



Shannon Foynes
PORT COMPANY

Employee Newsletter

December 2016

Welcome all to this edition of our newsletter. I am delighted to report that 2016 has continued the trend of recent years, by being a hugely successful year for the Port. We are now consistently delivering on the targets set in Vision 2041 and I would like to thank our customers and our staff for delivering this robust performance.

In terms of tonnage volumes, 2016 has been a strong year across the board with throughput at Limerick and Foynes particularly impressive. This consistent performance is enabling us drive our expansive investment program that is now well underway. For example, in 2015, €38m was invested by ourselves and our customers, in 2016 we commenced preliminaries for the next phases of our Jetty Expansion Program at Foynes. These phases, estimated to cost €20m, consist of joining the East and West Jetties, infilling behind the jetty and the acquisition of land for associated storage. With regard to the latter, I can announce that we have just taken possession of 88 acres of neighbouring land. Furthermore, to support ongoing tonnage growth, and

to enhance operational efficiencies, we have commenced procurement for the purchase a new harbour mobile crane for delivery in 2017.

With regard to Limerick Port, during 2016 we developed a clear-cut Plan, which is based on collaboration with key stakeholders, to ensure the Docks develops as a strong working port and that its greenfield and brownfield areas, such as Bannatyne Mills, can be commercially developed thereby enhancing the vibrancy of Limerick Docks. One of the key ingredients for the success of this Plan is the requirement to upgrade the road and junction links to the Docks. At this stage, we have a mutually preferred solution in place with the local authority.

However, and probably the most important of all, in terms of realising our potential, is the absolute necessity for the Limerick to Foynes Road Scheme to expeditiously move through the planning phase and into construction. A planning application for this road is due in 2017 and as stated this is now a

vital piece of infrastructure that must be delivered for the Port, and indeed if the region is to participate in its fair proportion of national growth.

For instance, the Shannon Foynes Port Company's Economic Impact Assessment published last August demonstrated that, based on 2014 figures, €7.4bn worth of trade is annually transacted through SFPC ports supporting 3,648 full time jobs. This Report also found that €277m of capital expenditure would be invested by the Port and its customers during the five-year period ending 2019 and that this investment would support a further 3,372 jobs in the regional economy. Of concern, the report found that the current lack of a good quality road connection to Foynes would restrict future investment and its consequent job creation. While I appreciate that Transport Infrastructure Ireland and the Road Design Team have been diligently working on this road scheme, I respectively urge then to ensure that it is now moved to planning without delay. In my view, there is no doubt that the Port's development is now suffering as a result of the total inadequate road connection provided by the N69.

On behalf of our employees I would like to especially thank our Chairman, Michael Collins, whose five-year term comes to an end this month. Michael has been an inspiration to all and will be greatly missed. There is no doubt that he has made an enormous contribution to the success story that is Shannon Foynes Port Company and has helped place it on a sound and ambitious footing to realise future opportunities. We wish Michael and family all the best in the future.

Finally, may I wish all our employees, customers and neighbours a very happy Christmas and best wishes for 2017.

Pat.



Pat Keating, CEO, Deirdre O'Keefe, Principal Officer Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport, Michael Collins, Chairman & Mark O'Connell W2 Consulting at the launch of the SFPC Economic Impact Assessment on 26th August 2016 at Foynes Yacht Club.

Shannon Foynes Port Company COMPASS Schools Competition

"Great Ships Need Deep Water"

The Importance of Deep Water for a Modern Port

2016 **Top 6 Projects** have been chosen by our Judges to take part in the SFPC Gala Final in February 2017 at the Foynes Aviation & Maritime Museum as follows :

- St Patricks Comprehensive Shannon – The Wild Atlantic Hub
- Coláiste Mhuire Askeaton – An Fhoireann Uisce Domhain
- Salesian College Pallaskenry – Causing a Commotion in the Atlantic Ocean
- Castletroy College – Eco Ports Ireland (A Futuristic View)
- Causeway Comprehensive – Why Invest in the Deep West?
- Laurel Hill Secondary School – The Shannon Estuary App (S.E.A)



CEO with COMPASS Judging Panel 2016 : L-R Frank Lynch, Pat Keating, Helen Downes, Anne Morris, Mick Kennelly & Capt Jim Whyte.



