

# Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge

## Waterford City & County Council

**ITEM**

No 5



### Tuairisc Bainistíochta don gComhairle

## Management Report to Council

April 2016

**Michael Walsh,**

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Aibreán 2016

**Michael Walsh,**

**Chief Executive**



# Forbairt Eacnamaíoch

## Economic Development

### Local Enterprise Office report

**2015****2016**

Number of clients met:	106	61
Number of clients applying for Measure 1 support:	15	11
Number of clients securing Measure 1 support and value of support offered:	7@€192,350	8 @ €147,875
Number of clients applying for Measure 2 support:	184	252
Number of clients securing Measure 2 support and value of support offered:	56@€39,684	252 @ €122,779

## Tourism

### Red Water

Waterford City & County Council's Tourism Office worked with the BBC for approximately four months on this project. Dunmore East was under consideration as a location for the series, along with locations in Galway and Wicklow. The Tourism Office provided assistance in scouting filming sites and sourcing accommodation options for approximately eighty cast and crew for the duration of the shoot.

# **Forbairt Eacnamaíoch**

## **Economic Development**

### **Local Economic & Community Plan**

An Implementation Plan for the economic elements of the Waterford LECP is now being prepared for discussion at Economic & Enterprise SPC at their meeting on April 6th

#### **Local Development Strategy**

Waterford LCDC is still awaiting completion at national level of both the Operating Guidelines and Procedures Manual for the RDP. Once these are completed by the DoECLG the next step will be for Waterford Council to enter into a contract with the Department. Following that the LCDC will enter into a Service Level Agreement with the Waterford LEADER Partnership.

#### **SICAP**

No further update on SICAP since 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016

#### **Minutes**

Minutes of all LCDC meetings are available on the Council website once approved by the LCDC.

<http://www.waterfordcouncil.ie/en/Business/Local,Community,Development,Committee/Minutes/>

#### **LCDC**

The next meeting of LCDC is scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

#### **Tramore Town Centre Management Group**

The TCMG finalised a new Town Centre Management Plan which has been informed by market research conducted with local residents.

#### **City Centre Management Group**

Work has commenced on reviewing the current City Centre Management Plan which was adopted in October 2013. Following a meeting of the CCMG on April 7<sup>th</sup> it is expected that there will be a vision document will be produced on the future of the city centre and that this will then go for public consultation with a view towards having a new City Centre Management Plan in Q3 2016.

## Planning

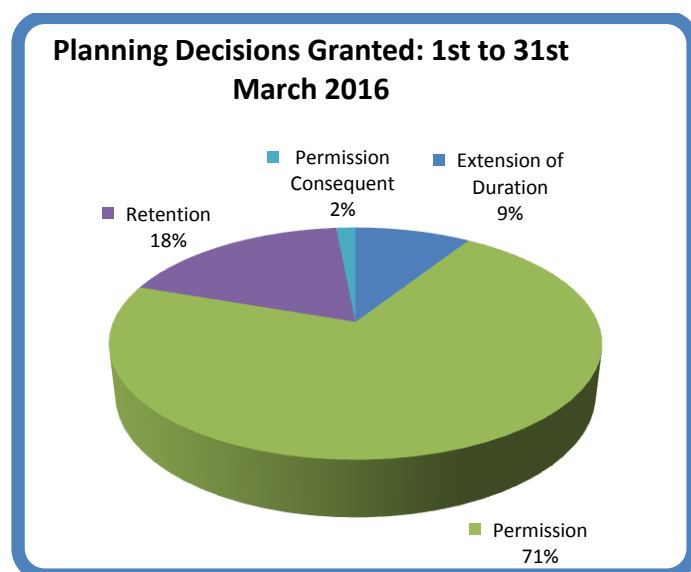
### Development Management

#### Planning Applications Received – Countywide

81 planning applications were received in the month of March 2016 up to the end of the month. This compares with 80 planning applications received in the full month of March 2015. The first quarter of 2016 has seen 204 planning applications being received, compared to 166 planning applications received in Quarter 1 2015.

#### Planning Decisions 2016 - Countywide

A total of 70 decisions were made in the month of March, 66 of which were granted. An analysis of these granted decisions is provided below.



#### Pre Planning Update- Countywide

A total of 133 preplanning applications have been received this year up to the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March of which 68.4% were closed at the time of writing of this report.

## Planning

### Forward Planning

#### **1. Strategic Development Zone - Waterford North Quays**

The non-statutory pre- plan public consultation stage was advertised to engage the views of the public on the preparation of a planning scheme for this area. This pre- plan consultation stage was completed on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016. The forward planning unit is currently preparing a report on the submissions received which will be presented to Council shortly.

#### **2. Renewable Energy Strategy (RES)**

The Forward Planning Section has commenced the process of preparing a Renewable Energy Strategy for Waterford. The pre-draft consultation stage has recently concluded and a report is being prepared on the submissions. It is envisaged that a draft strategy will be prepared for May.

