



Think BIG

Ballybeen Community Newsletter

Christmas Edition 2016

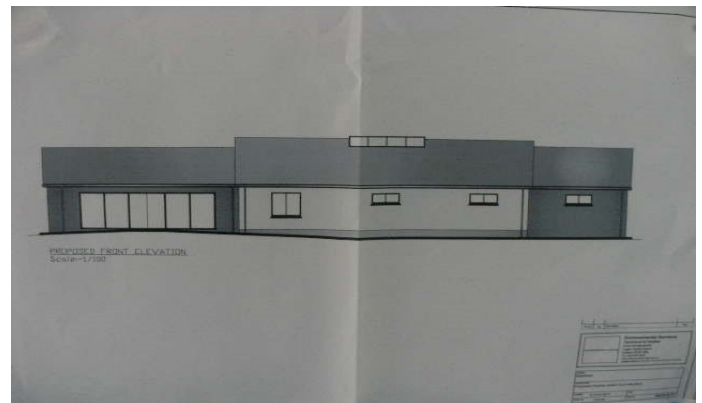
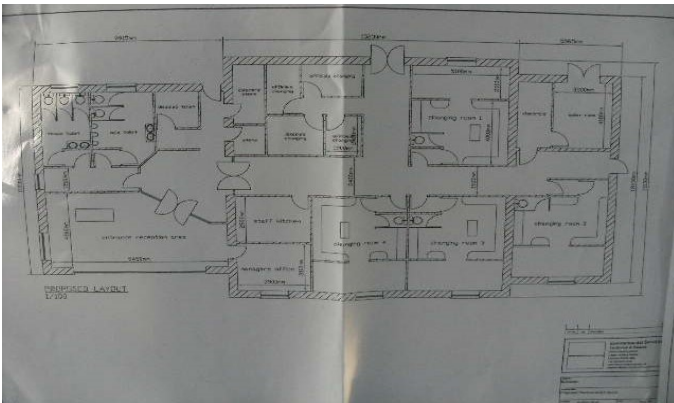
THE BIG STORY

Lisburn & Castlereagh Council have produced new plans of the proposed 3g pitch and facilities which they have supplied to our Sport, Health & Wellbeing sub-group.

We are pleased that a Sport's Development Consultant has been appointed, and will be meeting with a range of local groups within a consultative process to put together a business plan for this facility.

We are also hoping that the finances already secured by the Council for this project, can be supplemented by EU Peace 4 funds with our Sport, Health & Wellbeing sub-group successful in getting the pitch proposal included in the peace4 action plan.

As you can see from the plans, this would represent a major development of the Brooklands pitch.



Ballybeen Sports Hub Sports Development Plan Public Consultation Monday 24th October 2016 at 7:00pm Brooklands Youth Centre

Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council, in partnership with Ballybeen Improvement Group (BIG), is planning to regenerate the existing sports facilities located at Dungoyne Drive, Ballybeen

Otium Leisure Consultancy have been commissioned by Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council to prepare a Sports Development Plan in order to establish the future demand for the proposed sports facilities at Ballybeen and how they will be managed and operate.

Anyone that has an interest in the proposed Sports Facilities and would wish to comment on the proposals or just view the draft plans is encouraged to come along on the 24th October. Your input and comments are important, in order to help deliver a Sports Facility that the whole community can take pride in. Everyone will be made welcome



the **bigswitch** on

Tues 6th December, 7pm @ Moat Park

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS
Supported by
Dundonald foodbank



To create and sustain a vision and identity for Ballybeen as a self-sufficient progressive community and place to live

BIG NEWS

On Tuesday 25th October, BIG's Board of Directors had the Communities Minister Paul Givan MLA out to highlight the current work and future aspirations of BIG. Thanks to Craig Mullan & Joanne Bunting's office for arranging this!



In attendance at the meeting were also; Joanne Bunting MLA, Sammy Douglas MLA & local Cllr's Sharon Skillen & Tommy Jeffers.

