

**DO: GACH BALL DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH DHÚN GARBHÁN/LEASA MHÓIR  
TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DUNGARVAN/LISMORE**

**Economic Development Report October 2023**

**1. Trails**

**Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2023.**

- **Measure 3 Applications to be submitted to Dept of Rural and Community Development 27<sup>th</sup> October:**

Part 8 for development of walkway at Ardmore Beach – agenda item at October Dungarvan-Lismore MD meeting. Pending outcome application for funding under ORIS 2023 (M3) to be submitted before 27<sup>th</sup> October.

- **Measure 1 Applications submitted to Dept of Rural and Community Development 5<sup>th</sup> September:**

<b>Community Group</b>	<b>Project name</b>	<b>Project description</b>
Comhlucht Forbatha na nDéise	Forbairt ar Chóbh Heilbhic	To improve the access to Cóbh Heilbhic and to update the changing rooms on the beach so as to increase accessibility to and use of the beach for swimmers, snorkellers and scuba divers, both from the local area and tourists visiting the area.
St. Declan's Way Steering Committee	St. Declan's Way Trail Infrastructure	Supply and install amenity seating. Reprint of SDW brochure.
Visit Waterford	Visit Waterford – Outdoor Recreation Induction	A training video for new starters in tourism businesses highlighting the outdoor offering of county Waterford, to ensure consistent knowledge and understanding across tourism businesses in Waterford.

- **Project development measure application submitted to Dept of Rural and Community Development 28<sup>th</sup> July:**

Community Group	Project name	Project description
R. Blackwater Communities	Blackwater River Valley Outdoor Recreation: Development of River Access Points for Water-based Activity	Blackwater River Valley Outdoor Recreation: Design of improved river access points to facilitate water-based activities at Ballyduff Upper, Tallow (R. Bride) and Lismore (R. Owenashad) to include developing design to planning stage, environmental assessments and submission of planning application.

#### **Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2022.**

The following ORIS 2022 projects in progress currently:

- Mocollop Walks, Ballyduff (Measure 1) – Installation of new Trail signage in collaboration with Coillte and local community: Measure 1. Currently in progress.
- Cappoquin Railway Loop Walk (Measure 3): Planning permission granted by An Bord Pleanála on 4<sup>th</sup> September with 11 conditions. Design team for detailed design, tender management, and project supervision to be engaged before year end.
- Villierstown Access to River Blackwater (Project Development Measure) – Feasibility study and design of enhanced amenities and access to the water for recreation at Villierstown Quay and environs: Project Development Measure. Tender to appoint design team currently being prepared.

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

##### **Progress: Measure 3 project:**

- Ballinacourty Greenway Spur:
  - Part 8 – approved at July Dungarvan-Lismore MD meeting.
  - Project currently in progress.

#### **Waterford Greenway**

- Ongoing development projects are currently being planned and/or implemented on Waterford Greenway with both WCCC funding sources and funding support from TII including.

#### **Dungarvan – Mallow Greenway Feasibility Study**

- Project Liaison Officer (PLO) currently directly engaging with land and property owners who may be impacted by the Emerging Preferred Route.
- Project team to organise further stakeholder and public engagement following this phase of direct landowner engagement in late 2023/early 2024.

#### **Waterford Trails**

- Continuing to engage with Sport Ireland Outdoors and local trail development groups around Waterford with regard to ongoing monitoring, maintenance, development and promotion of Waterford’s existing recreational trail network. [www.visitwaterfordtrails.com](http://www.visitwaterfordtrails.com)

## **2. Tourism**

#### **Water Activity Centre:**

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.

**Progress is as follows: Ardmore:**

No change since last meeting, items below remain ongoing.

- Land acquisition negotiations.
- Waiting for formal approval on the material changes from WAC from Failte Ireland.
- Part 8 process to be completed by end of Q4 2023 depending on the landowner negotiations being complete.

**3. Dungarvan Town Centre**

The next meeting of the Dungarvan TCMG is scheduled for October 2023.