

**MAY
2022**



Comhairle Chontae Uíbh Fhailí
Offaly County Council

MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

Do: Baill Comhairle Chontae Uíbh Fhailí

Tuairisc mhíosúil bainistíochta a bhreithniú i gcomhair
tionóil mí Bealtaine

Monthly Management Report for consideration at the
June 2022 Monthly Meeting.

EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS

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

FINANCE - APPENDIX 1

Report to the 31st May 2022 – (Appendix I).

REPORT AT A GLANCE

Derek McCreanor and David Fitzgerald and the team from **ACOUSTIC INTERIORS** who represented Offaly have won the national **BEST START UP** award in the **2022 NATIONAL ENTERPRISE AWARDS** held on 2 June.

streamBIRR awarded €25k and contributed an article to the Sunday Business Post on remote work hubs

MUSIC GENERATION OFFALY WESTMEATH Strategic Review findings

ARCHITECT / HERITAGE
BHIS 2022: 27 applicants received Provisional Approval
HSF 2022: Three successful projects

EDENDERRY TOWN INNER RELIEF ROAD PHASE I now substantially complete

341 litter and waste complaints received

Ministers Burke and Troy visited Offaly in May / June

Offaly Volunteer Group Awards held in May

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CONNECTED HUB VOUCHER SCHEME launched by Minister Humphreys

MULTI-SPORT CAMPS for secondary school students in **JUNE & JULY** – Banagher, Daingean & Tullamore.

HER OUTDOORS WEEK 2022 – 8th – 14th August

Offaly Libraries **COMIC CON** and **PRIDE MONTH**– June

20TH JUNE 2022

PLANNING

	To end May 2022	To end May 2021	Total 2021
Planning Applications	274	346	831
Extensions of Duration Applications & Assessments	8	9	13
Warning Letters and (Enforcement Notices) issued	22 (4)	6 (2)	30 (2)

During the month of May, the following large planning applications were received:

Electricity Supply Board (E.S.B) Development and operation of battery energy storage system, Shannonbridge

Electricity Supply Board (E.S.B) Integrated constructed wetland, Clonfanlough, Derrylahan.

Bord Na Móna Recycling Ltd New Civic Amenity Site at Cappincur Ind. Estate.

Droughill Builders 18 houses at Frankford, Kilcormac

Fitzpatrick and Heavey Homes 40 residential units at Townparks, Birr

Forward Planning

The first stage of public consultation for the making of the draft Birr Local Area Plan 2023-2029 was carried out in May in accordance with Section 20(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended which states that *'a planning authority shall take whatever steps it considers necessary to consult the minister, the OPR and the public before preparing a LAP including consultations with any local residents, public sector agencies, non-*

governmental agencies, local community groups and commercial and business interests within the area'.

- A Public Consultation Issues Paper was placed on display on the Council's Birr LAP webpage, hard copies were placed for inspection at council offices and the Birr library.
- A newspaper notice was published in locally circulating newspapers advising of the Issues Paper and of a public consultation drop-in session.
- Public Consultation Drop-in Session at Birr Civic Offices 9th May 4-7pm
- Notification was provided on social media and to the Birr related PPN groups, Oireachtas members, elected members and members of the Land Use, Planning and Economic Development Strategic Policy Committee.
- Notification was sent to public sector agencies and non-governmental agencies inviting written submissions from them with a closing date of 20th May.

SEA Scoping report and accompanying notification sent to Environmental Authorities inviting submission by 13th June

Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme

Grand Canal Greenway

The stretch from Daingean to Edenderry is nearing completion, having been funded by a €3.1m allocation from the national government budget, 2021. This will bring the total length of greenway developed (including the Ballycommon branch) to c. 60km. An exercise will soon be undertaken to provide information and distance signage over the completed stretches to enhance the visitor experience. The Grand Canal

Greenway is currently being advertised on National radio By Offaly Tourism.

Just Transition Strand 2 Project - Lough Boora Connections

The resurfacing and enhancement of approx. 9.5kms of walking & cycling trails in the Lough Boora



Discovery Park is nearing completion, having commenced in late 2021 as part of a €998,000 Just Transition grant. Please see pictures below.



This project, entitled Lough Boora Connections, will give extremely high quality access from the Grand Canal Greenway at Turraun lakes to the Lough Boora visitor centre via 'short' (4.2km) or 'longer' route (c.10km) options.



Architecture / Heritage

BHIS 2022: 27 applicants received Provisional Approval, total allocation of allocation of **€126,400**. Nine projects are currently on site varying from window repairs to structural and lime render repairs and thatch. Three projects are complete, 1 Eden Row (roof and lime render repair), Bloomfield Mausoleum structural repairs (with combined funding sources) and Clonavoe Thatch.



iii Before photos thatch in poor condition



i Works underway



ii Works complete

HSF 2022: Three successful projects, the carry-over project from 2021, Sophia Housing in Portarlinton have withdrawn from the scheme. Two applicants have commenced on site, Lowland House – window repairs and Tullamore Gaol railings



Tullamore Gaol Railings – removal underway, includes railings and gates

Creative Ireland –Annual Follies Project €10,000, Bloomfield Mausoleum underway, site visits reports etc. Vernacular Architecture fund projects €5,000



Follies Trust – agreed to provide funding towards repairs of Bloomfield Mausoleum €3,500, additional funding from the

Primrose Trust €6,000 also approved.

Combined grant project – repairs to **Bloomfield Mausoleum** are complete for 2022, overseen by Southgate Conservation Engineers





- *Heritage Council Stewardship Funding: €15,000* approved for OCC, 5 new Offaly projects. Funding includes edits and printing costs for new publication - *Traditional Architecture in Offaly* by Rachel Mc Kenna.



- *CMF* – application by AP, Emmet Castle to be monitored by Architect, €85,000 funding

This brings the total funding in 2022 towards the conservation of the built heritage to €428,900, with 35 projects to be completed on site by October 2022.

- *Architectural/Conservation Report for Planning Applications and Pre Planning*, note significant increase in number of reports required each year.

- 2019 – 17 Reports (Jan-May)

- 2020 – 23 Reports (Jan-May)
- 2021 – 47 Reports (Jan-May)
- 2022 – 51 Reports (Jan-May)

Tullamore URDF – ongoing assistance as required, steering group for Masterplan and Harbour Plan.