#### **3. Development Management Standards Variation**

A Variation of the current Waterford City Development Plan, Waterford County Development Plan and Dungarvan Town Development Plan has commenced and is on public display until the 11<sup>th</sup> of April. The variation is required in order to provide for consistent development management standards across the entire Planning Authority area of Waterford City & County. The draft variation is currently on public display for a period of 4 weeks, with a Chief Executive Report addressing any written submissions/observations received to be provided to the Elected Members for their consideration within a further 4 week period following the close of the public display period. The public display period concludes on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April.

# Planning

## Conservation & Heritage

### **Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2016**

Minister Heather Humphreys, T.D., Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht announced the Built Heritage Investment Scheme - for the repair and conservation of protected structures. Waterford City and County has been allocated approved funding in respect of 18 projects County wide, amounting to €104,000 for 2016.

### **The Structures at Risk Fund 2016**

The Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht has announced funding of €624,000 (countrywide) for the protection and upgrading of heritage buildings under the Structures at Risk Fund 2016. Funding criteria and application forms are available on [www.waterfordcouncil.ie](http://www.waterfordcouncil.ie), the closing date for applications being the 12th of April 2016.

### **City Walls**

The Heritage Council is due to announce their funding programme shortly and it is anticipated that funding will be awarded for further works to the City Walls this year.

### **Unfinished Housing Estates**

An individual report will issue to each Council District.

# **Roads and Transportation**

## **2016 Road Works Programme**

Programme approved, work to commence before end of April.

### **Severe Weather Allocation**

Work continuing on roads damaged in the flooding.

### **National Surfacing Schemes**

N25 Pike Hill Contract – Contract complete.

N72 Cappoquin, Kitchenhole- Under procurement.

Cushcam – Traffic modelling has been completed and validated. Cost benefit analysis almost complete. Report from THRDO has been sent to TII.

N25 Gortavickery – Design being finalized by THRDO.

### **Coastal Repair works**

Work on the restoration of the gabion baskets along the sand dunes in Tramore will recommence in April.

Flood Defense System in Passage East – Contractor has been appointed and work has started. It is expected that work will be complete by the end of June.

The Brooke Passage East – Contract has been advertised.

Blenheim drainage outfall – some work will be completed as part of the 2016 Roads Works Programme. It is expected that further work will be carried out in 2017.

## **Smarter Travel Progress Report April 2016**

### **Waterford Greenway**

Pavement works on the section of the greenway between Clonea and Durrow are complete. A car park has been provided at the Clonea and is getting good usage. Surfacing of this car park is expected to be completed by the first week of April. Lighting for the tunnel to be completed during April. The construction of the Greenway adjacent to the Mount Congreve boundary on the Kilmeaden and Bilberry section is substantially complete. Works are ongoing for the extensions to all bridge structures and boardwalk between Kilmeaden and Bilberry. Initial works on the Kilmacthomas overbridge have commenced. Contract has been awarded for the two underpass structures under the N25. Surfacing works on the section between Durrow and McGraths have commenced.

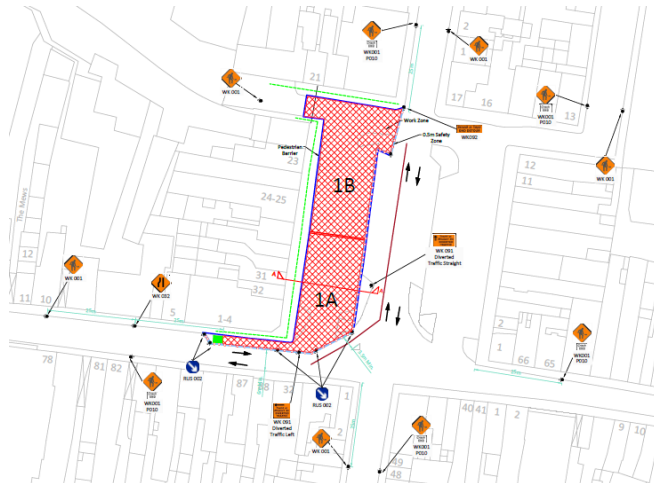


# Bóithre agus Iompar

## Roads and Transportation

### Grattan Square

The contractor is currently carrying out works on the western half of the square as shown below. All works other than minor works on this section to be completed before the Festival of Food which commences on 15<sup>th</sup> April.



### N25

Works are substantially completed. General snagging is ongoing.

### Cappoquin Road

Works are substantially completed. General snagging is ongoing.

### Ballinroad

The lighting pole has been relocated at Ballinroad Cross and we are waiting the ESB to complete their connection works. Works to set back the wall opposite the church will also be carried out when this is completed.

### Emmett Street

Works have begun at Emmett Street in the last week. We would hope to get a large section of this work completed during the school holiday period. The scheme involves widening footpaths and introducing crossing points to make the junction more user friendly for vulnerable road users.

### Behavioural Change

No works during March due to departure of staff member and budgetary constraints.

## Bóithre agus Iompar

### Roads and Transportation

#### VJP Schedule of Works 2016

Week	WK Comm	Engineering Area	GSS
1	04/01/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	A.Reddy
2	11/01/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	J.Manahan
3	18/01/2016	Comeragh	L. Walsh
4	25/01/2016	Comeragh	G.Rowe
5	01/02/2016	Metropolitan	M.Pepper/R.Harty/E. Kehoe
6	08/02/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	J. Foley
7	15/02/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	ML. Bennett
8	22/02/2016	Comeragh	B. Butler
9	29/02/2016	Comeragh	G. Rowe
10	07/03/2016	Metropolitan	M.Pepper/R.Harty/E. Kehoe
11	14/03/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	A.Reddy
12	21/03/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	J.Manahan
13	28/03/2016	Comeragh	L. Walsh
14	04/04/2016	Comeragh	B. Butler
15	11/04/2016	Metropolitan	M.Pepper/R.Harty/E. Kehoe
16	18/04/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	J. Foley

## Bóithre agus Iompar

### Roads and Transportation

17	25/04/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	ML. Bennett
18	02/05/2016	Comeragh	B. Butler
19	09/05/2016	Comeragh	G. Rowe
20	16/05/2016	Metropolitan	M.Pepper/R.Harty/E. Kehoe
21	23/05/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	A.Reddy
22	30/05/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	J.Manahan
23	06/06/2016	Comeragh	L. Walsh
24	13/06/2016	Comeragh	G.Rowe
25	20/06/2016	Metropolitan	M.Pepper/R.Harty/E. Kehoe
26	27/06/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	J. Foley
27	04/07/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	ML. Bennett
28	11/07/2016	Comeragh	L. Walsh
29	18/07/2016	Comeragh	G. Rowe
30	25/07/2016	Metropolitan	M.Pepper/R.Harty/E. Kehoe
31	01/08/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	A.Reddy
32	08/08/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	J.Manahan
33	15/08/2016	Comeragh	G.Rowe
34	22/08/2016	Comeragh	B. Butler
35	29/08/2016	Metropolitan	M.Pepper/R.Harty/E. Kehoe
36	05/09/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	J. Foley

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### Roads and Transportation

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38	19/09/2016	Comeragh	L. Walsh
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42	17/10/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	J.Manahan
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## Emergency Services

### Fire Service Operational Activity

Total call outs to incidents attended by the 10 fire stations of the Fire Authority are shown for the year to date and for the month of March. Special services include road traffic accidents, road hazards, chemical incidents, flooding and non fire rescues.

Area	Fires	Special Service	False Alarm
Metropolitan	38	20	7
Comeragh	5	4	1
Dungarvan/Lismore	23	5	0
<b>Total for March</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Total 2016</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>31</b>

**Fire Safety** Applications for fire safety certificates and referrals from the Planning Authority received for fire safety and building control advice are shown as follows

Applications Received	Year to date	March
Fire Safety Certificates	23	6
Planning Referrals	156	48

**Building Control** New functions associated with the Building Control Regulations, introduced on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2014, are being delivered within Emergency Services. Notices and applications associated with these regulations are shown below as well as referrals from the Planning Authority for fire safety and building control advice

Application/Notification	Total 2016	March 2016
Commencement Notices	72	25
Completion Certificates	40	14
Disability Access Certificates	20	4

# Seirbhísi Éigeandála

## Emergency Services

### Civil Defence

The following are the activities of Civil Defence during the month of March.

Activity	Date	Service Provided
1916 re enactment The Mall	05/03/16	CDO & 19 members, one ambulance and one jeep.
Flag raising ceremony The Mall	06/03/16	CDO & 17 members one ambulance.
Lismore Point to Point	6 <sup>th</sup> March	First Aid Support, 2 Ambulance & 4 support Vehicles
Instructors Meeting	08/03/16	03 CDO & 11 Instructors.
River search in Clonmel	10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , & 20 <sup>th</sup> March	9 members & 1 keep.
Avian Flu Exercise Cork	12 <sup>th</sup> March	Boat & 2 support vehicles
St Patrick's Day Parade	17/03/16	28 members.
Cappoquin St. Patrick's Day Parade	17 <sup>th</sup> March	Ambulance & 2 support Vehicles
Dungarvan St. Patrick's Day Parade	17 <sup>th</sup> March	Fire Engine & 3 Support Vehicles
1916/2016 Easter Rising Parade Dublin	27 <sup>th</sup> March	2 Volunteers & 1 support vehicle
Mental Health and Suicide Awareness 50k cycle	27 <sup>th</sup> March	Ambulance & 1 support vehicle
The Aglish Charity 5k & 10k runs	28 <sup>th</sup> March	2 support Vehicles



## Housing

### Housing Applications

Housing applications	Applications during March 2015	Applications during March 2016	Cumulative Number of Applications 2016
Applications received	95	69	210
Applications validated	41	48	166
Applications approved	53	41	158

