



CLANE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

VENUE: THE ABBEY, CLANE, Co. KILDARE

MONDAY 25th JANUARY 2010 AT 8.00PM



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Officers: Nick FitzGerald (Chairman), Des Drumm (Vice Chairman), Ann Noonan (Secretary), Paul Carroll (Asst.Secretary), John Power (Treasurer), Marian Doolan (PRO), Tony McEvoy (Asst. PRO). Website: www.clanecommunity.ie

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VISION STATEMENT:

TO ACHIEVE A SHARED SENSE OF PLACE, PURPOSE & COMMUNITY IN CLANE

MISSION STATEMENT:

TO PROVIDE A FORUM FOR INDIVIDUALS & VOLUNTARY GROUPS, ASSOCIATIONS & CLUBS TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS, IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS ON HOW BEST TO MAINTAIN & IMPROVE THE COMMUNITY OF CLANE

TO ACT AS A REPRESENTATIVE BODY FOR THE COMMUNITY OF CLANE

TO PROVIDE PHYSICAL & SOCIAL AMENITIES FOR THE PEOPLE OF CLANE



List of Officers 2009:

Chairperson:	Nick FitzGerald
Vice Chairperson:	Des Drumm
Secretary:	Anne Noonan
Assistant Secretary:	Paul Carroll
Treasurer:	John Power
P.R.O:	Marion Doolan
Assistant P.R.O:	Tony McEvoy



36th AGM AGENDA – 25th January 2010:

1. **Minutes of 2009 AGM**
2. **Chairperson's Report**
3. **Secretary's Report**
4. **Treasurer's Report**
5. **Election of Officers**
6. **AOB**



Chairperson's Report for the AGM:

Ladies & Gentlemen, Members & fellow Officers,

I would like to welcome you all here to the Abbey in Clane to the 36th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Clane Community Council.

We have had another successful full year working together with a huge amount of background activity. We remain active on many fronts and for a Community Council with a relatively small membership I feel we punch well above our weight.

In summarising our years work I would highlight the enclosed 2009 planner appended to this report updated to December 2009.

One of the main aspects that we have continued to highlight in 2009 is the promotion of the Community Council overall and raising its profile within the broader community. I feel we have achieved a level of success here with the many and varied projects undertaken throughout last year. In addition we have maintained and reinforced our links with other local and community organizations through both the background and physical work undertaken with the various Resident Associations, Clane Projects (CLD), St. Patricks Day Committee, Playground Committee, Youth Project and GAA. Also a number of interviews were broadcast on KFM during which I endeavoured to highlight the work and activities of Clane Community Council.

Other events where we sought to promote the Community Council include.

- St. Patricks Day Parade. 2nd place award achieved.
- Community Games. Medals won at county & national levels.
- Tidy Towns and Tidy Towns Awards Night. Our highest score achieved in 2009.
- Presentation of the Life time achievement award to Des Marron.
- Golf Classic.
- Wild Life Photography Competition
- Clane Spaoi Fest.



We have had considerable physical success and achievements, for example, through our work that included but were not limited to the following projects.

- Upgrade of the Abbey building in respect of Fire Regulations.
- Commencement of the works in the Abbey in line with our own Safety Audit report.
- Continued work by the Graveyard Committee needs to be recognised e.g. installation of the protective security panels to the Altar area.
- Tidy Towns & the war on litter, graffiti & vandalism.
- Nancy's Lane clean up.

We have continued our work in the community both independently and as mentioned earlier through our links with other groups and Associations throughout 2009. For example these include;

- The Community Games. Additional people have been drafted into this sub-committee and an even broader number of games and activities are being entered into for 2010.
- Tidy Towns.
- The erection of the historic notices and sign boards in the Friary graveyard in celebration of the 750th Anniversary.
- Continued support of the Youth Project.
- Continued support and input for the Playground development.
- Monitoring of planning applications.

One of our core concerns is the protection and indeed improvement of our overall environment – particularly the existing village streetscape and open areas. I think it is very important that we not only help to protect what is good but encourage improvements and we are certainly not against new well designed developments but within the village great care is needed. Therefore the monitoring of the more significant planning applications and providing considered detailed responses whilst time consuming will continue to be an essential part of our work.

So we look to the year ahead and the new initiatives and development of the programme for 2010.

In this respects I have compiled a “draft” year planner for 2010 copies which are available at the end of the meeting. There are lots of dates & confirmation of dates needed and I would ask that everyone takes a copy and reverts with any such confirmations.



Of paramount importance is to continue to maintain and where possible increase the profile of the Community Council. In addition I would like to see further progress made in respect of the following.

- Consolidate and increase the community council's active membership.
- Upgrade & maintenance works on the Abbey building to be continued.
- Fundraising programme to be developed
- Find ways for the use of & promotion of the Community Council's web site. Ideas are needed.
- Follow up the talks held last year with the Gardai on Crime Prevention, graffiti & vandalism with other groups, topics to be agreed such as "meet your neighbour" and developing community spirit.
- Develop ways in which the Community Council can address any green issues.

In conclusion we are always looking for help I would ask everyone to get involved, by joining one of the sub-committees or simply volunteering your time. As a Community Council we meet monthly, with only 10 meetings held every year for 1 – 1.5 hours. Everyone here has special skills and talents that can be brought to the activities of the Community Council to improve and develop the activities of the council as our village and environment changes.

I firmly believe that we need to continue to widen the mix of our membership to reach all areas of our community that may not currently be represented. The recently nominated new members will I hope be the start of this process. To be healthy and robust we need a constant flow of new members. The Community Council exists for its members so I would encourage all of you to express yourselves – you might like to comment on the way the community council is run, the content of our activities and programme, things you would like us to do in the future, lines of communication or indeed anything material to the Community Council. Please let us know your ideas and/ or comments.

Allow me to round off by thanking all members, all sub-committee's and my fellow officers for their dedication and sheer doggedness in the way they have worked for the Community Council throughout the year and the help and guidance given to me personally in my first year as Chairperson. It's frustrating sometimes but hugely rewarding for the most part and we count ourselves lucky indeed to be supported by so many in the Community who also take an interest and a pride in our village of Clane.



I would like to thank especially all those who have helped us throughout the year by volunteering their time free and/ or who have supported and sponsored our various projects and fun raising activities.

Finally I would like to remember all of those recently deceased in our parish in 2009.

Yours sincerely and best wishes for 2010,

Nick FitzGerald
Chairperson – Clane Community Council



Year Planner 2009: