



Draft Blessington Local Area Plan Submission - Report

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Community Development (incl. sports facilities & schools, etc.)

Submission

Poulaphuca Paddlers offer a tremendous opportunity for adults and older children to be introduced to paddle sports in a safe way. This year saw in excess of 50 participants complete initial training and become new club members. The provision of a club house, boat storage shed and training facilities would enable us to expand the club offering and be active throughout the year. We would be able to run training events such as first aid, navigation skills and kayak related exercise classes indoors throughout the year. It would also allow for a social hub where members could mingle and thus enhance mental health and well-being. It would allow for children specific changing rooms and toilet facilities to be provided therefore enabling us to cater for more children. Having access to such facilities would enable us to host more community activities and cater to a broader spectrum. Storage facilities are crucial to enable the club to have secure access to a fleet of different boats to cover different disciplines, personal safety equipment and to be able to dry the gear and maintain it in good condition. This club is growing and this is recognised within Canoeing Ireland. The ability to support out volunteer instructors and club members with facilities will serve the community long into the future. Having an established relationship with the ESB, Poulaphuca Paddlers respect the environment and follow a leave no trace approach.

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