

AGM 2025 Donaghmore Historical Society

Apologies: Margaret Martin, Roy Marshall and Sammy Wilson

Present: Pat O'Neill, Plunkett Boyle, Evelyn Cardwell, Mary McGinty, Patricia Bogue, Tony Davidson, Eoin Boyle, Frank Sheilds, Carol Calvent, Iain Fraiser, Leslie Holmes, Charlie O'Neill, Conor MacGinty, Conor Grimes and others.

Chair: Averil Morrow

The annual general meeting for Donaghmore Historical Society took place in Donaghmore Heritage Centre on 21st May 2025 at 20:00.

Business

1. Chairperson's Address

Averil Morrow welcomed all attending members and guests. She thanked them for their participation and support of Donaghmore Historical Society during a very successful 2024 / 2025 season.

2. Treasurer's Report

Plunkett Boyle outlined the financial affairs of Donaghmore Historical Society over this past year, including income sources and expenditures. The society's finances are in a good condition. Plunkett invited members who would like to see the breakdown of expenditures in writing to contact him via email.

3. Secretary's Report

Eoin Boyle gave a synopsis of the society's activities in the 2024/25 season. This included the public talks, projects undertaken by the committee and the successful completion of the JobStart scheme. He also notes the correspondence with people from around the world who have ancestral links in Donaghmore.

4. Election of Committee

Iain Fraiser presided over the election of the committee. It was decided to nominate the committee on block, agreed by public vote.

This was Proposed by Leslie Holmes and seconded by Patricia Bogue.

5. Readings

With the completion of official business, Conor Grimes was invited to read an account written by Charlie O'Neill about his recollections growing up in the townland of Moree,

Rock. The family left the Rock for England in 1963. Charlie was present at the meeting via zoom.

Conor Grimes then read two poems written by Kevin McManus, a poet and teacher from county Leitrim. The poems were about migration from Ireland in the 20th century.

6. Manifestations of Home Screening

The animation produced by the Manifestations of Home project was presented to the audience. This project was organised by the Rural Community Network. An animation was played, illustrating voice recordings of participants who were asked, 'What does

The readings and screenings tie in with the European Heritage Open Weekend's theme of "Our Emigrant Connections", which the society participated in December.

7. Next Meeting

The next committee meeting will be held on Monday 01/06 at 20:00. Offices will be allocated to the committee members who are elected at the AGM.