



IRD Kiltimagh Ltd. 25 years €30m+ investment into Kiltimagh and East Mayo



BACKGROUND

- IRD Kiltimagh was set up in 1989 to undertake a development programme in the Kiltimagh area that would benefit as many people as possible.
- Having initially raised funds through local fundraising, the organisation now predominantly relies on traded income from rent for its survival.
- The Company Legal Status is that of a “Company Limited by Guarantee” meaning there are no shares and therefore the Company is not “owned”, rather is held in trust by the Directors for the local Community.
- The Directors are not paid. In fact they give their time and own resources freely, to help IRD and therefore, Kiltimagh.
- In the event of the Company being wound up, the assets must transfer to a Company with the same legal status and similar objectives. Hence all of the assets of IRD are protected for the Community at all times.
- The Company has tried to develop and implement a programme of development to complement all that the other agencies and Local Authority have been doing and what follows is an attempt to outline the flagship elements of this.

ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT



- 10,000 sq. ft. of workspace at Enterprise House, Aiden St. - **€600,000**
- 30,000 sq. ft. of workspace at Station Road - **€1,000,000**
- Cairn International Trade Centre, Swinford Road., - **€7,000,000**

This workspace supports 95 full time jobs in 23 businesses.

Many of these jobs would not be in Kiltimagh but for the space.



The IRD Workspace has facilitated the attraction and incubation of several projects which today employ 107 people, including CMS Distribution who employ about 55 people in Kiltimagh.

VOLUNTARY HOUSING AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT



- Developed 34 units of Voluntary Association Housing - €1,500,000.
- This accommodates 80 residents today (8% of the population of Kiltimagh town).
- Purchased 10 derelict properties to clean up the townscape as part of this project.
- Facilitated the creation of a committee and worked for the allocation of funds for the Coillte Childcare and Parish Centre Building.



ARTS

- Developed the Sculpture Park - €50,000
- Created the Sculpture Trail in Kiltimagh including the Bronze Sculptures throughout the town -€300,000.
- Development of the Town Hall Theatre - €400,000
- Restored the Town Forge and the Station Masters House, now the Mayo School of Music and the Old Schoolhouse - €150,000.

