

Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall

Oifig Riarthóir na gCruinnithe,
Aras an Chontae,
Leifear.

13ú Meitheamh, 2023

Fógra Cruinnithe

Beidh Cruinniú Bliantúil de Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall ar siúl **De Máirt 20ú Meitheamh 2023, ag 11.30 r.n. in Ionad Serbhísí Pobail, Bhaile Dhún na nGall.**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS DÚN NA nGALL

A Chara,

Iarrthar ort a bheith ar líne chun freastal ar an gcruinniú seo de Cheantar Bhardais Dhún na nGall. Tá Clar na Cruinnithe le seo.

Mise, le meas

Linda Mac Cana
Riarthóir Cruinnithe

Municipal District of Donegal

Office of Meetings Administrator,
County House,
Lifford.

13th June 2023

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal will be held on **Tuesday 20th June 2023, at 11.30 A. M. in the Donegal Public Services Centre.**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend virtually this meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal. The Agenda is attached.

Yours sincerely,

Linda McCann
Meetings Administrator

AGENDA

1. Election of Cathaoirleach
2. Election of Leas-Cathaoirleach
3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Municipal District of Donegal Meeting held on the 09th May 2023.
4. Consideration of the Minutes of the Municipal District of Donegal Roads Workshop held on the 22nd May 2023.
5. **Update Reports from Council Services**
 - 5.1 Housing & Corporate Services
 - 5.2 Roads / Transportation
 - 5.3 Economic Development, Information Systems and Emergency Services
 - 5.4 Environment Services
 - 5.5 Community Development
 - 5.6 Planning Services
6. **Date of Next Meeting(s) / Workshop(s)**
 - MD Meeting on Tuesday the 11th July 2023 at 11.30 am in the Peter Kennedy Chamber (as per standing orders)

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL
HELD AT 11.30 AM ON TUESDAY THE 09TH MAY 2023 IN THE PETER
KENNEDY CHAMBER, DONEGAL PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE**

MDD/064/23 MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr Niamh Kennedy, Cathaoirleach
Cllr Michéal Naughton
Cllr Noel Jordan
Cllr Tom Conaghan
Cllr Barry Sweeny
Cllr Michael McMahon

MDD/065/23 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Garry Martin, Director Designate, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Sean Dunnion, A/Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Roads/Transportation
Ms. Tara Quinn, Executive Architect, Housing Capital
Mr. Ciaran Kelly, Graduate Planner, Planning
Mr. Barney McLaughlin, Administrative Officer, Community
Development
Mr. Philip O'Kennedy, Local Enterprise Office
Mr. Paul Gallagher, Administrative Officer, Environment Section
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate
Services
Ms. Caroline Britton, Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

MDD/066/23 APOLOGIES

Mr Pauric Sheerin, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal
Ms. Aideen Quinn, A/Executive Planner, Planning
Ms. Suzanne Bogan, Waster Awareness Officer, Environment
Section

MDD/067/23 STANDING ORDERS

Cllr Kennedy welcomed all attendees and referred to Standing Order
No. 64 which stipulates that recording of the meeting is prohibited.

MDD/068/23 VOTES OF SYMPATHY

- The late Mary Gallogley, West Port, Ballyshannon
- The late Maureen Reynolds, Leytonstone, London formerly of
Cashel, Rosstownlough

MDD/069/23 GOOD WISHES

Cllr Kennedy noted Mr Sheerin's absence and the Members
collectively wished Mr Sheerin a speedy recovery. The Members also

welcomed Mr Dunnion to the role and looked forward to working with him.

MDD/070/23 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 11TH APRIL 2023

On the proposal of Cllr Jordan, seconded by Cllr Conaghan the Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 11th April 2023 were confirmed.

MDD/071/23 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE HOUSING & CORPORATE WORKSHOP OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 5TH APRIL 2023

On the proposal of Cllr Sweeny, seconded by Cllr Naughton the Minutes of the Housing & Corporate Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 5th April 2023 were confirmed.

