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Community Association

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# LCA Christmas Newsletter

## COMMITTEE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

First of all, let us wish everybody in Loughshinny a very happy, holy and peaceful Christmas. This time of year is a very special time for everybody in the community, especially for the children who, we hope, have a great Christmas and that Santa delivers all those presents on time.

It is special too for families who will take time out from the busy schedules of daily life and spend quality time with each other and reflect on the happenings throughout the year. For those family members and friends who are visiting for Christmas we welcome you all and hope you have a pleasant stay.

Let us not, of course, forget those who are living on their own, especially the older people in the community, we wish you all sincere good wishes and joys of the season.

We know too that Christmas can be a sad time for some people especially those who have lost loved ones during the year and at this time in other years, our thoughts and prayers are with you and we hope you find strength and comfort in your loss.

We do hope that, in our community, we do not forget anybody and that we look out for those who may need help or just someone to talk to, at this time of year.

We want to nurture and maintain the strong sense of community we have always known in Loughshinny and so, let us offer any help, we can, to those who may need our support.

In these festive times let us celebrate in the good old happy and peaceful tradition, deck the halls and let the bells ring out but, most importantly, may you all stay safe, drive carefully on the roads and don't put on too much weight.



Loughshinny Bay – Photo by Sinéad Crawford

### Committee Update

During the year the committee have been busy in organising several of the background tasks to ensure that progress is maintained in community development, in infrastructure improvement and in keeping the village and beach areas clean and tidy.

### Achievements for 2007

- We eventually got the Baldungan road resurfaced and a major overhaul to the ESB Power station. The grounds surrounding the station will also be replanted with shrubs.
- Repaired the roof of the CYMS hall.
- The landscaping in some of the approaches to the village and beach area was replenished, commemorative stones and seating areas were repainted
- And of course we needed to ensure the ongoing grass and hedge trimming throughout the year.
- Since our last newsletter we organised the annual blessing of the boats and we dedicated a seat to the memory of Christy Plunkett a long and outstanding member of

our committee. A large crowd turned out and we were even blessed with good weather on the day.

### Fingal Tidy Districts:

We had two wins this year:-

1. The Community Centre – 2nd place Best Community Centre
2. Maeve McNally – 3rd in Best Front Garden – Category

Well done to all and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Caretaker George Wilde for all his hard work in achieving this win.

We would like your suggestions and your support to run more community events during the coming year. If anybody has any good ideas ... then we are all ears.

We have prioritised some areas of improvement within the locality which, we feel, need urgent attention and we have engaged with Fingal County Council to try to secure the necessary funding for these improvements.

Loughshinny Community Centre

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Qualified Childrens Nurse  
Experienced Childcare Professionals  
Qualified Nutritionist

# LETTER TO FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL:

## (BELOW IS A COPY OF THE LETTER WHICH HAS BEEN SENT TO FINGAL CC)

Mr David O'Connor  
County Manger  
Fingal Co. Co. Head Office, Main Street, Swords, Co Dublin  
RE: Areas of Urgent Attention & Improvement

19th November, 2007

Dear Mr O'Connor,

The following items have been deemed as areas of urgent attention by the Loughshinny Community Association (LCA) and in this regard we seek approval from Fingal Council for these works to be included in the Budget for 2008 and carried out as a matter of urgency during this period.

### 1 Loughshinny Cross

- A simple traffic calming system need to be implemented which would, at a minimum, include speed ramps on either side of the cross, speed limit markings on-road as well as very visible speed limit signs and "Slow through Village" signs. It may well need to be complimented with other traffic calming measures such as traffic islands, or indeed traffic lights.
- Repair / paint and finish installation of black bollards and chains at the Cross and entrance to the Mine Road.
- More tree planting from the Cross to the Beach.

### 2 Loughshinny Road to Harbour

- Installation of speed ramps on Loughshinny Road, probably 100 mtrs on either side of the school, as well as on-road speed limit markings and visible speed limit signs.
- Replace damaged and rusted bins at the Community Centre, outside Corr's house and in the Car Park area beside the harbour.

