



# Riverdance pulls aid for Irish dance events amid cheat claims

Ads suspended pending review

Ellen Coyne

RIVERDANCE has distanced itself from the Irish dancing organisation at the centre of an alleged cheating scandal.

The world-famous Irish dancing show has said that it will not be sponsoring any more competitions held by An Coimisiún Le Rincí Gaelacha (CLRG) until it knows the outcome of its investigation.

It will come as a major blow to the CLRG, which has found itself at the centre of the biggest global scandal to ever hit the world of competitive Irish dancing.

Last week, the *Irish Independent* revealed that evidence had been handed to the CLRG which appeared to show at least a dozen Irish dancing teachers engaging in cheating.

The CLRG has said it has appointed a former Court of Appeal judge to investigate the claims.

## Major concern over possible reputational damage to Ireland

The CLRG was made aware of the claims in July but only told its own members at the end of last month, and also allowed some of the judges who were accused of cheating to continue overseeing competitions.

Later this month, the CLRG will hold its Great British Dance Championship in London.

A spokeswoman for *Riverdance* said it had committed to supporting the British dancing event by paying for an advert "before the recent news broke".

It is understood that companies that sponsor CLRG dance events by paying for adverts are then linked with a certain age category in the same competition.

"*Riverdance* has confirmed to me that they will not be considering placing any further ads with CLRG in the future until they know the outcome of the internal investigation," the spokeswoman said.

The CLRG is facing increasing pressure to explain its handling of the cheating allegations. Tomorrow, the Oireachtas Culture Committee will consider a request from Sinn Féin to invite the CLRG to appear before it.

While the Government does not fund or regulate the CLRG, there are major concerns about the reputational damage that the dancing scandal could cause to Ireland. It is understood a number of politicians have questions for the CLRG about when it first became aware that there were concerns over cheating in the sport.

It is understood that there is growing anger among CLRG dance teachers and judges about the scandal. While the allegations were first made in July, the CLRG membership was not told about the issue until the end of September. It is understood that this was after the controversy started to leak online.

A number of Irish dancing teachers have said they only found out that the CLRG had known about the claims since July through the media.

In an email to its members last Friday, the CLRG appealed for "patience" from those who want immediate sanctions for the alleged cheating dance teachers.

"These allegations, which were leaked initially on social media and picked up by mainstream media, are causing untold upset and distress right throughout the dancing world with calls for immediate sanctions on the alleged perpetrators," the email said.

"An Coimisiún has policies and procedures in place for dealing with such matter which are available for all to see in the disciplinary policy under the 'rules' section on the website.

"Please be mindful that any attempt to short-circuit the established procedures could seriously jeopardise the ongoing investigation and any disciplinary findings that arise.

"Your ongoing patience while due process is followed is appreciated."



## A sweet shot for William Tell show

KONU Kim (Arnold Melchtal) with an apple and arrow on his head pictured in the Swiss Embassy in Dublin during the Irish National Opera launch of Rossini's *William Tell*, a co-production with Nouvel Opera Fribourg, Switzerland. The opera runs at the Gaiety Theatre, Dublin, from November 8-13. PHOTO: LEON FARRELL/PHOTOCALL IRELAND



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Kildare County Council

## PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (as amended) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (as amended) (PART 8)

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### PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (as amended) – PART XI

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#### SITE LOCATION: GLANDOUR HOUSE, WOODSTOCK STREET, ATHY, CO. KILDARE, R14 WK25.

**Proposed Development:** Pursuant to the requirements of the above, notice is hereby given by Kildare County Council of a proposed social housing development at Glandour House, Woodstock Street, Athy, Co. Kildare, R14 WK25.

The proposed development comprises of the construction of 5 no. dwellings consisting of:

- A terrace block of 2 no. 1-bed single storey dwelling, 2 No. 1-bed apartments two storey, and 1 no. 2-bed two storey dwelling.
- Demolition and alterations to the existing boundary walls and construction of new boundary walls to the proposed site.
- Demolition of existing walls bounding:
  - Glandour House, including entrance gate wall to Glandour House, and laneway connecting Woodstock Street with Castle Park housing estate.
- Widening of existing lane way and construction of new wall bounding Glandour House site.
- Associated site development works including landscaping, drainage, public lighting, new paths and hard landscaping, ancillary site services and site development works above and below ground.

