

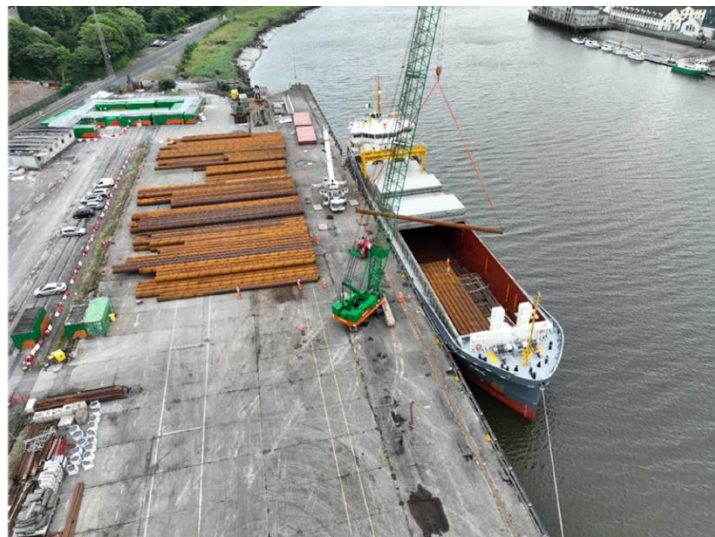
**DO: GACH BALL DE CHEANTAR CATHRACH PHORT LÁIRGE
TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF WATERFORD**

Economic Development Report July 2023

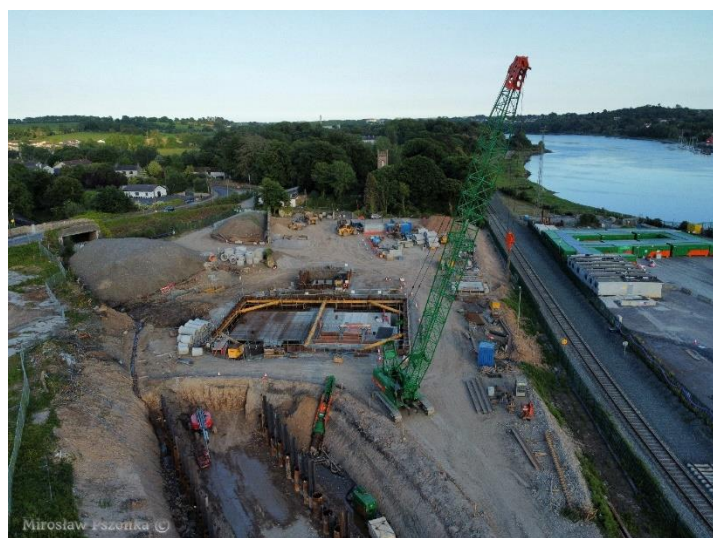
1. North Quays

BAM's has commenced site clearance works at the Transport Hub site, South Plaza and Abbey Road. Traffic management measures are in place along Dock Road to allow for median works in advance of phase 1 road works. Phase 1 traffic management works be installed on Dock Road, from the week commencing 17th July 2023, for an eight-week period.

On the 23rd June, 4,000 tonne of tubular and sheet piles were delivered to site in advance of piling works, the piling works is due to commence in July 2023.



David Walsh Civil Engineering contractor is progressing well on the Pump Station Enabling Works and relocating the Ferrybank Pump Station, 60% of the Pump Station contract is deemed to be complete.



City Centre Regeneration URDF Projects

Barker Place, O'Connell Street (Project L), works are close to completion to fit out the ground floor as a community and cultural hub. Works are due to be completed in July 2023.

Munster express (Project F), the Part 8 planning process has commenced for the development of a SMART City Experimental Facility / Gov Labs, submissions or observations can be submitted on or before 15th August 2023.

Parade Quay (Project Q), Housing, public realm and commercial development – Archaeological and historic fabric assessments have been received and the recommendations are being reviewed to incorporate any significant findings into the design and planning proposals.

3 & 4 Georges Street (Project C) - Tenders have been assessed to engage the services of an Architect-led design team to project manage and oversee the refurbishment and repurposing of 3 & 4 Georges Street for commercial use. Consultants are due to be appointed shortly.

The Art house, Thomas Street (Project J) – The tender process for the appointment of consultants is due to commence shortly.

