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KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL
MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT
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To: Each Member of Kilkenny County Council

Monthly Management Report to Members of Kilkenny County Council for consideration at the February Monthly Meeting

EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS:

A list of Orders made in the last month will be available in the Council Chamber for inspection by the Elected Members.

FINANCE:

Chief Executive Financial Report [Appendix 1].

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

16th February: Closing date for submission of Regional Spatial & Economic Strategies.

20th February: Public Information Evening in Castlecomer Library on Draft LAP.

21st February: Variation 3 to the County Development Plan on public display.

Community Grant Information Evenings being held at 7.30 p.m. in each Electoral Area as follows:

26th February: Castlecomer Community Hall

27th February: Callan Parish Hall

28th February: Thomastown Comm. Centre

2nd March: The Springhill Court Hotel

1st March: Mullinavat Comm. Centre

2nd March: Variation No. 5 to the City Development Plan on public display.

7th March: Student Enterprise Programme County Final

9th March: Launch of Entente Florale

30th April: Closing date for receipt of applications for Streetscape Paint Scheme.

4th May: Closing date for receipt of applications for Community & Cultural Facilities Grant Scheme.

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COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL

Commercial Premises Streetscape Paint Scheme

The Commercial Premises Streetscape Paint scheme has been advertised. Application forms and details may be downloaded from the Councils website-www.kilkennycoco.ie or obtained from the Municipal District Offices. Completed applications to be returned to the respective Municipal District Offices by 30th April 2018.

Community & Cultural Facilities Grant Scheme

The Councils Community and Cultural Facilities Grant Scheme will be advertised shortly. The closing date for the return of completed applications to the Community Department will be Friday 4th May 2018.

Callan Town Renewal Inistioge Village Renewal

The Callan Town Renewal Team and Inistioge Village Renewal Teams are now formed. Each team consists of 14 representatives drawn from various Sectors: Business and Retail, Community and Voluntary, Environment, Tidy Towns, Heritage, Sport, Angling, Equestrian, Arts, Education, Tourism Historical Society and Farming. Each member is a representative of a wider group and collectively they represent the whole community. The Teams are now arranging to inform the wider community of their existence and of the key objective to prepare a town renewal plan/village renewal plan.

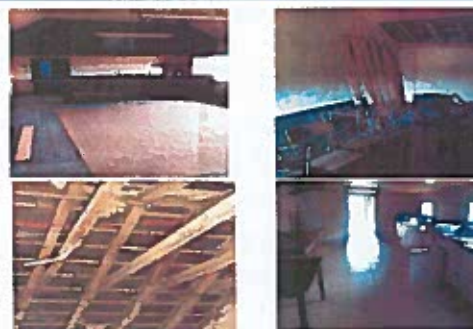
The Teams are also liaising with Future Analytics Consulting; the firm appointed to undertake the Callan and Inistioge Health Checks and is currently arranging a public survey. In addition a public consultation meeting and SWOT analysis will be undertaken together with other appropriate data gathering, all of which is currently being arranged by the Team. Details of the public meetings will be advertised shortly.

Completion of CLÁR projects.

Projects funded under 2017 CLÁR have now been completed Scoil Naomh Fiachra, Clontubrid - All Weather Playing Surface which was awarded €30,780 for the development of a sand based all weather playing surface -Galmoy Community Hall received €52,274 in 2017 to completely refurbish the existing kitchen, upstairs meeting room and entrance hallway.

Photos before/after of Galmoy Community Hall are on next page.

Galmoy Community Hall (Before)



Galmoy Community Hall (After)



SICAP Contract

The contract for the provision of supports to disadvantaged individuals and community groups under the Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP) was awarded to Kilkenny LEADER Partnership recently by Kilkenny LCDC. The contract is one of 51



contracts signed nationally. All contracts are part of an overall national programme with an annual budget of €38m and are being implemented by LCDCs in partnership with the Department of Rural and Community Development, Local Authorities and supported by Pobail. The contract for Kilkenny has an annual budget of €638,000. The duration of the contract is 5 years and is subject to annual work plans and annual audits. The delivery of the work plans will be monitored by the LCDC and support staff.