MDD/072/23 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

CORPORATE SERVICES

Prior to commencing the Housing & Corporate Report, Mr Dunnion also extended his good wishes to Mr Sheerin and wished him a speedy recovery.

Mr Dunnion informed the Members that a new staff member, Mr David Charles, will be joining the Housing Office next Monday the 15th May 2023. Mr Charles will be responsible for among other things, Housing Repairs. In relation to the second vacant position within the Housing Office, it has been agreed a staff reassignment will take place in due course.

Mr Dunnion advised that the follow ups from the previous meeting were actioned as follows:-

- The comments relating to the Ballyshannon Library were relayed to the Cultural Section.
- Current and former staff were advised of the Member's comments.
- As per the motion, correspondence issued to the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage.

Road Safety Authority

Cllr Naughton noted the importance of ensuring young learner drivers are afforded the opportunity to complete their driving tests prior to the commencement of exams or entering third level education specially to facilitate summer jobs to assist with the costs of going to college. Cllr Naughton expressed his frustration at not being able to make

contact with the local Road Safety Authority office in Donegal Town and asked for a contact number to be provided to the Members rather than having to make contact with the Ballina Office.

Cllr McMahon concurred with Cllr Naughton's comments and referred to a recent case in which a learner driver was unable to take a driving test as the required documentation was not printed in colour.

Mr Dunnion noted that the Test Centre is operating on a 6-day week basis and agreed to follow-up on Cllr Naughton's request for a local telephone contact number.

HOUSING SERVICES

Progress reports on Casual Vacancies, Grants, Loans, Tenant Purchase Scheme 2016, HAP Tenancies, Housing Need, Housing Capital, Approved Housing Bodies Development, and Lease & Repair Scheme

As Mr Dunnion is new to the role, the Housing Report was taken as read and it was agreed that any questions the Members had, would be responded to following the meeting.

Housing Capital

Ms Quinn submitted that the construction works are progressing well at Railway Park (Phase 3) and it is expected these units will be complete by June 2023. The contractor is currently carrying out groundworks. In relation to the Drumacrin Project, a letter of intent and unsuccessful letters have issued. The proposed housing scheme at Fintra Road in Killybegs has been prioritised with investigation works continuing.

A number of comments / queries were dealt with as follows:-

Drumacrin, Bundoran (Phase 1)

Cllr McMahon welcomed the progression of the Drumacrin project and noted the importance of ensuring a local contractor or local sub-contractors are appointed to construct this project. Cllr McMahon recommended arranging a meeting with the local residents to discuss the traffic management plan and submitted that as an alternative access road is included in the Local Area Plan, agreement with landowners should be reached as soon as possible in order to alleviate traffic congestion.

Cllr Naughton concurred with Cllr McMahon's comments and agreed that the link road should remain at the top of the agenda.

Ms Quinn agreed to relay the comments raised to the Senior Executive Engineer.

Brookfield (Phase 3)

Cllr Naughton queried if the allocations have been made for the final phase of the Oak Meadows development at Brookfield. Mr Dunnion agreed to revert with a response.

Laghey Housing Development

Cllr Naughton sought an update on the Part VIII application for the housing development in Laghey. Ms Quinn submitted that this project is progressing towards a Part VIII application.

Tenant In-Situ Scheme

Cllr Jordan advised that he has received a high volume of calls in relation to Notices to Quit (NTQ) and the Tenant In-Situ Scheme. Cllr Jordan submitted that the Council should be proactive in terms of the Tenant In-Situ Scheme and noted that Donegal lagged behind in making available information in relation to the application process. Cllr Jordan recommended that Donegal should take a lead in this Scheme and include details of the application process on the Council's website.

Cllr Sweeny suggested for efficiency purposes and knowledge sharing, that the staff appointed to work on the Croí Conaithe Scheme should work in conjunction with those involved in the Tenant In-Situ Scheme. Cllr Sweeny noted that Town Centre Health Checks had been completed on 3 towns within this Municipal District and suggested contacting local Census enumerators to assist in the data gathering of suitable property for housing purposes.