2. Town & Village Renewal Scheme

Dunmore East - 2021

- Main Contractor has been appointed to undertake renovation measures at the Fisherman's Hall, Dunmore East.

Tramore - 2022

- Feasibility study for the development of a multi-cultural centre currently out to tender.



Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2023:

- A call for funding under Measure 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the ORIS 2023 scheme was issued on 1st June by DRCDC.
- WCCC issued a call for expressions of interest from community groups for eligible projects. All cllrs and stakeholders were notified of call on 9th June. Closed for EOI's on 7th July. EOI's submitted currently being considered and assessed in line with the scheme objectives and guidelines.

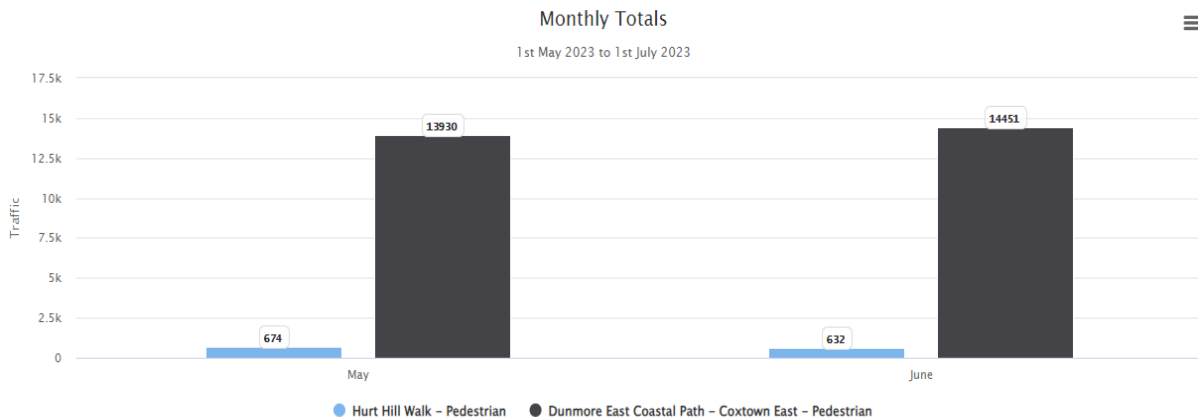
Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2022:

The following ORIS 2022 projects due to commence during 2023:

- Enhancement of Open water swim amenities in Dunmore East to include handrail at slipway, ladder to access water, outdoor clothes hooks, knee high tap and signage - Measure 1. Project ongoing.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2021:

- Developing a revised 'Walk Waterford – From Sea to Mountains' booklet and trail mapping to include recently developed trails. Printed booklet and new map brochure being delivered to shareholders during summer months.
- Installation of 18 footfall counters at key trail locations across Co. Waterford. Project complete. Just a sample of figures from counters in Metropolitan area below for May and June 2023:



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.

Waterford Trails

Continuing to engage with Sport Ireland Outdoors and local trail development groups around Waterford regarding ongoing monitoring, maintenance, development and promotion of Waterford’s existing recreational trail network. www.visitwaterfordtrails.com

3. Tramore

The following items remain to be completed:

- Works associated with the DMURS Quality/Road Safety Audit are ongoing
- Manual bollard now in place and keys have been distributed to relevant property owners
- Planter boxes (4 nr) have been fabricated – awaiting delivery

4. Destination Towns

The following outstanding items associated with the original Failte Ireland grant allocation are now being progressed with an anticipated completion date of August 2023:

- Installation of new Sculptures to guide ‘footfall’ to and highlight the Viking Triangle – bases for the new 8 x sculptures currently being installed as outlined in the attached map, sculpture installation to follow by end of month.
- Upgrading of the existing pedestrian ‘Way Finding’ Signage and orientation mapping – contract awarded to ‘Truform Ltd’ - Civil works sub-contractor has been procured and works will be fully complete by end of August.
- Improvements to the pedestrian crossing between the Mall and Bishop’s Palace – final design has been forwarded to Roads and a Section 38 process has commenced. Installation of new crossing will be completed with scheduled road works being carried out by WCCC roads by autumn.
- Launch date with Failte Ireland- This has been set for the 19th or 20th September.

Tourism

Water Activity Centre Tramore

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.

- Part 8 Planning process has commenced. Period for submission of comments/observations runs until 14th August.