

## Community Cultural and Social Development SCP Meeting

Wicklow County Council, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 @11am

## Community Awards Scheme 2017

There has been a massive response to this year's awards scheme with nearly 400 applications. There is only €200,000 in the fund so some applications may fail to receive funding but there may be other avenues. The awards will be issued on a Municipal District basis.

## Community Facilities Scheme 2017

This is a new scheme which has caused some confusion as it is different to the Community Awards Scheme. The total fund for this is €64,500 for Wicklow with a maximum grant of about €1000. The scheme, its conditions and the form will be advertised shortly.

## Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2017

This years which applies to Rural Towns and Village below a population of 10,000 is now open and forms are available from Wicklow County Council. The deadline is the 30<sup>th</sup> of June

## Community CCTV Scheme 2017

This funding which is up to €40,000 per year for three years to support the installation of CCTV systems in large Wicklow Towns. The Gardai, the JPC's and Wicklow County Council will be involved in the approval process. The cost of these systems can be very expensive so only one or two towns will realistically receive this funding.

## CLAR 2017

This funding which supports projects in rural depopulated areas only applies to seven district electoral divisions mainly in West Wicklow. The only village that is currently within a CLAR area is Knockannana which will receive this funding mainly for streetscape and roadsafety improvements.

## Street Fest 2017

This Wicklow and now National day of street parties and community lunches is being organised for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June. A free party pack can be sources from [www.streetfeast.ie](http://www.streetfeast.ie)

#### Tourism Projects Fund (€10,000 per Municipal District)

This funding towards a tourist related project in each Municipal District has been awarded to two districts yesterday. Improvements to the parade ground in Arklow and the Black Castle Project in Wicklow Town were approved yesterday. Greystones, Bray and West Wicklow are awaiting approval.

#### Play and Recreation Facilities

Kilcoole Playground will be opening shortly and work is underway in Baltinglass. Improvements have also been made to Arklow playgrounds recently.

#### Library

The new Arklow Library has been a massive success with over 95,000 people through the doors in the past year. Rathdrum Library is to move to an exciting new location in Rathdrum Market Square and it is hoped that this will proceed in early 2018.

#### Local Sports Partnership

The Katie Taylor Bursary is underway again. This fund is for any person starting college in 2018 who wishes to retain their interest in any sport. Information from Wicklow County Council.

#### Creative Ireland Programme

This is part of the legacy from the 2016 commemorations and a Wicklow plan and team has been developed in Wicklow. The purpose is to support a dynamic and joined up cultural development in Wicklow.

#### Age Friendly Strategy

Wicklows Age Friendly Strategy will be launched on the 26<sup>th</sup> May by Minister Simon Harris.

NEXT MEETING will be held in September