

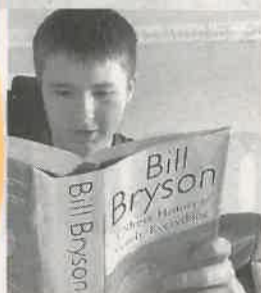
World Book Day celebrated in St. Mary's Secondary School

On Thursday, 4 March, students in St Mary's Secondary School in Edenderry were delighted to take part in the annual World Book Day. The students were delighted to connect with one another from their homes in break-out rooms on Microsoft Teams to discuss favourite authors and share ideas about what makes a really good story. The students joined

Borrowbox, an online library to download recommended books to read, some dresses up in costume as their favourite author or character, and many decided to share pictures of themselves reading with their pets. All in all, another great World Book Day celebrated together despite being apart, learning from home.



Andrea Pender and her dog Joey enjoying her book.



Cian Tyrrell enjoying a book by Bill Bryson.



Alisa Janevica relaxing and enjoying her book.

PLANNING NOTICE

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 (AS AMENDED) NOTICE OF DIRECT PLANNING APPLICATION TO AN BORD PLEANÁLA IN RESPECT OF A STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT COUNTY OFFALY

In accordance with Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, Cloncant Renewable Energy Limited gives notice of its intention to make an application for a ten year planning permission to An Bord Pleanála in relation to the following proposed development in the townlands of Ballykilleen, Clonreen and Ballinowlart North, Co. Offaly.

The proposed development for which permission under Section 182B is being sought constitutes the following:

One (1) No. proposed 110kV Air Insulated Switchgear (AIS) Loop Substation including: an outdoor electrical yard including electrical equipment such as electrical pylons, over and underground ducting & cables, busbars, disconnects, breakers, sealing ends, lightning and lighting masts, single storey control building containing associated facilities (relay room, battery room, generator room, messroom, welfare facilities, workshop and office). Security fencing and all associated works.

400m long overhead line (OHL) grid connection going south east from the substation and connecting into the adjacent existing Cushing - Mount Lucas 110kv OHL.

One (1) No. site entrance and 60m entrance road.

One (1) No. Temporary construction site compound (95m x 50m).

Associated surface water management systems.

All Associated site development works. This application is seeking a ten year permission and an unlimited operational period, as part of the national electricity transmission system operated by Eirgrid from commissioning.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in respect of the proposed development.

The planning application, EIAR and NIS may be inspected free of charge or purchased on payment of a specified fee (which fee shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such a copy) during public opening hours for a period of seven weeks commencing on 22nd March 2021 at the following locations:

The offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1

The offices of Offaly County Council, Planning Department, Áras an Chontae, Charleville Road, Tullamore, Co. Offaly, R35 F893.

The application may also be viewed/down-

loaded on the following stand-alone website:

www.kilcumberbridgesubstationsid.ie
Submissions or observations may be made to An Bord Pleanála (The Board) during the above-mentioned period of seven weeks relating to:

- the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development,
- the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, and
- the likely significant effects or adverse effect on any European site,

Any submissions/observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies) and must be received by the Board not later than 5.30pm on 13th May 2021. Such submissions/observations must also include the following information:

The name of the person making the submission or observations, the name of the person acting on their behalf, if any, and the address to which any correspondence relating to the application should be sent the subject matter of the submission or observation; and the reasons considerations and arguments on which it is based in full. (Article 217 of the Planning and Development Regulations refers).

Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Board.

The Board may at its absolute discretion hold an oral hearing on the application. (For further details see 'A Guide to Public Participation in Strategic Infrastructure Development' on the Board's website www.pleanala.ie.)

The Board may in respect of an application for permission decide to:

- (i) grant the permission, or (ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and grant permission in respect of the proposed development as so modified, or (iii) grant permission in respect of part of the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of it of the foregoing kind), and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions, or
- (b) refuse to grant the permission.

A person may question the validity of any such decision of the Board by way of an application for judicial review under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986, as amended) in accordance with Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended. Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed on the Board's website www.pleanala.ie under the heading Judicial Review Notice or on the Citizens Information Services website:

www.citizensinformation.ie

OFFALY COUNTY COUNCIL: Matthew and Gemma Farrelly intend to apply for permission for development at Church View, Geashill, Co. Offaly. The development will consist of partial demolition, reconstruction, extension to dwelling house, incorporating change of use from dwelling house to office hub. This is a protected structure ref 35-019. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee (€20) within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

OFFALY COUNTY COUNCIL: I, James Hickey, intend to apply for permission and retention permission for development at Newtown, Rhode, Co. Offaly. Permission is sought for the construction of an extension to an existing dwelling and all associated site works and retention permission is sought for a

PORTARLINGTON NEWS

WELL DONE NICOLE

A big well done to the wonderful Nicole Turner on her appearance on the Late Late Show with Ryan Tubridy and also on Ireland Am on Tuesday, 2 March.

Nicole has become an ambassador for Paralympics Ireland. Nicole is still in training for the Paralympic games in Tokyo. Her family have played a big part in her achievements, with her Mam doing a round trip to Dublin 6 days a week to get Nicole to her training.

Paralympic Ireland has launched a new fundraising campaign to help Irish para-athletes reach the next level. Paralympics Ireland is asking the Irish public to help support its athletes by donating to the campaign via <https://paralympics.ie>.

To make a donation, simply go to <https://paralympics.ie> and click on the 'Donate' button or click on the posts visible across official Paralympics Ireland social channels.

The minimum donation is €2 and can be made using either Google Pay, credit or debit card, or Paypal.

