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Galway County Council

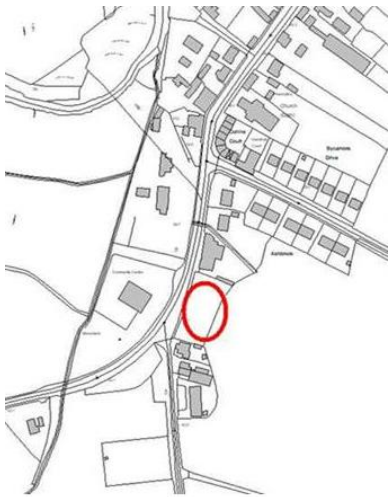
**Galway County Council**  
**Monthly Management Report**  
**February 2021**

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## HOUSING DIRECTORATE

### Housing Capital Unit

Housing Capital Unit are please to confirm the purchase of a site at Ballymoe in recent weeks. This would bring in a small additional development into the town. It is a well-connected, contained site on the R360 with excellent links to the village – footpaths, lighting, immediately opposite the community centre, immediately opposite the park and playground. Ideally suited for our requirements. Suit young families or older persons and within the 50kph.



### Homeless – Housing First

Galway County Council has been approved for funding for inclusion in the Housing First model for Homeless support – this project aims to support people to live independently with HSE, Council & Homeless Organisations providing a wraparound support. Social Housing Demand – the online interactive Map has been launched on the website. Training for Councillors will be organised through Housing, via TEAMS in early March.

## ECONOMIC, RURAL & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (ERCD) UNIT (2021 ACTIVITY)

### Community Response Forum/Community Well Being

Covid-19 Emergency Fund Round 2 came out in early January with a total allocation of €53,203.00. This funding gives opportunity for any non-profit or voluntary groups to apply in this round and it would cover the needs of the groups for sustainability during the pandemic. The Local Authority were given responsibility for 3 out of the 5 themes and the funding would not cover retrospective expenses, it will only cover the costs going forward. The 3 themes are for frontline services, the 'Keep Well' campaign, and running costs for groups.

### **Rural Schemes**

The sum of €93,685 awarded by the Department of Rural & Community Development in respect of projects submitted by Galway County Council and approved under Measure 1 of the 2020 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme. These projects were in Clonbur, Glenamaddy, Ballygar and Kylemore.

In relation to Town and Village Renewal and CLÁR a number of schemes from 2019 and 2020 are being progressed with timeframes proposed by the Department for close out. In total 43 projects across these schemes are being delivered.

### **Galway Sports Partnership**

1000+ people have taken part on the Walk on Wednesdays programme across Galway which includes an adapted programme for People with Disabilities. 90% have already achieved the milestone of 100km with everyone on track to complete. 60% of participants took part in at least one of the online classes for Yoga, Tai Chi and Mindfulness, all of which were delivered by local businesses.


In conjunction with Senior HSE Community Nutritionist, Lisa Corbett, we delivered two sold out sessions on Healthy Eating. This programme finishes on 21<sup>st</sup> February and will be followed up with an exciting “March for March” programme.

### **Community Support Scheme**

The Community Support Scheme was advertised with a closing date for applicant groups tabled for February 25<sup>th</sup> 2021.

## **FISHERY HARBOUR AND COASTAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

The council has received notification that preliminary applications are now being invited under the Fishery Harbour and Coastal protection programme 2021. The scheme is grant funded at a rate of 75% with matching funded to be provided by the council. This is an annual programme and only works that can be commenced, completed and paid for within the specified dates are eligible for inclusion in the programme. The works must be completed in 2021 and all payments made by 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Funding for studies, surveys, planning and permit process, consultants and design fees are not allowable as project costs under the programme. The initial list of prioritised proposals must be submitted by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and if necessary the department will shortlist those for further consideration.



**18<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

**Kevin Kelly,**

**Chief Executive (Interim), Galway County Council.**