

New Dundalk Dog Rescue centre opens in Dromiskin

By Lucy Brennan

THE Dundalk Dog Rescue Centre opened the doors to their brand new facility in Dromiskin which is home to state of the art kennels to home abandoned dogs. The la-

bour of love took plenty of blood, sweat and tears from the Dundalk Dog Rescue committee but late last month the doors were finally opened. Bobby Wain is a director for Dundalk Dog Rescue and he said that

the committee simply didn't have time to have a proper opening for the facility given how busy they are.

"We wanted a quiet opening due to the high demand of the many dogs who need to be rescued. We haven't had time to do a proper opening as we are already very busy taking dogs in and taking care of them is always the top priority for us," stated Bobby.

Dundalk Dog Rescue centre takes the dogs who have been surrendered to Louth County Council's dog pound



The new rescue centre in Dromiskin.

for rehoming as well as strays who haven't been claimed. They also get many phone calls from people who want to give up their pets. If Dundalk Rescue doesn't take the dog the dog will be put down.

The Dundalk Rescue Centre had begun to build their brand-

new dog kennels to take in abandoned dogs about two years ago in Dromiskin having created a number of fundraisers to help fund the project. They built 55 new kennels and presently they are housing twenty dogs and nine new puppies.

"Some of the new

animals are very nervous and skittish as they have never been properly cared for or maybe they have previously lived in a comfortable nice loving home," explains Bobby.

"There are four directors and about forty volunteers involved in Dundalk Dog Rescue. The volunteers walk the dogs twice a day as well as feeding and playing with them. We are always looking for people to come and volunteer to help out with the dogs. If you want to sign up, you can go to the Dundalk Dog Rescue website

to register to become a volunteer.

"If you can't volunteer you can help by donating. We are always trying to get people to donate to the Centre. We depend on public funding to be able run the kennels, feed, and provide veterinary care for the dogs. There are many fundraising events, you can find out how to participate on our Facebook page and when they will be on," he added.

If you want to adopt or foster a dog, you can go onto the Dundalk Dog Rescue website

and register for a dog. You will be given an appointment to go and see the dogs. There will then be two volunteers that will be sent to your house for a house check to see if you are suitable for a dog and for the type of dog you want.

They will tell you what type of dog that will be suitable for you and your family whether it is a family friendly dog or dog who needs a lot of space to exercise or just a dog to sit with on the couch. Check out www.dundalkdog-rescue.ie for more details.



Notice of Application to An Bord Pleanála for Approval

Pursuant to Section 177AE(4)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (amended) and the requirements of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), notice is hereby given that Louth County Council proposes to make an application for approval to an Bord Pleanála to carry out development which involves the construction of the Boyne Greenway - North Bank, in the town lands of Mell and Moneymore, Drogheda, Co Louth. The proposed development consists of:

- The construction of a new pathway (c. 650 m in length) and upgrades to an existing footpath (widening the existing footpath from 2m to 3m over a length of c. 950m) over a total length of c. 1.6km for pedestrians and cyclists to include elements of resurfacing, fencing, access gateways, road signs and markings, drainage, public lighting, and furnishing of designated locations with benches, litter bins and bicycle racks and all associated ancillary and accommodation works.
- A section of the existing footpath to be upgraded is located within the River Boyne and River Blackwater Special Area of Conservation (Site Code 002299).

A Natura Impact Statement has been prepared in respect of the proposed development. An Bord Pleanála, in relation to an application for approval under section 177AE, of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, may give approval to the application for development with or without conditions or may refuse the application for development.

The Natura Impact Statement, together with Plans and Particulars of the proposed development, will be available for inspection free of charge and can be downloaded free of charge at www.louthcoco.ie or may be purchased on payment of a small fee (which fee shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such a copy), during normal office hours 9.00 am to 5.00 pm Monday to Friday from Tuesday 8th November 2022 until Thursday 22nd December 2022 at:

- County Hall, Millennium Centre, St Alphonsus Street, Dundalk, Co Louth
- County Council Offices, Fair Street, Drogheda, Co Louth or
- The consultation portal of Louth County Council <https://consult.louthcoco.ie/>

Submissions or observations may be made to An Bord Pleanála on the proposed development in relation to:

- The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development in the area concerned,
- The likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, and
- The likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European site, if carried out.

