



**Minutes of ASC held in Ballynafeigh 19<sup>th</sup> April 2009**

**In Attendance:** Stephen M (secretary) Steve W Peter Mac Sarah Mc C(Chair)  
 Simon L Bernard G Tony C Ryan R Josephine \_\_\_\_\_

<b><u>Apologies:</u></b> Gary T Ian M Brian D	<b><u>Previous Minutes:</u></b> Passed	<b><u>Traditions:</u></b> Stevie M
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**GROUP REPORTS:**

**Monday Clonard**

**Basic text meeting**

Good attendance averaging 8-10. 2 Newcomers over past month. Good strong message of recovery. Meeting going well.

NEEDS A TEA PERSON

Approx £26 of finances

£10 to pay rent

£16 being held for literature

**Monday Downshire      **See Newcastle****

**Monday Dungannon**

All positions filled. Meeting is going well, have had newcomers. We would like more support from other groups.

Starting balance      £ 70.14

Rent                      £ 20.00

Literature              £ -----

Expenses                £ -----

Donation to Area      £ -----

Closing balance      £ 50.14

**Tuesday City Church**

NEEDS A TEA PERSON. Thanks to Phillip for service as secretary and welcome to Gary R. Attendance starting to slip 14 to 5. Message of recovery still good open and honest.

Starting balance      £ 40.92

Rent                      £ paid until end of April

Literature              £ Order in May

Donation to Area      £ -----

Closing Balance      £ 39.16

**Tuesday Sr Concillio's (Newry)**

Meeting going well.

Starting balance      £ 145.00

Rent                      £ 20.00

Literature              £ 20.00

Donation to Area      £ 80.00

Closing Balance      £ 25.00

**Wednesday Lisburn**

Meeting going well. Good message of recovery. 1-2 regular newcomers. Attendance starting to slip 10 to 5. Some support wanted from experienced members please. Thanks to all who helped with organising the speaker jam and those who came to support it. Much appreciated.

Starting balance      £ 47.67 + 9.86euros

Rent                      £ 35.00 to be paid at end of month

Literature	£ ----
Donation to Area	09.86euros
Closing Balance	£ 12.67

#### **Wednesday shaftsbury sq (traditions meeting)**

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

All service positions filled.

Starting balance	£ 89.00
Rent	£ -----
Literature	£ need to order
Donation to Area	£ -----
Closing Balance	£ 0.00

#### **Wednesday Letterkenny**

#### **Could do with support in numbers please**

All service positions filled. Meeting going well. Average numbers 5-12. We have a new treasurer, so our finances are not 100% at the moment. We have more monies in reserve, we are just trying to work it out. We also spent £5.50 on NA keyrings.

Starting balance	£ 70.00 + euros
Rent	£ 30.00/April to be paid
Literature	£ -----
Expenses	£ 20.00
Donation to Area	£ 30.00
Closing Balance	£ 40.00

#### **Thursday Ballynafiegh**

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

All positions filled. Good message of recovery. Attendance 12 to 21

Starting balance	£ 89.78
Rent	£ paid to end of June
Literature	£ need to order
Donation to Area	£ 30.00
Closing Balance	£ 57.13 (kept for literature)

#### **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**

Nice atmosphere and good message. NEEDS A GSR AND A TEAPERSON.

Starting balance	£ 78.82
Rent	£ 40.00
Literature	£ 23.00 Basic text + JFT
Donation to Area	£ -----
Closing Balance	£ 15.82

#### **Friday Creggan**

All service positions filled. Meeting going well 4-5 core members. Self supporting, good message of recovery.

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

#### **Friday Coleraine**

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

### **Friday Newcastle**

All meetings going well, Attendance between 10-12. All positions filled. Request females with clean time to attend as we have had a few female newcomers and no long term ones to introduce them to. BBQ 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY MURLOUGH HOUSE DUNDRUM. TICKETS ARE £7.50. ASK ANY MEMBER OF NEWCASTLE GROUP FOR INFO ON WHO TO CONTACT. THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING FOR FAMILYS AND FRIENDS. CHILDREN UNDER 12 GO FOR FREE. BOUNCY CASTLE FOR KIDS.

