



# Skerries Community Association

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## Skerries Community Association & Committees: Our 2019/20 Report



### Skerries is our town – let's shape its future together!

SCA Annual General Meeting 2020:

Join our Online AGM on Mon 19 October 2020 from 8 p.m. (Zoom call)

Registering for the AGM is easy – just sign up on our Eventbrite page, [skerriesca.eventbrite.com](https://skerriesca.eventbrite.com) and you will receive the link in time for the meeting. **If you're not a member yet, you can [join the Skerries Community Association online](#).**

### Some of this year's highlights – see inside for details about these, and more!



- **Age Friendly Skerries** collected over nine thousand euro for the Acorn Tablet Project to help elderly people keep in touch



- As early as March 2020, the **Covid Community Response Group** partnered with the SCA and Age Friendly Skerries to help those self-isolating. Over 70 volunteers registered to help!



- In **Cycling** news, the East Coast trail edges closer to Skerries: Route options will be published for consultation later this year. And during Bikeweek, Skerries Cycling Initiative volunteers equipped the bikes of 85 Skerries youngsters with bicycle lights, thanks to a grant from Fingal County Council.



- **Skerries Town Twinning** helped schoolchildren from Skerries and Guichen to learn about each other by Skyping and pen-palling.



- **Sustainable Skerries** went online and welcomed Darina Allen for an engaging evening around "Our Food, Our Environment, Our Health." They also made progress on their Biodiversity / Pollinator Plan (wildflower meadows, anyone?) and ran waste-avoiding Repair Cafés - plus a Global Feast.

### This Christmas... consider giving vouchers for local businesses!

Bookshops and barbers. Bike shops and food shops. Butchers and bakeries. Restaurants and cafés. Florists and arts & crafts shops. Wholefood and wine shops. Souvenir and charity shops. Hardware and toy shops. Hairdressers and makeup artists. Dog groomers and pizzerias. Shoe shops and clothes shops. Skerries has so many local enterprises, and a huge number of them offer vouchers that you can then present to your loved ones both here and elsewhere.

This year, we ask you make it a Skerries Christmas: Purchase local vouchers and help keep much-needed money in our town's economy. Just ask, you'll be surprised how many offer vouchers.

There'll be something for everyone this year!



## Chairperson's Report: A few words from the SCA chair

Dear fellow Skerries residents,

What a year we have had! The value of having a strong community in Skerries showed itself quickly when the lockdown was introduced in March. When a Skerries resident started a **Skerries Covid Community Response Group**, the Skerries Community Association and Skerries Age Friendly quickly got on board to work with the group. Over seventy people volunteered to help, and the group soon became an effective organisation delivering a valuable service to those confined to their homes.



Leaflets were printed (with the contact numbers for the group) and delivered widely in Skerries. Volunteers were registered and many of them Garda vetted. Google groups and WhatsApp made it possible to respond rapidly to requests in a way that kept personal information private. As local businesses geared up to meet the demand for home deliveries, the need for the volunteer service lessened and the group was able to wind down operations after some months. It is great to know that there is a reservoir of people out there who are ready and willing to give their time and energy to making life better for others. **I would like to take this opportunity to thank our volunteers:** those tirelessly fielding the calls and passing on the requests; those organising the effort behind the scenes; and those who went out and provided the necessary services. **It could not have been done without all of you.**

There were several other projects initiated by individuals which quickly became valued and which continue to help residents cope with the restrictions of the pandemic; the Facebook groups [Skerries Against Covid-19](#) and [#SkerriesCents](#), for example, keep residents and businesses informed, entertained, and motivated.

**This publication** gives you an overview of the Skerries Community Association's activities, and especially of those of its many committees. As you will see from the reports, many activities had to be curtailed because of the pandemic, and yet many committees found ways to continue their work on all our behalf.

