

Le Chêile

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EDITORIAL

Nominations invited to C.C.C.

Clane Community Council is now 48 years in existence, having been set up in 1973. Every second year Nominations are invited to continue this voluntary community structure into the future. On page 4 you will find a brief summary of the works carried out over the past 48 years.

The concept of working together as a community to develop facilities which will improve the quality of life in one's area was developed by Canon Hayes, the founder of Muintir na Tíre, in the 1930's. Urban District Councils are a statutory equivalent which existed in towns like Naas, Newbridge and Athy. Such towns had State standing and funding but became highly politicised. Their Urban Councils were abolished during the downturn. Many of these towns are now attempting to set up structures based on the Muintir na Tíre model but are working against huge odds and are struggling in their efforts. The voluntary model is almost unique to Ireland and would not be possible in more impersonal societies or large cities and conurbations.

We in Clane should continue to value what we have and to work for its improvement. It is a case of men and women working with and for the community. The community needs your ideas, your talents and skills. There are as many ways to contribute as there are different personalities and talents. It is not just a matter of keeping what we have going -full stop. There are always new issues to be looked at and considered. Needs change with time and circumstances.

There is a saying in Irish. Níl

neart gan chur le chéile (We have no strength until we combine our efforts). Working together means also working with other community groups -in the Sports area, in the culture and arts area, with the I.C.A., with Residents Associations, with the Parade group, with the Wheelchair Association, etc. It means working with the authorities, such as the County Council, the Gardaí, the Schools and the various providers of grant funding.. There is nothing achieved in isolation, so let's all row in together.

Look around you & you will become aware of people in your own area who you think could contribute. Indeed, how about nominating yourself? A meeting once a month, with a break in July & August is something most people could manage & think of the benefits to the community -& to you in terms of satisfaction as a volunteer in your own community. See p.4 for benefits and achievements.

Nomination Papers will be available at the Post Office in Londis from Mon. 4th October to Mon. 1st November. See Area Map on page 3 You will also be able to Nominate on line at the Web Site www.clanecommunity.ie

