August

Chief Executive Monthly Management Report

Monthly Report

Leitrim County Council

for the period 1st – 31st August 2020

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

### August 2020 - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division

**Preliminary Aug. 2020 - Figures**

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**Total:** €26,972,012  €39,684,547  67%  13,726,335

### Expenditure V Budget Aug 2020

### Income V Budget Aug 2020
Commentary

2020 - Collection Rates

No of Days in arrears during April 2020

- Mortgage... (details)
- Loan... (details)
- Rent... (details)
- Bills... (details)

Main Points as at end of April 2020

- Loans...
- Rent...
- Bills...

Commentary

The current situation is currently being dealt with in a cautious and measured manner.

Government has established the commercial register for a 6 month period beginning on 27 March 2020 for all businesses that have been forced to close due to public health requirements.

We are committed to providing support to our customers.

No new applications for grants will be accepted.

Where customers have existing income, this is raised to the level of the grants earnings received, which will be calculated as follows:

- Loans
- Rent
- Bills

Interest waived

Interest incurred
**Water Services Department**

**Maximo: Asset Management**

There were a total of 184 No. Work Orders for the month of August 2020. Breakdown as follows:

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**Unaccounted for Water**

UFW is now 42.73% or 5620 m³/Day

**Environment Department**

**RMCEI Plan**

The EPA selected two no Case Studies on a pesticide flyer and a Cross compliance report to DAFM prepared by Leitrim Staff which were presented at the EPA 2020 National Water Event in Late June 2020 which shows some of the good works carried out by staff.

The COVID-19 pandemic had resulted in emergency call out inspections only to be completed in the Lock down period. With the Lock down period now over we will now be carrying out the remainder of Target inspections for the remainder of the year where feasible and taking all Public Health guidelines and advice and if any further restrictions are to be put in place in the event of a further lock down as trends are currently on the increase.

**National Inspection Program (DWWTS)**

We will now carry out the 25 No NIP DWWTS inspections for the remainder of the year for 2020 with ongoing NIP – DWWTS Engagement and these will now be completed from September 2020 to end of year. Where Advisory Notices were issued there will be ongoing verification inspections where works were due to be completed and re-inspections as requested to facilitate grant payments. The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in emergency call out inspections only to be completed in the Lock down period.


Ongoing sampling in the Lough Forbes Catchment which includes Lough Rinn and surrounding catchment is to continue in 2020 and is included in the ALPHA monitoring programme. The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in emergency call out inspections only to be completed in the Lock down period.

The new 2022-2027 River Basin Management Plan is expected to be published in December 2021.

All RBMP workshops are now cancelled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the Environment Department has submitted proposed Priority Areas of Action for Leitrim under the new proposed 2021-2027 RBMP. These will be up for further discussion at a workshop with the LAWPRO team in September 2020.

The Environment Department continue to work closely with EPA/LAWPRO staff on the various PAA desk top studies and the various queries raised by them and return associated reports to the Local Catchment Assessment Team.
EPA Ambient Air Quality Monitoring (AAQM)

The Environmental Protection Agency manages the national ambient air quality monitoring network. It is proposed to install an air quality monitor in Carrick-on-Shannon by end of year 2020. Works were ongoing in late 2019 and close collaboration with LCC/EPA staff in selecting an optimum location for this unit. The location of the EPA AAQM unit is now agreed with the EPA and ESB and will be located in Leitrim County Council lands adjacent to footpath along the ring road and within 27m from Shannon Lodge roundabout. The civil works were completed by Carrick area Roads staff and we are now awaiting delivery of the EPA AAQM from the EPA which is scheduled for Mid September 2020. M&E installation will then take place followed by a connection to ESB networks. This EPA unit should be up and running by end of year. This will be of great benefit to the public in Carrick-on-Shannon town, giving them real time information on the following air pollutant parameters.

Emergency Works – Dawn of Hope Landslide:

The Environment Department is monitoring Water quality in the Diffagher River and liaising with Inland Fisheries Ireland staff regards water pollution from the Bog landslide. The Environment Department have done Drone footage and shared it with other relevant stakeholders regards the landslide. We have also worked with third level institutions Maynooth University/Trinity College Dublin and UCD regards their Aerial Drone footage and geophysical surveys carried out on site. Works will continue to monitor Water quality from the Diffagher River to Lough Allen which is a Priority Area of Action under the 2018-2021 River Basin Management Plan.

### VETERINARY SERVICES

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CIVIL DEFENCE

- On 8th August, Malin Head Coastguard requested Civil Defence to respond to reports of a barge aground near Leitrim Village. Volunteers responded and re-floated the Barge. 4 Persons on board were uninjured.
- On 19th August, a patient was transported to St Vincent’s Hospital Dublin, for an urgent appointment.
- Civil Defence Volunteers remained on standby during the month to provide assistance to the Principle Response Agencies and the Community Response Forum.

FIRE SERVICE

Capital Programme
Fire Stations
Manorhamilton FS
Rhatigan Architects have submitted the Stage 1 report. Clarification sought from planning re: Lough Gill Special Area of Conservation.
Recoupment of capital funding
Applications for recoupment of capital funding for development work at Ballinamore and Drumshanbo fire stations were prepared and submitted to Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.

Fire Service Training
All national training courses have been suspended during the Covid-19 pandemic. The fire station drill programme has been reactivated since May 18th.

Building Control activity

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Major Emergency Management – Covid 19
Protocols and procedures have been prepared and issued to all HQ staff and crews in stations in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic. Additional PPE was procured.

National Directorate – Capacity Review meeting
Prepared and submitted a questionnaire in advance of the audit meeting held on 25th August 2020. A full review of our service was conducted by an external review team. Positive feedback received.

Section 26 Plan was circulated to all Councillors in advance of the September meeting. A presentation was prepared for the meeting.

Gartan Online Payment system - Training is ongoing with the junior officers.

Licensing - Licencing applications were received both online as part of the new e-Licencing system and in hard copy format in advance of the licensing courts. A number of licensing inspections were carried out.

Erasmus BFireSafe@School project - All partners on the project are working at the translation of the content produced for Intellectual Output 1. The development of Intellectual Output 2, the Learning Management System is almost completed. The next Transnational Project meeting scheduled for Denmark at the end of August has been deferred to October and will be switched to an online meeting. Spoke to National Agency in Dublin about seeking a possible six month extension to the project due to Covid 19.
LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE (LEO)

Training
There continues to be strong interest in training, during August a Trading Online Voucher workshop was delivered. The autumn schedule of training is being planned and will be available online, free of charge.

Mentoring
One to one mentoring continues to be strong particularly in relation to finance and marketing/social media.

Microfinance Ireland
MFI Ireland were fully subscribed during July and reopened on the last day of August, whereby small businesses can apply for loans up to €25,000 for a three-year term with no repayments and no interest due for the first six months of the loan.

Trading Online Voucher
The scheme received additional funding under the July stimulus package, and continues to be rolled out in Co. Leitrim. The current scheme, whereby businesses can avail of a grant of 90% up to €2,500 is due to close on 30th September. Businesses must attend a workshop prior to application, a final workshop has been scheduled for September.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Carrick on Shannon Town Team
Ongoing liaising with town team members on possible applications for DRCD schemes.

Marketing and Promotion Campaign – Carrick on Shannon
Back to School Campaign was ran in August for Carrick on Shannon. First of the monthly newsletters circulated to the database in the town updating on works and any other relevant information.

REDZ Town Team Manorhamilton
Ongoing liaising with Town Team Members on applications to DRCD schemes.

Clar/ORIS/ Town and Village Projects 2017 -2019
Ongoing follow up with Town and Village projects from 2017, 2018 and 2019 to check progress and offer support in submitting claims. Processing of claims for payment.

2020 Funding Schemes & Potential Applications
Meetings and discussions around potential projects for 2020 funding schemes, ORIS, Town and Village & Clar, Coillte, Town Teams, and ongoing follow up on projects that didn’t progress in 2019.

July Stimulus – Additional Funding under Town and Evaluation, 3rd Round Accelerated Town and Village.
Applications were invited for Round 3 accelerated under town and village and five were prepared for submission to the Department on Aug 28th, Tullaghan, Leitrim Village, Glenfarne, Ballinaglera and Gortletteragh. Ongoing work on these projects for submission.

Town and Village Standard Scheme- July Stimulus – Additional funding.
Under the July Stimulus additional funding for a further 4 applications was made available to Leitrim County Council, this was advertised with a closing date of Sept 2nd.
Clár Measure 1 & Measure 2
Leckaun NS, Mohill, Drumshanbo, Carrick on Shannon, Ballinamore, Newtowngore, Aughawillan NS, Rossinver, Keeltra Lake Amenity, Glencar Manorhamilton Handball. Ongoing work on these projects for submission to the Dept on Aug 28th.

Outdoor Recreation Scheme
An further ad was placed for this scheme extending the deadline for M1 to Sept 9th with a view to getting further applications.

National Broadband Plan
Ongoing discussions and planning around Broadband connection points and launch day.

Town Centre Health Checks
Final Draft of Report Received from Queens for review.

TOURISM
- Finalising work on the new tourism website www.enjoyleitrim.com
- Work continued on both the Canal Promotions project and Sliabh an Iarainn Visitor Centre Project.
- Continued providing assistance on the Rainbow Experience at the Ballroom of Romance, Glenfarne.
- Work is nearing completion on the ORIS Walking project with a walking brochure for Leitrim.

Slow Adventure
Ongoing work on the Slow Adventure Website under Ireland’s Hidden Heartlands web improvement plan. Continued to work with the European Travel Commission on the ongoing joint Slow Adventure campaign.

Support
We continue to send out a weekly newsletter to all of the trade/tourism providers in the county where they are being kept up to date on tourism matters both county wide and nationally. We are also providing weekly updates on COVID 19 supports available in the tourism industry
Weekly one-to-one telephone contact with tourism providers in Leitrim, keeping in touch the current situation and offering support if applicable.

Digital Marketing
Updates were carried out on the Leitrim Tourism Website and the Slow Adventure Ireland website. Continued presence on all Social media platforms maintained

Tourist information
The Tourist Information Office in Carrick on Shannon is open and continues to be busy with many visitors to the town calling in for up-to-date tourist information. We continue to support the Tourist Office in Ballinamore and Tourist information points at Glencar Waterfall and Sliabh an Iarainn Visitor Centre.

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

Taking in Charge
The Planning Authority advertised the intention of the Local Authority to declare the roads within 13 no. housing developments as public roads and to then take the housing developments into charge of the Local Authority. The final date for receipt of submissions was Friday 28th August. It is expected that the taking in charge of these estates will be brought to the respective Municipal District meetings in October.