### 3 Mine Road – Thomastown Road

- Known locally as part of the 4 roads this road is a very popular walk for local residents and increasing numbers of visitors.
- Install drainage on at least one side and widen the grass margins on both sides. This road has narrowed by at least 24 inches on either side over the past 5 years.

The long term plan for this road should include a pathway and/or bicycle path.

### 4 General Maintenance and Cleanliness

- A budget needs to be set aside for ongoing and routine grass cutting, hedge cutting, weed control and litter pickup. A once off litter cleanup is required for some specific areas such as Mine road, parts of the beech and harbour areas. The LCA is more than prepared to work with Fingal CC in this area to ensure strict management and value for money in supervision of any subcontractors and in supporting the overall initiative.
- Hand Rail installed beside the steps to the Beach at Jacker's Cottage.

### 5 Baldungan Road

- Build a new footpath from the bridge to Loughshinny cross and put white line markings on the road. (Road surface has already deteriorated on this road even though it was repaired in Sep 2007).

### 6 Other areas that need attention should funds allow.

- Cliff walk needs proper fencing as parts of it are now quite dangerous. (The long term plan for this area will be to develop an extended coastal walkway)
- Installation of a proper maintenance and storage shed in the harbour as well as a number of water taps (for use with a power-hose) and electric outlets.
- Planting of dwarf hedging and flowerbeds at the Thomastown entrance to the village and at Loughshinny Cross.

We hope you will look favourably on our requests and look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

Marian Bentley,

Chairperson, CC. ; - Councillors, TD,  
Departmental Managers within FCC.

## WINNER OF THE CHRISTMAS ESSAY COMPETITION - 50 EURO PRIZE

### My Special Christmas by Charlie Elliott (6th Class)

Well my favourite Christmas was in 2006. It was good because about 3 weeks before Christmas my Mam and Dad brought me to Lapland. We had to get up at 5.0 o'clock, I thought I was going to be really tired, but for once I had to get my Mam and Dad up. We had to leave at 6.0 o'clock but before we went we had time for a quick fry.

We got a taxi to the airport and when we got there we were waiting for 2 hours 'till we boarded the plane. While we were waiting we went to the café for a while, the two hours went by really fast. When we got on the plane there were movies on the TVs, the plane ride was 5 hours long.

When we got off the plane it was snowing so me and my Dad had a little snow ball fight. When we came out of the airport there were four busses waiting outside. We got on the buses and went to the hotel, I ran into the hotel and put my snow suit on and I ran to the ski slopes and got a toboggan. I went down the hill about twenty five times, then we went to get a drink in the restaurant, the drinks were brill' but I really loved the food.

We went on a lot of trips in Lapland, but the best one was when we went on a sleigh ride pulled by the huskies around for about fifteen minutes, it was the best.

We went to the camps and there were mini snow mobiles for the kids and there were big ones for the Mams and Dads.



We took an extra trip for €65, went on a sleigh being pulled by a snow mobile through the forest and we stopped off for pancakes.

When we got back to the hotel me and my friend went straight to the ski slopes 'till 11 o'clock at night, then we went in for a drink. On the last day we packed up and went to the airport. When we got on the plane I fell asleep and I woke up just as we were landing.

We got a taxi home and that was my favourite and special Christmas



## Walking to School

As part of our SPHE programme and in the interests of the environment we have been encouraging those, who can, to walk to school in the dry weather. This initiative is proving quite successful and we have less traffic congestion around the school and more healthy children, not to mention the increased fitness level of the parents.

## The Garda Band visit

The Garda Band visited St. Brendan's school in October and their performance was most enjoyable. It was extra special because Kian Kavanagh's (1st Class) dad is a member and he played a special arrangement of The Simpson's theme tune.



Eoghan Fynes 1st Class conducting the Garda Band

Ruth McMonagle from senior infants got her turn to conduct the band while Mr. Mulvey and Ms. Halpin provided the backing vocals for "Amarillo"

Junior infants described the show as "deadly"

## Science Week

St. Brendan's really took Science Week to heart and it was a busy week for all the classes as they completed very interesting experiments. The week culminated with a full exhibition of all the work in the main hall on Friday 16th November. A huge number of parents attended and they were fascinated with experiments such as bridge building, electronic quizzes, dominant eyes, magnets, balloon racing and our very own 'CSI Loughshinny' taking fingerprints

# LOUGHSHINNY UNITED KIDS FOOTBALL

The Kids football started with a Summer Academy in 2006 under the leadership of Ciaran Rogan. Resulting from the academy we entered an Under 7 team in the North Dublin Soccer League. The team had great success and finished runner up in the league.

