

Cork Arts And Cultural Groups Fear Serious Cutbacks In Budget - Clune

Local TD Deirdre Clune has been contacted by a number of Arts and Cultural groups in Cork who fear serious cutbacks in the budget and the effect this will have on their work in Cork.

"A large number of local groups involved in the arts and cultural life of Cork have contacted me expressing their concern that cuts in the funding of Arts in the upcoming budget will make it very difficult for them to operate at their current level."

"As Honorary President of the Cork Arts Theatre and Lord Mayor of Cork during the 2005 City of Culture I am acutely aware of the importance of the Arts in promoting culture, attracting tourism and creating local employment."

"I am concerned that in this period of economic recession the Government will look at the Arts as an area where cutbacks can be made. There is a tendency by some to see the spending on the Arts as a luxury rather than a necessity and as an area first in line for cutbacks when there is a need."

"This is an attitude that I would strongly argue against. Spending on the Arts and Culture can have many spin off benefits in attracting tourism, creating employment and encouraging local festivals."

"In Cork we are lucky enough to have a broad, vibrant and healthy arts and cultural life which can be seen in the large number of theatres operating in Cork, the number of museums and art galleries open in Cork and the number of festivals hosted in Cork. It would be naïve of us not to believe that budget cutbacks in the funding of Arts would not be felt in Cork."

Male Volunteers Needed For Big Brother Big Sister!!!

Big Brother Big Sister need male volunteers aged over 18 to act as friends and mentors to boys aged 10-18. The time commitment is one or two hours a week for one year. Big Brothers take a young person to watch matches, go to the cinema, play golf or pitch and putt, talk about sports, kick around a football, play computer games, etc. Full training and support is provided and mentoring takes place in public places. We are also looking for female volunteers to mentor girls. For more information see our website: www.bbbsireland.ie or contact Brenda Keating 086 8513347.

Carrigaline Active Retired

The Carrigaline Active Retired Association travelled to Dublin on Thursday last to visit Croke Park and Kilmainham Goal. They left the Bandroom at 7.30am and travelled to Dublin on the 8.30am train. For most of the group it was their first visit to the GAA headquarters and they were greatly impressed. They enjoyed lunch when they arrived and then got a guided tour of the 82,300 capacity world-class facility. Croke Park is the fourth largest stadium in Europe and probably the largest in the world catering for an amateur sport. The museum, which depicts the history of the GAA proved to be highly interesting and informative. Kilmainham Goal was another first visit for CARA and they were given another very informative tour there. The tour guide painted a graphic picture of a sad period of our history especially the events of 1916. The afternoon concluded with afternoon tea in the Hilton Hotel. They travelled home on the 7pm train.

This Thursday, October 9th, CARA meet in the Parish Centre for Go for Life activities and a game of cards. Next week October 16th CARA are off for an autumn visit to Killarney, anyone interested contact Sally at 437 2840. New members are always welcome to join Active Retired, if you are over 55 years and retired come along to the Parish Centre any Thursday between 2.30pm and 4.30pm.

Pioneer Social

The Carlton Hotel in Kinsale is the venue for the annual Mid West Pioneer function, which will take place this year on Sunday 19th October. The afternoon social will commence with lunch at 1.30 p.m. followed by music and dancing. Gold and silver pins will be presented. Any one who who is a pioneer since 1983 or before is entitled to a silver pin. Tickets limited costing €25.00 numbers to be in before Tuesday 14th please. Enquiries Bride Kenefick 021 488 8879 or Aislinn Cogan 021 4372035 or 087 9699 488 or your local Pioneer centre.

Jubilee Pioneer Pins

Any one who is a pioneer since 1983 or before is entitled to a Silver jubilee pin or since 1958 for a Gold. Please contact Bride at 4888879 or Aislinn 4372035 or 087 9699 488.



Enjoying themselves at the opening of Knocknamanagh Schoolhouse were Eddie Jagoe, Willie Jagoe and Paddy Harrington.

Passage Councillors To Meet Director Of Services

By JOHN O'REGAN

Passage West Town Council are to engage in an introductory meeting with a high ranking figure in Cork County Council later this month, in an effort to try and facilitate more improvements in the area.

Patricia Power, Director of Services Area Office South, is to meet with the Town Council on the 21st October. "It is very much an introductory meeting as Ms Power is new to this position," Councillor Seamus McGrath clarified at last week's Town Council meeting. "We want to make her aware of some of the priorities that exist in this area."

In a recent meeting between the Town Council and Area Engineer John Forde, it was clarified that there is a serious lack of available funding within his office. "He is very open minded about the various things we believe need to be done in the area, but he is hampered by the existing budget," Councillor McGrath said. "This needs to be the number one issue raised when we meet with the Director of Services."

The Town Council were in unanimous agreement on this point, but also plan to discuss several other matters on the night, including the litter situation in Passage West and further delays in the provision of lighting in Monkstown.

The litter warden is not performing his role adequately in Passage West, Councillor Jo Kelleher said, a contention her fellow Councillors widely agreed upon. "Perhaps the Director of Services could help us with this matter," she added.

Mayor Michael P. Murphy is dismayed that the lighting project between the Carrigaloe Ferry and Monkstown has been put back another month, as was highlighted in correspondence received by the Town Council. A problem relating to ducting beneath the footpath has now arisen, with the County Council having to lay pipes before the lighting can be put up. "This comes despite assurances at the time that ducting for future lighting schemes was being laid," Mayor Murphy said.

Traffic calming measures throughout Passage West and Monkstown must also be a priority, Councillor McGrath added. This would require significant funding, and will form another part of the special meeting's agenda.

Formal Objection To Marina Point Possibility

By JOHN O'REGAN

Passage West Town Council are to write to the Port of Cork outlining their opposition to the possibility of locating a container terminal at Marino Point, it was revealed at last week's monthly meeting.

In a motion submitted by Councillor Seamus McGrath, he asked for the support of his fellow Councillors on this matter, support that was unanimously forthcoming. The Port of Cork are considering their options following their failure to acquire planning permission in Ringaskiddy, with Marino Point mooted as an alternate location.

"If the Port of Cork was to move its operation to Marino Point it would have a devastating effect on this residential community," Councillor McGrath said. "I believe we need to formally write to them, outlining our vehement opposition to this possibility."

Councillor Jim Murphy immediately seconded Councillor McGrath's motion. He added that he would also like the letter to be sent to Cork Harbour Environmental Protection Association (CHEPA) and Cork Harbour Alliance for a Safe Environment (CHASE) seeking their full support on this matter.

"We fully supported their objections to the Port of Cork's proposed move to Ringaskiddy, and I believe they should support us in our campaign against the Marino Point option," Councillor Murphy said.

Councillor Marcia D'Alton agrees. "The worries we have regarding Marino Point are very similar to those raised in relation to the Ringaskiddy move," she said.

Carrigaline Festival committee will hold a Four Course Meal

Followed by music & Entertainment by various artists including a well-known Jazz band

In the Carrigaline GAA Club on Sunday, 12th October from 2pm to 7pm to launch the CD 'Forever Young'

Tickets available from Bobby Lambe on: 021 437 2493 Or Martin Goulding on: 085 761 7613

Limited number of tickets available. No entry without ticket on the day.

Crosshaven Development Committee 2009 Calendar Launch

Crosshaven House 10th October 2008 @ 8.30 pm

All Photographs in the calendar taken by locals and the proceeds go to local development projects.

Wine & Cheese Reception.

All Welcome, Please come out all support.