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2021**



Comhairle Chontae Uíbh Fhailí
Offaly County Council

MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

Do: Baill Comhairle Chontae Uíbh Fhailí

To: Each Member of Offaly County Council

Tuairisc mhíosúil bainistíochta a bhreithniú i gcomhair tionóil mí Meán Fómhair

Monthly Management Report for consideration at the September 2021 Monthly Meeting.

EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS - A schedule of Chief Executive Orders is included with the Council Agenda.

FINANCE - Appendix 1

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Climate Action

ENCORE Conference 23rd-24th September.

ENCORE 2021, the Environmental Conference of the Regions of Europe which is being hosted 'virtually' by the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly on 23 and 24 September 2021.

ENCORE 2021 will focus on the core themes of Climate Action, Ecosystem Services and Circular Economy for a Green and Sustainable Transition. Registration is free. Registration link:

<https://www.encore2021.com/registration>



Positive Ageing Week

This will be held from September 27th to 1st October 2021. Positive Ageing week (PAW) is an Age Action Ireland initiative. The main focus centres on community based events. This year Offaly Libraries have decided to organise a "virtual" Positive Ageing Week due to Covid 19 restrictions.

Clara Library will lead out on Offaly Libraries countywide 2021 PAW programme. Full details will be available via our website and social media channels during September.

REPORT AT A GLANCE

Outdoor Seating & Accessories Scheme

The tourism team have been busy administering the Outdoor Seating & Accessories Scheme throughout the Summer. The scheme is available to attractions, hotels, restaurants, cafes, public houses or other tourism and hospitality business establishments, including pubs not in possession of a food licence. A grant of up to €4,000 is available and applications are being accepted up to 30th Sept.

CLÁR 2021

Offaly County Council received an allocation of €47,025 under CLÁR 2021 Measure 1 and 2 funding from the Department of Rural and Community Development on 30th August for St. Kieran's National School, Broughal for safer road side parking & footpath to the school (€36,000) and Shannonbridge Community Services Group for wheelchair accessible picnic benches, new planter boxes with flowers & shrubs, canopies, bins, poop a scoop dog dispenser (€11,025). Successful projects under Measures 3 will be announced in the coming weeks.

PLANNING

	To end Aug 2021	To end Aug 2020	Total 2020
Planning Applications	540	401	674
Extensions of Duration Applications & Assessments	12	2	5
Warning Letters and (Enforcement Notices) issued	21(1)	6(2)	13 (2)

Development Management

Planning applications continue to grow year on year which is a reflection of strong growth following the COVID Pandemic. During the months of July/August the following larger applications were received:

Sheila Doorley	Development of 60 dwellings at Arden Road, Tullamore.
Joseph Doorley	Development of 99 dwellings at Ardan Road, Tullamore
The McNamara's Band Partnership	Development of 25 dwellings, Charleville Road, Tullamore
Tipperary Property Partners Banagher	30m antenna support structure, 6 no. antenna & 6 dishes, Banagher
Natural Forces Renewable Energy Ltd.	1 X 4.2mw Wind Turbine including ground works, on site 20kv, Clonminch, Tullamore

Forward Planning

A copy of the Material Alterations to the draft Offaly County Development Plan 2021-2027 and all accompanying determinations and reports were available for public inspection from 17th June 2021 - 16th July 2021 (both dates inclusive). 2376 no. submissions were received.

A Chief Executive Report was prepared on the submissions and circulated to Members on 11th August for their consideration in advance of Special Council Meetings that are scheduled for September 2021.

ROADS

Roads Programme 2021

All construction works commenced on the 4th May and Roads and the three MDs are completing road improvement and maintenance works throughout the County.

Restoration Maintenance Scheme / Surface Dressing R357 Cloghan



Restoration Improvement Scheme R357 Leabeg



N52 Tullamore to Kilbeggan Link

Public consultation stage 3 will commence on 17th September 2021 where the emerging preferred route will be presented. There will be a presentation for the elected members on 16th September before the public consultation commences.

N62 Ballynacard Pavement Scheme

This scheme was complete in July with 1300m of the national secondary south west of Kilcormac overlayed to improve skid resistance.



N62 Ballynacard Pavement Scheme

Edenderry Town Inner Relief Road

This scheme has received approval from the Department of Transport to progress to the Construction Stage for Phase 1. The Contractor, Tower Civil Engineering will be appointed in September 2021. Construction works will commence in October.

Local Improvement Scheme 2021

OCC received an additional allocation of €246,369 for the Local Improvement Scheme in 2021 for the Department of Rural and Community Development, a total of €545,240. The scheme was advertised in August and the closing date for applications is Wednesday 1st September 2021.

NTA Active Travel

The **NTA Active Travel** and schemes are progressing throughout the County to improve walking and cycling infrastructure and changes to traffic management arrangements to facilitate the reallocation of overall road space to improve facilities and safety for pedestrians and cyclists.



*New Pedestrian Crossing,
R420 Clara Road at Axis Business Park,
Tullamore*



*Works ongoing on the new Active Travel
Cycleway at Hare's Lane Edenderry and R420
Dublin Road Junction Safety Scheme in
Edenderry*

Grand Canal Greenway

Roads are continuing to deliver the Greenway in Offaly. The section from Ballycommon to Daingean was complete in June. Daingean to Edenderry has commenced and will be carried out in 5 phases.

Greenway at Daingean



ENVIRONMENT AND WATER SERVICES

Climate Action

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The [ENCORE network](#) provides a platform for regional politicians, youth representatives and other stakeholders to discuss environmental issues of regional significance and facilitate cooperation and exchange of experience. At **ENCORE 2021**, Member Regions will sign the 'Tullamore Declaration', a common position which will allow them to effectively exert their collective influence on the formulation of environmental policy

within the European Union, as well as their national and regional contexts.

Tullamore Living River Project

Work continues on the Tullamore Living River Project site, with a clear impression of the project now visible. This project sets out to deliver a landmark project for the residents and future visitors to Tullamore town which provides amenities, improves water quality, enhances biodiversity, allows flood relief and engages the local community with their spatial surroundings. Most of the excavation work has been completed, with the finer shaping works continuing before planting of the Wetlands can begin at an appropriate time within the season.

Litter & Waste Management

Litter and Waste Enforcement continued over the summer months, with each complaint received being logged and investigated. There are a number of legal actions for littering and illegal dumping under various Sections of the Waste Management Act 1996 before the courts. An increased number of these legal actions are in relation to individuals paying unauthorised contractors to remove waste. Under WMA 1996, it is an offence to give waste to an unauthorised waste collector.