## A welcome to Skerries – and some thoughts about our future

Over the last couple of years, many new families and individuals have moved to new and existing homes between Barnageeragh and Ballygossan, and to lots of places in between. **Welcome to our community!** As Skerries grows and is enriched by your arrival, we can see that the future will bring fresh challenges for infrastructure, amenities, and our environment. Add to that the societal and economic changes arising from climate change and situations like Covid-19, it is clear that we in Skerries as a community should be proactive in shaping our future.

**But how should we go about this?** It's always easy to say what we don't want, but do we need to put more thought into formulating a vision of what we do want?

- What sort of town do we want Skerries to be, say in 2050?
- How can we build on the changes in living and working which have come in response to the Covid pandemic?
- How should we adapt locally to climate change?
- How do we, the residents of this town, coordinate our thoughts and views to influence the decision makers so that **our** views are reflected in the next county development plan, which will be in place for the years 2024-2030?
- Indeed, what do we want the next county development plan to say about the future of Skerries?

These are big questions, and we need to start a town-wide discussion around them, involving all parts of our community.

A family friend visiting from Berlin said after a walk through from the town up to Barnageeragh beach "You know, you are living in a kind of Paradise here, you are very lucky". I couldn't agree more, and I want future generations to be able to feel the same way.

It's our town – let's help shape its future together!

*Michael McKenna*

Michael McKenna has lived in Skerries since 2000. He joined Skerries Cycling Initiative and Skerries Guerrilla Gardeners around 2011. In 2014 he became a director of the Skerries Community Association, where he served as company secretary from 2016 - 2018. He is chairperson of the SCA since September 2018.

## Reports from Our Committees

### Skerries Tidy Towns Committee



What a difference a year makes. For the first time in its 62-year history the National Tidy Towns competition was cancelled in 2020. In the 2019 competition Skerries retained the County Award and won a gold award.

Although there will be no accolades this year we will as usual be out there doing what we have always done, keeping Skerries looking great for residents and for the visitors who will return.

Even during the restrictions which we diligently adhered to, there were volunteers who on their daily walk did a litter pickup. Because of the very dry spell at that time a number of residents took on the task of watering newly planted trees. These were on Church Street, Barnageeragh Road, Harrison Bay Road and Barnageeragh Cove.

Without their help many of the trees would have died, so we thank everyone who helped. Skerries certainly is a town that those who live in appreciate and take care of.

We are so lucky to have such beauty within our two/five-kilometre restriction for getting out and about. Before all unnecessary work ceased we had a number of projects in hand. The island along Balbriggan Road was landscaped to coordinate with the beds in the town. We planted the wildflower bed along the Dublin Road.

The large planters were organised to go out for the summer to brighten the town. We won't manage to have our full work programme completed this year but we will maintain what is in place and work towards next year. Help is always appreciated. We now go out on Monday afternoons to tackle the bigger jobs. But there is a time to suit everyone. This is your town. We don't need prizes to acknowledge it; we know it is a very special place.

- Like [Skerries Tidy Towns](#) on Facebook!
- Contact: [tidytowns@skerriesca.com](mailto:tidytowns@skerriesca.com)

### Sustainable Skerries



Empowering our community towards a sustainable and resilient future for Skerries - that's the mission of Sustainable Skerries. Together with other committees, groups, and individuals, we work towards improving resilience in the town of Skerries: that capacity to recover quickly from difficulties; that ability to bounce back. We seek to do this through a focus on the systems of our town, as they

relate to climate change, food, waste, water, energy, and skills sharing.

For the last twelve months, that has meant:

**Climate Change.** Can you imagine that it was just a year ago that we hosted *Afloat*, the climate-change play by Sunday's Child, in the Little Theatre? The play made us laugh, confronted us with many uncomfortable facts, and raised many questions about climate breakdown, climate anxiety and consumer guilt, friendship, and the wider picture of the role of governments and big business. Thus, a perfect start to our year!