In what was an open & frank exchange, matters discussed included the Ballybeen sports Hub, the current consultation on the sports development plan, additional financial support from the Communities Ministry to assist this re-development; and the valuable contribution of 'areas at risk' funding.

THE BIG ISSUE

lobbying for a play-park

BIG's Sport, Health & Wellbeing sub-group also met with Choice Housing, the NIHE & Lisburn/Castlereagh Council representatives on the 13th September reference a proposed play-park at Dungoyne where the phase 1 housing (in the picture above) is under construction. Following this meeting the Choice Board have had further meetings and it has been agreed that a design team will be tendered to begin and plan for the phase 2 housing and the play-park. No decisions have been taken yet regarding the size, content or cost of the park, though the current location has been agreed as well as a 30k allocation from Choice. We will continue to lobby on this issue .

LOCAL FLOODING

Following flooding and sewage issues that affected several local streets and left residents with sewage residues on their pathways, and with concerns that the blocked drains couldn't cope with further heavy rain, BIG reps held a meeting with NI Water on 29th November, to raise concerns about the sewage infrastructure and encourage them to put in place more robust solutions. Our thanks to Cllr Sharon Skillen Scott for arranging this on our behalf and for Gavin Robinson MP attending to lend his support. NI Water will be arranging for sewer checks and supplying leaflets to aid future reporting of issues.



ASB Clinic

Wed 26th October

11am-1pm

BIG office



A housing executive/PSNI Clinic took place on Wednesday 21st September at the BIG offices, giving residents the opportunity to hold these statutory agencies to account in relation to issues around crime, asb & housing.

We remind you that the BIG development Plan 2013, which emerged after extensive community consultation, highlighted the need for PSNI surgeries and more visible patrols to address ASB.

Other discussions are on-going with the psni about the drug-bin at the Spar.

Thanks to the PSNI for leaving cold-calling notices, personal alarms & night lights for residents to collect.

BIG FOCUS: Ballyoran Community Arts Group



Members of the Ballyoran Community Arts Group engaged in craftwork and other artwork projects. Started in April 2014, they have been going just over two years, age range from 20's to 90's they meet every Thursday in Ballyoran Community Centre from 10am-12noon, the aim of group is to bring people together to begin to learn different crafts or just to get out of house and meet people. They have made patchwork quilts, memory quilts, jewellery & family photos; also winning the Lord Mayor's award for 'best newcomer'.





McDonald's Irish FA Community Awards 2016

As a regional winner, Dungoyne FC were invited to celebrate the clubs, coaches and volunteers that make outstanding contributions to grassroots football in Northern Ireland by attending the McDonald's Irish FA Community Awards 2016.

The McDonald's Irish FA Community Awards took place at 6.30pm on Wednesday 16th November at the City Hall Belfast and the event featured seven award categories, reflecting the different areas that make up grassroots football locally. On the night we were joined by Northern Ireland Senior Team International Manager Michael O'Neill.

The McDonald's Irish FA Community Awards is a celebration of all that is good about grassroots football.

Dungoyne fully deserve this recognition, and have been awarded the 'National grassroots club of the year' award.

We at BIG wish them every success as they approach their 40th Birthday!



We take this opportunity to remind everyone that Dungoyne FC are now hosting indoor mini-soccer on Sundays at the Enler Complex from 10.30am-12pm. Children between 3 and a half to 6 yrs old are welcome.

Ballybeen in Bloom

BIG have been successful in securing £2,500 from the Northern Ireland Housing Executive Community Grants Scheme for a 'Ballybeen in Bloom' Initiative.

The intention is to give people experience in developing hanging baskets/planters, and to use this experience to allow local people to get involved in enhancing the aesthetic appearance of our area.

We also take this opportunity to welcome a new member group into BIG, the 'Ballybeen Jubilee Allotments Group', who no doubt can create a natural local link towards putting Ballybeen in Bloom!

Volunteer Appreciation

BIG have been successful in getting £960 from the Department of communities volunteering small grants scheme administered by LCDI to host a volunteer appreciation event in the New Year.

