



# **Chief Executive's Report**

**June 2018**

## 1.Economic Development & Planning:

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UNIT

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**Wexford Business Awards:** *The Wexford Chamber Business Awards took place on Friday 25th May in Clayton Whites of Wexford. Awards were presented across 20 different categories on the night to local County based businesses in recognition of their excellence.*

Wexford County Council sponsor the Overall Business of the Year Award and in 2018 Cllr Barbara Anne Murphy presented this to Wexford Bus in recognition of their business growth, performance and contribution to the economy of county Wexford.

Full list of winners available at [www.wexfordchamber.ie](http://www.wexfordchamber.ie)

**Wexford Savannah Delegation:** *A delegation from Wexford County Council travelled to Savannah Georgia in early May to progress a number of projects between the two regions. Lead by Chairman Cllr John Hegarty, the projects included discussions with Georgia Southern University and the opportunity for growth in the education sector, as well as meetings with Savannah Economic Development Authority and World Trade Centre Savannah around the Tradebridge project.*

Tradebridge is an 8-month pilot project focussed on stimulating trade opportunities between businesses in Wexford and the South East of Ireland and businesses located in Savannah and the south east of the US. Funded by Wexford County Council, Enterprise Ireland, Wexford Enterprise Centre and supported by Wexford Chamber, the project aims to add economic value to the historic and civic links that connect the two regions. See [www.WexSavTradebridge.com](http://www.WexSavTradebridge.com) for further details.

**BUCANIER** (*Building Clusters and Networks in Innovation Enterprise and Research*)

May has seen the sign up of the first SME' on the project:

- Malone Fruit Farm – Carlow
- NicAngles – Carlow
- The Gluten Free Kitchen Company – Kerry

#### **Committed to sign-up**

- Macamore Buffalo Farm – Wexford
- Trudies Kitchen - Wexford
- Cleverman – Wexford
- Meadowfield Farm – Wexford
- Wheelock Fruit Farm – Wexford
- The Irish Mussel Seed Company – Wicklow

#### **Key project milestones for May 2018:**

- Claim 2 payment made to WCC
- Claim 3 sent to WEFO for authorisation
- BUCANIER Workbook printed and ready for issuing to participants

- The first information events held in Kilkenny and Tipperary in May, 20 – 25 SME's attended each session.
- WCC Project Officer meeting with Welsh food producers at the Wexford Food festival on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May to discuss possible BUCANIER involvement in 2019 Wexford Food Festival

#### **Planned Project Milestones for June:**

- Kerry LEO in conjunction with Taste Kerry and WCC to hold a BUCANIER information session in Killarney on 15<sup>th</sup> June.
- A sign-up session to be held in the Hatch Lab in Gorey for Wexford SME's on 20<sup>th</sup> June

## **LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE (LEO) TEAM**

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**Student Enterprise Programme:** The National Student Enterprise Awards took place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May in Croke Park. All three category representatives featured in the top 10 in their respective category;

Junior Category	Jack Barron	Colaiste Abbain, Adamstown
Intermediate Category	Sean Bennett	Ramsgrange Community
School		
Senior Category	Ben Handrick	Creagh College, Gorey

Ben Handrick received a special merit award for his project "Little Elephant" fridge magnet therapy which was presented by Minister Pat Breen. This project has now been endorsed by the ISPCA and Clinical Psychologist, David Coleman.



The 2017/18 programme had over 22,000 participants nationwide. Full details of the programme are available on [www.studententerprise.ie](http://www.studententerprise.ie)

**Coatek represented Wexford at National Enterprise Awards:** Hugh Kenny, Owner of Coatek Ltd in Gorey, represented the Local Enterprise Office Wexford at the National Enterprise Awards an event which celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary on May 24<sup>th</sup>

This family run business specialises in the supply and installation of Solar/Anti-Glare window film, privacy, energy saving, safety and UV window films and privacy/decorative films for both commercial and residential settings nationwide. They currently employ 10 full-time staff.

Judging took in April and Coatek competed against 30 other finalists from every local authority area for a share of the €40,000 prize fund. The Mansion House in Dublin was the venue for awards ceremony and categories this year include 'Best Export Business,' 'Best Start Up Business' and 'Innovation,' in addition to eight regional awards. Unfortunately Coatek were not among the winners at the Awards.

**New Ross goes digital:** This event was hosted by New Ross and District Chambers and sponsored by Bank of Ireland and Wexford County Council and took place on the 18<sup>th</sup> May in the Brandon House Hotel. Over forty attend the event and heard from an excellent line-up of speakers on how businesses could leverage digital marketing and social media to benefit their business. It also addressed the issue of GDPR and provided a networking opportunity for the attendees. The speakers included; Marguerite Murphy, Aidan Murphy and Joe Madigan from Bank of Ireland, Lorcan Kinsella, Brand Nova Digital, Greg Fry, Content Plan, Lorraine Higgins, Retail Excellence Ireland, Tom Birmingham WLD and Sinead Casey and Tom Banville.

## PLANNING

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### ***Planning Applications:***

<i>No. of valid applications received up to 24/05/2018</i>	<i>584</i>
<i>No. of pre planning requests up to 24/05/2018</i>	<i>310</i>

***Forward Planning:*** *Review of the Wexford County Development Plan 2013 - 2019 and the Preparation of New County Development Plan*

Having completed the consultation process, the Forward Planning team are now working on the preparation of the pre-draft Wexford County Development Plan 2019-2025. As part of the retail strategy, Future Analytics have carried out Phone Surveys, Shopper Surveys, Pedestrian Counts, Health Checks and Stakeholder meetings in the four main towns.

