

Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge

Waterford City & County Council

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Tuairisc Bainistíochta don gComhairle Management Report to Council

Aibreán 2018

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Príomhfheidhmeannach

April 2018

Michael Walsh,

Chief Executive

Forbairt Eacnamaíoch

Economic Development

Local Enterprise Office

Indicator	At end of Mar 2017	At end of March 2018
No. of Clients Met	186	127
No. of clients applying for Measure 1 support	7	4
No. of clients securing Measure 1 support	5	3
Value of Measure 1 support approved	€94,755	€75,350
No. of clients receiving Measure 2 support	230	254
Value of Measure 2 support given	€74,995	€71,863

Blackwater Distillery announced as winner of Waterford Final for National Enterprise Awards 2018

Over the last number of weeks the five Waterford finalists have undergone a testing process of presentations, interviews and discussions with a panel of expert judges who fully interrogated the finalists' applications and business plans.

The ultimate winner for 2018 is founder of Blackwater Distillery, Peter Mulryan, who was presented with a specially commissioned award along with investment capital by the Mayor of Waterford Councillor Pat Nugent. Peter will now go forward to represent Waterford in the National Finals and compete against 30 winning firms from around the country. The National Enterprise Awards Final will take place in the Mansion House, Dublin on the 24th May 2018.

Forbairt Eacnamaíoch Economic Development



Local agencies join forces to celebrate International Women's Day



As part of International Women's Day, a number of key Waterford business agencies came together to host a morning event 'It's All About YOU – Celebrate Your Uniqueness' on Thursday, March 8th, in the Large Room, City Hall, with CEO of Catalyst International Dee Hutchinson facilitating.

Forbairt Eacnamaíoch

Economic Development

Waterford Local Enterprise Office joined forces with Waterford Chamber, Waterford Micro Business Network, Waterford Chamber, Skillnet and Network Ireland for this event as part of the nationally co-ordinated 'Local Enterprise Week'.

Town & Village 2017

Bunmahon

Allocation €64,000 - Boardwalk on Bunmahon Beach; Surfer Service area and Trail improvements to Trá na mBó – tender documentation being prepared for works; necessary land transfer also being completed – expect project to be delivered by September/October 2018 as Planning Application involved re Surfer Service area.

Ballymacarbry

Allocation €24,000 - Road safety provisions & Footpath connectivity – design almost completed – Comeragh Engineer will be going to tender in coming weeks

Ballyduff Lower

Allocation €28,800 - Village Enhancements & Footpath connectivity – design completed – Comeragh Engineer will be going to tender in coming weeks

Portlaw

Allocation €95,000 - Village enhancements/heritage signage & Footpath connectivity – awaiting Irish Water design for footpath element, materials purchased for elements of project

Tramore

Allocation €10,000 - Refurbishment of Old Railway Station – Conditional Survey Engineer appointed – pre-survey and site clearance works required before advancing project

Cheekpoint

Allocation €80,000 - Road safety provisions & Footpath connectivity – Tender completed – liaising with Contractor/Engineers to establish feasibility of progressing project.

Villierstown

Allocation €90,000 - Glamping Pod Accommodation Units – Tender completed – contractor appointed and Pods to be in place by July 2018

Dungarvan

Allocation €80,000 - Signage, Painting Lighting, Street enhancement in O'Connell St. – Painting Tender completed – materials for street infrastructure procured, signage requirements being determined at present in context of Dungarvan Town

Forbairt Eacnamaíoch

Economic Development

Clonea Power

Allocation €64,000 - Treasure Hunt Village; lighting; signage – signage requirements being determined at present, materials already purchased for some elements of project; scope of works for Old School being developed and will go to tender in April.

FLAG 2018

Waterford City and County Council applications submitted in February 2018

Blackwater Tourism Action Plan

Complete Tourism action plan arising from 2016 West Waterford Tourism Workshop – application request for €9,600

Heritage Study on fishing/maritime environment of Waterford Estuary

Study on heritage aspect and potential opportunities on Waterford Estuary – study to include dendrochronology report of fishing weirs- application request for €5904

Trail Study and Assessment Report for Copper Coast

Study looking at feasibility of coastal path along Copper Coast and assessment report/costings re appropriate route(s)- application request for €4800

Major Projects – Progress Report up to April 4th 2018

1. City Centre Rejuvenation Works:-

- The contract is near completion, lighting and snagging being finalised in most areas.
- Works in Arundel Square, Peter St and Bakehouse Lane are now substantially complete with the exception of electrical/lighting installation and snagging.
- On Michael street South the paving works along the central section of the street is complete, works are continuing along the eastern and western sides of the street i.e. sections up to shop/business fronts. Works are scheduled to be complete in two/three weeks.
- The entire works, with the exception of snagging, are scheduled to be substantially completed by end of April 2018, ahead of the previously programmed June completion date. The programme for the works is as follows:-

