

ANNUAL REPORT 2012-13



November 2013

KILANERIN-BALLYFAD COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

A Report on the activities of the Community Development
Association for the period September 2012- November 2013

**Annual General Meeting Friday 4th December 2013 at 8:00 –
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KILANERIN-BALLYFAD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

I am delighted to be able to say that after almost 10 years, one of our main projects is due to open to the public on the 23rd November 2013. This is Phase I of the Community Centre, which is a 6,500 sq. feet Mixed Use/Sports Hall. The Centre will be available to all groups and individuals for sport and community use.

This project was conceived in the middle of the Celtic Tiger years and delivered in the middle of the worst recession since the 1930's. For this and other reasons, there have been delays and adjustments along the way but we have finally reached the point where a modern facility will now be available to complement the service provided by the existing community fields and village halls in our area. Work on Phase II, the changing room block and reception area, will commence next year. A total of €200,000 in grants have been approved for Phase II.

Many thanks to all committee members, past and present, for their work and help at the various stages of this project, and especially to you, the contributors, for your continued support for the Association.

The voluntary contribution scheme, although declining in numbers, continues to be the main source of income for the Association and allows us to attract matching funding from other sources. Again I thank the contributors sincerely for their continued support. A number of other fundraising events are underway as due to the current economic climate the commercial assets of the Association can still not be cashed in, and funds to continue our work and to service the outstanding loans are required. Our financial condition continues to be difficult.

Thanks also to those who are or who have supported the various fundraising events and to those who have provided personal loans or deferred payment for work done.

The Association has continued to support and work with other local groups to obtain funding and develop projects. The Woodland Walks continue to be popular and extensions are planned. The Community office and CE/RSS workers have assisted in local improvements, and in the finishing and maintenance of the new Centre. Work is expected to commence on the Sheltered Housing shortly.

Many people from both within and outside the community have supported the work of the Association over the past year and we would like to thank them for their encouragement and assistance. We will not name them individually here for fear of leaving out someone, but thank you to all.

Yours sincerely

Peter O'Connor

Peter O'Connor, Chairman

TREASURER'S REPORT

Kilanerin Ballyfad Community Development Association

Income and Expenditure Account for year to 31/03/2013

Income :	€	€
Voluntary Contributions	32,067	
Charity Auction	7,625	
Rent ballybeg	2,000	
Calendar & other sundry income	901	
Word & other grants	<u>1,075</u>	43,668

Expenditure :	€	€
Site Works	57,133	
FAS - PAYE/PRSI	959	
Ballybeg Fittings	3,901	
Insurance	668	
Bank interest and charges	155	
Accounts & Professional Fees	2,583	
ESB	1,620	
Loan Interest	11,732	
Site expenses	600	
Forest walks, Tidy Towns	1,966	
Printing, Stationary & Admin. Costs	1,506	
Sundry Expenses	<u>446</u>	83,269
Expenditure in excess of Income		39,601

Other Income	€	€
VAT Refunded	32,436	
Tidy towns repaying loan	6,000	
Net Personal Loans received	<u>41,000</u>	79,436

Surplus of Income over Expenditure after other Income 39,835

Opening Bank Balances Current a/c 01.04.2012	3,854	
Opening Loan Balance	<u>(270,626)</u>	(266,772)
Closing a/c Balances Current a/c 31.03.2013	3,320	
Closing Loan Balance	<u>(230,257)</u>	(226,937)
Decrease in Bank Loans year ended 31.03.2013		<u><u>39,835</u></u>

Peter Bushe, Pdraig Caulfield.

COMMITTEE 2012-13

Chairman	Peter O'Connor
Vice Chairman	John Bardon
Secretary	Siobhán O'Sullivan
Treasurers	Peter Bushe, Padraic Caulfield
Members	Jason Last Michael D'Arcy Tony Doyle Gráinne Hartnett Pat O'Connor Orla Fealey Michael McGonigle Julie Sammiller Mary Fleming John Hegarty Donal Hayden Anthony Donohue Francis Fanning James Furlong Seamus Hughes.
CE Community Secretary	Catherine Boukhima
CE worker	David Conyard
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

Since September 2012 the full committee has met on 10 occasions with additional sub-committee meetings. Attendance at committee meetings continues to be good. Committee membership is currently 20. Tony Doyle, Francis Fanning and James Furlong are stepping down at the end of this committee year and are not going forward for re-election. We thank Tony, Francis and James for their input to the work of the Association over the last number of years.

