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Council Annual General Meeting



The Council AGM was held on Friday, 24th June, 2022, in the Council Chamber and on MS Teams. Cllr Tony O'Brien was elected Cathaoirleach and Cllr Ann Norton was elected Leas Cathaoirleach for the forthcoming year.

Freedom of Information & Data Protection

2022 year to date statistics to 29/06/2022

- 55 Freedom of Information Requests
- 3 Freedom of Information Internal Review applications
- 2 Appeals to Information Commissioner

- 6 Data Access Requests – Subject Access Request
- 16 Data Access Requests – Third Party Access Request, e.g. Gardaí
- 1 Data Protection Impact Assessment.

Corporate Policy Group (CPG)

Following the AGMs of the Council and Municipal Districts the Corporate Policy Group has been reformed. The members of CPG are as follows for the coming year (June 2021 to June 2022).

Chair: Cllr Tony O'Brien, Cathaoirleach
Cllr Gerry Flynn, Chair, Social Development SPC
Cllr Pat Hayes, Chair, Rural Development SPC
Cllr Pat McMahon, Chair, Economic SPC
Cllr John Crowe, Chair, Physical SPC
Cllr Clare Colleran Molloy, Mayor of Ennis MD
Cllr Shane Talty, Chair of West Clare MD.

Register of Electors Modernisation Project

The Electoral Reform Bill 2022, published on 30th March, is now at final stage of deliberation in the Seanad. It is expected the bill will be passed before the Dáil recess on 14th July. When enacted, it will provide the legislative underpinning for a range of significant electoral reforms in line with commitments in the Programme for Government – Our Shared Future.

The legislation will bring about many changes in the overall administration of the electoral register. This will benefit both staff working in the Franchise Section of local authorities and members of the public living in the local authority administrative area. Of relevance to local authority's franchise section will be the following:

- A move to a continuously 'rolling' electoral register that can be updated at any time of year
- Preparation of the annual and draft registers and associated statutory timelines will no longer be required
- The requirement for the electorate to include PPS numbers in the register, improving accuracy and integrity of the register.

The Franchise Section of the Dept of Housing, Local Government

& Heritage will commence rollout of software in mid-August, through consultation with the IT Department. They have advised that Monday, 3rd October, is the 'Go Live' date for all local authorities.

The Department intends to launch a significant communications campaign on the benefits of the modernised system and encourage the public to ensure their information is brought up to date, including provision of new information such as PPS numbers and Eircodes.

Communications

The Communications Office communicates and promotes Council activities and services and raises public awareness of issues of local and national interest.

Media releases issued during the month of June included:

- Remembrance ceremony and unveiling of memorial sculpture for deceased children at the Clare County Nursery, Kilrush

- Portrait exhibition on display following Africa Day launch
- Minister Patrick O'Donovan officially opens Ennis South Flood Relief Scheme.

Social Media

The Communications Office monitors and updates social media channels with creative content to enhance engagement with the public and maintain awareness of the work of the Council.

In June, the Communications Office:

- Posted 73 times on Facebook, with total followers now 16,952. The Page reach was 154,349.
- Posted 50 times on Twitter, with total followers now 7,739. Tweets earned 25,187 impressions and 927 engagements.
- Posted 14 times on Instagram with followers now 2,510.

Print and Graphic Design

The print and graphic design service continues to provide services including layout and production.

New website to raise awareness of the life and ideas of Brendan O'Regan



Pictured at the official launch of the new Brendan O'Regan website were: (seated, l-r) Cian O'Carroll, the Brendan O'Regan Biography Project team; Cllr PJ Ryan, Cathaoirleach, Clare County Council; and Brian O'Connell, the Brendan O'Regan Biography Project team; and (standing, l-r) Will Corcoran, IDA Ireland; Elaine O'Malley, the Brendan O'Regan Biography Project team; and Pat Dowling, Chief Executive, Clare County Council.

A new website dedicated to promoting awareness of one of Clare's outstanding innovators, Brendan O'Regan, was officially launched in the Council Chamber in Áras Contae an Chláir on Wednesday, 22nd June.

The Brendan O'Regan website has been developed by the Brendan O'Regan Biography Project team and is sponsored by Clare County Council and IDA Ireland.

The purpose of the new website is to provide, in digital format, comprehensive information regarding the life and ideas of Brendan O'Regan.

Brendan O'Regan's many achievements include setting up

the world's first duty-free airport retail outlet at Shannon Airport. In economic terms, he initiated Ireland's first programme of foreign direct investment in manufacturing, based on a favourable enterprise climate. Internationally, he is acknowledged as the father of the €70 billion a year airport duty-free business. Out of concern for world poverty, he worked closely with bodies such as the United Nations, the World Bank and Irish charity, Trócaire, in their efforts to establish export processing zones, modelled on the Shannon experience, in developing countries.

Speaking at the website launch, Cllr PJ Ryan, Cathaoirleach of Clare County Council, said: "Brendan O'Regan has had a unique influence – locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. His groundbreaking initiatives helped to establish Clare as a county of innovation. The ideas that he developed here in County Clare have travelled far beyond our county and our country.

"His contributions to economic, social and cultural development helped to shape modern Ireland. His vision, determination and innovation helped to establish manufacturing for export markets, and tourism from overseas markets, as pillars of the Irish economy. Brendan's active, behind the scenes role in the Northern Ireland peace process showed that, as well as being an outstanding entrepreneur, he also had a deep concern for humanity."

Brendan O'Regan's daughter, Carmel, and his sons, Declan and Andrew, were guests at the website launch.

The address for the new Brendan O'Regan website is: <https://brendanoregan.ie>

Seven nominees receive Mayoral Awards



Pictured are recipients of the Mayoral Awards with the Cathaoirleach of Clare County Council, Cllr PJ Ryan. Back row (l-r): Mairead Scanlan, Scariff-Ogonnelloe Camogie Club; Cormac McCarthy, Ennis Tidy Towns; Seán Óg Healy; and Patrick Mungovan. Front row (l-r): Patsy Neville, 12 O’Clock Hills project; Cllr PJ Ryan, Cathaoirleach, Clare County Council; Róisín Cahill; and Margaret McMahon, the Samaritans.

Cathaoirleach of Clare County Council, Cllr PJ Ryan, hosted a Mayoral Reception on Thursday, 2nd June, which recognised the outstanding achievements of seven individuals and groups in 2021.

Cllr Ryan hailed the “excellence, bravery and commitment” of the award recipients, who represent a cross-section of the community across Clare.

“I want to take this opportunity to offer my and my Council colleagues’ heartiest congratulations to all of the award recipients,” Cllr Ryan said.

“In varying yet connected ways, all have shown immense commitment, selflessness and dedication by their actions and in their chosen field. I am also delighted to see so many pockets of Clare represented by the award recipients,” he added.

He said that the groups and individuals were an example to everyone in the county.

“What connects everyone who has been nominated for an award is the fact that all have given their time and dedication to making this county a better place. For that they deserve our thanks and respect,” Cllr Ryan concluded.

The seven award recipients are:

- Patrick Mungovan – Water Rescue
- Róisín Cahill – Swimming
- Seán Óg Healy – Covid-19 Public Health Video
- Patsy Neville – Chairman of the 12 O’Clock Hills Project
- Scariff-Ogonnelloe Camogie Club – Munster Senior Camogie
- Samaritans Ennis and Clare – 40 years in Clare
- Ennis Tidy Towns – Ireland’s Tidiest Town 2021.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Work Area	Update
Recruitment	<p>The following recruitment competitions were progressed during June:</p> <p>Eligibility Exercises & Desktop Shortlisting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Officer (Eligibility) • Temporary Assistant Engineers (Eligibility) • Executive Scientist (Eligibility) • IS Analyst Developer (Application Support & GIS Officer) (Eligibility) • Staff Officer (Desktop Shortlisting) <p>Interviews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library Assistant • Healthy County Co-Ordinator • Retained Part-Time Firefighters (Shannon) • Business Advisor (LEO) • IS Analyst Developer • Acting Director of Services • Burial Grounds Caretaker (Tulla & Killawinna) • Part-Time Caretakers Ennis Leisure Facilities <p>The following competitions were advertised:</p> <p>Open Competitions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beach Lifeguards, Supplementary Panel <p>Confined Competitions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acting Senior Executive Officer
Learning and Development	<p>Online Training programmes / Webinars / Information Sessions held in June include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-Day Line Manager Health & Safety Training • 2-Day IPA Building Line Manager Capacity Grade 5 & Analogous • Competency Based Interview Coaching • CPC Module 3 • CSCS Mini Digger New Entrant • Fire Warden Training Practical • Microsoft Outlook & Calendars • Microsoft Teams • Prevention & Management of Aggression • Primary Food Safety Level 2 • Project Supervisor Design Process Renewal • Resilience • Ride on Roller • Road Opening & Reinstatement • Safe Pass • Telescopic Handler Assessment <p>Essential Skillz online Courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cyber Security • Ergowize • Fire Warden Theory • GDPR • Health & Safety Induction • Manual Handling Theory • Treating Customers Fairly • Working in a Covid Era

<p>Learning and Development (ctd)</p>	<p>Green Procurement:</p> <p>The County and City Managers Association (CCMA) endorsed a Local Authority Climate Action Training Plan which calls for “the development of Local Authority climate action leadership and capacities”. The GPP Awareness Webinar is part of this plan and is being rolled out to nominated staff on a phased basis. The numbers of staff that have completed the webinar will be a KPI for reporting purposes.</p> <p>Webinar Access Dates</p> <p>3rd May 2022 – 31st May 2022 - Completed 1st June 2022 – 30th June 2022 - Completed 1st July 2022 – 29th July 2022</p> <p>Next Webinars will be available on the following dates:</p> <p>5th September – 30th September 2022 5th October – 28th October 2022 1st November – 30th November 2022</p>
<p>Employee Welfare</p>	<p>An Employee Health Screening Programme was launched on 20th June and is available to all employees of Clare County Council. The health screen is carried out by Medmark Occupational Healthcare and includes a combination of measurements, blood tests and questionnaires. The programme runs up to 7th July, 2022.</p> <p>Employee wellbeing supports continue to be made available to staff across a range of areas.</p>
<p>Unions</p>	<p>The Human Resources Department engages with Unions on various matters.</p>

Staff Induction with Chief Executive



Meet and greet sessions for new Clare County Council employees to meet with the Chief Executive, Pat Dowling, were held on June 28th and 29th in Áras Contae an Chláir.

Procurement

The following tender competitions were published publicly on eTenders in the period from 25th May to 27th June 2022 incl.:

Short description	Response deadline
Drumandoora Active Travel	24/06/2022
Clare Co Co National road overlays 2022	01/07/2022
Roadford, Ballynalacken & Drehidnalacken Bridges - Rehabilitation Works	17/06/2022
Policy Management and information Security awareness Training solution for Clare County Council	24/06/2022
Supply, installation, commissioning, and maintenance of reconditioned solar powered pay and display parking machines.	06/07/2022
1 No. New 2600kg GVW Diesel or Bio-Diesel 360 Zero Tail Swing Mini Excavator, 3 Buckets & Breaker	30/06/2022
2 No. New 7500kg GVW Diesel or Bio-Diesel Crew Cab Tipper Trucks	30/06/2022
National Road Pavement Overlay N68 Parknamoney 2022	15/07/2022
Testing, Repair, Installation and Removal of Festive Lighting Ennis 2022 and 2023	15/07/2022

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Schools are out, however the summer weather has so far eluded us, but it seems Covid-19 has returned with a noticeable increased prevalence in the community.

We continue to support the response to the Ukrainian crisis with numbers of Ukrainians in Clare ever increasing. This challenge is heightened over the summer season with competing interest for bed nights. The Housing team continue to support the cross-directorate team co-ordinating the response.

HOUSING

Traditionally the summer period would bring a reduction in demand for services, this is not the case in 2022 with sustained high demand for services. This is reflective of the increased cost of living and challenges for those on fixed incomes. We continue to respond to service demand within the constraints of availability.

The housing public counter remains open to the public without appointment from 9am until 1pm and by appointment after 1pm. Customers who require appointments in the afternoon can call 065 6846334 or 065 6849403 to schedule same.

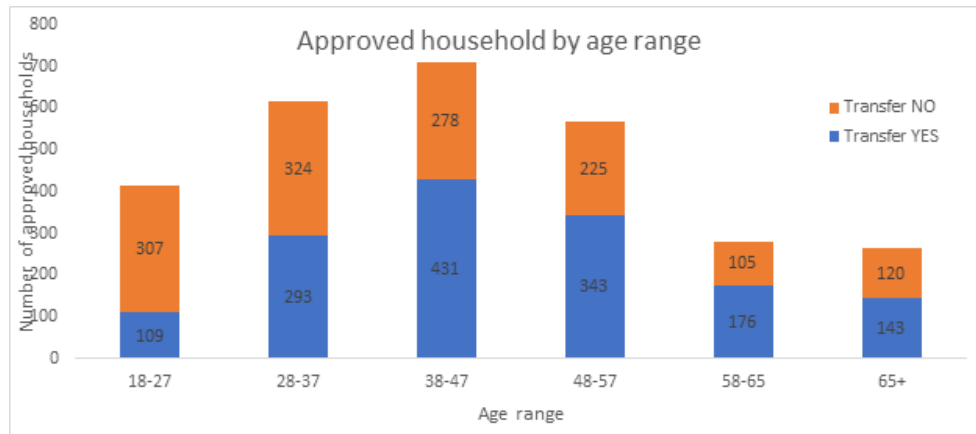
Housing need as of 28/06/2022:



Housing need by Area of choice and number of beds approved

FIRST AREA OF CHOICE (only)	BEDS APPROVED					Grand Total
	1 bed	2 bed	3 bed	4 bed	5 bed	
CLARECASTLE		137	30	10		177
CLONLARA		18	6	2		26
COORACLARE/DOONBEG	2	37	10	2		51
COROFIN/RUAN		54	21	3		78
ENNIS	6	918	181	67	3	1175
ENNISTYMON/LAHINCH	1	112	24	5		142
FEAKLE/SCARIFF/WHITEGATE	1	135	27	4		167
KILDYSART/BALLYNACALLY		24	3	2		29
KILFENORA		6	2			8
KILKEE/CROSS/CARRIGAHOLT		69	11	1		81
KILLALOE		57	10	3		70
KILMALEY		11	3			14
KILMIHIL		9	7	3		19
KILRUSH		95	32	7		134
LISDOONVARNA/BALLYVAUGHAN		39	10	3		52
MEELICK/PARTEEN/WESTBURY		78	35	10		123
MILTOWN MALBAY/MULLAGH/QUILTY		70	12	7		89
NEWMARKET-ON-FERGUS		59	14	4		77
QUIN		16	7	1		24
SHANNON		186	25	14		225
SIXMILEBRIDGE		36	6	8		50
TULLA/KILKISHEN/BROADFORD		35	6	2		43
Grand Total	10	2201	482	158	3	2854

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Housing allocations

The allocations team continues to deliver homes to those in need with 3 new schemes advertised on CBL, allocated and tenancies signed up during June. These schemes are Cnoc na Scoile in Ashline, Cunnie na Bhroic in Tulla and Cluain Greine in Drehidnagower, Ennis. Demand for properties advertised remains high with an average of 150 bids on a property. Weekly updates of properties advertised on CBL is provided to Councillors.

