

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE CHILL CHAINNIGH**  
**KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**JULY MONTHLY**  
**MANAGEMENT REPORT**



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**To: Each Member of Kilkenny County Council**

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

**EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS:**

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

**FINANCE:**

Chief Executive Financial Report—(Appendix 1).

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**14<sup>th</sup> of August War Commemoration at Kilkenny Courthouse.**

**20<sup>TH</sup> TO 28<sup>TH</sup> August, 2016: Heritage Week.**

**16<sup>th</sup> September, 2016: Culture Night.**

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## **ROADS:**

The following serves as an update to Elected Members on some of the projects currently ongoing in County Kilkenny;

### **TII Pavement Improvement & Minor Works Programme - Update**

#### **N78 Pavement Improvement Works 2016**

**N78 Dunmore East to Corbettstown** –This project consists of a 4.85km structural pavement overlay along the N78 from just north of Hennebry's Cross to a point south of the Cave Bar.

**N78 Damerstown West to Ballycomy** - Works along this section of the N78 consist of a 1.85km pavement overlay from Damerstown West to a point just north of the Deen River bridge crossing and south of Castlecomer.

The two schemes are combined under a single contract so as to minimise disruption to road users and to obtain better value for money.

Five tenders for the combined scheme were received on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2016. The Council has received approval from Transport Infrastructure Ireland to proceed with the awarding of the contract. It is anticipated that the appointment of the successful tenderer will be concluded shortly with works expected to commence this month. The construction period will extend to 8 weeks with a 10 day road closure required towards the end of the construction period.

#### **N77 Conahy Pavement Improvement Scheme**

The Council recently obtained approval from Transport Infrastructure Ireland to extend the original 900lin.m scheme by a further 700lin.m

northwards towards Ballyragget village, giving an extended scheme length of 1.6km.

Contract Documents for this scheme are now completed and the tender was advertised on the E-tender website on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July. It is anticipated that works will commence on complete of the N78 road improvement works in September, so as to facilitate traffic diversions. The extended construction period is estimated at 3 weeks and a 3 day road closure will be required to facilitate the works.

#### **N76 Callan Road Realignment**

Land acquisition negotiations on this scheme are now well advance and it's anticipated that the vast majority of cases will be agreed in the coming months.

Additional site investigation works were required and are now complete. This requirement has delayed the tender documentation completion date by a number of weeks and it is now anticipated that the tender will be advertised in August as opposed to July 2016.

The target of appointing a contractor and commencing works within Q4 2016 remains unchanged.

## **PLANNING:**

<b>Planning Summary</b>	<b>Total to June 2015</b>	<b>Total to June 2016</b>
Planning Applications Received	386	422
Planning Applications Granted	291	400
Planning Applications Refused	20	27
Complaints Received	41	43
Warning Letters Issued	30	31
Enforcements Notices Issued	11	19



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## Development & Local Area Plans

Ferrybank LAP: Joint meeting for Elected Members scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> July with Tramore & Waterford City West Municipal District.

Castlecomer LAP: Work has commenced, meeting is scheduled for the 20<sup>th</sup> July with Kilkenny Leader Partnership.

County & City Development Plans: Variations to the Development Plan will be brought before the members in September, 2016 to deal with-

- Expiring Local Area Plans
- Amendments to zoning
- Align plans with new Part V requirements
- Solar PV Strategy

## National Taking in Charge Initiative

Kilkenny County Council has been notified of an allocation of €229,900 for works to 9 housing estates to accelerate their taking in charge. The Council is required to provide a local contribution of €50,000 towards the identified works. We are required to commence works immediately and complete the taking in charge of the developments before the end of 2016. The following developments consisting of 694 residential units have been approved for funding:

- Aylesbury, Ferrybank
- Chapelgate, Kilmacow
- Cooleigh, Carrigeen
- Lintown, Kilkenny
- Rosehill Court, Kilkenny
- Hazelbrook, Ballyhale
- Briarswood, Slieverue
- The Weir, Kilkenny
- College Square, Kilkenny