DUCK RACE

Can you please help local young man Joey Kennedy who is fundraising with his school mates at Clongowes Wood College to raise funds for the Children's Hospital Crumlin. Their annual initiative "Duck Push" cannot take place this year due to restrictions, but Joey is asking you to donate as much as you can please towards this great cause. The link to donate is: <https://gofund.me/05256670>. Your support would be appreciated.

SYMPATHY

Deepest sympathy to Finian and Maria Daly and family Clonsast Lr, Bracknagh on the death of Finian's son, Pdraig Daly, Tyrellspass, Co. Westmeath who passed away on Monday, 22 February.

Pdraig was predeceased by his mother, Mag.

He will be sadly missed by his loving wife, Tanya, children, Brianna, Kaylah and Ross, father, Finian, Maria, brother, Frank, sis-

ters, Antoinette and Eithne, extended family, neighbours and a wide circle of friends.

Funeral took place on Thursday, 25 February at the Church of the Immaculate Conception Rochfortbridge, with burial after in the adjoining cemetery.

May Pdraig rest in peace.

SYMPATHY

Deepest sympathy to Sharon and Ronnie Culliton and family Tierhoger, Killenard on the death of Sharon's mother, Sheila Fitzpatrick (née Ryan), Rathdowney who passed away on Wednesday, 24 February.

Sheila was predeceased by her loving husband, Christy and brother, Thomas.

She will be sadly missed by her son, Brian, daughters, Sharon and Linda, her ten grandchildren, sisters, Maureen, Barbara and Eileen, brother, Joe Ryan, extended family and friends.

Funeral took place on Friday, 26 February at the Church of the Holy Trinity Rathdowney. May Sheila's gentle soul rest in peace.

SYMPATHY

Deepest Sympathy to the family of Liam Bennett, Kilbride, Portarlinton, who passed away on Tuesday, 2 March.

Liam was predeceased by his loving wife, Lucy.

He will be sadly missed by his extended family, neighbours and friends.

Funeral Mass took place on Friday, 5 March at St Michael's Church, Portarlinton, with burial after in St John's Cemetery, Killenard. May Liam's gentle soul rest in peace.

SYMPATHY

Deepest sympathy to the family of William (Billy) Dignam, Deerpark, Portarlinton who passed away at Ashley Lodge Nursing Home, Kildare on Wednesday, 3 March. Billy was predeceased by his sister, Kathleen (Bagnall) and brother, Fred. He will be sadly missed by his loving grandniece, Gillian, niece, Joyce, extended family, neighbours and friends.

Funeral Service took place on Friday, 5 March at Lea Church, Rathmiles Portarlinton, with burial in the adjoining Churchyard. May Billy rest in peace.

MASSSES

No public Masses allowed. All Masses will be online. Weekdays-10am. Saturday-6.15pm. Sunday 9am & 12.15pm. Churches will remain open for private prayer. Link for St Michael's Church webcam-www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlinton

AFC LOTTO

In the AFC lotto draw on 2 March the letters drawn were: S-L-K-O. There was no jackpot winner.

Lucky dip winners were Paul Kelly and Sandra Loftus. Sellers prize was Sarah Brennan. All three received €25 each. Thank you all for your continued support of our club, Arlington AFC and best of luck in our next draw on Tuesday, 16 March for a jackpot of €10,000.

ROAD CLOSURE

Laois County Council has announced a further three weeks closure until March 24 on the Ballymorris Road, L-3157-22, from the Railway Bridge to Canal Road/ Ballymorris Road Crossroads.

The closure is necessary to facilitate the installation of a traffic light, footpath and public lighting. Diversions will be clearly signposted. A map indicating the routes to be closed and the alternative routes will be available for inspection at www.laois.ie and Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise.

PARISH NOTES

The parish office will remain closed until further notice due to the present restrictions. All notices/ anniversaries for the Parish newsletter must be in by Wednesday each week. You can e-mail to portarlintonparishoffice@eircom.net or drop in the letter box.

You can also contact Eileen at 086-1508048 & Rosemary at 087-9423658.

TIDY TOWNS

Now that we have some better weather and brighter evenings why not get involved and do a litter pick in the area where you live. Every little bit helps.

OFFALY PLANNING

machinery storage shed and all associated site works. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee (€20) within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

OFFALY COUNTY COUNCIL: I, Mark Rochford (Ballinla Farm), intend to apply to Offaly County Council for full planning permission for development at Ballinla Farm, Edenderry, Co. Offaly. The development will consist of: planning permission to construct A-Roof sheds (agricultural buildings) to include a milking parlour/calf rearing pen/feed storage, cow collecting yard, 2 no. cow cubicle sheds, silage pit, slurry lagoon and associated site works. (This application is within the curtilage of a protected structure Ref. 16-15 Ballinla House). The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee

not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee (€20) within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

OFFALY COUNTY COUNCIL: We, Garrett Connolly & Nicola Connolly, intend to apply to Offaly County Council for full planning permission for the following:- (a) 1 no. new two storey extension to the rear of existing dwelling; (b) demolition of existing wall to the side of existing dwelling to create new vehicular entrance, parking and all associated site development works at Main Street, Daingean, Co. Offaly. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the

prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

OFFALY COUNTY COUNCIL: We, Highfield Veterinary Group, intend to apply for planning permission at Unit 5, Mangan's, Dublin Road, Edenderry, Co. Offaly. The proposed development consists of change of use of an existing commercial unit to a veterinary clinic and retail space, including X-ray room, surgery, prep area, isolation room, two consult rooms, secure drug storage area, dog kennels, small animals grooming area, cattery, plant room, staff office, canteen, and all associated site works.

The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee (€20) within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.