

Record Tonnages achieved in 2016



Employee Newsletter

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Minister advocates development of Shannon Estuary as transshipment and LNG hub

The Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment, Denis Naughten, on a recent visit to Malta stated the Shannon Estuary could offer Ireland significant opportunity in terms of addressing the transport and energy challenges presented by Brexit. The Minister stated that “on foot of Brexit we need to look at new transport systems into and out of Europe and new energy supplies that are not dependent on exports and imports through the UK. “The Minister was on site in Malta at the Delimara FSU LNG terminal which feeds gas to the adjoining, newly constructed, 200 MW CHP power station. The Minister noted that Malta Freeport, with water depths of 17m, and one of the Mediterranean’s leading transshipment hubs is located across the bay from the LNG terminal.

The similarities between the Shannon Estuary are clear. Planning has already been granted for an LNG terminal and 500MW power station at Ballylongford. Both the natural deep water and policy support are also firmly in situ. The Strategic Integrated Framework Plan for the Shannon Estuary and SFPC’s Vision 2041 have clear objectives concerning the development of transshipment and other large scale maritime activities at the identified SDL’s (Strategic Development Lands) on the Shannon Estuary such as at Ballylongford and Foynes Island. Accordingly, the Minister noted that “a huge opportunity exists particularly in the Shannon Estuary to develop a massive transshipment port for Europe”. The Minister full statement can be viewed by following the link <https://www.facebook.com/DenisNaughtenTD/videos/vb.287733421298823/1478523618886458/?type=2&theater>

With regard to our ongoing development plans, we are on track to lodge a planning application later this year to join the East and West Jetties, including associated infilling together with the development, for port purposes, of the recently acquired 90 acres at Foynes. In addition, we expect the planning application for the €300m Limerick to Foynes road upgrade will also be lodged by TII and the MWRDO later this year. These investments are critical in order to deliver the planned capacity required for the sustainable growth of the Port. On back of the further record performance delivered in 2016, it is clear that the Port is now starting to generate the economic momentum that will add to the 3648 full time jobs, it currently supports, in the years ahead.



Proposed SLNG Terminal at Ballylongford



Shannon Foynes Port Company on the right track – says key EU figure

Professor Péter Balázs, European Coordinator for the North Sea-Mediterranean Core Network Corridor, on a visit to Foynes to get an update on the company’s record programme of investment, which is part-funded by the Corridor. He was welcomed at Foynes by SFPC CEO Pat Keating, Minister of State for Tourism and Sport Patrick O’Donovan, MEP Deirdre Clune, while MEP Sean Kelly was also represented by his PA Honor Hughes.

Professor Balázs, has said that Shannon Foynes Port Company’s current investment programme is taking it in the right direction in a post-Brexit EU.

Two years ago SFPC successfully applied for and received €3million grant aid from the ‘North Med’Corridor for two projects - €2.2m for the East Jetty Infill Programme at Foynes Port and a further €800,000 for a feasibility study for the regeneration of the rail link between Limerick and the port.

It is now applying for funding under the 2017 CEF ‘Blended Call’ to join existing jetties at Foynes, infill an area behind these jetties and also develop 90 acres of lands for ancillary port storage and port related activities, at a total cost of €25million.

Referencing Shannon Foynes Port Company’s progress, Professor Balázs said: “I am impressed by the developments. I can see since my first visit here more than two years ago the progress and I am convinced that Shannon Foynes has obvious opportunities.

SEAPT Exercise 2017

This year Clare County Council was tasked with hosting the event which included a simulated oil spill occurring off the West coast and oil coming ashore at Spanish Point. The event took place on the 26th & 27th April 2017.

Day 1 comprised a simulated event utilising SEA-PT plant and equipment for General Operatives, Supervisors and Area Engineers. The event was held at the public car park in Spanish Point.

Day 2 exercised the management of a simulated large scale event (desktop) for Senior Management of Local Authorities, SEA-PT members and the Coastguard, held at Clare County Council HQ in Ennis.

The scenario simulated was based on the following parameters;

- A major spillage of crude oil has occurred from an oil exploration platform, located approx. 220km off the south west coast of Ireland with a significant oil slick is moving towards the coast of Ireland.
- The exercise focused solely on the Spanish Point location. It assumed that the source of the pollution has been brought under control, no casualties on the platform and the use of dispersants was not an option.

