



# A Boyle View

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## Plunkett Home protest heads for the Dáil

The people of Boyle will take their protest at the closing of day care services and the reduction of bed numbers at Plunkett Home to the Dáil on Wednesday next, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

According to Jan Flanagan, Mayor of Boyle Town Council, "Boyle Town Council has agreed to continue with their plans to take their protest to Leinster House in the hope of having Day Services resumed at the Plunkett Home. The Town Council had hoped to meet with Ms Mary Harney, Minister of Health and Children. However, correspondence received last week from Ms Harney's secretary informed the Council that 'due to a heavy schedule of Government and Departmental business over the coming weeks and months, the Minister

regrets that she will not be in a position to meet with this deputation'."

Correspondence to Minister Harney has been forwarded to Minister Aine Brady by the department. Subsequently Boyle Town Council has requested a meeting with Minister Aine Brady and has also requested that Minister Michael Finneran would facilitate this meeting. However, to date no reply has been received by the Mayor from either Ministerial departments.

Frustration at the lack of communication has strengthened the Town Council's resolve to pursue their campaign. Deputy Feighan has reassured the Town Councillors that he will continue to raise the issue in the Dáil every day until services resume.

Sanctioning of a permanent transfer of a staff member to the unit or a lifting of the moratorium in this case are two of the means by which the staffing problem can be resolved and Day Care services returned. The Town Council are also set to meet with representatives from the INMO in the coming days to discuss the issue of the Palliative Care Unit.

The protest to Dáil Éireann will take place on Wednesday next, April 28<sup>th</sup>. A bus will depart from the Crescent, Boyle at 8.30 am sharp, arriving at Kildare St. Dublin at 11 am. Anybody willing to travel on that day with the Town Council should contact any of the Town Councillors. Support would be appreciated.

### boyle notes

■ **Working together**  
Boyle Chamber of Commerce has issued an open invitation to all involved in business in Boyle to come to Daly's Lounge on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 6.30 pm to 8 pm. The event follows the excellent response to a recent survey on ways the Chamber may be able to assist businesses in the area. Anyone involved in Business in Boyle now or in the past, and interested in Building a Better Boyle is requested to attend. Together we can Build a Better Boyle!

■ **CD launch**  
All are invited to a CD launch in the Moving Stairs next Friday night at 10 pm. 'Phantom Power' is a compilation of mostly original material by a group of musicians and songwriters from Roscommon, Leitrim and Sligo. The CD features an eclectic mix of talents and styles and was recorded in Lake Studios, Cootehall. Artists on the album will provide live music on the night. Admission free!

■ **Badminton**  
Congratulations to the Boyle Division 2 team who won the County Final against Strokestown last Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April and who go forward to represent Roscommon in the Connacht finals in Galway on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April. The Division 6 team played Glinsk in the county final on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April and the newly formed Division 7 team played their first county final against Ballinahughish on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

■ **Boat blessing**  
A sure sign that winter has gone is renewed cruiser boating activity on rivers and lakes. A blessing of boats will take place in Boyle Harbour on Saturday next, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm

■ **Living with teens**  
A parenting course for parents of teenagers, starts on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> April, at the Family Life Centre, Boyle, for four evenings, 8 pm to 10 pm. The aim of the course is to encourage positive parenting, develop good communication skills, manage challenging behaviour and build self esteem in parents and their children. Contact Louise at the Family Life Centre on (071) 96 63000. Booking essential. Cost is donation.

■ **Changing times**  
'Changing times, changing life' is the title of a five-week

course for men, starting on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April, which continues Monday to Friday 9.45 am to 12.45 pm. Topics covered include: Organic gardening, craft, personal development, stress management. If you are unemployed you may qualify for a weekly expenses payment of €30 per week. If you are interested please book your place by contacting Louise or Joe at the Family Life Centre on (071) 96 63000 or email [cdw@familylifecentre.ie](mailto:cdw@familylifecentre.ie)

■ **Women aware**  
Women aware group meetings take place in the Family Life Centre from 10.30 to 12.30 every Monday except bank holidays. Women who have experienced and are in abusive situations meet in a confidential and safe environment. Contact Patricia or Mairead (071) 96 63000 or (071) 96 63840.

■ **Counselling**  
A counselling and psychotherapy service is available at the Family Life Centre, Boyle. This involves working with a professional therapist who offers you a confidential, impartial and safe place to explore whatever specific issues you present with. Shorter issue-focused counselling and long-term therapy is also available, by appointment only, (071) 96 63000.

■ **Childsplay**  
Childsplay takes place every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm in the Family Life Centre, Boyle.

■ **Violence against women**  
Roscommon Violence Against Women services provides support and information to women in situations of domestic violence. You can contact us the service in safety and confidence at (071) 96 63000 or direct line (071) 96 63840. Ask for Patricia or Mairead.

■ **Me time**  
'Me Time' is an informal social evening for parents/guardians meeting the first Tuesday of every month at 8.30 pm in the Family Life Centre, Boyle, (071) 96 63000. It is a chance for parents/guardians to take time out of their busy lives and meet with other parents in a relaxed and friendly environment, also a chance to enjoy a cup of tea and some adult company. Next date is Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May.

### Launch of Spring Clean



Aine Horan and Michael Grehan, Abbey Community College, Boyle, pictured with Cllr. Tony Ward, Mayor, Roscommon Co. Council; Jan Flanagan, chairperson Boyle Town Council; Sarah McGovern, National Spring Clean ambassador; Annette Donlon and Danny McHugh, Roscommon Co. Council at the launch of Spring Clean.

## Historic day for Boyle GAA

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May will be an historic day for Boyle GAA Club when their new state-of-the-art clubrooms are officially opened.

The new building in the Abbey Park and nestling on the banks of the Boyle River includes four dressing rooms, a meeting room, toilets and shower facilities. There is no doubt that those modern facilities will be a tremendous asset in catering for the ever-increasing numbers of teams, both male and female that the Club caters for and they will complement the fine work that was

done in phase one of the project when a new all-weather playing surface was opened five years ago.

The Club has prepared an extensive programme of activities to mark the opening on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Activities will begin at 2 pm with a number of exhibition games involving under 8 and under 12 boys and girls from the Club. This will be followed by a senior inter club ladies football challenge game between Boyle and opposition to be determined. The official opening of the new clubrooms will take place at 4 pm. The opening will

be jointly performed by Boyle's own John Joe Nerney, who is President of the Roscommon County Board and is one of only three surviving members of the All Ireland winning Roscommon team of the forties, and by Gerry O'Malley who was perhaps Roscommon's greatest ever footballer who didn't win an All Ireland senior medal.

The facilities will be blessed by Canon Gerry Hanley. The programme will culminate with a senior inter county football challenge game at 5 pm between Roscommon and Clare. Boyle Marching Band will

provide musical entertainment during the afternoon. It should be noted that admission is free and young and old are cordially invited to come along and enjoy the afternoon.

The Club will hold a social in the Royal Hotel later that night to mark the occasion. Music will be by Michael McDonald of TV 4 Glór Tíre fame. Medals will be presented to the Boyle team that won the Division 4 League in 2009 and the Club Person of the year award, and player of the year awards for the various grades will also be made.