### Housing Allocations

District	Tenancies during March 2015	New Tenancies during March 2016	Refusal Number of New Tenancy offer	Cumulative No. of New Tenancies 2016
Comeragh Municipal	0	0	1	5
Dungarvan/Lismore Municipal	2	3	2	7
Metropolitan	11	14	4	39
Voluntary Bodies		56		56
<b>Totals</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>107</b>

### Housing Assistance Payment

Housing Assistance Payment	March 2015 HAP tenancies	March 2016 HAP tenancies set up	Cumulative No. of HAP Tenancies set up
HAP Tenancies	30	22	57

## Housing

### Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People, People with a Disability and Mobility Aids

Grant Scheme Amount	Value of applications approved to March 2016	Number of applications to March 2016	Cumulative value of applications approved	Cumulative number of applications
Housing Adaptation for People with a Disability. Maximum €30,000	€0.00	0	€47,995.00	4
Mobility Aids Scheme Maximum €6,000	€33,097.00	7	€82,415.00	17
Housing Aid for Older People Maximum €8,000	€32,195.46	6	€47,839.11	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>€65,292.46</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>€178,249.11</b>	<b>30</b>

## Homeless services

Cases presented seeking Homeless services	2016	2015
March Cases presented	54	45
<b>Cumulative number of cases presented in 2016</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>117</b>

Individual/Family Breakdown in Homeless Accommodation	March 2016	March 2015
Individuals	110	92
Individuals with dependent children	8	8
Families with no dependent children	4	1
Families with dependent children	6	4

### Currently in emergency B&B homeless accommodation in Waterford (included in above figures):

In total, 12 adults and 7 children composed of 2 families, 4 adults with 4 children, 2 single parent families with 3 children, 1 couple and 4 individuals.

## Housing

### Capital Projects

#### Current Construction Projects

Old Cinema Site Dungarvan 15 Units – Contractor on site, due for completion in August 2016

#### Housing New-Build Projects

New Build Approved Schemes	Current Position	Comment
Ardmore Park / Priory Lawn (8)	Expected to go to tender in July 2016	Liaising with DECLG at present
Larchville (5)	Expected to go to tender in June 2016	Liaising with DECLG at present
Tallow Almshouse (4)	Expected to go to tender in July 2016	Part 8 completed
Cappoquin (4)	Expected to go to tender in June 2016	Tender Docs being prepared
Tramore - Patrick St (2)	Expected to go to tender in June 2016	Tender Docs being prepared
Portlaw Coolfin (12)	Expected to go to tender in October 2016	Intention to revert to District in April to complete Part 8
Dungarvan Ballinroad ( 20)	Expected to go to tender in January 2017	Liaising with DECLG
Tramore An Garran (32)	Expected to go to tender in February 2017	Stage 1 Approval

#### Retrofitting Insulation works

An initial grant of €350,000 has just been approved and some 350 houses will be selected for improvement works. It is expected to receive more funding in the next 2 months. Estates to be improved are being surveyed and these will be listed at the relevant upcoming District meetings as they are finalised.

#### SEAI Schemes

A SEAI grant has been applied for this year for Energy/Insulation upgrades to houses

Estates identified for consideration that fulfill all the SEAI criteria include: Monastery Street, St Ignatius Street and Presentation Row all in the city; Caseyville and Keating Street both in Dungarvan and the Inner town area of Portlaw. Also, the St Vincent De Paul Houses in Tramore. However the number of houses will depend on the Grant allocation received.

## Housing

### Housing Maintenance

#### Refurbishing of houses becoming vacant for re let:

Works complete	16 units
Works commenced/underway	15 units
Surveyed/at tender stage	28 units
Newly vacant	7 units
In Regeneration programme	16 units
Total voids	82 units

#### Response maintenance

In March 2016, there were a total of 736 recorded complaints. 609 have been resolved and 127 are pending.

## **Seirbhísí Pobail**

### **Community Services**

#### **Supporting Waterford Communities Fund**

Closing date was 18<sup>th</sup> March. Recommendations before Council at April meeting

#### **Joint Policing Committee**

Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016

#### **Social Inclusion**

- Local Development Strategy: Work ongoing to ensure complementarity of SICAP programme and LDS.
- 2nd meeting of joint Traveller Integration Group held

#### **Local Economic and Community Plan**

8 engagements with local communities were held in late January /early February. Report being compiled. Further engagements planned over coming months

#### **Saint Patricks Day Parade in City**

Successful parade held in Waterford City

#### **Comhairle na nÓg**

New Co-ordinator, Nora Furlong in place from 4<sup>th</sup> April

#### **Bike Week Funding**

Limited funding will be available to groups who wish to organise their own cycle themed event during Bike Week 2016 (11<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> June). Fund currently being publicised with a closing date of 13th April

#### **Greenway Public Meetings**

Community information meetings being organised as follows:

14/4: Park Hotel, Dungarvan

18/4: Rainbow Hall, Kilmacthomas

21/4: Viking Hotel, Waterford City

#### **IPB Community Fund Grant Scheme**

The aim of the programme is to encourage locally based projects that foster community engagement for the benefit of local communities. The closing date for receipt of applications is 25<sup>th</sup> April.

