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

Economic Development Report to the end of May 2022

1. Rural Economic Development: Towns & Villages 2022

Currently advertising for Expressions of Interest for the 2022 TVRS. Please email townvillagerenewal@waterfordcouncil.ie for more information.

Closing date to have completed forms submitted is **Friday 06th May 2022.**

Aglish Town Village Renewal Scheme 2020 – programme of works for the Community Centre has been completed. Works involved new windows, doors, disabled access ramp, electrical upgrade and insulation works. Contractor appointed to create village information sign.

Knockanore Town Village Renewal Scheme 2020 – Tender for the supply and installation of directional and information signs has been published; closing date for submissions is 13th May 2022.

New staff appointment: Anthony Russell, will be joining the Rural Economic Development Team from Monday 9th May as a Rural Development Officer.

Community Centre Investment Fund 2022 – this new scheme was announced by the DRCD on 15/04/2022. The Scheme is specifically for Community Centre Buildings.

There are three categories within the Scheme:

1. Category 1 – max grant of up to €25,000.00; no requirement for match funding from applicants.
2. Category 2 – max grant €100,000.00; one allocation per County and 5% match funding required from applicants.
3. Category 3 – max grant €300,000.00; 16 Centres within the Country will qualify for this level of funding and again 5% match funding required.

To apply for the Scheme **applications are to be submitted direct through an online system to the Department.** <https://www.gov.ie/en/service/fec91-community-centres-investment-fund/>

2. Trails

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2019:

- **St. Declan's Way** ORIS funded project elements to be completed by end Q2/early Q3 2022.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2020:

Progress: Measure 1 projects.

- The Towers Walk: Substantially complete. To be completed Q2 2022.

Progress: Measure 2 projects:

- Ballinacourty Greenway Spur:
 - ✓ Procurement of design team currently underway.
 - ✓ Preparation of Part VIII-Q3 2022.
 - ✓ Procurement of contractor-Q4 2022/Q1 2023 pending outcome of Part VIII.
 - ✓ Planned construction timeline and completion-Q2 2023.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2021:

- **Ramp Boreen Walk, Tallow:** Improvement works to a section of the Walk grant aided under 2021 ORIS scheme. To be progressed in Q3 2022.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2022.

- Applications currently being drafted for ORIS 2022 under Measure 2 and 3. To be submitted before 25th May 2022.

Cappoquin Amenity Hub

- Proposed Cappoquin Railway Walk planning application due to be submitted to An Bord Pleanála as a Section 177 AE application before end May 2022.

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.

