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# 1. Road Works Programme

The Road Works Programme for 2020 including a list of strengthening jobs, surface dressing jobs and drainage jobs was brought to the members for approval at the February 2020 Metropolitan District Meeting. A workshop was held in advance of this meeting to go through the details of the plan and give members an opportunity to examine the contents. Work will now commence on preparing a tender for all macadam works. Work will also commence soon on preparing roads for strengthening and surface dressing and when weather conditions improve agreed drainage jobs will commence.

# 2. Community Involvement schemes

We are waiting approval for funding for the CIS scheme for 2020.

## 3. Low Cost Safety Schemes

The following is a list of schemes for which funding approval has been submitted for 2020 in the Metropolitan District:

- i. Barrack Street, Waterford Narrow the road and install crossing point. Section 38 complete and approved.
- ii. Knockanduff Ballycarnane Tramore footpaths and cycleway plus accommodation works (Part 8 approved).
- iii. O Connell Street/Bridge Street narrow junction with build outs and provide a shorter crossing for pedestrians.
- iv. Waterford Road, Tramore build outs plus pedestrian crossing.A Section 38 is required for the Waterford Road.

# 4. Coastal Repair works

Applications have been prepared for Tramore Pier and Cheekpoint Pier for repairs in 2020. These will be sent to the Department of Agriculture Food and Marine to approve funding under the Fishery Harbour and Coastal Infrastructure Development Programme 2020. These Projects are 75% funded with the Council having to contribute 25%. The maximum allocation for any single Project is €200,000.

# 5. Road Closures

Browns Lane in Waterford City remains closed as surfacing works are completed and the next phase of the one-way system will be put into operation. The Prom in Tramore was closed on two occasions due to storms coinciding with high tides. The Lacken Road also remains closed as the new LIHAF road in Kilbarry nears completion.

# 6. Other Works

#### **Events**

Roads provided assistance to the Tramore Duathlon which took place on the 22nd February 2020.

## **Public Lighting**

Kilaree Lighting Services Limited (KLS) are the Contractor responsible for the maintenance of the public lights in Waterford City and County. From September 2019 to February 2020 a total of 1,770 routine faults reported were repaired all within an average of 4 days. There were 130 non routine faults during this period. Power supply issues and rewiring were the main issue. Each case must be assessed individually and a quotation received and approved before any work can progress. These have become more frequent in recent years due to an aging public lighting system. However, the budget for fixing these faults remains inadequate and therefore priority is given to the most urgent repairs. The investment in the last 30 years has been poor but the new LED light fitting contract will see a major overhaul of the public lights system so that within 2/3 years there will be significant improvements.

#### **Tramore Area**

- The Council Velocity Jet Patcher was working on roads in Pickardstown, Sporthouse and Butlerstown.
- Footpath repairs at Lower Branch Road, Cairn Dubh, Riverstown and at Griffin's chemist in Tramore.
- Signs being fixed and replaced at Fenor, Castletown, Riverstown, Orchardstown and in Tramore.
- Drainage works at An Carn, Butlerstown and Islandtarsey.
- Illegal dumping cleared at Drumcannon, Glen Road, Pickardstown, Coolnakapogue, Moonvoy and Cullencastle.
- Pothole repairs on Lower Branch Road, at Splashworld, at Sea View, Westbrooke and Ard Haven.
- There were seven out of hours callouts during the month of February 2020 the majority of which were associated with storms (Ciara 8th February and Dennis 15th February).

## **Dunmore Area**

- The Council velocity jet patcher was in the area working on the L-8053 from Ballynamoyntragh to Kilcarragh and on the L-4070 at Corbally Beg.
- Pothole repairs carried out on the R684 Dunmore Road and the L-40751 at Creadan.
- Bin collections continue 1 day a week around the towns and beaches in the Area.
- Illegal dumping at Corbally More on the L-8043.
- Drainage works on the L-4080 at Ballyvoreen.
- Footpaths works at Fishermans Grove in Dunmore East.
- There was no out of hours callout during February 2020 in Metro East Area.

# **Waterford City**:

- The drainage works in Collins Avenue were completed. In addition drainage gullies cleared and repaired at the following locations in February; Carigeen Park, St Herblain Park, Leoville, John's Park, Kilcohan, Glenville, Grange Cove, Grange Park, Summerville Avenue, Dunmore Road, Earls Court, Penrose Crystal Johnstown, Hillview, Connard Park, Clonard Terrace, Ardmore Park, Ardmore Terrace, Cluain-a-Laoi, Priory Lawn, Glencarra, Ballybeg Close/Square/Court, Ashe Road, Abbey Road and Kilbarry.
- Some potholes repaired at The Grange, The Manor, Shortcourse, Yellow Road, Ballybricken, Green Street, Andrew Street, Morrisson's Road/Avenue, Hillview, O Connell Street, Doyle Street, Mount Sion Aveue, Bunkers Hill, Ozanam Street, Church Car Park Lisduggan, Manor St John, Abbey Road, Rockenham, The Glen, Denny's Lane, Philip Street, Oriel Square, Slievekeale Road, Presentation Row, Passage Road, The Folly, Kilcarra Cross, Bishopsfield, Genzyme, Rathfadden Villas, Sunrise Crescent, Paddy Browns Road, Leoville, Grange Lawn,

- Grange Park Mews, Ardkeen Village, Grantstown Village, Farran Park, Patrick Street, and Newtown.
- Road signs replaced and erected at The Folly, Tower Hotel, John's Hill, Vulcan Street, Sunrise Crescent, Rice Park, Barrack Street, Lower Yellow Road, Birchwood, Mount Sion Crescent, Green Street, Shortcourse, Robinsons Lane, Five Alley Lane, Trinity Square and Green Street.
- There were 18 out of hours emergency callouts in February for issues with faulty traffic lights, flooding and oil spills on roads. In addition there were also 13 nights where salting of roads required in February as the weather turned cold.