

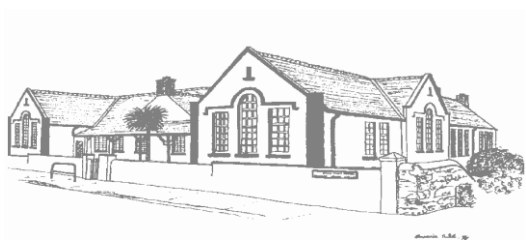
The Skerries Community Association CLG

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Draft Minutes of SCA Annual General Meeting, 4th October 2021

(Prepared by J.F.)

Attendance by Videoconference, TBD from Zoom List. Started 8.00 p.m. Finished 9.30 p.m.

Apologies: John Coleman and Dee Langton.

Agenda

1. To confirm the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting
2. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and Financial Statements for year ended 31 Dec. 2020
3. To elect Directors to the Board of Skerries Community Association CLG
4. To elect Members to Skerries Community Centre Board of Management
5. To reappoint Dempsey Mullen as Auditors and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration
6. To transact any other business proper to an Annual General Meeting of the Company.
7. Open Forum for discussions

1.	To confirm the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting The Chair welcomed the attendees to the meeting and introduced the minutes of the last AGM Adoption of minutes. Proposed by: Shay Fanning Seconded by: Brendan Friel Signed by chairperson/Vice- chairperson: Michael McKenna Date: 5 October 2021	
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Directors: Michael McKenna (Chair); Jane Landy (Vice Chair); Mary Conway (Treasurer); John Coleman; Shay Fanning; Michael Fanning; John Fitzgerald, Clare Fox; Brendan Friel, Dee Langton; Nunce McAuley; Niamh Quigley; Helen Scullion; Brendan Sherlock.



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2.	<p>To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and Financial Statements for year ended 31 Dec. 2020</p> <p>Jane Landy summarised the accounts for year ending 2020, highlighting that the year ended with a healthy surplus despite a disruptive year.</p> <p>Proposed by: Bob Laird Seconded by: Marie Kelly</p>	
3.	<p>To elect Directors to the Board of Skerries Community Association CLG</p> <p>The chair noted that 3 Directors retired during 2021, Niamh Quigley, Nunce McAuley and Dee Langton, thanking them for their service to the SCA and wishing them well in their future endeavours.</p> <p>The chair welcomed new Director Helen Scullion who was co-opted during the year and sought approval to formally appoint her to the board, and Helen was duly nominated by Sabine McKenna and seconded by Karen Power.</p> <p>As per the procedures of electing board members existing members Shay Fanning retired by rotation and was re-appointed to the Board.</p>	
4.	<p>To elect Members to Skerries Community Centre Board of Management</p> <p>The Chair noted the retirement of Brian Connell which created a vacancy the board of management structure and sought the approval to appoint and reappoint members:</p> <p>David Nathan and Saidhbh Dillon retired by rotation, were willing to go forward for re-election along with two 2 new SCA nominees Sheila Fogarty and Sharon Lynch who were elected. Proposed by Shay Fanning and seconded by Jane Landy.</p>	
5.	<p>To reappoint Dempsey Mullen as Auditors and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration</p> <p>Dempsey Mullen were reappointed as Auditors on a proposal by Helen Scullion, seconded by Karen Power.</p>	



6. **To transact any other business proper to an Annual General Meeting of the Company.**

Jim Quigley Award: The chair introduced the Jim Quigley award and summarised the comments of the independent adjudicator regarding this year's nominations, thanking all those involved. The Chair announced that this year, it is awarded to Michael & Noleen Bolger for their 18 years of football coaching service to children in the town.

Reports from SCA committees.

Community Centre: Shay Fanning summarised the central activities of the Community Centre, completed and planned facility upgrades as well as how the management dealt with the disruption of the Covid period.

Age Friendly Skerries: Nunce McAuley presented an update - their objective to make Skerries a great place to live and work in for those aged over 65. An update on community car scheme – a collaborative project between Fingal County Council, Flexi-bus and Go Car- and the “Staying Connected” initiative which is providing Acorn smart tablets to counter the effects of isolation for people in nursing homes and day care centres.

