

**To: The Cathaoirleach and Each Member of the Municipal District of
Adare-Rathkeale**

Town and Village Renewal Scheme Adare-Rathkeale

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Brief timeline of actions since allocation of grants from DAHRRGA

- DAHRRGA contact LCCC Chief Executive with a letter of offer on the 12th October 2017. This is signed and sent back on Monday 16th October.
- The Urban and Village Renewal Department (UVRD) contact all project leads to inform them of their funding allocation.
- Letters of offer are sent to each project lead on Wednesday 18th October.
- Between 19th October and 26th October the UVRD contact each project lead once letters of offers are returned and request further information from each partners including Tax Clearance Certificates/ Certification of Charitable Status/ copies of bank statements/ match funding commitment statements.
- Where applicable the UVRD set up the project groups as suppliers on the agresso System.
- The UVRD sets up a holding Job Code for the funding and also 13 Job codes for each project.
- The UVRD sets up an Alfresco project page for each project in line with the compliance checklist issued by the DAHRRGA, all documentation will be uploaded to the Alfresco .
- Rosie Webb meets with the assigned budget holders on the 23rd October to agree on roles. The budget holders will be responsible for ensuring that the projects have the necessary permissions, appointments and insurances in place prior to payments being issued and that they will collect evidence of same for auditing. The project groups will have their own competent consulting Engineer/Architect/QS who will provide certificates of compliance/ act as PSDP, confirm insurances etc.

- The UVRD contacts each project lead 1st November to remind them that each project must have incurred at least 20% of the project costs before the end of November, this will allow for 50% of the funding to be drawn down by 30th November.
- A separate draw down request must be completed for each project highlighting spend to date. A schedule of works is requested.

Overview of Information Pertaining to each Project from the Municipal District of Adare/
Rathkeale

Adare

Grant Funding Allocation: €100,000

Project Cost: €163,334

Project Description: Develop a multi purpose civic plaza in front of the Heritage Centre.

Project Lead: Maeve Martin Kelly.

Budget Holder: Kevin Murphy.

To date:

This project seeks to enhance the economic and social development of Adare through the development of a new multi-purpose civic plaza to the front of the Adare Heritage Centre, fronting onto the Main Street of Adare village. This project will include external reconfiguration works to the front of the Adare Heritage Centre building. Initial designs by Brian Healy are being reviewed. A design team is currently being procured.

Rathkeale

Grant Funding Allocation: €200,000

Project Cost: €309,461

Project Description: Integrated E-Hub including hot desking and Community Centre repairs.

Project Lead: Mike Cantwell and Pat Neville

Budget Holder: Mike Cantwell.

To date:

The E-Hub is currently under development at Rathkeale Enterprise Centre (former Andersen Building). This will be a central community space which will include high-speed broadband, fit out of a co-working space and facilities for business start-ups. This facility will create a pathway to further sustainable employment in the town. The primary objectives for this space are to support entrepreneurship and employment opportunities as well as re-training and up-skilling in the town of Rathkeale to support a spirit of entrepreneurship and innovation at every level in the local community. The E-Hub in Rathkeale will be connected to the existing range of enterprise centres by Innovate Limerick's Business Development Manager and will be connected directly to "The Engine", Innovate Limerick's e-hub in Limerick City Centre. "The Engine" includes an innovation acceleration campus, space for FDI's and shared office space as well as a production and digital skills academy.

With regard to the Community Centre the roof is in need of major repairs and several of the windows are in a dangerous condition. All the windows and doors will be replaced. As a period building all repairs and replacements will be carried out in a sensitive manner conforming to the guidelines required by the City and County Council's Conservation Section. The roof will be re-slatted in addition to preserving the building as an important component of Rathkeale's built heritage, a project to preserve the Community Centre as a

building fit-for-purpose as the hub for much of the town's community activity and social development programmes.

Foynes

Grant Funding Allocation: €100,000

Project Cost: €125,455

Project Description: Provision of a dedicated coffee house and Community centre improvements

Project Lead: Margaret O Shaughnessy and Grainne Walsh

Budget Holder: Kevin Murphy

To date:

The Community Centre Repairs element of the project will improve drainage around the centre to help with the surface water problem. Works include installing drains in the area in question and connecting them back into the existing surface water drainage/ localised soak pits. The front area will be resurfaced– presently the area is full of gravel which is both uneven and potholed. This will make safe access to the Centre for both the elderly and disabled users. Existing earth mounds at the front of the centre will be removed. The community centre have proceeded with the tender process. Aidan Walsh from Linesight Quantity Surveyors is looking after the tender. The project lead has advised all contractors that 20% of the project needs to be completed by the end of November.

With regard to the Irish Coffee house element, planning permission is in place, proceeding to tender this week, awarding of contract by start of December and work to commence immediately and has to be completely finished by first week of March 2018 ready for opening for the 2018 season. This new space will allow the Foynes Flying Boat Museum to promote the Irish Coffee history to all visitors and attract more tourists in 2018 onwards.

Loughill

Grant Funding Allocation: €94,845

Project Cost: €118,106

Project Description: Playground and walkway at Parish Park.

Project Lead: John Wallace

Budget Holder: Kevin Murphy

To date:

The playground will be made from natural materials embedded in natural grass surfacing. Local schools in Loughill, Ballyhahill, Glin, Foynes, Shanagolden and the Brothers of Charity based in Foynes will be able to avail of the sensory area and nature walks. A Fairy Trail will be created to enhance the site. The Playground will be embedded in the Park surrounding making it unique to the area. Phase 1 of the project is complete which entailed site clearance, construct a safe permanent entrance from the N69, minor drainage works, car park Kerbing and some minor boundary works. This was completed using funding of €10,000 from Limerick City & County Council, local committee fundraising activities and local voluntary labour and plant. The main part of the works i.e. the playground, fencing, Kerbing, walkways, landscaping, gazebo, and park benches is now shovel ready. Presently, work has commenced on earthworks profiling and erecting of the boundary fencing.

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