In relation to the Community Environment Action Fund, the deadline for the 2019/2020 projects has been extended by the DCCAE until June 2021. E&WS has completed all projects by the deadline. The roll-out of a 2021 CEAF scheme will be considered when all projects under the previous scheme have been completed and when there is more clarity on the Covid crisis situation.

Wastewater

Aecom Consultants have been appointed for the upgrade of the Edenderry Plant,

this project will be led by Irish Water, an initial meeting took place in August.

Daingean WWTP: Plant improvements include increasing the capacity of the inlet, new screen and a new sludge holding tank. Works are ongoing and expected to be completed by end of October.

Rahan WWTP: Currently the effluent is tankered into Tullamore WWTP on a weekly basis and this will be replaced with a new plant. It is expected the Plant will be up and running by end of September.

Walsh Island: The design of reed bed is progressing.

Water

Works on the upgrade of the Tullamore, Birr and Clonaslee Water Treatment plants are on-going.

Find and fix works are ongoing in Tullamore, Ferbane, Edenderry, Banagher, and Ballybeg (Dromakeenan, with Clonbullogue due to start.

Watermain rehabilitation works are ongoing in Newtown and Croghan.

Disinfection programme is nearing completion at Tubberdaly, Coolderry, Clonbullogue, Edenderry and Walsh Island. Design works have commenced in Geashill and Holmshill.

Rural Water Programme

The Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme 2019 – 2021 is ongoing. Of the 19 projects awarded funding 8 are now complete and the remainder are due to be completed by the end of quarter 1/22. An additional 4 projects have requested extra funding for projects that have arisen during the term of the current funding programme and these

requests have been forwarded to the Dept. Of Housing for their consideration.

The Annual Group Water Scheme Subsidy Applications have been received by the Rural Water Team and are currently being processed and paid.

Burial Grounds

Kilreaghan Cemetery, contract documents have been signed, it is hoped the work will be completed by the end of October.

The tender documentation for the Kilcoursey Lawn Cemetery is currently being prepared for going to tender in October.

HOUSING

Covid-19 – Housing

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

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

Housing Leasing Enquiries	leasing@offalycoco.ie
Anti-Social Behaviour	ASB@offalycoco.ie

works is continuing with Covid-19 precautions in place.

July / August Housing Update

- There are 532 on the Social Housing List awaiting housing support at the end of August 2021.
- A further 816 active tenancies are currently being supported under the Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Scheme, 17 signed up for HAP and 12 exited from HAP in August.
- At the end of August, 18 single people and 4 families were being supported in emergency accommodation.
- 19 Rebuilding Ireland Home Loans applications have been received in 2021. 2 has been approved, 7 declined, 2 ineligible, 1 withdrawn and the remainder are awaiting decisions. Overall 15 RIHLs have been drawn down since the commencement of the programme.
- The Housing Section are finalising the Rent Review of Local Authority housing units. All communications in relation to the Rent Review can be emailed to rentreview@offalycoco.ie
- [Summary of Social Housing Assessments \(SSHA\) 2021 to determine all open and qualified applicants as at 17th November 2021. Applicants will be notified in the coming weeks.](#)

Housing Stock – Number, Maintenance & Repair:

- Total housing stock at end of August 2021 is 1,934.
- 364 and 258 maintenance calls were logged in July and August. Maintenance of non-emergency

Housing Capital Programme Update

- Raheen, Clara development (38 units) – Stage 3 approval application (permission to proceed to Tender) was received from the Department on August 26th 2021; Works Tender will be advertised on etenders in Q3 2021. Stage 4, permission to proceed to construction will be submitted in Q4 2021.
- Dargan Drive, Chancery Lane (20 Units) – received Stage 1 approval in April 2020. The Design Team have been appointed. Stage 2 submission to the department will issue in Q3, 2021.
- Moneygall (4 units) – Two no. Tenders were received on August 23rd 2021. Stage 4 submission will be submitted to the Department in September 2021 with a view to starting on site in October 2021.
- Beechgrove Belmont (7 units) – Four no. Tenders were received on August 19th 2021. Stage 4 submission will be submitted to the Department in September 2021 with a view to starting on site in October 2021.
- Sr. Senan, Edenderry (4 Units) – Stage 3 submission lodged on 27th July 2021.
- Banagher, Kylebeg (18 Units) – Stage 4 approval received on 25th June 2021. Contractor has been appointed (Pat Loftus Construction Ltd.) Construction due to start on or before 8th September 2021.
- Circular Road, Daingean (9 units) - Stage 3 approval was received in March 2021. Works Tender will issue in Q3 2021 with a view to

commencing construction in Q4 2021.

- Circular Road, Daingean, Site 2 (9 Units) – Stage 1 approval application was granted on August 3rd 2021 for the site adjoining the OCC housing site on Circular Road.
- Sycamore Drive, Ballycumber (8 Units) – Stage 1 approval was granted by the Department on 11th May 2021. Design Team appointments are in progress along with site investigation procurement. Stage 2 application to be submitted in Q4 2021.

Vacant Houses Initiatives

- 1 Newbridge Street, Birr: Refurbishment of derelict dwelling to provide retrofitted 3-bedroom dwelling. Stage 3 granted on 14th July 2021. Tenders are due back on 31st August 2021. Stage 4 to be submitted to Department in September 2021.
- 4 Hillview, Holly Park, Birr: Progressing as an acquisition.
- 121 Lakeview, Clara: Stage 1 submission will be submitted to the Department in Q3 2021.
- 3 x Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPOs) complete in 2021. Contractor appointed for the refurbishment of two of these units.

Approved Housing Bodies Schemes

- Cluid Housing Association: Construction on the 26 units has recommenced with completion date projected for February 2022
- Oaklee: Clonminch, Tullamore (19 units) – Contractor is appointed and construction is progressing well
- Oaklee: Kearney's Field (41 Units) – Contractor is appointed and construction is progressing well

- Sofia Housing: Stage 2 approved (39 units) at Presentation Lands, Portarlinton. Stage 2 submission was made in October. Sophia Housing have lodged a planning application for the development.
- Sofia Housing, in a joint initiative with Midlands Simon Community, acquired Clonamore Hotel in Q3, 2020. The facility will be developed as an enhanced centre for the provision of supported accommodation for homeless people. Under the terms of a landmark agreement Midlands Simon Community will operate the facility, with a team of qualified social care workers providing support on a 24/7 basis. Following refurbishment, the facility will provide professional supports for up to 17 people.

