



## LOUGH CARRA CATCHMENT ASSOCIATION (LCCA)

Reg. Charity No. 20206138

Email news from LCCA 26 January 2022

Dear Friends of Lough Carra,

Belated Happy New Year to you all and thanks for your continued support of the LCCA.

### **1) Project Manager of Carra LIFE and other positions**

The deadline for applications for the Project Manager position closed 12 days ago. We are awaiting further information from Mayo CoCo regarding the list of candidates, selection process, interviews etc. We hope this will happen very soon. We also expect that Mayo CoCo will start the process of drawing up job descriptions for the remaining positions so that these can be advertised in the near future. Our aim would be to have some if not all of the positions in place before Easter.

### **2) LCCA Office**

The LCCA is renting office space at Belcarra Community Centre for €200 per month since November 2021. The current rent includes electricity, Heating and fibre broadband for an admin person and Director meetings. The office can accommodate up to 4 or 5 people and when occupancy goes above one person the rent will increase to take into account increased electricity and heating costs. We are seeking grant funding to pay for rent. We have one student from the Mayo ETB doing 50 hours admin work experience which is proving very helpful.

The LCCA obtained a grant from the Social Enterprise Capital Grant 2021 of €1,096 to pay for a computer and printer. The equipment has been purchased by LCCA and is installed in the office. We will now be applying for the grant payment to recover the outlay.

### **3) February Meeting**

With the recent relaxation of Covid restrictions, we hope to hold a monthly public meeting in February. You will receive advance notification by email once a date and location have been decided on.

### **4) World Wetlands Day 2nd February**

World Wetlands Day takes place on 2nd February. The LCCA are planning to place a couple of videos on their youtube channel. You can find out about events in Mayo and around the country at <http://irishwetlands.ie/world-wetlands-day-2022/> Events will be registered on this site over the coming week.

### **5) Public Consultation on dealing with Ireland's Invasive Species**

CONSULTATION NOTICE: the following draft pathway action plans are now available for public consultation from 09 December 2021 to 01 February 2022 [https://invasives.ie/biosecurity/pathway-action-plans/?fbclid=IwAR3wowtsC5moMsDMEe1Xq9Y\\_w0U7eJqzNUkzook5TbEBU\\_D3rhcXpBxLY7A](https://invasives.ie/biosecurity/pathway-action-plans/?fbclid=IwAR3wowtsC5moMsDMEe1Xq9Y_w0U7eJqzNUkzook5TbEBU_D3rhcXpBxLY7A)



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With increased movement of people and goods around the country and the world, there is an increased introduction of alien (non-native) species to new areas where they can become invasive. Therefore actions to help reduce the risk of further introductions is required. Key to this, is knowing how the invasive species are likely to be introduced and acting to prevent further introductions through those pathways. Pathways are the routes and mechanisms of the introduction and spread of invasive alien species (IAS). The purpose of Pathway Action Plans is to raise public awareness as well as to set out actions to prevent unintentional introductions by minimizing the contamination of goods, commodities, vehicles and equipment by IAS, and ensuring appropriate checks at EU Union borders. Three pathway action plans are currently under development in Ireland for the following pathways: 1) Angling 2) Recreational boating and watercraft 3) Movement of soil and spoThese Pathway Action Plans (PAPs) are three in a series of plans that will be developed by the Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, to reduce the risk of introduction and spread of invasive alien species in Ireland. Comments on the pathway action plans can be submitted during the consultation period through the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage dedicated consultation e-mail address for these plans: [invasivepathways@housing.gov.ie](mailto:invasivepathways@housing.gov.ie). The LCCA Directors will be making a submission.

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Best regards, Lynda Huxley, Secretary LCCA