## HOUSING:

Number awaiting social housing support at 30 <sup>th</sup> June, 2016	2750
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Number of assessment interviews carried out in June:	18
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LA/RAS/Leasing allocations (offers made):	16
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Number of HAP tenancies to 30 <sup>th</sup> June	614
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Number of LA tenancies surrendered:	6
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Anti social behaviour cases:	14
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New Homeless Presentations:	31
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Maintenance Calls for June 2016	321
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Maintenance Calls year to date	2557
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No. Housing Loans Approved to date (Annuity/Construction)	20
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Amount of Loans Approved to 30 <sup>th</sup> June, 2016	€2,656,405
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## CORPORATE SERVICES

### Live streaming of Council Meetings.

It was agreed at the July CPG meeting to await the outcome of a tender process being undertaken by Fingal County Council. It is expected that a full report on all the issues on live streaming will be presented to the members at the September meeting.



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## **LOCAL & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

### **Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)**

The process of implementing the community element of the LECP has commenced with an implementation pack disseminated to the 29 stakeholder groups leading up and delivering actions. There are 87 actions for delivery in the Community Plan between July 2016 and December 2017.

An Advisory/Monitoring Group has been established to oversee the implementation of the LECP, the group is made up of 3 members of the LCDC and 3 members of SPC 1. The stakeholders will report in November 2016, June 2017, and November 2017.

The elected members will be updated with a report at Council and Municipal District level.

### **Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP)**

The SICAP Subgroup has commenced with the SICAP mid-term review. Both staff from the community section and SICAP subgroup members attended a SICAP support session run by Pobal in Dublin. Kilkenny LCDC was asked to present their process for undertaking SICAP mid-term and end of year reviews.

### **Public Participation Network (PPN).**

A Plenary meeting took place in Butler House on June 7<sup>th</sup>. The secretariat presented their constitution for adoption by the membership. A proposal for the election process was adopted with a view to holding the elections for vacant seats over the summer months with a view to new PPN representatives taking up seats from September. All PPN representatives are elected for the next 4

years. The PPN Resource Worker will commence work on July 20.

### **Kilkenny Children's & Young Peoples Services Committee: (CYPSC)**

CYPSC are beginning the process of preparing 'The Children and Young Persons Plan for Kilkenny'. It is hoped that this plan will be in place by the end of the year. This plan will set the priority areas for the provision of children's and young people's services across the county.

### **Community Development Workshop**

The Community Section of KKCC and Kilkenny PPN hosted a workshop given by Community Work Ireland on the All Ireland Standards for Community Work. The workshop was well attended by community groups operating across the County and also from the South East region.

### **Age Friendly Car-parking Spaces**

Following consultation with the Older Persons Council, 10 no. Age Friendly Car Parking spaces have been provided in 3 locations in Kilkenny City:

- 4 spaces at St Mary's Car Park, James Street
- 2 spaces at the Black Abbey Car Park
- 4 spaces at St Canice's Car Park, Dean Street

All of the spaces are pay and display. As these city centre Car Parks are really busy it is hoped that the general public will leave them for older people to use the designated spaces which are close to the city centre and adjoining churches.

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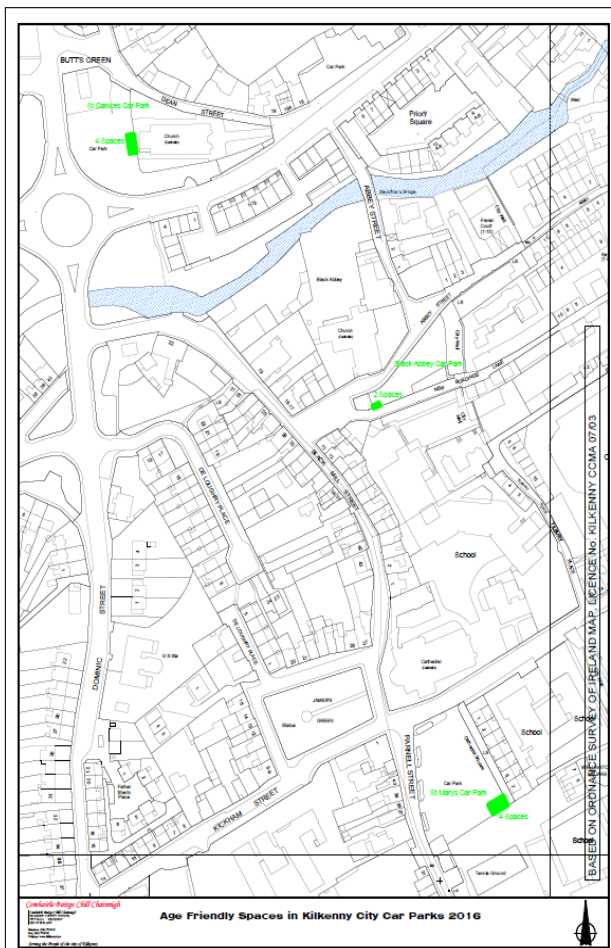
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**Spaces at St Mary's Car Park**