Turnkey Developments/Part V

- Main Street Daingean (8 Units): Construction almost complete
- 6 Turnkey Schemes (82 units) received departmental approval in December 2020.
 1. Mucklagh 8 units – Under Construction
 2. Woodfield, Birr - 34 units; - Under Construction
 3. Bog Road, Portarlinton - 28 units; - Under Construction
 4. Walsh Island - 4 units;
 5. Tullamore – 5 units;
 6. Cloneygowan – 3 units - Complete
- 4 No. Part V units in Silverbrook Drive, Tullamore have been completed and allocated.

Housing Grants

The Department has advised that €1,368,805, of which €273,761 is to be

provided from Offaly County Council own revenues, will be made available for private housing grants, i.e., Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People; People with a Disability Scheme and Mobility Grants. Funds are being allocated to qualified households and staff are following up with households who were awarded grants to ascertain the status of the work programme.

Disabled Person's Grants

The Council received notification from the Department for a significantly increased funding for Disabled Persons works on Local Authority housing units for 2021. €790,556 has been approved for works, of which €79,056 is to be provided from Offaly County Council own revenues. Design details and tenders are currently being progressed for several extension and adaption grants.

Retrofit Programme

The Council received notification on 8th September 2020 that €3.3m was being awarded to Offaly for the 'Just Transition for the Midlands Region' programme.

Lot 1&2, Birr: A Letter of Acceptance issued to the Contractor (Retrofit Design Ltd.) on August 25th 2021 to carry out the retrofitting works. Works will commence in early September 2021 on the 35 houses.

Lot 3&4, Tullamore: The appointed consultants have surveyed the 42 houses in Tullamore and are preparing the works tender which will be advertised on www.etenders.gov.ie Q3 2021.

Lot 5&6, Edenderry, Daingean, Clara, Ferbane, Shannonbridge, Cloghan: The appointed consultants have surveyed the 43 houses and are preparing the works tender which will be advertised on www.etenders.gov.ie Q3 2021.

LOCAL & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Offaly Community Response Forum

The forum met twice in July. The role of the Forum is to lead the co-ordination of community supports and resilience, helping vulnerable members of the community or those living alone to get deliveries of groceries, medicine and fuels and to have social contact during the pandemic.

Month	Number	%
Jan-21	19	3.5
Feb-21	11	2.0
Mar-21	9	1.7
Apr-21	13	2.4
May-21	9	1.7
Jun-21	3	0.6
Jul-21	3	0.6
Aug-21	3	0.6
Total	537	100

Offaly Covid-19 Community Response Helpline

The Offaly Community Call Helpline continues to operate from 9.00am to 5.00pm, 7 days per week helping those who are vulnerable and who need help accessing essential services or a listening ear. The Helpline number for Offaly is FREEPHONE: 1800 81 81 81. A dedicated team of Community & Culture staff answer queries, with two staff working each weekend.

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

Offaly LCDC held their monthly meeting on Thursday 8th July, 2021 with members attending by video link. Main agenda items included the Review of LCDC Membership, Rural Development LEADER Programme 2014–2020 & Transitional LEADER Programme 2021–2022; Social Inclusion & Community Activation programme 2018–2022 (SICAP)-Mid-Year Review and the

Community Enhancement Programme 2021.

Following an ongoing Review of Membership of Offaly LCDC to ensure compliance with legislative requirements in respect of Tenure of Office, Ms. A. Dillon, Chief Officer, informed the Committee of changes to the membership. Sincere thanks was expressed to outgoing members: Chris Byrne, Slieve Bloom Development Co-operative and Dominic Doheny, Construction Industry Federation for their commitment and contribution to the LCDC and new members were welcomed.

LEADER: Under the Transitional LEADER Programme 2021-2022, 9 Projects were approved and the total amount of funding awarded €114,273.87.

SICAP: A detailed presentation was provided to the members in relation to SICAP Mid-Year Review 2021 outlining progress to date. The members were briefed on key actions and programmes being delivered across the County and how the SICAP Offaly Team adapted their programmes due to COVID-19 and public health restrictions. The members approved and welcomed the SICAP Mid-Year review as recommended by the Empowering Communities Working Group. The members were advised that the Department of Rural and Community Development have decided to extend the SICAP 2018-2022 Funding Agreements for a period of 12 months, up to 31st December 2023. This was agreed and welcomed by the members.

CEP 2021: A comprehensive overview on the Community Enhancement Programme 2021 was presented to the members, detailing the number of applications received and the amounts allocated to community groups across the county. The members agreed and welcomed the

recommendations and allocations as outlined in the presentation. A total amount of €138,550 was approved for allocation in CEP 2021.

Offaly Community Recognition Awards 2021

Members were advised that the first Offaly Community Recognition Awards 2021, in partnership with Offaly Independent took place virtually on 18th June. The awards were very well received with a lot of positive social media coverage and it is envisaged to continue these awards as an annual event.



Public Participation Network

The PPN has set up a subgroup to look at the potential to bring a Trishaw service to Offaly via the (ORS) Outdoor Recreation Scheme with a view to establishing a Pilot project in Pullough. The Trishaw is designed to facilitate people of all ages and to give people with disabilities an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors with the sensation of travelling with the same level of freedom as others



Photo courtesy of Leitrim Co. Co.

Kilcormac Development Association, Meals on Wheels were entered in the 2021 Pride of Place Competition. Meetings took place with the Pride of Place applicants in advance of the competition judges visiting Offaly. The judging took place on August 25th in the Birr Civic offices.



The PPN continues to promote funding opportunities and other opportunities of interest to the Community & Voluntary sector via email, Newsletter and Social Media.

Work is underway on a Nationwide PPN structural review with all stakeholders with a number of consultations taking place over the last few months.

Age Friendly Alliance

Cllr. Tony McCormack gave great energy to Ed Devery's poem Faithful Followers on Midlands 103 Chatters & matters programme on the morning of August 15th, 'Perfectly timed', in late autumn.

The next edition of Connecting the Faithful Newsletter will be distributed at the end of September.

Workshops were held for the writing project in the new ETB offices in Birr with some participants there in person while others tuned in via Zoom.

The Writing Project 'The Way We Were' closing date was 22nd August. Over 30 contributions are now being collated by Denise Dunne in the LOETB. The plan is to produce a Book with the contributions in in late Autumn.



The Intergenerational Teddy Bears Picnic took place on August 22nd at the Charleville Centre Tullamore. This was a Garda initiative supported by members of the Age Friendly





Alliance. Well done to Sgt Willie Kirwan and Garda Fergus Collins of Tullamore Community Gardaí for providing a wonderful afternoon for everyone present.

