

**ROADS & TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
SEIRBHÍŚÍ BÓITHRE AGUS IOMPAIR**

Draft Budgeted Expenditure:	€52,512,900
Draft Budgeted Income:	€44,078,400

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Programme Group 2

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1 2006 DRAFT BUDGET EXPENDITURE & INCOME PROG GROUP 2 (REVENUE)

Draft Budgeted Expenditure:	€45,412,600
Draft Budgeted Income:	€38,004,400

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2 REVENUE ACCOUNT - PROGRAMME GROUP 2

2.1 Introduction

The 2006 Draft Budget figures for National Road Maintenance are based on the level of grants allocated by the National Roads Authority for 2005 which are:

National Primary Maintenance	€1,393,200
National Secondary Maintenance	<u>€1,088,500</u>
TOTAL National Road Maintenance:	€2,481,700

A similar provision as in the 2005 Budgets is made for Regional and Local Road Improvement and Upkeep including EU Co-financed Scheme. The level of grants allocated in 2005 and anticipated again in the Draft Budget for 2006 is set out as follows:

Non-National Restoration Maintenance	€4,059,000
Non-National Discretionary Maintenance	<u>€1,812,000</u>
TOTAL Non-National Road Maintenance:	€5,871,000

Non-National Discretionary Improvement	€1,533,000
Non-National Restoration Improvement	€10,606,300
Non-National non Discretionary Improvement (EU Co-funded Projects)	<u>€7,125,000</u>
Total Non-National Road Improvement:	€19,264,300
Total Maintenance (Nat + Non-Nat):	€ 8,352,700
Total Improvement (Non-Nat):	€19,264,300
TOTAL (Grants)	€27,617,000

Own Resources for the Road Works Programme in 2006 are provided at a level of €3,859,400 (which is an increase of €660,000) in addition to the amount of €1,050,000 allocated for Public Lighting and €2,000,000 for Capital Improvements available from Development Charges.

2.2 Road Maintenance

The Draft Budget 2006 includes a figure of €12,712,100 approximately from the total Road Works Programme of €37,828,600 which will be used specifically on Road Maintenance. The allocation will be divided into fifteen major headings as follows:

1. Potholes/Pavements
2. Water Tables/Drainage
3. Verge/Grass/Hedgecutting
4. Street Cleaning Gullies
5. Beach Cleaning
6. Litter Removal
7. Signs/Lines/Studs/Safety Barriers
8. Bridge/Culverts
9. Support to other Services e.g. Planning/Landfill Sites
10. Emergency Flooding/Trees etc.
11. Footpaths
12. Maintenance of Offices, Huts, Pick ups/own Machinery
13. Maintenance of open spaces picnic areas
14. Community Assisted Schemes
15. Winter Maintenance
16. Other

These will again be presented to Members at Electoral Area meetings for their approval. With the Members agreement, the Draft Budget for 2006 will be agreed on the basis of Overseer's areas within Electoral Areas.

2.2.1 Hedgecutting

The main emphasis in relation to hedgecutting in 2005 was to get landowners and occupiers to trim the hedges along public roads.

This was done by placing adverts in the papers and local radio stations as well as having inspectors call to owners/occupiers in specific areas.

2.3 Road Restoration Programme

During 2004 proposals were submitted to the D.O.E for schemes for 2005 and the total allocation for 2005 amounted to €10,606,300.

During 2005 the Department of the Environment & Local Government requested the County Council to submit schemes under the restoration programme to cover the following three years 2006-2008. This programme has now been submitted to the DOE and includes 580 schemes with a total length of 638kms for both Regional and Local Roads to be strengthened.

During 2005 the County Council commissioned an IRI survey (Pavement Condition Survey) of all our regional roads, the result of which has been used to prioritise schemes on the regional roads over the next 3 years. The ten-year restoration programme which began in 1996 has just been completed in 2005 with the Non- National Roads Network showing significant improvement in many areas. The Table below (at the end of Section 2.3) shows the summary details of the 10-Year Road Restoration Programme. It includes details of the Restoration Improvements which are primarily pavement strengthening and it includes details of the Restoration Maintenance which is primarily Surface Dressing. The Table also includes for an inflation factor to bring the value of the expenditure to year 2005 for comparison purposes.

From 1996 to date, approximately 44% (2,653kms) of the Non-National Road Network has been improved and strengthened.

From 1996 to date, approximately 56% (3,363 kms) of the Non-National Road network has been treated with Surface Dressing.

The Surface Dressing treatment is used to treat the surface of roads which have been strengthened in previous years and to maintain the surface of the roads which have not been strengthened but are in poor condition.

DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL 10 YEAR RESTORATION PROGRAMME

	Restoration Improvement				Restoration Maintenance			
	RR + SR		2.5% inflation		SD		2.5% inflation	
	Length km	€	PV factor	PV €	Length km	€	PV factor	PV €
1996	228	€4,746,419	1.28	€6,075,416	286	€2,566,677	1.28	€3,285,347
1997	175	€4,693,216	1.249	€5,861,827	325	€2,566,677	1.249	€3,205,780
1998	306	€7,153,704	1.218	€8,713,211	259	€2,542,494	1.218	€3,096,758
1999	337	€8,129,468	1.189	€9,665,937	367	€2,729,937	1.189	€3,245,895
2000	290	€8,313,392	1.16	€9,643,535	398	€2,870,878	1.16	€3,330,218
2001	312	€9,118,535	1.131	€10,313,063	388	€3,081,138	1.131	€3,484,767
2002	265	€9,626,142	1.104	€10,627,261	368	€3,289,262	1.104	€3,631,345
2003	260	€9,857,065	1.077	€10,616,059	312	€3,442,000	1.077	€3,707,034
2004	244	€9,827,473	1.05	€10,318,847	324	€3,716,000	1.05	€3,901,800
2005	236	€10,606,214	1.025	€10,871,369	336	4,059,000	1.025	€4,160,475
Complete do date	2,653	€82,071,628		€92,706,526	3,363	€30,864,063		€35,049,419
% of Network	44%				56%			
					Total (Present Value) Expenditure to Date:	€127,755,944		
2006	217	€10,606,300	1	€10,606,300	336	€4,059,000	1	€4,059,000
2007	207	€10,606,300	1	€10,606,300	336	€4,059,000	1	€4,059,000
2008	214	€10,606,300	1	€10,606,300	336	€4,059,000	1	€4,059,000
On completion	3,291	€103,284,314		€113,654,056	4,035	€38,982,063		€43,065,944
% of Network	55%				67%			
					Total (Present Value) Expenditure 13 Year Programme:	€156,720,000		

