

Camper van talk heralds arrival of summer

By Christy Parker

IN a sure indication of summer's imminence, the issue of camper van parking arrived on schedule at May's Dungarvan-Lismore municipal district meeting.

Cllr McGuinness raised the first flag as he outlined how camper vans parking outside the designated area at Quann's were impacting negatively on people accessing car parking spaces. He also felt it posed a risk to pedestrians.

The councillor added that vans "at times encroach onto the footpath with their wheels to the kerb" and while it was "important to welcome people to the town", there was a need "to be mindful of pedestrian safety and the ability to get around".

Cllr Pat Nugent felt more spaces were needed for camper vans, with local motorists having approached him about "permits and spaces taken while at Mass". Unfortunately, his full testimony became incoherent as his microphone was not activated.

Director of Services Kieran Kehoe's initial response was also scarcely audible before full audio was executed. His simple message was that the council had made camper van spaces available and if the vehicles parked illegally the law would be enforced and if parked legally, a strong welcome would be the order.

With "a huge amount of camper vans coming to Dungarvan", he suggested that perhaps the private sector could seize the opportunity too and seek a

licence "to open up some of their lands to service these visitors".

Cllr Thomas Phelan wondered if council car parks, including those close to the civic offices, with its "nice views of the mountains and estuary" could be made available for camper vans in summer.

Mr Kehoe said it would be considered, but the council's staff and public car parks were quite busy with regular cars when opened at weekends, plus there was "a height restriction" that may induce "a risk in removing".

GREENWAY EXTENSION

On other matters Cllr John Pratt asked had there been many submissions made to a recent feasibility study of the proposed Mallow-Waterford greenway extension.

Senior executive engineer Domhnall O Murchadha said the extension was being managed by Cork County Council's regional design office on behalf of both local authorities. It had recently issued its draft strategic assessment report to TII and there would have been "significant engagement in terms of public consultation to date". He said there had been over 400 submissions at the last strategic meeting he had attended.

The engineer added that the regional office "engages at a formal level with representative bodies in terms of agriculture and in respect of the route" and was "content with the level of engagement they have got". He would issue an update closer to the final report, while advising also that "their website is very substantial in regard to the process ongoing".

Council anti-litter schemes outlined

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WATERFORD Council environment officer Ray Moloney was called upon to explain a tranche of anti-litter/illegal dumping initiatives announced in the council's environment report and circulated at May's Dungarvan-Lismore municipal district meeting.

The report revealed that the council had been allocated government funding as follows: Shandon Dungarvan and River Blackwater clean-ups, €3,000 each.

City & countywide projects included: Bulky Waste Days: €25,000; Drone purchase: €6,000; ELV Mystery Shopper Project:

€4,000; Man in the Van cinema advertising campaign: €7,500.

Cllr James Tobin asked for clarification of some of the description terminology and what use would be made of the drone.

Mr Moloney said the bulky waste days would be a series of collections of bulky waste, "possibly free or with a nominal charge" similar to previous mattress collection.

The mystery shopper project related to 'end of life', vehicles (ELVs) whereby the council would take "appropriate action" if an unauthorised facility was attempting to dispose of them. A member of staff might allude to have such a vehicle for disposal.

The mystery shopper initiative

may involve a staff member using a vacant local authority house and engage with someone advertising services on Facebook without a permit and were able to take a successful prosecution in that regard. It had previously proved to be a successful tactic.

The man in the van was a campaign to discourage individuals from availing of waste disposal people not using proper, authorised services.

The drone meantime, would be used to "identify locations where there may be legal dumping or illegal activities going on in places that would not normally be easily accessible from the roadway", the environment officer concluded.

Comeragh Clean-Up a huge success

THIS year's Comeragh Clean-Up, which took place over a number of weeks, rather than one day, was deemed a huge success.

Cllr. Liam Brazil told the recent meeting of Comeragh Municipal District Council that it was "fantastic to have the clean-up held over a period of time, because before it was all packed into one day, on Easter Monday".

"I think holding the clean-up over three or four weeks is fantastic," Cllr. Brazil said, also complimenting the council for their help and assistance with the clean-up.

Cllr. Brazil said Coillte need to be contacted about littered areas and illegal dumping.

"Their land is the biggest place for people dumping," he said.

"Over the past few weeks we took a lot of stuff from

Coillte land, it was unreal. I think there should be an onus on Coillte to clean up their act and use fences to make it harder for these culprits to dump rubbish on Coillte property," he added.