EDITOR'S DEADLINE

The deadline for receipt of material for the October issue of Le Chéile is

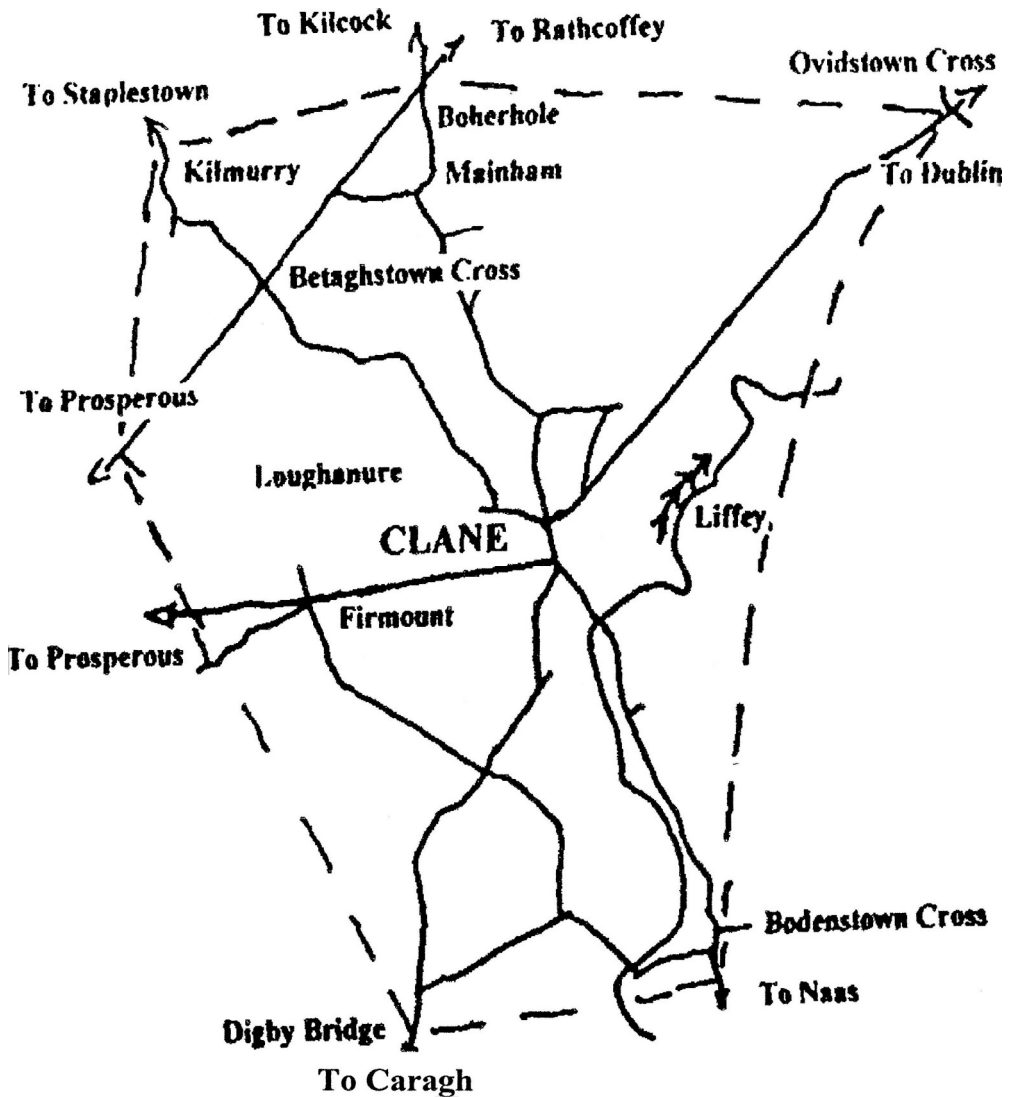
Monday 20th September

To 142 Loughbollard please.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA



Anyone 18 years or over who is resident in the above area is eligible to nominate or be nominated as a member of Clane Community Council for the two year term 2022-2023. This includes nominating oneself. Nomination papers will be available at Clane P.O. in Londis from Mon. 4th Oct. to Mon. 1st of November.

CLANE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Established 1973

INVITATION TO NOMINATE MEMBERS FOR 2022-2023.

Nomination Papers will be available at Clane P.O. in **October**. Please nominate someone. How about yourself? It is important to keep up the voluntary community input of the past 48 yrs.

Some of our achievements:-

- Community Games commenced in 1974.
- Clane's first Public Library in 1974.
- Church ruin (roofless since 1883) acquired in 1974 and demolition of Tower averted.
- Le Chéile community magazine started in January 1974. Now on clanecomunty.ie.
- Village Green walled & Triangle built 1975.
- Tidy Towns commenced in 1975.
- Piped TV first organized in 1975.
- Stream Park (Playground) purchased 1975.
- Abbey Community Centre built 1983-85.
- The 2 year Funding Scheme was extended a further 2 years to build the Evergreen Centre, to stone wall the banks of the Stream and to pave and wall the Park.
- Purchase of old stables, which had been on the near side of the Stream, brought the total purchase price for the Stream Park (now the Playground) to €10,000.
- In 1992 the old Sewage Plant at the Liffey Bridge was acquired. (It was blasted and cleared to create the Riverside Park & Walk in 1996.)



- In 1992 Clane Local Development was set up after a successful application for funds. Now re-named to Clane Project Centre.
- The Green by the footpath up the B'nagappa Road was developed in the 90s removing old hedges and fallen walls.
- Extensive trees were planted in 80s/90s.
- In 1995 CCC, on subscribing £18,000, received £96,000 to develop footpaths and parking in the Main Street.
- In 1999 the Fr. John Sullivan Monument (designed by Anthony Linden) was built.
- In 2006 the Garden of Remembrance was developed in the Abbey Grounds.
- In 2013 the Abbey Tower was flood lit and a plaque was unveiled on the Green to mark the 40th Anniversary of CCC.
- In 2008 the Abbey Cemetery Committee erected signage to mark the Friary's 750 years. Other works include new gates, a canopy to protect the altar, repairs to the boundary walls, which had been built in 1915, ruins conservation with barrier removal.



- Tidy Towns won Bronze Medals in '14/'15/'16/'17/'18 and '19.
- Heritage Signs were erected in 2015.
- In 2016 the old Fair Green outside the Abbey was restored.
- In '16/'17: works to stage & Abbey interior.

KEEP THE GOOD WORK GOING & REMEMBER THE 50th ANNIVERSARY COMES UP IN 2 YEARS TIME.