LCDC Annual Report

The Annual Report for Kilkenny Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) has been prepared and adopted by the LCDC and submitted to Kilkenny County Council. The report outlines the performance of the LCDC's functions for the calendar year 2017.

Community Grant Information.

As part of Kilkenny County Councils strategy to improve communication on the availability of community grants the Council is introducing:

- "ONE STOP SHOP" page on the Kilkenny County Council website,
- all you need to know **online interactive community newsletter** about funding, and
- **information booklet on grants from Kilkenny County Council and from other sources .**

It is anticipated that these will be ready at the end of February.

Community Grant Information Evenings.

It is intended also to hold Community Grant Information evenings in each Electoral Area as follows:

- **Castlecomer Municipal District**
Monday, 26th February at 7.30 p.m.
Castlecomer Community Hall, Kilkenny Street, Castlecomer.

- **Kilkenny City Municipal District**
Tuesday, 27th February at 7.30 p.m.
Callan Parish Hall, Green Street, Callan

Wednesday, 28th February at 7.30 p.m.
Thomastown Community Centre, Thomastown

Friday, 2nd March at 7.30 p.m.
Springhill Court Hotel, Waterford Rd., Kilkenny
- **Piltown Municipal District**
Thursday, 1st March at 7.30 p.m.
Mullinavat Community Centre, Mullinavat

TOURISM & MARKETING

- Plans were progressed to develop a new bespoke Kilkenny Tourism website, the tendering process is underway and interviews pending . Briefs have been agreed for both photographic services and also the PR Service Contract to Kilkenny Tourism.
- A number of meetings were hosted with videographers and mobile media service providers.
- As part the upskilling and familiarisation of staff in front of house hospitality, a 'Fam-Trip' showcase the assets of the Medieval Mile was hosted on January 16th. It was attended by nine representatives from the hotel sector. Attendees spent time at every attraction along the Medieval Mile to familiarise and equip themselves with the information to advise visitors.
- Kilkenny Tourism exhibited at two trade shows in January namely Holiday World Belfast 19th and 21st January. and Holiday World Dublin from 26 to 28th January.
- Holiday World Belfast: 800 brochures, 800 bags 1,000 special offer flyers, MMM flyers and assorted other flyers were distributed. There were 485 entries for the competition,

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but the number that convert to a database will be approximately 200, which is disappointing, highlighting a need to encourage more people to sign up for the newsletter at upcoming shows.

- Holiday World Dublin 2018 New exhibition panels were unveiled and received much positive feedback from public and from other attending exhibitors. There was a constant flow of people to the stand with a lot of interest in things to do, where to eat etc. The Kilkenny stand distributed - 1,200 bags, 1,200 brochures, 1,000 special offer flyers, 2 boxes of Trail KK brochures, assorted flyers ie Medieval Mile Museum, MM Pass and numerous other activities. Entries were circa 1,800 for the Competition.



Brownstown Junction

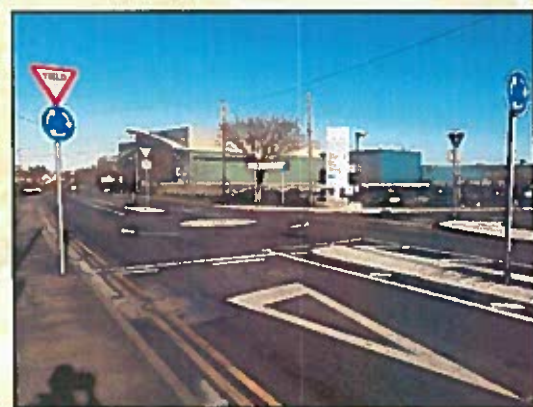


New footpaths at Tinny Park

Freshford Road Traffic Calming Route Treatment Scheme

Phase 1 of the Freshford Road Traffic Calming Route Treatment Scheme commenced in late 2017 and the traffic signals for the pedestrian crossing became operational in January 2018.