2.4 Non-National Road Improvement Projects

Projects funded under the EU Co-Financed Scheme 2005 are listed below

2.4.1 E.U. Co-Financed Specific Improvement Grants

SCHEME	ALLOCATION(€)
Donegal Electoral Area	
Waterstreet Bridge	50,000
Killybegs/Malinbeg	300,000
Rossnowlagh Link Road	300,000
Laghey - Pettigo	300,000
Killybegs Industry Road	300,000
Glenties Electoral Area	
Dunlewey/Termon	300,000
Frosses/Glenties	300,000
Fintown/Millwheel/Brockagh	300,000
Dore - Derrybeg Magheraroarty - Gortahork	300,000
Inishowen Electoral Area	
Bridgend/Fahan	325,000
Buncrana Inner Relief Road	300,000
Carndonagh Relief Road	1,000,000
Letterkenny Electoral Area	
Letterkenny Industry Park Access	300,000
Letterkenny - Castleshanaghan	300,000
Collaghy/Raphoe	300,000
Leck Road	300,000
Milford Electoral Area	
Milford - Carrigart	300,000
Kerrykeel - Eelburn	350,000
Foxhall - Churchill	300,000
Stranorlar Electoral Area	
Dreenan Bridge	600,000
Ballybofey Brockagh	300,000
TOTAL EURO	7,125,000

During 2005, Members agreed and prioritised schemes for Improvement Works on Non-National Roads for 2006 as follows:

FORM NO NNR 2/06

Proposals for Improvement Works on Non-National Roads - 2006

Summary of Applications for Individual Road Grants

(Projects which begin in previous years should be identified with an "*").

LOCAL AUTHORITY: DONEGAL	PROJECTED EXPENDITURE - €000		
	2006 €	Post 2006 €	Total Est. Cost €
PROJECTS			
L3004 Drennan Bridge*	€ 600,000.00	€ 400,000.00	€ 1,000,000.00
Letterkenny Industry access Rd*	€ 450,000.00	€ 550,000.00	€ 1,000,000.00
Carndonagh Relief Rd*	€ 300,000.00	€ 400,000.00	€ 700,000.00
R251 Glenveagh to Dunlewey*	€ 300,000.00	€ 2,700,000.00	€ 3,000,000.00
R263 Killybegs to Malinbeg*	€ 300,000.00	€ 300,000.00	€ 600,000.00
R251 Foxhall to Churchhill*	€ 300,000.00	na	€ 300,000.00
R245 Croghan to Tamney*	€ 325,000.00	na	€ 325,000.00
Rossnowlagh Link Road*	€ 300,000.00	€ 700,000.00	€ 1,000,000.00
R262 Frosses to Glenties*	€ 300,000.00	na	€ 300,000.00
Tooban/ Burnfoot*	€ 400,000.00	na	€ 50,000.00
Coolaghey Bridge Completion*	€ 50,000.00	na	€ 400,000.00
R245 Letterkenny to Ramelton*	€ 400,000.00	na	€ 400,000.00
Ballybofey/Brockagh*	€ 300,000.00	na	€ 300,000.00
Rossgier to St. Johnston	€ 300,000.00	na	€ 300,000.00
Laghey/ Pettigo*	€ 300,000.00	na	€ 300,000.00
R238 Redcastle - Moville	€ 300,000.00	na	€ 300,000.00
R252 Millwheel to Ballybofey*	€ 300,000.00	na	€ 300,000.00
R245 Milford - Carrigart*	€ 350,000.00	na	€ 350,000.00
Killybegs Industry Road/ Carpet Factory Junction*	€ 350,000.00	€ 4,500,000.00	€ 4,850,000.00
Buncrana Inner Relief Road	€ 300,000.00	€ 2,000,000.00	€ 2,300,000.00
R257 Dore to Dbeg-Mroarty-Ghork*	€ 300,000.00	na	€ 300,000.00
Moville at Community College	€ 300,000.00	na	€ 300,000.00
R245 Milford/Ramelton	€ 300,000.00	na	€ 300,000.00
Muckish Rd	€ 300,000.00	na	€ 300,000.00
Mulrines-Link Road	€ 300,000.00	na	€ 300,000.00
Castlefin Bridge	€ 300,000.00	na	€ 300,000.00
Dunnes/Sallaghagrane	€ 300,000.00	na	€ 300,000.00
Total	€ 8,625,000.00	€ 11,550,000.00	€ 20,175,000.00

2.4.2 Specific Allocation - Mulroy Bay Bridge

Following advertisement of the advance fencing works tender, nine tenders were received in November 2005. A contractor will be appointed to commence fencing works in December 2005/January 2006. The total cost of the advance fencing works is estimated to be €240,000.

Subject to agreement with the DOEHLG, it is intended to advertise the main tender for the bridge works and approach roads early in 2006, with construction commencement in the summer of 2006. The estimated construction cost is € 15,000,000 to € 20,000,000, with an expenditure of €4,500,000 envisaged in 2006.

The funding for both the advance fencing works and main contract is provided by the DOEHLG.

2.4.3 DOELG Low Cost Safety Improvement Grants

SCHEME	ALLOCATION (€)
7 Low Cost Remedial Schemes (2005 allocation)	€78,000

2.4.4 Roinn na Gaeltachta Grants

BOITHRE STRAITEISEACHA	ALLOCATION (€)
R-263 An Charraig Iocht	650,000
R259 Annagry - Crollly	525,000
R-252 Cloghan - Galwolie Bridge	300,000
L-1032 Bealach An Atlantaigh Na Dunabh	300,000
R257 Machnire Rabhartaigh - Doire Chonaire	625,000
TOTAL EURO	2,400,000

2.4.5 Clár/Coillte Grants

Clár and Coillte combined to co-fund a public road scheme in 2005 which in particular was being used for timber abstraction. The following scheme was funded:

SCHEME	ALLOCATION
L5635/1 Corrkermore	€96,000
TOTAL	€96,000

2.4.6 Island Roads Co-Funding

In past years, the Council has been requested to provide matching monies to co-fund Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs grants on island roads. It is anticipated that this will again be the case in 2006. In the Draft Budget 2006, €120,000 has been provided for co-funding of Island grant monies to include, Road, Marine, Environment, etc. projects. Any monies required over and above this will come from the Areas in which the work is taking place.

2.4.7 DOE Class II and Class III Roads

In 2005 an allocation of €300,000 was provided by the DOELG to strengthen Class II and Class III Roads. This funding was used to carry out 19 projects totaling 12.5km on Class II and Class III Roads throughout the county.

