



DÚN LAOGHAIRE CENTRAL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



Baths Site Completion Spring 2021

Construction on the Dún Laoghaire Baths site is continuing after some delays. The original completion date was spring of 2020, but now it is likely that the project, which began two years ago, will be completed in late Spring 2021.

Having been abandoned since 1997, the development will be welcomed by the residents of Dún Laoghaire after 20 years of dereliction. The development is due to include a public jetty for swimmers & kayaks, a small café, public toilets, new life guard facilities and an artist studio space, notably there is no bathing pool included.

The construction has had issues and delays due to Covid-19 as well as difficulties in constructing new sea walls and issues around the underpinning of Queens Road.

The development is really taking shape now as you can see in our photo taken from the sea side below.



Plinth for Roger Casement statue

The new jetty will create a new vantage point for beautiful views across Scotsman's Bay to Sandycove.

Bins of Dún Laoghaire

Hello and welcome to the Summer edition of the DLCRA community newsletter, our second. We hope all the residents of Dún Laoghaire are coping in these strange times.

The better weather brought many visitors to the town and sadly it also brought a lot of litter. COVID-19 also brought with it new litter, masks and gloves were

dropped carelessly.

Many will know that the Big Belly bins placed around the town are 'smart' bins and are able to tell the council when they are full and need to be emptied. **A flashing red light in its top left hand corner shows that the bin is full**, a flashing green light is not full. Residents will have noticed that often the mouth

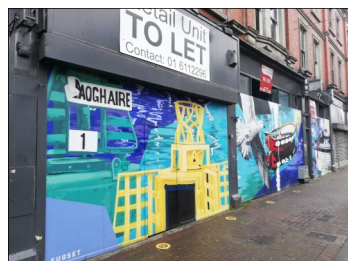
of the bin gets jammed.

DLRCoCo has recently purchased a number of sensors for the mouths of the bins, this will hopefully help alleviate the problem of litter in the town, we can all do our bit to help.

If any one wants to report any issues with litter or the bins please email info@dlrcoco.ie or contact us at info@dlra.ie

Dunnes Traditional Shop-fronts

Given the recent expiry of the Dunnes Stores plans to develop their Dún Laoghaire unit it is reasonable to now look for the company to bring their units 26-29 Georges St Up back into use either in their own right or with suitable tenants. In that regard



conservation of our built heritage should be paramount.

Estate agents for Dunnes Store (Edward Lee & Co Ltd) units 26-29 Georges St Up, recently confirmed that

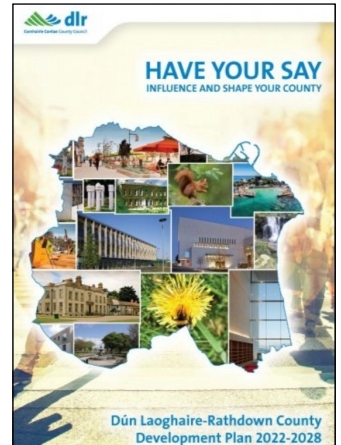
"the units are not available to view by prospective tenants currently".

These units have original windows in the style of Dutch Classic & Queen Anne style. They should be maintained and restored to become a feature of this part of Georges St. There are many examples in Dún Laoghaire where the owners of stores have made efforts to restore or preserve shop fronts.

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DL Development Plan timescale

The Council is now in the process of preparing a plan for the 2022 – 2028. A first draft is available for view at www.dlrcoco.ie



This draft will be reviewed by the Councillors between **28th Sept & 20th of Nov** with a second draft being finalised in early December. DLRCoCo will invite public submissions between **8th of Dec and the 12th of February**.

The last plan of 2016—2022 led to significant changes which have had a lasting impact on the character of the Dún Laoghaire town and surrounding areas.

It is important that residents also voice their opinions and thus influence Council policy in the next few years.



HSE Primary Care Centre

Owners of the Dún Laoghaire Shopping Centre, built in 1976 as Ireland's first multi storey shopping centre, have recently submitted planning for a HSE run Primary Care Centre. There has been much interest in the future of this building for many years.

