



BGM Council Elections

It's time for your Voice to be Heard!

Piggybacking on the success of the Saint Patrick's Day Celebration and Parade, the Bruff Grange Meanus Community Council will be holding its Annual General Meeting on the **9th May**. While this meeting will discuss upcoming community business, its main focus will be on the upcoming Council Elections and the Council is asking you to attend!

The Bruff Grange Meanus Council is a democratic public forum where people from the community come together to serve as a representative party for the area. The Council consists of 21 committee members with sub committees formed when required. All residents of the three parts of the parish are invited to consider taking up a role on this year's Council. The Community is always looking for new voices, fresh perspective, and innovative ideas to continue creating a better community. It is the mission of the BGM Council to keep the community of the people and for the people—this is your community, this is your council. The Council cannot wait to see you at the Annual Meeting and hear your ideas!

Following the A.G.M Individuals can be nominated by any member of the community (first get their permission!) — just pick up a nomination form at your local Post Office, Credit Union, Bruff Community Café and other public locations!

When? 9th May 2017 @ 8.00pm
Where? Community Café, Bruff

Bruff Gets Brighter

Bruff welcomes new CareBright facility to the Community

In the coming months, Bruff is taking a big step not just for the local community, but also for the entire country of Ireland. Established in 1998, CareBright HomeCare is opening the first purpose built community for people living with dementia called the CareBright Community. Situated on a 4 acre site, it will comprise of three bungalows, community hub and day care centre which will enable people living with dementia to live life. CareBright Headquarters will also be based within the CareBright Community.

Headed by General Manager Colette Ryan, the CareBright Community will be the first of its kind in the nation. Colette herself is very enthusiastic about the future of this project. "We want our Community to be replicated at a national level," she says. "We are trying to breakdown the stigma of dementia, which is very difficult."

The new CareBright Community will employ 35-40 staff members and will have three homes in the back of the site for privacy for the 18 people who will live there. Additionally, this project will provide expansive working and sensory gardens, a playground for visiting children, external and internal gym and hairdressing salon. With such an impactful project, CareBright has high hopes of becoming a positive

addition to the Bruff community while increasing footfall within the town. Mark Nagle of the Bruff Community Council reciprocates these hopes. "This is probably the best thing to happen to Bruff in decades," he says.

The new site plans will open over Summer 2017. They hope to have residents living in the community in October/November 2017.

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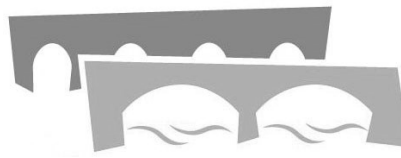
NEW CAREBRIGHT FACILITY

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Calendar of Events

WEEKLY

- **Meanus Community and Social Club Sunday Evening Cards**
Sundays @ 8.30pm, Community Centre, Meanus
- **AA meetings**, 8,30pm, The Band Room, Bruff
- **Bingo**, Thursdays @ 8.30pm, GAA Hall, Bruff
- **Unislim class**, Tuesdays @ 5.30pm—7.00pm, Thomas Fitzgerald Centre

29TH APRIL

Ballyhoura International Walking Festival (*In aid of Carebright Dementia Hub*)
Book with reception@ballyhoura.org 063) 91300

3 MAY

Confirmation, St. Peter and Paul Church, Bruff

5TH MAY

High Plains Tradition Bluegrass band from the USA
Church of Ireland, Bruff @ 8.00pm

9TH MAY

Bruff Grange Meanus Community Council AGM and Council Elections
Community Café, Bruff @ 8.00pm

13 MAY

Communion, St. Peter and Paul Church, Bruff

27 MAY

Holycross AFC 50th Anniversary Celebrations with music by Nightfall
Bulgaden Castle

16TH JUNE

Bloomsday Bruff

30TH JUNE

Ballyhoura series 5 mile road race hosted by An Bru AC
Bruff GAA Grounds from 8pm

Did you know?

Bruff Tidy Towns

Team BTT has nothing to do with fast cars or the Brazilian Top Team! We are the people who voluntarily work to keep Bruff looking beautiful and tidy all year round.

Tremendous effort has been put in over the last few years and significant improvements are noticeable. More people and organizations are beginning to work with us. Our hands on involvement with The Gathering, Ireland Reaching Out and Historic Graves relied heavily on the input of local volunteers and co-operation of community organizations. This was most exemplified in the run in to the Caroline Kennedy visit when the town was transformed. We consider that environmental education and awareness is crucial and an integral part of our approach to public education was evidenced by our hosting Bruff Envirofest and a BatTalk already this year with further events are planned for later in the year. We also hosted the Ballyhoura Development Annual Tidy Towns award in 2013, at which we received an award for Built Environment, Landscaping and Wildlife, during which we conducted a tour of the focal points in the town and immediately

Useful contacts

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Bruff Tidy Towns: 086 3375207

Community Alert: 086) 3938591

Doctors Surgery Bruff: 061) 382577

Grange ICA: 086) 3317779

Old Bank B&B: 061) 389969

Old Irish Ways Museum: 086) 1541078

Mens Shed: 086) 3375207

O'Connors Pharmacy: 061) 382220

Sean Wall Committee: 087) 2517855

Shannondoc: 1850 212 999

Thomas Fitzgerald Centre/

Bruff Heritage Group: 061) 382029

Unislim Bruff: 086) 8576938

set to work to put up signage. Tidy Towns, while voluntary, has become very professional in its outlook. We note adjudicator's comments and follow up on recommendations made. We have a rolling three year plan which guides our actions and which is available for any member of the community to see. In recent years, we have been fortunate to receive Grant Aid from Ballyhoura Development Ltd. to undertake a few projects, finance from the County Council to purchase lawnmowers and, in addition, shrubs have been kindly donated by a local benefactor. We have partnered with the Gateway Scheme in the redevelopment of the Morning Star Park and clearance and resurfacing of the Old Cork Road to create a Sli na Slainte route now extensively being used. Our Table Quizzes have helped us to finance permanent planting. Team BTT would appreciate assistance with any of our projects and day to day maintenance activities by: **supporting our fundraising efforts; one hour per week maintaining the many beds around town; administration.** If you can give a hand or to donate cuttings, shrubs etc., please contact Maurice at 086) 3375207.