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

Dungarvan/Lismore Municipal District

February, 2021

Economic Development Report

1. Local Enterprise Office

Indicator	At end of Jan 2021
No. of clients receiving Measure 2 support	219
Value of Measure 2 support given	€20,147

- No Measure 1 Grants as yet in 2021, as no Evaluation Committee meeting until February
- Local Enterprise Week , with a host of business and entrepreneurship events, will be held from 1st to 5th March, 2021
- The National Enterprise Awards 2020 are taking place on this Thursday evening. The event is streamed live on www.localenterprise.ie/awards from 6.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Waterford's representatives is Eamonn Lonergan of Knockanore Cheese

2. Rural Economic Development

Rural Regeneration and Development Fund

Carron and Walsh have won the tender to project manage the Cappoquin RRDF project and will begin work immediately. Other design teams will be appointed before the end of February and with project completion intended to be before the end of 2021

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

1. Aghlish - Pedestrian safety measures, upgrade works to community hall; installation of finger posts and tourism and heritage signage. Grant approved €68,509
2. Dungarvan - The development of a strategic framework and implementation plan for Dungarvan. Grant approved €53,784 (Closing date for tenders: 12th February)

3. Knockanore - 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. Grant approved €56,856
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

All project files currently being reviewed in order to prepare for necessary procurement, regulatory and technical requirements.

Town & Village Renewal Scheme – Accelerated Measures 2020

1. Local Flavours Waterford €61,082 – development of rural tourism app –in progress
2. Lismore €27,968– Town Ecommerce/Tourism portal in progress, contractor appointed for painting, works undertaken in Park
3. Tallow €27,800 - Town Ecommerce portal in progress, disabled access works completed at Enterprise Centre
4. Clashmore €25,000 – public realm works in Village completed
5. Cappoquin €27,500 – pedestrian crossing installed
6. Ardmore €45,000 – public realm works completed
7. Dungarvan €45,990 – at tender stage, closing date for submissions 12/02/21
8. An Gaeltacht €17,183 - Ecommerce/Tourism portal in progress and public seating ordered and pending delivery end February 2021

Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2019

1. Cappoquin €129,000 – contractors engaged by WCCC Projects Offices and works being undertaken.

Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2018

An Ghaeltacht €80,000 – contractors commenced installation of new signs, Covid restrictions has delayed delivery of this project but WCCC are in continuous contact to ensure delivery.

3. Waterford Trails

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2020:

WCCC allocated €70,800 by DRCD in funding for 4 ORIS projects countywide. The following are the details of the two Dungarvan/Lismore MD projects:

- 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 complete 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) featured in the recent 'All Walks of Life' programme on RTE with former President Mary McAleese interviewing Tánaiste Leo Varadkar. 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 by end Q1 2021. 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'.

Dungarvan to Mallow Greenway Feasibility Study

- WCCC in collaboration with Cork County Council is currently preparing a brief to engage consultants to undertake a feasibility study into the development of a Greenway in accordance with National Greenway Standards from Dungarvan to Mallow along the corridor of the former railway line from Dungarvan to Mallow. The Feasibility Report will examine existing infrastructure, identify potential alternative route options and recommend a preferred route along with a constraints report on the preferred route. The brief is expected to be completed and issued week beginning 15th February 2021. It is envisaged that a consultant will be appointed in late Q1 2021 and feasibility report finalised in Q4 2021/Q1 2022.

Cappoquin Amenity Hub

- WCCC in collaboration with the local community is currently in the process of preparing a brief to engage consultants for the feasibility, planning and design of a number of walking trail and Blueway amenities in the Cappoquin area. It is envisaged that consultants will be appointed to the role in late Q1 2021. This initiative is one element of the project being funded under Rural Regeneration and Development Funding (RRDF).

Dungarvan Town Centre Management

- New banners with emphasis on Shop Waterford about to be installed in Grattan Square
- New Economic Incentive Scheme went live on 1st January and one application has already been received for Dungarvan
- New footfall counter technology has recently gone live for Dungarvan