

# ANNUAL REPORT 2019/20



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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

There will be an AGM on February 25<sup>th</sup> 2020 to report on the financial year to March 2019/20 and to highlight KBCDA associated activities in 2019. I am pleased to report that this has been a highly productive year, with a significant amount of work taking place across all of the subcommittees, much of which is in partnership with other groups within the community.

Linked to the previous year's reported fundraising activity, which then continued in the first half of 2019, a KBCDA led group, with representation from Kilanerin National School and the wider community, reached the target of €50,000 to put in place a new community playground. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those that took part in the raffle, all who participated in the 5K run and to all of the local businesses and associations who either sponsored prizes or donated directly to the fund. We also note the support of our local county councillors and Wexford County Council in providing grant funding to the project. The playground was first considered for the community in the local development plan more than 15 years ago, and now that it is established, along with Ballyfad Hall, it represents the final phase in completing the ambition of that plan, paving the way for new ideas for a new generation.

In the meantime, Ballyfad Hall grows near completion, KCC Gym has around 275 active members, and a growing number of local entrepreneurs are now using the KCC to run major elements of their business, from beauty therapy and art classes to physical therapy and fitness activities. We would now also encourage the use of the KCC business centre, especially for those who would otherwise commute to work.

You will see within the report that we also prioritised sustainability throughout the year, with a series of talks, surveys, workshops and reports led by our Sustainable Energy Community. We look forward to supporting the development of cost saving, energy saving and environmentally friendly projects across the community over the next 12 months. All of this and more will be reported at the Annual General Meeting.

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

Yours sincerely

Jason Last, KBCDA Chairperson

## CURRENT COMMITTEE

Chairperson	Jason Last
Vice Chairperson	Cathal O'Sullivan (elected 2019), John Bardon (outgoing)
Secretary	Deirdre Sheriff (elected 2019), Cathal O'Sullivan (outgoing)
Treasurers	Peter Bushe, Karen Curtis (elected 2019)
Members	Padraic Caulfield Aileen Cooper Anthony Donohue Nicky D'Arcy Michael D'Arcy Mary Fleming Gráinne Hartnett Donal Hayden John Hegarty Elaine Hughes Seamus Hughes Enda Kavanagh Dolores Murphy Dave Naughton Pat O'Connor Peter O'Connor Fiontán Ó Súilleabháin Julie Sammiller Deirdre Sheriff Karen Finigan (elected 2019) Jane Hughes (elected 2019) Niamh Kavanagh (elected 2019) Michael McGonigle (rejoined 2019) Ray McMonagle (elected 2019)
CE Community Secretary	Tina Gregory / Emma Henderson
CE workers	Pat Howard, Tom Bergin, Eamon Byrne, Kevin Walker
RSS worker	Pat Sheehan
KCC Employees	Tina Gregory, Irene Molloy, Martina Gethings
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 2019

**The full audited accounts will be available for inspection at the AGM.**

## Income and Expenditure Account for year to 31/03/2019

	€	€
<b>Income :</b>		
Voluntary Contributions	11,742	
Revenue rebate re contributions	1,418	
Sports Hall rental & Gym membership	39,368	
Birthday parties. Business centre & salon	18,623	
Donations	1,933	
Coffee shop sales	25,273	
Sundry Income	1,491	
FAS, Arts & Woodland grant	17,924	117,772
<b>Other Income</b>		
Strictly income	65,628	
Grant received re Building & playground	68,019	133,647
<b>Expenditure :</b>	€	€
Development Works	41,003	
Fixture, Fittings & Equipment	25,159	
Donations - Ballyfad Hall	9,000	
Woodland walks project	19,182	
Insurance & service charges	7,018	
Wages	30,547	
Cafe resale Purchases	17,509	
Cafe consumables	8,396	
Gym & party expenses	6,104	
Cleaning & repairs	12,160	
Bank Interest and Charges	6,601	
Office Expenses	4,816	
Telephone	1,181	
Accounts & Professional Fees	1,800	
Subscriptions	2,288	
ESB & Heating	10,640	
Expenses Strictly Event incl funds to Rock		
GAA	43,595	
Sundry Expenses	1,279	248,278
<b>Excess of Income over expenditure including capital items</b>		3,141
<b>Funded by</b>		
Increase in creditors	4,736	4,736
<b>Increase after creditors movement</b>		<b>7,877</b>
<b>Bank Movement</b>	€	€
Opening Bank Balances Current a/c 01.04.2018	5,143	
Opening Loan Balance	-119,637	
Opening Members loans	-89,838	-204,332
Closing a/c Balances Current a/c 31.03.2019	10,257	
Closing Loan Balance	-109,374	
Closing members loans	-97,338	-196,455
<b>Increase in Bank Balances year ended 31.03.2019</b>		<b>7,877</b>