2.4.8 Clár Class II and Class III Roads and School Flashing Lights

An allocation of €542,800, was provided by Clár (Dept. of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs) to fund Class II and Class III Roads and School flashing Lights in Clár Areas. From this allocation €147,000 was used to fund the erection of 21 sets of school flashing lights. The balance of funding, €395,800, was used to fund 25 Class II and Class III road projects in Clár Areas with a total length of 25.5km.

2.5 Public Lighting

Due to the obligations placed in the County Council due to the de-regulation of the ESB it is proposed to employ an extra person to update our database of existing lights in the county and with this information bring forward a new Public Lighting Improvement Programme. Provision of €800,000 is made in the 2006 Draft Budget for maintenance and €92,800 for Members Lights and €157,200 for the new Lighting Improvement Programme.

2.6 Local Improvement Schemes (including Clár)

The 2006 Draft Budget anticipates the same level of funding under Local Improvement Schemes as the actual figure for 2005 which amounted to €2,738,400 in total.

This is made up of €1,719,000 from the Department of Environment, Heritage, and Local Government grant, €735,100 from the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs under the CLÁR Programme and €284,300 from local contributions.

2.7 Gaeltacht

2.7.1 Gaeltacht Roads (Scéim Na mBóithre Áise)

€392,300 was allocated under this heading in 2005 and a similar amount is included in the 2006 Draft Budget. This heading refers to works on Non County roads, which is 100% grant aided and is somewhat similar to the Local Improvements Scheme except that a local contribution is not required.

2.7.2 Scéim Na mBóithre Áise (Gaeltacht Roads)

Tugadh €392,300 faoin teideal seo agus tá an méid sin istigh sna Dréacht-Bhuiséad 2006. Baineann an ceannteideal seo le hoibreacha ar bhóithre neamh-chontae, a bhfuil deontais 100% ar fáil dóibh.

2.8 NON-NATIONAL ROAD DESIGN OFFICE

2.8.1 Introduction

With approximately 6,000km of Non-National roads in Donegal, there are many locations and sections where improvements can be made to the alignment and structure of the network. The Non-National Road Design team is charged with preparing the designs for the various sections for which funding has been identified. This includes the preparation of Part VIII documents to enable planning to be approved under the "Planning and Development Act 2000", the preparation and issuing of detailed design drawings, and the associated surveying and setting out required for the construction of the works. Whilst many of the projects are funded on a yearly basis, many are one-off schemes based on the priorities identified by Area and Town Council Road Engineers/Managers. The nature and extent of projects can vary, and may be as diverse as designing a new 2km road on a green field site or improving an existing junction layout to revising road marking layouts in an urban environment.

2.8.2 Regional Roads Signage Scheme

Although initiated in 2003, to provide grant aid towards the improvement and upgrading of directional signage on Regional roads throughout the County, this scheme was put on hold by the DOT pending the outcome of representations from the Department of Community, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs, as to how the Irish language would appear on directional signs . This has been resolved as of October 2005 with the result that the Council will resume erection of signage in early 2006.

The scheme is broken down into 6 Phases for tendering purposes for the 39 Regional Roads in the County. Phase 1 and 2 are complete. A total of 450 signs were erected in 2003.

The Council will erect approx. 750 signs under phases 3, 4 and 5 in 2006

2.8.3 Road Design Strategic Planning Projects

The Road Design Strategic Planning Team was set up in mid-2004. The work undertaken by the team consists of

1. Strategic Non-National Road Projects - route selection and design is currently ongoing in relation to projects around the county for future traffic needs. (Table 2.8.1 below outlines some of the specific projects undertaken by the Strategic Planning section)

Table 2.8.1 Strategic Planning projects.

Project	Works Undertaken 2005	Future Works 2006 & Beyond
Kirkstown Road L5944 Improvement	Part 8 - Currently on public display	Upon adoption of Part 8, finalise detailed design, construction to commence 2006
R250 Ballymacool Roundabout	Part 8 - Currently on public display	Upon adoption of Part 8, finalise detailed design, construction to commence 2006
Letterkenny Town Centre Extension	Prepared route options and interacted with Planning Consultants preparing Master Plan for Extended Town Centre	Assessment of Master Plan proposals
Glencar Access Road Improvement	Town Plan rejected by Elected Members Part 8 Ready to proceed.	Proceed with Part 8 Procedures & final design upon confirmation of final route from Letterkenny Town Council Major planning application anticipated in 2006
Swilly Access Road	Preliminary Pre-Planning inquiries	Section Neil T Blaney Road to Leck Road required as matter of urgency to cater for anticipated developments. Develop funding options Initiate design process, proceed with Part 8 Procedures
Leck Road Eastern Link	Setting out works Phase 1	Final overall route required as a matter of urgency, due to existing planning conditions and future applications.

		Initiate design process Proceed with Part 8 Procedures
Leck Road Western Link	Finalise route selection & proceed with Part 8 Procedures	Finalise route selection & proceed with Part 8 Procedures
Bonagee Link	Initial design including surveying. Project transferred to NRDO upon securing NRA funding	By DNRDO
Sallaghagrane Access Road	Route Options considered	Identify revised route, vary Letterkenny Town Development Plan, proceed with preliminary design and Part 8 Procedures
Letterkenny & Environs	Ongoing Projects considered	Identify and secure additional required routes for future traffic needs
Killybegs Industrial Road	Part 8 - completed	Finalise Detail design of Junctions
Killybegs By Pass	Reviewing submissions 2 nd Public Consultation Final recommendation to Elected Members in December	Complete Public consultation & route selection processes. Incorporate selected route into LAP
Buncrana Outer Relief Road	Surveying works completed November 05	Finalise Route Selection & Public consultation Process Incorporate into LAP Proceed Part 8 procedures
Burnfoot By-Pass	Programme for 2006	Commence route selection process, complete preliminary design and progress Part 8 Procedures.
Milford Traffic Management	Relief road options, proposals currently on Public Display for consideration.	Progress route options
Ballybofey / Stranorlar	Numerous Projects considered	Design of numerous Relief Roads required.

2. Preliminary Car Parking Report - a review of existing studies and assimilating preliminary parking details of all first and second tier towns in the county is underway. Car parks have been designed for a number of towns throughout Donegal , including, Falcarragh, Donegal Town, Ballyshannon, Stranorlar, Carndonagh, Bunrana and, Ardara in recent years. The car-parking programme will further identify suitable areas in towns throughout the County for car parking purposes and further designs accordingly, to allow construction.
3. Non-National Roads Needs Study - data is being compiled on regional and important county roads - data includes, AADT, cross sections, Accident Data etc.
4. Transportation Issues - a transportation team has been set up to deal with traffic management and transportation issues throughout the county. Table 2.8.2 below outlines some of the Transportation projects undertaken by the Strategic Planning section

Table 2.8.2 Transportation Projects

Project	Works Undertaken 2005	Future Works 2006 & Beyond
Pearse Road Traffic Study	Completed	-
Letterkenny Main Street Review	-	To commence
Cathedral Carpark, Traffic Study	-	To commence
Killybegs Traffic Management Review	Completed	-
Mc Clays Corner, Stranorlar, Traffic Study.	Completed	-
Milford Traffic Management Study	Public consultation on-going	To be completed
Ramelton Traffic Management Study	-	To commence
Moville Traffic Management Study	-	To commence
Carrickfinn - Gweedore Link Study	On-going	To be completed
Moville - Main St/Carndonagh Road Junction	Completed	-
Bunrana - Westbrook Rd./Cockhill Rd. Junction	Completed	-
Bunrana - Causeway Road/Cockhill Rd. Junction	Completed	-
Countywide Car Park Study	-	To commence

5. Planning Process - on-going review of referred Planning Applications and partaking in pre-planning meetings.
6. Development and Local Area Plans - assess & identify transportation issues to be incorporated into Development and Local Area Plans.

2.8.4 Urban & Village Renewal Programme

The Urban and Village Renewal Programme is an important programme, which assists in the rejuvenation of the towns and villages of County Donegal. It also assists in the funding of car parking as the need for same is identified. Road Design provides technical assistance on all matters in relation to these schemes, attending public consultation meetings, preparation of sketch drawings, consulting with other services, preparation of contract documents, dealing with appointment of both Consultants and Contractors and assisting with all scheme finances.

During 2005, the following schemes were commenced/constructed - Herron's Field Ardara, Moville Phase 2, Rathmullan EIS, Burtonport Phase 4. Derry Beg / Bun Beg Continuation Works.

During 2006 it is intended to commence the following projects - Kilcar Phase 2, Herron's Field Ardara Phase 2, Milford Phase 2, Ballyshannon Phase 6, Magherorarty Pier, Convoy Phase 2, Castlefin Phase 2, Raphoe Phase 2.

2.8.5 Council Land Bank Development

Road Design EIS Team is currently working in conjunction with the Planning and Economic Development Team on the Development on various Council Land Banks through the County. The main role of Road Design in the Land Bank development programme will be to provide technical support to the Planning and Economic Development team. This will involve the design/development of all services and overall master plans for over 70 acres of land located throughout all electoral areas.

In 2006, it is intended that design/development work can commence on the following projects:

- Ballybofey/Stranorlar Project- (Finn Park Relocation and development of recreational land along the Finn river)
- Barrack Hill, Carndonagh- (30 acres to be developed into a Town Park, Playground, enterprise units, Housing Projects and also the development of community lead projects)

- Lifford Common- (30 acres of land which has been identified for Housing, Industrial/Commercial and recreational usage).
- Dungloe Town - Development of a new Main street, costal promenades and focal point containing Bus centres, car parking and business centres for the town of Dungloe.

2.9 Road Safety

The overall provision in the 2006 Draft Budget is €430,000

2.9.1 Introduction

Road safety is a vital public concern and one that affects each of us every day. With the number of vehicle journeys increasing year-on-year and the number of road fatalities rising to pre-penalty points, this is one of the most challenging issues for Donegal County Council to tackle. Recent media coverage has increased public awareness and concerns regarding road safety in Donegal. Donegal County Council remain committed to reducing the numbers of fatalities on our roads, but as the statistics for Donegal below show more work is required if the rising trend is to be reversed.

Fatalities	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
	26	27	18	14	17	23	30	27*

* Total to the 22 November 2005

Well resourced, organised and fully implemented road safety policies reduce risk of death and injury on our roads, bringing benefits to the whole community. Continued support of Donegal County Councils Road Safety Policy through the following initiatives will help curb this worrying trend in accident statistics and benefit all road users in Donegal.

2.9.2 Low Cost Accident Remedial Measures

Funding is available from the both DOELG and the NRA to implement low cost remedial measures at locations which have a proven, treatable accident problem. Donegal County Council has submitted for funding a total of 22 projects for 2006.

However there are locations in Donegal, which are hazardous but would not normally qualify for funding under the DOELG and NRA conditions.

During 2005, €200,000 was provided from Development Charges for an additional 24 sites around the county that would not have qualified for funding under the DOELG and NRA conditions. Where there was a shortfall in Development Charges, part of the allocation from Donegal County Council's Own Resources of €50,000 was directed at subsidising these works. Road Design is charged with designing those low cost accident measures on Non National Roads.

An increased allocation of Donegal County Council's Development Charges of €300,000 is available to treat some of these sites during 2006, which will be supplemented where necessary from part of the allocation from Donegal County Council's Own Resources of €50,000.

2.9.3 Road Safety Awareness Campaign

The Donegal Road Safety Working Group, made up of representatives of Donegal County Council, An Garda Síochana, National Roads Authority and North Western Health Board will continue its work to promote road safety through poster and leaflet campaigns and the locally based Speed, Anti-Drink Driving and Courtesy campaigns which will be continued in 2006.

Donegal County Council currently has one part time Road Safety Officer. It is hoped that a full time Road Safety Officer can be introduced to provide an impetus to the ideas and initiatives emerging from the Road Safety Working Group.

The "Benny the Bear" mascot will continue to be seen around the County at various public gatherings.

The purchase and distribution of reflective armbands to Gardaí, schools and the general public is continuing with the safety of both adult and child pedestrians in mind. On average, approximately 10,000 armbands are issued through various outlets, free of charge.

The Draft Budget for 2006 includes a provision of €25,000 under the Road Safety Campaign.

The Draft Budget for 2006 also includes €30,000 for a Pilot Road Safety Plan for Donegal. The National Safety Council are providing €20,000 of the funding with the balance being provided from Own Resources.

2.9.4 School Safety Measures- Flashing Lights & Engineering Measures

During 2005, 31 schools in County Donegal benefited from the provision of new safety measures, lines, signs and/or flashing lights, outside their premises. In addition, several other schools have had on-going problems outside their premises satisfactorily resolved.