Offers issued from (24.05.2022 to 21.06.2022)	73
Offers refused	3
Tenancies signed up	11
Tenancies terminated	7



Cuinne na Bhroic, Tulla



Cnoc na Scoile, Ashline

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Cnoc na Scoile, Ashline

Housing Tenancies

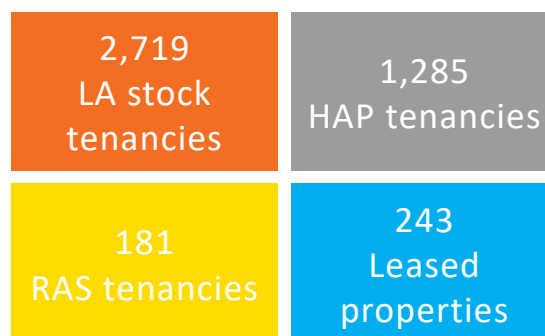
*Breakdown of tenancies by municipal district, (including RAS; long- and short-term leasing; Traveller accommodation & Mortgage to Rent):

Municipal District	PROPERTY STATUS			Total
	Allocated	Occupied	Vacant	
Ennis MD	35	1183	25	1249
Killaloe MD	22	377	9	411
West Clare MD	4	929	38	970
Shannon MD		680	10	691
Grand Total	61	3169	82*	3321

Vacant Stock*	Ennis MD	West Clare MD	Shannon MD	Killaloe MD
Traveller accommodation	4	6	3	0
Derelict properties	0	2	0	1
Projects	1	6	0	0
Casual vacancies	20	24	7	8
TOTAL	25	38	10	9

Average cost of returning casual vacancies to stock in June was €24,234 with an average vacancy period of 135 days.

Tenancies



Estate Management

The Tenancy Enforcement Team continue to undertake regular routine and response calls to tenants to manage and mitigate against complaints of antisocial behaviour.

	June 22	Total year to date
TEO Call Outs	552	3,574

Any matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Estate Management unit can be done so by emailing asb@clarecoco.ie. The working hours of the TEO team are flexible to meet required need, involving working after hours and week-ends as the need dictates. The TEO team can be contacted out of office hours, should the need arise, by contacting the Council Emergency Phone no. (087) 4169496

Private Rented Inspections

Work to achieve the target for private rented inspections (1,025) has accelerated in June with 2 virtual and 56 physical inspections undertaken up to 21st June. This is in line with the work programme set out to ensure target inspection numbers are achieved. The team continue to follow up where properties do not meet the minimum rented standard. Please note a tenant can report substandard private rented accommodation to the Council who will arrange an inspection and follow up to ensure the property is in line with Minimum Rented Standards.

Housing Grants

Grants Approved for June 2022:

Grant type	Number of approvals	Value of works €
Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability	13	167,263
Housing Aid for Older People	12	54,150
Mobility Aids Grant	3	10,740
Total	28	232,153

Local Authority Home Loan

Full details on the Local Authority Home Loan (LAHL) and eligibility criteria including the Loan Calculator and Information Booklet can be found on www.localauthorityhomeloan.ie 2022 to 24/06/2022:

31 Applications Received	10 Loans Approved	1 Loan Drawn Down
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Increased Interest Rate: The Department have informed us of an increase in the interest rates applicable to all loans drawn down after 1st July 2022. The new interest rates will be 2.845% for mortgages up to 25 years and 2.945% for mortgages between 25 and 30 years.

Homeless

Demand for homeless services in Clare are unprecedented for this time of year. At the time of writing emergency accommodation is at capacity with a waiting list in place for access to accommodation. The Council continues to pursue additional emergency accommodation however this is proving challenging due to competing demands for accommodation in the county. The Clare Homeless Action Team (HAT) office is open by appointment during office hours and can be contacted on 065 684 6291.

Clare HAT continue our focus on exits from homeless services and during the period 19th May 2022 to 16th June 2022: 2 households exited from homeless services 2 discharged.

Homeless presentations from 19th May, 2022 to 16th June, 2022:

New presentations	35
Repeat presentations	161
Total Presentations	196

Status as of 16th June, 2022:

	Families	Adults	Dependents	Providers
Laurel Lodge	0	13	0	1
Cusack Lodge	5	5	10	1
Westbrook	0	17	0	1
Ashford Court	9	16	18	1
EA Families	3	3	5	2
EA Individuals	0	6	0	4
TOTAL	17	60	33	10

Ukrainian accommodation response

The Housing team continue to support the accommodation response to displaced Ukrainians. To date a total of 24 suitable vacant pledged properties have been referred to Mid-West Simon for allocation. A further 12 properties have been pledged on a shared basis through the Irish Red Cross and the Council is currently obtaining further details from owners before being allocated.

Vacant properties

The team continue to pursue vacant properties to bring the units back into use as either social housing or for sale to the private market. A number of properties are now the subject of CPO's as all other attempts to address the dereliction were unsuccessful.

Status as at 24/06/2022:

	Owner Engagement	Site Inspections	Website entries
Ennis	2	1	2
Killaloe	4	19	0
West Clare	17		5
Shannon			0
TOTAL	23	20	7

The public are encouraged to register vacant properties on the website www.vacanthomes.ie Properties registered on this website are investigated and assessed for suitability for redevelopment/purchase.

To address dereliction and improve the appearance of towns/villages the Council are pursuing the purchase of older vacant properties under the Buy and Renew Scheme.

Status as at 24/06/2022:

	In Negotiations	Sale Agreed	Tender Stage/ Works in Progress
Ennis	1	2	
Killaloe			
West Clare	8	3	3
Shannon			

On 17th June the Department of Housing issued a circular

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notifying the Council of a pilot extension of the Repair and Leasing scheme. The expansion to the Repair and Leasing scheme (RLS) removes the requirement that a property owner must be unable to fund or access funding to bring vacant properties into compliance with the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2019. This modification applies to certain categories of vacant properties only.

These are:

- Vacant commercial properties
- Vacant units associated with a commercial property (e.g. over a shop)
- Vacant former institutional buildings and
- Unfinished developments where these have been vacant for a significant period of time.

This expansion is on a pilot basis and approval must be granted by the local authority or DHLGH, where appropriate, on or before to 31st December, 2022.

Defective Concrete Blocks

The Housing Department welcomed the inclusion of Clare in the Defective Concrete Block redress scheme having worked closely with the Clare Pyrite Action Group and the Department of Housing for over a year and a half to develop a comprehensive submission which has been successful. The legislation to support this scheme is currently going through the houses of the Oireachtas and the Council awaits the procedural details for administration of the scheme in due course.

Update on capital programme

SHIP Capital	No. approved	Current stage	Start Date	Completion Date
Ashline, Ennis	40	Allocated.	Q3 2020	Q2 2022
Milltown Malbay	27	Under Construction.	Q4 2020	Q3 2022
Tulla	25	Complete and allocated.	Q4 2020	Q2 2022
Roslevan, Tulla Rd.	8	Under Construction.	Q4 2021	Q4 2022
Scarrieff	18	Part VIII Approved. Preparation of Stage 3 ongoing	Q2 2022	Q3 2023
Doonbeg Lands	8	Stage 2 approved by DHLGH. Part VIII has been quashed by the High Court - awaiting the formal High Court order.	Q4 2022	Q4 2023
Clarecastle	2	Stage 1-3 application in progress and will issue to DHLGH.	Q3 2022	Q3 2023
Drumcliff Rd. Ennis	26	Stage 2 approved by DHLGH. Part VIII Withdrawn. Determination issued to ABP and awaiting outcome.	Q4 2022	Q1 2024
Sixmilebridge	15	Stage 2 approved by DHLGH. Preparation of Stage 3 underway.	Q3 2022	Q4 2023
Ennistymon	30	Stage 1 approved by DHLGH. Preparation for Stage 2 underway.	Q4 2022	Q2 2024
Gort Rd. Ennis	20	Stage 1 approved. Preparation of Stage 2 underway.	Q2 2023	Q3 2024
Ballaghboy, Quin Road, Ennis (TA)	5	Stage 1 approved by DHPLG. CENA appointed to support project development.	Q3 2022	Q3 2023
Cluain Gréine, Lifford, Ennis	61	Turnkey acquisition contract signed 30/5/22 CCC have taken possession of 16 units Phase 2 due July 2022 Phase 3 due September 2022	-	Q4 2022
Main Street, Mountshannon	4	Turnkey acquisition complete - Expect to take possession August 2022	-	Q2 2022
Subtotal	289			
Bruachlan, Westbury (CoOperative Housing Ireland)	22	CALF - Property transfer complete, reapply for planning permission	Q2 2022	Q4 2023
Ballymacaula, Ennis (Cluid)	2	Part V – Completed. Sale closed 15th February 2022.	Q3 2020	Q1 2022

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Limerick Road, Ennis (Cluid Housing Assoc)	24	CALF Acquisition – Under construction 9 in Q4 2022 15 in Q3 2023	Q4 2021 Q3 2022	Q4 2022 Q3 2023
Roslevan, Tulla Road, Ennis (CoOperative Housing Ireland)	55	CALF Turnkey (14 units delivered in Q4 2021) 15 units to be delivered in Q1 2022 40 units to be delivered in Q4 2022	Q2 2021 Q4 2021	Q1 2022 Q3 2022
Limerick Road, Ennis (Inis Housing)	18	CALF Turnkey – construction in progress	Q1 2022	Q2 2023
Market Street, Ennis (Peter McVerry Trust)	14	CAS Turnkey – Department approval received	Q1 2022	Q1 2023
Cluain na Laoi, Kilkishen	16	CALF Turnkey – Department approved 6 units to be delivered in Q1 2023 10 units to be delivered in Q4 2023	Q2 2022 Q3 2022	Q1 2023 Q4 2023
Subtotal	151			
Total	440			

SPORTS & RECREATION



There are additional public swim times available for booking on-line during the summer months.

Active Ennis Tim Smythe Park

Relay For Life Ennis returned to Tim Smythe Park on the 18th and 19th of June after a two-year absence due to Covid. There was great support and participation throughout both days, with 16 teams registered. It was heart-warming to see the highest number of survivors participating in the event. The opening ceremony celebrated the 85 survivors who took to the track for the first lap in an emotional and joyful start to the 24-hour event.

The Candle of Hope ceremony took place at 10pm and was very well attended, with approximately 700 people present for the moving ceremony. The track was lined by approximately 900 candle bags, all representing loved ones who have battled cancer. These candles remained lighting throughout the night.

The Relay for Life Ennis 2022 Committee expressed their enormous gratitude to Clare County Council and Clare Civil Defence for their continued support for their family friendly event, particular mention went to all at Active Ennis and Michael Dinan who always maintains the 'Fairgreen' to a very high standard. As Michael retires from Clare County Council they also wished Michael a very long and happy retirement and thanked him for his kind support over the years.

All clubs and patrons are requested to leave facilities as they find them.

Any operational issues or queries can be reported by email to info@activeennis.ie

All sporting activities are welcome at these facilities with pre-booking essential on www.activeennis.ie

Management and the team would like to wish Jackie Coote all the best in her retirement after 40 years' service with Clare County Council. Jackie was a stalwart presence poolside at Active Ennis and there is hardly a child in the county who didn't benefit from Jackie's tutorage. We wish Jackie a long and happy retirement.

Active Ennis Leisure Complex

Clare Community Games finals took place on Friday, 10th June, in the Leisure Complex. Approximately 240 children took part in the event in 31 different categories. The successful swimmers will now go on to National Finals in University of Limerick in September.

Summer camps and Intensive Swim lessons are filling up fast, booking is online for these activities.

Due to continued demand for the Teen Gym sessions an additional slot has been added these are now on Monday to Friday 11am-1pm.



Chair - Mr Tim Forde
Vice - Cllr Ann Norton
Secretary - Ms Deirdre O’Doherty
Treasurer - Mr Eoin Hogan
Directors - Cllr Joe Garrihy
 Cllr Joe Killeen
 Ms Anne Hayes
 Mr Jim Madden
 Dr Paul McKenna

Clare Sports Partnership recently held our AGM which was well supported. The Board elected for 2022/2023 is as follows:

A full list of activities and programmes can be found on www.claresports.ie

CULTURAL SERVICES - LIBRARY, ARTS, MUSEUM & ARCHIVES

Clare County Library

Deliveries continue to those housebound with 23 deliveries made to library members this month.

Online Resources usage for the month – with audio books and Press Reader services most in demand

1182 E-Books	2332 E-Audiobooks	680 E-Magazines
397 Online courses	1995 Press Reader	22 Transparent Languages



Launch of Summer Stars programme, Lees Rd.

Marketing

Social media stats for the month.

	New Followers	Total Followers	No of Posts	Likes	Shares/ Retweets/ Reach	Comments
	82	5686	57	1564	13531	144
	14	2023	36	89	35	0
	9	1652	66	265	4624	10

Total number of live events	99
Total attendances at live events	824
Total number of outreach visits	2
Total attendance at outreach visits	39

Right to Read

Children and their teachers from 2nd class Scoil Chríost Rí, Ennis were special guests at the launch of a Clare County Library story trail at John O’Sullivan Park, Lees Road, Ennis on 13th June.

A Storybook Trail is a fun, educational activity to be enjoyed by all the family and provides an ideal opportunity to build children’s interest in reading while enjoying healthy outdoor walks. The library’s choice for the story trail which serves to launch and promote the annual Summer Stars reading adventure for children is a delightful picture book; “The Same But Different”, written by Emer O’Neill, illustrated by Debby Rahmalia and published in Ireland by Gill Books.

Summer Stars is the public library national summer reading programme for children that runs from 13th June until the end of August. Children are invited to sign up for Summer Stars at any of the fifteen library branches in Clare and on registration they will get a Summer Stars reading card followed by other Summer Stars rewards to encourage continued reading during school

summer holidays. Also, children who take part in Summer Stars 2022 will automatically enter a draw to win an exciting free reading event for their school in the Autumn. One lucky school in Clare will be gifted a visit from best-selling, children's writer Judi Curtin, compliments of Clare County Library.

Creative Ireland

Cruinnú na nÓg is a national day of free creativity for children and young people that takes place in June each year. On Saturday, 11th June, hundreds of children from across Clare took part in free workshops and performances across the county in person and online. This year there were 30 events for children that encompassed all aspects of creativity including dance, theatre, mime, coding, painting, foraging, music, film making and sculpture.

Healthy Ireland

Two yoga workshops that took place in Kilkee and Kilrush libraries with 15 parents and babies in attendance. These events were part of the 'My Baby & Me' programme in the libraries. This is a partnership between Clare Library service and the LCETB.

Decade of Centenaries



Martin Bourke with Helen Walsh, County Librarian, Dolores Meaney, Senior Executive Librarian, and Dr Susan Frawley, Principal of Cratloe NS.

A publication on Nan Hogan was launched at Cratloe School and the author Martin Bourke gave a lecture on Nan in Shannon Library as part of our Decade of Centenaries lecture series. The publication was funded by a Decade of Centenaries grant from Clare County Council.

Clare Archives

The Archives has been accepted for membership through a joint application with Clare County Library by the Digital Repository

of Ireland. This will allow the Archives' digital collections to be accessed through the Digital Repository of Ireland's website, a national digital repository for Ireland's humanities, social sciences, and cultural heritage data.

The Archivist has been working with and processing various collections within the local authority archival collections to allow for effective digitisation. Each month the Archives Service continues to deal with queries from the public wishing to view material in the local studies library from the archives' collection. Staff queries relating to records management retention schedules and archived material within the archives are frequently requested and queried.

The digitisation of material continues. Managers' orders from Clare County Council Archives from various departments are currently being worked upon this month. A previously unseen photograph relating to Eamon De Valera (provenance: Barrett Collection) has been restored and digitised by photographic conservators Davison and Associates Limited. This will be displayed digitally when the collection has been processed and digitised in October/November 2022.

Clare Arts Office

The Arts in Clare slot on Clare FM returned to a regular event of every second Monday at 11.05am.

