



# Comhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall Donegal County Council

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27<sup>th</sup> August 2010

TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Chuig: ACHÁN BHAILL DO BORD FORBARTHA AN CHONTAE

RE: Next meeting of the Donegal County Development Board  
TAG: Chead Chruinniú eile don Bhord Fhorbartha an Chontae

A Chara,

The next meeting of the Donegal County Development Board will take place at 9.30 - 12 noon in the Chamber, Letterkenny PSC, Letterkenny on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2010.


An agenda is appended and supporting documentation is now available on the CDB website for those who have not requested a hard copy. Please visit the website to download either the full CDB pack or individual attachments of interest at

<http://www.donegalcdb.ie/news/cdbagendamins.htm>

Beidh an chéad chruinniú eile den Bhord Forbartha Contae ar siúl ar 9.30 - 12 meán lae i Seomra na Comhairle, ISP Leitir Ceanainn, Leitir Ceanainn ar an 7ú Meán Fómhair 2010.

Is eisceachtaí, maidir leis seo, iad siúd a chuir in iúl go sonrach go raibh siad ag iarraidh cóip chrua a fháil. Tabhair cuairt ar an suíomh idirlín le paca iomlán an BFC, nó ceangaltáin aonaracha ar spéis leat iad, a íoslódáil ag <http://www.donegalcdb.ie/news/cdbagendamins.htm>

Mise le meas,

  
Helena O'Toole  
Acting Director of Service

**BORD FORBARTHA CONDAE DHÚN NA NGALL**  
**Cruinniú Uimh. 64**

DONEGAL COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
Meeting No. 64

**Clár / Agenda**

**1) Miontuairiscí ó Chruinniú an BFC ar 15ú Meitheamh 2010 (Aguisín 1)**

Minutes of CDB Meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> June 2010 (Attachment 1)

**2) Nithe ag eírí as na Miontuairiscí**

Matters arising from Minutes

- **'Tionscnaimh Thacaithe Fostaíochta i gContae Dhún na nGall' Tosaíocht Eacnamaíochta BFC (Fiontraíocht agus Scileanna) (ó bhéal) / 'Supported Employment Initiatives in County Donegal' CDB Economic (Enterprise and Skills) Priority (Verbal)**
- **Eiseamláir Dea-Chleachtas – Fóram Eacnamaíochta BFC an Lú (le scaipeadh ar an lá)**  
Model of Good Practice – Louth CDB Economic Forum (Circulated on the day)
- **Meitheal Oibre Bhord Forbartha Contae Dhún na nGall ar Úsáid Talún (ó bhéal)/ Donegal County Development Board Working Group on Land Use (Verbal)**
- **Tuairisc ó Ghrúpa Fócais Thionscadal Kelvin (ó bhéal) / Project Kelvin Focus Group Update (Verbal)**
- **Tuairisc is déanaí ar Chomharthaíocht Oidhreachta in Inis Eoghain (Aguisín 2) / Update on Heritage Signage in Inishowen (Attachment 2)**
- **Tuairisc is déanaí ar fhorbairt Ghrianáin Ailigh, Beart (ó bhéal)**  
Update on the development of the Grianan Aileach Ring Fort Burt (Verbal)

**3) Spriocanna Tosaíochta an BFC 2009-2012: Tuairisc ar an dul chun cinn go dtí seo / CDB Priority Goals 2009-2012: Report on Progress to date**

- **Leis an Rochtain is fearr ar Sheirbhísí a chinntiú don phobal i nDún na nGall (Aguisín 3) / To ensure best ACCESS TO SERVICES for the community of Donegal (Attachment 3)**  
**'Tuairisc is déanaí ar Phlean Gníomhaíochta Shíocháin III Dhún na nGall', cur i láthair le Anne Marie Conlon, Comhpháirtíocht Síochána agus Athmhuintearais BFC Dhún na nGall / 'Update on Donegal Peace III Action Plan', Presentation by Ms Anne Marie Conlon, Donegal CDB Peace and Reconciliation Partnership**
- **Le hACMHAINNÍ CULTÚRTHA an Chontae a fhorbairt ina n-iomlán (Aguisín 4) / To fully develop the County's CULTURAL RESOURCES (Attachment 4)**
- **Le forbairt Fiontraíochta agus Scileanna a chothú sa réigiún (le scaipeadh ar an lá) / To promote ENTERPRISE AND SKILLS development in the region (Circulated on the day)**  
**'Clár na hÉireann um Ghnóthachtáil na Sóisear' cur i láthair le Patricia Friel, Comhordaitheoir Chlár Gnóthachtála na Sóisear' / 'Junior Achievement Ireland Programme', Presentation by Ms Patricia Friel, Junior Achievement Programme Co-ordinator**
- **Le BRANDA DHÚN NA NGALL a fhorbairt trasna na n-earnáileacha uilig (Aguisín 5) / To develop a DONEGAL BRAND across all sectors (Attachment 5)**
- **Le hACMHAINNÍ NÁDÚRTHA AGUS TURASÓIREACHTA an réigiúin a fhorbairt (Aguisín 6) / To develop the region's TOURISM AND NATURAL RESOURCES (Attachment 6)**
- **Le Dún na nGall a fhorbairt mar phríomh-reigiún don Gheilleagar Glas (Aguisín 7) / To develop Donegal as a lead region for the GREEN ECONOMY (Attachment 7)**

**EOLAS (Tuairisc chun dáta agus Plé más gá)/INFORMATION (Update & Comment if necessary)**

- 1) **TUAIRISCÍ Ó FHO-STRUCHTÚIR AGUS Ó CHOISTÍ OIBRE AN BFC / REPORTS FROM CDB SUB-STRUCTURES & WORKING GROUPS**
  - **Coiste Cúraim Leanaí Chontae Dhún na nGall (Aguisín 8) / Donegal County Childcare Committee Update (Attachment 8)**
- 2) **MIONTUAIRISCÍ CRUINNITHE NA BHFÓRAM EARNÁLA AGUS POBAIL (AGUISÍN 9)**

Minutes of Sectoral and Community Fora meetings (Attachment 9)

  - **Miontuairiscí ó Chruinniú Comhpháirtíochta Síochána agus Athmhuintearais de chuid BFC Dhún na nGall, 15/04/10 / Minutes of the Donegal CDB Peace and Reconciliation Partnership Meeting, 15/04/10**
  - **Miontuairiscí ón Fhóram Cultúrtha, 25/06/10 / Minutes of the Meeting of CDB Cultural Forum Meeting, 25/06/10**
- 3) **COMHFHREAGRAS / CORRESPONDENCE**
  - **Cóip de litir admhála ó oifig Eamon Ryan, T.D., Aire Cumarsáid, Fuinnimh agus Acmhainní Nádúrtha mar fhreagra ar iarratas an BFC ar chruinniú. (Aguisín 10) / Copy of acknowledgement letter from the office of Eamon Ryan T.D., Minister for Communication, Energy and Natural Resources in response of the CDB's request for a meeting (Attachment 10)**
  - **Cóip de chomhfhreagra ó Mhéara Chomhairle Óige Dhún na nGall chuig an BFC ag cur a n-ímní in iúl faoi thodhchaí na Comhairle Óige (Aguisín 11) / Copy of correspondence from Mayor of Donegal Youth Council to the CDB highlighting their concerns over the future of the Youth Council (Attachment 11)**
  - **Cóip de chomhfhreagra ó Chathal Mac Suibhne, ball de BFC Dhún na nGall atá ag éirí as. (Aguisín 12) / Copy of correspondence from Cathal McSuibhne, retiring member of Donegal CDB. (Attachment 12)**
  - **Cóip de Chiorclán LG 9/10 (Aguisín 13) / Copy of Circular LG 9/10 'Work of Business Support Units and County/City Development Boards (CDB) Economic Development Sub-Committees' (Attachment 13)**
  - **Cóip de chomhfhreagrais chuig baill an Ghrúpa Fiontraíochta agus Scileanna maidir le Príomhspríoc Fiontraíochta agus Scileanna an BFC (Aguisín 14) / Copy of correspondence from the Enterprise And Skills Group Members regarding the Enterprise and Skills CDB Priority Goal (Attachment 14)**
  - **Cóip de chomhfhreagrais chuig Baill an Ghrúpa Fiontraíochta agus Scileanna maidir le Samhail Dhea-Chleachtais – Fochoistí Eacnamaíochta an BFC (Aguisín 15) / Copy of correspondence to the Enterprise And Skills Group Members regarding Models Of Good Practice - CDB Economic Sub-Committees (Attachment 15)**
  - **Cóip den phreas-ráiteas maidir le hAthbhreithniú ar an Phlean Forbartha Contae 2006-2-12 agus síneadh ama leis an tréimhse chomhairliúcháin agus cuirí chuig ceardlanna poiblí (Aguisín 16) / Copy of the press release regarding Review of the County Development Plan 2006-2012 and extension of consultation period and invitation to public workshops (Attachment 16)**
  - **Cóip de chomhfhreagrais chuig Sir Roy McNulty, ILEX, maidir le Doire, Cathair Chultúrtha na Ríochta Aontaithe 2013 (Aguisín 17) / Copy of correspondence to Sir Roy McNulty, ILEX, regarding Derry UK City of Culture 2013 (Attachment 17)**
- 4) **NUAHT TIONSCADAIL / PROJECT UPDATES**

**Eagrán 8 – Ríomhíris Phobal Dhún na nGall (Aguisín 18) / Issue 8 – Donegal Community In Touch E-zine (Attachment 18)**

**Aon Ghnó Eile / Any Other Business**

**Dáta an Chéad Chruinnithe eile: 7 Nollaig, 2010**

Date of next meeting: 7<sup>th</sup> December 2010

# **ATTACHMENT 1**

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ BHORD FORBARTHA CHONTAE DHÚN NA NGALL A BHÍ AR SIÚL I SEOMRA NA COMHAIRLE, IONAD SEIRBHÍSÍ POBAIL, LEITIR CEANAINN, AR AN CHÉADAOIN, 15ú MEITHEAMH 2010**

**I Láthair**

<b>Clr. Deasún Ó Lorcáin</b>	<b>Comhairle Chontae DHún na nGall</b>
<b>Clr. Ciarán Ó Brógain</b>	<b>Comhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall</b>
<b>Clr. Tomás Ó Priongail</b>	<b>Comhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall</b>
<b>Clr Daithí Alcorn</b>	<b>Comhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall</b>
<b>An tUas Gearóid Ó Smoláin</b>	<b>Údarás na Gaeltachta</b>
<b>An tUas Máire Nic Gabhainn</b>	<b>Fóram Pobail Dhún na nGall</b>
<b>An tUas Séamus Mac Ruairí</b>	<b>ICTU</b>
<b>An tUas Pólín De Faoite</b>	<b>Comisiún Forbartha an Iarthair</b>
<b>An tUas Mura Mac Lochlainn</b>	<b>Fóram Pobail Dhún na nGall</b>
<b>An tUas Úna Ní Chrónáin</b>	<b>Crann Taca um Comhshaoil</b>
<b>An tUas Pól Ó Sceinadar</b>	<b>Pobal</b>
<b>An tUas Séamus Ó Domhnaill</b>	<b>ICMSA</b>
<b>An tUas Mícheál Mac Giolla Uain</b>	<b>Bainisteoir Contae, Comhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall</b>
<b>Clr Proinsias Mac an Treabhair</b>	<b>Comhairle Bhaile Bhéal Átha Seanaidh</b>
<b>An tUas Mairtín Ó Gormliath</b>	<b>Coiste Cúraim Leanaí Chontae Dhún na nGall</b>
<b>An tUas Mícheál Ó hÉanaigh</b>	<b>Comhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall</b>
<b>An tUas Seán Andy Ó Cnáimhsí</b>	<b>LYIT</b>
<b>An tUas. Paula Nic Giolla Fhinnéin</b>	<b>Fóram Pobail Dhún na nGall</b>
<b>An tUas Mícheál Mac Giolla Chartha</b>	<b>FÁS</b>
<b>An tUas Séamus Mac Suibh</b>	<b>Meitheal Forbartha na Gaeltachta Teo</b>
<b>An tUas Séamus Ó Sléibhín</b>	<b>DLDC</b>
<b>Clr Pádraig Mac Lochlainn</b>	<b>Comhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall</b>
<b>An tUas Mícheál Ó Tonnaigh</b>	<b>Bord Fiontar Dhún na nGall</b>

**Leithscéalta**

<b>An tUas Tomás Ó Dubhuir</b>	<b>Teagasc</b>
<b>An tUas Maire Ní Laoire</b>	<b>FSS</b>
<b>An tUas Eoghan Ó Dúghaill</b>	<b>BIM</b>
<b>An tUas Máire Áine Ní Chadhain</b>	<b>Coiste Gairmoideachais Dhún na nGall</b>
<b>An tUas Méabh Ní Chonnacháin</b>	<b>Fiontraíocht Éireann</b>
<b>An tUas Seoamh Mac Aoidh</b>	<b>IDA</b>
<b>An tUas Máire Ní Mháille</b>	<b>FÁS</b>
<b>An tUas Seona Nic Leineacháin</b>	<b>Comhpháirtíocht Forbartha Inis Eoghain</b>
<b>An tUas Pádraig Ó Grádaigh</b>	<b>IBEC</b>
<b>An tUas Pól Ó hAnnagain</b>	<b>LYIT</b>
<b>Clr Nodhlaig Mac Giolla Bhríde</b>	<b>Comhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall</b>
<b>Clr Mícheál Mac Maoileoin</b>	<b>Comhairle Baile Bhun Dobhráin</b>

**Oifigigh ag Freastal**

<b>An tUas Maria Nic Fhearghais</b>	<b>Bainisteoir Beartais Straitéiseach</b>
<b>An tUas Róisín Nic Giolla Bhríde</b>	<b>Oifigeach Taighde</b>
<b>An tUas. Caoimhín Ó Conaire</b>	<b>Oifigeach Forbartha Turasóireachta</b>
<b>An tUas Rosita Ní Mhathúna</b>	<b>Oifigeach Taighde</b>
<b>An tUas Loretta Nic Niocláis</b>	<b>Bainisteoir Taighde</b>
<b>An tUas Gearóid Mac Risteaird</b>	<b>Príomh Aonad Pleanála</b>
<b>An tUas Carol Ní Mhargaidh</b>	<b>Aonad Beartais agus Ciste um AE</b>
<b>An tUas Eilín Ní Bhrugha</b>	<b>Seirbhísí Cultúrtha</b>
<b>An tUas Cathal Mac Suibhne</b>	<b>Bainisteoir Ceantair</b>
<b>An tUas Donna Mac Rabhartaigh</b>	<b>Oifigeach Cúnta Cuimsiú Sóisialta</b>

Chuir an Cathaoirleach, Clr Deasún Ó Lorcáin, fáilte roimh na mbaill BFC i láthair, go hairithe an tUas, Mícheál Mac Giolla Chearra, ionadaí FÁS, an tUas Seán Andy Ó Cnáimhsí, ionadaí LYIT, agus an tUas Gearóid Ó Smoláin, ionadaí Údarás na Gaeltachta. Chuir an Cathaoirleach fáilte roim dhá bhall nua den BFC ag freastal, an tUas Máire Nic Gabhann agus an tUas Mura Mac Lochlainn, ionadaithe ó Fóram Pobail an Chontae. Dúirt an Cathaoirleach go bhfreagródh sé comhfhreagras thar cheann an BFC ó Mháire Nic Gabhann thar cheann an Fhóram Pobail gan mhoill.

## **BFC 27/10 Miontuairiscí Cruinniú BFC ar 24ú Márta 2010**

Glacadh leis na miontuairiscí don 24ú Márta 2010 a dáileadh ar an mBord, a moladh ag an tUas Tomas Ó Priongail agus cuidithe leo ag an tUas Póilin De Faoite.

Thagair an tUas Séamus Mac Ruairi na baill do mhír BFC 14/10, maidir leis an ghá d'oibreacha feabhsúcháin ar na háiseanna turasoireachta / ionad feithimh ar Oilean Árains Mhóir agus go gcaithfidh an Comhairle Contae aird láithreach a tabhairt ar an cheist seo. Mar fhreagra, d'iarr an Cathaoirleach cóip den chomhfhreagras a fuair an tUas Mac Ruairí, mar thagairt, maidir leis an cheist seo chun go n-ardófar é.

## **BFC28/10 Nithe ag eirí ó na Miontuairiscí**

### ***“Léarscáiliú Bonneagar Geilleagrach Eochrach i gContae Dhún na nGall” Tosaíocht Eacnamaíoch BFC (Fiontar agus Scileanna)***

Thug an Cathaoirleach cuireadh don Uas Loretta Nic Niocláis nuashonrú don mBord.

Thagair an tUas Nic Niocláis na baill don dréacht-tuarascáil a cuireadh thart agus thug nuashonrú ar fhorbairt Paipéir Earnála Prófil Contae – “Léarscáiliú Bonneagar Geilleagrach Eochrach i gContae Dhún na nGall” – Tosaíocht Eacnamaíoch BFC (Fiontar agus Scileanna). Thug sí forbhreach don mBord ar an dréachtpháipéar ag airdiú na príomh thorthaí go dáta agus sholáthraigh sí sonraí ar an léarscáil chomh maith. Ghabh an tUas Nic Niocláis buíochas leis an Uas Rosita Nic Mhathúna ar an chuidiú ar fhorbairt an phaipéir seo agus go hairithe ar a hoillteacht i gcruthanas léarscáilíochta.

Ghabh an Clr Tomás Ó Priongail buíochas leis an Uas Nic Niocláis ar an chur i láthair shuimiúil. Thug sé le hinse go raibh an calafort domhain sa Chontae fágtha amuigh as an phaipéar agus gur cheart é a bheith áirithe do fhorbairt gheilleagrach an Chontae san todhcháil.

Dúirt Paula Nic Leineacháin go bhfuil gá le tuilleadh scrúdú ar acmhainní gáis i gContae Dhún na nGall chomh maith le fuinneamh gaoithe, chun an fíor fhéidearthacht eacnamaíochta atá ins an cheantar a aithint.

Scaip an tUas Póilin De Faoite gearrnóta ar an mBord ar athbhreithniú a rinne Gaslinks ar bhailte nach bhfuil ceangailte leis an líonra gáis náisiúnta. Thug sí le hinse gur fhoillsigh Gaslink “Anailís Bhailte Nua Céim 111: Tuarascáil Dheiridh”, ar 9ú Aibreán 2010 agus tá torthaí ar 39 bailte ar fáil ann, 12 acu i Réigiún an Iarthair, le 5 i gContae Dhún na nGall. Dúirt sí go raibh na torthaí diúltach, le 4 bhaile as 39 i dteideal do cheangailt agus níl aon cheann de na bailte sin i Réigiún an Iarthair. Thug an tUas De Faoite le hinse gur dearnadh anailís ar rachairt reatha agus faistíneach, ar fhás an dhaonra reatha agus cosanta. Dúirt sí go raibh an neamhcháilíocht ceangaltas ina cheist inmíoch do Chontae Dhún na nGall agus go scrúdóidh Comisiún Forbartha an Iarthair an tuarascáil athbhreithnithe Gaslink a thuilleadh de bharr tábhachtacht gás nádúrtha do fhorbairt an réigiúin.

Mhol an Clr Pádraig Mac Lochlainn an tUas Nic Niocláis ar an dea obair úsáideach atá déanta aici agus bhéimigh sé tábhacht leis an BFC léarscáiliú bonneagrach a dhéanamh i gContae Dhún na nGall agus féidearthachtaí ar dhul chun cinn gheilleagraí. Bhéimigh sé an tábhacht do Contae Dhún na nGall a bheith margaithe mar pháirt de Réigiún an Iar Thuaisceart nuair atá na príomh bhonneagair riachtanach a fhorbairt, agus bhéimigh sé an comhthaobú atá déanta ag Rialtais Éireann agus Rialtas na Breataine. Thagair an Clr Mac Lochlainn don mhais chriticiúil don Réigiún Thiar Thuaidh, agus thagair sé do chontaethe Dhún na nGall, Doire, Tír Eoghain, Fear Manach, Sligeach agus Liathdroim. Thug an Clr Mac Lochlainn le hinse don mBord go mbeadh Grúpa Sinsearach Infheistíochta ag fógrú á bpleananna infheistíochta ins an Réigiún Thiar Thuaidh gan mhoill de bharr leibhéal céimithe (LYIT), bonneagar, féidearthachtaí fáis agus rí.

Bhéimigh Bainsteoir an Chontae, an tUas Mícheál Mac Giolla Uain, an tábhacht le húsáid léarscáiliú chun na srianta ar fhorbairt fiontair san chontae a nascú. Dúirt an tUas Mac Giolla Uain go gcaithfear infheistíocht réamh-mheastaithe do Chontae Dhún na nGall a chuir isteach ins na léarscáil chun oibreacha caipitil agus maoiniú riartha gníomhaireachtaí forbartha fiontair a shoiléiriú. Dúirt sé chomh maith go raibh gá le bonneagar agus forbairt a thaispeáint mar a bheidh sé i 2014. Dúirt an tUasal Mac Giolla Uain go gcaithfidh an Rannóg Beartais agus Taighde na comhlachtaí atá lonnaithe i gContae Dhún na nGall san am i láthair a aithint tríd na gníomhaireachtaí fiontair (CEB, EI, IDA agus Údarás na Gaeltachta) ins an chontae agus na féidearthachtaí maidir lena bhforbairt chomh maith. Dúirt sé go gcaithfear na riachtanais do ghnólachtaí nua-thionscanta a aithint maidir le nascadh leis an ngreille, teilechumarsáide, agus rí. Dúirt sé go raibh gá leis an anailís seo do Chontae Dhún na nGall chun geilleagar nua a chothú le forbairt fiontair agus postchrúthcháin a bheith mar chuspóir. D’iarr an tUas Mac Giolla Uain go gcuideodh na gníomhaireachtaí forbartha leis an mhéid seo oibre.

D’fhiafraigh an Cathaoirleach faoi anailís ar cheadúnais chun ceangailt le píblínte mar Alba de bharr gaireachta. Mar fhreagra dúirt an tUas Póilin De Faoite gur áirigh an t-anailís ceangailt leis an líonra gáis agus nár scrúdaíodh ceangailt le háiteanna nua, áit ar bith eile.

Leirigh an tUas Séamus Ó Sléibhín an méid deiseanna atá ann tré amharc ar Chontae Dhún na nGall mar pháirt de réigiún (le Doire, Tír Eoghain, Fear Manach, Sligeach agus Liathdroim) agus gan mar sheasamh aonair.

D'ardaigh an tUas Loretta Nic Niocláis an gá do gach gníomhaireacht den BFC comhoibriú leis an t-Aonad Beartais agus Taighde i soláthrú eolais ábhartha chun an paipéar seo a fhorbairt. Mhol an tUas Mac Giolla Uain go gcuirfidh litir chuig na gníomhaireachtaí fiontair den BFC (Fiontar Éireann, Údarás na Gaeltachta, Bord Fiontar an Chontae agus IDA) agus eolas a iarraidh ar na comhlachtaí reatha atá lonnaithe i gContae Dhún na nGall amidir leis na riactanais bonneagrach agus na srianta.

Ghabh an tUas Séamus Mac Ruairí buíochas le Loretta ar an léargas chuimsitheach ar an phaipéar gheilleagrach agus léirigh sé an gá atá le gásilte agus gréasáin iarnróid a bheith ar fáil i gContae Dhún na nGall. Dúirt an tUas Mac Ruairí go raibh gá le deisiú bóithre go hAerfort Charraig Fhinne.

Mhol an tUas Mícheál Ó Tonnaigh obair an Uasal Nic Niocláis ar an phaipéar seo, agus cé go bhfuil riachtanais bonneagrach tábhachtach, tá gá le daoine le smaointe gnó a aithint. Dúirt an tUas Ó Tonnaigh gur an fíor cheist ná bunú chun fostaíocht a chruthú.