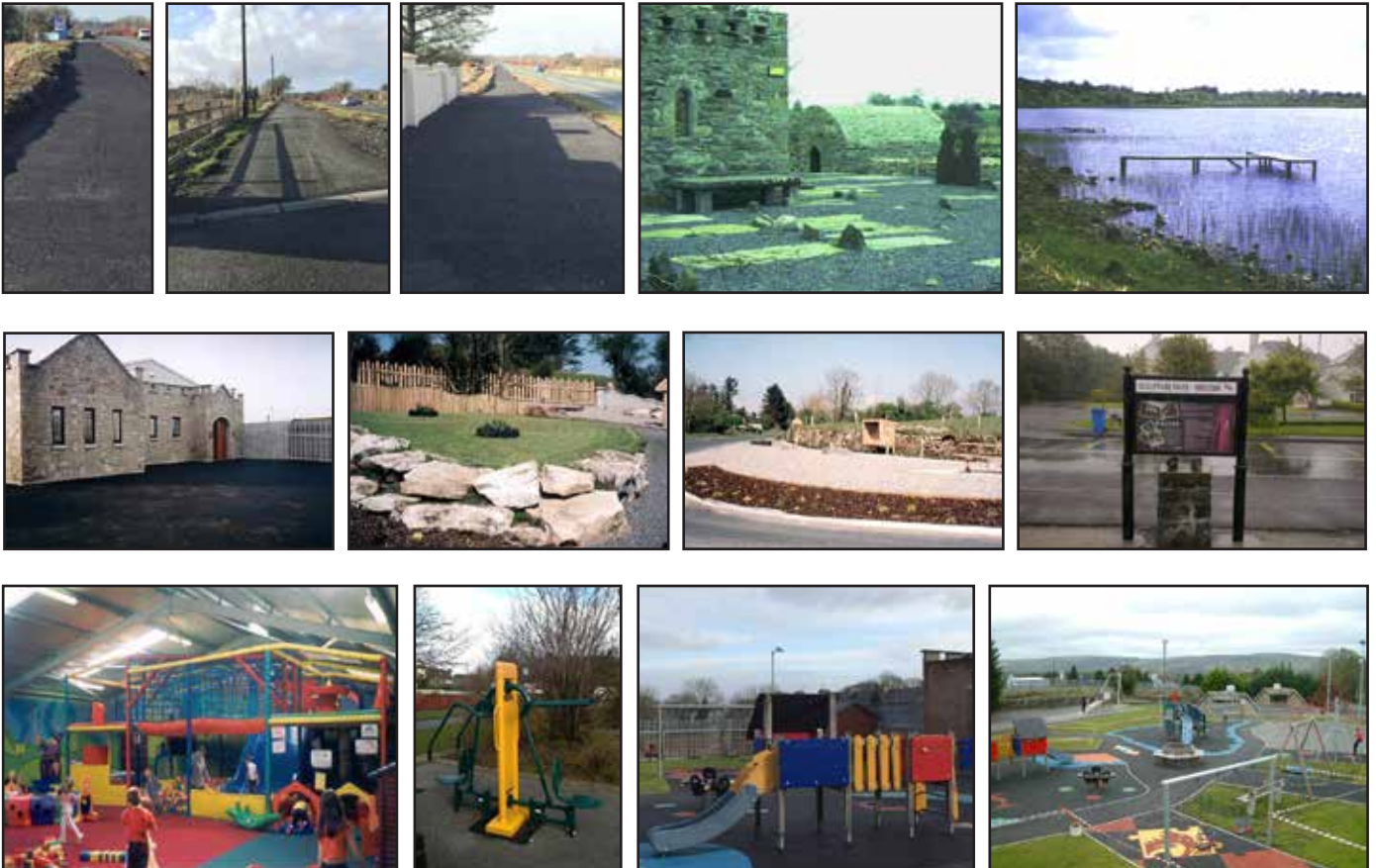


TOWN AND VILLAGE ENHANCEMENT



- Worked in association with Mayo County Council, Eircom and ESB to underground the cables in Main St., and to develop the Traffic Islands and the Traditional Lighting - €50,000 contribution.
- Refurbished the Market Square, redoing the Stone Walls, Plaques, Cobblelock, Lighting, Bollards and Sculpture, and again in 2012 with the addition of the Raftery Sculpture.
- Re-developed the Council Car Park at Supervalu in association with Mayo County Council in 2012 - €30,000.
- Developed Tidy Towns Projects costing approximately €100,000 which included:
 - » Installation of 60 Bins.
 - » Enhanced Stone Wall at “St. Mary’s Villa”.
 - » Developed the Set-back at the O’Hara Park.
 - » Developed the Green Area at the Cottages on the Bohola Road.
 - » Enhancement of the Entrance to Kilcon Village.
 - » Landscaped and planted the embankment at Bohola Road.
 - » Developed the “Wickets” pedestrian route to Swinford Road.
- Cleaned and Painted the Raftery Rooms, Village News and other premises to enhance the townscape, - €4,000.

TOURISM AND LEISURE



- Commissioned and Installed the Tourist Signs at various locations about the town at a cost of €20,000.
- Developed various Park and Leisure Areas costing approximately €200,000 that includes:
 - » Wetlands Park.
 - » Glore Park.
 - » Sculpture Park.
 - » Picnic areas at Greyfield, Knock Road, Devleash and Bushfield.
- Development of the 1.6 mile Kiltimagh Mini Greenway at a cost of €20,000.
- Developed the Outdoor Playground in 1993 the only one of its type at this time and redeveloped it again in 2008 at an approximate cost of €250,000.
- Developed Maghus Castle Indoor Play area in 2000, at a cost of €450,000.
- Installed village place names on all villages in the area costing approximately €10,000.
- Installed Fishing Stands, Styles and Jetties on local lakes and rivers costing €20,000 over two phases.

