



Chief Executive's Report

October 2018

1.Economic Development & Planning:

Wexford Chamber Business Summit 2018: Wexford Chamber in association with Wexford County Council, sponsored by Zurich and in partnership with The Sunday Business Post, LEO Wexford, EPA and South East BIC will host the **Wexford Business Summit, on 3rd October 2018, 9am-2pm** in Wexford County Council building, Carricklawn, Wexford.

This year's WexBizSummit is taking an interactive approach that focuses simultaneously on helping you directly expand your business opportunities and improve bottom line performance.

As well as a Meet the Buyer event, speakers on the day will include:

- 30 years of mischief, mistakes and things they don't teach you in marketing school" -Paddy Power
- Understanding the secrets to engaging online advertising & analysing your data -Google Garage
- How being Green gives us a winning edge! – Flahavans

Visit wexfordchamber.ie for more details.

Shanghai Empireast Culture Group: In March 2018, Wexford County Council hosted a successful visit from the Chinese Ambassador to Ireland Dr YUE Xiao Yong.

Following on from that visit and a number of visiting business delegations from the People's Republic of China to Wexford, Wexford County Council signed a Memorandum of Understanding with HUBEI Province. The broad aim of the Memorandum is a commitment to explore networks and benefits for both areas, particularly across tourism, education and business sectors.



In fostering new relationships with China, Wexford County Council is also eager to embrace the opportunity to highlight existing networks and links the County has with China. Working with Wexford resident WEI Xiaohong, a founding member of the Ireland China Culture & Arts Association, Wexford County Council hosted an Artistic Display from the Shanghai Empireast Cultural Group, supported by the Chinese Embassy. The

performance, held in County Hall was the groups first performance in Ireland outside a city location. The performance featured dramatic costumed performances with drumming at its core.

The Chinese Ambassador Dr YUE was special guest on the night and a Meet & Greet with local business was held prior to the show, hosted by Chairman of Wexford County Council Councillor Keith Doyle and Senior Management.





South East Radio Hospitality Awards 2018: The South East Radio Hospitality Awards supported by Wexford County Council were held on 17th of September in The Amber Springs Hotel, Gorey and seek to recognise and reward excellence in service, quality, value, experience, creativity and innovation in the Hotel, Restaurant, Pub, Café, Night Club, Live Music Venue, Leisure Activity and Tourist Attraction sectors.

South East Radio listeners, through an extensive radio advertising campaign, were invited to vote for their favourite venue from a list of award categories.

Once voting concluded on July 20th at 12 noon, the top 3-5 venues in each category will receive a visit from one of our esteemed judging panel to select the overall category winner.

Overall Winners of the Year per category:

- Hotel: Whitford House Hotel, with Judges special awards going to Creacon Lodge and Graham Bell, Upton Court Hotel.
- Restaurant: La Cote, Wexford, with Judges special awards going to Soul Tapas Bar & Steakhouse and Mannions New Ross, Emmett & Lisa Hall
- Tourism Judges Special Awards went to Carolina Kowalska from Polske Eire Festival Gorey and Sabine Rossler, Wells House.



- Overall Bar of the Year: Sky and the Ground Wexford. with Judges special awards going to Porters Bar and Mary Sutton of Kings Bay Inn.
- Lifetime Achievement Award in Hospitality was awarded to Bill Kelly of Kellys Resort Hotel, Rosslare.

The full list of winners is available on www.hospitalityawards.ie.



LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE (LEO) TEAM

Autumn Training Programme: We are continuing to promote the autumn schedule of training programmes and the following courses will take place in October;

- Start Your Own Business – Gorey
- QQI Training Delivery & Evaluation
- Public Relations Clinic – PR Techniques for your Business
- Facebook for Business Clinic – Talk to your customer
- LinkedIn for Business Clinic – Manage your Professional Identity
- Facebook for Business Advanced – Wexford, Enniscorthy & Gorey
- Twitter for Business Beginners and Advanced – Wexford, Enniscorthy, Gorey
- Tax & VAT for Start-Up Businesses
- Excel for Business – Beginners
- Marketing on a Shoe String Budget
- Business Modelling Workshop
- Sales Skills – The Art of Selling
- Time Management – Reduce Stress, improve productivity.

All courses can be booked through our online booking engine <https://www.localenterprise.ie/Wexford/Training-Events/Online-Bookings/>

National Women's Enterprise Day: Wexford as part of the network of Local Enterprise Offices will hold a network dinner to celebrate National Women's Enterprise Day. This year's theme is "From Local to Global" and will encourage more entrepreneurs to explore export markets and 'go

international' with their business availing of various supports via their LEO to help them to achieve this.

The event will be held in Wells House & Gardens on Thursday 18th October with commence with a networking event, followed by a presentation by key note speaker, Ms. Niamh Sherwin Barry founder of the Irish Fairy Door Company. This will be followed by dinner and a panel discussion. Panellists will include Vanessa Tierney, Abodoo, Ciara Donlon, Theya Healthcare, Blaithin Ennis, Jewellery Designer and Sabine Rossler, Wells House & Gardens.

The key note speaker and panellists will share their business learning and in particular will focus on strategies they employed to scale their business.

The cost of the attending the event is €35. Cllr. John Hegarty, Cathaoirleach, Gorey Municipal District, will open the event.

Student Enterprise Programme: Following on from a very successful programme in 2017/18 where 1,442 students participated across 20 second level schools, our Coordinator, Emer Doyle has commenced school kicking of the 2018/19 programme. The National Student Enterprise Committee has updated resources to reflect GDPR requirements and new policies have been put in place to ensure compliance. A new website will be launched in the coming months with added resources to assist both teachers and students involved in the programme. A provision date has been booked for the county final in the National Opera House on the 27th March 2019.

BUCANIER (Building Clusters & Networks in Innovation Enterprise & Research): September has seen the approval and sign up of another 4 SME's in Wexford partners:

Wexford Home Perserves
Holos Skincare
Naturally Cordial
Wheelock Fruit Farm

Project Actions for September 2018:

- BUCANIER Project Officers attended the food expo in City West
- Attended Food Roadshow at Riverside Hotel
- Attend Shannon ABC Open evening in Limerick with 7 of the BUCANIER participants
- 1st networking event for BUCANIER participants held in Waterford on Monday 24th of September 20 of the 27 participants attended.
- Full Project Offices meeting to be held via VC on the 30th of August
- Claim 3 submitted to WEFO for payment
- All participants assigned a mentor for half a day to complete BUCANIER action plan

Planned Project Milestones for October:

- WEFO Training event to be held in Dublin on 26th of September
- Irish Project Officers to visit Wales on the 27th and 28th of September
- Information event to recruit participants to be held on the 2nd of October
- BUCANIER to have a stand at the Wexford Business Summit on the 3rd of October
- All participants to be assigned on-going for the project
- All participants to be given the BUCANIER workbook
- Members area of the website up and running with 1st of master class videos accessible to participants.

PLANNING

Planning Applications:

<i>No. of valid applications received up to 14/09/2018</i>	<i>1046</i>
<i>No. of pre planning requests up to 21/09/2018</i>	<i>543</i>

Forward Planning:

Review of the Wexford County Development Plan 2013 - 2019 and the Preparation of New County Development Plan: Following the publication of the National Planning Framework (N.P.F.) each region is now required to develop and adopt a Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy (R.S.E.S.) and all County Development Plans must be consistent with the R.S.E.S. when adopted. In order to allow each county to align the timeframe for their statutory plans with the relevant R.S.E.S., the Planning & Development (Amendment) Act 2018 has been enacted and contains a provision that requires Planning Authorities to pause the statutory review process where it is in progress or to vary adopted plans immediately following adoption of the relevant R.S.E.S.

