

### TUARASCÁIL MHÍOSÚIL BAINISTÍOCHTA MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT Márta / March



St. Patrick's Day

New York

Promoting Offaly in New
York - Council team briefed
on Tourism Ireland's
promotional programme in
the United States





Seachtain na Gaeilge
celebrations facilitated by
Offaly County Council's
Irish Language Officer
Síle Dolan

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Culture Night Offaly takes place on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025:
 Professional Artists from or based in Offaly are invited to submit proposals for these commissions. The deadline is Monday 26th May at 5pm.

https://www.offaly.ie/occ\_news/culturenight/

### Climate Action Environment Water & Transportation

### **ENVIRONMENT**

# **Climate Action Donation to Offaly Dóchas**

Offaly County Council staff recently made a donation to Offaly Dóchas through the Return Bin Scheme. The money was raised through the collection of Return bottles and cans from staff. Offaly Dóchas were delighted with the donation of €160 and said every little helps!

A big thank you to all who put bottles and cans in the Return Bin at the canteen the last few months.

The next charity to benefit and that has been chosen by staff is Offaly Domestic Violence Support Services.

A special mention to Dermot Sheridan, Noel Thompson and Joe Duffy for returning the bottles to the return unit.



### **St Patricks Day Parade**

At the St Patrick's Day Parade 2025, Offaly County Council demonstrated Climate Action leadership, showcasing a selection of the Zero Emission Fleet, demonstrating what can be done on a range of vehicles.



The Roads department have updated the fleet with 5 electric vehicles and are using HVO Fuel in the remainder of the fleet. This transition is part of our overall energy strategy to reduce our carbon emissions by 51% by 2030. It's encapsulated in Offaly's Climate Action Plan 2024-2029.

This was a great opportunity to show the public the climate action that has been taken by Offaly County Council and to raise awareness about emission reduction.

A big thank you to all the staff that supported this on the day.



### **Community Climate Action Fund:**

In preparation for round 2 of the Community Climate Action Programme, Offaly's Climate Action Team has organised a webinar in conjunction with our colleagues in Westmeath, Roscommon, Longford, Laois and Tipperary to hear from successful groups showcasing their projects from Phase 1 of the Community Climate Action Programme.

Speakers will present on a variety of projects/themes and there will be a presentation from a community climate action officer offering guidance on how to apply for the funding when opened.



### **NEB EduWORLD:**

As part of our participation with NBS Edu World the Horizon Europe project, we have organised a half day workshop dedicated to testing 'Learning Units' which are designed to educate internal OCC staff about Nature Based Solutions within business.

The workshop is in collaboration with

Conor Dowling an Associate Professor from Trinity College Dublin and will contribute to our deliverables within WP4. This workshop will be an opportunity to 'experiment' with the learning units and figure out the most appropriate learning units for OCC staff.

### **Energy**

The Optimising Power At Work (OP@W) Programme is run by the Office of Public Works (OPW) and is available to selected public bodies.

Offaly County Council held a kick-off meeting with energy experts and are participating in the programme along with the other Midlands Energy Agency members.

The programme works towards improving energy efficiency through low cost or no cost changes in work practices and through good operating procedures and maintenance. A dedicated Energy Advisor has been appointed by the OPW who will provide specialist expertise.



The programme promotes staff engagement and provides a range of online advice and supports and campaign advice through an online portal. Energy savings achieved can reach 18% over 3 years based on previous programme experience.

### **Environment**

### **Litter Management Plan**

A presentation was given to the Council on 24<sup>th</sup> February on the Council's Litter Management Plan 2022-2024. Following the presentation, it was agreed to extend the current Plan for a further 3 years. In the coming months, it is anticipated that the Deposit Return Scheme and the CCTV scheme will have a positive impact on litter management in Offaly and allow the Council to gather insights and learnings which will feed forward into a

new Litter Management Plan in 2028. The proposal to extend the Plan was agreed.

### **National Spring Clean**

April is the month for National Spring Clean where the emphasis is on participating in local litter picks in your town or village. This is the largest annual national anti-litter initiative and each year there is great participation from Offaly groups.



Offaly County Council provides equipment such as litter pickers, bags and gloves as well as collecting all material from the groups. This is a wonderful initiative which promotes community spirit and pride in our Environment. Not only does Offaly County Council promote this during the month of April, but we encourage groups

to do litter picks
throughout the
entire year. Last
year there were
over 300
collections and
30 tonnes of
material
collected.
Below is



Geashill Tidy Towns taking part in their National Spring Clean event last year.



### **Environment Complaints**

Summary of Complaints Received by Environment Section for March 2025 and investigated –

Total number of 86 complaints.

Category	Number
Abandoned Vehicles	4
Air Pollution	2
Control of Dogs	4
Control of Horses	1
Litter Control	61
Noise Pollution	4
Waste Enforcement	4
Water Quality	6
Building Control	0
Total	68

### **Veterinary**

Control of Dogs: So far in 2025 we cared for over 44 dogs in the dog shelter. On average 15% of the dogs are reclaimed by their owners, 15% are rehomed by the Care of Dogs Team and the other 70% are rehomed through animal rescue charities.

The Control of Dogs team has also dealt with 16 complaints so far in 2025, including dog licence issues, straying dogs, and dealing with dangerous dogs.

**Control of Horses:** In 2025, we have dealt 11 complaints, there have been no seizures to date.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

Roads Programme 2025: The Elected Members approved the 2025 Roads programme on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2025. Preparatory Works have now commenced across all Municipal Districts with a view to commencing the delivery of the area specific works programs.

Transport Infrastructure Ireland 2025 allocation: The initial 2025 Grant Allocations for National Roads as awarded by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) equated to €855,000 which was for Greenways only. This allocation was included in the Roads Programme as presented to the members.

A further allocation for pavement protection and renewal was received by Offaly County Council last Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March which amounts to €1,908,437. Within the additional allocation two pavement strengthening projects on the N62 at Doon to the County boundary and Crancreagh were awarded funding.

Funding was also awarded for the Durrow Road Safety Improvement Scheme. Unfortunately, the current 2025 allocation does not include funding to progress the N52 Kilbeggan to Tullamore link, however positive engagement continues between Offaly County Council and TII in order to ensure that this scheme remains a priority consideration for future funding.