Dúirt an tUas Mac Giolla Uain go gcaithfimid theacht fhad leis an stáid ina dtig le comhlachtaí lonnaithe i nDún na nGall agus daoine a mian leo á ngnóanna a mhéadú, nó gnó nua a bhunú nó a lonnadh i nDún na nGall, a bheith a bheith ábalta sin a dhéanamh gan srianta bonneagrach nó seirbhísí ar fáil i gContae Dhún na nGall. Dúirt sé nuair a shroichfidís an stáid seo go dtig an teachtaireacht nach bhfuil srianta le gnóanna a bhunú i nDún na nGall a chur amach tríd na caineáil chearta. Dúirt sé gurbh é an chéad chéim eile nó na naisc a chruthú idir thionscnóirí fiontair agus soláthróirí bonneagrach. Dúirt sé go molfadh se do Fiontar Éireann an cur chuige seo a thionscnadh ag leibhéal contae agus réigiúnach.

Dúirt an Clr Ciaran Ó Brógain go gcaithfidh gach páirtneir den BFC ról a imirt agus glacadh le coincheap an BFC, agus tá sé tábhachtach go bhfreastalaíonn na gníomhaireachtaí forbartha fiontair ar chruinnithe an BFC maidir leis an cheist seo. Dúirt sé go raibh gá do na gníomhaireachtaí an t-eolas a chur an tUas Nic Niocláis os a gcomhair a úsaid. Dúirt an Clr Ó Brógain chomh maith nach dtig linn dearmad a dhéanamh de na tréithe dearfach atá ag Contae Dhún na nGall, agus caighdeán saoil ard ann. Dúirt an Clr Ó Brógain go bhfuil go leor gnóanna ag strachailt i gContae Dhún na nGall a bhfuil tacaíocht ag teastáil uathu, agus nár cheart don fhócas a bheith ar fhiontair nua amháin. Dúirt an Clr Ó Brógain gur cheart do pháirtneirí an BFC go léir feidhmiú go cuspórach mar bhaill den BFC.

D'aontaigh an Clr Daithí Alcorn go bhfuil ceist forbairt fiontraíochta an-thábhachtach agus mhol se obair Údarás na Gaeltachta ar fhorbairt na Gaeltacht anuas trí na blianta. Thagair sé do thábhacht Fiontar Éireann agus do cruinnithe an IDA agus BFC. D'aontaigh an Clr Alcorn leis an méid a dúirt an tUas Séamus Mac Ruairí maidir le le tuilleadh maoiniú don bhóthar rochtana go hAerfort

Charraig Fhinne. Dúirt sé gur tarraingíodh aníos na pleanana don bhóthar seo agus cuireadh ar agaidh go dtí an Roinn iad, ach easpa maoiniú a bheith ar fáil an cheist anois.

Dúirt Cathaoirleach an Bhoird go scríofaídh sé chuig ionadaí an BFC ó Fiontar Éireann agus an IDA ag iarraidh orthu freastal agus ionchur a bheith acu ar na cruinnithe, thar cheann an BFC, mar go bhfuil ról thábhachtach acu maidir le forbairt fiontraíochta

## **BFC 29/10 Nithe ag éirí ó na Miontuairiscí**

Nuashonrú ó Lá Straitéise an BFC, 5ú Bealtaine 2010

Thug an Cathaoirleach cuireadh don Uas Maria Nic Fheargusa chun nuashonrú don mBord.

Ghabh an tUas Nic Fheargusa buíochas leis na baill a d'fhreastal agus a bhí páirteach ins an Lá Staitéise Bhliantúil BFC ar 5ú Bealtaine 2010. Ghabh sí buíochas leis an Uas Róisín Nic Giolla Bhríde ar shon eagrúcháin na hócáide. Mholadh sí na sárchainteoirí a labhair ar ábhair ag leibhéal náisiúnta agus áitiúil. Thagair sí na baill do Cheangaltán 3 ag leiriú achoimhre agus aischothú ó na freastálaithe ag an ócáid agus mhol sí do na fóra earnála an t-eolas seo a úsáid nuair a bheidh siad ag pleanáil straitéis ins na míonna amach romhainn i gcúrsaí cultúrtha, geilleagar ghlas, Plean Forbartha an Chontae, inathnuacháin, neamhúsáid talúin, agus rí. Ghabh sí buíochas leis na cainteoirí uilig ag an ócáid.

Léirigh an tUas Nic Fheargusa do bhaill an Bhoird go mbeidh Laithreán Gréasáin an BFC a athfhorbairt thar na míonna amach romhainn. Dúirt sí go bhfuil obair ar siúl chun súiomh BFC eile a aithint agus dóigheanna ina dtig le BFC Dhún na nGall feabhsú agus a bheith dea-chleachtaithe.

Ghabh an Cathaoirleach buíochas leis na baill a d'fhreastáil ar an Lá Straitéise Bhliantúil den BFC agus do Róisín Nic Giolla Bhríde ar eagrú na hócáide.

## **BFC 30/10 Nithe ag éirí as na Miontuairiscí.**

### **Grúpa Oibre Bhord Forbartha Chontae Dhún na nGall ar Thalamhúsaid**

Léirigh an Cathaoirleach don mBord go bhfuil an tUas Tomás Ó Dubhuir, Cathaoirleach BFC Grúpa Oibre ar Thalamhúsaid, ag obair le TEAGASC i gCorcaigh anois agus thug aitheantas dó ar an dea obair a rinne sé mar Chathaoirleach ar Grúpa Oibre ar Thalamhúsaid agus mar ionadaí TEAGASC ar an BFC. Dúirt sé go scríobhfaidh sé chuig an Uas Ó Dubhuir, thar cheann an BFC, chun aitheantas agus buíochas a ghabháil leis ar a chuid oibre ar an BFC agus dea ghuí ina phost nua.

Thug an Cathaoirleach cuireadh don Uas Cathal Mac Suibhne nuashonrú don mBord ar Ghrúpa Oibre Talamhúsaid ar Úsáid Talún. Thug an tUas Mac Suibhne le

hinse don mBord gur bunaíodh an Grúpa Oibre ar Talamhúsaid i mí Mhárta leis na cuspóirí seo leanas:

1. An talamhúsaid a scrúdú agus an úsáid is fearr a bhaint as an acmhainn sin san todhchaí; agus
2. Na tionscnaimh a chaithfear a ghlacadh chun féidearthachtaí úsáid talúin a bhaint amach, a aithint.

D'inis an tUas Mac Suibhne don mBord go raibh ceithre chruinniú ag an ngrúpa agus go bfuil na páirtí leasmhara ábhartha aitheanta chun a bheith pairteach san ngrúpa mar ionadaithe ó TEAGASC, LYIT, EI, Údarás na Gaeltachta, Comhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall, IFA, ICSA, ICMSA, Uachtarlainn Dhún na nGall, Cuideachta Forbartha Áitiúil, An tSeirbhís um Fhaoiseamh Feirmeoireachta, An Taisce, An tSeirbhís um Foraoiseachta, agus rI. Dúirt an tUas Mac Suibhne gur aontaigh an tUas Mac Dubhuir tuarascáil ar thorthaí taighde a chríochnú ar an nGrúpa agus cuirfear iad seo os comhair an BFC i mí Mheán Fhómhair. Clúdeoidh an tuarascáil: Talamhúsaid Reatha, Talamhúsaid Thraidisiúnta, Déirí, Stoc Tirim, (eallach agus caorach), Curaíocht, Foraoiseacht, Talamhúsaid Malartach (Fuinneamh Gaoithe, Táirgeadh Bíthmhaise), Comhshaoil agus Bíthéagsúlacht, Turasóireacht agus Talamhúsaid, agus Acmhainní ar fáil. Dúirt an tUas Mac Suibhne go gcuideoidh an tuarascáil seo le hathbhreithniú an Phlean Forbartha an Chontae

## **BFC 31/10 Nithe ag éirí as na Miontuairiscí**

### **Grúpa Fócais Tionscnamh Kelvin**

Thug an Cathaoirleach cuireadh don Uas Mícheál Ó hÉanaigh chun nuashonrú don mBord.

Thug an tUas Ó hÉanaigh le hinse don mBord go raibh ceardlann eagraithe chun amharc ar phóitéinseáil an ICT agus Tionscnamh Kelvin go hairithe, ó bhí an cruinniú dheireannach den BFC ar siúl ar 2ú Feabhra 2010. Ag tagairt do Cheangaltán 4, thug an tUas Ó hÉanaigh léargas ar an chéad chruinniú den ghrúpa fócais a bhí ar siúl ar 13ú Bealtaine 2010. Dúirt sé go raibh ár gcomharsan i dTuaisceart Éireann an-ghníomhach i bhféidearthachtaí an Tionscnamh Kelvin, agus tá duine fostaithe go lán-aimseartha acu chun an obair a fhorbairt. Thug an tUas Ó hÉanaigh le hinse don mBord go mbeidh ERNACT ag déanamh iarratas ar mhaoiniú Interreg 1Va ar bhun tras teorainn chun tógail ar gníomhaíochtaí ceangálta, thar cheann Comhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall agus Comhairle Cathrach Dhoire, le hionchur agus comhairle ó na gníomhaireachtaí forbartha. Thug an tUas Ó hÉanaigh le hinse go bhfuil Réamheolaire Dhún na nGall a fhorbairt chun gnóanna agus daoine nua a mhealladh isteach go Contae Dhún na nGall agus chun an chontae a thaispeáint mar réigiún chomórtasach de bharr an Tionscnamh Kelvin.

**BFC 32/10 "Athbhreithniú Plean Forbartha Chontae Dhún na nGall" – Cur i láthair le Gearóid mac Risteard, Pleanálaí Sinsearach, Comhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall**

Thug an Cathaoirleach cuireadh don Uas Gearóid Mac Risteard cur i láthair a chur os comhair an Bhoird ar "Athbhreithniú Plean Forbartha Chontae Dhún na nGall". Scaip an tUas Mac Risteard cóipeanna den chur i láthair ar an mBord mar eolas. Thug se le hinse don mBord go bhfuil an Tréimse Comhairliúcháin Phoiblí chun aighneachtaí a dhéanamh ar Athbhreithniú den Plean Forbartha Chontae ag tosnú ar 9ú Iúil 2010 go 24ú Meán Fómhair 2010 (11 seachtainí). Bhéimigh sé an tábhacht leis an Aonad Pleanáil Chun Cinn Dhún na nGall agus an ceangailt le BFC ag an stáid chomhairliúchán seo den phróiséas athbhreithnithe an Phlean Forbartha. Dúirt sé go mbeidh siad ag ceangailt le contrapháirteanna ar leibhéal tras teorainn, réigiúnda agus náisiúnta. Dhírigh an tUas Mac Risteard ar na hábhair seo leanas: Cúlra Phlean Forbartha an Chontae, Pleanáil Ordlatas, An Chéad Tréimhse Comhairliúcháin, Idirghníomaíocht leis an BFC agus an Cur Chuige do Shaoránaigh ar Pleanáil Spáis.

Ghabh an Cathaoirleach buíochas leis an Uas Mac Risteard ar an chur i láthair cuimsitheach agus ar an chomhairle don BFC ar athbhreithniúcháin an Plean Forbartha Contae.

**BFC 33/10 Nuashonrú ar Athbhreithniú BFC 2009 agus Spriocthosaíochta 2009 – 2012**

D'iarr an Cathaoirleach nuashonrú ar na sé Spriocthosaíochta.

**An Rochtanacht ar Sheirbhísí is fearr a chinntiú do phobal Dhún na nGall (Ceangaltán 5)**

Tugadh cuireadh don Uas Donna Nic Rabhartaigh chun nuashonrú don mBord. Ag tagairt do Cheangaltán 5, thug an tUas Nic Rabhartaigh léiriú den mBord faoi thaighde atá faoi bhun ag an Aonad Beartas agus Taighde san am i láthair chun an leibhéal agus méid dífhostaíocht atá i gContae Dhún na nGall a fháil amach. D'inis an Uas Mac Rabhartaigh don mBord go n-inseofar an t-eolas atá cruinnithe ag chomhdháil ar dífhostaíocht a bhéas ar siúl i rith Seachtain Cuimsiú Sóisialta 2010 chun impleachtaí dífhostaíochta agus deiseanna a aithint dóibh siúd atá dífhostaithe ins an chontae. Dúirt Uas Nic Rabhartaigh chomh maith go bhfuil an comhdháil seo a reachtáil i gcomhar le Fó-Ghrúpa Eacnamaíochta an BFC.

Dúirt an tUas Nic Rabhartaigh go bhfuil ullmhúcháin ar bun do Seachtain Cuimsiú Sóisialta 2010 agus go bhfuil imeachtaí na seachtaine seo a reachtáil i gcomhar le himeachtaí náisiúnta chun An Bliain Eorpach um Cuimsiú Sóisialta agus Eisiamh Sóisialta a cheiliúradh, agus beidh sé ar siúl ón 18ú go dtí 22ú Deireadh Fómhair. Thug sí le hinse go mbeidh bróisiúr a fhoillsiú ag léiriú sonraí na n-imeachtaí agus go scaipfear é san Mheán Fhómhair.

Léirigh an Uas Nic Rabhartaigh réimse seirbhísí agus tacaíocht atá a sholáthrú do phobail mhionlaigh eitneacha ins an chontae, agus tá an tionscnamh seo a

reachtáil laistigh de chomhthéacs Comhpháirtíocht um Shíocháin agus Athmhuintearas BFC Dhún na nGall. Tá cur chun cinn suntasach déanta ar gach ceann de na tionscnaimh seo mar:

- Oscailt ionad Fáilte isteach 'Port na Failte' i Leitir Ceanainn
- Bunú Scéim Tuairiscithe Eachtraí Neamhspléach
- Soláthar tacaíochta do sholáthraithe seirbhíse mar seirbhísí leirmhíniú agus aistriúcháin
- Bunú Grúpa Stiúrtha um Ilchíneálacht Chultúrtha Idirghníomhaíochta chun gach tionscnamh a stiúradh

Léirigh an tUas Nic Rabhartaigh an bhaint atá ag an Aonad Cuimsiú Sóisialta le hathbhreithniú Plean Forbartha an Chontae, agus go raibh cruinniú leis an Príomh Aonad Pleanála le goirid chun modhanna comhairliúcháin feabhsaithe a aithint chun a theacht ar éisteacht níos leithne. Dúirt sí go raibh an t-Aonad Cuimsiú Sóisialta ag cur ceardlann ar siúl le hionadaithe ón Earnáil Phobal agus Deonach ar 25ú Meitheamh, agus s'éen aidhm atá leis an cheardlann seo nó iad a bheith ábalta comhairliú ina dtimpeallacht féin, lena ngrúpaí féin, agus aighneachtaí a dhéanamh chun glórtha nach gcloistear ró-mhinic a chloisteáil.

Thagair an tUas Nic Rabhartaigh aird na mbaill ar litir a scaipeadh thar an Uas Séan Ó hÁodha, FSS, maidir le Maoiniú Cuntais Dímhaoin do iarratais Caifé Óige agus dhá iarrthóir a ainmniú chun maoiniú a fháil ó na Cuntais Dímhaoin. Léirigh an tUas Nic Rabhartaigh don mBord go bhfuil an obair seo déanta anois ag Coiste Seirbhísí Leanaí agus d'ainmnigh siad Club Óige Dhún na nGall agus Ionad Fáilte-Isteach ins na Cealla Beaga faoi Mír 1 agus Club Óige Chaisleán na Finne faoi Mír 2. Beidh na hainmniúcháin sin anois i gcomórtas ar bhun náisiúnta le hainmniúcháin ó chontaethe eile.

Gabh an tUas Mícheál Ó hÉanaigh aitheantas leis an Uas Séan Ó hÁodha, FSS, agus le Áine Nic a'tSaoir, FSS, ar mheasúnacht na n-iarratais do mhaoiniú ar Caifé Óige. Bhéimigh an tUas Ó hÉanaigh gur ról tábhachtach de chuid an BFC é. Mhol an Cathaoirleach an dea obair a rinneadh ar an phróiseas measúnachta agus ghabh sé gach rath ar Club Óige Dhún na nGall agus Ionad Fáilte Isteach na gCealla Beaga agus Club Óige Chaisleán na Finne ins an chomórtas naisiúnta.

Ag tagairt do Cheangaltán 5, mhol an tUas Séamus Ó Sléibhín Comhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall ar shon an dul chun cinn le saorálaíochas.

Ag tagairt do Ceangaltán 5, d'fhiafraigh an Clr Tomás Ó Priongail faoi dul chun cinn maidir le athbhreithniú ar an Scéim Náisiúnta um Saorthaisteál tar éis an cur i láthair a thug an tUas Brian Mac Lochlainn ag an chruinniú den BFC i mí Mhárta. Mar fhreagra, tagraíodh an Clr Ó Priongail do Ceangaltán 13 ina bhfuil na litreacha a cuireadh chuig an Aire Éamonn Ó Cuív, TD, Aire an Roinn Coimirce Sóisialaí, agus chuig Noel Dempsey TD, an tAire Iompair, ag iarraidh cruinniú chun an cheist athbhreithnithe ar an Scéim Náisiúnta Saorthaisteál a phlé agus mar a oibríonn sé i gContae Dhún na nGall.

Ag tagairt do Ceangaltán 5, léirigh an Clr Pádraig Mac Lochlainn an tábhacht le hIonaid Eolais do Shaoránaigh i ngach Ionad Seirbhís Poiblí agus an gá leis an tseirbhís seo a thacú, agus a bhfuil mór-éileamh orthu san aimsir seo. D'aontaigh an Cathaoirleach leis an méid seo.

Mhol an tUas Pól Ó Sceineadar an obair atá ar siúl ag an Aonad Beartais agus Taighde, agus go hairithe an ról tábhachtach atá le himirt acu i bhfeabhsúcháin na gcleachtais comhairliúcháin san Plean Forbartha Contae.

Mhol an Cathaoirleach go ndéanfadh an t-Aonad Beartas agus Taighde cur i láthair don Chomhairle iomlán chun an réimse agus éagsúlacht na hoibre a chur in iúl dóibh.

Ag tagairt do chleachtas comhairliúcháin, d'fhiafraigh an tUas Paula Nic Leineacháin faoin dóigh is fearr chun comhairliúcháin a dhéanamh, na ceistanna ag baint leo and an dóigh leis na ceistanna a mheasúnú roimh ré. Dúirt sí go raibh gá le bheith bainteach leis na comhairliúcháin chun sainordú Fóram Pobail an Chontae a bhaint amach. Mhol sí don mBord go gcaithfear an teanga a úsáidfear a bheith soiléir.

D'aontaigh an tUas Mícheál Mac Giolla Uain gur cheart don Aonad Beartas agus Taighde cur i láthair a thabhairt don Chomhairle iomlán. Mhol sé go n-úsáideodh na hIonaid Eolais do Shaoránaigh (CIC) an t-eolas a gheibhtear ar fhadhbanna áitiúla ó na daoine a úsáideann an tseirbhís, a chur á ar fáil do na soláthraithe chun na fadhbanna sin a thuiscint. Thug an tUas mac Giolla Uain le hinse go bhfuil dualgas ar na CICanna a léitheid d'eolas a chur ar aghaidh go dtí an Bord CIC i mBaile Átha Cliath agus gur cheart an t-eolas a úsáid go háitiúil.

#### **BFC 34/10 Acmhainní Cultúrtha an Chontae a fhorbairt go hiomlán (Ceangaltán 4 )**

Tugadh cuireadh den Uas Máirtín Ó Gormliath nuashonrú ar an tuarascáil scaipthe ar an mBord. Thug an tUas Ó Gormliath léargas ar na hAcmhainní Cultúrtha agus thagair sé go hairithe ar an ócaid *Dún na nGall Beo* a bhí ar siúl ar 5ú Bealtaine, agus ar ar iarratas Chathair Dhoire ar ghradam Cathair Cultúrtha Eorpach agus an toradh le fógairt i gceann seachtaine. Bhéimigh an Clr Deasún Ó Lorcáin na buntaistí le hainmniúcháin an Chathair Eorpaigh agus an infheistíocht don chathair agus do mhuintir Dhoire. Tá seo aitheanta ins an athrú dhearfach a tháinig ar Léarpholl nuair a fuair siad onóir an stádais Cathair Cultúrtha Eorpach 2008. Dúirt an Clr Ó Lorcáin go scríobhfadh sé, thar cheann an BFC, chuig na moltóirí chun comhghairdeas a ghabháil le Cathair Dhoire mar Cathair Cultúrtha Eorpach.

Mhol an tUas Mícheál Ó hÉanaigh eagrúcháin Féile an Earagail agus an nasc leis an earnáil turasoíreachta. Mhol an tUas Ó Gormliath an dea cur chuige i n-úsáid an foscríhinn "Déanta i nDún na nGall" i gcuideachta Féile an Earagail. Ghabh an Clr Deasún Ó Lorcáin buíochas leis an gcoiste ar cheiliúraithe 400 bliana i Leitir Ceanainn.

## **BFC 35/10 Forbairt FIONTAR agus SCILEANNA a chur chun cinn sa réigiún**

Tugadh cuireadh don Uas Mícheál Ó Tonnaigh nuashonrú don mBord. Thug an tUas Ó Tonnaigh le hinse don mBord go raibh an chéad cruinniú den Fóra Earnála Forbairt Fiontar agus Scileanna ar siúl i mí Bhealtaine agus go raibh droch fhreastal ó thaobh Forbairt Scileanna de. Scaip an tUas Ó Tonnaigh teimpléid dul chun cinn ar Forbairt Fiontar agus Scileanna ar an mBord agus go raibh an léargas seo teorannaithe d'obair Bord Fiontar an Chontae. Mhol an Cathaoirleach go ndéanfaidís samplaí fochoistí eacnamaíochta i gcontaethe eile a aithint agus feiceáil cen dóigh a n-oibríonn siad sin. D'aontaigh an tUas Ó hÉanaigh an obair seo a dhéanamh agus na moltaí a thabhairt ar ais go dtí an chéad chruinniú eile den BFC.

## **BFC 36/10 BRANDA DHÚN NA NGALL a Fhorbairt trasna na hEarnáil go léir (Ceangaltán 7) TURASÓIREACHT AGUS ACMHAINNÍ NÁDÚRTHA an réigiúin a fhorbairt (Ceangaltán 8)**

### **“Forbhreathnúar Forbairt Turasóireachta i gContae Dhún na nGall” – Cur i Láthair le Uas Caoimhín Ó Conaire, Comhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall**

Thug an Cathaoirleach cuireadh don Uas Caoimhín Ó Conaire chun cur i láthair don mBord ar “Forbhreathnú ar Forbairt Turasóireacht i gContae Dhún na nGall”. Thug an tUas Ó Conaire le hinse don mBord go bhfuil sé ag obair mar Oifigeach Turasóireacht le Comhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall le sé mbliana anuas, le fócas faoi leith ar fhorbairt táirgí turasóireachta le dhá bhliain anois. Dúirt an tUas Ó Conaire go gclúdeoidh an cur i láthair nuashonrú ar Branda Dhún na nGall agus ar Acmhainní Turasóireachta agus Nádurtha i gCeangaltán 7 agus 8 ins an phaca BFC. Scaipeadh cóipeanna den chur i láthair ar an mBord mar eolas.

Rinné an tUas Ó Conaire a chur i láthair don mBord agus chur fócas ar na míreanna seo leanas: Fís Straitéiseach; Cion Tairbhe Eacnamaíochta de Thurasóireacht; Feidhmíocht Turasóireachta – Eochairtháscairí; An fáth go dtagann turasóirí go Dún na nGall; Eochairtharraingtí; Rochtanacht go Contae Dhún na nGall; Gníomhaíochtaí Feachtais Turasóireachta; Forbairt Táirgí agus Turasóireacht Chultúrtha.

Ghabh an Cathaoirleach buíochas leis an Uas Ó Conaire ar an chur i láthair.

Ghabh an Clr Tomás Ó Priongail comhghairdeas leis an Uas an Ó Conaire ar an chur i láthair cuimsitheach. Dúirt an Clr Ó Priongail go dtáinig 37% de thurasóirí ó thar lear go Contae Dhún na nGall, ach nár caitheadh ach 30% de chaitheadh i gContae Dhún na nGall. D'fhiafraigh sé cen dóigh a dtiocfadh le turasóirí tuilleadh a chaitheadh. Dúirt an Clr Ó Priongail go cheart impleachtaí tuirbíní/feirmeacha gaoithe a scrúdú.