The overall objectives of the exercise are:

- Increase awareness and familiarity with the O&HNSCP
- Provide an opportunity to practice skills required in managing an OSR Incident.
- Identify challenges in executing roles & responsibilities.
- Check the suitability/effectiveness of the O&HNSCP, Equipment and capabilities of the response team.
- Use exercise debrief in leading to recommendation for improvements to the O&HNSCP.

SEAPT welcomed Providence Recourses to the Exercise as new members for 2017. They are conducting drilling operations off the South West Coast of Ireland during the summer of 2017.



Building of the Month - December 2016 Rank Silo at Shannon Mills, Dock Road



The Rank Silo overlooking the docks in Limerick is one of the last surviving structures of Shannon Mills, at one time one of the largest flour milling complexes in Ireland and Great Britain. Joseph Rank Limited, today Rank Hovis McDougall (“RHM”), was founded by Joseph Rank (1854-1943) in Hull in 1875 and expanded to Scotland and Ireland in the late 1920s. After a visit to Limerick, Rank decided that the city would make an ideal headquarters for the newly established Irish subsidiary, Rank (Ireland) Limited, and took over the Goodbody Group in 1930. As part of their takeover Rank acquired the City Mill, the Mallow Street Mill, the Mount Kennett Provender Mill and the Newtown Pery Mill in addition to numerous grain silos.

Crucially, the mills helped to keep the city and country alive during the Second World War when food supplies could not be imported. However, profits began to fall in the 1960s and Ireland’s entry into the EEC in the 1970s saw the market for home produce dwindle in the face of cheaper foreign imports. Rank (Ireland) Limited was forced to close in 1983.

In an effort to demonstrate that the silo is a candidate for adaptation and reuse DoCoMoMo Ireland organised an international architectural ideas competition in 2014 as part of Limerick City of Culture. The competition, Ranks Silo in the 21st Century, received 131 entries from around the world and the three prize winning entries envisaged the silo repurposed as a national seed vault; a basilica for public events; and a cultural headquarters. Although finding a new purpose for the silo continues to challenge, it stands resolutely overlooking the docks as a monument to Limerick’s proud legacy as an important industrial centre in Ireland.

Excerpt from the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage “Building of the Month” published in Dec 2016

Congratulations

The Port Environmental Review System (PERS) has firmly established its reputation as the only port-sector specific environmental management standard. PERS is specifically designed to assist port authorities with the functional organisation necessary to deliver the goals of sustainable development. As part of the certification process Shannon Foynes Port Company completed re assessment in December 2016 and were re awarded the ECOPORTS Pers Certification. Congratulations to all involved.



The Trade Assurance scheme for Combinable Crops (TASCC) is a voluntary scheme developed by the Agricultural Industries Confederation (AIC). The TASCC scheme aims to protect and build upon the integrity of farm assurance between the farm gate and delivery to the first processor and provides end-users with assurance that raw material supplies have been treated responsibly during post-farm gate merchenting, storage (including sampling, inspection and testing) and transport. Following assessment at our TRD facilities in February 2016 Limerick Cargo Handling were awarded the TASCC certificate of conformity for storage of combinable crops, dry feed materials/ingredients and compound animal feeding stuffs. Congratulations to all involved.



Huge achievement and future potential of Shannon Estuary illustrated brilliantly by students from local counties.

Monday, 13 February 2017: The Shannon Estuary's current significance and future potential as shipping corridor of international importance was called out by students across the counties of Clare, Kerry and Limerick as Salesian College, Pallaskerry claimed the second, biennial Compass Transition Year Schools Competition.

The final of the Shannon Foynes Port Company competition, devised to give students a deeper understanding of the company and estuary's potential, was attended by over 300 students and teachers as All-Ireland winning player and manager Davy Fitzgerald and MEP Sean Kelly presented the winners with the top prize of a €2,000 cheque for their school and iPads & COMPASS gold medals for each of the team members. All runners up received a COMPASS silver medal and a "Taste of Sailing Course" kindly sponsored by the Foynes Yacht Club Sailing Academy which was recently awarded the ISA Volvo ISA Training Centre of the Year 2016.