The centre would span much of the third floor covering a total of 4,068 sq meters of floor space and provide the following facilities:

- GP Services
- Speech & Language therapy
- Physiotherapy
- Paediatrics
- Emergency Care
- Dental facilities
- Mental health facility
- Consultation rooms
- Procedure rooms
- Ophthalmology

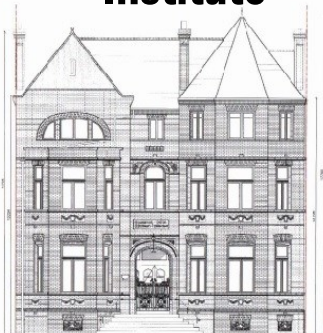
There are some questions about the suitability of the shopping centre as a

location of a PCC. The current DLRCC Dev Plan highlighted the need for radical development to benefit the town, once the HSE move into the centre, the likelihood of a radical development being realised is surely doubtful.

Hopefully a PCC will bring much needed footfall into the town centre.

Further information was requested by DLR on the 17th of July. If planning is approved, building work on the centre should begin by early 2021

Men's Christian Institute



Front Elevation

The Dún Laoghaire Men's Institute has a planning proposal for the restoration as concert promotion company MCD's new Head office.

Designed by William Kaye-Parry in 1891 and completed in 1892 it will be great to see life restored to the building after years of neglect.

You can view the planning proposal at www.dlrcoco.ie

New Cycle Paths

The county council has created new cycle paths along the coast of Dún Laoghaire. Residents have mostly welcomed the changes and are cautiously optimistic that they will bring a benefit to the town. We reported problems that residents brought to our attention.

As some issues have been noted, the council is keen



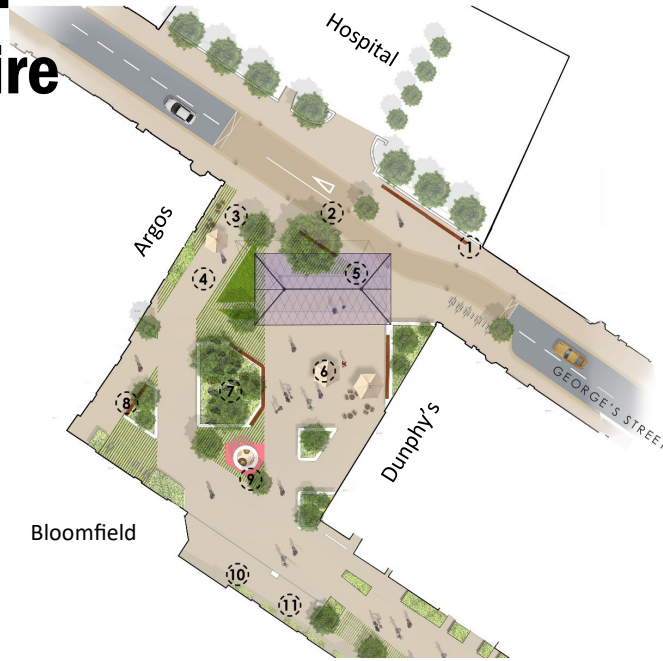
to hear any feedback. If you have any questions/queries you can email info@dlrcoco.ie

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New square planned for Dún Laoghaire

Dún Laoghaire County council has applied for funding for an ambitious Greening Project, that aims to create a low carbon, resilient town.

There will be many aspects to the plan, but some of the ambitions include creating and refurbishing 3 key civic spaces. Outside the Catholic Church, outside the Carnegie library and a new square in front of Bloomfield.



New Shops



Lwr Georges Street will be welcoming two new shops. Ladbrokes will be moving from Marine Rd, to No. 32 and The PPE Shop which carries a full suite of Protective Equipment will be a new addition to the town at No. 50.

