

HALLOWEEN COUNTDOWN

Dublin comedian Emma Doran on the Swift stage at the Púca launch in Trim.



MC TR crosses the Boyne for a Swift roast



"WE are not amused!" Queen Victoria probably never said, but our own Royal leader, the cathaoirleach of Meath County Council, Tommy Reilly, certainly let it be known he wasn't terribly impressed with the sense of humour of a Dublin comedian at the launch of the Púca Festival in Trim last week.

On Wednesday, the great and good of Meath County Council, Boyne Valley Tourism, Fáilte Ireland, and various events management folk gathered in the shiny new Swift Cultural Centre in the town to launch the 2023 Halloween shenanigans.

The cathaoirleach was in flying form for his stint on the stage.

In fact, he had obviously been watching Paddy Kilty's comedy roasting spot at the start of the Late Late Show, and got some ideas.

"I'm delighted to be here in this beautiful theatre here in Trim," he declared.

"We have one in Navan too, thank God, because everything else seems to be in Trim. And with the former manager and present manager, there will probably be more."

Who said the Navan-Trim rivalry was dead?

He even had a pop at the neighbouring wee county when paying tribute to Boyne Valley Tourism: "Thank God Louth has nothing to do with this festival."

Emma Doran, the comedian asked to launch the festival, had her own take on the name of the theatre.

"When I heard it first, I thought it was the Shift Cen-

tre," she told the audience, who laughed anyway, as they were the ones who had booked her. "I thought, finally, the arts are doing something I'm interested in."

Then, there was a peculiar story about a neighbourhood WhatsApp group and a strange black car doing the rounds of her estate one Halloween during lockdown, and a neighbour looking for a wheelbarrow at 9.30pm at night. Followed by a tale of buying a car with two different number plates, a Garda check point near Tallaght, where the male Garda who stopped her had a "carnegie player's arse" and was actually good-looking for a guard.

"You begin panicking and wonder did you buy a bag of coke in Lidl that morning. Am I hammered?"

Clearly, the Tallaght humour was different to the Trim humour.

But the cathaoirleach was willing to give her a second chance, saying he would be back for Halloween.

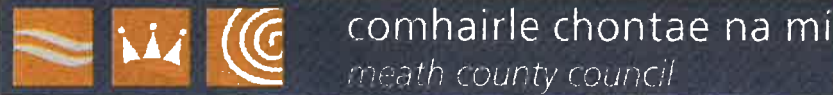
"I'm looking forward to coming back to hear Emma again - because that dry wit she has, you would want to be very understanding to laugh at it. So maybe she'll have brightened up a bit by then."

Back on stage for MC duties, Emma clearly was bedazzled by the brightness of the cathaoirleach's chain.

"That was short and sweet," she decided.

"Tommy will be performing later tonight with his rap - Bling Bling Gangsta Life."

The night finished with fireworks.



Planning Notice
Planning and Development Act 2000-2022
Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2023

In accordance with the above, Meath County Council proposes to carry out development at the existing Market House building (a Protected Structure RPS Reference 91253) and surrounds at Castle Street, Trim, Co Meath

The proposed development will consist of:

- Demolition of existing 1950's Dance Hall, Entrance, Public Toilets and Fly Tower to the rear and sides of the Market House Building
- Demolition and reinstatement of sections of current access ramp to Trim Castle
- Erection of a covered access walkway between the Market House and the main access ramp to Trim Castle
- Erection of a two storey, rear extension to the Market House, with a roof terrace at first floor level
- Conservation and restoration works to the existing Market House Building
- External signage
- Removal of bus stop
- Provision of temporary construction compound
- Services and on-site renewables to be placed within grounds
- All ancillary site works

The Development has been the subject of an Appropriate Assessment screening in accordance with Article 6 (3) of the EU Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and the Planning and Development Acts 2001-2022.

In accordance with Article 81 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2023, Meath County Council has concluded from a screening determination under Article 120 (1)(b)(i), that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and that an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required.

Any person may, within 4 weeks from the date of this notice apply to An Bord Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether the proposed development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment.

The plans and particulars of the proposed development will be available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy during office hours at the offices of the Local Authority as follows:

- Planning Department, Meath County Council, Buvinda House, Dublin Road, Navan, C15 Y291 (Opening Hours 9am to 1pm and 2pm to 4pm Monday to Friday) (Inspection and purchase)
- Trim Library, High Street, Town parks South, Trim, Co. Meath (during normal opening hours) (Inspection only)
- <https://consult.meath.ie> (Inspection only) from 12 October 2023 to 9 November 2023.

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated, may be made in writing to the Local Authority: Planning Department, Meath County Council, Buvinda House, Dublin Road, Navan Co Meath, C15 Y291 or emailed to planning@meathcoco.ie on or before 23 November 2023.

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Angela Murtagh (left) from Causey Farm with aerial performer, Polina Shapkina from Broken Theatre at the launch of Púca Festival in the Swift Cultural Centre, Trim.

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