

# BWRA NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE BALLINACURRA WESTON RESIDENTS' ALLIANCE

## TIME TO TAKE OWNERSHIP

**With the Country officially indebted to the IMF for an unprecedented €85 Billion loan, with an interest rate of 5.8%, and the government unable to pay even the Christmas bonus to Social Welfare recipients, it is highly unlikely that we will see the regeneration of our area anytime soon.**

Indeed, a revised plan for regeneration was approved by government in June 2010, with €337 million to be divided over the next four years across the city. However, most of this money will be spent on roads, infrastructural works and displacing people. Very little will be spent on building and only 7% of it is earmarked for social regeneration.

When regeneration first came to town 3½ years ago we were told that it would be completed in 5 years, then we were told it would take 10 years and now we are being told that it will take 15 years. In reality it will take much

longer; most economists predict that our economy won't recover for another 20 years.

This timeframe is unacceptable. Why should we have to wait 20 years to see improvements in our area? So far, regeneration has meant little more than depopulation and demolition – clearing the land for developers.

When the BWRA first announced its formation in May 2010, we promised that rebuilding our Community and taking ownership would be our priority. For the past 6 months we have been working steadily towards that goal.

In June we started a survey to find out what residents wanted from regeneration. The survey has yet to be completed with parts of Lenihan Avenue & Hyde Road left to be visited, but so far the results are astounding. 99% of households surveyed don't want their home demolished; they would prefer refurbishment.

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**TAKING OWNERSHIP:** Below, children from Weston Gardens, Clarina Avenue and Hyde Road plant flowers in the Community Garden in Weston Gardens, Rosbrien. The BWRA will start similar gardens on green sites in the new year



We also found out that the vast majority of residents were unaware of the existence of a residents' forum and felt that they hadn't been properly consulted about the 'Master Plans'. We will publish the full results of the completed survey in the next issue of *BWRA News*.

In July, our Chair, Matt Collins, and our Vice-Chair, Stephen Corbett were invited to meet with Mr. Brendan Kenny, CEO of the Regeneration Agency. During this meeting Mr. Kenny admitted that the residents forum was "*defunct*" and requested that we alter the name of our organisation by changing the word *Alliance* to *Forum* and that way our group might be able to receive funding from his Agency.

This request was considered by our committee and unanimously rejected. The structures of the residents' forum were inadequate and we felt that we had achieved more acting independently in a few months than we did in 3 years as members of the forum.

In September our committee met with Mr. Kenny hoping to discuss the following issues:

- Community Environmental Scheme
- Recycling Centre
- Drinking Water – Taste & Pressure
- Demolition of Houses
- Blocked Drains & Raw Sewage
- Derelict & Vacant Houses
- Proposed Playground
- Proposed All Weather Pitch

Unfortunately, Mr. Kenny refused to engage with us properly, refusing even to stick to the agenda. Instead, he threatened that no money would be spent in Ballinacurra Weston unless our group dissolved. He told us that he'd "*prefer to deal with children*". Then, adding insult to the injury already inflicted, with the boarded up houses, derelict sites and rat infestations that have thrived since his appointment as CEO, Mr. Kenny suggested that we should "*fight it out in Cal's field*" with the few remaining residents on his forum.

At this point our entire officer board walked out of the meeting. We are petitioning the Minister for Environment to sack Mr. Kenny as CEO and replace him with someone that is more concerned with the immediate needs of our Community.

Thankfully we have been better received elsewhere. Limerick City Council seems to be heeding our concerns; vacant houses are now being baited for rats prior to demolition and sites are now being finished to an acceptable standard.

Our meetings with the Gardaí are also productive and we are pleased to announce that the CCTV cameras will be repaired and extended into Lenihan and Byrne Avenue. This new system will be monitored by the Gardaí in Henry Street.

We've also been thrown a lifeline by the *Parish Matching Grants* scheme, which will fund our environmental projects starting in the New Year. 90% of the applications came from the BWRA. Only by working together and marching to the beat of our own drum will we take ownership of our area.

## A WORD FROM THE CHAIR

All of our lives in Ballinacurra Weston we had to endure a lot of hardship with trying to get the Council to do repairs on houses, water problems, leaking roofs, rubbish being dumped everywhere and so on. Then came regeneration, our knight in shining armour, all our prayers were answered, or so we thought. Then came the residents' forum to represent

Ballinacurra Weston. I was asked to represent Clarina Avenue where I live.

I am sorry to say that for 3 years. I attended forum meetings, which in my opinion were a complete waste of my time. All I can do is say sorry to the people I was speaking for, for letting them down it won't happen again. I recently, with others, started the B.W.R.A with a view to getting things done the way they should be done, by talking to you all, the people of Ballinacurra Weston (which includes parts of Prospect and Rosbrien) and most of all actually listening to you.

We were more than surprised to learn in our house-to-house survey that a lot of you didn't know about the residents' forum or who your reps were. Once again I can only say sorry for that, but change will come through our group and with all of your help we will make Ballinacurra Weston proud and once again a beautiful place to live.

There is no point having people in forums who are not residents in our area and don't understand our problems. Who better to decide our future than ourselves? We are the ones who know what we want and what is the best interest of all our children who, as far as I am concerned, are our future.

I hope you enjoy our newsletter, I hope you learn something from it and, please God, by the time we print the next one we may have reached the point where we no longer have to shout louder to get listened to, but where we can as adults (which we are!) get listened to and get away from being told to fight it out in fields by people who should know better. I believe we are long gone from this form of resolving our problems, all though some people do not think that we are.

Yours in hope,

– Matt Collins  
Chairman, BWRA

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**OUR LADY OF LOURDES  
SCHOOL HALL**  
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# COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY FAIR 2010

**The Ballinacurra Weston Residents Alliance was one of 55 Community based organisations that participated in this year's Community & Voluntary Fair.**

The event was invaluable when it came to making new contacts and networking.

There was great interest in the BWRA information stall; people were shocked by the true extent of the Regeneration Agency's legal remit - the Southside Regeneration Area, (which was displayed in our 'Master' Plans section) and disgusted, but not surprised, at the lack of real consultation by the Agency when producing the so-called 'Master Plans'.

Neither the Regeneration Agency nor their redundant residents' forum was present.