Limerick Docks was included in the Open House Limerick 2016. It was open to the Public from 11:00 to 17:00 on Saturday 8th of October. There were four walking tours given by Frank Lynch and each lasted 1.5 hours. The tour incorporated a walk around the working Dock and took in the Dock Clock, Ranks Silo, Bannatyne Mill and the Graving Dock. It proved a very popular venue and over 200 people passed through on the day. The Sailors Home on O'Curry Street was also open this year and again attracted over 100 visitors. It was manned by Tadhg Moloney, Historian, who wrote articles on the buildings history and also on the history of the Dock Clock.

A big thank you to both Frank and Tadhg.



Ten-T Days: Transport & Mobility Conference – Rotterdam June 2016

L-R : Michael Morrissey (DTTAS), Eddie Bourke (DTTAS), Pat Keating (SFPC), Rebecca Wardell (IMDO), Mary Lally (DTTAS), Denis Healy (Port of Cork), Michael Sheary (Dublin Port Company), Liam Lacey (IMDO), Raymond Bourke (Raymond Bourke Consulting), Ed Stanley (SFPC), Frank Ronan (Port of Wateford) & John Carlton (SFPC).



Asgard Award

Congratulations & well done to Dave Jones who was presented with the Asgard Award for his dissertation 'An Investigation into the use of fumigants for shipboard cargo operations'.

Dave examined the process of fumigation in shipboard pest management and established the need for additional controls on the part of the port authorities. His research ultimately resulted in the development and implementation of comprehensive risk mitigation measures for grain cargoes when handled at port facilities within the Shannon Estuary.

The Award presentation ceremony took place in the National Maritime College of Ireland on 20 June 2016. Dave was presented with his award by Cormac MacSweeney, Honorary Secretary of the Nautical Institute (Ireland Branch).

Cissie Roughan Community Award 2016

Paddy Keane was recently a recipient of the Cissie Roughan Community Award 2016, a civic award honouring individuals and voluntary organisations that have contributed significantly to the town of Kiltrush. The award scheme is organised under the auspices of Clare County Council. Paddy was recognised for his efforts in the conduct of a search for a missing person in September of this year that tragically resulted in a Coast Guard volunteer losing her life. Paddy was subsequently also involved in the recovery operation following this tragic incident. Congratulations to Paddy on receipt of this award and for his efforts during both search and recovery operations."



L-R : Tom Treacy, Michael Ryan (Tipperary Hurling Manager) and Martin Geoghegan discussing tactics at this year's Shannon Chamber Presidents Lunch.



Askeaton Enterprise Town

L-R: Evelyn Adams, Daithí O'Shea & Paul Flynn taking part in the Bank of Ireland Askeaton Enterprise Town Exhibition 2016.



We would like to send our sincere sympathies to the families & friends of :

- Brian Richardson (former Interim CEO of Shannon Foynes Port Company) who died in May 2016.
- Claire Griffin (mother of Pilot Fergal Griffin) who died in June 2016.
- John Moore (SFPC employee based in Ted Russell Dock Limerick) who died in August 2016.
- Capt. Danny McLaughlin (Retired Assistant Harbour Master of Shannon Estuary Ports) who died in October 2016.
- Capt. James A Behan (Retired Harbour Pilot) who died in November 2016.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha dílis.

Employee ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Arrivals!

Congratulations to Dave & Sarah Jones on the birth of their baby daughter Rose. Also to Pat & Yvonne Ryan on the birth of their baby son Cathal.



Shannon Foynes Port Company Grand Prix – June 2016



SFPC's answer to Louis Hamilton – Philip Devine with Stuart from NKC



Better luck next year Guys!
L-R : John Edgeworth, Wendy McAdoo,
Stuart – NKC Karting & Brian O'Malley.



2016 Winning Team – Dave Guerin,
Evelyn Adams & Anthony Murphy.



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