Taking the above into account, the statutory process for preparing the CDP (and consequently the Wexford Town, Enniscorthy Town and New Ross Town Local Area Plans) has paused pending the adoption of the R.S.E.S.

Notwithstanding the temporary suspension of the statutory process the Forward Planning team are continuing to work on the preparation of the plan and the associated strategies.

Work is well advanced on the Retail Strategy. As part of the Retail Strategy, Future Analytics have carried out retail floor space surveys, household surveys, shopper surveys, pedestrian counts, Health Checks and Stakeholder meetings in the four main towns.

Work is also well advanced on the Housing Strategy for the County. Other items completed include updated flood mapping of the County and screening for the purposes of Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment Directives. Baseline reports are being prepared for both at present.

Building Control:

Commencement Notices: A total of 355 valid commencement notices have been submitted up to 24th September 2018 on the BCMS.

Wexford	115	Gorey	102
Enniscorthy	81	New Ross	57

Taking in Charge: We have a number of estates that are currently at different stages of the Taking in Charge process.

Five estates proceeded to the public consultation stage on the 28th August 2018. These estates are:-

- Harbour View, Duncannon
- Cromwellsfort Grove
- Cromwellsfort Drive
- Cromwellsfort Heights
- Fern Hill Close, Killinick

The latest date for the receipt of written objections/representations is 4.00 pm on 15th October 2018.

Three estates are proceeding to the public consultation stage on the 25th September 2018. These estates are:-

- Curragh Wood, Kilanerin, Gorey
- Sunset Avenue, Riverchapel, Gorey
- Harbour Court, Courtown

The latest date for the receipt of written objections/representations is 4.00 pm on 12th November 2018.

The following estates were formally taken in charge at the relevant Municipal District meetings in September.

Gorey Municipal District

- The Paddocks, Gorey, Phase 1 (Water Services Only)
- Oakwood, Ramstown Lower (Water Services Only)
- Beachside, Courtown (Phase 1 & 2)
- An Bruach, Kilanerin
- Annesley Court, Camolin
- Brooklyn Court Castletown

Wexford Municipal District

- Beechfield Manor, Screen
- Ravenwood, Glynn
- Port na bPucail, Kilmore

Enniscorthy Municipal District

- Gleann na gCaor, Monagear
- Willow Bank, Blackwater

The total number of estates taken in charge this year to date is 25.

Derelict Sites, Dangerous Structures and Vacant Sites: Activity on Derelict Sites/Dangerous Structures is as follows:

Notices Issued under Derelict Sites Act 1990	30
Notices issued under Sanitary Services Act 1964	6
Notices issued under Section 7 of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015	3

A recent inspection on a derelict site at Coolcotts (DER2015/035) confirms that the issues on site have been addressed. The site is now in an acceptable state and the file has been closed.

Planning Enforcement: The number of planning enforcement cases as at 22/08/18 is as follows:

- Cases Opened 5
- Live Cases 360
- Cases Closed 0
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Access Section: Disability Access Certificates (DACs): The number of DAC applications, validated for the period from 01/01/2018 up to and including 23/09/2018, totals 68.

Projects: Make Way Day - 26th September - (As adopted at the June Council Meeting)



Planning for this event is well underway and the event will take place in each of the Municipal Districts. The aim is to have two hours on the morning of the 26th of September in each town dedicated to 'sticker' obstacles on footpaths. The 'sticker' is carried out by members of local disability groups and advocates during which 'snip bits' of videos/photos of the groups in action will take place to support social media and press coverage.

Items on which stickers will be placed are:

- Parked Vehicles
- Wheelie Bins
- Bikes chained to poles/railings
- Overgrown planting/flower pots
- A-Boards-Sandwich Boards
- Beer Kegs



Disability Groups have been engaged in the four towns for each Municipal District, namely the IWA, NCBI, Saoirse Training and Access Group and Cumas, with approximately 100 people available to participate in the "stickering".

The advert for the event will be running at the beginning the week of the event from, the 24th September, 2018 to Wednesday 26th September, 2018 on Wexford Co. Council Website and Social Media (Twitter) and will also appear in the Local Papers on Tuesday 25th September, 2018

2. Special Projects:

Min Ryan Park, Wexford: A sod-turning ceremony to mark construction commencement was held on September 8th 2018. The Contractor (Niall Barry and Company) is commencing construction works on 24th September 2018. The park is expected to open to the public in September 2019.

Wexford Quays – Economic and Spatial Strategy: Architects Scott Tallon Walker have now submitted their final stage 2B report on the Economic Development and Spatial Implementation Plan for the Wexford Quay front. The report to be presented to the Members in November 2018

Trinity Wharf: The Trinity Wharf site was acquired by Wexford Co. Council to attract investment and stimulate economic development in Wexford. Architects, Scott Tallon Walker have been appointed to prepare a master plan, environmental studies, preliminary designs and the related

planning and foreshore applications for the development. The draft master plan is now complete. Environmental Impact assessment processes have commenced and are planned for completion by October 2018. An application to An Bord Pleanála is due to be submitted in November 2018. The Master Plan was available for viewing by the public through a non-statutory consultation process commencing on September 5th 2018.

Crescent Quay/Ballast Office: A package of Improvement Works in the Crescent Quay Area is currently being formulated as the first phase of the overall plan for the Quay Front Area. These works will enhance and upgrade the public realm around the Crescent / Waterfront areas and improve the pedestrian links from Main Street to the Quays and the waterfront. The Part VIII approval process commenced on 28th August 2018. It is planned to put a recommendation to the members for the November Council meeting. Works are expected to commence on site in January 2019.

Templeshannon Regeneration, Enniscorthy: The launch of the Regeneration strategy took place in Templeshannon in February. The identification of the land requirements for the car park works commenced in April 2018. A Part 8 planning application was lodged on the 4th of September 2018 for the proposed streetscape works on Templeshannon and The Shannon, subject to planning consent, detailed design and tendering & will proceed with construction expected to start in Q3 2019. Consulting Engineers will be appointed to prepare preliminary designs, environmental studies and planning documents for the pedestrian bridge in February 2019 and a planning application for the bridge will be advertised in September / October 2019.

Enniscorthy Technology Park, Killagoley: Following a public tender process, the contract for Phase 1 development works was awarded to Niall Barry and Co. Ltd. Works commenced on site on 13th August 2018 and are expected to complete in February 2019.

New Ross Advanced Technology Building: Following a pre-qualification process, final tender documents for a negotiated procurement procedure were issued to the two qualified candidates on 13th June 2018 with a closing date for final submissions of 26th July 2018. No tender submissions were received and WCC will not be proceeding further with negotiations and is terminating this procurement process. WCC will examine if other mechanisms are available to deliver an advanced technology building.

Gorey Market House: A Part VIII planning application for re-development of the Market House into a multi-purpose performance / exhibition / retail space was passed at the May Council Meeting 2018. The invitation to tender for development proposals from parties interested in partnering with the Council on the project closed on 18/05/2018 and one tender submission was received. This is now being evaluated and assessed.

Wexford Arts Centre: Funding of €1m has been approved by the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional and Rural Affairs and the Gaeltacht for an extension and renovation of the Wexford Arts Centre. Wexford County Council have committed to providing matching funding. Funding must be expended by March 2020.

Carrigfoyle Activity Centre: Wexford County Council has appointed Consulting Engineers to provide services for the design and tender of infrastructural work at Carrigfoyle for the initial stage of a project to develop an activity centre on the site. Construction is planned to commence in Q2-2019. It is envisaged that works will be completed by Q1-2020.

