

# Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge

## Waterford City & County Council

**ITEM**

No 5



### Tuairisc Bainistíochta don gComhairle

## Management Report to Council

Nollaig 2016

**Michael Walsh,**

**Príomhfheidhmeannach**

December 2016

**Michael Walsh,**

**Chief Executive**



# Forbairt Eacnamaíoch

## Economic Development

The ongoing work of the Economic Development Department in sustaining and creating jobs continues and the activities of the Local Enterprise Office also continue within the Department.

Compar AG, specialised image processing and robotics announced a new engineering and sales centre in Waterford creating 15 jobs in the next few years. Fund Recs, an automated reconciliation software company based in Arclabs announced 18 new jobs in 2017.

**Waterford's Viking Triangle** enjoyed fantastic success winning The Great Place category at the Urbanism Awards 2017 held in London. Waterford won against formidable contenders; Greenwich Market, London and Leicester Market, Leicester. The Academy of Urbanism is a politically independent, not-for-profit organisation that brings together both the current and next generation of urban leaders, thinkers and practitioners.

The Economic Development team at Waterford City and County Council are delighted to be associated with the Academy and the European wide recognition which follows such an award. The Forward Planning team led by Mr. Rupert Maddock, Senior Architect commends the work of the many teams involved and the wider community all of whom have played a strong and vibrant role in the living initiative that is Waterford's Viking Triangle.

### Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2016

Waterford City and County Council was awarded €380,000 under the Towns and Village Renewal Scheme funded by the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs. The Scheme was advertised and interest in the scheme was extremely high with twenty two applications received from across the County. The applications put forward were prepared to a very high standard and the communities that submitted them deserve huge congratulations and thanks for their vision and commitment to their Town or Village.

The funding of €380,000 will enable the development of community facilities, enhanced town and village infrastructure, encourage community cohesion and develop a sense of safety and wellbeing across the County. Funding was awarded to the following towns and villages; Tramore €100,000, Kilmacthomas €80,000, Tallow €80,000, Passage East €50,000, Touraneena €50,000 and Bunmahon €20,000.

### REDZ 2016

Waterford City and County Council was awarded €100,000 under the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs under the Rural Economic Development Zone initiative 2016. This €100,000 was awarded to Dunmore East for the development of the cliff walk.

# Forbairt Eacnamaíoch

## Economic Development

### Munster Vales

A development initiative involving the Councils and local development companies in Waterford, Tipperary, Limerick and Cork and titled Munster Vales is currently being advanced in order to improve tourism product and marketing in the region embracing the Comeragh, Knockmealdown, Galtee, Ballyhoura and Nagle Mountains. This initiative has been successful in being awarded €399,000 as a Flagship project under the REDZ programme. This funding will support the marketing of the broad region as well as supporting a number of infrastructural projects in all the participating counties.

### Agri-Food Tourism

The Economic Development section has been successful in being awarded €30,000 under the CEDRA Agri-Food Tourism initiative for the purpose of further developing the Waterford Food Story and for delivering some other elements of Waterford's emerging Food Strategy for small and artisan food producers.

### Local Enterprise Office

	2015	2016
Number of clients met:	330	363
Number of clients applying for		
Measure 1 support:	68	31
Number of clients securing Measure 1		
support and value of support offered:	32 @ €585,800	29 @ €558,375
Number of clients securing Measure 2		
support and value of support offered:	1392 @ €425,126	1541 @ €367,596.14

## Planning

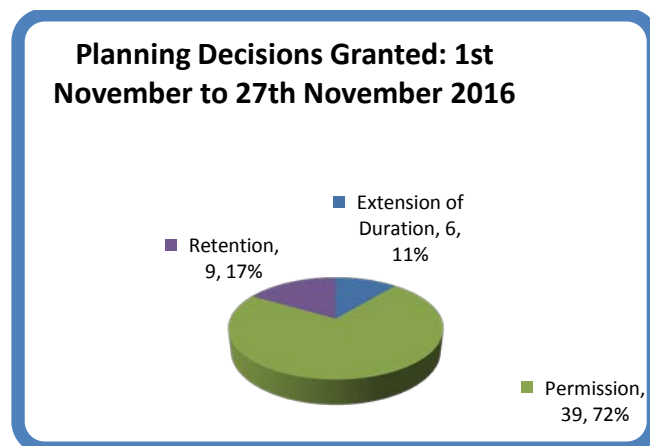
### Development Management

#### Planning Applications Received – Countywide

54 planning applications were received in the month of November (to 27<sup>th</sup>) 2016. This compares with 45 planning applications received in the same period in 2015. At this point in the year a total of 754 planning applications have been received. This compares with 682 applications received in the same period in 2015. This represents an increase of 10.6% in planning applications received year on year.

