

'East Meath needs its own recycling depot'

Lennon calls for equal access to all municipal districts when it comes to bulk waste disposal

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MEATH County Council has been urged to provide a waste recycling depot in east Meath.

At the April meeting of the council last week, Cllr Carol Lennon spoke of the lack of equality and fairness for the people of East Meath.

She called on the council to provide equal access to all Municipal Districts when it comes to the bulk waste disposal.

"We see the mattress amnesty on track again and the sofa amnesty is coming up soon in a lot of the districts, but there is nothing anywhere near east coast. The response

I got was that we can take our waste to Louth, Kildare or Dublin.

"The people of east Meath want to know why are we shipping our waste outside the county. Why can't we have an open depot at Laytown or Duleek. Cllr Joe Bonner facilitates us, but he doesn't even live in the area. It shouldn't be falling on the councillors.

"The people in east Meath don't get a discount when it comes to rates, they don't get a discount when it comes to property taxes and there is a huge deficit when it comes to amenities.

"We don't have a community centre, we don't have a swimming pool. We don't have a

local park, we don't have a garda station and we don't have waste facilities," she said.

A spokesperson for Meath County Council said the Council continues to support residents in the responsible disposal of bulky household waste through the provision of free Bulky Waste Amnesty Days at the Civic Amenity Sites in Navan, Trim and Kells, with an additional Recycling Centre in Dunboyne.

"These events are designed to reduce illegal dumping and to ease the financial burden of disposal costs for households by covering the actual cost of waste processing.

"We also recognise that Meath has a very large geo-



Cllr Carol Lennon said East Meath residents were restricted when it came to bulky waste collections and drop offs.

graphic footprint, with many residents living near county boundaries.

"These residents routinely access bulky waste days in neighbouring counties, all of whom provide similar schemes.

"Louth, Kildare and Dublin run free bulky waste days. Cavan and Monaghan run 50per cent-off events.

"This means that, in practice, residents all along the

Meath border north, south, east and west can use which ever facility is closest to them, whether inside or outside the county. Residents can use mywaste.ie to identify the nearest facility to them.

"Bulky waste days are a regional norm, and Meath is performing fully in line with all neighbouring local authorities.

"Meath residents in all districts already have excellent

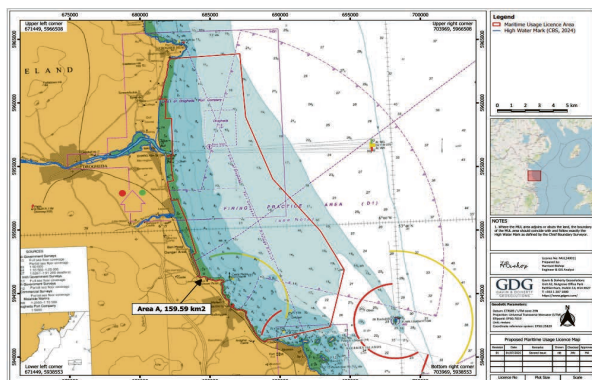
access to bulky waste disposal options: three well distributed civic amenity sites, free bulky waste amnesty events funded by the Council and the ability to use neighbouring county amnesty days where geographically closer."

"We remain committed to supporting communities, reducing litter, and promoting responsible waste management across all districts," the council concluded.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 and the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 Invitation for public submissions on an application for a maritime usage licence and an appropriate assessment

Bremore Port, Bremore Ireland Port Designated Activity Company (BIPDAC) submitted an application to the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority ("MARA") for a maritime usage licence under section 117 of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 to undertake Schedule 7 (3): Marine environmental surveys for the purposes of site investigation or in support of an application under Part XXI of the Act of 2000. The licence application is for a period of 7 years.



A related Natura Impact Statement has been submitted with the above licence application. The licence application and the Natura Impact Statement are available for inspection on MARA's website <https://www.maritimeregulator.ie/application/mul240011/> and at the following address by appointment – Maritime Area Regulatory Authority, 2nd Floor, Menapia House, Drinagh Business Park, Drinagh, Wexford, Y35 RF29.

Members of the public who wish to make a submission in writing to MARA on the licence application and the Natura Impact Statement may do so quoting ref: MUL240011 to the following e-mail address – licence@mara.gov.ie or by post to the following address - Licence Unit, Maritime Area Regulatory Authority, 2nd Floor, Menapia House, Drinagh Business Park, Drinagh, Wexford, Y35 RF29.

The closing date and time for a written submission to be received by MARA is 17.30 on 28th May 2026. MARA will then, as soon as practicable, carry out the appropriate assessment determination in accordance with Regulation 42 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011. After the determination, MARA will either grant, part grant or refuse the licence application.

Dated this 21st day of April 2026

[Signed: Paul Fleming, Company Secretary Representative of Bremore Ireland Port Designated Activity Company]

Ledwidge Museum visitor numbers on the rise

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THE number of visitors to the Ledwidge Museum in Slane is on the rise and there are hopes that more groups will book in for the coming year, the annual general meeting of the organisation was told.

The museum welcomes individual visitors but it also attracts school and college groups, historical societies, retirement groups, its Chairperson Terry Wogan said. It welcomed school groups on Poetry Day Ireland and also had a visit from students at Dundalk IT.

In his chairperson's report Mr Wogan outlined details of the museum society's activities. He thanked Slane Community Forum and Brown Forman/Slane Distillery for their ongoing support with a donation of €4,290.61 last March.

Mr Wogan said the grant helped the museum committee to carry out repairs and conservation work on the museum and also with landscaping and planting in the garden and this year saw it donate €22,000, an increase of €2,000 on the previous year.

The museum received a €1,000 arts grant from Meath County Council Arts Office following a successful applica-



The Ledwidge mural in Slane and (inset) the museum.

tion. The museum receives an annual grant from the council.

The museum itself, part of the Slane community, made a donation of €500 donation to Slane Tidy Towns Group towards its work. The Ledwidge Day festivities on 27th July went off very well, with kind weather conditions helping.

The Garden at the museum has been a hive of activity and great voluntary assistance was provided by Rose Maye. Major project works were carried out

in the garden and a lot of pruning and cutting back had to be done, excellently executed by Hanley Tree Surgeons, Athboy. Over the Christmas period Joe Matthews helped to renovate the kitchen and panel room at the museum.

The election of officers for the coming year resulted as follows - Chairperson Terry Wogan; Vice-Chairperson Irene Carolan; Treasurer Paul Mongey; Vice-Treasurer Colm Yore; Secretary Paul Murphy; Vice-Secretary Christine Reilly.