Enniscorthy Tourism Project: A project has commenced to create a vision and opportunity plan to develop Enniscorthy town as a tourism destination. Wexford County Council has procured services to prepare a feasibility study to develop and implement a major plan to develop Enniscorthy as a long term, sustainable tourism destination. The procurement process is now

complete and a contract has been awarded to Alan Sherwood & Associates who were successful in the process. It is expected that the process will take 5 months to complete. A series of Consultations and workshops will be held with the Elected Members and Public during this time.

Greenways:

Rosslare to Waterford City Greenway.

Wexford County Council has procured services to examine the feasibility of developing a greenway from Rosslare Harbour to Waterford City. The study will review route options for the greenway, including the use of the rail corridor from Rosslare Strand to Waterford, prepare baseline environmental studies and prepare and submit planning applications over the next 12 months. The project is running to schedule with the familiarisation report now complete and the initial environmental studies and investigative works in progress. Draft route selection reports and environmental screening documents are now complete. A presentation on these reports will be made to Members during the course of October.

New Ross to Waterford Greenway:

The development of a greenway from Mountelliott in New Ross to Waterford City is currently at the planning stage. A Part VIII planning application was advertised for public consultation on the 22nd May 2018 and was approved at the Council meeting on the 10th of September 2018.

A Section 85 agreement has been signed by Wexford County Council, Kilkenny County Council, and Waterford City and County Council, to enable Wexford County Council to act as the lead authority on behalf of the other Councils. Tender documents were issued to a framework of Consulting Engineers on the 14th of September 2018 for the provision of design and contract administration services.

Greenway Regional Strategy: Wexford County Council, in its function as the lead authority for the regional greenway office is preparing a regional strategy for the development of an integrated network of greenways across the South East. It is planned that this network of Greenways would be developed as a major tourism resource that links with national greenways and opens up the South East region to the activity, leisure and recreational tourism market nationally. The brief for services has been completed. Agreement to proceed to procurement prior to the publication of the national Strategy for Greenways is currently under review.

3. Housing, Community, Libraries, Arts, Emergency Services & Community:

Official opening of Ard na hUrrainne: Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Damien English, T.D. visited Enniscorthy on 10th September, 2018 to officially open Wexford County Council's newest social housing development. Ard na hUrrainne is an 8-house development in Cherryorchard.

The new homes were designed in-house by Wexford County Council Housing Department and built by local contractor Kilcavan Property Developments Ltd. on behalf of the Council. Funding of just over €1.6 million was provided by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and all 8 dwellings have been constructed to A3 energy rating.



Housing Supply: A number of housing capital projects have been approved by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) and are progressing to construction stage:-

Construction Complete:

- **2 Special Needs Houses in Oilgate** – Houses completed May 2018
- **8 houses in Cherry Orchard, Enniscorthy** – Houses completed September and occupied (*see photo above*).
- **2 houses in Cois Mara, Rosslare** – Houses completed July 2018 and occupied.

Under Construction:

- **9 houses in Baile Eoghain, Gorey** – On programme to complete in 2018.
- **1 house at Ross Road Enniscorthy** – Under construction since August 2018.
- **10 Houses in Creagh, Gorey** – Under construction, due to complete in March 2019.
- **10 Houses in Danescastle** – Commenced construction in July 2018.
- **10 Houses at Slippery Green, Wexford** – Under construction, commenced on site April 2018 due to complete in April 2019.
- **7 Houses in Coolcotts** – Under construction.

Stage 4

- **1 TAP house in Castlemoyle** – Tender in September 2018.
- **1 House in Castlemoyle for Special Needs** – Stage 4 to DHPLG expect to commence in October 2018.

Stage 3

- **1 house at Ballynaboola** - Stage 3 approved. Costs have been reduced and a new planning permission was lodged, boundary issues with owners.
- **18 houses in Taghmon** – Stage 3 approved tender October 2018.
- **6 units at The Ballagh** – Stage 3 approved in August, 2018, tender October 2018.

Stage 2

- **44 Housing Units at Whiterock Hill, Wexford** – Stage 2 approved on 26th April 2018. Stage 3 progressing Part VIII lodged September, 2018.

Stage 1

- **3 units in Ballyhine** – Not approved by members, a new scheme will be proposed for this site. Stage 1 for 6 units will be commenced Q4 2018.
- **11 units in Ballywish** – Stage 1 approved, submit Stage 2 in September 2018.
- **34 units at Kileens, Wexford** – Stage 1 approved on 21st March, 2018, Stage 2 Q4 2018.
- **43 units at Rosetown, Rosslare** – Stage 1 approved on 21st March, 2018 enabling works consultant investigations ongoing. Enabling site works 2018, houses to be tendered to consultants in Q1 2019.
- **17 units at Carley's Bridge, Enniscorthy** – Stage 1 approved on 23rd March 2018 awaiting OPW agreement to proceed to Part VIII.
- **12 units for Women's Refuge** – Appointment of an integrated design team has been completed. Site investigations complete, Stage 2 – November 2018.
- **12 units at Creagh, Gorey** – Stage 1 approved on 13th June, 2018. Awaiting confirmation of high voltage location on site, surveys tendered.
- **28 units at Rosbercon, New Ross** – Stage 1 submitted in September 2018.

Pre-development Stage: We are working on another **81** units preparing feasibility studies prior to the Stage 1 application. These include the following larger projects:-

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| • Daphne View, Enniscorthy | 24 |
| • Castlemoyle, New Ross (<i>Land Aggregation Scheme</i>) | 40 (<i>phase 1</i>) |
| • Marconi Park, Enniscorthy | 1 |
| • 5 Francis Street | 1 |
| • Wexford Street, Gorey | 14 |
| • Bullawn Special Needs house | 1 |

Longer Term Projects:

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| • Park, Wexford | 10 |
| • Clonard, Wexford (proceed to clear site) | 26 |
| • Adamstown (<i>no services capacity</i>) | 16 |

ENVIRONMENT

Illegal Dumping Expansion of Rapid Response Crews: The recruitment of all staff is now completed and the expansion of the service to provide a dedicated rapid response illegal dumping crews in each of the 4 Municipal Districts is now completed.

Water Presentation Byelaw: The Environment Department presented the new Draft Waste Presentation Bye-laws to a recent meeting of the Environment SPC. These Bye-laws will give additional powers to the Council in terms of tackling the illegal dumping problem, such as requiring the submission of documentary evidence to prove that the waste was dealt with in accordance with the byelaws. The final Bye-laws following the public display period will be presented to the Council in November 2018.

Wind Farm Consultancy: The monitoring programme on wind noise on the wind farms in Castledockrell is ongoing. The report is expected to issue in Spring of 2019.

COMMUNITY

INTERREG – Celtic Routes: Wexford County Council hosted a joint Project Partner and Stakeholders meeting for the Interreg Co-Funded Celtic Routes Project on the 18th and 19th of September. The Project Partners in Ireland received their Interreg Ireland Wales Plaques to highlight the co-funded nature of the Project.

The consultants, Bluegrass delivered a very detailed presentation giving the results of the Market Research exercise. This gave a strong indication as to the viability of the proposed routes. Over the course of the two days, representatives of the Project from Wicklow and Waterford, Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park assessed the report and agreed the next steps.

Bunclody: Bunclody Town Team are progressing well with works on their Town and Village Renewal Grant application which secured grant funding totalling €100,000. Planning permission for the Food Hub is almost ready to submit with detailed discussions having taken place with Carlow County Council and the Environmental Health Officer. The walking trail is almost ready and will be launched by the end of the year.

Age Friendly: The Age Friendly Alliance met on 5th September 2018 and progress reports from each member were given on the Age Friendly Action Plan. Work on many important initiatives has commenced including loneliness mapping of the County, Be-Friending pilot scheme, Age Friendly Parking in Enniscorthy and County Hall, walkability audits and mapping of Meals on Wheels provision for the County.

