

## **FEDERATION FOR ULSTER LOCAL SOCIETIES**

### **Note of a meeting held in Donaghmore Heritage Centre on Saturday 24 March 2007**

The meeting had been called to consider the way forward for the members of the Federation for Ulster Local Studies Limited following the decision to wind up the company taken at the meeting in Dungannon on 10 February 2007.

Thirty-two people, representing the following Societies, attended -

Ballinascreen Historical Society  
Bronte Society  
Carrickfergus and District Historical Society  
Co. Armagh Wildlife Society  
Coleraine Historical Society  
Donaghmore Historical Society  
Fermanagh Naturalist Field Club  
Gortin Historical Society  
Killowen Historical Society  
Killultagh Historical Society  
Lecale Historical Society  
Lisburn Historical Society  
Loughbrickland Historical Group  
New Buildings and District Arch & Historical Society  
North of Ireland Family History Society  
North West Arch. & Historical Society  
Rock & District Historical Society  
Strabane History Society  
Templecorran Historical Society  
Templepatrick & District Historical Society  
Trinity College Dublin Association of NI  
Tullysaran Area Heritage Group  
Ulster History Circle  
West Tyrone Historical Society

John Dooher, Strabane History Society, chaired the meeting.

Following a wide-ranging discussion about the issues involved, the meeting agreed that the balance of advantage lay in maintaining the Federation in its current form.

The meeting agreed unanimously to seek an Extraordinary Meeting to rescind the 10th February decision. The societies represented signed the requisition and agreed that other member societies be invited to join the call.

The meeting also agreed that it was imperative to maintain the Public Liability Insurance cover provided by the Federation. Since this could not be done through the current arrangements the meeting agreed to set up a new organisation, to be called the Federation for Ulster Local Societies, to take over the insurance policy from 1 April 2007. Noting the provisions to bring forward detailed amendments within six months, if required, the interim constitution was accepted.

The meeting agreed the terms of the Interim Constitution - proposed and seconded by Alan Walbridge, Templepatrick Society and Jennifer Cunningham, Coleraine Society

The meeting accepted the offer of the Lecale Society to host the proposed Extraordinary Meeting and to provide temporary banking facilities for the new Society.

The meeting then elected the Executive Committee - as follows.

John Bradley - West Tyrone Historical Society

John Dooher - Strabane History Society

Pat Devlin - Lecale Historical Society

William Devlin - TCD Association of NI

Berkley Farr - Lecale Historical Society

Bridgeen Rutherford - New Buildings & District Arch. & Historical Society

John Hulme - Carrickfergus & District Historical Society

Roy McCullough - NW Arch. & Historical Society

Doreen McBride -

Alan Walbridge - Templepatrick & District Historical Society

Edward Darling - TCD Association for NI

The next meeting of the Society will be held within six months.