#### Planning Decisions 2016 - Countywide

A total of 59 decisions were made in the month of November (to 27<sup>th</sup>) 2016, 54 of which were granted. 5 applications were refused. An analysis of the granted decisions is provided below.



#### Pre Planning Update- Countywide

A total of 489 preplanning applications have been received this year up to the 28<sup>th</sup> of November of which 90.1% were closed at the time of writing of this report.

#### Forward Planning

There are two proposed variations to the Waterford City Development Plan 2013-2019, Waterford County Development Plan 2011-2017 and Dungarvan Town Plan 2012-2018 in order to;

- (a) Incorporate the requirements of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015, in relation to the implementation of the Vacant Site Levy.
- (b) Incorporate the requirements of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015, to apply Part V to developments of 10+ houses with 10% social housing requirement.

Forward Planning have prepared these proposed variations following an examination of legislation and a formulation of policy responses in order to implement and adhere to National legislative requirements. Both proposed variations are on public display until 14th December 2016. Following this public consultation a Chief Executive's Report shall be prepared detailing the number and type of submissions received and the Chief Executive's response to same. The Chief Executive's Report will be circulated to all Members for their consideration prior to the variation being brought before Council for decision.

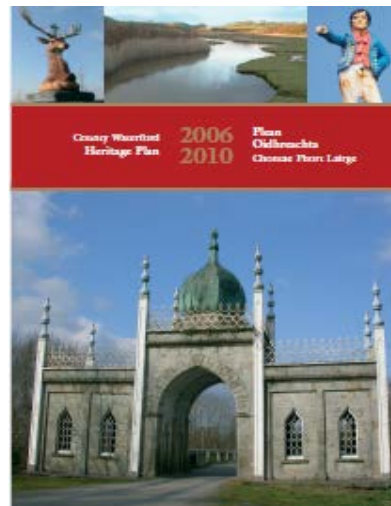
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## Planning

### Heritage & Conservation

#### Waterford Heritage Plan

The Draft Heritage Plan was presented to the October Plenary meeting. The public display period ended on November 21st. The plan contains over 30 actions for archaeology, built, cultural and natural heritage. Actions set out to document previously unrecorded features of heritage, increased access to heritage, promotion of heritage tourism and supporting community heritage projects. The Plan will revert to Council in February.



#### Built Heritage Jobs Leverage Scheme

The Built Heritage Jobs Leverage Scheme is now completed for 2016. Grant funding allocated totalled €130,500 in 2016. In summary;

- The 15 eligible projects received a minimum of 50% funding as per Department criteria, with some projects also receiving additional extra funding from the Heritage Council. The total amount of monies spent on the 15 projects was €361,000. These figures do not provide for other non-conservation works such as painting and upgrading of building or money spent on transport/accommodation/food/miscellaneous materials etc. which contributed to the local economy.
- The projects provided 882 days of employment.
- Works included community projects such as the repair of stained glass windows in St Bridget's Church in Kilrossanty, repointing works at Lismore Cathedral and rerendering of the walls of Holy Cross Church, Killea. Other projects included the repair of several thatch roofs around the county, and repairs of windows and roofs of private dwellings. These works benefit the owners and their buildings but also contribute to upgrading the streetscape.

## Planning

### **Structure at Risk Scheme**

The scheme is completed for 2016. In summary:

- Two projects received €29,000 in funding: Lady Lane and Curraghmore House. Almost €100,000 was spent.
- The number of days employment provided was 245 days at Curraghmore plus employment under the CE scheme for the Lady Lane project.

The Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) and the Structures at Risk Fund (SRF) will once again be in operation in 2017. Council and the public will be informed with the funding is announced by the Department.

## **Bóithre agus Iompar**

# **Roads and Transportation**

### **Road Works Programme:**

The pavement improvement works on the Road Works Programme for the Metropolitan District for 2016 are now completed.

### **Coastal Repair Works:**

The material dredged from Passage East Harbour in January 2016 has been stored in the WCCC Roads Depot at Carriglea. The EPA initiated legal proceedings against WCCC in June 2016 and a hearing has been set for January 2017.

### **National Primary Routes**

#### **Hd28 –skid resistance improvement**

Work at the ringcrew roundabout was started and is 70% completed. The final surface has been delayed due to weather conditions and has been scheduled to commence 6th December.

#### **Gortavicery overlay**

Funding has been allocated by TII for this project. Work is programmed to start on site 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017 and completed around Easter 2017.

