



"Together we can make this happen"

Glenariffe Recreation & Community Centre

Newsletter Autumn 2018

Welcome to the latest progress update on the new Glenariffe Community and Recreation Centre

We're nearly there ...

Eight years ago, in 2010, we started out on this project to build a new Glenariffe Community and Recreation Centre for everyone to use. It's now September 2018, and after a lot of hard work, endless meetings and loads of fundraising, we're nearly there:

- The doors and windows are in
- The roof is on and the internal work is underway

As with all build projects, there have been some unavoidable delays due to the bad weather at the beginning of the year, and a bit of slippage caused by changes and additions requested either by us or required by Building Control. Our contractors, Seaview Development Contracts, are currently forecasting that we'll be in the Centre in time for the Christmas and New Year celebrations.



Facts and Figures

Your support has helped raise a massive **£281,000** towards the project, of which:

- **£122,000** has already been spent on project preparations (eg planning permission, site access safety improvements, professional fees, utilities etc.)
- **£159,000** will be our contribution towards the estimated total construction cost of **£850,000**

The Centre construction cost will be covered by:

Big Lottery NI Fund Space & Place Programme (grant)	£420k
Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council (grant)	£180k
FoG contribution from our funds	£159k
Ulster Community Investment Trust (loan*)	£91k
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST	£850k

* Ulster Community Investment Trust is a bank specialising in lending to community organisations. This loan will be repaid by FoG over 10 years.

The Centre fit-out will cost a further **£150,000**

This will bring the final Centre project cost to **£1,122,000**

PROJECT UPDATE

Come and join us on
Sunday 30 September at 11.00am
The Mariners, Waterfoot
 for a progress update on the build project,
 our plans for the future and how you can help.
Refreshments will be served
Everyone Welcome

What We Need Now

We need to raise this last **£150,000** to fit the Centre out with furniture and equipment:

• Fitness Centre Equipment	£48.0k
• Kitchen Cabinets, Electrical Goods & Utensils	£39.4k
• Community Room Furniture	£10.2k
• Changing Rooms Fit Out	£5.7k
• Reception & Admin Furniture & Equipment	£8.9k
• Movable Dividing Wall for Community Room	£10.3k
• CCTV, Audio Visual, Telephone & WiFi	£18.5k
• Internal Painting	£9.0k
TOTAL COST OF FIT-OUT	£150k

To see a full list of the items we need, visit our website:
www.friendsofglenariffe.org

HELP FUND OUR CENTRE FIT-OUT

We're launching a Fit-Out Fund Appeal for donations to help raise this last £150k needed for furniture and equipment to make the Centre fully operational.

Please donate and help promote the appeal to friends and family here, near and afar.

Donations can be made: In cash: To any FoG Committee member. **By cheque:** Made payable to 'Friends of Glenariffe' and as above.

Online: By either Credit or Debit Card at:
www.mydonate.bt.com/events/friendsofglenariffe/474089

What we plan to offer at the Centre

- Social and community activities
- Kitchen and catering facilities for social and community functions
- Gym & fitness centre
- Fitness classes for all ages, levels, abilities and interests
- Community team and fitness events eg Fun 'N' Fit, Boot Camps etc
- Arts, crafts, music, dance and drama classes
- Pre-school play group
- Pre and After School Clubs
- Training, information and advice sessions
- Meeting and training space for local clubs and associations

Fundraising Update

This year, with your support, we have raised £22.5k from the three events below, which together with £135.1k from previous events, £71k from our monthly covenant scheme and £52.4k from The Big Draw we ran in 2012 brings the total funds raised within our community to **£281,000**.

Thank you to everyone who attended the **Prosecco Afternoon Tea** at Cushendall Boat Club on New Year's Eve, and to our lovely waitresses, fabulous fundraising team and also all who made the stunning selection of sandwiches, cakes and savouries.
Amount raised: £1245.



Congratulations and our sincere thanks to all our fabulous contestants, sponsors and fundraising team who made our **Glenariffe Strictly Come Dancing** event such a roaring success. The generosity of both our business sponsors and audience exceeded our wildest expectations.
Amount raised: a stunning £15,000.

Finally, a huge thank you to everyone who supported our **Marquee Weekend** in July and special thanks to ALL our volunteers who make this such a success year after year.
Amount raised: £6,300.



Centre Launch Event



INVITATION
Your invitation to the Centre Launch Event will be on its way to you just as soon as a date is confirmed. It will be a Family Day with lots of fun for all ages.



You Gotta Have Friends...

The FoG covenant scheme has been a vital source of income which we still need. Please consider being part of this scheme - all monies will be used for the running and upkeep of the building ensuring it continues to be an inviting place in which the whole community can benefit:

- Membership starts at £10 a month
- Payments can be made annually or monthly by standing order
- Pay online or download a Standing Order Form from www.friendsofglenariffe.org
- All members are entered into an annual prize draw.

FoG Committee

Myra Murray (Chair), Sheila Burns (Treasurer), Vincent Harvey (Secretary), Fern Major, Maire Mort, Maggie McIlwaine, Pdraig McIlwaine, Niall Wheeler, Stevie Kelly, Johnnie McIntosh, Maggie McToal, Conan McToal, Geraldine Black, Oonagh Colligan, Tarrin Graham and Leonard Campbell.

Contact: Myra Murray on 07855 275 363 or email myra.murray3@btinternet.com

Fundraising Team

Our fundraising team and volunteers have done an amazing job this year raising much-needed funds for the project and to help fit out the new Centre. A huge thank you to you all.

To volunteer please contact: Maire Mort on 07774 574710 or mairemcintosh@hotmail.com

FIT- OUT FUND APPEAL

We really need your help to raise this last £150k - so please:

- Make a donation
- Promote our appeal to all your friends and family here and abroad

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