Forbairt Eacnamaíoch

Economic Development

Contractors Programme

Task Name	Duration*	Start	Finish
City Centre	565 days	10/10/16	27/04/18
Arundel Square	203 days	08/09/17	29/03/18
Peter Street	150 days	31/10/17	29/03/18
Michael Street South	93 days	25/01/18	27/04/18

* All durations above are calendar days

- The Manor Street/ Poleberry/ Bath Street traffic scheme is operating and working satisfactorily. Permanent signage and street furniture being finalised.
- Preparatory design works for the Parnell Street section of the WIT to City Centre Greenroute project have commenced.
- The construction contract for the Hennessey's Road/Browns Lane/Castle Street Scheme is due to be awarded shortly & it is anticipated to commence works April / May 2018.

2. North Quays:-

- The Waterford North Quays Planning Scheme has been appealed to An Bord Pleanala; comments on the appeals are due by Friday 6th April 2018.
- The decision is still awaited from An Bord Pleanala Oral Hearing relating to the CPO for the lands associated with the North Quays infrastructure development anticipated decision date is early April 2018.
- Survey and investigative works are continuing on the North Quays for the preparation of Preliminary Design Documents.

3. LIHAF:-

- The detailed design of the access road in Gracedieu and the 1.8km distributor road at Kilbarry is complete. The suite of tender documents is being reviewed at present.
- The Gracedieu project will be published on e-tenders at the point whereby agreement is finalised with the landowner to deliver 200 housing units.
- The Kilbarry project will proceed to the tender phase when the lands required for the works are transferred to Waterford City and County Council by the landowners. There are three landowners on the Kilbarry Scheme. One of the landowners, Noel Frisby Construction Ltd., has signalled intent to withdraw from the scheme. The objective now is that the project would proceed in part with the remaining landowners, subject to agreement on land transfers and funding approval by DECLG.

Pleanáil

Planning

Development Management

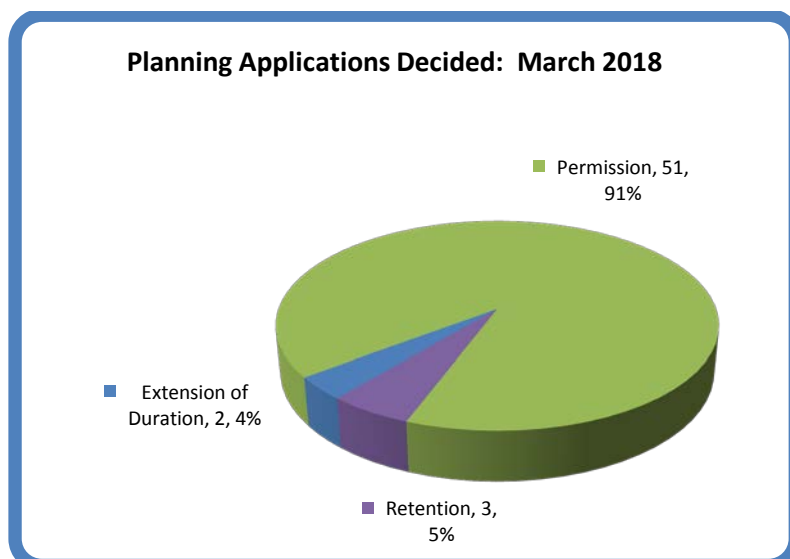
Planning Applications Received – Countywide

69 Planning applications have been received in the month of March 2018. This compares with 76 planning applications received in the same period in 2017.

From the 1st of January 2018 to the 30th of March, a total of 212 applications were received. In the same period in 2017, 214 applications were lodged.

Planning Decisions 2018 – Countywide

In the month of March, 59 planning decisions have been made. Of these, 57 applications were granted and 1 refused, representing a grant rate of 98.3%. Planning decisions made in the period by decision type are illustrated in below:



Pre Planning Update- Countywide

A total of 93 preplanning applications have been received this year up to the 28th March. These pre-planning applications are currently being processed.

Forward Planning

Proposed Variation no. 4 of the Waterford County Development Plan 2011-2017, Waterford City Development Plan 2013-2019 and Dungarvan Town Development Plan 2012-2018

It had been intended to progress to public consultation on this proposed variation immediately following the workshop at the March Plenary Council meeting; however given the debate at the workshop the process will be revisited.

Pleanáil

Planning

Built Heritage

A provisional offer of €104,000 grant funding under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) has been made by the Dept of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. The Council has received 30 no. applications for such grant funds and of these 17 no. applications qualified for funding under the scheme. Details of the qualified applications have been forwarded to the DCHG and a response is awaited in the coming weeks.

In addition to the BHIS, 5 no. applications have been received for grant funding from the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht (DCHG) under the Structures at Risk Fund (SRF) and these have been forwarded to the DCHG for consideration. Details of the qualified applications have been forwarded to the DCHG and a response is awaited in the coming weeks.

