



Newsletter

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Footpath to Tennis Courts/Playing Grounds now completed



At long last the new footpath to Tennis courts is now completed. This will provide safer and better access to these great facilities in our village.

On checking the old Balrothery community Council archives we found letters dating back 22 years to 1986 lobbying our then local representatives to have this footpath installed, one should never give up! Many thanks to Fingal County Council and our local representatives for all their assistance in achieving this.

Balrothery Community Council Mission Statement

"To make real the views, hopes and wishes of the people of Balrothery village through good representation of their expressions, opinions and desires"

New pedestrian Crossing and traffic speed calming

Work is currently under way with the new pedestrian crossing on the main road. With our growing population and accessibility required across the main road to the Cricket and rugby grounds, it was essential that a crossing was provided and traffic calming put in place.



Gala Shop wins award.

Well done to Dave Orange, Family and staff on coming first place in it's category of National Gala Stores.

New Residents to Balrothery

Welcome to all our new residents at Ringfort, Balrudeary Field/Woods and elsewhere, hope you all settling in well to the village. Please feel free to contact us with any issues or information you require. New estate residents associations groups are required, if you are interested in joining/forming please contact Balrothery Community Council. Niall Keady, email niall@balrothery.com

Community Council AGM

Our **Annual General meeting** will be held on wed 26th of November at 8:00pm in The Heritage Centre. All welcome and encouraged to attend and contribute.



Annual Christmas Concert

Balrothery Singers Annual Christmas Concert, 21st-22nd of December in The Heritage Centre 8:00pm Tickets at door €7.00 each

Balrothery Community Council Progress To Date

1. **New Pedestrian Crossing and Traffic Calming** being installed at Inch Rd to facilitate access to Rugby and Cricket Clubs.
2. **Major modification to junction** at main rd at Balrothery Inn, to reduce traffic congestion at peak times facilitating vehicles turn left and right simultaneously.
3. **Resurfacing of roads:** to Man O War, Skerries etc.
4. **New footpath** to tennis courts/playing fields.
5. **Speeding:** The 50K zone will be extended.
6. **Line Painting and warning signage** at junction to Skerries/Man O War.
7. **Pedestrian linkage** between Baruddery Wood/Fields to Playing Fields tennis courts, potential path to Heritage centre/Village proposed.
8. **Major Drainage works** around tennis courts playing fields and restore and repair boundaries.
9. **Rose Park:** Planning Dept confirmed that a submission has been received from the developer regarding open space and that the Holly Well is going to be restored and retained. Currently with Duchas for approval.
10. Parks Division have identified 6 proposed locations for **playgrounds** in the area and details are to be forwarded to Community Council.
11. **Unfinished development:** Planning provisions being enforced.

Other News

Recent **Hospice Coffee morning** organised by Susan Lynch, €800 raised, many thanks to all who attended and donated.

Salsa Classes resuming January contact Georgina 0870675333.

Questions or comments?
E-mail us
news@balrothery.com

Balrothery National School: Continuous lobbying and pressure being brought on government both local and national to address the lack of places available at St Oliver Plunketts National School. We are currently seeking the opinion and views of all concerned parties.

Tidy Towns: Tidy Towns is a concept that all participants can buy into; the simple but powerful idea that people can make a difference to their own area and make them better places to live, work and visit. Taking part is more important than winning, we would urge all Balrothery residents to sign up and reap the benefits that participation can bring. Please contact the community Council to register your interest in forming a Tidy Towns Committee.

Holy Well: The reinstatement and landscaping of lands at the Holy Well, Rose Park Balrothery is an issue that cannot be allowed to drift away. When permission was given to developer Joe Wade to build houses around it, a condition specified that the well which is a listed structure, had to be protected. The Well has been covered in since 2003, this national monument must be protected. We are determined to have the Holy Well fully restored.



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Open Letter To Residents of Balrothery November 2008:

The Balrothery Community Council has been established over 2 years now. We have achieved much progress and many projects have begun and many more are in the pipeline. Our aims are to make real the views, hopes and wishes of the people of Balrothery village through good representation of their views and opinion. Let me introduce our 2008/9 committee:

Chairman: **Niall Keady**
Vice Chairman: **Eamonn Lynch**
Secretary: **Margaret Haugh**
Vice Secretary: **Susan Lynch**
Treasurer: **Martin Fanning**
PRO: **Niall Keady**

So far we have introduced a village website www.balrothery.com which is a very useful source of local information and a great means for residents to monitor and interact with the Community Council. We have established a network of public representatives and county councillors. We hold regular meetings with our representatives to lobby and seek representation for our on the ground issues. We hold a biannual Deputation meeting with Fingal County Council at County Hall. Getting issues resolved, new projects begun and repairs and improvements carried out is some of the work we undertake. Some of the recent projects begun and budgeted for in the Fingal County Council Transportation and Works Programme 2008 are provision of pedestrian lights and traffic calming measures on the Inch Road to the Cricket and Rugby Clubs, a path to the tennis courts, pedestrian paths linking Balruddery Field/Woods, the playing fields and Community Centre and several road resurfacing works. Projects and issues we are currently committed to are seeking a new primary school building to address the crisis level lack of places at Balrothery Nation School. We are also seeking the reopening of the many laneways and pedestrian areas of the Village. We continue to seek upgrading of roads in and out of Balrothery, Traffic calming measures on our roads and in our estates and the upgrade of footpaths throughout the village. We continuously receive proposals from residents and organizations in the village with items to add to our agenda and ask that you persist with this, all submissions can be submitted via the website or by post.

I wish to welcome all new residents to Balrothery, we are very pleased to welcome you to the Village. Whilst most estates, areas and organizations in Balrothery are represented on the Community Council we continue to seek representatives. Particularly from new estates and organizations. From time to time we may ask for action from you be it petitioning, lobbying or demonstrating. We will need volunteers for letter distribution and clean ups. When the time comes we will need the people of Balrothery to demonstrate their strong community spirit and answer this call.

We would also like to extend our gratitude and appreciation to all our councillors and public representatives who have attended our meetings and worked tirelessly to help us achieve our aims, in particular we express our thanks to Councillors David O'Connor, May McKeon, Joe Corr and Ciaran. Byrne and also thank Michael Kennedy T.D, Trevor Sargent T.D and Senator Brendan Ryan for their hard work.

The committee and myself look forward to working together with you helping make our village a safe, beautiful and peaceful place to live and raise our children.

Regards,

Niall Keady
Chairman
Balrothery Community Council