### **2017 Schemes**

The TII have approved WCCC to proceed with the design of two new overlay schemes N72 Tallowbridge, and N25 Ballybrusca (west of grange continuing where the surfacing finished this year).

### **Invasive species eradication programme**

All areas of Japanese Knotweed on the national roads were identified and sprayed. Signs were installed on the areas sprayed under the TII contract. This is part of a 4 year eradication programme planned by TII.



## **Bóithre agus Iompar**

# **Roads and Transportation**

### **Tallow Link Road**

Due to funding constraints this project is currently on hold.

### **Regional road bridges**

Work is now completed on the following bridges:

Lemybrien bridge, Portlaw, Cork road, Paddy Brownes road and Pouldrew bridge. The Monvoy bridge, Ballyvooney cove, wall at Killotteran bridge and surfacing at Caherbrack are to be completed by the end of the year.

### **Speed limit review**

Workshops were held for each of the Districts during November and the Draft Bye Laws will be prepared for consultation and approval. The review is expected to be completed by April 2017.

### **Waterford City Centre Works**

The Viking Triangle works (on High Street and Henrietta Street) being carried out by Niall Barry Construction have now achieved 'Substantial Completion'. There are still some minor elements of the works remaining to be completed but the vast majority of the streetscapes have been handed back for public use.

The works in the Applemarket / John Street area of the city centre are being progressed by Murphy International Limited, with the majority of the underground works in the Applemarket expected to be complete by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December. The following week will be used by to minimise the appearance of construction activities and hand back most of the area for public use over the Christmas period. This was discussed with the traders in the area at a meeting on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November.

## **Bóithre agus Iompar**

# **Roads and Transportation**

### **Smarter Travel Progress Report December 2016**

#### **Waterford Greenway**

Work is progressing well on the Greenway and is on target for the March 2017 opening date. The following works are ongoing:-

- Development of the Greenway access route from the WIT Sports Campus car park through the deciduous woodland is constructed to capping level as far as the N25 dual carriageway bridge linking WIT Carriganore grounds to the river side of the N25 and the Greenway.
- Bridge Extension Structures from Kilmeaden to Bilberry:  
The structural steel framework superstructures for all bridge extensions and platform extension at Kilmeaden Station are all now in place, the only outstanding steelwork to be installed are the boardwalk sections on both approaches to Bridge No. 114.
- Accommodation works servicing farm holdings from the N25 underpass at Kildermody to Kilmeaden Station is ongoing and 70% complete. Three underpasses have been installed and one Greenway underpass precast units are also installed to accommodate an equestrian overbridge for landowners. The fill embankment on both approaches is to be constructed. The road equestrian overbridge structure at Cullenagh is 98% complete. The approaches to the bridge are 80% complete.

#### **Grattan Square**

- Majority of contract works now complete with the exception of some minor items including the completion of limestone benches, tree replanting, snagging and cleaning works.
- Limestone benches to be complete by 30<sup>th</sup> November.
- Snagging works (requiring traffic management) to be complete by 30<sup>th</sup> November.
- Cleaning and replanting of trees to be done after Christmas to ensure the impact of works during December is kept to a minimum (likely to be January 2017).
- Line marking on all approaches to Grattan Square is now complete, 15 new planters have been ordered which will provide further delineation within Grattan Square, and these will be in place before Christmas. The cleaning and sealing of the paving will greatly enhance the paving colours and further define the area.
- Reflective studs have been ordered for the mini roundabout at the end of Mary Street. These will be installed before the end of November.
- Information signs and new 30km/h speed limit signs are to be installed on all approaches.

## **Bóithre agus Iompar**

# **Roads and Transportation**

### **Ballinroad**

The construction of the wall at the corner opposite the church has commenced.

### **Emmett Street**

Works are substantially completed and ongoing.

### **Kilminnin**

This is the narrow section of the Greenway adjacent to the Ballinacourty road. Works are currently underway.

# Seirbhísi Éigeandála

## 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 November. Special services include road traffic accidents, road hazards, chemical incidents, flooding and non fire rescues.

