



Chief Executive's Report

County Council Meeting 13.03.23

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Trinity Wharf Phase 1 Landmark Investment



Front Row: Tom Enright CE, Cllr. George Lawlor Cathaoirleach, Minister Darragh O'Brien TD, Declan Foley Glas Civil Engineering, Back Row Patrick Brennan Roadplan Consulting & Cllr. Maura Bell Mayor

Darragh O'Brien, Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage was joined by the Cathaoirleach, Mayor of Wexford and Chief Executive for the signing of contracts and sod turning of the first phase of the Trinity Wharf Project. The Trinity Wharf event marked the first step in the transformation of the old Wexford Electronics site into a new waterfront urban district with a €110 million public private investment. The development has already secured almost €20 million from the Urban Regeneration Development Fund and the elected members have prioritised funding of €7 million for the project which will create 2,000 jobs and impact not just the County but the South East Region.

The first phase of the €2.5 million project has commenced works in developing the access road. The provision of commercial office space will assist Wexford County Council to attract inward investment from multi national companies enhancing County Wexford's reputation as a destination for companies in life sciences, technology and financial services. In addition the landmark development will provide a 64 berth marina, hotel and conference facility. To date there has been significant interest from the private sector in the development. To coincide with the launch the marketing proposition and materials for the Trinity Wharf site for potential companies has been developed, already within 1 day of the social media going live there 27,300 views on twitter.



Elected members of Wexford County Council, Minister O'Brien, Minister Browne & Senator Byrne join cllr. George Lawlor Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Maura Bell Mayor and Tom Enright CE for the sod turning event 2nd March.

Economic

Wexford County Council hosted a delegation from Georgia Southern University (GSU) from Monday 13th – Friday 16th February. The delegation included Dr. Dustin Anderson, Associate Provost for Student Success, Dr. Ryan Schroder, Dean, College of Social & Behavioural Sciences, Dr. Rami Haddad, Chair, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering and Dr. Howard Keeley, Director Wexford Campus Initiative, Director Centre of Irish Research & Teaching and Dr. Jamie Scalera-Elliott, Honors College. The primary focus of this visit was strengthen the relationship between Wexford County Council and GSU and investigate possible research collaborations not just with WCC, SETU and with private industry.



A very positive meeting was held with the President of SETU, Ms. Veronica Campbell and has laid the foundation of research collaborations between both institutions. A highlight of the trip was a industry visit to Waters Technologies which has identified exciting linkages with the company collaborating with both GSU and SETU. Further strategic locations in the county such as the Hatch Lab, NZeb Centre and Enniscorthy Technology Park were also visited.

High Performance Building Alliance (HPBA)/Green Hub



To progress the future growth of the HPBA and assist in achieving its strategic objectives, a tender to establish a framework of professional service providers capable of providing a range of services in areas that include Communications/PR/Event Management, Research & Development and Co-ordination of funding applications was recently issued on e-Tenders. Mandy Timbrell has been appointed Business Development Manager and she currently working on the establishment of the Green Hub and a Green Cluster for the SE Region. The appointed architects, O'Leary Sludds have developed the first design plans for leased space for the Hub and Board Room in Enniscorthy Technology Park. Once the plans are agreed, an order of magnitude will be developed to inform required funds for fit out of the space.

Butlersland

To support commercial/industrial property solutions in New Ross and to attached further development and economic investment in the town, expression of interest from suitable parties for the design and construction of commercial/industrial property solutions at Butlersland, New Ross were recently advertised. There are 2 sites of approximately 7 acres each accessed from the IDA Industrial Park, New Ross strategically located near the by-pass. The closing date for receipt of submission is Thursday 2nd March 2023.

Kilmore

We have now agreed signage for Kilmore Quay Enterprise Hub which will be erected shortly with a clear call for expressions of interest through the Economic Section.

Research & Development

To support the work of the Economic Department in achieving its strategic objectives, a clear need has been identified to procure a multi-supplier framework of suitably qualified specialists capable of providing a range of services to WCC in areas that include research and development areas of economic, community and social development and tourism; co-ordination of funding applications; capacity building and facilitation. Following a recent e-Tender process, consultants have been appointed to frameworks on each of the following lots.

- Lot 1: Co-ordination of funding applications.
- Lot 2: Preparation of thematic research papers.
- Lot 3: Capability building work with communities of interest.
- Lot 4: Facilitation

Tourism



An event organised by Tourism Ireland, took place on board Irish Ferries' W.B. Yeats ship in Cherbourg on 15th February 2023, to highlight the links between Normandy and the southeast of Ireland. This was also an excellent opportunity to promote the ferry routes from France to Ireland for French holidaymakers. County Wexford was represented by the Dunbrody Famine Ship Experience, Taste Wexford and Eamonn Hore, Director of Service, Wexford County Council who met with local French travel professionals and journalists. Eamonn Hore was interviewed by regional French TV channels about "The Norman Way". Guests at the event enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by Taste Wexford – using produce sourced from the southeast.



Fáilte Ireland held their Ireland's Ancient East In-Person Regional Industry Day on Wednesday 22nd February 2023, where they launched their regional "Keep Discovering" marketing Campaign which will inspire people to see a new side of Ireland and rediscover the joy of holidaying at home.

The Campaign will take place through various outlets including broadcast and video on demand, print media, audio, influencer programmes, social media as well as the Weather Sponsorship on RTE which has a 1.6 million average weekly reach.



County Wexford will feature as part of the campaign and will also be included in the Keep Discovering Irelands Ancient East TV advertisement, on RTE Weather, print media and geotargeted social media.



IHF Occupancy Report

County Wexford is once again leading the way in hotel occupancy for the month of March at 56% followed by Kilkenny at 55% and Dublin at 52%.

Local Enterprise Office



Small businesses and budding entrepreneurs will have the opportunity to sample a variety of events aimed at helping them to start or grow their business as part of this year's Local Enterprise Week in Wexford. The nationwide initiative organized by Local Enterprise Offices, supported by Enterprise Ireland and the Local Authorities, takes place from the 6th-10th March. While there are hundreds of events taking place nationally during the week, including 5 Spotlight Events that are available for free online, LEO Wexford has a business line-up of training and other events including;




- Social Media Tools for Business
- Small Change Big Impact – What LEAN could do for your business.

On Wednesday 8th March, business women in county Wexford will celebrate **International Women's Day** with a breakfast event in the Talbot Hotel focused on Positive Leadership for Personal and Business Development. The event will be facilitated by Joanne Hession, Lift Ireland.

The county final of the **Student Enterprise Awards 2022-23** will take place at 18.45 in Wexford County Council. This year 16 schools have participated will represent their schools at this county event. The winners will go on to represent Wexford at the National Final on the 3rd May in Croke Park.

Enterprise Week will culminate with a Business Breakfast with guest speaker, Blaise Brosnan, Management Resource Institute on Friday 10th at 8.00 am in the Canteen in Wexford County Council. A series of 5 case studies of client companies have been developed for use on social media etc to show the impact of LEO on real life businesses. An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. George Lawlor will launch the case studies featuring Coatek Ltd, Bodibro Ltd, MachineLab Ltd, Feri and The Tasty Parlour.

The 5 national spotlight events are;

Mon 6th March	Tues 7th March	Wed 8th March	Thurs 9th March	Fri 10th March
09.30am–11.30am	09.30am–1.00pm	11.00am–12.30pm	2.30am – 3.30pm	10.00am –11.30am
First Steps to Export Success 	You're The Business @ Local Enterprise Week 	Green Sustainability & competitiveness 	Drive Cost Savings with LEAN 	Innovate for Business Success 
<p>Considering expanding into international markets?</p> <p>Or are you an early-stage exporter? Then this Spotlight event is for you.</p> <p>This webinar is designed to outline the steps to export success.</p>	<p>No matter where you are on your digital journey, You're the Business is the programme to help you go further.</p> <p>As part of Local Enterprise Week, Google are hosting three online trainings, live from Google in Dublin, for businesses that are looking to Get Online, Grow Online, or Go Global.</p>	<p>The Green Panel aims to inform, inspire, and engage owner managers and their key staff in how they can implement Green technologies, processes and products to their business in order to be more competitive.</p>	<p>Looking for ways to improve competitiveness and productivity in your business?</p> <p>This online panel discussion is a must for all businesses ambitious for growth.</p>	<p>Innovate: to introduce improvements through new methods, ideas or products.</p> <p>Hosted by Noel Davidson of The Entrepreneurs Academy, this lively event will feature expert speakers.</p> <p>It will also outline the range of government and financial supports to drive innovation in your business.</p>

A strategic objective of LEO Wexford is to accelerate growth of our client portfolio through increasing the number of new export companies. To progress this, LEO Wexford have sought and received quotations from our Framework of Export consultants to deliver a bespoke programme of research, training, consultancy and a market study visit. Following evaluation and appointment of the consultant it is anticipated that the programme will commence in April targeting 10 -15 participating companies.

National Enterprise Awards

Wexford Local Enterprise Awards took place at the 23rd February in Whitford House Hotel. The 6 finalists were MachineLab, ProfitsFlow, Yola Bakery, The Tasty Parlour, Sully & Juno. An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. George Lawler presented the award to the Wexford Winner to Sully & Juno, and Joint-Runner Up to Machinelab and ProfitsFlow. Sully & Juno will represent Wexford at the National Enterprise Awards in June. Founded by Nina Shelton and Gillian Duggan White in 2021, they produce a range of sensory friendly clothing for children and adults with many of their products also incorporating Irish language elements.



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Planning Applications

Numbers are those received from the 28th of January 2023 until the 24th of February 2023.

No. of valid applications	107
No. of invalid applications	5
Extension of Duration	3
Exempted Development Declaration	4

Numbers are those received from the 1st of January 2023 until 24th of February 2023

No. of valid applications	174
No. of invalid applications	11
Extension of Duration	5
Exempted Development Declaration	8

Pre-Planning Applications

Numbers are as follows up until the 24th of February 2023

No. of open pre-planning requests	107
No. of pre-planning meetings completed	61
Average waiting time to meeting	123 days

Built, Cultural & Natural Heritage

Irish Walled Towns Network grants

Applications are open for member towns and local authorities within the Irish Walled Towns Network to apply for funding for capital works and events. Conservation works at town walls are supported under this grant along with grants for interpretation and events.

County Heritage Forum

The first meeting of the County Heritage Forum will take place in March. The County Heritage Forum is a non-statutory advisory group established by the council to assist in the formulation and implementation of the County Heritage Plan. The Forum includes elected representatives, representatives from the community sector and a range of organisations and state agencies with an interest in or responsibility for, the heritage of Co. Wexford.

Planning CSO Returns 2023

Permissions granted for new construction only.

Month	Housing Developments (Total No. of units)	Apartments incl. Self-contained Dwelling Units (Total No. of units)	One-off Houses
January	50	3	26
February	0	0	0
March	0	0	0
April	0	0	0
May	0	0	0
June	0	0	0
July	0	0	0
August	0	0	0
September	0	0	0
October	0	0	0
November	0	0	0
December	0	0	0
TOTAL	50	3	26

* Figures to January 2023

- Housing Developments = 2 or more houses (Total no. of units)
- Apartments include Self-contained Dwelling Units (Total no. of units)
- One-off Houses
- Permissions exclude outline, retention, change of plans and continuation of use

Forward Planning

Wexford Town Local Area Plan

A series of information meetings has commenced with the Members of the Borough District of Wexford to discuss the preparation of the new Local Area Plan for Wexford Town. These sessions will focus on the process for preparing the plan and the role, function and required content of the plan. They will enable the Members early input into both the strategic planning issues and critical parts of the process such as the Consultation Strategy for the plan.

Significant desktop research and field survey work has been carried out to inform the plan. Consultants have been appointed to carry out the Strategic Environmental Assessment, Appropriate Assessment and Strategic Flood Risk Assessment. The procurement of the Local Transport Plan which will inform the Plan is also at an advanced stage.

The next stages will be the development of a Consultation Strategy, Issues Papers and Baseline Reports and the Strategic Environmental Assessment Scoping Report (SEA Directive), Social and Community Audit and an Infrastructure Assessment Report (Stage 1). The Draft Planning and Development Bill 2022 has been published and this will change the format of the plan. The planning section are reviewing the revised requirements of the Draft Bill and will advise further as soon as possible.

Enniscorthy Town Local Area Plan

Background work has commenced for Enniscorthy Town Local Area Plan. Quotations were sought for the Appropriate Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment, but no submissions were received. A new planning Bill has been published and this will change the format of the plan.

The Planning Section are reviewing the revised requirements of the Bill and will advise further as soon as possible.

Building Control (28th January 2023 – 24th February 2023)

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| • Validated Commencement Notices: | 27 |
| • Number of Building Control Inspections: | 37 |
| • Validated Cert. of Compliance on Completion: | 13 |
| • Number of Taking in Charge reports sent to the Districts | 0 |

Planning Enforcement

The number of planning enforcement cases as of 24th of February 2023 are as follows:

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| • Live Cases | 349 |
| • Cases Opened from 1 st January 2023 | 39 |
| • Cases Closed from 1 st January 2023 | 16 |

Planning Enforcement – Short-Term Letting

The cumulative number of short-term letting planning enforcement cases as of 24th of February 2023 are as follows: -

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| • Live Cases | 20 (2020, 2021, 2022 & 2023) |
| • Cases Opened since 1 st January 2023 | 0 |
| • Cases Closed since 1 st January 2023 | 0 |
| • Inspections Carried out | 0 |

Derelict Sites, Dangerous Structures and Vacant Sites

Report from 28th January 2023 to 24th February 2023 as follows:

- Derelict Site Register updated on Council Website on the **20/02/2023**.
- **34** property inspections/visits conducted.
- **2** Section 8(2) Notices issued.
- **3** Section 8(7) Notices issued.

- 1 Section 22(3) Notices issued.
- 1 Section 3(1) Dangerous Structure Notices issued.
- 2 Files closed.
- 2 CPO maps prepared for Property Management
- 2 properties submitted to Property Management for CPO appraisal.

Disability Access Certificates (DACs):

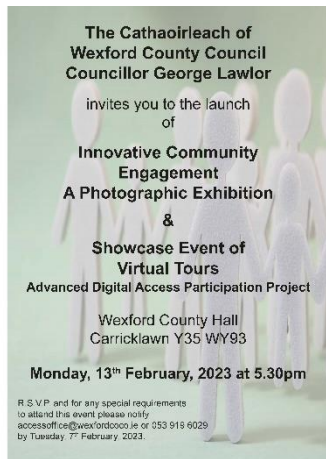
The number of valid DAC applications, for the period from 1st January 2023 up to and including 24th of February 2023, totals **16**.

Applications Districts	Total for Districts	Await Assessment	Further Info.	Granted	Refused
Enniscorthy	2	1	1	0	0
Gorey	9	7	1	1	0
New Ross	3	3	0	0	0
Wexford	2	1	0	1	0
Rosslare	0	0	0	0	0
2023 Totals	16	12	2	2	0

Disability Proofing completed as part of WCC Access activity.

Referrals	Total
LAC /PLAC & General Planning Applications	9
Major Pre-Planning (from 1 st January 2023)	3

Overview of Supports and activities carried out by the Access Section



Monday the 13th of February saw the culmination of all projects under the Disability Participation and Awareness Fund 2021 for which Minister Rabbitte attended.

Innovative Community Engagement Project

Ten Community Groups, representing each of the Municipal Districts in attendance, along with a number of disability community advocacy groups who acted as advisors to the various community groups were all in attendance.

The Advanced Digital Access Participation Project

This project was showcased on the night through a video production with highlights of the virtual tours playing to the attendees in the background. The invitation design, in itself, providing a nod to implementation of the QR to assist access, so at all stages for the event on the 13th elements of both projects were publicised.

Minister Rabbitte's attendance was significant at this event and her praise for the achievements noteworthy. Wexford Co. Council is the only Local Authority to complete projects under this funding and their approach innovative and visionary being just one of her compliments on the completion of these projects. The event itself, how we had illustrated the achievements for disability participation and awareness was noted by Minister Rabbitte as exceptional.



Reporting Mechanism for our obligations under the Disability and Inclusion Strategy –



The Access Section is in the process of rolling out the new Management for Reporting & Monitoring our Obligations under the Disability Act 2005, and our actions under the National Disability Inclusion Strategy- as transcribed into our Strategy as adopted.

