

# ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18



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KILANERIN-BALLYFAD COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION



**Report on the activities of the Community Development Association**

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## CHAIRPERSON'S ADDRESS

Since the last AGM, a great deal of progress has been made by the Kilanerin-Ballyfad Community Development Association in achieving the original aims of the community that were set out more than a decade ago. All successes have involved the Association's Committee members working hand in hand with all sections of the community; my sincere thanks to all those involved.

In November 2017, phase 2 of the Community Centre was completed and formally opened by An Taoiseach, Dr Leo Varadkar. We now have a gym with close to 200 members, a training area, changing facilities, a Community Café, hair salon and a developing business centre. My thanks in particular to Mrs Tina Gregory, our Centre manager, for her utter dedication to the Community Centre's success.

Earlier this year, the Association collaborated with Tara Rock GAA in hosting a Strictly dance competition at the Community Centre, Kilanerin. Just over €40,000 was raised over three nights through a tremendous community effort. Congratulations to Mr Seamus Hughes and Ms Ciara Fortune for leading such a successful competition and thanks to all the dancers, judges and community volunteers for their commitment to the events - a true celebration of community spirit.

The Annual Report contains a more detailed account of the activities, and the abridged accounts, specific to the previous financial year. We would encourage anyone interested in helping to make contact with a member of the Committee. We would particularly welcome those with an interest in youth facilities and playgrounds, and are always looking for new members from all local areas. Nomination forms are attached.

Sincere thanks to everyone who has supported KBCDA over the last 18 months.

Yours sincerely



Jason Last, KBCDA Chairperson

## CURRENT COMMITTEE

Chairperson	Jason Last
Vice Chairperson	John Bardon
Secretary	Cathal O'Sullivan & Siobhán O'Sullivan
Treasurers	Peter Bushe, Dave Naughton
Members	Peter O'Connor Michael D'Arcy Siobhán O'Sullivan Gráinne Hartnett Pat O'Connor Orla Fealey Julie Sammiller Mary Fleming John Hegarty Donal Hayden Anthony Donohue Fiontán Ó Súilleabháin Seamus Hughes Dolores Murphy Padraic Caulfield Brendan Bolger Enda Kavanagh
CE Community Secretary	Tina Gregory
CE workers	Pat Howard, Tom Bergin
RSS worker	Pat Sheehan
Bankers	Ulster Bank Gorey, Bank of Ireland, Carnew
Accountant	Donal Noonan, Michael Doyle & Co
Solicitors	Donal O'Sullivan & Co.
Architects	Enda O' Leary, HKR

***The Committee of the Development Association extends its sympathy to the families of those supporters and contributors who have passed away during the past year, and to all in our community who have suffered loss.***

## TREASURER'S REPORT TO MARCH 2017

<b>Income and Expenditure Account for year to 31/03/2017</b>						
<b>Income :</b>				€		€
Voluntary Contributions				15,918		
Revenue rebate re contributions				20,275		
Sports Hall rental & Ballybeg rental				12,375		
FAS, Arts & amenity grant				416		48,984
<b>Other Income</b>						
Sale of sites ( net of selling costs)						201,104
<b>Expenditure :</b>				€		€
Development Works				154,256		
Donations - Other Parish Events				1,860		
Local Infrastructure				1,500		
Insurance				787		
Bank Interest and Charges				4,948		
Office Expenses				1,225		
Accounts & Professional Fees				4,107		
Cleaning & Rental expenses				2,047		
ESB & Heating				3,921		
Shrubs, Flowers, Tidy Town Improvements				787		
Sundry Expenses				111		175,549
Reduction in creditors				21,530		
Reduction in directors loans				20,000		41,530
<b>Surplus of Income over expenditure</b>						<b>33,009</b>
Opening Bank Balances Current a/c 01.04.2016				44,651		
Opening Loan Balance				-182,809		-138,158
Closing a/c Balances Current a/c 31.03.2017				24,201		
Closing Loan Balance				-129,350		-105,149
<b>Increase in Bank Balances year ended 31.03.2017</b>						<b>33,009</b>

**Copies of the full audited accounts for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 will be available for inspection at the AGM.**

## ACTIVITIES REPORT

### Community Centre

Phase II of the Community Centre was opened by An Taoiseach Leo Varadkar on the 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017. The Centre now consists of approximately 15,000 sq. feet of community space which includes the already operational indoor football/basketball court, changing rooms and showers, fully equipped gym, viewing multi-purpose area, meeting room, treatment room, office storerooms and café.