Pre Planning
9 no. pre planning enquiries were received during the month of August in addition to enquiries received and replied to through e-mail. No physical pre planning meetings were held during the month of August.
Development Management

11 no. valid planning applications were received in August. 2 no. applications are seeking planning permission to construct individual dwelling houses served by wastewater treatment systems with 2 further applications seeking to replace existing houses served by an individual wastewater treatment system. There was also an application to construct a dwelling house and connect to existing piped water services in Cloone. An application was also received from the HSE to construct a 90 no. bed nursing home off the Leitrim Road, Carrick on Shannon. In addition, a further 2 no. applications submitted were deemed invalid and returned to the applicants, one of which has been re-submitted and is awaiting validation.

23 no. final decisions on planning applications were made during August, all of which were grants of planning permission. In addition, a request for Further Information issued with respect to 13 no. applications whilst a response to Further Information was received with respect to a further 10 no. applications during the month.

Forward Planning

45 no. submissions were received by the Planning Authority during the pre-draft public consultation phase of the County Development Plan preparation. The next stage involves summarizing the various issues in the submissions, giving the opinion of the Chief Executive to the issues raised and state the Chief Executive’s recommendations on the policies to be included in the draft County Development Plan. This will be prepared during the month of September and submitted to the Elected Members for their consideration in early October.

Heritage

The two Heritage Council funded projects are progressing well. Field work is nearing completion on the Geological Heritage Audit of Co. Leitrim. Under the Public Awareness Programme, two new initiatives were developed under the ‘Connecting Through Heritage’ brand. These were a Leitrim Heritage Podcast series and a series of Leitrim Heritage themed videos for displayed on YouTube. Both the podcast and video series were launched in August during Heritage Week and have been very well received.

Heritage Week took place virtually this year with community groups, organisations and individuals from across Leitrim submitting heritage projects online which celebrated both new heritage initiatives and projects which have been carried out over a number of years.

The two biodiversity projects which are funded under the National Biodiversity Action Plan are also progressing – Field work is nearing completion for both the Leitrim Swift Survey and the Bat Survey of all Council owned properties which are publicly accessible. Additional funding has been made available through this grant scheme and an application has been submitted for an extension to the Swift project to include the erection of swift nest boxes and calling systems at locations identified by BirdWatch Ireland where swift populations may be vulnerable.

Finally, the Mumming project has been extended with additional funding from Creative Ireland. The project focuses on well-being and celebrating the Leitrim Mumming traditions with Mumming performances being carried out outside the homes of elderly members of the community who have been self-isolating.

ROADS

- **Shass Mountain Landslide**
  Following on from the landslide on Shass Mountain, we appointed Glas Civil Engineering Ltd, Contractors, and they have now completed the construction of a new bridge, which abuts the old structure on the downstream side, to support it from collapse, which was vital so as to ensure that landslide material impounded upstream of the bridge would not move any further down the valley. This new bridge is now completed and open to traffic. In addition, two public roads L8423 and L8244-2, where significant landslide debris was deposited, are now opened and back in service. This required the removal of large quantities of peat and the build-up and reconstruction of approx. 500 metres of carriageway. Sections of the Diffigher River were also cleared of debris in the low areas which were totally clogged, and stone filter-beds were installed to minimise the risk of pollution farther downstream. These works are now all complete.
• Active Travel Measures Allocation
In July 2020, the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport invited Submissions for Funding under the Active Travel Measures Allocation. The funding is to support local authorities’ response to Covid-19 challenges and assist Local Authorities to work to equip local communities and businesses with improved walking and cycling infrastructure. The funding will also allow for changes to traffic management arrangements to facilitate the reallocation of overall road space to improve facilities and safety for pedestrians and cyclists. Leitrim County Council submitted a detailed submission of a total of 19 Schemes for funding under this Measure to a total value of €1,445,000 for 2020 and €565,000 for 2021. In August 2020, funding was approved for 12 of these Schemes to a total value of €1,049,000.

• Climate Change Adaptation Allocations
In July 2020, the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport invited submissions for funding under the Climate Change Adaptation Allocation. This Funding is to support measures related to addressing the impact of climate change on the road network (including repairs to damaged roads as a result of severe weather events). Leitrim County Council submitted a detailed submission of a total of 18 Schemes for funding under this Measure to a total value of €2,388,526 for 2020 and €80,000 for 2021. In August 2020, funding was approved for 5 of these Schemes to a total value of €1,480,000.

• COVID-19 Crisis
The restrictions imposed due to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis delayed the commencement of works included in the 2020 Road Works Programme. However, with the continued easing of Covid-19 Restrictions, works included in the Road Works Programme 2020 are now fully underway. Social distancing requirements continue to apply to these works. All Outdoor Workers have received the necessary Induction Training in relation to Covid-19 requirements for outdoor works. The position will be kept under ongoing review by Leitrim County Council.

• Carrick on Shannon By-Pass
A Consultant Team, Ove Arup & Partners Ireland (Arup), has been appointed by Leitrim County Council for Phases 1 – 4 of the Design of this Carrick on Shannon to Dromod Road Scheme. Phase 1 (Project Inception and Feasibility) is now complete and “The Gate Review” for this Phase has been approved by the TII, and it also has been approved to proceed to Phase 2 (Option Selection) of the Planning and Design process in accordance with the 2019 Project Management Guidelines. Phase 2 has commenced and the Constraints Study is being undertaken at present.

