

NEWS

Gibbonstown want sign on R400

THE disappearance of the Gibbonstown sign on the R400 has been condemned by local councillor, Emily Wallace, who accused Westmeath County Council of "dehumanising" communities. Communities have a right to their own identity, she claims. Cllr Wallace was addressing the May meeting of Mullingar Kinneag Municipal District, where she demanded to know why the sign was removed. She said the community

have done a lot of work and are willing to buy a signpost themselves because of how much it means to them. Dr Paul McCool, senior executive, said the sign must have been taken down as part of the regional road signposting programme of 10 years ago. All signs on regional roads were upgraded. The signs at that location comply with policy which only requires the road number be signed. However, Dr McCool said that

if the local community want to buy a sign and put it up, the council will try to get approval from the transportation section. Cllr Wallace welcomed this "positive" news. At the same meeting she called for water cuts to be opened on both sides of Greevebane Hill into Rochfortbridge on the R446 to prevent flooding. She was assured that work on that is under way.

Belvedere playground 'needs upgrade'

WHILE €200,000 is to be spent at Belvedere House, something needs to be done to upgrade the benches and playground there, according to Cllr Ken Glynn. At the May meeting of the Mullingar Kinneag Municipal District, he said it was important that the council look after its facilities in the interest of season ticket holders and visitors. David Jones, director of services, agreed to talk with the manager of Belvedere, Stephen Masterson, about improvements and to report back to the members. The €200,000 was secured through the Historic Structures Fund (Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage) for conversation work on the roof of

Belvedere House, in the context of an overall Conservation Management Plan. It is intended that the works will start this year, after the recent appointment by Westmeath County Council of a conservation architect-led multidisciplinary team to advance the project. Other works include renovation of the boatshed, gardens and flowerbeds and provision of additional picnic and park benches. Some 800 native Irish tree saplings are being planted in the woodlands and funding has been secured for the development of a new website (Fáilte Ireland), and Invasive species management (Local Biodiversity Action Fund).

Cronin's Greville gig

THE Mullingar indie band Cronin are playing an intimate acoustic gig with two of Ireland's most talented musicians, in the Greville Arms on Friday, May 20. They will be joined for one night only in Mullingar by music legend Steve Wickham (The Waterboys) on violin and Anna Houston (No Crows) on cello.



Cronin and guest artists

The night will be an acoustic reworking delving into both the Cronin and The Aftermath back catalogue. It will be recorded and filmed for a future release. Steve Wickham's work with The Waterboys includes timeless hits such as Fisherman's Blues and The Whole of the Moon; he was a founding member of In Tua Nua and played violin on the classic U2 song 'Sunday Bloody Sunday', and contributed to recordings by Elvis Costello, the Hothouse Flowers, Sinéad O'Connor, and World Party. Wickham plays rock 'n' roll and traditional Irish music, and has developed a rock music technique for violin he calls the "fuzz fiddle".

Anna Houston has composed and recorded the soundtrack for various shows, and has performed with various acts including Mike Scott and Steve Wickham (The Waterboys), Dervish, Sligo Baroque Ensemble to name a few. Anna Houston teaches the cello and banjo at Sligo Academy of Music and holds music workshops for kids. She has been playing cello and mandolin in Sligo band No Crows since 2005. The show is supported by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media and Westmeath County Council. Tickets from The Greville Arms, 3345 Records and Eventbrite.ie. Doors 8pm.

Amy Quirke preparing for home town gigs



Back in the saddle after lockdown, Amy Quirke has two upcoming hometown shows. On May 20, she opens for Cronin in the Greville Arms Hotel and on May 27, she takes to the stage upstairs in Canton Casey's for the second instalment of Midlands Voices Live in association with Wolfshire Productions.



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 AS AMENDED (PART XI) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – 2022 (PART 8) DEVELOPMENT OF 22 NO. DWELLING UNITS CONSISTING OF 12 NO. 1-BED UNITS, 9 NO. 1-BED UNITS AND 1 NO. 6 BED UNIT ADJACENT TO ASHFIELD/ABBEYLANDS/GREEN ROAD AND ST. BRIDGET'S TERRACE, MULLINGAR TOWNLAND, MULLINGAR, COUNTY WESTMEATH

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the requirements of the above Act and Regulations, that Westmeath County Council proposes to undertake the following development:

The construction of 22 no. Dwelling Units consisting of 6 no. 1 bedroom single storey semi-detached houses, 2 no. 1 bedroom single storey detached houses, 1 no. 6 bedroom single storey detached house, 4 no. 2 bedroom single storey semi-detached houses, 1 no. 2 bedroom single-storey detached house and a main block consisting of 4 no. 1 bed apartments and 4 no. 2 bed apartments to include vehicular access through Ashfield housing estate, roads, footpaths, site services, boundary walls, cut and fill of ground, public lighting, attenuation, landscaping and all associated site works.

The development has been the subject of an Appropriate Assessment screening in accordance with Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC) and the Planning and Development Acts 2000 as amended.

Plans and Particulars of the proposed development are available for inspection at <https://consult.westmeathcoco.ie/en> and can be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy of the offices of the Municipal District of Mullingar-Kinneag, Westmeath County Council, Aras An Chontae, Mount Street, Mullingar, N91 FH4N from 9.30a.m. to 4.00p.m. each day, excluding weekends and Bank Holidays, from **Wednesday 18th of May 2022 to Tuesday 22nd of June 2022.**

Submissions and observations with respect to the proposed development may be made via the Council's Consultation Portal at <https://consult.westmeathcoco.ie/en> or a written submissions or observations in relation to the proposed development, may also be submitted to District Manager, Mullingar-Kinneag Municipal District, Westmeath County Council, Aras An Chontae, Mount Street, Mullingar, N91 FH4N to arrive not later than **4.00pm on Tuesday 5th of July 2022.**

Written submissions or observations received will form part of a statutory report to be presented to a meeting of Westmeath County Council and will form part of a public document. The information contained in submissions may be available for public inspection, to be published on the Council's website and available at the Council's public counter. Details, including the names of those making submissions may be shared with relevant Council Departments or their agents involved in this Part 8 process.



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 AS AMENDED (PART XI) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – 2022 (PART 8) DEVELOPMENT OF 17 NO. DWELLING UNITS WITHIN 3 SEPARATE TWO STOREY BLOCKS CONSISTING OF 8 NO. 2-BED UNITS AND 9 NO. 1-BED UNITS ON A SITE AT THE JUNCTION OF DELVIN & ROBINSTOWN ROAD, SPRINGFIELD TD, MULLINGAR, COUNTY WESTMEATH

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The construction of 17 no. dwelling unit consisting of a two-storey main block containing 4 no. 1 bedroom apartments & 7 no. 2 bedroom apartments; a second two-storey block containing 2 no. 1 bedroom apartments, a third two-storey block containing 2 no. 1 bedroom apartments & 2 no. 2 bedroom apartments and all associated site works to include new vehicular road access from the Robinstown Link Road, roads, footpaths, site services, boundary walls, cut and fill of ground, public lighting, attenuation, landscaping & alterations to existing road arrangement in Dalton Park estate.

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