

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

The Drug Related Intimidation and Violence Engagement (DRIVE) Coordinator has taken up the post in the HSE offices in Drogheda and has commenced engagement with local partners.

An Garda Siochana (AGS) updated the Board on the continuing successful operation of See Something Say Something and outlined plans for a PR and social media campaign around Ask for Angela before the end of November in advance of the Christmas season.

The Board welcomed the allocation of over €145,000 from the Community Safety Fund to the Red Door Project and Connect Family Resource Centre announced recently by Minister Helen McEntee. The allocation to the Red Door Project will ensure the continuation of the valuable work carried out by the Prison Links worker for a further two years while the allocation to Connect Family Resource will provide supports to parents and families.

The Red Door informed the Board that funding for the family support practitioner has been extended by TUSLA for 2025.

AGS and HSE Mental Health have continued engagement in relation to Action 2.8 of the Drogheda Implementation Plan with plans to hold a learning day for relevant AGS and HSE members early in the New Year.

Architects have recently been appointed by the Moneymore Townland Community Hub to progress the project to Part 8 planning stage.

Louth County Council updated the Board on a series of action and commitments as a response to the “This is our Place” community engagement exercise in Moneymore recently which was attended by senior council officials, local residents and politicians. These include an additional community house to be allocated to Connect FRC, eight allocations made to vacant houses owned by the Council with a further two underway, additional playground pieces to be installed, long term privately owned vacant houses to be considered for CPO and a review of plans for the Gap.

The allocation of over €7.2m towards the provision of a sports arena at St Olivers Community College, Rathmullan from the Large scale Sports Infrastructure Fund combined with a further €3.7 from the Department of Education was noted and welcomed by the Board.

The Driving Change Through Sport initiative which comprises funding of €200,000 p.a. for three years will be launched on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November in the Lourdes Stadium.

Drogheda Port Company have submitted a planning application to Louth County Council for a pontoon on the river Boyne.