Bhéimigh an tUas Séamus Mac Ruairí an tábhacht le caomhnú ár n-acmhainní nádúrtha agus fiadhúlra agus d'fháiltigh sé an fógra faoin uisce mhaith ar thránna Dhún na nGall. Dúirt an tUas Mac Ruairí gur cheart dúinn a bheith eolach faoi na

buntaistí a fhaightear ón tionscal turasóireachta mar iompar, Coláistí Gaeilge agus rí. Dúirt sé gur chóir amharc ar fhorbairt abhainn Ghleann Ghaoth Bearra mar cheantar turasóireachta.

Ghabh an tUas Ó Sléibhín comhghairdeas leis an Uas Ó Conaire ar a chur i láthair agus an tábhacht le turasóireacht i gCo Dhún na nGall. Bhéimigh sé an gá leis an mhéid oícheanta saoire a mhéadú ins an chontae, agus go hairithe dá m'fhéidir seo a dhéanamh i gceantair cosúil Sliabh Liag, Gleann Cholmáille, na Cealla Beaga agus pacáiste margaíochta a chur le chéile. Dúirt sé go gcaithfear an bealach go dtí na Cealla Beaga a chóiriú.

Mhol an tUas Mac Giolla Uain an dea obair atá a chur chun cinn maidir le táirgeadh turasóireachta i gCo Dhún na nGall. Léirigh sé chomh rathúil agus a bhí an tionscnamh *Dún na nGall Beo* a chomhordaigh eagraisí ábhartha éagsúla, agus an gá le heagraíochtaí eile le theacht chun boird chun costais margaíochta a roinnt agus rí. Bhéimigh sé an tábhacht le tionscnóirí imeachtaí mar fhéiltí comhordú a dhéanamh ar a ndialainn san dóigh agus nach mbeidh a lán imeachtaí ar siúl ag an am amháin, mar shampla Scoil Shamhraidh Mhic a'Ghoill agus Féile an Earagail.

Ghabh an tUas Séamus Ó Domhnaill buíochas leis an Uas Ó Conaire agus d'ardaigh sé ceist praghasanna agus go gcaithfear déaláil le seo mar nach bhfuil turasóirí ag iarraidh níos mó a dhíol níos mó.

Mhol an tUas Ó Tonnaigh an obair atá a fhorbairt ar Shliabh Liag agus ar Cheann Mhálainne. Dúirt sé go raibh sé tábhachtach Dún Ghrianán an Ailigh a fhorbairt i mBeart. Ag labhairt faoina bhaint leis an earnáil bidh ins an Bhord Fiontar Contae, dúirt an tUas Ó Tonnaigh gur mhaith leis an earnáil bidh a bheith páirteach leis an earnáil turasóireachta. Dúirt sé go bhfuil turasóirí ann a mian leo díol ar shon taithí mhaith bidh agus nach gcaithfear an praghas a íslíú i gcónaí. Dúirt sé go gcaithfear eolas a thabhairt ar tháirgeadh bidh i gCo Dhún na nGall agus go dtig nascadh leis an earnáil turasóireachta nó cultúrtha.

Ghabh an tUas Mac Lochlainn buíochas leis an Uas Ó Conaire agus léirigh sé na buntáistí do Thurasóireacht Inis Eoghain a bheith lonnaithe san Ionad Seirbhís Pobail i gCarn Domhnaigh. Dúirt sé go dtig le gach duine a fhreastalaíonn ar an Ionad Seirbhísí na seirbhísí / táirgí turasóireachta atá ar fáil a fheiceáil.

Léirigh an tUas Mícheál Mac Giolla Chearra an gá le riachtanais iompair a anailísiú agus d'fhiafraigh sé faoin dóigh a dtig le duine aonarach fáil ó shuíomh go suíomh. Thug an Cathaoirleach le hinse don mBord go bhfuil Turais Úí Mhongáin ag amharc ar an cheist seo san am i láthair agus go mbeidh siad ag oibriú leis an earnáil lóistín. Dúirt an Cathaoirleach chomh maith go mbeidh costaisí áiseanna áirithinte busanna ar-líne daor. Léirigh sé an tábhacht le pacáiste turasóra cuimsitheach a chur le chéile do thurasóirí go Contae Dhún na nGall.

Ag tagairt do Plean Forbartha an Chontae, dúirt an tUas Úna Ní Chrónáin cur cheart uirlis monatóireachta a chur in áit ins an Phlean maidir le forbairt

inmharthanachta de. Bhéimigh sí an tábhacht le caomhnú an timpeallacht nádúrtha agus éiceolaíoch.

Dúirt an tUas Paula Nic Giola Fhinnéin go raibh an Surbhé Seandálaíochta Éireann as dáta. Mhol sí muintearas straitéiseach a fhorbairt le rannóga seandálaíochta na n-institiúid tríú leibhéal ar fud na hÉireann agus Tuaisceart Éireann, chun go dtiocfaidh scolairí seandálaíochta go Contae Dhún na nGall chun staidéar a dhéanamh. D'aontaigh an Cathaoirleach Ikeis an Uas Nic Giolla Fhinnéin agus mhol sé go ndéanfaidh seo tríd Oifig Oidhreachta Chomhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall. Thug an tUas Ó Sléibhín le hinse don mBord go dtéann scolairí seandálaíochta Ollscoil na Banríona go Sligeach ar na turais allamuighe.

Thug an Clr Pádraig Mac Lochlainn le hinse do bhaill an BFC go raibh Seosamh Ó Gallachóir, Oifigeach Oidhreachta an Chomhairle Contae, ag ullmhú tuairisc ar comharthaíocht oidhreachta in Inis Eoghain, agus d'iarr sé nuashonrú don chéad chruinniú eile den BFC san Mheán Fómhair.

Thug an Cathaoirleach le hinse don mBord go mbeidh an y-Oifigeach Oidhreachta do Chomhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall, an tUas Seosamh Ó Gallachóir, ag cruinniú le eochairpháirtithe leasmhara faoi fhorbairt Dún Grianán an Ailigh i mBeart gan mhoill. Dúirt an Cathaoirleach go mbeidh tuarascáil ullmhaithe don chéad chruinniú eile den BFC maidir leis an cheist seo.

Thug an tUas Ó hÉanaigh le hinse don mBord go bhfuil obair ar chomharthaíocht na suíomh oidhreachta ar bun san am i láthair

### **BFC 37/10 Dún na nGall a fhorbairt mar phríomh réigiún do EACNAMAÍOCHT GLAS (Ceangaltán 7)**

Tugadh cuireadh don Uas Cathal Mac Suibhne nuashonrú don mBord. Thug an tUas Mac Suibhne le hinse don mBord go bhfuil roinnt grúpai oibre bunaithe chun an clár Eacnamaíocht Glas a stiúradh, agus go bhfuil Fóram Eacnamaíocht Glas, Cuibhreannas Oiliúna In-athnuáite, Grúpa Idirghníomhaíochta Fuinneamh agus Grúpa Oibre an BFC ina measc. Dúirt an tUas Mac Suibhne go bhfuil taighde leanúnach siúl ar fad faoi úsáid bhreosla an earnáil chomh maith le samhail deachleachtas ins an earnáil phoiblí ar úsáid acmhainní gaoithe agus in-athnuaithe. Dúirt sé go bhfuil fuinneamh gaoithe, fuinneamh adhmaid, eolas a roinnt ar bhun Eorpach, Crios Éifeachtúlacht Fuinnimh an SEI agus córais éifeachtúlacht fuinnimh ina measc. Dúirt sé gur glacadh le hiarratas an BFC chun a bheith mar cheantar píolótach faoin chlár WDC RASLRES agus go bhfeicfear measúnú innealltóireachta a dhéanamh ar fhoirgnimh ghníomhaíochtaí an earnáil phoiblí chun athrú go córais fuinnimh adhmaid. Dúirt sé go bhfuil obair ar siúl ar fad i bhforbairt an earnáil forbartha gaoithe.

### **BFC 38/10 Coiste Cúraim Leanaí Dhún na nGall – Nuashonrú (Ceangaltán 11)**

D'inis an tUas Máirtín Ó Gormliath don mBord go raibh comhdháil *Páistí Saoraoin: Cumasúcháin Foghlamtha Ghníomhach Luath-Óige*, ar siúl ag Coiste Cúraim

Leanaí Contae Dhún na nGall ins an Silver Tassie ar 8ú Bealtaine 2010. Thug sé le hinse gur fhreastal 450 duine ón earnail cúraim leanaí ar an ócáid seo agus go raibh an-rath air.

Mhol an tUas Ó Gormliath go gcuirfidh litir chuig gach baill den BFC maidir le freastal ar chruinnithe agus iad a chur ar an eolas faoi na dátaí den chuid eile den bhliain.

### **BFC 39/10 Eagrán 7 – Ríomhíris Pobal Dhún na nGall i dTeagmháil (Ceangaltan 14)**

Thug an Cathaoirleach le hinse go bhfuil Eagrán 7 den Ríomhíris Pobal Dhún na nGall i dTeagmháil scaipthe anois agus ghabh sé buíochas leis an Uas Róisín Nic Giolla Bhríde ar shon é a chomhordú.

### **BFC 40/10 Aon Gnó Eile**

Ghabh an Cathaoirleach aitheantas leis na baill a chuaigh ar scoir ón BFC ar shon luach a gcuid oibre, iad sin: An tUas Tomás Mac Dubhuir, ionadaí TEAGASC, agus Cathal Mac Suibhne, Údarás na Gaeltachta, agus ghuí sé gach rath orthu ina saoil.

Léirigh an Cathaoirleach don mBord gurbh é seo cruinniú dheireannach suí ar chruinniú an BFC don Uas Mícheál Mac Giolla Uain, Bainisteoir Chontae Dhún na nGall, mar go bhfuil sé ag dul ar scoir i mí Iúil. Thar cheann an BFC, ghabh an Cathaoirleach ómós leis an an Uas mac Giolla Uain ar shon a dhílseacht, fuinneamh, intleacht, fadcheann, ina ról ar Chomhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall agus ar Bord Forbartha Chontae Dhún na nGall. Mhol sé a chuid oibre ar BLG agus ar Trasfhoirmiú na Seirbhísí Pobail agus an méid a rinne sé don earnáil phoiblí ag leibhéal contae agus an BFC. Ghabh an Cathaoirleach buíochas leis an Uas Mac Giolla Uain thar fhéin agus thar na hIar-Chathaoirligh den BFC.

Ghabh an tUas Mícheál Ó hÉanaigh buíochas leis an Uas Mac Giolla Uain, thar cheann Stiúrthóireacht Pobail, Cultúr agus Pleanáil Chomhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall, ar shon a a thacaíocht leanúnach don BFC. Ní thiocfaidh an obair a rinne sé a mheas faoina chumas agus tá seo aitheanta, ach go hairithe, i gContae Dhún na nGall. Dúirt an tUas Ó hÉanaigh go raibh súil aige go mbeadh an BFC ag comhoibriú leis an Uas Mac Giolla Uain san todhchaí.

Mhol an tUas Séamus Mac Ruairí an méid oibre a chur an tUas Mac Giolla Uain isteach i bhforbairt Chontae Dhún na nGall agus ghuí sé gach rath air don todhchaí.

Léirigh an tUas Mícheál Ó Tonnaigh an leagaid atá fágtha ag an Uas Mac Giolla Uain i dtarraingt na ngníomhaireachtaí le chéile i gcomhpháirtíocht tuairim sé nó seacht mbliana déag ó shoin tríd an Grúpa Straitéise Contae agus atá ag gabháil go dtí an lá atá inniú ann.

Mhol an tUas Pól Ó Sceineadar an ról a d'imir an tUas Mac Giolla Uain san Chuimsiú Sóisialta agus an cur chuige pobaldhírithé do fhorbairt an Chontae. Ghuí sé gach rath air don todhchaí.

Thug an tUas Máirtín Ó Gormliath aitheantas don Uas Mac Giolla Uain ar shon nithe ábhartha don Chontae agus ar a chuid smaointe straitéiseach. Ghuí sé gach rath air don todhchaí.

Dúirt an tUas Pádraig Mac Lochlainn go raibh tuairimí dearfacha faoi leagáid an Bhainisteoir Contae do Chontae Dhún na nGall agus dúirt sé chomh maith go raibh fíis iontach aige don earnail phoiblí.

Dúirt an Bainisteoir Contae, Mícheál Mac Giolla Uain, go gcreideann sé san phróiséas compháirtíochta agus gur bhain sé sult as bheith ag obair leis an choincheap comhpháirtíochta. Bhéimigh an tUas Mac Giolla Uain an tábhacht le forbairt eacnamaíoch, sóisialta agus cultúrtha i gContae Dhún na nGall agus ghabh sé buíochas le baill Chomhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall ar shon aontú lena mholadh ar bhunú an Rannóg Pobal agus Fiontar le hacmhainní bunúsacha. Mhol an tUas Mac Giolla Uain an foireann proifisiúnta agus ardchaighdeánach ins an Rannóg Pobal agus Fiontar a chuidigh le forbairt na stuchtúir earnála. Dúirt sé go raibh sé tábhachtach smaoineadh go hearnálach agus gníomhú go comhoibreach. Thagair an tUas Mac Giolla Uain den tsuim atá aige san Cuimsiú Sóisialta agus éisteacht le daoine nach gcluintear ró-mhinic. Bhain an tUas Mac Giolla Uain sult as a chuid oibre le Bord Forbartha an Chontae agus dúirt sé go raibh an taitheamhach agus luachmhar.

Chuir seo críoch leis an chruinniú.

Sínithe: \_\_\_\_\_ Dáta: \_\_\_\_\_

Molta ag: \_\_\_\_\_ Cuidithe ag: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dáta an chéad chruinniú eile den BFC ar 7ú Meán Fómhair 2010**

**MINUTES OF THE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING HELD ON  
15<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2010 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, LETTERKENNY PUBLIC SERVICES CENTRE**

**Attendance/I Láthair**

<b>Cllr. Dessie Larkin</b>	<b>Donegal County Council</b>
<b>Cllr. Ciaran Brogan</b>	<b>Donegal County Council;;</b>
<b>Cllr. David Alcorn</b>	<b>Údarás na Gaeltachta</b>
<b>Cllr. Thomas Pringle</b>	<b>Donegal County Council</b>
<b>Mr Michael McLoone</b>	<b>County Manager, Donegal County Council</b>
<b>Mr Gearóid O'Smoláin</b>	<b>Údarás na Gaeltachta</b>
<b>Ms Mary McGowan</b>	<b>County Community Forum</b>
<b>Mr Mura McLaughlin</b>	<b>County Community Forum</b>
<b>Mr Seamus Rodgers</b>	<b>ICTU</b>
<b>Ms. Pauline White</b>	<b>Western Development Commission</b>
<b>Mr Seamus Mac Suibhne</b>	<b>Meitheal Forbatha na Gaeltachta Teo</b>
<b>Mr Paul Skinnader</b>	<b>Pobail</b>
<b>Mr James O'Donnell</b>	<b>ICMSA</b>
<b>Cllr. Phonsie Travers</b>	<b>Ballyshannon Town Council</b>
<b>Mr Michael O'hEanaigh</b>	<b>Donegal County Council</b>
<b>Ms. Paula Leonard</b>	<b>County Community Forum</b>
<b>Mr Jim Slevin</b>	<b>DLDC</b>
<b>Cllr. Pádraig MacLochlainn</b>	<b>Donegal County Council</b>
<b>Mr Michael Tunney</b>	<b>Donegal County Enterprise Board</b>
<b>Mr Michael Carr</b>	<b>FAS</b>
<b>Ms Una Cronin</b>	<b>Environmental Pillar</b>
<b>Mr Martin Gormley</b>	<b>Donegal County Childcare Committee</b>
<b>Mr John Andy Bonar</b>	<b>LYIT</b>

**Apologies/Leithscealta**

<b>Mr Tom O'Dwyer</b>	<b>Teagasc</b>
<b>Ms Maire O'Leary</b>	<b>HSE</b>
<b>Mr Owen Doyle</b>	<b>BIM</b>
<b>Ms Méabh Conaghan</b>	<b>Enterprise Ireland</b>
<b>Mr Joe McHugh</b>	<b>IDA</b>
<b>Ms MaryAnn Kane</b>	<b>VEC</b>
<b>Ms Mary O'Malley</b>	<b>FAS</b>
<b>Ms Shauna McClenaghan</b>	<b>Inishowen Development Partnership</b>
<b>Mr Pádraig O'Grady</b>	<b>IBEC</b>
<b>Mr Paul Hannigan</b>	<b>LYIT</b>
<b>Cllr Noel McBride</b>	<b>Donegal County Council</b>
<b>Cllr. Michael McMullen</b>	<b>Bundoran Town Council</b>

**Officials in Attendance/Oifigigh ag Freastal**

<b>Ms. Maria Ferguson</b>	<b>Strategic Policy Manager</b>
<b>Ms. Roisin McBride</b>	<b>Research Officer</b>
<b>Ms Rosita Mahony</b>	<b>Research Officer</b>
<b>Ms. Loretta McNicholas</b>	<b>Research Manager</b>
<b>Mr Kevin O'Connor</b>	<b>Tourism Development Officer</b>
<b>Mr Gerry Richards</b>	<b>Central Planning Unit, Donegal County Council</b>
<b>Ms Carol Margey</b>	<b>EU Policy and Funding Unit</b>
<b>Ms Eileen Burgess</b>	<b>Cultural Services</b>
<b>Mr Charles Sweeney</b>	<b>Area Manager</b>
<b>Ms Donna McGroarty</b>	<b>Assistant Social Inclusion Officer</b>

The Chairperson, Cllr Dessie Larkin, welcomed all CDB members to the meeting, and in particular Mr Michael Carr representing FAS, Mr John Andy Bonar representing LYIT and Mr *Gearóid* O'Smoláin representing Údarás na Gaeltachta. The Chairperson also

welcomed the new two CDB members in attendance, Ms Mary McGowan and Mr Mura McLaughlin representing the County Community Forum. The Chairperson noted he had received correspondence, from Ms Mary McGowan on behalf of the County Community Forum, and will respond to the contents in this letter in the near future on behalf of the CDB.

Apologies for the meeting were noted.

## **CDB 27/10 Minutes of the CDB Meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

The minutes of the CDB meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2010, having been circulated, were adopted on the proposal of Cllr Thomas Pringle and seconded by Ms Pauline White.

Mr Seamus Rodger referred members to minute reference CDB 14/10, regarding the improvement works needed on the visitor facilities / waiting room facilities on Aranmore Island, and advised that this matter needs immediate attention by Donegal County Council. In response, the Chairperson advised that the will be raised and requested a copy of the correspondence received by Mr Rodgers for reference.

## **CDB 28/10 Matters Arising from Minutes**

### ***Mapping Key Economic Infrastructure in County Donegal'* CDB Economic (Enterprise and Skills) Priority**

The Chairperson invited Ms Loretta McNicholas to give an update to the Board.

Ms McNicholas, referring members to the draft report which was circulated, gave an update on the development of the County Profile Sectoral Papers – Mapping Key Economic Infrastructure in County Donegal'' CDB Economic (Enterprise and Skills) Priority. Ms McNicholas gave members an overview of the draft paper highlighting the key findings to date and provided detail on the maps included. Ms McNicholas thanked Ms Rosita Mahony for her assistance in developing this paper, and, in particular, for her expertise in creating the maps.

Cllr Thomas Pringle thanked Ms McNicholas for a very interesting presentation. Cllr Pringle advised that the deep-water port in the County had been omitted from the paper and that it should be included for the future economic development of the County.

Ms Paula Leonard advised that further examination is needed into the gas resources in County Donegal as well as wind resources, to identify the true economic potential that exists in this area.

Ms Pauline White, circulated a summary note to the board on the review that was undertaken by Gaslink of towns that are currently not connected to the national gas network. Ms White informed the board that this "New Towns Analysis Phase III: Final Report" was published by Gaslink on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2010 and it contains the results for 39 towns, 12 of which are in the Western Region, with 5 in County Donegal. Ms White advised the board that the results were negative, with only 4 out of the 39 towns qualifying for connections, and none of these towns are in the Western Region. Ms White advised that each town was analysed by current and future demand, and current and protected population growth. Ms White stressed that this non-eligibility for connection was an issue of concern for County Donegal, and over the next number of months the Western Development Commission will examine this Gaslink Review further due to the importance of natural gas to the development of the region.

Cllr. Pádraig MacLochlainn commented Ms McNicholas on this useful body of work and highlighted the importance of the CDB in mapping key infrastructure in County Donegal and its potential for economic progress. Cllr MacLochlainn stressed the importance of County Donegal marketing itself as part of the North West Region when developing its key infrastructural needs, and highlighted the joint investment that has been made to date by both the Irish and British governments. Cllr MacLochlainn noted the critical mass of the NW Region, and referred to the counties of Donegal, Derry, Tyrone, Fermanagh, Sligo and Leitrim. Cllr MacLochlainn informed the board that a Senior Investment Group would soon be announcing their plans to invest in the North West Region due to its graduate levels (LYIT), infrastructure, potential for growth etc.

The County Manager, Mr Michael McLoone, stressed the importance of using this mapping to link to the constraints to enterprise development in the county. Mr McLoone advised that projected investment in County Donegal needs be added to the maps to include funds for capital works and funds allocated by the enterprise development agencies. Mr McLoone stated that it is necessary to project what infrastructure / development is likely to exist in 2014. Mr McLoone advised that the Research and Policy Unit needs to identify through the enterprise agencies that exist in the county (CEB, EI, IDA & Udaras), the companies that are located in Donegal at present and also identify the potential for future expansion of these companies. Mr McLoone stressed that the needs of new start-ups should be identified in terms of grid connection, telecommunications etc. Mr McLoone concluded by commenting that this analysis is needed for County Donegal to cultivate a new economy with the objective of enterprise development and job creation. Mr McLoone asked that the development agencies assist with this piece of work.

The Chairperson questioned if there is an analysis for new licences for connection to new gas pipelines such as Scotland, due to close proximity. In response, Ms Pauline White noted that the analysis only considered connection to the existing gas line and did not examine new connections elsewhere.

Mr Jim Slevin noted the significant opportunities that exist by looking at County Donegal as part of a region (with Derry, Tyrone, Fermanagh, Sligo and Leitrim) and not standalone.

Ms Loretta McNicholas highlighted the need for each of the CDB agencies to work along with the Research and Policy Unit in the development of this paper by providing the relevant information. Mr McLoone recommended that a letter be sent to the enterprise agencies of the CDB (Enterprise Ireland, Udaras, County Enterprise Board and the IDA) and request information on the current companies located in County Donegal, infrastructural requirements and constraints.

Mr Seamus Rodgers thanked Loretta for a comprehensive overview of the economic paper and noted the need for gas lines and rail networks to be available in County Donegal. Mr Rodgers noted that the access road to Carrickfinn Airport is in need of repair.

Mr Michael Tunney commended Ms McNicholas on the paper, and stressed that while infrastructural needs are important, the need to find people with business ideas is essential. Mr Tunney stated that the real issue was to identify more business set-ups in order to create employment.

Mr McLoone stressed that we need to get to the stage where companies that are already located in County Donegal and people who would like to expand their current business, or set up new businesses or locate their existing business in County Donegal agree that there are no infrastructural or service constraints to locating their business in County Donegal. Mr McLoone highlighted that when we have reached this stage, the message that there are no constraints to operating business in County Donegal can be communicated through the right channels. Mr McLoone advised that the next step is to establish links between enterprise promoters and infrastructure providers. Mr McLoone noted that he would encourage Enterprise Ireland to promote this approach at both county and regional level.

Cllr Ciaran Brogan noted that all of the CDB partners needs to play a role and buy into the CDB concept, and in relation to this particular matter it is very important that the enterprise development agencies such as Enterprise Ireland and the IDA attend the CDB meetings. Cllr Brogan stressed the need for the agencies to be using the information that Ms McNicholas has presented. Cllr Brogan also noted that it is very important that we do not lose sight of the positive attributes of County Donegal has, and high quality of life it has to offer. Cllr Brogan stressed that there are a significant number of struggling business in County Donegal who need support, and all of our attention should not focus on new enterprise alone. Cllr Brogan concluded by noting that all CDB partners should share a sense of purpose by sitting on the CDB.