Area	Fires	Special Service	False Alarm
Metropolitan	49	16	16
Comeragh	4	2	0
Dungarvan/Lismore	16	6	2
<b>Total for November</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Total 2016</b>	<b>649</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>127</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	November
Fire Safety Certificates	83	6
Planning Referrals	477	37

### Building Control:

New functions associated with the Building Control Regulations, introduced on 1st 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	November 2016
Commencement Notices	310	28
Completion Certificates	128	15
Disability Access Certificates	61	5

# Seirbhísi Éigeandála

## Emergency Services

### Civil Defence:

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

Activity	Date	Service Provided
New Emergency First Responders Class started. (City)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	18 Members
Waterford Senior Football Championship Final GAA Match, Fraher Field, Dungarvan	06 <sup>th</sup> Nov	1 Ambulance and Response Vehicle
Attendance at the unveiling of a Blue Plaque to remember the Collins Brothers in Phillips St. (City)	12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	8 Members
National Radiation Monitoring Exercise to collect background samples and test communications	13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	2 Response Vehicles
Annual Mass Parade to the Friary Church for a Mass of remembrance. (City)	13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	26 Members
National Radiation Monitoring Exercise. (City)	13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	4 Members
Dungarvan Aglow Xmas Festival, The square Dungarvan	20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	1 Ambulance and Response Vehicle
Winterval (City)	Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> , Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> & Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	Minibus, Ambulance and 8 Crew
Emergency Medical Technician training in Roscrea (City)	26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	6 Members
Boulta Point to Point Horse Racing, Tallow	27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	First Aid Support, 2 Ambulance & 4 support Vehicles
Annual Naval Ass Mass Holy Family Church (City)	27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	15 Members

## Housing

### Housing Applications

Housing applications	Applications during Nov 2015	Applications during Nov 2016	Cumulative Number of Applications 2016
Applications received	84	77	904
Applications validated	98	82	663
Applications approved	49	87	606

### Housing Allocations

District	Tenancies during Nov 2015	New Tenancies during Nov 2016	Refusal No. of New Tenancy offer	Cumulative No. of New Tenancies 2016
Comeragh Municipal	0	0	0	14
Dungarvan/Lismore Municipal	1	4	6	30
Metropolitan	13	12	3	112
Voluntary Bodies	0	4	0	85
<b>Totals</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>241</b>

### Choice Based Letting Scheme

The CBL has been running since 16th September and to date we have advertised 16 properties and received 686 Expressions of Interest.

14 of the 16 properties have been decided on and 4 offers have issued with 2 refusals to date.

### Housing Assistance Payment

Housing Assistance Payment	Nov 2015 HAP tenancies	Nov 2016 HAP tenancies set up	2016 Cumulative No. of HAP Tenancies set up	Cumulative No. of HAP Tenancies to date
HAP Tenancies	25	74	482	940

## Housing

### Inspection of private rented dwellings

832 inspections of private rented dwellings have been carried out to date in 2016

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

Grant Scheme Amount	Value of applications approved to Nov 2016	Number of applications to Nov 2016	Cumulative value of applications approved	Cumulative number of applications
Housing Adaptation for People with a Disability. Max. €30,000	€55,601.55	3	€332,702.83	27
Mobility Aids Scheme Maximum €6,000	€84,098.99	16	€431,122.44	86
Housing Aid for Older People Maximum €8,000	€68,294.68	12	€332,107.41	58
<b>Total</b>	<b>€207,995.22</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>€1,095,932.71</b>	<b>171</b>

### Homeless services

Cases presented seeking Homeless services	2016	2015
November Cases presented to the 25th	49	46
<b>Cumulative number of cases presented</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>471</b>

Individual/Family Breakdown in Homeless Accommodation	Nov 2016	Nov 2015
Individuals	102	115
Individuals with dependent children	16	8
Families with no dependent children	0	3
Families with dependent children	5	4

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

In total, 6 adults and 7 children composed of 4 single parent families with 7 children and 2 individuals.

## Housing

### Capital Projects

#### Current Construction Projects

- Old Cinema Site Dungarvan 15 Units – Completion December 2016.

#### Housing New-Build Projects

New Build Approved Schemes	Current Position	Comment
Ardmore Park / Priory Lawn (8)	Currently finalizing tender drawings/documents for the project.	Expected to commence the tender process in February 2017. The tender process will take 10 to 12 weeks from date of tender notice to a point whereby we are in a position to award the contract to a contractor and commence works on site.
Larchville (5)	Currently finalizing tender drawings/documents for the project.	Expected to commence the tender process by end of January 2017. The tender process will take 10 to 12 weeks from date of tender notice to a point whereby we are in a position to award the contract to a contractor and commence works on site.
Tallow Almshouse (4)	Full Design Team has been appointed.	Expected to commence the tender process by the end of January 2017. The tender process will take 10 to 12 weeks from date of tender notice to a point whereby we are in a position to award the contract to a contractor and commence works on site.
Cappoquin (4)	Contractor has been appointed.	The scheme/project will commence on site in late December 2016.
Tramore - Patrick St (2)	Contract has been awarded.	It is intended to commence the scheme in late December 2016.
Portlaw Coolfin (12)	The preferred Design team has been identified by WCCC.	An application for the approval of the preferred design team is currently with the Department and is expected to be received December 2016.