Cultural Companions: This is a joint initiative between the Arts Department and the Community Section to bring together older people who want to go to arts and cultural events but don't have anyone to go with. It provides the opportunity for older people to meet new people, combat loneliness, get out more and enjoy all that Co. Wexford's arts and culture sector has to offer.

The second schedule of events for 'Cultural Companions' for the period September to November (inclusive) has been sent out to the 103 members currently signed up to the initiative. Feedback has been very positive and there are currently 13 volunteers who are assisting with the running of Cultural Companions including the role of Meet & Greeter.

Healthy Ireland Fund 2018: A total of six actions have been approved under the Healthy Ireland Fund 2018. The total funding received is €75,000.

2018 HEALTHY IRELAND FUND APPLICATION		
Action Number	Action Description	Action Estimated Cost €
1	Regional Health and Wellbeing Training and Awareness Programme	5,000.00
2	Healthy Woodlands and Men's Shed Project - Sports Active	8,400.00
3	Increase opportunity for schools to access swimming lessons	8,000.00
4	FAI Summer Soccer Schools Free Places	7,800.00
5	Training Programme for Kayak and Sailing - Southend FRC	12,355.00
6	Healthy Wexford Coordinator	28,445.00
7	Age Friendly Befriending Pilot Scheme	5,000.00
		75,000.00

Outdoor Recreation Grants: Wexford County Council were successful with 7 applications under measure 1 of The Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme from the Department of Rural and Community Development. Please see below for further details on this scheme and information on the successful projects.

The Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme is part of the Government's Action Plan for Rural Development and provides funding for the development of new outdoor recreational infrastructure or the necessary maintenance, enhancement or promotion of existing outdoor recreational infrastructure in Ireland. The 2018 scheme seeks to support those sporting and recreational pursuits based on use of the resources of the countryside that contribute to healthy active lifestyles and the economic and tourism potential of the area for both local communities and tourist visitors alike and will tie in with Wexford as a Healthy County.

No.	Project Name	Funding approved
1	Killanerin & Curragh Wood Walks Upgrade	15,582.44
2	Burrow Trails Kilmore Quay	15,200.00
3	Lady's Island Accessible Heritage Trail	20,000.00
4	Ramsfort Wood Trails	20,000.00
6	Riverwalk to Oaklands Woods	20,000.00
7	Slade Coastal Path	20,000.00
8	Oulart Hill Walking Trails Improvement Works	20,000.00
Totals		130,782.44

LEADER: The table below outlines LEADER funding allocated by the LCDC/LAG at the September 24th meeting of the Committee.

No	File Number	Promoter Name	Estimated Total Project Costs €	Estimated Grant Aid Amount €
1	33LDR WEX 106850	Adamstown Community Centre	€22,734.00	€10,000.00
2	33LDR WEX 106842	Fethard Community Development Association	€13,307.88	€9,980.91
3	33LDR WEX 106838	All Blacks AFC Community Group	€49,797.06	€ 37,347.80
4	33LDR WEX 106857	Barntown Community Centre	€44,877.90	€33,658.43
5	33LDR WEX 106856	Bree Community Development Group Ltd.	€49,372.50	€37,029.38
6	33LDR WEX 106861	Clonroche Development Association CLG	€47,895.26	€35,921.37
7	33LDR WEX 106840	Kiltealy Hall Development Group	€43,903.33	€32,927.50
8	33LDR WEX 106843	Monaseed Community Group	€48,659.72	€36,494.79
9	33LDR WEX 106875	Murrinstown Community Development Group	€55,663.90	€37,500.00
10	33LDR WEX 106860	Riverchapel Community Complex Ltd.	€44,120.00	€33,090.00
11	33LDR WEX 106873	Rosslare Community Development Association CLG	€12,310.00	€9,232.50
12	33LDR WEX 106863	Shelmalier CLG	€41,213.05	€30,909.79
13	33LDR WEX 106834	Tintern Community & Sports Complex Ltd	€47,501.79	€35,626.34
			€521,356.39	€379,718.79

Traveller interagency Group (TIG): Wexford Traveller Interagency Group commissioned Mr. Brian Harvey to carry out a needs analysis of Travellers living in County Wexford, and their baseline needs. The TIG members considered the draft report during September, with a final report due for completion during October 2018.

This work is being funded and supported by the Department of Justice, Equality & Law Reform and Wexford County Council.

UPDATE ON WEXFORD LOCAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY PLAN: Local Economic and Community Plan High Level Goal 1: To foster the culture of educational attainment and lifelong learning in County Wexford and provide opportunities to develop educational and workforce skills, to improve work readiness and access to employment.

Science Week 2018 – Grant of Funding from Science Foundation Ireland: Wexford County Council, Community Development, Libraries and Arts and the Environment Sections have been awarded a research grant of €35,000 from Science Foundation Ireland to deliver the WexSci Science Festival in County Wexford for Science Week from 11th to 18th November, 2018. and with 12 partners. The partners are WWETB, Environmental Protection Agency, Institute of Technology, Carlow, including Wexford Campus, Bord Iascaigh Mhara, Local Link Wexford, Taghmon and Raheen Family Resource Centres, Bunclody/Enniscorthy, Gorey, Bridgetown and South West Wexford School Completion Programmes and TEKCentral.

WexSci, Wexford Science Festival is a new science festival.

WexSci will offer a broad STEM subject range, targeting and matching specific ages, abilities, knowledge and sectoral interests to each event offering something engaging for every attendee.

One key aspect of WexSci 2018 will be the objective of encouraging participation from harder to reach members of our community. While acknowledging the barriers that exist in making this group difficult to engage we, along with our partners, are determined to encourage participation from lower socio-economic groups, rurally isolated communities, coastal communities, new communities, children and young people who participate in School Completion programmes and communities served by Family Resource Centres.

SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

Safeguarding Courses (Child Protection): Safeguarding 1: 19 Courses have been completed with a total attendance for 2018 of 304 participants.

Safeguarding 2: 4 Courses have been completed with a total attendance of 52 participants.

Sporting Programme with CAHMS Wexford: Our Project in 2017 has been shortlist for The 2018 Healthcare awards 9 application submitted through CAHMS. The programme has highlighted the success and impact on the 17 children and the importance of interagency partnership.

The 2018/2019 programme begins with Wexford gymnastics club in October.

Wexford Cricket Programme: In partnership with Leinster Cricket and Wexford Wanderers This year's Wexford Schools Cricket Programme operated for 10 weeks. This was a two week longer period than last year due to the high demand from the schools. In all 20 schools from across the County were involved, including 9 schools who were having their first experience of cricket. 92 children took part in the programme.

The feedback from all of the schools was very positive both from the teachers and the pupils. Several teachers remarked that cricket was one of the most all inclusive games that their schools had encountered.

Urban Adventure Hub Bunclody: Documentation is now signed in partnership with Irish Water and Wexford County Council and WWETB for the site of the hub, and we are now advancing with the setting up of the Hub.

Cumas: Sports Active Wexford attended a meeting in Cumas, New Ross with Eoin Morrissey and Kevin Deegan from Wexford GAA and Terry O'Dowd from Cumas, to discuss GAA skills sessions for the service users in Cumas. It was agreed that Kevin Deegan would begin the sessions in September.