Comhairle na nÓg

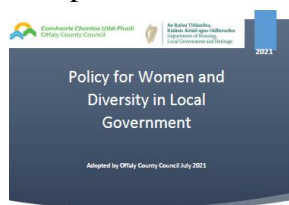
Comhairle na nÓg held two meetings in July on the 8th and the 14th. The meetings were in relation to an app for use on apple and android devices that they are currently developing which will help schools in Offaly become single use plastic free.

At the Council meeting on the 22nd of July a policy that the Comhairle

Executive consulted on and helped to write was officially adopted. The policy is named 'Women

and Diversity in Local Government'. It is hoped this Policy will create more awareness and help more women and more people from diverse backgrounds run for local elections in 2024. The Comhairle Executive are very proud of the contribution they made to this Policy.

On the 13th of July Comhairle members Grainne Hannigan and Ruth Egan, joined Cathaoirleach Declan Harvey and Cllr. Clare Claffey and Offaly County Council Senior Management to launch the Period Poverty Initiative which was adopted in April after a motion from Cllr Clare Claffey. The initiative is very much welcomed by the Comhairle Executive who



believe that no woman, girl, trans or non-binary person should be excluded from daily activities due to not being able to access sanitary products.



On the 15th of July the Comhairle Executive completed a Spring Clean Litter Pick around the Tullamore Grand Canal. They collected 8 bags of litter. It was the first time many of them had met in person since restrictions began in March 2020 and it was a fun day!



Four of the members of the Comhairle Executive prepared and submitted videos for TEDx Junior. They hope to speak about issues that are important to them on this public forum in November. The Comhairle Executive also took part in several consultations over throughout July and August such as:

- Three members joined the Steering group for Dáil na nÓg
- The Comhairle Executive took part in a consultation with the Department of Education on policy in relation to Teachers Professional Learning
- The Comhairle Executive took part in a consultation with the Department of the Marine

Environment on areas of marine conservation

- The Comhairle Executive took part in a consultation organised by the Minister of State for European Affairs, Minister Thomas Byrne with young people to get their insights for the Conference on the Future of Europe next year.

ARTS

Music Generation Offaly/Westmeath

Music Box Studio Experience – Launch of album: During July & August the Music Box Residency took place. Building on a yearlong online opportunity to collaborate and learn all about song writing, the residency brought young musicians from across Offaly & Westmeath together with music industry professionals. Along with developing their song writing skills and learning about recording, the young composers also collaborated with a videographer as they storyboarded and filmed videos to accompany their music.

On Friday 17th September as part of Culture night 2021 their music and videos will be released to the world.

Planning Return to schools for 2021-2022: We are corresponding with our partner schools and planning for the academic year 2021-2022. We will work with the Dept. of Education and our partner schools to work out Music Generation Offaly Westmeath phased return to face to face teaching in September / October 2021.

Try the Uilleann pipes: Try the Pipes event Saturday 18th September in connection with Na Píobairí Uilleann and Tullamore Municipal District. We



are going to offer children the opportunity to try the Uilleann pipes during a family fun day which is planned for 18th September in O'Connor Square. There will be two pipers there on the day from Na Píobairí Uilleann along with staff from Music Generation Offaly Westmeath. We are hoping to commence piping sessions in October 2021 in venues across Offaly & Westmeath.

Culture Night – 17th September 2021:

This Culture Night we are looking forward to the launch of our second Music Box Originals Album. The result of a summer Residency we were able to build on our year-long online song writing opportunities. The residency brought young musicians from across Offaly & Westmeath together with music industry professionals. Along with developing their song writing skills and learning about recording, the young composers also collaborated with a videographer as they storyboarded and filmed videos to accompany their music.



On Friday 17th of September as part of Culture Night 2021 their music and videos will be released to the world on Music Generation Offaly/ Westmeath's social media platforms.



The Music Box Residency is a joint project of Music Generation Offaly/ Westmeath in partnership with Youth Work Ireland Midlands.

ARTS office

The Arts Office continues to plan for a very busy annual programme for 2021. The annual programme will be delivered in response to the current and anticipated restrictions, therefore will be a combination of online and where possible on the ground projects.

Lough Boora - Art in Landscape Seminar

Planning for an Art in Landscape seminar is in progress, with the cultural the producer's Studio Response, selected and contracts in progress. Funding for this seminar was made available through the Arts Council's Invitation to Collaboration Scheme, as a continuation project / partnership with Mayo County Council. This seminar will focus on a discussion of how arts, culture, tourism and climate change policies can align / work together and how this collaboration can inform future policy. The Cultural Producers will devise a number of lead-in workshops, community engagement initiatives with local communities / stakeholders starting from October and into early 2022, prior to the seminar, planned to take place April 2022. The key audience for the seminar will include people interested in and working in the arts, culture, tourism and environment sectors, people living locally who engage with art in the landscape, and experts in their field nationally and Internationally. The cultural producer will expand on this audience base, to reach as wide as possible existing and new audiences.

Grants & Awards

Arts Acts Grants, Professional Artists Support Scheme, Festival Arts Grants – a

reminder for the drawdown date of end of November 2021 will be sent out shortly to all recipients of the grants.

Arts Council Funding In the Open | Faoin Spéir

The purpose of the award is to generate a sustained and curated programme of multidisciplinary, inclusive arts activity in public or open spaces in towns and communities around Ireland between July 2021 and April 2022. This is a collaborative partnership, led by Offaly County Council's Arts Office, including



Birr Theatre and Arts Centre and Birr Festivals Collective. With the aim to develop an exciting and innovative curated programme of outdoor events, planned for Birr, Lough Boora, (in conjunction with the Sculpture Park) and Tullamore, in anticipation of the opening of the new Arts Centre for the town next year. Funding award of €90,000 is in the planning phase with delivery partner Birr Theatre and Art Centre. The programming is underway and will be launched Sept./Oct.

Creative Places

The Arts Office in conjunction with the national charitable agency, *Creative Lives*, has been successful in an application to the Arts Council for funding under their Creative Places scheme. This ambitious three-year funding stream (which will have a value of nearly €500,000 to the town over the period) will be led by Creative Lives in partnership with Offaly County Council Arts Office and Edenderry Municipal District. The partner meetings with all

stakeholders are due to commence in September

Capital Projects

Arts Infrastructure Strategy: The Arts Infrastructure Strategy for the County continues to be progressed by People Places Consulting: Caoimhín Corrigan and Siobhán O'Malley, and a first draft of the report has been submitted for review. The strategy will explore how all the Arts Infrastructure (existing and planned) can be developed in a collaborative and harmonic manner, resulting in a cohesive, complimentary and self-sustaining network of arts infrastructure that is beneficial to the whole county.