The new mechanism for reporting as demonstrated and endorsed at executive level will have nominated staff engage in training in the coming days. This new system is yet again an innovative design which our ICT Department fully engaged in its development. The nominated staff will be fully support by the Access Section in the application of this new effective and efficient method of organisational reporting.



1. Uisce Éireann Asset Delivery

2. Minor Capital

3. Rural Water Programme

4. Water Conservation

Water Services Monthly Report



1. Uisce Éireann – Asset Delivery




Capital Schemes

Enniscorthy Network Upgrade	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ A new gravity main for Mary Street➤ Online meeting with Roads regarding road opening licences completed.➤ Ward & Burke are the selected contractors.➤ They are currently reviewing documents and preparing a contract price, and availability date to commence works.➤ Contractor on site in June➤ Estimated costs €800,000 and €200,000(pipe fix).
Enniscorthy Intake and Vinegar Hill Upgrade Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Intake- land requirement and wayleave agreement, IW in consultation with owner, offer made.➤ 3 contractors attended site to consider pricing.➤ Procurement period ends 28th Feb 2023.➤ Looking to commence works end June 2023➤ Construction period Est 21months (Aug23-May25)
Wexford Drainage Area Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Complete drainage model of the Wexford Town foul drainage system.➤ A full detailed hydraulic model identifying all pipelines and infrastructure and deficiencies in the network.➤ Consultants Nicholas O'Dwyer appointed by IW.➤ Drainage infrastructure survey works complete in Wexford Town and Castlebridge.➤ Model verification complete, stage 3 to start Q2 2023
Gorey/Courtown Drainage Area Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Complete drainage model of the Gorey/Courtown foul drainage system➤ Tender evaluation January 2022, with start onsite Q2 2022➤ Consultants JB Barry appointed by IW.➤ Stage 1 complete, survey works to start Q2 2023
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Newtown WTP Upgrade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Upgrade to existing Treatment plant including improved raw water treatment, instrumentation and run to waste facility. ➤ Preliminary design complete, IW have appointed Glan Agua as part of their early contactor involvement programme to design and build the new works. ➤ Onsite work to commence Q1 2023, duration of 18months. ➤ Budget cost of 12million
Fethard-on-Sea Sewerage Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Preliminary Design for the project is now complete for issue to contractor for design and build. ➤ Uisce Éireann has advised that due to budget constraints, this project has been re-prioritised and will not go to construction in the near future. Uisce Éireann has advised that it will be 2023 at the earliest before this scheme is re considered for funding.
Creagh WTP Upgrade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Upgrade of existing treatment plant including Intake improvements at Pallas and Kilmichael, DAFF plant refurbishment and installation of UV treatment ➤ Upgrade works to begin Q2 2023, project duration of 12 months. Small accommodation works ongoing. ➤ Budget of 2million
Gorey Regional Water Supply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ New Water Treatment plant and storage site at Ballyminaun Plant In operational phase with Glan Agua

<p>Untreated Agglomeration Study (UTAS)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Arthurstown, Ballyhack and Duncannon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This project is complete, and it is at final account stage with the contractor Sisk. ○ Sisk will operate this plant until November 2023 ➤ Plant was officially opened by the Minister on 2nd March 2023 ➤ Kilmore Quay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Proceeding well Construction Works at plant progressed all concrete pours complete. ➤ Plant pipework commenced with electrical works commencing 2 weeks. ➤ Pipe laying almost complete with 15m of excavation left (through Rock) ➤ Currently overall 50% works completed. ➤ Forecast completion 22/8/23 (2 months over) ➤ Emergency works on outfall required, currently being priced.
<p>Direct Labour Pipe Laying Crew</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mains Rehabilitation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Works has commenced on the new 4km of mains on Duncannon Line and 1600m is laid to-date. ➤ Diversions are in place, due to end March 23
<p>Ferns Sewerage Upgrade</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ IW Asset Planning Strategic assessment is programmed for first half of 2023 where long, and shortlist of upgrade options will be considered. ➤ Stage 2 will assess options and Stage 3 will bring forward detailed design and tender documentation.
<p>STVGP – Small towns and villages growth programme</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ IW programme to deliver additional capacity to existing towns and villages serviced by IW. Wellington Bridge and Tagoat are included in national programme. ➤ Option reports complete for both projects with Uisce Éireann Delivery section now taking control of both. Outline design ongoing for both projects. ➤ First on-site meeting with designers at Tagoat held in February
<p>Coolree Reservoir Rehabilitation works</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Rehabilitation works to the embankment, spillway and valve tower at Coolree Reservoir ➤ Preliminary scope outlined with ongoing feasibility studies to determine best solution
<p>Bunclody Water supply- Supply Demand Balance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Hydrogeological assessment underway for improved Ground Water Resources for Bunclody ➤ Workshop -1 complete for upgrades to the existing plant to aid the current plant operation. Proposal is for new package plant to improve the resilience and capacity of Bunclody WTP ➤ Framework contractor appointed, start date TBC

Fardystown Phase 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Well rehabilitation works at Tanner Hill to progress via consultants HES to restore well output from this site ➤ New wells proposed at Mayglass Church and Mulrankin to provide additional capacity for the Fardystown supply. ➤ New raw watermains will also be provided under this contract ➤ Uisce Eireann will progress planning permission for the new well sites.
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2. Minor Capital	
IW Minor Water Schemes	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Water Plant Generators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Additional generators have been delivered for Fardystown wellfield borehole sites. ➤ Treated Water storage programme. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3 sites in Wexford – Kilmallock bridge, Camolin and Kiltaly. ○ Kilmallock Bridge Reservoir planning granted; Tender award issued, start date TBC in the next month.
IW Minor Wastewater Schemes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pump Upgrades <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New smart pumps have now been installed at Mauritiustown WWPS. Smart pumps have also been ordered for Campile WWPS. ○ An order has been issued for new pumps and controls at Rosehill Heights WWPS in Rosslare Strand to improve resilience. ➤ SCADA Upgrades <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SCADA upgrades at 2 No. WWTPs (Kilmuckridge and Bridgetown) will take place Q1 2023. ➤ WWTP Minor Improvement Works <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Upgrade works to improve resilience of the inlet PS at Ballymurn WWTP will continue in Q1 2023.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Invest to Save <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Funding has been granted for a new sludge press at Rosslare Strand WWTP, and installation and commissioning is now 90% complete on site and expected that operation will begin in February 2023.
IW Capital Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The budget for 2023 is estimated to be c.€2.4m.
Non IW Small Capital Schemes	<p>Ballinamorrhagh, Curracloe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Rehabilitation works are currently being priced for the secondary treatment plant.
DPI Resolution Scheme for Water Services Infrastructure	<p>Funding was granted by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government for the resolution of Developer Provided Infrastructure (DPI) Issues at 4 number estates in Wexford. Works to progress at these sites to remove the DPI and connect to the public network.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Kyle Close, Oulart- Water connection is complete with sewerage to follow in 2023. ➤ Mountain View, Ballindaggin- COF received from IW. Survey complete. Application to Irish Water for connection underway. ➤ Gleann na gCaor, Monagear- Connection enquiry made. Design in progress ➤ Cois Cuan, Arthurstown- Design in progress ➤ Coolballow estate- Connection granted for decommissioning of DPI at Coolballow estate to connect to Wexford SS <p>Additional funding applications made for Farrin Carraig and Beach View estates in Duncannon.</p>

3. Rural Water



Measure 2 - Public Health Compliance

- **Kilanerin GWS**
 - Hydrogeologist Final Report has been received and reviewed into the causes of high nitrate level within the extracted raw water from the GWS borehole.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Group Water Scheme discussing option of installing a nitrate monitor to give us access to reliable data for future solution. ○ Awaiting confirmation from the Dept. to reallocate funding to nitrate monitoring.
<p>Measure 3 – Enhancement of Existing Schemes including Water Conservation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Blackstairs GWS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Storage Tank - Hydraulic model assessment has been undertaken by the Consultants. ○ A report has been provided and assessed. ○ Initial assessment is that a new storage tank is not the best solution. ○ GWS have reviewed and discussed at committee and have confirmed they are agreeable to recommended option. ○ Reservoir Bypass -WCC have been informed of potential additional costs required to carry out works. ○ A report has been compiled and submitted to the Dept.; the Dept. requested further information. ○ Additional reports were completed and submitted to the Dept. in December. ○ The Dept. have approved request for increased funding.
<p>Measure 5 – Transition of Existing Group Water Schemes and Group Sewerage Schemes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Bing GSS – Community Wastewater Connection (CWwC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Departmental agreement to progress the scheme to tender stage. Works currently in development are land acquisition/wayleave maps. Permission from landowners to enter lands for SI investigations have been returned. ○ Returned tender price from contractors for main contract works shall be subject to final Departmental assessment and approval. ○ Site visit and meeting took place in June with the committee and landowners regarding pumping station sites. ○ 1 Pumping station site had to be adjusted due to flood plan in new County Development Plan. ○ Landowners have agreed to revised location of pumping station sites. ○ The community Grp are in communication with the Landowners with regards to cost of acquiring the land where the pumping station will be located. ○ SI e-tender documents currently being prepared, should be completed in 2 weeks. ○ Update given to Dept. on progress to date.

Measure 6 – Community Connection Networks (Water)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MARWP 2022-2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Exploratory works have commenced for suitable projects for submission in the next round of the programme.
Measure 8 – Individual wells (private or household wells)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Individual Well Grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A total of 12 new well grant applications were registered to date in February 2023. ○ 16 Well Grants have been paid in this period, totalling €35,017. ○ Workflow prototype has been developed to final stage and is currently being tested.
Measure A8 – Waste Water Collection & Treatment Needs for Villages & Settlements without access to Public Wastewater Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New Advance Phase of MARWP 2022-2024 ○ Submissions requested from all local authorities. ○ Deadline 15th September 2022 ○ Matrix was constructed for Priority funding. ○ Limited to two applications ○ Feasibility studies submitted to the Department for Ramsgrange and Glynn for review by expert panel. ○ Further information regarding the option for Glynn was requested from the Dept. which has been submitted. ○ No update from the Dept.
Lead Remediation Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The first Lead remediation grant for the revised scheme has been granted provisional approved.

4. Water Conservation



Water Conservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Consumption Countywide consumption for February 2023 was on average 44.19MLD. Overall consumption is still trending high following the cold weather spell in early December.
Leak Detection & Repair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Leak repairs 53nr leaks were repaired by operational staff in February 2023. ➤ Planned Operational Leak Detection (PLD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Planned leak detection was focused mainly on Wexford town, Bunclody and Gorey town areas during February 2023.

Water Network Programme

➤ Rehab

- Wexford – Ballysilla to Lacken (Airfield Road project) – 1.9km of main installed, the contractor is currently installing services, AV and SV ahead of testing. Work to be completed March 2023.
- Gorey – Cahore main rehabilitation project postponed.
- Wexford – Ballinesker main install – SI completed February 2023.

➤ Find and Fix

- LA Find crews were concentrated on Wexford town supplies in February 2023.
- Acoustic loggers are deployed in Enniscorthy town centre areas. There is a dedicated UE RC crew assigned to monitoring and deploying these loggers.
- UE RC Find crews completed investigations in Gorey Irish Street area and moved onto Courtown North area.
- An additional RC Find crew commenced investigations in Coolgreany.
- 8nr F&F leaks were repaired by the LA in Wexford town, and 18nr repairs were completed by the RC in Gorey during February 2023.

➤ BYS Services

Enniscorthy BYS works –

- St Johns Villas – new connection installed at Tennis Club. Final decommissioning due in March 2023.
- Ross Road – Main install commenced in February 2023.

Wexford BYS Works -

- School Street shared service project commenced in February; all service connections are installed. Final plumbing works are still ongoing. Works due to be completed in March 2023.

➤ Pressure Management

- Proposals for 2023 funding are currently being requested with UE.

➤ Meter Installation

- 5nr meters installed by RC in February 2023

➤ First Fix

- UE Regional Contractor, Shareridge are conducting ongoing First Fix investigations and repairs around the county.

ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION

MAJOR NATIONAL ROADS PROJECTS

N11/N25 Oilgate to Rosslare Harbour

- Ground Investigation on-site works are commencing by the end of the March 2023.
- Environmental surveys, traffic studies and traffic modelling are ongoing.
- Archaeological Geophysical Survey Tender is due to be published in coming weeks.
- The overall design of the development is near to completion.
- Development of the bridge options is ongoing.
- Engagement with the ESB/EirGrid is ongoing in relation to the conflict points identified between proposed alignment and ESB/EirGrid high/medium voltage lines. Solution to conflict points is expected by the end of March 2023.
- Engagement with the landowners is ongoing. One-on-one meetings with all directly affected landowners are provisionally booked for the end of March 2023.
- Meetings will be held over a period of 2-3 days in Ferrycarrig Hotel. Valuable information is expected to be collected at the meetings in order to finalise the design, which is required to determine the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO).

N25 Rosslare Europort Access Road

The position on this project remains unchanged, we are still awaiting a decision from An Bord Pleanála.

Section 177AE planning application & CPO Maps and Schedules were submitted to An Bord Pleanála on 5th July 2022.

- 3 submissions were submitted to An Bord Pleanála which may at its discretion hold an oral hearing on proposed development.
- A Project Team has been served a notice by An Bord Pleanála under the section 221 (3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 that it would not be possible/appropriate to make determination by the 7th December 2022 due to the necessity for further consideration. Revised anticipated date for the decision by the Board is 26th May 2023.

NATIONAL ROAD PAVEMENT SCHEMES

2022 Pavement Schemes

N25 Ballykilliane to Orristown Pavement Scheme

(Estimated Total Scheme Cost €2,000,000)

This scheme is 2 km in length and runs between the R739 Kilmore junction to the L7050 Orristown junction on the N25.

The contract was awarded on 24th October.

Drainage works commenced on 30th. January. This scheme is due to be completed by the end of April.

N80 Tomacurry to Ballycarney Phase 1

(Estimated Total Scheme Cost €2,000,000)

The total scheme length is 3.7km. The allocation from TII for 2022 allows for the first 2 km at the southern end to be completed in 2022.

The contract was awarded on 22nd November.

Pavement works commenced on 6th. February and are due to be completed by the end of April.

2022 Safety Schemes

N25 Ballygillane Roundabout

(Estimated Total Scheme Cost €2,590,000)

This scheme was tendered in November 2021.

Works commenced on 23rd May 2022 and should be substantially completed in March 2023.

2023 Pavement Schemes

N80 Tomacurry to Ballycarney Phase 2

(Estimated Total Scheme Cost €1,600,000)

This scheme is being designed at present. It is hoped to tender this scheme in April and construct the scheme in July and August.

N25 Orristown to Ashfield Cross Pavement Scheme

(Estimated Total Scheme Cost €1,600,000)

This scheme is being designed at present. It is hoped to tender this scheme in May/June and construct the scheme in September and October.

2023 Additional Maintenance Allocations

Wexford County Council will be applying for additional maintenance funding from TII in January 2023. This will relate to pavement repairs on sections of the N80 north of Ballycarney and sections of the N30.

Wexford County Council will continue to apply for additional maintenance funding for drainage and verge maintenance works on the N11, N25, N30 and N80.

A consultant has been appointed to carry out a drainage design for a section of the N25 between Barntown and Larkins cross that flooded twice since 25th December 2021. A preliminary meeting was held with the consultant on site in January. It is hoped to have a designed solution in place by the end of the first quarter of the year.

Former National Roads Grant 2022 - R744 Millpark Road Enniscorthy

Cost - €350,000

This allocation was for the upgrade of former national roads. Construction commenced on site on 30th January and was completed in February.

Former National Roads Grant 2023

2 applications were made under this scheme for 2023.

- R772 Tinnock to Gorey (1.4km)
- R723 Rosbercon (0.8km).

Funding of €500,000 was received for the R772 Tinnock scheme. This amounts to 50% of the scheme.

REGIONAL AND LOCAL ROADS

The Regional and Local Road Grant Allocations were announced on 14 February 2023.

Wexford's allocation was €22,811,650. This allocation includes €1,000,000 for Christmas day 2021 flood damage and €1,500,000 for the Deeps Bridge remediation works.

Resurfacing/Strengthening

The 2023 strengthening programme (Machinery Yard) commenced in the Enniscorthy District on 25 January 2023 at Bucks Bridge, Ballindaggan.