Sports Leadership: We began our Sports Leadership programme in educational settings around the county in September. Nick Murphy (tutor) is currently working with the transition year students in Our Lady of Lourdes, New Ross, Kennedy College New Ross and Coláiste Abbain

Community Coaching Programme: This programme is now up and running in Courtown Riverchapel, in partnership with Waterford and Wexford ETB. – Learning Training Initiative we have 16 participants on a level 4 QQI programme and they are at present following the coaching Children programme

Heritage Park Junior Parkrun: The inaugural Heritage Park Junior Parkrun took place on Sunday 8th September. Sports Active Wexford was one of the start up funders for this event, which is Wexford's first junior parkrun. This is a free, weekly, timed 2k walk/jog/run at 9:30am every Sunday and is open to ages 4-14 and all abilities. The event is organised entirely by volunteers. On the day there were 107 finishers. On Sunday 16th Sports Active Wexford led the warm-up and 79 young people finished the course.

Participants : Sunday 8th = 107 Sunday 16th = 79



Enniscorthy Refugee Activity Programme: Sports Active Wexford and Carol Finlay, Participation Officer at Swim Ireland met with WWETB (Waterford Wexford Education and Training Board) to discuss swim programmes and other activity programmes to be developed through funding from the Department of Justice

Regional Tobacco Positive Messaging Campaign 2018: As part of our Wexford County Council's participation in a Regional Action Group under the 2017 Healthy Ireland Fund a Regional Tobacco Positive Message Campaign is being launched across the 5 counties of Wexford, Waterford, Carlow, Kilkenny and Tipperary. The Healthy Ireland initiative is funding Stencils, Spray Paint, Posters, Pop-ups and Snoods as promotional material. Groups are requested to avail of a Stencil and Spray Paint and, on the 1st October 2018, spray and display the message, on the ground, on or adjacent to your centre/ school/ office. The Spray Paint is non-permanent and will self-dissipate in 2-3 weeks. A small number of Snoods are also available. The messages displayed on the Stencils and Posters etc. have been designed by students in Out of School Settings, a group highlighted as having a higher incidence of smoking. It is proposed that the Stencil is used on an annual basis on Ash Wednesday and World No Smoking day and, for 2018, on the 1st October 2018. The stencil is Multi use and can be used in multiple locations. The posters are made up of 7 individual posters designed by students, each A0 size with eyelets and are suitable for outdoor use. The posters will be displayed across the region in civic and public offices, libraries, HSE Buildings etc..

There will be a Launch of this Campaign on Thursday the 27th September 2018 in the FDYS centre in Enniscorthy.

LIBRARIES, ARTS & ARCHIVES

IT Funding: The Minister for Rural and Community Development, Michael Ring TD, has approved a major investment package for digital services and facilities in public libraries. The almost €300,000 investment for libraries in County Wexford comprises approximately €221,000 from Minister Ring's Department and a further €74,000 contribution from Wexford County Council. The funding in County Wexford includes the provision of:

- iPads/tablets/smart devices for users and for staff to assist users
- Computers and workstations including image deployment technology
- Software to support design, and coding
- Meeting space technology
- Podcasting equipment and workstations
- 3 D printers
- Mobile LCD screens with audio

- Interactive whiteboards
- Digital training suites
- Virtual Reality headsets

Fighting Words Wexford: Wexford Library will be the first library in Ireland to offer the *Fighting Words* programme from January 2019. *Fighting Words* is a creative writing project founded in 2009 by Roddy Doyle and Sean Love. It has had huge success in Dublin with schools travelling from near and far to enable their students to participate in the project. Findings indicate that participants in *Fighting Words* demonstrate increased motivation, improved confidence and self-esteem, recognition of and pride in creative ability, a greater ability to work collaboratively, and improved literacy. Wexford Library Service will work with partners and volunteers to deliver *Fighting Words*. Further information can be found at <http://www.fightingwords.ie/>

World War I Commemoration: Research has been ongoing for the compilation of a comprehensive list of Wexford casualties of the Great War. A website detailing the casualties can be accessed from the end of October and members of the public will be able to submit information about relatives who died as a result of the war.

WexSci: The WExSci Science Festival programme is being launched in early October. A new website www.wexsci.ie will showcase the events that will take place in community venues and libraries across the County from 12th to 17th November 2018. The festival will culminate in the WexSci showcase in County Hall on Saturday 17th November. Wexsci is being supported by Science Foundation Ireland Discover Programme and being delivered in cooperation with a range of partners in the region.

Children's Book Festival: Children's Book Festival 2018 is the biggest programme of events to date. We are inviting schools and families throughout the county to participate in over 100 events which will take place in Wexford library branches. The many highlights include multi-award winning Irish authors such as Chris Haughton, 'A Little Bit Lost' and Shane Hegarty whose 'Darkmouth' series is currently being made into a major animated film. All of our events are designed to engage children and young people and help them to develop a love for books and reading.

CREATIVE IRELAND: A national launch of Culture and Creativity Strategies for all counties in Ireland took place in Dublin on 12th September. An open call for projects to be funded through Creative Ireland in the areas of cultural heritage and the Irish language took place in July with 12 projects being awarded funding for projects related to Bliain na Gaeilge and European Year of Cultural Heritage. The successful projects are:

Tuaisceart Loch Garman CCÉ
 Gorey Little Theatre Group
 Tagoat Foróige Youth Club
 Artist David Begley with Clongeen NS
 North Wexford Traditional Singing Circle
 Enniscorthy Tidy Towns Association
 Danescastle Community Group Bannow CCC
 HFC Concert Band
 An Tobar
 Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann
 Wexford Arts Centre

Redmond 100 Commemoration: A new information booklet about John Redmond is being distributed to all schools in the County. This booklet is also a resource for a workshop being presented to teachers in the County through the Education Centre, Enniscorthy in October.

ARTS

CULTURE NIGHT FRIDAY 21st SEPTEMBER: This year's Culture Night was the biggest ever held in County Wexford with over 50 events were held throughout the county. This year saw the expansion of Culture Night from Wexford town into the surrounding districts of Gorey, New Ross and Enniscorthy, events were held in locations such as Selskar Abbey, Creative Hub – Bullring, Gorey School of Art, New Ross library, Enniscorthy Castle, Hook Lighthouse and Artbank in Bunclody.

A variety of events were held including new acts such as the Lioness Adult Hip Hop & Aerial group, live painting demonstrations in Gorey and CCE presenting an evening of Irish music, song and dance in Enniscorthy castle.

Publicity for Culture Night was done through social media – website, facebook, radio, posting of flyers to homes around Wexford and RTE did a special section on Engagement of Culture Night shown on Thursday 20th September this included an interview with the Arts Officer Liz Burns and other parties involved.

The night was jointly co-ordinated by the districts, arts office, libraries and co-ordinator Tamara Gangus with an estimated audience of over 5,000 people.

Creative Hub at Bullring Mall: This New Creative space for arts and craft makers opened in Wexford town was officially launched by the Mayor of Wexford, Tony Dempsey on Thurs 6th Sept 2018. Over 100 people turned out for this opening of this new creative space in Wexford town. This space supports over 25 arts and craft makers in addition to young people from FDYS youth music programme. It comprises work, studio spaces, retail & exhibition and performance units at subsidised rates. The hub is supported by Wexford County Council and managed by Wexford Arts Centre.

Music Generation –First phase of Singing Programme (7 – 12 years) involves 14 primary schools in the 4 municipal districts. In addition an Early Year's Music Programme (under 5's) will start in autumn. Youth music pilot programme with Orchard Recording Studios + Laura Hyland & young people (Oct/Nov 2018). A team of 14 musicians from Wexford have been hired as tutors and they recently received professional development training with their Waterford Music Generation counterparts – delivered through Music Generation national office. An administrator was recruited in September.

