

The National Biodiversity Plan

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

TO: The Editor, Westmeath Examiner, 14 Oct., 2007

Dear Editor

Paul Hughes reported last week that, at a meeting of Mullingar Town Council, Mr George Lambden (Mullingar area Director of Services) told Cllr Ruth Illingworth that the Co. Council “intends to create a local Biodiversity Plan for the County, subject to appropriate staff resourcing”.

The National Biodiversity Plan was published in 2002, so it is apparent that Westmeath Co. Council is not about to rush rashly into anything! The Plan lays out that individuals, communities, N.G.O.’s etc should be involved. Perhaps if the Council brought in the I.C.A, Macra, Foroige, Anglers, Tidy Towns, and even ourselves, perhaps a start could be made on this very important task of “securing the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity”. And they can continue to sort out “appropriate staff resourcing” and join us when they are done.

If they want ideas as to how to do it right, they might check with Clare Co Council and, just very recently, Kerry Co. Council.

Yours faithfully,

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