Roads resurfaced in macadam in the last month were:

Tombrack to Strahart; Knockmarshall; Sweetfarm; Halfway House to Glaslacken; (All in

Enniscorthy District). Camolin towards Ballyduff; Ballytarsna; Oulart village; Montdaniel; (All in

Gorey-Kilmuckrdge District); Grange to Monamolin; Coleman Lane; Carrowreagh to Poulpeasty Junction; Ballymacar Lane; (All in New Ross District).

Roads completed Clause 804 stone in the last month were:

Cranhill; Kyle; Ballyadam; (All in Gorey-Kilmuckrdge District); Aclamon; (New Ross District).

Surface Dressing Works

The Municipal Districts are finalising their 2023 programmes.

Community Involvement Schemes

€502,650 was allocated in 2023. The Municipal Districts are finalising their programmes.

Local Improvement Schemes

€411,705 was allocated to County Wexford in Round 1, 2023. The Municipal Districts are finalising their programmes.

Bridge Rehabilitation Grant

Wexford County Council was allocated €610,000 to repair 17 bridges in 2023.

Christmas Day 2021 - Flood Damaged Bridges

Temporary Bailey Bridges are in place at Chapel and Cullenstown Little. Section 50 consents have been received from the OPW for the 3 bridges (Chapel, Cullenstown and Wilton).

Detailed designs are in progress for all 3 bridges. Chapel and Cullenstown require Part 8 planning and will likely be concrete bridge beam construction. It is planned to re-construct the Wilton Bridge as was (masonry arch). All 3 re-constructions will commence in 2023

Specific Improvement Works – The Deeps Bridge

The Deeps Bridge Remediation Project – RPS Consulting Engineers Ltd was appointed as Project Supervisor for the Design Process in March 2021.

Glas Civil Engineering commenced work 9 January 2023. The project is progressing well. The bridge surface has been stripped down to the bridge deck. A retaining wall on the east side of the bridge has been constructed. Concrete repairs are in progress bridge. There are over 250 concrete repairs to be carried out. Encapsulation of the bridge is in progress. It is anticipated the works will be complete by the end of August 2023.



Deeps Bridge 2 March 2023

Winter Maintenance

The Winter Maintenance started 17 October 2022 and finishes 30 April 2023. There have been 48 treatments to Thursday 2 March 2023.

General Maintenance

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

ACTIVE TRAVEL

The Active Travel Team are currently in negotiations with the NTA regarding additional funding on top of the allocation announced on Feb 3rd 2023.

Training and feedback day with WexBUG (Wexford Bicycle Users Group) took place on Friday the 10th February to educate their 200 members on what AT is about and what our plans are for the Pathfinder schemes. This training day was beneficial to all concerned. Councillors training day shall take place on Monday 6th March at 3:30 in Training Room A for Wexford Borough councillors following requests for training at a recent council meeting.

The active travel 2023 allocation submission was issued to the NTA on the 9th December 2022 for review valued at €5.1m. This submission contained the three 'Pathfinder'schemes, namely Beechlawn, Newtown and Roxborough active travel schemes. The NTA raised concerns about the increasing outturn costs of Active Travel schemes per/km nationally, therefore we were asked to include Rapid Build techniques. Rapid build schemes involve utilising the existing road drainage and roadway as far as possible together with extruded concrete kerb to provide a degree of separation between motorist and cyclist. The Active Travel Team are now reviewing the rapid build approach with the appointed consultants to examine how this approach can be integrated into the overall scheme design and how we deal with the technique where road

conditions are poor. The team is also currently preparing Section 38 documents for Newtown Rd from Hospital junction in towards Wygram Junction.

We have organised a site visit with Programme managers from the NTA on Wednesday 8th March to discuss and visit schemes under design and request additional funding where necessary.

We are progressing 3 no. Safe Routes to School (SRTS) from round 1, designed in house and consultation ongoing, Adamstown Scoil Naomh Abbann, Scoil Mhuire Rosslare, Saint Aidans Enniscorthy. Section 38's are being prepared with a view to construction in 2023.

Round 2 Safe Routes To School to be progressed through An Taisce initially who carry out Parent Surveys and the first steps of consultation with schools. This results in an Outline Delivery Plan (ODP) which is the supporting documentation from the survey and audits carried out for the school. Active Travel then take this plan to develop it into a detailed design for the school.

School Name	Roll number	School Address	Eircode
Gorey Central School	19419s	Charlotte Row Gorey Co. Wexford	Y25XH11
Ramsgrange Community School	91431Q	Ramsgrange New Ross Co Wexford	Y34YY17
St. Patrick's N.S. (SN Phadraig)	17017L	CROSSABEG CO WEXFORD	Y35VY98

- R723 Oaklands to Kents Cross, New Ross which is for a Segregated Cycle Scheme, and which is at Preliminary Design Stage. The plan is to apply for additional funds in order to take this scheme through the Part 8 planning process in 2023.
- Plans are being put in place for Bike Week 2023 which takes place next year between the 13th and 21st of May. Applications for funding for running events were submitted in early January 2023. A variety of events will be held around the County to promote cycling including a joint cycling initiative being planned in collaboration with Counties Waterford and Kilkenny and Carlow also.
- Introduction of Public E Bike Sharing Scheme Wexford Town in Springtime – identification of parking places underway. We require 45 parking locations spread across the town in residential areas and near shopping/university/bus and train station/ town centre locations.

Presentation to Wexbug & Councillors

Members of WexBUG (Wexford Bicycle Users Group) attended a training day which took place on Friday 10th Feb. The aim of this presentation was to gather what matters to the cyclist when using these routes. We invited feedback and explained the design philosophies we follow when designing these pathfinder schemes.

The Active Travel team has sent out an invite to Wexford District Elected Members to a presentation on Active Travel which will take place on Mon 6th March at 3:30 p.m.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

LED Upgrade (Non-National Roads)

Over 12,000 lanterns have been upgraded to LED since the beginning of 2016.

Design works are completed.

Works are almost complete bar installing Led trays in the Heritage decorative lanterns across the county. It is hoped to complete the upgrade of these remaining lanterns on non-National roads and housing estates in the first half of the year.

A plan will be put in place to upgrade the remaining lanterns in housing estates that were taken in charge over the last 4 to 5 years.

Public Lighting Development Fund

Additional public lighting will be installed at the following locations under the Public Lighting Development Fund in 2023.

- Ramsfort Avenue Gorey – infill along by GAA pitch. Lighting design being carried out and quotations due in March.
- The Ballagh – Church to the school – Lighting design being carried out and quotations due in March
- The Ballagh – Ballagh Cove to regional road. Lighting design being carried out and quotations due in February/March
- Wexford Town – Seamus Kelly roundabout to Spawell Road. 1 quotation received and further quotation due within the week. It is hoped to get this scheme awarded in early March. due in January.

Other locations will follow further to consultations with Municipal District Engineers.

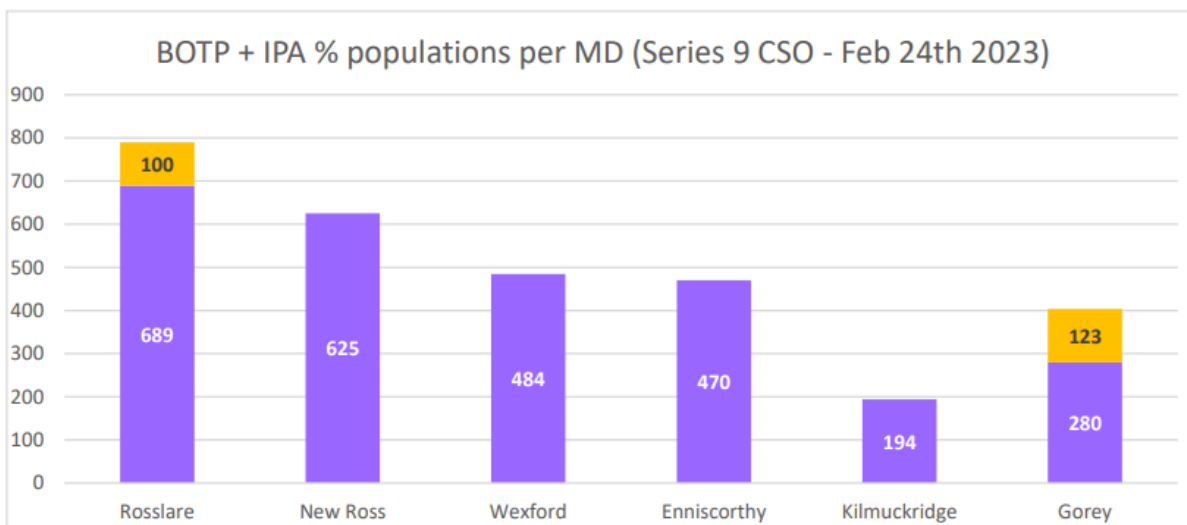
It should be noted that quotations are sought from the four recognised public lighting contractors in the country for these public lighting schemes. All four contractors are now working on the 3 National Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Programme (PLEEP) contracts across the country. This is leading to a delay in getting our Development Fund lighting contracts designed, tendered and completed.

UKRANIAN RESPONSE UPDATE

Population of Refugees & International Protection Applicants in Co Wexford Updated – February 24th 2023

Created using CSO Data (Series 9 Arrivals from Ukraine, Feb 12th 2023, with locally available numbers of people living in two Direct Provision Centres (Rosslare Harbour and Courtown in Gorey MD).

The graph below shows the absolute numbers of Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (Ukrainians) in purple and the estimated number of International Protection Applicants in yellow using data latest available on February 24th 2023 from Central Statistics Office and local knowledge (IPA numbers via Direct Provision Centre Management)



Local Electoral Area (LEA)	Numbers arrived as February 24 th , 2023
Gorey	280
Kilmuckridge	194
New Ross	625
Rosslare	689
Wexford	484
Enniscorthy	470
Total	2,742

Ukrainian Community Response Forum

The Ukrainian Community Response Forum met on the 28th of February. Issues which were raised include the difficulty in providing school transport and to a lesser extent school places. At primary level there is still availability in most rural areas whilst the situation is much tighter in the four main towns. It is expected that the usual pressure on secondary school places will be increased this summer and autumn. There were no problems reported apart from the need to give more focus to older Ukrainians who are less likely to have English and so at greater risk of isolation.

Offer a Home

Whilst the number of offers has reduced the team continue to place displaced Ukrainian families in properties across Wexford, in both rural and urban areas, to date some 63 properties have been allocated. A new Offer a Home campaign is due to commence in March.

Other Initiatives

Community Recognition Fund

County Wexford has been allocated **€1,509,870** under The Community Recognition Fund. The Council has invited expressions of interest for eligible projects in the relevant areas.

The Fund aims to support the development of facilities that will be used in the future by all members of the community. It is separate in its objectives and scope to any other public funding streams which aim to support the development of public service needs arising from the significant number of arrivals from Ukraine.

The funding is specifically targeted at projects located in communities, towns and villages hosting Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection and/or International Protection Applicants ('new arrivals') including towns identified for the rapid build homes programme.

Expression of interest form is now live on www.wexfordcoco.ie and closing date is 28th February 2023.

CORPORATE ACTIVITIES

1. FOI OFFICE REQUESTS

Type	
Freedom of Information	10
Customer Complaint	10
Ombudsman Complaint	1
Access to Information on the Environment	2
Data Access Request	3
Total	21

2. PROCUREMENT SECTION ACTIVITY

Tenders from 1st February, 2023 to 28th February, 2023

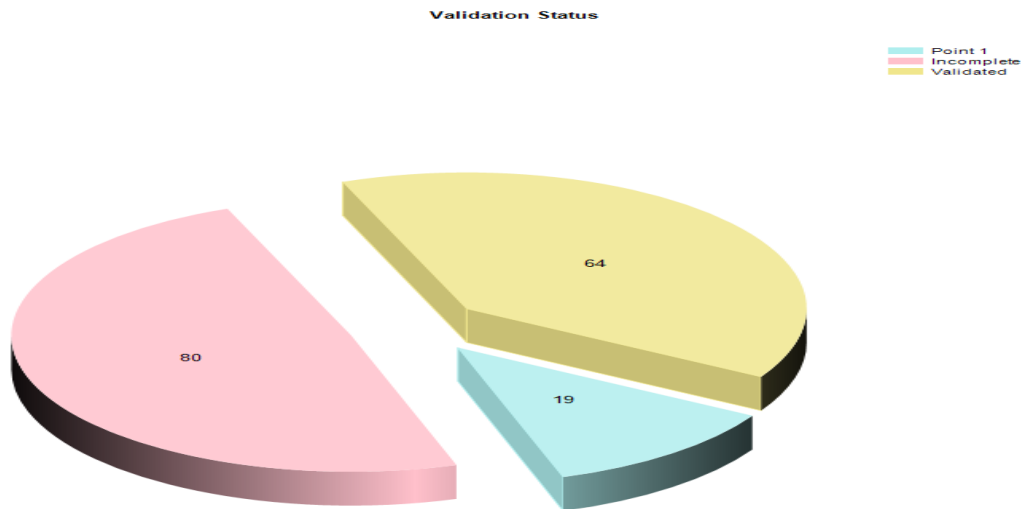
No uploaded	5
No of tenders received	44

3. Emails, Phone Calls and Cases Logged in CSU through the CRM for 01/02/2023 to 28/02/2023

Area				February	
Agricultural Burns					50
Environment Complaints					444
Change of Circumstances					34
General Queries					0
Housing Validation					163
Quick Calls					2,859
Ask A Question					49
Road Faults Log					41
Emails					3,235
	Email Category	Total	Section		
	Email (Received - External)	872	Access	1	
			Community	1	
			Corporate	2	
			Districts	1	
			Environment	20	
			Finance	5	
			Homeless	4	
			Housing	23	
			Housing Maintenance	8	
			Other	4	
			Planning	5	
			Roads	3	
			Unknown	795	
	Email (Received - Internal)	584	Corporate	1	
			Districts	4	
			Environment	11	
			Homeless	1	
			Housing	5	

		Housing Maintenance	3	
		Other	2	
		Sanitary & Water Services	1	
		Unknown	556	
Email (Sent - External)	48	Access	1	
		Corporate	2	
		Districts	1	
		Environment	15	
		Finance	1	
		Homeless	5	
		Housing	17	
		Housing Maintenance	1	
		Other	2	
		Planning	1	
		Roads	2	
Email (Sent - External/Internal)	1632	Unknown	1,632	
Email (Sent - Internal)	99	Access	1	
		Corporate	4	
		CSU	4	
		Districts	6	
		Environment	19	
		Finance	3	
		Homeless	13	
		Housing	27	
		Housing Maintenance	15	
		Other	3	
		Planning	2	
		Roads	1	
		Sanitary & Water Services	1	
Total				6,875

Social Housing Application Validation Cases Logged between 01/02/2023 and 28/02/2023



**Total Number of 163
Cases for specified
period : February**

Quick Calls between 01/02/2023 and 28/02/2023

Enquiry	By Tier	February 2023	Total
Community		46	46
	Total	46	46
Corporate		31	31
	Total	31	31
Directions	Motor Tax	6	6
	Planning Dept	3	3
	Total	9	9
Districts	Enniscorthy	31	31
	Gorey	43	43
	New Ross	16	16
	Rosslare	24	24
	Wexford Borough	58	58
	Total	172	172
Environment		314	314

	Total	314	314
External	Court Services	1	1
	Dept. Social Welfare	1	1
	HSE	1	1
	Irish Water	3	3
	LPT	5	5
	NDLS	2	2
	Protect our Water	3	3
	Total	16	16
FAQ	Other	1	1
	Total	1	1
Finance	Accounts Payable	2	2
	Credit Control	34	34
	Loans	22	22
	Motor Tax	28	28
	NPPR	29	29
	Other	9	9
	Planning Contributions	5	5
	Rates	37	37
	Receipts	54	54
	Wages	4	4
	Total	224	224
General Purposes	Franchise	5	5
	GP	5	5
	Total	10	10
Homeless		78	78
	Total	78	78
Housing	AHO/TLO	150	150
	Grants	182	182
	HAP	153	153
	Maintenance	456	456
	Other	203	203
	RAS	19	19
	Rents/Allocations	291	291
	Total	1454	1454
LEO		15	15
	Total	15	15
Other		160	160
	Total	160	160
Parking Fines		50	50

	Total	50	50
Personnel		100	100
	Total	100	100
Phone Number	Borough of Wexford MD	1	1
	Enniscorthy MD	1	1
	Motor Tax Office	1	1
	Other	18	18
	Total	21	21
Planning		67	67
	Total	67	67
Roads		73	73
	Total	73	73
Sanitary & Water Services		6	6
	Total	6	6
Street Light Fault		12	12
	Total	12	12
	Total	2859	2859

Monthly Social Media Report for Elected Members Month: February 2023

Monthly Stats - Key terms explained

POST REACH

The number of people who stop and look at your post

STORIES REACH

The number of people who stop and look at your stories

ENGAGEMENT

The number of people who engage with your content, like it, share it, comment on it etc

PAGE FOLLOWERS

The number of people who follow your page updates but don't 'like' your page

PAGE LIKES

The number of people who like your page, but may not see all the updates you post

NEW PAGE LIKES

The number of people that have liked your page since your last report

PAGE VISITS

The number of people who have clicked into your social profile

MENTIONS

The number of times your page/profile has been mentioned/tagged by members of the public or other pages/profiles

IMPRESSIONS

The number of times your post was delivered to someone's social feed, but they didn't necessarily stop on that content **different to reach**

Top Performing Posts

Firefighter Recruitment Campaign



13,920 views

Minister Eamon Ryan Visit



7,410 impressions

"Cara" Art Display for International Migrants Day



846 views

Top Performing Posts

Outdoor Trading Advert

Wexford County Council
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Wexford County Council invites applications for the licensed use of outdoor motorised vehicles or other mobile facility offering refreshments for sale, including hot/cold non-alcoholic drinks, ice cream, snacks, at the following designated locations in Wexford Borough District for the period 1st April, 2023 to 31st March, 2024.

A. Wexford Quayfront - Maximum of 3 Units
B. Min Ryan Park - 1 Unit
C. Carraigfoyle Walking Trails - 1 Unit... See more

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LICENCING OF OUTDOOR TRADING AREAS

- Wexford Quayfront - Max 3 units
- Min Ryan Park - 1 Unit
- Carraigfoyle Walking Trails - 1 Unit



5,256 views

Community Recognition Fund

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION FUND

Expressions of Interest are sought from community groups in areas hosting arrivals from Ukraine and other countries. Closing date is 28th February 2023.

For more information go to: wexfordcoco.ie/community/supp...

Co. Wexford allocation is €1,509,870.

€1,509,870 allocated to County Wexford

Closing Date for Expressions of Interest 28th February 2023

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION FUND

For more information go to www.wexfordcoco.ie

Phone us on 053 8196000

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2,103 impressions

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LICENCING OF OUTDOOR TRADING AREAS

Wexford Quayfront - Max 3 units

Min Ryan Park - 1 Unit

Carraigfoyle Walking Trails - 1 Unit

CLOSING DATE - FRIDAY, 10TH MARCH, 2023 AT 4PM



776 views

SPECIAL PROJECTS

1. Projects at Planning Stages

1.1 Enniscorthy Town Centre & Tourism Project:

The Planning Department in collaboration with Special Projects has developed a strategic plan for Enniscorthy town centre, which was adopted at the Enniscorthy MD meeting in December 2022.

The public realm aspects of the tourism projects will form part of the Call 4 URDF application expected in the Q3 2023.

Moloney O' Bernie has been appointed to prepare preliminary designs and Part VIII planning application for the Market Square and the Castle Quarter by July and September respectively to support the Call 4 application for Enniscorthy.

1.2 Forth Mountain Activity Park – Phase 2 - Activity Centre Building:

Phase 1 – Forth Mountain Activity Park, Trails and Carpark is complete.

The activity centre building was lodged for Part VIII planning in March 2022. In response to a request from An Bord Pleanála for further information relating to the project was completed and submitted to the Board. The Part VIII planning application was withdrawn in October 2022. A process to procure a consulting team to prepare an EIAR and prepare a planning submission to ABP is now required.

The part VIII for the proposed boathouse and external toilet facility on-site was approved by WCC in February 2023 and the detailed design is progressing. The tender for works will be advertised in March and it is expected that a contract award will be made by August with a commencement on site by Sept 2023.

1.3 Min Ryan Park

Sole Sports and Leisure was appointed to construct the skate park and MUGA on a design and build basis. The MUGA and skatepark are now both complete and open to the public. Killaree Lighting Services is appointed to install public lighting to both projects, which will be commence in early April 2023.

1.4 Gorey District Park

The park is substantially completed and is now fully open to the public.

A further invitation to tender for the Changing Places unit was placed on eTenders in January 2023 and submissions are currently being assessed.

1.5 John Street Building Regeneration Project, New Ross

A portion of the grain store building has been purchased by agreement and the CPO for the remaining sections is now formally complete. ODKM Architects are appointed and undertook a preplanning meeting for the building in February. The Part VIII application for

approval by WCC will be prepared and presented to the New Ross MDC by the end of April. The Part 8 will be advertised in May.

1.6 Gorey Market House

As agreed at the December meeting of Gorey - Kilmuckridge MDC, WCC publicly invited Expressions of Interest in February 2023 for the re-development of the Market House. A Competitive Dialogue procurement process is being used to identify best options for a town centre development, including a performance space. Stage 2 in this dialogue process will take up to 10 months to complete.

1.7 WEXFORDIA – Irish National Heritage Park (INHP), Hook Lighthouse and New Ross Tourism Projects

WCC secured RRDF Category 2 funding for the development of a cluster of tourism projects within the county.

Irish National Heritage Park: INHP

The tourism and environmental design teams for the INHP have commenced work on a preliminary design and the environmental assessments. It is planned to submit a planning application for the project to An Bord Pleanála in Q3 2023.

Hook Lighthouse

The tender competition for interpretative design services for the Hook Lighthouse was advertised in February.

The Brief for the associated architectural and related design services is currently being prepared and will be advertised in March. It is expected that the preliminary design and the planning applications will be completed in 2023 and submitted to ABP.

The environmental consultant has been appointed and is undertaking initial studies and investigative works.

New Ross Tourism Project

Tenders for the interpretive fitout on the Dunbrody Visitor Centre Experience has been received and an award is expected in March.

Tender documents for the development of the Norman Centre in the Old Bank/Murphy buildings for interpretive and architectural services will be advertised in March 2023 with appointments expected in May and July respectively.

1.8 Oyster Lane Car Park, Wexford

A Part VIII submission has been made for the demolition of existing unoccupied buildings on the old Tesco site, including the construction of a temporary surface level car park. The Part VIII was confirmed at the March 2022 County Council meeting.

O'Connor Sutton Cronin consulting engineers has been appointed to provide design and construction related consultancy services for the project.

Tender assessment for the demolition works tender competition for the project is currently underway. Works are expected to commence onsite in April 2023. The main car park works contract will follow thereafter.

1.9 Esmonde Street, Gorey

An on-site meeting took place with the Members in Gorey – Kilmuckridge MDC in February 2023 and proposals for the street were discussed. A presentation will be made to the Members in April. €2m of own funds to the Esmonde Street project. It is then planned to proceed to detailed design, tender and contract award, with works to commence on site before end of 2023.

1.10 Rosslare Europort to Waterford City Greenway

The Economic SPC of Wexford County Council and the Transportation SPC of Waterford City & County Council have written to the Minister for Transport seeking inclusion of the out-of-service Rosslare to Waterford railway line in the impending national rail review. The application for planning consent for the Rosslare to Waterford greenway project has been paused, pending a decision from the DOT on the future of the rail corridor.

The Rosslare Harbour to Rosslare Strand section is now being advanced as part of the Wexford Town to Rosslare greenway project.

1.11 Wexford Town to Rosslare Greenway

Fehily Timoney & Co has been appointed to provide consultancy services for a feasibility study, route selection, preliminary design and environmental assessments for the development of this project. Constraints have been identified and ecological surveys are on-going. The scoping and route options process is ongoing. Public consultation on the preferred route corridor options commenced on 11th May 2022 with submissions closing on June 10th 2022.

Fehily Timoney & Co has been appointed to review the route options for the proposed Rosslare Harbour to Rosslare Strand greenway in light of the significant coastal protection works which has been carried out over the past two years by Irish Rail. An ecological survey is on-going.

1.12 Old Dublin Road Business Park, Enniscorthy

In May 2021, outline proposals for the Old Dublin Road were presented to the Enniscorthy Municipal District. This was followed by a public consultation process in late June on the draft plan. The masterplan was presented to the Enniscorthy MDC's October meeting. The initial phase 1 works commenced in July/August 2022 and are now substantially completed.

An application for further funding has been prepared and submitted to the NTA, in conjunction with the Roads & Transportation Section, for the active travel elements of the masterplan.

1.13 Courtown Coastal Protection & Beach Nourishment Scheme

Following a competitive tender process, RPS Ltd was appointed to undertake the Preliminary Design and Statutory Consents Phase of the Courtown coastal protection and beach nourishment scheme.

Priority Geotechnical Ltd. is appointed to carry out the marine and land-based surveys and boreholes at Courtown. They commenced work on the May 2022 and the site investigation work is complete.

Marine profiling surveys will also be carried out in parallel at this time and this work is being carried out by Hydrographic Survey Limited. An application to the Marine Foreshore Dept., was submitted in December 2022, for permission to carry out benthic grab samples. This work will commence once approval is granted.

It is planned to submit an application to An Bord Pleanála for development consent in Autumn 2023.

1.14 Crescent Quay – Dredging

RPS Consulting Engineers have been appointed to provide design services for dredging works at Crescent Quay. The sampling and testing of the proposed dredge material, to inform the statutory consent process, is underway. It is planned to submit the statutory consent applications by Q3 2023.

1.15 Enniscorthy Sports Hub

O’Leary Sludds Architects were appointed in Feb 2021 for the detailed design, procurement of works contractor and construction management of the Sport Hub building. A competition to award a works contract for the sports hub building was advertised in May 2022. The lowest price tender opened for the project exceeded the available budget and it is decided not to progress with a contract awarding under this competition. A redesign process for the project is now underway, and it is expected to retender the project once this is complete.

1.16 Curracloe Water Sports Activity Facility

WCC received Stage 2 compliance approval from Fáilte Ireland for the development of facilities to support water sports activities at Whitegap, Curracloe. The project will include showers, toilets, changing facilities and lockers.

The tender for design services was advertised in Jan 2022, the tender evaluation process is now complete. Neville Conroy Architects is appointed, with surveying works and detailed design commenced in January 2023. It is planned to tender and commence works in 2023.

1.17 Ferndale Gymnasium, Wexford:

Sports Capital funding of €300,000 has been secured for this project, supporting a donation of €500,000 from William Neville and Sons for this project. Part VIII approved was received in 2022 and a design team is currently being appointed to prepare detailed designs and tender documents for the works. It is planned to tender for a works contractor by Q2 2023 and to commence works on site by Q4 2023.

1.18 Adoration Convent Wexford

Part VIII is in place for this project to convert the old convent into accommodation for students of Georgia Southern University Wexford campus. A design team appointment is awaiting GSU approval. It is intended to tender in Q2 with works to commence before end of 2023.

2. Projects Under Construction

2.1 South East Greenway

Contracts for the works on Lots 1, 2 and 3 were awarded to Glás Civil Engineering and works are now substantially complete. Snagging works are currently ongoing.

The works have commenced on site, following a tender process, for fencing, public lights ducting and temporary car parks for the greenway section from New Ross to Glenmore. The expected completion date is June 2023.

Contract for Lot 5a – Ferrybank to Curraghmore (5.5KM) will be advertised in March with a tender award is expected by July 2023.

Contract for Lot 4 – Mount Elliot will be advertised in October with works is expected to commence on site early in 2024.

Wexford County Council's Arts Office, in partnership with the Southeast Greenway Project Team, has commissioning designers 'Elements Of Action' with visual artist Aoife Banville, to develop a pilot creative public art project for the Raheen to Glenmore section of the greenway. This works is expected to complete prior to the opening of this section.

2.2 Trinity Wharf

The contract for the construction of the access road was awarded to Glás Civil Engineering Ltd, in January 2023 and works commenced on site in late February. The sod turning took place on site on 2nd March with Minister Darragh O'Brien and elected representatives.

Procurement of consultants for design services for the site development and public infrastructure works is underway. The pre-qualification process is completed, and the successful design firms have been issued with tender documents. Tender submissions were received on 31/03/2022. Appointment is expected in April 2023.

2.3 New Ross Public Realm – Oil Tanks Site

This project consists of removal of the oil tank structures on the Quay and the development of public realm works on the site. The Advance Works Contract (Removal of Tanks) was complete in July 2021.

RRDF funding of €814,393 for the project was announced in November 2022. Site development works will commence in March 2023.

2.4 Mechanics Institute, Wexford

The works contract for essential maintenance works at the Mechanics Institute has been awarded to Roger Doyle Contractors and works commenced on site in January 2023. Works are expected to take 6 months complete.

3. Projects Delivered under the Economic & Community Development Programme

	Project	Date Delivered
1	Forth Mountain Activity Park – Phase 1: Trails & Carpark	2021
2	Old Dublin Road, Enniscorthy Active Travel, Phase 1	2022
3	Min Ryan Park	2022
4	Gorey District Park	2022
5	New Ross Fire Station	2022
6	Wexford Arts Centre Extension	2022
7	Monck Street Enhancement Scheme	2022
8	High Hill Norman Gardens, New Ross	2022



4. Flood Defence Schemes

4.1 Enniscorthy Flood Defence Scheme

Statutory Process - The Minister for the Department of Public Expenditure & Reform (DPER) issued his decision to refuse the scheme on 4th March 2022. Details are available on www.gov.ie. Following the decision, the OPW confirmed their commitment to delivering an effective scheme for Enniscorthy.

The Minister for State, Mr Patrick O'Donovan and senior officials from the OPW & WCC attended a special meeting of Enniscorthy MDC on 4th May 2022 to update the members in relation to the Enniscorthy Flood Defence Scheme. The Minister supported a WCC proposal to progress the new River Slaney Bridge and the Flood Defence Scheme as two separate standalone projects.

Flood Defence Scheme - The hydrology and ecology baseline data is currently being updated. The scheme alternatives are to be assessed, consulted on publicly and a preferred option identified. MMD has issued a programme of work – the preferred option report & environmental assessment reports are scheduled to be completed in Q3 2023. At that stage planning options will be reviewed, and the preferred planning route selected.

New River Slaney Bridge - The ecology baseline data is currently being updated and the traffic surveys are complete. ROD has issued a programme of work – planning is expected to be submitted in Q3 2023.

4.2 Wexford Flood Relief Scheme

The project brief for design services for Wexford Flood Relief Project was advertised on e-Tenders in early 2020. Seven tender submissions were received by the extended closing date of the 9th July 2020. Following a detailed tender assessment and evaluation process the decision not to award a contract arising from this tender competition has been advised to all tenderers. A further procurement process has been advertised with tenders received on 11th July 2022. The tender assessment is complete and an award of contract will be made in March 2023.