Funding Partner	2024 Initial Allocation	2025 Initial Allocation
Transport Infrastructure Ireland - National Roads allocation together with Greenways allocation	€5,918,937	<mark>€2,763,437</mark>
Department of Transport	€15,754,150	€17,235,400
National Transport Authority (incl Bus Stops)	€3,500,000	€3,250,000
Offaly County Council (Own Resources Local Roads)	€3,900,769	€4,218,269
Total	€29,073,856	€27,467,106

### **Birr North Distributor Road**

Works are ongoing on the new Birr North Distributor Road; the works are currently on programme for completion in early Q3 2025.

Pilot Projects delivered by Offaly County

Council: The Roads Department continue to work collaboratively with the Department of Transport in delivering specific pilot schemes designed to assist in the formulation of guidelines and procedure for delivery of the roads program. As part of this year's National Roads Services Training Group Conference, Offaly County Council are presenting two individual presentations with regards to R400 Peat Pilot and the use of a Carbon Tool in the delivery of the annual Restoration Improvement and Maintenance Programs.

**Public Lighting:** The following is a breakdown of the Public Lighting failures across the County. There are **193** faults on the system presently. **71** 

of these faults require third party intervention and as such cannot be repaired by the maintenance contractor.

Therefore, the current actionable faults amount to <u>122 faults or 1.30 %</u> of the lighting stock. The breakdown of the <u>122</u> faults across each MD are as follows:

Municipal District	No Of Faults	Total No of Lights in the MD	% fault of MD Lights Only	% fault per MD of the Countywide Public Lighting Stock
Birr MD	31	2984	1.03	0.33
Tullamore MD	43	3934	1.09	0.46
Edenderry MD	48	2405	1.99	0.51

### **Housing & Integration**

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To assist us in streamlining the delivery of Housing Services we encourage the use of the following email addresses:

Service	Email Address
HAP	hap@offalycoco.ie
Enquiries	
Rebuilding	homeloans@offalycoco.ie
Ireland	
Home Loans	
Housing	standards@offalycoco.ie
Inspections	
– HAP,	
Leased,	
Private, etc.	
General	housing@offalycoco.ie
Enquiries,	
Maintenance	
Issues, etc.	
RAS &	RAS@offalycoco.ie
Leasing	
Enquiries	
Housing	HousingAidGrants@offalycoco.ie
Adaptation	
Grants for	
Older People and People	
with a	
Disability	
Scheme	
Anti-Social	ASB@offalycoco.ie
Behaviour	ADD@OnatyCoco.ic

### **Housing Update**

- There are 569 on the Social Housing Support List at the end of March 2025.
- A further 441 active tenancies are currently being supported under the Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Scheme, 5 signed up for HAP and 15 exited from HAP in March.
- At the end of March, 47 single people and 19 couples/families were supported in emergency accommodation.
- Number of maintenance requests received for month of March was 314.
- Total of housing stock at end of March is 2216.

• 2025 Annual Rent Review, for local authority tenants commenced on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January with 2,173 rent assessment forms posted to tenants. As of 31/03/2025, 1,991 (92%) signed rent assessment forms have been received from tenants. 7 tenants have been removed for various reasons. 25% of rent assessments forms have been assessed. New rents will be effective from the 12<sup>th of</sup> July 2025.

### **Housing Capital Programme Update**

- Dargan Drive, Chancery Lane (20 Units)

   Part 8 approved in May 2022. Japanese
   Knotweed removal starting on site
   31/03/2025. Stage 3 to be submitted to
   the Department once JKW is removed
   and ESB lines on the site are
   undergrounded.
- Circular Road, Daingean, Site 2 (10 Units) –Part 8 adopted. Tenders received, awaiting tender evaluation/report.
- Group Housing, Croghan Road, Birr (4 Units): Completion Q2 2025
- Sycamore Drive, Ballycumber (10 Units)
   Stage 3 application to be submitted Q2 2025

### **Approved Housing Bodies Schemes**

- Respond Housing: 77 Units under construction @ Kingswood, Ardan Lane with full completion in 2025. Phase 1 tenancy agreement sign-ups for 31 units occurred 20-02-2025. Phase 2 is due to be completed by May 2025.
- Sofia Housing: 37 Units with Stage 2 approval @ Presentation Lands, Portarlington. Planning Granted in

- November 2023. Stage 3 (permission to go to tender) being prepared and to be submitted in 2025.
- Silverbrook, Tullamore: 15 Units Complete Q1 2025. Nominations submitted by Housing Officer to the AHB. All tenancies have been allocated by the AHB.

### **Turnkey Developments/Part V**

- MacRegol III, Birr (12 Turnkey Units) 5
   Completed, with the remaining 7 units to be delivered by the end of Q2/2025
- Cois na hAbhainn, Ferbane (2 Turnkey Units) – Completion Q3/2025.
- Forest View, Birr (8 Part V Units) Completion Q1/2026.

### **Retrofit Programme**

In deciding on a works programme, local authorities are urged to choose a mix of properties across a range of BERs to allow for homes which need significant expenditure to be balanced out by those needing lesser spend so as to achieve the overall average cost of €34,000 per property. A BER rating of B2 must be achieved.

• 40 Units allocation for 2025

### **Community Development Programme**

- Estate Management Funding allocated in Budget 2025 for Birr, Edenderry and Tullamore Municipal Districts for projects. Projects for all three areas have been agreed.
- Community Liaison Officers are continuing to support established resident committees and the development of their communities, with particular emphasis on LA new estates including the exploration of community facilities and scheduling of the Games on the Green alongside Offaly Sports Partnership.

### LAND USE, PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

### **Development Management**

	To end March 2025	To end March 2024	Total 2024
Planning Applications	127	135	735
Extensions of Duration Applications	2	1	12
Warning Letters and (Enforcement Notices) issued	8 (1)	27 (10)	71 (36)

### **Forward Planning**

Draft Portarlington Joint Local Area Plan 2025-2031 The members of Laois County Council and Offaly County Council having considered the Draft Portarlington Joint Local Area Plan 2025-2031 together with the Chief Executive's Report, in respect of submissions received, resolved at a Laois County Council meeting on 21/03/25 and at an Offaly County Council meeting on 24/03/25, in accordance with Section 20 (3)(e) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), that the above mentioned Plan be amended.