In response, Mr Dunnion informed the Members that a number of expressions of interest in relation to the Tenant In-Situ Scheme have been received and an internal meeting is due to take place later in the week to discuss the implementation of the Scheme. Mr Dunnion submitted that it is expected prioritisation will be given to families who may become homeless as a result of obtaining a NTQ.

Local Economic & Community Plan

Cllr Kennedy referred to the recent meeting regarding the new Local Economic & Community Plan and noted the wealth of data that has been obtained in relation to the drawing up of the new plan. Cllr Kennedy suggested this data could be utilised for alternative funding schemes.

Killybegs

Cllr Kennedy welcomed the prioritisation of the proposed Killybegs Housing Scheme.

Section 183 Request – Disposal of land at East Rock, Ballyshannon

Mr Dunnion sought approval from the Members for the disposal of land at East Rock, Ballyshannon to Liam Coughlan, 1 East Rock Ballyshannon. On the proposal of Cllr McMahon, seconded by Cllr Sweeny, Members confirmed their agreement to the proposed Section 183 and noted the matter would be on the Agenda for the forthcoming Plenary Council meeting.

MDD/073/23 ROADS / TRANSPORTATION SERVICES REPORT

2023 Roadworks Programme Status Report

Members noted the reports on the Road Works programme circulated with the Agenda and Mr Sweeney advised that a number of Roads Improvements Projects have commenced, however, some delays have occurred due to poor weather conditions.

Follow up Issues from the previous meeting

Mr Sweeney had provided an update on the follow up issues from the previous meeting, as circulated by email, that dealt with the following matters: -

Follow up on the public lighting issue at the Kinlough Road Underpass.

These works have been included in the TII's bridge maintenance contract for this region that is currently out to tender. Works can only commence after the tender has been awarded.

Ascertain if LED bulbs can be used on the heritage lights at the Abbey Centre car park in Ballyshannon.

LED bulb replacements can be used in the heritage lights at the Abbey Centre car park in Ballyshannon. The lights that are currently not working have been reported on the DeadSure Public Lighting online system.

Investigate if speed ramps could be laid on the Atlantic Way, Astoria Road in Bundoran.

This request is currently being investigated to see if a suitable location can be found for these ramps. Funding for the provision of same also needs to be considered.

Investigate if safety railings could be erected along the edge of the footpath adjacent to the Olympic Amusements in Bundoran.

This matter is being considered and costed. Funding for the provision of same also needs to be considered.

Arrange an on-line meeting with members of the Active Travel Team to discuss the one-way system at the West End Rock 2 and Cunningham's Junction in Killybegs.

Members to advise on a suitable date for a workshop. It was agreed to hold the meeting on the 22nd May 2023 at 2.00pm in the Council Chamber in the Donegal PSC.

Commence the naming process of the Killybegs Industrial Road.

Legal advice is still awaited from our solicitors on the process of naming a road.

Review the condition of the passing bays along the road to Creevy Pier and discuss same with the Roads Team.

This matter has been referred to the Area Engineer to review.

Forward a copy of the Specific Improvement Grants to the Members.

A copy of the agreed priority list for specific improvement grant was forwarded to all the Members by email on 21st April 2023

Identify a suitable waste bin solution for use in coastal towns.

We are currently in discussions with the bin manufacturer to see if they have something in stock that can be retrofitted to the bins to prevent seagulls pulling litter out. If a suitable solution can be identified, we will make arrangements to have it installed on the bins.

Mr Sweeney welcomed the recent announcement by the OPW that the Donegal Town Flood Relief Scheme is now being progressed to the next stage and advised the Members that this stage of the process which involves topographical surveys, environmental surveys, flood modelling, data analysis etc, will take a number of years to complete. This information will then dictate the extent of the works necessary and only then will the Council be in a position to seek planning permission for same.

