

# IRD Kiltimagh CLG

## Annual General Meeting

### Chairpersons Address

Thank you everyone for making yourself available and coming to AGM this evening.

I would like to start off by recognising the support and time all Board members provide on a voluntary basis to IRD. The Board members put themselves forward to try and help to better the community of Kiltimagh through supporting the aims, goals and objectives of the IRD.

I know it is not just the time spent attending meetings and discussing matters for decision, but also spending time talking to people on the street when stopped and asked about projects and how it is benefiting the people of Kiltimagh.

I want to start by recognising and acknowledging all the hard work that Brian Raftery and his team on the Community Employment Scheme have done throughout the year. It takes significant time and effort to undertake the continued maintenance of our buildings, properties and areas around the town all year. It really is an important part of our enterprise and keeps the place looking really well. Brian and his team also provided the much-needed support in the getting the Velorail up and running this summer which added to their workload.

All the hard work of the Tidy Towns Committee especially David McNicholas, Henry Kelly and Mick Dundee also must be recognised and promoted. It really helps Kiltimagh to keep putting our best foot forward.

As Chairperson of IRD, I was very proud to speak on behalf of the IRD at the opening of the Velorail this Year. It took many years of hard work by a lot of people who have gone before me, with many setbacks along the way, to get the project up and running. Those people must be remembered and thanked for their vision and determination.

I believe it is appropriate and correct to make a special mention of Joe Kelly, who has grasped all the thorny issues along the way and diligently controlled and resolved these issues, all for the betterment of Kiltimagh.

I want to note the hard work of Beatrice, Maire and Joe who keep IRD running smoothly as a business whilst also improving our facilities at every opportunity. It is a credit to the team on how well, the offices and premises are presented to the public at all times.

I want to make special mention of the Tourism Association and Race2Glory for their continued hard work and promotion of town which continually adds to the enjoyment and experience of all of us who live in this community.

I must acknowledge the continued support of Mayo County Council towards our community and our community projects. Finally I would also like to take the opportunity to thank all the community of Kiltimagh for their continued support and positive input into IRD.

Thank you.

*Thomas Campbell*

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023