The Live Local Performance Scheme events continued with 45 events taking place in various locations such as Ballyvaughan, Doolin, Ennis, Ennistymon, Kilkee, Kilrush, Lahinch, Lissycasey, Mountshannon, Scariff and Tulla. The Shannon Summer Music Festival and the Shannon Wings Festival also took place through this scheme.

John Lillis, Ann McBride (Coláiste Mhuire), Ruth Wood (Kilkee NS and Carrigaholt NS) and Nicola Henley (Cahermurphy NS) completed their Artist in Schools residency. Three exhibitions took place in Kilkee, Ennis and Scariff. Zara Starr Madden completed an Arts and Disability project with the Dulick Centre, Ennis and John Lillis and Ana Colomer both finished arts and disability residencies.

Clare Youth Theatre performed "Murder at the Mart" and "Wonderland, A Twisted Tale" in glór as part of Cruinniú na nÓg. Astrid Adler did a mime workshops and Kim Thittichai did an art workshop in Cultúrlann Sweeney, Kilkee. Fidget Feet performed in Scariff. Four Riches of Clare free lunchtime concerts took place. Filming for the River Residency Project took place in Kildysart and work began on the PRISM street art scheme in Ennis and the PRISM Mural at Ennistymon NS was completed.

The Culture Night call out went live. Assistance was given to three production companies doing location shots in the County and the Film Commission series – Engine Shorts – with Film in Limerick premiered the first films.

Social media stats – the Arts Office posted 42 times across social



Astrid Adler Mime Workshop.



Shannon Summer Music Festival.

media platforms reaching 4,172 with 133 engagements. There were 163 posts to social media groups with 571 reactions.

Clare Museum

The Museum is now opened with extended summer hours since the start of June and the Tourist Office has also reopened. Three text panels for the de Valera car were printed and mounted on the walls of the Tourist Office.

The Creative Ireland excavation of a famine-era house was carried out on 11th and 12th June, with the help of 12 volunteers over the two days. There were several new finds including parts of a clay pipe and a coin. The coin will help to confirm

occupation of the site on a particular date, and this information should come to light during conservation. This is a Creative Ireland funded initiative.

A company was selected to design the museum's new website. A group of adult learners visited to view the Clare Embroidery collection while a group from LCETB 'Reading the Landscape' class were also given a tour of the Museum and a talk on the resources. Two groups from Kildysart Community College also visited the Museum. Other groups include Ballyea NS, a creche on the Kilrush Road and two groups from the Ennis Language Centre.

KILLALOE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Cllr O'Callaghan elected Cathaoirleach of Killaloe MD



Cllr Alan O'Callaghan has been elected Cathaoirleach of the Killaloe Municipal District at its Annual General Meeting, held on 24th June, 2022. Cllr Pat Burke was elected Leas Cathaoirleach.

Schedule of Municipal District Works 2022

Works are continuing regarding the delivery of the SMDW 2022. See summary below:

Restoration Improvement Regional	0%
O'Callaghan's Mills Village R466	
Bodyke Junction R352	
Croaghurum R352	
Ballyblood R462	
Restoration Improvement Local	25%
Ballyhickey L7192	
Harrisons' Pub to R-352 L4074	
Craggaska L3180	50%
Dooglaun L8018	
Garruragh L4084	
Merriman, Flagmount L8185	Complete
Bodyke Junction To CCC depot L4066	
Slievanore L8022	Complete
Mountain Park L41301	
Leacarrow Lower L8182	Complete
Cregg Cross to Boleynagoagh North L4036	
Poulagower L80501	
Ardnataggle - ESB L3072	
Clonlea, Kilkishen L7008	
Sallybank L3042	Complete
Ballycuggaraun Pier L8205	
Ballycar South L7062	
Kilcornan L7010	
Woodfield to Ahaclare L30143	

Ballycar North L30321	
Kilmurry to Mart Road L3020	
Old Ballycar Road L7186	Complete
Restoration Maintenance Regional	100%
Whitegate to Derrainey R352	Complete
Scalpnagown to Derryulk R462	Complete
Restoration Maintenance Local	56%
Beakelly to Ballyheefy L4128	Complete
Killuran Beg L7203	
Slieveanore to Corlea L8022	Complete
Crusheen to Tubber L4120	Complete
Harrison Pub to Rathclooney L4074	Complete
Cragroe Cross to Beckman Coulter L8150	Prepped
Toome to Ayle Cross L4056	Prepped
Kilkishen to Nash's Cross L3002	Prepped
Ballycullen to Coolycasey Cross L3018	Complete
Ballycullen L7030	Complete
12 O'Clock Hills L30101	Prepped
Castlecrine to Ballyvorgal L3016	Complete
Rathluby to Kilcornan L7010	Complete
Belvoir to Killanena L7008	Prepped
Ballyblood L7016	Prepped
Toonagh L8178	Complete

Intensive surface dressing works occurred over a two week period in the MD involving all the outdoor staff, the technical team of the Municipal District and Lagan bitumen.



Works have begun on 2 no CIS roads at Kiltannon and Glendree.

Lagan Asphalt will be carrying out the Asphaltic Concrete overlay contract on the Regional Roads in the MD. Works on this contract will commence in late Q2.

Ballycuggeran & Mountshannon

Resources are being deployed at Ballycuggeran/Two Milegate for the summer season. There is a provision of four portaloos at the site to deal with busy periods. Upgrade works have taken place to the toilets in the existing toilet block facility. Westlake Aquapark continues to operate from the park for the Summer

Season. Lifeguards are now on duty at the Blue Flag beach for the summer period.

Active Travel 2022 Summary: Killaloe MD Programme

Project	Status
Tulla footpath remediation	Works ongoing
Tulla connection to athletics grounds	Construction commencement
Droomindoora	Tender adjudication
Quin	Works complete
Clariford Park Connection	At Tender stage
Kilmurry Pedestrian Crossing and Footpaths	Works Complete

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Fund 2022

Killaloe MD have submitted an Expression of Interest for the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure fund Category 2. The submission looks to enhance the access points to the park to make the park universally accessible. It looks to construct a new Pedestrian Crossing across the Regional road to connect two popular public amenities, i.e. Ballycuggeran and Moylussa (Coillte site).

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

TRANSPORTATION

Roadworks Programme and Operations

Clare County Council has received its road grant allocations for 2022. The overall allocation for Roads in the 2022 Roadworks Programme is €48.4million which comprises Transport Infrastructure Ireland, Department of Transport and National Transport Authority grant allocations along with IPBMI and own resource allocations.

The Roadworks Programme for 2022 has been prepared as part of the SMDW for 2022 and has been adopted by all four Municipal District meetings in March.

Rollout of the 2022 programme of work is well under way in all of the Municipal Districts.

Strategic Transportation

Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy

The Draft Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy (LSMATS) document was approved by the National Transport Authority (NTA) Board during the summer of 2020. The LSMATS public consultation, to which all Members were invited, was launched by the NTA on 2nd September, 2020, and was on public display for an eight-week period up to 30th October. There were over 112 submissions during the process which the NTA have considered. The revised Draft LSMATS document was published on 26th April, 2022. There will be a consultation period for six weeks until 10th June. A presentation of the revised draft LSMATS document was made by the NTA to the Physical Development SPC on May 31st, 2022, and a submission on the strategy was made by Clare County Council.

Connecting Ireland

This project commenced in 2021 and is being led by the National Transport Authority. The aim of the project is to improve the public transport service provision in Clare by improving scheduling, dealing with gaps in the service and by introducing new public transport routes. Liaison and information sharing has commenced between the NTA and Clare County Council Municipal Districts and Road Design Section to support the NTA in a comprehensive rollout of the project. The local link from Kildysart to Kilrush was rolled out during 2021 as part of this project by the NTA.

Active Travel Programme 2022

Funding for the Active Travel 2022 programme was announced by the NTA for County Clare on 24th January, 2022. The total allocation for projects across all MDs in the county is €5,298,000.

The following is brief overview of the status of ongoing projects:

- Construction works ongoing in Tulla, Quin, Boston and Ruan
- Construction works to commence in Doolin and Lisdoonvarna
- Tender packages being prepared for Clarisford
- Tenders being assessed for Dromindoora
- Contract award for Kilmaley is imminent
- Statutory processes being undertaken for Spanish Point
- Detailed design being advanced for St Flannan's School in Inagh, Ennis Road in Miltown Malbay
- Preliminary analysis being carried out for Ennis Park and Stride and Ennis Public Lighting
- Concept designs being prepared for Clare Road in Ennis, Tulla Road as part of the Ennis Cycling Network
- Concept designs being prepared for Ballycasey in Shannon and Lissycasey.

Public lighting

Cork County Council published the tender for the Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project in County Clare and four other counties on 1st October, 2020. Following the successful conclusion of the procurement process a contractor has been appointed as the Design Build Works Contract for this regional project. At present 52% of public lights in Clare have been changed to LED through the current maintenance contract.

For the benefit of Councillors, the following are the options available to facilitate reporting of public lighting faults:

- Internet: Direct reporting on our website – <https://enerveo.com/report-a-fault/republic-of-ireland/>
- Phone: Enerveo (Formerly SEE Airtricity) dedicated call centre at 0818-372772
- Local Authority Identification – via Local Authority's website or contact number: <https://www.clarecoco.ie/services/roads-and-transport/road-maintenance-issues/report-a-broken-streetlight/>

Road Design Office

Current Projects: June 2022

It should be noted that this monthly project update is relevant only to the current period and the milestone progressions during that period.

TII Road Safety Projects

A progress meeting with the TII was held on 22nd June, 2022.

Project	Progress Update
TII HD 15 Sites	<p>For the N85:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The revised concept design for Clareabbey roundabout has been approved by the TII. Modelling of the proposed changes and their effects on the traffic flow is necessary and this is being progressed by the TII through their consultant. The TII are of the view that any proposed design for the Lahinch Rd/Shanaway Rd junction should be incorporated in the Active Travel Strategy and plan for the wider area. The RDO carried out an extensive topographical survey of the N85 from Claureen roundabout to the start of the speed limit zone and are currently developing conceptual designs for this area. <p>For the N68:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Derrycrossaun junction is now substantially completed.
TII HD 17 Sites	<p>For the N68:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A topographical survey of the Monvana Rd. junction N68/L2510 is complete and conceptual designs are progressing. Interim measure proposed and being developed for N68/L2138. <p>For the N67:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Topographical surveys of junctions N67/L1022, N67/50222/, N67/L50221 and N67/L1016 now completed, conceptual designs for N67/L50222 and N67/L50221 are completed, and Feasibility Reports are being developed. Conceptual designs progressing for N67/L1022 and N67/1016. Gateway 1 approval has been received from the TII for the proposed safety scheme at Minister Place, Kilkee. A comprehensive traffic and pedestrian surveys were undertaken in early August, a Stage 1 Road Safety Audit has been carried out and CCC and the Auditor are working on issues that arose from audit. This is an integral part of the process and will form part of the Preliminary Design Report for submission to TII. The junction between Mount Charles Terrace and the N67 has been surveyed and a preliminary design to improve visibility has been developed A Stage 1 Road Safety Audit for this junction has been carried out with Minister Place. CCC and the Auditor have yet to discuss issues raised in the report. A Feasibility Report is being prepared for submission to the TII.

Low Cost Safety Schemes 2022

- An application for 2022 LCS Schemes was submitted to the Department of Transport in October 2021. The Department of Transport has allocated a total of €529,000 for safety improvement works on regional and local roads for 2022. The design process for these schemes is substantially completed.

Other Projects 2022

Project	Progress Update
EuroVelo 1	The project is substantially completed. All the signage has now been installed.
Liaison with NTA regarding bus stops	• Construction works for 2021 are completed.
Liaison with NTA regarding bus shelters	• Works on the last remaining bus shelter at Newmarket is complete.
Road Schedule & Queries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Search requests from the public and Municipal Districts regarding the road schedule are being carried out on an ongoing basis. Updates to the roads schedule is carried out as updates are being received.
Cycle and traffic counts	Ongoing monitoring at various locations.
Planning Reports	Planning reports are being provided for the Planning Department on a continuous basis.
Cycle Infrastructure County Clare	Surveying and mapping of the existing cycle infrastructure for the entire county has commenced and will continue as an ongoing project for 2022 feeding into the Clare County Cycling Network Project.
R352 Henchy's Cross Junction	The design is completed and has been issued to the MD for construction. The Department of Transport has allocated €70,000 for 2022 as a Specific Improvement Grant to complete the works commenced in 2021.

National Cycling Network	This is a project initiated by the TII and is being developed in conjunction with the RDO, Clare County Council. This project seeks to develop a cycling network connecting settlements with a population 5,000. At public consultation stage. Presented to Physical SPC in June.
Clare County Cycle Network	Draft strategy commenced in conjunction with the NTA and AECOM. Public consultation expected to commence in late September 2022.
Latoon Cycling Infrastructure	Design substantially completed.



Newmaket on Fergus: Bus shelter.

Bridge Rehabilitation

2022 Bridge Rehabilitation grant is €602,000.

- AA Screening: Currently Preparing Tender Documents for 2022 Bridge Projects. Tenders returned, Consultant appointed. Screening process ongoing.
- Bologhra Bridge: Initial survey complete, Tender documents for consultancy issued and returned, currently being assessed. Consultant appointed. Contractor appointed. NIS completed, environmental issues to be resolved prior to commencing works. NIS sent to Development Applications Unit at the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for comment.
- Killestry Bridge: Works complete. Snagging ongoing.
- Scariff Bridge: Works complete. Snagging ongoing.
- Cavanagh's Bridge: Repair Works out to tender. Tenders returned contractor appointment ongoing. Contractor Appointed.
- Cooraclare Bridge: Repair Works out to tender. Tenders returned contractor appointment ongoing. Contractor Appointed.
- Drumullan Bridge: Repair Works out to tender. Tenders returned contractor appointment ongoing. Contractor Appointed.
- Gortnamearacaun Bridge: Repair Works out to tender. Tenders returned contractor appointment ongoing. Contractor Appointed.
- Ahaclare Bridge: Repair Works Tenders returned contractor appointment ongoing.
- D'Esterres Bridge: Repair Works out to tender. Tenders returned contractor appointment ongoing. Contractor Appointed.
- Annagore Bridge: Repair Works out to tender. Tenders

- returned contractor appointment ongoing.
- Roadford Bridge: Repair Works out to tender. Tenders returned contractor appointment ongoing.
- Ballynalacken Bridge: Repair Works out to tender. Tenders returned contractor appointment ongoing.
- Drehidnalacken Bridge: Repair Works out to tender. Tenders returned contractor appointment ongoing.

Health and Safety

The Health and Safety Team's schedule of Annual Safety Statement and Risk Assessment reviews in addition to their schedule of Safety Inspections is underway for 2022.

The Top Level H&S Objectives approved by the Safety Management Committee in February 2022 have commenced implementation with face-to-face briefings delivered on Health and Safety across a range of Departments and the development of a suite of Safety Posters and supporting toolbox talks.

Bespoke training on the location of underground services is being rolled out in the coming weeks in order to avoid contact with underground services when undertaking excavation works and a further one day Line Manager H&S Training Course is scheduled for the 8th July.

General Design Office

Scarriff Rural Regeneration Project



Following an agreement to purchase the former Supermacs and Merriman Tavern buildings, a building/site survey has been completed. Outline Design proposals are now being prepared with a view to consulting the local community.

Quin Road Campus File Store Shelving/Racking and Lift Installation Tender

Following the appointment of a Building Contractor, work has now commenced on site with a completion date of mid-August 2022.

Kilkee Public Toilet Building

A Building Contractor has been appointed to carry out internal upgrade works on the existing public WC. It is anticipated that works will be completed and the building open to the public by end of July, 2022.