The construction of Phase II was carried out to a high standard by local firm, Dromore Construction, and the committee would like to express their thanks and appreciation to Michael McGonigle and his staff for their patience, advice and understanding throughout the 3 year construction period. Architectural advice and supervision was provided by Arthur O' Leary and Associates.

The total cost of the Phase II, including variations and additions, was in excess of €500,000 and providing cash flow on this scale was always going to be a challenge. The committee were fortunate to have a member who anonymously provided a personal bridging loan of €80,000 in advance of closure of the sale of the investment property at Ballybeg. This loan enabled work on the centre to continue without a break has now been repaid. In addition, 4 committee members have provided personal loans totalling €25,000 to allow finalisation of the construction work. These loans, together with previous personal loans, will be repaid over time from operating income from the Centre.

**CAFE**  
Coffee, Tea, snacks, Cakes, light breakfasts.  
Smoothies, Outdoor Seating, enclosed play area for the kids.  
OPEN 7 DAYS  
Mon - Fri - 9am - 3pm  
Sat & Sun - 10am - 2pm

**KILANERIN COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**KIDS PARTIES**  
Call for our great package deals.

**GYM**  
Gym open 7 Days 6am - 10pm

**CAFE Fridays 10% Discount for OAP**

All proceeds from KCC go back into our community Centre. We are a non profit organisation (KBCDA)

Call in take a look at our fantastic facilities

We cater for Childrens Parties, Hall Hire, Meeting Room Hire, Gym Membership, Cafe.  
CALL 0402 44555

Expenditure on the Centre to date is of the order of €1,200,000 which has been funded by local contributions and fundraising, and by LEADER, County Council, Sports Capital and Windfarm Community Funding. Term loans have been provided by Community Finance Ireland and by Ulster Bank.

The purchase of the gym equipment was funded by an 85% Sports Capital Grant. Selection of the gym equipment was carried out by a working group of local fitness enthusiasts chaired by Donal Buggy.

KBCDA was awarded a €54,000 Town and Village Renewal Grant in 2017 which has funded further work to furnish and equip the café, treatment room, equip a business centre and carry out landscaping works. This work is currently nearing completion and will add to the facilities available.

**The new Centre was funded and built by the community, and belongs equally to everyone in the area - it is important that you use it and take an active interest in its operation.**

### Sheltered Housing Kilanerin

Kilanerin Sheltered Housing Association, run by John Bardon and his committee (Annie Kent, Mary D'Arcy, Paddy Hughes, Brian Hughes, Donal Hayden), continues to operate the 6 sheltered housing units opposite the new Centre. All units are currently occupied but should someone feel they may have a need for a family member in the future they should contact a committee member of KSHA.

## Centre Manager

The Community Secretary/Centre Manager position is provided under a DSP CE scheme and as well as dealing with the affairs of the Development Association, is available to assist all organisations, clubs and parish bodies in the Kilanerin, Ballyfad, Ballythomas, and Annagh areas. The contact number is 089-4456184/0402-44555 or via email at [admin@kilanerin.com](mailto:admin@kilanerin.com).

The committee would like to express their appreciation to Tina Gregory for the energy and enthusiasm she has brought to the role of Centre Manager, Tina has been instrumental in promoting the gym membership which currently stands at approximately 190. In addition, Tina has promoted the Centre as a venue for children's parties which are a vital source of revenue for the Centre, as well as managing the opening and operation of the café.