Tullamore Art Centre

Work continues with regards to the opening of the Arts Centre in 2022. The Arts Office are continuing to develop a series of arts events, funded by Creative Ireland Funding and will this also include events as part of the *In the Open/Faoim Spéir* project. This programme will aim to re-engage an audience / local community participation in advance of the Art Centre opening. The Arts Office, in conjunction with the Arts Centre committee are currently developing a questionnaire to assess local community, art organisations and artists interest in room rental as an information gathering exercise to be used by the Art Centre management upon opening.

Edenderry Library and Arts Space

The Arts Office will be continuing to work in collaboration with the county librarian in the development of plans for a multi-purpose arts space to be incorporated into the planning of the new library for Edenderry.

FilmOffaly: FilmOffaly Script Mentorship programme is progressing as is the FilmOffaly Short Film Award 2021. We

are collaborating with Screen Skills Ireland and LOETB with regards film courses for the 2021 season and beyond. We are also in preparations for our annual FilmOffaly Industry Day at OFFLine Film Festival and the premiere of our FilmOffaly Award winner 2020.

Poetry Town:

Offaly Arts office is partnering with Poetry



Ireland on the Poetry Town programme. Tullamore has been chosen by Poetry Ireland as one of this year's Poetry Town's. We are currently in the process of organising events and workshops which will take place in mid-September.

Offaly Culture Night 2021

We are in the final stages of planning Culture Night event and will be moving towards promoting same in the coming weeks.

Youth Arts Forum

Offaly Arts is continuing to work with a Youth Arts Facilitator in the establishment of a Youth Arts Forum. The forum broke up for the summer and plans are now underway to reconvene the group.

Art Event Highlights in July /Aug

- Museum of Everyone – Sleepertown Project
- Birr Vintage Week & Arts Festival
- Birr Festival of Music
- Scripts Irelands Scriptwriting Festival



SPORTS

Funding

€5,250 allocated for Bike Week activities. Bike Week takes place from the 12th- 18th September and secondary schools will be supported to deliver cycling events as part of this week.

Programmes

In accordance with the Government's "Recovery and Resilience: The Path Ahead" plan, Offaly Sports Partnership continued to deliver community sport, and sport inclusion development programmes across the months of July and August as follows: -

Community Sport Development Programme

- delivery of physical activity, exercise and sport programmes for 50 older adults and women in local outdoor facilities concluded in July.
- 18 teams and 50 older adults participated in an older adult outdoor Boccia blitz (*pictured opposite*) on the grounds of Coláiste Choilm in July.
- Offaly Sports Partnership supported the delivery of summer activities on the green and a summer camp in Arden View family resource centre. 38 children took part in three



"activities on the green" programme days in Church View estate; while 22 children took part in the Arden

View family resource centre summer camp.

Sports Inclusion Development Programme

- July provision days – 105 pupils took part in two July provision days. 80 pupils from eight schools across Offaly took part in the first day in the Tullamore Harriers; while 35 boys from Scoil Eoin Pól took part in a second day of activities.



- 35 people with disabilities across the life span availed of 1:1 physical activity supports for people with disabilities in July.
- physical activity leader training was delivered for 12 people from the National Learning Network.
- 26 children with additional needs and their siblings took part in a two-day multi-sport activity camp in Offaly Sports Partnership's new community sport and physical activity hub in Daingean.

Testimonials "Lots of activities and lots of fun. Plenty of staff working at the camp. Even though I stayed on the grounds because the youngest child was nervous, I would have been happy to leave both children there as there were lots of staff and they were all very caring, helpful and competent with the children."



"I had a very happy 6-year-old who didn't want the camps to be over"

"I would rate this camp as excellent!"

- 20 children with additional needs and their siblings took part in a three day inclusive GAA camp in August

Testimonial

"Dear Jean¹ and Liam², a massive thank you to both of you and the team of staff working at the inclusive Cúl camp, especially Eoghan³ and Kim⁴ for facilitating one of the most inclusive experiences for our children."

"The camp was so well organised and your team were so flexible to each individual child's needs."



"We are thrilled that our children had the opportunity to participate. It was the first time that our son with the support of Eoghan independently participated in an activity without a parent. Eoghan is a fantastic young man and an asset to your team. We can't thank you all enough. "

HEALTHY OFFALY

- Interim finance and non-finance reports submitted to Pobal via the Healthy Ireland portal in July.

- Active pupil diary template complete. Print run underway, with an anticipated delivery of diaries to primary schools in September
- Summer programmes as part of building healthier communities, grow your own and healthy eating, and eco spaces as places of health and wellbeing continued throughout July and August
- Minister Frank Feighans visit to Healthy Offaly projects notified. Three projects proposed to the Minister – Moneygall community garden; Family resource centres crisis intervention counselling for parents and families in distress and play therapy programmes for children; Community Resilience funded Parents First "first play" programme⁵⁰⁰

TOURISM

July saw the reopening of indoor hospitality and it marked an important step on the road to recovery for the tourism and hospitality sector. It was encouraging to see businesses, many of which have not been able to open previously, welcoming customers back through their doors.

Offaly Tourism worked closely with the sector to provide support and continued to strengthen their marketing activity in order to push domestic demand in the county.

Offaly on TV

The team have been working on a number of TV shows in recent months and are excited at the prospect of Offaly's

attractions featuring on TV to a captivating audience.

- 'Ireland County by County' is a US cable TV show which will be broadcast on 239 public TV stations across the USA, reaching an audience of 40+ million. It was filmed 9th – 11th June in glorious weather. Editing is continuing on the piece and it will be ready for broadcasting later in the Autumn.

- TG4's 'Heartlands' Series featuring Sharon Shannon in conjunction with Ireland's Hidden Heartlands, filmed in Clonmacnoise & Shannonbridge in July. The show was broadcast on TG4 on Wednesday 25th August & repeated on Sunday 29th and was widely acclaimed.

- The TG4 music documentary 'Fleadhfest 21' filmed in Lough Boora & Clara Bog in June and the show was broadcast on 11th August. It showed our natural landscape in a different light with the backdrop of traditional Irish music.

Videography

In July for the first time ever, Offaly Tourism launched a series of promotional videos. Four distinct videos to target different market segments were completed. They were launched on various social media channels and websites throughout July and showcased all the great things to see and do for visitors and locals alike. The videos are live on www.visitoffaly.ie and will be a great marketing tool into the future.

