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TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DUNGARVAN/LISMORE

Economic Development Report May 2023

1. Rural Economic Development: Towns & Villages **Town & Village Renewal Scheme**

Waterford City & County Council recently sought Expressions of Interest for the 2023 Town & Village Renewal Scheme, closing date for submissions was Friday, 5th May 2023. The Scheme was advertised in the local Waterford Newspapers, WLR, PPN Newsletter and the Council's social media accounts. The Town & Village Renewal Scheme focuses on projects that enhance and develop rural towns and villages socially, economically, and culturally.

There was great interest from the public and the Rural Development Team will now assess the Expressions received in accordance with the Departments criteria.



2. Trails

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2023.

- A May call for funding is anticipated for ORIS 2023. Will be engaging with stakeholders in this regard.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2022.

The following ORIS 2022 projects in progress currently:

- Mocollop Walks, Ballyduff – Installation of new Trail signage in collaboration with Coillte and local community: Measure 1. Currently in progress.
- St. Declan's Way – continued trail development in collaboration with St. Declan's Way Steering Committee. This will include re-print of brochure and repair of riverbank section of walk approaching River Licky footbridge: Measure 1. Currently in progress.
- Munster Vales – Installation of information kiosks and digital marketing campaign for the Munster Vales region in collaboration with Munster Vales. Measure 1. Currently in progress.
- Cappoquin Railway Loop Walk – Commencement of development of phase 1 pending planning permission: Measure 3.
- Villierstown Access to River Blackwater – Feasibility study and design of enhanced amenities and access to the water for recreation at Villierstown Quay and environs: Project Development Measure.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2021:

- Revised 'Walk Waterford – From Sea to Mountains' booklet and trail mapping to include recently developed trails has been developed. New resources will be distributed to stakeholders May.
- Installation of 18 footfall counters at key trail locations across Co. Waterford. Substantially complete.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2020:

Progress: Measure 3 project:

- Ballinacourty Greenway Spur:
 - Notification on commencement of Part VIII – agenda item for May meeting of Dungarvan Lismore MD.
 - Public Information ‘drop in event’ scheduled to take place in St. Laurence’s Hall, Ballinroad on Tuesday 9th May between 5 and 8 p.m.

Waterford Greenway

- Ongoing development projects are currently being planned and/or implemented on Waterford Greenway with both WCCC funding sources and funding support from TII including.

Dungarvan – Mallow Greenway Feasibility Study

- Project Liaison Officer (PLO) currently directly engaging with land and property owners who may be impacted by the Emerging Preferred Route.
- Project team will be organising further stakeholder and public engagement following this phase of direct landowner engagement during 2023.

Waterford Trails

- Continuing to engage with Sport Ireland Outdoors and local trail development groups around Waterford with regard to ongoing monitoring, maintenance, development and promotion of Waterford’s existing recreational trail network. www.visitwaterfordtrails.com

3. Tourism

Water Activity Centre:

As reported previously, Failte Ireland awarded grant assistance of €1.7m for the design, construction and fit out of two **Water Activity Centres**, one to be located in Ardmore. Preliminary design is ongoing for the centre.

Progress is as follows:

- The issues regarding materials i.e. use of Corten Steel remains outstanding, Failte Ireland have yet to formally respond/revert.
- Liaison with the property/landowner adjacent to site remains unresolved.
- It is hoped to be able to brief the Dungarvan/Lismore council by the end of Q2 2023.

4. Dungarvan Town Centre

The next meeting of the Dungarvan TCMG is scheduled for May 2023.