



*Celebrating 40 Years of Community*

# Annual General Meeting

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January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013

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# Agenda



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- Welcome to our 39<sup>th</sup> AGM
- Apologies
- Minutes of 38<sup>th</sup> AGM
- Chairperson's Address
- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Proposal to Adopt Revised Constitution
- Election of Officers
- Any Other Business



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# Chairperson's Address

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John Kennedy, Chairman



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- Welcome
  - Pleasure and Privilege to present this address
- Organisation
  - Healthy, continuously improving
  - Significant effort drafting and refining a new Constitution sentence by sentence...all have contributed
- Membership
  - Membership could be higher, but it is stable
  - No election for 2013 term, but Co-option is always possible: Invite people interested in community matters to drop in to one of our meetings and see what we do, or connect them with a sub-committee. Together we may accomplish surprising things.

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- Finance
  - Relatively healthy
  - Rental income from Abbey has significantly declined due to roof issue – needs to be resolved as soon as possible
  - Funding applied for, but even if we are successful requires we make a substantial contribution– bear this in mind when reviewing our figures
  - Sincere thanks to all our financial supporters including: Kildare County Council, the Heritage Council, Clane Project Centre, Intel Ireland, the contributors to our church-gate collections and all of the participants in and sponsors of our annual Golf Classic. Without your financial assistance, the effectiveness of this Council would be severely limited.

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- Abbey
  - Thanks to Kildare Leader Partnership for their support through the Tús scheme. Allowing council members tackle other community items with our time and funds.
  - Ongoing improvements an important investment in our future.
  - Exciting plans include updated lighting, window reinstatement and internet access



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- Tidy Towns
  - Also particularly busy, from St. Patrick's Day Parade to Awards night. (See Secretary's report)
  - Congratulations on great result in National Competition – up 5 marks despite joining new category with larger towns.
  - Whopping 21 estates in Best Kept Estates competition, I encourage the new estates to get involved too.
  - Plans include community-wide tree-planting programme. Tree Council funding applied for.
- Friary & Abbey Cemetery
  - 13<sup>th</sup> century ruins in danger of collapse. Behoves us to protect them for future generations.
  - Large grant applied for. Sub-committee saluted for agreeing to put up the substantial community contribution.

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- Street's Committee
  - New safety signage approaching playground
  - Important pedestrian access improvements being explored – important for us to support
- ClaneWatch
  - This year expected to be important
  - Opportunity to play key role facilitating, for example, renewal and roll out of neighbourhood watch schemes



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- Community Games
  - Congratulations on another successful year
  - Big turnout: individuals and teams both doing their community proud
- Heritage
  - Wonderful photos unearthed, please support
  - Great to see plans for heritage tour progressing in partnership with Clane Local History Group

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- Suggestions:
  - Sub-committee heads take more prominent role in council meetings, feeding suggestions back to sub-committee as necessary
  - Web committee to recommend internet file-sharing facilities council/sub-committees can use
- Announcing Reorganised, Refreshed Website
  - Community Groups can have their own page
  - Submit articles, new events using the website
  - Will continually evolve
  - Hopefully will become important platform for the entire community

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FEB 16 Sat	8:00 pm Clane Variety Show @ GAA, Clane
FEB 20 Wed	8:00 pm Clane Local History Group: 'Sinead de Velera and WT Cosgrave, their Kildare Connections' @ GAA, Clane

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CLANEWATCH

FRIARY AND ABBEY CEMETERY  
COMMITTEE

PARISHES

SPORTS

REQUEST A NEW GROUP PAGE



COMMUNITY GAMES

CLANE GAA

CLANE LAWN TENNIS CLUB

CLANE RUGBY FC

CLANE UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

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FEB

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- Le Chéile
  - Continues to be valuable
  - Readership falling somewhat recently
  - Review of Advertising underway
  - Refinements will be made as necessary
- Reaching out to the community
  - Website, Le Chéile, Local Press all important
  - However personal connection hard to beat
  - Happy to report Community Council has pursued many opportunities during the year including:



