

RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION NORTHERN IRELAND

Minutes of 80th Annual General Meeting Glenavon House Hotel, Cookstown, Co. Tyrone Wednesday, 12th October 2022 at 1.00pm

- Welcome* Executive Member, Maureen Clements, welcomed guests and members and read apologies. She announced that 258 were present at today's AGM. The Ulster Tatler magazine was thanked for the publicity and photographs which would appear in their November 2022 edition. Maureen particularly welcomed retired Principal and well-known raconteur Bryan Gallagher; Lynelle Fenton, President, Ulster Teachers' Union; Siobhan McIlhenny, Chair, Northern Committee, Irish National Teachers' Organisation and Sandra E. Douglas, National Educational Union. Ronnie Strong kindly led Grace.
- Lunch* At 1.00pm, lunch, comprising Chicken Charlotte, Pavlova, and tea/coffee & biscuits, was served.
- AGM Business* At 2.25pm, President, Iris Clarke stated that, as there were no elections this year, she would like to invite new members onto the Executive Committee and asked anyone who would be interested to approach Secretary, Brendan McGlone, at the end of the event for a sheet outlining what being a member entails.
- UTU & INTO* Iris then invited Lynelle Fenton, President, Ulster Teachers' Union to address us briefly on current developments within the teaching profession. Iris then invited Siobhan McIlhenny, Chair, Northern Committee, Irish National Teachers' Organisation to address us briefly on current developments within the teaching profession.
- Bryan Gallagher* Iris thanked the representatives of INTO and UTU and invited Bryan Gallagher to entertain us with stories, songs and extracts from his various books and memories of teaching.
- A.O.B.* There being no further business, Chairperson Sandra Savage stated that the date for the 81st AGM & Get-Together Lunch was set for Wednesday, 11th October 2023, at the Glenavon House Hotel, Cookstown where, in addition to our regular speakers, the Chair of the Northern Committee INTO and President of the UTU, we would again hope to have light after-lunch entertainment.
- Announcements* Sandra thanked members, their guests, representatives from UTU and INTO and Bryan Gallagher for their support and hoped that everyone had an enjoyable and memorable day. She reminded anyone who would be interested in becoming a member of the Executive Committee to approach Secretary with any questions they might have and collect an outline sheet from him. Sandra duly closed the meeting at 3.45pm.