

# BUSINESS & APPOINTMENTS



## Include Ennis commuters in transport strategy - Flynn

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PUBLIC transport needs of Ennis residents travelling to work in Limerick City should be included in a new transport strategy, according to a local councillor.

In a submission to the Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy (LSMATS), Councillor Johnny Flynn has outlined a number of infrastructural improvements that would benefit people living in this corridor. The LSMA includes Shannon, South-

East Clare and Limerick City.

He has observed young people using private cars or a private bus travelling to colleges in Limerick as public transport isn't designed to meet their individual needs.

The draft LSMATS includes the objective to maximize the potential of the existing transport infrastructure including the intercity rail network and Ennis as a connecting hub.

Councillor Flynn wants to reduce the modal share of private car travel from Ennis and Clare into the metropolitan hinterland.

Infrastructure priorities include €1m for lifts at Ennis railway station; €10m for Ballycar Flooding solution; signalling upgrades; integrated ticketing; cycling infrastructure and integration with "Local Link" services.

He calls for electrical accessible vehicles with bus stops on main roads and neighbour centres as well as integrated ticketing for an Ennis town bus service.

The councillor proposes the completion of an inner relief road from Dunnes Stores to Quin Road; link roads from Lahinch Road to Gort Road, Tulla Road to Quin Road and M18 motorway link to Quin Road.

He believes people should be urged to use an Ennis town bus service with competitive prices and discounts for regular users.

# How your investment can be good for you, and good for the planet

If you are tired of living a wasteful lifestyle and are resolved to live a more eco-friendly lifestyle, you might feel a little overwhelmed about all of the big changes that need to be made in your life. Focus on smaller changes you can make easily before you tackle the more difficult steps of your eco-friendly resolution. Today let us just look at changes in your financial world. In relation to your finances you might want to consider Alternatives Investments and Environmental Investments.

There are quite a few buzz words, but all mean the same things - Investors are not just looking at the bottom line - they want to see environmental returns. Over the past number of years, we have seen a radical shift in our clients demands - it is now a common request for clients to ask for their money invested in a green or ethical fund. Clients like to understand where their money is going and what those companies do. Investors are demanding, and getting, the same or better risk/return profiles while also using their money to make their planet a better place.

### What is ESG investing?

In the past fund investors have researched and considered financial factors and metrics when making decisions about their investments. ESG investing incorporates environment, social and governance (ESG) elements into a fund's investment process, in addition to financial considerations. According to research undertaken by Aviva Life & Pensions Ireland in July 2019 (see their website for more detail), 80 per cent of respondents said they would choose an ESG investment over a non-ESG alternative when a clear explanation of the difference was provided. But how many of us are being offered the clear explanation? That has been the issue until now.

In simple terms, ESG investing is about considering the broader implications an investment may have on our climate, so expect more investment in wind farms and less in coal companies.

Sustainable investing has traditionally been taking an 'ethical' stance; however, this is an archaic view.

Sustainable investing involves a consideration of real risks likely to drive future returns, with environmental factors becoming more important as the world transitions to a lower-carbon, more sustainable economy. Whether you share this view or not, there is no doubt, to quote Bob Dylan 'times they are a 'changing' for investors.



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### So, how will this affect investors?

IN the transition to a low-carbon economy, it is possible that trillions of dollars of fossil fuel investments, from oil-reliant energy companies to conventional cars, will lose significant value. This may lead to fossil fuel-intensive assets, as well as some reserves, becoming 'stranded assets' - with company valuations being hit as the value of these assets are written down.

Doom and gloom aside, the push for climate action and long-term sustainability also brings opportunities. While some investors may be daunted by what may be a new area and struggle with how to make decisions that are both sustainable and profitable, they must at the very least understand how the funds they invest in take ESG factors into account. Another important step could be to consider a low-carbon index designed to track a specific index (e.g. global equities), but with lower carbon footprints.

Huge spending on sustainable infrastructure will also be required to assist in the transition to a lower-carbon economy. While some financing will come

from governments, a huge gap will need to be filled by private investors. Investing in funds that directly hold assets and projects linked to renewable energy infrastructure, such as wind turbines and solar panels, and sustainable natural resources, such as forestry and agriculture, could also provide strong returns.

While it's fair to say that sustainable investing is a long-term proposition in a rapidly-evolving sector, and not necessarily at the forefront of investors' minds, it might also be a more prudent one, as areas that have performed well in the past may not necessarily perform as well in the future. One thing is certain - all investors need to refresh their long-term investment views to adapt to this changing world.

### Some key Thoughts

- The sustainable investment

market is small but growing

- Responsible investing has moved on from screening out 'bad' companies
- Regulators could start policing what counts as a responsible fund
- Responsible investing does not have to mean lower profits
- Some Financial advisors often do not know enough about ethical investing
- The biggest barrier to mainstream ethical investment is a lack of education
- Education about responsible investing should start in school

Make the most of professional expertise and advice. There is no substitute for talking to a financial adviser who can bring you through everything you need to consider and help you to decide the best option for you.

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### ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 2004 ROAD WORKS SPEED LIMIT ORDER

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 10 of the Road Traffic Act 2004 that Clare County Council intends to introduce a Temporary Road Traffic 60km/h Speed Limit, by way of a Road Works Speed Limit Order to facilitate new traffic signals at Larkins Cross R463-34/L3060-0/3062-0 at Gortatogher, Knockballynameath and Shannakyle within the Shannon Municipal District.