Radio Advertising

In Summer 2021 the tourism team continued to strengthen their radio presence with a number of campaigns on different radio platforms:

- For the second year running we collaborated with our midland neighbours in Laois and Westmeath. A series of adverts were broadcast on Midlands 103 from Mid-May to Mid-July, encouraging

the listeners to explore the 'Magical Midlands' on their doorstep.

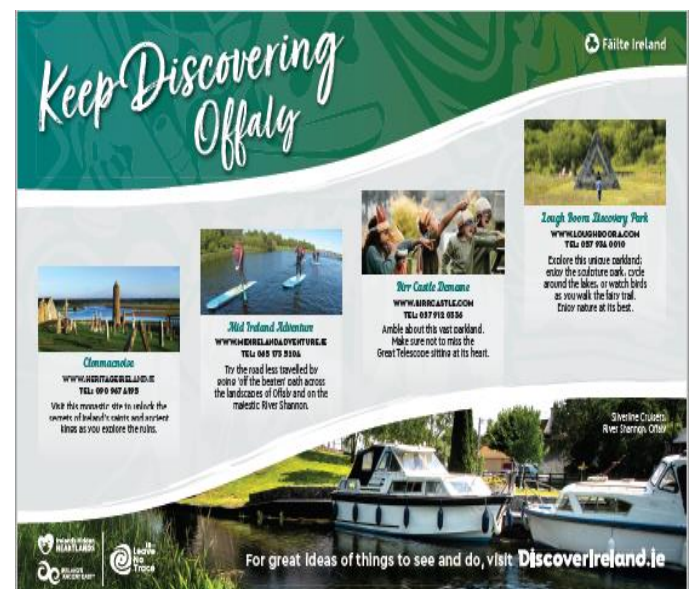
- Advertisements on the popular national stations Today FM & Newstalk ran for a 2 week period, commencing 12th July.

These campaigns complemented the iRadio campaign broadcast over two weeks in June 2021.

Fáilte Ireland Campaign

The very successful Fáilte Ireland 'Keep Discovering' Campaign continued throughout the Summer with TV, print and radio advertising encouraging people to take domestic breaks. We are very proud to have Birr Castle Demesne feature in the IAE TV advert and cruising on the River Shannon on the IHH advert.

The Offaly specific adverts featured in the national newspapers; Irish Times, Irish Independent and Irish Examiner, over a 3-week period in July.



Media Coverage

Offaly received numerous media coverage over the Summer period with Birr Castle Demesne featuring in a variety of publications. The Lough Boora Crane story made headlines on the BBC. Offaly articles in the Irish Times and Sunday World help boost our profile and create awareness.



Co Offaly: one walk, one run, one hike, one swim, one cycle, one park and one outdoor gym

Your essential, outdoor, family-friendly guide to Co Offaly

© Wed, Jun 30, 2021, 06:01

Damian Cullen



LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE

Polar Ice gets the green light for expansion!

LEO Offaly is proud to see our client Polar Ice going from strength to strength with the

news that they have been given the go ahead for an extension adjoining its factory at Portarlinton Industrial Estate. The development will consist of the construction of a proposed two storey factory type building containing office accommodation, packaging area with canopied truck loading to rear, truck wash and a canopied link to the existing Polar Ice factory facility.

Polar Ice began as a family business established in 1996, with only two employees and a vision to develop the dry ice market in Ireland. Initially manufacturing 'wet' ice and importing dry ice from the mainland UK, the company has focused solely on dry ice manufacturing since 2002.

Today, Polar Ice has grown the market by over 800% and employs a team of 18 people. With a dedicated production plant based in Portarlinton and depots in Dublin, Cork, and Portadown, Polar Ice is the leading manufacturer and supplier of Dry Ice in Ireland.

Alongside dry ice, they also offer gel packs and various insulated storage solutions. Both domestic and international customers now have the option to buy dry ice and our other products online.

The firm has played a key role in the battle against Covid-19 as its product was vital in keeping vaccines and tests stable during distribution.



Upcoming Events and New Initiatives Offaly County Council Streetscape Enhancement Measure

Offaly County Council has secured funding from the Department of Rural & Community Development for property owners to improve the building facades of their properties. Our Rural Future is the Government's five-year strategy to revitalize rural Ireland and includes a commitment to upgrade and enhance shopfronts and street facades in our rural towns and villages. The aim of the scheme is to enhance the streetscape environment of the towns of Tullamore, Clara, Birr, Edenderry and Portarlinton by encouraging and supporting owners of premises to improve their individual building facades.

LEO Offaly is promoting and managing this scheme. The closing date for receipt of fully completed applications is 12.00 noon on 7th September 2021.

The Green for Micro programme

Offaly's small businesses are being encouraged to avail of The Green for Micro Programme, which is 2 Free Days of Consultancy to help them become more sustainable. The consultant will provide specific recommendations that business owners can implement. These recommendations could include improvements to energy efficiencies, reduced water usage, reduced or improved packaging, product design, materials etc.

The Green for Micro programme is an initiative from the Local Enterprise Offices, with support from Enterprise Ireland, being rolled-out nationwide to help prepare small businesses for the low carbon, more resource efficient economy of the future. It is now available to businesses across Offaly via the Local Enterprise Office.

To find out more about the new Green for Micro programme, contact LEO Offaly or

go to www.LocalEnterprise.ie/Green for more information.

New Frontiers Phase 2 2021 - OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

New Frontiers is the national programme designed to develop entrepreneurs. It is delivered on behalf of Enterprise Ireland by Institutes of Technology and Universities across Ireland. The programme's primary purpose is to accelerate the development of sustainable new businesses that have strong employment and growth potential and contribute to job creation and economic activity in regional locations.

It is open to business ideas from across all sectors including food & consumer products; information & communication technology; engineering & electronics; medical devices; biotechnology; pharma, digital media; cleantech/renewable energy; and eligible internationally-traded services. For further information, visit <https://www.ait.ie/research-and-innovation/new-frontiers>

Outdoor Seating and Accessories Scheme

The Outdoor Seating and Accessories for Tourism and Hospitality Business' scheme focuses on providing a level of financial support to tourism and hospitality businesses in our town centres. This scheme is for the purchase or upgrade of additional outdoor equipment and, therefore, increase the outdoor dining capacity for the summer of 2021. This scheme will financially assist and support independent tourism and hospitality business owners to create outdoor dining experiences in a regulated and accessible manner. Funding under the scheme is only available to existing businesses. All applicants will be required to comply with planning codes, legislative requirements and other compliance requirements.

