

Spring 2016

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Working for Carlow, Working for you...

Over €1.9m Sports Capital Funding for Carlow Sports Organisations

Over the past five years I was delighted to work with many Sports Organisations in the county with their Sports Capital Funding applications. After many years of poor allocations we have been very successful with the last three programmes (2012, 2014 & 2015). Infact we received the biggest allocation per capita in the country. This money is great for our hard working committees and in many cases is the difference between the project going ahead and not.

Here are the funds allocated during the life time of this Government:

Ballinabranna Karate Club €5,000.00	Ballymurphy Hall Ltd €30,000.00
Bennekerry District Active Retirement Association €2,000.00	Carlow Cricket Club €14,000.00
Hanover Harps Football Club €106,000.00	Carlow Dragon Boat Club €9,356.00
Myshall Drumpeha Senior Citizens Association/Myshall Active Retirement €2,000.00	Carlow Gymnastics Club €10,000.00
Naomh Brid Hurling Club €20,000.00	Carlow/Graigucullen Subaqua Club €40,000.00
Palatine Gaelic Football and Hurling Club, €14,000.00	Cuchulainn Rounders Club €2,000.00
Presentation College & Asca GAA €10,000.00	Fighting Cocks GFC €116,000.00
St. Joseph's National School €20,600.00	Leighlin Parish Sports Grounds Development Committee €50,000.00
St. Laurence O' Toole Athletic Club, Carlow €125,000.00	Mount Leinster Rangers GAA Club €71,000.00
St Mullins GAA Club €101,000.00	O'Hanrahans GFC €80,000.00
Tinryland Tidy Towns €16,000.00	Old Leighlin Community Support Ltd. €70,000.00
Tullow Rugby Football Club €113,000.00	Rathvilly GAA Club €30,000.00
Vale Wanderers Football Club €30,000.00	Setanta GAA Club €7,000.00
Askea Karate Club €6,500.00	Tinryland G.F.C. €27,000.00
Ballon Karate Club €1,800.00	Tullow Amateur Boxing Club €10,500.00
	Carlow GAA (County Board) €131,000.00
	Tullow & South Leinster Tennis & Sports Club €100,000.00

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I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

I would also like to thank you for your support over the past five years. I enjoyed my time working for the people of Carlow and I think together we have achieved a lot. Our county and our country is in a better place now.

Thank you again for your support and I hope you will continue to support me in the future.

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Ardattin Athletic Club €14,000.00
Ballinkillen Lorum Community Centre
€4,500.00
Carlow Lawn Tennis Club €65,000.00
Carlow Rowing Club €110,000.00
Carlow Sports & Social Club €40,000.00
Carlow Town Hurling Club €48,000.00
Clonmore GAA Club €135,000.00
Dolmen Karate €3,000.00
Murphy Memorial Hall €8,000.00
Myshall Drumpeha Senior Citizens
€1,900.00
Tullow Community School (All Weather
Pitches) €100,000.00
Tullow Active Retirement Association
€2,500.00

**The following Lottery funding
was allocated through the
Department of Health:**

Beam Services, Bagenalstown (Security
System) : €6,000.00
St Catherine's Community Services
(Meals on Wheels): €10,000.00
Tullow Day Care Centre: €17,500.00
EIST - Carlow's Cancer Support Centre
(Equipment): €14,000.00
St Patricks Cheshire Home: €15,000.00
St Lazerians House, Bagenalstown:
€30,000.00
Talk it Over Carlow: €4,000.00



*Pat with Brian O'Reilly, Head of Sport, Tullow Community School, site for
all weather pitches. (€100,000 Sports Capital Grant)*

Swimming Pool Allocations:

Carrigduff: €40,000.00
Graiguecullen: €306,000.00
Bagenalstown: €138,000.00

Bagenalstown Town Park: €23,000.00
Oakpark Forest Park: €23,000.00
John Sweeney Park / Ashgrove:
€17,000.00
Tullow Town Park: €23,000.00

Outdoor Capital Grant Scheme:

'Neighbourhood' Woodland Amenity,
Oakpark: €125,000.00.

