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TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF WATERFORD**

Economic Development Report June 2023

1. North Quays

BAM's site offices for the main construction contract are established on Frank Cassin Wharf. Construction works will commence on Fountain Street and Dock Road in the coming weeks with BAM engaging with local stakeholders and working to agree Traffic Management proposals.

Sustainable Transport Bridge In river cofferdam works for bridge piers planned to commence towards end of June/Early July 2023.

David Walsh Civil Engineering Ltd contractor is progressing well on the Relocation of the Ferrybank Pump Station & Enabling Works contracts. 50% of the Ferrybank Pump Station contract is deemed to be complete. Ferrybank pump station enabling works considered to be 20% complete with piling now completed for Greenway underpass bridge S23..

- **City Centre Regeneration URDF Projects**

Following approval of the Preliminary Business Case under the Public Spending Code, decision gate 1, WCCC are commencing in accordance with gateway 2 the development of Detailed Project Briefs, Procurement Strategies and Tender Documentation on a sub-projects basis.

Barker Place, O'Connell Street (Project L), works progressing well to fit out the ground floor as a community and cultural hub but has experienced delay in supply of materials. Works are due to be completed in June 2023.

Munster express (Project F), the planning process for the development of a SMART City Experimental Facility / Gov Labs is due to commence shortly.

Housing, public realm and commercial development on **Parade Quay** (Project Q) – Archaeological and historic fabric assessments have been reported on and are currently being reviewed. Any significant finding will be incorporated into the planning proposals.

3 & 4 Georges Street - Tenders have been assessed to engage the services of an Architect-led design team to project manage and oversee the refurbishment and repurposing of 3 & 4 Georges Street (Project C) for commercial use. Consultants are due to be appointment shortly.

2. Town & Village Renewal Scheme

- Town Village Renewal Scheme 2022 – Project Development Measure
- Feasibility Study of Passage East Harbour
- Specification of Tender finalised and to be published shortly.
- Tender for Architectural services for a feasibility study for Tramore Area Community Theatre has been advertised.



Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2023:

- A call for funding under Measure 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the ORIS 2023 scheme was issued on 1st June by DRCD.
- WCCC have issued a call for expressions of interest from community groups for eligible projects. All cllrs and stakeholders were notified of call on 9th June. Closing date 5 p.m. 7th July 2023. Details available at: <https://wp.me/p7mV1y-39C>

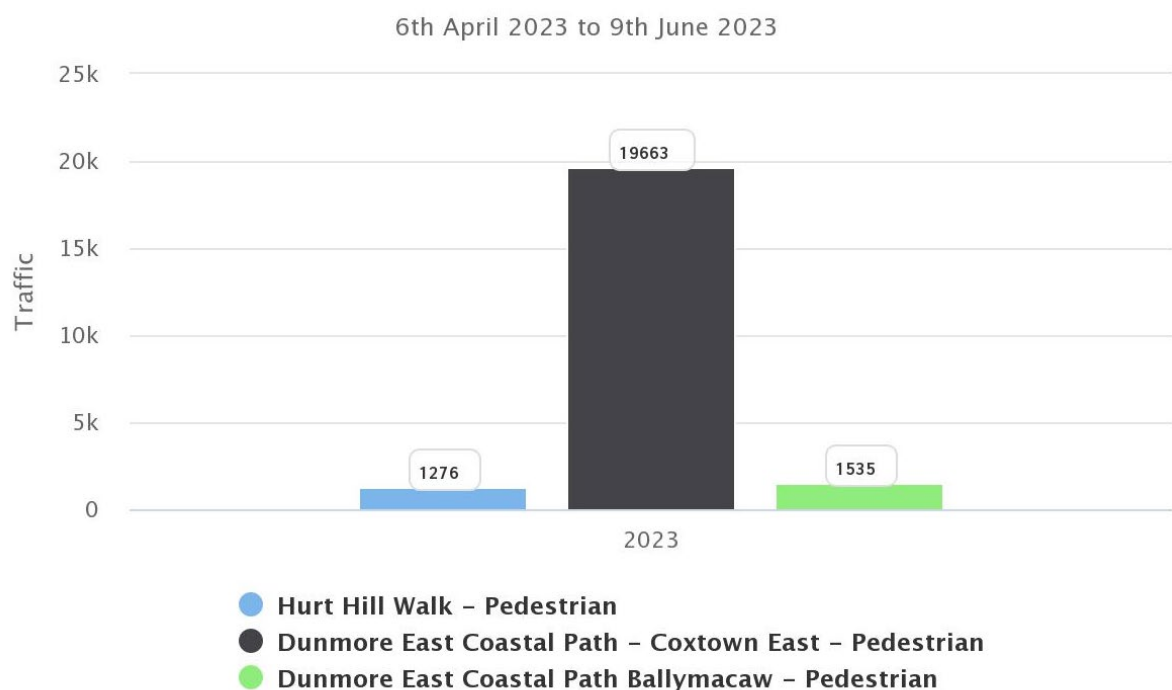
Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2022:

The following ORIS 2022 projects due to commence during 2023:

- Enhancement of Open water swim amenities in Dunmore East to include handrail at slipway, ladder to access water, outdoor clothes hooks, knee high tap and signage - Measure 1. Project ongoing.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2021:

- Developing a revised 'Walk Waterford – From Sea to Mountains' booklet and trail mapping to include recently developed trails. Printed booklet has been delivered and will be delivered to stakeholders as soon as possible.
- Installation of 18 footfall counters at key trail locations across Co. Waterford. Project complete. Just a sample of figures from 3 counters in Metropolitan area below 6th April (installation date) to 8th June:



Highcharts.com

Waterford Greenway

- A number of projects are currently being planned and/or implemented on Waterford Greenway with both WCCC funding sources and funding support from TII. Improvement works at Killoteran to facilitate WSVR siding complete.

Waterford Trails

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

3. Tramore

Since last month's meeting, the following items are now complete:

- O/H electric cables and poles at Gallwey's Hill have been removed
- The link between Quishes Supervalu and new car park off market street is now open
- New 'Tenant' has been selected following an 'expression of interest' tender for No. 9 Main St

Outstanding works are as following:

- Works associated with the DMURS Quality/Road Safety Audit
- Manual bollard to control access to Main St
- Installation of remaining planter boxes and trees along Main street.

4. Destination Towns

The following outstanding items associated with the original Failte Ireland grant allocation are now being progressed with an anticipated completion date of July 2023:

- *Installation of new Sculptures to guide 'footfall' to and highlight the Viking Triangle* – as reported last month, locations confirmed and works on the 8 new sculptures is now complete. Bases for sculptures to be installed in June and sculpture installation to follow.
- *Upgrading of the existing pedestrian 'Way Finding' Signage and orientation mapping* – contract awarded to 'Truform Ltd' - Civil works sub-contractor has been procured and works will be fully complete by mid-August.
- *Redefining carparks for visitors.* – erection of poles and banners now complete
- *Improvements to the pedestrian crossing between the Mall and Bishop's Palace* – final design has been forwarded to Roads and a Section 38 process has commenced. Installation of new crossing will be completed with scheduled road works being carried out by WCCC roads during the summer.
- *Banner poles at Bolton St. Carpark.* All works complete.
- *Launch date with Failte Ireland-* This has been set for the 19th or 20th September. Paul Kelly CEO Failte Ireland to attend. Plaque required, location to be agreed.

Tourism

Water Activity Centre Tramore

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

Progress is as follows:

- Approval from FI and the variation to the 'Exemplar design' has been received.
- Planning and all other associated documentation is ongoing
- It is hoped to be able to brief the Metro Council by the end of Q2 2023.