Cllr David Alcorn agreed that enterprise development is a very important issue and praised the work of Údarás na Gaeltachta in the development of the Gaeltacht areas of County Donegal, who could not have managed without their assistance over the years. Cllr Alcorn noted the importance of Enterprise Ireland and the IDA attending CDB meetings. Cllr Alcorn agreed with the comment made by Mr Seamus Rodgers that further funding is needed to improve the road access route to Carrickfinn Airport. Cllr Alcorn advised the board that plans for such road improvements had been drawn up and sent to the department, however, lack of available funding is now the issue.

The Chairperson advised the board that he would write a letter to the CDB representatives of Enterprise Ireland and the IDA on behalf of the CDB, to request their attendance and input at meetings as they play an integral role in enterprise development.

## **CDB 29/10 Matters Arising from Minutes**

### **Update from CDB Strategy Day, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

The Chairperson invited Ms Maria Ferguson to give an update to the Board

Referring the members to Attachment 3, Ms Ferguson thanked all those members for attended and participating in the Annual CDB Strategy Day on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2010. Ms Ferguson thanked Ms Roisin McBride for her assistance in organising the event. Ms Ferguson acknowledged the excellent speakers at the event who spoke from both national and local perspectives. Ms Ferguson informed members that the Attachment 3 includes a summary of commentary and feedback from attendees at the event and recommended that the sectoral fora take on board this feedback when planning strategies over the next number of months in areas such as culture, the green economy, County Development Plan, renewables, non use of land etc. Ms Ferguson thanked all the speakers who presented at the event.

Ms Ferguson advised members of the board that the CDB Website would be redeveloped over the next number of months. Ms Ferguson highlighted that work is ongoing in

identifying other successful CDB websites and how Donegal CDB can replicate this into a success model to cater for our needs.

The Chairperson thanked members for attending the Annual CDB Strategy Day and acknowledged the work of Ms Roisin McBride in organising the event.

## **CDB 30/10 Matters Arising from Minutes**

### **Donegal County Development Board Working Group on Land Use**

The Chairperson informed the Board, that Mr Tom O'Dwyer, Chair of the CDB Working Group on Land Use, has moved to a new role in Teagasc in Cork, and acknowledged the great work that Mr O'Dwyer had undertaken as both Chair of the Land Use Working Group and representative for Teagasc on the CDB. The Chairperson advised the board that he would write to Mr O'Dwyer on behalf of the CDB to acknowledge his contribution of the CDB and wish him well in his new job.

The Chairperson invited Mr Charles Sweeney to give an update to the Board on the CDB Working Group on Land Use. Mr Sweeney advised the board that the land use working group was set up in March with the following objectives:

1. to examine the land use resource and make recommendations as to the best use to be made of that resource into the future; and
2. to identify the initiatives, which need to be taken to ensure that the land use potential is realised.

Mr Sweeney informed the board that to date four meetings of the group had taken place and key stakeholders were identified to participate in the group such as representatives from Teagasc, LYIT, CEB, EI, Udaras, Donegal County Council, IFA, ICSA, ICMSA, Donegal Creameries, Farm Relief Services, Local Development Companies, An Taisce, Forestry Sector etc. Mr Sweeney advised the board that Mr O'Dwyer has agreed to complete a report on the findings of the working group to date and this will be presented at the CDB meeting in September. Mr Sweeney commented that areas the report will cover includes: Current Land Usage, Traditional Land Uses: Dairy, Drystock (Cattle and Sheep) and Tillage, Forestry, Alternative Land Uses (Wind Energy, Biomass Production), Environment and Biodiversity, Tourism and Land Use, and Available Resources. Mr Sweeney noted that this report will assist in the review of the County Development Plan.

## **CDB 31/10 Matters Arising from Minutes**

### **Project Kelvin Focus Group Update**

The Chairperson invited Mr Michael O'hEanaigh to give an update to the Board.

Mr O'hEanaigh advised the board, that following on from the CDB meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2010, it was agreed to form a Project Kelvin Focus Group. This group was set up due to the importance of Project Kelvin to County Donegal in the areas of inward investment and job creation. Referring members of Attachment 4, Mr O'hEanaigh gave an overview of the inaugural meeting of the focus group, which took place on the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2010. Mr O'hEanaigh advised the board that our neighbours in Northern Ireland are very active in realising the full potential of Project Kelvin, and have recently employed a person to work on the development of this on a full time basis. Mr O'hEanaigh informed the board that Ernact will be applying for Interreg IVA funding on a cross border basis for actions to build on the Project Kelvin connectivity, on behalf of

Donegal County Council and Derry City Council with input and guidance from the development agencies. Mr O'hEanaigh noted that a Donegal Prospectus was being developed to attract new businesses and people into County Donegal and also to present the county as part of a region with a competitive advantage due to Project Kelvin. Mr O'hEanaigh agreed to report on progress as this initiative develops.

**CDB 32/10 "Review of the Donegal County Development Plan", Presentation by Mr. Gerry Richards, Senior Planner, Donegal County Council**

The Chairperson invited Mr Gerry Richards to make his presentation on the "Review of the Donegal County Development Plan". Mr Richards circulated copies of the presentation to the board for their information. Mr Richards advised the board that the Public Consultation Period to make submissions into the review of the County Development Plan will commence on the 9th July to 24th September 2010 (11 weeks). Mr Richards highlighted the importance of the Forward Planning Unit of Donegal engaging with members of the CDB at this initial consultation stage of the County Development Plan Review Process and noted that they will also be engaging with counterparts on a cross border, regional and national level. Mr Richards presentation focused on the following areas: Background of the County Development Plan; Planning Hierarchy; The Initial Consultation Period; Fundamental Changes Since 2006; Content - Statutory Objectives; The Role of the CDB; Interaction with the CDB and the Citizen-Focused Approach To Spatial Planning

The Chairperson thanked Mr Richards for his comprehensive presentation and for advising the CDB on how the current County Development Plan will be reviewed.

**CDB 33/10 Update on CDB Review 2009 and Priority Goals 2009-2012**

The Chairperson invited updates on each of the six priority goals.

**To ensure best ACCESS TO SERVICES for the community of Donegal (Attachment 3)**

Ms Donna McGroarty was invited to give an update to the Board. Referring the members to Attachment 5, Ms McGroarty advised the board of the research which is currently being undertaken by the Research & Policy Unit to ascertain the level and extent of unemployment in Donegal. Ms McGroarty informed the board that the information collated will inform a conference on unemployment which will be held during Social Inclusion Week 2010 to examine the impact of unemployment and to identify opportunities to support those who are unemployed in the county. Ms McGroarty added that this conference will also be held in conjunction with the CDB Economic Sub Group.

Ms McGroarty informed the board that the planning of Social Inclusion Week is well underway, and this week of events is being held in conjunction with national events to mark the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion and is being run from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October. Ms McGroarty advised the board that a brochure will be published and circulated in September detailing all the events.

Ms McGroarty outlined the range of services and supports being delivered to ethnic minority communities in the county, and this project is being delivered within the context of the Donegal CDB Peace & Reconciliation Partnership. Significant progress has been made in each of these projects including:

- The opening of 'Port na Failte' Drop in centre in Letterkenny
- Setting up of an Independent Incident Reporting Scheme
- The delivery of supports to service providers such as interpretation and translation services
- The setting up of an interagency Cultural Diversity Steering Group to guide the work of each of the projects.

Ms McGroarty informed the board of the Social Inclusion Unit's involvement in the review of the County Development Plan, and recently met with the Central Planning Unit to identify ways of improving our consultation methods thus reaching a wider audience. Ms McGroarty highlighted that the Social Inclusion Unit are holding a workshop with representatives from the Community & Voluntary sector on the 25th June, and the aim of this workshop is to equip them with the tools to hold consultations in their own environment with their own target group(s) and to make submissions which will result in the voices of the seldom heard, being heard.

Ms McGroarty referred the members to the letter circulated on behalf of John Hayes, HSE regarding Dormant Account Funding for Youth Cafes and advised that the Chairperson of the CDB requested the Children's Services Committee to undertake the assessment of applications for funding for Youth Cafes and to nominate two applicants to receive funding from the Dormant Accounts. Ms McGroarty advised the board that the Children's Services Committee has now completed this work and has nominated the South Donegal Youth and Drop-in Centre in Killybegs under Strand 1 and Castlefin Youth Club under Strand 2. These nominations will now compete in a national basis against nominations from other counties.

Mr Michael O'hEanaigh acknowledged the role undertaken by Mr John Hayes, HSE, and Ms Mary McAteer, HSE, in the evaluation of the applications received seeking funding for youth cafes. Mr O'hEanaigh stressed that this is a very important role of the CDB. The Chairperson commended the work all of those involved in the evaluation process and wished South Donegal Youth Club and Drop-in Centre in Killybegs and Castlefin Youth Club success in the national competition.

Mr Jim Slevin referring to Attachment 5 commended Donegal County Council involvement in promoting volunteerism.

Cllr Thomas Pringle, referring to Attachment 5, enquired if any progress had been made in relation to the review of the National Free Travel Scheme following the presentation made by Mr Barney McLaughlin at the last CDB meeting held in March. In response, Cllr Pringle was referred to Attachment 13, which contained the letters that were sent to Mr Eamon O Cuiv TD, Minister for Social Protection and Mr Noel Dempsey TD, Minister of Transport requesting a meeting to discuss the possibility of reviewing the Free Travel Pass Scheme and its operation in County Donegal.

Referring to Attachment 5, Cllr Pdraig MacLochlainn highlighted the importance of the Citizens Information Centres in each of the Public Service Centres and the need to continue to support this critical service, which is experiencing overwhelming demand in the present climate. The Chairperson concurred with this comment.

Mr Paul Skinnader acknowledged the work of the Social Inclusion Unit, and in particular the significant role it will play in the improvement of consultation practices in the review of the County Development Plan.

The Chairperson recommended that the Social Inclusion Unit make a presentation to the full Council on the wide variety of work they are involved in.

Ms Paula Leonard referring to consultation practices questioned what is the best way to do consultations, what are the issues and how do we ascertain the issues in advance. Ms Leonard advised that involvement in these consultations is necessary in achieving the mandate of the County Community Forum, as their role is to represent the views of the community and voluntary sector. Ms Leonard advised the board that our use of language needs to be clear.

Mr McLoone agreed that the Social Inclusion Unit should make a presentation to the full Council. Mr McLoone recommended that the Citizen Information Centres (CICs) use the information that is available locally on the problems that people who use the centres are experiencing and share this information with service providers in order for them to gain an understanding of these problems. Mr. McLoone advised the board that the CICs are required to send such information to the CIC Board in Dublin, and suggested that this data should also be used locally.

#### **CDB 34/10 To fully develop the County's CULTURAL RESOURCES (Attachment 4)**

Mr Martin Gormley was invited to give an update to the Board on the report as circulated. Mr Gormley gave an overview of the Cultural Resources and made particular reference to the Donegal Live Event that was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> May, and Derry City's bid for City of Culture, with the successful city being announced in the coming week. Cllr Dessie Larkin stressed the benefits of being named City of Culture, it would be a great investment to both the city and people of Derry, and this is evident in the positive transformation that Liverpool underwent when they were honoured with European City of Culture status in 2008. Cllr Larkin advised the board that he will write to judges on behalf of the CDB to congratulate Derry as a City of Culture.

Mr Michael O'hEanaigh commended the organisation of the Earagail Arts Festival and it's linking in with the tourism sector. Mr Gormley acknowledged the great approach in using the "Made in Donegal" caption in association with the Earagail Arts Festival. Cllr Dessie Larkin congratulated the organising committee of the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Letterkenny celebrations.

#### **CDB 35/10 To Promote ENTERPRISE & SKILLS development in the region**

Mr Michael Tunney was invited to give an update to the Board. Mr Tunney advised the board that the first meeting of the Enterprise and Skills Development Sectoral Fora was held in May and was poorly attended by the Skills Development side. Mr Tunney circulated the progress template for Enterprise and Skills Development to the board and advised that this update was limited to the work of the County Enterprise Board. The chairman proposed that other models of economic sub committees in other counties would be identified and examined to see how they operate. Mr O'hEanaigh agreed to carry out this piece of work and bring recommendations to the next CDB meeting.

#### **CDB 36/10 To develop a DONEGAL BRAND across all sectors (Attachment 7) To develop the region's TOURISM AND NATURAL RESOURCES (Attachment 8)**

**"Overview of Tourism Development in County Donegal" Presentation by Mr Kevin O'Connor, Donegal County Council.**

The Chairperson invited Mr Kevin O'Connor to make his presentation on the "Overview of Tourism Development in County Donegal". Mr O'Connor informed the board that he has been working as Tourism Development Officer in Donegal County Council for the last six years, with particular focus in the area of tourism product development for the last two years. Mr O'Connor outlined that his presentation will also cover the Donegal Brand Update and Tourism & Natural Resources Update as included in the CDB Pack as Attachment 7 and 8 respectively. Copies of Mr O'Connor's presentation were circulated to the board for their information.

Mr O'Connor made this presentation to the members and it focused on the following areas: Strategic Vision; Economic Contribution of Tourism; Tourism Performance – Key indicators; Why Visitors Come to Donegal?; Key Attractions; Access to County Donegal; Tourism Promotion Activities; Product Development and Cultural Tourism.

The Chairperson thanked Mr O'Connor for his informative presentation.

Cllr Thomas Pringle congratulated Mr O'Connor on his comprehensive presentation. Referring to the presentation, Cllr Pringle highlighted that 37% of overseas visitors who visited the NW Region came to County Donegal, however, only 30% of the visitor spend took place in County Donegal. Cllr Pringle questioned how could visitors in County Donegal be encouraged to spend more. Cllr Pringle referring to the green economy and the objective to promote the expansion of wind energy in Donegal, advised that the impact of wind turbines / farms on the tourism sector should be examined.

Mr Seamus Rodgers stressed the importance of protecting our natural resources and wildlife, and welcomed the announcement of the good rating of water quality on Donegal beaches. Mr Rodgers advised that we should be aware of the spin offs of tourism to industries such as transport, Irish colleges etc. Mr Rodgers advised that it would be a worthwhile exercise to examine the Gweebarra River Valley as an area for development with a tourism focus.

Mr Jim Slevin congratulated Mr Kevin O'Connor on his presentation, and highlighted the importance of the tourism industry to County Donegal. Mr Slevin stressed the need to increase the number of overnight visitors to the county, and if possible, areas such as Slieve League, Glencolmcille and Killybegs should be marketed together as a package. Mr Slevin noted that the road to Killybegs needs to be improved.

Mr McLoone commended the great work that is progressed in the area of tourism product development in County Donegal. Mr McLoone highlighted the success of the Donegal Live Initiative, which was co-ordinated by key agencies, and stressed the need for other bodies to come on board to share the costs of marketing e.g. public and private sector. Mr McLoone recommended that a cost analysis be conducted of visitor costs in the North West Region compared to our South East competitors. Mr McLoone noted the importance of organisers of events and festivals to co-ordinate their diaries and share information in advance in order to prevent the dates of events clashing (e.g. MacGill Summer School and Earagails Arts Festival).

Mr James O'Donnell thanked Mr O'Connor for his presentation and highlighted that price sensitivity is an issue that needs to be tackled, as visitors are not willing to pay more any longer.

Mr Michael Tunney commended the great work that is being developed in Slieve League and Malin Head. Mr Tunney highlighted the importance of developing the Grianan Aileach Ring Fort in Burt. Mr Tunney, speaking through his involvement with the food

sector in the County Enterprise Board, stated that the food sector would like to become involved in the tourism sector. Mr Tunney noted that there is a segment of visitor who would be willing to pay extra for a good food experience, and reducing prices is not always essential. Mr Tunney commented the food and visitors experience with food can add to their cultural experience of County Donegal. Mr Tunney highlighted that awareness needs to be raised on food production in County Donegal and, if appropriate, how this can be linked to the tourism or cultural sector.

Cllr Pdraig MacLochlainn thanked Mr O'Connor for his presentation and highlighted the benefits of Inishowen Tourism recently relocating to Carndonagh Public Service Centre. Cllr MacLochlainn noted that all those persons who visit the public service centre for whatever reason, will be able to see the local tourism services / products that are available.

Mr Michael Carr highlighted that the transportation needs of standalone visitors needs to be analysed, and queried how to develop a product to get visitors who do not have cars from site to site. The Chairperson informed the board that Mangan Bus Tours are currently looking at this matter and will be working with the accommodation sector. The Chairperson advised the set up costs for online bookings facilities and the cost of buses etc. will be quite significant. The Chairperson noted the importance of offering a full visitor package for visitors to County Donegal.

Ms Una Cronin, referring to the review of the County Development Plan, advised that a monitoring tool should be incorporated into the Plan from a sustainable development perspective. Ms Cronin highlighted the importance of protecting the natural and ecological environment.

Ms Paula Leonard highlighted that the Archaeological Survey of Ireland is outdated. Ms Leonard suggested that strategic relationships be developed with archaeological departments in the various third level institutions through Ireland and Northern Ireland, to encourage students carrying out academic surveys in the field of archaeology to visit County Donegal to do these studies. The Chairperson agreed with Ms Leonard and advised that this could be explored further through the Heritage Office of Donegal County Council. Mr Slevin informed the board the archaeological students from Queens University in Belfast are sent to Sligo to complete their field trips.

Cllr. Pdraig Mac Lochlainn advised CDB members that Mr. Joe Gallagher, Heritage Officer is currently preparing a report on heritage signage in Inishowen and requested that an update be brought to the next CDB meeting in September.

The Chairperson advised the board that Mr Joe Gallagher, Heritage Officer, Donegal County Council will be convening a meeting in the near future with the key stakeholders involved in the development of the **Grianan** Aileach Ring Fort in Burt. The Chairperson noted that following this meeting; a report will be prepared for the next CDB meeting.

Mr O'hEanaigh informed the board that the signposting of heritage sites is work in progress.

### **CDB 37/10 To develop Donegal as a lead region for the GREEN ECONOMY (Attachment 9)**

Mr Charles Sweeney was invited to give an update to the Board. Mr Sweeney informed the board that a number of working groups had been set up in order to drive the agenda of the Green Economy, these include the Green Economy Forum, the Renewables Training Consortium, the Interagency Energy Group and the CDB Working Group on

Land Use. Mr Sweeney noted that research is ongoing on public sector fuel usage and models of good practice in public sector use of wind resources and other renewables. Mr Sweeney highlighted that projects being assessed include wind energy, wood fuel, information sharing on a European basis, SEI Energy Efficiency Zone application and energy efficiency systems. Mr Sweeney informed the board that the application on behalf of the CDB to be a pilot area under the WDC RASLRES programme has been accepted, this will see engineering assessments being carried out on buildings owned by public sector agencies to assess suitability for conversion to wood energy systems. Mr Sweeney noted that work is ongoing in the development of the wind energy sector.

Mr Michael O'hEanaigh updated the board on the establishment of a Renewable Energy Centre Of Excellence in Killybegs and advised that this centre could be used for broader offshore support to both renewable energy initiatives and other offshore sectors. Mr O'hEanaigh advised that LYIT are looking into running programmes in Killybegs. Mr O'hEanaigh informed the board that Ideagen, Enterprise Ireland held a very successful event on Wind Energy and Associated Sub-Sectors in Donegal Town on the 25<sup>th</sup> May.

### **CDB 38/10 Donegal County Childcare Committee Update (Attachment 11)**

*Mr Martin Gormley informed the board that Donegal County Childcare Committee hosted a conference on the 8<sup>th</sup> May in the Silver Tassie entitled Free Range Children: Enabling Active Learning in Early Childhood. Mr Gormley noted that 450 persons from the childcare sector attended this event and it was a great success.*

Mr Gormley recommended that a letter to be sent to CDB members regarding attendance at meetings, and inform them of the dates of the remaining meetings in 2010.

### **CDB 39/10 Issue 7 – Donegal Community In Touch E-zine (Attachment 14)**

The Chairperson advised the board that Issue 7 of the Donegal Community in Touch E-zine had been circulated and thanked Ms Roisin McBride for her role in putting the e-zine together.

### **CDB 40/10 AOB**

The Chairperson acknowledged the contribution made by the retiring members of CDB, Mr Tom O'Dwyer representing Teagasc and Mr Cathal Mc Suibhne representing Údarás na Gaeltachta and wished them well in the future endeavours.

The Chairperson informed the board that this was Mr Michael McLoone, County Manager of Donegal County Council's last CDB meeting as he is due to retire in July. On behalf of the CDB, the Chairperson paid tribute to Mr McLoone for his energy, intellect and foresight in both this role in Donegal County Council and Donegal County Development Board. The Chairperson commended Mr McLoone for his role in BLG and Transforming Public Services, and highlighted his huge contribution to the public sector at a county and CDB level. The Chairperson concluded by thanking Mr McLoone on behalf of himself and previous Chairs of the CDB.

Mr Michael O'hEanaigh thanked Mr McLoone on behalf of the Community, Culture and Planning Directorate of Donegal County Council for his ongoing support to the CDB. Mr O'hEanaigh noted that Mr McLoone's input could not be underestimated and this was particularly evident in County Donegal. Mr O'hEanaigh hoped the CDB find other ways of co-operating with Mr McLoone in the future.

Mr Seamus Rodgers commended the huge contribution that Mr McLoone had made in the development of County Donegal and wished him well in the future.

Mr Michael Tunney highlighted the legacy that Mr McLoone has left in bringing agencies together in partnership for the first time sixteen or seventeen years ago through the County Strategy Group and this partnership has continued to the current day.

Mr Paul Skinnader commended the role of Mr McLoone and particularly for his role in social inclusion and this community orientated approach to the development of County Donegal. Mr Skinnader wished Mr McLoone best wishes for the future.

Mr Martin Gormley acknowledged the role the County Manager had in making matters relevant to County Donegal and for his strategic thinking. Mr Gormley wished Mr McLoone best wishes for the future.

Cllr Padraig MacLochlainn highlighted that he held very positive views of the County Managers legacy to County Donegal and noted that his contribution to the public sector has been visionary and remarkable.

In response to the comments above the County Manager, Mr McLoone noted his belief in the process of partnership and enjoyed working through the concept of partnership. Mr McLoone stressed the importance of economic, social and cultural development in County Donegal and thanked the members of Donegal County Council for backing his proposal to set up the Community and Enterprise Division with significant resources. Mr McLoone noted the professional and the high quality staff of the Community and Enterprise Division, who have helped in the development of the sectoral structures. Mr McLoone highlighted that it is important to think sectorally and act co-operatively. Mr McLoone noted his interest in social inclusion and listening to the seldom heard. Mr McLoone noted that his work in the CDB has been very rewarding and engaging with the board and its partners has been an enriching experience.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of next CDB meeting: 7<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

# **ATTACHMENT 2**

***Report on 'Heritage Signage' in Inishowen: Update***

The County Donegal Heritage Office has been asked to prepare a report on heritage signage in Inishowen. On-going preliminary work includes consultation of policy documents, review of approaches to the study of heritage signage, identification of heritage sites and visits to selected heritage sites in Inishowen. The next phase will involve interrogation of existing road signage database and site visits to selected heritage sites and signage.

