

The Complex

The Sports Complex was now over 30 years old and had served its time. The building was badly in need of refurbishment. A new Park Development Committee was formed in 2013 for the purpose of developing the Complex into a modern centre for use by all in the community. The Complex was leased from St Michaels for a ten year period and a successful application was made to the LEADER fund for grants towards the refurbishment of the complex. A grant of €176,000 was received. Various successful fundraising events such as a Sky Dive, Fashion Show and the Come Dine with me opening event brought in the remaining balance of €30,000. The building work was carried out by Jane McGovern overseen by architect Michael Hennessy.



Pictures of the Complex before refurbishment

Bottom right: Signing the contract L to R: D. Cox, P. McShera, P. Hunt, N. O'Hara, S. McGovern, M. Hennessy

In the past four years almost €400,000 has been spent on facilities at Ardcarne Park. We now have facilities which are as good as any in the county and it is heartening to receive compliments about them from visiting teams. Most importantly there is no debt remaining despite the level of spending on the projects. A huge debt of gratitude is due to all who have been involved in managing and fundraising for these facilities down through the years. They have left a legacy, which is invaluable for our young sportspeople.

But like any successful athlete we can't afford to rest on our laurels. As you read this members are pondering such things as the extension of the training area, improvement of the main pitch surface, pitch drainage, improvements to the stand, new