HOUSING

Housing Supply

Capital Projects

Project Address	No of Units	Municipal District Area	Current Position	Comment
Rosetown Phase 1	23	Rosslare	Under Construction	Due to complete in Q1 2023
Marconi Park	1 TAP	Enniscorthy	Under Construction	Due to complete in Q2 2023
Whiterock Hill Phase 1	22	Wexford	Under construction.	To complete in Q2 2023.
Women's Refuge	12	Wexford	Under Construction	Commencement construction contract Feb 2023
Rosetown Phase 2	12	Rosslare	Stage 3	Stage 4 to DHLGH Q1 2023. To commence on site Q1 2023
Whiterock Hill Phase 2	22	Wexford	Stage 4	Stage 4 Approved. To commence construction Q1 2023
Ballyhine, Barntown	7	Wexford	Stage 4	Stage 4 Approved. Construction to commence April 23
Bullawn	3	New Ross	Single Stage	Contractor appointed for asbestos removal and demolitions of superstructure Feb 2023. Commence Demolition March 2023
Wexford Street	30	Gorey / Kilmuckridge	Stage 3	Tenders received 30 th Jan 23. Assessment underway. Stage 4 Q1 23. Commence Construction April 23
Rosbercon	38 (est)	New Ross	Stage 2	Enabling works re-tendered and due back Mar 2023 Appoint Enabling Contractor Q1 2023.
Francis St.	2	Wexford	Single Stage	Revised application to DHLGH Feb 23. Planning submission Q1 2023
Killeens	60	Wexford	Stage 2	Stage 2 Approved Part VIII Q1 23
Creagh	22	Gorey / Kilmuckridge	Combined Stage 1/2	Consultants (QS and CS) appointed for combined Stages 1 and 2. Lodge application to DHLGH Q1 2023 for Design Build Delivery.
Monomolin	5	Gorey / Kilmuckridge	Single Stage	Bundle Tender for 3 projects. Consultants appointed. (Monomolin, Ballygillane and Grogans Road). Submit Funding application Q2 23
Ballygillane	5	Rosslare	Single Stage	Bundle Tender for 3 projects. Consultants appointed. (Monomolin, Ballygillane and Grogans Road). Submit Funding application Q2 23
Grogans Road	4	Wexford	Single Stage	Bundle Tender for 3 projects. Consultants appointed. (Monomolin,

				Ballygillane and Grogans Road). Submit Funding application Q2 23
TOTAL	268			

Pre-Development Stage

Project Address	No of Units	Municipal District Area	Comment	
Bride Street	3	Wexford	Single Stage	Demolitions complete. Consultant tenders received and being assessed. SS Funding application to DHLGH Q2 2023
Tagoat	18	Rosslare	Single Stage	Consultants (QS and CS) appointed for combined Stages 1 and 2 in Q1 2023. Lodge application to DHLGH Q1 2023 for Design Build.
Adamstown	2	New Ross	Single Stage	Asbestos removal and demolition complete. Consultant tenders received and being assessed. SS Funding application to DHLGH Q2 2023
TOTAL	23			

Longer Term Projects

Project Address	No of Units	Municipal District Area	Comment	
Clonard	26	Wexford	A proposal has been submitted by a neighboring developer. Review programme for road delivery	
St Walerans	35	Gorey	Part VIII approved in Feb 2023. Appoint Project Management Q1 23	
TOTAL	61			

Other Projects (early feasibility)

Project Address	No of Units	Municipal District Area	Comment	
Lacken TAP	1	New Ross	Surveys complete. Part VIII Q1 2023. SS submission Q2 2023	
Belvedere	6	Wexford	Revised proposal	
Creagh	24	Gorey / Kilmuckridge	Sketch design prepared for site investigations and surveys.	
Group Housing TAP	5	Wexford	Pre-development work on-going	
TOTAL	36			

Affordable Dwellings

	No of Units	Municipal District Area	Comment
Ramsfort Park	20	Gorey	PM appointed. Expressions of Interest Feb 2023
St Walerans	70	Gorey	Part VIII approved in Feb 2023. Appoint Project Management Q1 23
TOTAL	90		

Approved Housing Bodies

Project Address	No of Units	Municipal District Area	Comment
Cluid			
Hewittlands, New Ross (LAGS site)	48	New Ross	DHLGH Approval in Principle received June 2022. Decision to Grant planning issued Dec 2022.
Bridgemeadows, Enniscorthy	12	Enniscorthy	DHLGH Approval Nov 2022. To deliver Q2 2023
Tuath			
Ramstown, Gorey	68	Gorey / Kilmuckridge	24 units delivered. Remainder to deliver 2023
Gleann an Ghairdin	24	Gorey/Kilmuckridge	To deliver Q2 2023
Co Operative Housing Ireland (CHI)			
Moongate, Clonard Rd, Wexford	38	Wexford	DHLGH Approval received June 2022. To deliver 2023
Cuil na Dara, Clonard (Ph 2.1 of Pairc na Daire)	25	Wexford	DHLGH Approval received June 2022. To deliver 2023
Pairc na Greine, Clonard (Ph2.2 of Pairc na Daire)	24	Wexford	DHLGH Approval received Sept 2022. To deliver 2024
TOTAL	245		

Support has been offered to AHB's for other proposals amounting to 448 units across all districts. These proposals are subject to Planning and Departmental approval.

Offers of Support for AHB Proposals (Subject to Planning and Departmental Approval)

District	No of Units
Enniscorthy	129
Gorey	155
New Ross	41
Rosslare	17
Wexford	106
Total	448

Part V Acquisitions

Project Address	No of Units	Municipal District Area	Comment
Greenhills, Clonhaston, Enniscorthy	5	Enniscorthy	To deliver Q1 2023
Gleann an Ghairdin Ph 3	10	Gorey / Kilmuckridge	To deliver from Q1 2023.
Gleann an Ghairdin, Gorey Ph 4	10	Gorey / Kilmuckridge	DHLGH Approval Dec 22. To deliver from Q2 2024
Tobar Muire, Creagh Demesne	4	Gorey / Kilmuckridge	2 units delivered, 2 to be delivered by end of 2023
Spring View, Gorey Hill	11	Gorey / Kilmuckridge	Under Construction. Amendment to planning permission being sought. To deliver on phased basis from 2023.
Ard na hAbhann, Newtown Rd	2	Wexford	Under Construction. Funding approval received May 2022. To deliver late 2023
An Glasan, Greenville Lane	8	Enniscorthy	DHLGH Approval Feb 22. To deliver from Q4 2024
TOTAL	50		

Turnkeys

Project Address	No of Units	Municipal District Area	Comment
Tobar Muire, Creagh Demesne	39	Gorey / Kilmuckridge	10 units delivered. Remainder to deliver 2023
Castlelands, Ferns	20	Enniscorthy	DHLGH Approval received Jan 2022. Under Construction. Expected to deliver Q1 2023
Haughton Place, New Ross (includes 1 Part V)	13	New Ross	Expected to deliver 2024
Clonard Little (includes 1 Part V)	10	Wexford	Under Construction. To deliver late 2023
Cross St., New Ross	2	New Ross	DHLGH Approval Nov 22. To deliver Q2 2023
An Glasan, Greenville Lane, Enniscorthy	8	Enniscorthy	DHLGH Approval Nov 22. To deliver Q2 2023
Greenhills, Clonhaston	8	Enniscorthy	DHLGH Approval Nov 22. To deliver Q1 2023
Gleann an Ghairdin, Gorey	40	Gorey/Kilmuckridge	DHLGH Approval Dec 22. To deliver from Q4 2023
Forgelands, Old Forge Rd, Enniscorthy	2	Enniscorthy	DHLGH Approval Jan 23. To deliver Q3 2023
Churchview, Ballynaglogh, Blackwater (Ph2)	14	Gorey/Kilmuckridge	DHLGH Approval Feb 23. To deliver Q3 2024
TOTAL	156		

The Housing Dept. continue to periodically seek Expressions of Interest for the provision of social housing units via Turnkey acquisition. Future calls will be targeted at smaller unit types in areas of need identified in the Housing Delivery Action Plan (HDAP) and will include proposals for land. All proposals received by Wexford County Council are assessed by an Internal Assessment Committee.

Turnkey Proposals Currently with the DHLGH for Approval

District	No of Units
Wexford	2
Total	2

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LEADER PROGRAMME

LEADER FINANCE PERIOD – 24/01/2023 – 01/03/2023

The Article 48 team processed 10 LEADER claims in February. The value of these claims were €256,211.00 which will support 4 community groups and 6 enterprises in County Wexford.



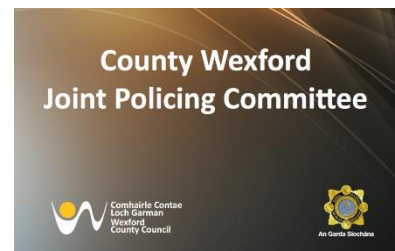
These claims can be broken down as follows:

Promoter Paid	Claim Payment
1. Lámh Chúnata Teoranta	€44,048.97
2. Shane Turbid Furniture by Design	€15,240.30
3. Cow House Studios Ltd	€15,972.42
4. Natural Ice Cream Wholesale Ltd	€51,903.00
5. Tergiversation Ltd	€32,985.00
6. Visit Wexford Tourism CLG	€27,406.90
7. Wexford LCDC	€19,442.74
8. Rosslare Harbour/Kilrane Environment Group	€15,650.21
9. Southend Community Development Group CLG	€31,761.64
10. Write By The Sea	€1,800.00

JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE MEETING -

County Wexford Joint Policing Committee

The next meeting date of the Joint Policing Committee is scheduled for the 13th of March 2023.



LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (LCDC) MEETING –

A hybrid meeting of the Local Community and Development Committee was held on the 01st of February 2023.

The main items discussed included –

- *The Local Economic Community Plan 2023 – 2028.*
- *SICAP*
- *Community Support Fund*



The next meeting date is to be agreed.

Community Funding Programme Update –

The closing date for receipt of completed applications/Expressions of Interest for both – The Community Support Fund (CSF) 2022 & the Community Recognition Fund (CRF) closed on the 28th of February 2023.

- Community Support Fund Update - The Community Development section are collating applications received under the CSF, this will then require the approval of the Local Community Development Committee.
- Expressions of Interest received under CRF are currently being reviewed by an evaluation team from both the Ukraine Response and Community Development section, in line with Scheme Guidelines, funding proposals must then be submitted to the Department by 15th March 2023.

WEXFORD LOCAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY PLAN (LECP)

Wexford County Council and the Wexford Local Community Development Committee is continuing the process of drafting the new Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP). This Plan will build upon and replace the previous Plan, which covered the period 2016 – 2021.

In line with the approved guidelines, in February the Socio-Economic Statement was approved by all statutory bodies including the Advisory Steering Group, the LCDC and both The Housing/Community and Economic SPC's.



The LECP consultation phase has now commenced and the public and stakeholders are invited to engage in the process to –

- *identify the programs that will see our county develop and grow.*
- *the opportunities, and challenges faced*

The aim of the engagement will be to build up a detailed on the ground understanding of County Wexford – its existing strengths and constraints, as well as opportunities available to the County.

A comprehensive series of public consultation events for the Wexford Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) will take place throughout March 2023 across County Wexford including in person consultation and online stakeholder events.

Full stakeholder and public engagement details, including the Socio-Economic Statement, can be accessed at www.wexfordcoco.ie/



Healthy Ireland Round Four Funding

The funding application for Healthy Ireland Funding 2023-2025 was submitted in January and we await response on same. The two Healthy Ireland Outcome areas chosen for focus in this funding are:

- Increase in % of adults & children meeting physical activity guidelines
- Decrease in unconditional probability of dying (aged 30-70) from cardiovascular diseases, cancer, diabetes or chronic respiratory disease

Reporting on 2022 Healthy Ireland Funding and funding claim has been submitted to Pobal.

Recent Healthy Wexford Activity

Following the initial roll out of the ‘**Making More**’ initiative in Gorey Town Park the initiative was provided in Redmond Park on two occasions in February.

The most recent Redmond Park session focused more on use of the park to help you get active - both with the exercise equipment and the other facilities within the park.

A flyer for an event titled 'Making More of Your Local Park'. The subtitle is 'Come along to find out how you can get active in Redmond Park, Wexford'. It is brought to you by Healthy Wexford. The text states: 'Our tutor will demonstrate how to use the resources of the park to stay physically active – tailoring to different needs.' The event is on Saturday 25th February, 10am, at Redmond Park Wexford. It says 'Meet at the exercise equipment shown in the picture' and 'No booking necessary, just come along – weather permitting'. Options are 'Come & Look' or 'Give it a Go'. It notes 'No experience or fitness level required.' and 'This event is open to all regardless of age or fitness level.' Logos for Healthy Ireland, Wexford, Pobal, and the Department of Health are at the bottom. A small photo shows exercise equipment in a park.



The second to the Country Connects monthly walks is planned for 5th March in Tintern Abbey

Walks are open to all and full details available on Wexford Walking Trails website

<https://wexfordwalkingtrail.ie/>

The **Healthy County Committee** had its first meeting of the year on 7th February. At this meeting a presentation was given on the Active Travel Programme and working groups updated on activity. The **Mental Wellbeing Working Group** is currently looking at development of its 2023 workplan and a range of initiatives are being considered based on identified need in the recent Needs Analysis Research.

Our **Healthy County Coordinator** continues to engage both locally and within the region. In February she attended a regional meeting of Healthy Ireland Coordinators and HSE Health & Wellbeing Staff with a view to continuing the south east regional collaboration that had been part of Round Three funded activity. She is also working locally with colleagues on a Healthy Workplaces initiative for Wexford County Council and has recently collaborated with the Access Section on one of their Innovative Community Engagement projects.

Older People's Council Recruitment

Members of the Age Friendly Wexford Older Person's Council exhibited at the Volunteer Wexford Expo which was held in the Talbot Hotel on Thursday, February 23rd. The response was very encouraging and prompted an enthusiastic interest in the Age Friendly Wexford organisation. This awareness of the Age Friendly organisation can be fostered and developed upon in our follow up 5 Municipal District Recruitment Meetings which begin next month, the first being held in the Riverside Park Hotel in Enniscorthy on Tuesday, March 21st.



Celtic Routes

With six months remaining for the Celtic Routes Project, activity has accelerated to ensure that all budgets have been exhausted and all financial claims are in order. Management Verification Tests have been completed for all submitted claims.

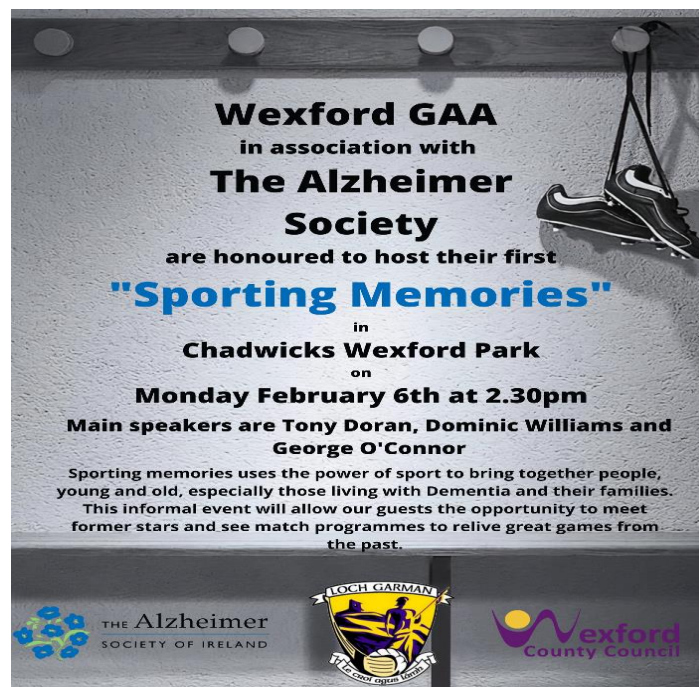
The Project is co-hosting “Spotlight on the Region”, an annual conference for the European Territorial Cooperation network and the Southern Regional Assembly on the 8th of March in the Council Chamber, with over 50 Project Officers from EU Territorial Funded Projects throughout Ireland.

Wexford Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme

WCC, GAA & Alzheimers Society of Ireland Sporting Memories – Monday 6th February 2023

Wexford GAA in association with Wexford County Council’s Slaintecare Healthy Communities Programme and The Alzheimer Society of Ireland (ASI) hosted the inaugural ‘Sporting Memories’ event on Monday, February 6 at 2.30 p.m. The free event was for people of all ages, but especially for those living with dementia and their family members or carers to attend and reminisce about some of the county’s greatest sporting moments.

The main speakers on the day were All-Ireland winning hurler Tony Doran, All-Star midfielder George O’Connor, and author of the *Wexford GAA Bible*, Dominic Williams. Over 70 people attended the event which it is hoped will be the first of many in the county. Sporting Memories is a programme designed to improve the health and well-being of people with dementia and help them re-engage with a community which once played a huge role in their lives.





Taghmon & Camross Community Car

Work is progressing on a Taghmon & Camross Community Car project . A meeting with members of the local community took place in TAG offices on 8th February attended by members of the local community and local representatives. This meeting gave people looking to either volunteer or use the service an opportunity to find out more about the initiative, with many volunteers signing up on the night.

Volunteers who wish to sign up can do so through Wexford Volunteer Centre at <https://www.i-vol.ie/volunteer-opportunity/?ID=a004G00000nGTKyQAO>




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Enniscorthy Community Allotments – Sensory and Wellbeing space

Students from South East Technological University (SETU) and Teagasc undertaking the BSc course in Horticulture (Kildalton College) have come on board on this project as part of a competition to design the best 'Sensory and Wellbeing space'. A number of students are currently working on their designs with the winner being selected by the committee of Enniscorthy Community Allotments following consultation with the users of the allotments.



Loreto Secondary School Biodiversity, Wellbeing & Horticulture project

Students are busy working on this project and have moved on to the practical element of the horticulture project with the polytunnel space being set up, raised beds being made by the students and planting of seeds started. Work is ongoing and it planned to move on to the outside space including the wellbeing space as the weather improves. Students have learned a lot from talks with experts in the areas of composting, planting and setting up allotments.