## Arts & Culture

### Libraries

In March, 43,796 people visited libraries throughout the County and borrowed 42,003 items during the month. Active membership for March was 16,260.

#### Events in March included:

- **Seachtain na Gaeilge:** attended by 979 children and adults
- **World Book Day events:** 207 children attended
- **International Womens Day:** Waterford Women and Cumman na Mban 100th Centenary exhibition
- **1916 Commemoration events:** 125 adults attended - Tionnoil:1916 Celebration : Talk by Professor Gearóid ÓTuathaigh Dungarvan Library, We were there Seventy Seven women of the Easter Rising: Talk by Mary Mccauliffe and Liz Gillis Central Library, Revolutionary roots Genealogical legacies of the 1916 Rising: Lorna Moloney Central Library, Displays of The Waterford Standard and The Waterford News from 1916 Central Library
- **Dungarvan Library:** Local Studies: **‘Headstone to Homestead’** by John Tierney
- **Tramore:** Author Carmel Kelly storytelling to local schools - 240 children attended
- **Portlaw:** Easter display of knitted crafts by Portlaw Library knitting group

#### Monthly Events/Activities:

- **Bookclubs:** 233 people attended
- **Class visits:** 619 children and young people visited
- **Story times and parent and toddler group visits** were enjoyed by 400 children
- **Study Facilities:** 900 students availed library facilities
- **Language Activities Exchanges:** 120 adults and children participated in language exchanges
- **Bi Lingual Parent and Toddler Club:** 28 attendees Dungarvan
- **1 to 1 technology Clinics** 26 attendees, accessible technology reader used for 20 session
- **Outreach:** Refugee support: Tour of library for people from Clonea Refugee Reception Centre
- **Activity Clubs and Meetings:** 400 children and adults participated in various activity clubs such as Lego, Scrabble, Creative writing and Knitting and Choir in Portlaw, Central, Ardkeen, Tramore and Browns Road

#### Upcoming events in April:

- **West Waterford Festival of Food 15 & 16 April:** Dungarvan Library Edible Jewellery workshop. Make a Vegetable Man Workshop, Dungarvan Film Club screening: El Bulli – Venue Old Market House Arts Centre (joint Libraries/Arts)

### Arts & Culture

- **Film Screening 21 April:** Canola Pictures in association with The Irish Whale and Dolphin Group (IWDG) will screen this film as part of a unique collaboration with the libraries of Ireland, organised by Dungarvan Library Venue Old Market House Arts Centre
- **1916 Commemoration Programme:** talk by Historian Pat McCarthy 30th April Dungarvan Library, Niall De Burca bilingual story telling 12th April Tramore Library.
- **Towers and Tales Children's Festival 23 April:** The festival features a line-up of Irish & international writers and illustrators Library staff have worked in partnership with the Festival and will have a strong presence at the Festival with a library stand, storytelling and events in libraries : Dungarvan Library Event 22 April : Sarah Webb reads to school groups
- **Lismore Library Event 23 April:** Book Babies with Niamh Sharkey and Sarah Webb

#### Library Development:

- Carrickphierish Library: Snagging ongoing, Stock tender and Furniture Tender award process started.
- Marketing: Library promoted on TCRfm Tramore Community Radio, article on most borrowed books in Munster Express.
- Library staff attended SPC Housing, Community and Culture, Arts plan Consultation meeting
- Towers and Tales planning meetings.
- Training: Library staff attended Irish language classes and Management Training.

## Arts & Culture

### Arts

The film **'Who is Dervla Murphy'** by Mixed Bag Media commissioned in association with the Arts Office, Waterford City & County Council is being released on 23rd April for a run at the SGC, Dungarvan and Movies at Dundrum.

The exhibition of **'Artifice'** with Lismore Castle Arts has concluded in Lismore Castle and will be on display during April in the Old Market House Arts Centre, Dungarvan with selected works from Waterford's TY Students.

Also showing in the venue is **'Children of Lir'** by Ann Dunphy and **'Perspectives'** by Studio Trois with food themed work for the forthcoming Festival of Food.

The official launch of the Celtic Media Festival will take place in the venue on 20th April.

Adjudication is currently underway for the Arts Office national **Seán Dunne Young Poets Award**. The Arts Office is working with Waterford Youth Arts on a special youth evening to take place as part of the programme for the Waterford Writers Weekend in May. Judging is underway for the national **Molly Keane Creative Writing Award 2016**.

Decisions on Arts Festival Funding 2016 are currently being communicated to applicants.

The Arts Office commissioned **'Johnny I Hardly Knew Ye'** by Jim Nolan has concluded a successful run in Garter Lane Arts Centre, plus a special West Waterford performance in Ballyduff Upper.

A progress update on the development of new Arts Strategy was given to the March meeting of the SPC. An Arts Strategy Focus Meeting was held in Tramore with participants contributing to a two hour workshop style event to move the strategy forward.