**Waste / Upcycling / Skill Sharing.** Repair Cafés are all about skill transfer - people who know how to sew / mend clothes / fix things show those who would like to be able to do that. In October 2019 we were the proud recipients of a Fingal Greener Communities Award in the Up-Cycling Category in recognition of our first Repair Café! Our second Repair Café took place in the Little Theatre, in November 2019. As it was coming up to Christmas, seasonal crafts (Christmas cards, centrepieces made from nature, paper decorations and much more) were added to the upcycling of clothes and jewellery-making.

Further Repair Cafés had been planned for April and for later this year but had of course to be cancelled. Pity. Watch out for our first **online Repair Café** over the next few weeks though!

**Biodiversity.** Pollinators and especially bumble bees are central to biodiversity. Sustainable Skerries, in cooperation with Skerries Tidy Towns, has been able to obtain the funds to carry out a biodiversity study that will lead to a biodiversity plan for Skerries. The plan itself is in line with the National Pollinator Plan guidelines as run by the National Biodiversity Data Centre (NBDC) and is aimed at reversing the decline of pollinators. To this end we wish to establish a wildlife corridor from the South Strand and allotments at one end to Barnageeragh at the other. This is to be achieved by the establishment of wildflower meadows, reduction of pesticide and herbicide use, the rethinking of corners of mown grassland and a change of mowing regimes for roadside verges. Much of this will depend on agreement with Fingal County Council as the largest landowner, but it will also depend on the goodwill and support of the town as a whole. We are working with Skerries Allotments to establish three areas of wildflowers around the site and have partnered with the Educate Together School to establish a meadow at the school.



Oh, and our work for the Pollinator Initiative also fetched a Fingal Greener Communities award last October, in the Biodiversity category.

**Trees.** Sustainable Skerries, Skerries Tidy Towns, Crann Padraig and the Skerries Community Association got together

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to organise an event called “Two Tree Talks” with Éanna Ní Lamhna, The Irish Tree Council, and Kevin Halpenny, Head of Operations, Fingal County Council... for Thursday, 12 March. The day the WHO changed the status of Covid-19 to “pandemic” ... Guess what? It had to be cancelled! We’re now hoping to bring it to you online, possibly in November, as Fingal County Council is gearing up towards drafting a new tree strategy. Look out for the announcement!

**Food & Community.** As it happens, the first [Sustainable Skerries Global Feast](#) was probably the last public event in the Old Schoolhouse before lockdown! Skerries people from more than a dozen different countries prepared food with an international twist - and some four dozen people came together to share a wonderful meal. This event, like some of the others we are organising this and next year, was made possible by a grant from the EU Communities Integration Fund. And it was also near-zero-waste, as everyone brought their own plates and cutlery, and brought home any food not eaten on the day.



We were all set to plan more such global feasts, for all of Skerries or indeed at neighbourhood level – however, the situation being at it is, this has not yet happened, but it would be great if as many neighbourhood groups as possible could register on the [Skerries Community Association's network](#) of neighbourhood / residents / street groups, so that when we can get going again, we can contact them easily! We have some great ideas already.

“Our Food, our environment, our health” was the title of a food-related event that took place online in May 2020. We had



two fantastic speakers, Darina Allen of Ballymaloe Cookery School and our local green councillor, Karen Power, and after their input,

there was plenty of opportunity for everyone to share their reactions, views, and ideas. [Read more about it on our website.](#) Food for thought, indeed!

### Our plans for the next 12 months include

- Offering online Repair Cafés with different themes,
- Supporting sustainable neighbourhood feasts
- Exploring the possibility of Skerries becoming a Sustainable Energy Community
- Continuing with our work on biodiversity & the pollinator action plan

- Preparing the first Sustainable Skerries Food Festival for April / May 2021

**Get in touch to be kept in the loop!**

**Contact:** [sustskerries@gmail.ie](mailto:sustskerries@gmail.ie)  
[Facebook.com/SustainableSkerries](https://www.facebook.com/SustainableSkerries)  
[Instagram.com/SustainableSkerries](https://www.instagram.com/SustainableSkerries)

### Crann Padraig



Crann Padraig is involved in organising a talk on trees and how they can contribute to life and biodiversity in Skerries. The talk was planned for Thursday 12 March but due to Covid 19, it had to be cancelled. We are now arranging for this talk to take place online in November, if feasible. It is planned that well-known environmentalist and media personality Éanna Ní Lamhna (Vice Chair of The Tree Council) will talk about “The Importance of Trees” – followed by a presentation by Fingal County Council’s Parks Superintendent Kevin Halpenny. Kevin is in charge of the current review of Fingal’s Tree Strategy and will talk about “Biodiversity and the Draft Fingal Tree Strategy.”