In total, 10 schools benefited from 50/50 funding for the provision of safety measures at their schools in 2005. There are, however, a further 13 schools with outstanding applications for safety measures and more schools are applying. Part of the allocation from Donegal County Council's own resources of €50,000 is directed at subsidising these works and, therefore, improving safety at some of Donegal's most vulnerable schools.

A total of 21 schools benefited from the €147,000 CLÁR allocation for 2005 for the provision of fully funded school flashing lights. Following our successful application to CLÁR in 2005, a further commitment of €91,000 has been made to provide flashing lights at the 13 remaining schools in the CLÁR area during 2005/06.

Road Design is charged with the co-ordination, procurement and management of this work.

2.9.5 School Wardens

There are 8 adult school wardens throughout the county, while Junior School Warden Schemes also operate at the following schools:

- Glenties,
- Ballyshannon
- Clonmany

Other schools are being encouraged to participate in this scheme.

The Draft Budget for 2006 includes a provision of €105,000 under this heading.

2.10 Bridge Maintenance Strengthening & Repair

In 2005, €220,000 was allocated through the DOEHLG Non-National Discretionary Improvement Grant to bridge strengthening and repair on Non-National Roads, which funded the strengthening and repair of 12 bridges. The strengthening and repair programme will continue in 2006.

Bridges will be selected from the area waiting lists for inclusion in the current year's works programme according to the countywide priority and the funding available.

2.11. Traffic Management

2.11.1. Car-Parking Charges

Car parking charges introduced in 2004 in Ballybofey and Donegal Town remain at the same level as shown below and it is proposed to continue this level of charge for 2006.

BALLYBOFEY

Car Park	Fee Payable
Shopping Centre Car Park	30cent per hour
Health Board Car Park	30cent per hour
Navenny Street Car Park	30cent per hour or €1.20 per day
Streets	50 cent per hour

DONEGAL

Car Park	Fee Payable
Streets	50 cent per hour
Car Parks	30 cent per hour or €1.20 per day at some car parks

BALLYSHANNON

Car Park	Fee Payable
Streets	50 cent per hour

It is anticipated that consideration will be given to the introduction of car parking charges in Carndonagh and Moville in 2006.

2.11.2. Traffic Wardens

The provision of €145,000 in the Draft Budget under this heading covers Donegal County Council's employment of three Traffic Wardens. The Wardens operate on a full-time basis and enforce the Council's on and off-street Parking Bye Laws in the towns of Ballybofey, Donegal Town and Ballyshannon.

2.12. Development Charges

An amount of €2,000,000 from Development Charges will be available to be spent on Road Network Improvements in 2006. Out of this sum, €300,000 will be dedicated to Low Cost Safety measures. The balance will be prioritised by the Electoral Area Committees. The amount collected in each Electoral Area will be taken into consideration and it is assumed that adequate monies will be available to provide this budgeted amount.

2.13 Administration

The Draft Budget for 2006 includes a provision of €4,332,100 in respect of Payroll including Pensions, Travel, Printing and others.

An amount of €601,200 is set aside in the Own Resources provision of €3,859,400 to cover the salary charges of 9 Clerical Officers and 8 Assistant Staff Officers in Electoral Area Offices. It had been the historical practice to charge the salaries of these officers to the Own Resources allocated to Roads.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
COSAINN NA TIMPEALLACHTA**

Draft Budgeted Expenditure: €120,000

Draft Budgeted Income: € Nil

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3. MARINE

3.1 Programme Group 5 - Environmental Protection

COASTAL EROSION

1. €462,000 was provided by the Dept of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources for coastal protection works at Lagg, Rathmullan, Meenlaragh, Aranmore, Rosbeg, Maghery, Movice, Inver, and the Gweebarra bends. An additional 25% counter funding in the sum of €115,500 was also provided by Donegal County Council. These works will be completed at the end of 2005.

2. The following priority list for coastal erosion was presented and adopted by the Council at the beginning of 2005.

1. Lagg Beach	€60,000
2. Rye, Rathmullan	€300,000
3. Kerrykeel, Rosnakill	€130,000
4. Magherawarden Beach, Portsalon	€35,000
5. Lagg Road, Malin	€30,000
6. Inch Embankment	€75,000
7. Movice Green Amenity Area & Path	€6,000
8. Maghery, Dungloe	€280,000
9. Curransport, Meenlaragh	€50,000
10. Muckross Head, Kilcar	€45,000
11. Port Eilig, East Town, Tory	€30,000
12. Derrylahan, Kilcar	€85,000
13. Carrickarory, Movice	€200,000
14. Portsalon Beach	€200,000
15. Gweebarra Bends, Lettermacaward	€40,000
16. Inver Village	€50,000
17. Lisfannon Beach, Buncrana	€500,000

18. Bundoran Sea Front	€600,000
19. Bunrana	€250,000
20. Carrigart	€70,000
21. Teelin	€200,000
22. Inishfad	€1,250,000
23. Ballybedonnell	€70,000
24. Casson Sound	€50,000
25. Buncronan	€70,000
26. Potahawley Beach	€40,000
Total	<u>€4,716,000</u>

There will be a requirement for matching money to be provided for any approved projects in 2006.

FLOOD STUDIES AND ALLEVIATION WORK

€75,000 has been made available for flood studies/works in 2006. The current schedule of flooding issues will be reviewed and to determine further flood study requirements where necessary. Current flooding issues will then be ranked and prioritised to enable cost effective alleviation measures to be identified. A report and survey will also be prepared examining flood policy and flood management in other County Councils/jurisdictions, including resources used and staffing structures. Subsequently long-term Flood management policies and resources most suitable for Donegal will be recommended and agreed. Assistance will also be given to the National Flood Hazard Mapping Programme, this information can then be used for future planning and development.

BURIAL GROUNDS

The Draft Budget for 2006 includes a provision of €45,000 in expenditure under this heading.

Programme Group 6

**RECREATION AND AMENITY
RCAITHEAMH AIMSIRE AGUS TAITNEAMHACHT**

Draft Budgeted Expenditure: €45,000
Draft Budgeted Income: € Nil
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3.2 Recreation & Amenity

PARKS & OPEN SPACES

The Draft Budget for 2006 includes a provision of €45,000 in expenditure under this heading for the maintenance and upkeep of Merville Green.

Programme Group 7

AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION, HEALTH & WELFARE TALMHAÍOCHT, OIDEACHAS, SLÁINTE AGUS LEAS

3.3 Piers & Harbours

3.3.1 Summary of Expenditure & Income

Draft Budgeted Expenditure: €857,300

Draft Budgeted Income: €64,000

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The Draft Budget for 2006 includes the sum of €270,000 approximately to cover the costs associated with the maintenance of the County's Piers and Harbours. Included in this provision is an amount of €225,000 approximately to cover contingencies in the improvement and operational programme of work.