We handed out information leaflets, which explained our reason for being and the work we do:

The Ballinacurra Weston Residents' Alliance (BWRA) is the only independent residents' group in the designated regeneration area of Ballinacurra Weston. The BWRA is representative of both homeowners and tenants living in the immediate regeneration area and was formed to ensure that all residents have their rights upheld during the regeneration process.

The local regeneration forum committee failed in this regard and did not represent our views. The BWRA was formed by forum committee member's that resigned in frustration at the lack of action and worsening degeneration of our Community.

In contrast to the Regeneration Agency established forum, the BWRA is a properly constituted and active organisation that is run by the residents and for the residents.

- We write letters on behalf of our members, highlighting their individual problems to the relevant agency.
- We highlight areas of concern to our Community; environmental issues like illegal dumping, health & safety issues such as rat infestations and unsecured vacant houses, and security problems regarding anti-social and criminal behaviour.
- We are presently conducting a survey of our area to ascertain residents' views concerning regeneration.
- We will be launching our quarterly newsletter in December 2010.
- We are a member of the local Community & Voluntary Forum. (OLOL Umbrella Group)

So far we represent 90% of households in the immediate regeneration area.

We were formed in May 2010 and are recognised by Government Ministers and Departments, Limerick City Council and An Garda Síochána. We have held two meetings with the Regeneration Agency.

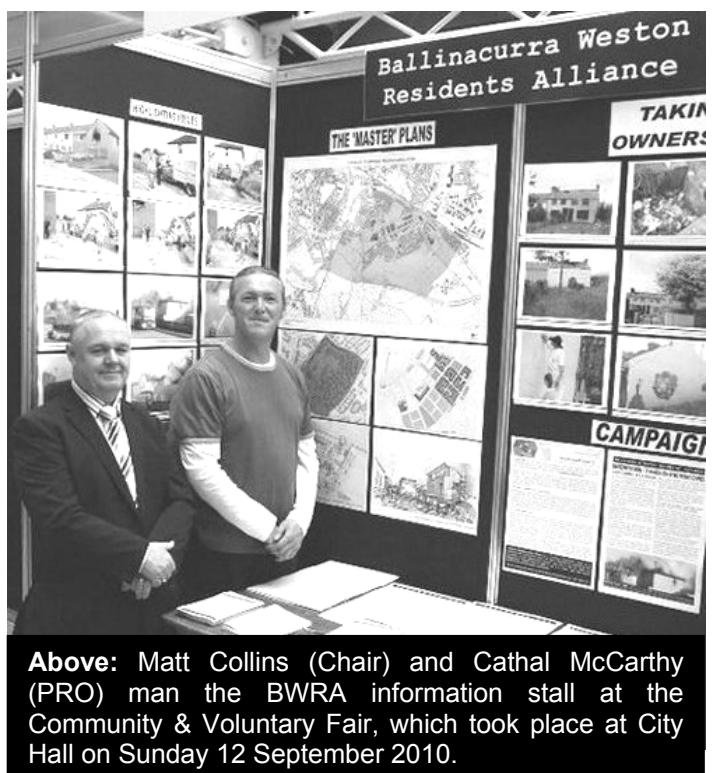
However, the Regeneration Agency refuses to officially acknowledge our existence

The Ballinacurra Weston Residents' Alliance is affiliated to Limerick Regeneration Watch, which led a delegation to the EU Parliament in Brussels on 16th April 2009, and successfully petitioned the EU on environmental issues, prompting the Regeneration Agency to sponsor a €500,000 clean-up of all the regeneration areas.

As a member of Limerick Regeneration Watch, the BWRA is allied with the Moyross Residents' Alliance, the Weston Gardens Residents' Association and individual residents' in St. Mary's Park and Southill.

The Officer Board of the BWRA is made up as follows: Matt Collins (Chair), Stephen Corbett (Vice-Chair) Martin Woodland (Secretary), Angela Collins (Treasurer) and Cathal McCarthy (PRO).

Outside City Hall there was a Bar-B-Que cook off, with many exotic foods on offer. Entertainment was provided by a diverse number of groups; there was singing, dancing and a magic show. Overall it was a great day out, it's only a pity that it wasn't better advertised.



**Above:** Matt Collins (Chair) and Cathal McCarthy (PRO) man the BWRA information stall at the Community & Voluntary Fair, which took place at City Hall on Sunday 12 September 2010.

# HOOKED ON FISHING NOT ON DRUGS!

Hello, my Name is Martin Woodland, I live in Clarina Avenue, Ballinacurra Weston and I am Secretary of the Ballinacurra Weston Residents' Alliance. I would like to cast a line out amongst you to find out if there are any of you that share my passion for the art of Trout Fly-Fishing

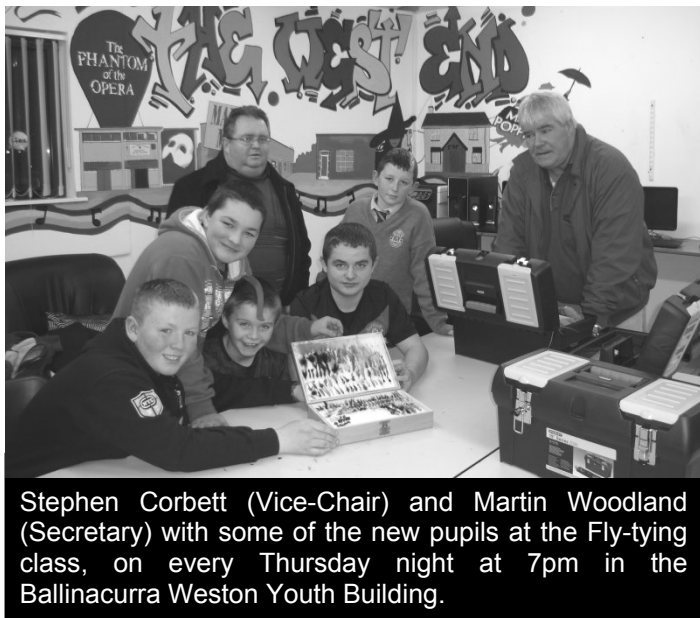
I am presently giving classes on Fly-tying every Thursday at 7pm in the Youth Building. I am in the process of becoming a qualified Game Angling Instructor with the intention of passing on my skills to the youth of the community. This was made possible thanks to a grant of €1,223 from the Local Education Committee. My thanks also to Pat Nolan of *Premier Angling Supplies* in Neanagh who supplied capes and fly-tying equipment free of charge.

