



# Crossmolina Community Co-Op

Date:	Friday 5th March FF / Tuesday 3 March 2026 AD	
Crossmolina Town Hall, Crossmolina, Mayo, Éire		
Attendees		
John-Declan F (C)	John B. (VC)	Cailin Barrett (Trea)
Howard M. Hughes (Sec.)	John-Brian C. PRO	Kevin Kearns
Michael Granahan	Geraldine Welsh	Abigail Sweeney
Monica Cowley	Colum Granahan	

9 attendees. The Secretary attends via phone by agreement.

Meeting starts 20:42 hrs IRT / 21:07 hrs GMT

Preface:

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026

John D. Flanagan, John B. Caulfield, John G. Barrett, Colm M. Granahan, Kevin Kearns & Martin Conroy of the Crossmolina Community Council meet in the West County Hotel, Ennis and discuss the prospect of the Thatch Pub in Crossmolina being purchased by the Board and owned by the Community. All are in unison that this is a viable and worthy prospect, and have called a meeting of the other Members of the Board for 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 to assess is the Board in full agreement with this endeavour.

## 1. Proposal - Crossmolina Community Co-Op purchase The Thatch Pub

The Council discussed the purchase of The Thatch pub in Crossmolina as multi-purpose venue incorporating a new HQ venue, a social hub and a meeting venue. Pros for this action included a secure venue to store the Community Bonds as the hall does not have a safe and is used by the broader Community. This means unrestricted traffic which carries its own security concerns but also availability for meetings.

Going forward, a sovereign Licence would be sought. The property would be put in Trust of the People of Crossmolina and all profits generated from the enterprise would placed back in the Crossmolina Treasury for the benefit of the Crommolina Community. A such, the property would be exempt from corporate government taxation and rates. Suitable candidates would be interviewed for a managerial/custodial role for the maintenance of the property. Duties would include the keeping of the records for the enterprise which would be available on demand by an Co-Op member in the interest of transparency. The question arose as to



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whether this post could only be filled by a Co-op member. This point would be discussed at a later date.

## **Funding for the deposit.**

Subject to approval by the Co-op Council, the estate agent would be approached in the near future with regards to buying the property. If this this were to go ahead, a deposit would be required. It was proposed that the members of the Co-op be approached for a donation from those who could afford to. It is added that there are at least four (4) individuals who are ready to make such a contribution.

The proposals are passed unanimously and without objection.

Snag list.

The Co-Op Council discuss a snag list to bring to the vendor and a group of four (4) individuals are nominated to go and view the property. The avenues of enquiry include

1. The existing Licence held by the property
2. Does the property comply with safety standards and regulations e.g. fire and wheelchair access.
3. Are there any going concerns, debts incurred, outstanding rate charges.
4. Are the Books for the past 2 years of the business available for inspection.
5. What are the heating and electrical costs.
6. Any other suggestions that may arise by members more experienced in the evaluation of property for purchase.

## **2. The Dolphin Hotel Crossmolina**

Summons have been served on the Defendants but there has been no response filed/no appearance. The deadline for entering an appearance is this coming Thursday 5th March 2026 A.D. After that it is explained that they have “three (3) days’ grace”. Beyond that, a further 28 days is given. If there is no response/appearance entered in to, a judgement in default is given and the what was sought is granted.

Each of the documents carries the seal of the Dáil Éireann Courts placing the papers in stasis until the Crossmolina County and Supreme Court Court deliver a judgement.

Meeting closes at 21:10 IRT/21:35 GMT



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