After the speakers, a discussion will be held in groups. This event is being organised by a number of groups with an active interest in trees in Skerries: The Skerries Community Association, Skerries Tidy Towns, and Sustainable Skerries. It was anticipated that this informative discussion would have a significant input into the draft Tree Strategy, which is currently being drawn up.

### Age Friendly Skerries Committee

With the help of Fingal County Council, Flexibus-Localink, Go-car Ireland and our volunteer drivers we were able to provide a **community car** to help to solve our transport problems. Go-car Ireland, with the support of Fingal County, provided us with a car for a four-month pilot scheme. Flexibus-Localink provided the day to day coordination of the scheme and the training of volunteer drivers. Twenty seven local drivers signed up to the scheme and were very accommodating and generous with their time. People were very happy with the progress of the scheme until Covid 19 came along, making it impossible to continue. We hope to resume the service when it is safe to do so.

### ‘Staying connected’: Age Friendly Smart tablet initiative for Nursing homes and Day Care Service.

While Covid 19 may have brought our community car scheme to a standstill it didn’t stop the group from coming up with an initiative to **bring smart tablets to Nursing homes and our Day Care Centre** in Skerries. Four Nursing Homes near Skerries that cater for many. It was a pleasure to work with Philip Hogan of Cliffrun Media Ltd, who gave his time and expertise generously. The group provided twenty-six tablets with IT support to the nursing homes. Philip himself donated 6 of these tablets. The other 20 devices were made possible by the amazing generosity of the Fingal County Council, Skerries Community Association, Skerries Rugby Club and the Skerries

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business community and local residents. It was heart-warming to see how well they supported the idea. We collected over nine thousand Euro. We are continuing to work with a designated contact in each Nursing Home to ensure maximum use of the tablets. A number of tablets will be made available to Day Care Users to help them to stay connected.



It was a pleasure to work with the wonderful volunteers of the **Skerries Community Response Covid-19 Support Group** who helped with shopping for the elderly and others self-isolating.

All of the above activities encouraged Fingal County Council to nominate us for the **"Pride of Place"** competition. We were nominated in the Coastal Towns Section. We did well in the entry and interview and look forward to the results.

If anyone wishes to contact us, here is the email address [agefriendlyskerries@skerriesca.com](mailto:agefriendlyskerries@skerriesca.com) or phone 0863977118.

### Skerries Cycling Initiative (SCI)

We have all noticed the increase in cycling around Skerries.



Bike shops nationwide are having difficulty keeping up with demand for new bikes! Fingal County Council are responding to demands for safer walking and cycling, and we look forward to improvements in Skerries. In particular we are working to make a two-way cycleway from Skerries

Point to the rail station on the Western side of the Barnageeragh Road a reality, as well as safer routes to all schools. The completion of the East Coast Trail along Skerries coast and on to Balbriggan is another one of our priorities.

An Bord Pleanála has granted permission for the construction of a cycleway from Malahide Castle, crossing the Broadmeadow Estuary on a 280metre bridge parallel to the rail line, and reaching the entrance to Newbridge House & Farm. It is expected to be completed in 2022.



Despite Covid restrictions, we managed two Bikeweek projects: a bike maintenance

workshop at Skerries Mills, run by new Skerries resident Steve, and a project to install 85 sets of lights on the bikes of young cyclists. Let your bike shine in the dark!

