



Crossmolina Community Co-Op

Date:	Tuesday 2nd July FF / Saturday 18th July 2026 AD	
Hiney's, Crossmolina, Mayo, Éire		
Attendees		
John-Declan F (C)	Martin Conroy (VC)	Tom Walsh (Trea.)
Howard M. Hughes (Sec.)	John-Brian C. PRO (ph)	Kevin Kearns
Cailín Barrett	Geraldine Welsh	Abigail Sweeney
Colm Granahan	Mary Coyle	

The Secretary attends via phone by agreement.

Proxies from Howard M, Hughes, Cailín Barrett and Abbey Sweeney to Colm Granahan

Meeting starts 11:54 hrs IRT / 12:19 hrs GMT

1. Purpose of Meeting & Proposed Development

- **Bord na Móna / Powergen Ltd Development:** The primary focus of the meeting was to discuss proposed developments by Bord na Móna / Powergen Limited and their direct impact on the Crossmolina Community Field.
- **Public Sentiment & Concerns:** Concerns raised by local residents and Co-Op Members include health and safety, lack of prior community consultation, and developers pushing plans forward without local consent.
- **Public Consultation Meeting:** A public meeting organised by local TD Mark Duffy (Ballina) is scheduled for Thursday, 23rd July at the Town Hall to discuss community issues.
- **Town Revitalisation:** The meeting discussed the need for any development to yield tangible benefits for Crossmolina, such as revitalising derelict buildings in the town centre and completing promised walkways, rather than causing detriment.
- **Adjacent Land Ownership:** It was noted that adjacent landowners would not consent to similar developments.



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2. Community Field Title & Tiered Ownership Framework

- **Legal vs. Beneficial Ownership:** While Crossmolina Community Council Limited by Guarantee is the registered legal owner, the beneficial ownership belongs to the people and local business owners (SMEs) of Crossmolina who contributed private funds to purchase the land.
- **Land Description: * Legal Description:** Property shown in red, Townland of Glebe, Barony of Tirawley, Electoral Division of Crossmolina North.
 - **Legal Interest:** Crossmolina Community Council Limited by Guarantee.
 - **Lawful Description:** Community Lands Crossmolina.
 - **Equitable Interest:** Local SMEs and business contributors.
 - **Beneficial Interest:** The People of Crossmolina.
 - **Allodial Title:** Sovereign claimants Crossmolina.
- **Online Registry:** The Board unanimously approved publishing the land details and map (prepared by Colm Boyle) on www.e-i-r-e.ie and www.faodhla.ie
- **Public Notice:** A laminated, framed notice of the community title and position will be erected next to the site planning notice at the field and around the town.

3. Formulated Objection & 100-Signature Drive

- **Defined Community Concern:** The Council formally recorded the community concern reported by Darren Reynolds and received by Colm M. Granahan:

"The works proposed by Bord na Móna/Powergen Limited as described in the site notice erected on the 26th of June 2026 are unsustainable and will have a detrimental effect on the recreation facilities and the general prosperity and vitality of the Crossmolina Community."

- **Signature Campaign Strategy:**
 - Rooted in the ancient rule requiring 100 constituents to validate a community council position.
 - Colm M. Granahan agreed to lead the drive to gather 100 wet-ink signatures.
 - Eligible signers must be local residents aged 16 and older.
 - Signing automatically registers individuals as members of the Crossmolina Co-op.



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- **Submission Strategy:** The completed signature sheets, alongside a formal cover letter, site plan, and title declarations, will be hand-delivered during the public meeting on 23rd July, with the handover recorded on video/photo.

4. Review of GAA Field Ownership & Encumbrances

- **Registered Owners:** It was noted for information that the adjacent GAA field registered legal owners (since 1st April 2025) are Dermot Butler, Thomas Loftus, John Prunty, and Vincent Neary (c/o Bourke & Co. Solicitors, Ballina). Michael Loftus was removed as a registered owner after 2022.
- **Registered Charges:** The GAA property carries a contingent charge of circa €253,000 in favour of the Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism, as well as a charge in favour of Bank of Ireland.

5. Executive Board Changes

- **Resignation:** John G. Barrett stepped down from the Board to prevent any conflict of interest or optics issues, as he has withdrawn his personal land consent regarding the council/planning interactions.
- **Treasurer Appointment:** Tom Walsh (Treasurer of Oughterard) was proposed and unanimously approved to serve as interim Treasurer for the Crossmolina Community Council.

6. Action Items

1. **Signature Collection:** Colm M. Granahan and volunteers to collect 100 wet-ink signatures prior to Thursday, 23rd July.
2. **Database & Mapping Upload:** Upload the community field title and map to www.e-i-r-e.ie and www.faodhla.ie
3. **Laminated Notice:** Prepare and erect laminated public notice boards at the community field beside the site notice.
4. **Public Meeting Handover:** Draft cover letter and assemble document bundle (site notice, title records, 100 signatures) for hand-delivery at the 23rd July meeting.

Meeting closes at 12:25 IRT/12:50 GMT

Ar son na hÉireann agus a Clainne