## Tidy Towns



The annual Tidy Towns mark continues to rise and Kilanerin village is now ranked within the top ten villages of Co. Wexford. Kilanerin was again successful in the Wexford County Council Environment Awards. Well done to all concerned.

The Development Association continues to assist the Tidy Towns Groups in the area by providing funding from the County Council amenity grant and by the provision of DSP Community Employment (CE) and WLD Rural Social Scheme (RSS) workers.

**The Gap Tidy Towns & Heritage Group** continues the good work around Ballythomas area. An old water spout and trough has been restored, and a defibrillator has been acquired.

The Association would also like to compliment the excellent improvement work being carried out by other local groups and individual at various sites and roads through the community.

## Arts

KBCDA is delighted to have been able to support the Gap Arts Festival through a limited yearly sponsorship and administrative support and all involved are congratulated on their efforts. Every August since 2011, the Festival has brought a weekend of theatre, art, workshops and fun to Ballythomas.

In 2017 KBCDA was awarded funding from the WCC Artist in the Community Scheme towards the film making project 'Hunter'. This project was mentored by local film maker Terence White and the final cut premiered in Kilanerin Hall with further showings at the Gap Arts Festival and Cooney's of Hollyfort. A total of 12 people from the area participated in an instructive and enjoyable project. Thanks to the D'Arcy family Mount St. Benedict, Canon mark Hayden and the people of Hollyfort for their co-operation.



## Website



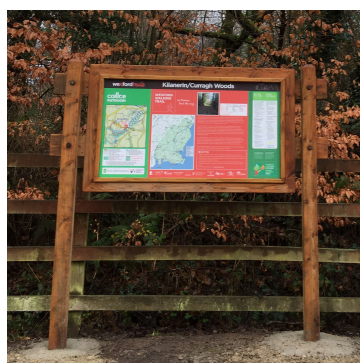
The community website, [www.kilanerin.com](http://www.kilanerin.com), contains a wealth of information on the area as well as up to date news of events and is updated regularly by Damian Nash. Damian also runs the annual primary schools poetry competition to which a small assistance towards publishing cost is made by KBCDA.

## Community Gain Fund

Following extensive representations from KBCDA, a community gain fund was established as part of the ESBI/Coillte windfarm development at Raheenleagh. Our community is represented on the Fund committee by Mary Fleming, Myles Carroll and Peter O'Connor.

A total of €48,699 awarded this year from the Windfarm fund to 7 projects in KBCDA area, including €22,500 to GAA for lights and €15,950 to Ballythomas National School for playground. Total windfarm funding obtained since start of fund for projects in KBCDA area is €267,630. Main projects Ballyfad Hall (€95,000) and All-Weather pitch Kilanerin (€90,000)

## Woodland Walks



The woodland walks in Kilanerin, Ballyfad and Raheenleagh continue to be popular. Maintenance work and litter control is carried out by the FAS/RSS workers. Grainne Hartnett and Peter O'Connor represent KBCDA on the Wexford Walking Trails committee. Improvements have been made to the lower Curragh Woods walk and funding for further work on this has recently been obtained from the windfarm fund. Thanks to Coillte for their co-operation in making this possible and to WWT for their support.

Almost one-third of Coillte woodland in the Kilanerin area has been sold off privately in recent years so you are encouraged to get out and use the remaining woods and lobby your local representatives to keep them in public ownership.

## Fundraising

The voluntary contribution scheme ended officially in April 2016 but a number of members are still paying their monthly contributions or have transferred them into gym membership.

The Voluntary Contribution Scheme has raised over €600,000 since its inception and by demonstrating the willingness of the community to support the various projects carried out by KBCDA has been key to achieving the level of grant support that has been obtained.

Jason has already mentioned the Strictly Come Dancing Event which was an outstanding success socially, technically and financially, and showcased the new Centre as a suitable venue for similar events.

