



CLANE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

VENUE: THE ABBEY, CLANE, Co. KILDARE

MONDAY 31ST JANUARY 2011 AT 8.00PM



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Officers: Nick FitzGerald (Chairman), Des Drumm (Vice Chairman), Ann Noonan (Secretary), John Kennedy (Asst. Secretary), Paul Carroll (Treasurer), John Power (Asst. 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 2010:

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



37th AGM AGENDA – 31st January 2011:

- 1. Minutes of 2010 AGM**
- 2. Chairperson's Report**
- 3. Secretary's Report**
- 4. Treasurer's Report**
- 5. Election of Officers**
- 6. AOB**



Chairman'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 37th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Clane Community Council.

We have had another full and successful year working together with a huge amount of background activity. We remain active on many and varied fronts and with our increased membership progress and results can be seen with all our sub-committees active.

In summarising our years work I would highlight the enclosed 2010 schedule appended to this report updated to December 2010.

One of the main aspects that we have continued to highlight in 2010 is the promotion of the Community Council overall and the continued raising of its profile within the broader community. I feel we have achieved success here through the varied activities and projects that we have undertaken throughout last year as a Community Council. 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.

Events where we continued to promote the Community Council include.

- Spring & rural road clean-up programme
- St. Patricks Day Parade. Our "Carousel" entry was well received.
- Community Games. Once again medals won at county & national levels.
- Tidy Towns and Tidy Towns Awards Night. Our score was increased from 2009.
- Launch of the new Community Council web site: www.clanecommunity.ie
- Presentation of the Life time achievement award to Carmel & Maurice Shortt.
- Golf Classic.
- 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.

- Installation of a CCTV system for the Abbey building and grounds.
- Installation of anti climb & burglar paint to the perimeter wall of the Abbey grounds.
- The Spring & Rural Roads clean-up programme
- The continued work by the Friary Graveyard Committee.
- The Tidy Towns clean-up programme, tree planting & other varied projects.
- The completion of the Nancy's Lane clean up project.

We have continued our work in the community both independently and as mentioned earlier through our links with other groups and associations throughout 2010. For example these include;

- The Community Games. This sub-committee has been expanded with new members and a full and varied number of games and activities are being entered into for 2011.
- Tidy Towns.
- The establishment of the Clane Watch group as a sub-committee of Clane Community Council to liaise with An Garda Siochana.
- Our continued support of the Clane Youth Project.
- The monitoring of local planning applications directly affecting the existing village.

One of our core concerns is the continued protection and indeed improvement of our overall environment – particularly the existing village streetscape, built environment, play ground, park land and all 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 within the village great care is needed and we should remain vigilant. Our monitoring and issuing of submissions to the local authority in respect of applications have proved successful with many of our observations and comments being included on the applicants conditions.

Unfortunately like many others we suffered some damage during the very cold period experienced in December & January and the initial repairs to the burst water pipes and remedial/ upgrade work that is required is being organized immediately so that we mitigate our losses in terms of the use of the hall, lost rent etc.



So we look to the year ahead and the new initiatives and development of the programme for 2011.

In this respects I have compiled a “draft” year planner for 2011 and circulated this within the executive committee back in December for feedback and comments. With the new web site launched last year we propose that this information will be highlighted on the web site and this will avoid having to print and circulate paper copies. It should also encourage members to regularly check the new web site at www.clanecommunity.ie. There are lots of dates & confirmation activities needed for 2011 and I would ask that all Community Council members and sub-committee members advise us of any calendar dates that need to be highlighted on the web site.

Under the current executive committee I propose to continue and wherever possible increase the profile of the Community Council. In addition the following initiatives will be progressed during 2011.

- Upgrade & refurbishment of the existing toilet facilities in the Abbey Hall.
- Develop and initiate a 3 – 5 year Tidy Towns “look ahead” plan.
- Installation of the remote web access/ monitoring to the new CCTV system.
- Promotion of the “Clane Watch” sub-committee and liaison with the Gardai re crime prevention, graffiti & vandalism and development of ideas for a “meet your neighbour” and promotion of a community spirit programme.
- Promotion & populating of information into the Community Council’s web site.
- Develop ways in which the Community Council can address any green issues.
- Installation of new gates to the Friary graveyard entrance.
- Installation of new Flora & Fauna signage along the Liffey Park.
- Upgrade and installation of the Clane signage & information on the Abbey green.
- Consolidate and increase the community council’s active membership.

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. The sub-committees for 2011 will arranged at our monthly meeting on 28th February. 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 new members to the Community Council in 2010 certainly were a start to 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. It's sometimes frustrating 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 businesses, organizations and individuals who have helped us throughout the year by volunteering either their time or resources free and/ or who have supported and sponsored our various projects and fund raising activities.

Yours sincerely and best wishes for 2011,

Nick FitzGerald
Chairman – Clane Community Council



Year Planner 2010: