

August 2021

# Chief Executive Monthly Management Report



## Monthly Report

**Leitrim County Council**

for the period 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021

Prepared in accordance with Section 136  
(2) of the Local Government Act, 2001 as  
inserted by Section 51 of the Local  
Government Act, 2014

## FINANCE, WATER SERVICES, ENVIRONMENT & EMERGENCY SERVICES

### Revenue Account

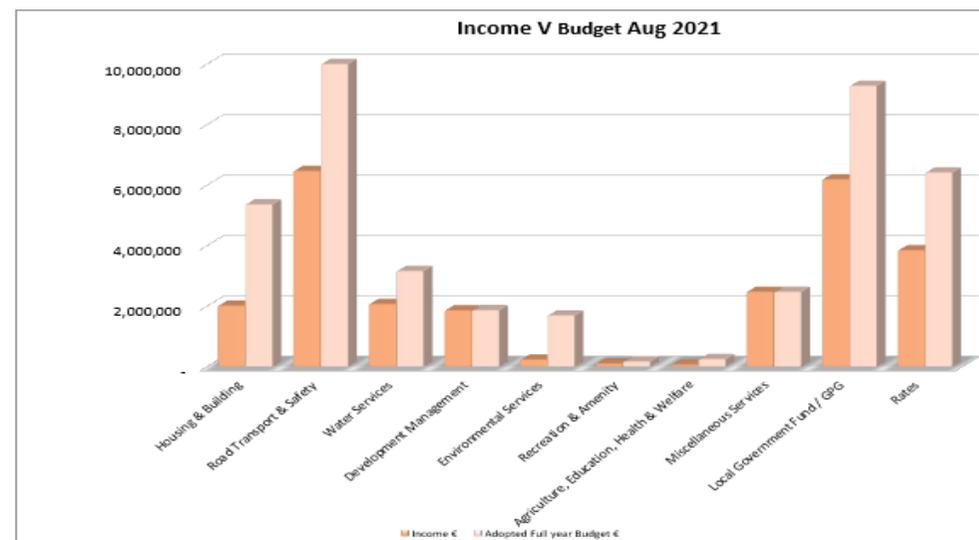
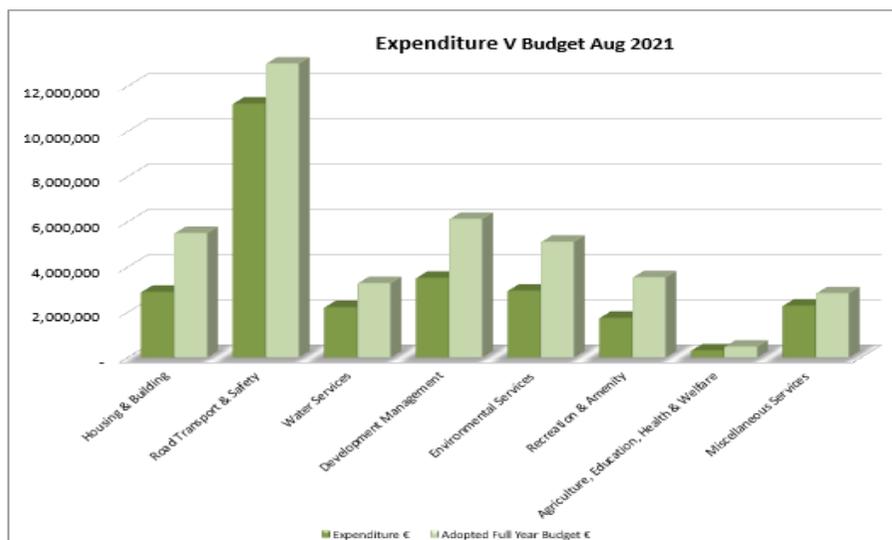
#### Aug 2021 - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division

(PRELIMINARY Aug. 2021 - FIGURES)

EXPENDITURE					
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent	Budget Remaining €	
A	Housing & Building	2,897,221	53%	2,602,874	
B	Road Transport & Safety	11,225,288	71%	4,641,320	
C	Water Services	2,221,779	68%	1,064,348	
D	Development Management	3,520,559	57%	2,607,978	
E	Environmental Services	2,955,127	58%	2,160,582	
F	Recreation & Amenity	1,750,110	49%	1,794,054	
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	311,643	65%	168,008	
H	Miscellaneous Services	2,293,749	81%	547,904	
LG	Local Government Fund / GPG		0%	0	
RA	Rates		0%	0	
		<b>€27,175,476</b>	<b>€42,762,544</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>15,587,068</b>

INCOME					
	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	Budget outstanding €	
	2,013,724	5,359,418	38%	3,345,694	
	6,464,398	12,113,400	53%	5,649,002	
	2,066,604	3,156,489	65%	1,089,885	
	1,857,204	1,862,021	100%	4,817	
	228,201	1,690,132	14%	1,461,931	
	97,655	166,742	59%	69,087	
	66,425	246,252	27%	179,827	
	2,473,900	2,471,271	100%	(2,629)	
	6,188,498	9,282,747	67%	3,094,249	
	3,843,357	6,414,072	60%	2,570,715	
		<b>€25,299,966</b>	<b>€42,762,544</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>17,462,578</b>

NET	
Actual Overall Surplus/ (Deficit) €	Fav/(Unfav) €
(883,497)	(742,820)
(4,760,890)	(1,007,682)
(155,175)	(25,537)
(1,663,354)	2,603,162
(2,726,926)	698,651
(1,652,455)	1,724,967
(245,218)	(11,819)
180,151	550,533
6,188,498	(3,094,249)
3,843,357	(2,570,715)
<b>€1,875,510</b>	<b>€1,875,510</b>



#### MAIN POINTS AS AT END OF Aug, 2021

- Water Expenditure in line with Income
- Rates collection is continuously impacted in 2021 by Covid-19
- A Rates Waiver for Q1 & Q2 2021 has been applied. A waiver for Q3 will be applied in September/October 2021.
- Development income includes prepaid LEO grant monies
- Expenditure includes Unfunded Road Crew Costs during lockdown ytd Aug 2021 and other Covid losses in Goods and Services
- The closing date to apply for the SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE SCHEME FOR COVID [SBASC] Q2 Grant was 21st Aug 2021.

**Aug 2021 - Recourse to Overdraft**

No. of Days in Overdraft during Aug 2021 0

Interest Incurred €0

**2021 - Collection Rates**

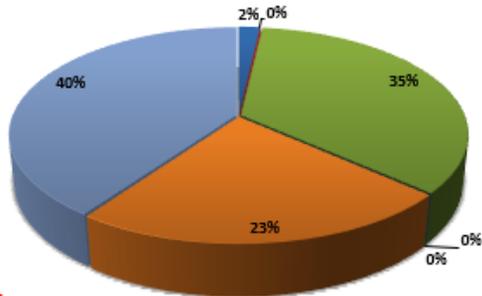
	YTD		
	€ Aug-21	€ Aug-20	€ FY 2020
Housing Rents	€1,646,302	€1,598,164	€2,417,693
Commercial Rates	€3,843,357	€2,965,367	€3,753,430
Housing Loans	€129,980	€122,680	€184,247

	YTD		
	% Aug-21	% Aug-20	% FY 2020
Housing Rents	88%	86%	91%
Commercial Rates	55%	44%	72%
Housing Loans	63%	61%	70%

COMMENTARY
Rents collection is up marginally on 2020
Rates collection YTD is up on 2020 from a timing perspective. Covid-19 will continue to impact on Rates Collection.
Loans collection is up marginally on 2020

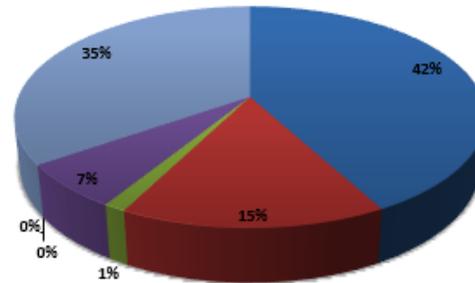
**Aug 2021 - Aged Debt Analysis**

■ 30 Days ■ 60 Days ■ 90 Days ■ 180 Days ■ 1 Year ■ 2 Years ■ > 2 Years



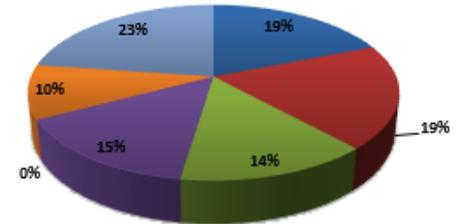
RATES

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RENTS

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LOANS

	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	180 Days	1 Year	2 Years	> 2 Years
RATES	€85,690	€3,045	€1,665,918	€0	€0	€1,117,642	€1,928,443
RENTS	€84,113	€30,854	€2,594	€12,984	€0	€0	€69,311
LOANS	€14,384	€14,568	€10,798	€11,301	€0	€7,537	€17,293

## Water Services Department

### Maximo: Asset Management

There were a total of 219 No. Work Orders for the month of August 2021. Breakdown as follows:

Work Orders	#
LA Complaints	7
Planned Leak Detection	18
New Connections Water	7
New Connections (Waste Water)	4
First Fix Repairs	16
First Fix Surveys	18
Emergency Work Orders	0
Drinking Water RM	97
Waste Water RM	31
Contractor Related Work Orders	21

#### Unaccounted for Water

UFW is now 42.85% or 5870m<sup>3</sup>/Day

## Capital Works – Water Services

### Leakage Reduction Programme – Pipeline Rehabilitations

**Drumshanbo** – Hilly Rd. & R208 Ballinamore Rd.

**Project Scope** - Irish Water have approved the replacement of two defective sections of cast iron watermain. (200m at Hilly Road and a 450m section on the Ballinamore Road R208). Both projects have been moved to design phase.

**Project Update** – IW’s contractor has commenced work on the Hilly Road project and is now 70% complete.

**Keshcarrigan to Fenagh R209:**

**Project Scope** - Irish Water have approved for the design phase, the replacement of 2 further sections of troublesome AC watermain on the R209 i.e. ‘Keshcarrigan to Castlefore’ and the ‘Foxfield to Fenagh Beg’ sections.

**Project Update** - The Kesh section has further been upgraded to provide an additional 260m of pipeline replacement bringing the total replacement length of the Kesh section to 2074m. The Foxfield section to Fenagh has also been increased by 188m bringing the total replacement length to 1511m. Waiting on IW to announce a start date.

**Mohill:**

**Project Scope** - Irish Water have approved for the design phase, the streamlining of existing watermain through Mohill town by replacing two defective cast iron watermain and a 200mm AC main by installing one new HDPE watermain. This work is to be completed ahead of the public realm streetscape works in Mohill. Waiting on IW to announce a start date.

#### Back Yard Services Programme

Current Projects are 100% complete and no others identified for the time being.

### Leakage Reduction Programme – Find & Fix

#### ➤ Find & Fix - Farrans

**Project Scope** - Farrans Find & Fix leak detection and repair works are now mobilised in Carrick, Ballinamore. Farrans are also continuing with pressure logging assessments of the troublesome AC trunk mains in South Leitrim.

#### ➤ Leitrim County Council Direct Labour Find and Fix crew

**Project Scope** - The Leitrim County Council direct labour F&F team are now operating in Effernaugh DMA. Leakage reduction targets have been successfully met in all DMA’s.

### **Leakage Reduction Programme – Metering Programme**

**Project Scope** - Batch 2 of the Stimulus metering upgrade works is circa 95% complete. This project has received additional funding in 2021 and a new programme of work was submitted to IW for consideration. Leitrim County Council expect to hear shortly if this programme will be included. This work repairs and/ or replaces bulk meters and /or loggers. This ensures the information being fed back to the Leakage management system is accurate and provides an accurate unaccounted for water figure for the county of Leitrim.

### **Water Treatment Programme North-West**

Ongoing design work within Carrick WTP by the Framework Contractor, EPS. Currently working towards the replacement of the filter media in 4 of the 8 filters along with reviewing the coagulation process.

### **Early Contractor Investment Programme**

**Project Scope** - Provision of increased treatment capacity at Carrick WTP. This also includes the upgrading of the Coagulation process, Filter media replacement, Saturator vessels replacement along with new pumps and air blowers. Expected commencement on site will be Q3/Q4 2021.

### **IW National Disinfection Programme - Veolia Contractors**

**Project Scope** - Design & Build upgrade works to the disinfection process are ongoing at Carrick on Shannon & Glenade WTP's with both projects to be complete in Q4 2021.

**Project Update:** Contractor is back on site and work has recommenced.

## **Capital Upgrades Programme**

**4 No. WWTP at Drumshanbo, Leitrim Village, Carrigallen and Ballinamore** are substantially complete. Snagging works are expected to be complete during Q3/Q4 2021.

**Project Update:** Contractors are due back on site to complete snags.

### **Tullaghan WWTP:**

**Project Scope** - Upgrade works to Tullaghan WWTP (to pump effluent to West End PS near Bundoran). The design workshop was held in Jan '21 and a recent HAZOP meeting was also completed.

**Project Update** – Sewage from Tullaghan is being pumped to West End Pump Station in Bundoran, project is 95% complete.

### **IWSS (Inlet Works, Storm & Sludge) Programme:**

**Project Scope** - Ballinamore and Leitrim Village WWTP have been approved for upgrades to their inlet works.

**Project Update** - Hazop meeting took place during May for Ballinamore WWTP. Design work ongoing. Conway Engineering are the appointed contractor for Ballinamore WWTP and will be first to commence during Q3 2021.

### **Small Towns and Villages Growth Programme (STVGP):**

Under the STVGP €2.75m funding has now been approved for upgrade works to improve treatment capacity at 4 nr WWTP's (Mohill, Carrigallen, Dromod & Leitrim Village). A follow up meeting was held with IW in Nov to confirm the WWTP's to be addressed. Leitrim County Council received a letter from IW in May 2021 and July 2021 advising that Carrigallen WWTP will be going ahead, and IW are currently reviewing LCC's other submissions for inclusion in this programme.

### **Upgrade of Drumshanbo Wastewater Treatment Plant – Outfall Pumping Station - Atkins Consulting Engineers**

This project was included in Irish Waters Capital investment Plan for 2017-2021 and is bundled with 5 similar WWTP's in Co. Cavan. These works are to be delivered in the period of the Capital Investment Programme '21 – '25.

### **Carrick on Shannon Water Treatment Plant – Future planning**

Irish Water has identified Carrick WTP in its "National Water Resource Plan". This will consider provision for future demand. We continue to meet with Irish Water to highlight the future needs for Carrick on Shannon water treatment plant to ensure it is extended to meet the growing demand in the South Leitrim Regional Water Supply Scheme.

## **Environment Department**

## RMCEI Plan

The Environment Department submitted the 2020 RMCEI Summary Report and the Return including the 2021 RMCEI Planned Target Environmental inspections to the EPA by the deadline of Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

## National Inspection Program (DWWTS)

The EPA requested an up-to-date position on NIP DWWTS Advisory Notices for all inspection from 2014 to end of 2018. Environment Department are following up on 38 no Advisory Notices open from May 2014 to end of year 2018. These have now got final reminder notices to get works completed as per Advisory notice and if works are not completed the EPA are now putting pressure on all Local Authorities to take legal action against the not compliant offenders who are causing Environmental pollution.

We plan to carry out 23 No. new NIP DWWTS inspections in 2021 subject to Covid-19 restrictions lifted. We intend also to carry out any verifications inspections to allow grants for NIP DWWTS to be claimed by relevant homeowners.

## Water Quality – Dawn of Hope Landslide:

Due to lack of resources in the Environment Department we secured funding from National Parks and Wildlife and the Department to procure an Environmental consultant to undertake water quality sampling monitoring for a further 12 months from August 2021. This consultant has been appointed and this work will begin immediately. This work was previously carried out by Environment Department over the last 12 months

## Anti-Dumping Initiatives:

### ➤ Solar Compacting bins:

As part of the anti-dumping initiatives 2021 solar compacting bins have been installed at a number of locations countywide; Ballinamore, Acres Lake amenity and Glencar Waterfall carpark.

### ➤ Media Campaign:

The Council is currently procuring a Media Consultant to prepare, design, and implement a marketing campaign for Leitrim County Council's 2021 Anti-Dumping/Anti-Litter Campaign. This is a bespoke campaign, drawing on existing National Campaigns and strategies, for County Leitrim. The campaign will develop and co-ordinate citizen awareness on the Anti-Dumping/Anti-Litter Campaign and aim to have an outcome of positive behavioural change towards Anti-Dumping/Anti-Littering, Waste Minimisation, and a Circular Economy.

## Historic Landfills:

An Environmental consultant has been appointed to undertake an environmental assessment of Historic Landfills, in accordance with the EPA Code of Practice for Historic Landfills of the 6 no. historic landfill sites at Ballinamore, Drumshanbo, Drumkeeran, Cornstalk & Whitakers Bridge, Manorhamilton and Kiltyclogher. The assessment is ongoing.

## VETERINARY SERVICE

### Slaughter Returns

AM/PM Inspections	15
Cattle	50
Sheep	130
Pigs	0

### Premises Inspections

Premises Inspections	8
Food Samples	0
Environmental Swabs	0
Water Samples	0
Veterinary Residue Samples	0
Carcass Swabs	0

### Dog Warden Service Activities

Stray Dogs	5
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Surrendered Dogs	0
Seized Dogs	0
Dogs Re-Homed	3
Dogs Reclaimed	0
Dog Deaths	0
Dogs Euthanised	0
Warden Service Requests	44
Dog Fouling Complaints	10
Livestock Attacks by Dogs	1
Dog Control & Roaming Complaints	11
Dog Licence Inspections	20
Dogs Neutered	7
Neutering Vouchers Issued	1
Dogs Micro-Chipped and Registered	9
Fines Issued – Dogs	0
Statutory Notices Issued	0
Newspaper Articles/ Radio	1
Social Media Posts	40
Stray Horses seized	0
Stray Cats Neutered	9
Animal Carcasses Removed	1
Dog Waste Station Service Visits	42
Dog Waste Bags Dispensed	2400

## CIVIL DEFENCE

Ballinamore, Co Leitrim	Hot Meal To vulnerable adult	02/08/2021
Ballinacarrow, Galway	Patient Transport to and from appointment	02/08/2021
Midland Regional Hospital	Patient Haemorrhage Blue light run to Hospital	03/08/2021
Ballinamore, Co Leitrim	Hot Meal To vulnerable adult	05/08/2021
Midland Regional hospital	Patient Transport from hospital to home	05/08/2021
Food Distribution Centre Dublin	Collection Of food for FRC Mohill from depot in Dublin	06/08/2021
Manorhamilton Hospital	Patient transport to and from hospital	07/08/2021
Ballinamore, Co Leitrim	Hot Meal To vulnerable adult	07/08/2021
Lough Rynn Rowing	Canoe Sprint	07/08/2021
Ballinamore, Co Leitrim	Hot Meal To vulnerable adult	09/08/2021
Manorhamilton Hospital	Patient Transport from hospital to home	09/08/2021
St James Hospital	Patient Transport from home to hospital and return	10/08/2021
Sligo General Hospital	Dementia Patient transport to and from hospital	11/08/2021
Ballinamore, Co Leitrim	Hot Meal To vulnerable adult	12/08/2021
Markievicz House	Patient Transport from hospital to home	12/08/2021
St James Hospital	Patient Transport from home to hospital and return	13/08/2021
Ballinamore, Co Leitrim	Hot Meal To vulnerable adult	13/08/2021
Sligo General Hospital	Patient Transport from home to hospital and return	16/08/2021
Ballinamore, Co Leitrim	Hot Meal To vulnerable adult	16/08/2021
Ballinamore, Co Leitrim	Hot Meal To vulnerable adult	19/08/2021
Ballinacarrow, Galway	Patient Transport from home to hospital and return	19/08/2021
Kilronan Mountain	Carrick Camino 35km walk through of the event	21/08/2021
Ballinamore, Co Leitrim	Hot Meal To vulnerable adult	21/08/2021
Carrick-on-Shannon	Meeting of other agencies for event	23/08/2021
Ballinamore, Co Leitrim	Hot Meal To vulnerable adult	23/08/2021
Carrick-on-Shannon	Meeting of volunteers for event monitoring	24/08/2021
Sligo General Hospital	Patient Transport from home to hospital and return	25/08/2021
Ballinamore, Co Leitrim	Hot Meal To vulnerable adult	26/08/2021

St James Hospital	Patient Transport from home to hospital and return	27/08/2021
Ballinamore, Co Leitrim	Hot Meal To vulnerable adult	28/08/2021
Kilronan Mount Drumshanbo	Medical cover 35km walk through	28/08/2021
Ballinamore, Co Leitrim	Hot Meal To vulnerable adult	30/08/2021
St James Hospital	Patient Transport from home to hospital and return	31/08/2021
Oranmore Galway	Patient transport to and from clinic	31/08/2021

Civil Defence Volunteers remained on standby during the month to provide assistance to the Principal Response Agencies and the Community Response Forum

## FIRE SERVICE

### Capital Programme - Fire Stations

#### Manorhamilton FS

Rhatigan Architects are moving to the detailed design stage for the project. Some minor modifications have been made to the internal layout. Additional ground surveys are being undertaken. A preplanning meeting was held with the Planning Department to prepare the Part 8 application.

#### Fire Appliances

We signed a contract with our recommended supplier Sidhean Teo in Spiddal for the manufacture of the new vehicle. The chassis will be available in early 2022 and the new vehicle will be delivered by the end of 2022.

**Fire Service Training** - The following training was delivered during Aug 2021.

- Cardiac First Responder – 11 firefighters, Pump Operator Training – 3 firefighters
- BA Instructor Course – 2 firefighters.

### Building Control activity in August

	Received	Valid / Invalid	Granted	Completed
Commencement Notices		9/2	-	
Fire Safety Certificates	1		4	
Disabled Access Certificates	1		4	
Completion Certificates	0			
FSA / Planning Inspections				3
BC inspections / BER / Market Surveillance				5
Fire Safety Notices issued				0
Application for relaxation / dispensation	1			

### Emergency Management

Bi-weekly fire service staffing updates are being sent to the Department during the Covid-19 pandemic. We have updated the Regional Mass Fatality Plan and have circulated it for comment to the Regional Working Group. Next meeting is in early September.

### Erasmus BFireSafe@School project

We are working with Carrick-on-Shannon Education centre to organise a Teacher Training Learning event online in September 2021 for teachers in a number of European countries. We are also organising a final project launch in Brussels in mid-October. Two transnational Project meetings were held during August.

### Cross Border Emergency Management Group (CBEMG)

We have reviewed our Cross Border Operational Plan 2021 – 2024. The final version was agreed and was sent to the printers. It has been issued to the Regional Working and Steering Groups for comment. The next CBEMG meeting is scheduled for the end of September.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING, AND INFRASTRUCTURE

## LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE (LEO)

### **Training**

The autumn training schedule has now been updated on our website. Training continues to be delivered online and free of charge.

### **Mentoring**

There continues to be a strong demand for one-to-one mentoring.

### **Brexit/Export**

One to One mentoring continues to be available on any Brexit or Export related issues.

### **Green for Micro**

The Green for Micro programme - to help prepare small businesses for the low carbon, more resource efficient economy of the future is available to all companies with up to ten employees free of charge.

### **Trading Online Voucher**

Interest continues in the scheme and applications continue to come in steadily.

### **Look for Local**

The Look for Local campaign continues to run on media and the Local Enterprise Office have compiled a number of case studies on local businesses as part of this campaign.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### **LCDC**

A meeting of the LCDC took place on August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021. There were four EOI's, there were six requests for project extensions approved by the Lag, in addition 5 further retrospective project extensions were approved by the LAG.

### **Marketing and Promotion Campaign – Carrick on Shannon**

Working with Gateway Marketing on campaigns for back to school and belocal.

### **Meeting with Carrick on Shannon Town Team.**

There was a meeting with Carrick on Shannon Town Team on August 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss possible changes to the Town and Village application form.

### **Meeting with Carrick Town Team and Chamber of Commerce.**

Members of Carrick Chamber attended the meeting on August 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss possible changes to the Town and Village application form.

### **Meeting with Manorhamilton REDZ town Team.**

There was no meeting of the Manorhamilton REDZ Town Team in August.

### **Clar/ORIS/ Town and Village Projects 2018 -2020**

Ongoing Follow up by phone/email with Town and Village projects from 2018, 2019 and 2020 to check progress and offer support in submitting claims. Processing of claims for payment.

### **CCTV- Carrick on Shannon Phase 2**

Finalising phase 2 specification.

### **Purple Flag Interim Renewal Carrick on Shannon**

Work ongoing in relation to Purple Flag Interim Renewal for Carrick on Shannon. To be submitted in October 2021.

### **Streetscape Enhancement Measure Town and Village 2021.**

Minister Humphries announced the Streetscape enhancement measure under Town and village on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Work was done to prepare submission to the Scheme, finalise application forms and scheme outlines etc. for circulation. 7 Towns in Leitrim can apply to this scheme in 2021, Carrick on Shannon, Kinlough, Leitrim Village, Dromahair, Dromod, Drumshanbo and Ballinamore.

## **TOURISM**

### **Destination Marketing**

As part of Leitrim Tourism's 'Enjoy Leitrim' marketing campaign launched its 90 second hero video. The purpose of the video is to show all there is to see and do in the county. The video launched across Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and immediately began to be liked and shared across all the platforms. The video launch was also picked up by a number of media channels including independent.ie and IrishCentral.com. It continues to be liked and shared across social media all the time heightening awareness of Leitrim far and wide. Leitrim Tourism continued sponsorship of the weather on Shannonside in conjunction with Roscommon Tourism.

### **Enjoy Leitrim Website**

Further special offers were added to the website which are being sent in by tourist providers around the county, as part of the 'Enjoy Leitrim' Marketing campaign that is currently taking place.

### **Social Media**

In August the 'EnjoyLeitrim' social media campaign continued. This campaign has hugely increased interaction on all platforms. The overall page likes, views and engagement also increased and there was similar success with Instagram.

### **Slow Adventure**

In August, as part of the ongoing 'inspirational' marketing campaign currently taking place in association with *Visit Derry* and supported by the European Travel Commission, Leitrim Tourism welcomed travel writer and instagrammer Julie Falconer, whose Instagram platform has over 168,000 followers. Julie was in Derry and Leitrim to enjoy slow adventure experiences. While in Leitrim she took a cycle on the Shannon Blueway with Electric Bike Trails, enjoyed a coffee break at Jinny's before taking to the water with Leitrim Surf for a stand-up paddle along the 'Drumshamazon'. Then Julie was hosted with lunch at The Jackalope Café at the Shed Distillery before having a tour of the Curious Mind Experience. In the afternoon, Julie took to the water again this time with Lough Allen Adventure. That evening there was an Instagram Live broadcast where Julie talked with the presenter in the USA and told her all about her Slow Adventure experiences in both Derry and Leitrim. The next day Julie enjoyed yoga and an *uisce* hour at Ard Nahoo Eco Retreat, visited The Organic Centre and ended her stay in Leitrim with lunch at Fulacht Fiadh Café in Manorhamilton where she was joined by Tawnylust Lodge. She is now going to write a number of articles for travel magazines in the USA.

Ongoing work is taking place on the Slow Adventure Website under the Ireland's Hidden Heartlands web improvement plan.

### **Ireland's Hidden Heartlands**

Leitrim Tourism in conjunction with Ireland's Hidden Heartlands welcomed Maia Dunphy and her father Tom who visited Leitrim with RTE's No Place Like Home. While in Leitrim they visited and experienced some of the places and activities on offer. They experienced a cycle on the Shannon Blueway with Electric Bike Trails and Maia took to the water on the 'Drumshamazon' with Leitrim Surf, they had lunch at Jinny's and they also paid a visit to Glenview Folk Museum.

Audrey Kane from the Sunday World also spent some time in Leitrim this week, in association with Ireland's Hidden Heartlands. She too experienced all that Leitrim has to offer.

### **Trade Support**

Supported and assisted with the International Angling Competition 'The King Classic' which followed on from the King of Clubs. The competition took place from 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> August in Ballinamore and surrounding lakes. With competitors from England, Belgium, UK and Lithuania the competition was a huge success and many are looking forward to returning again next year.

Leitrim Tourism continue to support The Tourist Information Office in Carrick on Shannon and Ballinamore and the Tourist Information points at Glencar Waterfall and Sliabh an Iarainn Visitor Centre.

Ongoing support for the Outdoor Seating and Accessories for Tourism and Hospitality Businesses scheme.

Continue to send out a weekly ezine to trade/tourism providers in the county which keeps them up to date on tourism matters both county wide and nationally. Weekly updates on COVID 19 and Enterprise supports available in the tourism industry are being provided.

## **DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT**

### **Pre Planning**

6 no. formal pre planning enquiries were received during the month of August along with several proposed Local Authority own developments one of which will be lodged directly to An Bord Pleanála in addition to enquiries received and replied to through e-mail.

### **Development Management**

12 no. valid planning applications were received in August. 4 no. applications seek permission to construct a dwelling served by an individual wastewater treatment system. 5 no. applications were submitted in August which were deemed invalid, one of which was deemed invalid on two occasions. Except for one such application, all had subsequent applications validated by the Planning Authority.

14 no. final decisions on planning applications were made during August all of which received planning permission. In addition, a request for Further Information issued with respect to 11 no. applications whilst a response to Further Information was received with respect to a further 8 no. applications during the month.

There are currently 4 no. Local Authority own developments the subject of ongoing Part 8 Public Consultation exercises – provision of a car park and access to the coastline at Tullaghan, provision of 4 no. houses in Dromahair, further extension of the demonstration stretch of greenway from Ballinamore to Corgar onwards to Aughawillan and Destination Tow Project in Carrick on Shannon.