SPORTS ACTIVE

Schools Badminton Programme

Schools Badminton funday was held in Astro Active on the 3rd of February 2023 where 240 children from 8 schools from around the county were invited to take part in Badminton activities. Everyone had great fun with extremely positive feedback on the programme and several children have joined badminton clubs as a result.

Boys: 115 Girls: 125



Marathon Kids

986 from twenty-three primary schools are registered to take part the 2023 Marathon Kids programme.

SAW will now distribute their booklets and tshirts in the coming weeks.

Girls Cricket Programme

A four-week cricket programme started on the 7th February in Loretto Secondary school and the Presentation Secondary School for transition year students. 125 girls are taking part.

Children's Workshop

8 children attended an active workshop in Wexford Library on the 16th of February during their mid-term break. Children and parents participated in an active class ranging from games / exercises / balance training. 6 girls and 2 boys.

Gorey Youth Health Day

SAW attended the Gorey Youth Health Day on Friday 17th February. SAW offered a skipping rope challenge to the young people in attendance.

Male Staff Exercise Class

A male staff exercise programme has began in Faythe Harriers on Wednesday 22nd February. Currently 3 males have registered for the programme.

Active Retirement Groups

SAW spoke to Active Retirement Groups from the south of the county on Thursday 2nd of February about grant opportunities and programmes organised/supported by Sports Active Wexford.

Men: 5 Women: 21

Piercestown Active Retirement Activator Pole Session & Scooch Taster

SAW delivered an activator pole walking taster session and scooch taster session on Tuesday 21st of February to 20 participants from the Piercestown Active Retirement Group. 18 females and 2 males attended.

Fit Over 50's

The 6-week Fit Over 50's classes in Wexford and New Ross have now been completed.

Activators - Oulart

A four week free Activators programme has been organised for Oulart starting on the 10th of February.

Strong and Steady

Strong and Steady has finished the 20-week programme on February 22nd. Strong and Steady is a falls prevention class for older adults. 7 females completed the programme.

Activators Nursing Homes

Three residential nursing homes have started a 6-week activator pole programme / inclusive fitness class in the Wexford town area. There are 98 residents taking part in the programme across all three locations. 59 female and 39 males

Innovation Fund

Augmented Reality Workshops are still ongoing due to disruption to original timeline. Workshops have been scheduled to take place on the 25th of February with another two mental health services.

Swimming Group for Children with Disabilities

SAW is supporting a 5-week swimming group programme in the Apex, New Ross. The programme started on the 20th February. Participants are recruited to the social worker in the HSE. 6 children have registered; 1 girl and 5 boys

First Aid Course

A First Aid course has been organised for volunteers in sport and physical activity on the 25th of March which is fully booked.

Safeguarding

3 x Safeguarding 1 Courses have been completed in 2023 with a total of 49 participants.
1 x Safeguarding 2 Course has been completed in 2023 with a total of 14 participants.

Funding

Annual Core Grant funding Sport Ireland awarded Sports Active Wexford Its Core Grant funding Announced by Minister Tomas Byrne of €348,922.

In February Sport Ireland announced an investment of over €26m to National Governing Bodies for Sport (NGBs) and to the network of Local Sports Partnerships (LSPs) for 2023. This year's figures see a €1m (6%) increase in allocation to the National Governing Bodies on 2022 funding. The total core funding to the NGBs in 2023 is €16m. This increased investment provides Sport Ireland with an opportunity to support the majority of governing bodies with a cost-of-living increase for 2023 along with continued targeted investment in a number of specific areas.

Investment into the Local Sports Partnerships has maintained the same level of support for 2023, with a total investment of €10,365,000 being allocated across the 29 Local Sport Partnerships.

Human resourcing in the Local Sports Partnerships has been prioritised, with additional funding for the resourcing of Local Sports Partnership Development Officers and Sport Inclusion Disability Officers to assist with the ongoing vital work being undertaken across the country. Minister of State for Sport and Physical Education, Thomas Byrne T.D., said: “This significant funding package will support the implementation of important programmes and activities through the National Governing Bodies of Sport and the Local Sports Partnerships in 2023 and is a critical support for the sector and for the ongoing implementation of the National Sports Policy 2018 – 2027.”

Chief Executive of Sport Ireland, Una May, commented: “The Core Grant Funding will enable Sport Ireland to further support our National Governing Bodies of Sport and Local Sports Partnerships to provide equal opportunities in sport for everyone. The National Sports Policy 2018-2027 has provided the framework for Sport in Ireland to continue to grow and this investment through the NGBs and LSPs will play an important part in increasing activity levels of people in Sport in Ireland and removing the barriers and preventative aspects for getting involved in sport.”



SPÓRT ÉIREANN
SPORT IRELAND

*Sport Active Wexford Funding Allocation 2023
Breakdown of Allocation*

SECTION 1 - STAFF SALARY ALLOCATION		
	Sport Ireland Allocation	Allocation from Deferred Income
Coordinator	€83,606	€-
Administrator	€51,566	€-
SIDO	€35,000	€-
CSDO	€35,000	€-
Additional HR Budget	€70,000	€-
Salaries Total	€275,172	€-

SECTION 2 - OPERATION COSTS ALLOCATION		
	Sport Ireland Allocation	Allocation from Deferred Income
Operating Costs	€22,400	€-
Marketing	€8,500	€-
Operational Costs Total	€30,900	€-

SECTION 3 - PROGRAMME FUNDING ALLOCATION		
	Sport Ireland Allocation	Allocation from Deferred Income
Safeguarding 1 (SG1)	€7,600	€-
Safeguarding 2 (SG2)	€1,500	€-
Safeguarding 3 (SG3)	€-	€-
Women in Sport (WIS)	€8,000	€-
Club Development Grants (CDG)	€12,500	€-
Other Programmes (OP)	€12,500	€-
Programme Funding Total	€42,100	€-

SECTION 4 - HEALTHY IRELAND PROGRAMME FUNDING		
	Sport Ireland Allocation	Allocation from Deferred Income
Healthy Ireland (HI)*	€750	€-
HI Total	€750	€-

Total Sport Ireland Allocation	Total Deferred Allocation	Total Sport Ireland and Deferred Allocation
€348,922	€-	€348,922

We were delighted to have 240 primary school children from 8 schools come together at Astro Active in Enniscorthy to partake in badminton activities.

ENVIRONMENT

A. COASTAL MATTERS

Harbours -

In April 2022, Department of Ag, Food & Marine (DAFM) announced funding of 23 projects with a total construction cost of €1.4m in Co. Wexford under a new scheme to develop works on LA harbours, called the Brexit Adjustment Local Authority Marine Infrastructure 2022 – 2023. The DAFM approved a second tranche of funding in December 2022, with a total between first and second tranches of 25 projects with total construction cost of €1.79m. The DAFM funding has increased from 85% to 95%, with Wexford County Council paying the 5% match funding on construction. Note that WCC must pay all non-construction costs including design, environmental reports etc.

Fethard Harbour – New Slipway and Beach Access. Consulting engineers are appointed to progress the detailed design. Planning application for this development must now be sent to An Bord Pleanála and an application is being prepared for submission shortly.

Ports Past and Present: There is ongoing engagement with the Rosslare community, artists, and our project partners in University College Cork and two Welsh universities. The street in County Hall will host an exhibition of work created by Irish and Welsh artists for the Ports Past and Present. The artists turned their creative vision to the often-overlooked port communities around Rosslare Harbour, Fishguard, Pembroke Dock, Holyhead and Dublin.

The exhibition is open until 14th March 2023 and features sculpture, audio, photography, drawing, print, digital, film, poetry and storytelling. Some of the artists gave a talk about their work for the project on Friday 3rd of March in County Hall, Wexford. Registration for these events will be available at portspastpresent.eu and Eventbrite from Monday 20th February 2023.

Regular updates and further information are available at <https://portspastpresent.eu/>

Coast -

The Environment Dept monitors the coastline regularly, focussing on erosion risk areas. In addition, there has been a drop in beach levels at many beaches as a result of winter storms. We will also continue to monitor this and expect the beaches to recover over the next number of months.

Rosslare Coastal Erosion and Flood Relief Scheme: Nicholas O'Dwyer Ltd Consulting Engineers is appointed to progress the scheme. Key design parameters for the scheme are being finalised. Flood and erosion options are being developed and it is expected that public consultation days will be held in the coming months.

The project website and project email are now live and can be accessed at <https://www.floodinfo.ie/rosslarefrs/>

There is provision on the website to email the project team with specific queries.

Seaview, Kilmore: emergency works to protect the access road were completed in Jan 2022. Ecological, bathymetric and seabed surveys on the overall coastal protection scheme are complete. University College Cork is undertaking coastal modelling. A planning application will be submitted to An Bord Pleanála which will include coastal protection works and a new beach access, the application is being prepared for submission.

Lady's Island Water Level Management Structure – An Bord Pleanála granted planning permission for this development, dated 3rd Sept 2021. Foreshore licence application has been lodged and is under consideration by the Dept of Housing Local Government and Heritage.

Morriscastle Dune Restoration: The project involves installation of fencing and marram grass planting to restore and manage the dune system at main beach entrance. All works under phase 1 of this scheme are complete.

B. WATER, AIR & NOISE

1. Septic Tank Inspections:

139 inspections were carried out in 2022. Wexford had a minimum of 106 inspections to carry out in 2022. All work carried out is external with no requirement to enter a dwelling. Contractors are currently carrying out work on several sites to close outstanding Advisory Notices. A minimum of 130 inspections will have to be carried out in 2023.

Progress is being made with closing existing open files. All files up to the end of 2016 have been closed. 101 files were closed during 2022. 68 extensions of time were granted in 2022. There are currently 59 open files for the years 2017-2021 and 34 open for 2022, a total of 93 open cases.

Three applications for grant assistance have been received this year to date all of which have been put forward for payment.

Year	Number of inspections	Pass	Fail	Outstanding	Closed in 2023
2019	156	48	108	14	0
2020	111	38	73	9	1
2021	91	24	67	24	2
2022	139	50	89	34	7

There are currently 9 cases in the Court system for failing to comply with Advisory Notices. 5 of these are for hearing and 4 are currently for mention.

2. Section 4 Discharge Licences:

The Council currently has 95 active Discharge Licences. One new application has been received in 2023 to date. Two applications received in 2022 are under review. One application received in 2022 has been granted and is awaiting a formal grant. Two discharge licences were revoked in December 2022 and one in January 2023.

3. Air Quality:

Air quality monitoring is carried out at several locations in the county. Proceedings were initiated against the owner of a Pig Farm in Killugger, Killinick for persistent offences that contravene air pollution legislation. The case was successful on the 26th of September, 2022 where the Pig Farm was fined €500 and Wexford County Council were awarded €1200 in costs.

Wexford County Council enforces air quality requirements for 3 specific types of facilities, which must be registered with Wexford County Council. These Certificates must be renewed every 3 years. On-going enforcement action is carried out to ensure sites remain certified. Wexford has a 100% compliance record in this regard for all 3 below categories in 2022.

Vehicle Refinishers: At end of 2022, 59 facilities were registered with Wexford County Council under the “Deco Paints” Regulations, which is now the largest number in the country. WCC issues Certificates of Compliance to these facilities and issues “On the Spot Fines” of €500 where illegal operators are identified on foot of enforcement investigations – see Table below. The additional facilities were identified on foot of targeted enforcement action in 2022.

Dry Cleaners: At end of 2022, 8 Dry Cleaners and 1 Medical Device Company were registered with Wexford County Council under the “Solvents” Regulations. WCC issues Certificates of Compliance to these facilities – see Table below. Due to targeted enforcement action in Q3/Q4 of 2022, a new category of facility is due to be added to this register in 2023.

Petrol Stations: At end of 2022, 80 sites were registered with Wexford County Council under the PVE Regulations, which is the largest number in the country. WCC also issues Certificates of Testing to these facilities under these Regulations – see Table below.

No. of Certificates of Compliance Issued:

Category of Facility	No. Issued in 2021	No. Issued in 2022	No. Issued in 2023 (to end Jan)	No. of On the Spot Fines Issued (to end Jan)
Vehicle Refinishers	19	24	8	0
Petrol Vapour Emissions	22	22	1	N/A
Solvents	3	5	0	N/A

Low Smoke Fuel Areas

The Air Pollution Act 1987 (SOLID FUELS) Regulations 2022 was signed by the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications Mr Eamon Ryan and came into effect on the 31st October 2022. Spot inspections have been carried out to ensure compliance with the 2022 Regulations.

4. Climate Action

The Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021 requires each Local Authority to prepare their own Climate Action Plan(CAP). The plan must cover both mitigation and adaptation measures and must be updated once every five years. The plan will also include the development of a decarbonisation zone(DZ). The DZ will be the focus for a range of climate mitigation, adaptation, and biodiversity measures. Enniscorthy is the proposed Decarbonisation Zone for County Wexford. Preparatory work has commenced on the preparation of the CAP ahead of the official direction by the minister to prepare the plan which will be made by end 2022.

Wexford will then have 12 months to prepare and fully adopt the plan. Information webinars on the preparation and implementation of the CAP are scheduled for Senior management and separately the Climate Action teams.

The Government of Ireland Climate Action Plan 2021 sets an ambitious target of 50% energy efficiency by 2030 and an absolute reduction in greenhouse gas emissions of 51%. In terms of Energy efficiency, there has been an increase of the organisation performance in 2021 with 42% improvement in energy against 39% in 2020. WCC is ahead of the target glidepath to 2030. The increase of performance is mainly due to a reduction of the public lighting consumption. Carbon emissions in 2021 are 28% below baseline level.

Wexford County Council has registered for the Reduce you Use campaign. This mandatory initiative through the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) and the Office of Public Works (OPW) aims to reduce the public sector's energy consumption over the winter period by 15% to help combat rising energy costs and reduce emissions. Actions proposed to achieve energy savings include setting the temperatures at a guideline 19°C, turning off heating 1-2 hours before buildings close and no non security/safety lighting in use after 8pm. Awareness and behavioural change are a key element to the campaign and can lead to 10% reduction.

This will be promoted through Posters and promotional materials for activities, mentoring and advice and live webinars. The campaign plans to deliver 5-10% savings in the public sector, and 15% in buildings.

All local authorities are required to submit a report to the Climate Action Regional Office (CARO) annually on the progress of the actions in their Climate Change Adaptation strategy. The data from all LAs is compiled into a master report for the local authority sector which is submitted to the DECC who as part of their reporting requirements submit it to the Department of the Taoiseach.

The local authority Climate Action Training Programme continues to be rolled out. Staff members have completed Climate Training in the areas of Building Capacity, Raising awareness, Planning, Flood Risk Management, Community Engagement & Championing Leadership. Training under the pillar of Green Public Procurement is currently underway.

Wexford County Council continues to support communities in their work towards climate action and sustainability. Members of the Environment awareness and Climate section of WCC provided information to the attendees on energy efficiency tips and advice at the Energy efficiency expo held in Riverside Park Hotel on 1st October. Two of the Sustainable Energy Communities(SEC) have applied to the SEAI for funding to complete their Energy master plans. Wexford County Council through a MOU has committed to the provision of Bridge funding for finance applied to the SEAI.

Wexford is involved in two Creative Climate projects to raise awareness and promote behavioural change. The first project through the Wexford County Council Arts Office is on the theme of the pilot Decarbonisation Zone in Enniscorthy and has a biodiversity and rewilding focus. The second project is called Línite na Farrage and is through the Creative Climate Fund and is in collaboration with the Dublin Climate Action Regional Office (CARO) and third level institutions. Línite na Farrage is a series of light installations across Irish coastal sites. The lines of light represent future sea level rise, based on predictions from the 2021 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report, and historic storm surge data. The installations, designed by artists Timo Aho and Pekka Niittyvirta, demonstrate the need to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and adapt together to protect our coastlines, communities, and infrastructure from the effects of climate change. It aims to connect the public visually to the risks from future sea levels and is due to be launched end October 2022.

5. Agriculture:

Wexford County Council continues to undertake a significant number of farm inspections in accordance with the WFD. A total of 65 farm inspections undertaken because of pollution incidents or complaints, 30 of these farms were found to have non-compliances. Wexford County Council engage with landowners to undertake the necessary rectifications works through encouragement of improvement of farming infrastructure and farming practices. A total of 95 Agricultural related Planning Permission Applications were assessed.