**Review of the Wexford Town and Environs Development Plan 2009-2015 (as extended):** Work has commenced on the review of the Wexford Town and Environs Development Plan 2009-2015 and the preparation of a new plan for the area.

**Conservation and Built Heritage: Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2018:** 8 successful applicants have been approved for funding under the scheme as follows:

The Friary, Wexford Town	€9,500.00
Cornmill, Foulksmills	€9,500.00
Robinstown House, Robinstown Great, Clonroche	€6,000.00
Rosegarland House, Rosegarland, Wellingtonbridge	€6,000.00
Hyde Park, Inch, Gorey	€5,500.00
Porter's Lodge, Castleboro, Wexford	€4,500.00
9 Castle Street, Enniscorthy	€4,500.00
St. Peter & St. Pauls Church, Killinierin	€4,500.00

**Structures at Risk Fund 2018:** 3 successful applicants have been approved for funding under the scheme as follows:

Saunderscourt Gatelodges, Galbally East, Crossabeg	€15,000.00
St. Iberius Church, Main Street, Wexford	€15,000.00
Ballysampson House, Ballysampson, Tagoat	€15,000.00

**Building Control: Commencement Notices:** A total of 169 valid commencement notices have been submitted up to 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 on the BCMS.

Wexford	60	Gorey	47
Enniscorthy	37	New Ross	25

**Taking in Charge:** We have a number of estates that are currently at different stages of the Taking in Charge process. Three estates are at the public consultation stage at present. These estates are:

- An Caislean, Bridgetown
- Ocean Point, Courtown
- Summer Cove, Rosslare

Five estates will be referred to the Municipal District meetings for formal Taking in Charge in June 2018. These estates are:

- Seabury, Rosslare
- Cúl Caislean, Taghmon
- Woodlands, Ballymurn
- Madeira Oaks, The Moyne
- Old Forest, Bunclody

Inspections have been carried out on ten estates. Documents have been prepared and sent to Irish Water for the next stage of the taking-in-charge process.

The 10 estates are:-

- Hunters Green, Gorey
- The Paddocks, Gorey, Phase 1 (Water Services Only)
- Oakwood, Ramstown Lower (Water Services Only)
- Beachside, Courtown (Phase 1 & 2)
- An Bruach Kilanerin
- Ard A Bhelach, Starvehall
- Fern Hill Close, Killinick
- Beechfield Manor, Screen
- Harbour View, Duncannon
- Willow Bank, Blackwater

The following estates were formally taken in charge at the relevant Municipal Districts in May.

- The Paddocks, Rosbercon
- Whitecross, Hilltown
- Woodside, Courtown
- Hollyfield, Lake, Bridgetown
- The Laurels & Laurel Court, Clonard

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

Notices Issued under Derelict Sites Act 1990	20
Notices issued under Sanitary Services Act 1964	3
Notices issued under Section 7 of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015	0

**Planning Enforcement:** The number of planning enforcement cases as at 24/05/2018 is as follows:

➤ Cases Opened	12
➤ Live Cases	333
➤ Cases Closed	24

**District Court Cases:** 6 planning enforcement cases were listed in the District Courts during May 2018

<b>Gorey:</b>	1 listed for hearing, 3 for mention
<b>Wexford:</b>	1 listed for hearing, 1 for mention

**Gorey:**

- Enforcement case 0005/2016 – Case relating to unauthorised caravans and container adjourned until 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 to allow legal representative to consult with defendant.
- Enforcement case 0005/2017 – Hearing date sought for case relating to unauthorised advertising signs.

- Enforcement case 0043/2016 – Case adjourned to allow defendants to carry out works to restore land as public open space.
- Enforcement case 0070/2013 – Case adjourned pending decision on planning application submitted to comply with enforcement notice.

#### **Wexford:**

- Enforcement case 0061/2015 – case for hearing on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 relating to unauthorised shed and container.
- Enforcement case 0050/2017 – case for mention on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 relating to unauthorised HGV trailer parking area.

**Circuit Court:** Enforcement case 0392/2009 - District Court appeal against a 5 month prison sentence was heard on 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2018. Defendant was fined €400 and ordered to pay €2,400 total costs / legal fees following the removal of the unauthorised converted bus from the site.

#### **Access Section: Disability Access Certificates (DACs):**

The number of DAC applications, validated for the period from 01/01/2018 up to and including 24/05/2018, totals 41. This is an increase of 7 applications received for the same period of 2017.

#### **Projects: Poolpod lift Launched at Ferrybank Swimming Pool**

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May Wexford Swimming Pool & Leisure became a hive of activity, excitement and anticipation at the launch of the Poolpod.

Three athletes Declan Foley, Liam Breen and Des O'Neill from Wexford Special Olympics and Wexford Swimming Club gave a fantastic demonstration on the sleek and seamless access to the pool that the Poolpod provides. Many groups and organisations representing disability, age friendly and swimming clubs attended along representatives from the HSE and Swim Ireland.



Swim Ireland representative, Joni Harding and Leinster Coach for Special Olympics, Aidan Kelly commending Wexford County Council on its progressive approach for access for all and inclusively of service. They expressed their intention to showcase this example of access at a swimming pool to their respective organisations at a National level. The Poolpod transforms pool access not only



for people with disabilities but also anyone who cannot use the common place ladder access to the pool thus appealing to anyone with mobility difficulties.

### **Changing Places Pilot at the Irish National Heritage Park:**

It is expected that the Launch of the Changing Places a pilot initiative initiated by the Access Section in conjunction with the Environment Department will take place in late June, at the Irish National Heritage Park.



