

**Donegal Region
Committee Meeting
Minutes of Meeting 6th of October 2015**

Attendance:

Stephen Flynn (Chairperson)	Bryan Cannon
Seamus Hopkins (Treasurer)	Michael McFadden
David McIlwaine (Secretary)	Daniel Lynch
Noreen Durning	PJ Lyons
Brian Hegarty	Joanne Holmes

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1.	Apologies Received from Karen Kane, Kevin Harley, James Corry and Brenda Ferguson.	
2.	Minutes of Meeting of September 15th 2015 Minutes of the meeting of September 15 th were presented to the meeting by the Chairperson and agreed. It was noted that Kevin Harley had put the photographs from the Waterbus trip on facebook. Whitemountain will present the prize to the best engineering project.	
3.	Innovation fund No progress with working group. There has been difficulty in getting in contact with Michael Tunney from LEO. Michael Heaney from Udaras na Gaeltachta is willing to assist with a proposal. Seamus Hopkins will try again to make contact with Michael Tunney. Although there is a fund which has been allocated to Engineers Ireland Regions, all applications under the Innovation fund have been rejected so far. An outline proposal for the application is that a Project Officer be appointed to integrate CPD Training.	S. Hopkins
4.	Visit to Hydro Electric Station Brian Hegarty had confirmed date of October 23 rd 2015 for visits to Cathleen Falls and Cliff Hydro Electric Stations. Event	B.Hegarty

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5.	<p>was advertised on Engineers Ireland website and the North West region.</p> <p>Midlands region visit to Derry and Inishowen Seamus Hopkins gave an update of activities planned which have been advertised on the Engineers Ireland Events page. To get a better attendance, it was decided to separate the Peace Bridge visit and advertise that independently. Seamus will write a paragraph and forward to David McIlwaine for uploading on the Events page. Noreen During noted that she may be able to organise a bus with students to the Peace Bridge visit. Costs for the visit will be divided evenly between Donegal and Midlands region with committee members covering their own costs if attending the evening meal in Greencastle.</p>	<p>S. Hopkins D. McIlwaine N.Durning</p>
6.	<p>Engineers Week Noreen Durning has contacted Clyde Road about changing the date for Engineers week as it coincides with mock exams for secondary students and they confirmed that it would not be moved for 2016. Following a discussion it was decided that a proposal should be made to survey all Engineers Ireland members to get their view, Stephen Flynn will draft email. A discussion then took place on the structure of the events during Engineers Week whether to keep to the same model as last year with two events in separate locations or to change. Using the model of the Road Safety Roadshow it was decided that having one event in Letterkenny and timetabling students to one hour sessions would reduce the demand on companies participating. Bryan Cannon suggested using the press release from last year as it was well received. Noreen will make contact with schools and Kevin Harley will contact the companies to make arrangements. Stephen Flynn and David McIlwaine will draft and circulate a note asking if organisations want to host an event during Engineers Week.</p>	<p>S. Flynn N. Durning K. Harley D. McIlwaine</p>
7.	<p>Programme of Events for 2015-2016 The draft programme of events for 2015-2016 was discussed and updated. The draft programme is attached.</p>	

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8.	<p>Wine Tasting Events There is difficulty in organising this event in December. Following a discussion, a decision was made to change the date to Friday 22nd January and widen the theme to include beer tasting. Bryan Cannon will make enquires on likely costs.</p>	B. Cannon
9.	<p>LYIT Careers Day LYIT Careers Day is Monday 19th October 12-3pm. Noreen asked if she could get assistance from other members on the Engineers Ireland stand. She will forward a paragraph about the event to David who will forward to the committee requesting assistance.</p>	N. Durning D. McIlwaine
10.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Student Liason Noreen gave an update that as part of the new Engineers Society in the LYIT, Engineers Ireland student members Abigail Hayes and Martin Bond have been identified to fill the roles of Student Liasons on the Engineers Ireland Donegal committee; Bryan proposed their appointment and Noreen seconded. Stephen asked that they be set up on basecamp; Noreen will forward their contact details to David. There may be an opportunity for them to avail of funding for an event during Engineers Week.</p> <p>Site Visit Trevor Gordon made a suggestion to David that a site visit to the M17 Tuam Bypass should be considered as it is a very large engineering project. YouTube videos of the project include: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ur40rWfMKsw https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xDru19gRWs8</p> <p>Date of Next Meeting Wednesday the 11th of November 2015.</p>	N. Durning D. McIlwaine