Heritage

Centenary of 1918 in Waterford

Over 100 people attended the conference on John Redmond that took place in City Hall on March 9th- 10th, which included speakers such as Professor Roy Foster and John Bruton. The event was attended by John Redmond's great-granddaughter and great-grandson. Dr. Pat McCarthy also launched a book on The Redmonds and Waterford as part of the event.



L to R: Joanne Rothwell, Archivist WCCC, Dr. Pat McCarthy, Historian & Author, Dermot Meleady, Biographer of John Redmond, Former Taoiseach John Bruton, Cllr. Pat Nugent Mayor WCCC, Emmet O'Connor, Ulster University, Julian Walton, Historian & Author, Bernadette Guest, Heritage Officer.

Heritage Plan Funding

A funding allocation of €23,000 has been allocated by the Heritage Council to five projects under the County Heritage Plan in 2018. These include habitat mapping along the River Blackwater and River Bride, 1918 Centenary Commemoration Programme, support of community archaeology projects, publication on Heritage and History of the Greenway and Heritage and Biodiversity Week events.

European Year of Cultural Heritage

2018 is designated Year of Cultural Heritage and the Heritage Council has allocated €750,000 to a funding scheme. 75% funding of total project expenditure, up to a maximum of €8,000 is available for 150 community heritage projects. Details of successful applications will be made known in April. Details of cultural heritage events taking place during the year are available on www.eych2018.com.

Bóithre agus Iompar

Roads and Transportation

Road Works Programme 2018

The Roadworks Programme is being finalised and is due to commence week beginning 11th April in the Dungarvan/Lismore area. The agreed Programme will then be rolled out to all Districts over the coming weeks.

Winter Maintenance Programme and Storm Emma

The response and aftermath costs of the recent extreme weather event put significant pressure on resources for the Roads Department. Considerable damage has been caused to the road network throughout the county and these un-programmed works together with the associated costs are not budgeted for within existing resources. The Department of Planning, Housing and Local Government has invited submissions for recoupment of funding to be returned by 20th April and a report of all eligible expenditure is currently being prepared.

In addition to the gritting carried out during the Storm normal salting and gritting continued throughout the month.

Community Involvement Scheme 2018

A submission of 20 projects has been made to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport in respect of the Community Involvement Scheme for 2018. The Community Involvement Scheme provides funding for works on private roads where the local residents engage with the Council and provide either a financial contribution or work to assist in the upgrade of the road. Funding allocations will be announced by the Department this month.

Bóithre agus Iompar

Roads and Transportation

Local Improvement Scheme 2018

The Roads Department has submitted a priority list of 12 projects for approval to the Department of Rural and Community Development to match the funding allocation of €282,000 granted to the Council. All remaining applications on hand have also been submitted to the Department on a secondary list of projects for consideration, in the event of further funding becoming available later in the year.

Seirbhísi Éigeandála

Emergency Services

Fire Service Operational Activity:

Total call outs to incidents attended by the 10 fire stations of the Fire Authority are shown for the year to date and for the month of March. Special services include road traffic accidents, road hazards, chemical incidents, flooding and non fire rescues. Good intent false alarms include alarm system malfunctions, alarm systems alerting due to factors other than fire (e.g. steam, dust, power surges, break glass units accidentally set off etc), persons mistakenly observing fires and calls to controlled burning. Malicious false alarms occur where persons deliberately alert the brigade where no emergency exists.

Area	Fires	Special Service	False Alarm Good Intent	False Alarm Malicious
Metropolitan	36	57	15	3
Comeragh	6	4	1	0
Dungarvan/Lismore	10	10	5	0
Total for Mar	52	71	21	3
Total 2018	170	112	43	4
<i>Total for Mar 2017</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Total for 2017</i>	<i>781</i>	<i>368</i>	<i>149</i>	<i>37</i>

Fire Safety:

Applications for fire safety certificates and referrals from the Planning Authority received for fire safety and building control advice are shown as follows:

Applications Received	Mar 2018	2018 Year to date	<i>Total for March 2017</i>	<i>Total for 2017</i>
Fire Safety Certificates	8	23	10	94
Planning Referrals	50	125	42	502

Seirbhísi Éigeandála

Emergency Services

Building Control:

New functions associated with the Building Control Regulations, introduced on 1st March 2014, are being delivered within Emergency Services. Notices and applications associated with these regulations are shown below as well as referrals from the Planning Authority for fire safety and building control advice.