Held at the Foynes Aviation & Maritime Museum, the Compass (Creating Our Marine, Ports and Schools Synergy) Transition Year Schools Competition drew 41 entries from across the estuary counties, with six finalists chosen to go head to head with 10 minute presentations on the theme 'Great Ships Need Deep Water' at the packed museum's historically styled O'Regan Function Room.

The six schools were St. Patrick's Comprehensive, Shannon, Co. Clare; Causeway Comprehensive, Co. Kerry; Salesian College, Pallaskerry; Colaiste Mhuire Askeaton; Castletroy College and Laurel Hill Secondary School from Limerick.

Addressing the large crowd before the winners were announced, MEP Sean Kelly said "it was clear that the students had captured the enormous potential of the Estuary".

Davy Fitzgerald echoed the MEP's comments as he delivered an inspirational address, much of it focussed on the inner potential of the students themselves but also on the potential of the Estuary. "To be honest, I'm taken back by a number of things, most especially the confidence of these young students to get up in front of a large crowd and deliver presentations like that. I've been educated by them as to the incredible development and economic success here on the Estuary already and its enormous potential".

CEO Pat Keating said "the competition was most definitely delivering on its objectives – to drive a greater understanding of the huge commercial importance already of the Shannon Estuary and its enormous potential. "It's safe to say that before all the schools who entered this competition even got started, few of them knew about things like the 3,600 jobs or annual trade of €7.4bn that the estuary supports. But they got to grips with it quickly and the presentations showed not just that but the awareness

of the shipping industry they have garnered at an international level".



2016/2017 COMPASS Competition : Sean Kelly MEP & Mick Kennelly (Chairman of the Judging Panel).



Runners Up Laurel Hill Secondary School.



Finalists Coláiste Mhuire Askeaton



Finalists Castletroy College



Winners Salesian College Pallaskerry with Pat Keating, CEO and Sean Kelly, MEP



Finalists Causeway Comprehensive



Finalists St. Patrick's Comprehensive Shannon



Some members of the Judging Panel: Frank Lynch, Anne Morris & Capt. Jim Whyte



MC Seamus Hennessy, Sean Kelly MEP, Nathan Goldberg & Davy Fitzgerald.

Employee ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Management & Staff of Shannon Foynes Port Company extend their deepest sympathies to the families & friends of:

- Mrs Nell Hayes (mother of John) who died in January 2017
- Kieran Murphy (brother of Anthony) who died in January 2017

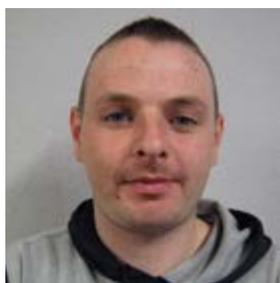
Bon Voyage

Ger Reidy, Crane Driver will retire from the Company on the 10th June 2017 after 38 years of service. Ger also served as an Employee Director on the Shannon Foynes Port Company Board from 2002-2012 and on the Foynes Port Board from 1997 to 2000. We would like to wish Ger & his wife Margaret every happiness and health in the years ahead.



Welcome on Board

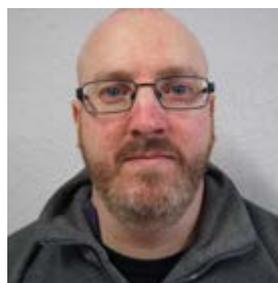
The Management & Staff of Shannon Foynes Port Company would like to welcome the following new staff members and wish them a long and successful career with the Company.



Killian O'Sullivan - Limerick Cargo Handling Operative



Mark Rimmer - Crane Driver



James Keogh - TRD Dock Gate Security Operative



Mike McElligott - Foynes Linesman



Kieran O'Callaghan, Berthing Master

Foynes Air Show - Saturday 22nd July 2017

Irish Coffee Celebration - Sunday 23rd July 2017

For further information telephone 069-65416

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Foynes Village participated once again in Team Limerick Clean-Up on 14th April last. Well done to Foynes Community Council, Foynes Residences & Shannon Foynes Port Company for all their efforts in cleaning up the village.

According to Team Limerick Clean Up Committee "the litter collected was significantly down on last year. Feedback from group leaders would be that they covered the same areas but there was less litter there than in previous years – so it is working!"