WFD inspections	Farm inspections	Farms with Nitrates Directive non-compliances	Section 12 & 23 notices served	Section 3 notices served
2019	60	19	5	0
2020	102	50	5	2
2021	78	45	9	0
2022	65	30	0	0

6. Duncannon EIP Project

Wexford County Council is currently lead partner in the Duncannon Blue Flag Farming & Communities Scheme. We were successful in receiving funding of €550,000 to run this project for 3 years. We were successful in a 12 month extension to the project for 2022 and further funding awarded of €171,197. In December 2022, the operational group applied for a final 5 month extension until May 2023 and were recently awarded this extension by the DAFM.

The project continues engaging with 35 farmers covering over 950ha of the 1300ha catchment. To date, engagement with all farmers continue with approximately 4 visits to each farm every year where baseline and final "Pollution Potential Zone" surveys are carried out.

The project runs a results-based reward scheme where an annual payment is made to each farmer based on their PPZ survey which ranges from €1,000 & €4,000. The farmer can also avail of a water protection improvement works grant which can be used to carry out like fencing watercourses, establishing arable grass margins, resurfacing clean yard areas, hedgerow establishment, riparian margins etc. To date, the EIP project has paid €320,000 in annual payments to farmers while funding of approx. €35,000 has being paid to farmers that have completed works. It is expected that final works will be completed on lands by 31st April 2023 and sampling under the EIP monitoring programme will be completed in February 2023.

No. of farmers	35
No. of visits/ engagement	620
Area signed up to EIP	955HA/1300HA
Km's fencing of watercourses	5.4km
Establishment of arable grass margins	1200m

C. WASTE MANAGEMENT

1. Landfills:

Holmestown Landfill remains temporarily closed. Environmental monitoring and maintenance of infrastructure continues at both Killurin and Holmestown in accordance with the conditions of our waste licences.

The Household Recycling Centre at Holmestown continues to provide recycling services to members of the public as well as a disposal service for other waste streams such as residual waste, bulky waste, segregated food waste, garden waste and waste paint.

2. Recycling Services:

Bring Bank Network –

WASTE CATEGORY	No. of Sites January 2023	Recycling out (End January) 2022 (t)	Recycling out (End January)2023 (t)
Glass bottles		356	363
Aluminium Cans		9	8
Total	109	365	371

Household Recycling Centres –

Summary of Activities

WASTE CATEGORY	Enniscorthy		New Ross		Holmestown		Gorey	
	Recycling out Jan-Jan 2022 (t)	Recycling out Jan-Jec 2023 (t)	Recycling out Jan-Jan 2022 (t)	Recycling out Jan-Jan 2023(t)	Recycling out Jan- Jan2022	Recycling out Jan - Jan 2023	Recycling out Jan-Jan 2022	Recycling out Jan-Jan 2023
Total Recycling out	56	53	63	64	73	71	45	44
Total Domestic Waste in	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	189.540	215.840	N/A	N/A
Daily Average Customers Jan-Jan	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
	87	80	135	133	132	119	102	98

3. Rapid Response Crew

Our Rapid Response Crew operates out of Holmestown, with one two-man crew servicing Enniscorthy and Gorey Municipal Districts and a second servicing Wexford, Rosslare and New Ross Municipal Districts. Their headline activities for year to date are summarised below:

Activity	<i>To end Jan 2022</i>	<i>January 2023</i>	<i>To end January 2023</i>	% +/-
Total Illegal Dumping/ Clean Ups	270	248	248	-8%
<i>Gorey *</i>		<i>60</i>		
<i>Enniscorthy *</i>		<i>78</i>		
<i>Wexford *</i>		<i>41</i>		
<i>New Ross*</i>		<i>33</i>		
<i>Rosslare</i>		<i>36</i>		
Total Bring Site Inspections	862	828	828	-3%
<i>Gorey</i>		<i>207</i>		
<i>Enniscorthy</i>		<i>204</i>		
<i>Wexford</i>		<i>263</i>		
<i>New Ross</i>		<i>131</i>		
<i>Rosslare</i>		<i>23</i>		
Total Ringbuoy Inspections	1,338	1,678	1,678	+25%
<i>Gorey</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>518</i>		
<i>Enniscorthy *</i>				
<i>Wexford*</i>	<i>South</i>	<i>1,160</i>		
<i>New Ross*</i>				
Other Works	514	319	319	-38%
<i>Gorey</i>		<i>71</i>		
<i>Enniscorthy</i>		<i>108</i>		
<i>Wexford</i>		<i>57</i>		
<i>New Ross</i>		<i>46</i>		
<i>Rosslare</i>		<i>27</i>		

1 LITTER/WASTE MANAGEMENT

Total fixed penalty notices issued	TOTAL FOR 2022	TOTAL FOR JANUARY 2023
Fines Issued (All Fixed Penalty Notice Issued)	229	18
Fines Paid in Full●	111	1
Fines Cancelled/Proceedings Discontinued/Struck Out*	83	10
Successful Prosecutions** (Litter fines & WPBL fines)	43	0
Legal Proceedings In Progress (Litter fines & WPBL fines)	49	47
Amount Collected in Fines -total	€18,530.57	€190
Amount awarded via the Court system (fines awarded) - overall	€5230	€150

* Other fines may be paid prior to the hearing or withdrawn for evidential or legal reasons.

- Includes income from all Fixed Penalty Notices

November 2022:

Three successful prosecutions were achieved by Wexford County Council in November 2022 under the Waste Presentation Bye-laws 2018. Fines of €450 were awarded along with €950 in costs.

December 2022:

No court was held in December for Wexford County Council cases.

January 2023:

Cases were not heard due to limited capacity of the court, cases were adjourned for later in 2023.

Year	Dumping Incidents Reported	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Community Clean Ups	Percentage Increase/Decrease
2019	2,925		741	
2020	3,187	Up 9%	628	Down 15%
2021	2,721	Down 15%	1,331	Up 112%
2022 2023	2,188	Down 20%	1,023	Down 23%

The reduction in reported dumping incidents is also reflected in a similar decline in attendances by the Environment Clean Up Crew to incidents.

Litter/Waste Enforcement Activity 2009-2023(January)

	Fines Issued	Court	Reports
2023	18	0	363
2022	229	43	2188 (down 20%)
2021	100	19	2721 (down 15%)
2020	213	20	3187 (up 15%)
2019	341	13	2758 (down 9%)
2018	324	22	3050 (up 15%)
2017	218	27	2651 (Up 12%)
2016	274	17	2,354 (up 22%)
2015	242	17	1,927 (up 11%)
2014	154	17	1,732 (up 10%)
2013	140	15	1,571 (up 21%)
2012	182	16	1,292 (down 3%)
2011	209	17	1,329
2010	370	27	1,338

F.GENERAL

All environmental complaints are logged by the Customer Service Unit on the DASH CRM system.

The total figures for complaints received are as follows:

	Jan to Dec 2019	Jan to Dec 2020	Jan to Dec 2021	Jan to Dec 2022	Jan 2023
Incidents	4749	4999	5136	3896	363
Closed	4536	4731	4799	3209	221
Closure Rate	95%	94%	93%	82%	61%

Control of Dogs & Horses:

The Council employs one full-time Dog Warden and one part-time Dog Warden. The main pound is Pets First Kennels, Ballycarney, Co Wexford.

Control of dogs	2020	2021	2022	2023 (Jan)
Dogs collected	532	429	546	39
Dogs reclaimed	127	133	117	9
Dogs re-homed/transferred	373	267	370	42
Dogs put to sleep	32	29	51	3
Dog Fines	5	18	21	0

There are now 27 registered Dog Breeding Establishments with several applications on hand awaiting inspection.

To date in 2023 no horses have been seized.

Environment Education and Awareness:

Our aim is to promote awareness and active participation in a range of environmental initiatives.

Green Schools: Schools applying for their first Green Flag, Litter & Waste theme, must submit an application by February 24th, 2023. The deadline for renewal applications is on Friday, March 24th, 2023 for the 2022/2023 academic year. In total 92 primary schools and 18 secondary schools have been awarded the green flag. All schools due to renew are being contacted to arrange a renewal visit before 24th March 2023.

Wetlands Exhibition Workshop: On Friday 3rd February 37 students from Our Lady's Island National School, Broadway visited County Hall and were given a tour and workshop around the Coastwatch Wetlands exhibition. Students from Selskar College also attended the Coastwatch Citizen Science Wetlands exhibition for World Wetlands Day on Thursday 2nd February.

Climate Action School Workshops: We have engaged with Createschool on the Rubbish Film Festival to work with 5 secondary schools during November and December. The workshops are a unique opportunity for Transition Year Students to showcase their creative talents, create awareness on Environmental Issues such as Climate Action and learn some new digital storytelling skills in the process. Each participating school selects a team of a maximum of 12 students and they will receive an intensive 2-day workshop to help them gain and/or develop the skills to create their own short one minute film or films that will create awareness among their peers on their selected issue.

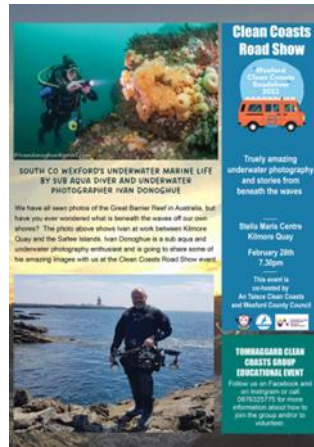
Trees for Wexford: 154 voluntary groups were approved and trees were distributed to groups on Friday 20th January and Saturday 21st January from Holmestown Waste Management Facility. In total 6,366 native saplings, 3475 beech hedging, 572 trees of which 171 are fruit trees will be distributed through the Trees for Wexford 2022 Scheme.

Community Clean Ups: Registrations and support for community clean ups continue with 79 community clean ups supported during January 2023. 1023 community cleans ups were supported in 2022. Details of the Snap Into Action competition for schools and community groups will be circulated and are available on the website.

National Spring Clean: Registrations are now open for An Taisce's National Spring Clean.

Community Engagement: Community talks are ongoing. Environment will participate in the Energy Expo organised by Sustainable Enniscorthy on Wednesday 25th January in Riverside Hotel, Enniscorthy.

Clean Coasts Roadshow: Clean coasts roadshow will take place on Tuesday 28th February at 7.30 pm. at the Stella Maris Community Centre, Kilmore Quay. This event is co-hosted by An Taisce's Clean Coasts and the Environment Section of Wexford County Council in partnership with Tomhaggard Clean Coasts Group. All are welcome.



100 Million Trees: On 17th February Gorey District Park was planted with 1000 native trees as part of 'The 100 Million Trees Project'. The project is a new national community-driven initiative developed by brothers, Richard and David Mulcahy, which aims to see the planting of 100 million native Irish trees across the island of Ireland throughout the next decade to reverse the environmental damage caused by the reduction of forests worldwide. The project's ambitious aim will be achieved through densely planting between 1,000 and 2,500 native Irish trees at a time across small areas of land using 'the Miyawaki method'. Named after Japanese Botanist, Professor Akira Miyawaki, who developed the technique in the 1970s. By planting excess trees together, they grow considerably faster, denser, are more biodiverse, and most importantly create a very rapid carbon sink and provide excellent areas of biodiversity. Gorey District Park is the fifth site to be planted, Tintern was planted in November and Bride Street Church in December.



Dog Fouling Awareness Campaign: The 'Bag It Bin It' will be reinforced by a social media campaign to run from early March. The campaign is set to firmly emphasize that dog fouling is your responsibility as a dog owner. The campaign will address a range of issues surrounding dog fouling, from its effect on the public who use our streets, parks, and beaches, to attitudes to cleaning up as dog owners, from health issues to civic pride. The campaign will reach across social media and local community groups and Tidy Towns groups will be asked to share images on social media.



Green Dog Walker: The Green Dog Walker Campaign is being promoted and registrations are through the website.

LIBRARIES, ARTS & ARCHIVES

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Ireland Reads February 2023

Libraries throughout Wexford took part in *Ireland Reads*, a campaign to get the whole country reading throughout the month in the lead up to a National Day of Reading on Saturday, February 25th.

Irish libraries teamed up with publishers, booksellers, authors, and others for the campaign. The initiative is part of the government's Healthy Ireland programme which aims to celebrate reading and all the benefits it can have for wellbeing and enjoyment. The campaign asked everyone to 'squeeze in a read' on Ireland Reads Day.

A programme of events celebrating reading took place on Ireland Reads Day in all libraries in the county. Enniscorthy Library hosted Fizz & Chips a bilingual Gaeilge agus Béarla drama workshop with Orlaith Ní Chearra and Martha Fitzgerald. Wexford Branch held 'Books I've Read' where Billy Roche, Aine Gannon, Vonnie Banville and Richard Hayes discussed their five favourite reads. 'A History of the GAA in 100 Objects with Siobhan Doyle was held in New Ross Library.

Special 'Ireland Reads' Story times were held in all branches. This year schools and early learning centres got involved by pledging to Squeeze in a Read in classrooms throughout the county too. Wexford Branch held a special Ireland Reads school visit with St. John of God, 6th class students and author Caroline Busher to inspire and encourage school children to read and to make the pledge to read on Saturday 25th February. Pop Up' Story Times were held throughout Ireland Reads Day in New Ross Library.

My Open Library New Ross

The second My Open Library service in the County opened in New Ross during February. My Open Library is open 7 days a week from 8am to 10pm, 365 days a year. It is a fully automated service with swipe access by library card and PIN.

Usual library services (borrowing, returns, printing, WiFi, internet access PC) are available on an automated self-service basis during My Open Library hours.

Already good uptake of My Open Library membership and feedback from users especially students has been positive.

The service will be officially launched on 29th March 2023.

Dublin One City One Book – Wexford Author Andrew Hughes

A book by Enniscorthy native Andrew Hughes “The Coroner’s Daughter” has been selected as the One City One Book for Dublin in 2023. One Dublin One Book aims to encourage everyone in Dublin to read a designated book connected with the capital city during the month of April.

Wexford Libraries will partner with Dublin City Libraries to host an author reading of the book in Wexford Library on 6th April.

Sensory Friendly Quiet Hour

The Sensory-friendly Quiet Hour which is in place in all libraries across County Wexford, continued each Saturday from 4pm to 5pm. Library users can visit and relax in the calm friendly environment of the library, enjoy quiet time, and use some of the sensory equipment available. A range of new Story time Sacks were purchased for use by parents in the libraries.

Health and Well Being

Maintaining a healthy weight in children is a major health challenge on the island of Ireland. The START campaign is a five year, public awareness campaign from *Safefood* in partnership with both Departments of Health, Healthy Ireland, the Health Service Executive and the Public Health Agency. The campaign aims to support and encourage parents to start making small daily changes to their children’s diet and lifestyle and in so doing, get them started on their way to a healthier life. The campaign aims to motivate and inspire parents to take the first step in improving their child’s health and to stick with those changes. START is one of the actions outlined in the Healthy Weight for Ireland 2016-2025 strategy (ROI) and continues the work outlined in the Fitter Futures for All 2012-2022 strategy (NI). New Ross Library and Bunclody Library hosted online Safefood START talks during the month.

Talks on nutrition, menopause, dementia awareness and creating a medicinal herb garden were held throughout the month.

Adult Events and Literature

Professor Paul Rouse from the School of History at University College Dublin delivered a talk in Gorey branch entitled ‘Manufacturing Truth: The Abuse of History’, where he discussed the phenomenon of false information proliferating in the modern world. Bunclody hosted a lecture on Women Artists.

Business

Continuing Work Matters at the Library, Grow Remote held a Remote Working Information Evening in Enniscorthy Library. This workshop aimed to help people in County Wexford by providing the tools to acquire skills to work remotely, progress careers remotely, apply to discounted courses delivered by Grow Remote, find remote jobs online and access Grow Remote events and the Grow Remote community.

Community

As part of the 'An Evening with Series'... Wexford Volunteer Centre's Development and Placement Officer held an information evening with **Enniscorthy Red Cross** and **Let's Get Talking in Enniscorthy** in Enniscorthy Branch.

A group from Reach Ability, previously known as County Wexford Community Workshop, and their support workers attended a morning cinema event in Enniscorthy branch during February.

New Ross Library hosted Don't Judge a Book by its Cover, an Art Exhibition by 5th Year art students from Our Lady of Lourdes Secondary School. It ran until the 11th of February. Bunclody Library held an exhibition of paintings from the ArtBank Bunclody.