Senior Executive Officer Ray Moloney agreed the Comeragh Clean-Up was "a very successful clean-up this year".

"Thanks to the residents and people within the Comeragh area who get involved with the clean-up every year," Mr. Moloney said.

"It has gone from a one day event to being held over a number of weeks and I think that has been more beneficial, as it is very much weather dependent and people can get out when the days are fine and participate in the clean-up over a prolonged period, rather than doing it on one particular day, as it was done in previous years," Mr. Moloney added.



NOTICE PURSUANT TO: SECTION 177AE OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED) AND THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (AS AMENDED)

PROPOSED WALKING TRAIL AT CAPPOQUIN, CO. WATERFORD

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO AN BORD PLEANÁLA FOR APPROVAL

Notice is hereby given that Waterford City & County Council proposes to seek approval of An Bord Pleanála for a proposed walking trail at Cappoquin and Kilbree East, Co. Waterford, comprising

- A steel platform structure to link Avonmore Bridge with the existing Cappoquin Rowing Club access ramp
- Refurbishment of the existing Cappoquin Rowing Club access ramp with anti-slip surfacing and new balustrades
- A new, asphalt surfaced trail route through the grounds of Cappoquin Rowing Club
- New steps and pathway from Cappoquin Rowing Club to the N72
- A new pedestrian and vehicular access between Port na h'Abhann and Cappoquin Rowing Club
- Steps, stone gabions and landscaping between the proposed vehicular access to Cappoquin Rowing Club and the river
- A paved walking route along the quay wall to the rear of properties on Port na h'Abhann, including new restraint along the river
- New public realm spaces and a refurbished slipway at Cappoquin Boat Club
- A woodland embankment trail on the eastern approach to the Old Red Railway Bridge, together with landscaping of the embankment and timber post and wire fence
- Refurbishment of the masonry and steel sections of the Old Red Railway Bridge to form a new walking route, including asphalt surfacing on the masonry section of the bridge, decking to support composite surfacing on the steel section, balustrades, and planted areas
- Surface treatment of the existing steel on the Old Red Railway Bridge, including grit blasting and surface coating
- A new steel access ramp to provide multi-user access to the western landing of the Old Red Railway Bridge, including balustrades
- Refurbishment of the existing footpath along Tourin Road using asphalt and granite kerbing
- Refurbishment of the existing footpath along Avonmore bridge using natural stone paving together with a new drainage channel
- Public lighting along the entire trail route

The following Protected Structures are considered to be materially affected by the proposed development:

RPS Number	NIAH Reg Number	Townland	Location/Name	Structure/Use
50	22810097	Cappoquin	Avonmore Bridge	Vehicular bridge
519	22810114	Kilbree East	Cappoquin Railway Viaduct	Disused railway bridge

An Architectural Heritage Impact Assessment Report has been prepared in respect of the effect of the proposed development on these structures.

An Appropriate Assessment Screening Report and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has been prepared as part of the application for approval in respect of the proposed scheme.

An Bord Pleanála may give approval to the application for development with or without conditions or may refuse the application for development.

A copy of the Plans and Particulars for the development, the Natura Impact Statement, and the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report will be available for inspection at the following locations during working hours from **Friday 27th May 2022 to Friday 8th July 2022** inclusive:

- **The offices of Waterford City & County Council:**
 - Customer Care Office, Bailey's New Street, Waterford, X91 XH42. Monday to Friday, 9:30am to 4pm (open through lunch).
 - Customer Care Office, Civic Offices, Davitt's Quay, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford. X35 Y326. Monday to Friday, 9:30am to 4pm (open through lunch).
 - Available for inspection on Waterford City & County Council's website at www.waterfordcouncil.ie
- **The Offices of An Bord Pleanála**, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, between the hours of 9.15am and 5.30pm, Monday to Friday

The Natura Impact Statement and the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report may be inspected free of charge or purchased on payment of a specified fee (which shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such copy).

Submissions or observations may be made in writing only to **An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 D01V902** during the above-mentioned period relating to:

- The impact of the proposed development, if carried out, for proper planning and sustainable development in the area or areas concerned.
- The likely effects of the proposed development on the environment, and
- The likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European site.

Submissions or observations must be received by An Bord Pleanála not later than **5.30 pm on Friday 8th July 2022**.

A person may question the validity of a decision by An Bord Pleanála by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No.15 of 1986) in accordance with Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Practical information in respect of the judicial review process can be accessed on the Board's website: www.pleanala.ie or on the Citizens Information Service website: www.citizensinformation.ie.

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17th May, 2022