



Annual General Meeting

January 27th, 2014



Agenda

- Welcome to our 40th AGM
- Apologies
- Minutes of 39th AGM
- Chairperson's Address
- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Election of Officers
- Any Other Business



Chairperson's Address

John Kennedy, Chairperson

2013: Celebrating Community



- 40th Year of Clane Community Council – What a Year!
- 2013 AGM: Adoption of updated constitution, a living document, if you perceive the need for amendments please raise it at a Council meeting.
- Launch of refreshed ClaneCommunity.ie: Traffic doubled over 2013. If your community group is not introduced there, please get in touch

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HOME NEWS CALENDAR GROUPS AMENITIES TIDY TOWNS NATURE HERITAGE MAPS COUNCIL

Welcome!

Have you been to Clane recently? Are you lucky enough to live here? Clane bustles with a thriving community. Explore this growing website for the latest [community news](#) as well as information on local [events](#), [groups](#), [amenities](#) and the [heritage](#) of Clane. Something missing? [Submit an article](#) or [event](#)! To keep in touch, [join our mailing list](#). Brought to you by [Clane Community Council](#), this year celebrating 40 Years of Community in Clane.



Hot Off the Press...

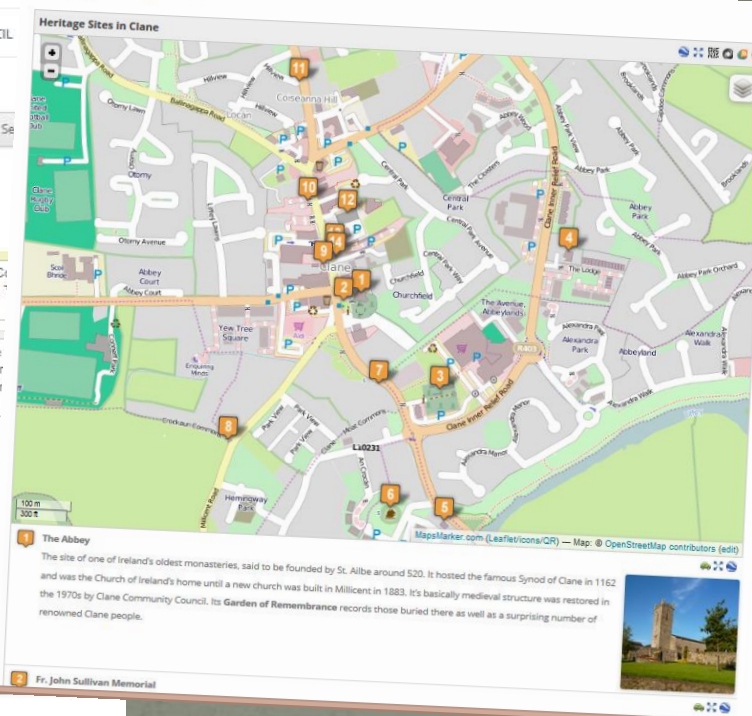
- ["It takes a village to raise a child"](#) Clane Community Council would like to encourage all members of the community – whether they have lived here for a lifetime or for a few weeks – to get involved in their community. A booklet has now been prepared to introduce just some of the wonderful community groups in Clane...
- [Celebrating Pride of Place](#) A big congratulations to Otomy and to Park View who both won their categories in the County Kildare Pride of Place competition organized by Kildare County Council. Well done to all involved...very well deserved...
- [Community Council – Nominations Open](#) Clane Community Council is made up of volunteers from the community and members are nominated every two years. Nominations are now being sought for the new Council term spanning 2014 to 2015. Why not fill out a

COMMUNITY EVENTS...

JAN 27 Mon	8:00 pm Clane Community Council AGM @ Clane
FEB 13 Thu	8:00 pm Wildlife for Birds, Bees and flies @ The Town Naas
FEB 15 Sat	8:00 am Birdwatching to Sligo (parts B&Q Car Park)
FEB 19 Wed	8:00 pm Clane Group: My Und Thomas Bodkin Connection @
MAR 19 Wed	8:00 pm Clane Group: The GAA, Clane

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Heritage Sites in Clane





St. Patrick's Day Parade



- Congratulations to all involved: 2nd place for Non-Commercial Floats very well deserved

Clane Tidy Towns

- As well as normal activities:
 - Extensive new hedges on Doctors Road
 - Refurbished land opposite Credit Union
 - Invasive Himalayan Balsam removed from Nature Park
- National Competition: 7 points increase – top of category in Kildare
- Deserves everyone's continued support



Community Games



- All Ireland Champions in Mixed Under 10 Gaelic Football



- All our young sports men and women, their managers and trainers did us very proud.





