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Ballykelly Women's Institute

On Friday 22nd November 1946 in the Public Elementary School, Ballykelly a preliminary meeting was held, where Mrs McCloy, chaired the meeting at which 20 people were present. Mrs Mercer, Organising Secretary, Federation of Women's Institutes of Northern Ireland, spoke on the aims and methods on Women's Institutes and Miss Robertson shared on her experience in the recently formed institute at Aghanloo. It was then agreed that an institute at Ballykelly would be formed and that an official formation meeting for that purpose would take place.

The formation meeting took place on Wednesday 11th December in Ballykelly Primary School. Mrs Mercer read and explained the institute rules and spoke of what to look for in a committee and the members decided to elect a committee of 11 members. The 11 elected committee members were:

Mrs Creswell
Mrs Gault
Mrs McCloy (elected President)
Miss Reid
Mrs Quinn
Mrs Stewart

Mrs Conn
Mrs Henderson
Mrs O'Doherty
Mrs Shields
Miss Mc Nicholl

It was decided to hold the regular meetings on the first Monday of the month at 7.30pm beginning on Monday 6th January. The membership fee was to be 2/= per year and 1d per meeting to cover the cost of tea and sugar.



Members of Ballykelly Women's Institute at their 21st Birthday Party. Left-right, front Row: Isobel Henderson, Laura Hunter, Mrs Barr, Mrs Price, Mrs Wilson, Sylvia Townley, Emily Blair. Second row: Miss A Martin, Mrs Yeo, Mrs Collington, Martha Mitchell, Miss Mitchell, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Jackson. Third row: Ruthie Dallas, Eva Brolly, Mrs McCurry, Mrs Ferguson, Mrs Poole, Lyla Blair, Jane Campbell Aileen Gault. Fourth row: Florence Sloan, Kathleen Quigley, Sadie Reid, Eileen Gough, Mrs Moorehead, Mrs McCombe, Kathleen Reid, Margaret McCollum. Fifth row: Mrs Maconachie, Mrs Moore, Janet Lynch, Peggy McCollum, Annabel Townley.



Members of Ballykelly Women's Institute celebrating their 60th Anniversary.

Foundation Members of Ballykelly Women's Institute celebrating their 40th Anniversary. From left-right: Mrs J Henderson, Miss J McNickle, Mrs McCann, Helen Livingstone, Emily Blair, Laura Hunter, Doreen Nicholl, Mrs Greta McFarland, Mrs M Stewart and Mrs J McCollum.
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