### Join us and make cycling safer and more fun for everyone!

- Like [Skerries Cycling Initiative](#) on Facebook.
- Contact us to subscribe to the SCI newsletter or to join Skerries Cycling Initiative: [cycling@skerriesca.com](mailto:cycling@skerriesca.com)

### Rás Stage End Committee

For 13 years, Skerries had the honour of hosting the final stage of The Rás Tailteann, Ireland's only premier international cycle race. We had a great 13 years of stage-end finishes here, from 2006 to 2018. Hopefully 2021 will see the return of the event to Skerries; in the meantime, watch this space...

Unfortunately, the Rás Tailteann organization were unable to run Ireland's Premier International Cycle Race in 2019 due to sponsorship issues.

There has been a nationwide resurgence in the popularity of cycling. The good weather (particularly in the 3 months of March, April & May) and the Covid restrictions brought people around the country out on two wheels. There have been record bicycles sales in recent months.

With Sam Bennett's historical Tour de France "green jersey" win and the way he powered to victory in a spectacular fashion in the final stage on the Champs-Élysées in Paris, Sam has a huge number of followers on social media. The whole country got behind him, and his achievements are being hailed as 'a really important moment for Irish cycling.



Rás Tailteann are currently seeking sponsorship for 2021...

*Our picture shows Sam Bennett winning the final stage of the 2013 An Post Rás in Skerries.*

Contact: [skerriesrasendstage@gmail.com](mailto:skerriesrasendstage@gmail.com)

### Skerries Town Twinning



We marked the start of 2020 with our Annual Dinner on January 18th. Over 40 attended the event in Skerries Mills.

This year would have been our turn to host a visit, and we had planned to invite 44 participants from the Canton de Guichen (Brittany) and from Srem in Poland. Srem is also twinned with the Canton de Guichen and we thought it would be interesting to bring the three communities together. The theme of the trip was to be centred around Brexit and the challenges facing local

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communities in EU border countries. As usual we had a host of kind families looking forward to welcoming our visitors for a 4-day trip in August, and we were busy planning an exciting programme of events when the Covid-19 pandemic arrived. Unfortunately we have had to postpone the visit until next year.

The committee is keeping in touch with our counterparts in France and Poland and we have been sharing our experiences of Covid-19 with each other. We continue to pursue new links between our communities in the spirit of friendship and mutual understanding. Skerries Chess Club is working on establishing links with a club in the Canton de Guichen. They have been playing via email but are working towards advancing the technology and logistics to provide a better experience.

We have also begun an initiative connecting primary schools in Skerries with schools in the Canton de Guichen. Skerries E.T.N.S and St Patrick's Junior N.S. have already made contact with schools in Goven (one of the communes in the canton). The schools exchange pen pal letters and class Skype calls. They are learning about each other's lives and language via art, music etc. Hopefully more school links will be set up.



New people to Skerries may be interested to know that we have been officially twinned with the Canton of Guichen in Brittany (near Rennes) since 1994. Twinning is about friendship between people of different cultural backgrounds. It is non-commercial and is based on mutual respect, tolerance, sharing and

giving. People stay in the homes of host families and get a taste of what it's really like to live in another country and experience a different culture, lifestyle, cuisine etc.

If you are interested in hearing more about town twinning, or would like to get involved please contact us on [skerriestwinning@gmail.com](mailto:skerriestwinning@gmail.com)

### Skerries Autism Friendly Town

With over 200 people present on the night, Skerries Autism Friendly Town, was launched on 12th November 2019 in Scoil Realt Na Mara. Under the framework of AsIAM, our project is centred around building Awareness of Autism in Skerries, through Educating the community so that those with Autism can be Empowered to play an Inclusive part in their town.

We were fortunate on the night, to be joined by many local townspeople, local businesses, politicians, media and to have Adam Harris, CEO of AsIAM speak about his own experiences growing up in Ireland with Autism. Our initiative, to date, has been greatly received by everyone in Skerries, and this is a testament to the wonderful community spirit that is present in the town.

Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic, a number of our planned events for 2020 have had to be cancelled, e.g. St. Patrick's Day Parade, Easter Camp and Summer Camps, along with some fundraising initiatives that were in the pipeline.

However, we were fortunate to be able to have a presence at some local events before Christmas, that became Autism Friendly, such as:

- Dec 01st 2019 – Skerries Christmas Lights Ceremony.
- We were welcomed by The Skerries Chamber of Commerce who organised for some children to have a quiet word with Santa, once all the "hustle and bustle" of the night had gone, and things had quietened down. This was the first time for some children to get their photo taken with Santa !
- Dec 19th 2019 - Skerries Sea Sharps, An Evening of Choral Christmas Music. Following our launch, Skerries



Sea Sharps were one of the first groups in Skerries, to embrace "Autism Friendly" and had a sensory area at their concert.

- Dec 23rd Skerries Mills – Sensory Santa. A couple of days before Christmas, Skerries Mills made their Santa Experience Sensory Friendly, and lots of children who would not normally go to visit Santa, came to see him and get a memorable photo taken with him.

**Next Steps:** At present our team and AsIAM are communicating with each other via Zoom calls. Our Facebook page and website are up and running and are updated regularly with relevant links and information on Autism. It is our plan that once Ireland reaches phase 5 of their Covid-19 exit plan, and businesses and schools return to normal in Skerries, that we will "pick up where we left off", build on the progress that we have made to date and continue to work to make Skerries an Autism Friendly To Skerries Autism Friendly Town.

Contact: [secretary@skerriesautismfriendly.ie](mailto:secretary@skerriesautismfriendly.ie) or [www.skerriesautismfriendly.ie](http://www.skerriesautismfriendly.ie)

### Skerries Community Centre

Skerries Community Centre is in existence since 1982, and the success of the centre is attributed to three different parties:

- Skerries Community Association (Licence holders)
- the Management Committee of the Centre,
- and the staff of the Centre

Each party has its own important role to play:

Thanks to the SCA for their



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prudence over the last 37 years, the hard work of all the staff and the outstanding work of the Management Committee, the centre has come through hard times and recessions successfully without borrowing money –and this now leaves us in a strong position to maybe face the hardest years the centre will ever have to face.

The centre facilitates in excess of 50 user groups, each with different expectations and uses. These groups vary in size and age from the Parents and Toddlers to the Active Retirement.

The welfare and viability of these groups is paramount for the Centre, and strict government guidelines will be adhered to.

This year, because of the changing restriction levels, most of the groups are not allowed to use the Centre, and this has resulted in a large drop in income. The viability of the Centre has been maintained thanks mainly to Covid 19 government wage subsidies and to our Montessori. The Management Committee of the Centre and Skerries Community Association are hopeful that the company will not have to borrow to meet revenue shortfall.

Here is hoping that 2021 will be a better year than 2020 for all management, staff and users of the centre.

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### Know what's happening in Skerries.

**Don't miss out – subscribe to the SCA Newsflash!** Nearly every day, an email "Newsflash" containing information on local events as well as "small ads"-type content and notifications, is mailed out to its subscribers. **If you do not receive it yet, do subscribe!** Simply go to [skerriesca.com/newsflash](https://skerriesca.com/newsflash) - or send an email to [newsflash@skerriesca.com](mailto:newsflash@skerriesca.com) with the subject: "Subscribe!"

And a warm thank-you to our director Dee Langton, who has been looking after this important service for many years, and thankfully continues to do so. Your work is much appreciated!

### Would you like to get involved?

**Become a member of the Skerries Community Association!** Almost 1000 people in Skerries are already members of the SCA. You can join us by filling in the simple online form on [skerriesca.com/member](https://skerriesca.com/member). Membership is open to all Skerries residents over eighteen, and it is free. **The more Skerries residents become members, the stronger our voice is!**

**Strengthen our network of local groups**  
Are you in a local WhatsApp or Facebook group? Then make sure it is part of the [Skerries Community Association's network](#) of neighbourhoods/resident's associations and street groups, for information sharing and consultation at a truly local level.