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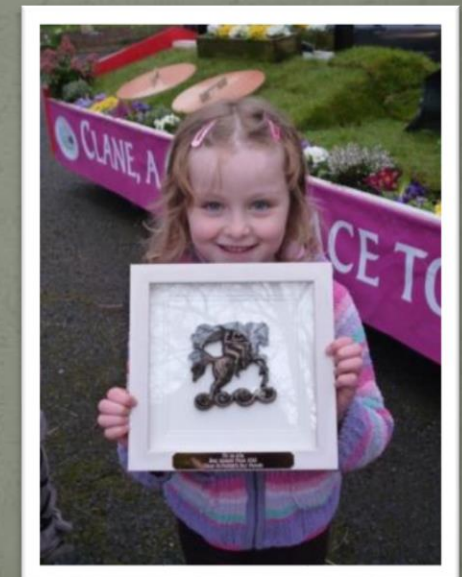




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- Opportunities pursued included...
  - St. Patrick's Day Entry – Best Themed Float very well deserved
  - “Reeling Back the Years” exhibition
  - Heritage Walk, kindly supported by Kildare Bat Group
  - Nest Box Scheme, with e.g. boxes supplied by Men's Shed and IWA members kept an eye via web-camera
  - “Committed to Clane-Up” – important for everyone to let businesses know we notice and appreciate their efforts
  - Tidy Towns Awards night
  - Presentation of Person of the Year Award to very well deserving Clane Conference of St. Vincent de Paul
  - Clane Project Centre's Christmas Fair
  - Scoil Bhríde's Wild About Clane talk – to very enthusiastic and attentive ~250 students!
- Please consider reaching out in all our activities



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- 39<sup>th</sup> Year coming to a close
  - Busy Year
  - Productive Year
  - A very sincere thank you on behalf of the community, and on my own behalf:

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- **Thank You:**

- Maurice Austin
- Paul Carroll
- John Daly
- Marion Doolan
- Des Drumm
- Nick Fitzgerald
- Nellie Dillon-Forde
- Martine Grogan
- Peter Kirwan
- Henry Lowry
- Rita Mahon
- Tom McCreery
- John McDonagh
- Pádraig McEvoy
- Tony McEvoy
- Ann McGuinness
- Anne Noonan
- John Power

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- 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
  - Wonderful milestone
  - Credit to all council members that have served since 1973
  - Dramatic Changes in Clane over these 40 years – all sorts of forces, internal and external, good and bad
  - Community Council has stood the course, a labour of love perhaps, but the results all around us for everyone to witness...



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- In the
  - high-jinks and laughter in the playground the council has supported
  - dawn chorus erupting from the nature park
  - beautiful Main Street and countryside in which we live, work and play
  - production of spectacular performances, the chats and warm cups of tea community groups can enjoy here in the Abbey
  - smiles on children's faces, as they collect their prizes from the Community Games
- Just some of the very real ways in which the Community Council has helped improve the quality of life in Clane
- The various plans mentioned will help celebrate this 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Also a special celebratory evening in the Abbey we look forward to
- In all of these efforts, as ever, we will pursue our vision:

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To achieve a shared sense of place, purpose and  
community in Clane

Thank you

John Kennedy  
Chairman





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# Secretary's Report

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Presented by Des Drumm, Assistant Secretary  
On behalf of Nick Fitzgerald, Secretary



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# Treasurer's Report

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Paul Carroll, Treasurer



# Motion



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- Following several months of initial drafting, 12 months of careful review at Council meetings, and notification in the December 2012 issue of Le Chéile it is proposed to replace the existing constitution of Clane Community Council with the proposed constitution published on our website [ClaneCommunity.ie](http://ClaneCommunity.ie) on Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 2012.

# Election of Officers



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- Officers appointed in 2012:
  - Chairman: John Kennedy
  - Vice-Chairman: John Power
  - Secretary: Nick Fitzgerald
  - Asst. Secretary: Des Drumm
  - Treasurer: Paul Carroll
  - Asst. Treasurer: Anne Noonan
  - PRO: Tony McEvoy
  - Asst. PRO: Marion Doolan
- Note that maximum term of office is three years which our Treasurer has now completed



# Any Other Business



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- St. Patrick's Day Parade
  - Theme "Fun & Laughter"
  - Submission of parade entry form
  - Team to plan and prepare our entry
- February Issue of Le Chéile
  - Report from AGM?
  - Announce updated website - invite community groups to request pages
  - Invite suggestions from Residents' Associations for locations for 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary trees
- Date for 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in the Abbey?
- Other items?



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# Meeting Closed

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Safe home