• Pavement Overlays
N4 Pavement Overlay - Jamestown to Masonite Junction
This 6km overlay is substantially complete, with the exception of some civil works. Slip roads have now been resurfaced. Some road markings and “Cat’s Eyes” have to be installed and snagging works yet to be completed.
N16 Pavement Overlay – Tomrud to Tawnymoyle
The TII have approved the appointment of a Contractor for this Pavement Overlay Scheme. The Contractor has now been appointed with works due to commence in early September.

• Re-alignment of N16
Realignment of the N16 at Drummahon – Works on the detailed Design and Tender documentation for the Main Construction Contract for this Realignment Scheme are in progress. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions the tender process has been slightly delayed. It is expected that tenders for the main contract will be advertised early September, with a view to securing TII approval for the appointment of the Contractor by year end.

Realignment of the N16 at Munakkil – The Consultants are currently at Phase 2 (Option Selection) of the Planning and Design Process in accordance with the 2019 Project Management Guidelines for this project. Currently, the Consultants are conducting a Constraints Study within the selected area which is hoped to be completed by October. A Public Information Leaflet regarding the proposed scheme was sent to all affected landowners inviting them and members of the public to comment.
Bridges on Non National Roads

North Leitrim
Beagh Bridge (2019 Road Works Programme) – Works on Beagh Bridge are now fully complete.
Meenagruan Bridge - Works on this Bridge have now been completed and the Bridge has been re-opened.
Aghnahaha Bridge – This Bridge is closed due to structural damage caused by flood waters. A Contractor has been appointed to carry out emergency repairs to this bridge. A Derogation Licence has been granted by the Inland Fisheries to undertake the works. High water levels delayed works at the end of June. Works commenced again in mid-August but high rainfall and high water levels has resulted in works being delayed again.
Leckenaarainey Bridge & Aghaderrard East Bridge – Tenders for Construction works to these 2 Bridges have been received and are currently being assessed.
Gortnacorkoge Bridge – Works on this Bridge have now been fully completed.

South Leitrim
The following Bridges in South Leitrim have been approved for Funding in 2020 –
Battle Bridge
Contract Works on Battlebridge have commenced. However, heavy rainfall and high water levels in August 2020 have delayed this Contract. Works will re-commence when water level reduce.
Drumdarakin Bridge, Drumloughan School Bridge, Drumboher Bridge
The appointed Contractor has commenced works on these 3 Bridges. Drumloughan School Bridge will be completed by early September. Works are ongoing on Drumdarakin Bridge and Drumboher Bridge.
Annaghveagh Bridge Toomans
A Contractor has been appointed and works have now commenced.
Millpark Bridge and Kilbracken Bridge
The works to both of these bridges are now complete.

• CLAR Programme 2019
The following Schemes have been approved for funding under the CLAR Programme 2019:
  - Fatima NS Cloone - Pedestrian crossing and upgrade of road markings – Works are now complete.
  - Carrigallen Vocational School – Construction of a pedestrian crossing at Carrigallen Vocational School – Signage remaining. Works are 95% complete
  - Shannonside Community Childcare Centre – Pedestrian crossing, Road Markings and Signage – Works have commenced and are 70% complete.
  - Kiltyclogher Sensory Garden – The North Leitrim District Engineers Office are working with the Community Department and the Kiltyclogher Community Group to successfully deliver this project. A contractor has been engaged to undertake all civil engineering preparatory work for this project and works have commenced and are approx. 90% complete. The completion of these works has been delayed due to the Covid-19 crisis. Following completion of the preparatory works the garden will then be planted with shrubs, raised beds etc. finishing this project for the local community.

• Local Improvement Schemes (LIS)
The 2020 Funding Allocation for LIS’s is €250,000. This office is in communication with the next applicants on the LIS Waiting List and we are currently reviewing their applications to confirm continued eligibility for the Scheme. When this is complete, our 2020 LIS Programme of Works will be finalised.

• Community Involvement Schemes (CIS)
The Grant Allocation for 2020 for Community Involvement Schemes is €641,500. 3 CIS Schemes in North Leitrim will be completed and approx. 8 CIS Schemes in South Leitrim will be completed. This Scheme remains open to new applicants - applicants may apply by completing and submitting the CIS Application Form which is available from the Leitrim County Council Website - www.leitrimcoco.ie.
Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme
The Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme has now closed for the Hedge Cutting Season of 2019/2020.

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The Hedge Cutting Grant will be available for the Hedge Cutting Season 2020/2021 and application for this Scheme will be invited in September.

Services in Charge Queries

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Abnormal Load Permits

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RURAL WATER PROGRAMME

Capital Works - Measure 3 - Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2019-2021
- Cloonsarn GWS - Network upgrade works on this GWS commenced in August 2020 and will take a number of weeks to complete.
- Carrigallen GWS - Works to install 17 kiosks, flow loggers and 1 bulk meter are almost complete.
- Mullawn Drumaweel GWS – A Contractor is currently in the process of being appointed to complete minor upgrade works on this GWS and it is hoped that works will commence in the coming weeks.

Transition of Group Water Schemes to Irish Water - Measure 5 - Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2019-2021
All required documentation in relation to the Taking in Charge of the following GWS has been forwarded to Irish Water in August 2020 for approval.

Cleen GWS
To date this office has submitted 10 No. GWS’s and 1 No. GSS to Irish Water for takeover. Irish Water has not yet formally approved any of these schemes for takeover.

The following Group Water Schemes are in the process of appointing Consultant Engineers in order to survey the schemes, complete as built drawings and identify any upgrade works required in order for the GWS to be considered for Taking In Charge by Irish Water.
- Aughawillan GWS
- Gorvagh Drumlowan GWS
- Glencar GWS

Subsidy Payments to GWS’s
2 No. Subsidy Payments were made to GWS’s in August 2020 in respect of the Operational Costs of running the respective GWS. To date a total of 22 GWS’s have received Subsidy Payments in 2020.

New Community Water Connections (CWC) and Community Wastewater Connections (CWWC) - Measure 6 - Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2019-2021
- Proposed Deerpark CWC – Members of the proposed scheme have been informed that as the costs of this proposed CWC are in excess of what the Department will fund, this CWC will therefore not be proceeding.
• Proposed Carrigeencor CWC – This scheme is currently waiting on an offer of connection from Irish Water.

• Proposed Gowlaun CWC – This scheme has been deemed feasible and will now submit Full Connection Application to Irish Water for approval.

• Proposed Ballynamony CWWC – This CWWC has received a Letter of Feasibility from IW and are preparing the full application for connection to Irish Water. The scheme must also seek consent from the Liscara Estate to connect to the local Irish Water Foul Sewer located in Liscara Estate.

• Proposed Rossinver CWWC – Leitrim County Council Housing Department are currently preparing a design for this Scheme which would serve both a Social Housing Development and this CWWC.

• Proposed Tully CWWC - This CWWC has received confirmation of feasibility and have submitted a full Connection Application form to Irish Water for processing and offer of connection. Irish Water has confirmed that an offer of connection will be processed in the coming weeks

Hartley Cartown GSS — Leitrim County Council have informed this Group of the maximum levels of funding available and have requested that the Group revert to this office with a decision on the future of this GSS taking into account the Funding Gap between the Estimated Cost of the Scheme and the Grant Funding available — Leitrim County Council are awaiting a response from the Group on this matter.

CAPITAL PROJECTS OFFICE

Works are ongoing in Capital projects during the Covid 19 restrictions. Construction works ceased on all our projects on Monday 30th March. In line with the Governments Roadmap construction activities were allowed to resume from the 18th May. Design works on projects continued through remote working of all local authority and outside design staff.

Carrick on Shannon Flood Relief Scheme
Ryan Hanley Consulting Engineers have been appointed design consultant for this project. Design works have commenced. Data collection is complete. Surveys including topographical, ground investigation and environmental surveys are being organised.

The 1st Public Consultation took place. In excess of 3000 residential and commercial properties having revived information about the scheme by way of; cover letter, information brochure, questionnaire, ads and posters. To date we have received over 60 submissions from the public.

Leitrim Village Flood Relief Scheme
Contract documents have been made available via the E-Tenders Portal to procurement of a consulting engineer to commence the design on the project and are with the OPW for approval. (Last day for tender Submissions is the 8th September 2020).

Mohill Flood Relief Scheme
The OPW have decided to update the flood maps for Mohill which will 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

Works are ongoing on the construction contracts for Flynn’s Field Car Park, Boardwalk and Street Works. Lighting contract to be advertised in September.
Manorhamilton Public Realm Scheme
Dhb Architects have been appointed as design team for this project. Design work has commenced. Topographical surveys complete. Site Investigation Contract to commence next week.

The Junction Project Ballinamore
Cooney Architects have been appointed as design team for this project. Site investigation works for the buildings and Ground investigation works complete. SAQ due to advertise shortly (short listing of suitable contractors for tender process).

SLNCR Greenway – Sligo to Enniskillen
Leitrim County Council received confirmation of funding from the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport to bring this project through the Planning Process, Detailed Design and get the project ready for construction. Awaiting terms and conditions of grant funding. Tender for Design Consultant team for the Scheme will be advertised in September.

SLNCR – Manorhamilton to Boggaun
Construction contract is now substantially complete. Road markings and snags remain outstanding.

SLNCR – Dromahaire Demonstration Stretch
This project is complete. Negotiations on final account well under way, Snagging complete.

Cavan Leitrim Greenway – Ballinamore to Corgar
Works are ongoing.

Leitrim Way
The bridge has been placed. Works ongoing to complete the approach ramps/steps.

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. We are currently working on options. Once agreed we will proceed to Part 8 Planning approval.

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. Tender for Design Consultant team for the Scheme will be advertised in September.

Hartley Bridge
Works are ongoing to develop planning application to An Bord Pleanála. Archaeology Investigations and Ground Investigation contracts are complete. Further Archaeology Investigations are required and will be completed in September. We expect to take the Project to An Bord Pleanála with a submission to their office early October 2020.

OPW Minor Flood Schemes
This office is in discussion with OPW regarding 2 more (possibly 3) Minor Flood Schemes in the Dromahair area, and possible options to relieve flooding in the area. Application has been made & approved by OPW for a minor flood schemes on the Glenaniff River at Rossinver involving clearing vegetation for the river.

