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

Dungarvan/Lismore Municipal District

April, 2021

Economic Development Report

1. Local Enterprise Office

Indicator	At end of Feb 2020	At end of Feb 2021
No. of clients applying for Measure 1 support	3	6
No. of clients securing Measure 1 support	2	6
Value of Measure 1 support approved	€40,200	€137,308
No. of clients receiving Measure 2 support	235	375
Value of Measure 2 support given	€54,395	€81,907

2. Rural Economic Development

WCCC Rural Team reviewing the recent government publication of '**Our Rural Future - Rural Development Policy 2021-2025**' and potential opportunities for Waterford communities. Policy can be accessed at <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/4c236-our-rural-future-vision-and-policy-context/>

Town & Village Renewal Scheme

Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2021 – Public notices seeking Expressions of Interest for 2021 Scheme were advertised week beginning 15th March 2021. ***Closing date for submissions 23rd April 2021.***

Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2020 - €353,210 for 5 Waterford Projects of which 4 are within Dungarvan/Lismore Area:

1. Aglish - Pedestrian safety measures, upgrade works to community hall; installation of finger posts and tourism and heritage signage. Project file being reviewed for necessary technical requirements.
2. Dungarvan - Development of a Strategic Framework - ***Closing date for tenders was 12th February 2021, at standstill phase currently. Mid April when successful tenderer to be appointed.***
3. Knockanore Remote Hub - The installation of IT infrastructure within the community hall to create a remote hub; the installation of a bus shelter; and the installation of tourism information signage. ***Tender for IT equipment to close on 7th April.*** Project file being reviewed for technical requirements for bus stop and assessment of content for proposed signage.
4. Clashmore - Upgrade of community building facilities (The Heritage Centre and the Old School House) in Clashmore and installation of tourism signage and marquee. Grant approved €85,446. Project file being reviewed for technical requirements.

Town & Village Renewal Scheme – Accelerated Measures 2020

Dungarvan – contractor appointed to manufacture and deliver awnings for Grattan Square

3. Waterford Trails

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2020:

WCCC allocated €688,204 by DRCD in funding for 7 ORIS projects countywide. The following are the details of the Dungarvan/Lismore MD projects:

Measure 3:

€370,134.00 in funding to upgrade the existing walk way/cycle way between Clonea Road and Ballinacourty to Greenway standard. To provide shared walking and cycling links to Ballinclamper and Ballinacourty car parks at Clonea Strand. Amenity infrastructure to be provided. Subject to planning approval. Works to be completed by 31st Aug 2022.

Measure 2:

€47,270 in funding towards works at Owenashad River, Lismore where significant erosion has occurred to river walkway at Ballyrafter. Works to be completed by 31st Aug 2022.

Measure 1:

The Towers Walk, Lismore-Essential maintenance and upgrade works. €20,000 allocated. Works to be completed by 30th October 2021.

Further extension of Abbeyside Coastal Pathway in area adjacent to Abbeyside FC and Landsend. €20,000 allocated. Works to be completed by 30th October 2021.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2019:

Work substantially progressed under all ORIS 2019 projects. Remaining Measure 1 projects to be completed by 31st May 2021 (following extension granted by DRCD due to Covid restriction related delays). Measure 2 projects due for completion 31st August 2021:

Measure 1: Round Hill Walk, Lismore; EuroVelo Cycle Route and Waterford Cycling Trails signage upgrade works; Walk Waterford Promotion including new brochure, mapping, videography and photography.

Measure 2: St. Declan's Way Works; Abbeyside Coastal Walk; Camper van parking area; Greenway play areas.

St. Declan's Way (SDW): The SDW committee has formally applied to have the pilgrim route registered with Sport Ireland Outdoors (formerly the National Trails Office) with a planned official opening and launch in the first half of 2021, Covid dependent.

Promotional materials including trail brochures, videos, photography and mapping funded under ORIS 2019, currently being finalised. It is hoped that Covid restrictions in place at the time will allow the promotion of this new material which will highlight some well known Waterford trails along with those that are somewhat 'off the beaten track'.

4. Tourism

Fáilte Ireland's '**Outdoor Dining Enhancement Scheme**' for tourism and hospitality businesses was launched on the 31st March. Waterford City & County Council will be accepting applications from April 12th.

This scheme will be open to attractions, hotels, restaurants, cafes, public houses and other establishments where food is sold for consumption on the premises.

Applicants can apply for a grant of up to €4,000 for up to 75% of the ex VAT cost of equipment purchased. Eligible expenditure will include: outdoor tables, chairs, umbrellas, electric heaters, screens, wind breakers, plant stands and wooden platforms.

Expenditure must have been incurred between 1st April 2020 and 30th September 2021. Applicants can claim for expenditure from April 2020. If they received funding under the Council scheme last year this will be taken into account. Also businesses

not needing a 254 licence are eligible as they may have incurred cost on their own courtyard etc to create outdoor dining areas.

The provider of the hospitality offering must hold a section 254 licence in accordance with section 254 of Planning and Development Act 2000 if structures are on public places.

No fees will be applied by the Council for Section 254 licences in 2021.

Full details of the Fáilte Ireland's 'Outdoor Dining Enhancement Scheme' along with the application process will be available on Waterford City and County Council website from April 12th.

5. Dungarvan Town Centre Management

Shop Front Improvement Scheme/ Scéim Éadan Siopaí 2021

A Shop Front Improvement Scheme is available in Dungarvan town centre with a total budget of €20,000. The scheme was launched in mid March and full details are available at <https://waterfordcouncilnews.com/2021/03/09/shop-front-improvement-scheme-2021/>

Reminder that the closing date for applications is Friday **30th April**.