Starting balance	£ 114.29	
Rent	£ ----	
Expenses	£ ----	
Literature	£ ----	
Donation to Area	£ No donation until after bbq	
Closing Balance	£ 157.00	

### **Friday Crumlin Road**

Starting balance	£ ----	
Rent	£ ----	
Literature	£ ----	NO REPORT
Donation to Area	£ ----	
Expenses	£ ----	
Closing balance	£ ----	

### **Saturday Newcastle**      **THIS MEETING IS NOW CLOSED**

### **Saturday university street (am)**

#### **Support Required Urgently**

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

### **Saturday university st**

#### **URGENTLY NEEDS SUPPORT**

All positions filled. Good message of recovery. Needs more women speakers. Average 3-9 per meeting.

Starting balance	£ 34.21
Rent	£ 40.00 to be paid by end of April
Literature	£ ----
Donation to Area	£ ----
Expenses	£ ----
Closing Balance	£ 34.21

### **Sunday Ballynaveigh**

Meeting going well. NEEDS A GSR. Average attendance 20

Starting balance	£ 143.67
Rent	£ To be paid
Literature	£ Need to order
Donation to Area	£ 100.00
Expenses	£ ----
Closing Balance	£ 43.67

### **Sunday Derry**

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

### **Literature report:**

NO REPORT THIS MONTH, LITERATURE SECRETARY SENDS APOLOGIES.

### **Website report:**

## **Web Report April 2009**

### **Statistics**

March had **6324** unique visitors and April has had **3555** so far.

### **Contact**

Over the past month I received the following enquiries:

1. A member from the Seattle fellowship wanted to get in touch with one of our members.
2. There was a request for information on our program from family members of the still suffering addict and from the still suffering addict themselves.
3. There was a request for some Public Information from the health service.

As always, copies of all emails available on request.

### **Billing**

I enclose an invoice for £62.03 to cover hosting for the site up until 14/09/2009

In service,  
Steve W  
April 2009

Last month £407.73

Donations

Newry £80  
Letterkenny £30  
(wed)Lisburn 9.86 euro  
(THUR)Ballnafeigh £30  
(sun)Ballnafeigh £100

Expenses

Web site £62.03  
Money owed for starter packs  
DUNGANNON+LISBURN £48+9.86 EURO  
Yellow pages £18

TOTAL BALANCE £441

Treasurer Peter Mac

**P&I/H&I report**

NO REPORT THIS MONTH BECAUSE OF SPEAKER JAM LAST MONTH. P&I / H&I WOULD LIKE SUPPORT AT THEIR COMMITTEE MEETING ON THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH IN THE PRISON FELLOWSHIP 39 UNIVERSITY STREET BELFAST

## A.S.R Report march 09

Ryan R here acting as the Northern Area Service Representative. I attended the Regional Committee meeting of Narcotics Anonymous on March 29.

At the meeting the 4 areas were represented. The chairperson, secretary, treasurer, P.R co-ordinator, chair of the I.S.O, Regional delegate and Regional delegate alternate were all in attendance.

The traditions were read by Roisin V at the beginning.

Important issues that arose during the meeting include the following,

**ISO recently received a regular Product Newsflash from the WSO. Contained in this was a small sidebar reading as follows:**

WSO-Europe

**WSO-Europe literature prices change monthly to reflect US dollar exchange rates, a practice that no longer makes any economic or operational sense. We will standardize these prices in Euros, eliminating the need for constant currency conversions. Effective 1 July 2009, Literature purchased through WSO-Europe will be priced the same in Euros as it is in dollars. For example, an \$11 Sixth Edition Basic Text will be @11. We will continue to work with communities that receive additional discounts, subsidies, or free literature.**

**The current exchange rate for the Euro against the Dollar is @1 = \$1.35. Using the example above, the book that costs \$11 in the US will cost \$14.85 in Europe from 1 July 2009. This increase will be mirrored on the complete range of WSO products. The ISO are in discussion with the WSO in both Los Angeles and Brussels regarding this serious financial change.**

What this means is that the cost of literature is set to be considerably increased. This issue was talked over and it was felt that the proposed changes by World Service Office were unwelcome. In effect the literature prices would increase by 30-40%.