## Ballyfad Hall

Work has commenced on Ballyfad Community Hall with the demolition of the old structure and construction of the new 2,700 sq. ft. has currently reached roof timber level. Completion is expected in late 2018.

The work is funded by local fundraising events, grants from the Windfarm Community Fund and Wexford County. KBCDA and the Parish Finance Committee have also contributed towards the costs. Bridging finance is provided by Community Finance Ireland.

## Ballythomas Community Field

Ballythomas Community Field continues to improve year on year and is getting good use from the School and Local Community. Benches have been added around the field by Paddy O'Toole.

## Representations

Contact has been maintained with Council staff, local Councillors, TDs, Senators, WLD, Wexford Public Participation Network, the Gorey District Tidy Towns network, Coillte, ESBI, the Raheenleagh Windfarm Fund and the Department of the Environment, among others. This has been done by way of meetings and attendances at seminars, public meeting and consultations.

Thanks to committee members Minister Michael D'Arcy, Council Chairman John Hegarty and Councillors Donohoe and Ó Súilleabháin for their work and support.

## Public Participation Network(PPN)

The Wexford Community Forum has been replaced by the new format PPN. The Development Association is a registered member and urges other community bodies to do the same. Peter O'Connor has been recently elected as PPN Community and Voluntary representative on the Wexford County Council's Local Community Development Committee (LCDC).

## Work Program 2018/19

- Support Ballyfad Hall group in building a new hall.
- Registration of additional Woodland Walks.
- Continued support of Tidy Villages, Arts Groups and other activities.
- Develop Community Centre facility management and activities.
- Develop a renewed local development plan.
- Local Playground development.
- Business Centre development.
- Youth facility development, particularly for 14 to 18 year old age group.



## GRANTS RECEIVED IN 2017/18

**LEADER/WLD:** Payment for Community worker under the Rural Social Scheme. TÚS worker for Ballythomas. Grant (€550) towards purchase of bowling equipment.

**Wexford Co Co:** Amenity grant towards Tidy villages work in Ballyfad, Annagh & Kilanerin. Provision of trees, clean up kits, and waste disposal facilities for Tidy Towns Group.

**Dept. Of Social: Protection** Funding of 3 Community Employment Scheme Workers to carry out community work in Ballythomas, Ballyfad and Kilanerin.

**Coillte/ESBI** Funding of €90,000 towards the All-Weather pitch received and approval of €22,500 towards lighting at Community Field, and €15,950 towards Ballythomas School.

**Sports Capital** Funding of €20,000 towards Gym Equipment drawn down.

We note also that KBCDA were successful in a bid for the Town and Village Renewal Scheme grant scheme (€54,000) which will be reported on in the next annual report.



**KILANERIN BALLYFAD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION CLG,  
COMHARCHUMANN FORBARTHA COILL AN IARAINN BAILE FADA**

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Community Centre, Kilanerin (KCC) Meeting Room**

**Wednesday July 11<sup>th</sup> at 8.00pm**

**AGENDA**

1. Minutes of last AGM
2. Treasurers Report
3. Annual Report
4. Governance
5. Child safeguarding
6. TVR grant update
7. Community renewable energy scheme
8. Playground Development
9. Election of Committee Members
10. AOB

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COMHARCHUMANN FORBARTHA COILL AN IARAINN BAILE FADA**

NOMINATION FORM

BALLYTHOMAS / ANNAGH AREA

**Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposer:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Seconded:** \_\_\_\_\_

BALLYFAD AREA VACANCY

**Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposed by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Seconded by** \_\_\_\_\_

KILANERIN AREA VACANCIES

**Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposed by** \_\_\_\_\_ **Seconded by** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposed by** \_\_\_\_\_ **Seconded by** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINATION FORMS TO BE RETURNED TO MR CATHAL O'SULLIVAN, SECRETARY KBCDA,  
c/o COMMUNITY OFFICE, KILANERIN by July 11<sup>th</sup> 2018.**