Kilrush Digital Hub

Works on the new Kilrush Digital Hub are complete and the relocation of the existing Hub from the Town Hall will commence shortly.



Town and Village Renewal Schemes

Corrofin Town and Village Renewal Scheme

Topographical survey finalised and on file. Preliminary design investigations ongoing.

Parteen Town and Village Renewal Scheme

Cotter’s plant hire to be awarded contract on the 23.06.22 with works scheduled to start on Monday, 27th June.

Michael Cusack Centre, Carran – The Púca Installation

The Púca has been installed at the Michael Cusack Centre in Carran. Works consisted of upgrade of gravel trails, concrete pad for the statue, installation of limestone plinth and paving and installation of the Bronze statue itself. The unveiling of the sculpture took place on 25th June 2022. The Púca was designed and created by Aidan Harte.



Clonlara Town and Village Renewal Scheme

Topographical survey and preliminary design proposals ongoing.

Sixmilebridge Access Steps Handrail

Tender drawings finalised and approved. Gone for pricing March 2022. Quotation received and approved, awaiting confirmation from contractor.

CAPITAL DELIVERY / PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE

The PMO Section continue to progress a number of major capital projects with the main updates throughout June as follows.

Cloughnainchy Flood Relief Scheme

Consultation with affected residents is ongoing but despite the Councils best endeavours, we still do not have all of the required Land Agreements returned which would allow for these works to progress.

Ennis South Flood Relief Scheme

The Ennis South Flood Relief Scheme was officially opened on Tuesday, 21st June, 2022, by Mr Patrick O’Donovan TD, Minister of State with responsibility for the Office of Public Works, in the presence of Cllr PJ Ryan, Cathaoirleach of Clare County Council, Cllr Clare Colleran Molloy, Mayor of Ennis Municipal District, and Council Chief Executive, Pat Dowling. The ceremony was attended by Councillors from the Ennis Municipal District, Oireachtas Members and representatives from the Office of Public Works, Consultants Ryan Hanley and Contractors Ward & Burke as well as a large gathering of locals and interested stakeholders.

The post scheme flood maps showing the defended areas have now been completed and forwarded to the Office of Public Works for their review and sign off. The OPW will use the information to update their flood maps on the website, floodinfo.

ie. Water level gauges have been installed by a specialist contractor and will monitor the flood levels in the Clareabbey flood plain. This information will be used to inform and manage the operation of the scheme into the future.



Ennistymon Inner Relief Road and Bridge Crossing (Blake's Corner)

The Council have been advised by An Bord Pleanála that their decision confirming, amending, or rejecting the CPO application for this scheme is imminent and will determine our next course of action. If favourable, we will proceed immediately to complete the detailed design and tender documentation required to procure a Contractor for the works.

Errinagh Canal Bank Walkway

The contractor completed our specified schedule of works in June 2022 and a new compacted limestone surface is now in place along a significant section of the original pathway. The remediation works to the toe path have rejuvenated the amenity and have been welcomed by the various users from the local community and the student population. This project was undertaken as an interim measure as the Members will be aware of the proposed larger Greenway/Blueway project proposed from Limerick City to Scarriff which is being progressed presently by Waterways Ireland.



Before: Gillogue Greenway prior to works completed.



After: Gillogue Greenway/June 2022/works complete.

Killaloe Bridge and By-Pass

The Members will be aware of the recent publication of the Government's Inflation/Supply Chain Delay Co-operation Framework Agreement. Following consideration and evaluation of same by the Project Team, a meeting was held with Sisk on 15th June with regard to agreeing the best way forward

to progress the project at the earliest juncture. Sisk have been requested to submit firm proposals regarding programme re-sequencing and optimisation given the seasonal constraints associated with the in-stream works of this project and costs inflation proposals in line with the Framework Agreement. Once this information is received, considered and agreed, it would be hoped to commence construction on site in the coming months.

Other works currently ongoing include:

- The few remaining Land Acquisitions are currently being progressed by Clare County Council and its agents.
- Detailed testing and carbon dating analysis of Archaeological items uncovered during the investigation works carried out on site in 2021 is ongoing. Following the provision of all of these results to Rubicon Heritage Services Ltd, the final reports can be prepared, and a public presentation organised as promised. We would hope to be able to hold this later in 2022.

Kilkee Flood Relief Scheme

A technical meeting regarding wave overtopping along the sea wall was held in mid-June involving members of CCC, OPW and JBA. Further to that meeting, the group met onsite to review the proposed options. The Planning section are assisting regarding protected structures and design options. Additional site investigation works were carried out in early June with further works required which will now be paused until after the busy summer bathing season. The pluvial design has also progressed during the period and options for the Well Road area have been presented to the Steering Group for consideration. The Carrigaholt Road options are nearing completion.

As part of the environmental survey, camera traps were placed at strategic locations around Kilkee. The survey is now complete, and the footage will be reviewed by the consultant with a report due in July. An economic assessment of the various options for the fluvial, pluvial and overtopping alternatives is currently underway. An additional Public Consultation Event shortly after the development of options. As always, scheme progress and next steps are available on the project website at www.kilkeefrs.ie alongside associated scheme literature and the project information video.

Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF)

We are nearing the High Court date of 19th July at which the matters delaying progress on this proposed scheme will hopefully be decided. If the outcome is favourable, we will be able to move forward immediately with further Surveys, Geotechnical Investigations, Detailed design, and engagement with the relevant Landowners regarding acquisition of the necessary lands.

Lough Donnell Culvert Repair works

The Part VIII planning application for these essential repair works to protect the conservation objectives of the Lough Donnell coastal lagoon was approved by the Members of Clare County Council at the June Council Meeting. Work has now commenced on the detailed design and tender documents,

following which, it would be intended to appoint a contractor in Q3 2022 to commence construction works on site.

Miltown Malbay Flood Relief Scheme

Alternative design options are being further considered in order to move forward with this important piece of infrastructure. The selected option may necessitate a further planning application. Once agreement with all affected landowners has been finalised and any approvals if required are in place, we will retender the works to reflect the changing circumstances in the Construction Industry and subject to funding approval, move at pace with the appointment of the successful Contractor.

N19 Shannon Airport Access Road

Phase 3 (Design and Environmental Evaluation) is currently progressing. Nationwide Data Collection Ltd have now completed the traffic surveys and provided the results to the scheme consultants Fehily Timoney for consideration with regard to preliminary junction design. A number of coordination meetings took place separately during June with the Shannon Group and TII regarding access strategies, scheme land-take requirements and construction methodologies and sequencing.

Earth-Sound Geophysics Ltd have also been appointed to complete Archaeology & Geophysical Surveys of the site. The purpose of this survey is to provide information both on the location and extent of any potential geophysical anomalies and to assess the extent and state of preservation of archaeological remains, if present, as part of the process of archaeological assessment and risk management for this scheme.

The results gained from these surveys will assist the further development of the scheme design including the layout and junction arrangements, identifying the lands required for the scheme and the preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment.

Priority Geotechnical Ltd is due to return to site shortly to complete reinstatement and grass seeding of green areas where site investigation works were carried out earlier this Spring. Laboratory testing and analysis of the excavated material from site is currently underway which will then see the conclusion of this site investigations works contract. Phase 3 is expected to take up to mid-2023 to complete. As always, further information and associated literature on the project can be accessed via the scheme website www.shannonaccess.ie

N85 Kilnamona Road Improvement Scheme

We will be running a tender competition for the appointment of Technical Advisors to progress the design development for this scheme in the coming weeks.

Piers and Harbours

Design and procurement works have commenced for the various projects which were allocated funding under the 'Brexit Adjustment: Local Authority Marine Infrastructure Scheme'. These include the following locations: Doonmore Pier, Liscannor Pier, Shannon Estuary, Cappagh Pier, Knock Pier, Labasheeda

Pier and Kildysert Pier. Construction works will commence following this process over the summer months.

Public Realm Regeneration project (Ennis)

The advance works contract involving the Water Mains upgrade by Irish Water and a Medium Voltage cable replacement by ESB Networks continued in June 2022. The works are now complete at High Street and Bank Place and it is planned to complete works along the extent of O'Connell Street between July and September 2022. These works are necessary to ensure the long-term integrity of the towns water and electrical supplies and will minimise the long-term need for future excavation of utilities. Irish Water/Shareridge have a Public Liaison Officer in place and will continue to inform all affected businesses of the works programme.

The Tender documents for the Public Realm element of the works were issued to shortlisted contractors in June 2022 and we await the return of same, following which, we would expect to award the Contract later in the summer with the successful Contractor commencing on site in late September. Regrettably, there will be disturbance experienced during these works, but this is unavoidable, and every effort will be made to minimise it as much as possible. We will engage with Elected Members and affected Business owners/Residents as the work progresses to keep everyone informed of developments.

Quin Flood Relief Scheme

The standstill period consequent on the Members approval of the Part VIII application at the May monthly meeting for this scheme is expiring in early July, following which, we will be able to tender for the procurement of Contractors to carry out the works at the earliest juncture. Works are programmed to commence in Q3 2022, and we are in discussion with the OPW regarding the possibility of their Direct Labour workforce assisting with part of the required construction works. In the meantime, we are currently in the process of finalising the formal Land Acquisition Agreements with the affected landowners.

Remediation of sites containing ACM

Due to Diary Conflicts of some key personnel, Contract documents with respect to appointment of technical advisors are now scheduled for signing in July 2022. This will allow design development to progress and for the preparation of tender documents for the main works contract. The sites continue to be routinely monitored and maintained as required by Council staff in accordance with our agreed approach following consultation with the EPA.

Shannon Town & Environs Flood Relief Scheme

RPS continue to refine their hydraulic model, the findings of which they presented to the steering group on 21st June. Comments on the draft Hydrology Report have been issued to the consultant and it has been agreed that further amendments to the report will be paused pending the issue of the draft Hydraulic Report.

The RPS environmental team have prepared a programme of

surveys for 2022 following the site walkover in April. Shannon Groups maintenance works to the western embankments are ongoing and expected to be complete by late summer/early autumn. A further coordination meeting with the N19 Airport Access Road Project will be organised in the coming weeks on crossover areas of mutual interest and benefit. Issue 2 of the Project Newsletter is available on the project website along with further information on the scheme at www.shannontown-andenvironsfrs.com

Springfield, Clonlara FRS

Construction works continue at pace on the embankments which are 75% complete at this stage. The main culvert on the Illaunyreagan stream is now installed. Precast reinforced concrete sections of culvert were installed using a crane operating on a purpose-built platform. The design of the sump for the pumpstation is underway. Pumps and associated specialised fittings and pipework for the scheme have been ordered. Well surveys are in progress and environmental and water monitoring is ongoing as. Work has begun on the land raising area to the north of the embankments. The scheme is progressing well despite the poor weather experienced at the end of June and is due for completion in late October/early November 2022.

West Clare Railway Greenway (Section 1: Kilrush to Kilkee)

Clare County Council continue to progress the project in accordance with the 'Code of Best Practice for National & Regional

Greenways'. Following a recent tender competition for the appointment of an Independent Agronomist, Clare County Council have identified the successful tenderer and are in the process of appointing the preferred Tenderer subject to TII approval. In tandem, ecological field surveys and preparation for 'Public Consultation 2' are underway. 'Public Consultation 2' is planned for September 2022 and will involve displaying the 'Route Corridor Options' and inviting feedback from members of the public and affected landowners.

West Clare Railway Greenway (Section 2: Ennis to Ennistymon)

Clare County Council is preparing for 'Public Consultation 1' which will involve displaying the study area and inviting feedback from members of the public and landowners. It is planned to commence 'Public Consultation 1' in September 2022. Ecological desk studies have commenced. Data gathering has commenced which will input into subsequent business cases for each section. As always, we welcome comments or suggestions from members of the public which can be emailed to pmoadmin@clarecoco.ie.

White Strand Miltown Malbay, Coastal Protection Minor Works

Following completion of the Preliminary Design and Options Selection Report, we are awaiting a meeting with the relevant section of the OPW to agree the next steps of development for this project.

FIRE & BUILDING CONTROL SECTION

Recent Training Courses

The following brigade training courses were held during June:

- Hydra Tactical Decision Making Course held in Clonmel.

Delivery of 2 Second Hand Scania P270 Class B Fire Appliances

Clare County Fire & Rescue Service took delivery of 2 Second-hand Scania P270 Class B Fire Appliances. The appliances were

purchased from Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service following a procurement process. Modification works were carried out on the appliances by Wilker Auto Conversions in order that the appliances would be very similar in layout to other appliances in the fleet and to allow for inter-operability of appliances between different stations. The appliances will improve the age profile of Class B Fire Appliances within the Brigade. They will initially be based at Ennis and Kilkee Fire Stations.



N18 Cross-over Trial Exercise

The N18 is a national road of strategic national importance, providing a direct connection between County Limerick, County Clare and County Galway whilst interconnecting all three regions with Shannon International Airport which is a growing centre of employment and economic activity.

To ensure ongoing resilience of this corridor, an exercise took place on 29th June with the emergency services, An Garda Síochána and Fire Services in collaboration with Clare County Council and Transport Infrastructure Ireland’s road maintenance contractor, Colas Joint Venture. This training exercise will temporarily implement emergency cross-overs and contra flow traffic arrangements required to manage serious incidents on the N18 between Junction 5 Cratloe and Junction 6 Bunratty.



N18 Crossover Exercise – Ballymorris Section. Photo: Pat Flynn.



N18 Crossover Exercise – Agency Representatives. Photo: Pat Flynn.



N18 Crossover Exercise – Setrights. Photo: Pat Flynn.

Fire & Building Control Section Main Activities	May 2022	June 2022 (Up to 27.06.22)	Year to Date 2022
Number of Emergency Calls Attended	71	70	488
Number of Fire Safety Certificates Received	7	17	49
Number of Fire Safety Certificates Granted	5	5	37
Number of Fire Safety Certificates Invalidated	0	1	1
Number of Disability Access Certificates Received	5	11	32
Number of Disability Access Certificates Granted	2	3	25
Number of Commencement Notices Received	39	24	193
Number of Dangerous Structures/Places Complaints	1	2	8

(Note: In the June Monthly Report, the May figures related to 1st to 27th May due to timing of report.)

Clare Civil Defence

Operational Duties

Civil Defence provided medical cover for the following events:

- Teenage Discos held in the Queens Hotel, Ennis, as part of a joint initiative between Clare CD and An Garda Síochána.
- Clare v Laois Minor Hurling Championship match in Cusack Park.
- Clare v Meath Senior Football Championship match in Cusack Park.
- Vintage Car Rally in Newmarket On Fergus.

- Spencilhill Horse Fair.
- Triathlon held in Kilrush.
- Cycle Race in Clarecastle.
- Clarecastle Regatta (Safety Boat & Rescue Watercraft Cover also provided).
- 24-hour medical cover for the Relay for Life (members also supplied and erected/disassembled tents for participating relay teams).

Civil Defence also provided the following operational duties:

- Members assisted Clare Animal Welfare to safely recover

- an injured bird from the bank of the River Fergus in Ennis.
- Members provided transport for two patients to hospital appointments in Ennis and Limerick.
- Members provided orientation of the Ukrainian Displaced Persons Rest Centre to Clare County Council employees.

Members Training & Professional Development

- Members attended training sessions for Emergency

Medicine, Radio Communications, Swiftwater Rescue and Search & Rescue.

- Three members successfully completed the written test for their Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Exams.
- 28 Ukrainian Displaced Persons have taken up residence in the Rest Centre on the Quin Road and as a result, weekly training has been suspended due to the large resources required to staff the centre.

ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Awareness

An Taisce Blue Flag Programme

During June four Blue Flag Beach awareness sessions took place at Ballycuggeran and Whitestrand, Miltown Malbay, with four primary schools – Annagh NS, Scoil na Maighdine Mhuire (Newmarket on Fergus), St Joseph’s National School (Miltown Malbay) and Ogonnelloe NS

Students learned about water quality and catchment science, water safety as well the importance of planning ahead and leaving no trace when visiting Clare’s Blue Flag and Green Coast Beaches.



National Food Waste Recycling Week 2022

National Food Waste Recycling Week 2022 ran from 30th May until 6th June. Clare County Council participated in the national social media campaign and made available free My Waste Ireland Food Waste Kitchen Caddies/Kits during this week at:

- Áras Contae an Chláir (Ennis)
- West Clare Municipal District Offices (Kilrush and Ennistymon)
- Shannon Municipal District Office
- Killaloe Municipal District Office (Scariff).



Water Enforcement and Scientific Services

The table below summarises the work of the scientific team to date in 2022.

Water Enforcement Scientific Team	June 2022	Jan-June 2022
Planning applications (Domestic)	33	232
Planning applications (Large Developments)	0	16
Planning applications (Forestry)	7	59
Planning applications (Agriculture)	0	9
Inspection of Section 4 licenced premises	0	12

Domestic Wastewater Treatment Plant Inspections (NIP Plan)	2 Re-inspections	38
Pollution complaints received	13	72
Warning & advisory letters issued	0	5
Enforcement actions (\$12 issued or number of 'active' cases)	0	0

Laboratory and Technical Support

The bathing season officially commenced on 1st June with the preseason samples taken in the last week of May. Fourteen designated bathing areas will be monitored throughout the season until 15th September next. The 14 designated areas are listed below.

Designated Bathing Area Monitoring Locations 2022

Bishopsquarter	Kilkee
Fanore	Carrigaholt
Lahinch	Cappagh Pier (Kilrush)
Whitestrand (Milltown)	Ballyallia
Spanish Point	Mountshannon
Seafield Quilty	Ballycuggeran
Whitestrand (Doonbeg)	Seafield Quilty

Under the Bathing Water Quality Regulations 2008 (SI No 79 of 2008), Clare County Council invited the public to comment on the existing designated bathing areas and to make submissions in relation to potential new designations. Advertisements were placed on the Council website and in the local media. Closing date for submissions to Clare County Council is 9th June, 2022, and can be posted to Environment Section, Clare County Council, Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare or submitted by email to enviroff@clarecoco.ie.

Bathing Water Quality Report

The EPA report on bathing water quality in Ireland in 2021 was published in this month. All of County Clare’s monitored beaches received excellent water quality status.

Bathing Water Quality Status for 2021

Location	Status
Bishops Quarter	Excellent
Fanore	Excellent
Lahinch	Excellent
Whitestrand Miltown	Excellent
Spanish Point	Excellent
Seafield	Excellent
Whitestrand Doonbeg	Excellent
Kilkee	Excellent
Carrigaholt Beach	Excellent
Cappa Pier	Excellent
Ballyallia Lake	Excellent
Mountshannon	Excellent
Ballycuggeran	Excellent

River Monitoring Programme 2022

The Environment Section has completed the fifth round of river

water sampling in May. Our sampling programme has been agreed in advance with the EPA.

Drinking Water Monitoring

Clare County Council is required to sample and analyse all public water supplies including public supplied Group water schemes as part of the Service Level Agreement. The level of monitoring required is agreed with Irish Water and is based on the population served. The monitoring is spread evenly throughout the year with all analysis results forwarded to IW in the agreed format.

Wastewater Treatment Plants

Laboratory Staff in conjunction with Area based Technicians monitor all Licensed and Certified discharges for compliance with their discharge limits. In Clare, monitoring varies from monthly to twice yearly, based on population served. Monitoring is spread throughout the year with the second round completed in February.

Gardening

All planned seasonal and summer planting works were completed during June, with these efforts aimed at providing colour and vibrancy throughout the summer to come.

The Gardening team aided Rural Development and the West Clare MD by preparing and installing a number of planters at the Michael Cusack Museum, Carron, in advance of the unveiling of the Púca statue in June. Given the location and context, a strong emphasis was placed on pollinator friendly species and plants which complimented the natural beauty of the surrounding Burren landscape.

In support of outdoor dining and businesses, the gardening team is finalising planting of containers that shall be located at various locations around Ennis Town. This work is being undertaken in conjunction with Ennis MD and is based on the successful roll out of such measures in previous years.

Waste Management

Doora Landfill

The Environment Section are currently working with Clare Camogie regarding the planned improvement and upgrading works to the existing playing pitch’s at the Doora Landfill site.

Proposed works over the coming years will include drainage and extension of the training pitch, installation of a new stand on the main pitch and improvement of parking areas. All proposals will need to be approved by the EPA in order to comply with the site licence.

Recycling Centres:

A number of Safety Audits have been carried out by the HSA at various recycling centres around the county. The feedback was positive with only a small number of recommendations detailed within the inspector's report.

Waste Enforcement

Audio warning devices

New audio devices were purchased and installed by our Waste Enforcement Team. These devices are solar powered, motion triggered and remind dog owners to clean up after their dog(s). They are currently in place at the following popular dog walking locations:

- The Pollock Holes, Kilkee
- Seafield Beach
- Lahinch Beach
- The Estuary Walkway, Shannon
- Clareabbey Greenway
- Ballycuggaran Beach.

These units are mobile and will be alternated throughout the county at identified dog fouling black spots. Footpath stencilling reminding dog owners to clean up after their dog is also being used by our Waste Enforcement Team.

Funding for this project was obtained under the Anti-Dumping Initiative. Other ADI projects are underway, including clean-ups, signage, bin enclosures, amnesty days and awareness campaigns.



Bicycle Recycling Scheme for Ukrainian Refugees

A bicycle recycling scheme to provide bicycles to Ukrainian refugees in County Clare is underway. The public can drop off bikes in need of minor repairs to our Recycling Centres at Ennis, Scarriff, Shannon, Lisdeen and the CWMF at Inagh. Funding has been secured to carry out minor repairs and the first batch of bikes is ready for distribution. This project is being carried out in conjunction with Clare Sports Partnership and Clare Local Development Company.

Liaising with Tidy Towns Groups across County Clare

The adjudication of Tidy Towns competitions is underway across the county. Our community wardens continue to work with local groups to support them.

Enforcement of Beach Bye Laws

Our community wardens are on patrol at weekends at our coastal beaches to monitor compliance with the Beach Bye Laws. The wardens liaise with the public, informing and advising on the requirements of the Beach Bye Laws, paying particular attention to Dog Control and Dog Fouling issues. The wardens educate and inform the public and will issue fines if offences occur.

Environmental Monitoring (Illegal Dumping/Litter)

The Waste Enforcement Team continued to respond to complaints relating to waste and litter in June to date. These are currently being investigated and closed out.

Fines and Directions issued under the Waste Management Act 1996, As Amended and Litter Pollution Act 1997, As Amended

A total of 2 litter fines were issued in June. A further 2 fines were issued under S.I. No. 821/2007 - Waste Management (Facility Permit and Registration) Regulations 2007 for failure by a haulier to produce a copy of their Waste Collection Permit when requested to do so on an inspection, and for failure to display their Waste Collection Permit Number on the vehicle.

Notifications of Controlled Burning

In June, under the Waste Management (Prohibition of Waste Disposal by Burning) Regulations 2009, 3 notifications of intention to burn were received and processed.

Blue Flag Awards

The Blue Flag is one of the world's most recognised eco-labels. Beaches and marinas that achieve this accolade must comply with a specific set of criteria relating to water quality, information provision, environmental education, safety and beach management. In order to qualify for this prestigious award, a series of stringent environmental, educational, safety-related and access-related criteria must be met and maintained. At beaches, the bathing water must comply with the excellent standard in accordance with the 2006 EU Bathing Water Directive.

The Green Coast Award is a symbol of environmental excellence. The award is for beaches which have excellent water quality, but which are also prized for their natural, unspoilt environment. Clare has been awarded 9 Blue Flag and 4 Green Coast Awards for the 2022 bathing season.

Blue Flags: Cappa Pier, Kilkee, Whitestrand Doonbeg, Whitestrand Miltown, Spanish Point, Lahinch, Fanore, Ballycuggaran, Mountshannon

Green Coast Awards: Carrigaholt Beach, Ballyallia Lake, Seafield, Bishops Quarter.

WATER SERVICES

Annual Service Plan

The Water Services Section of Clare County Council continues to deliver the water services function as per the Service Level Agreement and the 2022 Annual Service Plan with Irish Water. All protocols and working procedures relating to Covid 19 are being adhered to in the delivery of the service.

Future Delivery of Water Services.

The WRC published a framework document on 24th June for the future delivery of water services for consideration by the relevant parties. This framework document will assist in ensuring a stable operational environment is maintained as the water sector completes the transition to a national water services authority.

Water Services Operations

Water and Wastewater Operations

The following statistics provide an indication of the level of activity / work being carried out by the water and wastewater teams throughout the county from 26th May, 2022, up to and including 23rd June, 2022. The figures do not, however, reflect the time invested by the teams which is required to resolve each complaint/issue.

- 25 Customer Complaints were dealt with and closed out
- 1 Emergency Work Order was received during the timeframe
- 314 Reactive Maintenance Work Orders were dealt with and closed out
- 2 Customer Asset Flooding Work Orders were received during the period
- 141 Service Requests (SRs) were raised for Field Requests and Follow On Work Orders for Reactive Maintenance work
- 26 Outage Notices were placed on the IW portal during the period. 23 for unplanned burst water mains and water outages. 3 Communication notifications issued for water supply flushing.

Water Operations

In the Mid-Clare Area, outages occurred at the following locations:

- Lissane , Clarecastle– Burst Watermain
- Newpark Road, Roslevan – Burst Watermain
- Cappalawn Ennis – Burst Watermain
- Westfields, Clare Road – Burst Watermain
- Skehanagh Cross, Clarecastle – Burst Watermain
- Various leak repairs from SES – Cloughleigh
- Claremount, Clarecastle – Burst Watermain
- Kilkeedy x 2 – Burst Watermains
- Clon Road/Clare Road – Burst Watermain at Captain Macs Cross
- Clonroadmore Rising main – Burst Watermain
- Dalcassian Park – Burst Watermain
- Remedial Action List upgrade ongoing in Corofin Water

Treatment Plant

- Ongoing Meter Installations/Replacements for Non Domestic Programme
- Shareridge watermain replacement - O'Connell Square/ Street Ongoing
- Tankering to Carran WTP during dry spells in June.

Major Outages for West Clare Area for period below:

- Leak Lisdeen 9" A/C (A/C asbestos cement)
- Clonreddan 9" A/C
- Doonmore Doonbeg 9" A/C
- Ahybridge Mullagh 2" O B
- Doonbeg 9"A/C
- Coore 12" A/C
- Carrigaholt 4" Waven
- Bog Road Kilmihil 2" O B
- Bog Road Kilmihil 2" O B
- Glascloune Doonbeg 5" A/C
- Tarmon Kilkee 9" A/C.

Major Outages for North Clare Area for period below:

- May Lisdoonvarna
- Gills Cross leak
- Ennistymon leak
- Turlough Distribution main Leak
- Miltown leak
- Bellharbour leaks.

Major Outages for East Clare and Shannon Area for period below:

- Shannon Town – Burst Watermain
- Kilmurry to Quin Road (Craganowen) x 2 – Burst Watermain
- Shannon Industrial Line – Burst Watermain
- Drumgeely, Shannon – Burst Watermain
- Smithstown, Shannon– Burst Watermain
- Bunratty – Burst Watermain
- Sooreeny, Sixmilebridge – Burst Watermain
- Westbury, Shannon Banks – Burst Watermain
- Oak House, Mountshannon – Burst Watermain
- Tulla Step Testing.

Water Conservation

- Leak Detection Works – East Clare – Shannon, Quin
- Leak Detection Works – Mid Clare – Clarecastle, Sandfield, Courthouse DMA
- Leak Detection Works – North Clare – Acoustic Logger Installation – Kilfenora DMA & Kilshanny DMA
- Leak Detection Works – North Clare – Lahinch DMA, Liscannor DMA & Moy DMA
- Fix Operation – Various locations – Kilfenora & Mountshannon
- Larsens – Find crew – Cloughleigh DMA & Tulla Road DMA
- SES – Find crew – Killaloe DMA & Tulla DMA.

Wastewater Operations

Two rising main breaks occurred on the foul rising main in Kilkee on 15th and 18th of June. The breaks were successfully repaired by the West Clare Operations Crews without any disruption to service or negative environmental impact.

Works are progressing well on the new Kilkee twin rising main project with completion on target for July 2022. Replacing the ageing rising mains with new and improved modern pipes will greatly reduce the risk of bursts causing disruption to service or water quality on the beach.

Upgrade works at the Clareabbey WWTP are ongoing with good progress made in the past month. Works on the new storm water tank are well underway with precast panels now in-situ.



Irish Water Capital programme Kilrush Wastewater Treatment Plant

The new scheme will comprise of a new wastewater treatment plant near Skagh Point, a new rising main, additional storm storage and upgrade of the existing Francis St pumping station. Construction works are ongoing at the site of the new WWTP. The storm tank floor slab was completed. The administration building blockwork commenced. At the Frances Street pump station site relocation of the overhead ESB line commenced and when this is complete work on excavation of the storm tank can proceed. Completion of the scheme is due in mid-2023.

When complete, this scheme will end the discharge of raw sewage to the sea near Skagh Point.

Clarecastle Sewerage Scheme

This scheme consists of a new pumping facility at Quay Road and new rising main from Quay Road to connect to the Clareabbey Wastewater Treatment Plant inlet.

Shareridge commenced with construction of the rising main from Clareabbey wastewater treatment plant towards the point where it joins the R458 opposite Maxol. Works on the rising main and pump station are programmed to be substantially complete by the end of November.

The rising main will be connected to the WWTP inlet works. When complete this project will end the discharge of raw sewage to the Fergus at the Quay in Clarecastle.

Liscannor Wastewater Treatment Plant

Construction of the Liscannor wastewater treatment plant and the new pumping station is on-going. The scheme will comprise of a new wastewater treatment plant at Corcomroe, a pumping station adjacent to John P Holland Park, rising main, gravity sewer and connection to the existing outfall. At the WWTP the Civils crew formed and poured footpaths. Mechanical works continued with the installation of penstocks. The Electrical crew was onsite, installing emergency stop platforms. At the pump station, site finishing works took place with preparation for final reinstatement. Manholes were finished. The existing boundary wall was opened up for creation of the permanent entrance.

Completion of the scheme is due in early 2023. When complete, this scheme will end the discharge of raw sewage to the sea near the pier in Liscannor.

Ballyvaughan Wastewater Treatment Plant

A new wastewater treatment plant, pumping station including pipework extensions are proposed in Ballyvaughan. EPS is the Design/Build Contractor. Design work is ongoing. The NIS is due for completion at the end of June. A Landscape Architect has been appointed to the scheme and draft proposals are being prepared in relation to screening of the site. Workshop 4 is planned for October. Following on from the planning process and planning approval, construction is anticipated to commence in late 2023 with completion in mid 2025.

Kilkee Wastewater Treatment Plant

A new wastewater treatment plant, pumping station and rising main are planned for Kilkee. EPS is the Design/Build Contractor. It is planned to continue the use of the existing sea outfall at Intrinsic Bay. Design of the treatment plant, pump station and rising mains is ongoing. Preparation of the NIS and all required assessment reports are underway. Further site investigation, topographical survey, ecology and archaeological surveys are required and are planned for early July. Following on from the planning process and planning approval, construction is anticipated to commence by Q3 of 2024 with completion in late 2025.