Application/Notification	Mar 2018	Cumulative Total for 2018	<i>Total for March 2017</i>	<i>Total for 2017</i>
Commencement Notices	20	75	28	330
Completion Certificates	12	39	32	146
Disability Access Certificates	6	15	15	63

Civil Defence:

Civil Defence activities for March and April will be listed

Tithíocht

Housing

Housing Applications

Housing applications	Applications during Mar 2017	Cumulative No. of Applications 2017	Applications during Mar 2018	Cumulative No. of Applications 2018
Applications received	126	294	85	234
Applications validated	95	228	53	145
Applications approved	63	212	48	137

Housing Allocations

District	Tenancies during Mar 2017	Cumulative No. of Tenancies 2017	New Tenancies during Mar 2018	Refusal No. of New Tenancy offer	Cumulative No. of New Tenancies 2018
Comeragh Municipal	3	5	0	0	1
Dungarvan/Lismore Municipal	17	23	2	3	5
Metropolitan	20	38	19	4	41
Voluntary Bodies	1	3	0	-	4
Totals	41	69	21	7	51

Choice Based Letting Scheme

The total number of properties advertised on the Choice Based Letting system to date is 87.

We have received 6,872 bids on these properties as of Thursday 29th March 2018.

There has been 9 refusals on properties to date.

Housing Loans applications

2018 Housing Loans	Applications received	Applications awaiting further info	Applications refused	Applications approved	Applications with Housing Agency/deferred for 6 months
Feb	11	6	3	0	2

Tithíocht

Housing

YTD	16	8	6	0	0
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Tenant Purchase applications

2018 Tenant Purchase	Applications received	Applications awaiting further info	Applications refused	Applications approved
Feb	1	1	0	-
YTD 2018	3	3	0	0
YTD 2017 & 2018	191	22	80	Of the balance of 89 YTD:- 36 Sales have closed 5 are at Legal stage 48 are still under offer

Housing Assistance Payment

Housing Assistance Payment	Mar 2017 HAP tenancies	Mar 2018 HAP tenancies set up	2018 Cumulative No. of HAP Tenancies set up	Cumulative No. of HAP Tenancies to date
HAP Tenancies	78	58	177	2,138

Inspection of private rented dwellings

PRTB Register	3
Compliant	0
Non-Compliant	3
HAP	26
Compliant	3
Non-Compliant	21
Re Inspection	2
HNA/COC (Properties from Housing applications and change of circumstances applications)	0
Compliant	0
Non-Compliant	0

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Housing

	Re Inspection	0
RAS	(RAS properties)	4
RAS Re-Inspection		5
LTL	(Long term leasing properties)	2
LTL Re-Inspection		7
MTR	(Mortgage to rent properties)	4
Total		51

Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People, People with a Disability and Mobility Aids

Grant Scheme Amount	Value of applications approved Mar 2018	Number of applications to Mar 2018	Cumulative value of applications approved	Cumulative number of 2018 applications
Housing Adaptation for People with a Disability. Max. €30,000	€0.00	0	€0.00	0
Mobility Aids Scheme Maximum €6,000	€14,100.00	3	€43,646.59	9
Housing Aid for Older People Maximum €8,000	€8,027.50	2	€26,096.55	5
Total	€25,127.50	5	€69,743.14	14

Homeless services

Cases presented seeking Homeless services	2018	2017
March Cases presented (up to 31st Mar)	87	53
Cumulative number of cases presented	252	168

Individual/Family Breakdown in Homeless Accommodation	Mar 2018	Mar 2017
Individuals	151	131
Individuals with dependent children	16	11
Families with no dependent children	0	0
Families with dependent children	18	4

Tithíocht

Housing

Currently in emergency B&B homeless accommodation in Waterford (included in above figures):

In total, 14 adults and 10 children composed of 7 families with 10 children and 6 individuals.

Waiting list for emergency accommodation in Waterford: 9 adults.

Capital Projects

Housing Capital Schemes - WCCC Projects				
Project Location	Units	Area	Current Position	Comment
The Glen Waterford	11	Metropolitan	Appraisal/Design Stage	Stage 1 approved Q1 2018 – Stage 2 Application to DHPLG Q2 2018
Summerland Square Waterford	8	Metropolitan	Appraisal/Design Stage	Stage 1 approved Q1 2018 - Stage 2 Application to DHPLG Q2 2018
Ardmore Park / Priory Lawn	5	Metropolitan	Appraisal/Design Stage	Stage 1 Application to DHPLG Q1 2018
Larchville	5	Metropolitan	Tender Preparation	Stage 3 Application to DHPCLG Q1 2018.
Tallow Almshouse	4	Dungarvan-Lismore	Tender Stage	Stage 4 Application to DHPLG Q1 2018 – Construction on-site Q1 2018
Cappoquin	4	Dungarvan-Lismore	Construction	Completed.
Tramore - Patrick St	2	Metropolitan	Construction	Construction in progress.
Portlaw Coolfin	12	Comeragh	Construction	Construction in progress.
Dungarvan Ballinroad	20	Dungarvan-Lismore	Tender Stage	Stage 3 Application to DHPCLG Q1 2018.
Tramore An Garran	32	Metropolitan	Appraisal/Design Stage	Stage 2 Application to DHPCLG Q1 2018.
Doyle Street	4	Metropolitan	Design Stage	Demolition works on-site Q1 2018.
Gibbethill	5	Metropolitan	Construction	Construction in progress.
Kilrush	39	Dungarvan-Lismore	Construction	Construction in progress.
Carrickphierish	31	Metropolitan	Construction	Construction in progress.
Airport Road	33	Metropolitan	Construction	Construction on-site Q1

