

DEATHS

BOGGAN (Wexford), Oct 19th 2001. Catherine, 3 Spfield Close, Johns Drive and formerly of Hayesstown. Deeply regretted by her loving sister Marie (Rochel), cousins, relatives and friends. R.I.P. Burial afterwards in Piercestown Cemetery on Sunday after Mass in Piercestown Church

CROFT (nee Doyle) Cheshire and formerly 20 Tuskmora Avenue, Rosslare Harbour, Co. Wexford, 16 Oct, 2001. Bridget beloved wife of the late Wilfred. Deeply regretted by her loving daughter Clare, brothers, sisters, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends. R.I.P. Removal from Mulligans Funeral Home, The Faythe, Wexford at 7 o'clock this (Wednesday) evening to St. Ruane's Church Kilrane, funeral after 11 o'clock Requiem Mass on tomorrow (Thursday) to the St. Aiden's Cemetery

FURLONG October 16th 2001 at Knockeen Nursing Home, Barntown, Co. Wexford, in her ninety ninth year. Mary Ann (Babs) Sandyhills, Barntown, beloved wife of the late Edward. Deeply regretted by her loving son John, daughters Mary and Anna, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, relatives and friends R.I.P. Interred in Barntown Cemetery on Friday after 12 o'clock requiem mass in St. Alphonsus Church, Barntown.

WALSH (Wexford), Oct 19th 2001. Thomas (Tombo), 33 Davitt Road South. Deeply regretted by sorrowing brother George, sister Kitty, sister-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends. R.I.P. Interred on Saturday in St. Ibars Cemetery Crostown after Requiem Mass in Church of Immaculate Conception, Rows Street

Developers say 'no inducement' was offered over planning application

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A SPOKESMAN for a development company has said that no public representative or Council official was offered any inducement of any kind in relation to a planning application.

The statement follows an allegation by Fine Gael councillor Anna Fenlon last week that a third party offered her a donation to a charity of her choice if she voted a particular way in relation to the application. Cllr. Fenlon made a complaint to Gardai about the matter.

A representative of the developers said that if the company was named in a newspaper article, it would have to institute proceedings to clear its name.

"We have to clear our name here. No public representative or official was offered any inducement of any kind in relation to this issue".

When contacted this week, the representative said the company had always contributed money to local charities from the profits it made.

In various areas where it had been involved in development, it had always put a certain amount back into local charities and deserving causes, he

said. In this context, it was decided to give a percentage of profit to Wexford charities.

"That was the whole thing. There was no question of a bribe. I wouldn't try to twist anyone but I would like to know what is the objection to our plans".

He said he met Cllr. Fenlon last year while lobbying members of the district committee and all seven councillors were treated in the same manner. There was no suggestion of anyone being bribed.

Cllr. Fenlon said that money was later offered to one of her charities but she added that this was still a bribe as far as she was concerned and there was no way she would touch it. "I honestly believed people knew me better than that".



■ Cllr. Anna Fenlon.

Since the story broke last week, Cllr. Fenlon has repeated her allegation on national and local radio and in the national press, although she has stopped

short of publicly identifying the developer.

"At the end of the day I wasn't happy with it (the application) and putting pressure on me wouldn't have made any difference", she said, adding that she had discussed her position on the matter with MEP, Avril Doyle.

"I was just talking to Avril about this application. I said it wasn't proper planning and she said it was only I could make the decision on which way to vote", said Cllr. Fenlon. The County Manager, Seamus Dooley said he was concerned about the allegation but didn't wish to comment further because of the garda investigations.

He said he had not received any formal statements in connection with the allegation.

"Nobody has referred anything to me. All that I know is that she (Cllr. Fenlon) has referred an issue to the guards and that is being investigated."

"I have no knowledge of the precise conversation that took place. Cllr. Fenlon referred that to the garda authorities, so there's an element of sub judice once it's referred to the guards. I don't want to say a whole lot about it at this stage", said the manager.

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Four year driving ban

A MAN with a previous conviction for drink driving earned four

years off the road after he committed the same offence again.

Last Friday's special sitting of Enniscorthy District Court heard how James Redmond from Curlogh, The Ballagh was intercepted by Garda Sergeant Brendan Moore at Ballynamonabeg on January 6. It turned out that Redmond had 204 mgs. alcohol per litre of blood.

Solicitor John Mernagh described his 54 year old client as a good member of the community who worked occasionally in the building industry. Superintendent Pat Delaney told Judge Thomas Fitzpatrick that the defendant had sustained a similar conviction back in July of 1999.

The judge responded with a fresh conviction, with a fine of £300, an endorsement and a four year disqualification from holding a driving licence.

Tuesday morning traffic disrupted by accident

MORNING traffic on the Enniscorthy/Clonroche road on Tuesday was disrupted after a head-on collision between a driver from Adamstown and a visiting English couple.

A man and woman from Britain were heading out of Enniscorthy in their rented Toyota Corolla when they met a Ford Fiesta at the Leap Cross, driven by a woman from the Adamstown area at around eight o'clock. Both cars were write-offs and two ambulances were called to

the scene to convey those involved to Wexford General. However, mercifully, it is reported that none of the injuries was life threatening.

Gardai from Enniscorthy arrived to deal with the tailbacks that developed at the Leap and Enniscorthy fire brigade was also in attendance for about two hours. Firemen cleared the road but cutting equipment was not required to rescue the people in either the Fiesta or the Corolla.

Water turns brown in Enniscorthy

TAPS IN Enniscorthy ran brown for several hours at the weekend as the town's treatment plant struggled to cope with an extra load of mud in the River Slaney on Saturday. However, council engineer John Lambe has assured householders that the murky mains supply was perfectly fit to drink.

Water being drawn

from the river at Clonhaston is routinely tested for 'colour' and the equipment showed a record high reading of 450 at one stage during the weekend. The treatment plant at Vinegar Hill is capable of producing a clear supply with a reading of anything up to 400 but the extra burden of silt proved too much on this occasion.

"We have never had it as bad," commented engineer Lambe. "Usually we have very good water in this town." He blamed recent heavy rains for the problem and suggested that runoff from recently ploughed land may have contributed to the very brown colour of the Slaney.

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