Arts Ability / Arts in health care programme expansion: An evaluation/ review of the Arts Ability programme was commissioned by the Arts Office in 2018. Following the review, the Arts Office will expand the Arts Ability programme by partnering with Wexford Mental Health Association (WMHA) and their new Music Exploration Programme. The aim of this expansion is to use art and music in recovery from mental health difficulties and helping to promote community integration. New groups include CAMHs (Child & Adolescent Mental health Service) and Psychiatry for later life' supporting those suffering from Dementia.

Living Arts in school programme: Four new schools began the Living Arts programme in September 2018 with a team of 8 artists (4 lead and 4 Assistant) in the four Municipal Districts. Schools include Murrinctown National School, Wexford; Joseph's National School, New Ross; Rathnure National School; Enniscorthy, St Joseph's Primary school; Gorey. In addition, with funding from Creative Ireland, a team of artists will work in Ramsgrange Community School.

Cultural companion's summer programme: launched by Wexford County Council - Arts & Community Departments with Wexford County Council Age Friendly Co Coordinator to encourage older people to attend arts and cultural events. The summer programme was very successful and a voluntary committee has been established who met in Sept 2018 and agreed programme of cultural events for autumn 2018

FIRE SERVICE

The Authority implemented the complete overhaul of its communications systems and now uses TETRA radio systems since 14th September.

The Fire Authority received news that it will be awarded a Category 1 award at the national NISO awards in October for its Health and Safety Systems. The same systems achieved 'OHSAS 18001' recertification was achieved on the 13th September. August and September are busy months for liquor licensing inspections and this year is no different with 92 inspections to date since the beginning of the period.

Fire Operations: In August it was another extremely busy month period with 94 incidents as detailed below. By the end of the month there were 218 incidents in excess of the same time last year.

Incident Type	Calls August 2018	Calls to date 2018	Calls to this period 2017
Chimney fire	2	94	95
Domestic fire	4	60	38
Road Traffic Accident	10	77	65
Industrial fire	0	7	4
Commercial fire	1	4	3
Assembly fire	0	2	4
Agricultural fire	0	4	6
Motor Vehicles	5	40	32
Forest/bog/grass etc	30	178	105
Rubbish	2	43	35
Non-fire rescues	3	23	21
False alarms – good intent	32	196	132
Malicious false alarms	0	3	0
Miscellaneous	5	51	24
Total	94	782	564

Fire Safety: The number of applications for fire safety certificates, planning referrals and Fire Services Acts inspections for the months of August and September were as follows:-

Applications Received	Year to date	August/September
Fire Safety Certificates	88	17
Planning Referrals	563	150
Number of Inspections	Year to date	August/September
FSA Inspections	220	92

CIVIL DEFENCE

Civic Duties: We covered 12 community duties for August & September 2018

- Gorey Market House Festival, 3rd – 5th August
- Enniscorthy Rocking Food Festival, 4th – 5th August
- Wexford Athletics, Road Race 3rd August
- The Gap Arts Festival Gorey, 10th August & 11th August
- Edermine Regatta, 11th August & 12th August
- Wexford Lions Club Coastal Walk, 31st August – 2nd September
- Irish Water Safety National Surf Championships, Curracloe, 1st September
- Cannonball Run, Wexford Quays, 9th September
- Wexford Healthy Town, Ferrybank Swimming Pool, 14th September
- Wexford Athletics, Sinnottstown Lane – County Throws, 22nd September
- New Ross Boat Club, Barrow Challenge 2018, 29th September

Official Opening of Wexford New Garda Station 1st August: The Civil Defence Officer attended the official opening of Wexford Garda Station.

Boat Inspections – MARMAN – 16th August: The boat inspection of our two boats was completed in Bagnalstown on the 16th of August. Wexford Civil Defence has two boats an Avon inflatable and a Zodiac Rib for search and recovery purpose. The boats, training records, and maintenance records were audited and passed.

New Ambulance for New Ross Unit – 17th August: Wexford Civil Defence took ownership of a replacement ambulance from the Civil Defence College on Friday 17th August. The ambulance a 11 registration Ford Transit is ex HSE fleet and replace a 06 registration Mercedes ambulance currently in use by the New Ross Unit. The ambulance is now operational with the New Ross Unit.



Papal Visit 24th – 26th August: Wexford Civil Defence sent 29 volunteers, 2 minibuses and 2 x ambulance to help with the Papal Visit in Dublin. Wexford Volunteers were tasked to provide ambulance and first aid cover in University College Dublin and Leopardstown Race course. The volunteers in UCD treated 2 cyclists at the entrance to UCD, one patient had to be transported to St. James Hospital for treatment.

Recruits Induction Training Night 20th August: We welcomed 9 new potential recruits to their Induction Training Night on 20th August 2018. The new recruits will attend training over the coming weeks in different aspects to include first aid, rescue, Auxiliary Fire and communications.

Drone Pilot Training Course, Phoenix Park, 20th August, 22nd – 23rd September: volunteer James Pierce has been attending training in drone operations to qualify as a drone pilot. The training involved ground school, flight training and flight assessment. James has successfully completed the course and now brings the number of pilots in Wexford to two. The addition of the second pilot will improve drone availability for use by the Primary Response Agencies in the future.

Field Skills Course, Curracloe 1st September: Wexford Civil Defence hosted a Field Skills course in Curracloe on Saturday 1st September. The Course was delivered by an Instructor from Carlow, Mr. Ger Doyle. The following counties were represented Wexford, Kildare, Wicklow and Longford. The course consisted of theory, a day search and a night time search in Curracloe and the Raven Point.

Search Responder Instructors Course, Mullingar 15th , 16th , 23rd & 24th September: Two volunteers from Wexford attended the Search Responders Course in Mullingar. Ms. Sinead Furlong and Mr. Liam Buckley attended both training weekends in Mullingar. Following the course they will be responsible for providing search skills training to all Wexford Volunteers.

Training Classes: All training has resumed in training centres within the County. The following centre are now back training:

Wexford Welfare Class, Ardavan HQ	Monday nights
New Ross Unit, WWETB Centre	Monday Nights
Wexford Rescue, Ardavan HQ	Wednesday Nights
Gorey Unit, Gorey Fire Station	Friday Night

4. Transportation, Water Services:

N25 New Ross Bypass

Progress Update September 2018

The design and construction phase of the PPP Contract is approximately three quarters complete, and the scheme remains on programme to open in 2019.

The construction of the two main deck spans of the River Barrow bridge continue to progress with five deck segments cast over the river from either side of pier 4 (see photo 3 below) and three segments cast from pier 3 (see photo 4 below). The construction of the pylon towers at piers 3 and 4 have also commenced and the installation of the cables will follow as the deck and pylons progress outwards and upwards respectively. At pier 5 the assembly of the form traveller is complete and ready to commence casting the deck segments from that pier. The construction of the bridge deck on the three western approach spans on the Co. Kilkenny side of river is substantially complete, and the construction of the eastern approach spans on the Co. Wexford side continues to progress.

Final earthworks operations (grading and topsoiling) are ongoing and landscaping has recommenced for the autumn/winter planting season. Pavement works continue to progress well throughout the site in preparation for the final surfacing layer. Final works for fencing, drainage and accommodation works are ongoing and works for barriers and signage has also commenced. Final finishing works at the N25 Glenmore roundabout will continue over the coming months under the current temporary traffic management layout.

Finishing works at the N25 Ballymacar roundabout are also progressing and the current temporary diversion on the N25 Wexford Road will continue to operate into October. It is anticipated that both of these roundabouts will become fully operational to the current traffic network in November 2018 (i.e. entry to the bypass will remain closed).

