretary update

No update not already covered above.

14 Training Officer update

The Training Officer did not attend.

15 Treasurer update

Detailed in appended report.

A copy of the website was created by Cearbhall before the migration to CloudCanvas.

40-year member was not recorded as a member, and was also unnecessarily paying an annual fee.

Actions:

For draft financial policy, will recommend putting aside 25%-33% of income per year as a floating fund. SOH

Make proposal at AGM about 40-year members, to phase out the requirement to give them free membership. All

16 AOR update

Actions:

Organise a talk about climbing and mental health for World Mental Health Day in early October, possibly with the support of MI. Bring her colleague to next meeting to discuss. AOR

17 Technical Sub-Committee

Newsletter can be supplied to members as part of their paid members' subscription, however members' preference of delivery method (post/email) would need to be taken into account.

Actions:

Technical Sub-Committee to investigate continued Hut mailbox issues: capacity issues and multiple user access issues. PT
PW

18 Finance Sub-Committee

The financial policy should be ready soon.

Actions:

At a future Committee meeting add an agenda item to discuss introducing a reference to written bye-laws (e.g. financial policy) in the Constitution. MS

19 Training Sub-Committee

No update.

20 Archival Sub-Committee

No update.

21 Other long-term plans

AGM to be held as a part of a weekend of activities near the Hut on a Saturday in November; a date clash with Snowdonia meet and Moonlight Challenge will be avoided, so Saturday 16 November is the most likely date.

Actions:

Hut Warden will find out Hut availability in November weekends for AGM-related activities. EH

Availability of meeting rooms in Glendalough Hotel and/or other venues will be determined. MS

22 Any other business (AOB)

Actions:

Date of next Committee meeting is Tuesday 11 June 2019.

Chair:

Date:

Absence Log, 2019

Meetings → Who ↓	14 Jan	21 Feb	25 Apr	3
AM	A		A	2
AOR				
DD				
DH	A			1
EH				
HMG		A	A	2
JI	A	A	-	2
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