Ennistymon and Lahinch Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade

The site selection report and the feasibility study report will be finalised in July. A single site for a WWTP between Ennistymon and Lahinch is the recommended solution. The Consultants will then commence work on selecting a location for the WWTP and commence studies on a new sea outfall.

Newmarket on Fergus Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade

It is proposed to construct a new pumped 400mm diameter rising main which would outfall to the Rine River thereby ceasing discharge of treated effluent from the existing wastewater treatment plant to the Lough Gash turlough. The NIS is being finalised. Discussions have taken place with TII in relation to routing the rising main through Dromoland interchange. Workshop 4 will be held in mid July and it is anticipated that the planning application for the scheme will be lodged shortly after. Following planning approval construction is anticipated to commence in early 2023 and be completed by mid-2024.

Kilfenora Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade

Construction is continuing on the WWTP scheme. Hydrostatic testing and backfilling around the tanks have taken place. The Storm tank floor and walls were constructed and roof sections were lifted into place. The project is anticipated to be completed in mid-2023.



Remedial Action Lists Water Treatment Plant Upgrades

Ward and Burke Construction Ltd have been appointed by Irish Water to undertake the Clare Remedial Action List (RAL) Upgrade contract. The project includes for the upgrade of three plants currently on the Environmental Protection Agencies remedial action list.

1. New Doolough Water Treatment Plant – This plant is the regional treated water source for West Clare covering the large geographical area in the county and the third largest plant by volume produced. The project will modernise the treatment technology at the plant which will allow it to achieve the desired

quality of output during events which cause high turbidity at the source. Works to upgrade filters numbers 3, 4, 5 & 6 have been completed with work coming to completion on filters 1 and 2. The sludge thickener and lamella clarifier construction has been completed. Installation of the new sludge press is currently underway. The intended completion date is August 2022.

2. Corofin Water Treatment Plant – this plant provides water to the town of Corofin. The project will modernise the treatment processes on site which will enable production of water to the desired standard during high turbidity events in the source lake. Works are nearing completion with the main treatment process now complete and ready for testing with the sludge handling process to be constructed in Phase 2 (May 2022 to August 2022) once the temporary plant is removed. Work is underway to finalise the SCADA and to detail the testing of the new equipment. Completion is expected by August 2022.

3. Ballymacraven Water Treatment Plant – this plant provides water to the North Clare Region, including Ennistymon, Lahinch, Lisdoonvarna, Doolin and Ballyvaughan. The project will modernise the treatment processes at the plant as well as bringing the plant production capacity to the required level. Design work is ongoing, and it is expected that construction will commence July 2022.

Rockmount Water Treatment Plant/Reservoir

These works involve the decommissioning of the existing water treatment tanks and installation of a new concrete storage reservoir and associated siteworks. The Rockmount area is supplied with treated water from the old Doolough Water Treatment plant and the existing Rockmount plant no longer operates. Additional storage capacity is required to provide network stability and quality of service. Construction of the reservoir base has commenced. The anticipated completion is Q3 2022.

Rehabilitation of Watermains

The following watermain rehabilitation projects are currently programmed :

1. Shannon Town, replacement of 300mm trunk main along edge of R471 at an Bóthar Mór – at design stage
2. Lifford Road, Ennis – Installation of new main to replace backyard services – at design stage.

Clareabbey Wastewater Treatment Plant Inlet and Storm Tank Upgrade Works

Work at this location includes the construction of a new inlet works and screens, and a new storm tank. The inlet works will provide improved screening of materials coming into the plant to both protect and optimise the downstream treatment process to improve discharge standards. The stormwater tank will allow capture of flow during rainfall events for later treatment through the plant. The work will also involve the construction of a new ESB substation. The contractor has moved onto site and works have commenced with the inlet works walls now poured and the precast walls for the stormwater tank now erected. The

project is expected to be complete in Q1 2023.

Clonroadmore & Clareabbey Wastewater Treatment Plants

A project has commenced to examine the two wastewater treatment plants serving Ennis to ensure adequate capacity is available to cater for the future growth and development. The output of this stage of the project is a feasibility study report which will inform the decision on the most appropriate option to develop capacity in the plants. PE design reports have been completed and agreement sought from Irish Water asset planning to the figures as presented. The consultant will then proceed to prepare an options report for each plant.

Ennis Drainage Area Plan

This project involves the gathering of all available data on the wastewater network in Ennis and surveying and monitoring of flows in the network. This information will be used to build a hydraulic model of the network. The hydraulic model can be used to model future growth in the town and accurately identify where upsizing of pipework/pumping infrastructure might be required. It will also be used to identify where groundwater is infiltrating into the network adding unnecessary additional loading. It will allow Irish Water to have confidence in obtaining the best value for money on network improvement. The project is at tender assessment stage with study works commencing in 2022.

Asset Transfer

Following an assessment of the water and wastewater networks in County Clare, 381 sites have been identified for potential transfer to Irish Water to date. Following on site surveys, 64 of these assets have been determined to be non-operational assets which Irish Water will not accept. Of the remaining 317 assets, 209 have now been fully transferred or recommended for transfer to Irish Water.

The 108 assets remaining to be transferred are divided into the following four categories:

- **Report prepared / Pending/ Internal Query (14 assets)**

These consist of assets for which a report is being prepared or which need further investigation or information /approval from another council section to proceed. At present there are 7 assets under further query and 7 reports ready to issue to Irish Water.

- **National Special Projects Office (NSPO) (60 assets)**

This is a department within Irish Water dealing with special projects which includes facilitating the Asset Transfers from Local Authorities. The majority of assets in this category are folios under third party ownership but where long standing use and some evidence of previous land dealing is present. Irish Water are now advocating that property in long term

operational possession but not in the Council name be obtained by the adverse possession process. Circular L1 2022 has confirmed department support for this approach. All assets which have not yet transferred will be examined to see if they can be progressed using this method.

- **Property Registration Authority Ireland (1 assets)**

At present there are no assets submitted to the PRAI to be subdivided.

- **Outstanding assets to be reported on (33 assets)**

These are 3rd Party/Unregistered assets. To transfer these, detailed searches through historical Councils records are required in order to submit to Irish Water for their consideration on the best approach to proceed with. Many of the remaining assets have been examined and various routes being explored to close these out.

Rural Water Programme

Works are continuing under the Multi Annual Rural Water Programme with the upgrading of service fittings on the Leitrim Shyan GWS. Tender submissions for the upgrade of 4km of mains on the Ballycar GWS are due in early July and it hoped to appoint a contractor to the works in mid – late July. A contractor has been appointed for the connection of dwellings on the existing private Portdrine GWS to the public Portdrine No.2 GWS and works shall commence in the near future pending licences and approvals by the TII. Further upgrade works were completed on the Mountrivers Group Sewerage Scheme with the installation of a new electrical panel and additional operational measures.

Invitations for the submission of bids for the 2022-2024 Multi Annual Rural Water Programme by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage are still awaited. Engagement continues with GWS's wishing to progress works under the upcoming programme.

The Annagh North GWS (Miltown Malbay) was submitted by Clare County Council for taking in charge by Irish Water in June.

32 no applications have been received to date in 2022 under the 'Grant for Improvement Works to a Private Water Supply'.

The Rural Water Team continues to work with group water schemes to ensure their members have a robust and sustainable quality and quantity supply of water available to them.

Measure A8 Unsewered Towns and Villages

A workshop was held with the Dept of Housing Local Government and Housing on 15th June and further clarifications on the scheme will issue shortly from the Dept to enable bids to be submitted for funding prior to the 15th September deadline.

ENNIS MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Clr Colleran Molloy elected Mayor of Ennis Municipal District



At the Annual General Meeting of Ennis Municipal District held on 17th June, Cllr Clare Colleran Molloy was elected Mayor of Ennis MD for 2022/2023. Cllr Mary Howard was elected to the role of Deputy Mayor.

Ennis ranks 9th out of 40 towns/cities in IBAL's first survey of 2022

As part of the Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL) Anti-Litter League, An Taisce monitors towns independently and in accordance with international grading standards.



This result was another very strong performance by Ennis with seven out of 10 sites surveyed getting the A grade:

- N85 Clareabbey Roundabout to Rocky Road Roundabout
- Westpoint Retail Park
- Ennis Recycle Facility
- O'Connell Street
- Scarriff Approach Road
- Park Avenue: Residential area across from Dunnes Stores
- Approach from Clareabbey roundabout.

Special mention was made to 'Ennis Recycle Facility', the judges noted it was "particularly good for a recycle facility", adding in their experience "these facilities are often very

poorly maintained". The following areas were also included in the survey:

- Gort Road Business Park – B

It was noted a corner site in the business park harboured all the litter.

- Riverwalk – B+

Significant amount of graffiti on poles, lifebelts, walls and seats.

- Ennis Bus/Train Station – B

Litter present at the shrubbery to the rear of the car park and the pathway leading to the station.

Ennis South Flood Relief Scheme

Officially opened on Tuesday, 21st June, 2022 by Mr Patrick O'Donovan TD, Minister of State with responsibility for the Office of Public Works, in the presence of Cllr PJ Ryan, Cathaoirleach of Clare County Council, Cllr Clare Colleran Molloy, Mayor of Ennis MD, and Council Chief Executive, Pat Dowling. The ceremony was attended by Councillors from the Ennis Municipal District, Oireachtas Members and representatives from the Office of Public Works, Consultants Ryan Hanley and Contractors Ward & Burke as well as a large gathering of locals and interested stakeholders



Events

Ras Tailteann 2022 passed through Ennis on 17th June. EMD liaised with service stakeholders (Irish Water, Eir, etc) to ensure road works were temporarily stalled and ensured the route from the Tulla Rd roundabout to Lahinch Rd was cleaned and free from debris on the morning of the race.

Relay for Life 2022, June 18th/19th: EMD engaged with the Event Manager for this event and provided 60 crowd barriers, 80 traffic cones to delineate the running track.

Roadworks Programme

The Ennis MD 2022 road restoration improvement works are substantively complete. The surface dressing programme also underway, is substantially completed.



Works completed to date include a full overlay at New Road, Toonagh and Watery Road. Road Recycling has occurred across 15 roads in the Municipal District area. Surface dressing has been carried out on 11 of the 22 roads identified for the 2022 programme.



Footpath remediation works took place recently at Ballyallia on the pathways leading out to the pier. Footpath works are also taking place currently in Ashfield Park.



PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Shannon Estuary Taskforce

Pat Dowling, Chief Executive, Clare County Council, has recently been appointed to sit on the Government's Estuary Taskforce to represent the Local Authority sector. This is vitally important as the Taskforce examines the potential to develop the offshore wind energy off the County Clare/Mid West coast.

The sustainable use of our maritime assets by providing a green energy solution for Ireland and the EU is one of the key functions of the Taskforce. Needs identified include the development of an offshore renewable energy marshalling facility to deploy floating wind projects by 2028 and the creation of a supply chain enterprise hub on the Shannon Estuary.

STRATEGIC ECONOMIC INITIATIVES (SEI)

Shannon Town Masterplan/One Shannon Hub

The project delivery of the Shannon Civic and Community and Cultural Hub – One Shannon Hub – through to the preparation of a Design Brief for the Building and associated public realm continued through June. The design brief will establish the scope and range of uses to be accommodated into the One Shannon Hub. The focus in June was on targeted stakeholder engagement on the emerging Design Brief and building a consensus with stakeholders on the function and high-level uses and requirements of the building.

Work on the design brief is being carried out by BDP Architects. Following engagement with the Elected Members of Shannon MD and a second round of targeted stakeholder engagement over the previous number of weeks, on 28th June the Brief for the One Shannon Hub was approved by the Members of the Shannon MD.

In parallel with the conclusion of the Design Brief in June, the first stage of procurement 'pre-Qualification' for an Integrated Design Team and also a QS/Project Management for the One Shannon Hub also concluded. Currently submissions / tender responses are under consideration with a view to commencing the second phase of the procurement process in late July to a shortlisted number of consultant teams. The approved Design Brief referred to above will form and integral part of the procurement process.

Roche Masterplan

Work continues on the preparation of the Roche Masterplan in collaboration with Roche Ireland and OMP. Detailed work on SEA and HDA scoping continues.

FORWARD PLANNING

Sixmilebridge Town Centre Masterplan

In December 2021, the Minister for Rural and Community Development announced that Sixmilebridge has been selected as a pilot town under the Town Centre First Initiative to prepare a masterplan for the town to tackle dereliction and revitalise the town centre.

Following a tender process, a letter of award has recently issued to the successful tenderer who will act as lead consultant on a multi-disciplinary design team. Upon contract signing, an inception meeting to brief the design team, including a visit to Sixmilebridge, is expected to be scheduled for early July. The Masterplan will be key to leveraging funding from multiple funding streams, including RRDF and Town & Village Renewal Scheme as it will provide a co-ordinated programme of investment for the town into the future.



Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029

Work is continuing on the preparation of the Chief Executive’s Report on the 1,015 written submissions received during the draft plan public consultation time period. The report will present the Chief Executive’s opinion and recommendation for each submission received and, upon completion, will be issued to the Elected Members for their consideration in early July. Following this a series of workshops will be held with the Elected Members, to facilitate their consideration of the Chief Executive’s Report, beginning the end of July.

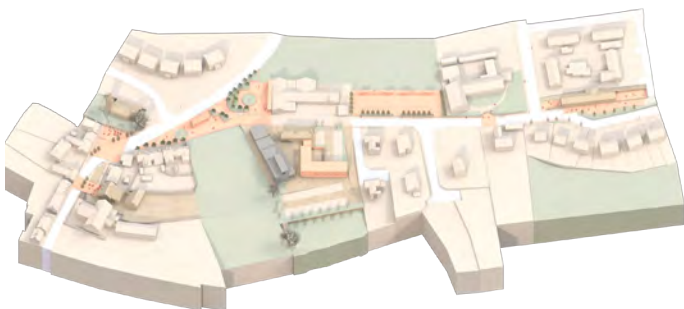
Ennistymon Enhancement Plan

Clare County Council, together with its partners Clare Local Development Company and Ennistymon Town Team, and the design team led by Helena McElmeel Architects continued work on the preparation of the Ennistymon Enhancement plan in June. The design team has finalised the second stage of the design process, which was heavily informed by the outcomes and observations obtained from both stages of the public consultation process. A final report is currently being prepared, and the steering group met with the design team in June to review a draft of this report. The final report on the Ennistymon Enhancement Plan will go on public display in July and a public event will be held in Ennistymon.



Corofin Enhancement Strategy

Clare County Council and National Parks & Wildlife Service (NPWS) continued in their partnership to prepare an Enhancement strategy for the village of Corofin. The steering group met with the design team in June, where they gave an update on their progress. The first stage of the design process will continue into July.



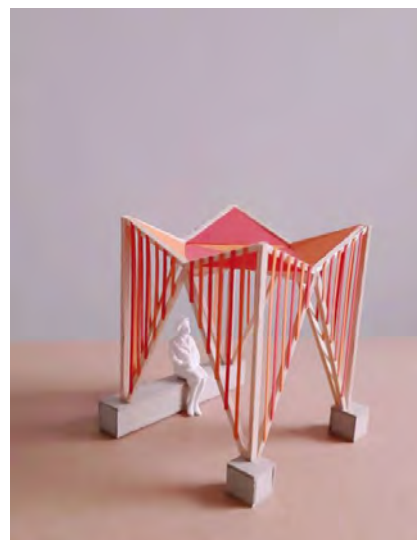
The Manchester Martyrs Monument

The Manchester Martyrs Monument in Kilrush is being repaired and restored with grant aid from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage under the Historic Structures Fund. The repair and cleaning of the stonework progressed in June and will be finalised by late-summer 2022.