## **2. Special Projects:**

### **SPECIAL PROJECTS – June 2018**

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**Min Ryan Park, Wexford:** The Park obtained Part VIII Planning in April, 2016 based on a preliminary design by Wexford County Council. Detailed design and contract documents have been completed and the tender for construction was initially advertised on Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 2017. Following a detailed tender assessment process, the preferred tender was withdrawn and the contract has now been re-tendered with a closing date of late June. Works are expected to commence on site in September 2018.

**Wexford Quays – Economic and Spatial Strategy:** Architects Scott Tallon Walker have now submitted their stage 2B report on the Economic Development and Spatial Implementation Plan for the Wexford Quay front. This report has been reviewed by WCC and comments returned to STW. The final report is due by the end of May 2018.

**Trinity Wharf:** The Trinity Wharf site was acquired by Wexford Co. Council to attract investment and stimulate economic development in Wexford. Architects, Scott Tallon Walker have been appointed to prepare a master plan, environmental studies, preliminary designs and the related planning and foreshore applications for the development. The planning application will be submitted in Q3-2018 with a decision expected by Q2-2019.

**Crescent Quay/Ballast Office:** A package of Improvement Works in the Crescent Quay Area is currently being formulated as the first phase of the overall plan for the Quay Front Area.



These works will enhance and upgrade the public realm around the Crescent / Waterfront areas and improve the pedestrian links from Main Street to the Quays and the waterfront. Preparation of Part VIII approval documents has commenced and will issue for public consultation in June 2018. Works are expected to commence on site in January 2019.

**Templeshannon Regeneration, Enniscorthy:** The launch of the Regeneration strategy took place in Templeshannon in February. Identifying the requirements for land-take and planning for the pedestrian bridge and streetscape works commenced in April 2018. Drawings for public consultation for the streetscape works are being prepared and will go on display in July 2018. Consultants will be appointed to prepare preliminary designs, environmental studies and planning documents for the pedestrian bridge in August and a planning application for the bridge will be advertised in November / December 2018.

**Enniscorthy Technology Park, Killagoley:** Reddy Architecture + Urbanism have developed the master plan and a Part VIII planning application was lodged on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018. A planning report was prepared and issued to the members at the May meeting and Part VIII consent granted by Council. Tender documents for construction works were advertised in early May 2018 and tenders are due on 31/05/2018. It is planned to award the contract for construction works in July 2018.

**New Ross Business Park:** Following a pre-qualification process, there are now two parties interested in partnering Wexford County Council in delivering an advanced technology building on this site. Final tender documents are being prepared and the two qualified applicants will be invited to submit a full tender submission in early June 2018.

**Gorey Market House:** A Part VIII planning application for re-development of the Market House into a multi-purpose performance / exhibition / retail space was passed at the May Council Meeting 2018. The procurement documents for development proposals from parties interested in partnering with the Council on the project closed on 18/05/2018 and tender submissions received are currently being evaluated and assessed.

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

**Carrigfoyle Activity Centre:** Wexford County Council has prepared a brief for services for the design and tender of infrastructural work at Carrigfoyle as the initial stage of a project to develop an activity centre on the lands. Appointment of design services consultants will be completed by August/September 2018 with construction planned to commence in Q2-2019. It is envisaged that works will be completed by Q1-2020.

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

destination. The project is currently in the procurement process for services, with a contract award expected July/August 2018. An application for funding to Fáilte Ireland is planned for Q1 2019.

#### **Greenways:**

##### **Rosslare to Waterford City Greenway.**

Wexford County Council has procured services to examine the feasibility of developing a greenway from Rosslare Harbour to Waterford City. The study will review route options for the greenway, including the use of the rail corridor from Rosslare Strand to Waterford, prepare baseline environmental studies and prepare and submit planning applications over the next 12 months. The project familiarisation report has been completed and the initial environmental studies and investigative works have commenced.

**New Ross Red Bridge Greenway and Walking Trail:** The development of a greenway around New Ross, linking with Kilkenny County Council's planned greenway from Rosbercon to Waterford City, is currently at the planning stage. A Part VIII planning application was advertised for public consultation on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018. Submissions and observations are due by 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

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

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

#### **HOUSING**

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

Under Construction

- **2 Special Needs Houses in Oilgate** – Cert of substantial completion June 2018
- **8 houses in Cherry Orchard, Enniscorthy** – Under construction, on programme to complete in September, 2018.
- **2 houses in Cois Mara, Rosslare** – Cert of substantial completion June 2018
- **9 houses in Baile Eoghain, Gorey** – Under construction, on programme to complete in 2018.
- **1 house at Ross Road Enniscorthy** – Contracts signed, construction to begin, awaiting ESB to re-direct overhead powerline.

- **10 Houses in Creagh, Gorey** – Under construction, due to complete in March 2019.
- **10 Houses at Slippery Green, Wexford** – Under construction, commenced on site April 2018 due to complete in April 2019.

#### Stage 4

- **10 Houses in Danescastle** – Waiting on Stage 4 approval from Department
- **1 TAP house in Castlemoyle** – Tender in June 2018.
- **7 Houses in Coolcotts** – Stage 3 approval received, going to tender in June 2018.
- **1 House in Castlemoyle for Special Needs** – Stage 3 approval received, going to tender in June 2018.

#### Stage 2

- **1 house at Ballynaboola** - Stage 2 approved. Costs have been reduced and a new planning permission was lodged. Stage 3 June 2018.
- **18 houses in Taghmon** – Stage 2 approved. Stage 3 submission in June 2018.
- **45 Housing Units at Whiterock Hill, Wexford** – Stage 2 approved on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018.
- **6 units at The Ballagh** – Stage 2 approved. Stage 3 submission June/July 2018.