## ACTIVITIES REPORT

### Kilnerin Community Centre - KCC

Last year, we reported that the Town and Village Renewal Grant of €54,000 had been used to complete the café, common areas, stores, a business centre and facilities for physical therapy. These facilities are being further augmented by a Youth Facilities Grant of €12,302.52 with spending to be complete by June 2020. This has allowed the viewing area floor to be completed, and for a number of storage units to be incorporated, one of which will be used for storing fitness equipment, the other to be used for youth facility equipment including beanbags, games tables and film projection equipment. This development has also allowed a lobby to be created to the viewing area which reduced the noise transmission to the rest of the centre, including the business room. The business room/workspace is now complete, and a number of members of the community have started to use this as a hot desk facility. It has also provided an office for the Kilnerin Group Water Scheme.



#### *KCC Community Café, Now Cosy Cottage*

KCC Café opened its doors on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018 and was operated by community and Centre employed staff until November 2019. At this point, the KCC Community Café committee received expressions of interest and invited The Cosy Cottage, a now well established business in Gorey, to also operate from the KCC facility. The Café Committee warmly welcome The Cosy Cottage to Kilnerin and note that those who had previously been involved in working in the Community Café were selected by Timea and Franck to be employed by The Cosy Cottage also. The Café facility has therefore managed to continue to provide a space for both locals and visitors to meet for a catch up over great coffee & increasingly delicious food.

#### *KCC Parties*

KCC is now well known for its parties which have been further enhanced by two new developments. A room directly connected to the sports hall has been converted into an amazing party room (with thanks to Tina Gregory and the CE/RSS team). The large bouncy castle has now been replaced with a more modern and ultra-safe version; very popular with party groups. Due to the popularity of the party offerings, our party coordinator, Irene Molloy, continues to manage and welcome all party goers to the Centre. KCC would be delighted to welcome any group or society that is looking to meet on a regular basis. We are delighted to have school parents group, Parent & Toddler groups visit us on a regular basis.



#### *KCC WorkSpace*

This is a newly fitted out shared community workspace consisting of 10 dedicated workstations, 1 Private office and 1 Breakout / Meeting Room. The **WorkSpace** is now open and fully operational with affordable short and long term rental options available. Facilities include High Speed Fibre Optic Broadband, High Speed Printing facilities, access to meeting rooms, as well as access to the amenities of the centre. In addition, the large meeting room on the ground floor is available for hourly and daily rentals. This meeting room will be converted to a fully equipped conference room over the coming months. The KCC WorkSpace is an ideal hub for remote workers, start-ups, freelancers and more, who are looking for an affordable, flexible, office environment in a convenient location.



#### *KCC Community Gym and Sports*

The community gym continues to be one of the success stories of the new Centre and since November 2017 over 400 people have taken out membership of which over 275 are currently active members. The gym continues to be popular across all ages and genders, with a constant flow of users from early morning till late at night. Improvements and additions to the gym continue to be made based on feedback from members and from the gym sub-committee. These include the addition of a commercial cable crossover machine and commercial spin bike. In addition spin bikes have been purchased jointly with one of the personal trainers and spinning classes are now available. As well as the KBCDA committee members, Jenny Connor, Keith Boland and Ross O' Loughlin as regular gym users have been co-opted onto the sub-committee and provide valuable insights and assistance which is much appreciated.



*New cable crossover being assembled in KCC Gym*

Recent additions and innovation include a new Bluetooth sound system and smart TV which allow instruction videos to be shown. As well as providing a community facility the gym also allows qualified personal trainers to operate in a private capacity which brings an additional business dimension to the overall operation of the Centre. The sports hall has also been upgraded to incorporate professional basketball and indoor bowls equipment – the indoor bowls group meet regularly on Tuesday nights and provide another opportunity for recreational activity within the community.

**The Association are delighted to see the Community Centre being used so vigorously by members of the community and wider.**

### Sheltered Housing

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 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. KSHA, in cooperation with KBCDA, have recently installed CCTV cameras to provide additional security to residents.

### Tidy Towns

KBCDA continues to assist the Tidy Towns campaign by the provision of 3 Community Employment Program (CEP) workers and two Rural Social Scheme workers, who work on a range of maintenance and development projects (with thanks to Siobhán Nolan of Coolgreany-Kilanerin Community Employment Program and Margo Hayes of Wexford Local Development). Kilanerin Tidy Towns had another successful year in 2018 with a number of new initiatives in sustainability and biodiversity under way. These include the community polytunnel and composting centre. A Christmas tree shredding service was also provided.



Other new projects for 2020 include the completion of undergrounding of services in the old village in co-operation with KBCDA (for which a grant of €50,000 has been approved from LEADER) and the installation of a rainwater harvesting facility (LEADER application in progress).