The first part of the renovation for the Town Hall theatre has been carried out with a new stepped stage in place. The Dungarvan Playhouse presented Best Little Wh\*rehouse in Texas using a new prototype Riser Cover for the steps so as to allow musicals.

The Waterford Film Centre concept is beginning to gain traction with a board of directors to be appointed shortly.

The Summer in the City programme is working side-by-side with the new Summer Festival Programme.



## Environmental Services

### Environmental Enforcement

Enforcement under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 (as amended)

1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016

Legal Action Initiated	0
On the Spot Litter Fines Issued	51
On the Spot Litter Fines Paid	23
No of Notices Issued 9, 16, 17, 20	0

Enforcement under the Waste Management Acts 1996 (as amended)

1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016

No of Complaints	671
Legal Actions	0
Section 18's Statutory Notices Served (asking for info on waste issues)	18
Section 55's Statutory Notices Served (asking for waste to be removed in a 2 week period)	15
Section 71's (Abandoned vehicle Notices)	7
Warning Letters Sent	8
Section 14 Directions	1

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### Enforcement Activities on Social Media

The following post was recently published by the Environment Dept. on Waterford City & County Council's Social Media channels to highlight the problem of roadside litter and to show the penalties which can be imposed on those who continue to litter our roads.



**Waterford Council** in Waterford, Ireland.

March 11 at 3:06am ·

Motorist convicted for Litter offence at Youghal District Court on 19th February. **DON'T LITTER OUR ROADS.**  
#Litter #Coffee #Ireland



Please share this post by going to:

<https://www.facebook.com/Waterfordcouncil/photos/a.491719294422.265819.357387964422/10153560849414423/?type=3&theater>

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### Waste Management

#### Presentation of Waste Bye Laws

The Southern Region Waste Management Office are reviewing Bye-laws in each LA based on new legislation to take account of:

- Changes to collection times
- Frequency of collection
- Changes to definitions
- Bag Criteria
- No Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) provision in legislation for Householders for not segregating waste properly
- No FPN or obligation for Householders to demonstrate that they are availing of an authorized waste collection service or are otherwise managing their waste.

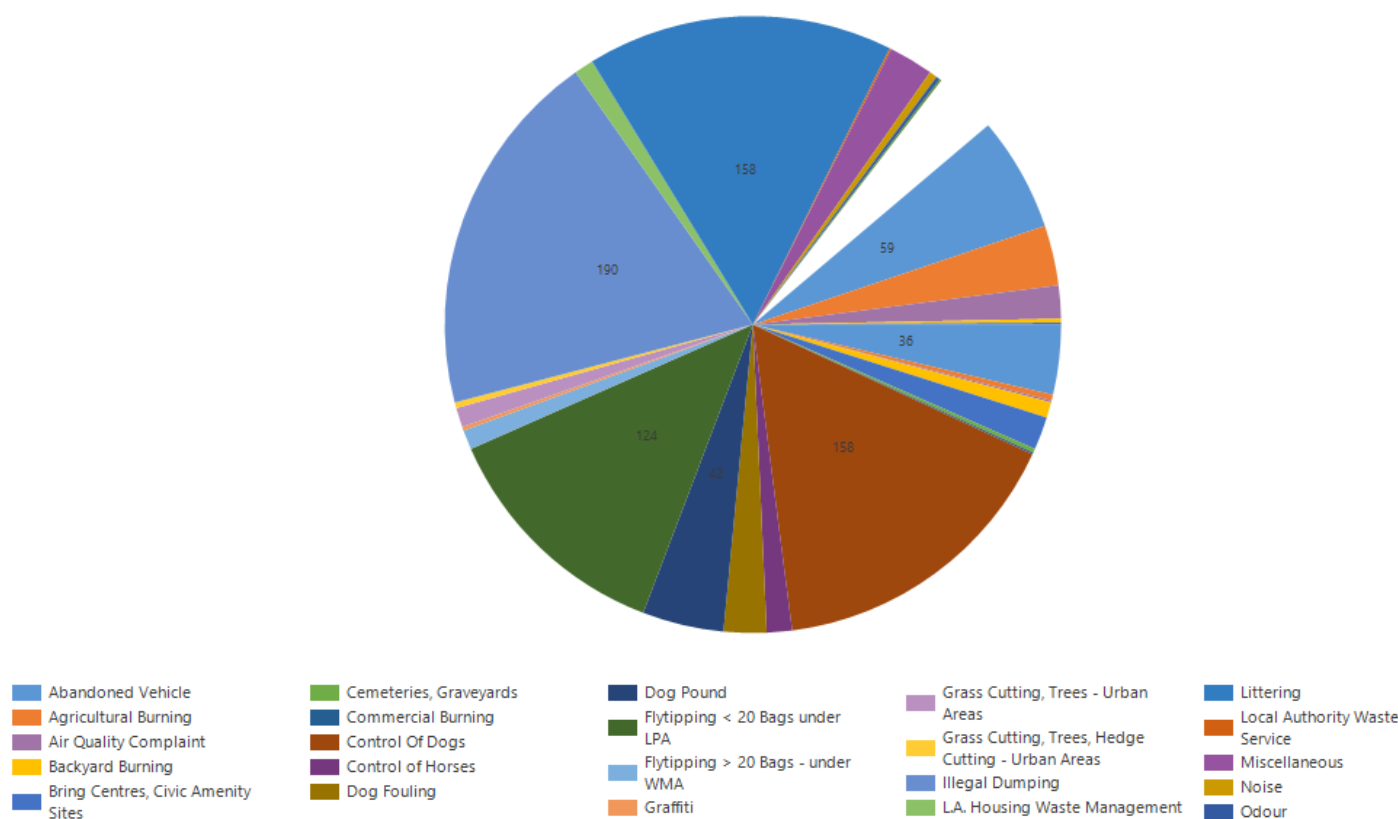
It was agreed that the Regional Offices will prepare a template for all LAs to complete regarding their Bye-laws. It is expected that a draft of new Byelaws will be available for review by the Environment SPC in the third quarter of 2016.

