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

Economic Development Report June 2023

1. Trails

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2023.

- On 1st June a the DRCD issued a call for funding for ORIS applications 2023. WCCC will be seeking EOI's from communities for eligible projects during June.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2022.

The following ORIS 2022 projects in progress currently:

- Mocollop Walks, Ballyduff – Installation of new Trail signage in collaboration with Coillte and local community: Measure 1. Currently in progress.
- St. Declan's Way – continued trail development in collaboration with St. Declan's Way Steering Committee. This will include re-print of brochure and repair of riverbank section of walk approaching River Licky footbridge: Measure 1. Riverbank works to be carried out during late June.
- Munster Vales – Installation of information kiosks and digital marketing campaign for the Munster Vales region in collaboration with Munster Vales. Measure 1. Currently in progress.
- Cappoquin Railway Loop Walk – Commencement of development of phase 1 pending planning permission: Measure 3.
- Villierstown Access to River Blackwater – Feasibility study and design of enhanced amenities and access to the water for recreation at Villierstown Quay and environs: Project Development Measure.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2021:

- Revised 'Walk Waterford – From Sea to Mountains' booklet and trail mapping to include recently developed trails has been developed. New resources will be distributed during summer.
- Installation of 18 footfall counters at key trail locations across Co. Waterford. Complete.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2020:

Progress: Measure 3 project:

- Ballinacourty Greenway Spur:
 - Part VIII – closing for submissions 20th June.

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 met with IFA representatives in late May.
- Project team will be organising further stakeholder and public engagement following this phase of direct landowner engagement during 2023.

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

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. Preliminary design is ongoing for both.

Progress is as follows:

- Land acquisition negotiations are ongoing, the WAC, Relief Rd, Compensatory/additional Car Parking and coastal walk are all interconnected.
- An amended exemplar design for the WAC has been submitted to FI for approval and the material issue has been resolved.
- Part 8 process to be completed by end of Q4 2023

3. Dungarvan Town Centre

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