## Housing

Dungarvan Ballinroad (20)	WCCC are currently reviewing tenders received from Design Teams and this review will be complete by early December 2016.	Following this an application for the approval of the preferred design team will be forwarded to the Department and we hope to receive the necessary approval by end of December 2016.
Tramore An Garran (32)	Currently with the National Office of Government Procurement for the appointment of a full design team.	We expect to have a design team in place by the end of January 2017.
Doyle Street (4)	A full integrated design team is to be procured through the OGP Framework.	We expect to have a design team in place by February 2017.

### **Retrofitting Insulation works**

Tender drawings/documents have been completed for a number of projects around the city & county but most of the focus for these works, which are 100% funded by the Department, will be in the City as a considerable amount of properties around the county have already had energy upgrade works carried out to. Works are expected to commence on this projects early in the new year.

### **SEAI Schemes**

The following contracts have been awarded and works have commenced on site. In the case of the St. Vincent de Paul Units in Tramore works are well advanced.

- Summerhill Close, Waterford City
- Presentation Row, Waterford City
- Caseyville, Dungarvan
- Keating Street, Dungarvan
- Inner town area of Portlaw
- St Vincent De Paul Houses in Tramore

### **Housing Maintenance**

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

Works complete	19 units
Works commenced/underway	25 units
Surveyed/at tender stage	18 units
Newly vacant	19 units
In Regeneration programme	15 units
Total voids	96 units

#### **Response maintenance**

In November 2016, there were a total of 871 recorded requests. 610 have been resolved and 261 are pending.

# Seirbhísí Pobail

## Community Services

### **Social Inclusion:**

SICAP end of year review currently being carried out. 2017 planning process being finalised. Will be considered at forthcoming LCDC meeting.

Waterford Traveller Inter-agency Group: Work progressing on collaborative Action Plan for TIG.

### **Comhairle na nÓg:**

Comhairle members gave presentation to Council on 10th November.

### **Waterford Community & Voluntary awards:**

Well attended event, organised by Waterford PPN, held in Dungarvan on 24th November.

Mayor of Waterford City & County Council award: Portlaw Task Force

The winners of the individual categories were:

Arts, Culture & Heritage - Ardmore Pattern Festival

Children & Youth - Klub Muzik

Community & Neighbourhood Services - Waterford City River Rescue

Healthy & Active Community - 19th/29th Ballygunner Scout Group

Pride of Place - Portlaw Task Force

Social Inclusion - Samaritans Waterford and South East Branch.

### **Pride of Place:**

Awards held in Belfast on 26th November.

Integration and Support Unit (ISU) Edmund Rice Centre, Mount Sion, Waterford won the "Communities Reaching Out" category.

Waterford Youth Arts were runners-up in their category

### **Greenway:**

Community input through two groups, one dealing with standards of management and maintenance and community involvement and the other group working with the Council in areas such as heritage, information, interpretation and promotion.

### **JPC:**

Next meeting to be held on 5th December. Currently developing Six Year Strategic Plan.

### **PPN**

There are now 530 groups registered. Municipal meetings held on 10th November, Kilmacthomas and 17th November in Waterford City.

## Seirbhísí Pobail

### Community Services

#### **Waterford Age Friendly Programme:**

Consultation days re Strategy held in Dungarvan, Kilmacthomas and Waterford City in November. Draft Strategy currently being finalised.

#### **Waterford Rural Development Programme:**

Waterford Leader Partnership, in conjunction with Waterford LCDC and Waterford City & County Council, held a number of workshops on targeted calls in November.

#### **Community Festival Grants:**

Applications received and recommendations to Council prepared for December meeting.

## Arts & Culture

### Libraries

Statistics not available at time of print – November & December available in January report.

#### **In November 252 events and activities and activities took place in Libraries, highlights included:**

- Exhibition by Rachel Ryan Index Gallery, Central Library.
- Exhibition by local School children on Ireland's Ancient East-Cappoquin Library.
- Art Storm workshops were attended by 49 children were held in Ardkeen, Lismore, Tramore and Dungarvan Libraries.
- Gymboree music event for children attended by 145 Children in Browns Road, Ardkeen, Portlaw, Tramore and Central Libraries.
- Waste and Recycling Awareness workshop Lismore Library.
- Delia Murphy Commemoration in story and Song attended by an audience of 19 in Lismore Library.
- Halloween art workshops for children Dungarvan Library.
- Cappoquin, Portlaw, Dungarvan, Central Libraries hosted 41 class visits with 684 children.
- New Beginnings Self Development Group started in Cappoquin Library
- Crafts and Art exhibition- Cappoquin Library 26<sup>th</sup> November
- Science Week- Events in Tramore and Central Libraries
- The Artists Way for Retirement Course Dungarvan Library
- Talk on Autism Awareness – Kilmacthomas Library.
- Winterval Workshops for school classes Central Library