This application also includes an Appropriate Assessment Screening report and an Environmental Impact Assessment Screening report.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development (Part 8 Ref No. P82022.19) will be available for inspection or purchase for a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, during its public opening hours by appointment during the period from Friday, 14 October 2022 until Thursday, 10 November 2022 (both dates inclusive), at the following offices

Kildare County Council, Level 1, at the address below.

Athy Municipal District Office, Kildare County Council, Rathstewart, Athy, Co. Kildare, R14 Y163.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development will also be available to view during that period on Kildare County Council's website at <https://consult.kildarecoco.ie/browse> and <https://kildarecoco.ie/AllServices/Planning/Part8Schemes/> and [www.gov.ie/en/consultations/](http://www.gov.ie/en/consultations/)

The proposal has also undergone **Appropriate Assessment Screening** under the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC), the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and the European Communities (Bird and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 – 2015. Kildare County Council has determined that an Appropriate Assessment is not required. The proposed development will not have a significant effect on a European Site.

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Submissions and observations with respect to the proposed development and dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated, may be made in writing before 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, 24 November 2022 to:

Fiona Byrne, Housing Department, Level 5, Kildare County Council, at the address below or online at: <https://consult.kildarecoco.ie/browse>.

All submissions and observations should be headed "Part 8: Proposed Social Housing Development, Glandour House, Woodstock Street, Athy Co. Kildare. Planning Ref No. P82022.19"

All comments, including names of those making comments, submitted to the Council regarding this scheme will form part of the statutorily required report to be presented at a meeting of the elected members. Accordingly, they will also be included in the minutes of that meeting and may appear in the public domain.

Please note that the data collected from this consultation will be shared by Kildare County Council with their consultants. Any information which you submit via Kildare County Council's websites will be treated with the highest standards of security and confidentiality, strictly in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Please refer to the Privacy Statement included with the plans and particulars of the proposed development and to the Kildare County Council Public Consultation Portal Privacy Policy.





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**HEDGE CUTTING AND  
LANDOWNER/OCCUPIER OBLIGATIONS  
Hedge cutting season 1st September  
to 28th February.**

The Roads Act 1993 (Section 70) places a statutory obligation on all landowners/occupiers of land or structures to ensure that roadside structures, trees, shrubs or other vegetation do not present a danger to those using and working on public roads.

In the interest of safety and the protection of all people who use the public roads in our County, landowners and occupiers of land are requested to:

- take all reasonable care to ensure that roadside structures, trees, hedges, shrubs and other vegetation growing on their land is not or could not become a danger to those using or working on the public roads.
- ensure that all debris is removed from roads following hedge cutting.

It is also important to remember that hedges provide shelter for nesting birds and small animals. Hedge cutting should not be undertaken (except for essential public health, safety or road works) during the growth season, which is between 1st March and 31st August. Landowners are encouraged to protect wildlife and promote biodiversity on all their hedgerows (including non-road-side hedges) and information on this is available on [pollinators.ie](http://pollinators.ie).

Please be aware of your responsibilities in relation to Invasive Species, in particular where Japanese Knotweed is present, hedges should not be cut under any circumstances.

Carlow County Council wishes to acknowledge the co-operation of those landowners and occupiers who are, and have been, complying with their responsibilities down through the years.

It should be noted that the Roads Act 1993 (as amended) provides that in cases where landowners fail to comply with their obligations, the Council may take whatever necessary action to ensure compliance. Please note that fines up to €1,270, and/or six months in prison, may be applicable.

**PÁDRAIG O'GORMAN,  
DIRECTOR OF SERVICES**



**Call out for Café Operator**

At an exciting time of strategic development for Dunamais Arts Centre, and following the original franchise holder's retirement from the venue, interested parties are invited to apply for operation of the Café/Restaurant in this busy, vibrant and welcoming space.

Dunamais Arts Centre; a leading Midlands arts organisation and a centre of excellence for creative engagement, practice, programming and production; comprises a theatre, cinema, gallery, bar and café.

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- A Café that shares Dunamais' ethos on the importance of arts & culture, community engagement, sustainability and diversity & inclusion.
- A Café open to highlighting and collaborating on offerings of the whole venue and developing mutual promotional opportunities.