#### Stage 1

- **14 Houses in Carricklawn** – Stage 1 in June 2017, on hold. Problems with title to be rectified by land owner before we finalise purchase. This will be a 2018 project to commence in 2019. Recommend to discontinue this project as no response from landowner.
- **7 Units at Belvedere Road, Wexford** – Tender for consultancy services May 2018.
- **3 units in Ballyhine** – Stage 2 in Q2 2018. Awaiting approval by members to proceed.
- **11 units in Ballywish** – Stage 1 approval. On hold until additional land is purchased to achieve 220m sightlines as requested by Roads, project delayed as a result, approach to adjoining landowner made.
- **34 units at Kileens, Wexford** – Stage 1 approved on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2018, Stage 2 Q2 2018.
- **43 units at Rosetown, Rosslare** – Stage 1 approved on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2018 enabling works consultant tenders received. Enabling site works 2018, houses 2019.
- **17 units at Enniscorthy** – Stage 1 approved on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018.
- **12 units for Women's Refuge** – Appointment of an integrated design team June 2018.

The number of units with Capital Approval is 272. The following project for 12 units was submitted to DHPLG in March 2018:-

- Creagh, Gorey

**Pre-development Stage:** We are working on another **88** units preparing feasibility studies prior to the Stage 1 application. These include the following larger projects:-

- Daphne View, Enniscorthy 24
- Castlemoyle, New Ross (*Land Aggregation Scheme*) 40 (*phase 1*)
- Rosbercon, New Ross 22
- Marconi Park, Enniscorthy 1
- 5 Francis Street 1

### **Longer Term Projects**

- Park, Wexford 10
- Clonard, Wexford 26
- Adamstown 16

## **COMMUNITY**

**Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2018:** The Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2018 was launched by Minister for Rural and Community Development Michael Ring, TD in April. For 2018, there will be €15 million in funding for rural towns and villages for projects.

The scheme is specifically targeted at rural towns and villages with populations of less than 10,000. Applications from towns and villages can range from €20,000 to a maximum of €100,000. Funding of up to €200,000 will also be considered for a limited number of projects which can deliver exceptionally strong economic benefit to a town and its outlying areas.

Wexford County Council has received 27 expressions of Interest from town/village groups who may have a suitable project for consideration under the scheme. All expressions of interest will now be assessed based on the priorities as contained in the Scheme Outline, and a maximum of 12 proposals will be selected for development into detailed applications which will be submitted to the Department.

**Healthy Ireland Fund 2018:** Wexford LCDC has made an application across 7 themes for funding of €75,000 under the Healthy Ireland Fund, 2018, in line with the Healthy Ireland, A Framework for Improved Health and Wellbeing 2013-2025.

<b>No</b>	<b>Action Title</b>
1	Regional Health and Wellbeing Training and Awareness Programme
2	Healthy Woodlands and Men's Shed Project
3	Increase the opportunity for schools to access swimming lessons and programmes
4	FAI Summer Soccer Schools Free Places
5	Training Programme for Kayaking and Sailing
6	Healthy Wexford Coordinator
7	Age Friendly Befriending Pilot Scheme

**Bridgtown Community Hub:** Following significant renovation works, Bridgetown Community Hub commenced activities during May. The Hub will provide a range of community support to local residents. This initiative is being delivered in partnership with FDYS and plans to respond to the needs of local residents using a highly effective whole of family approach model. The project proposes to establish a dynamic team of staff and volunteers to develop support services for local residents in an environment where they will feel supported, valued and welcome.

**INTERREG – Celtic Routes:** Wexford County Council has issued a tender seeking a contractor to address current gaps in information relating to the tourism, culture and heritage sector, on behalf of a wider partnership involved in the new “Celtic Routes” tourism project which has been successful in securing funding via the Ireland Wales Cooperation programme. Wexford County Council as lead Council on the Irish side is looking to appoint a contractor to identify and map natural and cultural heritage assets to the project themes as identified in Counties Wicklow, Waterford and Wexford.

**Traveller interagency Group (TIG):** Wexford Traveller Interagency Group has commissioned Mr. Brian Harvey to carry out a needs analysis of Travellers living in County Wexford, and their baseline needs. WTIG members, agencies and local communities will play a crucial role in accessing information and building relationships with Traveller across the county in compiling this piece of research. The Traveller community will have a pivotal role at all stages of the process, from design of any associated questionnaires to presentation of the findings. It is expected that this project will be completed by September, 2018.

**IPB Pride of Place Competition:** Craanford village and Bunclody Town have been selected as the Wexford County Council nominees for the 2018 IPB Pride of Place competition. This prestigious competition is administered by Co-operation Ireland, which works to promote and encourage interaction, dialogue, and practical collaboration between the peoples of Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, as part of the on-going peace process.

**Redmond Park and New Ross Town Park Playground redevelopment:** MGM Partnership, O’Driscoll Lynn Architects, and Derek Howlin Landscape Architects have been appointed to provide combined consultancy services in relation to the design works for the redevelopment of Redmond Park and New Ross Town Park playgrounds. It is expected that redevelopment works on these two sites will commence in quarter 4, 2018.

**Local Agenda 21 Environmental Partnership Fund 2018:** Details of the Local Agenda 21 Environmental Partnership Fund 2018 were announced during May. This grant is administered by Wexford County Council on behalf of The Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment.

The Fund promotes sustainable development by assisting small scale, non-profit environmental projects at local level. Eligible projects should support and complement national environmental policies such as those on Waste, Biodiversity, Climate Change, Air, Water, Sustainable Development, etc.

**Age Friendly & Older People's Council:** Wexford's Older People's Council Executive Committee met on 29<sup>th</sup> March and 3<sup>rd</sup> May and their nominations were put forward for four representatives on the Age Friendly Alliance. The Committee have arranged a special meeting for 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018 to discuss the Age Friendly Action Plan for the County and their priorities for the year ahead.