There are 4 opportunities to nominate new committee members for 2013-14; 2 for Kilanerin, 1 for Ballyfad and 1 for Annagh. Nomination forms are at the end of this report.

ACTIVITIES 2012-13

Community Centre

Phase I of the community centre (sports/mixed use) has just been completed and will be opened on Saturday the 23rd November by Michael Ring T.D., Minister of State for Sports and Tourism. A 600 sq.m. indoor hall with sports floor is now available with two changing rooms and toilet facilities. It is available for use by all groups and individuals in the Kilanerin-Ballyfad-Ballythomas-Annagh-Hollyfort area. Phase II will consist of the changing room block, together with gym and multi-purpose rooms.

This work has been funded by a €100,000 grant from Wexford County Council and a €51,000 grant from Wexford Local Development towards the final works, as well as by our own funds and by interest free loans and deferred payments from individuals and groups within our community. A second Council grant of €100,000 is available for the Phase II work as well as a €100,000 Sports Capital grant.

Development Sites Kilanerin

KBCDA owns 8 fully serviced sites for semi-detached houses in Kilanerin. Houses are 4 bedroomed with garage. Sites are for sale for €25,000 each or a full turnkey building service can be provided.

Planning permission for the sites and all other proposed buildings on the community site extends to 2017.



Ballybeg Cottage



The cottage at Ballybeg (Failte Ireland 3* rated) has been let as a holiday home over the summer and has received positive reaction from those who visited. It is also let for a longer term over the winter period and provides a source of income to the Association. The Ballybeg property was initially purchased as an investment in 2007.

Sheltered Housing Kilanerin



Funding of €639,000 by the Department of the Environment to is in place and Tenders for the work have been assessed KSHA. There have been some delays due to the requirements of the tendering process and the requirement to transfer ownership of the site to the Housing Association. John Bardon represents KBCDA on the Sheltered Housing Association Committee.

Community Secretary

The Community Secretary position is provided under a FAS CE scheme and is available to assist all organisations, clubs and parish bodies in the Kilanerin, Ballyfad, Ballythomas, and Annagh areas. The contact number is 089-4456184 or via email at admin@kilanerin.com. Catherine is based in the Community Office in the Shamrock Hall. The Development Association wishes to thank the Hall Committee for providing the office space while the Community building is under construction.

Tidy Towns

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 FAS and RSS workers. Funding of €1,440 was provided by KBCDA to the School Garden and Tidy Towns Group in order to progress the village improvement scheme. Application has also made to FAS for an additional CE position to assist with the Tidy Towns maintenance.

Representations

Contact has been maintained with Council staff, local Councillors, TDs, Senators, WLD, Wexford Community Forum, the Tidy Towns network, Coillte, ESBI, and the Department of the Environment, among others. This has been done by way of meetings and attendances at seminars, public meeting and consultations. The Association also co-operated with Kilanerin Neighbourhood Watch in the Text Alert scheme.

Health Week

“Learn to Live” was a three month long initiative that started on Valentine’s day this year in Shamrock Hall. The target audience was anyone over the age of 16 in our community and it attracted between 40 and 100 registrations per evening. As with the previously successful *Lifestyle Challenge* six years ago, the series of events were an informal opportunity for those with an interest in improving or maintaining their health to learn from experts largely based in the local and neighbouring communities. It also served as a great way for people to meet each other, exchange health and exercise tips or simply enjoy the healthy baking products that attendees voluntarily contributed.

The topics presented ranged from nutritional and cardiac health through to the common psychological health issues associated with modern living. Each session attracted a lively debate and ended with an opportunity for those attending to ask more direct questions of the invited speakers. Although the evenings were free to attend, small donations were invited at the door and led to the collection of €400.00 for the Friends of Gorey Hospital.

Although largely created with the purpose of sharing knowledge about health, exercise and well-being, the event was also successful in bringing the community together around common goals. Well done to all those that attended, whether your aim was to learn, socialise, organise the sessions or to impart expert knowledge!

Arts

A small amount of financial support was given by Development Association to the Gap Arts Festival. Grant funding was also obtained through the Association for the GAP Arts Group from the Artist in the Community scheme.



Website

The community website, www.kilanerin.com, contains a wealth of information on the area as well as up to date news of events. Thanks to Damian Nash for the upkeep of the site. Damian has also organised the schools poetry competition for the third year.