To facilitate this, the current 60km/h road works speed limits at both locations have been extended until January 2019. Road works and temporary traffic management on the R733 Campile Road will continue over the coming months to facilitate realignment and junction works. It is anticipated that a full closure of the N30 Enniscorthy road will be required over a weekend in November to facilitate the construction of the tie-in between the new road and the existing road. The N30 will be diverted via the R735 (Adamstown) and N25, and upon clarification of the closure dates, the required statutory notices and public information will be circulated and temporary traffic management and detour plans will be implemented. Local road diversions will also operate and local access will be facilitated.

All nine of the road bridges on the Wexford side of the scheme are substantially complete and all associated local road realignments are open under temporary traffic management. These roads will fully re-open without temporary traffic management and restricted speed limits over the coming months as final works and safety audit procedures are completed.

The preparation of the detailed design for the selected project art piece under the Per Cent for Art programme is progressing. Upon opening of the bypass a significant amount of road signage on the existing road network will need to be changed. Preparations are also ongoing to implement these changes.

Monitoring, maintenance and emergency regimes continue to be operated as necessary on public roads at interfaces with the site to ensure that all operations continue to operate safely and with minimum disruption to local communities and residents. Winter maintenance protocols for public roads within the site will be re-activated in the coming weeks.

The tenth quarterly project newsletter will be published at the end of September. The project continues to attract very significant public interest and the project website www.n25newross.ie continues to provide progress updates as well as information on traffic management and road works. Wexford County Council continues to release periodic project videos to keep the public updated on progress. The 24 telephone hotline continues to operate to deal with any queries or complaints from the public. The number is 1800 815672, and this number has been posted on both the newsletter and website. The Project Liaison Office will continue to liaise and consult with all landowners and other interested parties for the duration of the project.



1. Glenmore Roundabout open under temporary traffic management. Bypass tie in to roundabout under construction in the foreground. Bridges and road realignments under construction in the foreground and left to facilitate local road access.



2. Barrow Bridge –Approach from direction of Glenmore Roundabout.



3. **Barrow Bridge – Pier 4 and balanced cantilevered deck spans in the foreground, form traveller assembled on Pier 5 in the background. Eastern approach spans on Wexford side under construction in the distance.**



4. **Barrow Bridge – Form traveller casting deck segments from Pier 3 with western approach spans in the background.**



5. Cut 3 at Stokestown & Landscape – Earthworks and pavement works in progress.



6. R733 Junction – Formation of slip roads in progress, construction of roundabout at Stokestown Road (centre right)



7. N25 Ballymacar Roundabout - Final surfacing works in and tie-ins to existing road to be completed.



8. Construction of roundabout at N30 Corcoran's Cross

	Total No of Landowners	Settled to date
M11 Gorey to Enniscorthy	201	197

1. M11 Gorey to Enniscorthy PPP Scheme update

Program

As of August 2018, the program is on target and the M11, N30 and N80 link to be opened to traffic in July 2019 with minor works taking place up to the contract end date of November 2019.

Construction to Date

The following table indicates site work progression to date.

	Progress Reported in Dec 2016	Progress Reported in Dec 2017	Progress Reported in May 2018	Progress Reported in Aug 2018	Progress Reported in Sept 2018
Site Clearance	96%	98%	98%	98%	99%
Fencing	85%	86%	86%	89%	89%
Drainage & Service Ducts	7%	30%	43%	65%	81%
Earthworks	23%	75%	81%	90%	98%
Structures – Main Bridges		56%	79%	91%	93%
Structures – Culverts	29%	96%	98%	98%	99%
Structures – Access Structures	12%	84%	88%	94%	94%
Kerbs Footways & Paved Areas			5%	49%	53%
Safety Barrier			3%	8%	8%
Pavement			10%	36%	52%

Newsletter

The Newsletter for Q3 of 2018 will be issued shortly and uploaded on to the PPP Co. website. This website is updated on a monthly basis providing information on blasting and road closures and traffic management.

Advance Notification of Major Road Works

Major road works are due to commence on the tie in locations on the M11 Frankfurt Interchange, N30 Templescoby, N11 Scurlocksbush and N11/ N80 Clavass. Any traffic delays associated with these works will be kept to a minimum and the public will be notified in advance of the works so that they can plan their journeys accordingly.

Applications submitted to WCC from the PPP:

Road Closure Applications

The following road closures have been/ are to be enacted:

Road	Closure Date	Duration (months)	Opening Date
M11-S5, L1027, Ballygullen Road	30/8/18	6 weeks	12/10/18
N30-S7, L6122, Templescoby Road	08/10/18	6 weeks	16/11/18
L2008, Old Dublin Road, Clavass	tbc	tbc	tbc

2018 Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) Allocation:

Transport Infrastructure Ireland has provided funding for the following schemes.

N25 New Ross By-Pass Residual Network

N25 Oaklands Roundabout

Works were completed in June.

N30/ R700 Roundabout

Works commenced in July. This scheme is due to be completed in February 2019.

N11 Kyle Upper Pavement Scheme

This scheme was completed in June.

N11 Kileen to Newtown – Phase 1

This scheme will run from Ferrycarrig Bridge to just south of Kyle Crossroads. Works commenced on September 12th. and are due to be completed by December 13th.

2018 HD28 Pavement Works

This scheme involves pavement improvement works immediately north of Camolin Village on the N11. Works will commence on October 1st. and will be completed by the end of October.

N30 Enniscorthy Southern Approach

Works will commence by November 12th. and will be completed by December.

N11 Killeen to Newtown – Phase 2

Site investigation works are ongoing on this scheme at present.

The timeline for construction works are dependent on the outcome of the site investigation works. This scheme should be tendered in the first half of 2019.

N30 Mountelliot

Topographical survey works were carried out in July. Works are progressing on tender documents. This scheme should be tendered in November/December 2018. This scheme should be constructed in April/May 2019.

Public Lighting LED Upgrade

The 2018 programme involved the upgrade of 2,450 lights to Led in Wexford Town. This was completed by September 14th. This scheme will result in over 60% energy and maintenance savings annually.

REGIONAL AND LOCAL ROADS

Improvement Works

Work ongoing at Mountelliott Roundabout (New Ross District).

Strengthening

Preparing roads for strengthening in Enniscorthy, Wexford and Gorey Districts.

Strengthening programme to recommence in Enniscorthy District on September 25.

Surface Dressing

Surface dressing commenced in New Ross District on July 16.

Polymer roads completed in last month: Ballinahask; Carnew Road (in Gorey District); Rathimney to Burkestown; Poulfur to Winningtown; Slaght to Ballinteston; Tinnacarrig Bridge to Newbawn; Rosspile to Wellingtonbridge; Ardinagh; Chapel Cross to Raheenduff; Leeches Bend; N30 west of Clonroche; Tomanine to Moneymanough (all in New Ross District). Rathaspeck to Piercestown; Coolballow; Mayglass; Ballywish; Ladys Island; Ballykelly to Kilmore; Innis to Crossfarnoge; Hayestown Little; Dirr to Kilmannon; Forth Commons; Larkins to Growtown; Newcastle; and Kyle Cross to Killurin (all in Wexford District).

General Maintenance

Drainage, patching and road surface repair works ongoing in all Districts.

A. Irish Water – Asset Management

Irish Water Capital Schemes

IW Asset Management: Enniscorthy Sewerage Scheme – Stage 3 (included in IW – CIP14-16 i.e. Irish Water Capital Investment Programme (CIP) 2014 to 2016)

The WWTP is to be extended to cater for a PE of 26,000, an increase of 10,000 PE from the existing 16,000 PE. The DBO contract was signed on the 10th April, 2017. Ward & Burke are the contractors and have commenced on site. J.B. Barry are the Consulting Engineers. Works are progressing on target with programme.

IW Asset Management: Enniscorthy and Sow Regional Water S.S. (included in IW - CIP14-16)

IW Asset Strategy has approved the following elements of work on this Scheme:

- New intake and pumping station at Clonhasten.
- New rising main from Clonhasten to Vinegar Hill WTP.
- Hydraulic model of the Enniscorthy and Sow Schemes.