Recent visit by Minister Burke to see the completed Acres Folly project, 11 May 2022

- *RRDF* - Steering Group for current Banagher project, prepare designs, drawings and mapping documents for 2022 projects, Birr, Ferbane etc. – ongoing.
- *Urban & Village Renewal, Outdoor Dining Schemes* etc: Assist MD's with successful applications on proposed designs – ongoing.
- *Birr Courthouse* – Form part of broader 2022 RRDF application.
- *Birr Destination Town* – continue to work with team, meeting every three weeks moving on €650k Failte Ireland Funding, liaise with consultants for new entrance to The Green, Tender to determine costs due to upload in June, remaining funding with determine proposed approach for Interpretation piece.

ROADS

Roads Programme 2022:

Roads Programme 2022: Delivery of the 2022 Roads programme continues across all of the Municipal District areas and is making good progress. As outlined in the Approved Roadworks Scheme for 2022, it is proving challenging to deliver the programme for the originally estimated budgets given recent fuel and materials inflation, which impacts all aspects of road construction and maintenance. It will now be necessary to revise the programme and each Municipal District will now identify reductions across specific program headings and present to their respective Municipal District for approval in order to deliver the greatest percentage of the agreed programme. It is hoped that the extent of the reductions within the current program of works will be identified, discussed and agreed and implemented by Mid July 2022.

Killina Cycleway: The contract for the construction of the new walking and cycling track at Killina School, Killina, Rahan, Co. Offaly has now been awarded. Works on the scheme are due to commence in early July on completion of the Leaving Certificate exams.

Birr Distributor Road: Valid Tenders have been received for Technical Consultancy Services for the Birr Distributor Road. Approval to award this tender will be issued to the Department of Transport for approval and it is hoped that Design works will commence on this scheme in July 2022 subject to Department of Transport approval.

N62 Corr Hill Pavement Scheme: Tenders approval and contract award has been completed for the proposed pavement

strengthening works on 2.3Km of the N62 at Corr Hill. The works are due to commence onsite in Mid-June 2022 and are programmed to last 5 to 6 weeks.

Edenderry Town Inner Relief Road:

Works on the Edenderry Inner Relief Road Phase 1 are now substantially completed. A detailed Design of Phase 2 of the scheme has now been completed, reviewed and issued to the Department of Transport for assessment and approval to proceed to Tender.

LIS Program 2022: Offaly County Council received approval from the Department of Rural and Community Development to proceed with our submitted LIS scheme for 2022. The Roads Department have advertised for the submission of additional schemes across the County under this program in May 2022 so as to ensure that a program of schemes can be assessed, priced and programmed for future funding under the LIS program.

ENVIRONMENT AND WATER

Climate Action:*Climate Action Plan:*

Decarbonized Zone (DZ): The DHLGH proposed DZ's which were to be "test-beds" of decarbonizing the economy and wider society, envisaged to be 12-24 months ahead of the CAP roll out, have been transferred to DECC and are now being encompassed into the LA CAP's.

A number of staff have completed the Green Teams National Programme training developed by the EPA to help organisations set up their own "Green Teams" from scratch.

The CCMA ran a workshop for LA Energy Performance Officers, which was attended by OCC staff, on DECC policy updates and DoT EV strategies. There were presentations on funding supports both nationally and from the EU.



Local Clean up during National Spring Clean campaign

3 Counties Energy Agency (3Cea), have been reappointed as energy consultants to the 5 MEA counties, which included Offaly. It is proposed to carry out an energy audit on 4 of OCC buildings before end of year.

Environment:

Litter & Waste Management:

We have received 341 litter and waste complaints.

Litter fines issued: 17 and we are in court on Monday with two illegal dumping cases. E&WS continues to provide an efficient service to the public regarding investigation of complaints

Rural Water Programme:

The Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme 2019 – 2021 is ongoing. Of the 19 projects awarded funding 14 are now complete and the remainder are due to be completed by the end of quarter 3/22 and the GWS committees are making good progress towards this target. In addition, three Group Water Schemes have been approved for funding for projects that have arisen during the term of the current funding programme and three more projects are awaiting confirmation from the Rural Water Unit.

The next Multi Annual Rural Water Programme circular and measures is due to be issued to Local Authorities in late 2022 and we are contacting all relevant Group Water Schemes to advise them to begin preparing their submissions. In advance of that, the Rural Water Unit have issued a circular and guidance for a new MARWP measure – A8 – Waste Water Collection and Treatment Needs for Villages and Settlements without access to Public Waste Water Services – a workshop on the new measure will be attended by OCC staff on 15/06/22.

Annual Group Water Scheme Subsidy Forms are being returned by the GWSs and we are currently calculating their subsidy payments. Any outstanding applications are due to be returned to OCC by 24/06/22

Burial Grounds.

The tenders for the extension of Kilcoursey cemetery have been assessed and the letter of Intent has been sent to the preferred tenderer. It is anticipated that works will take place in Q3.

Veterinary

OCC is continuing with its shared service agreement for veterinary services with Westmeath Co. Co. and we are providing veterinary inspection services in 12 abattoirs across both counties.

In the first quarter of 2022 a total of 59 stray or surrendered dogs were cared for by the Control of Dogs team. Of these, 12 dogs were reunited with their owners, 3 were rehomed directly from the Dog Shelter and 32 were rehomed by registered Animal Welfare charities, nine dogs remained in the Dog shelter at the end of the quarter. We have also had two successful prosecutions for control of dogs related issues in 2022.

Water Services.

The following schemes have upgrade design works in progress:

- *Clara Water Treatment Plant*
- *Edenderry Waste Water Treatment Plant*
- *Rhode Waste Water Treatment Plant*
- *Daingean Waste Water Treatment Plant*
- *Clara Wastewater- mitigation of odour issues.*
- *Banagher Wastewater- upgrade of sewer on Harbour Road*

Disinfection Programme

Geashill Water Treatment Plant will progress soon, followed by Holmshill (Rahan WSS)

Leak Reduction Programme

Clonbullogue DMA complete and the desired target has been achieved

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

May Housing Update:

- There are 503 on the Social Housing List awaiting housing support at the end of May 2022.
- A further 735 active tenancies are currently being supported under the Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Scheme, 8 signed up for HAP and 21 exited from HAP in May.

- At the end of May, 17 single people and 10 families were being supported in emergency accommodation.

Housing Stock – Number, Maintenance & Repair:

- Total housing stock at end of May 2022 is 1,985.
- 249 maintenance calls were logged in May.