Fly Fishing for Trout is a fantastic sport; you learn so much about aquatic fly life, the life cycle from an egg to nymph and eventually to an adult. What trout are feeding on, which flies are hatching, which fly to use to imitate the hatch and above all, tying your own imitation fly's to help you catch the trout.

I have had some fantastic experiences while fishing on the river for trout, the wildlife that I have seen is second to none, the beautiful colours of the kingfisher as it dives into the water to catch minnows to feed to its young. I have had two otters swim inches from my feet while I was fishing sedge flies for trout late in the evening; I have even had a bat take my fly when casting to a trout on more than one occasion.

The best part of fishing is not just catching trout, it is being out in the fresh air away from all the hustle and bustle, meeting the occasional angler and making new friends and exchanging yarns about the big Trout that got away. If you're interested give me a call at the number below.

– **Martin Woodland.**  
**Secretary, BWRA**  
**087 28 74 924**



# THANK YOU

On 18 July 2010, *Limerick Regeneration Watch* launched its first *You Tube* channel featuring the Ballinacurra Weston Residents' Alliance.

It is said that a problem shared is a problem halved. Well, sharing our problems with the rest of the world on *You Tube* seems to have had a sobering effect on the powers that be. Many of the issues documented on the channel were problems that both Limerick City Council and the Regeneration Agency were aware of for years.

We have no doubt that, coupled with our registered letters and e-mails to the relevant authorities; *You Tube* has helped us to put enough pressure on to get things done.

In *Regeneration Play Areas (parts 1, 2 & 3)* Matt Collins and Stephen Corbett highlight the dangers of derelict houses. Four of them were knocked in November.

In August, our Secretary, Martin Woodland, highlighted the poor water pressure endured by him and his neighbours since the big freeze last year in *Weston Water Pressure*. New pipes were installed in September.

*Clarina Clean up (1 & 2)* and *Weston Degeneration* show the determination of residents to take charge of their area; a determination that deserves to be supported by the Council and Regeneration Agency.

If there is an issue that you would like highlighted on the channel then contact Cathal McCarthy on 087 29 29 676

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# THAT WAS THEN...

**In October 2006** Former Dublin City Manager, John Fitzgerald, was appointed by the government to lead an initiative to address issues of social exclusion and crime and disorder in Moyross and other estates.

**In April 2007**, the *Fitzgerald Report* was published to great acclaim. It recommended the regeneration of Moyross, St Mary's Park, Southill and Ballinacurra Weston. This was to take place over a 5-year period and would involve the demolition of over 3,000 homes. The first recommendation was that in the short term, "confidence and stability" should be restored in the Communities with the establishment of a dedicated Garda service for areas targeted for regeneration. This never happened.

**In June 2007**, the Government established a Regeneration Board and appointed members from various agencies. Residents are not properly represented on this Board, which will ultimately decide what happens. The Limerick Regeneration Agencies were set up by Ministerial Orders on 15th June 2007. The sponsoring Department is the Department for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government. The Orders will lapse on 14th June 2012, when they will have to be renewed if the Agencies are to continue. Former Assistant Dublin City Manager, Brendan Kenny, was appointed CEO of both Agencies.

**In September 2007** the Limerick Regeneration Agencies opened their doors to the public. There was a sense of hope and expectation about the proposed regeneration. Residents Forums were set up and Residents committees were established.

**In January 2008**, President Mary McAleese launched the Northside and Southside 'Vision' documents.

**In February 2008**, a residents' forum was established in Ballinacurra Weston.

**In May 2008** an Act amending the Limerick Regeneration (Establishment) Orders was passed un-opposed in Dáil Éireann. This amendment re-defined the Northside and Southside Regeneration Areas and included an additional Article, which defined the Agency's remit with *deposited maps*

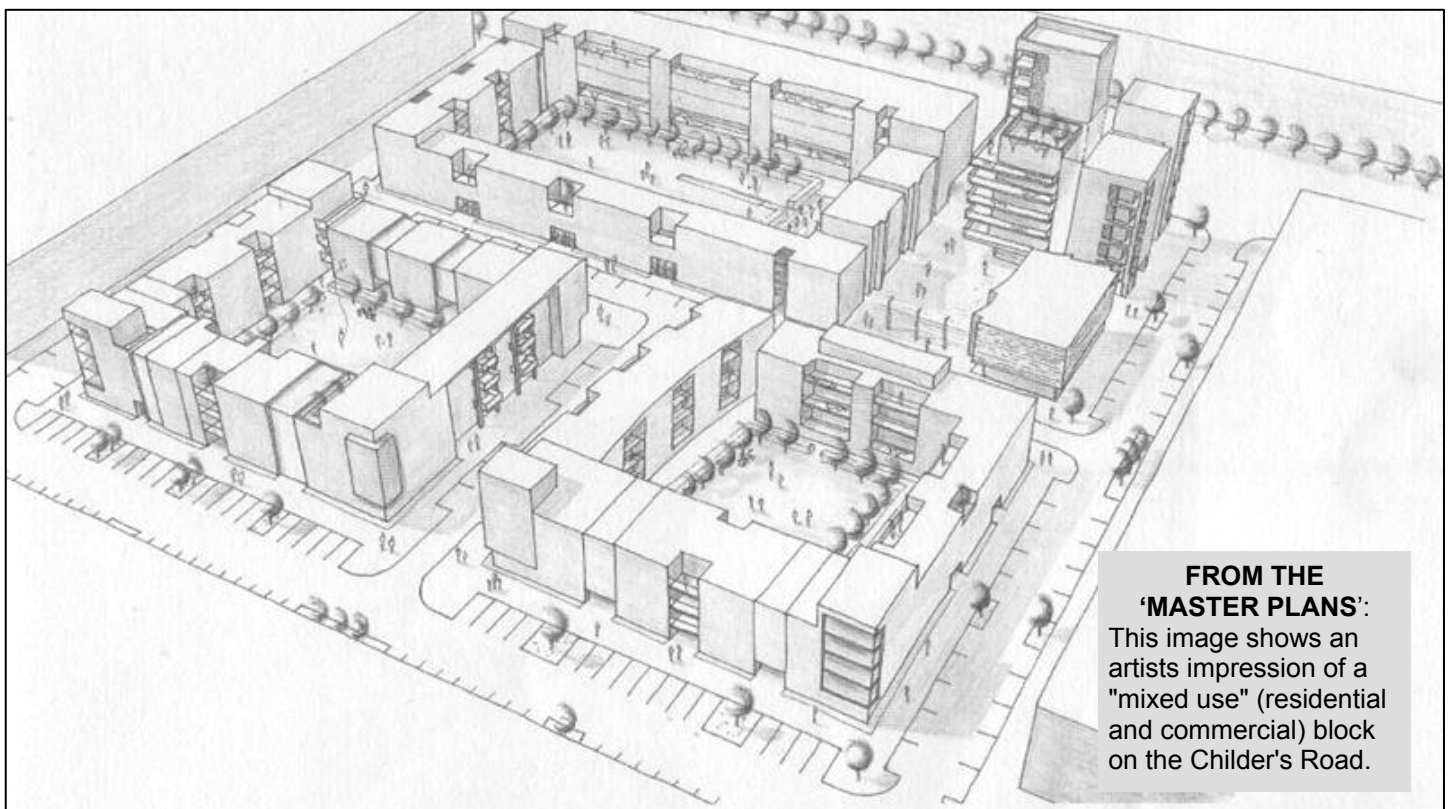
Meanwhile, back in Messrs Fitzgerald and Kenny's old haunt, Dublin City Council shelved five regeneration projects as the developer pulled out, citing the downturn in the housing market. Two of the projects were on depopulated and unoccupied sites and the others (St Michael's Estate, O'Devaney Gardens and Dominic Street) were at an advanced stage in the regeneration process, with residents having signed off on plans and picked a developer in January 2007. Indeed, the residents of St. Michael's had first agreed to the demolition of their estate in 1998!

