

TUAM COURT BRIEFS

Driver was over limit

A 22 year old Tuam woman with no insurance or driving licence was also detected for drunk driving and was given a two year disqualification.

Tuam Court was told that Molly Thorpe from 7 Meadow Court, Milltown Road, Tuam had a reading of 125 micrograms of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood when stopped by Garda Hugh Gallagher at Belclare on June 27 last year. She has no previous convictions.

Defending solicitor Eric Gleeson said that his client was very apologetic for what happened and happened to be taking medication. He said that she was her mother's car at the time.

Judge James Faughnan fined the defendant €300 for being over the influence of alcohol and put her off the road for two years; fined her €400 for no insurance and €100 for not having a driving licence.

House dispute

When Gardaí were called to a domestic dispute at housing estate in Tuam, they found a man in a drunken and very aggressive condition.

Pat Ward from 39 Hugh Heslion Road, The Glebe was before Tuam Court for a breach of public order. He admitted the offence. The Court imposed a fine of €150 for being drunk in a public place.

Garda Brendan Flaherty told the Court that the Gardaí were called to a domestic incident and found the defendant in a very intoxicated state. He was also very aggressive. The Garda added that the defendant had a number of previous convictions.

Passed out

A 34 year old man that was found passed out on a footpath in Tuam did not remember anything about the night, the local Court was told.

John Quinn from Forthbrowne, Lavally, Tuam was discovered by Garda Mark Shine at Bishop Street in an unconscious state. Sergeant Daithí Cronin, prosecuting, told Tuam Court that the defendant was very intoxicated and was taken to Tuam Garda Station. He outlined five previous convictions against the defendant.

Defending solicitor Danny McGrath said that his client was living on his own and this did not help matters. Quinn was fined €200 for being drunk in a public place.

# Backlog delays barring orders

## Emergency cases are still prioritised

BY ENDA CUNNINGHAM

THE average waiting time for domestic violence barring order and protection order applications to be heard in Galway jumped from one week to four weeks in the space of a year, according to new figures from the Courts Service.

According to the service's annual report for 2016, in the Galway courts area, it took an average of four weeks to hear domestic violence applications in the District Court - the wait was just one week the previous year.

However, urgent applications relating to domestic violence in Galway were heard on the next day the court sat.

In Family Law sittings, applications for maintenance or guardianship took between four to eight weeks to be heard, which remained unchanged from 2015.

Last year, civil cases took an

average of 16 weeks to come before the District Court, unchanged from the previous year.

For criminal cases, charge sheets were heard on the next day the court sat, while the waiting time for summonses was 16 weeks - also unchanged from 2015.

In the Circuit Court, the average waiting time for criminal trials was between seven and nine months, while the wait for sentence hearings was three months (from the trial date when a guilty plea was entered). Appeals took two months to be heard. The waiting times were all unchanged from 2015.

Civil cases - which took between three and six months to come before the Circuit Court in 2015 - were being heard at the next sitting of the court.

Family law cases which had waits of two to three months in 2015, were also being heard at the next court sitting in 2016.

## Music hits sour note

TWO Romanian nationals were ordered to pay €500 each to a neighbour whom they assaulted when he asked them to turn down the volume of music they were playing at 3am.

Both Novac Sebastian Florin and Zorro Dorit of Apt 1, Old Tescos, Sarsfield Road, Ballinasloe, pleaded guilty to assaulting their neighbour at their home on April 19 last year.

Sergeant Daithí Cronin, prosecuting, said that the victim had suffered soft tissue damage but the man, who was in court, told Judge James Faughnan, "it wasn't that simple" and that he had suffered injuries to his shoulder and arm for which he had to undergo physiotherapy.

When he went next door to ask his neighbours to turn down the music in the early

hours of the morning, he was punched in the face and knocked to the ground.

He told the Judge that the two men before the court had since moved away.

Judge Faughnan said unless the pair had €500 each in compensation for the victim by the next court appearance in December, they would go to prison.

He said he would also impose a small fine of maybe €200 each.

Florin (27) and Dorit (29) had been working but weren't at the present, the Court heard from defending solicitor, Gearóid Geraghty. They had consumed too much drink on the night. The pair had no previous convictions.

The case was put back until December 7 to give them time to organise compensation.



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe  
Galway County Council

### NOTICE PUBLISHING COMMENCEMENT OF AUDIT Galway County Council

Notice is hereby given that the audit of the accounts of the above-named local government organisation for the financial year ended on the 31st December, 2016 will be commenced by Mr. D. Cahill, Local Government Auditor, on the 11th day of August, 2017. In accordance with article 17 of the Local Government (Financial and Audit Procedure) Regulations 2014, objections to any matter or matters contained in the said several accounts will be heard by the Local Government Auditor during the audit.