Tithíocht

Housing

				2018.
Shandon	5	Dungarvan-Lismore	Construction	Construction in progress.
Slievekeale	60	Metropolitan	Appraisal	PPP bundle & individual schemes awaiting DHPLG approval before advertising Part 8
Clarendon Court	24	Metropolitan	Appraisal	Stage 1 approved Q1 2018 CPO Q2 2018
Part V	17	Countywide	Various Stages	
Repair and Lease	71	Countywide	Various Stages	
Buy and Renew – Barker Place	12	Metropolitan	Appraisal/Design Stage	Stage 1 approved Q1 2018
Buy & Renew – The Forge	6	Metropolitan	Appraisal/Design Stage	Stage 1 approved Q1 2018
Total Units in WCCC Projects 410				

Housing Capital Schemes - Approved Housing Body Projects				
Project Location	Units	Area	Current Position	Comment
Dungarvan, Shandon Co-operative Housing Ireland	20	Dungarvan-Lismore	Construction	Following Planning Grant, Construction to resume Q1 2018.
Tramore, Ballycarnane Tramore Voluntary Housing	18	Metropolitan	Design Stage	Stage 3 Application to DHPCLG in Q1 2018.
Dunhill Gleann Ealach	8	Comeragh	Design Stage	Stage 2 Approval Q4 2017. Planning in Progress.
Powersfield, Hennessy's Road Focus Ireland	3	Metropolitan	Design Stage	Stage 3 Application to DHPCLG in Q1 2018.
The Paddock's Anvers/Acquired Brain Injury Ireland	9	Metropolitan	Tender Preparation	Awaiting Stage 3 Approval.
Wadding Manor, Ferrybank Respond!	10	Metropolitan	Design Stage	Tender Process and Stage 3 Approved.
Total Units in Approved Housing Body Projects 68				

Tithíocht

Housing

Housing Maintenance

Refurbishing of houses becoming vacant for re let:

Works complete	20 units
Works commenced/underway	8 units
Surveyed/at tender stage	17 units
Newly vacant	12 units
In Regeneration programme	9 units

Response maintenance

To the 29th March 2018, there were a total of 972 recorded requests. 737 have been resolved and 235 are pending.

Seirbhísí Pobail

Community Services

Social Inclusion:

- New SICAP programme underway addressing the needs of disadvantaged communities and individuals in Waterford
- Exploratory meetings are being carried out in advance of the drawing up of a Migrant Integration Strategy.
- Meeting of the Waterford Traveller Interagency Group held on 28th March. Consideration being given to implementing the Yellow Flag Programme. The Yellow Flag Programme is a progressive equality & diversity initiative for primary and secondary schools which promotes and supports an environment for interculturalism. Traveller Genealogy Exhibition to be held on 19th April in the Civic Offices, Dungarvan.

Waterford Rural Development programme:

Information workshops commenced during March in advance of opening the next official call for Expressions of Interest for funding under the Rural Tourism and Enterprise Development themes. The total call budget is €2,250,574.14. Advance notice of the workshops in Tramore, Lismore, Ballymacarbry, Dungarvan and Kilmacthomas was widely circulated. The opening date for EoI's is on Monday 9th April and the closing date for all calls is on Friday 20th April.

Comhairle na nÓg:

The implementation of the 2018 programme is underway and the young people are progressing with their project for 2018 i.e. Homelessness. Support at events is underway for the Spring/Summer season. Action meetings have been taking place by the various sub-committees that have been established by the members and is being facilitated by the coordinator.

Pride of Place:

The date for the initial meeting with the Waterford entrants (Tramore and Waterford Arch Club) for IPB All island Pride of Place Awards 2018 has been agreed and is taking place in on April 19th 2018 when the competition process and the plan for the remainder of the year will be discussed.

Waterford Age Friendly Programme:

The work of the action groups is underway. The Older Persons Council has been established with the existing PPN reps along with additional members making up the initial executive. Engagement with the national age friendly programme continues with the Age Friendly Ireland Recognition and Achievement Awards taking place in Monaghan on April 11th. Two members of the OPC have been invited to attend.

RAPID:

New RAPID grant scheme for disadvantaged urban areas and Community Facilities Scheme likely to be announced in May.

Seirbhísí Pobail

Community Services

Healthy Waterford

Work on the preparation of a Healthy Waterford Strategic Plan 2018-2021 is being finalised. Consultation meetings (four in all) held in Waterford City and Dungarvan. Work progressing well on Healthy Ireland fund actions.