The total provision in the Draft Budget for 2006 under the overall Piers & Harbours heading is €857,300.

3.3.2 Loan Charges

The Council has drawn loans up to a total of €10.2m. The loan charges payable on loans totalling €10.2m amount to €962,500 in a full year and full provision for same is made in the Draft Budget 2006 under the Finance Directorate. It will not be possible to raise any further loans for this purpose in the context of the Draft Budget 2006 as presented.

It will be noted that this Council, by availing of monies granted by Departments of State and investing in the provision of slipways, have invested €35.2m approximately over the past 5-6 years. Our efforts will be to seek continuation of funding from government departments without the need for matching funds to progress the development and updating of this crucial infrastructure for this county.

Programme Group 8

MISCELLANEOUS ÉAGSÚIL

Draft Budgeted Expenditure: €6,078,000
Draft Budgeted Income: €6,010,000
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3.4 Miscellaneous

MACHINERY EXPENSE ACCOUNT

The Draft Budget for 2006 includes a provision of €6,010,000 in expenditure. An equivalent amount is included in Income as the Account is funded by way of a recharge to Services. The Account is shown gross in the Draft Budget 2006 to comply with accounting requirements.

STORES

The Draft Budget for 2006 includes a provision of €68,000 in expenditure for the payroll costs in Stores/Materials Section.

4. NATIONAL ROADS MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS 2006

Substantial National Road Funding was received in 2005. N15 Bundoran/Ballyshannon Bypass construction is proceeding to schedule and anticipated project completion is April 2006. It is hoped that the Bundoran Bypass section will be opened to traffic in advance of the remainder of the scheme in late December 2005/early January 2006. Construction has commenced on the N56 Mountaintop to Illistrin and 2005 also saw the completion of the Tullyearl Roundabout, Donegal Town.

4.1 N15 Bundoran/Ballyshannon Bypass

This entire bypass is expected to open in April 2006. Archaeological ground works were completed in 2005 and report production being finalised. Scientific research will commence in 2006 on the medieval skeletons, which were discovered along the bypass at Ballyhanna, Ballyshannon. This Research Project, which is funded by the NRA through Donegal County Council, is a cross-border partnership between Queen's University Belfast and the Institute of Technology Sligo.

4.2 N15 Ballybofey/ Stranorlar Bypass

Approval has been sought from the NRA to publish the Compulsory Purchase Order and Environmental Impact Statement on this 16km scheme. Preliminary pre CPO archaeological test excavations were carried out on a number of areas of Archaeological potential along the route of the proposed bypass in October 2005. It is expected that An Bord Pleanála will convene an Oral Hearing as part of the CPO/EIS procedures in 2006. Construction is estimated to commence in late 2008.

4.3 N56 Mountaintop to Illistrin

The contractor Wills Bros Ltd has been appointed for Phase 1 of this scheme and work commenced on site in September 2005. Site Staff have been appointed and are based at the site office at Pinehill Industrial Estate, Letterkenny. Phase 1 is expected to be completed mid 2006 and Design of Phase 2 is ongoing. Land negotiations are well advanced.

4.4 N13/N14 Manorcunningham to Strabane

NRA/INTERREG funding is in place for 2006 to complete Phase 4 Preliminary Design. It is anticipated that the Environmental Impact Statement/Compulsory Purchase Order will be ready for publication in 2006.

4.5 N15 Lifford to Stranorlar/ Ballybofey

This scheme is expected to receive funding in 2006 to enable the Route Selection Procedure to be finalised.

4.6 N56 Mountcharles to Killybegs Junction

The Route Selection Report is to be considered by Donegal County Council in 2006. Funding is expected in 2006 to continue the Preliminary Design and to initiate statutory procedures for Phase 1 of the scheme.

4.7 National Primary Pavement Strengthening

Substantial funding has been made available over the last number of years to allow pavement strengthening to be carried out on National Primary routes. Funding is expected to continue in 2006. Monies for the resurfacing of the N13 dual carriageway is anticipated in 2006

4.8 N56 National Secondary Pavement Strengthening

This very successful programme will continue in 2006. A Five Year Plan has been developed setting out the schedule of works proposed up to 2010 and it is expected that NRA will fully fund the Plan. It is expected that the Plan will be considered by elected members at the first Electoral Area meetings of 2006.

4.9 Work in Other Counties

The Donegal NRDO is involved in various projects in other counties in addition to ongoing projects in County Donegal

Cost Benefit Analysis	Various Counties
Road Design	Longford , N63, N55 and N4. Leitrim, Manorhamilton to Glenfarne.
Road Safety	Cavan, Monaghan, Leitrim, Louth
Safety Audits	Various counties
Archaeology	Sligo, Leitrim N16, Roscommon N5, Longford (part),
Bridge Management	Cavan, Galway, Leitrim, Mayo, Monaghan, Roscommon, Sligo
Signing & Lining	Galway, Mayo, Roscommon, Westmeath

The development of specialised sections contribute to the delivery of the National Development Plan.

4.10 Proposed Motorway to the Northwest

It is hoped that a draft budget of €500,000 can be available in 2006 to progress this important concept. Donegal NRDO has attempted to secure the co-operation of other councils from Derry City round to Armagh on both sides of the border. The preliminary routes identified are an East-West Corridor and a Northwest Corridor. It is imperative that this project be given the degree of importance that it requires. A specific allocation of €25,000 is being sought from Donegal County Council.

4.11 CAPITAL SPENDING FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS

The exact capital spending in the next three years is not known. However, based on a number of assumptions on the current status of each project and the anticipated overall funding for the NRA, the table below sets out the Capital spending for each of the next three years.

Scheme	Estimated Expenditure (€ Million)		
	2006	2007	2008
N15 Ballyshannon/Bundoran Bypass	21.500	0.500	0.000
N13 Jn Manor Cunningham / Lifford (including A5/N15 links)	0.900	1.0	14.000
N15 Ballybofey/Stranorlar Bypass	1.100	14.000	38.000
N15 Lifford/Stranorlar-Ballybofey	0.100	0.400	0.500
N56 Mountain Top to Illistrin	6.250	10.000	4.500
N56 Mountcharles - Killybegs	0.550	1.000	1.000
Crash Barriers (General)	0.500	0.500	0.500
National Primary Pavement	4.600	4.000	3.000
N3 Ballyshannon - County Boundary Clyhore	0.400	0.100	0.100
N56 Pavement Strengthening	5.300	5.300	5.300
YEARLY TOTALS	€41.200	€36.800	€66.900

5. TAKE-OVER OF HOUSING ESTATES

5.1 Introduction

The above programme was initiated in the Estimate of Expenses for 1996 where a sum of €126,974 was provided with a further €126,974 being provided each year until 2000, giving a total of €634,870. Funding now when required is provided through the development contribution scheme.