**4 Spaces at St Canices Car Park**



**2 Spaces at the Black Abbey Car Park**

**ST. MARY'S MEDIEVAL MILE MUSEUM**

Proposal for Management of Museum will be presented to County Council Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> July.



Medieval cobbled surface, indicating pathway.



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Monument wall painted and scaffold removed



Kilkenny Room, northern elevation with scaffold removed



Timber screen at entrance to Kilkenny Room from Lobby.

## CULTURAL SERVICES

### ARTS PROGRAMME

#### **Events August:**

- The first exhibition in Kilkenny County Council Arts Office, Dean Street, will take place for the duration of the Kilkenny Arts Festival as part of the AKA Festival Fringe. **‘None of the Above’** Impressive, Emotional, A Game Changer, None Of The Above. A space full with things to see by Steven Aylin and Alé Mercado Kilkenny Arts Office, 5 Dean Street. 6<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> August. Open Daily 10.30 - 6.00
- **Unfold an exhibition by Open Circle Arts - [Open Circle Arts](http://www.opencirclearts.ie)** is a community arts project providing social spaces for learning and creating. Our mission is to inspire interest and maximum participation in the arts for Kilkenny women. We are committed to offering programs that are characterised by quality arts learning experiences and inspiring arts participatory engagements. [www.opencirclearts.ie](http://www.opencirclearts.ie) Open Circle House, High Hayes, Johns Green, Kilkenny. Free event. Launch 6th August 12pm Opening hours - 12pm - 5pm, 6th - 14th August
- The Sewcialising project, which is Open Circle’s 2016 summer Outreach project will also exhibit as part of the AKA Festival Fringe, for the duration of Kilkenny Arts Festival August 6<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>
- Kilkenny County Council Arts Office - Poetry Broadsheet launch will feature as part of Kilkenny Arts Festival on Friday August 12th at 4pm in the Parade Tower. The Broadsheet will be launched by Kilkenny Arts Festival Poet in residence Paul Muldoon and Broadsheet editor Kimberley Campanello. This publication aims to give local writers a



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platform for their work. This year's editor is American-Irish poet Kimberly Campanello. Her most recent collection is *Strange Country* (The Dreadful Press, 2015). Currently she is a Lecturer in Creative Writing at York St John University, UK.

<http://www.kilkennyarts.ie/programme/kilkenny-poetry-broadsheet>  
<http://www.kilkennyarts.ie/programme/paul-muldoon>

### Events September:

- Culture Night 2016 takes place on September 16th.

## LIBRARY SERVICES

### PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE

#### Statistics and Performance (June 2016)

- 23,613 visits across the library network
- 22,880 items issued
- 2,202 public Internet sessions
- 937 new members/renewals
- 71 visits to Local Studies

#### Library Website Usage (June 2016)

[www.kilkennylibrary.ie](http://www.kilkennylibrary.ie)

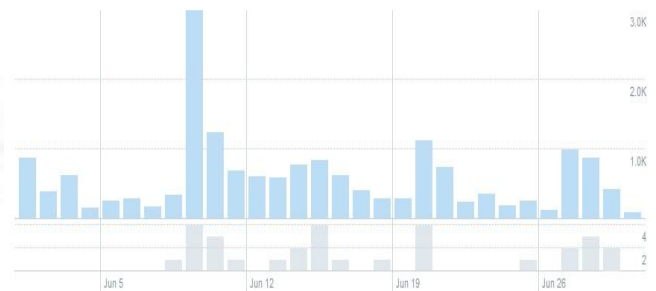
2016	Users	New Users	Return Users	Sessions	Page Views
June	2,278	45%	55%	4,219	9,613

