

Several new masts planned

■ **Pauline Scott**

At least five new or newly-developed telecommunications masts are planned for the county, according to planning applications made to Roscommon County Council during the past month.

An application was made to develop existing masts at Cornafulla, Ballinagare, and Sheegorey, Boyle; to develop a 35-metre mast at Lissawaddy, Tusk and to erect a new mast at Croghan.

On May 20th, Roscommon County

Council received an application from Telefonica O2 Ireland Ltd. for development of the existing 36-metre high telecommunications mast carrying antennae and link dishes, together with associated equipment containers and security fences at Johnstown Demesne, Cornafulla, Co. Roscommon.

On May 5th, Hutchinson 3G Ireland Ltd. applied for the erection of a 30-metre high mast with three dishes attached, together with equipment cabinets, other

associated equipment, fencing and associated site works at Bunreagh Townland, Croghan, Boyle.

On May 6th, Telefonica O2 Ireland applied for development of the existing 30-metre high telecommunications mast carrying antennae and link dishes together with associated equipment containers and security fence at Rathkineely, Bellingare. On the same date Vodafone Ireland Ltd. applied for development of a 35m high antennae support structure

with a 2m headframe on top of structure, mobile telephone antennae, link dishes, equipment containers, access road and security fence around site at Lissawaddy townland, Tusk.

An application dated May 6th was also made by Telefonica O2 Ireland Ltd. for development of the existing 18-metre high telecommunications mast carrying antennae and link dishes, together with associated equipment containers and security fence at Sheegorey, Boyle.

Local TDs highly placed on expenses 'league table'

■ **Paul Healy**

Local TDs Frank Feighan and Denis Naughten recorded expenses claims over a two-month period which were amongst the highest in the country.

The expenses of all TDs and Senators were voluntarily published for the first time on Tuesday.

Expenses claims for March and April of 2010 were published on the Internet and revealed that PJ Sheehan (Fine Gael), with a claim of €10,591, recorded the highest expenses over the two-month period in question. A

large number of politicians had expenses claims of over €9000, including Deputies Naughten and Feighan (both on €9841).

The third TD for Roscommon/South Leitrim, Fianna Fail Minister Michael Finneran, recorded expenses of €2,000. Ministers' claims tend to be lower than those of other TDs as they have transport provided in the form of a vehicle and driver(s).

Senator Terry Leyden claimed expenses for March and April 2010 of €6266.

In all cases the expenses are tax-free.



Teresa Keaveney, Gloon, Glenamaddy and John Finnegan, Fourmilehouse, Roscommon, following their wedding on May 21st in Glenamaddy Church. The reception was held in the Abbey Hotel, Roscommon. Pic: Helen Gunning.



Finneran hails boost for carers

Full time carers will receive the annual respite care grant of €1,700 this week to allow them to get some respite for themselves or the person they are caring for, according to Minister for Housing and Local Services, Michael Finneran TD.

Minister Finneran paid tribute to the work done by carers throughout Roscommon and Leitrim. "Carers make a massive contribution to society and they are more than deserving of this annual grant which allows them to get some respite for themselves or their person they care for."

"Fianna Fáil has always prioritised providing for carers and this payment was introduced by the Government in 1999 and has increased from €254 to €1,700 in that time. This payment is made to all full time carers regardless of their means."

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