Any submissions or observations may be made in writing to An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902 not later Thursday 22nd December 2022 at 5.30 pm.

A person may question the validity of any such decision by 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) in accordance with Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed under the heading Publications - Judicial Review Notice on the Board's website www.pleanala.ie or on the Citizens information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie

William Walsh SEO,
Placemaking and Physical Development,
Louth County Council,
County Hall,
Millennium Centre,
Dundalk,
A91 KFW6

Date: 9th November 2022:

County Hall, Millennium Centre, Dundalk,
County Louth A91 KFW6 t 042 9335457
w www.louthcoco.ie e info@louthcoco.ie
Community Call Number 042 9335457
View Alerts at www.mapalter.ie/louth

Louth Volunteer Leader Awards 2022 Event

LOUTH Volunteer Centre were delighted to host the Louth Volunteer Leader Awards on Wednesday in O'Connell's GAA club in Castlebellingham. These awards were a chance to nominate a local hero for the work they do in leading volunteers. Volunteer leaders are usually behind the scenes and rarely recognised for the incredible work that they do. The Louth Volunteer Leader Awards are the perfect opportunity to recognise this work and show our appreciation to the volunteer leaders in our community.

"To read the nominations coming in and hear more about the incredible work being done in Louth by Volunteer Leaders was humbling, I certainly did not envy the judges and the difficult job they had of choosing the awardees" says Olivia Conlon, Volunteer Development Officer with Louth Volunteer Centre.

We were absolutely delighted to be joined at the event by all the nominees and to have the opportunity to celebrate the work they do. The Awardee for the Drogheda/South Louth Category was Sinead Nugent from Connect FRC. As the person who nominated Sinead stated, "Sinead is someone who absolutely values and prioritises the work and commitment of volunteers."

The Awardee of the Mid Louth category was Orla Brennan with Dynamites Basketball Club. "Orla has encouraged numerous teenager's male and female to participate in the introduction to coaching therefore encouraging our young to continue the legacy of coaching basketball" says Orla's nominator. Orla has done fantastic work in promoting the club and

even after a serious injury continued to be there and offer her support.

The awardee for the Dundalk/North Louth category was Mary Murdock from Dundalk RFC. Mary has been with the club for a staggering 17 years. "Mary started Dundalk RFCs bid to Tackle Breast Cancer with an army of volunteers behind her raising thousands for Breast Cancer Research and the local Louth Palliative Care." says Mary's daughter Sophia who nominated her for the award.

The final category was the Leading Young Volunteers. The Awardee for this category was Calvin Magee from M.A.D Youth Theatre. "Calvin seamlessly made the switch to leader last year. He is looked up to by the members as he used to be 'one of them'. This is what Kwasia and I aimed for, to be made redundant by our young members" say Gerry another M.A.D Youth Theatre leader who nominated Calvin for this award.

Louth Volunteer Centre would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Volunteer Leaders in Louth for their amazing work and contribution to the community. We would also like to thank the wonderful volunteer judges who took on the incredibly difficult task of choosing the awardees. They were Nina Arwitz CEO of Volunteer Ireland, Mary Deery former Community Development Lead of Louth County Council, Michelle Hall Mayor of Drogheda, and Dawn Finnegan of Dawn LA Blog.

If you would like to find out more about volunteering in Louth contact Louth Volunteer Centre on 041-9809008 or info@volunteerlouth.ie



Cllr Kevin Meenan, Michael Muckian, Maria O'Toole, Kayleigh Mulligan and Ruairí O'Murchú TD.



Orla Brennan Mid Louth Awardee with Louth Volunteer Centre manager Kayleigh Mulligan.



Geraldine Ball and Paul Malone from M.A.D Youth theatre.

Mary Murdock North Louth Awardee with Louth Volunteer Centre manager Kayleigh Mulligan.