



Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann
Tipperary County Council

Rural Water Team.



"Engaging With the Rural Water Community ~ I Must Do Something".

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light not our darkness that most frightens us."

M. Williamson.

Tríona Collins, Senior Staff Officer.
23rd October, 2018.



RWT Tipperary Members.

- Denis Holland, Senior Engineer
- voice of wisdom and calm;
- Councillor Mattie Ryan, Chairman
Rural Water Monitoring Committee
- peacekeeper;
- Oliver Naughton, B.E., Executive
Engineer - expert on all things tech
and scientific;
- Mary Stephens, Clerical Officer
- Champion;
- Adrian Smyth, NFGWS - adventurer,
explorer; and
- me, the eccentric!



5 Years ~ Change .

- 2014 - 2018 Period of Major Change in Local Government:
- Irish Water ~ Water Authority to Public Water & Wastewater Schemes;
 - 1/3 Local Gov functions now that of IW ~ Local Gov IW Agent;
 - No longer Budget Holder, perceived loss of personal power within one's role, uncertainty regarding future within Local Gov;
- "The Merger" June 2014 ~ North and South Tipperary Co Cos become Tipperary Co Council;
 - functions, reporting paths, procedures change;
 - different organisational cultures and relevance in our community altered;
- Both providing fertile ground for fear and anxiety to grow.
- GWSs expressing fear ~ IW "Take them Over", funds reduced?



Our Goals.

- Strengthen the GWS Community:
- seek innovations & organisations with something to offer;
- achieve savings ecological & economic;
- generate community interest and emotional energy;
- learn, grow and share ~ be generous;
- reinvigorate ourselves;
- strengthen respect for GWS Committee - raise local profile.



How we're going about this.

- First steps most difficult - afraid of failing;
- Keeping our eyes and ears open - fall upon Gems;
- **John G. Fogarty, Ashill GWS;**
 - Deep interest in Biodiversity & Pollinators
 - "Ear to the Ground" Feb 2018
- **Dr. Una Fitzpatrick, National Biodiversity Unit, Waterford IT;**
- **Common ground ~ co-operate & achieve common goals?**
 - TCC, National Bio-diversity Unit,
 - GWS, Tidy Towns Groups & Farmers.



Ashill GWS~ Pollinator Project.

- Dr. Una ~ "Pollinator Friendly Planting of GWS Sites";
- Plant pollinator-friendly trees & hedging ~ Dwarf Crab Apple Trees, Dwarf Damson Plum Trees, American Red Currant Bush, White Thorn, Black Thorn, Willow;
- Herbs - lavender, mint, parsley, chives;
- Nesting places for wild bees;
- Eliminate herbicide use ~ ☠;
- More flowers + less chemicals = more pollinators.



Ashill in Pictures.



8 National School Visits.

- Introduce students, Teachers & GWS;
- visit local GWS Pumphouse;
- travel the journey the water takes;
- see the risks - septic tanks, farms spreading fertilizer;
- Powerpoint Presentation in the classroom;
- Who has treated water? Who has rainwater?
- Projects - any media ~ song, play, written projects;
- Projects Day - tiny gift for all -not competitive everyone's a winner.



RAP & Walking on Water...

"Water Quality excellent it's gotta be,
between you 'n me ~
that's what we got in Rahealty!
Got a Group Scheme - really good team,
they provide our H2O get paid no dough.
Listen one 'n all for conservation stand tall,
work with us short 'n tall if it's leaking make a call.
Shower for an hour? Come on you make me glower,
Use your shower timer - water usage will be mina!
Birds, bees 'n trees - even yous & mes
We're beggin' on our knees
your help we need it **PLEASE**.
Wrap your arms around our water,
must n't stumble must n't falter,
Don't scrap it, don't slop it
- we must be careful of it.
Wrap it in Rahealty, RAP it in Rahealty,
Rapid Rahealty - WRAP IT"



DWR UISCE Project.



- Hydro Power and Heat Recovery ;
- Contact with innovators raising interest and profiles;
- GWS Models created by Trinity Team;
- Cooleeney Cheese, Moyne ~ promising results.



Future Events.

The man who moves a mountain begins by carrying away small stones. Chinese Proverb.

- Silvermines GAA Grounds
~ Water Awareness Day;
- Moyne GWS Open Day similar routine;
- Source Protection with NFGWS - Septic Tank ~ Good Behaviour, "Friendly Nutrient Spreading".
- Crèche ~ Water Awareness - Kilbarron NS, Kyle Park NS & Kilcoleman Crèche.
- Trees on the Land.
- DWR UISCE Project ~ Tipperary Town Swimming Pool ~ Heat Recovery report and Private Sector.



Thank You for Listening ~

*As we let our own light shine,
we unconsciously give other people
permission to do the same.*

*As we are liberated from our own fear,
our presence automatically liberates
others.*

~ Marianne Williamson.