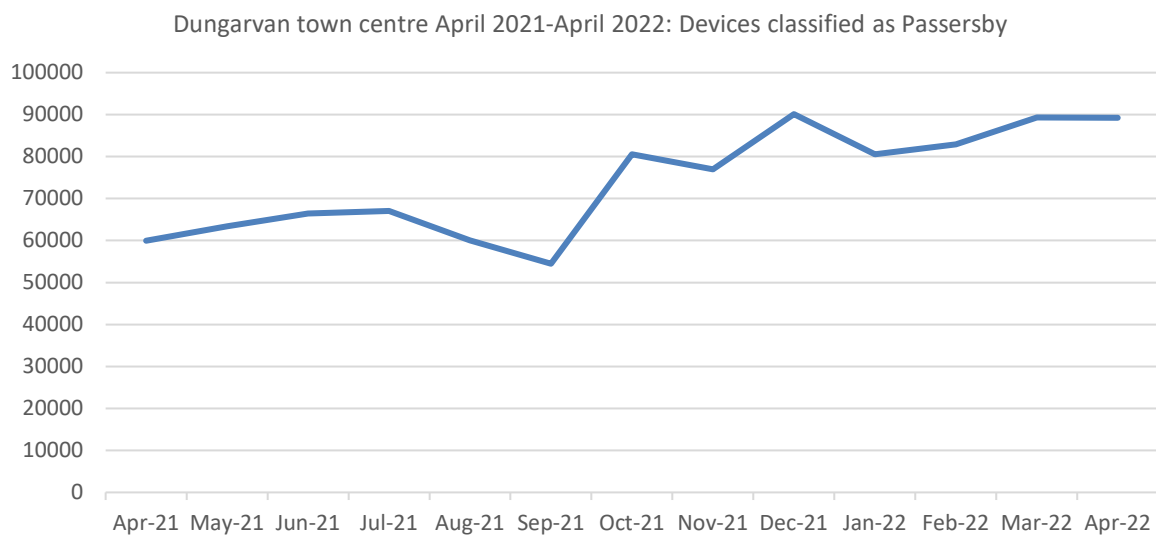
Greenway Feasibility Studies

- Continuing to work with Cork Co Co and Atkins Ireland with regard to the Dungarvan to Mallow Greenway feasibility study. Public consultation period no. 1 closed on 29th April 2022: <https://www.corkrdo.ie/greenways/mallow-to-dungarvan-greenway/>

3. Dungarvan Town Centre

The next meeting of the Dungarvan TCMG is scheduled for Wednesday 18th May.

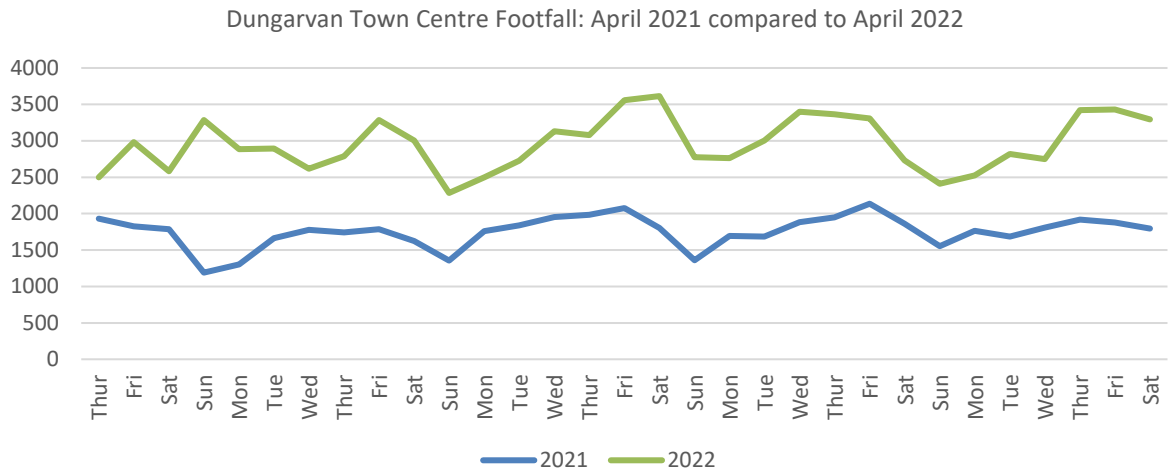
4. Town Centre Footfall Data



Note: Passersby are probing wireless devices detected by a Meraki Access Point (AP). While a passerby was seen by the network, its probes and dwell time did not meet the requirements to be considered a visitor. More detailed information on Visitors is provided below.

Visitors to Dungarvan town centre

- **The charts and points below relate to those classified as Visitors and not Passersby.**
- In April 2022 the average daily visits were 1,081 which is up almost 10% on the previous month from 985. The figure for April 2021 was 989.
- The repeat visit rate for April was 88% which is down 1% on the previous month and also down on the same month in 2021 where the repeat visitor rate was 91%.
- The median visit length was 27 minutes, which is up on the previous month and the same month in 2021.
- The largest grouping of visitors in April 2022 were classified as ‘Weekly visitors’ representing almost half of all visitors (47%). 30% were classified as ‘Daily visitors’ which is a slight increase from the March figure of 29%. 11% are classified as ‘Occasional Visitors’ and 12% as ‘First time visitors’.



Note: Chart compares days of the week rather than dates for ease of comparison. In April 2021, Level 5 restrictions were eased from April 12th, with travel restricted to within the county or 20km from home.

Explanatory Notes:

- Occasional visitors have visited at least once before. This visitor may have visited several times but does not meet weekly requirements.
- Weekly visitors have visited in at least two distinct weeks out of the past four, but not frequently enough to be considered daily visitors.
- Daily visitors have visited in at least five distinct days in the past eight.
- First time have never been seen before today.