The aim of the programme is two-fold,

- 1. To provide for the take-over of older estates (Pre 1996).**
- 2. To monitor new estates under construction.**

The funding provides a means to deal with old and new housing estates, developed by 'Private Contractors' and where the responsibility for the maintenance of the common services still remained with the developers. The funding enabled the employment of two Technicians and a Clerical Officer to monitor and administer housing estates under construction, the purpose being to ensure that the standard of services provided in new developments are to an acceptable level for subsequent take-over by the Council.

In relation to the first element of the programme, i.e. the takeover of pre-1996 housing estates, four phases have now been undertaken.

On a number of occasions, developments have been upgraded in co-operation with other Capital Programmes such as the Social Housing Programme or the Sanitary Services Programme.

To date a total of 81 number estates have been undertaken in the context of the Take-Over Scheme. Phases 1 & 2 are complete.

Work is well advanced in Phases 3 & 4.

An up-to-date report will be presented by Electoral Area as regards all issues in relation to the takeover of housing estates (pre-1996 and post 1996) circa March 2006.

To-date works to a total value of €695,497.03 have been approved under the scheme being funded as follows:

WORKS	AMOUNT
Take-over Scheme	€426,590.22
Residents	€112,288.02
Developers	€111,039.00
Other Council Services	€ 45,579.79

Supervision costs in respect of the older estates plus monitoring and miscellaneous expenses of the new estates to date amount to **€459,929.72**.

It is estimated that **€300,000** is still required to complete the take-over of all pre 1996 estates.

€130,000 to complete Phase 1,2 & 3 estates

€70,000 to complete Phase 4 estates

€100,000 Maintenance

The total number of pre 1996 estates involved in **Phases 1,2 & 3 is 49**.

The total number of pre 1996 estates involved in **Phase 4 is 32**.

Planning History and Estimates are being prepared for all Phase 4 estates.

5.2 Electoral Area Progress

The following lists (Section 5.2.1 to 5.2.5) set out the position in relation to the various Electoral Areas.

5.2.1 | **Donegal Electoral Area**

Phase 1	Works Completed	4
Phase 2	Works Completed	1
Phase 3	Parked	1
Phase 4	Works Completed	2
	Not Completed	2
	Not Suitable	3

5.2.2 | **Inishowen Electoral Area**

Phase 1	Works Completed	4
	Not Completed	2
Phase 2	Works Completed	4
	Not Completed	1
	Parked	4
Phase 3	Works Completed	1
	Not Completed	1
Phase 4	Not Completed	4
	Not Suitable	3

5.2.3 | **Letterkenny Electoral Area**

Phase 1	Works Completed	12
Phase 2	Works Completed	1
Phase 3	Not Completed	2
Phase 4	Works Completed	1
	Not Suitable	3
	Parked	9

5.2.4	<u>Milford Electoral Area</u>
Phase 1	Works Completed 1
Phase 4	Works Completed 1
	Not Completed 4

5.2.5	<u>Stranorlar Electoral Area</u>
Phase 1	Works Completed 2
Phase 2	Not Completed 1
	Parked 1
Phase 3	Works Completed 1
	Not suitable 5
Phase 4	No Estates

5.3 Summary (Phase 1, 2, 3 & 4)

Completed	35
Not Completed	17
Not Suitable	14
Estates Parked	15

5.4 Monitoring of New Post 1996 Housing Estates

Under the other element of the programme, relating to the monitoring of new housing estates a total of 370 new estates exist. On the commencement of the development, a technician examines the site and liaises with the developer on the range and nature of works necessary for the take-over of the services and the release of any bond. This should result in streamlining the takeover process and not require extensive remedial works for newer housing estates.

At the Council Meeting of 26th October 2005 the following recommendations were adopted by the Council in relation to post 1996 housing estates.

1. That Donegal County Council take over all public services excluding open spaces, in post 1996 housing estates where there is no mechanical or electrical plant subject to compliance with planning permission.
2. Since the last C.P.G meeting it has been determined that it would be inappropriate to take over roads and footpaths that are in housing estates that contain mechanical and electrical plant. In this way the takeover of all roads, sewers, mechanical and electrical plant etc can be negotiated for takeover as one unit.

The Public Lighting will be taken over. In the meantime, a case-by-case report is to be prepared in respect of mechanical and electrical plant in each of these estates. This report will include terms of planning conditions, likelihood of public sewerage services being available will then be considered by the council on the basis of a local legal agreement.

3. That Donegal County Council do not take over holiday home estates. Holiday Homes are defined by the planning department as:
"Those developments which have specifically declared the proposal to be holiday use under question 14 of our planning application form. It would also include those developments which have signed section 47 agreements under the Planning and Development Act 2000."

5.5 Maritime Development

There are over 150 piers and slipway structures in Donegal. The Council has secured funding from the Dept of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources and An Roinn Gnothai, Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta to continue the development and repair of Donegal's piers and harbours in 2005.

Details of projects grant aided by An Roinn Gnothai, Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta under the Small Piers Programme 2005 are set out hereunder:

LOCATION	Total Cost €	RnaG 75% €	DCC. 25% €
Cladnageeragh, Kilcar	100,000	75,000	25,000
Gort na Saide	30,000	22500	7500
Maghery Beach Access	25,000	18750	6250
Bunaninbhear	60,000	11,250	3,750
Gort Alia Kilcar	40,000	30000	10000
Malinmore	35,000	26250	8750
Malinbeg	6000	4500	1500
B/port Access Ramp	40,000	30,000	10,000
Dobhar Slipway	6,000	4,500	1,500
Isle Na Marbh	40,000	30,000	10,000
Port Pier	38,000	28750	9250
Total	420,000	315,000	105,000

Details of projects grant aided by An Roinn Gnothai, Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta under island based projects:

LOCATION	Total Cost €	RnaG 50% €	DCC. 50% €
Arranmore Sea Defences	7,000	3,500	3,500
Tory Island Sea Wall	65,000	32,500	32500
Gola Life Rings	5,000	25,00	2,500
Inishboffin Life rings	2,500	1,250	1250
Inishfree Life Rings	3,000	1,500	1,500
Island Roy Life rings	2,500	1,250	1,250
Inishfree Rock Removal	8,000	4,000	4,000
Totals	93,000	46,500	46,500

5.6 Capital Spending

5.6.1 Capital Spending in 2005

The following projects are in the process of construction from grants received from the Department of Marine and Natural Resources under the Small Fishery Harbours Development Programme.