Active Travel - €940,000.00 was spent
on cycling infrastructure around Carlow
Town.



*Pat with Pat Corrigan at Tullow
Livestock Sales.*



*Pat with Tommy Byrne, MD Burnside
Eurocyl, Burnside Group are Carlow's
largest industrial employer.*



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LEADER FUNDING

In addition to Sports Capital Grants many community organisations have benefitted from Leader Funding. This money is part funded by the EU with matching funds from the Irish Exchequer. It can be used for Capital Projects, training, marketing, research, mentoring, skills acquisition, feasibility studies and so on. Businesses can also apply for support particularly towards business creation and development or diversification.

Some of the bigger community grants awarded in recent years include:

Ballon Community Centre - €500,000.00

Tullow & South Leinster Tennis + Sports Club - €300,000.00

Tullow Town Park - €298,000.00

Ballinkillen Community Centre - €284,000.00

St Lazerians Cathedral, Old Leighlin - €204,000.00.

Tinryland Recreation Area - €155,000.00

Carlow Sub Aqua Club - €150,000.00

Leighlinbridge Sports Ground (Superbowl) €120,000.00



Pat with Gerry Maher in Ballon Community Centre Boiler Room. Ballon Community Centre received €500,000 in Leader Funding.

Ballymurphy Community Hall - €100,000.00.

Delta Centre - €100,000.00.

Captain Murphy Memorial Hall, Tullow - €92,000.00.

Drumpeha Community Centre - €85,000.00.

Spellman Hall, Kildavin - €79,000.00

Ballon Training Centre - €78,000.00

Bagenalstown Town Park - €52,000.00

Bagenalstown Scout Den - €49,000.00

.....and many more.

The good news is that the next phase is now up and running and Carlow has been allocated €6.4m to be spent on community and business projects between now and 2020.

SCHOOLS

The development of a new education hub on the edge of Carlow Town is a visionary solution to Carlow's education needs and will support young people to develop their future careers.

Last November we had the sod turning ceremony for the brand new education hub, to be located in Mortarstown, on a site provided in a land swap with IT Carlow.

This new development will consist of Tyndall College, a post primary vocational school, as well as Carlow Institute of Further Education & Training. Currently they operate out of the same building with 1,000 pupils combined. The two new buildings will cater for 1,000 pupils each.

This will be another third level option for young Carlow people whereby students from the new Tyndall College as well as other post primary schools will have a ready-made further education institute, which they can progress to once they finish secondary school.

This land swap is also really good news for Carlow IT, so everyone's a winner here. They will take over the site where the current vocational school is located, for future development. This means IT Carlow will have the capacity to expand in the future, which is great news in terms of providing opportunities for local young people who want to progress to third level but stay close to home.

The two institutions will be built at the same time and are scheduled to open in September 2017.

Included in the list of 310 major school building projects are PDLS in Bagenalstown and ST Mary's Academy CBS in Carlow Town. The long awaited sports hall in the Pres de la Salle in Bagenalstown has finally got the green light and Carlow's CBS will have their old and tattered Portacabins replaced and a new ASD unit will be added.

I'm very aware of the pressing need to provide more school places in Carlow, in order to continue to meet the accommodation requirements of our growing school going population. This funding will facilitate the provision of more school places in Carlow and this significant investment will also support direct and indirect jobs in the county.

This is all part of Fine Gael's plan to keep the recovery going. Job creation means more revenue for the exchequer and therefore more money to invest in the services people depend on such as schools.

I know how vital it is to parents across Carlow that their children are not just guaranteed a school place, but are guaranteed that they can learn and grow in comfortable surroundings.