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

## **SPORTS PARTNERSHIP**

**Woodlands for Health:** We have secured funding for a Healthy Woodland Project to be rolled out in Partnership with Get Ireland Walking, The Wexford Trails Group, Coillte and Wexford Mental Health Services. Woodlands for health is an innovative Eco Therapy programme developed by Coillte and prescribed by HSE medical professionals for adult mental health patients to engage them in forest activities to enhance their quality of life.

We hope to start this programme in August

**Sports Leadership:** We have completed our Sports Leadership with Secondary Schools over the past few weeks, over 150 students have accessed the programmes we run with great results.

Schools Involved are CBS New Ross, Collaiste abain, Kennedy College, And Selskar College who have completed their Sports leader Level 2, the first qualification with have run at this level.

**Primary School Golf Programme:** Sports Active Wexford met with Maria Dunne (Women & Girls Coordinator) from Confederation of Golf in Ireland in January 2018 to discuss increasing the participation of girls and young people in the game of Golf in Wexford. It was decided to run taster sessions in schools in county Wexford.

**Launch of the Sports Wheelchairs 14<sup>th</sup> May:** On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> of May Sports Active Wexford launched their brand new Sports Wheelchairs in Wexford County Council Offices. These sports wheelchairs were purchased with Healthy Ireland Funding through Wexford LCDC and Wexford CYPSC.

**Urban Adventure Hub- Bunclody:** A lot of work has gone into securing the site In Bunclody for the Kayaking academy, thanks to our Director Mr John Carley. We hope now to get thing's moving in terms of the full ecology report and the planning process.

## **LIBRARIES, ARTS & ARCHIVES**

**Creative Ireland:** The Culture and Creativity Strategy 2018-2022 was adopted by Wexford County Council in May 2018. Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June sees the launch of a new *Cruinniú na nÓg*, a day of creativity for children which will be celebrated



countrywide. County Wexford will have free and open events for children and young people in all districts.

**Libraries and Archives:** On the 22<sup>nd</sup> May the **Southend Maritime Heritage Oral History Project** was launched by the Cathaoirleach in Wexford Library. In this project, Southend Family Resource Centre brought together 15 local people to tell their life stories and that of their area.

These stories are now captured digitally and are available on the Wexford County Council Website from the Oral History recordings page. The Centre's Sea Shanty singers provided entertainment at the event. Each participant received a CD copy of their own recording. This project forms part of the overarching Oral History Programme by Wexford Library Service which aims to capture the unique stories of the people of Wexford and preserve them for future generations.

All of Wexford County Council's five branch libraries are now self-service. Library users can use our new totem kiosks to check in/out or renew items, check their account and pay fines. Using RFID technology, a bundle of items can be placed in the kiosk and read in one go, leaving more time for customers to enjoy the library. The introduction of self service has also freed staff to interact more with library users and provide advice and support about reading choices and customer service.

Wexford Library continued its ongoing partnership with the National Opera House when Tom Mooney hosted a library event with **Shay Linehan and Gordon Snell about the life and times of Maeve Binchy**. The process of adapting the novel ***Minding Frankie*** for stage was discussed. This was organised as a pre-performance event in Wexford library prior to the performance at the **National Opera House**, on Friday 25th May of Maeve Binchy's 'Minding Frankie', adapted for the stage by Shay Linehan.

**The Barnardos Teen Parent Support Group** is a group new to Wexford library and it met regularly during May. Twenty five people attended the weekly support group facilitated by a Barnardos support worker. The library provided story time and songs for babies along advice for parents on choosing books and how to incorporate reading into the daily routine of parenting a young child.

**Archives.** A collection of property deeds, rentals and correspondence relating to the Marquis of Ely estate in Fethard (1884-1927) was catalogued during May.

## **ARTS**

**Living Arts in Schools**, the Selection Panel met in May 2018 and four schools were selected to take part in 2018 with 8 artists, 4 lead and 4 assistants. The schools are St Joseph's Ballymitty (New Ross), Rathnure NS (Enniscorthy) Murrinstown (Wexford) St Josephs (Gorey). Four lead artists are Oonagh Latchford, Caoimhe Dunne Orla Bates, and Clare Breen. The four assistant artists are Michelle Colfer, Aoife Banville, Patricia Kent and Sheena Furlong. This artist's in residence school Programme will start in September 2018 and run until May 2019. With additional Creative Ireland funding the 'Living Arts' programme will continue to develop a pilot Artists in Residence programme with the Applied leaving Cert students in Ramsgrange Community college New Ross. The Arts Department with Creative Ireland funding will

develop a 'How to Art Resource pack' for school teachers using the Living arts model, involving artists and teachers input.

**Creative Community scheme**, the selection panel met in May and 22 community groups across the 4 Municipal Districts were awarded grants of up to €3,000 each to work with an artist over the coming year on a project. Through additional Creative Ireland funding to this scheme in 2018 we awarded artists residencies to Wexford General Hospital, Wexford Mental Health Association, Youth Train and Wexford Adult Mental Health Services. Groups awarded are, Access 2000, Advocates for Autism, Ard Aobhainn, Art Bank, Beta Unit- St Aidans Gorey, Cruhin traveller Women's group, Family careers Ireland, GAP arts festival, Grantstown Priory scheme, Irish Wheelchair Association, Link Training and Support, Raheen Family Resource Centre, South West Family Resource Centre, Saorise unity, St Aidans Gorey, Wexford Arts Centre and Wayside Players.

The **Music Generation** County Coordinator Katherine Atkinson, is meeting all music providers and key stakeholders in County Wexford, and is mapping schools in planning for the Music Generation programme for children for 2018-2019. A request for applications from Music Tutors took place in April 2018. 30 applications were received and interviews are pending. The Co-coordinator is planning to roll out 4 pilot Music Generation music programmes in summer 2018 followed by Vocal music programmes in schools and preschools from Sept 2018.

**Wexford's Cultural Companions Scheme**, this new scheme launched in the Wellness Garden at Wexford County Council on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May was a big success. It was attended by over 70 older people countywide. A nationwide initiative, by Age and Opportunity, this is a network of older people interested in attending arts & culture events together as a group. The aim of scheme is to provide increased opportunities for older people to engage with the

Wexford vibrant arts and cultural sector and promote social inclusion and wellbeing. This scheme is being facilitated by the Arts & Community Departments and the Age Friendly Coordinator in Wexford County Council. They will work with volunteer members to draw up a 3 month calendar of art and cultural events. Volunteers will also assist WCC as 'meeter greeters' at these cultural events, and a social element will be built in after each event. Arts Officer Liz Burns presented on Wexford's new 'Cultural companions scheme' at the INO annual retired nurses conference in White's Hotel on Wed 23rd May.

**Tyrone Guthrie Artists residencies**, the selection panel met in May and awarded two Wexford artists 'Tyrone Guthrie' artist's residencies for 2 weeks each in County Monaghan in 2018. This prestigious artist residency is based in rural county Monaghan. It supports artists in all art forms in a living and working artist's retreat with accommodation, food and high quality studios provided. Artists also get to network and meet other artists, national and international, in residence. The two Wexford Artists awarded are Serena Caulfield (visual arts) and Laura Hyland (musician / sound artist).

**Drama league of Ireland Awards**, this week long residential summer school is aimed at supporting those working in the amateur dramatic sector in Ireland. It takes place on the campus of the University of Limerick from 28th July to 4<sup>th</sup> August 2018. It offers week long courses delivered by national professionals in the field of directing, acting, body and voice work and storytelling and caters for beginners to more experience. This year awards were given to Tim Connaughton ( Bunclody Kilmyshall Drama Group) and Kathleen Byrne (the Wayside Players, Blackwater).

## **FIRE SERVICE**

**News:** Departmental approval received for a new 4x4 jeep and van for Wexford Town, plus 2 generators for Bunclody and Enniscorthy fire stations.

**Fire Operations:** In April it was there were 63 incidents including 12 chimney fires, 23 false alarms, 6 domestic fires, and 4 road traffic accidents.

<b>Incident type</b>	<b>Year to date</b>	<b>April</b>
Fires	85	16
Special Services	77	12
Chimney Fires	80	12
False Alarms	91	23

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

<b>Applications Received</b>	<b>Year to date</b>	<b>April</b>
Fire Safety Certificates	38	12
Planning Referrals	222	53

<b>Number of Inspections</b>	<b>Year to date</b>	<b>April</b>
FSA Inspections	73	24

## **4. Transportation, Water Services:**

### **ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION**

#### **COUNTY WEXFORD'S NATIONAL ROADS SCHEMES:**

##### **N25 New Ross By-Pass:**

### **Progress Update May 2018**

The design and construction phase of the PPP Contract is approximately two-thirds through, and the scheme remains on programme to open in 2019.

On the Kilkenny side of the Barrow Bridge, the approach deck spans are nearing completion and the last of the supporting falsework on this side of the river is being removed. On the Wexford side, the launching of the sequential deck segments by the form traveller system from both sides of pier 4 has commenced. The construction of the approach spans on the Wexford side also continue to progress with span 6 nearing completion.

The construction of mainline pavement works are progressing at various stages along the western part of the scheme, and earthworks and drainage operations are progressing towards completion along the western part of the scheme. The next phase of the works on the N25 at Glenmore will become operational on May 29th. The full circulatory roundabout will be operational under temporary traffic management for this phase which is anticipated to be in place until July. The L7513 Ballyverneen Road will also re-open in the coming weeks. Also on the Kilkenny side, the bridge deck for Ballyverneen Overbridge is under construction and Glenmore Underbridge is nearing completion. Works on the railway overbridge to carry the disused Waterford to New Ross rail line is also progressing.

Eight of nine road bridges on the Wexford side of the scheme are now complete or substantially complete and associated road realignments open to traffic. The L8144 Lacken Road and L8046 Creakan Road will be temporarily closed during June to facilitate the completion of the tie-ins of the new road alignments to the existing roads. Upon completion both roads and associated bridges will then be fully open and operational. Road works and temporary traffic management on the R733 Campile Road will commence in June for realignment and junction works. The current temporary diversion and statutory 60km/h speed limit will continue to operate on the N25 Wexford Road at Ballymacar until October. At that stage the roundabout will be fully complete and opened to the current traffic network (i.e. both Bypass arms will remain closed). Accommodation works for landowners continue to be developed throughout the site.

Monitoring, maintenance and emergency regimes continue to be operated as necessary on public roads at interfaces with the site to ensure that road surfaces, temporary management systems etc. continue to operate safely and as required.

The ninth quarterly project newsletter will be published in June, and the project website [www.n25newross.ie](http://www.n25newross.ie) continues to provide progress updates as well as information on traffic management and road works, and also provides contact details for the project. A further short progress video was released by Wexford County Council in May, and a longer information video will be completed shortly providing more detailed information on the project and the construction of the Barrow Bridge in particular. Given the high level of public interest in the project, it is proposed to present this video to local stakeholders and interest groups, including the local authorities, schools, chamber of commerce etc. The 24 telephone hour hotline continues to operate to deal with any queries or complaints from the public. The number is 1800 815672, and this number has been posted on both the newsletter and website. The Project Liaison Office will continue to liaise and consult with all landowners and other interested parties for the duration of the project.