**On 28th October 2008** the Regeneration Agencies presented 'Limerick Regeneration (A Vision for Moyross, Southill & Ballinacurra Weston and St. Mary's Park)' to Limerick City Council. This is what is loosely called the 'Master Plan', even though it is subject to change. It was announced that regeneration would cost €3 Billion, with €1.3 Billion coming from private investors and €1.7 Billion coming from the government. However, what most people don't realise is that most of that €1.7 Billion *is not* cold hard cash; it is the value that has been placed on the land. It was also announced that regeneration would now take 10 years to complete, but that the first build would start in all areas by February 2009.

**In 2009** the Regenerations Agencies continued to fund the depopulation of areas under their remit. Homeowners are paid a pittance for their homes and are turned back into tenants. Areas now look worse than ever. Boarded up houses and derelict sites. Illegal dumping, rat infestations and anti-social behaviour continue unabated. Building will now start in February 2010.

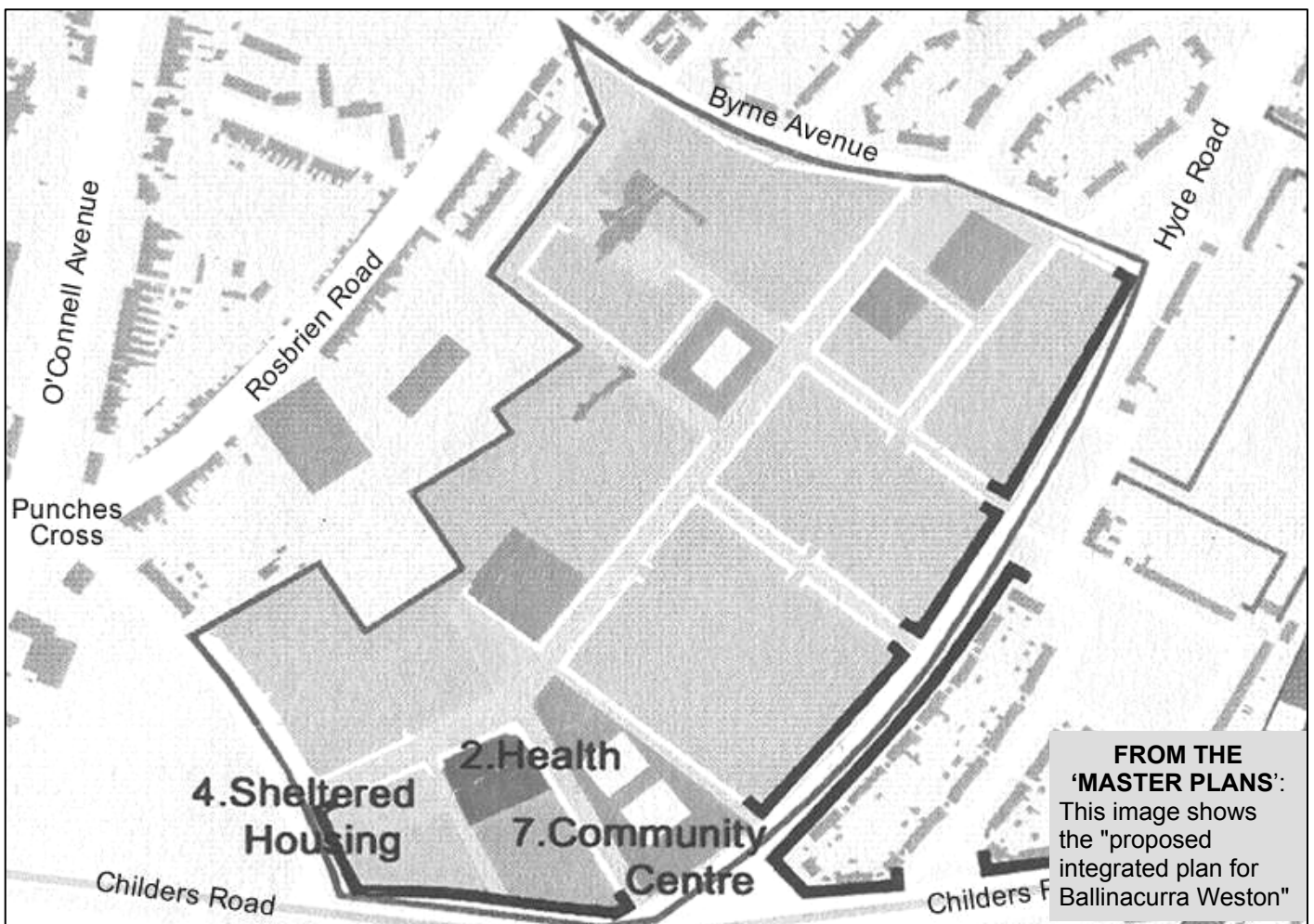
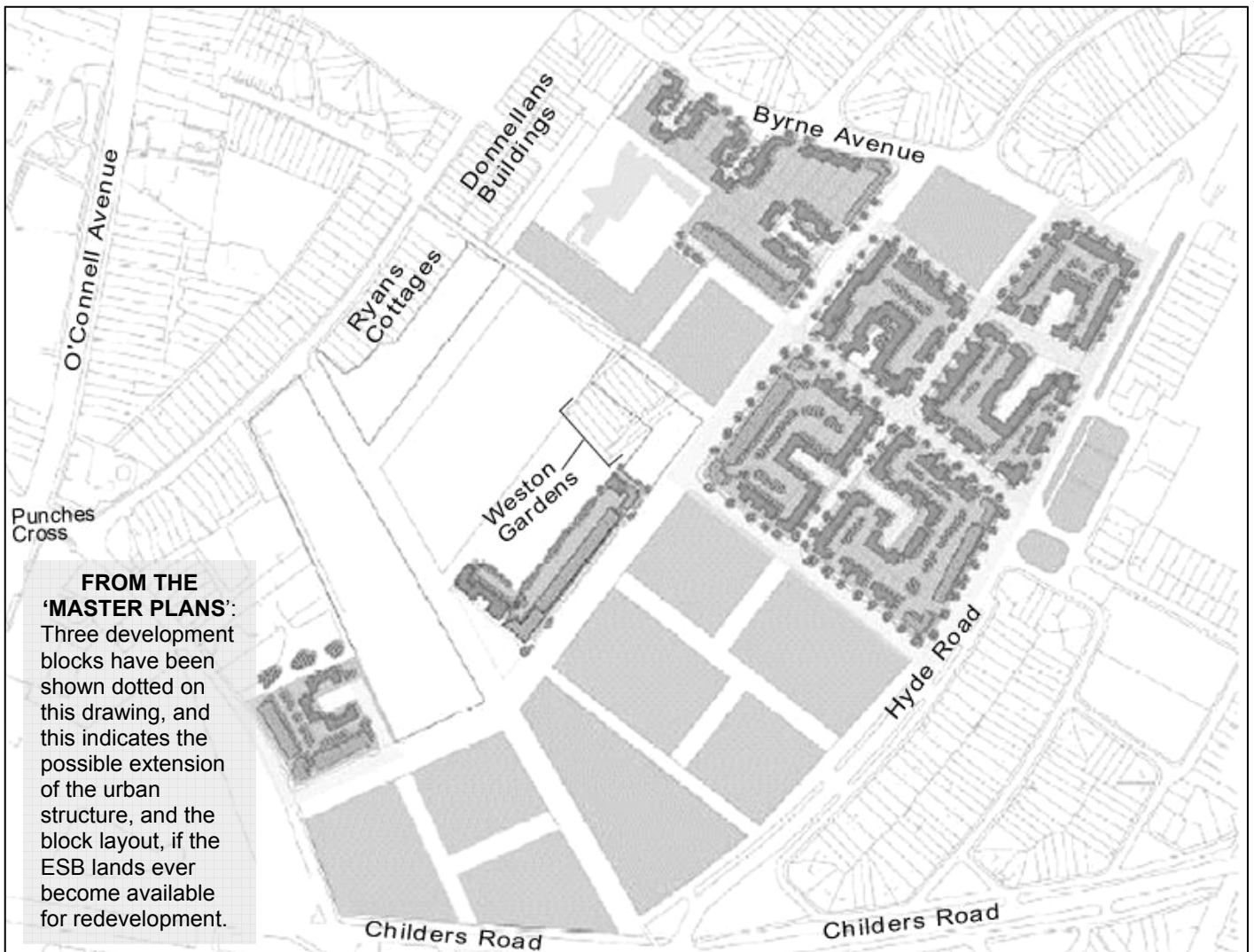
**In March 2010** it was finally admitted by the Regeneration Agency the their 'Master Plan' was not feasible and that a downscaled version would be submitted to government for approval, which was done in May 2010.

**On 17th June 2010** the government pledged €337 million for the next four years of the Limerick Regeneration Project. However much of this money will be spent on roads and displacing people. It was announced that some sheltered housing units (48) will be built in Moyross and on the Southside in Edward St (20 units).