### **Forward Planning**

Work is ongoing in the preparation of the draft County Development Plan 2022-2028. Arising from resource issues which developed in recent weeks, it is now expected to submit a draft County Development Plan to the Elected Members towards the end of September / early October with the draft Plan to be placed on public display before year end. The proposed land use zoning objective maps are presently undertaking a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment which has required a number of changes to be made and it is expected that the draft text of the preliminary draft has been subjected to Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment during August which has also required a number of amendments to be made.

### **Heritage**

- Heritage Week took place from 14<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> August with a mixture of online projects and live events. There were 19 no. events across the County including several organised by the Heritage Office. These included the Leitrim Action for Swifts Community Webinar; The Leitrim Sweathouse Project online presentation; The Leitrim Sweathouse guided tour; Leitrim's Wetland Wealth Story Map; The Geology of Glencar Valley Guided Walk; and The Leitrim Chair film.
- The Leitrim Sweathouse Project is progressing. The Oral History element of the project is taking place with volunteers being trained and mentored to carry out oral history interviews with the aim of gathering information on local sweathouses.
- Fieldwork has started for the Leitrim Wetland Survey Phase II and an online story map was launched during Heritage Week which aims to promote wetlands in Leitrim.
- The Leitrim Chair project is progressing. The film was launched during Heritage Week and funding is being sought for workshops to train participants to make the Leitrim Chair.

- The Leitrim Geological Heritage publication is nearing completion and the Geological Survey Ireland has partnered with Leitrim County Council on the project.
- The two grant funded projects under the Community Monument Fund are progressing. These are Gubalaun Church conservation works and Kilbride Church conservation plan.
- Scoping research has begun on historic buildings in Leitrim as part of The Buildings of Ireland North Connaught publication research.

## ROADS

- **Annual Area Programme 2021**

The Annual Area Programme works are progressing.

- **N4 Carrick on Shannon to Dromod Project**

- **Ground Investigations Contract** – The ground investigation contract has been complete. The design consultant is in receipt of the factual ground investigation report which will be implemented into the evaluation of route options. All landowners have been compensated for the works done on their lands. Ground water continues to be monitored at some locations and this will be ongoing for the next year.
- **Public Consultation No. 2** – Leitrim County Council in consultation with ARUP are responding to all valid submissions to Public Consultation No. 2
- **Barn Owl Surveys** have been complete for the study area with other Environmental Surveys currently ongoing. These will form part of the determination of optimum option.
- The design consultant is currently carrying out environmental assessments on the published route options presented in Public Consultation No. 2.

- **Pavement Overlays**

**N15 Pavement Overlay – Redbrae to Sligo County Boundary** – Lagan has been appointed for the Construction Contract on this Pavement Overlay Scheme and pre-commencement meeting has been completed, works are due to commence in early September.

**N16 Pavement Overlay - Glencar to the County Boundary** – Roadplan Consulting Engineers are due to have tender documents ready to seek tenders in early September.

- **N16 Glencar VRS Provision**

The replacement of 834m of existing barriers and 1,145m of new VRS along the N16 at Glencar has now been approved by the TII. RPS Consultants are prioritising the design of the Civil Work for the structural upgrade of the Parapets to two bridges, which is to be included with the N16 Glencar Pavement Overlay Scheme.

- **N4 Jamestown VRS Provision**

Complete Highway Care submitted the lowest tender and TII have approved their appointment. RPS Consulting and Leitrim County Council are processing their appointment.

- **Realignment of N16**

- **Realignment of the N16 at Drummahon** – Harrington Contractors have commenced work on site and RPS Consulting have commenced the supervision site of this main construction contract.
- **Realignment of the N16 at Munakill** - Leitrim County Council has received approval from the TII to progress from Phase 2 (Option Selection) to Phase 3 (Design & Environmental Evaluation).

- **N4 Fence Retrofitting Contract along N4** – 1.5km of Fencing retrofitted on N4 in 2020 with another 725m to be installed. Due to the bird nesting season the contractor was unable to recommence work as remaining works involves the removal of hedges and trees. Works will recommence when nesting season finishes.

- **N16 HD17 Road Safety Inspections** – Works include:

- **Provision of Footpath on Sligo Road, Manorhamilton** - Works are ongoing.

- **Strabrick Junction** – Land acquisition negotiations are progressing. An Ecologist has completed an Appropriate Assessment Screening Report on the proposed works. Preliminary design report to be completed and submitted to the TII.
  - **Provision of footpath opposite Bee Park, Manorhamilton** – Land acquisition negotiations are ongoing with landowners.
- **Bridges on Non-National Roads**

**Battle Bridge** - 70% complete. The Contractor is experiencing difficulty sourcing a Diving Team to complete instream work. It is expected that works will be completed by the end of September.

**Annaghveagh Bridge, Toomans** – Works are 90% complete. We are waiting on the Contractor to return to complete the remaining works.

A Contractor has been appointed to complete all of the Bridges included in the Bridge Programme 2021 and works are ongoing.
  - **Lennox Bridge – Specific Improvement Grant.**

The Department has advised Leitrim County Council to seek Tenders for Consultants for the design of this Bridge.
  - **Local Improvement Schemes (LIS)**

The LIS Programme for the first 2021 LIS Allocation of €270,000 has been finalised – A total of 11 LIS Schemes will be completed with this Allocation in 2021. We currently finalising the LIS Programme for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Allocation and expect to complete approx. 6-7 LIS Schemes with this allocation.
  - **Community Involvement Schemes (CIS)**

The CIS Grant for 2021 is €641,500. 14 No. Schemes have been confirmed to date and local contributions paid. We expect to complete approx. 17 CIS Schemes in total in 2021. The Department of Transport have requested Local Authorities to make submissions for CIS Funding for 2022 and 2023 and this Submission must be made by 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2021. Leitrim County Council has advertised the Scheme and invited submissions to be made to Leitrim County Council by **17<sup>th</sup> September, 2021**. All details are on our website, [www.leitrimcoco.ie](http://www.leitrimcoco.ie) and enquiries can be made by contacting the Roads Department.
  - **Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme 2021/2022**

The Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme will be available for the Hedge Cutting Season 2021/2022. Publicity for this Grant Scheme will commence shortly. The Grant is €75 per km of roadside hedge/overhanging trees which are cut back. The minimum length of roadside hedges to be cut back is 1 km per application (previously 2km).

- **Services in Charge Queries**

No. of Services in Charge Queries processed in August, 2021	Cumulative No. of Services in Charge Queries processed in 2021 (Year to Date)
No. 23	No. 203

- **Abnormal Load Permits**

No. of Abnormal Load Permits processed in August, 2021	Cumulative No. of Abnormal Load Permits processed in 2021 (Year to Date)
No. 9	No. 16

## RURAL WATER PROGRAMME

### Measure 1 – Source Protection Works

Carrigallen and Mohercregg Group Water Schemes have received completed Zone of Contribution Reports on their respective Group Water Schemes sources. These reports evaluate the quality and effectiveness of each group water scheme and provide recommendations for improvement works. All projects under Measure 1 are now complete.

### Transition of Group Water Schemes to Irish Water - Measure 5 - Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2019-2021

Irish Water have confirmed that they are currently processing the following group water schemes for taking in charge by the end of 2021 on the basis that all documentation is deemed acceptable by Irish Water.

- Annaghealy GWS
- Corraterriff GWS
- Corduff GWS
- Esker GWS
- Bunnybeg GWS

This office continues to work with the 9 remaining schemes with a view to submitting their completed applications for taking in charge to Irish Water by the end of 2021. The fate of Lough Erril and Cleen GWSs remains uncertain. For the past 12 months, Irish Water's Finance Department has been assessing both schemes with unpaid arrears. Unfortunately, no updates are available from Irish Water.