Housing Capital Programme Update:

- Raheen, Clara development (38 units) – The Stage 4 approval application was approved by the DHLGH on 24th February 2022. Project retendered with closing date in June using the new Public Works Form of Contract and a new Stage 4 application will lodge with the Department following due diligence with the lowest tenderer.
- Dargan Drive, Chancery Lane (20 Units) – Part 8 passed in May council meeting. Stage 3 will be submitted to the Department in Q3, 2022.
- Moneygall (4 units) – Contractor commenced works on site on 31st January 2022. Due for completion in Q1, 2023.
- Beechgrove, Belmont (7 units) – Project commenced on site on 10th November 2021. Due for completion in Q4, 2022.
- Sr. Senan, Edenderry (4 no. Older Person's dwellings) – Stage 4 approval was granted on 11th April 2022 and works are due to commence on site in Q2, 2022.
- Banagher, Kylebeg (18 Units) – Stage 4 approval received on 25th June 2021. Contractor has been appointed (Pat Loftus Construction Ltd.) and work has commenced on

site. Project is due for completion in Q4, 2022.

- Circular Road, Daingean (9 units) - Stage 4 approval was received on 8th March 2022 and works were due to commence on site in May 2022, however department have advised that scheme should be re-tendered.
- Circular Road, Daingean, Site 2 (10 Units) – Stage 1 approval application was granted on 3rd August 2021 for the site adjoining the OCC housing site on Circular Road. Stage 2 is due to be lodged in 2022. Consultant appointments are currently being put in place.
- Sycamore Drive, Ballycumber (9 Units) – Stage 1 approval was granted by the Department on 11th May 2021. Design Team have been appointed and all surveys completed. Stage 2 will be lodged in Q2, 2022.

Vacant Houses Initiatives:

- 1 Newbridge Street, Birr: Works commenced on site on 16th December 2021. Works are ongoing and due for completion in June 2022.
- 4 Hillview, Holly Park, Birr: Consultant Tenders have been completed. Awaiting department approval
- 121 Lakeview, Clara: Stage 1 submission required
- 3 x Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPOs) completed in 2021.

Approved Housing Bodies Schemes:

- Cluid Housing Association: Jackson's Hill, Tullamore - Construction ongoing on 26 units

with completion date projected for April/May 2022.

- Oaklee: Clonminch, Tullamore (19 units) – Completion in November 2022
- Oaklee: Kearney's Field, Tullamore (41 Units) – Completion in Q1, 2023
- Sofia Housing: Stage 2 approved (39 units) at Presentation Lands, Portarlinton. Stage 2 submission was made in October. Sophia Housing will lodge a planning application for the development soon.
- Sofia Housing, Clonamore Hotel tender complete with Stage 3 submission made to the department in May 2022

Turnkey Developments/Part V:

- 6 Turnkey Schemes (82 units) which received departmental approval in December 2020. The remaining units are progressing as follows:
 - Mucklagh, 8 units – Completed May 2022
 - Woodfield, Birr, 35 units - 9 completed to date. All completions will be in 2022
 - Bog Road, Portarlinton, 28 units - Under Construction, completion in Q1 2023
 - Walsh Island, 4 units - Under Construction
- 7 x Part V Units at the Hawthorns, Tullamore were completed in 2021, 5 more due in June / July 2022
- 2 x Part V units under construction at Ard na Carriage, Edenderry

Housing Grants (Private):

Housing were notified on 28th March that the 2022 Allocation - Housing Adaptation

Grants for Older People and People with a Disability Scheme for private homes is €1,543,750 which is composed of €1,235,000 exchequer funding (representing 80%), and €308,750 matching local authority funding (representing 20%) to be provided from Offaly County Council's own resources.

Housing are progressing the 2022 works programme and continue to liaise with all applicants who have been approved for works in an effort to ensure that all works are progressing and to facilitate the timely drawdown of funds.

Disabled Person's Grants (Social Housing):

On 31st March 2022 Housing were advised that the allocation for Disabled Person's Grants for Social Housing Units is €658,800 (representing 90%), with €65,880 matching local authority funding (representing 10%) is to be added from Offaly County Council's own resources.

Retrofit Programme:

The Council received notification on 22nd October 2021 of an increase in their allocation under 'Just Transition for the Midlands Region' programme to €4.2m.

Lot 1&2, Birr: The Contractor for the works has been appointed (Retrofit Design Ltd.) and works are in progress on the Birr houses. Completion in June 2022

Lot 3&4, Tullamore: Works are still awaiting Department funding approval.

Lot 5&6, Edenderry, Daingean, Clara, Ferbane, Shannonbridge, Cloghan: The appointed consultants have prepared the works tender which will be advertised on www.etenders.gov.ie. When and if funding is approved by the DHLGH.

LOCAL & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Offaly Community Response Forum

Minister Peter Burke visited Offaly in May to see first-hand the Offaly response to the Ukrainian crisis. The Community Response Forum has met 9 times since mid-March and continues to meet fortnightly to oversee the local response. Up to 400 Ukrainian refugees are located in Offaly currently. 14 member organisations attend the Community Forum and details of services and contacts are available on offaly.ie. An additional €5m has been announced nationally to support the SICAP programme Ukrainian response.



Minister Peter Burke T.D. with members of Offaly Community Response Forum and local elected representatives

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC): Offaly LCDC held their monthly meeting on Thursday 12th May, 2022. Main agenda items included the Rural Development LEADER Programme 2014 – 2020 & Transitional LEADER Programme 2021 – 2022, Local Economic and Community Plan 2022-2027, Healthy Ireland Fund Programme and the Community Response Forum.

LEADER Projects Eleven LEADER Projects were approved to the value of €271,330.68.

LECP Update: Members were provided with an update in relation to the establishment of an Advisory Steering Group and agreed the membership of the group as follows:

Name		Representing
Stephane Duclot		DOS for Land Use, Planning and Economic Development
Sharon Kennedy		DOS for Housing & Community Services
Ann Dillon		LCDC Chief Officer
Orla Martin		Head of Enterprise until appointment of Senior Enterprise Development Officer, LEO
Lorraine Mitchell		Senior Executive Planner (Forward Planning)
Anne Marie Keane, LOETB		Nominee from LCDC
Ann Sheerin, HSE		Nominee from LCDC
Councillor Dooley	Eamon	Chair of Land Use, Planning and Economic Development SPC
Councillor Clendennen	John	Member of Community, Culture & Emergency Services SPC

Brendan O'Loughlin,
OLDC

Any other person
considered likely to
make significant
contribution

Rebekah Keaveney,
Green Offaly

Any other person
considered likely to
make significant
contribution

The role of the group is to:

- Assist in the preparation, drafting, adoption, implementation and monitoring of the LECP
- Integrate the economic and community elements of the LECP
- Integrate the High-Level Goals and Sustainable Objectives in the framework LECP with the Implementation Plan

Healthy Offaly Update: Members were provided with a comprehensive update in relation to the conclusion of the current cycle of the Healthy Offaly Programme and associated funding. The challenges faced in the delivery of programmes as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic were outlined, and the creative ways these challenges were overcome, in partnership with local agencies and organisations. It was reported that all actions under Strand 1 are now complete, with funding reports completed for same.