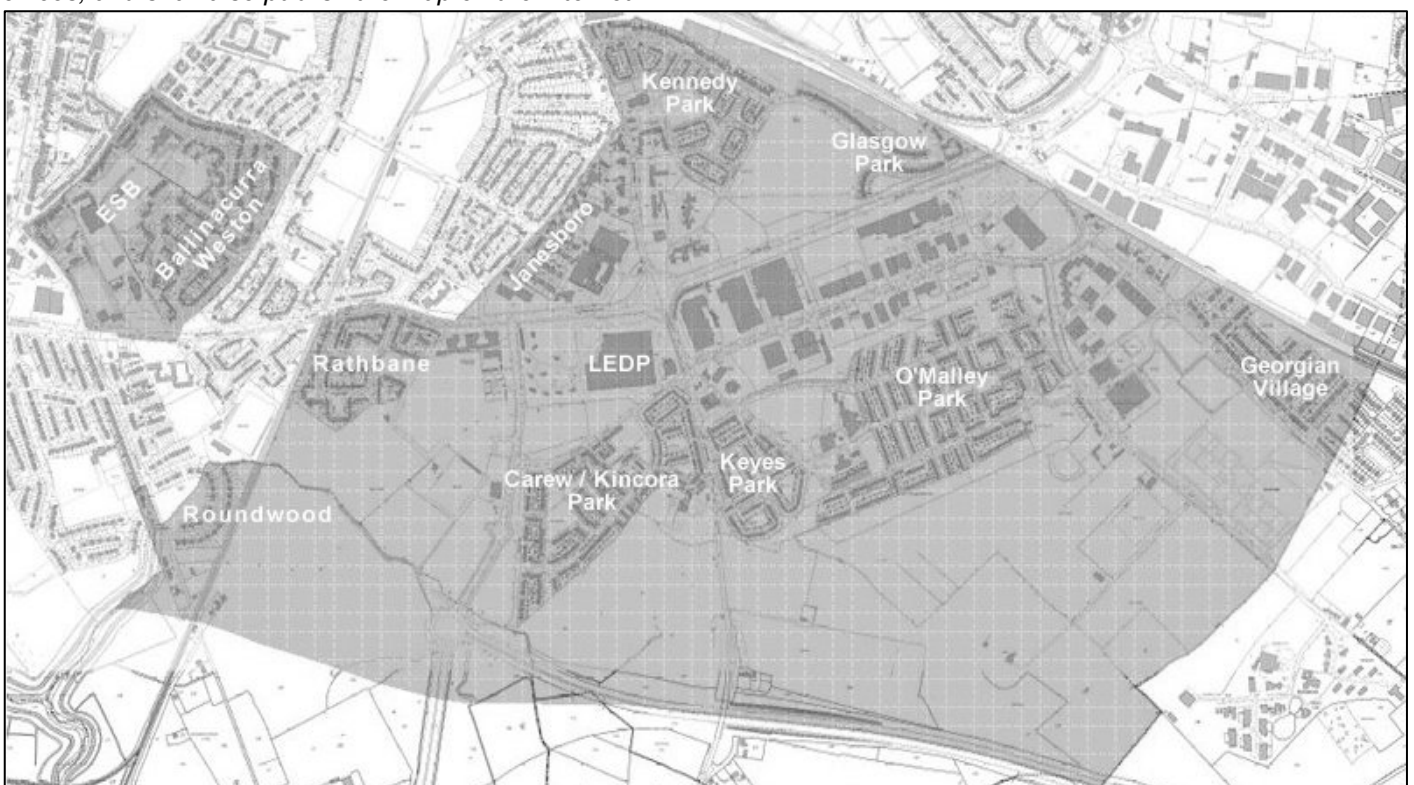
**FROM THE  
'MASTER PLANS':**  
This image shows an  
artists impression of a  
"mixed use" (residential  
and commercial) block  
on the Childer's Road.







**DEPOSITED MAPS:** On Wednesday, 14th May 2008, an Act amending the Limerick Regeneration (Establishment) Orders was passed un-opposed in Dáil Éireann. This amendment re-defined the Northside and Southside Regeneration Areas and included an additional Article, which defined the Agency's remit with *deposited map's* and clearly indicates the boundary of the land that is under the Agencies remit. The section of the map above shows the area referred to as "*Ballinacurra Weston (parts of)*" while the map below shows the full extent of the Agency's remit on the Southside. This map is not available on the Agency's website, even though the amendment states "*the Agency shall make copies of the deposited map available for inspection by members of the public at all reasonable times at its offices, and shall also publish the map on the Internet.*"





**FROM THE  
'MASTER PLANS':**  
This image shows an  
"Artist impression of  
partial plan for  
Ballinacurra Weston"



*Artist impression of partial plan of Ballinacurra Weston*

# ...AND THIS IS NOW

**So, with the shelving of the 'Master Plans' for the next twenty years or more, where to now for the regeneration of Ballinacurra Weston (parts of)? Is there any hope for the future; is there any Plan B?**

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In the 'Master Plans' sheltered housing for Ballinacurra Weston was to be located next to the Credit Union building. Indeed there is a substantial green site there, with enough space to build now.

However, under the revised regeneration plan the sheltered housing has been relocated to the old clothing factory site on Edward St, which is outside the legal remit of the Regeneration Agency.

The Agency intends to build 20 sheltered units on the Edward St. site and Ballinacurra Weston residents that are aged 55 years and over will be offered first refusal to become tenants. Residents under 55 will not be permitted to become tenants. And what of elderly residents forced out of their homes by anti-social and criminal behaviour? They were also promised a new regeneration home.

To date, no plans have been lodged with Limerick City Council and it has yet to be determined whether or not the land is suitable for housing as it may be contaminated. The fact that the proposed site is outside the legal remit of the Regeneration Agency may also prove to be a bone of contention.

In reality, the only plans that have been lodged are the proposals to build 15 family houses and 20 retirement apartments in Cliona Park, Moyross. These plans were recently approved Limerick City Council with a total of 9 conditions attached. The most damning condition being that all apartment and house sizes must comply with the requirements of the Department of Environment.

Despite having promised in the 'Master Plans' that regeneration housing would "meet or exceed" the required standards, the plans submitted by the Agency were in fact sub-standard; all the apartments and houses were too small. We will have to be watchful of such practices when, and if, they submit their plans for Ballinacurra Weston residents.



# BALLINACURRA WESTON YOUTH ALLIANCE



Members of the BWYA at the Youth Café, pictured from left to right: Eibhlís O'Connell, Rachael McCarthy, Ronald Collins and Shane Stewart

**We are the Ballinacurra Weston Youth Alliance (BWYA), we used to be called the Ballinacurra Weston Youth Committee, but we recently decided to change our name and affiliate with the BWRA.**

We are a group of young people who try and be the voice of the young people of Ballinacurra Weston. We were first formed in September of 2009 to take part in the *Limerick Youth Fest* in the Peoples Park, which went really well.

At the moment we are opening a youth café in the Ballinacurra Weston Youth Building (next door the church and community centre). We have decorated the walls in graffiti style paint design; we drew pictures of all of the buildings in the area such as the church, school, CDP house, and community centre etc.

The Youth Café runs on Monday night from 7pm-9pm. The café is open to all young people aged between 12-16 years. This is our first major challenge and we are determined that it will be a success.

What we are hoping to gain from regeneration in Ballinacurra Weston is a clean area so that we can be proud of where we live and also some facilities for the youth in the area so that they will not be hanging out on street corners and getting into trouble because of having nothing to do.

We have just recently had success in receiving the news that an all weather pitch, called a MUGA will be funded by the regeneration agency. As far as we know it will be a 7-a-side size pitch. The reason it is called a MUGA is because it is a type of pitch with a surface that will cater for all sports such as soccer, basketball, tennis etc. It will have floodlights, secure railings and netting and will be available to the youth of the area whenever they want it. The MUGA is to be located at the back of the Community Centre with access gates at a few locations. The whole back of the community centre will be landscaped and also developed into a community garden which was also much needed.