# **ATTACHMENT 3**

## ACCESS TO SERVICES

**GOAL: TO ENSURE BEST ACCESS TO SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY OF DONEGAL**

**TOSAÍOCHTA: LEIS AN ROCHTAIN IS FEARR IS FÉIDIR AR SHEIRBHÍSÍ A CHINNTIÚ DON PHOBAL I NDÚN NA NGALL**

Key Activities / Tosaíochta	Progress Update to CDB at September 2010
1. To consider local responses to the Transforming Public Services Agenda	<sup>1</sup> <b>DCC</b> Donegal County Council is developing and implementing a local transformation plan in the context of the TPS agenda. A core element of this plan is the deployment of a set of methodologies and systems to streamline the work processes through which our approximately 120 services are delivered. These tools were developed through a research project undertaken by DCC
2. Undertake research initiative of "new unemployed" sector	<p><sup>2</sup><b>SIU</b></p> <p>a) An Unemployment Information Event took place in March in Killybegs. A range of agencies including Citizens Information Service, the VEC and Donegal County Library Service participated and provided attendees with information of benefits, entitlements and opportunities. This event was held in conjunction with Enterprising Donegal Business Week 2010. A number of attendees agreed to participate in research being undertaken by the Research &amp; Policy Unit (see b below).</p> <p>b) The Research and Policy Unit under the auspices of Donegal CDBs SIM group and Donegal County Councils SIU is currently in the process of carrying out a piece of unemployment research within the county. It is divided into two phases:</p> <p>Phase 1 sets out to profile the unemployment landscape within the county. Phase 2 looks at the people behind these figures to determine the impact that unemployment is having on their lives.</p> <p>As part Phase 2 of this research the R&amp;P units is organising, in association with the Dept of Social Protection, 3 workshops around the county. The first of these workshops took place in Carndonagh Public Service Centre on the 18th August, 2010 at which there were 15 participants. The remaining workshops will take place on the 9th Sept 2010, Letterkenny Public Service Centre and the 13th Sept 2010 in Donegal Public Service Centre. The findings of this piece of research will be presented during social inclusion week on the 20th October 2010.</p> <p><sup>3</sup><b>VEC</b> Currently re-viewing all adult education service provision and identifying gaps in provision / planning of new courses.</p> <p><sup>4</sup><b>CWC</b> Policy Worker (HELP Project) is currently mapping the impact of government cuts on the Community Sector in Donegal</p>

<sup>1</sup> Donegal County Council

<sup>2</sup> Social Inclusion Unit

<sup>3</sup> Donegal Vocational Education Committee

<sup>4</sup> Donegal Community Workers Coop

3. To implement the recommendations of the pilot Integrated Services delivery project	The Programme Office in the Dept of the Taoiseach is running a number of projects under the TPS agenda. One of these relates to the development of integrated systems of means testing and DCC is contributing to this work. A system to support the exchange of data on common customers (subject to compliance with data protection requirements) has been developed by ERNACT and will be tested in a multi-agency environment.
4. To support the role of Citizens Information Centres	<p><sup>5</sup><b>CIS</b> There has been a significant increase in the number of and the pattern of queries to CIC due to the economic situation. Donegal CIC plans to undertake a strategic review of its role and function in the new year and intends to engage with relevant agencies as part of this review. Ms. Colette Stuart has recently taken up the post of Development Manager and will continue to oversee the provision of information, advice and advocacy services in accordance with the recommendations.</p> <p><sup>6</sup><b>DCC</b> The Library staff are working on the redesigning of the library website which will provide access to arrange of information services.</p>
5. To investigate the transferability of existing models of integrated services	<p><b>DCC</b> In the context of the local transformation plan as outlined at 1 above, DCC is interested in sharing the learning emerging from this work with other agencies and to explore the possibility of developing a shared approach with other agencies</p> <p><sup>7</sup><b>DCCC</b> Early Childhood Identity and Belonging Initiative. The aim of the initiative is to provide practical training, meaningful activities and suitable resources for early childhood educators working with children 0-5 years around the areas of diversity, respect for difference, identity and belonging through the mediums of art and drama.</p>
6. Identify poverty needs in the county	<p><b>DCC</b></p> <p>a) The official launch of <b>Planning for Inclusion – A Statistical and Mapping Toolkit</b> took place in March 2010 in Letterkenny PSC. Cllr. Dessie Larkin, Chairperson of the Donegal County Development Board launched the publication advising that the research outlined in the document will assist agencies both locally and nationally in achieving a more equitable distribution of services across the county. A limited number of toolkits remain available and these can be obtained by contacting the Social Inclusion Unit directly.</p> <p>b) <b>Social Inclusion Week 2010</b> Our second Social Inclusion Awareness Week will be held from the 18th to the 22nd of October. The weeklong series of events will be run in conjunction with the national events being organised by the Social Inclusion Division (based in the Department of Social Protection) to mark the European Year For Combatting Poverty And Social Exclusion.</p> <p>The DFSP will provide some funding towards activities which will be held in various parts of the county over the week. We have urged other statutory agencies, the community &amp; voluntary sector, elected members and other Council Departments to participate and host events during the week and are now finalising the Social Inclusion Week brochure. This will be widely available and can be sought directly from the Social Inclusion Unit. A soft copy of the brochure will</p>

<sup>5</sup> Citizens Information Service

<sup>6</sup> Donegal County Council

<sup>7</sup> Donegal County Childcare Committee

also be circulated to all staff, management and elected members in due course. Some of the key events of the week are:

- Official launch in the Training Room on Monday, 18th of October
- Unemployment Workshop on the 20th of October
- Coffee Morning with older peoples groups on the 22nd of October
- Various library, sporting and exhibitions throughout the county.

c) **Keeping Warm Community Initiative 2010**

Over the past 2 years, this project has reached over 1,100 vulnerable households throughout the county and has been recognised by winning the Excellence in Local Government Award at Chambers Ireland in 2009. The SIU plan to roll out this project again in 2010 as part of Social Inclusion Week and plan to link this project with the Smoke Alarm Scheme and to further develop and expand the range of information and content of the pack.

<sup>8</sup>**HSE** A needs identification and mapping exercise continues in relation both to the Children's Service Committee and the Killybegs Outcomes Based Planning Project.

<p>7. To develop support services for ethnic minority groups</p>	<p><sup>9</sup><b>DCC</b></p> <p><b>A)</b> The SIU is currently delivering a range of supports and services to support ethnic minority communities in Donegal. This project is being delivered within the context of the Donegal CDB Peace &amp; Reconciliation Partnership. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening of 'Port na Failte' Drop in centre at Port House, Letterkenny – resource and information centre for ethnic minority communities in the county</li> <li>• Setting up of an Independent Incident Reporting Scheme</li> <li>• Delivering a range on supports to service providers relating to interpretation and translation services etc.</li> <li>• Undertaking an awareness raising campaign to combat racism and sectarianism and to promote cultural diversity.</li> <li>• An interagency Cultural Diversity Steering Group has been set up to guide the work of this group.</li> </ul> <p>Further detailed information on each of these projects is attached as part of <b>Appendix 1</b>.</p> <p>The Donegal CDB Peace &amp; Reconciliation Partnership is also currently finalising a proposal for funding for Phase II of the Peace III Programme. The proposal will be submitted to the SEUPB for consideration by Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> September and if successful, will bring significant funding to the county with the aim of creating a county where racism and sectarianism no longer exist. See Appendix 1 for further details.</p> <p><b>b)</b> Library Staff are working with the PEACE III Integration Officer to provide a range of library information leaflets in a variety of languages</p> <p><b>LTC</b><sup>10</sup> Work with Peace III Cultural Diversity Officer to support ethnic minority groups in Letterkenny through Africa Day.</p> <p><b>HSE</b> Representatives continue to participate fully on the Cultural Diversity Project funded by Peace 3. Translation and interpretation services are provided to increase access to services for ethnic minorities. Non- Irish nationals are employed within services. Peer-leds programme to improve Traveller health continue to be supported.</p> <p><sup>11</sup><b>CIS</b> Continues to participate in existing ethnic support groups and provides interpreting services for minority groups. Info is provided in a number of languages via the CIB website.</p>
<p>8. To provide access to information on services available to target groups</p>	<p><sup>12</sup><b>DCC</b></p> <p><b>A)</b> Pavee Pathways is an initiative of the Donegal CDB IAG on traveller issues is implementing a dedicated traveller employment support project to open up employment opportunities for travellers in Donegal and funded primarily under the FAS special initiative for travellers. This includes enabling travellers to access information on services and supports</p>

<sup>9</sup> Donegal County Council

<sup>10</sup> Letterkenny Town Council

<sup>11</sup> Citizens Information Service

<sup>12</sup> Donegal County Council

	<p>available including training, further education, social welfare entitlements, employment support services eg. Jobs initiatives and enterprise support services. This work commenced in October 2008 and to date this project has been in direct contact with 80 clients and is working intensively with over 20 clients. Funding of approximately €60,000 has been secured from FAS to continue the work of the traveller employment coordinator in 2010 and the social inclusion unit is responsible for administering this funding</p> <p>This group met most recently on the 6th of July and the meeting was used to kick-start the development of an interagency framework for dealing with and addressing conflict situations and/or tensions between the traveller and the wider community. The morning session was facilitated by Smashing Times Theatre Company who worked with the group using drama to 'creatively exploring the possibilities' in developing the interagency framework.</p> <p>B) Europe Direct Information Centre in Central Library Letterkenny continues to disseminate and provide European information throughout the Northwest. The centre can be contacted by calling into the library or calling 074 9124950.</p> <p><sup>13</sup><b>LTC</b> upgrading of <a href="http://www.letterkenny.ie">www.letterkenny.ie</a> to display all relevant info on local authority services or funding options.</p> <p><sup>14</sup><b>VEC</b> Co Donegal VEC Adult Guidance Information Service (information on all adult education services)</p> <p><sup>15</sup><b>CWC</b> will continue to circulate their bi-monthly e-bulletin to the community &amp; voluntary sector providing information on topics such as funding, publications, education &amp; training opportunities, cross border and EU news, national &amp; local press, policy developments for the sector. (help project)</p>
<p>9. To promote volunteerism as a resource for County Donegal</p>	<p><sup>16</sup><b>SIU</b> In conjunction with no. 5 above, Donegal County Councils Social Inclusion Unit will be working to promote volunteerism among a range of target groups within the county. A dedicated peace III funded development officer will deliver this initiative in conjunction with other organisations in the county including employers and Donegal Volunteer Centre. Further detailed information on each of these projects is attached as part of <b>appendix 1</b>.</p> <p><b>VEC</b> Volunteer service for 1-to-1 literacy students (volunteers undertake Waterford Ins of Tech accredited training course prior to engaging with student)</p> <p><sup>17</sup><b>DLDC</b> Donegal Volunteer Centre, established by DLDC in 2007, and funded by The Department of Community, Equality and Gaeltacht Affairs, provides a county wide volunteer placement service to individuals, community groups, and not for profit organisations who register with us. We are members of Volunteer Centres Ireland (VCI), the Volunteer Centre national network. We also provide Volunteer Management Training for groups and organisations which involve, or intend to involve volunteers in their provision of services. We are also Authorised Signatories for Garda Vetting.</p>

<sup>13</sup> Letterkenny Town Council

<sup>14</sup> Donegal Vocational Educational Committee

<sup>15</sup> Donegal Community Workers Coop

<sup>16</sup> Social Inclusion Unit

<sup>17</sup> Donegal Local Development Company

	<p><sup>18</sup><b>CIS</b> Volunteer participation in the provision of information, DCIS promotes volunteerism in the provision of services, e.g. Free Legal Advice Clinics and is continuing to develop specialist volunteer services.</p>
10. To promote inter-generational initiatives	<p><sup>19</sup><b>SIU / HSE</b> The HSE, under the auspices of the Donegal CDB Peace &amp; Reconciliation Partnership is working in partnership with local groups delivering intergenerational projects in the County. These intergenerational projects will be developed within the context of community gardens and allotments in the towns of Letterkenny, Moville, Raphoe and Ballybofey/Stranorlar.se areas. To date extensive work has been undertaken in identifying locations and engaging with communities with a view to facilitating intergenerational activity. Richard Corrigan visited this project during Enterprise Week resulting in positive media coverage. Official launches of these projects will be carried out during August and September.</p> <p><sup>20</sup><b>LTC</b> Is working in partnership with local groups to develop Community Gardens in Letterkenny.</p> <p><sup>21</sup><b>VEC</b> Organisation &amp; support of family learning and community education activities</p>
11. To provide targeted initiatives for rural dwellers to access services	<p>The three rural transport companies are working together to ensure that there is countywide coverage in terms of transport access for rural dwellers. The CDB is facilitating the integration of agencies transport needs with the rural transport providers and a pilot project is currently being undertaken in south west Donegal with day hospital and day centre clients. This pilot project is currently being reviewed and it is hoped to expand this work into other CDB partners transport needs.</p> <p>However, to continue to develop this service there is a need to review the existing free travel pass budget between the exiting transport operators in the county. The council is therefore seeking the support of the CDB to advocate for a review of the national free travel scheme which may result in a more equitable distribution of the budget (€68m), to enable rural dwellers in Donegal to access essential services. At present, the allocation from this national budget to the 36 rural transport companies currently operating is €1.5m. The CDB has agreed to support a call for a review of the free travel scheme.</p> <p><sup>22</sup><b>HSE</b> Is working closely with both SITT and MFG rural transport companies to develop sustainable rural transport provision that will improve access to HSE services. The initiative in now being rolled out to Finn Valley, Ballyshannon, Letterkenny and Dungloe</p> <p><b>CIS</b> Continues its outreach services to rural communities.</p> <p><b>VEC</b> Services designed to encourage access e.g. extensive provision on an outreach basis, transport provided wherever possible</p>

<sup>18</sup> Citizens Information Service

<sup>19</sup> Social Inclusion Unit / Health Service Executive

<sup>20</sup> Letterkenny Town Council

<sup>21</sup> Donegal Vocational Education Committee

<sup>22</sup> Health Service Executive

<p>12. To secure more positive outcomes for Travellers by co-ordinating better service delivery and supports</p>	<p><sup>23</sup><b>SIU</b> The Donegal CDB Interagency Group on Traveller Issues is currently reviewing the actions outlined in its three year Strategic Plan 2009 – 2011 in accordance with a request from the DoEHLG. The aim of the review is to prioritise a fewer no. of priority actions taking into consideration current economic circumstances and resource constraints. The SIU will coordinate the response to the Dept. which must be submitted in September. The work of the 3 key projects will continue as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pavee Pathways - Opening Employment Opportunities for Travellers in Donegal (see 8 above)</li> <li>• Pilot Tenant Participation Project – Donegal County Council in association with other key stakeholders has been engaged in implementing a Pilot Tenant Participation project in Letterkenny with a Traveller family. This work has recently been documented and the findings have been presented to the IAG.</li> <li>▪ Respecting and Connecting Communities - A subgroup of the IAG has been set up to oversee this work which is being delivered under the auspices of the Donegal Peace 3 Action 2008-2010 and which is being led by Donegal County Councils Social Inclusion Unit in close association with Donegal Travellers Project and other key stakeholders. This group met most recently on the 6th of July and the meeting was used to kick-start the development of an Interagency Framework for dealing with and addressing conflict situations and/or tensions between the Traveller and the wider community). A dedicated Development Officer and a Traveller Support worker have taken up post and are currently working with the steering group in delivering the work programme. See Appendix 1 for further information on this project</li> </ul>
<p>13. To explore inter-agency agency initiatives surrounding the provision of services to Children</p>	<p>Donegal Childrens Services Committee (CSC) is continuing to work in an inter-agency basis to co-ordinate the delivery of services and supports to children in the County. The CSC is working towards the achievement of 7 National Outcomes for Children. Action Plans on how these outcomes will be achieved in 2009 have been produced by the 4 working groups of the CSC. In addition the Information Subgroup is helping the CSC and their working groups to make informed decisions and monitor their progress by collecting and supplying indicators at local and national levels. Donegal CSC will produce two reports for 2009 entitled the CSC, Donegal Statistical Report 2009 &amp; the Donegal CSC, Donegal Annual Report 2009.</p> <p><sup>24</sup><b>DCC</b></p> <p>a) <b>Donegal Youth Council</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The HSE &amp; DCC carried out a joint exhibition in May involving a group of 10 young people, youth councillors and non-organised youth. The theme of the exhibition was raising environmental awareness particularly waste and litter management and was held in the Regional Cultural Centre.</li> <li>▪ Youth Councillors travelled to Norway recently for a research and networking, exploring global warming and building European connections.</li> <li>▪ Youth Councillors attended the launch of Breakout's (LGBT group run by DYS) Stand Up Against Homophobic Bullying Campaign in Regional Cultural Centre and also wrote article on this issue in Donegal News, highlighted the discrimination affecting young lesbian, gay and transgender young people.</li> <li>▪ Youth Councillors Laura Buchanan and Maire Ni Chuireain delivered a presentation to the OMCYA Comhairle an nÓg Information Day in Dublin on creating change.</li> </ul>

<sup>23</sup> Social Inclusion Unit

<sup>24</sup> Donegal County Council

- Youth Councillor Adel Hickey spoke on radio about the Dail na nÓg's findings on RSE/ SPHE in school. Adel will also speak at an international conference of social policy makers and social workers on her experience of youth participation in September.
- Youth Councillors completed Peace III Programme which included training of 10 youth advisors to transfer key learning to the next cohort and push forward inclusion within the structure of DYC.
- On the invite of Cllr MacLochlainn, Youth Councillors met with young people visiting Buncrana from Kentucky. Through games, drama and discussion, the young people learned much about their different countries and cultures.
- In aid of Donegal Hospice, Youth Councillors held a 24 hour county meeting in the Letterkenny PSC on the 13th/14th of Aug.
- DYC met with Rathdown/ Dun Laoghaire and Roscommon Comhairlí na nÓg to discuss national issues.
- DYC AGM will take place on the 14th September in Regional Cultural Centre to set priorities for forthcoming year.
- Youth Council Elections will take place from the 8th to 15th October
- Youth Council is working with Roads section of Donegal County Council and the Donegal Road Safety Working Group to explore the use of social networking to raise awareness of road safety messages among under 25s, and lower road traffic collisions among this age group.
- Liaising with Belong To (National Youth Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Organisation) to organise an awareness training with youth in Donegal around standing up against homophobic bullying.

**b) Library**

Wainfest the children book festival will be held in Libraries and Taobh Tíre centre across the County from the 11th to the 22nd of October. Wainfest promises to entertain children and young people all over Donegal this October, with an exciting mix of festival favourites and talented newcomers. All events are free of charge and open to everyone.

<sup>25</sup>**LTC** Working with Family Action Letterkenny to improve Family Services in the Town.

<sup>26</sup>**HSE** Continues to support the development of the CSC as lead agency

<sup>27</sup>**VEC** Membership of CSC & County Childcare Committee. 4 on-site crèches which can be availed on by adult students.

<sup>28</sup> **DCCC** is working with Children's Services Committee Donegal on the Creating lifelong reader's initiative. The initiative is due to begin in September with training being delivered to the three pilot childcare services located in Mountcharles, Ballyshannon and Ardara. In partnership with IFAN the transitions programme from pre-school-primary is under way with training taking place for early years educators and teachers in September.

<sup>29</sup>**CIS** Continues to provide information on services available

<sup>25</sup> Letterkenny Town Council

<sup>26</sup> Health Service Executive

<sup>27</sup> Donegal Vocational Education Committee

<sup>28</sup> Donegal County Childcare Committee

<sup>29</sup> Donegal Citizens Information Service

<p>14. To create a central data hub of socio-economic data for the county</p>	<p><sup>30</sup><b>DCC</b> The Research and Policy Unit is currently in the process of updating its database on community and multi purpose facilities within the county. This involves the identification, location and verification of all community and multi purpose facilities within the county and at present this research indicates that there are 104 located facilities within the county. It is envisaged that the Research and Policy Unit, in close association with the Community Development Officer, will work through the Donegal County Community Forum on augmenting this sample size to provide full audits for the entire population of facilities identified by this exercise. Throughout this process it is also envisaged that additional facilities will be identified and the database will continue to grow over time.</p> <p><sup>31</sup><b>CIS</b> Continues to collate statistical information regarding social policy feedback</p>
<p>15. To support Community Development in Donegal</p>	<p><sup>32</sup><b>SIU</b></p> <p>a) The CDB SIM group supported the Community Development Projects in Donegal in terms of the integration of the Local Development and Community Development Programmes. In this regard, the CDB forwarded a letter to Minister Curran articulating the CDBs support for the work done by Community Development Projects and of the value of the voluntary boards of management.</p> <p>b) The July 2010 edition of the Donegal Community Bulletin has been circulated to over 580 community and voluntary groups. The bulletin is also available on <a href="http://www.DonegalCDB.ie">www.DonegalCDB.ie</a></p> <p>c) Have Your Voice Heard Workshop - The SIU in conjunction with the Central Planning Unit and the County Community Forum held a workshop in June with representatives from the Community &amp; Voluntary Sector. The aim of the workshop was to improve our consultation methods and to reach a wider audience with regard to the review of the County Development Plan. The workshop provided the representatives with the tools required to hold consultations in their own environments with their own target groups and to make submissions on their behalf with the objective of letting the voices of the seldom heard, be heard.</p> <p>The initial public consultation period for the review of the County Development Plan is now open and in order to assist the C&amp;V sector and individuals in making submissions, the SIU devised a submissions template entitled 'Have Your Voice Heard', which provides tips and advice on making submissions and prompts users to make their submission in a structured and focused manner. This submissions template is also available 'as gaeilge' and both versions can be downloaded from the Council's website or can be sought directly from the SIU. The CPU has decided to use this template for receipt of all submissions and it is hoped that we can extend this practice to make other Council consultations more socially inclusive.</p> <p>d) The All Island Pride of Place judges - Tom &amp; Alison Dowling visited five community groups in Donegal during 21-23 July. The judges were very impressed with the calibre of the community groups participating in 2010 Pride of Place competition. The results of the All-Island competition will be announced at a Gala Awards night at Knightsbrook Hotel, Trim, Co. Meath on 13th November.</p>

<sup>30</sup> Donegal County Council

<sup>31</sup> Donegal Citizens Information Service

<sup>32</sup> Social Inclusion Unit

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>e) Donegal County Community Forum recognises the importance looking after our mental health. With this in mind, Donegal Community Forum in association with See Change will host an awareness evening - 'Minding Our Mental Health' on Monday 11th October (venue TBC). See Change is Ireland's new national partnership to reduce stigma and challenge discrimination associated with mental health problems. The guest speaker will be Mr. John Moloney, Minister for Disability &amp; Mental Health who will speak about his current campaign the 'National Stigma Reduction Campaign' to reform attitudes to mental health.</li><br/><li>f) Donegal County Community Forum will hold an EGM on 6th September to adopt the revised Constitution of Donegal County Community Forum</li></ul> |
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		<p>events are aimed at bringing together the long-term and new residents in the villages. The demographics of both villages have changed over the past number of years and many of these new residents are from Northern Ireland. The events aim to give people the opportunity to get to know each other and to become familiar with facilities available to them in their new hometown.</p> <p>The awareness raising campaign, including the branding and the month of events in November, and the work around volunteerism will be officially launched at an event on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2010 in Port na Fáilte. All four programme officers will launch their programmes on this day.</p>
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<b>Respecting and Connecting Communities</b>		
<b>Unit/Contact Details</b>	<b>Project Name/Activity</b>	<b>Details of Activity</b>
<p>Unit / Project: <b>Peace III Development Officer - Respecting and Connecting Communities</b></p> <p>Contact Details: <b>Catherine Anne Kelly</b> <b>Peace III Development Officer</b> <b>Community, Culture &amp; Planning</b> <b>Donegal County Council</b> <b>Station Island</b> <b>Lifford</b> <b>Co. Donegal</b></p> <p><b>Tel 074 91 72230</b> <b>Fax 074 91 42130</b> <b>Mob. 087 765 8099</b> <b>E-mail <a href="mailto:cathkelly@Donegalcoco.ie">cathkelly@Donegalcoco.ie</a></b></p>	<p>1. Respecting &amp; Connecting Communities – Building Positive Relations between the Traveller community and the wider settled community in Donegal</p>	<p>The Working Group set up for the purposes of developing a set of good practice guidelines for utilisation by agencies and organisations in the event of a crisis situation between the Traveller and settled community is continuing to meet to develop the guidelines. In addition an Interactive Workshop was held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July with both the Working group and other key stakeholders with the aim of gaining input and collaborative agreement on the development of the guidelines. The first half of the workshop was drama based to enable participants to gain a first hand experience of conflict situations. The learning obtained from the morning workshop facilitated the afternoon session, which was dedicated to developing the good practice guidelines.</p> <p>A Primary School Book, which was originally to be designed by members of the Traveller community will now also involve participants from other. Workshops are scheduled to commence in the second week of September 2010.</p> <p>Donegal Travellers Project (DTP) has been awarded the Contract for the organisation of a range of events to provide opportunities for greater interaction between the Traveller &amp; settled community as well as providing opportunities to enhance recognition and awareness of Traveller Culture. DTP has employed a member of the Traveller Community on a part-time basis to organise the events. These events include an Exhibition of Traveller Art Work and Photography from around Ireland, An Intercultural Day, Drama Events, Pavee's Got Talent and an event celebrating Traveller ethnic and settled heritage skills.</p>

