

STRAIDE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Minutes AGM 8pm on 9th August 2022

Attendance:

Carol Redding	Kate O'Hara	Mary McHugh	Eamonn McNicholas
Brian Kelly	Una McGreal	Ken McGreal	Keith McGreal
Geraldine Maloney	Michael Maloney	Myra Deacy Keenan	Deirdre Reid
Michael McNicholas	Jane Mulroy	Heather Maloney	Josephine Killeen
Michael Killeen			

Apologies:

Geraldine Hynes	Helen Bourke	Rosa Meehan

Opening – Carol Redding

Chair, Carol Redding opened and welcomed those in attendance to the Meeting. She confirmed the AGM had been advertised via social media, whatsapp, church bulletin, WP newspaper and word of mouth. As there was not a Quorum present, all motions were detained for the requisite half hour wait.

Secretary's Report – Kate O'Hara

The Secretary read into the Minutes an "Opening Statement"

- a) clarifying the position since our last public 2019 AGM including the enforced restrictions and limitations Covid-19 caused and the Committee Members 2020 and 2021 AGMs.
- b) Committee Members from 2019 to date.

The Secretary presented an overview of the 4 periods in question from July 2019 through to July 2022. A handout was also provided to all attendees giving a synopsis of all SCDG related activities, projects, fundraising and actions that have been undertaken or been involved in since the last 2019 Public Meeting. See two documents attached.

Treasurer's / SMO Report – Carol Redding

Carol presented the Financial Report 2021-2022 to the meeting including Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet. Copy attached. She clarified that online access is available through the CRO website. We are VAT exempt. We do not qualify to reclaim VAT. We are exempt from audit. We carry out all required Company filing on time.

Carol gave an overview confirming that we were fortunate to be able to make all required payments and confirmed profit for 2021-2022 came in at €335.46. It is noted this was a substantial decrease in comparison to other years. However, she again reiterated we "survived" and were fortunate to not fall into debt and we managed to fulfil our obligations. Bank balance as of today's date is €2,596.59. Our current outgoings include two loans and insurance repayments.

We contacted both Clann Credo and WDC to request interest only repayments during the Covid period. We are now back on full monthly repayments. €165 per month to WDC and our final repayment will be 1st July 2023. We repay €304 a month to Clann Credo and would have been finishing this month but will now not finish until 26th December 2023. Utilities costs are approx. €100 per month.

As of now, the overall picture is that we will soon have to consider a significant fundraising drive.

A query was raised in relation VAT and us buying items from Northern Ireland. CR agreed to research further.

Motion to Approve	Proposed: Name	Seconded: Name
AGM Minutes 2021	Myra Deacy Keenan	Michael McNicholas
Secretary's Report 2019/20/21/22	Geraldine Maloney	Jane Mulroy
Treasurer's Report and Accounts	Eamonn McNicholas	Myra Deacy Keenan
File Financial Report	Mary McHugh	Geraldine Maloney
File 2021 Annual Tax Return	Michael Maloney	Keith McGreal

PRO Report – Keith McGreal

Keith clarified the challenges that Covid-19 raised in finding new ways to effectively communicate with the public. We used a plethora of options to liaise and communicate with Community Futures Group, local stakeholders and households, including whatsapp, social media, church newsletter, print and radio.

There is an ongoing challenge to find ways to target older members of our community and to find ways to get more people involved in local projects etc. Keith welcomed any ideas or suggestions on same.

Nominations and Election of Committee 1st July 2022 to 30th June 2023:

Officer	Nominee	Approved/Seconded
Chair	Eamonn McNicholas	Geraldine Maloney / Mary McHugh
Vice Chair	Keith McGreal	Michael Maloney / Myra Deacy Keenan
Secretary	Kate O'Hara	Myra Deacy Keenan / Jane Mulroy
Vice Secretary	Myra Deacy Keenan	Kate O'Hara / Deirdre Reid
Treasurer	Mary McHugh	Michael McNicholas / Myra Deacy Keenan
Vice Treasurer	Geraldine Maloney	Keith McGreal / Michael Maloney
Senior Managing Officer	Carol Redding	Eamonn McNicholas / Kate O'Hara
Public Relations Officer	Keith McGreal	Myra Deacy Keenan / Geraldine Maloney
Vice PRO	Eamonn McNicholas	Mary McHugh / Kate O'Hara

Motion to Approve	Proposed: Name	Seconded: Name
Nominated Committee Members	Geraldine Maloney	Myra Deacy Keenan
Appoint elected Committee Members to the Board of Directors	Eamonn McNicholas	Keith McGreal
Approve SMO to update Company Records consistent with new Committee Members and Board of Directors	Kate O'Hara	Mary McHugh

Any Other Business:

Hold a Community event to launch and engage with the Community on both the Straide Action Plan 2021-2026 and the Straide Biodiversity Plan 2021-2026.

POP DVD – a proposal was forwarded to the meeting to put the POP film up on UTube to make it available to a wider audience. All agreed it was a good idea at this stage. KMcG to investigate what is required to action same. Meeting also took the opportunity to acknowledge and thank everyone involved in both Pride of Place and particularly in the making of the POP Presentation Video and subsequent DVD – including Rosa Meehan, Keith McGreal, Tommy Stenson and all those who took part in filming, POP Committee members, Volunteers and Sponsors. We are all very proud of the results.

Straide Badminton Club – The Meeting wished to acknowledge the ongoing support and significant financial contribution from Straide Badminton Club to the Community Hall over the last number of years. They have used the Hall to build up strong Adult and Childrens Badminton Clubs and have consistently reinvested their funds into the Hall building.

Hall Internet Access – currently investigating the cost involved from various providers. Discussion around the need for same, the potential it could generate in expanding hall use for meetings, demonstrations, training

events etc. KMcG will investigate companies like Solas who might be interested in using Hall as a good central location for training events. Also noted there is an option to “route from an existing source” with an extender. Agreement we should investigate this option further.

Community Website – work currently ongoing on developing a website. Probably use a “free” version for now as cost is prohibitive. Look also at having a community email eg. Info@scdg or info@straidecommunity.. Agreed to investigate possible funding stream to develop a website. EMcN will contact Enterprise Board.

Santa’s Straide Stopover Fundraiser Event: Agreement it was a huge success and very well received. Local business sponsorship was a fantastic support. Suggested we look at ways we might be able to “extend” it eg. include a Christmas Market into it with crafts, foods etc.

Other Event ideas/Fundraising:

Look at Seasonal Events like Christmas, Halloween

Car Boot Sale

Harvest Festival

Sports Day

Focus on developing hall rentals – get activities back for Autumn e.g. Tai Chi, Pilates

Research idea of renting hall to Bingo event organiser

Sustainability Initiatives:

Research option of renting roofspace (solar panels)

SEAI – Continue research and engagement ref Sustainable Communities initiatives

Village Enhancement:

Main roadside verges – follow up with RSS/Brendan Maloney. Look at setting up community tidy towns/meithel to address issues on main road verges. Develop Village pathway - reduce speed limit, bus access for locals walking to bus. School access, disability access. Active travel initiatives. Environmental impacts. We are “urban influence” area.

Ends.