We've been told that this work should be completed next year by the end of February or early March. The youth of the area can have something to look forward to in the year

ahead. We are very happy after fighting to get this pitch for so long, but it will have to be run by residents.

Our next major project is going to be another clean-up in the area in conjunction with our partners the BWRA and a big clean up of the Ballinacurra Weston grotto. We are hoping these will take place as soon as possible; with the big freeze last year we could not complete the grotto clean-up to proper standards. We would much appreciate all of your help in the clean-up of the area and the grotto. Any donations that could be made to help with the grotto would be much appreciated. We will let you all know when the clean up is happening beforehand.

– Ronald Collins, BWYA

## CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE

A 'regeneration update' printed in the September edition of *LOL Community News* credited the residents' forum with organising community clean-ups. This is an amazing feat, seeing as how most residents don't even know that this group exists. In truth, the only community clean-ups were those organised by the BWYA with the assistance of the BWRA; some of these are documented on *You Tube*. The forum was also credited with the demolition of houses, installation of security fencing and expansion of the CCTV into Byrne and Lenihan Avenues – all of these issues and more have been raised by the BWRA with some resolved and more outstanding. To the best of our knowledge there are only three actual residents left on the forum, yet they claim to have established a sub-group for social regeneration. Incredible! We wait with bated breath (and a pinch of salt) for the next 'regeneration update'.

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**The Ballinacurra Weston Residents' Alliance**  
wishes all our members and supporters  
**A Happy Christmas & A Peaceful New Year**  
*nollaig faoi shéan is faoi mhaise*

## BWRA Members Christmas Raffle

We have no big financial backers. We rely solely on the generosity of our members and supporters to fund our activities. Presently we are trying to raise enough money to have the water independently tested and to have the sewer pipes examined for an Engineers report. We have found an Engineer willing to compile the report free of charge as well as the service of a Solicitor and Barrister, who will file nuisance claims against Limerick City Council and the Regeneration Agency on behalf of affected residents.

The prizes for this years Christmas raffle are:

1<sup>st</sup>: A Christmas Hamper

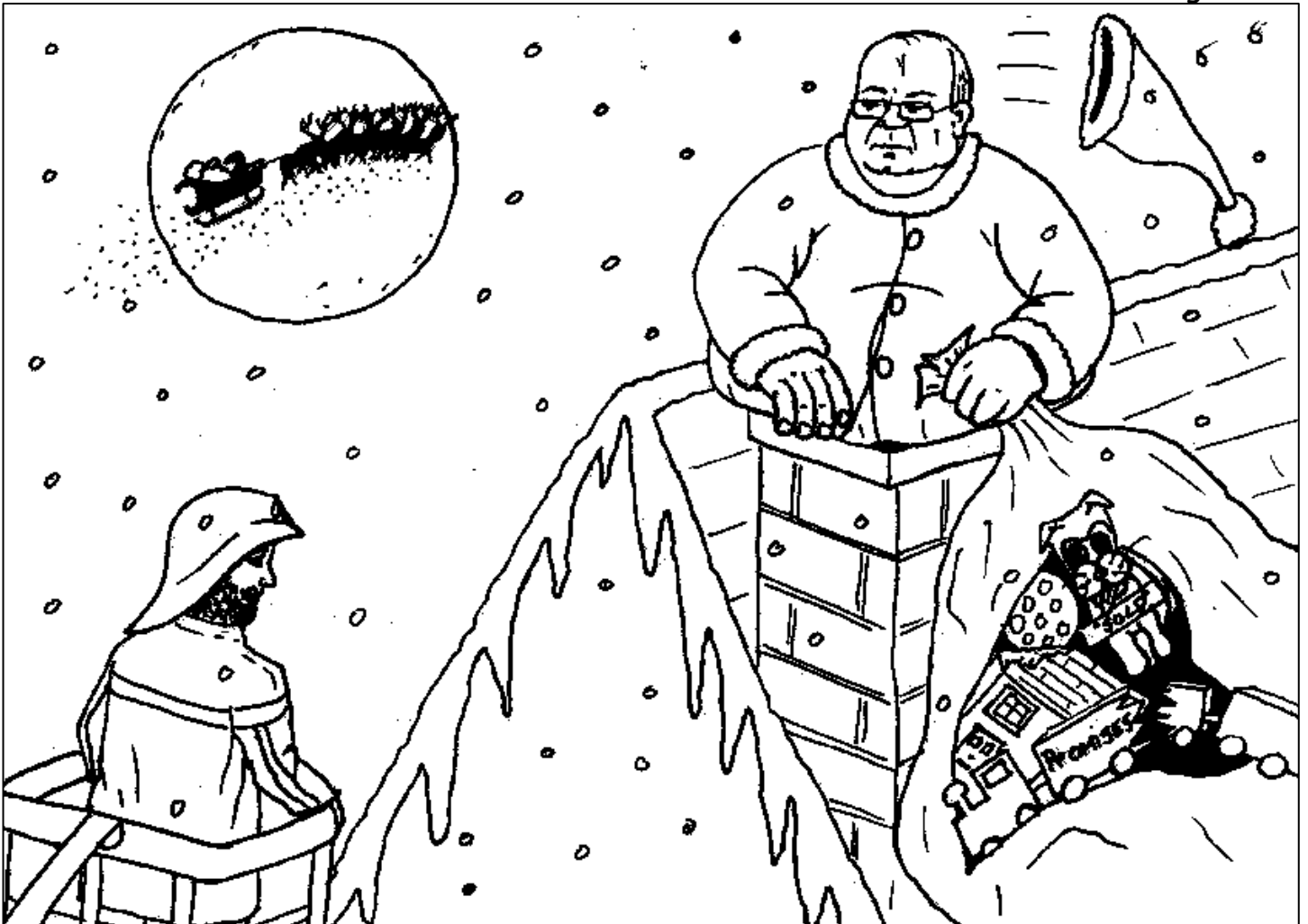
2<sup>nd</sup>: A Book Token

3<sup>rd</sup>: A Bottle of Spirits

Tickets are €2 each or €10 per book of six. The draw will take place in Punches Lounge on Saturday 18th December at 6pm; your support is invaluable and greatly appreciated.