Community Gain Fund

After representations by KBCDA a social/community gain fund has been established in 2012 as part of the ESBI/Coillte windfarm development at Raheenleagh. Funding of €25,000 yearly will be available to community organisations in the area once the windfarm is operational. Advance funding of €15,000 has been received to date by KBCDA to progress the Community Centre Project

Woodland Walks

The woodland walks in Kilanerin, Croghan and Ballyfad continue to be popular. Maintenance work and litter control is carried out by the FAS/RSS workers. Two committee members, Grainne Hartnett and Mary Fleming are in contact with Coillte and an application to develop further walks is currently being drawn up.

Fundraising

The voluntary contribution scheme continues with over €32,000 collected last year. The number of active contributors has fallen due to the economic climate and also, we realise, due to the pace of activity of the Association. We are hopeful that the opening of Phase I of the Community Centre will encourage further contributions. Work on fundraising options continues and a number of plans to raise additional funds are being considered.

A charity auction was held in October 2012 and raised over €8,000. A calf rearing scheme has been set up and currently 20 calves are being reared for the Association by local farmers. The Association is most grateful to the farmers who are taking part and to those who have bought or sponsored calves.

The Development Association is actively supporting the 2014 'Strictly Come Dancing' event organised by the Kilanerin-Ballyfad GAA Club. The Development Association will receive 1/3 of the proceeds from the event. Thanks to the GAA for their co-operation on this project.

Ballyfad Hall

The Ballyfad Hall committee will shortly be deciding the way forward with their hall project. The Development Association remains committed to supporting them in whatever way possible.

GRANTS RECEIVED IN THE PAST YEAR

Department of Sports & Tourism	Approval of a grant of €100,000 towards Phase II of Community Centre (changing rooms).
WLD:	Approval of grant €51,000 for finalisation of Community Centre. Payment for Community worker under the Rural Social Scheme.
DoE/Wexford Co Co:	Approval of grant €1,440 under LA21 towards School Garden and Composting facilities.
Wexford Co Co:	€1,000 amenity grant towards Tidy villages work in Ballyfad, Annagh and Kilanerin. Provisions of trees, clean up kits, and waste disposal facilities for Tidy Towns Group.
FAS:	Funding of 2 Community Employment Scheme Workers to carry out community work in Ballythomas, Ballyfad and Kilanerin.
Coillte/ESBI	Funding of €10,000 from the Community Gain Fund.

CURRENT GRANT APPLICATIONS

WLD:	Jointly with Community Field Trustees for grant for all-weather surface.
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WORK PROGRAMME 2013-14

- Carry out Phase II of the Community Centre.
- Construction of Sheltered Housing (KSHA).
- Sale and construction of sites or semi-detached houses.
- Operate hill walking base at Ballybeg and woodland walks.
- Fund raising to allow completion of Community Centre.
- Increase numbers contributing to the voluntary contribution scheme
- Support Ballyfad Hall group in their objectives.
- Support the activities of Tidy Villages, Arts Groups and other activities.
- Continue to apply for grants and public funding from local and national bodies.
- Run 'Know Your Neighbour Night' similar to the successful event 5 years ago.

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

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

KILANERIN HALL

WEDNESDAY 4th DECEMBER 2013 AT 8.00 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of 2012 A.G.M.
2. Treasurers Report
3. Annual Report
4. Chairperson's Address
5. Election of Committee Members
6. A.O.B.

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NOMINATION FORM

BALLYTHOMAS / ANNAGH AREA 1 VACANCY

Nominee: _____

Proposer: _____ Seconded: _____

BALLYFAD AREA 1 VACANCY

Nominee: _____

Proposed by: _____ Seconded by _____

KILANERIN AREA 2 VACANCIES

Nominee: _____

Proposed by _____ Seconded by _____

Nominee: _____

Proposed by _____ Seconded by _____

**NOMINATION FORMS TO BE RETURNED TO SIOBHAN O’SULLIVAN, SECRETARY KBCDA, C/O
COMMUNITY OFFICE KILANERIN**

BY 29th NOVEMBER 2013

INVITATION

KILANERIN COMMUNITY CENTRE (PHASE I)

OFFICIAL OPENING

23rd NOVEMBER 2013 at 2:30 P.M

By

***Michael Ring T.D. Minister of State for
Tourism and Sport.***

***As someone who has contributed to the above
project, the Committee of Kilanerin-Ballyfad
Community Development Association is delighted to
invite you and your family to the official opening on
Saturday 23rd November at 2:30pm.***