		<p>DTP has also been awarded the Contract for the enhancement of Traveller culture and wider cultural diversity through the proactive portrayal of positive news stories and images in the local media. DTP has contracted a media consultant to promote positive news stories in a range of media including print, radio and internet and will also organise an event with the local media to explore their potential in addressing issues relating to racism and sectarianism</p> <p>Respecting &amp; Connecting Communities in collaboration with the National Youth Project in Ballyshannon has rolled out a summer scheme of activities for young people from the settled and Traveller Community in the Ballyshannon and Bundoran area of Donegal. This scheme ran from June until the second week in August.</p> <p>Respecting &amp; Connecting Communities in collaboration with Donegal County Council's Peace III Good Relations Officer are rolling out a programme of Cultural Competency training events. This customized practical application training programme will be targeted towards frontline staff of public service providing organisations including statutory, voluntary and community. The training events are scheduled to commence in October 2010.</p>
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<b>Peace III Integration Project</b>		
<b>Unit/Contact Details</b>	<b>Project Name/Activity</b>	<b>Details of Activity</b>
<p><b>UNIT / PROJECT:</b> PEACE III INTEGRATION OFFICER</p> <p><b>CONTACT DETAILS:</b> FRANCIS CONAGHAN <b>Good Relations Officer Community, Culture &amp; Planning Donegal County Council Station Island Lifford Co. Donegal</b></p> <p><b>Tel 074 91 72568 Fax 074 91 42130 Mob. 087 2371219 Email: fconaghan@Donegalcoco.ie</b></p>	<p><b>1. Independent and Confidential Incident Reporting Scheme</b></p> <p><b>2. Service Supports</b></p> <p><b>3. Anti Sectarianism / Racism Diversity Plan for Donegal.</b></p>	<p>The aim of the Independent and Confidential Incident Reporting Scheme is to provide a mechanism to record incidents of sectarianism and racism in Donegal and to collate data to benchmark the level of incidents and monitor progress on addressing the issues through the Donegal CDB.</p> <p>The material for the scheme will be distributed around the county in September and will be officially launched on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September. The scheme consists of a reporting form, information leaflet and freepost envelopes and will be distributed to as many locations as possible. The facility will also be available on-line through both the County Council's and the CDB web site and this will allow for reports to be logged and mapped on a countywide basis. Reporting of incidents can also be done via post and email to: sectarianracist@Donegalcoco.ie. The documentation is being translated into the most used languages in Donegal.</p> <p>All reports received will be treated in the strictest confidence and be logged/ mapped or followed up/forwarded onto the relevant agency if requested by the victim. The uptake of the scheme will be monitored on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>Service supports will be provided to assist minority groups to access services in Donegal through signposting, interpretation and the translation of documentation from the various agencies. Translations will be carried out on a priority basis depending on demand for the document and languages required. The working group is currently identifying target locations around Donegal for the erection of electronic screens, which will provide valuable information in many different languages advising of the different services. This information will be updated on an ongoing basis. Locations may include: public service centres, the Hospital and other public locations where they are most likely to have maximum visibility for the general public and specifically for the target groups. It is hoped that the screens will be erected by September / October.</p> <p>The Donegal Diversity Plan will be an action document based on the needs of our minority communities and target groups and will have specific actions aimed at addressing some of their issues such as integration. Preparatory work has begun on the plan and feedback received from the public consultation process for the review of the Peace III Action Plan will be used to prepare a draft Diversity Plan in line with the guidelines outlined in the National Action Plan against Racism. It is hoped to have the draft ready for the end of 2010.</p>

**Peace III Cultural Diversity Project**

<b>Unit/Contact Details</b>	<b>Project Name/Activity</b>	<b>Details of Activity</b>
<p><b>Unit / Project:</b> Peace III Cultural Diversity Officer – Ethnic Minorities</p> <p><b>Contact Details:</b> Karin White Peace III Development Officer Community, Culture &amp; Planning Donegal County Council Station Island Lifford Co. Donegal</p> <p>Tel 074 91 26599 Fax Mob. 087 936 5695 E-mail kwhite@Donegalcoco.ie</p>	1. <b>'PORT NA FAILTE'</b>	Port na Failte has opened at Port House, Port Road, Letterkenny and is open daily from 9.00 to 16.30.
	2. <b>INFORMATION EVENINGS</b>	Monthly information evenings are held in Port na Failte for people from culturally diverse backgrounds. Recent events featured the Library Service and the Volunteer Centre and Donegal VEC's Adult Learners Guidance Service. The next meetings will take place on 9 September- CIS & 16 September – Migrant Rights.
	3. <b>EASY LEARNING, EARLY PLAY</b>	A ten-week intercultural training programme has started in Port na Failte Letterkenny and Art Link, Buncrana for parents and children to learn how to use play and art as an essential part in the child's development. The programme promotes positive relationships between the parents and children who come from countries such as Cuba, India, Poland and Denmark.
	4. <b>INTEGRATION PARTY</b>	An Integration Party was held on Maghera beach hosted by the residents of Cliff View Hostel (Asylum Seekers). Traditional food from the asylum seekers native countries and African and Middle eastern music and dance was also performed. The project aimed to contribute towards the integration of Asylum Seekers with the wider community.
	5. <b>EARLY EDUCATION RESEARCH</b>	Research has been completed addressing the need to support Early Education organisations such as playschools, crèches and primary schools to promote inclusiveness and cultural diversity and will be presented and disseminated during a seminar in September.
	6. <b>LATIN AMERICAN FESTIVAL</b>	A Latin American festival took place in Gweedore in June. Latin American food was provided and Cuban musicians played together with local traditional Irish musicians. 170 people of various ethnicities attended, such as Latin America, Africa, Asia & Ireland.
	7. <b>COOKERY CLASSES</b>	Donegal Asylum Seekers successfully conducted intercultural cookery classes introducing African, Asian and Middle Eastern cuisine, in Donegal Town during June/July.
	8. <b>COMMUNITY GARDENS</b>	An intercultural group from Port na Failte has successfully harvested lots of courgettes, tomatoes, herbs, cucumbers etc from their plot in the Community gardens.
	9. <b>AFRICA DAY</b>	Africa Day was celebrated in Donegal Town, hosted by the residents of Cliff View Hostel. The event was a great success and received very extensive coverage in the

		local press.
	<b>10. ENGLISH CLASSES</b>	Roma participants are currently being recruited for English classes to start in September.
	<b>11. UNITED AFRICA DAY</b>	United Africa will be celebrated in the Town Park, Letterkenny on 11 September. A parade will take place from Port na Fáilte to the Town Park at 12.00. The African community continues to meet every Wednesday in Port na Fáilte.
	<b>12. FEELS LIKE HOME TO ME</b>	'Feels like home to me' is a children's photo project whereby children from different ethnicities were provided with disposable cameras before the start of their holidays. They were asked to take photographs of places in their home countries, which have a special meaning to them. The photographs will be exhibited throughout the county during social inclusion week.
	<b>13. DRAW YOUR PLACE</b>	This artist led project took place in Letterkenny and Donegal Town. An intercultural group walked together and learned how to apply drawing techniques and to express and share their experiences. An exhibition of the works will be launched on Culture night.
	<b>14. COMMUNITY ALPHABET</b>	A series of community alphabets are being prepared in workshops with various communities, eg LCDP, Library Roma Children, Asylum Seekers Donegal Town, Indian malayalees Community. The Alphabets will be published as posters and displayed in public spaces. This is an artist led project.
	<b>15. INDIA INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>	India's Independence was celebrated in the RCC on 15 August. 200 people from all backgrounds attended including the Indian Deputy Ambassador.
	<b>16. ONAM FESTIVAL</b>	Onam, the Kerala Harvest festival was celebrated on 21 August in the RCC. 200 people of different ethnicities attended the event.
	<b>17. EID CELEBRATIONS</b>	Eid will be celebrated by the Muslim Community, who will invite members from the wider community to celebrate the end of Ramadan. This will take place in the RCC.
	<b>18. CULTURE NIGHT</b>	Port na Fáilte will be a venue on Culture Night on 24 September. Between 18.00 and 22.00 the public can sample a taste of cultures from five continents.
	<b>19. JAPANESE CULTURE EVENT</b>	On 25 September The Japanese community will present aspects of their rich culture in Port na Fáilte. There will be art, food, tea and music and work shops in Origami, flower arranging, Japanese tattooing, Karate displays and much more.
	<b>20. EASY LEARNING, EARLY PLAY</b>	Intercultural Parent/child classes will take place over ten weeks in Donegal Town.

	<p><b>21. HALLOWEEN CAMP</b></p> <p><b>22. INTERCULTURAL PLATFORM</b></p> <p><b>23. CONFERENCE: IMAGINARY OF THE STRANGER</b></p> <p><b>24. THE BOLLYWOOD EXPERIENCE</b></p> <p><b>25. STORY TELLING IN THE LIBRARIES</b></p> <p><b>26. LAUNCH OF PEACE III AND LAUNCH OF INTERCULTURAL FRIESE</b></p>	<p>There will be a five days Intercultural Halloween camp for parents and children including music, drama, dance and art.</p> <p>The first intercultural platform will take place on 15 September.</p> <p>An academic, multidisciplinary conference will take place in LYIT on 19 October. Academics will address members of the wider community and explore the imagery of the Stranger. (In collaboration with Respecting and Connecting Communities)</p> <p>On the 13<sup>th</sup> of November a Bollywood movie will be shown by the Indian Community, complete with Indian food.</p> <p>There will be storytelling events in the libraries in Donegal during which minority ethnic groups will tell stories and talk about their culture to children and adults. These will start in October.</p> <p>The programme will be launched in port na Fáilte on 17 September, together with the launch of the intercultural friese by the Donegal Youth Information service intercultural group.</p>
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# **ATTACHMENT 4**

## CULTURAL RESOURCES

**GOAL: TO FULLY DEVELOP THE COUNTY'S CULTURAL RESOURCES**

**TOSAÍOCHTA : LE HACMHAINNÍ CULTÚRTHA AN CHONTAE A FHORBAIRT INA N-IOMLÁN**

Key Activities / Tosaíochta	PROGRESS UPDATE TO CDB - AUGUST 2010
<p>1. To identify and promote cultural enterprises</p>	<p><b>Donegal County Council. Arts Services:</b> The Arts services are organising the national event, Culture Night in Letterkenny. This event is a showcase for culture and will promote cultural enterprises in Donegal.</p> <p><b>Ealaín na Gaeltachta;</b> Ealaín is organising and facilitating the national event, Culture Night, in the Gaeltacht for the first time. This is a project with enormous potential to promote Gaeltacht culture on a national level. Tomás Hardiman, one of the leading PR people in Ireland, has been appointed by Ealaín to market the event.</p> <p><b>Donegal Library Services:</b> Europe Direct Information Centre in Central Library, Letterkenny continues to disseminate European Culture and information throughout the North West. 2010 events focus on EU themes of 'economic recovery' &amp; 'new sources of growth'. The EDIC is also liaising with DCC Cultural Diversity Officer on future events. Upcoming events include those for European Mobility Week &amp; European Week of languages. E.g. Roma Community Alphabet for the month of Aug. Culture Night, September 24<sup>th</sup> – 'European Fairy Tales: Brothers Grimm at Central Library.</p>
<p>2. To inform policy on environment and cultural landscape</p>	

<p>3. Further promote &amp; develop heritage of the county with regard to heritage and historical tourism products</p>	<p><b>County Donegal Heritage Office:</b> National Heritage Week takes place from Saturday, August 21 to Sunday, August 29 this year. Over 80 events are taking place across County Donegal as part of 'Heritage Week' and most of them are free. The County Donegal Heritage Office has compiled a free booklet of 'Heritage Week' events in County Donegal and this will be available in museums, heritage centres, libraries, tourist offices, public service centres and on the Donegal County Council website in early August. Updates are also available on <a href="http://www.heritageweek.ie">www.heritageweek.ie</a></p> <p><b>Donegal Museum:</b> The museum is organising a series of events and living history events for Heritage week, including living history events looking at the history of the workhouse, exhibitions, craft workshops etc. An event will also be held for Culture Night. These will all promote awareness of heritage.</p> <p><b>Donegal County Council. Arts Services:</b> Edges Residency: a major project, with a new music composition being developed by 2 local musicians with 2 guest international musicians on the theme of Christian monks in south Donegal and the shared tradition/history between Donegal and Nordic coastal areas. Links have being forged through this project with the Nordic countries</p> <p><b>HSE Health Promotion:</b> An Environmental survey was developed by youth groups and carried out in secondary schools in Letterkenny. The results will be presented to policy makers. The autumn programme for schools is being developed for Autumn 2010 with a pilot being developed to raise awareness re: climate change and environmental issues, It will be linked to global issues.</p> <p><b>Donegal Library Services</b> All library Heritage Week event details available on <a href="http://www.heritageweek.ie">www.heritageweek.ie</a> Central library is particularly busy during the summer months responding to personal, telephone and email queries on genealogy and local history.</p>
<p>4. Creation and consolidation of employment opportunities in cultural sector</p>	<p><b>Donegal Cultural Resources Forum:</b> Arising from the links created with the Donegal Volunteer Centre, a volunteer is now editing the Forum's email newsletter. The Earagail Arts Festival, the HSE Health Promotion and other forum members are in the process of appointing volunteers.</p> <p><b>Donegal Library Services</b> Library staff are currently printing brochures for the annual Wainfest programme in October. This includes 120 events in libraries and Taobh Tire centres, giving employment to 19 different cultural sector performers</p> <p><b>Donegal County Council. Arts Services:</b> Edges project – A new series of new works supported and commissioned by DCC Arts services has being commissioned, thus continuing the employment of those involved in the project.</p>

<p>5. To promote cultural tourism and identify sustainable projects</p>	<p><b>Cultural Resources Forum:</b> The forum is identifying culture night as a possible cultural tourism initiative. The forum is investigating possibilities to be involved in the Milwaukee festival in 2011. It is proposed the festival promotes Donegal and Derry.</p> <p><b>Donegal County Council. Arts Services:</b> Further developments on the proposed sculpture park in Ards Forest Park. This is an initiative between DCC, Coillte, Fáilte Ireland and the Arts Council of Ireland.</p> <p><b>Donegal VEC:</b> A link with 'Concerto Malaga' orchestra has been developed in association with an Grianán and the VEC. The prestigious orchestra will pay a residential visit to the county providing workshops, masterclasses and performances, thus benefiting the development of classical music in the county.</p> <p><b>Donegal Library Services</b> Central library local studies staff are at their busiest during the summer facilitating cultural tourists visiting the County to identify their ancestry. This goes on all year round however summer tourists boost these queries. In the week July 17<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> 216 local history queries were received by the library, 206 of these were in person at research desk in library. Central staff are giving a Heritage week talk to Mevagh Resource Centre on resources available in Central library with a view to the establishment of a local history group in the area. Many libraries are currently catering to tourists throughout the County and including them in library activities.</p> <p><b>Roinn na Gaeltachta:</b> An Roinn supports Oideas Gael, Ionad Cois Locha and other such Cultural enterprises</p>
<p>6. To promote Diaspora &amp; Cultural linkages</p>	<p><b>Donegal Library Services</b> Donegal Co Library local studies group is in contact with Dr Tony Tremblay, New Brunswick re Diaspora collection in Central library. Central Library will host events during McGinley Clan gathering during 1<sup>st</sup> week in August.</p>
<p>7. To promote Irish language based enterprises</p>	<p><b>Roinn na Gaeltachta:</b> The Roinn is actively involved in promoting all aspects of the Irish Language throughout its various schemes.</p> <p><b>Ealaín na Gaeltachta:</b> Ealaín and Údarás are helping interested groups in Gaoth Dobhair to set up a summer traditional music festival.</p>

<p><b>8.</b> To promote and develop language based tourism initiatives</p>	<p><b>Cultural Resources Forum:</b> In light of the drop in numbers attending Irish summer colleges in the Gaeltacht, the forum is to explore the possibilities of the Cultural sector linking with the Irish colleges to see if cultural activities can help in the college's development and promotion.</p> <p><b>HSE Health Promotion:</b> The EU partnership between the Youth and Democracy/ environmental group in Norway and Ireland has being further developed. A trip to the Artic to investigate the effects on climate change is planned. Both groups have developed 'Cultural Days/nights' a project based on language, stories, songs, food and a sense of identity. An EU environmental educational project is being also developed.</p> <p><b>Roinn na Gaeltachta:</b> The Roinn is actively involved in the development of Irish Colleges, Summer camps and adult Irish Language courses.</p>
<p><b>9.</b> To use the CDB Cultural Forum as a vehicle for greater co-ordination within the sector</p>	<p><b>Cultural Resources Forum:</b> The Forum has set up a page on Linkedin, the social networking site used by business and enterprise as a networking too.</p> <p><b>Library Services</b> Library service staff are currently working in cooperation with other CS staff on projects such as Culture night, Wainfest, Heritage week, And Errigal Art festival. Other cooperative initiatives currently in process include:  VEC on FÁS elearning in libraries  HSE on Children's Education &amp; Learning project 'Creating Lifelong Readers' in Inishowen and South Donegal libraries.  Social Inclusion events for Wainfest etc in libraries and 10 library events for Social Inclusion week.</p>
<p><b>10.</b> To make business cases to support access to long term funding for sustainable cultural services</p>	<p><b>Cultural Resources Forum:</b> Members of the Cultural Resources Forum will be meeting with the Arts Council to discuss cutbacks and funding in Donegal. With cutbacks in funding, the forum is exploring the ways it can identify new funding sources, alternative funding sources, etc.</p> <p><b>Donegal Library Services</b> Donegal Library Service recently received DoEHLG funding for new libraries in Gaoith Dobhair – 2010, and Donegal Town 2011.</p>

<p><b>11.</b> To provide opportunities for tailor-made cultural training packages</p>	<p><b>Cultural Resources Forum:</b> A 'Marketing on a Shoestring Course' was held in June, facilitated by Fáilte Ireland. Over 20 cultural practitioners attended gaining valuable knowledge on how to use social networking and web based marketing.</p> <p><b>Ealaín na Gaeltachta:</b> Ealain are organising a course on 'Private Fundraising for Arts organisations' in September with speakers coming from national organisations such as Business To Arts and the Association of Irish Festivals .</p> <p><b>Donegal VEC:</b> The VEC will be providing educational opportunities for young people in cultural related activities – throught the music education programme; the activities of the Donegal Youth orchestra &amp; Donegal Chamber Orchestra; in-career development courses in music education in conjunction with the Donegal Education Centre.</p>
<p><b>12.</b> To promote and establish Donegal as a location for film making and associated activities</p>	<p><b>Donegal Film Office:</b> The office is working in co-operation with the Irish Film Board, to develop a location tour for 'A Shine of Rainbows'. The information will be web based and will promote cultural tourism experiences along the route under the 'made in Donegal' banner.</p>
<p><b>13.</b> To develop and consolidate cross-border and transnational links in the area of culture to benefit from promotion of joint projects and to adopt best practice</p>	<p><b>Donegal cultural Resources Forum:</b> Derry has secured the title of UK City of Culture for 2013. Having worked with the Derry committee on the application, the forum will work closely with the promoters to ensure the cross border regions benefits from the experience.</p> <p><b>Donegal Library Services:</b> Cross Border mobile continues to provide service to library users on both sides of the border. Library staff are considering amendments to further develop the service. Libraries are currently working on the following cross-border library projects: With Kids Own arts organisation, cross border initiative 'The Travelling Library' – Bundoran library 26 July to 7 Aug. With Smashing Times Theatre Company in cross border project 'Theatre for Change'. This project is a cross community project for adults taking place in Carndonagh Library on 23<sup>rd</sup> September. A play based on the 'stories' of the project will also be produced.</p> <p><b>Donegal VEC:</b> The VEC is providing ongoing cross border music education opportunities through the Peace III Programme. The Peace III music education initiatives will be rolled out further.</p> <p><b>Donegal County Council. Arts Services:</b> The Edges project is a music project exploring the links between South West Donegal and Nordic Countries and has seen a partnership with music groups in Iceland and Norway</p>
<p><b>14.</b> To develop a co-ordination platform for Public Art in County Donegal</p>	

# **ATTACHMENT 5**

## DONEGAL BRAND

**GOAL: TO DEVELOP A DONEGAL BRAND ACROSS ALL SECTORS**

**TOSAÍOCHTA: LE BRANDA DHÚN NA NGALL A FHORBAIRT TRASNA NA N-EARNÁILEACHA AR FAD**

Key Activities / Tosaíochta	Progress Update to CDB at 07/09/10
<p>1. Develop the concept of a Donegal brand to support all aspects of development and promotion of the county</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Consultation</b> initiated with CDB Sectoral Fora and other stakeholders with regard to Donegal Brand development. Led by Community &amp; Enterprise and CDB Forum convenors.</li> <li>• <b>CDB Working Group</b> initiated - lead Community &amp; Enterprise</li> <li>• <b>Tourism Sectoral Forum</b> – TSF will make submission to the review of the County Development Plan.</li> <li>• <b>Donegal Live Event</b> – Planning underway to capitalise on Donegal Live event – with possible extension of events at other locations.</li> <li>• <b>Donegal TV AD</b> – Donegal Tourism have initiated TV ad campaign for 2010 in conjunction with Failte Ireland.</li> </ul>
<p>2. To develop a Diaspora project for the county</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Donegal North West Diaspora Project</b> – full application now with SEUPB for assistance under Interreg IVA Programme. Lead partner Donegal County Council.</li> <li>• <b>Ireland North West/Boston Event</b> –Donegal participated in this event which saw the initiation of a North West Ireland/Boston Partnership to build on the previous Boston/Derry Partnership.</li> <li>• <b>Diaspora Library Project</b> – A project has been initiated to foster cooperation between libraries, schools and other stakeholders. Initial activity in this will see the establishment of a Diaspora Resource Section in Donegal County Library and sections on Donegal established in the libraries of the City of Lawrence in Massachusetts and the University of St. Thomas, New Brunswick Canada. Led by Community &amp; Enterprise/Donegal County Library.</li> <li>• <b>Moville Emigration Monument</b> – The Moville Emigration Monument which will act as a focal point for the Donegal Diaspora was unveiled in September. Led by Community &amp; Enterprise/Donegal Public Art Office.</li> </ul>
<p>3. To develop mechanisms to disseminate information and promote all aspects of Donegal in Ireland and Internationally</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Donegal Community in Touch ezine</b> – issue 5 produced – lead Community &amp; Enterprise</li> </ul>

4. Develop an ambassadors programme to promote Donegal Brand	
5. Research world class benchmarks of branding and implement good practice in Donegal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Derry City Council/ILEX Case Study</b> – Donegal has made contact with DCC/ILEX regarding a presentation of best practice in terms of regional brand development.</li> </ul>
6. Establish database of contacts and use brand to promote investment in and relocation to the county	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Diaspora Database</u></b> established – lead Community &amp; Enterprise</li> </ul>
7. To consolidate local and attract external festivals & events to promote Donegal Brand	<p><b><u>Local Events</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Earagail Arts Festival</u></b> – 3<sup>rd</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> July 2010. The main focus of the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual festival will be the “<b>Made In Donegal</b>” brand, with performances and presentations of new work by Donegal artists and international collaborations across all artforms, to include a showcase of Donegal music to invited festival directors and tour promoters from around the world as well as 2 symposiums, around the themes of The Donegal Tradition in Music and Cultural Industries in A Rural Context. Following the successful presentation of the Made In Donegal showcase the festival has undertaken research and development to promote Donegal artists in the USA in 2011, with offers in principle for key performances in Chicago secured for both Fidil and The Henry Girls. Initial proposals are now being drafted to produce Made In Donegal cultural showcases in key US cities such as Chicago, Boston, New York, Washington, Atlanta.</li> <li>• <b><u>Donegal Bay/Bluestacks Festival</u></b> – to consolidate and deliver next festival in October 2010. Led by Donegal County Council Arts Service.</li> <li>• <b><u>Imaging Donegal Photography Commission</u></b> – New commission of 5 professional photographers focusing on aspects of each of the five electoral areas in Donegal. Elements of the commission can be used again in the branding of Donegal.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>External Events</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Oireachtas na Gaeilge</u></b> – took place in Letterkenny in October. Led by Community &amp; Enterprise.</li> <li>• <b><u>Ulster Dancing Championships</u></b> – Ulster Dancing Championship to take place in Letterkenny – lead Community &amp; Enterprise.</li> </ul>