This summer we ran the Summer Academy and up to 40 kids attended each Saturday for approx 10 weeks.

We now have 2 teams entered in the North Dublin Soccer League Under7 and Under 8.

The under 7 team is managed by Ciaran Rogan and David Rogan. (Currently joint 3rd)

The under 8 team is managed by Barry Ring and John Spencer. (Currently top of the league)

We are constantly looking for 7 and 8 year olds with a good standard of footballing ability for our current teams.

Training takes place in Loughshinny on Wednesday evenings from 6.00pm – 7.00pm at the football pitch.

We are grateful for sponsorship from Paddy Powell (Powell Interiors) and Barry and Deirdre Foran (OHSS).

We strongly encourage the support of the community in attending our home games and in cheering the teams on in their junior years. Home games take place on Saturday morning's at 10.00 am and 10.45 am.

The building blocks for the future of Loughshinny Utd Football Club have been laid and we would undertake to expand the number of Junior Teams in the coming years.



# NOTICES & ADVERTISEMENTS

## Loughshinny Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

*Sick of driving to Skerries or Rush, every time your child wants to attend an activity?*

Don't you think its time we had something running in Loughshinny that would cater for a wide age range? Loughshinny supported their own scout unit from 1986 until 2002. It had a thriving scout, cub and beaver section until its unfortunate closure in 2002, due to lack of parental support.

We are currently aiming to re-establish the Scout unit and have it up and running by March 2008.

An information Night will be held on **Monday 21st January 2008 at 8:00 PM Sharp.**

All are welcome - parents and children, from 6 years to 15 years, Looking forward to seeing you there. Meeting will take place in the Community Centre.

For any queries please email [loughshinnyscouts@Yahoo.co.uk](mailto:loughshinnyscouts@Yahoo.co.uk)

Hope to see you all on the 21st

## LCA Annual members' enrolment

A few weeks ago we distributed envelopes to each house requesting an annual voluntary donation and enrolment for membership to the Loughshinny Community Association for the next year. Many have already returned their envelopes and we are encouraged by your generosity and support.

We would invite those who have not yet returned their envelope and who wish to enrol as a member to return the envelope to any of the committee members.

If you have not received an envelope, and wish to, please inform any of the committee and we will get one to you.

These donations are critical to the running of the organisation and help to pay for some of the basic costs in the Community Centre.

By offering a donation you will automatically become a member of the LCA and will thus be entitled to vote at the AGM or any EGM throughout the year. You will also receive a membership card and the LCA newsletter periodically.

## Advertising in the Newsletter

**Tell us about your service or business, want to sell or buy anything locally?**

We welcome any individual or business to advertise in the LCA Newsletter which we plan to issue every Qtr. Rather than declaring specific advertising fees we will leave it up to the advertisers to donate a voluntary contribution with their submissions.

Please note that ads need to be submitted in the format that you want them to appear and also note that we can also consider linking your organisation to the Main Loughshinny WEB site.

## VEC CLASSES

We will run VEC classes in the Community Centre commencing February 2008. If interested in these classes contact : Breda Gibson on Ph 8493068 or Marian Bentley at 8490930

## Handy contacts

**Dr Seamus Muholland**  
Tel: 8490678

**Kevin Nugent - Dentist**  
Tel: 8491216

**Garda Station Skerries**  
Tel: 8491211

**Garda Station Balbriggan**  
Tel: 8412202

**Fingal Co Co**  
Tel: 8905000

**Fingal Co Co Litter Warden**  
Tel: 8905953

**Beaumont Hospital**  
Tel: 8377755

**Ard Glass**  
Tel: 8491759

**St Brendans National School**  
Tel: 8490394

**Yacht Bar**  
Tel: 8491604

**Fire Station**  
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**Skerries Train Station**  
Tel: 8491223

## Loughshinny Community Association

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