



Tragedy: The aftermath of the explosion in Creeslough, Co Donegal, which killed 10 people last month

Grants of up to €20,000 to help Creeslough deal with aftermath

Hugh O'Connell and John Downing

SMALL businesses and voluntary groups in Creeslough are to receive emergency Government grant aid of between €5,000 and €20,000 to repair damage caused by the explosion that killed 10 people last month.

The Cabinet is expected to sign off on emergency humanitarian aid totalling €250,000 for small business, community, voluntary and sporting bodies in the Donegal village.

The payments will cover flooring, fixtures and other fittings – with an initial payment of €5,000 for businesses and a small number able to apply for funding of up to €20,000.

The cost of the scheme will be met through supplementary provision to the Tánaiste Leo Varadkar's Department of Enterprise.

Meanwhile, the sense of community held by Donegal people has been honoured in a special Dáil discussion to commemorate those stricken by the tragedy.

Donegal-based minister, Charlie McConalogue, said the events of that day will be etched on the soul of the people of Creeslough and Donegal for a very long time.

The Agriculture Minister was joined by politicians of all parties and Independents in paying tribute to locals and the response of their communities.

"We've seen the best of the Donegal people in the minutes that followed – and since," Mr McConalogue told TDs in a

hushed Dáil chamber.

Mr McConalogue said the Government would stand by the people of Creeslough and he urged anyone suffering ongoing anguish to seek counselling support.

Politicians saluted the emergency services and local community leaders while many had particular praise for the local parish priest, Fr John Joe Duffy.

Sinn Féin Pearse Doherty, also a Donegal TD, described Fr Duffy as "a rock".

Another Donegal Sinn Féin TD, Pádraig Mac Lochlainn, said everyone remembered where they were when they first heard the news of the devastating explosion.

He said this was an occasion when a terrible event brought out the best in people and he

noted the under-the-radar support of the local bishop, Dr Alan McGuckian.

Labour Party leader Ivana Bacik said that even one month on from the death of the 10 people, the shock is still lingering.

She said many families will carry the pain of the tragedy for years to come and she paid tribute to the emergency services and volunteers.

Local Fine Gael TD and former minister, Joe McHugh, said he was conscious that the situation remained very raw as people continued to grieve.

He said this discussion came amid the month's mind mass of each of those lost.

Mr McHugh paid tribute to local gardaí, to all the local emergency services and Donegal County Council.

'Incredible' gesture as Ryanair chief O'Leary renames race in memory of Jack de Bromhead

Michael Verney

THE Mares' Novices' Hurdle at the Cheltenham Festival will carry the name of the late Jack de Bromhead after a poignant gesture by race sponsor and Ryanair chief Michael O'Leary.

Jack, son of leading jumps trainer Henry, died in September at the age of 13 following an accident in a pony race, leading to many tributes from those inside and outside of racing.

O'Leary has helped to ensure Jack's memory will live long in the sport by removing the sponsor's name of Ryanair from the race title to call the Grade Two race the Jack de Bromhead Mares' Novices' Hurdle.

Henry de Bromhead said he was blown away by the gesture and, having won the race last year with Telmesomethinggirl, intends to fill out the field with as many runners as possible, with recent Down Royal scorer Magical Zoe leading his team.

"Michael O'Leary has very kindly said they are going to name the Mares' Novices' Hurdle the Jack de Bromhead Mares' Novices' Hurdle, which is incredible," De Bromhead told Racing TV.

"I'm hoping to do a Willie (Mullins) on it and try and fill the field if at all possible. We'll certainly be aiming her (Magical Zoe) towards there, I would imagine."



Tribute: Jack de Bromhead died in September

Jack sustained fatal injuries in an incident during the fifth race on the first day of the Glenbeigh Festival.

The young rider received treatment at the scene but was later pronounced dead. The event was cancelled.