### **Biodiversity - March 2025**

The Offaly Biodiversity Action Plan 2025-2030 was officially launched at the inaugural Offaly Biodiversity Conference at The Tullamore Court Hotel on Friday March 21. Leas Chathaoirleach Cllr Oliver Bryant and Chief Executive Anna Marie Delaney Launched the plan followed by an address on behalf of the Heritage Council by Chief Executive Virginia Teehan.

The event was attended by 160+ delegates with eight talks been given on a host of biodiversity related topics with particular relevance to Offaly, including the NPWS

Tóchar wetland restoration project and the Offaly Wetland Survey 2025.

The event was hosted by the Offaly Heritage Team and coordinated by biodiversity officer Ricky Whelan.

The event was funded by the Heritage Council under the Local Biodiversity Action Plan Project Funding 2025.





### Press links

https://www.independent.ie/regionals/offaly/news/offaly-biodiversity-conference-2025-hailed-as-a-landmark-event-for-nature-and-community/a92066105.html

https://www.offalyindependent.ie/2025/03/25/offaly-launches-first-ever-biodiversity-action-plan/

https://www.offalyexpress.ie/news/home/176 3850/landmark-event-in-offaly-with-the-firstever-biodiversity-action-plan.html

### REGENERATION

# Funding Call for Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2025

The 2025 Town and Village Renewal Scheme (TVRS) was launched by Minister Darragh Calleary on 19<sup>th</sup> March with the closing date for completed applications as follows:

- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025 for the Building and Land Acquisition Measure and
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025 for the Main Scheme and Project Development Measure.

This year, the focus is on projects which support sustainable employment creation, town centre resilience and regeneration, enhancing our streetscapes, and bringing vacant and derelict buildings and lands back into use as community multi-purpose spaces through refurbishment and renovation.

Each LA can submit a maximum of:

- 4 Applications under the Main scheme – (3 x €50,000 – €300,000 & 1 x €50,000 - €500,000)
- 2 Applications under Project
   Development Measure (Max €50,000)
- 3 Applications under the Building/Land Acquisition Measure
  - (Max €500,000 per LA)

1 application must be in respect of Towns/Villages that have not previously received funding under the Standard Town & Village Renewal Scheme in the last 5 years.

Funding remains at 90% with match funding of 10% required.

A call for Expressions of Interest will issue first week of April to all community groups for the Main Scheme and Project Development Measure.

### **TVR: Clara Co-op Building**

Clara Co-op building is being developed into a community flexible space under a Project Development Measure. Helena McElmeel Architects have been appointed as architect led design team. End of April 2025 is envisaged for the public consultation event.





### TVR: 71 Church View Moneygall

An emergency roof protection was installed at 71 Church View in December 2024.

ABN design consultants have been appointed to carry out a scoping exercise on 71 Church View Moneygall.



### **TVR: Shinrone Library Building**

The Old Shinrone Library building is being developed into a Multi-Purpose Community Space and Childcare Facility under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme. The preliminary designs were presented to the Birr Municipal District at the February In-Committee Meeting. The Part 8 process will be advertised.





Kilmalogue Workshop



**Daingean Workshop** 

### **Town Centre First Plan: Ferbane**

The development of Ferbane Town Centre First Plan is well underway. OCC are developing the Plan in house in collaboration with Ferbane newly formed Town Team, urban designers, Brady Shipman Martin and with information from Health Checks which were carried out by TUS.



The final Health Check Report was completed by TUS in early March 2025 and OCC are in the process of formulating the information from the Health Check into what will form the first Section of the Town Centre First Plan titled 'Collaboration' & Communication'

A site visit was held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024 where OCC met members from the Town Team and Brady Shipman Martin. The output of this site visit alongside extensive desktop research by BSM and OCC will form Section 2 of the TCF Plan: 'Understanding the Place'. This is currently being developed, and we are projecting to present this information to the town team in May 2025.





Rural Regeneration and Development Fund - St. Joseph's Convent, Ferbane

The redevelopment of St. Joseph's Convent, Ferbane, funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development through the Rural Regeneration Development Fund, with match funding from Offaly County Council's Local Property Tax, aims to

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3D models showing the view of the proposed refurbished Ferbane Convent.

### **LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE**

### **Local Enterprise Week 2025**

Local Enterprise Week Highlights: A series of events were hosted throughout the week, catering to various aspects of business growth and entrepreneurship. These events provided valuable resources and networking opportunities for aspiring and established entrepreneurs. The highlights included:

- Future Trends in Robotics & Machine Learning
- Business advisory clinics offering one-on-one business advice
- Social media and digital marketing workshops to help businesses enhance their online presence.
- Financial management sessions
- Start Your Own Business
   Information Sessions

We sincerely appreciate all attendees, speakers, and facilitators who made these events informative and impactful.









### **Student Enterprise Programme**

The Student Enterprise Programme took place on March 4<sup>th</sup> and was a fantastic showcase of young entrepreneurial talent across Offaly's secondary schools. The programme provided students with the opportunity to develop business ideas, gain hands-on experience, and enhance their enterprise skills.

A special congratulations to this year's winners. Their achievements highlight the potential of young entrepreneurs in Offaly and beyond. Their success is a testament to the valuable learning experience that the Student Enterprise Programme provides, equipping students with real-world business skills that will serve them well in the future.



Best of luck to **Blackwood Bait & Tackle, Nails** by Libby, and Global Sports who will be representing Offaly at the National Final taking place in Mullingar Mullingar Park Hotel on Thursday 8 May 2025.

Congratulations to our winners:

### **Tullamore College**

 Senior – 1st Prize Winner - Blackwood Bait & Tackle

- Senior Most Innovative Product Award
   Little Helper
- Intermediate 1st Prize Nails by Libby -Klawed
- Junior 3rd Prize Bubble & Squeak

### Coláiste Íosagáin, Portarlington

Senior 2nd Place - MC Woodcrafts

### **Killina Presentation Secondary School**

 Senior – Sustainability Award - DJ Calf Crates

### St. Mary's Secondary School, Edenderry

 Senior – Best Stand Award - Jamming Jewellery

### **Gallen Community School, Ferbane**

- Junior 1st Prize Global Sports
- Junior 2nd Prize Bussin Bakes

### Banagher College, Coláiste na Sionna

• Senior - Merit Award - Forever Florals

### Ard Scoil Chiaráin Naofa, Clara

Senior – One to Watch Award - Cleat Cologne

### Coláiste Choilm, Tullamore

 Senior - Best Business Report Award -Mark My Cutlery

### St. Brendan's Community School, Birr

 Senior – Best Marketing Award- Charmed by Luck

### **International Women's day**

As part of Local Enterprise Week, a special event was held to celebrate International Women's Day. The Afternoon Tea event highlighted the incredible contributions of women in business and entrepreneurship. Attendees enjoyed interactive and engaging discussions, with practical advice and networking opportunities.