Terms of Reference are being agreed for appointment of Consultant and first meeting held with Consultant.

Preparation of budget application for Concept Design is underway; this includes for Strategic Report and review of options for the entire scheme.

IW Asset Management: Fethard-on-Sea Sewerage Scheme (included in IW - CIP14-16)

Site Investigations have been completed along the proposed outfall route. Foreshore application was lodged. The land acquisition by CPO has also commenced for the selected WWTP site and Pumping Station site. Revised terms of reference and new appointment for the Consulting Engineer, is complete. The design of the scheme is in progress and preparation of tender documents. A detailed design report was prepared and workshop held to review report.

IW Asset Management: Gorey Sewerage Scheme – Stage 2 (included in IW - CIP14-16)

The DBO contract with AECOM/SIAC Construction to upgrade the wastewater treatment plant in Courtown was completed in 2016. The plant is now operated by the contractor. (Aecom is now Murphy Process Engineering).

The 75% OPW-funded flood relief works minor scheme for Gorey Town is underway.

IW Asset Management: Gorey Regional Water Supply – South Wellfield (included in IW - CIP14-16)

The Gorey RWSS will be upgraded and a new 8 Ml/day WTP and 7,500m³ reservoir provided at Ballyminaun. Planning permission was granted by WCC to upgrade the borehole sites and build a new water treatment plant at Ballyminaun. The hydrogeological investigations show that remedial works will be required to most of the boreholes and the contract documents are being revised accordingly. Negotiations for wayleaves ongoing with landowners. The CPO is completed as objections were withdrawn before scheduled oral hearing. The review of the tender documents is complete and advertised for tender with return date end October 2018..

IW Asset Management: Untreated Agglomeration Study (UTAS)

Aecom has been appointed to design a waste water treatment scheme for the villages of Arthurstown, Ballyhack and Duncannon. These designs are currently underway. A Scheme for Kilmore Quay is also currently being designed. These have progressed from the Untreated Agglomeration Study (UTAS) to identify areas of the highest priority requiring treatment. Detailed design works are underway. Land owner engagement has started and site investigation works are now complete. The treatment standard for the schemes has been increased to both primary and secondary treatment. A public information evening was held on Tuesday, May 22nd for Arthurstown, Duncannon and Ballyhack to update the community on the proposed schemes.

IW Asset Management: Wexford Town Watermain Rehab and Gas Network

Site Investigation works are complete for gas and water main installation around Wexford town. Design works are currently underway for the remaining water main and gas mains, as well as design to eliminate back yard services around Wexford. A new hydraulic model for Wexford town is being updated to allow for the design works to progress. Landowner engagement has started. Tender documentation is progressing and will be issued shortly.

New Ross Sewerage Scheme – Irishtown to Nunnery Lane Sewers

The works are now complete, with the new sewers tested and live. Reinstatement works are still to be completed.

IW Asset Management: Water Conservation Stage 3– Watermain Rehabilitation Phase 2 (Direct Labour Crew)

Works to the Gorey section are complete. Bridgetown is now complete. IW are funding this project for €2m for 9KM of pipeline rehabilitation.

Ferns Upgrade – Capital Investment Plan

IW Asset Strategy has approved the following for a feasibility study on this Scheme. Atkins have been appointed to carry out preliminary design works for an upgrade to Ferns waste water treatment system.

The feasibility study report on options to upgrade the plant has been completed and is currently under review.

B. IRISH WATER MINOR SCHEMES & SPECIAL SCHEMES

IW Asset Management: Murntown P.S.(Wastewater to Wexford WWTW)

- Works commenced on site 13th August, ground works on-going
- Pre stressed post tensioned tank due to commence on 27th Shay Murtagh
- Time scale for transfer of loading end October 2018

Trinity Street Waste Water Pumping Station

- Diesel oil tank emptied and cleaned.
- Monday 27th August contractor on site to paint fuel storage tank and fit fuel filter to feed pipe for generator.
- Storm pump inspection and planned repairs
- MV and LV switchgear inspected and serviced
- Replacement of generator control unit pending

Rosslare Strand

- New Final Effluent pumps installed and operational Rosslare Strand WWTP
- Upgraded IP radio on order Rosslare Strand WWTP
- Currently reviewing best option for replace of IP radios on Area Pumping Station and integration of stations not already covered.
- Rosetown Village- ESB new connection under way

New Ross Area Planned Works

- Bawnmore - New Pump
- Duncannon - Repair South Beech pumping station
- Clonroche WWTP - Replacement of gearbox
- Clonroche PS - New pump etc.

IW Asset Management: Newtown WTW (pumps, blowers etc.)

Works complete at Ededvale and Newtown with the exception of minor snagging.

IW Asset Management: Kilmallock & Taylorstown WTW (new pumps, automated treatment, replacement of chlorine gas etc)

The automated coagulation system has been activated at both plants, they are now operating on streaming current. All other automation works are complete. PH correction works are outstanding in Kilmallock, it is recommended that this will be needed for the coagulation automation to be successful in poor raw water quality conditions. Clarifier repair works are complete at Taylorstown. Sign off of all works is underway.

IW Asset Management: Coagulation automation at Creagh, Vinegar Hill and Newtown WTW
Commissioning at Vinegar Hill and Creagh complete and gathering raw water data. Newtown WTW in automatic mode with manual override since May 17th.

IW Asset Management: Disinfection and pH Control Programme

Disinfection works at Chestnut Grove, Hollyfort commissioned.

Mechanical and electrical works complete at Ballinellard, Clonroche, Coolgreaney boreholes and nearly complete at Vinegar Hill. Mechanical works almost complete at Newtown and Kilagoley. Commissioning to commence on completed sites shortly.

Water Network Program

Coffey Water have been appointed as regional contractor for the Water Network Programme for the South East. They have work orders for public side lead replacement works in Enniscorthy and Backyard Service replacement in Wexford and Taghmon. This work will be ongoing throughout the year and new work orders issued for other identified works. First fix leak repairs are ongoing on a daily basis around the county.

Capital Maintenance Budget

Combined budget for 2017/2018 is 1,879,966. Current approved spend is 1,719,654. Total commitments to date are €1,103,321.

C. RURAL WATER PROGRAMME

The Bing Group Sewerage Scheme

As soon as an Engineer is appointed to Rural Water, an assessment will be carried out on the Bing Group Sewerage Scheme to ascertain whether funding will be made available.

Crosstown Group Sewerage Scheme / Orchard Lane Group Sewerage Scheme

Takeover Process ongoing.

5. Finance:

Annual Financial Statement 2017 – Audit of Accounts

The audit of the 2017 Accounts being undertaken by the Local Government Audit Service is progressing.

Budget 2019

- Local Property Tax: local variation decision (10th September 2018) – Base Rate plus 10% approved for 2019
- The CPG/Cross Party Budget Strategy Meeting is scheduled for 1st October
- Draft Budgetary Plans will be listed on the agendas for Municipal District Meetings in October
- Statutory Budget Meeting is scheduled for Monday 26th November at 10am.

Audit Committee

The next meeting of the Audit Committee meeting is scheduled for 5th December 2018.

Borrowing Programme 2018

Ministerial Sanction has been received for the Public Lighting (€5m) and Housing Loan Programme (€5.5m). Sanction for the Economic and Community Development element is still awaited.

Cash Flow/Overdraft

The Council continues to operate in overdraft, Ministerial Sanction is in place for borrowing by way of overdraft in the amount of €13m will expire on 31st December, 2018.

**Tom Enright,
Chief Executive.**