This involves the introduction of a 60 km/h Temporary Speed Limit on the following road;

From the junction, known locally as Larkins Cross to 730 metres north on the R463, to 320 metres south on the R463, to 125 metres east on the L3062-0 and to 70 metres west on the L3060-0.

This Road Works Speed Limit Order will be effective from 7th November 2020 until 06th November 2021.



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## Community Education Grants Scheme 2021

Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board's Further Education and Training Division invites applications for funding under its **Community Education Grants Scheme 2021**. The purpose of this scheme is to assist community and voluntary groups to deliver a range of educational activities for disadvantaged adults within their own communities in Clare.

**Who Can Apply?** Community and voluntary groups who are involved in the provision of educational activities for specified adult target groups. The grants provided are to enable disadvantaged adults to avail of community education at minimal or no cost. Therefore, priority will be given to groups in disadvantaged areas, projects aimed at specially disadvantaged groups, educational activities that lead to progression of the individual and the group, and also education that has national accreditation. Activities exclusively involving children and school-going teenagers are ineligible under this scheme.

**Funding:** Funding will be made available in the form of tuition hours and tutors will be paid directly by Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board. Groups are required to support the online registration of learners through FETCHcourses.ie, to include progression options for learners and course outline forms for each programme. Funding is dependent on approval by SOLAS to Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board.

**Application:** Application forms and criteria for funding are available from: Community Education and Training, Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board, College of Further Education and Training, Ennis Campus, Clonroad Business Park, Ennis, Co Clare, V95 KT95. Telephone (065) 682 4819 or email [breda.odriscoll@lctb.ie](mailto:breda.odriscoll@lctb.ie).

Alternatively, the form and criteria can be downloaded from the Resources section on [www.clarelearningnetwork.org](http://www.clarelearningnetwork.org). Select 'Community Education Forms' in the Search field. The closing date for receipt of completed applications is Friday 4th December 2020.



## FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1997 (NO. 23) AND FORESHORE ACT, 1933 (NO. 12) NOTICE OF DECISIONS IN RELATION TO AQUACULTURE AND FORESHORE LICENCES

The Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine has made determinations on the Aquaculture and Foreshore Licence applications as set out in the table below in Co. Clare:-

Site Ref No	Applicants	Species & Method	Location	Minister's Decisions
T08/111A	Eamon Chesser, Muckinish East, Bell Harbour, Co. Clare	Mussels using longlines	Poulnaclough Bay, Co. Clare	Grant Licence
T08/112A	Eamon Chesser, Muckinish East, Bell Harbour, Co. Clare	Mussels using longlines	Poulnaclough Bay, Co. Clare	Grant Licence
T08/114A	Cartron Point Shellfish Ltd, New Quay, Burrin, Co. Clare	Seaweeds using longlines	Poulnaclough Bay, Co. Clare	Grant Licence
T08/115A	Sligeisc Siar Teoranta, 36 Mullen Mor, Tuam Road, Co. Galway	Native and Pacific Oysters using Bags and trestles, float and bag, moulded baskets and longlines	Aughinish Pennisula, Co. Clare	Refuse to Grant Licence

The reasons for these decisions are elaborated on the Department's website at: [www.agriculture.gov.ie/seafood/aquacultureforeshoremanagement/aquaculturelicensing/aquaculturelicencedecisions/clare](http://www.agriculture.gov.ie/seafood/aquacultureforeshoremanagement/aquaculturelicensing/aquaculturelicencedecisions/clare)

An appeal against the Aquaculture Licence decision may be made in writing, within one month of the date of its publication, to THE AQUACULTURE LICENCES APPEALS BOARD, Kilminchy Court, Portlaoise, Co. Laois, by completing the Notice of Appeal Application Form available from the Board, phone 057 86 31912, e-mail [info@alab.ie](mailto:info@alab.ie) or website at [www.alab.ie](http://www.alab.ie)

A person may question the validity of the Foreshore Licence determination by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Court (SI No. 15 of 1986). Practical information on the review mechanism can be obtained from the Citizens Information Board at: [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie)

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Local Ireland represents 46 local newspapers including their websites and social media across Ireland; promoting best business practices; researching and campaigning on industry issues to develop ethical and sustainable businesses. Our highly trusted brands allow advertisers to target regions, cities, towns, and rural areas. Due to the retirement of the current Director, Lansdowne Executive Search has been retained to recruit an individual to lead the organisation through its next phase of growth.

We are looking to attract an experienced individual to represent the interests of Local Ireland to government, relevant state bodies, Press Council, the wider media industry, and trade associations. You will have a genuine interest and knowledge of media, publishing, both print and digital platforms and have a passion for the advancement of local business. You will have experience in actively leading the development of strategy and implementation of policy to influence commerce at local level. You will collaborate with other relevant representative bodies to influence both at industry and government level.

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To pursue your interest, please email a comprehensive CV and supporting letter to: Tom Keane, Partner, Lansdowne Executive Search. Email: [tom.keane@lansdownesearch.ie](mailto:tom.keane@lansdownesearch.ie)

For a confidential discussion, please contact Tom Keane at +353 87 7413085. Closing date Friday November 20th, 2020.