A number of comments / queries were dealt with as follows:-

Donegal Town Flood Relief Scheme

Cllr Jordan welcomed the positive response from the OPW in relation to the progression of the Donegal Town Flood Relief Scheme and noted that the application process may take some time to complete. Cllr Jordan highlighted the importance of stakeholder consultation and asked that all parties facilitate the progression of the scheme. Cllr Jordan wished to commend Mr Sweeney on his efforts on bringing this project to this stage.

Cllr Sweeny also welcomed the progression of the project and looked forward to the identification of mitigation measures to alleviate the flooding issue.

Cllr Naughton advised that he had met with the Minister last week and welcomed the progression of the Flood Relief Project.

Mr Martin wished to join in with the positive comments in relation to the progression of this scheme and noted the volume of work already conducted by the Members, the Executive and the Flood Management Team.

High Velocity Sprayer

Cllr Jordan welcomed the hiring of the Velocity Sprayer to carry out pothole repair and patching works in the Donegal Municipal District. Mr Sweeney advised that the machine will be undertaking works in each of the Municipal Districts.

Footpaths

Cllr Sweeney noted the comprehensive Roads Work Programme and sought an update on the footpath repair works at the Bank in Ballyshannon and along Market Street and East Rock. Cllr Sweeney noted the difficulty in providing suitable footpaths for wheelchair users in Ballyshannon and advised that the students from Kilbarron National School had completed a Walkability Audit which has highlighted a number of ongoing issues.

In response, Mr Sweeney was aware works were commencing this week on the footpath at the Bank in Ballyshannon and is aware of the works required at Market Street and East Rock. Mr Sweeney confirmed he had also received a copy of Kilbarron's National School's Walkability Audit.

Cllr Naughton sought an update on the footpath in Pettigo located close to the local national school. Mr Sweeney advised that the Area Engineer is to discuss the project requirements with the landowner and subject to NTA funding approval, the project will commence towards the end of the year.

Roads Staffing

In response to a query from Cllr Sweeney in relation to the recruitment of additional outdoor roads staff and the ETB Training Programme, Mr Sweeney submitted that 6 seasonal workers are due to commence shortly, and 2 staff members have been recruited within this Municipal District under the ETB Training Programme.

Damaged Lighting

In response to a query from Cllr Sweeney in relation to the damaged lighting at Allingham Road, following a road traffic accident, Mr Sweeney advised that he is aware of the issue and has been speaking to Airtricity regarding the matter.

Active Travel

Cllr Sweeney noted the number of Active Travel projects and sought an update on the various projects. Mr Sweeney advised these

projects will be discussed further at the Active Travel meeting scheduled to take place on the 22nd May 2023 at 2.00pm.

In response to a query from Cllr Kennedy in relation to the Active Travel application for Killaghtee National School, Mr Sweeney submitted that he has spoken to the Principal and will be forwarding an email regarding same.

Uisce Éireann / EIR Communications Cabinet

Cllr McMahon commended the works carried by Uisce Éireann recently in Bundoran, however, noted that the details regarding the works displayed on their website contained inaccurate information. Cllr McMahon noted that the Eir communications cabinet located within close proximity to these works is in poor repair and should be replaced.

As the works were carried out by Uisce Éireann, Mr Sweeney agreed to pass on the comments to the Water Capital Office. Mr Sweeney further agreed to investigate the communications cabinet.

Road Painting

In response to a query from Cllr McMahon in relation to road painting at the Astoria Car Park and the West End Pool, Mr Sweeney advised that a request has been made to have these works carried out and noted that these works are usually conducted a night-time to prevent traffic management issues.

Donegal Town Traffic Management

Cllr Naughton sought an update on the Donegal Town One Way System and queried if it was possible to seek funding for the development of a link road at the Abbey Vocational School. It was agreed to discuss the Donegal Town One Way System further at the Active Travel meeting scheduled to take place on the 22nd May 2023. Mr Sweeney noted that the only available funding for the development of a link road is Specific Grant Funding, which has already been prioritised within the Municipal District. As the link road has been identified on the Local Area Plan, a developer may be in a position to create same as part of a possible project.