#### **Subsidy Payments to GWS's**

2 No. Subsidy Payments were made to Group Water Schemes in August 2021. To date a total of 24 GWS's have received Subsidy Payments in 2021.

#### **Hartley Cartown GSS**

As this Group Water Scheme will not be proceeding, this office has now advised the committee on their options for the recoupment of funds that have been spent to date in order to draw this project to a close.

### **CAPITAL PROJECTS OFFICE**

#### **Carrick on Shannon Flood Relief Scheme**

Ryan Hanley Consulting Engineers have been appointed design consultant for this project. Design works have commenced. Surveys including ground investigation and CCTV surveys are underway. Environmental surveys are ongoing, Site Investigation 90% complete, the Hydrology Report and the Hydraulic River Modelling is well underway. Full details of project are available on project website [www.carrickonshannonfrs.ie](http://www.carrickonshannonfrs.ie).

#### **Leitrim Village Flood Relief Scheme**

Ryan Hanley Consulting Engineers have been appointed for the scheme. Environmental surveys underway. Public Consultation held during May for the scheme. Topo Surveys are underway, Ground investigation underway. Environmental surveys are ongoing. Full details of project are available on website [www.leitrimvillagefrs.ie](http://www.leitrimvillagefrs.ie)

#### **Mohill Flood Relief Scheme**

OPW decided to review update the flood maps for Mohill which will then allow us to decide on location of defenses.

#### **Carrick on Shannon Public Regeneration Scheme**

Four construction contracts will be undertaken.

- Reconstruction of Footpaths and Roads Main Street/St George's Terrace/Approach roads
- Construction of Car Park at Flynn's Field
- Construction of Boardwalk along river edge
- Lighting of N4 Bridge and Boardwalk at Linear Park

Construction ongoing on Streets Contract.

Car Park opened to the public in December, Contractor to return to complete snags and the new link footpath to the Bush Hotel road.

#### **Manorhamilton Public Realm Scheme**

Proposal to proceed with reduced contract works been considered by Contractor at present. Decision due shortly.

#### **The Junction Project Ballinamore**

Cooney Architects have been appointed as design team for this project. Tenders received for construction contract. Assessment of Tenders is complete. Increased funding request with the Department.

- **SLNCR Greenway – Sligo to Enniskillen**

Leitrim County Council are in the process of appointing a design consultant to bring this project through the Planning Process, Detailed Design and get the project ready for construction.

- **Cavan Leitrim Greenway – Ballinamore to Corgar**  
Works underway again following lifting of Covid 19 restrictions.
- **Cavan Leitrim Greenway – Corgar to Aghawillin**  
Planning approval for this section of Greenway is at public consultation stage. Leitrim County Council has applied for funding to construct this greenway to the ORIS funding scheme. Decision due later in the year.

### **Carrick on Shannon Destination Towns**

Funding of €500,000 has been received from Fáilte Ireland for this project. Total budget is €760,000. Design team has been appointed for this project. Part 8 Planning for the scheme currently on public display.

### **Carrick on Shannon to Battlebridge Blueway**

Leitrim County Council has received funding under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund to bring this project through the planning process and up to detailed design to get it ready for construction. Jennings O'Donovan Consultants has been appointed as design consultant. Preliminary design works ongoing.

### **Hartley Bridge**

Developing planning application to An Bord Pleanála. All planning documentation complete currently being reviewed by Leitrim and Roscommon County Council. Will submit to an Bord Pleanála when documentation approved.

### **OPW Minor Flood Schemes**

- Approval received from the OPW to carry out a Feasibility Study on flooding in the Dromahaire area, tender to appoint a consultant underway.
- Awaiting feedback on Application made to OPW for Minor Flood Relief Scheme at Gowel.
- 3 applications for Minor Flood Relief Schemes in the Ballinaglera Area following recent flooding event.

Funding approved from Inland Fisheries to provide extra fishing stands at **Lough Bran** and upgrade access road. Environmental assessment reports completed & approved by Inland Fisheries. Construction to commence shortly.

### **Acres Lake Facility Centre**

Funding has been secured from Failte Ireland to construct a facility centre at Acres Lake, Drumshanbo. This will provide toilet facilities, shower facilities and a base for operators using the lake. We are currently in discussion with Failte Ireland regarding the process for planning permission.

### **Active Towns Ballinamore**

- Construction of section of Greenway across St. Felim's football pitch is complete.
- Construction of section of Greenway at Ballinamore school is complete.
- Land acquisition underway for final section.

**Active Towns Manorhamilton** – Recommencement of works on the construction of footpaths on R280 Regional Road at Manorhamilton.

**Mohill Public Realm Scheme** - Funding received under the RRDF funding for this scheme. Tenders returned for the appointment of design consultant are currently being assessed.

### **Part 8 Planning**

- **Tullaghan Access to the Sea** - Part 8 Planning Approval advertised for this project.
- **Sheemore Walk** - Part 8 Planning Approval documentation nearing completion. Expect to advertise shortly.

### **Unfinished Housing Development Contracts**

- **North Leitrim** - Works nearing completion on the NL1 Contract (Larkfield Manor & Old Orchard, Manorhamilton & Oakfield Manor, Kinlough).
- **South Leitrim** – Works have commenced on work in Beal na Leice Keshcarrigan, River Meadow Dromod and Cluain Alainn Carrigallen.

## HOUSING, CORPORATE SERVICES, COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE

### Housing Allocations

Offers issued to 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2021	Offers accepted	Acceptance Rate	Offers refused	Refusal Rate	Awaiting Reply
1	0	0	1	0	0

### New Tenancies created from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021

Existing tenants transferred to alternative accommodation to 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2021	New Tenants (1 <sup>st</sup> time allocation)
1	5

### Traveller Accommodation Programme TAP July 2019 – June 2024 – Progress Report at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021

Accommodation Type	1 <sup>st</sup> July 2019 to 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2021 Targets	Outputs achieved at 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2021
Group Housing Scheme – Existing		2
Service Block – Existing		
Local Authority Standard Housing		13 (Including 3 No Offers refused)
Rental Accommodation Scheme (incl. renewals)		3 (Including Renewals)
Long Term Leasing (incl. renewals)		
Housing provided by Approved Housing Body under CAS Scheme		
Housing Assistance Payment (incl new family formations)		
Totals		
	<b>10</b>	<b>18 (180%)</b>

### Private Rented Inspection Programme

Overall target for delivery in 2021	No of inspections completed to 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2021	% Complete
Target - 413	Total – 33	8%

### HOUSING GRANTS

NOTE: HGD = Housing Adaptation Grant; MAG = Mobility Aids Grant; HOP = Housing Aid for Older People

2021 Allocation - €565,849.00		(80% of allocation - €452,679.20)			€565,849.00
01/01/2021 – 31/08/2021	GRANT	NO	VALUE		
<b>PAID 2021</b>	HGD	16	€90,212.70		
	MAG	19	€73,592.49		
	HOP	35	€160,084.36		
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>€323,889.55</b>	<b>€323,889.55</b>	
<b>Approved not paid <sup>1</sup></b>	HGD	34	€446,521.58		
	MAG	14	€66,810.00		
	HOP	44	€245,176.28		
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>€758,507.86</b>	<b>€758,507.86</b>	
<b>Applications Rec'd Not Yet Approved <sup>2</sup> Estimated (Averaged @ €2,000 / Grant)</b>	HGD	7	€80,000.00		
	MAG	4	€16,000.00		
	HOP	22	€100,000.00		
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>€196,000.00</b>	<b>€196,000.00</b>	<b>€1,278,397.41</b>
<b>Available Balance: €-712,548.41</b>					

## HOUSING CAPITAL DELIVERY

### ❖ LA Construction Projects

#### Autumn View, Summerhill, Carrick on Shannon

The project reached substantial completion during August 2021 with minor snags to be rectified in early September. Allocation and occupation of part of the scheme to take place in late September.