THE PPE SHOP



Myrtle Square

A landmark civic plaza called Myrtle Square is planned for the centre of Dún Laoghaire Town by taking down the three vacant buildings in front of

Bloomfields Shopping Centre. The civic plaza will provide open space in the town for increasing numbers of residents occupying apartments and over the shop accommodation and will

address key liveability and Covid-19 factors for the town's residents.

You can see more information on the **Dún Laoghaire Greening Project** on our website www.DLCRA.ie

Please support these local shops



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www.costelloflowers.ie

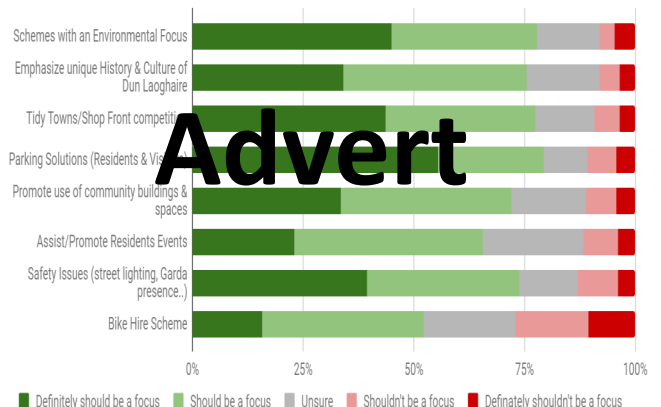


58 Georges St, Dún Laoghaire
Family business since 1928

Shop Local

www.McManusJewellers.com

And which types of schemes they would like to see promoted ...



Advert




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We are a voluntary group of local residents whose mission is to provide a forum for the people of Dún Laoghaire to work together on areas of common interest to effect change.

We have a shared love for this place we all call home, and believe that the residents need a voice in the future of the town who we believe has lost its heart. We are always looking for people to get involved and engaged, we have monthly meetings to discuss how things are going, anyone is free to come along, contact us:

-  info@dlcra.ie
-  [@DunLaoghaireCRA](https://twitter.com/DunLaoghaireCRA)
-  [/DunLaoghaireCRA](https://www.facebook.com/DunLaoghaireCRA)

Get Involved

We are a local non-political voluntary group with the simple aim of improving the local area. Voluntary donations are welcome to cover costs of newsletters, websites and administration. Contact us by email or see our website to how you can help.

You county council needs feedback on how its doing, please contact them at the following webpage to let them know what is happening in your area:

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/your-feedback-important-us>

How do I..?

Ever wondered how to report illegal graffiti or fly tipping.

Did you know that you can report Graffiti or fly tipping online and that it only takes a minute?

The County Council accepts reports of graffiti and problems of fly tipping or dumping of rubbish through its general email address which is info@dlrcoco.ie

Just email them with Graffiti in the title. In the body of the email include the date it was observed, a description of the location, including street address and preferably a photo.

The council can get specialised graffiti



removers when they have a sufficient number recorded.

There are many services the council offers, from reporting graffiti, reporting issues on your street or getting e-books from the library.

If you have any questions on particular issues affecting residents you can email us info@dlcra.ie and we will try and answer as best we can.



Dún Laoghaire Tidy Towns

Notwithstanding the Trojan work of the Dun Laoghaire Tidy Towns volunteers and the dedicated County Council workers, the scenes of rampant littering on the central streets of Dun Laoghaire in particular on sunny weekends will be apparent and an annoyance to many residents.

The DLCRA has called on those businesses that sell take-aways in particular to take actions to actively discourage this behaviour by their customers and to request staff to do local 'trash walks' to ensure it is clean.

Following meetings between the Tidy Towns group and the council,



Tidy Town Volunteers

the council wrote to a number of the coffee shops and there has been some improvement.

Unfortunately some residents are occasionally illegally blocking the big belly bins with their domestic rubbish and even disposing of

domestic rubbish bags on our streets and laneways.

Volunteers Wanted

If you wish to help in joining the Tidy Towns clean up groups please contact Tidy Towns to be added to their circulation list at DLtidytowns@gmail.com



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