We extend our thanks to all who attended and contributed to making this event a meaningful celebration of women's achievements in business. The event reinforced the importance of fostering a supportive environment for female entrepreneurs in Offaly. Many thanks to our speakers Elaine Smith of Business FiTT and Tanya Ross of Lion's Breath Yoga



### **Together We Thrive Conference**

The Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Offaly actively participated in the "Together We Thrive" conference held on March 26, 2025, at the Tullamore Court Hotel. This significant event focused on realising sustainable economic opportunities for enterprise, tourism, and communities in the Midlands

Orla Martin, Head of Enterprise at LEO Offaly, addressed attendees on the sustainable supports available to businesses through the LEO. Her presentation highlighted the various initiatives and resources designed to assist local enterprises in adopting sustainable practices and contributing to regional economic growth.

LEO Offaly maintained an informational stand at the conference, staffed by team members who engaged with participants, providing insights into the office's services to local entrepreneurs and community leaders. The "Together We Thrive" conference served as a platform for collaboration and knowledge sharing, bringing together leaders in enterprise, tourism, skills, and community development to explore how sustainability and regenerative practices can drive economic growth across the Midlands.









### Midland Food & Drink

The Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Offaly recently participated in the launch of "Midlands Flavours," an event spearheaded by renowned food writer John McKenna. This initiative aims to spotlight the rich culinary heritage and burgeoning food scene of the Midlands region. LEO Offaly's involvement underscores its commitment to supporting local food producers and promoting regional gastronomy.

"Midlands Flavours" The launch brought together a diverse group of stakeholders, including local artisans, food enthusiasts, and industry experts. The event featured an array of local delicacies, reflecting area's the agricultural abundance and culinary innovation. John McKenna emphasised the importance of collaboration and community in fostering a vibrant food culture, aligning with

LEO Offaly's mission to nurture local enterprises.

Through initiatives like "Midlands Flavours," LEO Offaly continues to champion the region's food industry, providing platforms for producers to showcase their offerings and encouraging economic growth within the community.









### **Upcoming Courses/Events**

Upcomi	ng Events	See All Events >
10/04/2025	One to One FREE Marketing Mentoring session	Book online
11/04/2025	Discover how you can maximise efficiency and achie	<b>Book online</b>
14/04/2025	Discover how you can maximise efficiency and achie	Book online
17/04/2025	Feasibility, Priming & Business Expansion Grant Ap	<b>Book online</b>
29/04/2025	Start Your Own Business Course Evenings	<b>Book online</b>
07/05/2025	How to submit your Income Tax Return on ROS	<b>Book online</b>
08/05/2025	Part-Time Business Start Up (while holding down a	Book online

### **TOURISM**

### LYONS CLUB CONVENTION

On 1<sup>st</sup> March Tullamore hosted the annual Lions Club Convention in the Tullamore Court Hotel.

180 delegates and their partners travelled to Offaly for the event. The Lions Club organised activities and visits to local attractions for the visitors.

Offaly Tourism exhibited at the convention supported by Caren Carruthers, Officer Failte Ireland, offering attendees an opportunity to learn more about what the county and region has to offer and encouraging a return visit.



### **'TOGETHER WE THRIVE' CONFERENCE**

The fully booked 'Together We Thrive' conference and networking event, held on Wednesday, 26th March at the Tullamore Court Hotel, was a tremendous success, bringing together leaders in enterprise, tourism, skills and community development with a large and engaged audience, exploring how sustainability and regenerative practices can drive economic growth across the Midlands. Officially opened by Minister of State Alan Dillon, and Anna-Marie Delaney, CE Offaly County Council, the event featured insightful discussions on key themes, including collaboration, sustainability,

regenerative tourism, enterprise and community development. The day provided an invaluable platform for tourism professionals, community leaders, and businesses to exchange ideas and forge meaningful connections.

A highlight of the event was the highly successful speed networking session, which allowed tourism stakeholders to connect, share opportunities, and build partnerships that will support the Midlands' tourism growth. The energy in the room reflected a shared commitment to working together to create a thriving, sustainable tourism sector.

The tourism team and Fáilte Ireland along with other agencies and stakeholders had the opportunity to exhibit on the day. Another great occasion to raise awareness of the Offaly Tourism Marketing network and build connections within the county and Midlands region for future collaboration







# EU JT DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMMEThe tourism team are continuing to work on the EU JT Digital Transformation Programme. Open Design & Digital were chosen as the successful tenderer for the redevelopment of the tourism website <a href="https://www.visitoffaly.ie">www.visitoffaly.ie</a>. We have begun working with the developers and currently finalising the wireframes and prototype design before me move onto the important user interface and page template design / content stage. The estimated timeline for completion of the website design is 12 weeks.

### Community, Culture and Emergency Services

# Local Community Development Committee:



Offaly Local Community

Development Committee held its monthly meeting on 27th March 2025, with members welcoming new Chief Officer to the LCDC, Ms. Deardriu Lally, SEO, Community & Culture Department.

Members approved the recommendations from the Evaluation Committee in respect of the Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) 2024 grant scheme. 213 eligible projects were recommended for approval across the county.

Categories of funding included

- General Fund for Capital Works/Purchase of Equipment €150,575
- Current Expenditure for support with Energy/Running Costs €26,650

The list of recommendations was subsequently forwarded to DRCD for final approval and the successful projects will be announced by the Minister in May 2025.

An update in relation to the Healthy Offaly Year 2 Action Results was provided to members together with a presentation outlining Offaly Sports Partnership Plans for 2025 including County Outdoor Recreation Plan, County Sports Plan and Sport Partnership Strategic Plan 2026-2030.

Ms. Geraldine Relph, Development Officer, Music Generation Offaly was welcomed to the meeting and provided a welcomed update to members, detailing

the growth and expansion of Music Generation in Offaly.

Funding opportunities available to communities and individuals were detailed to members.

# Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) 2025:

The LEP was launched on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024. It is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development and administered by Offaly Local Community Development Committee (LCDC). The closing date for applications was Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

LCDC	Capital works allocation	Current Expenditure Allocation	Local Authority Admin Fee 5%	Total allocation
Offaly	€150,575	€26,650	€9,328	€186,553

A total of 213 applications were received valued €177,225. The grants were approved by the LCDC at its meeting on 27th March 2025 and the list of recommendations were forwarded to the Department on 28 March 2025. The Department will assess the recommendations from the LCDC and Minister will announce the successful projects in May 2025. All projects must be completed and funding drawn down by 31 October 2025.

### **Tidy Towns Network**

The 2024 SuperValu TidyTowns competition was launched on 24 March 2025 with the closing date for receipt of entries on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024. A list of all registered entries will be updated regularly on the TidyTowns website at

<u>www.tidytowns.ie</u>. The competition is now in its 67th consecutive year.



The Offaly Tidy Towns Network is in place since 2011 and is a

collaboration project between the Community and Heritage sections of Offaly County Council. Tidy Towns Network meetings are held two to three times a year when advice, information and invaluable networking between members takes place. A Tidy Towns network meeting will be held in April 2025.

### **Public Participation Network:**



During the month of March.

the PPN organised a number of online training events for their members to attend. These events covered topics such as Committee Skills, Funding Fundamentals and Governance Training. Members of the PPN attended in good numbers to the training delivered by external providers.

The PPN Support Worker, Carol Mahon, along with members of the PPN Secretariat provided information at their stand, to attendees of the EU JTF Conference and Expo, "Together we Thrive" on Wednesday, 26 March 2025 in the Tullamore Court Hotel.



### Comhairle Na nÓg:



Marye Meehan took over as Comhairle Coordinator in March, replacing Hazel Daly, who had held the role since January 2022. During her tenure, Hazel provided strong support to Comhairle members in their work on disability awareness, including recording podcasts, developing disability awareness а workshop for schools, attending various national Comhairle events, fundraising for youth mental health services, and facilitating consultations with decision-makers.

The group held an in-person meeting on March 26th to discuss ways to promote positive mental health among young people. Ideas generated included school-based initiatives, therapeutic practices, videos, workshops, and talks. A strong emphasis was placed on peer learning—teens supporting teens—while also recognising the value of professional guidance.

Additionally, members put forward their nomination for the LOETB Youth Work Committee.

Preparations are underway for the upcoming Comhairle na nÓg Showcase, which will take place at Dublin Castle on April 15th. Work also continues with the HSE following a late 2024 consultation on the increasing prevalence of self-harm among young people.

### **ARTS OFFICE**

### **ARTS PROGRAMMING**

### **Mini Movies Programme 2025**

The Mini Movies programme is currently being delivered in the following schools: SN Seosamh, Blueball, Tullamore, Coláiste Naomh Cormac, Kilcormac, Geashill NS, Geashill in selected Offaly schools. The facilitators are Offaly-

based filmmakers: Dillon Cleary and Stephen Kavanagh. The final versions of the short movies will be screened during the OFFline Festival in October



### 2025 Youth Arts Commissions

The 2025 Youth Arts Commission 2025 applications were assessed and three projects received funding: Music Generation Offaly with Ardscoil Chiarán Naofa, Clara; artist Michelle O Donnell with young people from Offaly Travellers Movement and Youth Work Ireland Midlands with theatre practitioner Danna The Youth Dalv. Commissions enables artists to work with youth groups and communities to develop projects which will enable engagement between professional artists and young people (13+),facilitated by youth organisations, youth leaders and schools.

### **Arts Newsletter**

The Arts Office disseminated March - April newsletter *Offaly Arts Alert 12* at the beginning of March, offering updates and information on Offaly Arts Office events and opportunities etc. as well as

promoting and sharing funding and bursary



opportunities that may be of interest to artists and communities that have a shared interest in the Arts.

https://www.offaly.ie/occ\_news/offaly-arts-news-alert-issue-12/

# FILMOFFALY Short Film Award 2025



The 2025 award received 64 entries. This was a 39% improvement on last year's entries and the highest number of entries post-2020 and COVID. Entries came in from around the country as well as two from overseas. Most entries came from Dublin, with County Offaly joint third with a total of four entries. Web traffic and social engagement around the award was up on previous years.

The award has now moved into its next stage with the shortlist of four has already agreed. An extra round of script workshops are planned for later this year before the finalists go to the panel for judging.

### **Short Film Award 2024**

The 2024 winner (For The Cure) is in the final stages of post-production and is due to deliver in early April. Feedback so far has been very favourable, and we are excited to see the final cut.

# Network Event with National Talent Academies

As of late March we have received 70 registrations for our 12<sup>th</sup> April Networking

Event in conjunction with National Talent Academies. This will be held at Esker Arts in Tullamore. We will be chairing a panel including Jade Travers (NTA Crew East) and Eibh Collins (NTS Film & TV). Maura Foley and Gary Hoctor will be making up the panel and talking about their career paths. The panel will be followed by organised networking. This is a great opportunity for us to share our future plans as well as meeting more of the local screen sector.



### **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**



### **Culture Night 19th September 2025**

There are currently two opportunities open for applications for Culture Night 2025.

Professional Artists from or based in Offaly are invited to submit proposals for an artist commission – a project and presentation as part of the 2025 Culture Night Offaly programme.

For Communities and Venues - Offaly County Council's Culture Night Event Fund which supports the cost of events programmed for Culture Night 2025 https://www.offaly.ie/occ\_news/culture\_night/

### **Birr Writers Residency Award 2025**

The Birr Writers Residency award call-

out is currently open for application, with a deadline of May 19th. Birr Writers' Residency offers professional



writers' accommodation and workspaces for five nights, at Brendan House in the centre of Birr, County Offaly. This Georgian Heritage Town in the midlands of Ireland has a remarkable history and is embedded in a community with a thriving arts culture.

https://www.offaly.ie/birr-writers-residency-award/

### AAG, PAS and Festival Grants 2025

Offaly County Council Arts Office offers several grant schemes to assist in the development and promotion of the Arts across the county. The Arts Act Grant and Professional Artist Support Grants, The Festival Grants 2025 have been allocated, and successful applicants have been invited to accept their grant offers. The processing of grants is now in progress.