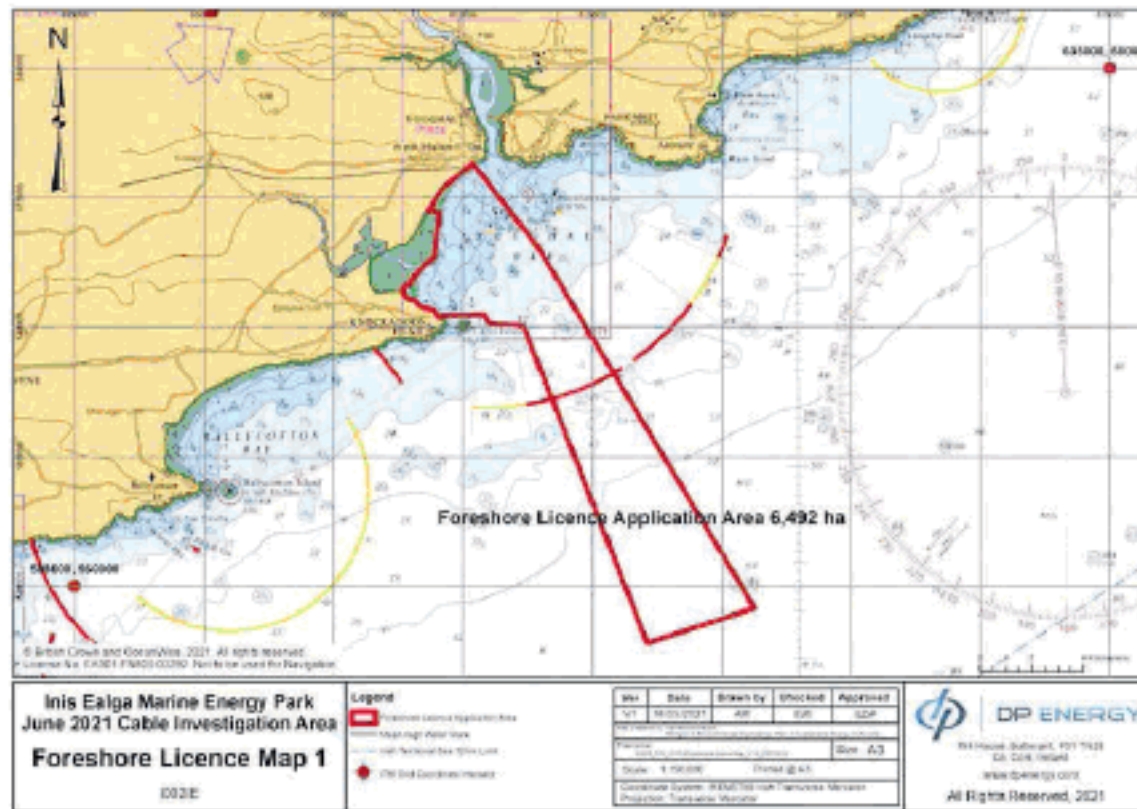
In a statement in September, Henry and Heather de Bromhead described Jack as "an amazing son who told us he loved us every day – an overbrimming heart of loyalty, empathy, patience, pluck, courage and how he made us laugh".

"Not only the perfect, funny, loving son but also an incredible, loving brother to our beautiful daughters, his twin sister Mia and his little sister, Georgia."

PUBLIC NOTICE INVITATION FOR PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS OR OBSERVATIONS ON APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Regulation 42(13) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, as amended, of an application for Foreshore Licence (reference number FS007404) submitted by Inis Ealga Marine Energy Park Ltd. in relation to an offshore wind farm and associated export cable route under development off the coast of county Cork.

This application is for site investigations to inform engineering and design related to a potential offshore wind farm, Inis Ealga Marine Energy Park. The objective of the site investigations is to gather sufficient geophysical, geotechnical, environmental, archaeological and ecological information to inform development of export cable route within the Foreshore Licence Application Area. The Foreshore Licence Application Area is shown on the map below.



The Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is responsible for making a decision on the application and the Minister may either grant, approve or consent to the application with or without covenants, conditions or agreements, where applicable, or refuse the application.

The Minister has determined, in accordance with Regulation 42(6) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, that an Appropriate Assessment is required in respect of the proposed plan or project. A copy of the Screening for Appropriate Assessment is available on: <https://www.gov.ie/en/foreshore-notice/8bd37-inis-ealga-marine-energy-park-iemep-site-investigations-off-county-cork/>

The Minister will make a determination as to whether or not the proposed plan or project would adversely affect the integrity of a European site in accordance with Regulation 42(11) of the European Communities

In this regard, in accordance with Regulation 42(13), any person may make a submission or observation to the Minister concerning the proposed project within 30 days of the date of this notice. The Minister shall have regard to any submissions or observations received during the public consultation.

A copy of the application, map of the proposed project, the determination that an Appropriate Assessment is required in respect of the project, the Natura Impact Statement, and the other information and documentation relevant to the application, are available for inspection for 30 calendar days, between 10 November 2022 and 09 December 2022, free of charge at:

- Cork County Council, Municipal District Office, Youghal: Mall House, Youghal Lands, Youghal, Co. Cork. 9am-4.30pm Mon to Fri.
- Cork County Council, Municipal District Office, Middleton: Youghal Rd., Park South, Middleton, Co. Cork. 9am-1pm and 2pm-5pm Mon to Fri.
- Anglesea Street Garda Station, Ballintemple, Cork City. Open 24hrs.
- Middleton Garda Station, Oliver Plunkett Place, Middleton, Co. Cork. Open 24hrs.
- Youghal Garda Station, O'Brien's Place, Youghal, Co. Cork. Open 10am-1pm daily.

This documentation and information is also available on the Department's website, at: <https://www.gov.ie/en/foreshore-notice/8bd37-inis-ealga-marine-energy-park-iemep-site-investigations-off-county-cork/>

Members of the public who wish to make a submission or observation in writing concerning the proposed project may do so between 10 November 2022 and 09 December 2022 (quoting ref: FS007404) to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Foreshore Section, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Newtown Road, Wexford, Co. Wexford or foreshoreORE@housing.gov.ie. The closing date for submissions is close of business (17.30) on 09 December 2022

Take notice that material to which the Minister shall have regard in making the Appropriate Assessment determination will be published on the Department's website. In this regard, the Department wishes to draw attention to its policy on defamatory material that may be contained in submissions it receives, which may be found at: <http://www.housing.gov.ie/planning/foreshore/public-participation-foreshore-consent-process>

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