Killybegs Walkability Audit

Cllr Kennedy noted the delay in the completion of the Killybegs Walkability Audit and submitted that a St Catherine's Vocational School student who uses a wheelchair is unable to enter / exit school transportation within close proximity of the school as there is no drop kerb.

Mr Sweeney agreed to follow up with Mr Charles Sweeney in relation to the Killybegs Walkability Audit and to investigate the drop kerb requirement near the Vocational School in Killybegs.

Termon River

Cllr Naughton referred to discussions with Mr Ger McCafferkey from the OPW and the Minister in relation to the flooding issue at the Termon River in Pettigo and asked that Mr Sweeney make contact with the OPW to discuss further. Mr Sweeney agreed to same.

MDD/074/23 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFORMATION SYSTEMS & EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT

Mr Philip O’Kennedy was in attendance to represent the Economic Development, Information Systems and Emergency Services Directorate. The Members welcomed Mr O’Kennedy to the Donegal Municipal District meetings and noted the update reports circulated with the agenda dealing with the following:-

1. Economic Development
 - a. Economic Development Unit
 - b. Tourism Marketing Unit
 - c. Strategic Funding Unit
 - d. Donegal Diaspora Unit
2. Local Enterprise Office
3. Emergency Services: Fire Service

Mr O’Kennedy advised that an EU50 Event is taking place in the Mount Errigal Hotel to celebrate Europe Day and a recent YOUTHopia Event took place in Oakfield Park to discuss topics such as entrepreneurship and health and well-being. Mr O’Kennedy submitted that the Strategic Funding Unit has attended PEACE Plus workshops in Dungannon and is now working on a project proposal and 13 businesses, who are receiving financial assistance from Donegal Tourism, will be attending the Balmoral Show. The Local Enterprise Office are progressing a number of business support programmes and it was agreed to hold the Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme workshop on the 20th June 2023 at 10.00am.

A number of comments / queries were dealt with as follows:-

Rotten Island Lighthouse

Cllr Kennedy referred to the motion passed at the previous meeting regarding the Rotten Island Lighthouse and asked that a copy of the letter that issued to the Commissioners of Irish Lights be forwarded as well as a copy of the response if one has been obtained.

Funding Programmes

Cllr Sweeny queried the projects being developed by the Strategic Funding Unit under the Peace Plus Programme and sought additional information along with information on the progression of the projects under the Shared Island Funding.

In response, Mr Martin advised that no specific projects have been agreed under the Peace Plus Programme and the Council is awaiting further clarification on the broad categories. Once confirmed, it is expected a number of Plenary workshops will take place thereafter to agree priorities. In relation to the Shared Island Fund, Mr Martin agreed to seek an update on the progression of the 5 projects.

Boat Quay in Bundoran

Cllr McMahon submitted that the boat quay in Bundoran is utilised by a wide variety of stakeholders and noted that the condition of the quay is in poor repair. Cllr McMahon requested an update report be available at the next meeting.

Killybegs Marine Cluster

Cllr Naughton commended the ongoing work by Ms Anne Marie Conlon with regards to the Killybegs Marine Cluster and noted the importance of the blue economy to this area. Cllr Naughton emphasised the need to continue to strive to further develop the harbour facilities and suggested inviting Minister Ryan to visit the area as well as continuing to work with the Marine Department and Minister Chambers and Minister McConalogue.

In terms of the blue economy and climate adaptation measures, Mr Martin noted Donegal's strategic position with regards to wind energy and submitted that there were huge opportunities over the coming years in these areas. Mr Martin suggested placing this topic on the forthcoming Economic Division's Municipal District Reports.