Town Twinning Skerries: Brendan Friel presented the history of town twinning and an update for Skerries and its twinning with the Canton of Guichen in Brittany. Activities covering activities (walks, chess, family visits) language support, summarising the initiatives undertaken remotely / online during the Covid period.

Sustainable Skerries: Sabine McKenna reported on the local work undertaken by Sustainable Skerries as part of our effort to counter the broader global threats to biodiversity and climate change, including efforts on pollinator projects, developing the tree strategy (in partnership with Tidy Towns) and interactions with the Fingal Development plan. Training and networking events and initiatives linked to promoting the waste/circular economy were summarised in addition to the first Skerries Food Festival.

Skerries Sustainable Energy Communities Initiative – S-SECI: Michael Mullan-Jensen presented on the formation of this new subcommittee, spinning out from Sustainable Skerries – forming a Sustainable Energy Community within the national framework of SEAI. S-SECI will deliver an Energy Master Plan for Skerries with SEAI support, leading to identification of impactful projects for Skerries such as home energy upgrades.

Tidy Towns: Anne Laird summarised the work of Tidy Towns committee and the links to the other community bodies, summarising the topics of this year's submission – green spaces, nature and biodiversity, planning of public spaces, improved awareness and appreciation of biodiversity, access and cycleways..

The Chair invited (at 9pm) Joe O'Brien TD and Minister of State for Community and Charities, to say a few words who then expressed his appreciation for the work of the SCA and its subcommittees and the quality work being done.

Skerries Cycling Initiative: Michael McKenna (the chair) updated also on behalf of the Skerries Cycling Initiative and the work in support of cycling and walking



	<p>infrastructure, supporting especially the Fingal Coastal Greenway for which the preferred route will be selected shortly. In 2021 a new initiative to hold a Skerries Cycling Festival was a notable success, showcasing the “Cycling Without Age” initiative (a trishaw for local mobility assistance).</p> <p>Presentation by Kim Tully CEO of Engaging Dementia about a proposal to set up a “Dementia Café” in Skerries. The initiative would be a means to provide an opportunity to meet others whose lives are directly or indirectly affected by dementia – a welcoming warm place, a source of information and a support network. There is a network of such cafes in Ireland now working online due to COVID but expected to return to in person meetings. The proposed café would be the first in northern Fingal and Kim is seeking volunteers and interested parties to help.</p>	
7.	<p>Open Forum for Discussion</p> <p>The chair invited comments and questions from the floor.</p> <p>Seána Ó Rodaigh, Cllr and mayor of Fingal, welcomed the presentation from Kim and thanked the committees more broadly for their presentation and work.</p> <p>Brendan Sherlock suggested that there should be interest in the Dementia Café if it can be communicated that there should be interested participants and volunteers. Karen Power suggested a group of people may wish to visit / interact with a café to understand what may be involved and Kim was happy to facilitate this.</p> <p>Sabine McKenna referred to the communication facilities of the SCA (newsflash, register by request to newsflash@skerriesca.com) and also the Neighbourhoods networks https://www.skerriesca.com/hom/neighbourhoods-network/</p> <p>CoderDojo: Seeking volunteers to re-establish this initiative as there is some interest.</p> <p>Michael Fanning presented the Autism-Friendly initiative and possible synergy with the Dementia Café initiative, summarising also the initiatives completed during the year, highlights including the sensory garden to be implemented at Floraville and also the Sailing Club events, which were very successful and have inspired interest in potential national roll-out initiatives.</p> <p>Ernestine Woelger introduced the new community garden being developed at Skerries Mills (6 new raised beds), welcomes those interested in attending a meeting to develop the community garden.</p> <p>Karen Power thanked again the SCA and the board for their work and the positive work on display during the meeting.</p> <p>Jane Landy thanked in particular the chair Michael McKenna and his work in motivating the board of Directors in the chair in advance of handing the position over to a successor (yet to be appointed). Michael McKenna thanked the Directors for their work during his time as chair and looks forward to continuing service as a member of the Board of Directors.</p>	