The completed Scheme provides for the introduction of a mini-roundabout at the entrance to St. Luke's Hospital and the installation of a signalised pedestrian crossing on the Freshford Road.



Low Cost Safety Improvement Works on the Freshford Road

ROADS:

N76 Callan Road Realignment Scheme

The main road construction elements of this Scheme were completed in December 2017 with works now focusing on finishing footpaths/cycle tracks, public lighting, traffic signs, accommodation works and landscaping. Weather permitting top soiling, seeding and planting will proceed as planned. It is anticipated that the scheme will be completed by the end of Quarter 1, 2018.



HOUSING:

Capital Delivery 2018

The Minister for Housing had notified Kilkenny County Council of its delivery targets under Rebuilding Ireland i.e. 627 units for the period 2017 to 2021 with a specific target of 113 units for 2018. During January 2018 a number of schemes advanced as follows:

- Construction started on a rural house at Barna, Freshford. Expected construction period is 9 months.
- Five units at Togher Way, Urlingford completed.
- Refurbishment work commenced on converting Greensbridge house and adjoining B&B to 5 self contained 1 bedroom units.
- Part 8 consultation commenced on the proposed 17 units at Main St, Piltown.
- A design team was appointed to commence design on Crokers Hill.
- Tenders were received for the 38 units at Bolton, Callan and are now being assessed.
- Abbeygate, Ferrybank - sales were closed on 8 turnkey units.
- Two units acquired by Dove AHB

Homeless Update

Details of homeless presentations for the month of January 2018 along with the comparative, monthly presentations for 2016 and 2017 are set out below. There were 37 Homeless/Potentially Homeless presentations to 31/01/2018.

| | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|--------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| January | 37 | 29 | 37 |
| February | 30 | 26 | |
| March | 18 | 26 | |
| April | 26 | 25 | |
| May | 34 | 28 | |
| June | 31 | 24 | |
| July | 31 | 34 | |
| August | 32 | 27 | |
| September | 27 | 24 | |
| October | 30 | 27 | |
| November | 32 | 29 | |
| December | 21 | 19 | |
| Total | 349 | 319 | 37 |

Private Grants

Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant (HOP) Scheme 2018: The total number of HOP grants received by closing date in December was 227 and are currently being assessed.

The number of Private grants approved in 2018 is as follows:

| Scheme | No. | Approved Amount |
|--------|-----|-----------------|
| HGD | 24 | €275,302.18 |
| MAG | 11 | €53,337.08 |
| HOP | 4 | €31,457.50 |
| | 39 | €360,096.76 |

We will be tendering for the creation of a new Occupational Therapist Panel in the coming weeks to assess our medical based applications for grant assistance.

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January 2018 Housing

| | |
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| Number awaiting social housing support at 31 st January, 2018 | 2194 |
| Number of assessment interviews carried out in January : | 34 |
| LA/RAS/Leasing allocations (<i>offers made</i>): | 10 |
| Number of HAP tenancies to 31 st January : | 845 |
| Number of LA tenancies surrendered: | 4 |
| Anti social behaviour cases: | 9 |
| New Homeless Presentations: | 37 |
| Maintenance Calls for January 2018 | 482 |
| Maintenance Calls year to date | 482 |
| No. Housing Loans Approved to date (Annuity/Construction) | 2 |
| Amount of Loans Approved to 31 st January, 2018 | €220,025 |

Housing List

The number on the Housing List at 31st December 2017 is 2,194. A comparative analysis with previous years is set out below:

| Year | Number on Housing List |
|---------------|---|
| January 2018 | 2,194 |
| December 2017 | 2,180 |
| December 2016 | 2,059 <i>(Statutory Assessment 2016)</i> |
| December 2015 | 2,744 |
| December 2014 | 2,456 |
| December 2013 | 2,144 <i>(Statutory Assessment 2013)</i> |
| December 2012 | 3,688 |
| December 2011 | 3,118 |
| December 2010 | 2,876 |

Housing Needs Assessment 2018

We have been informed by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government that each Housing Authority is required to prepare a Summary of the Social Housing Assessments (s.21 Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009) for its administrative area. This Summary is now carried out annually and the counting

date this year is 11th June 2017. Deadline for the return of summary to the Department is 29th June, 2018.

