

# Kinsale Community School, Parents Association AGM - Chairperson's Report - 2018

The 2017 PA AGM was held on 25<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2017, as per the minutes.

Following on from the AGM last September, the committee met and the following were elected as officers:

**Chairperson** - Tom Brennan

**Secretary** - Helen Hynes

**Treasurer** - Rachel Casey

**Fundraising Sub Committee Chairperson** - Eddie Kelleher

**The other PA Committee Members this year were:** Owen Wills, Andy Ashford, Breda Harrington, Hillary McCarthy, Ann Lyons, Siobhan Keogh, Donna O'Conner, Audrey Grennan, Maria Grazia Traverso, Jan Humphreys and Coleen Walsh.

It's been a very busy year for the Parent's Association; the following is a summary of key activities and developments:

## 1. Key Activities

### a) Support at School Events

Firstly, the PA coordinated catering and serving of teas and coffees for the School's very successful Award Night in October, then again for the TY Graduation Ceremony and for the Leaving Cert. Mass. Last week, the PA were involved in organising refreshments at the school's Launch of Rugby.

### b) School Book Rental Scheme

The PA also continue to be involved in helping to run the School Book Rental scheme. The PA would like to sincerely thank Liz Timmons for all the work she had done to organise the scheme which has now been taken over by Natacha Farley with assistance from Ann Lyons and Eileen Graham.

### c) Fundraising for Pitch, Track, Hockey Training Pitch and Floodlighting

The fundraising events that the school were involved with this year were as follows:

**Sponsored Walk - €6,025 was raised**

The school organised a sponsored walk and the PA helped with stewarding.

**80's disco - €1,850 was raised**

The 80's disco was organised by the Fundraising Committee in December. This was a very enjoyable night out in the White Lady. We would like to thank Anthony Collins and his team in the White Lady and also committee member Samantha Bowen for organising this event.

**Truck & Tractor Run on St. Stephen's Day - €1,580 was raised for the school**

The Tractor Run was organised by 5th Year pupil Michael Madden and his family. The PA assisted with stewarding on a very cold and wet day, but we still had in excess of 30 trucks and 80 tractors participating. The profits from this event were split between Kinsale Hospital and Kinsale Community School. We would like to thank Michael and his family sincerely for that.

**Pantomime - €1,500 was raised**

In February the Rampart Players ran their very successful pantomime - Little Red Riding Hood in the school hall. They very generously held a raffle on our behalf.

**Table Quiz - €1,565 was raised**

Also, in February, the Spaniard Bar ran a very enjoyable table quiz on our behalf. We would like to thank Pat McCrae and his team of helpers for an excellent night out.

**Golf Classic- €4,975 was raised**

In September Chris Cronin and his family organised and ran a golf classic in Kinsale Golf Club on our behalf. We would like to thank Chris and all his family, the players and the sponsors, in particular the main sponsors Ross Oil who paid for all the prizes.

## 2. Sports Capital Grant

In January 2017, the school applied for a Sports Capital Grant towards the cost of installing flood lights around the track and pitch. In December 2017, we were notified that our application had been declined. We appealed this decision and in February 2018 were notified that the decision had been overturned and we were granted €78,000.

### 3. Clann Credo Loan

In June 2018, Clann Credo (Community Bank) approved a 5-year, non-recourse term loan of €240,000 to the Kinsale Community School Fundraising Committee, towards the cost of the sports facilities.

The loan repayments will be funded by a combination of rental income from the facilities and fundraising activities.

### 4. Sports Facilities and Funding

The scope of the sports facilities project was expanded to include the following additions: completion of hockey training pitch, surfacing the semi-D areas at each end of the pitch, installation of a retaining wall along the east and north side of the track including a footpath with fencing and flood lighting of the entire facility (football pitch, running track and hockey training pitch).

The following is a summary of project costs:

Cost Element	Cost incl. VAT	Notes
Football Pitch	€323,475	Paid in Full
5 Lane Running Track & Long Jump	€170,250	
Hockey Training Pitch	€28,869	
Semi-D Areas Surfacing & Retaining Wall	€156,129	
Floodlighting of All Facilities	€179,471	
	<b>€858,194</b>	

The total cost of the additional scope items is c. €534,719 and will be funded as follows:

Source of Funds	
Cash in Bank	€90,000
Clann Credo Loan	€240,000
Sports Capital Grant	€78,000
Outstanding Grants	€17,000
	<b>€425,000</b>
Current Shortfall	<b>€109,719</b>

### 5. Financial Transaction Accounts

While the Parents Association has a bank account, there has been no financial activity during the past 12 months, and there is currently €460 in the account. All funds raised from activities are paid directly to the school and held in a dedicated fundraising bank account, managed by the school.

### 6. Coming Year 2018/2019

For 2018/2019, the Parents Association will again focus on supporting the following key activities:

- School Events.
- Book Rental Scheme.
- Additional Fundraise of c. €110k for Sports Facilities.

### 7. Retiring Committee Members

The following committee members are stepping down from the committee and I thank them sincerely for their work: Andy Ashford, Jan Humphreys, Siobhan Keogh, Audrey Grennan, MariaGrazia Traverso and Ann Lyons.

We are always encouraging active participation and engagement by parents of children throughout the school with the Parents Association, and I would urge any interested parents to get involved – you don't necessarily have to be on the committee to help, as is demonstrated by many of our activity coordinators.

In closing I would again like to thank the all the members of the committee for their efforts on behalf of the parents and children of Kinsale Community School.