Supporting Waterford Community Fund 2018:

The list of recommended allocation for eligible applicants is on the agenda for the elected members approval. Once approval has been granted, all applicants shall be notified before end of April and grant paid out by end of May.

Waterford St Patricks Day Parade 2018

The theme for the 2018 Parade was “Our Viking Heritage” embracing the history and heritage of Vadrarfjord (Waterford). The theme inspired 57 groups to get involved and produce energetic and creative entries. Her Excellency Else Berit Eikeland Ambassador of Norway to Ireland lead the parade as Grand Marshall. There were awards for best entries under 8 categories with 3 additional groups receiving the award of special commendation.

Ealaíona & Cultúr

Arts & Culture

Libraries

In March 50,926 people visited libraries throughout the County and borrowed 40,834 items during the month. Branches due to open on 1st, 2nd and 3rd were closed due to Storm Emma.

In March, 314 events and activities took place in libraries. Highlights included:

- Official opening of Carrickphierish campus which includes Carrickphierish Library by Michael Ring, Minister for Rural and Community Development. The day included a full programme of events and 2,000 people attended throughout the day.
- World Book day celebration with local schools- Dungarvan Library
- Seachtain na Gaeilge events including storytelling, author visit from Niall de Burca, Bingo as Gaeilge in Ardkeen, Lismore, Central, Dungarvan Libraries.
- Healthy Ireland events including Movement and music for children, Meditation, Nature walk, Dental health, Sensory Play, Cyber safety, food themed storytelling and nutrition in Cappoquin, Tallow, Ardkeen, Dungarvan, Lismore, Brown's Road, Central and Tramore libraries.
- Easter Crafts Carrickphierish and Dungarvan libraries.
- Tinteán Housing Conference – Carrickphierish Library

Events coming up in April include:

- West Waterford Festival of Food- Growing Seedlings to Crops and pop up theatre 15 minute Hamlet- Dungarvan Library
- Right to Read – Spring into story time sessions in all libraries
- Yoga classes – Cappoquin Library
- National Poetry day event Cappoquin Library
- Crochet Exhibition and Demonstration – Central Library
- EDIC – European Investment Fund event with Sean Kelly MEP –City Hall

Library Development:

- New weekly Irish conversation group for Adults in Dungarvan Library
- Continuation of rollout of RFID throughout the branch network
- Library Staff attended the following training: Irish Classes, Manual Handling, Right to Read Summer Reading Challenge and The Redmondite Tradition in Waterford Conference.

Ealaíona & Cultúr

Arts & Culture

Arts Report – April 2018

Contracts are signed with ROJO Studio Chartered Architects for the former SEA Rooms in O'Connell Street. The building will undergo a cosmetic renovation with an opening date as the new home for the Waterford Collection in August 2018. Greyfriars Gallery will close towards the end of May 2018 for renovations to become a Museum of Time.

Arts in Education projects in primary schools around the City and County are ongoing. In particular ten schools are currently involved in a project to animate the stages for the Summer in the City programme.

The Old Market House Arts Centre, Dungarvan, April exhibitions are by Ciara Gormley, Dungarvan, Anna Maria Leavy, Co. Westmeath and Margaret Walsh, Cork. The Arts Centre is also hosting events for the West Waterford Festival of Food on April 21st.

The Treelines & Skylines exhibition continues in Greyfriars Municipal Art Gallery until May 18th.

The Arts Office has advertised bursaries for members of Waterford Drama Groups to attend the Drama League of Ireland Summer School in July/August 2018. Closing date is May 3rd.

Adjudication is currently ongoing for the national Molly Keane Creative Writing Award.

The Perspectives from the Margins exhibition by Anthony Mackey has just finished a successful run in currently in GOMA Waterford. Mackey's practice is primarily concerned with social disadvantage and the marginalized and disenfranchised in society. His pieces range from the community in Lismore Lisduggan, John's Park, Limerick and inner City Dublin.

Shauna McCullough continues to make inroads to the Waterford Music Scene in her development role with Waterford Music Generation. It's hoped that plans for the programme will initiate in September/October this year with a full role out in 2019.

Rogue Galleries & Studios Metamorphosis Exhibition has finished. It featured a number of up and coming artists of all disciplines. The Rogue building was also utilised by the Viking show in the Applemarket over the Easter Weekend.

Seirbhísí Comhshaoil

Environmental Services

Environmental Enforcement

1st January 2018 – 26th February 2018.