This statutory assessment will identify the number of qualified households on our Housing List whose housing need have not been met. This list does not include those households on a transfer list or in accommodation provided under RAS or HAP. Kilkenny County Council will contact all approved social housing clients being reviewed in the coming months. Advertisement will be placed in local papers and on our web-site to inform the public of the Assessment Process.

Rent Review 2018

Members are reminded of the pending rent review to be carried out in Quarter 1, 2018 for all our tenants. Work has begun on revising the current differential rent scheme(s) to harmonise both schemes.

Repair and Leasing Scheme (RLS)

A key component of the Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan for Housing & Homelessness is the Repair & Leasing Scheme which was rolled out nationally in March 2017. The Scheme targets owners of vacant properties as a possible source of social housing, enables funding to support necessary repairs to vacant properties and also provides the property owners with an income stream that may, otherwise, be unavailable.

The take up nationally was disappointing and new proposals under Rebuilding Ireland were received on 1st February 2018 (Circular 8/2018) outlining additional measures to attract more property owners of dwellings into the scheme namely:

- Choice of greater rent option for property owner if they assume responsibility as a landlord
 - Owner can opt to be Landlord and due higher rent (92%) or
 - Lease to LA/AHB for lesser rent of 80%

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- Minimum lease term reduced from 10 years to 5 years
- Additional funding for former bedsit properties
- RLS extended to unfinished units - New vacant units
- Apportionment of funds between one or more dwellings

The Department has prepared a National Advertisement Campaign to raise the profile of the RLS nationwide. A Dedicated website www.vacanthomes.ie is available for members of the public to anonymously log possible vacant properties.

Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan

Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan is a new Government backed mortgage for first time buyers. It is available nationwide from all local authorities from 1st February 2018. First time buyers can apply to purchase a new or second-hand property, or to build their own home.

The maximum loan amount under the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan is limited to 90% of the market value of the property with a maximum loan amount of €225,000. A Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan offers three rate products:

- 2% fixed for up to 25 years (APR 2.02%)
- 2.25% fixed for up to 30 years (APR 2.27%)
- 2.30% variable (subject to fluctuation) for up to 30 years (APR 2.32%)

A website has been set up which gives full details on the new loan with a list of Frequently Asked Questions at www.rebuildingirelandhomeloan.ie. A National Help Desk has been set up to answer queries in relation to the scheme and their contact number is 051-349720

PLANNING:

| Planning Summary | Total To January | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------|
| | 2017 | 2018 |
| Planning Applications Received | 44 | 62 |
| Planning Applications Granted | 48 | 66 |
| Planning Applications Refused | 5 | 9 |
| Complaints Received | 8 | 7 |
| Warning Letters Issued | 5 | 5 |
| Enforcements Notices Issued | 8 | 0 |

Forward Planning:

- A Draft Local Area Plan for Castlecomer was published in October 2017 and was on public display between the 6th Oct and the 17th November 2017. Twenty seven submissions were made to the draft and the Chief Executives report on the submissions was considered at the January meeting of the Council. Material alterations to the Draft Castlecomer Plan are currently on public display until the 2nd March. A public information evening will be held in Castlecomer Library on Tuesday, 20th February between 5 pm and 8 pm.
- The Urban Design Criteria and Development Code for the Abbey Quarter was approved by the Council at the January meeting.
- A workshop was held on the 19th January with County Councillors and invited stakeholders for input into the forthcoming Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy being prepared by the Southern Regional Assembly. A submission to the Regional Assembly is currently being finalised by the Council.