Also, in December 2015, €750,000 was allocated for IT Carlow to carry out maintenance work and for the development of facilities and equipment. This was part of a €10 million Infrastructure Maintenance Fund Grant for Institutes of Technology. This is crucial to keep IT Carlow well maintained and equipped so that it can provide a top class working environment for its students.

IT Carlow is a hugely valuable resource in the South East, producing highly educated and skilled graduates to meet the employment demands created by our recovering economy. The South-East Regional Action Plan for Jobs sets out a specific path for creating 25,000 new jobs by 2018.

Flood Relief

As you know we have experienced very heavy rainfall in recent weeks, with December been the wettest month on record. Thankfully our flood relief measures held firm. There has been a lot of work done in recent years on Carlow's Main Drainage Scheme and flood protection measures in Tullow and Leighlinbridge. Close on €25m has been spent altogether and so far it seems to have been money well spent. Great credit is due to all who have worked tirelessly in recent weeks to keep the pumps going and the sand bags and other defences in place. Hopefully the worst of the weather has passed.

Bilboa Post Office

Bilboa Post Office was threatened with closure last September. The savebilboapostoffice campaign got up and running and it was fantastic to see almost 300 local people turn up for the public meeting. After much negotiating An Post agreed to commit to a contract

for another year, up to September 2016. But this is really only 'a stay of execution' unless business can be improved and we all know this can only happen if the PO is supported by the local community.

Rewarding Work

- This Government will have scrapped the Universal Social Charge (USC) for 500,000 low paid workers by the end of this month (Jan 2016).
- We have increased the minimum wage by 50c per hour to €9.15.
- The Back to Work Family Dividend allows Jobseekers retain €30 Social Welfare per week for each child for the first year back in employment.
- Income Tax standard band has been increased by €1,000, reducing the Tax burden on everyone.

Supported Care Homes

€438k has been allocated for three local Supported Care Homes. Gahan House

will receive €197,550, St Fiaccs House €102,438 while St Lazerians House in Bagenalstown will receive €138,144.

This was part of an allocation of €2m in once off funding for 10 Supported Care Homes in Carlow, Kilkenny and Waterford. It is important that these centres are kept up to the standards required by HIQA and this much welcomed allocation will be used for this purpose.

These Supported Care Homes offer an enhanced lifestyle to those who may otherwise suffer from social isolation, thus improving their mental wellbeing and quality of life. The homes are managed by Management Committees whose members are drawn from the local community. This initiative is very much in line with government policy of supporting local communities and their efforts to look after those in their community. It is intended to benefit those with low to medium dependency levels who may need to avail of additional care in the form of day care or residential care in order to remain in their locality and part of their community.

KEEP THE RECOVERY GOING

Fine Gael has a long term plan to keep the recovery going. We are seeing economic progress, with over 135,000 more people at work, but we cannot take for granted that stability and recovery will continue.

Our plan will deliver:

1. More new jobs, spread right across the country
2. Jobs that pay more than welfare, where hard work is rewarded
3. Affordable, sustainable improvements in services using the resources from growing employment

More people in work creates the resources to cut taxes for working people and invest in better services, improving living standards for all. This will ensure more people feel the benefits of a recovering economy in their own lives.

We'll continue to make responsible and prudent decisions to keep the economy strong and the recovery going. The next election will be about who can be trusted to keep the recovery going, based on stability and progress as opposed to instability and chaos. The Irish people have worked too hard to get to where we are, we cannot go back. Instead, together we will keep the recovery going.

FALL OF 23% IN CARLOW LIVE REGISTER AS LOCAL ECONOMY STRENGTHENS

End of November CSO data shows that the Live Register in Carlow has fallen by 23.15% since the launch of the Action Plan for Jobs in 2012, while the national unemployment rate is now 8.8%. In February 2012 there were 6,854 Carlow people on the live register, this has fallen to 5,267 in November 2015. A drop in the number of people signing on the Live Register is very positive and highlights the growth in the local economy.

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