

Chairman's Address 7th October, 2025.

Good evening, everyone and welcome to the AGM of Tullow Day Care Centre.

I would like to begin by thanking all those involved in running Tullow Day Care Centre. Our Manager Wendy Sinnott, Community Employment Supervisor Dolores Gorman, our Office Staff, Chef Gavin Byrne and all his team who provide excellent food every day. Thanks to Fran and Ann, Befrienders, Carers, Cleaners, Laundry Staff, Shop Helpers and all the drivers who take such great care of our clients and ensure that the buses are always well maintained and clean. A word of appreciation also goes to our Gardener, who keeps the grounds, grass and flowers in beautiful condition and to all who assist with maintenance around the Centre.

Two of our office staff Emma Gartland and Lorraine Byrne are leaving us. On behalf of the board and everyone at the Centre, I want to sincerely thank them for their contribution and wish them every success in their new positions.

We are grateful to the HSE and Department of Social Protection for their continued support and funding in 2024. I wish to note that all monies received are used solely for their intended purposes. All policies and procedures have been reviewed and updated during the year to date. I would also like to emphasise that all grants, donations, and fundraising monies are spent entirely on the services provided by the Centre. No member of the Board receives – or has ever received – any payment. All Board work is carried out voluntarily and I sincerely thank the Board members for their time, dedication, and goodwill in supporting Tullow Day Care Centre.

Fundraising remains an important source of revenue for the Centre and I would like to extend special thanks to everyone involved in these efforts. Thanks to Robert McGrath, Derek Rooney, Tullow Active Retired, Tullow Show Society, South East Vintage Association, Tullow Marathon Runners especially Brendan Dowling, Micheal Johnson, Dolores for organising four - week draw, and all those who donate to the Centre year after year, to Fran who does great work fundraising in the Centre itself.

The Golf Classic with a special thanks to Padraig Murphy, Wendy and Dolores, in the office, Terry Martin, Golf Director in Mount Wolseley, all golfers, sponsors, donations and local businesses who sponsor prizes. Fran who spearheaded the selling of lines, Mount Wolseley Golf and Country Club Manager, Kate Harrison. To Those who sponsored refreshments on the day, Conor Ward, Joseph O'Toole and those who looked after the signing in.

My Thanks also go to our Accountants, FDC who diligently manages our accounts and Mairead O'Flynn who is always available to provide advice and guidance when needed.

Finally, I wish to express my deepest appreciation to our dedicated Board Members and to Manager, Wendy Sinnott who continually organises meetings, outings and holidays – all for the benefit of our clients. To Community Employment supervisor Dolores Gorman for the great work, she does in the Centre.

I would like to conclude by reaffirming the core values of Tullow Day Care Centre, honesty, integrity, confidentiality and duty of Care. I thank Manager Wendy and all the Staff for upholding these values every day on behalf of the Centre and our Clients.

Laurence Murphy, Chairman.