

Report from meeting in O’Heney’s Millennium Room on Tuesday January 21st 2003 to form a Walking Club in the Glen of Aherlow.

65 people attended meeting, which highlighted the huge level of interest in walking in the area and the need for a Club.

Meeting was chaired by Billy Kingston, Glen of Aherlow Fáilte Society. Mandy Parslow and Helen Morrissey also attended.

Apologies from Sadie Conroy, Roy Galvin, Dave Kelly, Frank Martindale, Michael Lynch & Carol O’Brien who were unable to attend.

Some of the issues raised for discussion:

Insurance issues, who to insure with, what is covered, contact to be made with Mountaineering Council of Ireland (MCI) or locally with Webster Insurance, Tipperary Town.

Some discussion on Training for Club leadership and guiding walks, where it can be done etc.

Need for Club to cater for different levels of walking, from low level to hill walking on mountains.

Walking is also a social activity to meet and make friends and interact socially.

Club should compile quarterly list of scheduled walks and circulate to members.

Commitment is needed from members to lead and organise walks.

Jane Twoomey, Tipp Heritage Way, informed meeting of a French group who wish to visit Tipperary in April on exchange.

The Club was officially named as:

THE GALTEE WALKING CLUB

The following is a list of the committee members:

Noel Gubbins, Thomastown,

Matt Ryan, Bansha

Larry Joy, Emly

Billy O Donnell, Emly

Margaret Magner, Bansha

Jerry Morrissey, Bansha

Josephine Tierney, Kilshane

Noel McGrath, Emly

Nora Ó Murchú, Ballyglass

Mary O’Brien, Tipperary Town

Rody Tierney, Kilshane

Mary White, Golden

Breda Ryan, Ballinleenty, Tipperary

Pat Ryan, Ballinleenty, Tipperary

Owen Ryan, Reddans Walk, Tipperary

Mandy Parslow, Glen of Aherlow

Mary Kavanagh, Bansha

Jerry White, Bansha

Galtee Walking Club Officers:

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St Ailbe's School Tipperary offered a subscription of €250 to assist with start up of Walking Club.

There was some discussion on a logo to create identity for Club.

The Inaugural Walk of the Galtee Walking Club will take place

Date: Sunday February 2nd 2003

Time: 2pm.

Meeting Place: Christ the King

Walk: Slievenamuck (on forest tracks)

Further information from any of the Club Officers at the above numbers.