**Applications by:**

Friday 28 October, 2022

(Shortlisting & interviews to follow)

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# Proposal to permanently close access to traffic 'premature'

by Melissa Cooke

A MOTION brought forward by Cllr Ciara Galvin (Lab) at the most recent meeting of Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District asked that "direct access from the Hazelhatch Road to the bridge be permanently closed to motor traffic."

The council report noted that the "list of roads objectives for Celbridge is included in the Celbridge LAP 2017 to 2023, which does not include preventing vehicular access between Hazelhatch Road and the bridge."

"The closure of the Hazelhatch Road to motor traffic is not considered an appropriate measure."

Cllr Galvin was not present at the meeting, but had sent in some comments to be read on her behalf.

These comments were read out by Leas Cathaoirleach, Cllr Nuala Killeen (SD), who presided over

the meeting, as Cathaoirleach, Cllr Vanessa Liston (GP) was not present.

Cllr Galvin noted: "The junction at the bridge in Celbridge where the Dublin road, the Newtown road, and the Hazelhatch road meet the bridge is well-known as a very difficult junction that can be dangerous to navigate at busy times."

"There are regularly delays on the bridge, in particular when people try to turn into the Newtown road."

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She noted that she didn't accept the agenda report stating the closure was not appropriate.

Cllr Galvin stated that she believed her proposal would be a way to "significantly improve traffic flows at the junction, with knock on improvements to traffic flow on the main street and further throughout the town."

"It will also make the

junction safer to navigate."

"This isn't speculation, it's based on years of living near the bridge."

Cllr Michael Coleman (FF) supported the motion and said that "the road width I think is just over five metres, and the footpath itself is only three feet."

"It's dangerous for cyclists and pedestrians, and all users of that road."

"It's not suitable for buses coming down."

Cllr Íde Cussen (Ind) stated that she thinks it would be "premature" to look for this.

"We have an upgrade to the existing bridge, we have the second bridge proposal underway," she continued.

"There's a lot happening out the Dublin road as well which will change some of the traffic dynamics."

"I wouldn't support the motion today, but I think we should be looking at it as another piece in the whole of the jigsaw when we see the traffic flow and

changes to things."

This was a view shared by council officials.

Evelyn Wright Director of

Services Roads, Transportation and Public Safety, stated that the contents of the motion would be "con-

sidered premature in advance of the other significant infrastructure that we're trying to put in place

in Celbridge.

"At this time we will not be diverting resources to go back and re-examine that."



## Vandalism at Riverforest bus shelter 'outrageous'

by Lisa Deeney

THE smashing of glass panels in the bus shelter in Riverforest, Leixlip is an outrageous act of vandalism, said 77-year-old Michael Reidy this week.

"It's outrageous what has been done," he told LIFFEY CHAMPION on Monday.

"We fought long and hard for that bus shelter," he added.

"They (those who carried it out) could best be using their time to clean up the streets instead of random acts of vandalism."

Mr Reidy said that Dublin Bus has been notified of the vandalism.

"They will hopefully put new glass in," he said.

"I hope it won't be too long as it is very urgent."



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The proposed development has undergone **Appropriate Assessment Screening** under the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and the Planning Authority has determined that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment is not required in this instance. In addition, the proposal has also undergone screening for **Environmental Impact Assessment** under the EIA Directive 2014/52/EU (and the relevant provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended) and the Planning Authority has determined that there will be no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and therefore an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required. In accordance with Section 120 of the Planning and Development Regulations (as amended), any person may, within 4 weeks from the date of this notice, apply to An Bord Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether the proposed development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment.

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and development of the area in which the proposed development would be situated can be made online at: <https://consult.kildarecoco.ie/en/consultation/part-8-proposed-m4-bus-priority-measures-planning-ref-p8202220>

or in writing to: FAO Senior Executive Engineer, M4 Eastbound Bus Priority Measures Pilot Project, Kildare National Roads Office, Block B, Maudlins, Naas, Co. Kildare, W91 T864 on or before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, 25 November 2022. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Submissions should be headed: "Proposed M4 Eastbound Bus Priority Measures Pilot - Planning Reference: P82022.20".

All comments, including names of those making comments, submitted to the Council in regard to this project will form part of the statutorily required report to be presented at a meeting of the elected members. Accordingly, they will also be included in the minutes of that meeting and may appear in the public domain.

Kildare County Council is subject to the provisions of Freedom of Information (FOI Acts 1997 and 2014) and the Data Protection Acts 1988 and 2013.

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