### ❖ LA Projects at Planning/Design Stage

Tenders for Town parks, Carrick on Shannon (12 Units) received on 16/07/2021 have been assessed with Tender Report complete in early September. Tenders for Taobh Tire Phase 3, Manorhamilton (5 Units) received on 23/07/2021 have been assessed. Stage 3 Documentation for Lahard, Ballinamore (10 Units) submitted to DHLGH for approval on 3<sup>rd</sup> August and DHLGH Stage 3 approval was received on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

### ❖ Buy and Renew Construction

LCC submitted a Stage 1 Project Appraisal Report for a Buy & Renew Construction project on Sean McDermott Street, Manorhamilton to the DHLGH on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021 to convert two 2 bedroom semi derelict properties into four 1-bedroom units.

### ❖ Single Stage Approval project

Two Tender were received before the closing date of 19<sup>th</sup> August 2021 for 2 No. 2 bedroom units at Breffni Crescent (N12-2-254). The tenders are currently being assessed with a tender report due in September.

### ❖ Dromahair Age Friendly Housing

Part 8 Planning Permission advertised on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021 with closing date for submissions of 18<sup>th</sup> August 2021. Four submissions from the public were received and the proposed project will go before the September Manorhamilton Municipal Meeting for approval.

<sup>1</sup> Includes applications approved in 2020, not yet paid

<sup>2</sup> Includes applications received in 2020, not yet approved

## ❖ LA Turnkey Projects

### Status of Approved Turnkey Projects

Project	Units	Status	Delivery Date
Drumkeerin	2	Signing Contracts of Sale	September 2021
Ballinamore	9	Substantially Complete	September 2021
Newtowngore	2	Substantially Complete	September 2021
Manorhamilton	4	Construction Commenced	May 2022
Drumshanbo	5	On Hold-Legal Issues	December 2021
Manorhamilton/Carrigallen	2	Substantially complete	September 2021
Newtowngore	3	Construction commenced	May 2022

## ❖ Purchase of Development Land

Leitrim County Council advertised seeking proposals from Landowners/Developers/Contractors for the supply of residentially zoned development land and the delivery of turnkey social housing projects throughout Co. Leitrim with the closing date of 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021. Three submissions were received, and Leitrim County Council are currently engaging with the owners of two areas of land about potential acquisition.

## ❖ House Acquisitions

The total number of acquisitions at sale agreed/sale closed is 10 during 2021 (10 to be funded under SHIP, 0 funded under TAP). No additional properties were acquired during August but Leitrim County Council is currently bidding on an additional 3 properties.

## ❖ Refurbishment Works

Works substantially completed on 53 St. Patricks Park, Carrick on Shannon during August 2021. Upgrade works ongoing at 21 Hyde Terrace, Mohill and 1 Congress Terrace, Manorhamilton with October completion date. Works continuing at 8 Cluain Alainn & 23 Church View, Carrigallen with September finish. Works completed on 16 Shannon Grove, COS during August. Works ongoing at 11 Beal na Leice, Keshcarrigan with completion date of October 2021.

## ❖ Mortgage to Rent & Long-Term Lease

A total of 4 No. MTR agreements have commenced in 2021 to date. An additional 2 No. MTR are due to commence in 2021. LCC at final stage of engagement with private investor for 1 No. LTL in Manorhamilton.

## COMMUNITY

### PEACE IV

Shared Spaces and Services – All outstanding reports have been submitted to SEUPB but still awaiting certification of our final 5 claims. Verification of these claims is ongoing.

### PEACE PLUS

Blu Zebra, Locus Management and Venture International consortium have been consulting with Local Authorities, Government Departments and Public Bodies about the proposed Community Planning approach/alignment to LCDC/LECP structures. The main points from the feedback to date have been consistent with regard to the need for:

- Flexibility in approach to PEACE PLUS that facilitates alignment with Community Planning and LCDC/LECP approaches in each local authority & engagement & consultation at MD level;
- The importance of delivery via existing structures and avoidance of creating new governance or advisory structures recognising the additional administration and management that would be involved in servicing these alongside the existing structures within a limited budget;
- Optimising opportunities for cross community engagement and participation within a council model;
- An overarching PEACE PLUS Partnership that has strategic oversight at a Local Authority level, and that builds on the experience of PEACE IV;

Preliminary findings have been presented to and discussed with SEUPB and the consultants have drafted a feasibility study which they are presenting to representatives from local authorities in early September.

### Healthy Ireland

The second claim under Healthy Ireland was submitted at the end of July with queries and verification ongoing.

**5 Priority themes:** Activities are progressing on all actions. The HSE have appointed a replacement to the NorthWest Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force who are now proceeding to work on delivering an alcohol strategy for Leitrim.

**Community Mental Health Fund:** Following NW STOP's withdrawal from the delivery of the Brief Intervention service for young people in the Manorhamilton area Mohill FSC re-issued the tender for counselling service. There was no response to the first call, and it has been re-advertised with a deadline of 27<sup>th</sup> August. The challenges here are the short timeframe remaining and the shortage of experienced counselling expertise currently available in the region.

**Community Engagement:** Due to demand funding was used to do a reprint of the Playground Passport maps which were initially funded under Community Resilience Fund.

**Small Grants:** The Small Grants programme is progressing with a review of activities to be carried out in September

#### **Keep Well campaign**

All Programme activities are complete and claims were submitted at the end of July. Queries & verification of the claim is ongoing.

#### **Covid- 19 Community Wellbeing Helpline**

The Covid -19 Community Wellbeing Helpline is continuing to operate its service Monday – Sunday 8am -8pm. Calls are coming in on a very low scale each week with some requests for transport to vaccination centres.

#### **Age Friendly:**

A review of Leitrim Age Friendly Strategy 2017-2020 has been completed, for circulation in June. CCS Consultancy based in Sligo have been appointed to develop Strategy 2021-2024 and are currently consulting with Age Friendly Alliance and Older Persons Council.

#### **Covid Emergency Fund Round 2**

There were 70 applications in March totalling €126,836, for a total fund available of €40,025 of which 31 groups received Letters of Offer. As of 31st August, the final total underspend on funds of €2,384.38 are now being redistributed, to groups prioritised by the LCDC Assessment Committee on 8th March, and who incurred expenditure in excess of their grant amount.

#### **Community Enhancement Programme 2021**

There were 99 applications in July for a total fund of €129,223 and 93 groups were issued Letters of Offer on 5<sup>th</sup> August. Deadline for claims is 14<sup>th</sup> October.

<b>Applications per MD</b>	<b>Letters of Offer</b>	<b>Funding Available</b>
Carrick small grants	22	€15,000.00
Manorhamilton small grants	9	€15,000.00
Ballinamore small grants	18	€15,000.00
Carrick large grants	11	€27,934.12
Manorhamilton large grants	19	€27,934.11
Ballinamore large grants	14	€27,934.11
Countywide groups	0	€0.00
Advertising		€420.66
<b>Total</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>€129,223.00</b>

#### **PPN**

The outcome of the PPN Hosting process will be presented to the PPN Plenary in September for ratification. The new Secretariat continues to meet and undergo capacity building. The PPN is awaiting the outcome of a funding application for a significant PPN-wide capacity building programme to be rolled out from early 2022.

#### **Leitrim Sports Partnership**

### **Balance Bike programme Tots Haven Dromod Total; 16**

Children in Tots haven in Dromod began a 4-week balance bike programme with 16 children benefiting from this programme.