Flexible Outdoor Structures

Clare County Council has received funding under the Outdoor Public Space Scheme as promoted by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media. This funding stream asks us to reimagine how we use our outdoor public spaces. The project team finalised the developed designs in June, following a robust targeted consultation process. The project team are now preparing tender documentation and it is envisaged that tenders for the fabrication of the structures will be sought in July.



Hastings’ Farmhouse, Shannon

Clare County Council and Dúchas na Sionna have been successful in their funding application to the Heritage Stewardship Fund as promoted by The Heritage Council. The application focused on Hastings Farmhouse in Shannon, a protected structure and a

rare building type of historic and architectural significance. The Heritage Stewardship Fund looks to provide support to bodies who have responsibility for the care of heritage objects. It supports those who play a key role in the heritage infrastructure of Ireland and are vital to the delivery of national policy and plans. The partnership between Clare County Council and Dúchas na Sienna is a key step in safeguarding the heritage of Hastings Farmhouse. This project will look to put in place frameworks

which will guide the future development of this protected structure and to determine a cost plan for proposals developed. A primary goal of this project is to increase accessibility to the site, and works will be undertaken to allow better access for all members of our community. Work on the project continued in June, and it is envisaged that the project will be completed by the end of the year.

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The table below summarises the activity in relation to planning applications during the month of June and also gives the year to date totals.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS	June 2022	Year to date 2022
No. of planning applications received	106	584
No. of Planning Decisions made	89	524
No. of decisions notified by An Bord Pleanála	1	18
No. of pre-planning enquiries received	21	109
No. of Section 5 applications	10	45
No. of Section 97 Exemption Cert applications (in respect of Part V of the Planning & Dev Act 2000)	4	26
Submissions received regarding Compliance	24	199

PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

The table below summarises the activity in relation to planning enforcement during June, together with the year to date totals.

PLANNING ENFORCEMENT	June 2022	Year to date 2022
No. of new complaints received	21	97
No of Files Opened	12	55
No. of Warning Letters issued	14	76
No. of Enforcement Notices served	6	14
No. of Legal Cases initiated	0	1
No. of Enforcement files closed	4	30

HERITAGE AND BIODIVERSITY



Breeding Barn Owl sites recorded in Clare, June 2022.

Biodiversity Projects 2022

Seven projects were approved for funding to Clare County Council under The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage) Local Biodiversity Action Fund (LBAF).

The two projects on Invasive Alien Species, i.e. the Review of Methodologies and Education and Awareness projects have gone out to tender as has the first phase of the Clare Wetland Survey.

The Clare Barn Owl Survey is being undertaken by Birdwatch Ireland with as many as a hundred records submitted by the public and forty records being confirmed throughout County Clare to date. The findings of the survey will be used to ensure the protection of nest sites and to direct targeted conservation efforts and this will include the provision of nest boxes to be installed in suitable locations throughout the county.

The Invasive Alien Species Quagga mussel survey is being undertaken by Dr J-R. Baars, University College Dublin along the Shannon River and the Lower River Shannon in County Clare.

The Burren Protected Species Survey is underway again in 2022 and is being undertaken by ecologist and botanist Sinead Keane.

The Hare's Corner project

The Hare's Corner project is an initiative to help landowners make more space for nature through creation of a mini woodland, a mini orchard, a pond or a 'plan for nature'. The Hare's Corner was launched by Burrenbeo as a pilot project in County Clare in September 2021 with support from The Department of Agriculture, Clare County Council and NPWS. This pilot project supported the creation of 30 ponds, 44 mini orchards (with 350 Irish heritage apple trees from Irish Seed Savers Association) and 34 mini woodlands (with 7,227 Irish native trees, including rare Irish pines) in its first year – a very worthwhile investment in the natural infrastructure of county Clare. This pilot project revealed that there is a lot of demand for such an initiative as it generated a considerable waiting list of landowners who want to 'do their bit' for nature but find it hard to access the funding, advice and encouragement needed to make this happen.

Clare County Council are delighted to be able to support a second round of applications for The Hare's Corner which was announced in June 2022. In response to this Burrenbeo have received 121 applications from landowners in County Clare. The support received through Local Biodiversity Action Fund (LBAF) will help to support more participants in carrying out biodiversity actions. It is a simple, hassle-free way to support farmers and landowners to improve farmland biodiversity and help increase resilience against the effects of climate change.



Katie Lewis and Clare County Council Cathaoirleach, Cllr Tony O'Brien, presenting the certificates to the course participants at the 'Reading your local landscape' Course and showcase night in Miltown Malbay.

Clare Community Archaeologist Service

Edel Barry is now on contract to Clare County Council supported by co-funding from the Heritage Council. The Clare Community Archaeologist service is now available to communities throughout Clare. Edel is out in the community advising on archaeological monuments and places. To date she has been involved with archaeology in schools, historic burial grounds, holy wells, castles, ring forts and heritage trails.

Clare/Irish Community Archive Network

The Clare section of the Irish Community Archive Network (iCAN) is a portal for community heritage and an archival network in County Clare. Clarecastle, Shannon, Kilkee and Scattery Island Heritage Groups have benefited greatly from having been part of Irish Community Archive Network iCAN. Clare/Irish Community Archive Network are seeking more communities in Clare to join this network and are looking for groups in Clare who have the interest and capacity to become involved. Details can be viewed on <https://clareheritage.org/>.

The Community Archives Conference 2022 is being held in NUI Galway on the 15/16/17 July and will involve the members of the Clare/Irish Community Archive Network, see the conference website for details of an exciting programme of speakers and abstracts.

Reading your local landscape Course and showcase night

The first part of the Reading your Local Landscape course, which started in Miltown Malbay in March has now concluded culminating in a showcase night where the participants presented their projects and received their certificates from the Clare County Council Cathaoirleach.

This course is a collaboration between Clare County Council and the Limerick & Clare Education and Training Board and funded by Clare Creative Ireland.

The course consists of a series of modules delivered through lectures, case studies and field trips to sites of interest within the local area group research and discussion.

This course aims to provide the participants with:

- A knowledge and understanding of the natural, built, and cultural resources of the study area
- The necessary skills to undertake further research and work in local heritage interpretation
- Opportunities to identify landscape resources which could be utilised to enhance your employment opportunities.

National Heritage Week 2022

The Heritage Council are calling on heritage newcomers, enthusiasts, and experts of all ages from across Ireland to focus on sustainable heritage and biodiversity during National Heritage Week 2022. To find out more go to <https://www.heritageweek.ie/news/sustainable-heritage-and-biodiversity-to-the-fore-heritage-council-launches-national-heritage-week>



Launch of National Heritage Week (l-r): Conor Nelligan, Cork County Heritage Officer; Virginia Teehan, CE, Heritage Council; Malcom Noonan, Minister for Heritage; and Niamh Twomey, Heritage Officer, Cork City.

CONSERVATION AND BUILT HERITAGE

Built Heritage Investment Scheme

Works to the protected structures allocated funding under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme are ongoing. An interim report on works progress is to be issued to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage on Thursday, June 30th. Monitoring of works by the Architectural Conservation Officer are ongoing.

Historic Structures Fund

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Community Monuments Fund 2022

Clare County Council was awarded a total of €29,520 under the Community Monuments Fund 2022, under Stream 2. The money is to be used to complete Conservation Management Plans of the three medieval churches of Killofin, Labasheeda, Killchreest, Ballynacally and Templemaely, Ballyallia. It is envisaged that the completion of Conservation Management Plans will enable the communities involved to access funding under Stream 1, capital works. The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage provide 100% of the costs incurred. Only structures on the Record of Monuments and Places (RMP) may apply for the CMF. The tendering process for the reports is ongoing, with successful bidders to be appointed at the end of July 2022.

Section 57 Applications

Section 57 Declarations are issued to owners of buildings or structures that wish to conduct works to their structures. A Section 57 Declaration determines whether works would be considered exempt from planning. A Section 57 Declaration can also be used to clarify the curtilage of a protected structure, or what elements are to be protected. There is no fee for a Section 57 Declaration.

Section 57 Declarations	June 2022 up to & including 27/06/2022	Year to date 2022
No. of Section 57 Declaration Requests received	2	15



Michael Cusack Centre.



Killaloe Cathedral.

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE



- **The Enhanced Trading Online Voucher Scheme**, which provides grant support to small businesses to develop an ecommerce website, has continued to see strong interest. So far in 2022, twenty-nine applications have been approved, six in June, while in June a further three grants were drawn down totalling €6,225.00.
- **Mentoring:** LEO Clare continue to receive a strong requirement for all of our Mentoring Options including mentoring in Starting a Business, Finance, Digital Marketing, Export Development and Brexit. In June, over 20 mentoring applications have been assigned.
- **Training:** LEO Clare continued to see strong demand for online training support offering during June with eight courses and workshops taking place. The main topics of interest to Clare enterprises were digital marketing workshops, start your own business workshop, our export event From Local to Global and continued completion of long running programmes with over 188 clients booked on.

Clare Companies Win at National Enterprise Awards

Torpey Wood Products Ltd, who are supported by Local Enterprise Office Clare, were winners at this year's National Enterprise Awards. The awards, which took place at the Mansion House in Dublin, are in their 23rd year and run annually by the Local Enterprise Offices.

Torpey Wood Products Ltd took home the South West Region award. Torpey, from Sixmilebridge, is a manufacturer and brand retailer of hurley products. Current products sold by Torpey include Bambú hurleys, ash hurleys, grips, hurling balls and apparel. Founded in 1981, has in 41 years of trading established itself as the leader in the design, manufacture and supply of quality hurleys.

There was also an Outstanding Achievement Award presented on the night to an individual or company who has excelled in recent years. This award went to ABC Nutritionals from Clare. The Shannon based business, established in 2007 are a private label manufacturer of sports, weight management and lifestyle

nutrition products. They have double their workforce and turn-over since 2018 with 68 now employed and hope to reach 100 by 2025 with a new facility in development.

Mid West Local Enterprise Offices helping businesses to Go Global

Local Enterprise Offices of Clare, Limerick and Tipperary, supported by Enterprise Europe Network, held a very successful export event 'From Local to Global' on Thursday June 16th at the Inn at Dromoland. Over 80 businesses were in attendance to discover all they needed to know to start their export journey from local to global. The evening was hosted by well-known RTÉ Journalist, Technology and Digital Entrepreneur Áine Kerr and provided all the information, connections and resources needed to execute a successful export strategy.



June Evaluation Committee Meeting

The Local Enterprise Office Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) held their third evaluation meeting of 2022 in June. Two Business Expansion and three Priming Grant projects totalling €101,815 were approved for funding.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Upgrade of County Museum

The highlight of the month of June was the moving of former President de Valera's 1947 Dodge from the standalone building at the rear of the De Valera Library to its new home in the refurbished County Museum. Thanks are due to PARC Motors who polished the car, Councillor PJ Ryan for ensuring it is running smoothly and the County Museum Project Team for developing the new exhibition around it. This will be a great addition to the County Museum exhibition as visitors are arriving for the summer. The refurbishment project was led by Carmel Greene, Senior Executive Officer, with design and supervision completed by Aldo Andreucetti of the General Design Office and it is wonderful to see all the various users in this historic building finally come together. The Ennis Tourist Office opened recently and it is a great boost for the town and its visitors. The refurbished space allows improved visitor movement between the County Museum and the tourist office and is much better for visitor engagement.



Schools Capital Projects

Under a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Education, local authorities acquire sites for some new school development projects. In Kilrush, the Council acquired a site on the Back Road in recent years for a permanent building for Gaelscoil Uí Choimín. A meeting has been held with the Department of Education and the Limerick Clare Education and Training Board in June to advance this project to the design stage. Clare County Council has almost finalised a masterplan for the overall site to include the school portion of the site and the remainder of the site.

Property Transactions

The Table below shows the number of property transactions completed by Property Management Unit in June, together with the totals for 2022 to date.

We continue to assist many solicitors with enquiries to the Property Management Unit on issues associated with title, boundaries, old leasehold folios etc which is indicative of increasing of levels of activity in the property market in the county generally.

Transaction	June 2022	Year to date 2022	Full year 2021
Lease / Sub Lease of Property / Building	0	2	4
Licence to use property / building	2	8	11
Grazing Agreement for Lands	2	21	2
Deed of Transfer signed	2	10	12
Contract for Sale signed	0	0	3
Deed of Right of Way / Wayleave signed	0	5	3
Deed of Rectification / Variation signed	1	3	7
Allotment Agreements signed	0	38	39

Casual Trading

As events return for Summer 2022, the number of casual trading licences issued is increasing. One was issued for Ennis Market, two were issued for the Kilrush Horse Fair which took place on Thursday, 2nd June, and six have been issued for the Willie Clancy Festival which takes place from 2nd July to 10th July, 2022.

Derelict Sites

Again this month, levels of activity has increased with much engagement with owners of derelict properties as we encourage / require them to do works or bring the property to market. A number of those on the market are at 'sale agreed' stage with engagement with the new owners ongoing to ensure they are aware of their responsibilities under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990.

We are also seeing the outcome of sales agreed in late 2021 and early 2022 with enquiries, planning applications for refurbishment and commencement of works on individual properties. This is not to say that there are not many challenges in dealing with derelict sites as we come across many issues which need to be resolved. However, with time and effort, working with owners, financial institutions and other departments, there are definitely options for positive re-development and revitalisation of many such derelict sites.

We are delighted to report the very significant improvement on two adjacent properties on the Main Street in Tulla. The photos show the 'before' and 'after' of the property known as Leprechaun House. It is important to recognize the effort put in by the owners to improve these two properties.



Tulla House Before



Tulla House After

The CPO acquisition process is completed on one property in Kilrush which will now be redeveloped by Clare County Council as a housing unit. A further 4 CPOs are underway and to date, three of these have been lodged in the Property Registration Authority.

The table below provides a snapshot of the activity in June and 2022 to date, together with comparative figures for the full year 2021.

Derelict Sites	June 2022	Year to date 2022	Full year 2021
No. of new files opened	1	31	35
No. of Section 8(2) Notices issued – Intention to enter site on Derelict Sites Register	3	18	20
No. of Section 8(7) Notices issued – Entry of site onto Derelict Sites Register	1	13	4
No. of Section 11 Notices issued – Measures required to render the site non-derelict	0	0	2
No. of files closed / property removed from Derelict Sites Register	0	13	0
No. of Notices served to Compulsorily Purchase (CPO)	0	5	0
No of Vesting Orders signed	0	4	0

SHANNON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT



Shannon Municipal District Annual General Meeting

The AGM of Shannon Municipal District was held on 28th July 2022. Cllr Michael Begley was elected Cathaoirleach of Shannon Municipal District with Cllr Donna McGettigan elected Leas Cathaoirleach.

Ongoing works

The grass cutting contract has continued with the seventh cut currently under way. The first cut and lift of the designated Biodiversity areas commenced on the week beginning 27th June.

Lining marking associated with our Surface Dressing programme has been completed. A number of other locations have had

road markings upgraded. Our own crews have continued the ground preparation of 2022 overlay programme.

Own crews have also commenced the installation of bicycle racks in Shannon Town to coincide with the roll out of a new shared e-bike rental scheme which is being supported by Local Enterprise Office and the Shannon Municipal District Councillors. The scheme, providing 50 electric bicycles for rent across the town and enterprise zones is due to be launched in July.