In addition to the annual Arts Grants, the Arts Office also offers professional supports to artists, through contributions to national awards. These awards are organised in collaboration with national arts organisations. For 2025 the Arts Office award two bursaries to Offaly based theatre/dance artists to attend *The Gathering* Conference organised by the Performing Arts Forum

### **COLLABORATIONS**

Birr Writers Residency Review is nearing completion and a final report is expected to be delivered by end of April. Culture Works are conducting final and interviews surveys stakeholders and cultural partners in Birr. The review considers the potential growth of the residency going forward and has included a consultation process with key stakeholders. Consultants Culture Works were awarded the commission following on open call and evaluation process. The review started in September and is currently ongoing and due to be completed in 2025.

# **Business Development Report - OFFLine Animation Residency**

Following an open competition and an assessment process with an independent panel, the arts and culture consultancy, Culture Works has been selected to conduct the OFFline Animation Residency Report in Birr. The first meeting with the stakeholders will take place in early March in Birr.

### **Creative Places (CP) Edenderry**



CP Edenderry team have submitted their application for the final 2-year funding from the Arts Council of Ireland with the support of Offaly Arts Office.

Following an open call and an assessment process, the CP Edenderry Seed Funding grants have been awarded to six Edenderry – based artists, who

have started working on their collaborative community arts projects. Creative Places, Edenderry, a project funded by the Arts Council, led by Creative Lives in partnership with Offaly County Council Arts Office and Edenderry Municipal District was awarded a 4th year of funding by the Arts Council and goes from strength the strength hosting an array of different arts-based activities, workshops and events in a wide range of art forms including Visual Arts, Music, Poetry, Playwriting, Creative Movement; Dance; Ceramics; Drama; Radio, Photography.

www.creativeplacesedenderry.ie

# Arts Office Team visit to Áras an Uachtaráin



The Offaly Arts Office team attended а reception in Áras an Uachtaráin celebrating the President's 'Samhlaíocht agus An Náisiún **Imagination** 

and The Nation' initiative on St Patrick's Day. 'Samhlaíocht agus An Náisiún' is an initiative to highlight the powerful and transformative role of art and creativity in the evolution of Ireland as a republic and an idea. In his speech the President of Ireland / Uachtarán na hÉireann Michael D. Higgins highlighted the contribution of community arts to Inclusion and Creativity and encouraged local authority Arts Officers to continue to show leadership in championing artists and creativity throughout our towns, villages and counties in the years ahead.

### **INFRASTUCTURE PROJECTS**

# Public Art Commission: Esker Arts in collaboration with Lough Boora

An open call for the Percent for Art Scheme associated with the capital development of Esker Arts was held, a number of artists were shortlisted and the competition is currently still in process.

### **Lough Boora Sculpture Park**

The Arts Office funded by Creative Ireland and supported by Bord na Móna continue to work on the maintenance programme for Lough Boora Sculpture Park to take place through 2024-2025. Artist Michael Burke, Sculpture Works, carried out a review and report in 2024 and works have been taking place throughout 2024 and will continue into 2025.

### **Edenderry Library and Arts Base**

The Arts Office continues to work in close collaboration with the county librarian in the development of plans for a multi-purpose Arts space and Artist's Studios to be incorporated into the planning of the new library for Edenderry including the audience and participant development as part of the Creative Places Edenderry project.

### **HEALTHY OFFALY**

With the submission of the Healthy



Ireland Fund Year 2 reporting attention has switched to the four remaining Healthy Offaly

actions that are being rolled out in 2025. They are the FAI's 'Traveller Men's Football Team' action, 2. Kilcormac Development Association's 'Active Ageing for Kilcormac', 3. Bord Na Mona's 'Cycling without Age' Rickshaw tricycle project in Lough Boora Discovery Park and Offaly Athletics' 'Couch to 5K'

programme. The 'Couch to 5K' programme delivered by the network of clubs affiliated to Offaly Athletics is the only new action animated this year.



Photo: Participants of Naomh Mhuire Daingean's 'Couch to 5K' 2025

With the Round 4 budget substantially expended coming into the final year of Round 4 the work of Healthy Offaly has primarily moved to an advocacy role in sponsoring and animating awareness campaigns and pooling resources to deliver joint venture projects. The first of these collaborative projects is the 'Not Around Us' no smoking/no vaping campaign.

**Not Around Us** is about promoting an environment where it is easier for those who smoke and vape to quit, and stay quit, and to help de-normalise smoking/vaping for the next generation. The purpose of **Not Around Us**:

- Assisting in helping to protect children and young people from second-hand smoke exposure.
- Contribute to the denormalisation of smoking and vaping for children and young people.
- Reduce the environmental nuisance, cost of cleaning and damage that discarded tobacco products create.
- Signpost to HSE QUIT services.
- The Campaign is an ask, it's not an order

### What the project will ask of the public?

- Don't smoke in places where children and young people are likely to be.
- Support participating organisations and be a positive role model for children and young people.
- Spread the 'Not Around Us' message with family and friends.

The project has grown exponentially in the intervening years with Clare, Wexford, Limerick, Meath, Galway and Westmeath Local Authorities rolling out the campaign in their counties. Working in conjunction with Offaly County Council Roads section and Birr, Tullamore and Edenderry Municipal District, Healthy Offaly will spearhead the rollout of the 'Not Around Us' campaign in the county.

As the primary focus of the campaign is awareness the installation of 'Not Around Us' signage in key targeted areas where adult and children congregate would be a critical component of the project. From a fact-finding meetings held with other local authorities; it's been decided that the project will take place in three stages. Branded 'No Smoking/Vaping' signage with relevant QR codes would be installed in playgrounds in year 1, Sports Clubs in Year 2 and Schools and Youth Facilities in year 3. Discussions are currently being held with the HSE regarding the relevant quit services numbers and logos to use. Once these have been agreed and finalised the information will forwarded to roads section for inclusion on their proposed new playground signage.

Finally a second collaboration that Healthy Offaly have been leading out is

the 'Did I Ever Tell You?' memory book project funded by Creative Ireland and being delivered by Anam Beo artists group as the implementing partner. Artists involved in the Offaly DIETY project are nearing the end of their engagement sessions that took place in four nursing home settings in the County and are expected to be concluded by the end of April. The artists will then 'fine tune', edit/curate their work and Anam Beo will then forward the outcomes to the County Council cross sectional steering group. Anam Beo will also compile a short report with feedback to submit numbers and attendance. We look forward to presenting the final book and details of the regional project with our partners in Kildare and Westmeath local authorities before year end.