Community Response Forum: Members were briefed in relation to the ongoing work of the Community Forum in response to the emerging Ukrainian refugee crisis and advised that the inter-agency forum continue to meet on a regular basis with updates given from groups involved in managing the ongoing needs of the displaced. Members agreed that a continued coordinated, cooperative interagency approach will ensure efficient responses to optimise outcomes in the most challenging situation.

Funding: Members were informed that a new €15 million capital fund had been

CATEGORY	WINNER/RUNNER-UP	GROUP
Older People	Winner	Meals on Wheels Tullamore
Older People	Runner-up	Offaly West Enterprise Society
Youth	Winner	Killeigh Schoolboy's and Girls Soccer Club
Youth	Runner-up	Tullamore Camogie Club
Minority Group	Winner	BHM community Development Group
Minority Group	Runner-up	Offaly Traveller Movement
People with Disabilities	Winner	Offaly Down Syndrome Association
People with Disabilities	Runner-up	Laois Offaly Families for Autism
Other	Winner	Accessible Counselling Tullamore
Other	Runner-up	Offaly Domestic Violence Support Services
OVERALL WINNER		Offaly GAA

announced by Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD for the upgrade and refurbishment of Community Centres to be administered by the DRCD.

Offaly Volunteer Group Awards: An event was held in the Bridge House Hotel on the 19th May, to acknowledge the work carried out by Volunteers and Community Groups across Offaly throughout the pandemic. The event, held during National Volunteering Week, featured a speech live streamed from Dublin Castle by Minister Joe O'Brien, T.D., Minister of State with responsibility for Community Development and Charities. An independent panel evaluated the nominations and finalists were present on the evening to receive their awards



Public Participation Network: The PPN Secretariat meeting took place on the second Wednesday of the month and PPN meetings were held in each of the three Municipal Districts.

- Shinrone on 16th May
- Mucklagh on 17th May
- Tullamore on 18th May

Meetings held and events where PPN were represented were:

- Killina Convent Committee
- Migrant Forum

- Offaly Volunteer Awards

Other updates:

- The Offaly PPN 2021 Report was finalised and submitted to DRCD on behalf of the Secretariat and OCC.



- PPN Elections are underway to fill a number of representative vacancies.
- A Social Inclusion Showcase event will be held in the Tullamore Court on Sept 14th.
- Work is also underway on the re-registration of the PPN Membership.

Offaly Age Friendly

- The Age Friendly Programme was very busy during the month of May. The focus was on the coordination and engagement in Bealtaine events across the county.
- The Age Friendly Interdepartmental Team within Offaly County Council met on 11th May to progress plans for Clara as the Age Friendly Pilot Town in Offaly.
- The Older Persons Convention took place in Trim on the 12 & 13th May and was well attended. Offaly OPC was represented by Frances Kawala and Declan Costello. The Regional

Age Friendly Manager and the Offaly Age Friendly Manager attended.

- An Older Persons Gathering was held in the Charleville Centre Tullamore on May 17th which was supported by the Gardaí and OLDC.
- A workshop on May 24th provided support for facilitators who will assist at the Older Persons Consultation on June 21st in the Tullamore Court. This consultation will inform the next Age Friendly Strategy.
- As part of European Neighbours Day on May 27th a presentation was given at the Darmagh Centre on the Age Friendly Programme, the upcoming consultation and the role of the PPN in the county.

Age Friendly Showcase Event

Tullamore: There was a great turnout at the Age Friendly Showcase event in the Tullamore Court on 24th May with over 150 visitors throughout the day. Cllr. Declan Harvey Cathaoirleach opened the event. The HSE & Mental Health Ireland presented on Mental Health & Wellbeing to a packed room.



There were 26



Exhibitors in attendance and three workshops were given by The Dental Hospital, Irish Hospice Foundation, and The Physio & Frailty Team from Midland Regional Hospital Tullamore.

The Irish Heart Foundation were on site doing Blood Pressure Checks and CHIME were facilitating Hearing tests.

Comhairle na nÓg: The 7th Meeting of the year was held in-person. The World Café method was utilised. Broke into three groups and discussed three topics (15 mins each), every group got to delve into the following: Religion and RSE in Schools, Ableism & Disability and New Communities and Racism. The Group decided to administer surveys throughout every school in the county regarding Religion & RSE in schools. Results to be analysed next week in subcommittee meeting.

Senator Pippa Hackett has confirmed that she will attend the next CNN meeting to speak to the group.

The Comhairle na nÓg's coordinator visited Secondary

schools in the county to promote Comhairle na nÓg and encourage new membership and attendance of the AGM.

A CNN member attended the National Exec meeting Sat 21st May. This was an In-person meeting incorporating the offices of Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, Dublin.

ARTS

Arts Programming

In the Open | Faoin Spéir: a collaborative partnership, led by Offaly County Council's Arts Office, including Birr Theatre and Arts Centre and Birr Festivals Collective saw an array of programming with events taking place in Tullamore, Birr and Lough Boora. The



programme was completed in April and the Arts Office received an evaluation report in May. This demonstrated that **In the Open** had something for everyone and was based upon principles of inclusion and diversity. The events endeavoured to establish sustainable connections with underrepresented groups and communities and well as with the general public. Audiences including online and in person were over 17,000 for the duration of the project which was promoted via the Arts Office website and social media, along with all other partner media outlets.

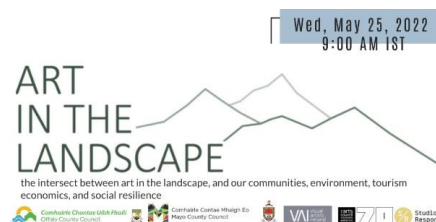
Creative

Places:

continues to develop its programme led by Creative Lives in



partnership with Offaly County Council Arts Office and Edenderry Municipal District, with a host of opportunities for artists and communities coming down the line. A recent update on the project claimed that one of the strong messages that had emerged from the conversations with the local community is how much they value their own local artists. The 'Dancing Shoes'



project was able to support a number of dancers from Offaly and further afield to offer dance workshops to all ages. The workshops were offered for free. Following these, there have already been two new dance classes that have been set up in the town by local dancers. Creative Lives continue to work with existing initiatives such as the Edenderry Festival and Hullabaloo Festival to collaborate on opportunities for artists and creative engagement.