Town and Village Renewal

Following further meetings with the Community Development Association and architects the Section 38 (Road improvement works) for the Bunratty Town & Village Renewal project works were advertised during the month in local media. A further briefing of has taken place.

The tender for the Parteen Town & Village Renewal project has been awarded and an initial site meeting held. Final elements of the project are being put in place and works are due to commence in the coming month.

‘Safe Route to School’

The team held a site meeting during the month to discuss and define the Clonmomey National School ‘Safe Route to School’ project and confirm next steps.

Active Travel Measures/Local Improvement Scheme

Work has commenced on the Bunnabinnia (Cratloe) Local Improvement Scheme while the team in the MD continue to work with landowners in Meelick to progress the Active Travel

plans to install a new footpath along the northern side of the road.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Fund (ORIS)

Works on the Drumgeely Outdoor Recreation project were substantially completed during the month with signage and a bike rack to be installed shortly. The signage design finish will be consistent with that of the Shannon Town Park. This project improves linkages between the enterprise zones, Drumgeely and the Shannon Estuary Loop walk.

A meeting took place in Newmarket on Fergus with members of the community group to confirm next steps in delivering the ORIS project to link Lough Gash to the Mid Clare way and to create a loop walk within the village.

Shannon Town Park

The team in Shannon MD worked with a local event management

company to facilitate a music festival during the month in Shannon Town Park. The event was well attended and insights into the dynamic of the park and how event planning can be improved were recorded by the team for the future.

Briefings/Policy

The Municipal District contributed to the Clare County Council submission in respect of the latest Draft Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy. The importance of the Limerick Northern Distributer Road was a focal point in the submission.

Duchas Na Sionna – a Shannon Town based community group dedicated to the preservation of local heritage – gave a briefing to the Shannon MD Councillors. The group outlined the proposals and work to date to develop the Hastings Cottage site at Illuanmanagh, Shannon Town. The presentation, work carried out to date and proposal were welcomed by MD Councillors.



Shannon Municipal District Annual General Meeting.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Púca Officially Unveiled In The Burren



The Burren community in North Clare gathered at the Michael Cusack Centre, the birthplace of the founder of the GAA, on Saturday, 25th June, 2022, for the official unveiling of the Púca. Inspired by Irish folklore and the locality's equine heritage, the 2m-tall bronze art piece is expected to be a significant draw for visitors to the visitor attraction.

The Michael Cusack Centre in Carron, which is located in an area historically named 'Poll a Phúca' or 'Lair of the Púca', was selected as the artwork's home following an expressions of interest process managed by Clare County Council.

Dónal Ó hAiniféin, Chair of the Board of Michael Cusack Centre, commented: "We are delighted to be selected to host the Púca. Tá áthas an domhain orainn go bhfuil an Púca ag filleadh abhaile go Poll a' Phúca. We are thrilled that the fantastic Púca artwork is coming home. The Michael Cusack Centre is a most appropriate setting for this magnificent figure." Mr Ó hAiniféin confirmed that plans to develop an annual event celebrating the Púca are at an advanced stage.

"The annual Samhain/Púca Storytelling Festival on November 1st will celebrate the folklore around the Púca with a programme of events ranging from the academic to children's art," he explained. "The inaugural event later this year also will coincide with the 175th anniversary of the birth of Michael Cusack here in Carron."

Artist Aidan Harte, who was commissioned by the Arts Office of Clare County Council to produce the artwork, said: "I want to thank the people of Carron and the Burren for making this scallywag welcome. I couldn't pick a better backdrop. The Púca has come home. A wild place for a wild thing." Commenting about his first piece of public art, the Kilkenny artist described the Púca as one of Irish folklore's great characters.

"Douglas Hyde, the first President of Ireland (1938-45), described 'a terrible steed' carrying mortals to fairyland on his back," he said. "Catch him in the right mood, said Hyde, and the Púca tells fortunes and grants wishes. People who never heard these stories want to know if the Púca is bad or good. He's neither. Like the rest of us he's inconsistent."

Leonard Cleary, Director of Rural Development with Clare County Council, described the Michael Cusack Centre as "a fitting home for the Púca and will add value to both the installation and the community-run visitor attraction".

The Púca was originally commissioned by the Local Authority in 2021 as part of a capital project investment to increase visitor dwell time in Ennistymon and further enhance the overall appearance of the town. Following extensive consultation with Elected Members and the local community, a public survey on the Púca and its proposed location influenced the decision to relocate the artwork elsewhere in North Clare through an Expression of Interest process held in early 2022.

Elected Members' Site Visit to Cliffs of Moher



Elected Members of Clare County Council recently visited the Cliffs of Moher as part of the consultation and engagement process for Cliffs of Moher Strategy 2040. Afterwards there was a presentation from consultants and a discussion in the Council Chamber.

Inis Cealtra Visitor Experience - information site visit

Inis Cealtra Visitor Experience - Site Visit



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COMHAIRLE CONTAE AN CHLÁIR
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Site visit to the Old Rectory and Inis Cealtra with partners on the Inis Cealtra Visitor Experience. Joan Tarmey, Tourism Officer, briefing partners including Eanna Rowe, Waterways Ireland and Donnacha Lynch, Shannon Heritage Project.

A special site visit to the Old Rectory and Inis Cealtra took place on 14 June with collaborating partners on the project including representatives Fáilte Ireland, Waterways Ireland, the OPW and National Monuments Service and National Parks and Wildlife Service. Directors of Service, Anne Haugh and Liam Conneally, also joined the visit to ensure they are briefed on this exciting project.

Project Co-Ordinator, Joan Tarmey, and Head of Tourism, Deirdre O'Shea, along with key members of the Design Team

guided partners throughout the site visit. The award-winning Design team comprise McCullough Mulvin Architects, Tandem Partners Ltd (interpretation/visitor experience designers), Tobin Consulting Engineers (quantity surveyors/project managers), Design Works (branding & design consultants) and Amion (economics & financial management consultancy).

A submission for category 1 funding was submitted to the Department of Rural & Community Development in April of this year and announcements of funding are eagerly anticipated.

Two Irish Airports become first WHO Age Friendly Airports in the World



Irish airports, Shannon Airport and Ireland West Airport Knock, have become the first airports in the world to be recognised as Age Friendly airports by the World Health Organisation (WHO).

Both airports were officially launched as Age Friendly Airports, certified by the WHO, at a ceremony in Ireland West Airport Knock on 17th June, officiated by Hildegard Naughton TD, Minister of State at the Department of Transport.

Age Friendly Airport guidelines were drafted for certification by the World Health Organisation, based on walkability studies and reports carried out at the two airports.

Congratulating the airports, Hildegard Naughton TD, Minister of State at the Department of Transport said: "Ireland has taken an international lead in making the airport environment age friendly and we now look forward to sharing this learning with other airports around the world. Making sure that airport facilities are Age Friendly is an effective way to enhance their accessibility and usability for everyone. It ensures that domestic passengers feel confident in organizing a trip abroad and it makes Ireland more attractive as a destination to older travellers from other countries."

The airports have worked closely with Age Friendly Ireland and their respective local authorities to enhance their services for older people. In order to become recognised as Age Friendly Airports, Shannon and Ireland West Airport consulted extensively with their older customers via the Older People's Councils hosted by local government.

This included carrying out 'walkability audits' of the buildings

and their environs. These audits examined seating, signage, footpaths, car parking, toilet and other facilities and access routes. Both airports scored well for their existing facilities, but also identified improvements needed, and subsequently rolled out a work plan to develop their amenities as age friendly.

New features installed in Shannon Airport as a result of this process included designated age friendly parking, better signage, age friendly seating, covered walkways from aircraft into the terminal, along with an existing Person of Reduced Mobility (PRM) Service with dedicated staff to assist older people transit from arrival at Shannon Airport to the aircraft. Shannon is home to Europe's first airport sensory room for passengers of all ages with sensory and neurodevelopmental needs. It has also recently introduced a new high tech scanning system which removes the 100ml only rule for liquids carried in cabin bags. As a result of this the time passengers spend in the airport's security screening area has been halved.



Clooney Walk – Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2021



L-R: Siobhan O’Reilly, AO, Clare County Council; Tom Larkin, Clooney Development; Niamh Wiley, Rural & Community Development Officer, Clare County Council.

Works have been completed on a walk in Clooney. The project was funded under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2021 and involved the resurfacing and enhancement of an existing 1.4km community walking trail, which leads past historic Clooney House. The trail provides a beautiful view of Clooney House and grounds, including two walled gardens. Historically this road was used in 1900s by the local community as a means to access both the village and Clooney Church. Funding was also used to purchase a picnic bench, information

boards and a community library kiosk which are located in the car park near Clooney church. The works complement the foot-path works which were completed in 2020 with grant funding provided under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme.

To further enhance the walk, the community group secured a National Heritage Grant in 2021 and this will be used to repair the gates and piers at the entrance of the walk leading into Clooney House.

Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2021 – Streetscape Enhancement Measure

Works have been completed in 7 towns/villages across the county under the Streetscape Enhancement Measure of the 2021 Town & Village Renewal Scheme. The towns selected for inclusion in the 2021 Scheme were Tulla, Corofin, Kilrush, Scarriff, Clarecastle, Newmarket-on-Fergus, Clonlara. 53 properties availed of the Scheme and carried out works to properties in central locations in the towns/villages. Works included paint works, replacement of signage, decluttering, illumination, repair of shopfront and green enhancement

works. Grants of up to €8,000 were available under the Scheme and works to the value of €160k were completed. The Scheme is part of “Our Rural Future”, the Government’s five year strategy which aims to revitalise rural Ireland and includes a commitment to upgrade and enhance shopfronts and street facades in rural towns and villages.



Clarecastle



Corofin



Kilrush

Twinning Visit to Basse-Goulaine, France



A twinning partnership arrangement is in place between Killaloe-Ballina and Basse-Goulaine in France. Visits are generally arranged alternate years between the two twinning committees. The partnership arrangement is led by Tipperary County Council with participation by Clare County Council. The Basse-Goulaine Twinning Committee has visited Ireland on two occasions – the last one was in 2019. The Killaloe-Ballina Committee had previously visited France on two occasions. Due to Covid-19 no visits took place in either 2020 or 2021, however a Zoom meeting took place virtually.

In 2022 the Basse-Goulaine Comité de Jumelage issued an invitation to the Killaloe-Ballina Committee to visit from 3rd to 6th June 2022 to coincide with a musical festival being organised by them. It was agreed to accept the invitation and arrangements were made for the visit. Cllr. Michael Begley attended. Other participants were Cllr. Michael O'Meara, Cathaoirleach of Nenagh MD; Padraig Hyland, Treasurer, Killaloe-Ballina Twinning Committee; Rosemary Joyce, District Administrator/Chairperson of Killaloe-Ballina Twinning Committee; Marcus O'Connor, Director of Services, Nenagh MD/Member of Killaloe-Ballina Twinning Committee; Patricia A Moore, Member of Killaloe-Ballina Twinning Committee; Musicians – Deirdre Scanlon, Mike Hackett, Fiodhna Hyland and Catriona Shortt. On Friday 3rd June there was a visit to the opening of an

open-air exhibition of photos held on the grounds of the Town Hall. The group met with the Mayor, Monsieur Alain Vey. There was an opportunity to view the various measures being taken to promote biodiversity and sustainability.

A visit was also paid to the fantastic new gymnasium which was developed by the local municipality at a cost of €4 million. There was a visit to a vineyard where the President of the Comité de Jumelage, Genevieve Vacher, formally welcomed the group. Cllr. Michael Begley then made a presentation to the Committee consisting of a painting depicting a scene from Killaloe-Ballina including the Cathedral. The following day groups performed including the group of Irish musicians

Areas being examined for twinning relate to various associations and sports groups including tennis, fishing, arts, walking, choirs, soccer, etc. It was agreed that the Basse-Goulaine Committee would draft a written agreement on the partnership arrangements which would be forwarded to the Killaloe-Ballina Committee for consideration. It was agreed to try to link in the visit with the Brian Boru Festival which will be held at the beginning of July and to explore the potential for representatives from the Basse-Goulaine Choirs to perform. An excursion on the River Erdre was then undertaken.

Ireland in Music: analytics, and impact overview



Emma Langford & Stockton's Wing

Following a hugely successful first series, Ireland in Music returned bigger and better than ever in 2022 as a 6 X 30-minute TV show. The series acted as a highly targeted promotional tool for our County, helping to raise our profile as a top destination in key markets overseas.

International distribution

9 Europe-wide screenings via European Broadcasting Union 3-year licensing deal with SBS Australia to broadcast and feature on IIM on the SBS On-Demand platform, viewed by 2.86 million Australians each year IIM received a primetime slot on RTÉ 1, RTÉ+1 and remains on the RTÉ Player for 1-year. Major partnership with US PBS member, WNET, who have broadcast IIM 57 times across New York, New Jersey and Long Island.

Reach

Social Media Platforms: 1,507,482+
Ireland: 136k +
USA: 411K +
Australia: 38k +

Estimated Outdoor Advertising Views:

363,681

Clare featured in Tourism Ireland's international marketing campaign – Press The Green Button

The Clare footage was a key asset for Tourism Ireland's Spring marketing campaign. Content was globally distributed as part of a socially led digital music festival that users and passersby could engage with by scanning a QR code on their smartphone.



Wilkee and Luka Bloom

Social media impressions:

61,028,366

Researching Caves in the Geopark



The Geopark team linked up with Dr Tiernan Henry of the Earth and Ocean Sciences Department in NUIG and Colin Bunce from the Burren Outdoor Education Centre to travel into the underground caves of the Burren. Their objective was to research geological and hydrological elements of the cave to tie in with ongoing research on the cave systems. The two caves visited throughout the day were Vigo Cave (near Corofin), and Pollnagollum (west of Corkscrew Hill), . Fascinating finds were taken from both caves, but unfortunately no all-powerful ring was discovered... this time!



Clare is measuring & monitoring Sustainable Tourism: And, we need your help

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The Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark and Visit Clare teams are working with Atlantic Technological University Sligo to gather data on County Clare’s tourism product - to learn how its businesses, communities and visitors feel about its economic, social and environmental sustainability. Our findings from this programme will provide hard data that will support the sustainable goals in the Clare Tourism Strategy 2030. We are using an EU resource called the European Tourism Indicator System (ETIS).

To acquire the most inclusive data set, there will be three different survey types in 2022. One each for:

- Visitors (Summer 2022)- current, July, Aug, Sep, Oct.
- Communities (Sept/Oct 2022).
- Tourism Businesses (Sept/Oct 2022).

How can you help?

We are asking businesses to support this Co. Clare sustainable tourism programme by gathering visitor survey information during the summer months. You can assist in gathering visitor data by displaying the resources provided below within your

business and encouraging visitors to complete the survey and/or you can provide the survey digitally (the digital resources are provided in the attached ZIP file). The visitor survey should take 5-7 mins to complete.

We are aware that we are all still in a recovery phase, and we highly appreciate your support with this programme. We must start taking more steps to ensure County Clare becomes as sustainable as possible to protect our future generations and to ensure our competitiveness as a destination remains high.

A PHD student, Fiona McKenna (ATU Sligo), will be going door-to-door to interested enterprises in the next couple of weeks with the posters and stickers. This is a completely voluntary programme thus you are welcome to decline participation. If you do not receive materials and wish to participate, please email Fiona on: Fiona.mckenna2@mail.itsligo.ie. Please find an infographic to help with any questions visitors may have about the survey. The survey can now be considered ‘live’.

WEST CLARE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Cllr Talty elected Cathaoirleach of West Clare MD



Cllr Shane Talty was elected as Cathaoirleach of the West Clare Municipal District on 23rd June, 2022.
Cllr Ian Lynch was elected as Leas Cathaoirleach.



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