**1. Works at Glenmore Roundabout in preparation for full opening under temporary traffic management in June.**





**2. Barrow Bridge – View from Kilkenny side.**



**3. Barrow Bridge – Pier 4 and temporary pier from above**





**4. Barrow Bridge – View from Wexford side.**



**5. Cut 3 at Stokestown – earthworks finishing works.**





**6. R733 Grade Separated Junction – pavement works under construction.**



**7.4021 Arnestown Road Overbridge and Road Realignment open to traffic.**



**8. N25 Ballymacar Roundabout – pavement foundation and drainage works progressing at roundabout. N25 diversion continuing to operate effectively.**  
**M11 Gorey to Enniscorthy PPP Scheme update**  
**Program**

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

**Construction to Date**

The following table indicates site work progression to date.

	Progress Reported in Dec 2016	Progress Reported in Dec 2017	Progress Reported in March 2018	Progress Reported in April 2018	Progress Reported in May 2018
Site Clearance	96%	98%	98%	98%	98%
Fencing	85%	86%	86%	86%	86%
Drainage & Service Ducts	7%	30%	38%	39%	43%
Earthworks	23%	75%	80%	81%	81%
Structures – Main Bridges		56%	62%	76%	79%
Structures – Culverts	29%	96%	98%	98%	98%
Structures – Access Structures	12%	84%	87%	87%	88%
Accommodation Works	6%	8%	8%	8%	8%
Kerbs Footways & Paved Areas			4%	4%	5%
Safety Barrier			3%	3%	3%
Pavement				7%	10%



## **EARTHWORKS**

Bulk Cut to Fill was approx. 986,821m<sup>3</sup> to the end of the year for 2016 (6-month Work Period).

Bulk Cut to fill as reported to the end of December 2017 was 1,700,000m<sup>3</sup>

Bulk Cut to Fill to date for 2018 was 212,995m<sup>3</sup> (total).

## **Blasting**

The Contractor has indicated that all blasting has been completed on site.

## **Ongoing repairs and monitoring of local roads**

The following roads are being inspected on weekly bases by the contractor and Wexford County Council. Any defects arising from this inspection is being addressed by the contractor.

- L1027, Ballygullen Road
- R702, Milehouse Road
- L2011, Tinnacross Road

## **Newsletter**

The Newsletter for Q2 of 2018 has been issued and is uploaded on to the PPP Co. website. This website is updated on a monthly basis providing information on blasting and road closures and traffic management.

A 24-emergency telephone is also operational to deal with any queries or complaints from the public. The number is 1800 815701, and this number has been posted on both the newsletter and website. The Project Liaison Office will continue to liaise and consult with all landowners and other interested parties for the duration of the project.

## **Drone Survey**

The drone survey for 2018 has been completed and has been uploaded on to Wexford County Councils Web Site. Additional video surveys will be added to the website as they become available.



**N80 River Slaney Structure**





**N80 River Slaney Structure**



**M11 Southbound towards Ballygullen Road**





**Laying Base Course on CBGM on M11 Northbound Carriageway**



**N30 looking towards Clavass Junction**





**N30 looking towards Killalligan Bridge**



**Laying of CBGM N30**

**Applications submitted to WCC from the PPP:**

Road Closure Applications

The following road closures have been enacted:

Road	Closure Date	Duration (months)	Opening Date
M11-S11, L5092, Corbally Road	05/02/18	7	07/09/18
M11-S13, L6055, Drumgold Road	31/10/17	7	11/5/18 (3/8/18)
N30-S8, L2049, Dunsinane Road	05/02/18	8	05/10/18
M11-S8, L2011, Tinnacross	10/4/18	2.5	22/06/18

## **2018 Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) Allocation:**

Transport Infrastructure Ireland has provided funding for the following schemes.

### **N25 New Ross By-Pass Residual Network**

#### **N25 Oaklands Roundabout**

Works commenced on 3<sup>rd</sup> January and are due to be completed by early June.

#### **N30/ R700 Roundabout**

This scheme was tendered in May. The tender return date is May 24<sup>th</sup>. This scheme should commence in July.

#### **N11 Kyle Upper Pavement Scheme**

This scheme commenced on 16<sup>th</sup>. April and should be completed by June 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### **N11 Kileen to Newtown – Phase 1**

This scheme will be tendered week commencing May 21<sup>st</sup>. Construction should commence in July.

#### **N30 Enniscorthy Southern Approach**

Topographical survey works were carried out in early May. This scheme should be tendered in June/July.

#### **N11 Killeen to Newtown – Phase 2**

Site investigation works are ongoing on this scheme at present.

The timeline for construction works are dependent on the outcome of the site investigation works.

#### **N30 Mountelliot**

Topographical survey works to be carried out in July. This scheme should be tendered in November/December 2018. This scheme should be constructed in April/May 2019.

### **2018 HD28 Pavement Works**

TII forwarded the list of locations in March. It is hoped to tender these works in July and complete the works by October.

### **2017/2018 Barrier Repair Contract**

The contractor has completed has completed repairs on the N11, N25 and N80.

### **2017 HD28 Pavement Works – Contract 1**

This contract is substantially completed. The remainder of the contract will be completed in June subject to suitable weather conditions.

N11 Glentigue

N11 Edermine

N11 Baylands

## **2017 HD28 Pavement Works – Contract 2**

Works will commence in June/July subject to suitable weather conditions.

N25 Ashfield Cross Roundabout

N25 Whitford Roundabout

N25 Carrickbyrne

## **REGIONAL AND LOCAL ROADS**

### **Improvement Works**

Construction work on Oaklands Roundabout (New Ross District) ongoing.

Tenders received for Mountelliott Roundabout (New Ross District). Tender analysis currently underway.

