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AGM of Athleague Apostolic Workeres

Athleague Apostolic Workeres are holding their annual AGM in Athleague Community Centre Monday 12th July 2010 at 9p.m. Our work is to raise funds to help the missions. New members are very welcome.

New library for Ballinasloe

Galway East Fianna Fáil TD Noel Treacy has confirmed that the Government is committed to providing funding for a new library in Ballinasloe next year. The news was confirmed to him by his colleague, the Minister for Housing and Local Services Michael Finneran TD.

"It has been confirmed to me it is intended to provide funding in 2011 for a new branch library in Ballinasloe. Ballinasloe badly needs a library and I will continue to work to secure this important resource for the town," concluded Noel Treacy TD.

Healthy Hearts in Cam Parish!

The first Healthy Heart activity to be promoted by Cam Defibrillator Group will be a Bog Walk on Sunday next 11th July at 3 pm. The walk begins at Ballynamona (Junction of R363 and L7617), where there will be plenty of car parking space.

There is a choice of routes. Refreshments will be served and a good turnout in strong shoes and hi-vis jackets is expected.

Extra accommodation at Roxboro NS

The provision of extra accommodation at Roxboro NS in Derrane was welcomed this week by Minister Michael Finneran.

"The building unit in the Department will be in touch with the Board of Management of the school shortly in relation to the amount of funding approved," said Minister Finneran TD.

Kilcroan Cemetery

The next clean-up of Kilcroan Cemetery will take place on Sunday, 11th July at 11.30 am. The rota is as follows: Women: Rosaleen Timothy, Bernadette Griffin, Carmel Waldron, Mary Collins, Caroline Hegarty, Assumpta Kilcommons, Siobhan Feeney and Margaret Killackey. Men: Michael Murphy, Michael Lyons, Paddy Joe Fahy, John Morgan, Tommy Connaughton, Philip Gunning, Tom Waldron, Tom Flynn and Sean O'Brien.

IT'S NOT GREEN FOR GO!



Connaughton backs RISE! Campaign

Country pursuits in County Roscommon such as hunting, point-to-point, coursing, shooting and fishing must not be interfered with by legislation, according to local county councillor Martin Connaughton.

The Athleague-based Fianna Fáil councillor attended a recent meeting of the Rural Ireland Says Enough! (RISE!) organisation in Roscommon and has now put a notice of motion before Roscommon County Council calling for the council to support the concerns being expressed by the RISE! campaign.

"I definitely would be calling on Minister Gormley not to proceed with the legislation he is proposing. I know that the vote on the stag hunting legislation took place last week. Here in this county, coursing, hunting, point-to-point, shooting and fishing are all important countryside pursuits.

"Roscommon Hunt had lapsed for 50 years before it was revived

in recent years and you have a lot of people involved in that and in the point-to-point, which attracts a big crowd in Roscommon. These are local outdoor sports and people in the county have a great passion for them. I don't want to see hunting, such as Roscommon Hunt, being interfered with." He also pointed out that Roscommon Hunt runs a lot of charity functions and raises a lot of money for local charities.

"Hunting in Roscommon is kept under control and causes no bother and I would be hoping that there would be no change in that. Coursing, there is not much wrong with it if it's done right and the same applies to shooting and fishing."

Speaking about the dog breeding bill, Cllr. Connaughton said that he had no problem with dogs being microchipped and increased regulation, traceability and accountability for dog breeding establishment.

"Hopefully the other hunts

won't go like the stag hunts, which isn't relevant to County Roscommon. I'm under pressure from a lot of people and I was at the recent RISE! meeting and that's where it stands at the moment.

"I also have a notice of motion down for the next meeting of Roscommon County Council, due to be held on July 28th, 'that Roscommon County Council notes the increased level of popular support being expressed for RISE! and shares the concerns highlighted in relation to certain items of legislation currently being promoted by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, John Gormley. This council calls on the Government to listen to the concerns being expressed and respond appropriately'."

"There is an awful difference between urban Ireland and rural Ireland and there is a big difference between Roscommon and where the Green Party TDs are coming from," said Cllr. Connaughton.



Cousins Eva, Ciara and Lara Smyth at the opening of the 15th Dr. Douglas Hyde Summer School of Traditional Irish Music in Spells Bar, Ballagherreen on Saturday last. Pic: Mick McCormack.

Finneran welcomes funds for library extension

Minister Michael Finneran this week welcomed the provision of €325,000 to Roscommon County Library headquarters at Abbeytown, Roscommon for a proposed extension to facilitate a reorganisation of the internal layout of the building and to accommodate the archive service.

Minister Finneran said he believes that supporting the Library service would complement Roscommon's proud cultural heritage and educational facilities and

emphasised that library provision was all the more important in these difficult economic times.

Minister Finneran was happy to note that, despite the pressure on public finances, his Department was in a position to continue to deliver on the very important commitment set out in 2008 in 'Branching Out - Future Directions', the Government's policy document on public library service provision.

Huge jump in car sales here

82 new cars were registered in County Roscommon in June 2010, compared to 44 the previous June, an increase of over 86 percent.

Eight vans were registered in the county in June 2010, compared to eleven last June, a decrease of over 27 percent. There were no new lorries registered in the county in June, compared to two last year.

Nationally, there was an increase of over 75 percent in the numbers of cars sold in June.

Funds for schools

Senator Terry Leyden has welcomed approval for funding for fencing and related land works at Scoil Mhuire, Cnoc an Chocaire.

Minister Mary Coughlan has told Senator Leyden that the building unit of her Department will be in contact with the school authorities about the amount of funding approved.

Grant-aid has also been approved for roof works on SN Naomh Ceitheach, Runamoat, Ballymacurley.