Tourism

Cllr Naughton expressed his disappointment at the negative messages in the media in relation to the poor value within the tourism and hospitality sector in Ireland. Cllr Naughton noted the importance of tourism to the counties outside of Dublin and emphasised that value for money can be obtained by visitors to the rural counties such as Donegal. Mr Martin advised that a range of marketing initiatives are ongoing, and the Council and Donegal Tourism will continue to work with this sector considering its economic importance to the county.

Fire Stations

In response to Cllr Sweeny and Cllr McMahon's query regarding the Plenary motion and the proposed Fire Stations Workshop, Mr Martin advised a detailed motion response had been submitted to the last Plenary Council meeting in chronological order. Cllr Sweeny expressed his disappointment that he has not been furnished with a copy of the existing documentation and reports as requested in relation to the 2 fire stations. Mr Martin also advised that efforts are continuing to source the requested materials that are the subject of Cllr Sweeny's questions but that given that they had been prepared by an external service over 20 years ago, both their existence and location was unclear at this time. A lengthy discussion ensued

whereby it was noted that these documents may not be relevant due to fire regulation changes and the costs to prepare a new business case and cost benefit analysis may be a waste of resources, given that all the feedback from Central Government to date, over a period in excess of 20 years, indicates that only a single location solution will be funded. It was indicated that the existing fire stations are in extremely poor condition with potential health and safety concerns, and it was noted that either station would be closed immediately if there was any staff safety risk. The Members noted that the previous ORH Report was inconclusive with the Chair suggesting holding a Members Workshop to agree a way forward, however a date was not agreed.

MDD/075/23 ENVIRONMENT SERVICES REPORT

Mr P Gallagher presented the report for the Environment Section, as circulated with the Agenda highlighting with the following matters:-

- Waste & Litter Management
 - Anti-Dumping Initiative 2023
 - NIECE – Sharing Experiences in Waste Enforcement
 - Solid Fuel Enforcement Activities
 - Donegal Recycling Centres

As a follow up to the last meeting, a request was submitted to Uisce Éireann seeking a representative to attend Municipal District meetings. Mr Gallagher advised that Uisce Éireann has made available a Local Representative Support Desk and are also providing a number of clinics during the course of the year.

Mr Gallagher submitted that Community Groups are continuing with various clean-ups throughout the county and a public awareness campaign will take place shortly in relation to bulky goods collections. Mr Gallagher further submitted that additional staff have joined the Environment Section and an extra 5 Beach Lifeguards have been recruited for the 2023 season.

A number of comments / queries were dealt with as follows:-

Uisce Éireann

Cllr Jordan expressed his disappointed that Uisce Éireann will not be making available a representative to attend the Municipal District meetings and referred to a recent AIGL meeting whereby it was agreed that Uisce Éireann would attend Plenary Council meetings. Cllr Jordan also referred to a recent online meeting with Uisce Éireann, at which, confirmation was obtained that the new Mountcharles Treatment Plan is going out to tender shortly and has an expected construction start date towards the end of the year.

Cllr Naughton also expressed his disappointment at the level of engagement with Uisce Éireann and it was agreed a letter would issue to Uisce Éireann seeking a representative to attend Municipal District meetings.

Dog Fouling

Cllr Jordan referred to the level of dog fouling occurring in scenic areas and noted that the Holmes Beach was unfortunately experiencing a high level of dog waste. Cllr Jordan suggested an awareness campaign take place to highlight the dangers and to encourage dog owners to clean up after their dogs. Cllr Jordan also suggested the placement of specific bins, erecting signage and asking the Litter Warden to carry out random checks of the area.

Mr Gallagher submitted that a video urging dog owners to clean up after their dogs was released recently on social media and agreed to relay the suggestions raised to Ms Bogan.

CCTV Legislation

In response to Cllr McMahon's query in relation to the CCTV legislation, Mr Gallagher advised the Council are awaiting the Commencement Order.

Community Clean-Ups

Cllr Sweeny commended the volunteers who carry out regular clean ups and noted volunteers from other Tidy Towns Committee have provided assistance to the Ballyshannon Tidy Town Committee.