<p><b>8.</b> Undertake events to promote Donegal Brand in Ireland and abroad</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Donegal Event Dublin May 2010</u></b> – lead Donegal Association Dublin</li> <li>• Participation in <b><u>Boston/Ireland North West</u></b> Event October 2009 - Community &amp; Enterprise</li> </ul>
<p><b>9.</b> Develop and promote Donegal Brand for various product areas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>CDB Working Group</u></b> established – lead Community &amp; Enterprise Division</li> </ul>
<p><b>10.</b> To promote and establish Donegal as a location for film making and associated activities</p>	
<p><b>11.</b> Promote and support "Donegal Brand" utilisation in relation to Donegal goods, services, attractions etc.</p>	

# **ATTACHMENT 6**

## NATURAL RESOURCES

**GOAL: TO DEVELOP THE REGION'S TOURISM & NATURAL RESOURCES**

**TOSAÍOCHTA : LE HACMHAINNÍ NÁDÚRTHA AN RÉIGIÚIN A FHORBAIRT**

Key Activities / Tosaíochta	Progress Update to CDB at 07/09/10
1. To progress cross-border tourism initiatives	Interregg IV projects still awaiting final approval, ongoing meetings with project partners on submission of additional information requests from SEUPB. No further updates at this time
2. Development and promotion of walking and trails resource in the region	No further update at present pending SEUPB decision on funding applications
3. To develop the county's marine & water based leisure resources	Sail West Project Officer has been selected and Marketing Officer has been appointed and started in August 2010.
4. To develop strategic Tourism projects (Sliabh Liag, Inch Levels, Malin Head)	Works ongoing at Sliabh Liag under the NDP Failte Ireland funding supported by Udaras and the Council. Donegal County Council are in advanced negotiations with Failte Ireland regarding the Sliabh Liag project for funding under the Capital Investment Programme.  Malin Head in partnership with the Lough Agency with funding under the Interreg IV programme – project currently at Economic Appraisal stage.  Marketing and development works are ongoing at Inch Levels, currently being carried out by National Parks and Wildlife Service.
5. To undertake tourism promotion initiatives	The Council are working with our partners in Donegal Tourism Ltd on new marketing initiatives for 2010. Donegal Live event was a major success and feedback very positive from both Trade and public, Event evaluation meeting will review all aspects of the event and investigate its possible future roll out from both cost and operational and impact.
6. To research and develop marine biology potential in the county (e.g. seaweed)	The use of seaweed is now being investigated with an initial focus group being invited to discuss this area and its potential for the county.
7. To undertake an islands sustainable tourism initiative	The Council are working on this through a funding application presently awaiting decision from SEUPB under the Interregg IV programme with Scottish and NI Partners
8. To provide support & interagency targeted initiatives for the agricultural sector	This area will also be addressed through the Green Economy Fora with cross cutting actions

<b>9.</b> Develop Forestry Resource of Region	This area will now be advanced through the Green Economy Fora, and linked with Tourism and Natural Resources Fora through cross cutting actions.
<b>10.</b> Identify and develop niche tourism opportunities	The Tourism and Cultural Foras are linking up to explore areas of common interest and how through cross working of the membership of foras.
<b>11.</b> Develop Marine Spatial Planning Model for sustainable development	Environmental and activity audit of Lough Swilly underway. Future scenario building process commenced with consultative group, comprising of state bodies, elected members & Local Authority officials. Information and project progress is available at <a href="http://www.imcore.eu/lough-swilly">www.imcore.eu/lough-swilly</a> .
<b>12.</b> Development of recreational forests	The Council through the Public Arts Office are working with Coillte and Failte Ireland in development of sculpture trail routes through Ards forest
<b>13.</b> To explore opportunities in the hydrocarbon sector for County Donegal	

# **ATTACHMENT 7**

## GREEN ECONOMY

**GOAL: TO DEVELOP DONEGAL AS A LEAD REGION FOR THE GREEN ECONOMY**

**TOSAÍOCHTA: LE DÚN NA NGALL A FHORBAIRT MAR PHRÍOMHRÉIGIÚN DON GHEILLEAGAR GLAS**

Key Activities / Tosaíochta	Progress Update to CDB at 23/08/10
<p><b>1.</b> To promote Donegal as a lead region for the Green Economy</p>	<p>CDB Training and Education Consortium established and meeting regularly, stakeholders in process of developing an Action Plan</p> <p>CDB Inter Agency Energy Group established, research ongoing on public sector fuel usage and models of good practice in public sector use of wind resources and other renewables, projects being assessed include wind energy, wood fuel, information sharing on a European basis, SEI Energy Efficiency Zone application and energy efficiency systems</p> <p>CDB Green Economy Forum established, next meeting September 2010</p> <p>Investment in Renewables Training Centre in LYIT</p> <p>Application being prepared for Interreg for Regional Renewable Energy Network</p>
<p><b>2.</b> Retraining of construction workers in green economy / enterprise areas</p>	<p>FETAC and City and Guilds programmes relating to wind turbine maintenance established (lead FÁS)</p> <p>LYIT HETAC Level 7 Wind Turbine Maintenance programme initiated, Oct 2009 (16 participants)</p> <p>BZEE Training Programme to be initiated at LYIT</p> <p>Training programmes planned by Teagasc for woodland owners to enable entry into wood energy market</p>
<p><b>3.</b> To undertake bio-diversity initiatives in the county</p>	<p>CDB Green Economy Forum to liaise with Heritage Forum to assist implementing Biodiversity elements of Donegal Heritage Plan</p> <p>15% of Coillte estates devoted to biodiversity</p> <p>Teagasc host two biodiversity events annually</p>

<p><b>4.</b> To undertake an anti-litter awareness/action programme in the county</p>	<p>DCC WEES provide a core function in relation to anti litter awareness and action, additional services provided in conjunction and state agencies and the community sector</p>
<p><b>5.</b> To promote and facilitate recycling initiatives</p>	<p>Six Civic Amenity Sites and local recycling facilities currently provided by Donegal County Council</p>
<p><b>6.</b> To develop a Bio-mass supply chain in the county</p>	<p>County Donegal is currently seen as the model of good practice in terms of development of the local wood energy market, through the work carried out by the Forest Link project and the Donegal Woodland Owners Group.</p> <p>Donegal Woodland Owners Group have recently completed an inventory of the timber that is coming to the market based on the members forest holdings. The report has identified 5000 tonnes that can be extracted for processing.</p> <p>The application on behalf of the CDB to be a pilot area under the RASLRES programme has been accepted, this will see engineering assessments being carried out on buildings owned by public sector agencies to assess suitability for conversion to wood energy systems</p> <p>The WDC RASLRES project is the design and piloting of market stimulation models in the partner regions to stimulate renewable energy (RE) deployment in rural areas. RASLRES will focus on wood energy, energy crop and marine biomass technologies, and will incorporate measurement tools for rural Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions. The project will design best practice models for stimulating growth of regional RE markets across the NPP area. These models will then be applied through a series of pilot projects in the partner regions using different technologies and fuels. A network for transnational exchange of knowledge, policy initiatives, technology and methodologies will be developed, which can be used across the entire Northern Periphery Area.</p>
<p><b>7.</b> To undertake research into wave / tidal power in the county</p> <p><b>8.</b></p>	<p>The RESOURCE project, partnered by Donegal County Council, Moyle District Council and the Scottish Highlands Council aims to examine wave, tidal and wind energy as a renewable resource in Rathlin Island the small Scottish Islands and the Donegal coastline. Outputs in Donegal will revolve around an examination of wave and tidal energies as well as an audit of the grid infrastructure</p>
<p><b>9.</b> Undertake an audit of renewable technologies and projects / proposals underway in the county</p>	<p>The CDB Green Economy Forum aim to update a previous audit to capture the renewable energy proposals and projects in the County</p>
<p><b>10.</b> To establish a Renewable Energy Resource Centre in County Donegal</p>	<p>The CDB Green Economy Forum aim to examine models of good practice with the aim of developing a Renewable Energy Resource Centre in the County.</p>

<b>11.</b> To promote Green Transport Initiatives	Car Share pilot project initiated (lead Donegal County Council and Letterkenny Town Council)  A number of pilot bio-fuel projects undertaken in the County
<b>12.</b> To promote an integrated wind power sector in County Donegal	CDB Training and Education consortium initiated
<b>13.</b> To develop education programmes for Green enterprise	CDB Training and Education consortium initiated
<b>14.</b> Undertake actions to promote and facilitate energy efficiency in the county	DCC Energy Efficiency Programme initiated
<b>15.</b> Undertake comprehensive retro-fit programmes of housing in County Donegal for energy efficiency and conservation	
<b>16.</b> Investigate the potential of the utilisation of a wind/hydro model of renewable electricity generation	A number of micro wind and mini hydro projects being assessed for their feasibility
<b>17.</b> Research and promote the use of renewables in Donegal enterprises	Renewables usage initiated in tourism sector
<b>18.</b> To explore and to develop mechanisms for community involvement and stakeholding in renewable energy projects	Community Workshop held (Údarás na Gaeltachta and DCC)
<b>19.</b> Explore development of bio-fuel potential in the county	Non Food Fuel Crops project implemented (DCC)
<b>20.</b> Other	Agriculture Focus Group established to assess potential land use projects and initiatives for promotion

# **ATTACHMENT 8**

**Information updates to DONEGAL CDB**

August 2010

<p><b>Project Name</b></p>	<p>Donegal County Childcare Committee Ltd Glenview Business Park Ballybofey Co Donegal</p>
<p><b>Project Aim</b></p>	<p><b>DCCC Vision:</b> To excel in the development and support of quality childcare in County Donegal to bring about positive outcomes for children and families.</p> <p><b>DCCC Mission:</b> Proactively working in partnership and effecting positive change with our partners, providers and key stakeholders and implementing the National Childcare Investment Programme on behalf of the Office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs at local level.</p> <p><b>DCCC Local Implementation Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local implementation of National Childcare Investment Programme (NCIP) in County Donegal</li> <li>- Local implementation of Early Childhood Care &amp; Education (ECCE) in County Donegal</li> <li>- Supporting the national objective of developing quality childcare in County Donegal</li> <li>- Supporting parents in accessing quality childcare in County Donegal</li> <li>- Sustaining DCCC's effectiveness and standards as a service provider</li> <li>- Participating in county level structures to ensure integration of childcare issues in cross-cutting policy areas</li> </ul>
<p><b>Partners</b></p>	<p>HSE</p>
<p><b>Description of project activities &amp; achievements to date</b></p>	<p>As of June 2010, DCCC is pleased to report that overall, excellent progress on the 2010 Local Implementation Plan (LIP) for Donegal has been achieved and the organisation has exceeded all mid-year priorities and targets. In addition to making significant progress across all actions, DCCC have fully completed a number of actions at the mid-year stage and have responded to sectoral needs by identifying and implementing a number of additional actions to complement and add value to the 2010 LIP (SEE TABLE 1)</p> <p>DCCC has achieved what it set out to do in the first half of the year. The key successes so far include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The successful Professional Development Event in May</li> <li>• The production of the <i>Building Pictures of Learning</i> Resource file and DVD</li> <li>• The positive feedback from childcare providers regarding the reformatted Quality Engagement Initiative as practical supports for engaging with Síolta and Aistear</li> <li>• The cost effective, efficiency and information sharing improvements to our communications strategy</li> </ul> <p>DCCC have also engaged in a number of further actions that are either extensions of existing actions or new actions in response to an identified need (SEE TABLE 2)</p>

<b>Future Plans</b>	<p>Alongside our core work, the second half of the year will focus on rolling out a range of professional development workshops in 3 different locations across the county to support professional practice. In addition, DCCC will work on progressing the two collaborative initiatives on early reading and transitions. We are also hopeful that our application to Peace III will be successful to enable us to embark on a cultural project with pre-school services for the period September 2010- May 2011.</p> <p>Maintaining mechanisms for recording impacts as a result of the DCCC Quality Engagement Initiative will be ongoing in the second part of the year. It is envisaged that this information will be used to inform our 2010 Annual Report regarding the more qualitative aspects of the organisations work.</p>
<b>Project Officer</b>	Avril Sweeney, Manager

**Table 1**

<b>Actions fully completed June 2010</b>		
1.3.1	Invite and process Parent and Toddler Initiative Grants	100% complete
AA2 (CO3)	Develop a new publication to support Síolta and Aistear implementation	100% complete
3.1	Quality Engagement Initiative reformatted and 3 information sessions delivered countywide	100% complete
3.2.1	Plan and deliver a Professional Development Event	100% complete
3.2.3	Invite and process Childcare Network Grants	100% complete
5.1.1	Provide 3 countywide information sessions to the sector on the role of DCCC, the DCCC Communications Strategy and 2010 LIP for Donegal	100% complete
AA 4 (CO5)	Group Texting, Mass email and electronic newsletter established and operational	100% complete
6.7.1	Collaborate with Donegal Sports Partnership to provide Summer Scheme Training for Childcare Providers	100% complete

**Table 2**

<b>Additional Actions</b>	
AA 1 (CO6)	Taking the lead on a collaborative action with the Children's Services Committee to roll out a pilot Early Reading Initiative through pre-school services. This initiative will be piloted from September 2010 to June 2011.
AA 2 (CO 3)	Producing a DVD to demonstrate assessment, planning and transition in action in early childhood settings in Donegal to accompany the new DCCC publication
AA 3 (CO3)	Facilitating a training day for 14 BMW CCC's on the reformatted DCCC Quality Engagement Initiative. This included the sharing of all tools and templates developed to support the initiative.
AA 4 (CO 5)	As cost effective measures, DCCC have extended actions under the DCCC communications strategy through the set up of appropriate databases to facilitate group texting and mass email. DCCC have also replaced the hard copy newsletter with an electronic newsletter.
AA 5 (CO 1)	DCCC responded to the announcement of the CETS by supporting applicants and processing applications under the scheme.

# **ATTACHMENT 9**

**MINUTES OF THE DONEGAL CDB PEACE AND RECONCILIATION  
PARTNERSHIP MEETING HELD ON 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2010, IN THE  
REGIONAL CULTURAL CENTRE**

**ATTENDANCE**

Cllr Dessie Larkin (Chairperson)	Donegal County Council
Ms Paula Leonard	County Community Forum
Ms Cróna Gallagher	VEC
Mr Ian McCracken	TDDA
Mr Neil Gallagher	Abhaile Arís
Cllr Ciaran Brogan	Donegal County Council
Ms Shauna McClenaghan	Inishowen Development Partnership
Ms Charlene Logue	DCBYWC
Mr Mícheal O'hEaniagh	Donegal County Council

**Present:**

Ms Anne Marie Conlon	Partnership Secretariat
Mr. Fearghal O'Boyle	Partnership Secretariat
Ms. Anne McElchar	Partnership Secretariat
Ms Sarah Lapsley	Donegal County Council
Mr Francis Conaghan	Donegal County Council

**Apologies:**

Ms. JoAnne Kilmartin	Partnership Secretariat
Ms Anne Molloy	Pobal
Ms Maire O'Leary	HSE
Mr James O'Donnell	ICMSA
Mr John Henry McLaughlin	County Community Forum

**PR/17/10 Welcome**

Cllr Dessie Larkin welcomed the members to the meeting and noted the apologies.

**PR /18/10 Minutes of Meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> January 2010**

The Minutes of the Meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> January 2010, having been reviewed were proposed by Cllr Ciaran Brogan and seconded by Ms Shauna McClenaghan.

**PR /19/10 Matters Arising from Minutes**

It was noted that the matters arising would be brought up under the agenda items during the meeting.

**PR /20/10 Conflict of interest**

The Donegal CDB Peace & Reconciliation Partnership Evaluation Panel members / Peace III Secretariat declared an interest in the following projects being considered today:

- Cllr Dessie Larkin declared an interest in the proposal put forward by An Gríanan Theatre and as such advised that he would absent himself for the duration of the consideration of the arts based proposals. This was noted and agreed.
- Mr Michael O'hEanaigh declared an interest in the proposal put forward by the Public Art Office, Donegal County Council

**PR /21/10 Development of a coherent message from the Donegal CDB Peace & Reconciliation Partnership promoting equality and embracing diversity – Presentation by Ms Sarah Lapsley, Anti-racism / Sectarianism Awareness Officer**

Ms Anne Marie Conlon introduced Ms Sarah Lapsley, Anti racism / Sectarianism Awareness Officer to the Partnership.

Ms Sarah Lapsley subsequently gave a presentation to the Board. It was noted that November 2010, would be they key month for conveying the message of the Partnership. Ms Sarah Lapsley further advised that a Consultation evening would take place at the Port-of-Call Centre, Port House, Letterkenny on 27th April 2010 from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. Cllr Dessie Larkin thanked her for the presentation.

Cllr Ciaran Brogan thanked Ms Sarah Lapsley for her presentation whilst noting it was very positive and important to embrace diversity. This was noted.

**PR /21/10 Partner Proposal from Public Art Office, Donegal County Council (CEU/PP/139 - Supports for Ex-servicemen - Schedule 1**

Mr Michael O'hEanaigh declared an interest in the proposal put forward by the Public Art Office and absented himself from the meeting at this point.

The Chairman invited Ms Anne McElchar to update the Partnership on the recommendations from the Evaluation Panel with regard to this proposal. Ms Anne McElchar advised that the Partnership at their meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2010, agreed to fund a programme that would involve the engagement of ex-servicemen and women, who served along the border during the troubles, and acknowledging their contribution to peace keeping measures during the conflict. In this regard, she advised that a partner proposal had been received from the Public Art Office, Donegal County Council for the “How we remember” Programme. She subsequently gave an overview of the proposal and outlined the recommendations from the Evaluation Panel.

She advised that the Evaluation Panel had recommended that €75,000 be awarded to the Public Art Office for the actions requested and that €16,450 be placed on a reserve list, should additional funding become available, either through slippage or other means. The additional €16,450 would involve a mapping exercise which would be carried out by the 26 historical societies in Donegal. It was further noted that the planned symposium would be a much larger event, should additional funding be available and this would require an additional €5,000.

Having considered the recommendations from the Evaluation Panel, the Partnership approved the recommendation proposed and agreed on a final scoring of 134.

In summary:

Unit	File Ref	Applicant Name	Amount Approved	Score
CEU/TP/	139	Donegal County Council - Public Art Office - "How we remember"	€75,000	134
It was further agreed that €16,450 be placed on a reserve list for this project.				

This was proposed by Cllr Ciaran Brogan and seconded by Ms Shauna McClenaghan.

## **PR /22/10 Consideration of tenders received to for an Innovative Sports & Recreation Programme of Activity – Schedule 2**

Mr Fearghal O'Boyle advised that tenders were requested from suitable organisations to deliver an innovative programme of sport and recreation to engage participants from a cross border and cross community setting to create opportunities for social interaction with a view to breaking down barriers, promoting reconciliation and mutual understanding between all sections of the community. In this regard, he advised that two tenders had been received.

Mr Fearghal O'Boyle gave an overview of the two tenders received, namely CEU/TP/137 - University of Ulster Sports Academy and CEU/PP/138 - The GAA, and outlined the recommendations from the Evaluation Panel in this regard.

Having considered the recommendations from the Evaluation Panel, the Partnership approved the recommendations proposed as follows:

Assessment for Action in Donegal Peace III Action Plan	Innovative Sports & Recreation Programme of Activity.	
No of tenders proposals received	2	
PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM	University of Ulster	Donegal GAA
DATE RECEIVED	23rd March 2010	23rd March 2010
PROPOSAL PRICE	€52,340	€98,350
UNDERSTANDING THE BRIEF = 20	10	15
UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF THE ISSUES AND CHALLENGES FACING DONEGAL = 30	15	20
TENDER PRICE/VALUE FOR MONEY = 40	25	26
Evidence of capacity, competency and expertise of tendering organisation to undertake assignment = 50	30	40
APPROACH PROPOSED TO UNDERTAKE ASSIGNMENT = 60	40	40

<b>TOTAL = 200 (Threshold 130)</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>141</b>
<b>COMMENTS/ OBSERVATIONS</b>	Proposed by: Cllr Ciaran Brogan and seconded by Ms Shauna McClenaghan.	

This was proposed by Cllr Ciaran Brogan and seconded by Ms Shauna McClenaghan.

**PR /23/10 Consideration of tenders received for an Innovative Arts and Drama Theatre Based Programme of Activity – Schedule 3**

Cllr Dessie Larkin declared an interest in the proposal put forward by An Gríanan Theatre and as such absented himself for the duration of the consideration of the arts based proposals. In this regard, Cllr Ciaran Brogan agreed to chair the meeting for the duration of this item.

Mr Fearghal O'Boyle advised that tenders were received for the delivery of an innovative arts and drama theatre based programme to engage participants from a cross border and cross community perspective to explore themes and issues that are a consequence of the conflict so as to address levels of segregation in Donegal and across the border with a view to promoting reconciliation and mutual understanding.

Mr Fearghal O'Boyle gave an overview of the three tenders received, namely: CEU/TP/134 – Smashing times Theatre Company, CEU/TP/135 Butt Drama Circle Ltd and CEU/TP/136 An Grianan Theatre and outlined the recommendations from the Evaluation Panel in this regard.

Mr Fearghal O'Boyle advised that it was further agreed by the Evaluation Panel, that a meeting be facilitated between the two successful companies namely Smashing Times Theatre Company & An Grianan Theatre in order to create synergies and to ensure there is no duplication.

Having considered the recommendations from the Evaluation Panel, the Partnership approved the recommendations proposed as follows:

<b>Assessment for Action in Donegal Peace III Action Plan</b>	<b>Innovative Arts and Drama Theatre Based programme</b>		
<b>PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM</b>	<b>Smashing Times Theatre Co Ltd</b>	<b>Butt Drama Circle Co Ltd.</b>	<b>An Grianán Theatre</b>
<b>DATE RECEIVED</b>	23rd March 2010	23rd March 2010	23rd March 2010
<b>PROPOSAL PRICE</b>	€106,305.70	€124,940	€125,000
<b>UNDERSTANDING THE BRIEF = 20</b>	15	10	15
<b>UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF THE ISSUES AND CHALLENGES FACING DONEGAL = 30</b>	20	15	20
<b>TENDER PRICE/VALUE FOR MONEY = 40</b>	30	15	25

<b>Evidence of capacity, competency and expertise of tendering organisation to undertake assignment = 50</b>	35	25	35
<b>APPROACH PROPOSED TO UNDERTAKE ASSIGNMENT = 60</b>	40	30	45
<b>TOTAL = 200 (Threshold 130)</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>140</b>
<b>COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS</b>			
<b>Proposed by:</b>	Ms Charlene Logue		
<b>Seconded by:</b>	Ms Shauna McClenaghan.		

This was proposed by Ms Charlene Logue and seconded by Ms Shauna McClenaghan.

### **PR /24/10 Further call for tenders**

It was noted that there is additional funding remaining following the allocation of the above tenders. In this regard, it was agreed that a new call for tenders be advertised as follows:

- 1) An Innovative Arts and Drama Programme of Activity for pre-school children
- 2) An Innovative Sports and Recreation Programme of Activity.

This was agreed and proposed by Cllr Ciaran Brogan and seconded by Ms Shauna McClenaghan.

### **PR /25/10 Correspondence**

Ms Anne Marie Conlon advised that Cllr Pdraig MacLochlainn had resigned from the Peace III Partnership and referred to the correspondence as circulated. In this regard, it was noted that the County Secretary's Office, Donegal County Council would be contacted to determine who would be appointed to fill the vacancy. This was noted.

In relation to the resignation from Mr Henry McGarvey, it was noted that IBEC had been contacted to enquire if they wish to continue on the Partnership. It was noted that we are still awaiting a response from IBEC in this regard. It is hoped that this would be available for the next meeting. This was noted.

### **PR /26/10 Phase II of Peace III Action Plan – Plan for a Plan**

Ms Anne Marie Conlon gave an overview of the document as circulated. She advised that Public consultation workshops will be held in Letterkenny PSC on Tuesday 20 April 2010 at 2.pm and in Donegal Town PSC on Thursday 22 April at 2.pm. It was noted that the consultation process was from 25<sup>th</sup> March 2010 to 7<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

Ms Anne Marie Conlon further advised that a focus group would be hosted on Tuesday 27 April 2010 in Port of Call, Port House, Letterkenny. This group will include 8 to 10 individuals from the following target group's: protestant community, ethnic minority community and young people. This was noted.