**Join one (or more) of our committees!** Read about their activities here and see if there is one you would like to

work with. Connect with them! They all have contacts listed here.

### What is Skerries Community Association?

It's the not-for-profit company supporting Skerries Community Centre and a number of committees, made up of several hundred volunteers, devoted to improving the quality of life for all in Skerries. The work revolves around finances, governance, insurance, policy making, committee development and support, online presence, and social media communications.

The SCA is a member of [The Wheel](#) and has access to their training and other services.

### What is the Board of Directors?

The board of sixteen directors is the governing body and is responsible for overseeing the organization's activities. Some directors are also members of committees and form an essential link between the board and these committees. Directors also take on additional tasks and manage issues and projects from time to time.

### Who are the current Directors?

Michael McKenna (chair); Mary Conway (treasurer); Jane Landy (vice chair); Brendan Friel; Brendan Sherlock; Clare Fox; Dee Langton; John Coleman; John Fitzgerald; Michael Fanning; Niamh Quigley; Nuncie McAuley; Shay Fanning.

### Vacancies (3): Director, Skerries Community Association

Are you interested in helping Skerries to develop? Have you some ideas on how the SCA could do more, and how you could help? No previous experience of being on a board is needed, just a willingness and energy to contribute to our work on behalf of our community.

Meetings currently take place online once a month, September to July from 8-10 p.m. on a weeknight evening. Between meetings, communications between directors are done mainly via email and WhatsApp. Time commitment in addition to meeting attendance is about two hours per week.

If you would like to find out more, email [chair@skerriesca.com](mailto:chair@skerriesca.com).

If you'd like to run, and are a member of the Skerries Community Association, find someone to propose you (see next page). **Paper copies of the form are available in the Community Centre.**



# NOTICE OF THE SCA AGM TO MEMBERS

## as published on 20 September 2020

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of The Skerries Community Association CLG (SCA) will be held **online via Zoom on Monday the 19th of October 2020 at 8 pm** to transact the Ordinary Business of the Company, that is to say: –

1. To confirm the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting
2. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and Financial Statements for year ended 31 Dec. 2019
3. To elect Directors to the Board
4. To elect Members to Skerries Community Centre Board of Management
5. To reappoint Dempsey Mullen as Auditors and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration
6. To transact any other business proper to an Annual General Meeting of the Company.

**Dated this the 20<sup>th</sup> of September 2020, by order of the Board, Secretary.**

NOTE 1. No person other than a Director of the Company retiring at the meeting shall, unless recommended by the Directors, be eligible for election to the office of Director at any general meeting unless, not less than three (i.e. 14th October 2020) nor more than 21 days (i.e. 21st September 2020) before the date appointed for the meeting, there has been left at the registered office notice in writing, signed by a member duly qualified to attend and vote at the meeting for which notice is given, of his/her intention to propose such a person for election, and also Notice in writing signed by that person of his/her willingness to be elected. [A Nomination Form is provided below].

NOTE 2. The names of candidates who have consented to stand for election to the Board of Management of the Community Centre, together with the names of their proposers and seconders, shall be given in writing to the Secretary, and shall be posted on the Community Centre Notice Board at least three days prior (by 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020) to the holding of the Annual General Meeting. [See Nomination Form hereunder].

NOTE 3. Copies of the Directors' Report and Financial Statements will be available to members at the Community Centre and at [www.Skerriesca.com](http://www.Skerriesca.com) at least seven days prior to the holding of the Annual General Meeting.

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## Nomination Form

**For election to the Board of Directors of SCA CLG or to the Board of Management of Skerries Community Centre [please underline the Board for which you are nominating]**

I wish to nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for election to the Board of:

Skerries Community Association CLG **OR** Skerries Community Centre (underline one)

Printed name and signature of Proposer: \_\_\_\_\_

I consent to my nomination for election

Signature of nominee \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

NB: Please return signed Nomination Form to the Community Centre by 14th October 2020.