



Minutes of ASC held in Ballynafeigh 9th November 2008

In Attendance: Ian M (secretary) Steve W Peter Mac Sarah Mc C(Chair)
Paul P Jeanne R Ryan R Phillip G

<u>Apologies:</u> Gary T Brian D	<u>Previous Minutes:</u> Passed	<u>Traditions:</u> Steve W
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GROUP REPORTS:

Monday Clonard

Starting balance £
Rent £
Literature £ NO REPORT
Donation to Area £
Closing Balance £

Monday Downshire See Newcastle

Tuesday City Church

THIS GROUP NEEDS ASECRETARY

Support Required Urgently

Good meeting average attendance 12.

Starting balance £ 53.06
Rent £ PAID TO THE END OF NOVEMBER
Literature £ 50.00
Donation to Area £ 0.00
Closing Balance £ 3.06

Tuesday Sr Concillio's (Newry)

Meeting going well all service positions filled. Still attracting newcomers everybody welcome
Attendance 8-10

Starting balance £
Rent £
Literature £ NO REPORT
Donation to Area £
Closing Balance £

Tuesday Creggan

MEETING IS NOW ON A FRIDAY INSTEAD OF A TUESDAY

Wednesday City Church

NO REPORT MEETING IS CLOSED DUE TO LACK OF SUPPORT

THANKS TO CHRISTY FOR HIS SERVICE IN KEEPING THE MEETING GOING THIS LONG

Wednesday shaftsbury sq (traditions meeting)

THIS GROUP NEEDS A.....G.S.R

Meeting needs support from long term members to share experience on the traditions

Meeting going well. The past few weeks have had no long term members to share their experience on the traditions. Basic text is being read instead. Meeting has a great atmosphere of recovery

Starting balance	£39.40	
Rent	£	
Literature	£	
Donation to Area	£ 39.40	meeting may require new venue after christmas
Closing Balance	£ 0.00	

Wednesday Letterkenny

Could do with support in numbers please

Starting balance	£	
Rent	£	
Literature	£	NO REPORT
Donation to Area	£	
Closing Balance	£	

Thursday Ballynafiegh

THIS GROUP NEEDS A.....G.S.R..... AND A.....TEA PERSON

Average 9 people per meeting. Good message of recovery. Literature to be got

Starting balance	£ 44.85	
Rent	£ paid until the end of november	
Literature	£	
Expenses	£ 13.30	
Donation to Area	£ 10.00	
Closing Balance	£ 60.83	

Thursday Downshire

See Newcastle

Friday University st.

MEETING NEEDS SUPPORT FROM OLD AND NEW MEMBERS

IT WOULD BE GOOD TO HAVE LONG TERM MEMBERS TO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE ON THE STEPS AND THEIR RECOVERY

THIS MEETING NEEDS A.....SECRETARY

Average attendance 8/9

Starting balance	£ 81.06	
Rent	£ 80.00	
Literature	£ got at area meeting	
Donation to Area	£	
Closing Balance	£ 53.47	

Friday Creggan

Starting balance	£	
Rent	£	
Literature	£	NO REPORT
Donation to Area	£	
Closing Balance	£	

Friday Coleraine

Starting balance	£	
Rent	£	NO REPORT
Literature	£	

Donation to Area £
Closing Balance £

Friday Newcastle

All meetings going well attendance between 8-10. All positions filled.

We have decided to run an ad in the local paper. It will consist of meeting details for Newcastle, Downpatrick and Newry meetings as well as the phone line number Matt to organize and let group know how much it will cost.

We hope to run a PI meeting in January in the Newcastle centre. We hope to attract local professionals and members of the public.

We have also decided that due to a lack of support the Saturday morning meeting will be suspended as of 8th/11/2008. This will hopefully free up our members to open a new meeting on a Wednesday night in Lisburn. We hope to get this meeting up and running before the next area meeting. We have requested that area donate a literature starter pack to get it up and running.

Starting balance £ 118.00
Rent £ paid
Expenses £ 8.00 (tea and coffee)
Literature £ ok
Donation to Area £ 20.00
Closing Balance £ 90.00

Saturday Newcastle THIS MEETING IS NOW CLOSED

Saturday university street (am)

Support Required Urgently

Average attendance 12+. Newcomers now and again. Excellent spiritual message of recovery. Shane says "As new secretary im not sure if there is any money left with the last sec. Also not sure who the treasurer is. For now I will stand in as treasurer"

Starting balance £ 20.40
Rent £ paid
Literature £ Preambles needed(full set) and new basic text
Donation to Area £ none
Expenses £
Closing Balance £ 20.40

Saturday university st

NO REPORT verbal from peter **URGENTLY NEEDS SUPPORT**

Sunday Ballynaveigh

THIS GROUP NEEDS A.....G.S.R.....treasureranda....tea person

Thanks to Karla for her service as secretary and welcome to Christie R No group conscience due to convention

Starting balance £
Rent £ paid until the 26th of october
Literature £
Expenses £
Donation £
Closing Balance £ 85.08 + 4 euros

Sunday Derry

Starting balance £ NO REPORT
Rent £
Literature £

Donation to Area £
Closing Balance £

Literature report:



Literature report November 08

We have a fair amount of literature at this moment, the sixth edition of the basic text has been released I will get some when I top-up our supply. The prices of literature have been changed to the following:

IPS.	FROM.....25p > 30p
WHITE BOOKS	FROM.....75p > 90p
BASIC TEXTS	FROM.....£8.80 > £10.00
J.F.T	FROM.....£7.70 > £9.00
WORKS HOW/WHY	FROM.....£7.70 > £9.00
STEP WORKING GUIDE	FROM.....£7.70 > £9.00
KEYRINGS	FROM.....30p > 45p
MEDALS	FROM.....£2.50 > £3.00

In fellowship, Brian. D

Website report:

Web Report November 2008

Usage

October had **8178** unique visits and there has been **1840** for November so far.