#### **Events coming up in December include:**

- The Artists Way for Retirement Course continues Dungarvan Library
- Winterval Workshops continue Central Library
- Winterval stand by EDIC 8<sup>th</sup> December
- Christmas Recycling Workshop with Ella Ryan Environment Office central Library
- Crafts and Art exhibition Cappoquin Library 3<sup>rd</sup> December
- Christmas Celebrations take place in branches in the following dates in December : Lismore 1<sup>st</sup>, Dunmore East 3<sup>rd</sup>, Portlaw 9<sup>th</sup>. Kilmacthomas 9<sup>th</sup>, Ardkeen 14<sup>th</sup>, Browns Road 16<sup>th</sup>, Tramore 19<sup>th</sup>, Dungarvan 20<sup>th</sup>, Cappoquin 20<sup>th</sup>, Tallow 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Christmas Coloring Competition Kilmacthomas Library all month
- Children's writing workshop Ardkeen
- Bookclub Social with special guest author Peter Cunningham, Tramore Library
- Big Knit social evening for all knitting groups in the County, Tramore Library
- Christmas Tree Decoration workshops Dungarvan
- Children's Christmas Party, Christmas story time and party for children Dungarvan

#### **Library Development:**

- Open Libraries: infrastructure works substantially advanced and RFID tagging of stock completed
- Historical editions of The Dungarvan Observer 1926-1935 have been added to the library section of the Council website.

## Environmental Services

### Environmental Enforcement

#### Enforcement under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 (as amended)

1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 – 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016

#### Enforcement under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 (as amended)

Legal Action Initiated	0
On the Spot Litter Fines Issued	156
On the Spot Litter Fines Paid	90
No of Notices Issued 9.16,17,20	0

#### Enforcement under the Waste Management Acts 1996 (as amended)

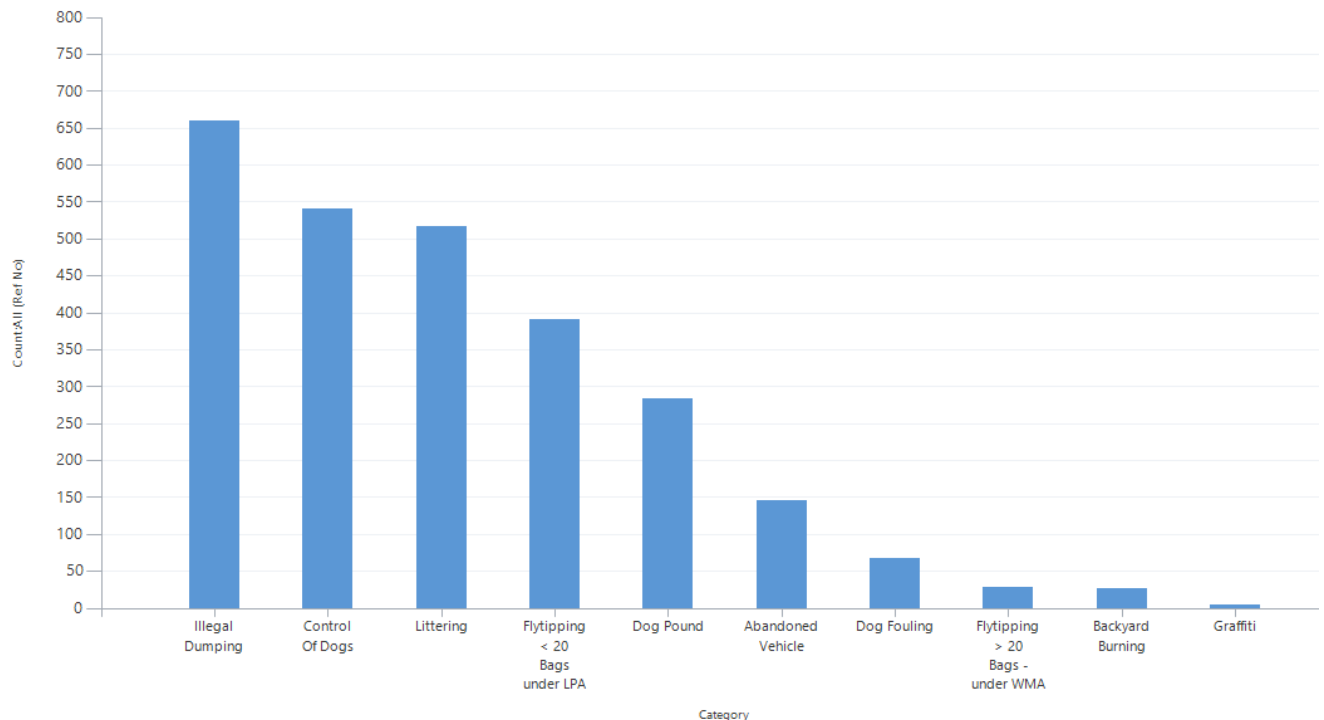
No of Complaints	2138
Legal Actions	0
Section 18's Statutory Notices Served (asking for info on Waste Issues)	51
Section 55's Statutory Notices Served (asking for Waste to be removed in a 2 week period)	95
Section 71's (Abandoned Vehicle Notices)	32
Warning Letters Sent	51
Section 14 Directions	4

