



BALLYFAD COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT

What was the idea

It had been a long journey for the group, who came together in 2003 to plan ahead with the option of refurbishing an old 1800`s schoolhouse in very bad repair or knock down the old building and replace it with a new modern style hall.

Challenges

Many obstacles had to be cleared including planning permission and financing. Financing a project of this size was a major concern for a small community. However, the committee forged ahead, and planning permission was granted by Wexford County Council in 2015 for the construction of a new hall and funding secured through the Raheenleagh Wind Farm community fund along with additional sources of funding.

SECAD Community Engagement Services Community Industry Partnerships

How has this funding made a difference?

'The ESB who fund the Raheenleagh Wind Farm Community Fund showed a keen interest in the development of a new hall.'

'We are glad to say our application for funding was successful and the grant aid we received greatly assisted us to proceed with our project. Along with additional sources of funding and hard work by community volunteers we have now completed the project and made the hall available to the community in the area'

'Our New Community Hall will be the focal meeting place and will serve well to keep the community together and the opportunity for all interested groups to come together and enjoy their leisure time in a modern comfortable facility.'



Wind Farm

Raheenleagh Wind Farm



Amount Awarded

€94,800 commitment, €7,900 per annum for a duration of 12 years

Myles Carroll – Ballyfad Hall Committee



"We appreciate the funding we received from the Raheenleagh Wind Farm Community Fund and also the help and assistance we received from SECAD staff in relation to queries we had during our application process"



Key Users

- Junior and Leaving Cert After School Study Group.
- Mindfulness group with sound & music. Ballyfad ICA.
- Ballyfad Tidy Village Group.
- CEP Person (Wexford CC)..
- Kilanerin Ladies Football AGM.
- Gorey Youth Needs.
- Coolgreany Drama Group.
- Kilanerin Ballyfad Community Development Association (KBCDA).

Linked to Sustainable Development Goals



Project Financing

- Raheenleagh Wind Farm Fund
- Wexford County Council
- Parish Committees
- Amenity & Arts grants
- Donations
- Fundraisers