Art in the Landscape Seminar: The seminar took place at the end of May. The online seminar had over 240 people register for the event, showing huge interest in an exploration of the intersect between art in the landscape, culture, environment, tourism and social engagement. The

seminar was led by independent curators Studio Response and invited artists, curators, authors, and researchers to debate the multi-dimensional opportunities across various sectors and to share knowledge from local, national, and international examples of potential and explore co-collaborative ways of working that can inform future initiatives in Ireland and beyond. The seminar also presented a film of local participants who had engaged in artist workshops, expressing their own views on the future potential of Lough Boora Sculpture Park. The seminar will be available to view online from June www.artinthelandscape.info

Programme Planning

Hullaballoo and Culture Night – Call out for proposals is currently underway and evaluation will take place shortly.

FilmOffaly – Award 2022 has been advertised, awaiting submissions.

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. 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.

Esker Arts: Work continues and great progress is being made with regards to the much anticipated opening of Esker Arts in 2022.

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, this will include developments as part of the Creative Places Edenderry project.

Creative Ireland: Creative Ireland projects are underway, the Film Animation Residency has been selected and the new animators are in place in Birr.

Artist Support: The Arts Office continue to provide opportunities for artists to upskill and develop.

Welcome to Offaly County Council's new Assistant Arts Officer: The Arts Office and Offaly County Council are delighted to welcome Angela Ryan Whyte who has recently joined the Arts team. Angela has been working with Jigsaw for many years and has also extensive experience working in the area of Youth Arts and Youth Theatre. In addition, Angela been the instigator and co-ordinator for the highly successful Scripts Festival in Birr. We are all looking forward to working with Angela in the delivery of the arts across the county.

Music Generation Report

Our school and community programmes are continuing and will be finishing up at the end of June, with Summer Jam in Mullingar continuing through July, and summer camps in the Family Resource Centre in Clara and Youth Work Ireland Tullamore.



We are putting the final preparations in place for our Singfest Choral trail on Friday 10th of June in the grounds of Belvedere House in Mullingar. We are delighted to be able to bring almost 500 primary school students together for a Big Sing and workshops led by our artistic director Patrick Barrett, (<https://www.rsno.org.uk/people/patrick-barrett/>) and members of our own musician team.

We are also putting on various workshops for Cruinniú na nÓg on Saturday 11th June, with events in Belvedere House in Mullingar, and Tullamore and Edenderry libraries. Activities include mini music for 4-6 year olds, music jam play along, percussion workshops, ukulele play along sessions and a family concert.



Music Generation Offaly Westmeath Strategic Review Findings

Music Generation Offaly Westmeath (MGOW) was established in 2013 as a two-county Local Music Education Partnership Area (LMEP), comprising Laois Offaly TB, Longford Westmeath ETB, Westmeath County Council and Offaly County Council as Lead Partner. Over the past nine years the programme has grown substantially.

In preparation for its new 5-year phase of development, the statutory partners undertook a strategic review to examine in detail the current two-county model from structural, governance, finance and resources, operations, workforce, partnership, local factors, and programming perspectives.

Based on the findings and recommendations of this review, the local partners have decided that in order to secure the longer-term quality, growth and sustainability of Music Generation in Co.

Offaly and Co. Westmeath a re-structuring of the current two-county model into two distinct LMEP Areas is now required. The lead partner for Westmeath Music Generation will be Longford Westmeath ETB while the lead partner for Offaly Music Generation will be Laois Offaly ETB.

Following an assessment of the strategic review and its findings, the Board of Music Generation has accepted this proposal and fully supports the decision of the local partners, in order to bring MGOW in line with established national structures.

As Music Generation is now approaching national coverage, it is timely that the current arrangements for MGOW are brought in line with established national LMEP Area structures. The management committee of the MGOW partnership is committed to planning for a careful and strategic move to the new structures that, ultimately, will achieve the best possible outcomes for children and young people in both counties from 2023.

The MGOW board now wishes to advise all stakeholders involved in MGOW of the plan to align with the 1 county model in place across the country and to support everyone affected by the change process with information and communication. Of paramount importance in this process are the MG staff and musicians as well as local and national partners and funders. In the coming weeks and months, a number of opportunities will be provided to engage all





stakeholders on the change process and its implications.

While the official commencement of the new structures will happen from January 1st 2023, the period from September to December 2022 (the new school term) will be a key transition period where services will start to streamline on a county by county basis and will be branded as MG Offaly and MG Westmeath.

SPORTS

Staffing Newly appointed ACE (Assisting Children Excel programme) Coordinator, Liam O Reilly, is due to commence work with Offaly SP on Monday, 13th June. The ACE programme will have a focus on supporting children from disadvantaged

backgrounds to become, and thereafter, remain involved in sport.

Funding Offaly Sports Partnership will be making an application for funding to Sport Ireland Outdoors in support of a programme of activities to be delivered as part of HER Outdoors week 2022 which takes place from 8th to 14th August 2022. HER Outdoors week aims to celebrate and encourage more females to get out and enjoy the benefits of being in the outdoors while bringing visibility to the opportunities for females to get involved in outdoor physical activity.

Education & Training

- two Safeguarding 1 (child protection) courses delivered in May.
- one Safeguarding 2 (club children's officer) course delivered in May.



- additional Safeguarding 1 and 2 courses to be delivered in June.

Programmes

ACE

- remote sprint event underway in 20 schools across the four major towns in Offaly
- after school programme underway in Gracefield (Portarlington catchment) since Easter



Community Sports / Sports Inclusion Development Programmes

Various programmes underway including: -

I. Community sports development programmes

- activator pole programme delivered for six older adults in Edenderry.
- secondary school rounders programme across four secondary schools – Tullamore College, Colaiste Choilm, Sacred Heart School & Coláiste Naomh Cormac.