**Children's Colouring Competition:** Colour in the picture below to be in with a chance to win one of two €25 vouchers for *Smyth's Toys*. The competition is open to children aged 4 – 7yrs and 8 – 10yrs. Send your entry to The BWRA, c/o 24 Clarina Avenue, Ballinacurra Weston. Closing date for entries is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

Name: ..... Address: ..... Age: .....



Looks like you can't deliver Mr. Kenny, well I'm afraid you'll be stuck there for the next 15 to 20 years. Next time, leave it to Santa!

# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

**Article 40.3.2°:** *"The State shall, in particular, by its laws protect as best it may from unjust attack and, in the case of injustice done, vindicate the life, person, good name, and property rights of every citizen."*

## - Constitution of Ireland

Many people living in some of our estates are not adequately protected by the State and are living in fear. This is especially true in regeneration areas. The dedicated Garda service promised for regeneration areas in the *Fitzgerald Report* never happened and far from restoring "confidence and stability in the communities" a culture of fear still exists and many vulnerable people feel that they have no choice but to leave. All residents have rights and should be given the following options:

### If you are a Limerick City Council tenant:

Unfortunately, as a tenant you have little say about the demolition of your home. However, you have legal rights and must be offered a new home in the area or a home in another location acceptable to you, under the same terms of tenancy. You must also be compensated for any improvements you have made to your home during your tenancy; 'like for like'. If this involves temporary displacement, you must conclude a legal agreement with both Limerick City Council and the Regeneration Agency assuring you of a home

in the area within an acceptable and reasonable time, if this is your wish.

### If you are a home owner:

You must be offered a home in the area in exchange for your existing house. Your new home should be at least the same size, if not bigger than your existing home, and should be built on the same area of land. For example: If your existing home stands on a quarter acre of land, then your new home should be built on a quarter acre of land; 'like for like'. You may be required or decide to relocate, if so, you must be given the means to secure a new home by Limerick City Council or the Regeneration Agency, by purchasing your home at a value that reflects the value of a new house within the redeveloped area or by purchasing a house on your behalf in exchange for the deeds of your home – deeds for deeds.

Do not entertain any proposal involving "existing market rates". Threats of compulsory purchase should be ignored, you are still legally entitled to 'like for like'.

All offers must be made in writing, which should be approved by your solicitor before you agree to the terms. Don't sign anything without consulting your solicitor. Remember demand 'like for like' - it is your right.

**Limerick Regeneration Watch** is a voluntary organisation made up of residents from regeneration areas. We aim to empower all residents to take ownership of the regeneration process and ensure that our rights are safeguarded. People have a right to live in a clean, safe and secure environment while awaiting regeneration.

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## THE BWRA - A NEW VOICE FOR RESIDENTS



Pictured in attendance at a BWRA Committee meeting on Monday 23 November 2010, from left to right: Matt Collins (Chair), Eibhlís Bray (Researcher), Angela Collins (Treasurer), Noel Franklin, Martin Woodland (Secretary) and Cathal McCarthy (PRO).

Membership of the BWRA is open to all residents that live in the designated regeneration area, which includes parts of Rosbrien and Prospect.

Please return completed membership forms to : The BWRA, c/o 24 Clarina Avenue, Ballinacurra Weston.

Our committee meets every Tuesday at 11am in the CDP House, 49 Clarina Court, Ballinacurra Weston. If you would like to participate on the committee and share in the work or if you have an issue that you would like us to raise on your behalf, then contact Matt on 087 65 77 063

### CONSTITUTION OF THE BALLINACURRA WESTON RESIDENTS' ALLIANCE (B.W.R.A.)

1. The name of the organisation hereby constituted shall be the "Ballinacurra Weston Residents Alliance" and shall hereafter be referred to as the B.W.R.A.
2. The aim of the B.W.R.A. is to ensure that all residents have their rights upheld during the regeneration process and to protect and improve conditions and amenities in the area for the benefit of members and their families.
3. Membership of the B.W.R.A. shall be based on individual membership and is open to all householders in the designated
4. regeneration area referred to as Ballinacurra Weston (parts of) and as defined by deposited map in the Local Government Services (Corporate Bodies) (Confirmation of Orders) Act 2008. Any such householder, having completed the membership form shall be deemed to be a member. All members of the B.W.R.A. are to promote at every opportunity and support the achievement of the aims and objectives of the B.W.R.A.
5. The Annual General Meeting (A.G.M.) shall be the policy making body of the B.W.R.A. Each member may submit resolutions for consideration, attend and vote. Special General Meetings (S.G.M.) may be convened by the Executive Committee when a minimum of one-fifth of the total individual members so request. All members to receive at least 14 days notice of general meetings.
6. The Executive Committee (E.C.) shall carry out the work of the B.W.R.A. It shall consist of 12 members elected at the A.G.M. The E.C. will elect an officer board of, Chairperson, Vice-chairperson, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary and Public Relations Officer. The E.C. may co-opt a maximum of 5 additional members, which may include people from outside the defined regeneration area of Ballinacurra Weston; such people shall have an advisory role and will not be eligible to vote. A quorum shall consist of seven members including two officers of the E.C.
7. Until such time that an A.G.M. can be convened, the work of the B.W.R.A. shall be carried out by the Provisional Committee (P.C.), which shall consist of seven members and may co-opt a maximum of 5 additional members as above.
8. Committees of members may be constituted, subject to recognition by the E.C./P.C., on a geographical or specific project basis.
9. Finance: The B.W.R.A. shall be financed from members' subscriptions, donations and special fund-raising activities. The treasurer shall be responsible for all finances, subject to annual audit.
10. Sponsors: Sponsors will be by invitation from the E.C./P.C.
11. Affiliated groups, associations, societies, unions and parties will be required to subscribe an annual registration fee decided by the E.C./P.C. Every affiliate will be required to comply with the terms of individual membership of the B.W.R.A.
12. The Constitution of the B.W.R.A. may be altered by a two-thirds majority of members in attendance at an AGM or SGM.

## Ballinacurra Weston Residents Alliance

### MEMBERSHIP FORM ++ MEMBERSHIP FORM ++ MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to participate on the committee (please tick) Yes ☐ No ☐