Celebration of Community

- June 2013
- Special Guests
 - Mayor of Kildare
 - Chairman of Muinitir na Tíre
 - Lord Mayor
 - The Community of Clane!
- Launched Claonadh Award
- Presented to a most deserving Tony McEvoy



Outreach

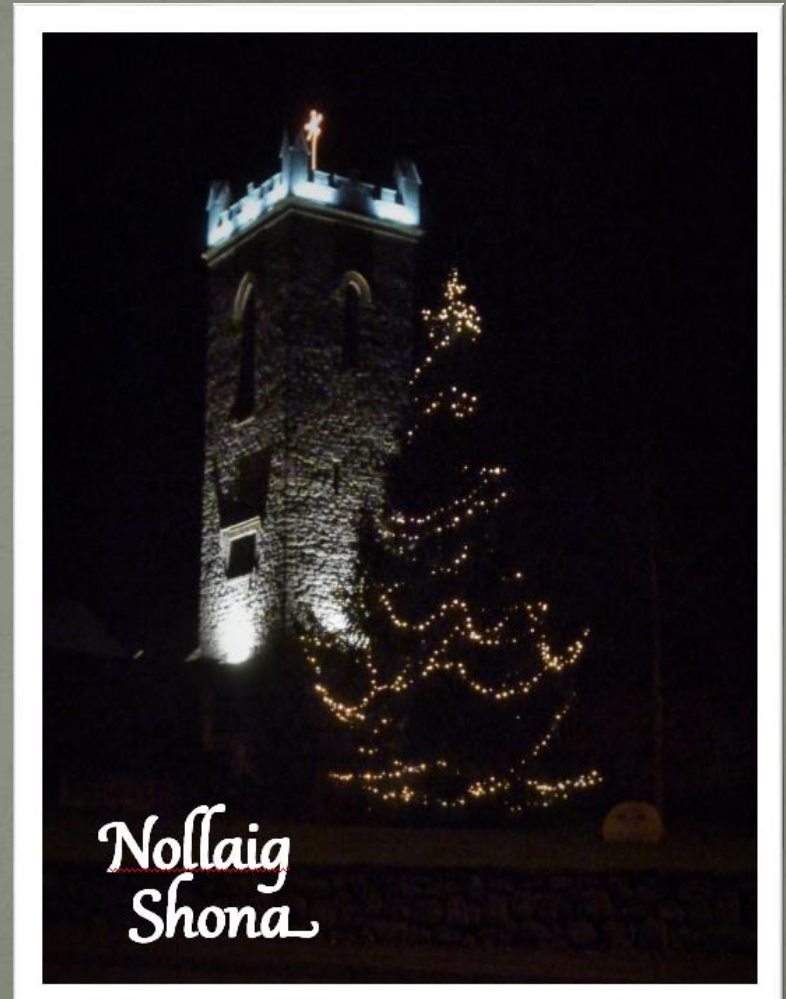
- Delivered to every home in and around Clane
- Showcasing Community Council, Subcommittees and many other community groups
- Maybe repeat before each election?





Abbey Christmas Lights

- Big Switch-on of Abbey Christmas Lights
 - Beautiful singing by Clane Parish Choir
 - Unveiling our new Honour Boards
 - Switch on of Abbey Tower Lighting, Christmas Tree and Star
- Sincere thanks to Clare and John Power and to Jeanette and Des Drumm for this wonderful donation to the community





Chairperson's thanks to

- All financial supporters including:
 - Kildare County Council,
 - The Heritage Council,
 - Clane Project Centre,
 - Intel Ireland,
 - County Kildare Leader Partnership
 - Contributors to our church-gate collections
 - Participants and sponsors of our annual Golf Classic
 - All those who made additional donations

