

New Browne's venture set to create 35 jobs

€250,000 investment in a high-end food and beverage business is expected to create 35 new jobs in Tullamore. 'Browne's - The Venue' is open at the end of June in premises previously known as William Street which also closed in recent years as The 11/11 trap.

The new venture, on Columelle Street, is the brainchild of the Browne Group headed by Westmeath entrepreneur and farmer, Padraig Browne, and his family, who will own and operate Browne's on the Green in Tyrrellspass and which opened Browne's Bistro in Tullamore last September.

Deirdre Coyne, general manager of the Browne Group, confirmed that the company have begun the process of recruitment for chefs, kitchen porters, bar staff, including a manager and a mixologist, in front of house staff.

Deirdre Coyne and Padraig Browne said the new venture in Tullamore will offer customers "the complete package". 'Browne's - The Venue' promises high-end casual food, an extensive cocktail menu; a weekend lunch



A work in progress: the exterior of the new Browne's - The Venue, which is expected to open in Tullamore later this summer

menu; live music and DJs on Thursday and Friday nights and an outdoor dining area with live music at summer weekends.

"The food offering will be completely different and what we are hoping to offer our customers is high-end casual food using the best of local ingredients and in a relaxed and inviting atmosphere," said Deirdre Coyne.

The kitchen team will be headed up by Padraig Browne's daughter, Mary Jo,

whose twin sister, Patricia, works as part of the kitchen team in Browne's Bistro, next door to the new business.

In what is a family affair, all the lamb used in the three Browne Group food enterprises is sourced from the farm of Padraig's eldest son, Seán, in Kilbeggan and Dalystown, and they are hoping to be able to source all their beef from the farm next year.

"It is a farm to fork business, in the truest sense of the word," says Padraig Browne, a native of Waterford who is from a farming background. He began working for the Dunbia group in 2004, working his way up to procurement manager, and his first foray into business was in 2016 when he took over The Village Hotel in Tyrrellspass and opened Browne's on the Green.

The Browne Group employ 11 fully-qualified chefs at their three businesses. Last September, they took a lease on a premises in Tullamore formerly occupied by a Chinese takeaway and opened Browne's Bistro - it employs 15 staff.

Ms Coyne says the people of

Tullamore have been "incredibly supportive" of Browne's Bistro, and the management team identified "a real gap in the market" for a venue that would offer "an all-round food and beverage package to everyone, from a family going out for a bite to eat at weekends, to a couple out for a romantic night, to a group of friends who just want to meet up to socialise and have a few drinks".

The group have taken a 10-year lease from Seamus Kane, owner of the former William Street premises, and Ms Coyne says they have "an option to extend the lease." Mr Kane is also the owner of the building where Browne's Bistro is located.

While the building is "structurally fine" according to Ms Coyne, she says the Browne Group are working on colour schemes, décor, and fixtures and fittings to create "just the right atmosphere".

"We already have a fantastic team of staff in Browne's Bistro in Tullamore and anyone

BRIEFS

New Streamstown greenway coffee shop 'ready to go'

A new coffee shop is due to open on the Old Rail Trail Greenway over the June bank holiday weekend as the good news imparted to members of Athlone Moate Municipal District at their May meeting. Director of services, Barry Kehoe, said the coffee shop in Streamstown is "ready to go." In response to a question from Cllr Tom Farrell, Mr Kehoe said the council are "almost there" and are currently signing documents and arranging insurance cover. He added that there had been "many expressions of interest" for the running of the facility.

Cllr Farrell, who was one of the councillors to champion the establishment of a coffee shop in Streamstown, did not attend the meeting as he is visiting family in the United States.

Ratrun at Dalton Park

OPINION is divided on whether or not there is traffic congestion between 137 and 138, Dalton Park, Mullingar. Cllr Michael Dollard says there is and that part of the estate has become a rat run, but the official response is that there is no issue there.

At the monthly meeting of the Mullingar Kinnegad Municipal District, Cllr Dollard urged that technical measures be taken to alleviate the congestion.

He claimed that motorists are cutting across from the Castlepollard road, through Dalton Park and out through Grinnell Terrace.

He was told that there is a 30kmh speed limit in the estate and a ramp at that exact location. No issues were found at the times the location was inspected - however, further monitoring will be undertaken.



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 AS AMENDED (PART XI) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 - 2022 (PART 8) DEVELOPMENT OF 1 NO. 3 BED SINGLE STOREY DWELLING AND ANCILLARY SITE WORKS AT WATER STREET, TOWNPARKS TOWNLAND, CASTLEPOLLARD, 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 1 NO. 3 BED SINGLE STOREY DETACHED DWELLING ALONG WITH PARKING, BOUNDARY WALLS, SITE SERVICES AND ASSOCIATED 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 at the offices of the Municipal District of Mullingar-Kinnegad, 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 21st 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 submission or observations in relation to the proposed development, may also be submitted to District Manager, Mullingar-Kinnegad 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.

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