



News Update Sent by Email to the LCCA
mailing list on 18 January 2021

Dear Friends of Lough Carra

As you will realise, we won't be able to hold physical monthly meetings for the foreseeable future. However, the Association continues to work on projects for the Lough Carra Catchment and we'll keep sending you news by email on a regular basis.

At the end of the email you find a list of committee and working group members. If you want to get actively involved and feel you have a skill or interest you can bring to the LCCA please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

Eco Eye 'The Last Lake'

We were very pleased with the EcoEye programme 'The Last Lake' which aired on Tuesday 12 January and are grateful to Earth Horizons for the timely airing of the programme.

If you didn't see it last week then I believe it will be aired again on Monday 18 January at midnight. Also it can be viewed on RTE player

<https://www.rte.ie/player/series/eco-eye/SI0000000494?epguid=AI000003913&seasonguid=169078824083>

In a couple of months time you'll be able to view it on Youtube and the LCCA will be receiving a DVD.

LIFE Full Application

Work continues with the Full application with the deadline being mid-February. WoodrowSS are carrying out the work for the Lead Agency - Mayo CoCo. The LCCA technical group is involved in the process.

Finances

The balance in our two accounts is :

Credit Union €6,664.91

Bank of Ireland. €179.50

TOTAL : €6,844.41

We are awaiting two grant payments totalling €2,500 from the Water Communities 2020 grants for Solar Water Pump project and the Catchment Map Leaflet project, due later this month.

Note : if anyone would like a hard copy of the attached Catchment Map leaflet please send your postal address by return email.

Charitable Status

The LCCA applied for charitable status last year and are still in the process. There have been many documents to prepare and supply to meet their requirements. This has involved a Business Plan etc. We are grateful to Gary Smyth of the River Moy Trust for his assistance with this process. We hope to have charitable status in the coming months. Once the LCCA is a registered charity it will be able to apply for a wider range of grants and set-up a donations facility.

Teagasc Sign-Post Webinars

On 22 February the Teagasc webinar will feature 'Organic Farming - Steps to on farm conversion and opportunities'

<https://www.teagasc.ie/corporate-events/sustainable-agriculture-webinars/>

An On-line Talk which may be of interest

Thanks to Richard Watson for this information : The Lough Erne Landscape Partnership have organised an online talk about the landscape of Lough Erne for the 26th January. Click on the link below or look at the LELP website.

<https://www.lelp.org.uk/events/reading-the-landscapes-of-lough-erne-a-story-almost-a-billion-years-in-the-making/?fbclid=IwAR3QCjzuhKbf47qXN54j6cy7J-96AmDBQYzg9GusUZAvfDAGnnR6VBqRchg>

If you no longer wish to receive emails from the LCCA please let us know by return email.

Copies of all previous meeting minutes and emails can be found on <http://loughcarra.org/catchment-association/>

Best regards and stay safe.

Lynda Huxley
Secretary LCCA

LCCA Committee

Chair: Tom Byrne

Vice-Chair : Peter Byrne

Secretary : Lynda Huxley

Treasurer : Joe Flannelly & Pat Gibbons

Additional members : Tony Baines, Sean Coyne

TECHNICAL GROUP (ecology and environment)

Chris Huxley - ecologist with specialist knowledge on Lough Carra

Cilian Roden - ecologist with specialist knowledge on Marl Lakes and Charaphytes

Verena Berard - PhD research on High Nature Value Farming

William Cormacan - NPWS Regional Manager

Bernie White - LawPro Regional Scientist

Peter Mitchell - LawPro Catchment Scientist

Additional technical advisors :

Peter Bowyer - Oceanographic modeller and modelling of water flow in lakes

Phil Brookes - Sustainable agriculture scientist

EDUCATION GROUP

Tom Byrne - retired Principal

Emer Morrin - Secondary School teacher

Teresa Horan - National School Principal

Tom Carolan - Water Communities Officer

Peter Connolly - National Federation of Group Water Schemes

Sally Shaw-Smith

Fiona White - lecturer GMIT

Ronan Cusack - IFI

John Campbell - IFI

Clr Al McDonnell

FARMER LIAISON GROUP

Joe Flannelly

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