Lough Bran
Funding has been approved from Inland Fisheries to provide extra fishing stands at Lough Bran and upgrade access road. Environmental assessment reports to be completed in September.
HOUSING, CORPORATE SERVICES, COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE

HOUSING

Housing Allocations

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<th>Offers issued to 31st August 2020</th>
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New Tenancies created from 1st August to 31st August 2020.

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<th>New Tenants (1st time allocation)</th>
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Private Rented Inspection Programme

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<th>No of inspections completed to 31st August 2020</th>
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<td>Total - 145</td>
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<td>43.81 %</td>
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HOUSING GRANTS

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

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<tr>
<th>2020 Allocation - €549,373.00</th>
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<td>PAID 2020</td>
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<td>HOP  23  €93,986.25</td>
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<td>TOTAL</td>
<td>34  €131,568.10</td>
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Approved not paid

| Approved not paid 1            | GRANT  NO  VALUE                  |             |
| HGD  11  €217,395.00           |             |             |
| MAG  12  €36,780.00            |             |             |
| HOP  18  €78,743.45            |             |             |
| TOTAL                         | 41  €332,918.45                    | €332,918.45 |

Applications Rec’d Not Yet Approved

Estimated

(Averaged @ €2,000 / Grant)

| Applications Rec’d Not Yet Approved 2 | GRANT  NO  VALUE                  |             |
| HGD  5  €50,000.00                 |             |             |
| MAG  7  €30,000.00                 |             |             |
| HOP  18  €75,000.00                |             |             |
| TOTAL                         | 30  €155,000.00                    | €155,000.00 |

Available Balance: €-70,113.55

HOUSING CAPITAL

LA Construction Final Accounts
Final Account Report and Post Project Reviews for Taobh Tire Stage 2 (7 Houses) & Extension and Refurbishment Works to House at Tamlaght, Mohill with DHPLG and awaiting approval for Total value of 219k.

LA Construction Projects
Autumn View, Summerhill, Carrick on Shannon
Walls commenced on majority of houses with roof completed on 2 no. houses. Services installation ongoing. Current programme delivery date is March 2021.

1 Includes applications approved in 2019, not yet paid
2 Includes applications received in 2019, not yet approved
LA Projects at Planning/Design Stage
Part 8 Planning Documentation was revised by Architect to final draft for Manorhamilton (5 Units), Ballinamore (10 Units) & Carrick on Shannon Projects (12 Units).

Single Stage Approval project

LA Turnkey Projects
Status of Approved Turnkey Projects

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<th>Project</th>
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<td>Ballinamore</td>
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<td>Newtowngore</td>
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<td>Kinlough</td>
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<td>Mohill</td>
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<td>Construction Ongoing</td>
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<td>Drumshanbo</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>On Hold-Legal Issues</td>
<td>July 2021</td>
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<td>Drumkeeran</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>To commence Sep</td>
<td>November 2020</td>
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Acquisitions
2 No Units progressed to sale agreed/sale closed during August 2020 at 14 Rock valley, Dromahair & 14 Oaklands, Carrick on Shannon bringing the total to 9 during 2020 (7 funded under SHIP, 2 funded under TAP).

Maintenance & Refurbishment Contractor Tender
McNabola Brothers Ltd was appointed as the successful contractor to undertake Maintenance and Refurbishment Works on Leitrim County Council properties following e-tender competition.

Vacant Homes
Vacant homes surveys conducted in Tullaghan during August. The cumulative totals to date for Carrick on Shannon, Manorhamilton, Ballinamore, Mohill, Drumshanbo, Kinlough & Tullaghan is

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<th>Potential Vacant</th>
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<td>Known Ownership</td>
<td>603</td>
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<td>Not registered</td>
<td>268</td>
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<td>Letters Issued to Owners</td>
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Architect Framework
Tender for Appointment of Architect Led Design Team to deliver Open Library and Age Friendly Housing in Dromahair was opened and assessed on the 4th, 5th, 6th August 2020. Contract award is currently in the standstill period.

COMMUNITY

Peace IV
Manorhamilton Shared Space
Construction: €238,299.00 Clyhore Construction
Archaeology - €25,000 (estimated)

- Contractor on target: for Sept 2020 completion date. Approval has been received for some minor additional works but these will not incur any significant delays.
- Meaningful programming cannot commence due to restrictions and an extension has approved by SEUPB until end Qtr 1 2021.
- Some activities will be completed virtually and some on-site in smaller groups. A Terms of Reference for programme delivery has been drawn up and we will be seeking quotations.

Mohill Shared Space (Library)
Construction: €306,458.05 P. Bohan /Archaeology - € 20,572.00 (Archaeology)
Project Manager - €18,750.00 F. Davitt/ Work Rest and Play - €30,000 (Interior Design & Furniture)
- Extension works are complete on the Peace Room & final snagging has taken place.
- Main Library works are complete – Snagging taking place. Fit out of the main library and sensory room is expected to be completed by the end of September.
- Meaningful programming cannot commence due to restrictions and an extension has approved by SEUPB until end Qtr 1 2021. A Terms of Reference for programme delivery had been drawn up
- We requested quotations for design of a mural but following further consideration in terms of maintenance and upkeep it has been decided to change the scope of same. There is still a planning requirement to mark the archaeological significance of the site and we plan to proceed with this in the form of a plaque. Quotations are currently being sought for same.

Finals reports for claims for Children and Young People and Building Positive Relations Programmes have been submitted and Claims are ongoing for the Shared Space programme.

