

Memorandum of Understanding



Leitrim County Council

and



Coillte CGA

Glenfarne Wood

Memorandum of Understanding:

Leitrim County Council and Coillte CGA are working in partnership to provide enhanced visitor facilities through the development and upgrading, of the current forest recreation site at Glenfarne Wood, Co. Leitrim. The new and enhanced public facilities will support access for walkers, cyclists, anglers, swimmers and other water users, and support the economic regeneration of the area by providing a visitor hub. Where appropriate and possible, universal access will be provided.

The proposed works are outlined on the submitted drawings prepared by Spentide Ltd., and CST Group Consulting Engineers titled *Glenfarne Wood, Co. Leitrim*, dated November 2023. The works include a floating boardwalk to and from Bilberry Island, a panoramic platform at Myles' Big Stone, a new 3km greenway from the forest entrance along the Glenfarne River to a new trailhead close to the slipway, a new car park at the entrance and at the trailhead along with a new facilities building, playground, sensory garden, native tree arboretum, changing facilities at Ladies Rest and forest bathing locations. Following site investigations on-site wastewater treatment and disposal arrangements will be required for the facilities building.

Due to the scale, size and cost of this project, public consultation, under the provisions of Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, is required.

This Memorandum of Understanding is conditional to the following:

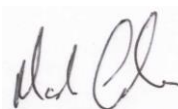
1. Leitrim County Council are a formal partner to this project with Coillte CGA. As a result of this partnership, Coillte CGA will avail of the exemptions applicable to the Local Authority and do not require the need to obtain planning permission for the proposed

development outlined above. Having regard to the estimated cost of the works, a Part 8 public consultation process managed by Leitrim County Council is required. Any deviation from the design / extent of works outlined on the above referenced drawing shall be subject to the written agreement of the Planning Authority.

2. Coillte CGA will lead the planning and RRDF grant application process with support from Leitrim County Council and overseen by a joint steering group who shall agree the allocation of any external financial burden for the planning and RRDF grant application process between both organisations.
3. During the construction of the proposed works, Coillte CGA, as client, will assume responsibility for all requirements under the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2013 – 2016.
4. Where match funding is required as part of the RRDF grant scheme, Coillte CGA agree to the use of its property value to offset any match funding requirement for the benefit of both Coillte CGA and Leitrim County Council. Should the provision of property be limited, then any remaining balance will be shared equally. Other than grant aid match funding, Leitrim County Council has no financial liability with respect to the financing of the works and all such liability rests with Coillte CGA to the limit of the grant and match funding.
5. Should Coillte CGA have any long-term maintenance and management arrangements concerns for Glenfarne Wood these should be discussed and/or negotiated with Leitrim County Council as a separate matter
6. The parties to this Memorandum of Understanding acknowledge that each party has come to this process in a spirit of collaboration; that the basis of the Memorandum of Understanding is partnership, and that consensus should be the basis on which all decisions are taken and all progress made.
7. The term of this agreement is five years from the date of the agreement.

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