### Website

Information continues to be added to the Environment section of the Waterford City & County Council website which can be found at [www.waterfordcouncil.ie](http://www.waterfordcouncil.ie)

### Environmental Complaints

To date in the year 2016 a total of 984 complaints/issues have been received by the Environment Dept. and the following graph shows the category and number of complaints received. Environmental Inspectors continue to investigate complaints received and monitor illegal waste issues, littering, fly-tipping and illegal signage and issued litter fines where offences are detected. Waterford City & County Councils Dog Wardens continue to investigate all control of dogs issue throughout the City & County.



Members of the public are encouraged to contact the local authority to report all incidents of illegal dumping, littering or other environmental issue of concern by using the following telephone number: 0761 10 20 20.

### Environmental Education & Awareness

- **National Tree Week**

National Tree Week took place 6 – 13 March 2016. 300 saplings were made available to Waterford and City Council for distribution to community groups, schools, etc. These saplings were publicised and an unprecedented number of requests were received. Among other events, a tree planting took place at Six Acre Park, Waterford as part of Tree Week.

- **Green Flag Programme**

Waterford City and County Council's support of the An Taisce's Green Flag programme for schools continues, with work ongoing with schools to provide advice and support them in their work. Assessments took place recently with all schools that are hoping to renew their Green Flag or applying for their first flag. All successful schools will be awarded their Green Flag at an awards ceremony in Kilkenny in mid May.

- **National Spring Clean**

National Spring Clean takes place throughout the month of April. Community groups, youth groups, schools, Tidy Towns groups, etc have been invited to take part by holding a cleanup of their local area. Waterford City & County Council offer assistance to the general public every spring/summer season to clean up litter and illegally dumped waste from their local environs e.g. approach roads, local beauty spots, beaches and general public areas. Now in its 18<sup>th</sup> year, the National Spring Clean campaign is Ireland's largest anti-litter initiative and each year throughout April, over half a million people take part in over 5,000 clean-ups across the country. National Spring Clean was launched locally by Mayor of Waterford City and County Council Councillor John Cummins at the Sacred Heart Family Resource Centre in Richardson's Meadow, Waterford on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

- **Anti-Litter Awareness Campaign**

The Environment Awareness Officers of the South East region have combined their resources to develop an anti litter awareness campaign. The campaign is a joint venture of Tipperary County Council, Kilkenny County Council, Waterford City and County Council, Wexford County Council and Carlow County Council and will begin next month. The campaign will target roadside litter, in particular loose litter thrown from vehicles. The campaign elements includes both a radio and social media element.

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- **Anti -Litter & Anti-Graffiti**

Submissions have been invited for an anti litter and anti graffiti awareness grant. This is available to community groups, youth groups, schools or other community development organisations, based in County Waterford, who are interested in receiving funding for public education and awareness initiatives regarding litter or graffiti. Only applications with education awareness will be considered. The grant is not for structural items, such as street furniture, signs or CCTV cameras etc.

- **Waste Prevention Grant**

A waste prevention grant has also been advertised. This grant is funded as part of our [Waste Prevention Programme for the County \(Ref; Action Policy B1.2 and B.2.3 of the Southern Region Waste Management Plan 2015-2021\)](#). This scheme aims to support communities to take steps on waste prevention, re-use and repair activities in their local areas, and encourage partnership between local businesses, schools, charities and voluntary groups. Waste prevention is a process of re-thinking how we do things in order not to create waste. Preventing waste is about finding ways to keep items in use longer and not generating as much waste in the first place. It's about rethinking the way we do things – redesigning the items we use – changing attitudes and changing behaviours' about what we buy and what we throw away, but most of all, working together and thinking creatively to do something about it. Eligible projects that could be funded, but are not limited to, include repair skills workshops, up-cycling workshops, elimination of single-use items, community composting, food waste prevention, etc.

# Environmental Services

## Presentation & Cleansing

- **Metropolitan:**

Tree planting has been slightly delayed due to recent periods of heavy rain which made ground conditions too heavy for planting. Should the weather improve it is expected that planting will commence in Oriel Square; Cherrymount; Viewmount; The Folly; Viewmount and the Carrickpherish Road.

