



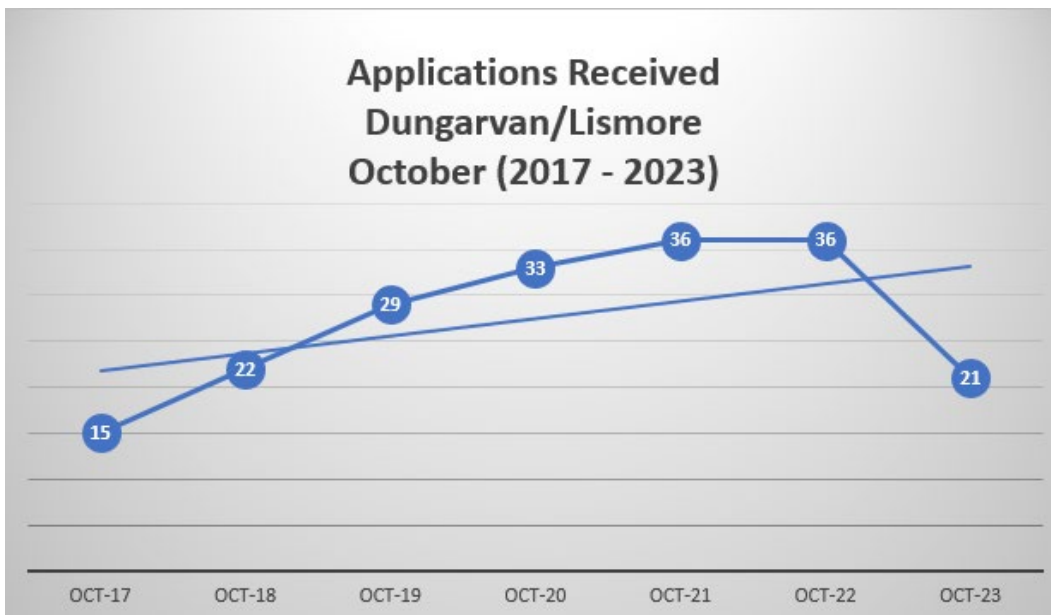
**Waterford City & County Council Planning Report to Dungarvan Lismore Meeting – November 2023**

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

**Planning Applications Received – Dungarvan/Lismore**

21 Planning applications were received in Dungarvan/Lismore in October 2023. This compares with 36 planning applications received for the same period in 2022.

A total of 278 planning applications were received in the year to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023. This compares to 344 planning applications which were received in the same period in 2022.





## DERELICT SITES REPORT

Dungarvan - Lismore Municipal District = 76 Open Files.

Initial engagement with owners or their representatives is key to resolution of the issues of dereliction and to understand the various reasons why the properties are in a derelict state. We are advising owners of residential properties of the various grants available for refurbishing vacant and derelict properties to residential use.

Derelict Sites	Dungarvan - Lismore Municipal District October 2023
No. of new files opened	1
No. of Section 8(2) Notices issued – Intention to enter site on Derelict Sites Register	0
No. of Section 8(7) Notices issued – Entry of site onto Derelict Sites Register	0
No. of Section 11 Notices issued – Measures required to render the site non-derelict	0
Number of Sites/ Properties on the Derelicts Sites Register	0
No. of Notices served to Compulsorily Purchase Acquisitions (CPA) (see note below)	0
No of Vesting Orders signed	1

## Forward Planning Report

### Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) Map of land in-scope

The final map of lands identified as being in-scope for the RZLT will be published by the planning authority on 1<sup>st</sup> of December. The final map will have regard to the determinations of An Bord Pleanála on all appeals which have sought to remove lands from the draft RZLT map. At time of writing An Bord Pleanála has notified the council of 32 determinations which have generally upheld the decision of the council to include lands as being in-scope for the RZLT. Lands determined by An Bord Pleanála to be out of scope for the RZLT will be removed from the final map for 2023. A new phase of consultation relating to the draft revised annual map for 2024 will begin on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024. This consultation process will facilitate landowners to make written submissions to the local authority and make subsequent appeals to An Bord Pleanála with regard to the content of the draft revised annual map. This revised annual map will consist of the final map from 2023 along with highlighted proposed exclusions and/or inclusions.



### **Local Area Plans for Dungarvan/Ballinroad and Tramore**

At the commencement of the process to prepare the two above LAPs, it had been intended to have draft plans available for consultation with the council and communities over the summer period. During the initial public consultation stage in February of this year a total of 29 and 45 written submissions were received respectively which will now be used to prepare the draft LAPs. Written submissions received from the National Transport Authority and the Office of the Planning Regulator reaffirmed the need to inform both LAPs with Local Transport Plans and Surface Water Management Plans. In collaboration with the NTA we have been active in procuring these studies on behalf of the council and while the surface water management study is progressing at a pace, the procurement of consultants to prepare the transport plans is taking some time to complete. It is hoped however this procurement will deliver draft transport plans available to inform the draft local area plans by Q1 2024. We will continue to inform the Council of progress in this regard.

### **Heritage Officer Report**

#### **Decade of Commemorations**

The final conference of the Waterford Decade of Centenaries Programme took place in the Large Room of City Hall on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 9am-4pm with an excellent panel of speakers and received very well by all in attendance. The Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media held a national forum for local authority commemoration co-ordinators in Dublin on October 17<sup>th</sup> and noted the interest in continuation of some level of support for further history events and community projects guided by a local authority committee. The Department will revert on proposals in the new year.

#### **Community Monuments Fund-**

Four projects -Molana Abbey, Stradbally Church, Dromana House and Black Friar's in Waterford City awarded funding under the Community Monuments Fund allocated by the National Monuments Service of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to a value of €270,000 for conservation and survey of a range of archaeological sites across the city and county have been completed.

#### **Biodiversity Funding – Dungarvan District**

Funding under the NPWS Local Biodiversity Action Plan Fund was used to satellite tag a number of Brent Geese earlier in 2023 and the project has been filmed by a TV company for RTE Junior which will be aired in autumn 2024. The series will feature the Dungarvan Brent Geese and pupils from St. Mary's National School and trace the tagged geese on their journey to Iceland Arctic Canada.

### **Conservation Officer Report**

#### **Built Heritage Investment Scheme and Historic Structure Scheme**

20 projects were completed under this funding this year. The €500,000 worth of works provided over 900 days of employment. Projects included Phase 1 of the repair to windows at the Heritage Centre in Lismore, Repair of the timberwork and plaster panels at Carnegie Library, (see photo of William Keniry at work) repair of thatch roofs in Ballyvolyle, Ballinclammer, Lismore, Nire Valley and An Rinn, Repair of historic windows in The Haven Dunmore East, and funding for conservation works at Garter Lane Arts Centre Waterford City. Conservation works to the roofs of the Rylands Mortuary Chapel and the Franciscan Church in Waterford City, St Carthage Cathedral, Lismore and the windows of St Annes, Fewes were also supported.



Some projects did not go ahead due to factors such as the shortage of skilled tradespeople and in those cases the funding was reallocated to other projects. The works provided 912 days of employment and a spend of €499,000. This is only just for the conservation element of a project but in some case other works were carried out also.

The funding for 2024 is due to be announced shortly.

#### **Historic Structures Scheme**

Mount Melleray Abbey - funding of €44,000 for works to address water ingress.

HSF provided funding for 912 days of employment and generated a conservation spend of €220,000.

#### **Fire guidance booklet for thatched properties**

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage have just published a booklet with regard to Fire guidance for thatched properties. The Department will provide hard copies. The link to the document will be posted on the Department website by the end of October. All contact details will be posted on Waterford Councils social media then also.