



Baldoyle Centre Committee Report 2025-2026 Season

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Baldoyle Centre Management Committee(Interim) Members

Greg Bridgeman, Elizabeth Foley, Tom Gorman(Acting Chairperson), Helen Heery, Simon Keane, Tricia Patterson(Acting Secretary), John Ryan, Christina Smith, Michael Smith, Catherine Smyth

Resident Clubs

Senior

Junior

Raheny	Phoenix Juniors
Raheny Smashers	Kadca Juniors
Kadca	Fingal Cell (Training)
Baldoyle District	North Dublin Juniors
Smith Nirvana	
South Dublin	
Hotshots	
Buddies	
Sunrise	
Baldoyle Bashers	

Opening Hours

Current opening hours are from 9am to 11pm Monday to Sunday.

We recognise that there is huge demand for court time currently and that court time is a scarce resource. We are considering an earlier opening time of 6am, in addition to greater court availability this would also facilitate the new gym and some tenants

Sources of Income

Tenants

Shop – Jack Bridgeman Sports

Kitchen – Good Habits

Acupuncture & Wellness Clinic

Art Design

Recent new tenant

Go-Cars – 2 car park spaces

Pipeline

We are approaching full capacity for commercial tenant spaces.

Bar

The bar is open every Thursday, and most Saturday evenings during the season, in addition to one-off events such as local organisations' table quizzes. It is also open for badminton events such as the DDLC quarters, semis, and finals, Masters, and for other events if requested. The bar is entirely managed and staffed by volunteers. Thanks to the Bar Committee: Breda, Tom, Mick, Catherine, Christina, Elizabeth, Greg, John, Tricia, and volunteers: Derek, Helen, & Mary.

Centre Works 2025/2026

Courts

The old floor was replaced with a new state of the art floor. The cost of the replacement, for the most part, is covered by a Department of Sport grant. This expenditure was approved by an EGM in 2025. Due to the works the centre had to close for 11 weeks; due to delays this unfortunately impacted the start of the season. Thanks are due to the volunteers on the Baldoyle CMC, in particular Simon Keane, for the huge amount of time and effort put into this work. The official opening of the new courts, by Minister Darragh O'Brien, in November was a wonderful, well-attended, occasion (with a fun and somewhat one-sided opening match between Olympian Nhat Nguyen and the Minister.)

There is an issue regarding the wearing of court footwear only on the courts in order to avoid damage to the flooring. While this was closely monitored in the period following the opening of the courts, including notices and additional staffing, a number of relapses have been noticed recently. Solutions to this, e.g. positioning of reception, access, are being considered by the CMC.

A regular cleaning and maintenance schedule has been put place for the courts.

There have been many successful events/tournaments held during the past year. However, as we all know there is huge demand for court time and we need to make sure that courts are being used as effectively as possible. This is being/will be addressed by implementation of new processes and procedures.

Gym

A great new gym facility has opened with cardio upstairs, weights downstairs, and very attractive rates for badminton players. There is a Physio room in the gym available for hire.

Heating system

The old heating system failed and was replaced and the new system is now working well.

Lights

The lighting has been upgraded to LED energy efficient lighting. The outside lighting is also now working which is important during the winter months, especially for the junior clubs.

Seating

The benches on the near side were repainted by volunteers prior to being re-upholstered. They are much more comfortable now and look great. Options to improve/re-upholster the spectator seating on the far side are being investigated.

Volunteer days

Volunteer days, the most recent on 9th May, were well supported and are a testament to the strong volunteer ethic and sense of community among centre clubs.

Water fountains

2 water fountains were installed and are proving very popular – they have been used 27,000 times since installation.

CarPark

Following further deterioration in the carpark surface, temporary repairs were carried out on some of the potholes in the carpark.

Pipeline

Bathrooms – sinks and counters are being replaced in both ground floor bathrooms. Individual showers/changing cubicles being considered in both bathrooms for child safeguarding.

Accessibility/safety – an architect was engaged to draw up a plan to address the safety and accessibility issues regarding the floor levels. As this work should be part-funded by the 2020 accessibility grant, the CMC has started gathering the requirements needed to progress the work.

A plan to install 2 EV fast chargers is well advanced and this will offer an additional service for our users.

Administration

Staff

Our thanks to the centre staff for their work during the year.

Centre Manager

A new centre manager, Sumesh Tharian, was appointed in January. Sumesh is well known in the badminton community. This has been a very positive development with many outstanding maintenance issues being resolved/in progress.

Centre Management Committee

CMC Terms of Reference were approved by the Executive with the CMC AGM to be held 8pm 2nd June.

Summary

The past year has been a busy one for Leinster Branch's Baldoyle centre – with the highlight obviously the installation of the new floor. Progress is being made on outstanding maintenance, and other improvement works, alongside additional sources of revenue coming on-stream.

And finally, the Baldoyle CMC would like to express our gratitude to the Leinster Executive, and General Secretary, for their assistance throughout the year.

Baldoyle Badminton Centre Management Committee.

May 2026