### **Leitrim Pony Riding and Animal Welfare Programme Total: 22 (15 boys, 7 girls)**

As part of the Leitrim Pony riding and animal welfare programme, we started 2 new groups of children on the pony riding programme in Moorlands, Drumshanbo. The children complete 5 sessions of horse riding, mental health workshops and a field trip to a horse riding stable at the conclusion of the programme.

### **Additional needs Kayaking Day Total: 30 (16 male, 14 female)**

We delivered a Come and Try kayaking day for children with additional needs and their siblings and parents that assisted the children on the day. A fantastic day was had by all at Lough Allen Adventure Centre for our Additional Needs Kayaking & rafting day on in Drumshanbo. We had 11 male, 7 female with additional needs that participated on the programme with 5 males and 7 females that assisted the children on the kayaks and rafts.

### **CARA Sport Inclusion & Disability Awareness Online Workshop Total: 9 (3 male, 6 female)**

This workshop is designed to build awareness around people with disabilities participating in community sport and physical activity. On completion of the course all attendees will receive a Cara Certificate of Participation endorsed by Sport Ireland. We had 9 people that completed the course.

### **Buggy Buddies Group Total: 5 (1 male, 4 female)**

In partnership with the Mohill Family Resource center, we delivered a buggy buddy walking programme over 2 weeks with 5 women participating on the programme.

## **BOCCIA PROGRAMME**

### **Disability Inclusion Multi Sport Programme Total: 6 (2 male, 4 female)**

We have a Multi Sports Boccia Programme running for young adults with additional needs in the National Learning Network Manorhamilton with 6 people participating on this programme.

### **Disability Inclusion Multi Sport Programme Total: 12 (7 male, 5 female)**

We have a Multi-Sport Boccia Programme running for young adults with additional needs outdoors in Carrick with the National Learning Network Carrick with 12 people participating on this programme.

### **Disability Inclusion Multi Sport Programme Total: 12 (6 male, 6 female)**

We have a Multi-Sport Boccia Programme running for adults with additional needs outdoors with the Rehab Care Tus Nua Carrick with 12 people participating on this programme.

### **Disability Inclusion Multi Sport Programme Total: 13 (5 male, 8 female)**

We have a Multi-Sport Boccia Programme running for adults with additional needs with the Rehab Care Ballinamore with 13 people participating on this programme.

## **FAI Monthly Report**

### **Club Development - Summer Soccer Schools (SSS)**

SSS week long camps began with two in July with total earning across two clubs in excess 5,000 euro.

Carrick Town FC (101 Participants)

Abbey Rovers (67 Participants)

**Grassroots Club Development programme.** This free 12-week pilot programme will be delivered from Sept to Dec with the aim of building sustainable club structures in the selected club.

### **Club Mark**

Continued support for Dromahair with their Club Mark application.

### **Community Sessions**

## **Carrig Accommodation Centre**

Completed delivery of Summer Camp sessions with Carrig Accommodation Centre in Ballinamore. (24 participants)

## **FAI Summer Soccer Schools in Ballinamore (19 participants)**

Funding was secured for 1,000 Euro from FAI/UEFA for 19 children to attend FAI Summer Schools in Ballinamore.

## **Women's Football**

### **Emerging Talent Girls Centre of Excellence (30+ participants)**

The ETP COE for girls u13 & u15 groups in Castlebar. This centre takes in the best players from Mayo/Sligo and Leitrim for a weekly session. 8 Leitrim players involved across the two groups.

## **Disney Playmakers**

Engagement with Manorhamilton regarding the upcoming Disney Playmakers girl's engagement programme.

## **Coach Education**

Course dates and venues confirmed for courses September to December in Leitrim.

## **Regional Event**

Planning with internal and external stakeholders to schedule the September regional event day. FAI staff will support the delivery of grassroots and high-performance initiatives.

# **ARTS**

## **Community Engagement**

- **Creative Ireland Open Call** - Leitrim Creative Ireland Open Call 2 projects are now underway.
- **SPARK** – The businesses taking part in Small Sparks this year are Beepark Community Centre, the Rainbow Ballroom and Rainbow Candles in Dromahair. Artists were selected and three projects commenced in August.
- **Iron Mountain Festival** – Planning was completed in August for a virtual Iron Mountain Festival in October, submissions for the 2021 John McGahern Award were assessed and the recipient notified.
- **Leitrim Live Performance Scheme** – Devised programme to host live performance events across the county throughout the summer months in partnership with venues, festivals, promoters, and productions companies. The programme is designed to ensure that Leitrim performers can return to live performance, that festivals and venues have the support required to manage live events and that audiences are encouraged to return to attending live events.
- **Poetrytown** – Carrick on Shannon is one of 20 towns participating in Poetrytown. The Arts Office worked with Poetry Ireland to devise a series of poetry events with venues, groups and businesses that will take place in Carrick on Shannon in September.
- **Culture Night** – Series of public events for Culture Night were planned in partnership with venues and organizations.

## **Children & Young People**

- **Young Writers Group** – All project planning deferred until further notice.
- **Artist in Schools Scheme** – All project planning deferred until further notice.
- **Youth Theatre** – All planning for reestablishment of Carrick on Shannon groups deferred until further notice.
- **Music Generation** – Ongoing implementation of Leitrim Youth Trad Orchestra and development of projects.

## **Professional development**

- **Training Events** – All scheduled training events cancelled and deferred until further notice.
- **Networking Events** – All networking deferred until further notice.
- **European Programme** – EU project planning deferred until further notice.
- **Internship programme** – Existing internships offered extensions.
- **Communication** – Communications limited to advertising of LCC notices only.
- **Film Development** – Roll-out of film equipment rental scheme and tender issued for purchase of film editing suites.

## General

- General administration of public enquiries, financial management and reporting, (limited) media management ongoing.
- Negotiation of new Arts Council Framework Agreement deferred until further notice.
- Management of Garda Vetting requirements ongoing.
- Participation in Arts Council / CCMA working group ongoing.

## LIBRARY SERVICES

All branch libraries had a busy month with hundreds of items being issued through the very popular Contact and Collect and Browse and Borrow service. Library members also availed of the wide range of online services with e-books, e-magazines and e-newspapers proving to be the most popular services.

The Summer Stars programme came to an end. Children enjoyed a wide range of activities which were designed to encourage children to enjoy reading through the summer months. Events included Live online Children's Storytime events art workshops, Roald Dahl themed Science Workshop, Harry Potter Quiz, Doodle Drawing Robot in partnership with Fab Lab Maker Hub and of course the extremely popular Summer Stars Trail Zoo Competition.

To celebrate National Heritage Week 2021, Local Studies Librarian, Mary Conefrey, hosted an online event comprising six short videos entitled '*Open the Door to the Heritage of your Place*'. The aim of the event was to demonstrate how a number of online resources can be used when researching townlands of the Parish, County or Country.

The sources used included:

[www.townlands.ie](http://www.townlands.ie),

[www.heritagemaps.ie](http://www.heritagemaps.ie),

<https://www.nationalarchives.ie/genealogy/1901-1911-census/>,

<http://www.askaboutireland.ie/griffith-valuation/>.

Images of archaeological structures in the townland of Lisgilloc were also included. The spectacular images were captured by means of a drone. The event can be accessed on [www.heritageweek.ie](http://www.heritageweek.ie).

In addition to this event Drumshanbo Library organised the Drumshanbo Town Trail which encouraged families and individuals to take a self-directed Heritage Walk around the town.

## SIGNED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Signed:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Lar Power, Chief Executive

Date: September 2021