**Funding Schemes**

**Covid 19 Emergency Payments**

Total Allocation for County Leitrim - **€56,393.00**
- 32 applications were received and approved following the First Call. Following the second call a total of 30 Applications were received and 29 approved.
- Up to date approx 40% of funds have been drawn down.

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<td>Ballinamore MD - Total Grants</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>€8,446.00</td>
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<td>Carrick-on-Shannon - Total Grants</td>
<td>12</td>
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<td>Manorhamilton MD - Total Grants</td>
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<td>GAA Clubs</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>61</strong></td>
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**CEP (Community Enhancement Programme)**

Total Allocation for County Leitrim – **€53,040**
- The closing date for receipt of completed applications: 4pm on Friday 7th August 2020
- A total of 92 applications were received with 75 deemed eligible
- Total Allocation for County Leitrim - **€53,040.00**

Less costs & county wide applications - **€51,442.44**. Total Allocation per MD - **€17,147.48**

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<th>Grants Summary for Leitrim</th>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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- The Assessment Committee met on Microsoft Teams on 12th August and the following was agreed:

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<th>Fund €635 to all eligible groups</th>
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<td>Carrick-on-Shannon</td>
<td>Fund €949 to all eligible groups or lesser amount. (2 groups awarded €785 and €800)</td>
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<td>Manorhamilton MD</td>
<td>Fund €659 to all eligible groups</td>
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<td>County Wide</td>
<td>€620 to all eligible groups</td>
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**Healthy Ireland**

All 5 priority themes & Community Mental Health fund programme changes have been approved by Pobal. Both progress and financial reports for Year 1 activity have been submitted. Programming for the 5 priority themes, Community Mental Health fund and Community Engagement will have fully resumed by October.
Age Friendly
The first draft of a new County Transportation plan has been drawn up and is now been reviewed by HSE, Dept of Transportation and will also involve Leitrim County Council. The Older Person Council has now started to meet again. Feedback around the Wellbeing packs was positive. The use of Friendly call services has risen by 60% during COVID pandemic. A list of names of people who maybe could act as the Age Friendly County Champion / Ambassador has been drawn up. Age Friendly at a national level is taking up issues around Transportation to hospital appointments, delivery of Meals On Wheels and the reopening of the Daycare Centres based on county feedback.

Dementia Friendly Training will be rolled out for staff within the Local Authority.

There is a callout through Active Retirement Groups in the county for participants in the County Council Arts grant from Creative Ireland Portrait project.

Integration Strategy
An Expression of interest has been submitted by Leitrim Development Company for Leader funding in order to develop an integration strategy for the County. Leitrim Development Company is seeking support from the Leitrim County Council to apply to the Dept of Justice to seek a worker to support the Migrants in the County.

COVID 19 Community Well Being Helpline
The Community Wellbeing Helpline will continue in Leitrim as a 7 day per week service, Monday through Sunday, 9 am to 5 pm. Calls are still coming in on a daily basis but at a low level.

PPN

Outstanding Leitrim PPN vacancies
A number of Leitrim PPN vacancies remain at this time. These are:
- Rep on the Housing, Community and Cultural Special Policy Committee.
- Social Inclusion Rep on the Local Community Development Committee.
- Social Inclusion Rep on the Peace IV Partnership
- Representative on the Special Policy Committee for Economic Development Enterprise and Planning
- Carrick on Shannon MD Rep on the LEADER Evaluation Committee.

Members of the Leitrim PPN Secretariat are aware of these vacancies.

ARTS

New and ongoing Community Engagement Initiatives and projects completed in August

- Following on from earlier pilot projects Leitrim County Council was successful in applying for funding under Creative Ireland’s Positive Ageing and Creative Wellbeing Challenge Fund to provide opportunities for older people to explore their creativity and to mitigate the impacts of social isolation.
  - Following on from a basic workshop folding paper fans, artist Crona Gallagher has been working with Eshrat Sultana, Nurse in Charge at Aras Breffni Care Home to develop a specially designed weaving project for fulltime residents who have various stages of dementia.
  - Modern Day Mummers sees dancer Edwina Guckian, singer Fionnula Maxwell and musician Brian Mostyn visiting elderly cocooners, re-enacting a mumming tradition providing a unique and opportunity to break the social isolation experienced by some older people in Leitrim.
  - The Home Place is a continuing programme with author Brian Leyden using Zoom to provide readings to active age groups, men’s sheds groups etc.

- As part of the same programme Leitrim County Council were successful in a joint application with Mayo, Donegal and Roscommon County Councils which will see artist Andy Parsons paint the portraits of 12 older people using Zoom over the next few months.
• Magnetise, A Call for Home, is an ongoing intergenerational performance project between six internationally based professional dance artists and two local community groups, WILL (Women Living Independently in Leitrim) and Creative Current Youth Dance.

• Young members of Leitrim Down Syndrome group completed a digital photography project with artist Anna Leask over zoom, acknowledging the artistic capacity of children and young people with an intellectual disability, specifically Down Syndrome, and their family unit.

• The Dock ‘2Km, 3 Locations’ is an ongoing project led by artists David Smith, Anna Leask, Wayne O Connor and Laura Mahon for young people aged 14-19 involving the investigation of our 2km radii of our home setting.