Regeneration best practice study-visit

The BIG development worker had a meeting with the DFA Department of Foreign Affairs, during which funding of approx.: £4k was approved for a study visit to the inner city area of Ballymun in Dublin, where a successful regeneration project occurred. We will use this visit to gain useful learning in terms of our own regeneration plans & visit a range of projects during this learning exchange. This grants includes support for a St Pats day event!

PEACE 4

BIG's Chairperson Davy Livingstone & development worker John Howcroft had the LCCC Peace 4 Manager Niamh O'Carolan & Donna Casey (Peace Verification Officer) out for informal discussions around our current practice and gave an overview of the Ballybeen area. This included an impromptu tour of the area as well as dropping in to the Brooklands Youth Centre & the Mens Motivational Group to highlight some of the excellent work on-going in the area, and the challenges we all face. Our development worker has applied and been accepted onto the peace 4 partnership as a 'social partner' and will use this to keep our local groups informed of & engaged with the opportunities peace4 presents.

Ladies Night
Thursday 8th December 2016
6:30pm - 9:00pm @
Ballybeen Woman's Centre

Treatments on offer:

- Gel Nails
- Facial

All proceeds go to
BritishRedCross

All treatments are
£5
To book call:
90481632



Get Involved

Ballybeen Peer Education Project are looking for **Volunteers**
Aged 18-22
Volunteering can give you the opportunity to try something new, gain experience, develop skills, improve your career prospects, build confidence and meet new people.

- Take on a challenge
- Be part of your community
- Meet new people
- Have fun

Personal Development: If you are thinking about career development, about getting a job or returning to work, the experience you gain as a volunteer can be useful.

For more info contact Clare/Gillian
Tel: 02890481632
Email: clare@ballybeenwomenscentre.org

Ballybeen Women's Centre
Introducing U-S (Ulster-Scots)
OCN Level 1
Starts: Monday 7th November 2016
10am-12noon
4 weeks
Cost: £10

This is very interactive course and topics include:
What it means to be Ulster-Scots.
Overview of the Plantation
U-S & Kith and Kin
Talking with the U-S

Contact Amanda on 90481632 or call into the
Centre 34 Ballybeen Square.

Ulster-Scots Community Network



BALLYBEEEN WOMENS CENTRE PRE-SCHOOL

ENROLLING NOW
for
SEPTEMBER 2017

Pre-school Day 9.15am - 12.00noon



Ballybeen Women's Centre
34 Ballybeen Square
Dundonald
BT16 2JG
Contact Number: 02890481632/02890481632
E-mail: info@ballybeenwomenscentre.org

Ballybeen Women's Centre welcomed the Minister of Communities, Paul Givan MLA and Joanne Bunting MLA to the Centre to discuss plans for a new Centre.



Ballybeen Mens Motivational Group

Great turnout for the return of our men's shed project. A lot of progress now being made in regards to taking the project forward.

We have also secured an additional unit and will be renovating this to accommodate the shed programme. Everyone welcome!



BIG HELP

Advice & Assistance Clinic

Every Tuesday morning
10am - 1pm

@ BIG office



A great turn out for the Xmas lights switch-on with the Brooklands School Choir. Our thanks to Landmark East & Frazer Kidd for their support, and to BAGIT



Gavin Robinson, MP for Belfast East, holding the first copy of the 'THINK BIG' Ballybeen Community Newsletter, with our newly elected Board of Directors Chairperson Davy Livingstone. Thanks to all who have helped deliver this around the doors, especially Hugh Johnston from Dungoyne FC...



BIG are hosting courses in our training room for Helping Hands Autism Support Group. These courses have been made available to local groups to build their capacity. Pictured are members of Helping Hands putting together their strategic action plan to guide delivery. We wish them every success!

- 26th September - Fundraising, application writing
- 3rd October - Fundraising Tender writing & management.
- 24th October - Financial Management PT 1
- 7th November - Financial procedures PT2
- 14th November - Management and Leadership skills
- 21st November - Governance Training
- 28th November - PR/Marketing and Social media



Ballybeen Christmas Carol Service

sunday 11th Dec
4pm Enler Complex