Thanks to all who have supported KTT by turning up for to help with cleaning, planting and construction, and to those who offered materials, services and expertise free of charge. Thanks also for the support for fundraising events. Additional funding was obtained from POBAL and Wexford County Council. Thanks also to Gorey Municipal Council members and staff for their practical support and assistance.



### Gap Arts Festival



KBCDA is delighted to have been able to continue to support the Gap Arts Festival through a limited yearly sponsorship and administrative support. This year, the festival incorporated activities for all age groups, with memorable performances throughout. Festival-goers were enthralled by the hilarious comedy play *To Hell in a Handbag* and the extraordinary talents of local and international classical musicians. A grand piano had to be carefully transported to Ballythomas National School where it was manoeuvred into place to provide an appropriately expert instrument to BBC Young Musician of the Year 2018 finalist Adam Heron. He was accompanied on violin by a local friend of equal talent, the Clongal-born Christopher Quaid. The duo led a mesmerised audience through a series of classical pieces, and some famous film scores in addition to providing a musical accompaniment composed by Trevor Knight to a slide show of the images that form the European Rural Inspiration Award-nominated Gap Community Photo Portrait Project.

### Communications

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 to whom we extend our continued sincere gratitude. In addition, we have developed a KCC facility website that demonstrates the breadth and depth of activities and businesses available to the wider community. We will launch this at the AGM.

### Woodland Walks

In addition to the resurfacing of the Kilanerin and Curragh Woodland walks to create a 6.5km figure 8 looped trail for *all* seasons, the amenities now incorporate an equestrian trail, developed in co-operation with Coillte and with funding from the Windfarm fund. Wexford Walking Trails CLG has gained yearly access to funding for minimum maintenance standards required by Sport Ireland. These funds are being supplied by Wexford County Council. Disability access has also been enabled.



### KBCDA Governance Committee

A new committee has been set up to bring KBCDA into alignment with the Ethics and Governance requirements for the charity and not-for-profit sector. In 2018, the Charities Regulatory Authority took on responsibility for establishing the standards for good corporate governance for charities and in November 2018, it published a new Charities Governance Code with which all charities will be expected to start reporting their compliance by 2021.

KBCDA started on the journey to compliance by establishing a small committee to review our current status and recommend the enhancements needed to bring our group into full compliance by 12/2020. During 2019 the team reviewed all KBCDA practices, held a workshop to include the full committee in the review. The outcome of the work suggests a number of areas to be revised/updated:

1. Addition of statement of purpose and integrity statement, code of conduct in the Constitution
2. Development of an induction pack for new committee members
3. Development of written roles & responsibilities for everyone working in, or for, KBCDA
4. Development of a procedure, available to all in the community for queries, comments, complaints.

This will be the main work for the Governance Committee in 2020. The group also proposed wording for incorporation into the deeds of KCC. Revised wording for the KBCDA constitution, and the paragraph to be incorporated into the deeds will be reviewed for possible inclusion at the AGM:

#### **Statement of Purpose**

To develop inclusive local facilities and projects which sustain our community and community spirit.

#### **For Inclusion in Kilanerin Community Centre Deeds**

The Community Centre in Kilanerin is an entity built by the community, to be run by the community for the use and benefit in perpetuity for all members of the community; never to be sold or to be appropriated by any individual, group or institution.

#### **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. Members of KBCDA are extremely grateful to all those that continue to contribute by either method.

Since the Strictly dancing competition, reported at the last AGM, further fundraising efforts have concentrated on raising funds for the local playground. Additional funds have been raised through seeking grant aid, with success through the recent LEADER funding call for village enhancement. Funding has also been obtained by leasing a site for installation of telecommunications infrastructure.

#### **Playground Committee**

The playground committee are please to inform you that €50,000 has been raised by the efforts of many in a variety of fundraising activities in late 2018, and early 2019; Helena's Christmas Flower arranging, donations from community members, a first ever Christmas Fair in 2018, a Christmas Raffle in collaboration with Kilanerin National School and a 5k/10k fun run in collaboration with the Kilanerin GAA Club. Wexford County Council granted €25,000 and a number of small amenities grants. Local associations including Kilanerin Ladies GAA Club, Kilanerin Tidy Towns, Kilanerin Hall Committee, Kilanerin ICA, Kilanerin National School Parents Association and Kilanerin National School Board of Management also made a series of generous contributions to the fund. Finally, a series of local people and businesses also donated generously, including but not limited to:

Arthur O'Leary & Associates  
Wexford Lavender Farm  
RSS Ltd  
O'Sullivan Motors  
Apex Geothermal  
Gaslamp Gallery  
Peroco Construction Allan Cooper  
Mooney Estates  
Noel Murphy's Gala Store  
Drumore Construction  
Gethings Carpentry  
Tom Ireton  
Helena's Florists  
Dolly's Hair Salon

The playground was opened in June 2019 by Cllr John Hegarty, with children from Kilanerin and surrounding areas rushing through the gates to enjoy the facilities. The playground committee responsible for designing, fundraising and delivering the playground included Aileen Cooper, Aine O'Sullivan, Deirdre Sheriff, Donal Buggy, Fionntán O Súilleabháin, Julie Sammler, Maria Gethings, Padraic Caulfield, Jason Last & John Hegarty.

