

IN BRIEF

Easter 1916 commemoration

The General Secretary of the Connolly Youth Movement, Adam Fagan, will deliver the oration at this year's annual 1916 Commemoration ceremony which takes place at the Republican Plot at Sligo cemetery on Easter Sunday at 12 Noon.

The Cathaoirleach of Sligo Council, Cllr Declan Bree, will preside at the traditional event which is held under the auspices of People First.

Cllr Bree is encouraging members of the public to attend the event which he points out is non party political.

Those attending the commemoration ceremony are asked to assemble at Cairns Drive at 11.50 a.m. on Easter Sunday morning.

Meanwhile, Sligo Sinn Féin has announced details of its forthcoming Easter Commemoration

Sligo Sinn Féin chairperson, Chris MacManus said the parade would assemble at Sligo City Cemetery at 3pm on Easter Sunday and make its way to the Republican Plot where the main ceremony will take place.

This year's oration will be delivered by Fermanagh MLA Jemma Dolan.

Former MEP MacManus encouraged as many people from throughout County Sligo who aspire to Irish Unity, to continue making the effort to mark the Easter Rising.

"This is more important than ever as we move closer to the day when the people of Ireland will have a direct say by voting for the unity of our country.

"It is very clear that more people now support unity than they have in recent decades.

"The united Ireland that Sinn Féin wants to build is for everyone, regardless of background or political persuasion.

"I am of the strong belief that reunification will unlock an economic dividend that would benefit the entire island economy. This is supported by many leading economists.

"We ask that people wear an Easter Lily as a token of remembrance to all those who died for Irish Freedom, several of whom were from Sligo."

A wreath-laying ceremony will take place earlier in Ballisodare to honour IRA volunteer Martin Savage.

Water grant

THE Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO), working on behalf of Ireland's 31 local authorities to protect and restore good water quality in our river catchments, has awarded €9,455.70 to Sligo Bay Catchment River Trust CLG.

Overall, €856,260 in funding to 40 community groups in 19 counties under the 'Catchment Support Fund Open Call 2025'.

This funding is an important part of Ireland's Water Action Plan, the roadmap to restore Ireland's waterbodies to 'good' status or better, and to protect against further deterioration between 2023 and 2027.

FÉIS WINNER



Katlyn Hunt, a second year pupil of St. Attracta's College, Tubbercurry, winner of the 12-15 Comhra Gaelge, at Feis Shligigh.

School focus on marine life

The Green-Schools National Marine Environment Conference took place at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Sligo, Thursday 3rd April, 2025. Over 150 guests attended from nine schools around the country. These passionate and dedicated Green-Schools are currently working towards their Green Flag for the Marine Environment, which focuses on raising awareness about marine litter and empowering schools to take action to protect the ocean and coast. They took part in marine-themed fun, talks and activities, and exhibited their own school project displays about a range of marine topics.



Participants from St Edward's National School

Energy status boost for council



Chief Executive Martin Lydon and staff with the certificate.

SLIGO County Council has been awarded the ISO 50001 Energy Management System Certificate, marking a major milestone in its climate and energy journey. It also signifies the successful completion of Action No. 10 of its Local Authority Climate Action Plan.

ISO 50001 is an internationally recognised standard for energy management, and attaining this certification confirms the Council has implemented a best-practice system to continuously improve energy performance, increase energy efficiency, and reduce environmental impact.

The certification process involved a comprehensive assessment of the Council's energy management system over five days in July and November 2024. The scope of the certification includes the operation, management, and maintenance of our fleet, public lighting, and buildings.

By implementing a certified Energy Management System, the Council is now better equipped to strategically plan and manage energy use across all operations. This ensures it remains on track to meet legal obligations under national and EU climate targets, including:

- ▼ 50% reduction in energy use by 2030
- ▼ 51% reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2030

Director of Services Jim Molloy said: "Not only does having an ISO 50001 Certified Energy Management System demonstrate our commitment to sustainability in how we operate, it also supports us in taking a structured and strategic approach to energy use, ensuring transparency, accountability, and continuous improvement as we work towards our 2030 targets."

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**SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
PUBLIC NOTICE
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT**

**NOTICE UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001,
PART 8 (ARTICLE 81) (AS AMENDED))**

Notice is hereby given that the Council proposes to carry out works consisting of:

The construction of 31 no. one, two and three storey dwellings comprising of 8 one-bedroom apartments, 4 two-bedroom apartments, 9 two-bedroom houses, 7 three-bedroom houses, 1 four-bedroom house and 2 five-bedroom houses together with all associated site works, including site access, new site boundaries, drainage, associated earthworks, roadworks, Public Open Space, new utilities and services connections and car parking. All associated landscaping works are included. The site is located at Owenmore Crescent (Corrán na hAbhann), Collooney Townland, Collooney, Co. Sligo.

Sligo County Council, as the competent authority, has carried out an Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Report and has determined that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment is not required in respect of this proposed development. Sligo County Council has carried out an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening and has determined that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and has determined that an EIAR is not required in respect of this proposed development.

Plans and full particulars of the proposed development are available for inspection, or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, online at consult.sligococo.ie or, during office hours at the Main Foyer, County Hall, Riverside, Sligo, from **Wednesday 16th April to Thursday 15th May 2025** (both dates inclusive).

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and development of the area in which the development would be situated, may be made on-line by registering on the consult.sligococo.ie portal or in writing and submitted to the undersigned not later than **4 pm on Thursday 29th May 2025**

All submissions (including the names of those making submissions) received in relation to this consultation will be published on the consult.sligococo.ie portal and will form part of the statutorily required report to be presented at a meeting of the elected members. Accordingly, they will also be included in the minutes of that meeting and may appear in the public domain.

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