- Tenders for the preparation of the Callan Local Area Plan have been received and consultants will be appointed over the coming weeks for commencement in March.
- Variation 3 to the County Development Plan is currently on public display until the Wednesday, 21st February. The purpose of the variation is to incorporate the expired local area plans for Piltown, Fidown and Gowran into the County Development Plan and to amend the development boundary in Ballyragget.
- Variation no. 5 to the City & Environs Development Plan is currently on public display until the 2nd March. The purpose of the variation is to allow for temporary carparking on the Abbey Quarter Masterplan area as a temporary/ meanwhile use.

Conservation:

- Work on amendments to the Record of Protected Structures has been ongoing since Q3 2017 and this has culminated in a recommendation to add 27 structures to the Record of Protected Structures. A report on the proposed additions will be considered at the February meeting of the Council.

Taking-in-Charge

- A report recommending the taking in charge of Burgess Court in Kells will be considered at the Council meeting in February.
- The statutory process for the taking in charge of Glenbawn and Glendine Woods in Kilkenny city will commence at the February meeting.

ENVIRONMENT:

RMCEI Plan 2018 (*Recommended Minimum Criteria for Environmental Inspections*)

The preparation of the plan for 2018 is well underway and takes account of both regional and local priorities as well as having regard to the resources available to Kilkenny County Council. The plan, as well as the out-turn report on the completed 2017 plan, is due for submission to the EPA by 16th February 2018 for approval.

Green Teen Training Day

Students from 5 secondary schools recently attended a Green Teen Training day facilitated by Eco-Unesco. This activity was to support students who are co-ordinating the green school programme in their school. This was funded under the Councils Environment Education and Awareness Programme.



Green Schools

26 schools will be visited over the next 6 week period to conduct green school assessments. Three schools are working towards their first green flag award.

Inistioge Entente Florale

Inistioge Tidy Towns accepted a nomination from the Department of Rural and Community Development to represent Ireland along with Dungarvan in Co. Waterford in this prestigious

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European wide competition. Community representatives recently met with Council officials to discuss process involved and to prepare the village for the adjudication day, which will take place on the 20th of July 2018. A public meeting is organised for the 8th of March at 8pm in Cois Abhainn, Inistioge to introduce the concept of a competition to the community and outline what's involved as community participation is key for success.



Litter Management Plan 2018-2020.

The consultation phase of the Litter Management Plan was completed during January.

Christmas Tree Collection

Kilkenny County Council offered a free Christmas tree collection service at nine locations throughout the County from 5th to the 15th January. Trees were also brought directly to the Dunmore Civic Amenity Site and Granny Recycling Centre. Following this period KCC arranged the collection of the trees from each site and brought them to the Dunmore CAS for disposal. In addition, Christmas trees 'illegally dumped' at unauthorised sites were also removed by KCC. Any remaining Christmas trees can still be disposed of at our facility at Dunmore CAS at the usual reduced Green Waste charge.

PARKS:

Playgrounds

The Parks Department continue to maintain and upgrade playgrounds around the County. Recent large scale works in January include resurfacing of the entire playground surface in the Fr. McGrath centre and installation of a special needs roundabout in Talbot's Court playground. Funding for these repairs/additions totalling €24,000 was from the Playground maintenance budget. A contractor has been appointed to repair a large piece of play equipment in the Council owned playground at the Castlecomer Discover Park which is structurally unsound due to wear and tear.



Newly surfaced playground at Fr. McGrath Centre



Special needs roundabout at Talbots Court

Proposed new playgrounds: - Johnstown Playground committee received funding for a new playground on a site on the Rathdowney road. The group will apply for funding under the Community and Capital Cultural Facilities Scheme. The Parks Department will support the



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group with technical assistance to see the project through, subject to funding.

