



Straide Davitt Community Hall
Straide,
Foxford,
Co. Mayo

9th August 2023

The past year has been another successful one for the Straide Community Development Group. Since last years AGM, SCDG has continued to go from strength to strength, increasing the number of activities and classes available in the Hall, and continuing the required fundraising to ensure the financial viability of the premises. I am pleased to report that the group is in a good financial position, and with a couple of loans being paid off by year end, expect that we are heading in the right direction.

Some highlights from the past year:

- The Straide Santa Stopover 2023
- The Community Day
- Straide Mr. & Mrs.
- Launch of new Straide Community website
- New Logo unveiled

We were also delighted to receive funding from Pobal which allowed us to purchase some equipment which will allow the group to expand our services and maintain the hall to a high standard. These include:

- A Cooker
- A Dishwasher
- A Fridge/Freezer
- A De-humidifier
- A Projector and Screen

We are grateful for the continued sponsorship and support we have received from the local business throughout the year.

A special thanks to our local councillors who kept us in mind when allocating their discretionary funds: Al McDonnell, Donna Sheridan, and Ger Deere.

We are delighted that we now have regular groups and classes being facilitated by local volunteers and professionals alike. These are Kinds Ballet, Badminton (kids and adults), Pilates, Yoga, Kids indoor soccer, and Meditation. The weekly frequency of these activities is invaluable in assisting with the Hall's operating costs. Special thanks also to the Straide Women's Group who have also organised classes and get-togethers, and volunteer with us on a regular basis.

As we look toward autumn and 2024, we hope to continue the work we have been doing, and look forward to welcoming more groups and local people to the Hall. We have a number of ideas for fun events and new resources, and we look forward to announcing them in due course.

Finally, the fundraising events, the special days, the preparation of the Hall for classes and events, the social media posts, and the maintenance of the Hall, is all carried out by a small and consistent number of people without whom none of what has been mentioned thus far would be possible. To them I say a huge Thank You, you do your community a great service. I look forward to welcoming more members to the group in the coming year, and hope that they prove to be as talented and dedicated as you all are.

I submit this report to the AGM and for filing with our records.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eamonn McNicholas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Eamonn McNicholas, Chairperson SCDG