#### **Community Men's Shed**

A local Men's Shed has been initiated and is still in the process of being set up, with twelve members already! Anyone interested in joining can contact Dave Coates, Dave Naughton or Jim Hughes. KMS have undertaken several initiatives to assist Tidy Towns and Parish activities.

#### **Ballyfad Hall**

KBCDA has contributed to the development of a new community hall in Ballyfad. The work, which commenced with site clearance in November 2017, is being advanced under the direction of the Ballyfad Community Hall Committee consisting of Pat O'Connor, Myles Carroll, Mary D'Arcy, Pat Cullen, Bernadette Cullen, Philomena O'Toole, Gordon Tutty, Lilly Boland, Tom Forde, Fr. Browne PP. In addition KBCDA have contributed €30,000 towards the project from the voluntary contribution scheme. The team are looking forward to supporting everyone who wishes to use the facilities in the Ballyfad New Hall and fulfilling their wish to develop the local community.

#### **Sustainable Energy Community**

Led by Ms Karen Finigan, KBCDA Sustainable Energy Community (SEC) was established in late 2018, linked to KBCDA but with representation from across a wide range of community groups. Since then, KBCDA SEC have completed some fundamental requirements, including the development of a community charter, an assessment of local skills and, following a successful SEAI grant application, an Energy Master Plan and an associated Register of Opportunities has now been created.



*Sustainability Fair, Kilanerin*

AWARENESS RAISING has also been high on the agenda, with the following highlights:

- Sustainability Fair
- Annual sustainability seminar series
- Energy Usage Surveys (well over 300 households participated)
- Town Meetings to announce & explain Energy Master Plan and then to share the results of Energy Master Plan.

**KBCDA are pleased to note that two national bodies have appraised our SEC resulting in significant awards:**

- SEAI – KBCDA-SEC is the nationwide winner as top SEC in the country.
- ‘Climate Action and Air Quality Award’ Tidy Towns Special Award – our awareness raising efforts noted in our achieving success in this award – one of three winners across the country.



### 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 is an elected PPN Community and Voluntary representative on the Wexford County Council’s Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) and Karen Finigan was elected in 2019 as a Community & Voluntary Representative to the Environment & Climate Change SPC.

### Community Gain Fund

A total of €13,996 was awarded this year from the Windfarm fund to 5 projects in KBCDA area, Total windfarm funding obtained since the start of fund for projects in KBCDA area is €281,626. The main

projects which are receiving ongoing multi-annual funding are Ballyfad Hall (€95,000 total award) and the All-Weather pitch Kilanerin (€90,000 total award).

### Grants and supports received in 2018/19

- Payment for Community worker under the Rural Social Scheme.
- Funding of 3 Community Employment Scheme Workers to carry out community work in Ballythomas, Ballyfad and Kilanerin from the Department of Social Protection.
- TÚS worker for Ballythomas.
- Youth Facilities Grant awarded January 2019 for €12,302.52 from Wexford LEADER programme to provide for facilities at KCC, including completion of the viewing area, the provision of equipment.
- Amenity grant towards Tidy villages work in Ballyfad, Annagh & Kilanerin. Provision of trees, clean up kits, and waste disposal facilities for Tidy Towns Group from Wexford County Council.
- LEADER Village Enhancement Grant €50,000

### Work Program 2019/20

- Support Ballyfad Hall group in completing a new community hall
- Continued support of Tidy Villages, Arts Groups and other activities
- Improve community digital connectivity
- Further operationalise KCC WorkSpace
- Complete Youth Facilities for 14 to 18 year age group
- Complete the work on Governance Code
- Develop the existing community solar farm opportunity
- Continue working across the community on sustainability and biodiversity
- Commence work on a new Community Development which will address the future needs of the Community over a 15 year period

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

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

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

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 8.00pm**

**AGENDA**

1. Minutes of last AGM
2. Treasurers Report
3. Annual Report
4. Sustainable Energy
5. Youth Facilities
6. Creating new community priorities
7. Election of Committee Members
8. AOB

**KILANERIN BALLYFAD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION  
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 MS DEIRDRE SHERIFF,  
SECRETARY KBCDA,  
C/O KCC COMMUNITY OFFICE, KILANERIN by 12noon February 24<sup>th</sup> 2020.**