

A Year in Review

October 2015



Construction Works underway at Foynes (Photo by Mark Cliffe)

Record €38m investments at Foynes well underway

SFPC's Foynes terminal is experiencing unprecedented levels of investment. Importantly investment driven by the implementation of SFPC Investment Program is being matched and exceeded by its private sector customers. I am delighted to announce that Phase 1 of our €50m Investment Program is now practically completed. This phase costing €12m, and supporting approximately 60 jobs during construction, involved the importation of 65,000m³ of rock to provide 14,000m² of new quay set down behind berth 6. It will provide many operational benefits, including faster ship turnaround times, by removing a key bottleneck at Foynes. I am also delighted to announce that SFPC tendered for and successfully received 20% EU funding under the CEF/Ten-t program for this phase. Now that Phase I is more or less complete preliminaries for Phases II and III of our Investment Program have commenced. All phases when complete will provide an 850m uninterrupted quay face with an additional 35,000m² of new quay set down area.

Private sector investment, reflecting its vote of confidence in the Port's long-term plans, includes the 45,000ft² warehouse completed in 2015 by a local stevedoring company to serve growth in the agri-sector and the recently announced plans by CPL to build a new €22m smokeless fuels manufacturing facility at Foynes Port. CPL have confirmed that when construction of this plant is completed in 2016 that it will create 120 jobs in Foynes.

In addition to the above there are several other projects earmarked for Foynes at the pre-

planning and planning stages. Projects in the public domain such as Bord Na Mona's plans to build a new €25 million euro facility at Foynes creating 55 long-term jobs are further examples of the potential that the port offers and we look forward to working with BNM in delivering their project as indeed with the many other project promoters we are currently engaged with. Taken together with SFPC's stated Investment Program these projects approximate to a very significant €97m investment in SFPC's Foynes terminal alone, in the short to medium term. This is consistent with Vision 2041 which projects additional substantial port investment in the Shannon Estuary over its plan period.

Undoubtedly Shannon Foynes Port is emerging as a key hub for businesses that require large-scale, efficient, uncongested port infrastructure. A pre-requisite in retaining existing business and attracting new investment is the absolute necessity to provide competitively priced, efficient and flexible port services in areas such as stevedoring, towage and pilotage. We are committed to working with all the service providers to ensure that this is the case.

SFPC is a vital link in Ireland Inc's supply chain and, consequently, connectivity to the Port is critical. This fact as it pertains to SFPC is now well recognised in the EU and national ports policies. Furthermore we welcome the inclusion of the N69 upgrade in the Government's recently published Capital Investment Plan 2016-2021.

Accordingly, we encourage the NRA and the Road Project Team to move the Limerick to

Foynes Road Improvement Scheme to planning as expeditiously as the process allows. This road improvement scheme is urgently required to deliver on SFPC's potential of becoming a major economic cluster build around the deep water port thereby creating jobs and further growth for the region. In fact a recent economic impact study commissioned by SFPC and soon to be published concludes that well over 3,000 jobs are currently supported by SFPC and its customers. In addition, it states that, based on the evidence collected, that job numbers related to port activity are set to grow substantially over the lifetime of SFPC's masterplan Vision 2041.

The Board of SFPC is fully intent on building on the successes outlined above and its Chairman Michael Collins states that "the SFPC is well placed to deliver on its growth objectives led by CEO Pat Keating and his management team and that the Board looks forward to working with Pat in implementing the company's strategy in the years ahead".



Minister Paschal Donohoe's visit to Foynes in February 2015

In the NEWS

CPL Fuels Ltd Investment in Foynes

CPL Industries, Europe's leading manufacturer and wholesaler of smokeless solid fuel products for the domestic heating market, gave the go-ahead for a plant costing €22m for manufacturing low-smoke coal in the Co Limerick port. The company plans to spend a further €15m on transforming waste and biomass into raw materials for low-smoke coal. This investment will create a further 60 jobs, of which 40 will be at Foynes, bringing total employment levels at the company in Ireland to just over 200 by 2018. Announcing the new industry in Foynes, Minister for Environment, Community, and Local Government Alan Kelly said Foynes now has the potential to become a low-smoke fuel hub for Northern Europe.



Michael Collins (Chairman SPFC), Minister for the Environment Alan Kelly, Tim Minet, CEO CPL Fuels Ltd.

Pat Keating, Chief Executive of Shannon Foynes Port Company said that the CPL investment was "a game changer. Foynes and the wider estuary can become an international hub for a range of activities."

LRQA Certification

In June 2015 Lloyds Register Quality Assurance (LRQA) visited SFPC facilities to complete the planned program of external management system audits for 2015. During this visit the two primary certificates held by SFPC namely ISO9001 which is the international recognised standard for quality management systems and OHSAS18001 which is the international recognised standard for health & safety management systems were measured as part of a seven man day audit plan. Both standards are respected as international benchmarks for approved management systems. SFPC were successful with the re certification of ISO9001 and the transfer of the OHSAS18001 to LRQA. Certificates are posted on the SFPC intranet and notice boards for employees attention.