The Regional delegate has been given the go ahead to talk to his counterparts within other European N.A communities and to see how they feel on the issue and see if there is anything that can be done or if there are any ways around this.

**The next Regional N.A convention is going to be held in the Northern Area and will require a chair and a treasurer, so if anyone is interested in these positions can they please put their names forward..**

**Regional Strategic Planning.** After consultation with the fellowship including a series of workshops around the country in 2007 and 2008, an NA Regional Strategic Plan has been developed for 2009 to 2012. To carry out the wishes of the fellowship the Region will actively promote and deliver service workshops throughout Ireland. A Regional Service Conference starting in 2010 and intend to create three new elected positions at Region. These are: **Regional Events Chair, Regional Literature Chair, Regional Parents and Carers Chair.**

This information will go to the Area, then the groups. Barring objection, the positions will then be created, and individuals voted into the positions at the Regional AGM, the last Sunday in May. **If anyone is interested in these positions, please present yourself at that meeting.**

Reports were given by the Regional Delegate, Irish Service Office, Treasurer, P.R co-ordinator, Regional Convention committee Representative.

Meeting started at 1pm and ended at 6, with refreshments in between. Each representative was given travelling expenses

### **Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

**The next IRSC meeting will take place on Sunday 31st May 2009 at 1pm in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel on Bachelors Walk, Dublin.**

### **A.O.B**

- **DUE TO MONEY AND LIT ETC GOING MISSING IT IS SUGGESTED THAT NO NA PROPERTY BE LEFT IN ANY MEETING TO AVOID FURTHER PROBLEMS**
- **ALL MEMBERS TO GIVE GARY T CLEAN TIME BIRTHDAYS TO ALLOW HIM TO PREPARE MEDALS ETC.**

- **THERE ARE A LOT OF SERVICE POSITIONS VACANT PLEASE CONSIDER TAKING ONE IF YOU HAVE THE CLEAN TIME**
- **Groups: Please provide reports on finances and meeting attendance for inclusion in ASC minutes.**
- **PLEASE NOTE ANY MEETING CHANGES AS SOME HAVE MOVED PREMISIS**
- **IT HAS BEEN REQUESTED THAT THE P/I COMMITTEE LOOK INTO GETTING POSTERS MADE FOR THE DUNGANNON AREA WITH THE ADDRESS OF WHERE THE MEETING IS ON THEM AND IS IT OK FOR THEM TO GET THE MEETING PUT ON THE WEEKLY CHAPEL AND CHURCH BULLETINS**
- **IT HAS ALSO BEEN REQUESTED THAT P/I LOOK INTO GETTING A PHONELINE CO-ORDINATOR BECAUSE ONE OF OUR MEMBERS HAS STILL GOT THE PHONELINE AFTER NEARLY 2 MONTHS**
- **FROM 19/04/09 IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT AREA WILL PAY EXTRA FOR LITERATURE STARTER PACKS. THESE WILL NOW INCLUDE A BASIC TEXT, A JUST FOR TODAY, SOME LEAFLETS, SOME MEETING LISTS AND SOME SMALL WHITE BOOKS**
- **A LETTER HAS BEEN DRAFTED UP BY MYSELF AND SENT TO 4 OF OUR GROUPS IN NORTHERN IRELAND ABOUT GETTING GSR REPORTS IN ON TIME**
- **MY EMAIL IS [stephenmahon82@live.co.uk](mailto:stephenmahon82@live.co.uk) IF ANYONE CANT MAKE THE AREA MEETING FEEL FREE TO EMAIL ME THE GSR REPORT IN A MICROSOFT DOCUMENT TO SUIT THE SOFTWARE ON MY COMPUTER.**

**NEXT MEETING: 10th May 2009**

**MEETING WILL BE IN BALLYNAFEIGH**