Enforcement under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 (as amended)

Legal Action Initiated	9
On the Spot Litter Fines Issued(Pending Payment or Prosecution)	38
On the Spot Litter Fines Paid (Includes Fines from 2017 paid in 2018)	14
No of Notices Issued 9.16,17,20	0

Enforcement under the Waste Management Acts 1996 (as amended)

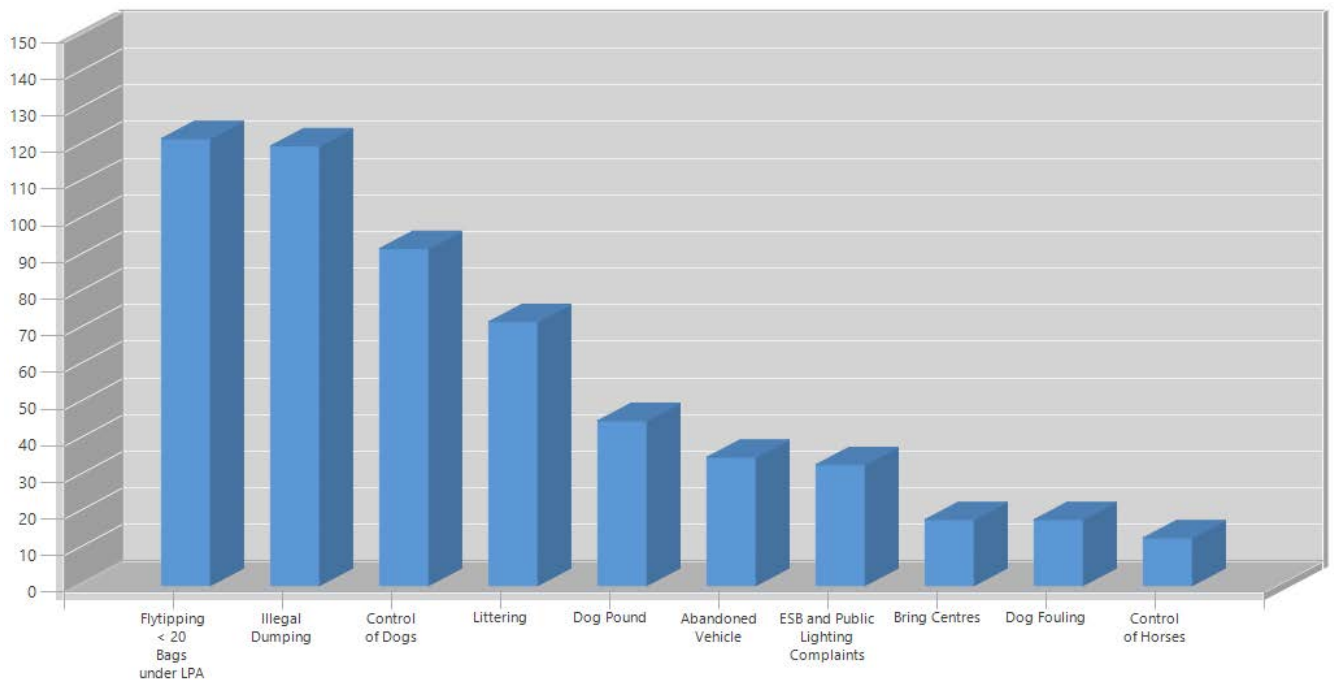
No of Complaints	477
Legal Actions	2
Section 18's Statutory Notices Served (asking for info on Waste Issues)	1
Section 55's Statutory Notices Served (asking for Waste to be removed in a 2 week period)	2
Section 71's (Abandoned Vehicle Notices)	27
Warning Letters Sent	18
Section 14 Directions	7
Regulation 33 - Requirement on a Registered Owner to deposit an End-of-Life Vehicle at an Authorised Treatment Facility. (European Union End-of-Life Vehicles) Regulations 2014 – Fixed Penalty Notice.	3

Environmental Complaints

The following graph shows the top 10 category of complaints received. Environmental Inspectors continue to investigate complaints received and monitor illegal waste issues, littering, fly-tipping and illegal signage and issued litter fines where offences are detected. The Waterford City & County Councils Dog Warden continues to investigate all control of dogs issue throughout the City & County.

Seirbhísí Comhshaoil

Environmental Services



Members of the public are encouraged to contact the local authority to report all incidents of illegal dumping, littering or other environmental issue of concern by using the following telephone number: 0761 10 20 20.

Environmental Education & Awareness

Green Schools

As part of Waterford City and County Council's support of the An Taisce's Green Flag programme for schools, renewal assessments for the next flag are ongoing for February and March. The assessment deadline for both renewals and first time assessments is 16th March 2018. There are currently 99 schools taking part in the Green Schools programme in Co Waterford.

Community Clean-Ups

Waterford City & County Council continues to offer assistance throughout the year to the general public every spring/summer season to clean up litter and illegally dumped waste from their local environs e.g. approach roads, local beauty spots, beaches and general public areas. National Spring Clean will take place during the month of April; 2018 is the 20th year of National Spring Clean.