Congratulations to all involved.



Welcome to Wendy McAdoo

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Wendy McAdoo as Project Co-ordinator to the SFPC Port Services Team in April of this year. Wendy joins SFPC with a strong back ground in construction/project management both in Ireland and more recently Australia. Wendy joins the Port Services Team at an important juncture in the implementation of Vision 2041 and brings a strong project management background to support the implementation of the numerous projects we have identified in our ongoing Capital Development Plan and Vision 2041. Wendy will

play an important role in project oversight along with a strong emphasis on project risk management and project procurement in line with existing SFPC policy. We wish Wendy a long and successful career with SFPC.



Jackie Normile Retirement

We would like to take this opportunity to wish Jackie Normile a long and happy retirement from SFPC. Jackie joined the port company back in 1979 and has given many years of dedicated service to Foynes port. Jackie was always a very accommodating member of the team and is fondly remembered by all of his colleagues at SFPC. Again all of the best to Jackie and his family in what we hope is a long and happy retirement.



Shannon Foynes Port Company COMPASS Schools Programme

Year 1: "The Importance of Ports in the Mid-West Region"

COMPASS Programme is to foster greater awareness amongst students of the Shannon Estuary Ports in their region, particularly on the businesses and resources which play an important role in its development. The programme title COMPASS denotes Creating Our Marine Ports and Schools Synergy". The programme includes:

- Primary School Visits
- Post Primary School Transition Year Competitions
- Facilitation with Port visits of local post primary schools hosting European Exchange Students
- Liaising with local Universities with regard to Graduate and Post Graduate studies
- Other institutes such as SOLAS (Formerly FÁS) who provide a range of training options available to Job Seekers to assist their re-entry into the labour market.

TY Competition will be run every two years while Primary, Post Primary & University visits are ongoing. The inaugural competition was held earlier this year at the Foynes Aviation & Maritime Museum. In total, 34 teams entered and the following five teams were chosen to go through to the Finale on 9th February where each team were requested to make a 10 minutes presentation about their project to an audience of over 300 people.

- Finalists:
- St Patricks Comprehensive Shannon
 - Salesian College Pallaskenry
 - Coláiste Mhichíl, CBS, Sexton Street, Limerick
 - Scoil Mhuire & Ide, Newcastle West
 - Causeway Comprehensive, Tralee

Below Robert Corby & Dean Cusack making a presentation to 4th Class Students at Ballybrown NS on the Importance of the Shannon Estuary →

The winning team, St Patricks Comprehensive were presented with their medals plus a €2,000 cheque for their school and an ipad for each team member (7 in total), all sponsored by Shannon Foynes Port Company, by Minister of Education Jan O'Sullivan, who said that "the competition will help generate greater awareness of the pivotal and largely underestimated role that SFPC and the estuary plays in people's lives across the region". The Board, Management and Staff of Shannon Foynes Port Company were present on the day to give their full support to this inaugural competition.



Students & Teachers from Scoil Mhuire agus Ide, Newcastle West with Evelyn Adams and Capt. Hugh Condon, SFPC



The Winning Team together with Minister for Education, Jan O'Sullivan, Pat Keating CEO SFPC & Michael Collins Chairman SFPC



Our Judges: Martin Morrissey, Helen Downes, Capt Jim Whyte and Frank Lynch



MC Seamus Hennessy



Students from Salesian College, Pallaskenry



Michael Collins, Chairman SFPC, Minister Jan O'Sullivan and Pat Keating CEO at the COMPASS finale in the Foynes Aviation & Maritime Museum

Staff NEWS

Sympathy

Deepest sympathy to the families of the late John Behan (Lighthouse Keeper) who died on 20th January 2015, Richard Coynes (Retired Pilot) who died 15th February 2015, Eamon Herbert (Retired Pilot) who died 4th September 2015 and Jackie Belton and her family on the recent loss of their mother Betty. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anam dilís.

Orlaith Geoghegan Thank You

Orlaith's parents, Jackie and Martin, would like to take this opportunity to extend their gratitude and say thank you to SFPC Management and Staff for the overwhelming support received to date. Particular thanks is extended to work colleagues who participated with the fund raising committee and without exception generously gave their time to the successful fundraising campaign. Thanks to the care administered to date, Orlaith has responded very well and continues to receive treatment for her condition under the care of Dr Khalid Hussein of Great Ormond Street Hospital, London.

Congratulations

- Congratulations to **Pat & Yvonne Ryan** on the birth of their son Jack.
- Congratulations to **James & Donna Nolan** on the birth of their baby son Scott.
- Congratulations to **Wendy McAdoo & Johnny Ryan** who were married on 26th September.

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Co. Limerick or
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Save the Date!

SFPC Kiddies Christmas Party will take place on Tuesday 22nd December. Last year's visit from Santa was a fantastic day and it was a great opportunity for SFPC Staff and their kids to meet up. Santa and his team of Elves will be checking that list and working very hard to make this year's party an even better day out....

SFPC Annual Staff Christmas party will take place on Friday 11th December 2015. Details to follow.