Environment

In preparation for 'Reimagining Enniscorthy, **Public Art & Community Decarbonisation**

Project' starting this April, Enniscorthy Library connected with Irish Seed Savers Association as a venue for a free public webinar about seeds and biodiversity. There was practical advice given on seed-saving and planting, and information on how to get involved in becoming part of Enniscorthy's local growing network and helping Ireland's biodiversity. Enniscorthy Library is now a Seed Hub, members of the public have been invited to call in and collect free packets of seeds to grow at home and share.

Carla King presented a workshop on Growing Your Own Herbs and Vegetables and Planning for 2023 in Gorey Library.

Science Café Wexford presented a talk in Wexford Branch for adults with Dr Nidia Alvarez Armada & Dr Bill Sheppard on the exceptional sea urchin fossils found at Hook Head.

The Home Energy Saving Kit and Digital Radon Monitors continue to be borrowed from library branches.

International Day of Women in Science 11th February

Dr. Sheila Donegan, Director of Calmast, South East Technological University, spoke about Pioneering Women in Science, focussing on the contribution of Irish women to science in Wexford Branch on 7th February.

Heritage

Wexford branch hosted Looking Back at Wexford in 50 Photos with Nicky Rossiter. Celestine Murphy presented a talk on Family History for Beginners in Gorey branch.

Bunclody Library held Making St Brigid Day Crosses with Michael Fortune, Folklorist and Folk Educator and Blackstairs & Mount Leinster, some thoughts on their placenames and history with Barry Dalby, Eastwest Mapping.

Services to Ukrainian Nationals

Informal English-speaking lessons continue weekly in Gorey Library. Ukrainian users from Gorey WWETB visited the library where they availed of a tour of the facility and resources available to all service users.

In Wexford Branch volunteer tutors provide weekly English conversation classes.

Bunclody Vocational College visited Bunclody Library twice during the month with two groups of Ukrainian Nationals.

Distribution of information on library resources and e-Resources to Ukrainian Nationals continues in all branches.

Our literacy App for children LOTE4Kids ie digital children's books in Languages Other Than English, is being actively promoted to Ukrainian Nationals as is Transparent Language Online our online language resource which gives access to over 110 languages including English for speakers of over 30 other languages.

ARCHIVES

Collections management

In addition to 41 research enquiries via email, telephone and post, a total of 7 researchers visited the Archive during February. Research topics included family history research through primary school registers for Ballindaggin, Monart, Templeshanbo and Killanne (1884-1930); burial records for Wexford town cemeteries; examination of some of the maritime artefacts formerly on the Guillemot lightship; research on the letters written by Colonel French in 1916; research through the Crean, Parle and Hogan correspondence written on the eve of their execution in Wexford Jail (1923).

Outreach

The Archivist contributed to a short documentary on St Maelruan which is being produced by Andrew and Shane Kenny with funding from Screen Wexford and Wexford County Council. A replica of the statue was commissioned in the early 1960s by Fr. Joseph Ranson (Administrator of Enniscorthy parish) for display in the county museum which opened in Enniscorthy Castle in April 1962. This replica, which was never fully completed, is part of the former museum collection housed in Wexford County Archive.

ARTS

Creative Communities

On 27th February the Arts Office announced their call out for the Creative Communities Programme 2023. The Creative Communities Programme is open to all community groups that are members of Wexford Public Participation Network (WPPN), communities of interest that are planning an arts project from an intensive week engagement or workshops that take place over a period of time with one artist from our artist panel. Closing date for this programme is 27th March 2023.

The Parenting Artist Residency

Cowhouse Studios is, with the support of the Wexford County Council Arts Office, offering an annual two-week residency designed specifically for parenting artists. The Parenting Artist Residency makes it possible for awarded artists to dedicate time to their work by offering the support necessary to do so. It is recognized many artists discover they must drop or drastically curtail their creative practice while having children, leaving a cultural gap. This residency will support parenting artists at this key stage in their lives, assisting them to have productive and rewarding careers as they rear their families.

Gorey School of Arts Mentoring Programme 2022-23

22 artists have been selected for this free mentoring and peer support programme for visual artists run by Gorey School of Arts and funded by the Wexford County Council Arts Office. This Programme will continue each month until May and a group exhibition will launch on Friday the 4th of August at 6 pm in Peripheries gallery space.

The National Mentoring Programme has announced its open call and it will give an opportunity for selected writers across the island of Ireland to receive sustained creative and professional mentoring from an established Irish writer of their choosing. Wexford County Council Arts Office is delighted to be supporting the National Mentoring Programme, which will ensure that two writers or poets from county Wexford will benefit from this Programme.

***NOT SOMEWHERE ELSE BUT HERE* Exhibition**

Serena Caulfield was selected to take part in the MAKE/Curate programme, a partnership initiative between Wexford Arts Centre and the Arts Department of Wexford County Council. The aim of the programme is to provide artists working regionally with an opportunity to work with national curators to critique their practice. Over the course of two years, Caulfield worked with Curators Marysia Wieckiewicz-Carroll and Cliodhna Shaffrey toward her solo exhibition at Wexford Arts Centre. Distinct from the curatorial support, mentorship was also facilitated by artist Sinead Ni Mhaonaigh. This exhibition runs from the 14th of February to the 23rd of March 2023 in Wexford Arts Centre.

Sift

A touring exhibition of new multi-media artwork in St David's and Wexford launched on the 23rd of February. Sift will run until 29th March in Oriel Y Parc and the Refectory, St David's Cathedral Wales. Following this, the show will tour to Wexford town, opening on April 14th at the Wexford County Council offices at Carricklawn. The Wexford artists included John Sunderland, Sylvia Cullen and David Begley. The exhibition weaves together the themes of journeying, sacred places, ancestral heritage, storytelling and longing for home through photography, animation, sound, participatory arts, text, story, glass and light. The artists have been inspired by the findings of the Ancient Connections wider project. Historical research, folklore and story gathering have revealed deep connections between these two regions and the archaeological excavations and geophysical surveys at Whitesands and in Ferns, Wexford, tell a story of travel and connection between Wexford and Pembrokeshire from pre-history to the modern day.

Creative Schools Scheme

Our Lady of Fatima School and CBS Enniscorthy were invited to County Hall to partake in a visual thinking strategy workshop on curating artwork which was facilitated by artist Claire Halpin and Laura Ni Fhlaibhin, Creative Associate. The Creative School Scheme, supported by the Arts Department aims to help students gain a better understanding of how work is selected for gallery spaces. The schools were shown work from Wexford County Council's Art collection and were offered on loan works for display in both Schools during the new academic year.

Screen Wexford

Screen Wexford is funded by the Arts and Economic departments of Wexford County Council to develop film industry in Wexford.

Training/ networking events hosted in February:

- Filming was completed for Bursary drama in Gorey on the 11th and 12th of February. Negotiated support from Film Equipment Hire for €4.5K to aid the production through equipment hire including full Arri Alexa and Zeiss super speed cameras, sound and lighting package.
- Screen Ireland and Screen Wexford funded a four-day workshop 'Remixing the Archive' completed the 4th, 5th, 8th and 16th of February in the Gorey School of Art and online.
- An editing masterclass took place with renowned Film and TV editor Mick Mahon. Mick has been at the forefront of editing in Ireland over the past twenty years, with a particular focus on documentaries. Mick is the editor of the recent Sinead O'Connor documentary Nothing Compares and Marlowe, the new Liam Neeson Movie. This masterclass took place on Zoom with over 150 attendees.
- An Acting for Camera workshop with Fintan Kelly took place in The Presentation Centre in Enniscorthy on the 18th of February.
- A Networking Session ran in Wexford Town in the National Opera House, on the 24th of February.
- Screen Wexford attended Fís TV summit in Galway kicking off the strategy for TV production in Ireland in 2023. Also attended the Screen Ireland film slate launch and networking event for 2023 in Dublin.
- Laura Way gave a lecture in Carlow Institute on the 3rd of February to discuss opportunities in regional Ireland for emerging filmmakers.
- Screen Wexford is working with the New Ross-based feature film 'Small Things Like These' to support the production coming to Wexford in March/April 2023.

CREATIVE IRELAND

Launch of Culture and Creativity Strategy for Wexford

Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media Catherine Martin TD and Minister of State with responsibility for Local Government and Planning Kieran O'Donnell TD announced the roll out of 31 new Local Authority Creative Ireland Culture and Creativity Strategies (2023-2027) at an event at Farnleigh in the Phoenix Park on 23rd February 2023.

The Culture and Creativity strategy is based on extensive public consultation held in every municipal district in the county during 2022 and emphasis will be placed on creative projects that target isolation and prioritise inclusion; there will be focus on initiatives that build wellbeing and resilience throughout the community. Resources will be allocated to projects that celebrate the county's physical, natural and heritage infrastructure and that work to change behaviours that exacerbate climate change.

Since 2018 Creative Ireland has allocated over **€850,096.38** for the implementation of Creative Ireland initiatives in Wexford.

Re-Imagining Enniscorthy

Reimagining Enniscorthy is public art & community decarbonisation project, taking place in 2022-23 throughout Enniscorthy town. It's a collaborative, place-based response to the climate crisis, and a creative exploration of Enniscorthy as Wexford's pilot Decarbonisation Zone.

This public art project is jointly funded through the Wexford County Council's Per Cent for Art Scheme and Creative Ireland Programme.

During March Community orchards day will take place along with biodiversity walks and a Climate Café and exhibition.

Traveller Wellbeing through Creativity.

The Creative Ireland national office invites proposals from Traveller organisations with experience of working with health/wellbeing and/or creative arts, and from other interested and experienced organisations and/or individuals to apply for funding under the initiative: ***Traveller Wellbeing through Creativity***.

The Traveller Wellbeing through Creativity initiative is a call to relevant groups and organisations to deliver an innovative project in 2023 focused on enhancing Traveller wellbeing through the medium of creativity. Grant funding between €30,000- €50,000 per project will be provided in 2023 under this initiative up to a total of €200,000 including a new Shared Island grant for one project of up to €50,000. Further information is available at [Traveller-Wellbeing-through-Creativity-Call-Brief-2.pdf \(creativeireland.gov.ie\)](#)

Cruinniú na nÓg 2023

Wexford County Council, in association with Creative Ireland, invites creative practitioners and organisations to submit proposals for funding to run events to celebrate Cruinniú na nÓg on Saturday June 10th, 2023.

Cruinniú na nÓg is a National Day of Creativity for children and young people. It celebrates and encourages participation in culture and creativity through performance, workshops, readings, screenings, and special events.

This open call is for creative practitioners to suggest activities, workshops, and showcase events for young people aged 0-18. We would also like to hear from groups and organisations working with children and young people who would like to become involved in Cruinniú na nÓg this year. Cruinniú na nÓg events can run in the lead up to Cruinniú with a main event held 10th June OR can be a one-off event happening on 10th June.

Application forms can be found [at Cruinniú na nÓg 2023 | Wexford County Council \(wexfordcoco.ie\)](#)

FIRE SERVICES

Wexford Fire Service Report January 2023

Call statistics

Incident Type	Calls January 2023	Calls to date 2023	Calls to this period 2022
Fire Classification	Number	Number	Number
Chimney Fire in House (WCC / Private)	6 / 9 (15)	15	20
Other Fire in House (WCC / Private)	1 / 4 (5)	5	2
Caravan/Mobile Home	0	0	1
Flats (1) Local Authority	0	0	0
Flats (2) Privately Owned	0	0	1
Bedsit	0	0	0
Hospital	0	0	0
School	0	0	0
Other Institution	0	0	0
Factory	0	0	0
Chemical Plant	0	0	0
Storage Building/Warehouse	0	0	0
Shop/Supermarket	0	0	1
Office	0	0	1
Hotel/Guesthouse/Boarding House etc.	0	0	0
Place of Public Entertainment - Dance Hall, Disco, Cinema, Theatre, Bingo Hall	0	0	0
Public House (incl. singing lounge)	0	0	0
Restaurant	0	0	0
Petrol Station - Garage	0	0	0
Hazardous Substance in transit (only cases where fire was involved)	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle	6	6	2
Unoccupied Building	0	0	0
Agriculture Business	2	2	0
Forest/Bog/Grass	0	0	2
Ship/Aircraft	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	0	0	2
Outdoor Storage	1	1	0
Outdoor Rubbish	1	1	4
Special Service Classification	Number	Number	Number
Entrapment	0	0	0
Gas/Chemicals	1	1	0
Hazardous substances in transit not involving fire	0	0	0
Hazardous Substances non Transit	0	0	0
Machinery	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	5	5	0
Other rescue	7	7	2
Rescue/Removal of persons from water	1	1	0
Road traffic accident	21	21	10
Water pumping/flooding	0	0	0

Incident Type	Calls January 2023	Calls to date 2023	Calls to this period 2022
False Alarm Classification	Number	Number	Number
Good Intent	32	32	21
Malicious	0	0	0
Total	97	97	69

Fire calls by brigade to date

INCIDENT TYPE	WEXFORD	GOREY	ENNISCORTHY	NEW ROSS	BUNCLODY	TOTAL
Fire Classification	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number
Chimney Fire in House	6	3	1	5	0	15
Other Fire in House	1	1	2	1	0	5
Caravan/Mobile Home	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flats (1) Local Authority	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flats (2) Privately Owned	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bedsit	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hospital	0	0	0	0	0	0
School	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Institution	0	0	0	0	0	0
Factory	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chemical Plant	0	0	0	0	0	0
Storage Building/Warehouse	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shop/Supermarket	0	0	0	0	0	0
Office	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hotel/Guesthouse/Boarding House etc.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Place of Public Entertainment - Dance Hall, Disco, Cinema, Theatre, Bingo Hall	0	0	0	0	0	0
Public House (incl singing lounge)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Restaurant	0	0	0	0	0	0
Petrol Station - Garage	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hazardous Substance in transit (only cases where fire was involved)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle	1	1	1	2	1	6
Unoccupied Building	0	0	0	0	0	0
Agriculture Business	0	0	1	0	1	2
Forest/Bog/Grass	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ship/Aircraft	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0	0
Outdoor Storage	1	0	0	0	0	1
Outdoor Rubbish	0	0	1	0	0	1

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Gas/Chemicals	1	0	0	0	0	1
Hazardous substances in transit not involving fire	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hazardous Substances non Transit	0	0	0	0	0	0
Machinery	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	0	1	3	1	0	5
Other rescue	2	2	2	1	0	7
Rescue/Removal of persons from water	1	0	0	0	0	1
Road traffic accident	7	5	4	4	1	21
Water pumping/flooding	0	0	0	0	0	0
False Alarm Classification	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number
Good Intent	6	8	13	4	1	32
Malicious	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	26	21	28	18	4	97

Fire Safety Certificate Applications

Number of Applications received in January 2023: 8

Number of Applications received to date: 8

Number of Applications to this period 2022: 8

Finance:

Annual Financial Statement 2022

Work is progressing on the preparation of the 2022 Annual Financial Statement/Final Accounts. A copy of the Final Accounts together with a summary report on the contents will be included on the agenda for consideration of members at the April meeting. The Q4 finance Report to 31st December 2022 has been circulated and the contents of the report represent the preliminary figures for 2022 before the end of year final adjustments.

The Local Government Audit Service are also commencing initial preparatory work for the 2022 Audit of Accounts.

Capital Programme 2023 – 2025

The Three Year Capital Programme is currently being prepared and will be included on the agenda for consideration of members at the April meeting.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee will meet on 15th March commencing their work programme for 2023.

Local Authority Home Loan Programme 2023

An Allocation of €8.4m has been notified for the Council's 2023 Local Authority Loans Programme. During 2022 a total of 43 Mortgages were facilitated by Wexford Co Council with a total spend of €5.6m. Council approval is required to secure borrowing for the 2023 programme and this is included as a separate item on the agenda for the March meeting.

There are also some changes being implemented to the LAHL Programme from 1st March as follows:

- The price of houses eligible for a Local Authority Home Loan will increase from €250,000 to €300,000 in County Wexford meaning the maximum LAHL will be €275,000
- The income limits will also increase to €70,000 for single applicants and to €85,000 for joint applicants

Interest rates on the LAHL have been increasing and the briefing note on the Council's Home Loan Programme sets out details of these increases.

Cash Flow/Overdraft

The Council continues to operate with an overdraft facility, Ministerial Sanction is in place for borrowing by way of overdraft in the amount of €20m for the period to the 31st December, 2023.

***Tom Enright,
Chief Executive.***