Written notice of any proposed objection, setting out the relevant particulars and grounds on which it is to be made, should be sent to the above Local Government Auditor at, Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway within ten days of the commencement of the audit. The annual financial statement will be available during office hours for the inspection of all persons for a period of seven days before the commencement of the audit.

Dated this 25th July 2017  
Kevin Kelly, Chief Executive (Interim)

### AN TACHT UM PLEANÁIL AGUS FORBAIRT 2000 (ARNA LEASÚ) PLEAN CEANTAIR ÁITIÚIL BHAILE LOCHA RIACH 2012-2018

Tugtar fógra leis seo, de réir Alt 19 den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000 (arna leasú), go ndearna Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe, arb é an tÚdarás Pleanála don Chontae é, ré Phlean Ceantair Áitiúil Bhaile Locha Riach a leathnú, ar an 24ú Iúil 2017, go ceann tréimhse cúig bliana go dtí an 24ú Iúil 2022.

Ritheadh an Rún seo a leanas:

Go mbeartlann an Chomhairle, de bhun Alt 19(1)(d) den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000 (arna chur isteach le hAlt 12 (a)(ii) den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Leasú) 2010) an tráth a chuirfear fógra faoi Alt 20(3)(a)(i) d'Acht 2000 agus foilsíú fógra faoi Alt 20(3)(a)(ii) a chur siar go ceann tréimhse nach faide ná 5 bliana.

Rith na comhaltai an Rún thuas tar éis daingniú a lorg agus a fháil ón bPríomhfheidhmeannach á rá:

- (a) Go leanann an Plean Ceantair Áitiúil de bheith i gcomhréir le cuspóirí agus croistraitéis an Phlean Forbartha iomchuí,
- (b) Nach ndearnadh cuspóirí an Phlean Ceantair Áitiúil a áirithiú go substaintiúil, agus
- (c) Go bhféadfar an tráth a chuirfear agus a fhoilseofar na fógraí a chur siar agus an tréimhse ar ina leith a fhéadfar iad a chur siar.

Tá cóip den Rún agus de Thuarascáil an Phríomhfheidhmeannaigh ar fáil lena n-iniúchadh sna hionaid seo a leanas (seachas ag deireadh na seachtaine agus ar laethanta saoire poiblí):

- An Oifig Pleanála, Áras an Chontae, Cnoc na Radharc, Gaillimh (Luan-Aoine 9am-4pm, Céadaoin 10am-4pm)
- Oifig Cheantair Áitiúil Bhaile Locha Riach, Sráid na Bearice, Baile Locha Riach (9.00am-1.00pm, 2.00pm-5.00pm Luan go hAoine)
- Leabharlann Bhaile Locha Riach (le linn gnáthuaireanta oscailte)

Is féidir cóipeanna den Rún agus de Thuarascáil an Phríomhfheidhmeannaigh a léamh ar láithreán gréasáin na Comhairle Contae freisin ag [www.galway.ie](http://www.galway.ie)

### PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED) LOUGHREA LOCAL AREA PLAN 2012-2018

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Section 19 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), that on 24th July 2017, the Council of the County of Galway being the Planning Authority for the County, extended the lifespan of the Loughrea Local Area Plan by five years until 24th July 2022.

The following Resolution was passed:

That pursuant to Section 19 (1) (d) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as inserted by Section 12 (a) (iii) of the Planning & Development (Amendment) Act 2010), the Council resolves to defer the sending of a notice under Section 20 (3) (a) (i) of the Act of 2000 and publishing a notice under Section 20 (3) (a) (ii) for a period not exceeding 5 years.

The members passed the above Resolution after having sought and obtained from the Chief Executive confirmation that:

- (a) The Local Area Plan remains consistent with the objectives and core strategy of the relevant Development Plan,
- (b) The objectives of the Local Area Plan have not been substantially secured, and
- (c) The sending and publishing of the notices may be deferred and the period for which they may be deferred.

A copy of the Resolution and the Chief Executive's Report are available for inspection at the following locations (excluding weekends and public holidays):

- Planning Office, Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway (Mon-Fri 9am-4pm, Wed 10am-4pm)
- Loughrea Area Office, Barrack Street, Loughrea, Galway H62 K065 (9.00am-1.00pm, 2.00pm-5.00pm Monday to Friday)
- Loughrea Library (during normal opening hours)

Copies of the Resolution and the Manager's Report may also be viewed on the County Council's website at [www.galway.ie](http://www.galway.ie)

Tá míle fáilte roimh chomhfhreagras agus gnó trí Ghaeilge: [gaelige@cocogaillimh.ie](mailto:gaelige@cocogaillimh.ie) [www.gaillimh.ie](http://www.gaillimh.ie)

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