Seirbhísí Comhshaoil

Environmental Services

National Tree Week

National Tree Week takes place 4-11 March 2018. One of the main projects of Tree Week which is organised by the Tree Council of Ireland is the distribution by local authorities of over 15,000 trees throughout the country to local community groups and schools for planting during Tree Week. 400 of these saplings will be made available to Waterford City and County Council for distribution. By encouraging individuals, family groups, schools and local communities to organise or take part Tree Week events, we are prompting and enabling people to play their part in making a difference to our efforts to live more sustainably, bringing about numerous of benefits. These trees have been offered to schools, community groups and Tidy Towns groups, as well as being advertised on social media, local newspapers, etc.

Local Litter Awareness Grant

This grant is available to help community groups and schools organise clean ups during National Spring Clean and over the summer months. This grant was advertised in early February, with a deadline of mid March for applications. This will enable decisions regarding successful applicants to be made and the first half of the grant paid out by April; projects can begin from the second quarter of 2018.

Local Waste Prevention Grant

This grant was also advertised in newspapers, on the website and via social media. Tidy Towns groups and schools were issued with application forms to enable them apply for this grant. Eligible projects that could be funded include but are not limited to the following: Repair skills workshops, Upcycling Workshops, Introduction of composting scheme/workshops, Elimination of single-use items, Food waste prevention projects/events

Roadside Litter

A campaign re roadside litter will be launched in March to encourage drivers to bring their litter home with them rather than throwing it from the car. This will include signage, social media and press, etc as well as projects with two local groups on reusable cups in order to reduce the number of disposable cups found as litter.

Waterford Energy Bureau

Better Energy Communities Scheme

Seirbhísí Comhshaoil

Environmental Services

Waterford Energy Bureau has submitted a funding application to the SEAI under the "Better Energy Communities Scheme" 2018. WCCC energy efficiency upgrades within the funding application included electrical vehicles, hybrid vehicles and LED lighting. Project partners also included within the funding application included Colaiste Na Rinne, Ballybeg Community Centre, The U-Casadh Project, The Hugh Gore Institute, Cathedral Close Waterford, St Micheals Hall Ballyduff Upper, Kilbrien National School, Deise Daycare Centre and Ardkeen Centre Group. Funding requests from project partners included insulation upgrades, gasification boilers, heat pumps and led lighting.

SEAI Sustainable Energy Communities Scheme

It is expected that this grant scheme will be open for applications from April and be specific to communities that have signed up to the SEC Network.

Website

Environmental Information continues to be added to the Environment section of the Waterford City & County Council website which can be found at www.waterfordcouncil.ie

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Finance

Waterford City and County Council - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division							
Y.T.D. to February 28, 2018							
		EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
		Expenditure	Adopted	%	Income	Adopted	%
		€	Full Year	Budget	€	Full year	Budget
			Budget	Spent		Budget	Raised
			€	to date		€	
A	Housing & Building	4,186,308	25,728,776	16%	3,607,763	26,933,915	13%
B	Road Transport & Safety	3,565,826	27,765,615	13%	1,264,258	16,314,408	8%
C	Water Services	1,635,086	10,904,203	15%	1,607,192	10,561,906	15%
D	Development Management	2,468,167	15,569,383	16%	701,081	7,198,496	10%
E	Environmental Services	2,039,605	17,860,060	11%	339,712	2,568,762	13%
F	Recreation & Amenity	1,617,611	13,616,202	12%	165,016	2,016,708	8%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	167,855	1,225,510	14%	66,683	445,494	15%
H	Miscellaneous Services	1,667,380	13,213,938	13%	1,663,037	10,870,294	15%
LG	Local Property Tax / GPG	0	0	0%	3,151,919	18,911,516	17%
RA	Rates	0	0	0%	4,837,676	30,062,188	16%
		17,347,838	125,883,687	14%	17,404,337	125,883,687	14%
Surplus/Deficit					56,499	(0)	

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Summary of Main Collections ytd to 28 - 2- 2018							
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Gross Bal as at 1-1-2018	Accrued ytd to Feb 2018	Write Offs and Vacancies	Total for Collection [1+2-3]	Collected ytd to Feb 2018	Gross Bal 28 - 2 -2018 [4-5]	% Collected ytd re Total for Collection [5/4]	% Collected ytd re 2018 Accrual [5/(4-1)]
	€	€	€	€	€	€	
Rates	8,084,253	25,934	8,110,187	915,096	7,195,091	11%	0%
Loans	1,926,637	476,717	2,403,354	442,284	1,961,069	18%	93%
Rents	3,591,468	2,236,830	5,828,298	2,057,473	3,770,825	35%	92%
Aged Analysis							
		Less than 1 mth	2 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	greater than 12 mths		Net Balance
Rates		-	-	4,564,019	2,631,072		7,195,091
		0 to 3 mths	4 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	Greater than 12 mths		
Loans		156,437	90,038	178,684	1,535,910		1,961,069
		Less than 4 weeks	4-6 weeks	7-12 weeks	Greater than 12 wks		
Rents		195,797	183,546	264,205	3,127,277		3,770,825
Overdraft Levels							
Days in Overdraft in Feb - 28 days		Cost - €16,527		Average €11.5m			