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

Dungarvan/Lismore Municipal District

October, 2021

**Economic Development Report**

**1. Rural Regeneration and Development Fund**

All Part 8s are completed for housing, public realm, Moore’s Hotel and Uniackes+Fennels. Awaiting call for Category 1 RRDF to submit funding application.

**2. Town & Village Renewal Scheme**

Town & Villages Town centre and repair scheme substantially complete, with only three buildings left to complete.

**3. Rural Economic Development: Town & Village Projects**

**Funding Year: 2018**

Tourism Signage & Identity Projects for Copper Coast area and an Gaeltacht were completed and allocations claimed from DRCD – all of 9 2018 TVRS projects are now completed and DRCD claims made.



**Funding Year: 2019**

Waterford City & County Council was allocated funding for 5 projects in Rural Towns & Villages receiving €500,000. Details of allocations in Dungarvan Lismore MD are below

Town/Village	Grant Allocated	Project Summary	Project Update
Cappoquin	€100,000	Painting & Façade scheme for Main Street	Project ongoing – envisaged completion before year end

**Funding Year: 2020**

Waterford City & County Council was allocated funding for 5 projects in Rural Towns & Villages receiving €353,210. Details of allocations in Dungarvan Lismore MD are below

Town/Village	Grant Allocated	Project Summary	Project Update
<b>Aglish</b>	€68,509	Pedestrian safety measures, upgrade works to community hall; installation of finger posts and tourism and heritage signage.	Contractors appointed
<b>Clashmore</b>	€85,446	Upgrade of community building facilities (The Heritage Centre and the Old School House) in Clashmore and installation of tourism signage.	Project Currently out on Tender – contractors expected to be appointed in October 2021
<b>Dungarvan</b>	€53,784	The development of a strategic framework and implementation plan for Dungarvan.	Research Consultants engaged; baseline data report completed - Dungarvan TCMG Project
<b>Knockanore</b>	€56,856	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.	Community Hall element completed; public realm elements ongoing

**Town & Village Accelerated Measure 2020 Update**

Waterford City & County Council was allocated €451,918 funding for 16 projects under 3 separate calls in 2020 under the TVRS Accelerated Measure to assist Rural Towns & Villages to adapt and help combat the impacts of COVID-19. Details of allocations in Dungarvan Lismore MD are below.

Town/Village	Grant Allocated	Project Summary	Project Update
Lismore	€25,000	Creation of an online Platform for local retailers and businesses; painting project and seating, fencing and planting	Online Platforms changed to Rural Tourism portals, painting project not progressed other elements delivered
Tallow	€25,000	Creation of an online Platform for local retailers and businesses; access to public building reconfiguration	Online Platforms changed to Rural Tourism portals, other elements delivered
Clashmore	€22,500	Public Realm works to enhance access to Village Centre amenities and create safe public meeting spaces	Project completed
Cappoquin	€24,750	Provision of pedestrian crossing for safe access for customers from local restaurants to outdoor seating area	Project completed
Ardmore	€40,000	Village street improvement works to promote social distancing and enhancement	Project completed

		of the Promenade Public Realm	
Passage East	€19,183	Semi-Permanent covered recreation area & amenity seating	Project completed
Touraneena	€23,172	Community Hall improvement works	Project completed
Dungarvan	€40,000	Semi-Permanent cover to outdoor seating area in Grattan Square	Project completed
Gaeltacht	€15,464	Online platform and amenity seating in 2 Gaeltacht Areas	Online Platforms changed to Rural Tourism portals, other elements delivered

### Town & Village Accelerated Measure 2021 Update

Waterford City & County Council applied for over €1.44m in funding for 8 projects under the 2021 DRCD Town & Village Renewal Scheme to assist Rural Towns & Villages – a response from the Department of Rural & Community Development is expected in October/November 2021 – Details of the applications submitted for Dungarvan Lismore are outlined below:

- Development of an innovative multi-purpose facility from a derelict grain storehouse in the village centre in **Ballyduff Upper** to include a shop/ BCP and video conferencing facilities, gym and youth space – the village has no shop for some years and is part of a LEADER/community overall development - allocation sought -€250,000.
- Phase 1 of a **Lismore** Regeneration programme to tackle town centre renewal and address Main Street vacancy – the application seeks to act as a catalyst for the further phases and includes a façade/shopfront scheme and reconfiguration of the main street access from the N72 - allocation sought -€500,000.
- Fit-out of Remote working infrastructure for **Villierstown** Enterprise Hub as part of overall Blackwater Valley Economic Development Zone - allocation sought -€91,814.
- Refurbishment and repurposing of rooms in Community Hall at **Touraneena** to facilitate remote working infrastructure – village is nestled between Clonmel and Dungarvan and the facility has a pre-school so offers good remote working opportunity - allocation sought -€100,000.
- **Rural Transport** infrastructure project to deliver bus shelters and other infrastructure at 6 locations – Rural Transport Needs assessment Study already submitted to CLAR Innovation Measure - allocation sought -€100,000.