• MuseHyper, a group of 12 young autistic adults continue to work with Artist Denise Corbett on a similar project using digital photography to explore their immediate environment indoors or within 2Km of home.

• Drumsna Community Resource Centre Senior Citizens Group completed the project “Back to the Future” with singer Fionnuala Maxwell. The project brought together a community who would have very little knowledge of technology on a journey through childhood songs, rhymes and stories.

• Web-Spinning is an ongoing creative writing project for disabled people living in Leitrim working with Artist Isolde O’Brocháin Carmody creating stories, poems and snippets reflecting our experiences in the current lockdown.

• Ballinamore Living Archive Project is a collaborative project with the Leitrim Library service, Solas Art Gallery and Artist Vanya Lambrecht-Ward nurtured by the belief that ‘everybody has a story to tell’.

• Helena Golden Willow Woman has completed the first phase of online weaving workshops with Carrick ICA and will commence a second series of workshops with Carrick Tidy towns in the coming weeks.

• The Leitrim Design House CO-CREATE 2020 Collaboration Programme in now in place with participants now in the first phase of their creative collaborations.

• The Organic Centre Rossinver continue to work with artist Sarah Lundy to develop their creative environmental programme Project eARTh focusing on biodiversity, sustainability, organic growing and climate change.

• Shannonside Community Childcare Centre: Kate Murtagh Sheridan & Museum of County Life continue to develop a project based on Traveller Culture and Identity working with young people at Shannonside childcare centre.

• Leitrim Intercultural Forum Music Project are working with musicians Ciaran Rock and Brian Sweeney on the third phase of their project that brings together people of different cultures living in Leitrim to source, learn, write and arrange several songs from different countries including Ireland.

• Inspired by the work of Banksy, North Connacht Youth Services are working with artist Phoebe Dick to develop a street art project with young people all over county Leitrim reflecting themes important to them and their community.

• Leitrim Cycling Festival are in the first stages of developing a creative cycling mapping project with artists Laura McMorrow and Natalia Beylis, using technology from a previous mapping project of Kilnaclogher.

• Working with Exit Does Theatre and supported by the Glens Centre, North Leitrim Mens Shed are now in the process of translating a stage theatre piece into a radio play for broadcast on Ocean FM.

Professional Development Initiatives

• Developed an artist support programme under the July Jobs Stimulus Package including an internship programme, Circular Economy programme and a Tech Hub Voucher programme.

• Hosted an Online Artist Studio Tours with writer Monica Corish, musician Padraig Meehan and ceramicist Kate Murtagh Sheridan (15 attended)

• Hosted the training Tax Matters for Artists with chartered accountant John Dempsey followed by one to one consultations with artists in the network. (12 attended 9 clinics)
• Developed a partnership with Cork City Council to design, develop and deliver a Community Arts Training programme and Toolkit for Artists

Other
Secured funding from Creative Ireland to further develop an environmental art project with Waterways Ireland and Sligo IT at Rooskey Lock.

LEITRIM SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

Inclusive Outdoor Dance Day
We had a children’s Inclusive Dance Workshop in Ballinamore with the Rehab Total 10

Rehab Tennis Programme
We gave the National Learning Network Carrick Tennis equipment to ensure sustainability of the tennis programme we were running with them Total 12

Multi Sports Programme Special Olympics
We started a multi sports programme in Manorhamilton for the Special Olympics group Total 12

Inclusive Fitness Training Workshop
We hosted an online inclusive fitness training workshop to promote inclusion of people with disabilities in sport and physical activity Total 15

Strength & flexibility programme in Ballinamore group 1 (Total 8) & group 2 (Total 8)
Strength & flexibility programme of simple chair exercise programme in Ballinamore

Strength & flexibility programme in Fenagh Total 8

Safeguarding 1 course with Dromahair FC Total: 12 (11 male, 1 female)
Safeguarding 1 Sport Ireland Ethics basic child protection course was rolled out on Thursday 20th August with 12 coaches from Leitrim’s newest soccer club taking part. This was our first time to deliver the course online via zoom and it was very successful.

Safeguarding 1 Total: 12 (12 female)
Safeguarding 1 Sport Ireland Ethics basic child protection course was rolled out on Thursday 27th August with 12 coaches participating from a variety of different sports.

LGFA Gaelic For Mothers programme Total: 11 Gaelic 4 Mothers and Others clubs
This programme is designed to empower Gaelic4Mothers&Others participants to become more active & prominent in their club through leadership and volunteering, and to also take a greater role of importance in the progression & enriching of club life.

The Women on the Water Kayaking programme and Horse Riding and Animal Welfare programme continued during the month of August.
LIBRARY SERVICES

- Both the ‘Browse and Borrow’ and ‘Contact and Collect’ service continue to be in demand by library members as well as access to PC use, printing and photocopying services.
- The use of library online services continues to rise, both e-books and e-audio books continued to prove a popular choice with an increase in the number of active users and items borrowed.
- Library Online content in the form of story-time and art & craft activities continued throughout the month and proved extremely popular with our younger members.
- The Summer Stars Reading Programme which attracted a large number of children over the summer months came to an end and it is hoped to run some additional online activities and events again in October to celebrate Children’s Book Festival.
- A number of online workshops were held under the Creative Ireland ‘Yellow River Archive Project’ involving Ballinamore Library, Solas Art Gallery.

SIGNED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Signed: [Signature]
Lar Power, Chief Executive

Date: 15/9/20