A planning application has been received from Tullaroan Development Association for the development of a playground at Tullaroan Sports ground. A decision on this will be due in early March.

Woodstock Gardens

The final phase of restoration of one of the Winter Garden panels is under way with the intricate panels of topiary set out for planting. The clean up after storm damage continues with more recent tree losses during high winds adding to the previous damage from Storm Ophelia.



Setting out the topiary panels in the Winter Garden and the sunken panels with drainage and newly shaped terrace slopes

Greenway

Two Part 8 Planning proposals to facilitate the development of the Greenway [New Ross to Co. Kilkenny] along the old disused railway are underway since 2017 with a decision due in 2018. The Part 8 for a short section of tract at Aylwardstown is currently on public display with submissions due on or before the 23rd of February. The Greenway will encompass an entirely off road facility for cyclists and walkers connecting Waterford to New Ross and in time connecting to the Waterford Greenway.

Ferrybank Neighbourhood Park

Tender invites for the detailed design and construction of the Ferrybank Neighbourhood

park have been sent out to interested parties. Tenders are due back in March 2018 with works on site expected to commence in July. This park will be funded by a combination of LIHAF funding with match funding from Kilkenny and Waterford Local Authorities. The budget for this park is €623,000



View of the site of the proposed Ferrybank Neighbourhood Park

FIRE SERVICES:

Community Engagement & Education

Preparations for the primary schools fire safety programme for 2018 are well underway with 56 schools participating this year.

Influencing & Regulating the Built Environment

We have received 6 No. Fire Safety Certificate Applications in January 2018. 4 have been granted and 2 are being processed.

Kilkenny Fire and Rescue Service fire prevention officers held fire safety certificate/fire prevention clinics on a weekly basis in Fire Station HQ. This initiative has aided greatly in reducing 1) our Fire Safety Certificate invalidation and 2) our Fire Safety certificate refusal rates.

13 planning applications were dealt with from a fire safety point of view.

Fire Service Operations

We attended a high number of calls involving road traffic accidents during January 2018.

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23 No. hydrants were checked around the County by fire fighters.

Facilities and general news, new PPE, new equipment, new fire station approvals etc.

An update on Kilkenny Fire and Rescue Service Delivery plan 2017 was given to members of Strategic Policy Committee 2 in Kilkenny City Fire Station on the 1st December 2017.

We plan to upgrade our fire service vehicles and fire station at Urlingford subject to capital funding.

The new fire station for Graiguenamanagh Fire Brigade has been snagged prior to final completion.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Kilkenny County Council Celebrates Community Achievements

In late 2017 seven communities from across Kilkenny represented their County at two major national awards – The Bank of Ireland Enterprising Town Awards & the IPB Pride of Place Awards. On Monday January 15th, 2018, An Cathoirleach Cllr. David Fitzgerald hosted a reception to acknowledge, congratulate and thank all seven groups for their dedication and hard work within their respective communities.



IRELAND'S BEST YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR (IBYE)

Three local business owners from Kilkenny, all under the age of 35, went head-to-head with other County winners from Carlow, Wicklow and Wexford. The three young entrepreneurs representing the County at the Regional Final were:

- Best Business Idea: Tara Hennessy, Spydar
- Best Business Start Up: Rory Gannon, Cake Face.
- Best Established Business: Eoin Treacy, Glanway Ltd

The nominees were interviewed by a three member judging panel and had to deliver a business pitch. Assessed on criteria such as business innovation, job creation potential and financial planning. The announcement of the national finalists was made at a reception in the Tinakilly Country House in Co. Wicklow on the 25th January.

Eoin Treacy from Glanway Ltd will be representing the region in the Best Established Business category at the national final in Google Headquarters in March for a chance to share a €100,000 investment fund. Glanway Ltd. has already won €15,000 in investment from the Local Enterprise Office Kilkenny. The company Glanway Ltd. is a processing and production facility for waste-derived alternative fuels at Belview Port. It has grown rapidly since it commenced operations 3 years ago and has become the largest waste processing facility in the South East of Ireland.





