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The 1st. A.G.M. of the Community Council was held at the Commercial Arms on Tuesday 11th. Feb., 1986. The following officers were elected.

- C.- Man : Wm. Cashin.
- Vice C. - Man : Jim Kealy.
- Sec. : P. McCarthy.
- Ass. Sec. : J. Kenneally.
- Treasurer : J. O'Keefe.
- Ass. Treasurer : J. Fuller.
- P.R.O. : E. Clernon.

The other elected members of the Community Council were Fr. Williams, R. O'Brien, T. Cashin, P. O'Sullivan, T. Ring, J. Nagle, N. O'Reilly, J. Healy, D. Hanrahan, J. Lehane and C. Browne. Over the next couple of meetings our constitution was drawn up with our aims being:

1. To unite the whole community so that it can speak as one voice, in working for its common good.
2. To foster a community spirit among the people — a spirit of friendliness, initiative, self-reliance, fair play and mutual trust.
3. To give each individual its chance to live in peace and harmony, with himself and His neighbour and not to discriminate against anybody.
4. To involve every person, irrespective of class, Religion or politics, in its promotion of its Social, Cultural and Economic development of the people.
5. To co-ordinate the efforts of the organisations of the area so that the best use can be had from existing facilities and unnecessary overlapping can be avoided.
6. To inform the people of their rights and duties as citizens.
7. To enable people to identify their needs and draw on the right resources to resolve their problems.
8. To develop the Community Resources, the people, places, facilities and organisations.
9. To become involved in Community development projects.
10. To identify and train people to accept responsibility and be able to make decisions to carry out projects successfully.
11. To link up the efforts of the people with those of the Co. Council, Regional Authorities and Various Government Departments and thus involve the community in the life of the nation.
12. To become involved and take part in the drawing up of plans at local, regional and national level, that effect the lives of the people.
13. To identify with, and participate in projects of concern for the youth of the Community and in Community Care Programmes.

14. To register with and function with other Community Councils as a constituent unit of Muintir na Tire, the Irish Community Development Movement.

Our Community Council is an associate member of Muintir na Tire.

During the year a number of sub-committees were set up and the following projects were undertaken:

1) Boys and girls from 6th. class down are being taken to Mallow Pool on Saturdays for swimming instruction. We generally have 8 instructors available and it is hoped to present over 100 certificates in the near future. We are indeed very grateful to Liam O'Brien of the I.W.S.A., Mallow who organised instructors from Mallow to help and to our own local instructors: Siobhain and Mairead O'Connor, Newmarket, Siobhain Hourigan, Newmarket and to Mary and Catherine O'Brien, Curragh. Also a very special word of thanks to our only lady member Nora O'Reilly who has attended at the pool each Saturday since we started in April.

2) Residents Associations were set up in
a) O'Callaghan's Place. : C. - Man: Greg Cleary, Sec.,: Liam O'Mahony, Treasurer: John Galvin.

b) St. Theresa's, Burton's and Oliver's Place : C. - Man: Tim Nolan, Sec.,: Miss Susan Goulding, Treasurer's: Mrs. Noreen O'Connell and Timmy Saville.

c) St. Patrick's Place: C. - Man: Charlie Fallon, Sec., Noreen O'Sullivan, Treasurer: Jerry Guiney.

d) Edel Quinn Place : C. - Person: Rene Desmond, Sec.,: Noreen Cronin.

These resident associations met Mr. Buckley, Co. Council Engineer and various improvements resulted.

3) The provision of the concrete litter bins was an unqualified success. We are indebted to the following who sponsored the bins;

Kanturk Motor Works, Jeremiah Fitzpatrick, Kanturk Community Council, G. O'Keefe, P. O'Callaghan, D. Angland, Rugby Club, G.A.A. Club, Alley Bar, Joe Grace, Super Valu, Paul O'Sullivan, A.I.B., Credit Union, Dick's Bar, Connie Cronin, Bank of Ireland, J. O'Leary, Frauleins Hair Salon, De Regt Special Cables, Buckley's Cafe, Kelly's Bar, John D. O'Connor, M. Osbourne, Keating's, A.C.C., North Cork Co-Op, P. Breen, Mrs. Forde, D.C. Daly, Telecom Eireann, Kanturk Kleaners.

4) A bus was organised to take 3rd. level students and anybody else who wished to avail of the service to Cork on Monday morning's at 7.15a.m and return from Cork on Friday evenings at 6.30p.m. This service is getting tremendous support.

5) The river bed and the park in O'Brien St., were cleaned up by the Community Councillors in an effort to improve our position in the Tidy Town Competition. Our overall marks improved but however there are still many blackspots to be tackled. The Tidy Towns night and Film Show with guest speaker Frank Donaldson of Cork/Kerry Tourism