### **SPORTS**



### **Congratulatory notes / Good wishes**



Congratulations to Nicole Turner on her selection as Offaly Person of the Year 2024

### **Funding**

- €13,000 secured from the HSE to support the delivery of Offaly SP's 2025 sports inclusion development programme
- Sport Ireland Dormant Accounts funding applications to the value of €255,000 for 2025 submitted
- €12,000 in club development grant funding allocated to 24 clubs

### **Human Resources**

Emmanuel Haastrup of the Southeast Technological University in Carlow concluded his three-month work experience placement with Offaly SP. The Sports Partnership would like to take

this opportunity to extend its thanks to Emmanuel for his work to date; and wish him well in the future



Recruitment process for Child & Youth Coach with Offaly Sports Partnership now underway

**Programme highlights** from March include: -

**Women in Sport month** 



Golf with Tullamore Golf Club 110 participants



HER Moves boxercise



Circuits for women in Rhode & Bracknagh



Leinster Rugby blitz 300 participants





3v3 basketball in Tullamore College 90+ participants



Pauline Curley Relay Marathon 50 participants

2024 / 2025 o50s boccia league: the over 50's boccia league for the 2024/2025 season has now concluded: -



Men's Final Belmont A v Rahan with Belmont A securing the win



Mixed Final Rahan v Birr / Crinkle B with Rahan securing the win



Women's Final Ballycumber v Clonbullogue with Ballycumber securing the win

Several other sport and physical activity programmes are continuing including: -

- 1. Community Sports

  Development Programmes -
- 2. Dormant Account funded programmes
  - sport and physical activity programmes in the Ballycumber, Daingean and Mucklagh Sports Hubs; and

- **Sports Leadership** programmes in Ard Scoil Chiaráin Naofa Clara and Tullamore College catering for 50 TY students
- 3. Sport Inclusion Development Programmes –
- Banagher College / Irish Wheelchair Association (IWA) Boccia league six teams, three from Banagher College and three from IWA are participating in the league with the league being managed by TY students in Banagher College

### 4. Sport4Empowerment Programme –

- FITS (Fitness & Integration through Sports) in Banagher for 34 children; and
- Water Sports programme for 12 adults of an ethnic minority background residing in South and West Offaly



Sports Leadership training programme



Banagher College / Irish Wheelchair Association Boccia League

For more information on the work of Offaly Sports Partnership, check out <a href="https://www.offalysports.ie">www.offalysports.ie</a> or our social media feeds on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram

### **CORPORATE SERVICES**

Seachtain na Gaeilge 2025 was a huge success seeing great participation across all of the three Municipal Districts. Special screenings of the critically-acclaimed Irish-languge film, An Cailín Ciúin, were held for local secondary schools in both Birr Theatre and Arts Centre and Esker Arts Tullamore on 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> March, respectively. The screenings were free of charge to teachers and students, who also had the opportunity to meet with Offaly County Council's Irish Language Officer, Síle Dolan, to learn of the work that is being done in OCC to preserve and promote Irish in the organisation. Chathaoirleach, Ollie Bryant, also spoke the cúpla focal at Esker Arts, welcoming the students and speaking of the importance of the language in his own Members of the public also life. attended a screening on the evening of Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>.



Students from SHS Tullamore at Esker Arts for An Cailín Ciúin. Leas-Chathaoirleach, Ollie Bryant and Síle Dolan also pictured.

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March, primary school students from *Gaelscoil an Eiscir Riada* attended a book launch in Tullamore Library where they had the opportunity to be the first to sample our newly-purchased Irish-language literature for children. The children were treated to a special storytime *as Gaeilge* before being gifted a complimentary *leabhar Gaeilge* to take home.





Tullamore and Birr Ciorcal Comhrá groups joined forces on 11<sup>th</sup> March to partake in a *Tráth na gCeist* competition in Library HQ, while over in Edenderry, students from Oaklands Community College competed against each other in a separate *Tráth na gCeist* event. Overall, the feedback received has been overwhelmingly positive and it is safe to say that our native language is very much alive and well in the county – you just have to know where to find it!



Tullamore and Birr Ciorcal Comhrá groups at the Tráth na gCeist in Tullamore, Tuesday 11th March.

### LIBRARY SERVICE

### Seachtain na Gaeilge

Seachtain na Gaeilge celebrations kicked off with an Irish Language Book launch with 27 students from Gaelscoil and Eiscir Riada. The launch, in partnership with OCC's Irish Language Officer took place in Tullamore Library on 10<sup>th</sup> March.

Clár Éire Ildánach Creative Ireland Programme



First Year students from Tullamore College enjoyed a Tráth na gCeist in Tullamore Library to celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge



Bhain mic léinn na cúigiú bliana ó Choláiste Pobail Oaklands sult as tráth na gceist boird i leabharlann Éadan Doire



Members of the Tullamore Ciorcail Comhrá enjoyed a Tráth na gCeist facilitated by OCC's Irish Language Officer.



### Is Teanga Bheo í an Ghaeilge i Leabharlanna Uíbh Fhailí

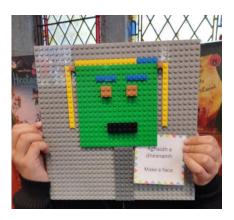
An raibh a fhios agat? Tagann Ciorcail Comhrá le chéile gach seachtain i roinnt dár leabharlanna!

Leabharlann Bhiorra	11.00 gach Satharn
Leabharlann Thulach Mhór	18.45 gach Máirt
Leabharlann Chlóirthigh	15:00 gach Céadaoin

Tá tuilleadh eolais ar fáil <u>ar líne anseo.</u>

Reáchtáil Leabharlann Bhiorra pop-up Gaeltacht do Sheachtain na Gaeilge ar an Satharn, 8ú Márta. Bhain an lucht freastail an-taitneamh as ceardaíocht, agus Lego as Gaeilge chomh maith le léiriú iontach ag baill de cheoltas ceoltoiri Birr.