LOCAL ENTERPRISE WEEK 2018

Local Enterprise Week runs from 4th to the 9th March, 2018 and the highlights of the week along with our wide range of courses will be The Student Enterprise Programme County Final on Wednesday 7th March.

Seminar on GDPR Compliance will take place on Thursday 8th March. At this seminar Kate Ashmore, Frontier Privacy Ltd, an innovative data protection consultancy firm based in Dublin will specifically focus on how businesses can prepare for the GDPR from the perspective of how they use data for marketing purposes.

SPRING TRAINING PROGRAMME

The Local Enterprise Office has launched the Spring 2018 training programme schedule for entrepreneurs and employees of micro-enterprises. 28 courses will run from February to end of May 2018 including 4 Start Your Own Business Courses. The full training programme schedule is now available to view on the Local

Enterprise Office Kilkenny website www.localenterprise.ie/kilkenny.



SHOWCASE 2018

Three local businesses have been supported by the Local Enterprise Office Kilkenny through our Createkilkenny programme to promote local craft and design at Showcase 2018. Showcase is Ireland’s International Creative Expo, it attracts international buyers from around the world and took place from the 21st to the 24th January 2018. Aisling McElwain Ceramics, Colette Jackson of Jackson Rhodes and Mol Lambert of Mol’s Tiles completed the Createkilkenny programme in 2017.



OTHER STATISTICS YEAR TO DATE (2018)

- 3 businesses have been assisted so far this year with applications for the Smart Options Loan Scheme, a partnership between St. Canice’s Credit Union and the Local Enterprise Office;
- 33 business promoters have availed of one-to-one mentoring assistance to address particular issues within their businesses;
- 19 promoters have availed of one-to-one business advisory sessions with LEO executives.



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LIBRARY SERVICES:

Kilkenny Library Service January 2018



20.8K
Visitors



30.6K
Items
borrowed



1,158
Registrations



2,553
Internet
Sessions

Upcoming Events

Healthy Ireland at your Library

Healthy Ireland at your Library is a new initiative which will be rolled out in 2018, providing resources, supports and programming on various health & wellbeing topics across the library network. 18 exciting events have been organised as part of this initiative from Nutritional talks to storytime yoga for children, and Mindful Walking to a visit by the Marie Keating Mobile Unit.

Conversation Salon

We held a very successful conversation Salon in Loughboy Library as part of our Healthy Ireland at your library and First Fortnight Programme promoting positive mental health.

Participants enjoyed meeting new people, engaging in energizing conversation and listening to inspiring stories.

Digital Literacy

We will host free tablet and computer classes to all of our 8 branches this year in partnership with Digitise the Nation and Age Action, in an effort to reduce the digital divide.





APPENDIX 1

FINANCE REPORT - FEBRUARY 2018

The expenditure by service division to the end of January is set out in table 1. Total Expenditure for the period was €4.85m compared with the annual budget of €74.15m.

| TABLE 1 | Actual YTD Jan 2018 | Budget Full Year 2018 |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------|
| | €'000's | €'000's |
| Housing & Building | 1,009 | 15,864 |
| Road Transport & Safety | 1,007 | 20,108 |
| Water Services | 482 | 6,579 |
| Development Management | 698 | 8,693 |
| Environmental Services | 501 | 9,722 |
| Recreation & Amenity | 427 | 6,022 |
| Agriculture, Education, Health, Welfare | 24 | 637 |
| Miscellaneous Services | 702 | 6,526 |
| Overall Total | 4,850 | 74,151 |

The bank overdraft facility has not been utilized during the month of January. The final results on cash collection for 2017 are as follows: Rates - 95%, Rents - 92%, Housing Loans 85%.

IPB have indicated that they will be confirming the capital distribution previously advised in the coming weeks.

The Annual Financial Statement for 2017 is currently being prepared and a draft will be presented to Council at the March meeting.