



Piltown Community

Enterprise was founded in 1988 to promote industry and employment in our Parish. Projects promoted by the Board include the development of the Enterprise Centre, Fiddown, completion of The Parish Plan, organising and running information evenings and courses throughout South Kilkenny aimed at equipping individuals with the skills required to develop their businesses.



Enterprise Centre Fiddown

Piltown GAA in conjunction with prominent members of the business community and local organisations decided in 1988 to organise and launch a Start Your Own Business Competition. This competition resulted in helping to create an enterprise culture within the Parish, and was instrumental in the foundation of the Piltown Community Enterprise which led to the development of the Enterprise Centre in Fiddown.

The Centre offered space and assistance to a wide variety of start-up businesses. The group helped people in setting up and developing their own businesses. There was such a high demand that an extension was added after two years.

By 2002 job creation was no longer the issue. The Centre's existing tenant, T. Butler Engineering, then occupied two-thirds of the premises. Times were changing and Tom Butler approached the Board of PCEC with a proposal to purchase the Centre. The sale was agreed and this successful, business and the 15 jobs it created were kept in the Piltown area.

The site of the old creamery in Piltown was then purchased with a view to establishing future enterprise units. In the intervening years many proposals have been put forward and plans discussed but not proceeded with.

The activities of Piltown Community Centre seem to have gone the full circle. Today job creation is, once again, the major crisis facing every family and community, so in February 2011 the Board reconvened. New members, from organisations within the community, were drafted onto the board. Since then they have been meeting on a regular basis researching options and debating the future of Piltown Community Enterprise Ltd. A feasibility study was undertaken and various projects were identified.

Piltown Community Enterprise is currently working on the following projects:

1) Start Your Own Business Competition

This competition is designed to encourage and promote new and innovative commercial enterprises in the parish. Its primary focus is on job creation. The competition will be launched on Friday November 2nd 2012 at the G.A.A. Complex. A copy of the competition brochure is enclosed. Information is available on www.piltown.ie or contact Piltown Community Enterprise Office in Ardclone on 051-643152

2) Business and Services Directory

A directory of the services, businesses, clubs and associations in the Piltown area is currently being compiled to heighten the awareness of the businesses and services available within the community, and highlight local skills and expertise. The directory is currently available online and will be in booklet form (end of Dec). Visit www.piltowndirectory.ie

3) Development of Old Creamery Site Piltown

This site was once the focus of commercial activity in the parish but with the passage of time has become a semi-derelict site. It's an important element of the industrial heritage of Piltown and the chimney presents an elegant landmark punctuating the skyline.



Old Creamery Piltown

It was acquired by the Board because of its central location and it is now intended to redevelop it to something akin to its former status. It is envisaged that it can once again become a focal point in the everyday life and commerce of the Village.

An application for Planning Permission will be made before the end of October

The overall objective is to create and maintain employment in the locality. We've done it before and, together, we can do it again.