Chairperson's thanks to

- **The Outgoing Council:**

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



Looking to the future

- 2014 an Opportunity to build on momentum of 2013 to reinforce existing projects and facilities. In particular
 - Reroofing of Evergreen room a key objective
 - Transition Le Chéile to a more sustainable model
 - Strengthen membership of the Council itself
- Here's to the next 40 years!
With thanks: John Kennedy, Chairman



Secretary's Report

Paul Carroll, Secretary



Secretary's Report 2013

- Jan 28th – AGM: new officers and sub-committees elected, amended Constitution approved.
- Nine monthly meetings held during the year, as well as four Executive meetings and numerous meetings of sub-committees.
- March – In the St. Patrick's Day Parade our most elaborate float to date “The Viking Ship – All in the Same Boat” - won 2nd prize in Non-Commercial Float category. A contribution to St. Patrick's Day booklet was written by Chairman.
- April 22nd - Clanewatch / KCC / Gardaí Public Meeting - information evening on Crime prevention and Text Alert proposal
- Elections held in November and new Council deemed elected.



Secretary's Report 2013

- 40th Anniversary
 - June 23rd - Celebrating 40 Years of community. Very good attendance, speeches by President of Muintir na Tire, Mayor of Kildare. Unveiling of plaque on Abbey Green.
 - Inaugural Claonadh Award – first award went to Tony McEvoy
 - Plaque installed at Memorial on Green
 - November – distribution of Outreach project leaflets “It takes a village to raise a child”
 - Dec. 8th - We had an information stand again at the Clane Project Centre Christmas Fair in Westgrove Hotel.
 - Dec 8th - Abbey Christmas Event: Honour Boards unveiled and Christmas Light Switch-on.
 - Trees to mark anniversary: project ongoing and sites and species chosen for 40 trees.



Secretary's Report 2013

- Clane and Rathcoffey Community Games
 - May 4th Community Games Church Gate Collection
 - May / June: - Track and Field day, Swimming, Cross Country etc.
 - Highlight was our Mixed Under-10 Gaelic Football team being crowned All Ireland champions
- Tidy Towns
 - Regular Tuesday evening clean-ups and regular Saturday project work, as well as Spring Clean.
 - Hedge planting on Doctors Road, work on green area on Kilcock Road, holly planted at front of Cloisters estate and cotoneaster at walls of Scoil Bheag facing Ring Road.
 - Dog fouling signs on footpaths done in cooperation with KCC.
 - National Competition: increased points from 274 to 281, winners in our category
 - Oct 21st Awards Night – Best Kept Estates awards, Best Business, recognizing Community Games All Ireland champions
 - Nov 8th - Table Quiz held in Manzor's
 - Concerns about proliferation of commercial signage around village are being progressed



Secretary's Report 2013

- Abbey
 - Considerable refurbishment done as part of 40th celebrations, including glazing of rear window, internal lighting and external floodlighting, honour boards installed.
 - New Tús workers took over and more very useful work done in Abbey and around the village.
- Streets Committee
 - Several potentially hazardous issues around the town were highlighted with KCC Engineers.
 - Helped to monitor new sensors in traffic lights at Prosperous Road to improve traffic flow in village.
 - Notice Board plan being progressed
- Heritage:
 - Photographs produced for Heritage Walk on web-site
 - Plans confirmed to photograph and record Abbey Garden graves.
 - Proposals under consideration for most suitable type of heritage signs and possibly street sign
 - Considering developing a downloadable 'app' to provide details of heritage sites/events for 2014.



Secretary's Report 2013

- Website:
 - Feb 2nd - refreshed ClaneCommunity.ie Website went live
 - Work done on creation of posters of open street map for schools and linking to historical maps
 - Added community group information to website
 - Work progressing on the suggestion of a business directory section
- Finance:
 - Fundraising continued with another successful Golf Classic on August 6th
 - Drop in rental income, end of Ripplecom licence agreement mid-year
 - Considerable expenditure on redecorating/refurbishing Abbey and 40th anniversary projects



Treasurer's Report

Nick Fitzgerald, Treasurer
Paul Carroll, Acting-Treasurer



Election of Officers

- Officers nominated, seconded and appointed in 2014:
 - 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



Any Other Business

- Le Chéile
 - Transition to free, online model
- St. Patrick's Day Parade
 - Theme "A Celebration"
 - Submission of parade entry form
 - Team to plan and prepare our entry
- Other Items?



Meeting Closed

Safe home