

Minutes of IDRA AGM 13TH MAY 2026

Title	2026 IDRA AGM
Date	13 TH May 2026.
Time	19.30
Location	Maples Hotel, Iona Road
Attendance	90 (approx.)
Contemporaneous Minute Taker	Noel Rigney

Attendees

Chair	Noel Rigney
Secretary / Croke Park Rep	Carol Lynch
Planning	Carmel Sherry / Ciaran Mullarkey
Neighborhood watch	Andrew Quinn

<u>Apologies</u>	Zach Kelly
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Presentations

Garda Sean Sammon + 2	Community Policing / Neighborhood watch
Billy o Keefe	Croke Park
Cormac Browne	A history of Iona Road

Meeting was opened by IDRA Chair Noel Rigney. He greeted all in the room, pointed out emergency exits and gave a high-level briefing of how the evening would unfold.

Appreciation and thanks were given to all committee members who give up their time to keep the committee running, a shout out for more volunteers was made with a warning that unless new blood arrived onto the committee, we were in danger of having to pause or close IDRA.

Noel thanked the community clean up group led by Paul Collins and Bronagh McCrystal for their regular cleanups throughout the year.

Noel mentioned the community award certificate (which was on display) that was presented to IDRA by lord mayor Ray McAdam in acknowledgement of IDRAS sustained commitment to local community life.

Noel thanked the 3 Garda present for their commitment during the past year and recognized that they were on duty therefore he would endeavor to get them finished as quick as possible.

Finally, Noel asked any public figures who wished to contribute that they identify their political party before commencing

Carol Lynch asked for a proposer and seconder for 2025 minutes, Minutes were passed into record.

Carol laid out the running order for speaker's, time limits and the detail of their presentations.

In keeping with the theme of the night Carol put out a request for new sub committee members, detailing the time commitment required etc.

Carol emphasized that all presentations would be available on the IDRA website.

Carol then introduced the first presentation of the night Andrew Quinn (Neighborhood watch)

Andrew spoke briefly about overall crime in our area; he shared crime stats by month and year. He spoke about the open monthly meeting that takes place in Fitzgibbon Street Garda Station. Andrew then passed over to Garda Sean Sammon who in turn read detailed crime stats into the record. Overall, the IDRA catchment area is very safe, a big issue is theft from cars left open at night time. Sean spoke about personal and home security and made available a number of presentations that will appear on the IDRA website. Sean and Andrew took some light questions and ended their segment by thanking all involved. Sean Samon announced that he and the other two Garda in attendance would leave to return to Duty.

Declan o Sullivan gave a detailed breakdown of the IDRA finance, he gave a breakdown of expenses such as website costs etc., he also spoke about possible grants but emphasized the application process takes time and its not a given that monies would be granted. Mention was made of monies held in trust for the old folk's community on Botanic Rd. The accounts presented were accepted.

Carmel Sherry gave a breakdown of some of the highlight planning issues/applications over the past year including Bernard Shaw, Funeral home, Quinns, Victoria lane, Addison, Daneswell and Croke park. Carmel took questions from the floor on the IDRA process around submitting observations to DCC and gave quite detailed responses regarding DCCs attitude to PP with balconies and altering the roof line. The detail of her response was congratulated from members on the floor. Carmel spoke about the challenging position IDRA is in because of lack of volunteers.

Carol invited Rory to take some questions around parking and traffic calming. Rory reminded people that all the work that the traffic group did is available on the IDRA website. Carol thanked Rory for all the work he and his team have done over the years.

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Carol spoke about engagement with DCC regarding traffic and EV Charging. One suggestion was to use lampposts, apparently this has been looked at by the ESB and DCC and there would not be enough power. Feljim and Janet Horner from the green party spoke about charging and opined that it requires a national conversation and solution which DCC are not very pro-active.

Billy from Croke park spoke, he urged IDRA and other community organizations to apply to Croke park for funding for community projects, he cited the defib in the lobby of the maples as an example of the co-funding model.

Lots of complaints from the floor regarding illegal parking on match days, can the cordon be extended? Billy gave out an emergency number to call. People opined that there is no clamping on match days, Billy said people are sitting in their seats in Croke park and using parking apps to extend their parking stay.

More parking enforcement officers needed.

Abuse of parking across from the botanic house and Go Cars. Opinions from the floor were that croke park were gerrymandering meetings in Croke park to get the desired outcome. More complaints about way too many traffic lights on Drumcondra Road and in the city in general.

Carol wrapped up the meeting and invited Cormac Browne to give his presentation about Iona Road. Cormac spoke for some time about the history of Iona Rd and its environs, as time was limited Cormac committed to returning to this presentation and also possibly introducing a historic walking tour.

Meeting broke up around 22.00 hours