II. Sports inclusion development programmes

- physical activity programme supports for “mental health month” delivered in association with Tullamore mental health services in both Tullamore (Mondays in St Mary’s Youth Centre) and Daingean (Fridays in Daingean GAA with the support of the Daingean sports hub).
- 40 people participated on the Tullamore programme; while 20 people participated on the Daingean programme.
- after school physical activity programme for primary school children with additional needs in Tullamore (Tuesdays from 4 – 5pm) and

Daingean (Wednesdays from 3.30 – 4.30pm).

- 15 children with additional needs participated on the Tullamore programme; while seven children with additional needs participated on the Daingean programme.

Upcoming programmes include: -

I. Community sports development programmes.

- Rounders blitzes in June – Ferbane, Kilcormac & Tullamore.
- multi-sport camps for secondary school students in June & July – Banagher, Daingean & Tullamore.
- activities on the green in association with the housing section of Offaly Co.

II. Sports inclusion development programmes

- July provision days.
- inclusive camps.

Integration

- after school programme for Ukrainian children of primary school age.



- outdoor diversity games & Africa day sprints hosted by Offaly SP in Tullamore Harriers on Wednesday, 25th May.

Schools' programmes

- South Offaly sports hub delivering an athletics programme in 10 schools; and an outreach handball programme in three schools.

Dormant account funded programmes

Community volunteer supports 10 young people aged between 16 and 25 years have signed up to the community coaching programme commencing Monday 13th June in the Tullamore Harriers.

Sports Leader

- the outstanding Sports Leader training course in Gallen Community School has been completed; and certification has been requested for all Gallen Community School programmes.
- in the 2021 / 2022 academic year, 17 courses have been delivered for 375 TY and LCA students across six schools.
- eight schools have expressed interest in the Sports Leader programme in the next academic year 2022 / 2023. Offaly SP is still awaiting notice of allocation to determine our delivery capacity.

Daingean sports hub Robin Geraghty continues in the role of Daingean sports hub coordinator supporting delivery of a number of local sport and physical activity activities with clubs and organisations in Daingean as outlined below: -

- eight-week mummies & buggies programme
- eight-week boot camp
- eight-week circuit training programme
- eight-week "Mother & Others Gaelic"
- eight-week walking challenge

35 people are currently availing of the programmes on offer.

In addition to the above programmes, Robin has also been assisting in the delivery of the activator pole programme in Edenderry, the after schools' physical activity programme for primary school children with additional needs in Daingean, and the "May mental health month" activities in Daingean.

Denise Coghill, Community Sports Development Officer is supporting Robin in her work.

Sports inclusion development programme capital supports

In support of upcoming inclusive camps, various items of sports equipment to be purchased.



HEALTHY OFFALY

The Final Healthy Offaly return for Strand 1 Round 3 was submitted on Friday 6th May in advance of the deadline for submission of the return. Activity on all actions concluded on 31st March with the intervening period spent gathering the

financial and progress report information from partners. The spend for the final return for the period July 2021 to March 2022 came to €92,968.33 with a total spend of €250,554.33 over the lifetime of Round 3.

On Tuesday 31st May the grant agreement for the Healthy Ireland Fund (HIF) 2022-2025 (Round 4) was received from Pobal. The agreement was duly signed by the Chief Executive and immediately returned to Pobal. Planning on Round 4 actions has already commenced with discussions being held with a number of groups interested in making costed submissions for actions to be delivered.

LIBRARY SERVICES

Cruinniú na nÓg, Saturday 11th June

Offaly Libraries organised a diverse range of **24 workshops** which were jam-packed with activity in library locations across the county.



These creative activities included workshops on music, abstract art, comic and creative writing and even how to make your own treasure chest. There was something for all age groups and we even had activities available through **Ukrainian**. As well as the workshops, there were launches of several **development projects** delivered to local Offaly schools,



commissioned as part of Cruinniú. Public launches were held in various locations to celebrate and exhibit their work.

Our specially pre-recorded videos including our morning singalong with Noel and Puppet Storytime with Simone Schuemmelfeder are both still available to view on our **Facebook** and **YouTube** channels.



Clár Éire Ildánach
Creative Ireland
Programme
2017-2022



We also
had two
**Contact
and**

Collect activities on offer: Juggling Kits and Kite making Kits could be collected from your local library. [View the full programme of events offered here.](#)



Offaly Libraries Comic Con, Saturday 18th June

As part of our June celebrations, we welcome back **Offaly Libraries Comic Con** on **Saturday, 18th June**, which will happen in **Tullamore Library**. The event has been an outstanding success in previous years and we are very excited to host another innovative programme this year.

This year, we welcome Ghostbuster Ireland, Mechatrons Robotics and 501st Garrison who will delight the public with live Stormtroopers,



Ghostbusters and animated replicas of R2D2 and a Dalek!

Workshops, demonstrations, exhibitions, discussions and competitions will be happening during the course of the day.

A **Vender and Artists Alley** will be set up on the library floor and, in collaboration with Ray Bell of Offaly County Council, there will be a **VEX Robotics Freeplay Arena** set up for visitors. **Lego Freeplay** will also be available in The Space throughout the day.

[View the full brochure and timeline of events here.](#)

Pride Month, June 2022

Offaly Libraries are delighted to host a variety of activities to celebrate Pride Month, this June 2022.



We have a number of fun events and activities planned throughout the county including **Scavenger Hunts** in every branch, an online **Trivia Quiz** and a **Pride Blog**.

Some branches are also offering **Arts & Crafts** sessions, **Story Time** sessions and, of course, some fabulous LGBTQ+ book displays in the rainbow Pride colours! Our book clubs have chosen to read Pride friendly books this June.

Story Time Sessions return to Tullamore and Edenderry Libraries

We are delighted to report that traditional story times have returned to our libraries!

Wednesday Wobblers is a story time and rhyme session held in Tullamore Library every Wednesday at 11am. **Parents First** have started a Parent and Toddler meet-up to complement its Parent and Baby group that meets in Tullamore on Tuesday mornings. The new toddler group will meet from 10-11.30 on Tuesdays in 'The Space',

Tullamore

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Edenderry

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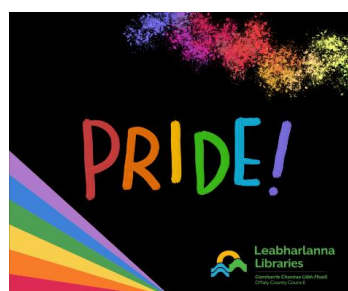
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morning for children under 5 years of age. Contact Edenderry Library to book at edenderrylibrary@offalycoco.ie



Summerstars 2022

Summerstars is back again for 2022! As part of the Right to Read initiative, Summerstars is a national programme that is marked on all library calendars.