The central area of the Peoples Park is currently undergoing a transitional planting upgrade where our staff are currently replanting two of the four rose beds.

In Tramore tree planting is expected to commence this week in an area near the GAA field and the approach to the nearby roundabout. Grass cutting has already commenced in Tramore and our cutting capacity will be increased with the delivery in the coming days of a new specialised commercial lawnmower.

- **Dungarvan:**

The Dungarvan Presentation Team has recently commenced a landscape facelift of two prominent roundabouts within Dungarvan these being the Coolagh Roundabout and the Kilrush roundabout. The approach to the Coolagh Roundabout has been planted with new Beech hedging, this gives a strong definite line and creates the framework for the overall landscape through the golden brown leaves throughout winter leading to the lush green in spring and summer. The *'Welcome To Dungarvan'* sign will remain, while to either side will be landscaped with ornamental grasses, these shall be light in colour and sway with the wind to give a fresh feel to the area. The approach beds at the roundabout will be planted with herbaceous planting to compliment the similar planting completed last year further along the bypass. Alongside this the central part of the roundabout shall be completed with a new planting waving through the central spine with upright Yew columns to give height and character.

The Kilrush roundabout is also under transition where again a Beech hedge has been used again as a framework and to complement the existing Beech hedge. This roundabout is elevated and to exploit this we shall be planting some five multi -stem **Himalayan Birch trees which** show off their brilliant white bark in winter. Again the remaining part of the roundabout shall be under planted to give contrast of colour and variety.

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Refurbishment and painting of street bollards along Davitt's Quay has commenced and is continuing. Also international flags have been erected along the causeway along with tri-colour bunting for the 1916 commemorations.

Flower care and weeding maintenance is continuing throughout the town. Clearance of plants has been carried out adjacent to the Park Hotel in preparation for new planting in spring.

The Dungarvan Presentation team will commence the 1<sup>st</sup> round of weed spraying during April.

Grass cutting operations have also recently re-commenced. The Dungarvan presentation team are currently awaiting delivery for a new 6ft commercial grass mower to add to and refresh the current machinery fleet.

A tender is currently being prepared for stump grinding works at a number of locations throughout the town. This procurement will also be carried out in conjunction with similar works required in Tramore and Waterford City.

The Dungarvan Presentation team is also actively assisting in the preparations for the West Waterford Food Festival due to be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> April 2016.



Waterford City and County Council - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division							
Y.T.D. to February 29, 2016							
EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	
A Housing & Building	3,651,531	22,442,073	16%	3,096,950	23,120,415	13%	
B Road Transport & Safety	3,668,949	28,568,589	13%	1,448,974	18,698,041	8%	
C Water Services	1,616,276	10,778,764	15%	1,541,220	10,128,362	15%	
D Development Management	1,903,351	12,006,479	16%	368,787	4,861,389	8%	
E Environmental Services	1,997,598	17,492,221	11%	288,316	2,180,127	13%	
F Recreation & Amenity	1,441,346	12,132,499	12%	189,208	2,312,364	8%	
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	432,991	1,669,424	26%	229,308	914,688	25%	
H Miscellaneous Services	1,683,336	13,340,383	13%	762,153	4,507,432	17%	
LG Local Property Tax	0	0	0%	2,856,002	17,136,015	17%	
PL Pension Related Deduction	0	0	0%	240,854	1,981,582	12%	
RA Rates	0	0	0%	5,431,670	32,590,017	17%	
	<b>16,395,378</b>	<b>118,430,432</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>16,453,442</b>	<b>118,430,432</b>	<b>14%</b>	
Surplus/(Deficit)				58,064	0		

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## Finance

Summary of Main Collections ytd to 29-2-2016									
	[1]		[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]
	Accrued ytd to February 2016		Write Off	Waivers	Total for Collection [1-2-3]	Collected ytd to Feb	% Collected ytd re 2016 Accrual	Net Bal 1-1-16	Net Bal 29-2-2016 [4-5+7]
	€		€	€	€	€	€	€	
Rates	33,003,189	-	34,240	-	32,968,949	2,940,155	9%	5,551,913	35,580,707
Loans	488,865		-	-	488,865	426,730	87%	826,516	888,651
Rents	2,025,410		-	-	2,025,410	1,860,196	92%	2,470,370	2,635,584
Aged Analysis of Net Balances									
			Less than 1 mth	2 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	greater than 12 mths	Net Balance		
Rates			-	31,980,870	1,407,238	2,192,600	35,580,707		
			0 to 3 mths	4 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	Greater than 12 mths			
Loans			127,576	89,661	191,951	479,463	888,651		
			Less than 4 weeks	4-6 weeks	7-12 weeks	Greater than 12 wks			
Rents			161,895	128,633	159,316	2,185,740	2,635,584		
Overdraft Levels									
Days in Overdraft in February- 2 days					Cost -€0	Average - €443k Cr			