INFRASTRUCTURE



- Lobbied for the Kiltimagh Metropolitan Area Network for high speed fibre broadband around the town costing €400,000 and subsequently led a partnership to render it operational - €15,000.
- Developed a serviced site at Swinford Road and attracted the Park Hotel to Kiltimagh, which now employs 40 people - €100,000.
- Attracted purchasers for the Cill Aodain Court Hotel on two occasions and worked with them to develop the business.
- Constructed the footpath in front of the Park Hotel and Wetlands Park as well as the Wickets Road at an approximate cost of €20,000.
- Lobbied for improved Water and Sewerage Services.
- Re-laid all Services on Station Road, re-laid all paths and resurfaced the roadway with tarmac costing approximately €40,000.
- Installed the Outdoor Adult Gym - €15,000.
- Put in place the Kerbing at the Car Park at the rear of the Church - €6,000.
- In partnership with Mayo Co Co, had the Sewerage Scheme extended along the Swinford Road.
- Redeveloped the backways on either side of the Main St to include rebuilding stone walls, cleaning the street surfaces, removal of weeds, etc.

LINKAGES:

None of the development programmes outlined in this document would be possible without support and co-operation from:

- D.S.P. (F.A.S.) Community Employment.
- Mayo County Council.
- Mayo Local Enterprise Office.
- Enterprise Ireland.
- Failte Ireland.
- Local Organisations and Societies.
- Local Action Groups -LEADER.
- Rural Social Scheme.
- TÚS Programme.
- Local Community.
- Business Community.
- Emigrants (U.S. & U.K.).
- Banks.
- Teagasc.
- Department of Environment, Community and Local Government.
- Western Development Commission.
- Local Media.

And Many Others.

What we do on an ongoing basis:

- Maintain all of our enterprise workspace
- Work with the businesses in our workspace to ensure they develop to their full potential.
- Maintain our housing stock to the standard required for modern accommodation.
- Undertake town enhancement projects and support the Tidy Towns Group.
- Support the efforts of other Voluntary and Sporting Organisations working on behalf of Kiltimagh.
- Contribute to Regional and National Associations and lobby for policy change, jobs and economic development in the small towns and in the West of Ireland.
- Operate and maintain the Indoor and Outdoor Playgrounds.
- Operate and maintain the Town Hall Theatre at a net cost of approximately €4,000 per year.
- Carry out all of the grass cutting in all of the green areas of the town including the provision of mowers, trimmers, other tools and petrol.
- Maintain the Park and Leisure Areas including, Litter Picking, Path Maintenance, Grass Cutting and Weeding.
- Attempt to create innovative projects for the area like the Greenway and Velo Rail Projects.
- Support the local groups who conduct the St. Patrick's Festival, Kiltimagh Choral Festival, Race2Glory and others.
- Lobby on an ongoing basis for infrastructural improvements for the town including the soon to be delivered Fibre Backhaul for Broadband.
- Erect and take down the Christmas Lights.
- Support the work of Tidy Towns with painting, litter picking and street sweeping weekly.
- Run the Community Employment Scheme for the area which allocates labour to various bodies including Coillte Childcare, Sporting Clubs, Tidy Towns, Playground, etc. and cover the non DSP fundable costs of same generally €2,000 to €5,000 per annum.

What we DON'T do:

- We do NOT provide Grants to any projects. We will where possible direct people to where assistance may be available.
- We do NOT receive public money for operations. Any public money we receive is for projects and must be matched by our own private funds.
- We do NOT compete with Private Sector Projects.
- We do NOT carry out the work of other voluntary organisations though we will work in support of them.

NATIONAL AND REGIONAL

Accolades:

- ESB Award 1991,
- 2 AIB Better Ireland Awards(1996 & 1999),
- Work of IRD in Leaving Cert Geography Curriculum and many others.

Involvement on National and Regional Bodies, including:

- National Association of Enterprise Centres,
- Area Development Management Ltd.,
- Pobal,
- Dormant Accounts,
- Governments Advisory Group on Small Business, etc.

Successfully delivered publicly funded programmes to East Mayo including:

- LEADER 1991 – 2008
- Local Development Social Inclusion Programme 1995 – 2008
- Rural Transport 2003 – 2008
- Rural Social Scheme 2004 – 2008



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