**a. Guidelines & assessment framework for Phase II**

Ms Anne Marie Conlon advised that the Guidelines & assessment framework for Phase II had been received from the SEUPB. This was noted.

**b. Review of the Donegal CDB Peace & Reconciliation Partnership**

Referring to the questionnaire as circulated with regard to the review of the Donegal CDB Peace & Reconciliation Partnership, it was agreed that this would be brought back to the next meeting of the Partnership for consideration / completion.

**c. Timelines to be considered by Partnership**

The following timelines were noted / agreed by the Partnership:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Time</b>
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2010	Public Consultation Opens	
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2010	Networking Event, Ramada Hotel, Letterkenny	10.00am
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2010	Evaluation Panel Meeting	9.30am
	Partnership Meeting to discuss review of Action Plan	11.00am
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2010	First Public Consultation Workshop, Letterkenny PSC	2.00pm
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2010	Second Public Consultation Workshop in Donegal Town PSC	2.00pm
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2010	Close of Public Consultation	4.00pm
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2010	Donegal Peace III Partnership Conference	
1 <sup>st</sup> June 2010	Workshop Number 2 with Partnership - Draft Plan to be considered. Letterkenny PSC	1.00pm
18 <sup>th</sup> June 2010	Final sign off by Partnership Members, Letterkenny PSC	9.30am
22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2010	Submit final Plan to Pobal / CRC	

**PR /27/10 Update from Partners delivering actions on the Donegal Peace III Action Plan**

Cllr Dessie Larkin invited updates from each of the Partners on the Partnership who have responsibility for delivering actions within the plan.

**CEU/PP/89 – Donegal Community Based Youth Work Consortium**

*Ms Charlene Logue referred the members to the update report as circulated and subsequently gave an overview of same. The report was noted and the chairman thanked Ms Charlene Logue for her update to the board.*

**CEU/PP/88 – Donegal County Council**

Ms Anne Marie Conlon referred the members to the update report as circulated and subsequently gave an overview of same.

The report as circulated was noted and the Chairman thanked Ms Anne Marie Conlon for her update to the Board.

**Donegal County Councils Proposal to deliver an awareness raising campaign to convey a clear and coherent message from the Partnership in relation to sectarianism and racism (P 1&2) - Request for amendment**

Ms Anne Marie Conlon referred to the letter as circulated from Mr Michael O'hEanaigh and advised that one of the key actions proposed within the action plan was to *“design and develop a grant scheme for community groups and other organisations in the county to deliver an awareness raising and information campaign in Donegal in early 2010. All successful applicants will be asked to use the Partnerships brand identity and to ensure that events, activities etc will take place during a particular month in 2010 (e.g. February) so as to maximise the impact of these events and activities with a view to ensuring that the Partnerships message is heard”*.

In this regard, she advised that it is proposed to amend how this action will be delivered in that rather than designing and delivering a grant scheme, that Donegal County Council will lead out on hosting a month long awareness raising and information campaign in November 2010 and that community and voluntary groups and other organisations will be invited to participate and that the costs incurred in hosting events, programmes and activities during this month will be covered by Donegal County Council using the funding available.

Ms Anne Marie Conlon recommended that this request be brought back to the next Partnership meeting for consideration, given the low turnout at the Partnership Meeting today. It was agreed that Ms Sarah Lapsley continue with her work in this regard, until such time as the proposal is considered by the full Partnership at their next meeting, scheduled to take place on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2010.

**CEU/PP/90 – HSE**

In the absence of Ms Maire O'Leary, the report as circulated was noted by the Partnership.

**CEU/PP/89 – Donegal VEC**

In the absence of Ms Cróna Gallagher at this point in the meeting, the report as circulated was noted by the Partnership.

**PR /28/10 Update report on Small Grants Scheme**

The update report as circulated was noted by the Partnership.

**PR /29/10 Update report on Strategic Grant Scheme**

The update report as circulated was noted by the Partnership.

**PR /30/10 Update report on contracts issued**

The update report as circulated was noted by the Partnership.

**PR /31/10 Update on Building Capacity of the Donegal CDB Peace & Reconciliation Partnership**

Cllr Dessie Larkin thanked the Peace III Secretariat for the preparations made in relation to the Conflict Transformation and Messines Experience Programme, which was subsequently postponed due to the small number of participation. This was noted.

Ms Anne Marie Conlon referred to the report as circulated in relation to the proposed Theatre of Witness Programme – “We carried your secrets”. She advised that the proposal to the Partnership was to arrange a private viewing of the film documentary “We Carried Your Secrets”. She advised that the participants from the film will be in attendance at the event and following the film, they will take the Partnership on a walking tour of the City of Derry, and weave their own personal stories into the geography of the town. This tour can take upwards of 1hr and 30 minutes. She advised that this will be followed by lunch and the day will close with an experiential workshop with the artistic director Teya Sepinuck.

The Partnership agreed that this proposal was very interesting and agreed that it would be brought back to the next meeting of the Partnership for consideration, given the low turn out at the Partnership Meeting today.

**PR /32/10 Report from Pobal/CRC**

It was noted that Ms Anne Molloy had passed on her apologies for today’s meeting.

**PR /33/10 AOB**

**Peace III Partnership Conference – 27<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

Ms Anne Marie Conlon extended her thanks to Ms JoAnne Kilmartin for organising the Partnership Conference proposed for 27<sup>th</sup> May 2010. The agenda for the conference was noted. Cllr Dessie Larkin commended the high profile of the speakers and advised that he was looking forward to the first conference of the Partnership. This was noted.

**PR /34/10 Next Meeting**

It was agreed at the next meeting would take place on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2010 at 1.00pm in the Letterkenny Public Services Centre.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# DONEGAL COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD CULTURAL RESOURCES FORUM

## MINUTES/MIONTHUAIRISCÍ

25 Bealtaine, 2010. An Grianán, Leitir Ceanainn.

**I láthair:** Micheál Ó Fearraigh, Aileen Doherty, Joe Gallagher, Denie McCool, Martin Gormley, Anna Ní Laifeartaigh, Patricia McBride, Traolach Ó Fionnáin, Micheal Mac Aoidh, Diarmuid Ó Mórdha, Conor Malone, Seán Hannigan, Terre Duffy, Séamus Ó Gallchóir,

**Leithscéal:** Helen McNutt, Anne Marie Crosse, Niamh Brenann, Paul Browne, Judith McCarthy, Eileen Burgess, Paul Browne.

### 1. Minutes.

The minutes were proposed by Terre Duffy and seconded by Séamus Ó Gallchóir.

### 2. Presentation by Gearóid Ó Maonaigh, Director of Donegal Volunteer Centre.

Gearóid Ó Maonaigh gave an outline and profile of the Donegal Volunteer Centre and explained the process involved if cultural organisations wished to access the volunteer network. He said cultural organisations and volunteers could be mutually beneficial to one another and that it was a great opportunity. A whole range of volunteers with a wide range of skills and experience were available, and that voluntary, statutory, not for profit and charitable groups as well as companies limited by association were eligible to access volunteers. Gearóid gave a number of guidelines:

- He stressed that the volunteer must be at the centre of the job offer and the role must be challenging, encouraging and not just filling a gap for the employee.
- A volunteer must not be a replacement for an employee.
- The boundaries, brief and tasks relating to the role offered must be clearly defined
- Training should be a central element of the role and supervision was also vital.
- The basic concept of volunteers was 'giving time to the community', and this should be borne in mind when recruiting a volunteer.

Gearóid distributed brochures, etc and said further information on the Volunteer centre could be found at [www.volunteerdonegal.ie](http://www.volunteerdonegal.ie)

Gearóid gave details about a training course on volunteerism, tailor made for employees. The course would be run over 4 half days and would be beneficial to organisations who recruited volunteers regularly.

The presentation was opened up to the floor for forum members to ask questions and get more information.

It was agreed that Micheál Mac Aoidh would send the contact details of the forum members to Gearóid Ó Maonaigh, so as he could forward details of the training course for employees, and any other relevant information, to Cultural Forum members

### **3. Matters Arising**

*Derry's bid for UK City of Culture 2013:* Aideen Doherty gave an update on Derrys bid for the City of Culture. She said Derry had a great chance of winning the bid. She said the decision would be made on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> of July.

*CDB Strategic Day:* Martin Gormley commended Terre Duffy on her presentation on the role and importance of Culture at the CDB strategic day. It was generally agreed that it was very positive that Culture was a major part of the agenda at the CDB strategic day and speakers such as Finbarr Bradley made a cogent case for Culture.

*Donegal Live Day:* It was generally agreed that the day had being a great success. Patricia McBride noted that 'Culture' had being used to draw people in and was central to the success of the day. Martin Gormley suggested a letter be sent to congratulate the committee and Storm PM. Micheál Ó Fearraigh said this had already being done. A number of issues had arisen as regards the organisation of the Donegal Live day, notably difficulties in communication and co-ordination. It was also felt greater lead-in times were needed. It was generally felt that the benefits the Cultural sector get from the day should be commensurate with the huge input they make. It was agreed that and a number of points should be drawn up and that this feedback be sent to Máire Áine Gardiner at Fáilte Ireland. Seán Hannigan said the Cultural Sector was not 'in the loop' in terms of the tourism perspective of culture, and he felt the sector needed to develop a tourism element. He said Máire Áine Gardiner was a great conduit between the two sectors.

### **4. Cultural Forum representative for Tourism Forum meetings.**

Traolach Ó Fionnáin said it was important the Cultural Forum had a representative on the Tourism Forum. Martin Gormley agreed that a formal link was important. Seán Hannigan added that it was important a clear, strong and consistent link be developed with the tourism sector. The person appointed, he said, should sell the case of 'culture' to the Tourism sector on a consistent basis. Aideen Doherty said it is important for the Cultural sector to identify what they want out of any co-operation or joint projects with the Tourism sector. It was agreed that Terre Duffy be appointed the representative at the Tourism Forum meetings. It was agreed that Micheál Ó Fearraigh and Terre Duffy would meet with Máire Áine Gardiner to discuss some of the issue discussed and links between the two sectors.

*Marketing on a Shoestring course.* Micheál Ó Fearraigh said that Máire Áine Gardiner/Fáilte Ireland were going to facilitate a 'Marketing on a Shoestring' course for the Cultural Sector. Máire Áine needed the Forum to fix a number of possible dates for the course and to identify any particular subject areas they would like covered. Tuesday June 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday July 17<sup>th</sup> were set as possible dates. Members expressed an interest to learn more about Social Networking, IT marketing in general and how to use photos, jpegs, etc.

### **5. Cultural Resources Template**

Aideen Doherty said the Cultural Forum template is working very well and she believed the forum was leading the CDB in terms of collaboration and co-ordination. Members spent time at the meeting filling in the template. Micheál Mac Aoidh would send the completed template to be presented at the next meeting of the CDB. He would also send the last completed template to forum members.

## **6. Priority Goals.**

**Facebook site:** Conor Malone said the Facebook site was attracting interest and was quite active. Traolach Ó Fionnáin said that most members of the forum couldn't access Facebook or other social networking sites from the workplace, as such sites were restricted. This was problematic, he said, as most of the cultural sector communicated and did a substantial amount of their marketing through social networking sites.

**Cultural Forum Newsletter:** Micheál Mac Aoidh said the email newsletter was developing and expanding with every issue. It was hoped, he said, it would be distributed monthly from now on, and it was hoped a volunteer would be recruited to help edit the newsletter. Seán Hannigan said it would be a good idea to expand the database and distribute it to a wider audience. Traolach Ó Fionnáin said he would put a database together for the next meeting. Micheál Ó Fearraigh said it would be a good idea for Cultural Forum members to re-distribute the email newsletter to people on their contact lists.

**Funding:** Traolach Ó Fionnáin and Micheál Ó Fearraigh would be meeting with representatives of the Arts council and other bodies to discuss the issue of funding. They said that feedback and opinions from forum members was very welcome and would be useful. Traolach said Donegal County Council had appointed Carol Margey as a grants researcher. She provided a search facility to find out what grants are available for specific projects on a national and European level, cultural projects included. Micheál Ó Fearraigh suggested inviting her to give a presentation at the forum in a few months time. Any forum members who wished to access this service could go through Aideen Doherty.

## **7. Any other Business**

Patricia McBride gave an brief on the public meeting that was held to discuss the possibility of Donegal and Derry being showcased at the Milwaukee festival in 2011. She believed a budget of €100,000 was available and said it was a great opportunity for groups in Donegal to showcase their talents and, in turn, to attract Cultural Tourists to the North West. She said over 100,000 attend the festival every year. The festival focussed primarily on music and dance, but smaller stages were provided for theatre, literature, and other cultural forms. Patricia asked if anyone had more information on who was driving the move to make Donegal /Derry the focal point of Milwaukee 2011. Traolach Ó Fionnáin said he believed Liam Ó Cuinneagán of Oideas Gael had initiated the meeting and the aim was to try and get someone to take up the reins of co-ordinating Derry/ Donegal's input. Micheál Ó Fearraigh said he would talk to Liam Ó Cuinneagán to get more information. It was generally felt it was a good opportunity for the Cultural sector.

## **8. Whats on.**

Members gave details on events and notifications relating to their organisations. Information as per email newsletter.

**Meetings of the Cultural Forum for 2010.**

Tuesday November 16th 10.00 a.m. Venue TBC

# **ATTACHMENT 10**



**Roinn Cumarsáide, Fuinnimh agus Acmhainní Nádurtha**  
**Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources**

**Oifig an Aire**  
**Office of the Minister**

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Baile Átha Cliath 2

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28<sup>th</sup> May 2010

Cllr. Dessie Larkin  
Chairman  
Donegal County Development Board  
c/o Donegal County Council  
Letterkenny Public Services Centre  
Letterkenny  
Co. Donegal

Dear Councillor,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter to Eamon Ryan T.D., Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources requesting a meeting.

This letter will be brought to the Minister's attention as soon as possible. You will shortly receive a letter conveying his decision.

Yours sincerely,

Sinéad O'Reilly  
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# **ATTACHMENT 11**

DONEGAL YOUTH COUNCIL

02 JUL 2010

COMMITTEE

Castlecooley,  
Burt,  
Co. Donegal.  
20/05/2010

Dear Councillor,

We are writing to you with great concern on behalf of Donegal Youth Council (DYC). We are in danger of losing our youth council as funding for a co-ordinator comes to an end this June. This may result in no youth council for the future as it cannot continue without the presence, guidance and support of a co-ordinator.

We as members of DYC were elected to represent the young people of Donegal and embedded in our mission is to provide a voice for youth on identified issues and promote projects in response to young people's needs. We feel if we allow this to happen we are not fulfilling our role as elected youth councillors.

At the moment the management of DYC have appealed for an extension of the co-ordinator post for 6months from July. This time, if given, will be used to try and secure a permanent co-ordinator post. This permanent post is the only viable solution to the continuation of DYC.

We have requested to attend your next county meeting to show all elected councillors what we have achieved in such a short space of time and to show you how essential DYC is to the youth of Donegal. We hope to make a presentation to you on the progress of Donegal Youth Council 2008-2010.

We are asking you on behalf of the youth of Donegal for your support in lobbying to the government to ensure the rights of young people are looked after and we hope you can raise this concern with your colleagues so as Donegal can stand together on this issue.

Our slogan for Donegal youth council is 'shaping our future'. If there is no Donegal youth council how can we ensure young people that their future is worth looking forward to?

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. We hope you share our concerns and will help us to secure the future of Donegal youth council. If you require further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me at 0864022018 or Laura at 0864096272.

Thanking you,

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Mayor Enya Bonar, Youth Councillor Laura Buchanan

# **ATTACHMENT 12**



# Údarás na Gaeltachta

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27 Iúil 2010



Míchéal Ó hÉanaigh  
Stiúrthóir  
An Rannóg Pobail, Cultúrtha & Pleanála  
Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall  
Leifear  
Co. Dhún na nGall


'Mhícheáil, a chara

Os rud é go mbeidh mé ag éirí as mo phost ag deireadh mhí Iúil le hÚdarás na Gaeltachta beidh mé fosta ag éirí as mo bhallraíocht de Bhord Forbartha an Chontae.

Bhain mé an sult agus tairbhe as mo chuid ama ar an C.D.B. agus chuidigh tacaíocht an Bhoird, a bhaill agus an fhoireann go mór le scéimeanna éagsúla a thionscnamh agus a fhorbairt go forleathan sa chontae agus ar fud na Gaeltachta.

Is múnla maith an Bord den dóigh a thig tabhairt faoi an phróiseas forbartha i bpáirtíocht lena chéile ar mhaithe leis an Chontae. Guím todhchaí fhada ghníomhach don C.D.B. agus dá bhaill. Mile buíochais duit féin agus d'fhoireann as ucht bhur gcomhoibriú agus bhur dtacaíocht thar na mblianta.

Le dea-ghuí

  
Cathal Mac Suibhne  
Bainisteoir Réigiúnach

ARDOIFIG

OIFIGÍ RÉIGIÚNACHA



Na Forbacha,  
Gaillimh

An Daingean,  
Co. Chiarraí

Béal an Mhuirthead  
Co. Mhaigh Eo

Baile Mhic Íre,  
Co. Chorcaí



# **ATTACHMENT 13**



Comhshaol, Oidhreacht agus Rialtas Áitiúil  
Environment, Heritage and Local Government

LG 9/10

17 June, 2010



**Work of Business Support Units and County/City Development Board (CDB)  
Economic Development Sub-Committees**

Directors of Community and Enterprise

I refer to Circular LG 16/08 of 28 November 2008 regarding the *Guidelines for the Operation of the CDB Economic Development Sub-Committee* and Minister Gormley's letter of 19 March 2009, to Managers regarding *Measures to Support Economic Activity* and in particular the establishment of Business Support Units in each county/city council (copies of these letters attached).

In the current economic circumstances, the key role that local authorities play in supporting and promoting business at local level is extremely important. As the Business Support Units (or equivalent arrangements) have now been established and are providing assistance to individuals and businesses, it is important that there be complementarity between these units and the CDB Economic Sub-committees. It is acknowledged that this is already happening in many instances. However, where this is not the case, the Minister of State with responsibility for CDBs, Mr Michael Finneran, T.D. has requested that steps be taken to put such co-ordination/co-operation arrangements in place. Your assistance in this matter would be appreciated.

If you have any queries in this matter, please contact Mairéad Ryan at 01-8882800 , email [mairead.ryan@environ.ie](mailto:mairead.ryan@environ.ie).

Joe Allen  
Local Government Policy

c.c. Each County/City Manager



# **ATTACHMENT 14**



**Donegal County Development Board**  
Bord Forbartha Chontae Dhún na nGall

23rd August 2010

**Re: Enterprise and Skills CDB Priority Goal**

Dear Enterprise and Skills Group Member,

Enterprise and Skills development has been identified by the CDB members as a key priority goal. I am writing to you to emphasise the importance of the regular updating of the reporting template which is submitted at each CDB meeting, updating members on the broad range of activities and actions underway. I would be very grateful for the full participation of all agencies in the updating of this template.

Arising from the last CDB meeting, the Director of Services was also requested to examine possible models of good practice with regards to economic sub-committees being implemented nationally. A report on this will be brought to the next meeting of the CDB in September.

Many thanks in advance for your co-operation

Mise le meas,

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Clr Dessie Larkin  
Cathaoirleach

# **ATTACHMENT 15**



**Donegal County Development Board**  
Bord Forbartha Chontae Dhún na nGall

23rd August 2010

***Re: MODELS OF GOOD PRACTICE CDB ECONOMIC SUB-COMMITTEES***

Dear Enterprise and Skills Group Member,

Further to the last meeting of the CDB in June and a request by CDB members that I investigate models of good practice regarding economic sub-committees operating nationally, please see attached a model, which operates in Louth CDB – the Louth Economic Forum, and details of which I propose to bring to the next CDB meeting in September. I would be very grateful of any views or comments you may have in advance of this meeting.

Many thanks in advance for your co-operation

Mise le meas,

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*Mícheál Ó hÉanaigh*

Director of Service

# **ATTACHMENT 16**

## Review of the County Development Plan 2006- 2012

### Extension of consultation period and invitation to public workshops.

The period for public consultation for the review of the County Development Plan has been **extended to allow for greater feedback and involvement. The closing date is now Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at 4.30 p.m.**

Workshops have been arranged throughout the County to allow the public to become involved in the review. People are being invited to come along to a workshop evening in their area where there will be an opportunity to see what the review entails, what it can mean to you and how you can have an effect on the outcome. There will be opportunities to simply listen and/or to have your say.

**Check out the details below to see which venue is closest to you. It is your County and your Plan, so come along to one of the workshops and have your say!**

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#### Schedule of Public Workshops

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2010	7pm- 9.30pm	Letterkenny Public Service Centre
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2010	7pm- 9.30pm	Donegal Town Public Service Centre
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2010	7pm- 9.30pm	Dungloe Public Service Centre
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2010	7pm- 9.30pm	County House, Lifford
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2010	7pm- 9.30pm	Carndonagh Public Service Centre
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2010	7pm- 9.30pm	Milford Public Service Centre

**Remember: Make submissions before 4.30pm Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2010 to either [cdp.review@donegalcoco.ie](mailto:cdp.review@donegalcoco.ie) or to Gerry Richards, Senior Planner, Central Planning Unit, County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal.**

# **ATTACHMENT 17**



**Donegal County Development Board**  
Bord Forbartha Chontae Dhún na nGall

16 Iúil 2010

Sir Roy McNulty  
Chairman  
Ilex  
Exchange House  
Queen Quay  
Derry  
BT48 7AS

### **Derry UK City of Culture 2013**

Sir Roy a chara

I am writing on behalf of Donegal County Development Board to congratulate you and all at Ilex on the success of the bid to become the UK City of Culture in 2013. This will be an enormous economic, social and cultural boost not just for Derry, but the North West as a whole.

We look forward to collaborating with you in the lead up to and during the year of culture in 2013, working through our new North West Cross-Border Partnership Board and other relevant structures.

Le deá ghuí

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Clr. Dessie Larkin  
Chairman

# **ATTACHMENT 18**

## **Issue 8: "Donegal - Community in Touch / Dún na nGall - pobail i d'teagmháil" E-zine Now available**

The "Donegal - Community in Touch / Dún na nGall - pobail i d'teagmháil" e-zine arose from the Donegal Diaspora Project. Through this project Donegal is reaching out and connecting with people in all parts of the world who have a connection to or interest in Donegal. The e-zine is distributed to people all over the world who have a connection to or interest in Donegal and provides information on local news, events and stories of interest.

*The eight edition of the Donegal e-zine was published in July and is available on the CDB website at:*

<http://www.donegalcdb.ie/news/DonegalCommunityInTouche-zineIssue8.pdf>

*Articles of interest include:*

- *Welcome Note by Daniel O'Donnell*
- *Cllr. Cora Harvey elected new Mayor of Donegal County Council*
- *Seamus Neely appointed as new County Manager*
- *Donegal CDB Annual Strategy Day 2010*
- *200 new jobs for UnitedHealth Group*
- *€8.3 million funding announcement for PEACE III Pettigo / Tullyhommon Termon Project*
- *Pramerica Ireland celebrate 10 years in County Donegal*
- *Donegal Businesses Going Global With E-Bay*
- *Launch of Donegal Heritage 'Life & Lore' Collection*
- *Who do you think you are? Family Trees*
- *Donegal Association of New York to celebrate 115 Years in 2011*
- *Civic reception for Donegal Association of Dublin*
- *Irish diaspora create their own social networking site*

*and many many more!!!*

If you or anybody you know would like further information on the e-zine or would like to submit an article to a future edition of the "Donegal - Community in Touch / Dún na nGall - pobail i d'teagmháil" E-zine, please contact Ms Maria Ferguson at [maria.ferguson@donegalcoco.ie](mailto:maria.ferguson@donegalcoco.ie) / 0749724466 or Ms Roisin McBride at [rmcbride@donegalcoco.ie](mailto:rmcbride@donegalcoco.ie) / 0749172562.