The scheme will provide for up to 75% of the ex-VAT cost of equipment purchased/installed with a maximum allowable contribution of up to €4,000 per applicant. Applications must be submitted online on or before September 30th 2021. Apply online [here](#).

Calling all Vacant Property Owners

Do you own a commercial or industrial premises that is currently vacant? Do you have industrial sites? Interested in selling or leasing? If you like to be included in our FREE online property database, contact us at info@leo.offalycoco.ie

How to Submit Your Income Tax Return (Form11) on ROS

This course is suitable for individuals wishing to start a business or in business <3 years. The aim of this course is to demonstrate the use of Revenue Online Services (ROS) to submit their income tax self-assessment return Form 11 in a straight-forward, user-friendly workshop. All participants will be given a full set of detailed notes at the beginning of the class. Apply online [here](#).

GradStart scheme now available for LEO clients

The GradStart scheme is a 24-month graduate placement programme with funding of up to €30k (€15k per year). Local Enterprise Office client companies with at least 5 full time staff can apply for the GradStart programme. The objective of GradStart is to assist indigenous companies to scale and grow their businesses through the introduction of good graduate talent (with a minimum Level 6 Degree qualification) to deliver clearly defined projects.

Free mentoring sessions with Seamus Reilly

Seamus Reilly built Critical Healthcare - a medical distribution company from €0 to €20m and then sold this business. They experienced the pains and joys associated with building a strategic plan to realise their (personal) and the company's vision. Critical Healthcare developed its own IT platform to help differentiate itself from their competitors. They exported into 9 countries in Europe. The company created their own brand of products while sourcing products in India & China. Seamus created a Senior Leadership Team, with challenges of finding the right people, coaching, mentoring and creating a succession plan based on KPI's around the SLT. The business grew from Zero revenues and 3 employees to €20m and 45 employees. Seamus also has experience of selling a successful business. This mentoring clinic is limited to businesses from County Offaly. The sessions will take place on Friday, 24 September 2021. To apply, click [here](#).

In-Focus Midlands Advanced Manufacturing Action Plan 2021-2024

On Friday 9th July, Robert Troy, T.D., Minister of State Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment with responsibility for Trade Promotion & the Midlands Regional Enterprise Plan marked the publication of the Midlands Advanced Manufacturing Action Plan 2021-2024 at an outdoor event at Irish Manufacturing Research AM Lab, National Science Park, Dublin Road, Mullingar, County Westmeath today

The action plan aims to realise the vision through the implementation of a suite of actions under four enabling themes:

- Education, Training & Skills,
- Research & Innovation,

- Support infrastructure & networks,
- Strengthening the manufacturing industry base - FDI and Indigenous sectors.

In launching the Action Plan, Minister for Trade Promotion & the Midlands Regional Enterprise Plan, Robert Troy TD, said *“I’m delighted to launch the Midlands Advanced Manufacturing Action Plan to 2024, which is about making the Midlands an internationally recognised centre of excellence for Advanced Manufacturing and an ideal location for manufacturing companies to grow their business and exports. I want to commend the work of everyone involved – a real example of cross collaboration between our regional stakeholders. Given the significance of manufacturing to the Midlands, I hope this strategy will enable our Region to capitalise and leverage its strengths in this area to promote the Midlands as a place to live, work and invest in.”*

Pictured at the launch of the Midlands Advanced Manufacturing Action Plan 2021-2024

L-R - Michael Nevin, Head of Enterprise, Longford, Dr Anne Cusack, Chair of Midlands Regional Enterprise Plan Steering Committee, Minister Robert Troy; Graeme Lowe, Enterprise Ireland, John Costello, Midlands Regional Skills Forum, Sarah Morgan, Regional Enterprise Development Office; Michael Cryan, Abbott Diagnostics & Industry Chair of Midlands Advanced Manufacturing Working Group. Photo: *John McCauley*. You can view the plan [here](#) or on MidlandsIreland.ie



LIBRARY SERVICES

Offaly Libraries Summer Stars 2021

Summer Stars is one of four national initiatives for the Right to Read programme. This is an important project with research showing that children lose significant competency in reading and maths over the summer break. Offaly Libraries constantly research and programme to encourage children to **read what they like**, partake in **smart play**, use their **imagination** and **explore** their local cultural and leisure opportunities in Offaly.



Our Summer Stars 2021 programme was a combination of virtual and traditional elements this year and was a great success. Some highlights included:

- **1,187** children in County Offaly signed up to participate in Summer Stars this year! All children who entered will be entered into a draw

on Friday 10th September in their local branch with the lucky winner receiving a Kindle.

- All eight library branches ran two competitions; a 'Find the Golden Ticket' and 'Find your Offaly Olympians'. The lucky children were delighted with their prizes
- 3 classes from St Rynaghs NS visited Banagher Library for story times
- Birr Library hosted 5 visits by Primary School Summer Camp groups for outdoor story-times totalling 60 participants
- Edenderry Library hosted bi-weekly outdoor storytimes in Edenderry Square
- Tullamore Library hosted six online family quizzes with 38 participants



Offaly Libraries Heritage Week 2021

Heritage Week 2021 Programme at Offaly Libraries

- 14th: Ballyboy Comhaltas
- 15th: It all started with a spoon, Sacred Heart School
- 15th: Digital Photography Exhibition -Przemyslaw Skura
- 16th: Blundell Castle, Dr Ciaran Reilly
- 17th: The Offaly Hurling Story, Kevin Corrigan
- 18th: Cemeteries & Soldiers, Stephen Callaghan
- 19th: A Treasure Story with Simone & friends
- 20th: Heritage Week Blog, Caitriona Devery
- 21st: The Fall of the Leaf revisited, Michael Fortune
- 22nd: Clara's Singing Tradition with the Rabbette family



Offaly Libraries Heritage Week programme was hosted entirely online this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. There was a wide selection of collaborations, appealing to all ages and covering a wide geographical area in Offaly. Social media statistics for the Heritage Week Programme this year were impressive.



All 10 events are available on YouTube and viewing numbers to date are 308.



Facebook in particular had an overall reach of **over 31,000** and an engagement of 1,527.



21 posts featured on **Twitter with a reach of 15,894** and engagement of 529.



There were 8 posts on Instagram with 1,235 views.

There was a staggering overall reach of just under 70,000 for Offaly Libraries Heritage Week 2021 with an engagement of 2,574.

Successful Funding Applications



Offaly Libraries is delighted to report that we have successfully applied for and been awarded Dormant Accounts Funding of €20,000 in support of marginalized and socially excluded communities served by libraries. This funding will allow for much needed installations of Hearing Loops in all 8 libraries; the improvement of accessibility in Daingean Library with new accessible shelving and seating; a specially curated school STEAM programme and an exciting Autumn Parenting Programme, delivered in partnership with Laois Library Service.

