



Finglas Community Council Co-Op

Date:		18 May 2025	
The Bonnington Hotel, 9 Swords Road, Whitehall, Dublin 9			
Attendees:			
John-Declan F. (C)	Tony F. (VC)	Samantha B. (Sec)	Caroline B. (Trea)
John-Brian C. (PRO)	Sherie T.	Sandra E.	Anthony W.
Gemma F. via telephone call			

Also in attendance Lorraine D.

Meeting opens at 12:16 GMT/ 11:51 IRT

John-Declan F. opens the meeting by inviting Caroline B. (Trea) to bring the Board up to date regarding Co-Op memberships. Caroline B. and Gemma F. went door to door in Rathvilly Drive and Rathvilly Park and gained 297 new members. Caroline B. approached the members of the community by explaining that Acts and Legislations being passed by the Corporate Government without consulting with the People. Local Representative and TD's represent the People without the People being consulted with. In the 80's, the community would hold Town Hall meetings, where the community would vote on important issues. This was done away with, and the People were given a community representative in its place. The purpose of the Finglas Community Co-Op is to give the vote back to the People of the community, so they can have a vote in what happens in their community. Every member in the household gets a vote including children. For children under 16, their mother or father may vote on their behalf. For children over 16, they may cast their own vote.

The Chair proposes holding a public meeting in a months' time, to be held in a Community Hall. WFTA was deemed the most favourable Community Hall to hold the public meeting. The Chair explained the importance of accomplishing critical mass at the Town Hall. Sandra E. to gather information on the WFTA; such as when it was built, who opened it etc. Caroline B. to book WFTA for the public meeting for 4 weeks' time.

In order to turn a member into a visible vote, The Chair proposes to develop the Deed of Acknowledgment and Confirmation (Deed of A&C) for the Sovereign Claimant in the Finglas territorial area. All board members vote in favour. The Deed of A&C will be emailed to Samantha B. (Sec) for printing and signing using her soul seal (thumbprint) with Caroline B as the other Executive. Gemma F. can sign Deeds of A&C for new Members also using her soul seal, as Gemma F helped Caroline B to sign up all of the new 297 members. Votes can be taken by proxy in advance of the meeting for members that cannot attend the public meeting.

Roll of Voters will be done by Samantha B., organised alphabetically by Clan name.

The Chair welcomes suggestions from the Board as to what resolutions could be passed at the public meeting. Caroline B. suggested that there is a plot of land that Dublin City Council are seeking to build a Block of 600 apartments and 25 parking spaces in Finglas. The People of the community have expressed concern for the infrastructure of the village if such a development was to proceed. The apartment building has submitted an application for planning permission. Caroline B. suggests that a Park in Rathvilly would be of great benefit to the community as there is no park in the local vicinity. Another area of land was discussed, where there are horses grazing. Members of the community are maintaining the land. Members of the Board were unsure who to contact in relation to that area of land. The Chair proposes to enrol the land that is proposed for the block of 600 apartments on e-i-r-e.ie. Corporate local government to maintain services such as bin collection, water. All Board members unanimously agree. John-Declan F. to enrol the land on e-i-r-e.ie by Wednesday evening 21/05/2025. Tony F. to print, laminate and post the notice onsite by Friday evening 23/05/2025. All board members unanimously agree.

Caroline B. suggests attending gatherings within the community to show the People the solutions to their concerns. A meeting is due to take place in the coming weeks at a proposed IPAS centre site in Wellmount, Finglas – Tony F. to find out when the meeting is taking place.

The Board is to continue enlisting memberships. Sherie T. suggests going door to door in a concentrated area as opposed to scattered estates throughout Finglas. The board to focus on the gaining memberships in the housing estates surrounding the land to be enrolled on e-i-r-e.ie, such as Wellmount, Virginia and Berryfeild. Sherie T. seeks clarification on how local representatives can be of benefit to a Sovereign Community group, when local representatives are captured by Corporate Government. John-Declan F. clarifies that some local representatives have the utmost best intentions to help their community, but do not have a voice within the chambers. It is of the best interest of the People of the community for TD's to consult with the Sovereign representative body of the community. It is important to maintain good relationships with other local representatives that have the People's best interest at heart. John B. asks Sherie T. if Natalie T. is still interesting in holding a seat on the board, to which Sherie said she doesn't think so but will confirm with Natalie T. John B. suggests for Sherie to bring her husband Darryl to the next meeting as he is interested in holding a seat on the board.

Objectives for Upcoming Public Meeting

1. To vote for or against the proposed apartment block of 600 apartments.
2. To Disqualify the Planning and Development Act
3. Adopt By-Laws for the Sovereign Living Men and Women of the Finglas Community Area
Corporate local government to maintain local services such as bin collection, water.

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Crossmolina Community Council close to establishing their Community Courts.

Donegal has unified 7 councils to establish the Donegal County Supreme Council.

Membership Fee has been quashed as it is fiat currency.

Lorraine D. in attendance to gain knowledge in order to set up a co-op/co-ops in North Clondalkin/Palmerstown/Lucan/ Ballyfermot/ Cherry Orchard area. Ballyfermot village infrastructure is under threat of becoming a 15-minute city. There is also a proposed IPAS centre in Ballyfermot.

Lorraine has gained 50+ people's interest and was advised to select a Board in order to progress the establishment of the Community Council/Co-Op.

Closing the meeting at 13:18 GMT/ 12:53 IRT