

REPORT FROM HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT SPC - Wed 1st Nov 2017

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HOUSING

Grants -

The following grants were discussed

- Housing Aid For Older Persons
- Mobility Aids Grant
- Housing Adaptation Grant for Persons with a Disability (HGD).

In order to qualify for one of these grants the applicant must be resident in the property for at least 2 years, previously this was 5 years. A GP's report will be accepted when applying for the HGD grant. If the applicants needs change substantially overtime, in exceptional circumstance a second grant will be approved.

Residents Day 31st October

This day was held to recognise the great work that local authority resident association members carry out in their estates.

Speakers on the day were;

- John Lonergan – on working in the community
- Fire department – on fire safety in the home
- Kilgannon Garden Centre

Over all county winner of the best estate category was - Woodview Drive Adamstown, New Ross.

Housing Supply -A list of construction projects with approved funding was presented.

COMMUNITY

Celtic Trials – an initiative under the Ireland Wales Programme 2014-2020 Co-operation programme has been approved by the Welsh European Funding Office and will promote tourism both in Carmarthenshire and Ceredigion in Wales and Wexford, Waterford and Wicklow.

Town and Village Renewal 2017 – 14 locations across the county will receive €1.6m in funding for a variety of community led projects. The council is carrying out preparatory work for the 2018 scheme.

Age Friendly Council – The Older Peoples Council will be established in partnership with the PPN.

Libraries – Hazel Percival, Senior Executive Librarian reported on the excellent work of the library service including The Right to Read Action Plan, Digital Literacy, Healthy Ireland and The WexSci Science Festival.

ENVIRONMENT

Storm Ophelia – a summary of damage caused highlighted no major damage to harbour and pier infrastructure. Public and strategic infrastructure will be prioritised under the Coastal Protection Policy.

Waste Initiatives

- Mattresses - 535 mattresses were collected under the mattress amnesty on Saturday 14th October.
- Hazardous Waste – a farm hazardous waste collection day took place on Friday 27th October in Enniscorthy and a household hazardous waste day took place on Saturday 11th October in New Ross.
- Waste tyres – disposal cost of tyres is now built into the purchase price and all tyres will be disposed of or re-used in accordance with best environmental practice.

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