	Location	Project Description	Total Investment €*
	Portmore Pier, Malin	Works to address siltation problem	30,000
	Ballyederland Pier	Raising deck level at Pier	190,000
	Buncrana Pier	Pier Improvement Works	104,000
	Buncrana Pier	Provision of temp. mooring for lifeboat	30,000
	Mulroy Bay	Navigation aids	40,000
	Burtonport Harb	Rock excavation	180,000
	Dungloe Pier	Construction of slipway & turning circle	130,000
	Rathmullen Pier	Pier Improvement at Rathmull	66,800
	Castleport Pier	Provision of electrical lighting	4,700
	Tullyillion Pier	Provision of electrical lighting	6,000
	Bundoran Pier	Pier improvement works	40,000
	Portaleen, Glenga	Upgrade crane	30,000
Total			€851,500

* 25% of Funding to be provided by Donegal County Council

5.6.2 Capital Spending for next three years

The following programme of proposed marine works was recently presented to and adopted by the Council (minor amendments to be made after the Minutes of the Council Meeting adopted at end of November)

A. Flagship

1. Greencastle - €35M, project to construct new extended harbour with deep-water berths.

B. Strategic (> €400K)

1. Rathmullen - €1.7m, concrete repairs to jetty and dolphin, refurbishment of fendering, replacement of handrails, upgrading of lighting and hardstanding area.
2. Burtonport - €1m, rock dredging of approaches to harbour, construction of breakwater to provide shelter in the inner basin from westerlies, repairs to quay wall adjacent to dry dock.
3. Bunrana - €1.65m, construction of breakwaters to prevent siltation at ferry slipway and proposed boat harbour, south of the existing pier, with associated dredging. The proposal would include RNLI berth with 24 hour unrestricted tidal access in boat harbour.
4. Downings - €7m, breakwater to give protection from south and west and widening of existing pier to provide deepwater berths for fishing boats and berths for leisure craft.
5. Bunagee - €1.5m, pier extension, rock dredging, slipway construction, improved access and parking.
6. Bunbeg - €500,000, dredging of approach channel.
7. Rannaig, Aranmore - €1.3m, pier extension, raising deck level and extending slipway.
8. Portsalon - €500,000, carry out permanent repairs to strengthen end of pier. Temporary repairs, which are nearing completion, have a maximum lifespan of 3 years.
9. Bundoran - €1m, 30m. pier extension and rock dredging.
10. Portnoo - €1m, extend pier and slipway, dredging and improve access from county road.
11. Mevagh - €1m, extend pier and slipway to deep water to provide access at all stages of tide, improve access and surface hardstanding.
12. Port Inver - €1.5m extend pier, raise deck level and widen pier, underpin existing pier.
13. Inch Pier - €750,000, extend pier, raise and widen existing pier, extend slipway and improve vehicular access.
14. Carrickarory - €1.5m, extend pier and slipway with associated dredging.
15. Creevy - €3m, extend pier and slipway, construct breakwater.
16. Lenan - €750,000, dogleg pier extension, slipway construction.
17. Magheraroarty Pier - Development to be agreed.

C. Small (< 400K)

1. Inishbofin - €300,000, repairs and extension of existing pier, including repairs to steps and joints in slipway.
2. Portmore - €20,000, carryout repairs to fendering.

3. Bruckless, New - €100,000, extend slipway, repoint masonry pier, improve access and hardstanding.
4. Glengad - €30,000, Upgrade new crane for unloading.
5. Teelin - €100,000, repairs to old slipway and improved access/hardstanding for storage and equipment.
6. Portnacross, Killybegs. €180,000, Pier improvements, including underpinning of quay wall and slipway, quay extension and resurfacing of slipway deck.
7. Donegal Town - €150,000, provide floating pontoons for river bus and small craft including access ramp and extending slipway to permit use at low water.
8. Ballyshannon - €50,000, repair existing slipway, surface hardstanding and provide additional lighting and power.
9. Moville - €50,000, repairs to slipways and resurfacing deck of old pier.
10. Portnablagh - €350,000, construction of breakwater to reduce siltation inside harbour.
11. Ramelton - €250,000, feasibility study for development of area, repoint/repair quay walls, steps, slipway, etc, provide safety barriers at quay edge and amenity facilities.
12. Cladnageeragh - €70,000, repairs to existing retaining wall adjacent to pier, improve access, provide hardstanding/storage facilities and motorised winch at slipway.
13. Woodquarter - €35,000, provide power, light and water supply.
14. Kerrykeel - €35,000, provide power, light and water supply.
15. Rosbeg - €65,000, provide hardstanding/parking area.
16. Magheragallon - €40,000, repair slipway, improve hardstanding /carparking area.

25% counter funding of these projects is a problem for the Council.

The only possible source of funding available at the moment is through the Development Contribution Scheme. Work can commence on these projects as funding becomes available

5.7 Navigation Lights

Donegal County Council is the local lighthouse authority and as such is responsible for the maintenance and upgrading of navigation aids along our coast. A navigation lights caretaker is employed on a part time basis to maintain the aids under our control and to upgrade as necessary. We also report faulty navigation aids to the coastguard, who then broadcasts a radio navigation warning (RNW) to shipping. Donegal County Council is responsible for the cost of RNW charges.

5.7.1 Maintenance of Navigation Aids

The Marine Service carries out routine and emergency maintenance on the navigation aids. This involves the regular checking of equipment and annual de scaling and painting of day marks. The Coast Guard or mariners report malfunctioning lights to the caretaker and a radio navigation warning is immediately broadcast. This broadcast remains in place until the light is repaired.

5.7.2 Upgrading of Navigation Lights

The Marine Service renews and upgrades older navigation lights on an ongoing basis. A technical survey of the older navigation lights has recently been carried out to assess future needs. It is intended to work towards a fully automated system of remote monitoring of the lights, which will automatically alert the caretaker, by way of a server of a malfunctioning navigation aid. This will greatly enhance efficiency and improve safety and will provide a constant record of operations and malfunctions of the aids. To this end all our recent upgrades are capable of adapting to the remote monitoring system.