

NEWS

GAA volunteer wins

A member of Crookedwood GAA Club has been named as the Westmeath winner of the 2023 Volunteers in Sports Award.

The awards are run by the Federation of Irish Sport to celebrate the contributions of people like the Westmeath winner Déirdre Orme, who give their time to sport and physical activity every year.

Déirdre, a member of Crookedwood GAA, has been volunteering for more than a decade. She has spent her whole life involved with the club and when her playing days were cut short due to illness,

she continued to contribute through committee and promotional roles.

Déirdre helps with coaching and fundraising and helped with community work during the Covid-19 pandemic, as well as a range of mental health initiatives.

Also a member of the Civil Defence, Déirdre has used her first aid training to assist teams that need it, and never misses a game. It is her dedication and commitment to her club and county that has set her apart and Déirdre has become an inspiration for many.

Minister of State with respon-

sibility for Sport and Physical Education Thomas Byrne TD is the special guest speaker at the awards, on Wednesday, March 22 at The Crowne Plaza Hotel, Blanchardstown and hosted by sports broadcaster Gráinne McElwain. The overall Outstanding Achievement Award will be revealed on the day.

Volunteers from all 32 counties will be honoured for their dedication to volunteering across a variety of different sports.

Throughout December and January the public, sports clubs and governing bodies



Déirdre Orme.

were invited by the Federation of Irish Sport in partnership with the National Network of 29 Local Sports Partnerships to nominate individuals whose contribution to sport and physical activity in Ireland has made a real difference to their community, club or county.

Following a shortlisting process, the judging panel of nine individuals drawn from sports administration, academia, the volunteer community and media, including former director general of the GAA, Paraic Duffy, RTÉ broadcaster, Marie Crowe, and Declan Jordan, senior lecturer in Economics at UCC.

Westmeath planning

AN application for a three-story apartment building at Robinstown has been submitted to Westmeath County Council by BFJ Developments Limited of Carrickmacross, County Monaghan. The building is to contain 38 units; 26 two-bed apartments and 12 one-bed. Four one-beds are to be transferred to the council under Part V obligation.

Coralstown Kinnegad GAA were refused permission for an extension of duration to extend the clubhouse. The additions included a sports hall with stage, four dressing rooms, toilets, two meeting rooms, and gym. The grounds for the refusal were that the local authority was not satisfied that development works have commenced on site.

"Furthermore, substantial works were not carried out on this site in accordance with the requirements of Section 42 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)," the refusal notice stated.

Also refused planning permission in the last week was Luke Murtagh, for a house at Rathcaled, Ballynacargy, Micheál Savage for demolition of a cottage, proposed construction of a replacement

dwelling at Kilmore, Streete.

Conditional permission was granted to two applicants seeking retention for the change of use of two houses at Loughstown Holiday Village, Drumcree, Collinstown, from holiday home to private residential dwelling. The applicants were Elizabeth Moore and Vanessa Cunningham.

Sean and Laura Delamere have received permission to build a single-story house at Cullionbeg, Mullingar.

The Men's Shed in Ballymore has submitted an application to Westmeath County Council seeking permission to erect a workshop/ storage unit at Low Street, Ballymore. Submitted on March 10, the application is due a decision on May 4 next.

Other new applications submitted to the council include one from Edwin Dunne seeking permission to retain and complete an existing partially-constructed house at Clonlost, Killucan; and one from Sean Scally seeking permission to renovate and extend a house at Killucan.

Christopher and Adrienne Geraghty have sought retention permission for an attic conversion at Gorteen, Mullingar; Amy Ballesty has applied to build a new house at Ballyglass, Rathconrath.



PART XI OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED) PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, 2001 (AS AMENDED) PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the requirements of the above, notice is hereby given that Westmeath County Council proposes to undertake the following works:

DEVELOPMENT OF A TOWN PARK AT ATHLONE ROAD (R161), KINNEGAD, COUNTY WESTMEATH.

The proposed development will include the following:

- a) Redevelopment of the site of the former community hall and surrounding lands to provide a new town park incorporating skate park, children's play areas, adult exercise areas, walkways and street furniture
- b) Upgrade of established entrance to the former community hall building on the Athlone Road (R161)
- c) New entrance at the North corner of the site to the Mullingar Road (former N4) via the existing lane to the Kinnegad water reservoir
- d) New entrance from the Easternmost corner of the site to the adjacent car park at Mullingar Road (former N4)
- e) Demolition of former community hall building
- f) Public lighting, Boundary treatment works, hard and soft landscaping, signage and all associated ancillary works.

The Proposed scheme has undergone Appropriate Assessment Screening under the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and screening for Environmental Impact Assessment under the EIA Directive 2014/52/EU.

Any person may, within 4 weeks from the date of this notice, apply to An Bord Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether the proposed development would be likely to have significant effect on the environment.

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 at the offices of the Municipal District of Mullingar-Kinnegad, Westmeath County Council, Áras An Chontae, Mount Street, Mullingar, N91 FH4N from 9.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. each day, excluding weekends and Bank Holidays, from the **27th March 2023 up to and including the 27th April 2023.**

Submissions and observations with respect to the proposed development, may be made no later than **5.00p.m. on Thursday the 11th May 2023** either:

- Online at <https://consult.westmeathcoco.ie/en> or
- In writing, clearly marked "Proposed Development of a Town Park at Athlone Road Kinnegad" to the Administrative Officer, Planning Section, Westmeath County Council, Áras An Chontae, Mount Street, Mullingar, N91 FH4N.

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.

David Jones, Director of Services, Áras an Chontae, Mullingar

Date: 21-03-2023



PUBLIC NOTICE (UPDATE 15/03/23) MOATE TOWN CENTRE FIRST PLAN – 'EMERGING IDEAS' PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Following the first round of public consultation, Westmeath Co. Co. is inviting the public to get involved in the next stage of the plan making process and 'Have your Say' on the emerging ideas and design concepts being developed for the Moate Town Centre First (TCF) Masterplan.

How to take part – Where and When:

View: View the emerging ideas and design concepts via:-

- The online consultation portal from Tuesday 21st March to Tuesday 04th April 2023.
- Moate Library during public opening hours.

Engage:

- Drop-in Session- invited groups: Tuesday 28th March 2023, from 2pm – 4pm Moate Library.
- Stakeholder and interested parties' presentation and workshop: Tuesday 28th March 2023, from 7pm – 9pm Carmelite Centre.
- Public Drop-in Session: Wednesday 29th March 2023, from 10am – 2pm Moate Library.
- Online Consultation Survey: Live from Tuesday 21st March, <https://consult.westmeathcoco.ie/en>.

If you are unable to attend any of the events, an online public consultation survey will be available from the 21st March 2023. Hard Copies of the survey are available on request. Please note the survey will close at: **5pm Tuesday 04th April 2023.**

For more information visit our website: <https://www.westmeathcoco.ie/en/ourservices/regeneration/> or contact us via:

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