### Environmental Complaints

The following graph shows the category and indicates the number of complaints received by the Environment Dept to date in 2016. 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.

# Seirbhísí Comhshaoil

## Environmental Services



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.

### Presentation / Parks & Open Spaces

#### **Waterford City:**

The mild weather and good ground conditions experienced in November has enabled our staff to carry out a significant amount of maintenance work. Grass growth has continued throughout November and only within the last two weeks has our grass cutting regime been scaled back to our winter programme. In the lead in to the Festive season our staff have been involved in the sourcing and standing of Christmas trees in John Roberts Square and Ballybricken. In conjunction with this our staff have been introducing winter colour in the form of winter bedding; schemes have been planted at the RSC roundabout, Ballybricken green; planters throughout the central divide at Sallypark and Ferrybank; some ornamental Kale at the Folly and winter cyclamen at Thomas Francis Meagher. The clement weather has also provided us with favourable conditions to complete minor landscape works, most notably planting alongside the Maxol petrol station on the Dunmore Road and an extensive clean up to the section of the Tramore Walkway from the Inner Ring Road to the bridge at Cherrymount.

# Seirbhísí Comhshaoil

## Environmental Services

### **Tramore:**

Our staff in Tramore have taken advantage of the dry weather to keep the continued grass growth in check, alongside this preparation of winter bedding has been a core element of our work activity where planters throughout the centre of town and the 'Welcome Signs' have been planted with Viola and Polyanthus, these will continue to provide flower on into the spring. Preparation has been made for the planting of two new flower beds across from the GAA field, these will be planted with modern disease resistant Roses, planting at this time shall ensure they will be in a position to provide flower and colour throughout next summer on into the autumn.

### **Dungarvan:**

The mild weather has seen continued grass growth and with the dry ground conditions our staff have taken the opportunity to maintain a regular cutting regime and only within the last two weeks has this grass cutting regime reigned back to our winter programme. Again our staff have been involved in the sourcing and standing of the Christmas tree in Grattan Square; the now iconic Snowman and other items throughout Walton Park. Alongside this our staff have undertaken winter bedding schemes throughout Walton Park together with planters throughout the town centre and Civic Offices and more recently at the Park Hotel roundabout. Daffodil & Tulip bulb planting has been completed in Walton Park.

## **Environmental Education & Awareness**

### **Greenway – Leave No Trace**

Schools that are located along the Greenway are being contacted in relation to taking part in Leave No Trace litter workshops that have been funded under the Litter Grant. The Leave No Trace schools programme is curriculum linked and intended to promote sustainable use of the outdoors. It is based on the seven principles of Leave No Trace, which encourage respect for our environment and include disposing of waste properly.

### **Reuse Workshop**

A Christmas reuse workshop is being organised for children at Central Library during December with the pieces on display for the Christmas open day run at this library

### **Tidy Towns:**

A workshop to help community groups and Tidy Towns groups to increase volunteers was held in Dungarvan on 22<sup>nd</sup> November and was attended by 18 people.

Tidy Towns groups will have an opportunity to meet with adjudicators to discuss plans on an individual basis on 28<sup>th</sup> November in Waterford. This event has been fully booked up by Tidy Towns groups from around the county.

## Environmental Services

### **Food Waste Prevention**

A joint application with Wexford County Council was submitted for a food waste prevention initiative for a Local Authority Prevention Network (LAPN) grant. Over €10,000 was granted to Waterford City and County Council for this food waste prevention project, consisting of workshops culminating in a food waste prevention cookery demonstration by Catherine Fulvio in Brandon House Hotel on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November. This cookery demonstration was a free ticketed event to accommodate 300 people. 25 people from Stradbally and Ardmore participated in the food waste prevention workshops in Co Waterford over a three week period.

