



KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL

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**RE: Proposed Castlecomer Footbridge over River Dinin at
Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny.**



Ben Foden says 'I do': Una Healy's ex marries partner of two weeks

Melanie Finn

UNA Healy's ex-husband Ben Foden has tied the knot with an American businesswoman he's known for only two weeks.

The rugby player (34), who moved to New York last year after the breakdown of his marriage to the Tipperary singer, has confirmed he has married Jackie Belanoff Smith.

He and Una, a singer with 'The Saturdays', announced their separation in July 2018. He sparked speculation over the weekend after posting pictures on his Instagram engaging in

a ceremony while on a yacht in the millionaires' playground of Nantucket in Massachusetts.

He confirmed the news in a lengthy post where he described the past year as "by far the toughest and most turbulent for a number of reasons".

"I met a girl who seriously swept me off my feet and in a time of hardship, showed me love, a deep devoted love," he wrote.

"People will say we are mad or crazy or even fools as @snackyjax and I had only been dating seriously for a little over 2 weeks before deciding to get married.

"But when someone like her comes into your life, why would I wait?

"The people who needed to know such as close family and friends were told before anyone else and they are happy for me including my beautiful X wife Una Healy, who I love even more for her blessing.

"Life is short and you only get one and it's worth living."

He added that he knew Jackie would be a wonderful stepmother to his two children with Una, Tadhg (4) and Aoife Belle (7), and that she "offers me a future I can't wait to explore with her".



Romance: Ben Foden and his new wife Jackie Belanoff Smith, above, have married after a short time together; left, Foden with Una Healy. PHOTOS: INSTAGRAM, IAN WEST/PA



Comhairle Chontae Chill Chainnigh
Kilkenny County Council

NOTICE PURSUANT TO: SECTION 177AE OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED) AND THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (AS AMENDED)

PROPOSED FOOTBRIDGE OVER RIVER DININ AT CASTLECOMER, CO. KILKENNY

Notice of Application to An Bord Pleanála for Approval

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The proposed development would be composed of:

- Construction of a two span footbridge over the River Dinin adjacent to the existing N78, Castlecomer Bridge
- Alterations to existing stone masonry walls to facilitate the footpath approaches to the proposed footbridge and other associated site works.

Castlecomer Bridge, located in the townlands of Castlecomer and Drumgoole is listed as a protected structure on the Record of Protected Structures (RPS D13) within the current Kilkenny County Development Plan (2014 - 2020).

La Rive, The Square, Castlecomer whose boundary wall will be impacted by the works is listed as a protected structure on the Record of Protected Structures (RPS C491) within the current Kilkenny County Development Plan (2014 - 2020).

Gateway, Athy Road, Castlecomer located in the townlands of Drumgoole and Ardra and whose boundary wall will be impacted by the works is listed as a protected structure on the Record of Protected Structures (RPS C853) within the current Kilkenny County Development Plan (2014 - 2020).

KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL proposes to seek the approval of An Bord Pleanála for the proposed development under Section 177AE of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2018.

A Natura Impact Statement has been prepared as part of the application for approval in respect of the proposed development.

An Bord Pleanála may give approval to the application for development with or without conditions or may refuse the application for development.

A copy of the plans and particulars of the scheme and the Natura Impact Statement will be available for inspection free of charge between Friday 9th August to Friday 4th October 2019 (inclusive of both dates) at:

- The consultation Website of Kilkenny County Council at <https://consult.kilkenny.ie/>
- The Planning Section, Kilkenny County Council, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny, R95 A39T, between the hours of 9.00am to 1.00pm & 2.00pm to 4.00pm on Mondays to Fridays (bank holidays excluded).
- Castlecomer Library, Kilkenny Street, Castlecomer during its normal opening hours, Tuesday 10 a.m - 8 p.m.; Wednesday 10 a.m - 5 p.m.; Thursday 10 a.m - 5 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m - 1 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m - 1.30pm.
- Kildare County Council, National Roads Office, Block B, Maudlins, Naas, Co. Kildare, W91 T884, between the hours of 9.30am to 1.00pm and 2.00pm to 4.00pm on Mondays to Fridays (bank holidays excluded).

A copy of the Natura Impact Statement and the Plans and Particulars of the proposed development may be inspected free of charge at the locations above or purchased at a cost of €15.

Submissions and observations may be made to An Bord Pleanála on the proposed development in relation to:

- the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development in the area concerned,
- the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, and
- the likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European Site, if carried out, may be made in writing to An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin, D01 V902.

Any submission/observation must be received by An Bord Pleanála not later than on or before 4.30pm on Friday 4th October 2019.

A person may question the validity of any such decision by An Bord Pleanála by way of an application for judicial review under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986) in accordance with section 50 of the Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2015. Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed under the heading Publications - Judicial Review Notice on the Board's website www.pleanala.ie or on the Citizens Information website www.citizensinformation.ie

Dated this 7th August 2019.

Signed: Tim Butler, Director of Services.

Freeman defends bid for presidency despite losses of €253,000

Cormac McGuinn
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SENATOR Joan Freeman has said her run for the presidency is "one of the best things" she has done despite her campaign spending more than €250,000 on the failed bid for Áras an Uachtaráin.

Ms Freeman had the second highest level of expenses disclosed to the State's election watchdog, with spending of €253,194 declared.

Only President Michael D Higgins spent more on the 2018 election, which saw him win a second seven-year term. His campaign saw expenses of €367,338 disclosed to the Standards in Public Office Commission (Sipo). However, while Mr Higgins was reimbursed €200,000 due to his share of the vote, Independent Senator Ms Freeman, who finished in fifth place, did not qualify for getting any of her spending back.

Asked if she had any regrets about running given the lack of any reimbursement, she insisted the election was "one

of the best things I have done in my life". She added: "I travelled the length and breadth of the country, I challenged myself, and came through the whole experience with a renewed love for my country."

Ms Freeman - who founded suicide prevention charity Pieta House - highlighted the issue of mental health throughout the campaign.



Challenge: Presidential candidate Joan Freeman

On the day of the count Ms Freeman said she wasn't disappointed in the result. She said: "I got everybody talking about mental health, including Michael D Higgins."

Ms Freeman's filings to Sipo show that €61,000 was spent on "publicity" and €74,700 was listed in the "other election material" category. This included €20,992 spent on Facebook ads and €1,665 on Twitter ads.

The records show that Ms Freeman enlisted the advice of former Fianna Fáil government minister Noel Dempsey at a cost of €18,450. The invoice from Noel Dempsey Consulting shows a "consultancy fee" of €15,000 and VAT of €3,450.

Mr Dempsey was asked to work with Ms Freeman due to his former role as director of elections for former President Mary McAleese's successful 1997 campaign. His LinkedIn page says that 25 years in national politics "gives me a unique insight into all levels of government and public administration in Ireland".

In total, Ms Freeman's campaign spent €90,734 on campaign workers. Ms Freeman's campaign disclosed donations of €24,000 from individuals who donated more than €600. Among the contributors listed is Des Walsh - a US-based millionaire and Ms Freeman's former boyfriend - who donated €1,000.

Mr Walsh also provided a €120,000 loan for Ms Freeman's election bid.

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