Officially launching on the 13th of June, children throughout Offaly are invited to continue or discover their love of reading and writing over the Summer. Every child who reads even one book is rewarded for completing the programme – and it's all free!

Last year, Offaly Libraries had **1,187 children** signed up to participate and all children who completed their reading card were entered into a draw to win a Kindle from their local branch library. We look forward to surpassing this figure for 2022.



Bealtaine 2022

Offaly Libraries were delighted to celebrate Bealtaine 2022: Ireland's National Festival for Arts and Creativity as we age during the month of May.

Overall, our Bealtaine events saw **more than 200 participants** across our library branches.



Strolling through Ulysses at Birr Library



Robert Gogan shared his passion for James Joyce's 'Ulysses' on Wednesday 8th June at 6.30pm in Birr Library in celebration of Bloomsday

2022.

Robert is best known for his one-man show 'Strolling through Ulysses'. He has also released a new remastered edition of the novel with the text reformatted. If you've ever been curious about what makes Ulysses a must read, then join contact Birr Library on (057) 9124950 or birrlibrary@offalycoco.ie to learn more.

KARE Events at Edenderry Library

KARE

Promoting Inclusion for
People with Intellectual
Disabilities

KARE are exhibiting an Art installation of their own interpretation of Van Gogh's

Starry Night, made with bottle tops, for the month of June. This can be seen in the window of Edenderry Library from Wednesday 1st June. The KARE book club will be using Edenderry Library's Community Room to hold their scheduled meetings on Thursday mornings throughout June.

New Ukrainian Supports Available at Offaly Libraries

Offaly Libraries are delighted to announce some new library services available to support the Ukrainian community in Offaly.

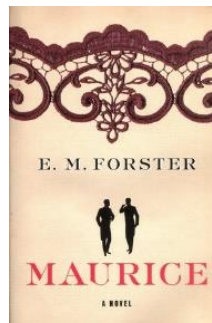
LOTE Online for Kids is an online database of digital books in World Languages, that allows kids to enjoy the magic of books in LOTE (Languages Other Than English).

Each book also comes with English translations to help kids learn languages. LOTE Online for Kids has over **1,350+ digital picture books in 45+ languages**, with new books and languages released each month – helping libraries to engage immigrant, refugee, and multilingual families in their communities. Check it out [here](#).

Borrowbox has a number of eBook and eAudiobook titles available in Ukrainian for children up to 11 years of age.

A number of **Cruinniu na nÓg** events were made available in Ukrainian including Comic Workshops with Marta and Fly Your Kite Kit instructional videos.

Online Adult Book Club



chosen to read *Maurice* by E.M. Forster.

To register your interest in joining the Book Club, please email

Our last book club meeting took place on Thursday, June 2nd where we discussed *Of Women and Salt* by Gabriela Garcia. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 7th at 7pm and, to celebrate Pride Month, we have



Tullamorelibrary@Offalycoco.ie

Online Young Adult Book Club

The last Young Adult Book Club took place on Thursday, May 26th and the book we discussed was *Demon Road* by Derek Landy.

In celebration of Pride Month, our members have chosen to read *The Henna Wars* by Adiba Jaigirdar and we will be meeting to discuss the book on Thursday, June 30th. To register your interest in joining the Book Club, please email

Tullamorelibrary@Offalycoco.ie

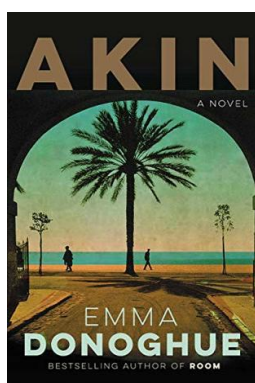
Tullamore Adult Book Club

Tullamore Library is delighted to welcome our Adult Book Club back to the library, meeting every first Tuesday of the month at 7pm.

Tullamore Adult Book Club will be meeting next on Tuesday June 7th to discuss *Akin* by Emma Donoghue. To register your interest in joining the Book Club, please email Tullamorelibrary@Offalycoco.ie

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 our Library Newsletter and through following our social media channels. Currently we have **1,500 subscribers** to the newsletter. The link to subscribe to our newsletter is here; [Offaly Libraries Newsletter](#).



investment to improve 81 remote working facilities nationwide.

We are delighted to report **streamBIRR** have been awarded funding under this initiative of **€24,952.50** which will be used to upgrade existing facilities, branding and signage and also the purchase of two specialised sound proofed booths to allow for privacy and podcasting/ recording facility for members of the hub. This funding will also provide for the purchase of air purifying equipment and the installation of a Bike Rack to promote Active Travel.

We are pleased to say that hubs in Offaly have been awarded a total of €311,751 in funding as part of Connected Hubs Call 2022, which is funded by the



Department of Rural and Community Development, This initiative is to support and complement the development of the National Hub Network, which is a key action of the **Rural Development Policy - Our Rural Future** and also the **National Remote Working Strategy – Making Remote Work**. The Connected Hubs Call 2022 aims to add additional capacity to the existing remote working infrastructure in Ireland by upgrading existing hubs and Broadband Connection Points (BCPs).

€149,000 of this funding is for 5 Broadband Connection Points in Birr, Moneygall, Rhode, Roscrea and Tullamore. This investment will support the BCPs in growing their remote working offering in rural areas of the county, providing local remote workers and students alike with modern facilities such as defibrillators,

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE

Funding News

Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys, announced on June 8th the launch of a series of new initiatives that will make remote working more accessible and attractive for thousands of people. One of these initiatives is the



An Roinn Forbartha
Tuaithe agus Pobail
Department of Rural and
Community Development

Connected Hubs Voucher Scheme, which will give remote workers free use of their local digital hub.

Another initiative announced is the Connected Hubs Call 2022 which is a €5m

charge points for Electric Vehicles and office and kitchen facilities. Full details of the funding are available on the Offaly Local Enterprise page.

The other initiative announced is that all local authorities will receive €50,000 in funding to promote remote working opportunities in their areas. We look forward to promoting Offaly as the best place in the country to work in.

Innovation and Remote Working Hubs update

The Just Transition Fund is providing 85% of the funding (€476,000) for the expansion of **The Junction**. The expansion project involves the conversion of a current warehouse at 25J into high-end office spaces for new and growing enterprises creating 3,000 sq. ft. of additional office space. This will create spaces tailored for current and future work demands such as a podcast/presentation room.

The current project status is that planning permission has been granted and a project manager is currently being sought through e-Tenders.