### Town & Village Renewal Scheme Streetscape Measure 2021

Waterford City & County Council will be working with Lismore Tidy Towns, Passage East & Crook Community Development Association, Portlaw Tidy Towns and Bunmahon Tidy Towns to progress the above scheme to paint/upgrade selected properties under this scheme. A tight timeline lies ahead to have the scheme completed before year-end and is subject to weather and contractor availability – see below outline of proposed scheme for Dungarvan Lismore:

Location	Partner Lead for scheme	Number of identified properties with local Tidy Towns Group/Community Structure	Value of works for identified properties
Lismore	Lismore Tidy Towns	19	€32,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		58	€100,000

#### 4. Waterford Trails

##### European Greenway Awards and International Conference

Waterford Greenway was internationally recognised on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September last, as it came second in the *Excellence* Category at the 10<sup>th</sup> European Greenways Award Ceremony, which was held in Valencia, Spain. This prestigious award ceremony, which is organised by the European Greenways Association, recognises best integration of characteristics that define a greenway and the strengths that make them exemplary amenities. Present at the ceremony were Mayor of Waterford City and County, Cllr. Joe Kelly and Richie Walsh, Waterford Local Enterprise Office who travelled to Valencia for an International Conference on Greenways, Mobility, Leisure and Tourism.

The judges comments with regard to Waterford Greenway were as follows, ‘For the excellent 46 km long greenway, which runs through a very attractive and varied landscape, crossing bridges, impressive viaducts and an appealing tunnel, as permanent traces and highlights of its railway past. It has excellent facilities and services that favour the diversity of uses and users, which has resulted in its great popularity. The positive impact of the Greenway has been consolidated and increased over the years. The commitment of the private sector has been one of the keys to Waterford’s success’.

In all there were 31 submissions received from Greenways from 11 countries. 1st Prize in the category for ‘Excellence’ went to: Liège to Aachen (Belgium).



##### Official Launch of *St. Declan’s Way: Cashel to Ardmore-Ireland’s Premier Pilgrim Path*

Minister for Rural and Community Development Heather Humphreys TD officially launched the 115km St. Declan’s Way walking trail during her recent visit to Mount Melleray Abbey on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September. Deputy Mayor of Waterford City and County, Cllr. Seanie Power was also in attendance along with members of the St. Declan’s Way Mgt Committee and other supporting agencies. The Minister’s Department provided support under the Rural Recreation Fund to bring the project to fruition.



#### **Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2019:**

Work substantially progressed under all ORIS 2019 projects.

Measure 2 to be completed by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021: St. Declan's Way Works including new promotional resources e.g. brochure, mapping, interpretative signage etc.

#### **Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2020:**

Works in progress on a number of Measure 1 projects to be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> October including:

- Abbeyside Coastal Walk, Phase 2.
- The Towers Walk.

#### **Cappoquin Amenity Hub-Cappoquin RRDF**

- Currently in the process of engaging consultants for the feasibility, planning and design of the Blackwater Blueway/water based amenities. It is envisaged that consultants will be formally appointed during October.
- Cappoquin Walking Trails and related amenities: Preliminary design work progressing.

### **5. Tourism**

#### **Fáilte Ireland Funding for Outdoor Dining in Waterford**

Funding of €151,774 announced for **Grattan Square** in Dungarvan is going towards the provision of large parasols and planters.

#### **Keep Discovering Waterford**

As part of its Keep Discovering campaign, Fáilte Ireland created a video showcasing Waterford which aired on TV during the ad break leading up to the **Nine O'Clock News on RTÉ One** on 15<sup>th</sup> September, as well as across digital and social media channels. [Watch the video here.](#)

## 6. Dungarvan Town Centre Management Group

The next meeting of the Dungarvan TCMG is scheduled for Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October. The membership of the TCMG has been extended to include representation from Visit Waterford and David McCoy, Chair of Visit Waterford will be joining the Committee.

## 7. Dungarvan Town Centre Footfall Data

- In September 2021 the average daily visits were 1,126.
- The repeat visit rate for September was 87%.
- The median visit length was 27 minutes.
- The Phased Return to Work which commenced on September 21<sup>st</sup> does not appear to have had a significant impact on town centre figures.