# Upcoming STEAM Celebrations, March 2025

Offaly Libraries enjoyed a busy start to March with the annual celebration of two library STEAM festivals:

### Fingineer's Week, March 1st - 7th

On Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> March, Tullamore Library offered four workshops with Designer Minds for 90 children to explore STEAM subjects through a variety of activities and experiments.



Birr Library celebrated Engineer's Week with Lego free play sessions

A local engineer visited Edenderry Library for a 'Meet An Engineer' session with 22 children from Monasteroris NS.



Irish Astronomy Week, March 1st – 8th



Now in its third year, **Irish Astronomy Week** invites all those interested in the night sky to look 'From your Garden to the Stars'.

Tullamore Library host Midlands Astronomy Club meetings every two weeks and we will welcome them back on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> March for a special talk during Irish Astronomy Week.

Offaly Libraries are proud to support this initiative with astronomy themed book displays, story times and craft sessions on offer throughout the county.

See offaly.ie/libraries for updates.

As always, Lego Freeplay sessions, themed book displays, story times and crafts are on offer in our libraries across the county to encourage young minds to engage with engineering in a fun and dynamic way

### World Book Day Thursday, 6th March

Birr Library celebrated World Book Day with a visit from Transition Year students from St. Brendan's Community School who attended a Zine making workshop



**655** children celebrated World Book Day with Edenderry Library through inbranch events, class visits, outreach to schools and a zoom story time and games.





Branches across the county celebrated with crafts, story times and free World Book Day Books.

World book Day story time in Clara Library with 1st class boys from St. Francis National School.



# Acorn Tablet Launch in Banagher Library

Age Friendly Acorn tablets were launched in Banagher Library on 19<sup>th</sup> March. Acorn's design principles are based around easy navigation and accessibility. The tablets come with their own SIM so home WIFI is not a requirement.



The project is a partnership with Offaly County Council and Offaly Local Development Company. Patrons can borrow the tablets for 3-month periods and avail of one-to-one support from West Offaly Training in Banagher Library. Local active retirement groups attended the launch and demonstration of the Acorn Tablets.



### **Arts and Craft Sessions**

<u>In</u> addition to story times, Lego Freeplay sessions and boardgames, our libraries across the county also deliver regular art and crafts session for children.



From Finger Painting in Ferbane Library on a Saturday morning, to creating Valentine's Day cards in Clara Library on a Friday afternoon, Offaly's budding artists are sure to find a space to create in their local library.

Find out more about upcoming events on offaly.ie/find-your-local-library

# LOETB's 'Hug Your Book' Family Literacy Workshop in Birr Library

LOETB's 'Hug Your Book' course of workshops began on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 10.00

and continues every Wednesday for 4 weeks.

'Hug Your Book' encourages families to bond over their favourite reads and teaches parents how to make reading fun for their children, fostering a love of books and shared learning experiences! For more information, please contact Birr Library directly.

### **International Women's Day**

Library Branches across Offaly celebrated International Women's Day with story times, book displays and craft sessions. Edenderry Library also enjoyed a coffee morning and beautiful viola recital with Aoise O'Dwyer



# Edenderry Library presents 'The Bog, The Canal & Other Magical Places'

A collective photography exhibition in Edenderry Library inspired by 'The Bog, The Grand Canal and other Magical Places.



# Genevieve Murphy Exhibition in Tullamore Library



Local artist, Genevieve Murphy, is proud to showcase her first solo exhibition in Tullamore Library during March and April 2025.

Inspired by the history and beauty of her home county of Offaly, Genevieve delivers a broad range a mixed-media works ranging from conceptual landscapes, portraits and still life.

The exhibition will be officially launched by Rory O'Connor of Rory's Stories fame on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April in Tullamore Library. All are welcome to attend the launch from 18:30.

# St. Brendan's Community College Exhibition in Birr Library

Second Year students at St. Brendan's Community College had their History Class Based Assessments exhibition opened by local historian and teacher Mr. Brian Kennedy, at Birr Library on 6<sup>th</sup> March. Parents, teachers and visitors were impressed with their hard work.



Social Prescribing Event in Tullamore Library on Wednesday 19th March

To celebrate social prescribing day, an annual celebration of people, organisations, and communities meeting and connecting; Tullamore Choir Chorus Connection delighted attendees with a stunning performance.



Spring Into Storytime at Offaly Libraries



Spring Into Storytime encourages children and families to enjoy the magic

of stories and reading and takes place in April. Branches around the county will celebrate with story times, scavenger hunts, crafts book clubs and competitions. Birr Library is starting its events on 2<sup>nd</sup> April with a Zoom story time for 240 children and a visit to the 42 children in Elm Grove House.

### Sign up for our Library Newsletter

A quick reminder that the best way to keep up to date with all library programmes, developments and new services is via Offaly Libraries Newsletter and by following our social media channels.

Currently we have 10,000+ subscribers to the general newsletter and 134 teachers subscribed to the school newsletter.

Click here to subscribe!

### Take a Tour of Offaly Libraries!

Did you know that we have completed Virtual Tours for each of our library branches?

Take a peek at each of our fabulous spaces online by visiting <a href="https://original.org/">offaly.ie/find-your-local-library</a>



## Finance

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### Revenue Account Grant Income & Payroll Summary to 31 March 2025

	Full Yr Budget 2025	Preliminary Value to	% Year To
OFFALY COUNTY COUNCIL	€m	Mar 2025 €m	Date
Payroll costs	40.01	3.15	7.9%
Grants and Subsidies Income	56.55	1.23	2.2%
OCC to 31st Mar 2025	Pates	Powts	Loons
OCC to 515t Iviar 2025	Rates €m	<u>Rents</u> €m	<u>Loans</u> €m
Opening Balance Jan 1st, 2025	1.92	0.49	0.04
Net Invoices & Adjustments, waivers	5.28	2.27	0.13
2025 Cash Collected to 31st Mar	3.03	2.30	0.14
Closing Balance Mar 31st, 2025	4.16	0.47	0.03
2024 Cash collected to Mar 31st	6.06	2.17	0.10
% Collection at this point in 2024	50%	106%	142%
Bank Overdraft to 31st Mar 2025			% YTD
Number of days Overdrawn in Bank year to date		23	26%
Bank Interest and non conforming charges to Mar 31st 2025 YTD		(Estimate)	€7,919
Bank Administration and transactional charges to Mar 31st 2025 YTD		(Estimate)	€9,488