In the 2021 Connected Hubs Call, The Junction were awarded €75,000 which resulted in a new layout in 19H to increase capacity. There is a new 3 desk office and 7 new desks added to the shared workplace bringing capacity there to 15. In total at 19H there are 5 own door offices, including one very large ground floor office. Currently, all offices are occupied. There are 15 desks in the shared office, of which 6 are available as hot desks. In 25J there are 4 own door offices. All are occupied as is a warehouse which is rented by one of our members.

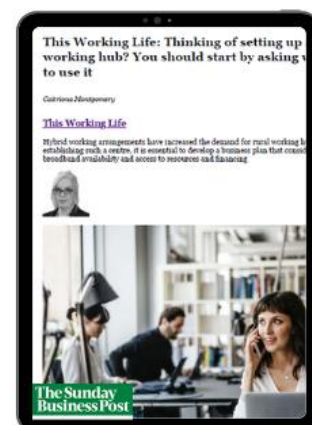
streamBIRR is centrally located in the Birr Technology Centre. Current facilities provide for five offices, a conference room, and has recently expanded to include a nine desk shared cowork area that incorporates a small meeting room. The shared cowork space and adjoining meeting room is the latest demand led expansion that is



facilitating a growing hub community. All five offices are tenant occupied with recent onboarding of the OFFline Film Festival Animation Residency and dedicated I-LOFAR research office. The provision of hot desks, office space, training facility, meeting rooms and the close connection to LEO Offaly, Enterprise Ireland, IDA, I-LOFAR, TUS Midwest, TCD and DIAS attracts a diverse range of start-ups and remote workers.

In the spotlight!

In May, streamBIRR were delighted to contribute an article to the Sunday Business Post – Working Life that provide advice and direction when considering the setup of a remote work hub in a rural location.





Enterprise Awards and won the national Best Start Up award at the prize giving ceremony held in The Mansion House on 2 June.

Acoustic Interiors take an engineering approach to solving acoustic issues and have the technical know-how and experience along with the

construction abilities to provide tailored solutions to noise problems, offering a full

turnkey solution from investigation to consulting, design, build/fit-out, test and sign-off.

Speaking of the win Orla Martin, Head of Enterprise Offaly, said *“Acoustic Interiors is a success story and we are delighted to support such an exciting and dynamic company”*.

On behalf of Cathaoirleach Declan Harvey, Offaly County Council Members, Chief Executive Anna Marie Delaney, Director of Service Stephane Duclot and the Local Enterprise Office Offaly, we wish Acoustic Interiors all the best with their business endeavours.

Also in May 2022, a European case study prepared for the SFEC (Sustainable Futures for Enterprise Centres) in 2021 that looked at best sustainable business practice for remote work hubs was published and highlights The Junction Tullamore as a model of note.

Further details on Offaly co-working hubs such as stream BIRR, E-hive Edenderry, The Junction, Business Innovation Centre - Offaly and Creative 65 are available on our [website](#).



National Enterprise Awards 2022

Congratulations to Derek McCreanor and David Fitzgerald and the team from Acoustic Interiors who have represented Offaly so brilliantly in the 2022 National

Great news for Tullamore based Ecommerce, software development and integration company, Dotser! They have been shortlisted in the Irish Exporters Association Export Industry Awards in the High Potential Exporter Award category.



This category identifies an early stage exporting company which has surpassed its potential and is demonstrating success and commitment in one or more markets. We wish the team in Dotser the best of luck at the award ceremony in September.

Recent visit from Minister Troy

Minister of State for Trade Promotion, Digital and Company Regulation, Robert Troy, visited Offaly on Thursday 2nd June where he met some local companies and also discussed progress and implementation of the recently launched Midlands Regional Enterprise Plan with steering committee members. The Minister's first port of call was to Glenisk Organic Dairy in Killeigh. Minister Troy then travelled to Birr where he visited Grant Engineering. The Minister's final engagement was at streamBIRR. Minister Troy said; "I am delighted to be here at this excellent facility at streamBIRR and to hear about progress on the implementation of the Midlands Regional Enterprise Plan.

The Plan is focused on achieving a transition to a climate neutral economy, capitalising on strengths of the Midlands through Smart Specialisation and

Digitalisation and positioning the Midlands as a destination of choice to live, work, visit, invest and learn. I have every confidence that this Plan will strengthen economic and enterprise development throughout the Midlands."

Local Enterprise Village 2022 at the National Ploughing Championship

Acoustic Interiors Ltd, recent winner of Best Start Up at the National Enterprise Awards, will be representing Offaly at the Local Enterprise Village at the National Ploughing Championships 2022.



Upcoming Courses and Initiatives

For details on our upcoming training courses, please click on the link below

<https://www.localenterprise.ie/Offaly/>

Anna Marie Delaney, Chief Executive

Appendix I

**Offaly County Council
Revenue Account Grant Income & Payroll
Summary
To 31st May 2022**

**Draft Consolidated Revenue Account Income &
Expenditure Summary by Service Division
To 31st March 2022**

	Expenditure €	Income €
Housing & Building	3,227,320	3,145,375
Road Transport & Safety	3,482,862	1,771,849
Water Services	1,116,268	907,892
Development Management	2,583,595	1,365,572
Environmental Services	2,033,603	351,155
Recreation & Amenity	1,046,941	61,493
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	147,013	98,005
Miscellaneous Services	2,211,045	1,703,888
Local Government Fund / GPG		2,100,431
Gross Rates Income		4,235,385
	15,848,647	15,741,046
Deficit to 31st March 2022		(107,601)

OCC to 31st May 2022

	<u>Rates</u> €m	<u>Rents</u> €m	-	<u>Loans</u> €m
Opening Balance Jan 1, 2022	2.77	0.48		0.125
Net Invoices & Adjustments, waivers	16.63	3.09		0.215
2022 Cash Collected to end of May	6.62	2.96		0.217
Closing Balance May 31st 2022	12.77	0.61		0.123

<u>2021 Cash collected to May 31st</u>	6.14	***	2.67	0.24
% Collection at this point in 2021	108%		111%	90%

*** Collections impacted in 2021 and 2022 by waiver uncertainty and effect of lockdowns

<u>Bank Overdraft to 31st May 2022</u>	-	-		% YTD
Number of days Overdrawn in Bank year to date			32	21%
Bank Interest and non conforming charges to May 31st 2022 YTD			€8,583	
Bank Administration and transactional charges to May 31st 2022 YTD			€13,004	