Recent Digital Exhibitions in Offaly Libraries

Opening the door to Offaly's Heritage, a digital photography exhibition by Przemysław Skura, was on display in the windows of Birr, Edenderry and Tullamore Libraries throughout August.

Upcoming Library Events & Programmes

Offaly Libraries History Lecture Series 2021



Offaly Libraries recently launched its first History Lecture series. Starting on September 9th Dr Ciaran Reilly will present four online lectures celebrating aspects of Offaly history. These will be delivered

online via Offaly Libraries' [Facebook](#) and [YOUTUBE](#) channels. This series of events has been funded by Creative Ireland.



An Roinn Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán
Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaelacht, Sport and Media

The first lecture, The 'Big House' in Offaly: country houses and estates, is an illustrated lecture which was commissioned in partnership with Offaly History as part of the Decade of Centenaries programme.

The topics covered will include;

- The 'Big House' in Offaly: country houses and estates
- The 1798 rebellion in Offaly
- 'Doing local history' in Offaly: A guide to sources
- Aspects of the Land War of the 1880s in Offaly

Offaly & Laois Libraries in partnership Parenting Support Programme Autumn Series



Offaly Libraries together with Laois Libraries are delighted to present a series of 18 workshops and online talks for parents funded by the **Dormant Account Fund**. The series kicks off on Wednesday 22nd September and covers very relevant topics affecting all areas of parenting babies to teens. This season's programme includes a

variety of interesting and well known speakers including Dr. David Coleman and Dr. Mary O'Kane. It promises to be a highly engaging series focusing on the many challenges facing parents in the 21st Century. All events may be booked on Offaly Librarians [Eventbrite](#) page and full details are available on our [website](#) and on our [social media channels](#).

Offaly Libraries 2021/22 School STEAM Programme

This innovative STEAM programme for primary schools in Offaly is a programming first for Offaly Library Service and is jointly funded by Offaly County Council and a Dormants Account award from DRCD. Offaly Libraries will contact all schools in County Offaly providing details on our upcoming programme of workshops and talks which aim to give children the opportunity to engage with and explore **science, technology, engineering, arts and maths (STEAM) subjects** in a fun and stimulating environment. These events will take place during school hours and can be booked through the school's local library.



Roald Dahl Story Day 2021

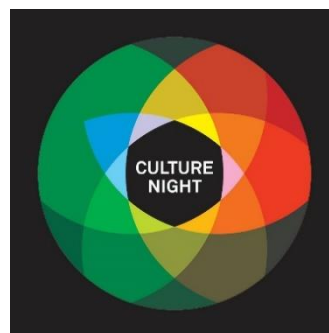
Join Offaly Libraries on Monday 13th September as we celebrate Roald Dahl's Birthday! Test your knowledge on all



things Roald Dahl with a quiz. Fancy making your very own dream jar like the BFG? We have some craft kits to help you on your way. More details to follow, stay tuned to our social media channels or contact any of our branches.

Culture Night – Friday 17th September

Preparations for Culture Night 2021 are underway, with Offaly Libraries planning



outdoor story time for ages 5+ on Friday 17th September. Join us at the library for some lovely stories and lots of fun! Booking is essential as spaces are

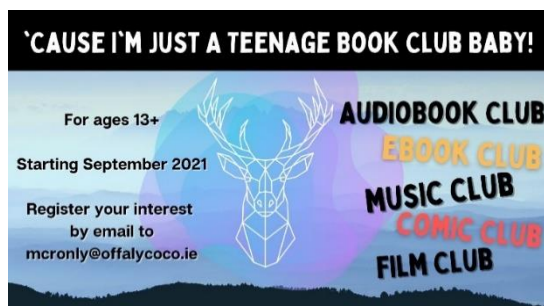
limited. Maximum six children at each venue and children must be accompanied by an adult.

- Tullamore Library at 3pm
- Birr Library at 4pm
- Edenderry Library at 4pm
- Clara Library at 4pm



Teenage Book Blub

Offaly Libraries are setting up a county-wide Virtual Book Club for Teens this coming September!



The club will be a safe place for teens to connect online, share ideas, and express themselves in an encouraging and supervised environment. Those interested may register by email to mcronly@offalycoco.ie

Children's Book Festival – October 2021

Preparations for Offaly Libraries Children's Book Festival are underway. This annual festival takes place during the month of October and library staff will curate a programme of Author Readings, Storytimes, arts and crafts and more!

Big name authors such as Derek Landy and Judi Curtin are lined up for school 'Zoom to the Library' visits. Watch this space for further details on exciting open Book Festival events and be sure to book your space.



Don't forget to subscribe to our newsletter for full details: www.offaly.ie/libraries

Hullabaloo!



We are hard at work, finalising Offaly libraries contribution to the programme for the first 'virtual' Hullabaloo! Children's Arts Festival. Offaly Libraries will host a number of virtual workshops for children in dance, music, arts, crafts, and singing. There will also be some 'magical' story times. The festival will take place from Wednesday 27th to Saturday 30th October 2021.

Anna Marie Delaney, Chief Executive

**Draft Consolidated Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service
Division tp 30th June 2021**

	Expenditure €	Income €
Housing & Building	6,931,776	6,947,025
Road Transport & Safety	10,850,382	7,150,758
Water Services	2,174,358	2,008,262
Development Management	5,803,528	3,371,898
Environmental Services	3,962,500	815,893
Recreation & Amenity	2,158,231	220,904
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	344,615	194,704
Miscellaneous Services	7,522,701	5,285,244
Local Government Fund / GPG		4,199,587
Gross Rates Income		8,951,178
	39,748,092	39,145,452
Deficit increase to 30th June 2021		(602,640)

OCC to 31st August 2021

	<u>Rates</u> €m	<u>Rents</u> €m	<u>Loans</u> €m
Opening Balance Jan 1, 2021	3.60	0.57	0.19
Invoices/Adjustments	12.98	4.23	0.31
2021 Cash Collected to end of August	11.24	4.26	0.37
Closing Balance August 31st, 2021	5.34	0.54	0.13

2020 Cash collected to August

	7.36	4.22	0.37
% Collection at this point in 2020	153%	101%	100%

Bank Overdraft to 31st August 2021

Number of days Overdrawn in Bank year to date	39	16%
Overdraft Interest and non conforming charges to August 31st 2021 YTD		€15,183
Bank Administration and transactional charges to August 31st 2021 YTD		€15,371