### **Strengthening**

Strengthening programme commenced in the Gorey District on February 19. Programme has been severely disrupted by Storm Emma and its aftermath.

Roads completed in the last month: Strahart, Clone Road and Curragraigue (all in Enniscorthy District). Baldwinstown/Killag and Crandonnell (both in Wexford District). Preparation for strengthening in the New Ross District.

Macadam surfacing completed in the last month: Ballycanew Road, Ballyduff, Ballymore to Ballyfoley, Avenue Close, Moore Road and Donaghmore (all in Gorey District); Killahard (Enniscorthy District); Mauritiustown to Ballybro, Latimerstown, Forth Commons, Ladys Island Road, Sinnottstown Lane and Coolcotts Lane (all in Wexford District)

### **Surface Dressing**

Preparation for surface dressing in all Districts.

### **General Maintenance**

Drainage, patching and road surface repair works on-going in all Districts.

## **WATER SERVICES**

### **A. Irish Water – Asset Management**

#### **Irish Water Capital Schemes**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Gorey RWSS will be upgraded and a new 8 MI/day WTP and 7,500m<sup>3</sup> reservoir provided at Ballyminaun. Planning permission was granted by WCC to upgrade the borehole sites and build a new water treatment plant at Ballyminaun. The hydrogeological investigations show that remedial works will be required to most of the boreholes and the contract documents are being revised accordingly. Negotiations for wayleaves ongoing with landowners. The CPO was advertised in February, 2018. An oral hearing was set for 22<sup>nd</sup> May, but was cancelled when objections to the CPO were withdrawn. Draft tender documents are ready and currently under review.

#### **IW Asset Management: Untreated Agglomeration Study (UTAS)**

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

## **IW Asset Management: Wexford Town Watermain Rehab and Gas Network**

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

## **New Ross Sewerage Scheme – Irishtown to Nunnery Lane Sewers**

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

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

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

## **Ferns Upgrade – Capital Investment Plan**

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

## **B. IRISH WATER MINOR SCHEMES & SPECIAL SCHEMES**

### **IW Asset Management: Murrintown P.S.(Wastewater to Wexford WWTW)**

Site visit held with EPS & Irish Water on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018 to finalise design.

Works due to commence 1<sup>st</sup> week in July.

### **Flow Monitoring & Sampling Programme**

Contractor awarded Lot 2 of the Lab Services Framework shall commence sampling and testing services 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018.

### **Sewer network pump station maintenance contract**

3<sup>rd</sup> round commenced (Irish Water extended the contracts drawn-down from mini-competitions until 31st December 2019).

### **WWTP pre-planned Maintenance Contract**

2nd round commenced.

### **Clongeen WWTP**

Installation of submersible pump & variable speed drives to control pumps to commence end May.

### **Rosslare Strand WWTP**

Civil works completed to the upgrade of final effluent pump station at Rosslare Strand.

### **Our Lady's Island WWTP**

Health & Safety Works due for completion June 2018

### **Campile Waste Water Pumping Station**

Works fully completed.

### **Trinity Street Waste Water Pumping Station**

Repair works to Generator & Switchgear completed. ABB technicians shall carry out inspection works on the Switchgear early July 2018 (ESB shall be informed).

A new control panel shall be installed after technicians works.

A Maintenance/Service contract for the Generator & Switchgear shall be in place after these works are completed.

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

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

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

Automation is substantially complete at Kilmallock and automation works are in progress at Taylorstown WTP.

Commissioning at both plants ongoing.

**IW Asset Management: pH Emergency (Automated dosing control)**

Coolgreany caustic pumps serviced mid January. Waiting for Veolia to commission pumps.

**IW Asset Management: Coagulation automation at Creagh, Vinegar Hill and Newtown WTW**

Commissioning at Vinegar Hill complete and gathering raw water data. Newtown WTW in automatic mode with manual override since May 17th. Coagulation automation being installed in Creagh.

**IW Asset Management: Disinfection and pH Control Programme**

Vinegar Hill: Concrete slab for new hypo tank complete. Tank installed. Caustic tanks and instrumentation installed.

Newtown: Kiosk installed.

Civil works for new kiosks complete at Carrigbyrne and Clonroche. Contact time pipework installed at Ballinellard.

**Water Network Program**

Coffey Water have been appointed as regional contractor for the Water Network Programme for the South East. They have work orders for public side lead replacement works in Enniscorthy and Backyard Service replacement in Wexford and Taghmon. This work will be ongoing throughout the year and new work orders issued for other identified works.

**Capital Maintenance Budget**

Combined budget for 2017/2018 is 1,879,966. Current approved spend is 1,581,980. Total commitments to date are €1,103,321.

## **C. RURAL WATER PROGRAMME**

**Blackstairs Group Water Scheme – Contract No. 11 Pollpeasty**

Contract approximately 85% complete.

**The Bing Group Sewerage Scheme**

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

**Crosstown Group Sewerage Scheme / Orchard Lane Group Sewerage Scheme**

Takeover Process ongoing.



## **5. Finance:**

### **Q1 Finance Report 2018**

The first quarterly report for 2018 has been prepared and is included on the CPG Agenda for consideration and discussion by members. The report sets out the overall financial position of the Revenue and Capital Account, Debtors and Housing Loans Activity for the period up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

### **Annual Financial Statement 2017 – Audit of Accounts**

The Local Government Audit Service will be progressing the audit of the 2017 accounts following finalisation of the 2017 Annual Financial Statement.

### **Audit Committee**

The next meeting of the Audit Committee meeting is scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

### **Borrowing Programme 2018**

Ministerial Sanction is still awaited in respect of the borrowing programme for 2018 as approved by members at the February meeting

### **Cash Flow/Overdraft**

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

**Tom Enright,  
Chief Executive.**