#### Tweet Activity (June 2016)

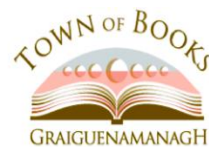
- ✓ 13.2K Impressions

#### Tweet activity

Your Tweets earned 13.2K impressions over this 30 day period



### Programming and Events



**Graiguenamanagh Town of Books** Friday 26th to Sunday 28th August 2016.

In Graiguenamanagh Library

- RTE 2FM D.J.. Rick O'Shea - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August from 10 to 11.30am.
- Author Liz Nugent Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August @ 7pm discussing her new book "Lying in Wait" due out late July 2016.

<http://liznugent.ie/>

More upcoming events on [www.kilkennylibrary.ie](http://www.kilkennylibrary.ie)

#### Dates for your Diary

**Post Industrial Exhibition** – An exhibition on a Town established due to Industrial Influences – DIT Architectural school in Castlecomer Branch 5<sup>th</sup> – 16 July.

#### Wi-Fi rollout

Free public access to Wi-Fi was extended to Graiguenamanagh, Thomastown and Callan Libraries at the end of June.

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**Heritage Week** 20<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> August



As part of national Heritage week, a range of events including exhibitions, lectures, children's events and an introduction to the online Irish Newspaper Archive will take place across the county library network.

**KILKENNY RECREATION AND SPORTS PARTNERSHIP**

**Bikeweek 2016 - Activities organized during June 2016**

Couch to 40k Cycling Spins

Schools Cycling Programme

Ciclovia – Open Street Festival in Kilkenny High Street.

Inclusive Cycle

Bike Maintenance Workshop

Castle to Castle

Lunchtime Cycle

**Programme for July 2016**

- 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> July Pitch & Putt for adults with intellectual disabilities, Lacken Pitch and Putt, St Canices, Dublin Road, Kilkenny at 10.30am.
- 12<sup>th</sup> July Inclusive Activity Days for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities, Zip Wire and High Ropes Course in Castlecomer Discovery Park.
- 15<sup>th</sup> July Sports Leadership training for volunteers delivering community summer camps and programmes including KRSP Inclusive Summer Camp programme.
- 18 – 21 July Inclusive Summer Camp for children with disabilities – Nore Valley. Open to all children with disabilities ranging from 5 to 16 years of age. Activities will include camping games, farm trails, team building, playground games and lots more.
- 25 – 29 July Inclusive Summer Camp for children with disabilities – St. Patricks Centre. Open to all children with disabilities ranging from 5 to 16 years of age. Activities include kayaking and river games, fun pool sessions, parachute games, treasure hunts, tennis, hand cycling and bike spins and lots more!

For more information, contact KRSP offices on 056 7794991 or like us on facebook  
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**APPENDIX I**

**Kilkenny County Council  
Finance Report – July 2016.**

The expenditure by service division for the six months to the end of June is set out in table 1. Total Expenditure for the period was €36.6m compared with the annual budget of €67.18m.

<b>Table 1</b>	<b>Actual YTD June 16</b>	<b>Budget Full Year 2016</b>
	<b>€'000's</b>	<b>€'000's</b>
Housing & Building	7,955	14,083
Road Transport & Safety	10,373	16,848
Water Services	3,440	7,603
Development Management	3,393	6,562
Environmental Services	4,362	8,628
Recreation & Amenity	2,935	6,024
Agriculture, Education, Health, Welfare	298	761
Miscellaneous Services	3,845	6,673
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>36,601</b>	<b>67,182</b>

Cash collected on commercial rates for the first five months was €264k higher than the same period last year. Collection on housing rents was in line with the same period last year. The bank overdraft facility was utilized on four days in the first six months and the maximum overdrawn balance was €304k.