### **Veterinary Services and Food Safety**

Regular food safety surveillance inspections and meat inspection, slaughter and animal welfare audits, traceability and labelling audits are ongoing in the nine approved meat premises (3 slaughterhouses & 6 meat processing premises) and five registered meat premises/vehicles under supervision in accordance with the service contract with the Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI). Sampling activity during November 2016 comprised water sampling (biochemical analysis), permitted food additive sampling (i.e. Sulphites, Nitrates/nitrites) and product and environmental microbiological sampling of ready to eat meat products.

### **Training :**

The wholetime veterinary inspector attended a workshop on Shelf Life Studies organised by the Food Safety Authority (FSAI) on 10/11/16 . The workshop took place in the Dept of Agriculture, Food & Marine building in Backweston Laboratory Campus, Celbridge, Co. Kildare. There was a large attendance across all the agencies involved in food safety inspection i.e. Dept of Agriculture, local authorities, HSE, Sea Fisheries Protection Agency as well as representatives from the food industry itself.

### **Meetings:**

The wholetime veterinary inspector will represent Waterford City & County Council at a regional cluster meeting on 30/11/16 in Roscommon of the Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI) and the local authority veterinary service (LAVS).

### **Dog Control:**

The annual regional Dog Warden Training/Networking seminar took place in Tipperary County Council offices, Nenagh on 15/11/16. Waterford City & County Council were represented by Keith Murphy, Dog Warden, Frances Connolly, Vet Inspector and Siobhan McCarthy, Staff Officer – Environment Section.



# Environmental Services

### **Appointment of Dog Warden:**

Advertisements were placed in the local press recently to fill the post of Dog Warden. The successful applicant will be based in the Civic Offices, Dungarvan and will have responsibility for dog control in the west of the county.

### **Dog Breeding Establishments:**

Renewal inspections of establishments registered under the Dog Breeding Establishments Act 2010 are ongoing.

### **Website**

Environmental 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)

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## Finance

Summary of Main Collections ytd to 31-10-2016								
	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]
	Accrued ytd to Oct 2016	Write Off	Waivers	Total for Collection [1-2-3]	Collected ytd to Oct	% Collected ytd re 2016 Accrual	Net Bal 1-1-16	Net Bal 31-10-2016 [4-5+7]
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	
<b>Rates</b>	32,903,675	- 2,567,489	- 1,615	30,334,571	25,274,891	83%	5,451,908	10,511,588
<b>Loans</b>	2,563,563			2,563,563	2,410,674	94%	977,040	1,129,929
<b>Rents</b>	10,057,898			10,057,898	9,759,029	97%	2,293,176	2,592,045
<b>Aged Analysis of Net Balances</b>								
		Less than 1 mth	2 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	greater than 12 mths	Net Balance		
<b>Rates</b>		0	5,475,178	3,581,389	1,455,022	10,511,588		
		0 to 3 mths	4 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	Greater than 12 mths			
<b>Loans</b>		111,574	107,972	177,232	733,151	1,129,929		
		Less than 4 weeks	4-6 weeks	7-12 weeks	Greater than 12 wks			
<b>Rents</b>		209,901	138,217	178,187	2,065,740	2,592,045		
<b>Overdraft Levels</b>	Days in Overdraft in Oct - 31 days			Cost- €10,580	Average - €6.6m			

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## Finance

Waterford City and County Council - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division							
Y.T.D. To October 31, 2016							
EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	
A Housing & Building	19,442,235	22,442,073	87%	19,712,057	23,120,415	85%	
B Road Transport & Safety	29,947,254	28,568,589	105%	21,618,228	18,698,041	116%	
C Water Services	9,265,047	10,778,764	86%	8,667,306	10,128,362	86%	
D Development Management	9,025,825	12,006,479	75%	3,188,828	4,861,389	66%	
E Environmental Services	14,715,237	17,492,221	84%	1,856,488	2,180,127	85%	
F Recreation & Amenity	9,917,457	12,132,499	82%	1,752,405	2,312,364	76%	
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	2,537,901	1,669,424	152%	1,931,687	914,688	211%	
H Miscellaneous Services	13,023,240	13,340,383	98%	6,017,741	4,507,432	134%	
LG Local Property Tax	0	0	0%	14,280,012	17,136,015	83%	
PL Pension Related Deduction	0	0	0%	1,795,220	1,981,582	91%	
RA Rates	0	0	0%	27,158,347	32,590,017	83%	
	<b>107,874,196</b>	<b>118,430,432</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>107,978,319</b>	<b>118,430,432</b>	<b>91%</b>	
Surplus/Deficit				104,123	0		