

Building for the Future

July 2024 Update



Some exciting updates on our building project.

Planning Approved!

We submitted a planning application for change of use to Mayo County Council in April. We are pleased to announce that planning approval was granted on 1st July.

There are a few technical details to note about this decision:

- The council's planning decision can be appealed by a very small group of adjacent landowners within 4 weeks. Given that none of these neighbours raised any objections throughout the normal planning process, it is very unlikely that they will appeal at this stage.
- If no appeals are made, the final grant of planning will be issued after 4 weeks.
- We had hoped to be able to rent the upstairs office space out to local businesses. However, the planning conditions state that this space cannot be rented out to third parties.



Please take time to pause and thank God for His help in reaching this important milestone.

Financial Update

We are also thankful for the progress made financially.

The building purchase price is €285,000 and the estimated total project cost is €400,000.

To date we have raised **€338,000**, which includes a loan of €100,000.

The approved loan is from a community finance group in Ireland, it has quite a high interest rate, and some strict conditions. We hope that we will not need the full loan amount.

We will keep trusting God to provide all that is needed for this project.

Next steps

Having reached these important milestones, we are engaging with the building owner to progress with the purchase.

At the same time, we continue to plan the necessary renovation works. We are currently engaging with suppliers and obtaining quotations for these works.

Thanksgiving

Thank you for all your support and prayers for this exciting project.

We also thank God for lots of new people in church over the last few months. Our meeting rooms have recently been full to capacity. Whilst we are excited about the prospect of a new building, please keep praying for the ministry and outreach here in Claremorris.

An artist's impression of the main meeting space

