

Strandhill Community Development Association

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At a recent meeting of The Strandhill Community Development Association there was a clear consensus that Strandhill is looking forward to the creation of a new Surf and Community centre at the new proposed site at Mrs Barry's (four winds site).

It is clear that under the current arrangement the current maritime building is not suitable to meet the needs of a growing community. The facilities in the existing Maritime Centre are entirely unsatisfactory as they are currently, as they are unable to provide a clean, comfortable space for community or visitors whether for changing and showering or for meetings or events. They are especially unsatisfactory for minors.

It is envisaged by the SCDA that the new facility will address these issues by providing adequate facilities that can meet the needs of users and provide a safe environment for children. The work of the surf club has been instrumental among the resurgence of surfing among our youth and the SCDA recognises this and is very supportive of the work undertaken by the Surf Club Committee.

The SCDA agreed that the new facility must have a strong community focus at its heart. This means that in addition to providing improved facilities for all users, it must also have a community space within which can be used for community events.

Despite a clear and strong support for investment in the new facility, the SCDA is clear that there should be no disharmony in the Strandhill community and voted unanimously that approval of the facility was dependent on the County Sligo Surf Club being in agreement.

There is a clear feeling and strong support within the SCDA that the proposed development would be a terrific addition to the village. The proposed investment would improve greatly the facilities available to all.

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