

In the APRIL 2015 edition of the MARINE TIMES we reported the efforts by the people of Valentia Island to gain more interest from the State to support the economic developmental potential of the island.

Our headline was: 'GOVERNMENT REGARDS VALENTIA AS INSIGNIFICANT' and one of the comments by the Valentia Island Development Company was: "The Government just burn you out when you are looking for help. We try to deliver a major boost for rural Ireland," he says.



Knocks for Valentia

Support from the Government as it seeks firm belief and this year provides a unique - Anthony O'Connell



This achievement was the equivalent, back then, of putting a man on the Moon in modern times.



Next month, from July 13 to 27 the island community will commemorate the 150th anniversary of this seismic event - the successful laying of the Trans Atlantic Cable which connected Europe with the United States for the first time. A Gala Dinner on July 14 on the Island will be attended by dignitaries representing Canada, USA, Great Britain and Ireland. During the celebrations Dublin native Professor Donard De Cogan will launch his book "They Talked Beneath The Deep" which traces Valentia's involvement with the cable 1866/1966.

The historical Cable Station building in Knightstown, designed by the renowned architect, Thomas F. Deane, dating from 1868, has been offered to Valentia Island Development Co. for a nominal fee by its current owners Valentia Industries in a very generous effort to support the project. Support has also come from KCC, IT Tralee and Intel.

I believe we have, on Valentia, through our history, the connection to the past, but a living history is what we hope to maintain and develop for an island community and indeed the wider community which can benefit from its association with the start of international communications through telegraphy.

Valentia was chosen 150 years ago as the starting location by great men like Cyrus W. Field and the Knight of Kerry, Sir Peter Fitzgerald.

We hope UNESCO, with the support of our Government, will choose it now for the world heritage status which the island deserves.

PUBLIC NOTICE

APPLICATION FOR A FORESHORE LEASE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 19 of the Foreshore Act, 1933 that the Marine Institute has applied to the Minister of the Environment, Community and Local Government for a lease under the said Act for the purpose of testing prototype wind, wave and tidal energy devices at the Galway Bay Marine and Renewable Energy Test Site Spiddal, Co. Galway

A copy of the application, and the relevant maps, plans, reports and drawings, are available for inspection for the next 21 working days, free of charge, at:

Salthill Garda Station, Salthill, Galway City (24 hours)

Spiddal Public Library, Spiddal, Co. Galway (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10.30 to 13.00 hours and 13.30 to 17.00 hours, Wednesdays from 14.00 to 17.00 hours and 17.30 to 19.30 hours, Saturdays from 11.00 to 15.00 hours, Closed on Mondays, Sundays and public / bank holidays)

Comhlacht Forbartha An Spideal Teo, An Spideal, Co. naGallaimhe (08.30 to 16.30 hours Monday - Friday)

The documentation is also available on the Department's website at:

<http://www.environ.ie/planning/foreshore/applications/foreshore-applications-2016-and-2015>

Any person who wishes to make an objection to, or a representation in respect of the grant of the licence sought should do so in writing, giving reasons, within 21 working days of publication of this Notice (quoting ref: FS 006566), to the Foreshore Unit, Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government, Newtown Road, Wexford or foreshore@environ.ie. The closing date for submissions is close of business on 17th June 2016

All objections and representations received will be forwarded to the applicant for comment prior to any decision being made in the matter. Material upon which the Minister shall determine this application may 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.environ.ie/planning/foreshore/public-participation-foreshore-consent-process>

Dated this 19th day of May 2016

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