

SAVE BALLYNESS BAY ACTION GROUP

Tá sé de phribhléid againne atá inár gcónaí i gCloich Cheann Fhaola go bhfuil an áit is deise in Éirinn ar leic an dorais - 'sé sin Bá Bhaile an Easa. Tá áilleacht faoi leith ag baint leis an áit ach ní amháin sin tá plandaí, éin, éisc agus ainmnithe - cuid acu sin neamhchoitianta agus i mbaol - le fáil thart fan chladach. Bainimid uilig sult agus pleisiúr as an cheantar ar dhóigh amháin nó ar dhóigh eile - cé acu a mbimid ag siúl, ag éanbhreathnú, ag iascaireacht, ag cadhcáil, ag seoltóireacht, ag surfáil, ag snámh nó ceibé eile. Tá seo uilig faoi bhagairt agus i mbaol a bheith scriosta. Those of us living in Cloughaneely are privileged to have on our doorstep one of the most beautiful places in Ireland – Ballyness Bay. It is not just lovely to look at. It is home to a whole range of special plants, birds, fish and animals. Some of these are rare and endangered. It is also a place which we all enjoy in our own way – walking, bird watching, fishing, kayaking, sailing, surfing, swimming and so much more. All this is under threat. It is in danger of being destroyed.

Tá ár nAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara, An tUasal Michael Creed, ag smaoinreamh ar ligint don bhá bheith in úsáid do thionscal feirmeoireachta sliogéisc. Níl muidinne i gcoinne feirmeoireacht sliogéisc ach táimid in éadan tionscadal feirmeoireachta sliogéisc i mBá Bhaile an Easa. Seo thíos cad tuige a bhfuilimid ina éadan: The Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Mr Michael Creed T.D., is considering allowing the bay to be used by the shellfish farming industry. We are not opposed to the shellfish industry. We are totally opposed to a shellfish industry in Ballyness Bay. Here is why:

1 Postanna JOBS. *Táimid ag iarraidh na postanna atá sa cheantar faoi láthair a chosaint agus fosta cosaint a thabhairt do choinníolacha lena bhféadtar postanna a chruthú. Má cheadaíonn an Aire go ndéanfar suíomh tionsclaíoch do Bhá Bhaile an Easa is cinnte go ndéanfar corr phost lánaimseartha agus roinnt páirt-aimseartha a chruthú. Ach tá sé faighte amach, ó shuirbhé a rinneadh ar fhóistóirí áitiúil, go bhfuil cuid mhór jabanna ag brath ar ghnó ó thurasóirí agus cuairteoirí. Tagann siad le sult a bhaint as an timpeallacht álainn atá de phribhléid againne sult a bhailt as go laethiúil. Ní thiocfaidh siad le amharc ar shuíomh tionsclaíoch. Éiceathurasóireacht a thugann meas d'ár dtimpeallacht luachmhar an bealach chun postanna inbhuanaithe sa toadhchá a chruthú.* We want to protect the jobs we have in this area and to protect the conditions to create more jobs. If the Minister approves turning the bay into an industrial site, some full time and some part time jobs may result. We know from our survey of local employers, that dozens of jobs depend on the business from tourists and visitors. They come to share the beautiful environment which we are privileged to enjoy. They are not going to come to look at an industrial site and a ruined environment. The future for sustainable employment here is eco-tourism which values and protects our precious environment.

2 Cúiseanna Eolaíoch SCIENTIFIC REASONS. *Thaispeáin eolaithe comhshaoil don Aire cuid de na cúiseanna nach bhfuil Bá Bhaile an Easa fóirsteanach do thionscal sliogéisc. Más mian leat níos mó eolas eolaíochta a fháil téigh chuig ár suíomh www.saveballynessbay.com agus amharc faoi Publications* Environmental scientists have pointed out to the Minister a number of reasons why Ballyness Bay is NOT a suitable

location for the shellfish industry. If you want to read the detailed science, go to our website and look under Publications.

3 Cúiseanna Soisialta / Sláinte SOCIAL/HEALTH REASONS. Baineann an pobal uilig tairbhe as Bá Bhaile an Easa. Tá áilleacht faoi leith a thógann ár gcróithe ag baint leí, ní amháin sin ach cuidíonn an áilleacht sin le meoin-shláinte an phobail. Bainfear úsáid as an Bhá go leitheadach. An dtuigimid an seoid atá againn? Caidé an ceart atá ag Aire ar bith seo a bhaint dúinn agus í a scrios? The whole community benefits from having Ballyness Bay available to us. It is not just beautiful and uplifting to look at. It is a major contributor to the health of the community. We use it in all the ways mentioned above, and more. Do we realise what a treasure we have? What right does any Minister have to steal that from us and destroy it?

Deir an Aire go ndeachaigh sé i gcomhairle le muintir na háite, mar a ba chóir dó de réir an dlí. Deir muidinne nach ndearna sé sin. An raibh eolas ar bith agatsa fa seo? Tá os cionn dhá mhíle duine a bhí i dteagmháil linn ag rá nach raibh eolas ar bith acu fan rud atá beartaithe. Ná lig dó fáil ar shiúl le seo. Scríobh chuig an Aire Creed T.D. Aire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara agus cuir do mhí-shásamh in iúl. The Minister says he consulted the local community, as he is bound to do by law. We say he failed to do that. Did you know about it? Over two thousand people have contacted us who knew nothing about it until we brought it to their attention. Do not let him away with this. Make your voice heard. Write to the Minister at Mr. Michael Creed T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Agriculture House, Kildare Street, Dublin, DO2 WK12 and register your objection.

Más mian leat a thuilleadh eolais a fháil nó má tá tú sásta cuidiú tá fáilte romhat, seoladh thíos. If you want further information or if you think you can help in any way to prevent this crime against the community, you can contact us at the address below or through our website. Do not sit back and be trampled on. Stand up for your heritage and for your childrens' heritage. SAVE BALLYNESS BAY. ACT NOW.

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