Contact

A criminology student researching drug counselling availability requested some information about our program to which I provided links to resources on the web.

The usual announcements of upcoming conventions and NA based websites which I forwarded on.

Copies of all enquiries available on request.

Billing

£10.56 to cover registration of the nanorthernireland.com domain name until 17th September 2009.

In service,

Steve W

9th November 2008

Treasurer report:

NORTHERN AREA TREASURER REPORT

NOVEMBER 2008

DONATIONS

Wednesday £39.40

(shaft sq)

Thursday £10.00

Ballinafeigh

NEWCASTLE £20.00

ACCOUNT

£418.00

EXPENSES

Webb Site £10.56

Area Rep 20 Euros
(Ryan) £20.00

LISBURN
Starter pack £40.00

FLOAT

£3.84

P&I/H&I report



H&I/P.I. Committee Aug-Nov 2008

The committee failed to meet in August due to nobody being able to get a key, this has been since resolved as Robin has took on responsibility to get the key beforehand.

Phone line- the phone line training manual is now complete and Shane has taken responsibility to arrange dates for holding the training day.

Jail- we have been approached by the jail with a number of suggestions, which members of the committee have discussed and agreed on I have enclosed the letter from the prison. First of is the possibility of H&I having their own Phone line which would solely be used for prisoners to get in touch with us, and for institutions to get the committee also. We have discussed this at length and asked other regions for their guidance, and we have decided to get a phone. This will work this way, our H&I number will go into a database of help lines within the prison, prisoners can then contact us through the new phone from 8am-8pm, we can then inform them of our meeting within the prison or arrange a 12 step call within the prison asap. We request £10 to buy a mobile (on sale at Argos). We have three members already willing to staff the phone at these times. Secondly the jail have requested Robin to come in and do 12 step calls as he has full clearance, we are waiting on others to be cleared. Again, this was agreed, with the condition, that robin contacts myself or someone on the committee to make us aware of every request until we have someone with full clearance to go with him this is unlikely to happen often.

Hydebank- we have been approached about doing an open meeting within Hydebank before Christmas we have agreed to this and are now in the process of making this happen. We will require £40 towards literature for this, as it is a young offender's centre; we will need literature for young people. In addition, they have asked us about doing the same thing with the H&I phone line as Magaberry this makes sense for H&I to have their own phone line not only for prisoners and young offenders to get in touch with us but also for institutions to get in touch with us.

In fellowship Brian d H&I/P.I. Chairperson

Prison letter (next page)

PRISON SERVICE
NORTHERN IRELAND

Brian,

Following a recent conversation with Robin I would ask you to consider the following options:

1. Robin has stated that he would be prepared to attend the prison to offer ongoing support to prisoners. I would be keen to follow this up and would ask your committee to consider this.
2. We also discussed the option of putting your telephone number onto the prisoner's phone system. I feel that this would be advantageous as it would provide a point of contact for those in need of support or guidance. I hope that you will consider this option also.

Finally I would like to thank-you and your colleagues for the invaluable help that you have provided to the prison. I feel that the input of Narcotics Anonymous in the prison can only go from strength to strength.

Yours faithfully,



J.McColl

H.M.PRISON MAGHABERRY

17 OLD ROAD, BALLINDERRY UPPER, LISBURN, CO. ANTRIM, BT28 2PT, TELEPHONE: 028 9261 1888.

AOB:

- P&I?H&I committee meeting to take place on **last Wednesday of each month support required**
- **A.S.R.....POSITION HAS BEEN FILLED WE STILL REQUIRE AN ALTERNATE**
- **DUE TO MONEY AND LIT ETC GOING MISSING IT IS SUGGESTED THAT NO NA PROPERTY BE LEFT IN ANY MEETING TO AVOID FURTHER PROBLEMS**
- **NEW MEETING OPENING WED NIGHT LISBURN 7.30-8.30**
- **ALL MEMBERS TO GIVE GARY T CLEANTIME BIRTHDAYS TO ALLOW HIM TO PREPARE MEDALS ETC.**
- Literature prices are to be raised as set out in the literature secretary's report
- It was decided to run with advertisement in the yellow pages for another year
- It has been agreed that Area meeting in January will take place in Letterkenny (Simon L to organize with Derry and Donegal meetings)
- **THERE ARE A LOT OF SERVICE POSITIONS VACANT PLEASE CONSIDER TAKING ONE IF YOU HAVE THE CLEANTIME**
 - Groups: Please provide reports on finances and meeting attendance for inclusion in ASC minutes.
 - **PLEASE NOTE ANY MEETING CHANGES AS SOME HAVE MOVED PREMISIS**

NEXT MEETING: 14th December 2008

MEETING WILL BE IN BALLYNAFEIGH