Rossnowlagh Beach

Cllr Sweeny welcomed the recruitment of additional Beach Lifeguards and submitted that there is a significant drop at the end of the Rossnowlagh boardwalk and asked for same to be investigated. Mr Gallagher agreed to relay the comments to the Coastal Officer.

Murvagh Foot Shower

In response to Cllr Naughton's query in relation to the Murvagh Foot Shower, Mr Gallagher submitted that the Coastal Officer has been engaging with the contractor in relation to the work carried out and it has been agreed no payment will be made to the contractor until the works have been completed to a satisfactory standard. Mr Gallagher further agreed to provide Cllr Naughton with a regular update.

MDD/076/23 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING SERVICES

Community Development

Mr B McLaughlin noted the report included the following matters:-

- Town & Village Renewal – Donegal MD
 - Donegal Town

- Glencolmcille
- Carrick
- Bruckless
- Clár 2022 – Donegal MD
 - Termon Complex, Pettigo
 - Leitir Corn Mill River Walk, Kilcar
- Playground Maintenance
- Walks & Trails
- Sliabh Liag Development Project
- Leader/RDP Programme Update
- Community Funding Opportunities
- PEACE Plus Update

As a follow up to the last meeting, Mr McLaughlin advised that there is ongoing engagement with the Department in relation to the Donegal Town & Village Renewal Scheme.

Mr McLaughlin advised a well-attended workshop was recently held in Carrick to discuss the enhancement and development works and McCabe Architects are now preparing a report on same.

Playgrounds

In response to a query from Cllr McMahan regarding the commencement date for the Bundoran Playground, Mr McLaughlin agreed to revert with a date.

Cllr Sweeny noted a number of playgrounds required significant maintenance works and queried if funding was available to carry out repairs to the Mall Park Playground in Ballyshannon. Mr McLaughlin confirmed a maintenance contractor has been appointed and repair works are currently underway across playgrounds. Mr McLaughlin also advised a budget has been set aside for remedial works to the Mall Park Playground.

Community Trail Plan

In response to Cllr Sweeny's query in relation to the Community Trail Plan, Mr McLaughlin agreed to revert with a response.

Derelict Building

Cllr McMahan suggested a letter issue to the HSE regarding a derelict building in Pettigo. Cllr Kennedy confirmed the HSE is currently in negotiations with community members in relation to this property.

Coillte

Cllr Naughton noted the importance of progressing the Rossylongan Project and Cllr Kennedy commended Coillte for the works carried out at the Glenlee Forest in Killybegs. Mr McLaughlin advised that work is ongoing with an Rossylongan Project application for future submission to next ORIS Scheme.

Planning Services

Mr C Kelly presented the Planning Service Reports as circulated with the Agenda dealing with the following: -

- Development Applications
- Enforcement
- Q2 2023 Planning Clinics
 - 18th May 2023
 - 1st June 2023
 - 15th June 2023
 - 29th June 2023
- Regeneration & Development Team Report
- Capital Projects Delivery Unit

Mr Kelly submitted that there has been an increase in the number of new planning applications and no date has been agreed for face-to-face pre-planning clinics.

A number of comments were noted as follows;

Preplanning Clinics

Cllr Naughton expressed his disappointment that face-to-face pre-planning clinics have not recommenced and noted the benefits of holding this type of clinic for both the applicants and agents.

Ballyshannon Regeneration Project

In response to Cllr Sweeny's query in relation to an update on the Ballyshannon Regeneration Project, Mr Kelly agreed to seek a response from the Regeneration & Development Team.

MDD/077/23 Date of Next Meeting / Workshops

- Group Water Scheme Workshop on Wednesday the 17th May 2023 at 10.00am
- Active Travel Workshop on Monday the 22nd May 2023 at 2.00pm in the Peter Kennedy Chamber
- Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme Workshop on Tuesday the 20th June 2023 at 10.00am
- AGM Meeting on Tuesday the 20th June 2023 at 11.30am in the Peter Kennedy Chamber

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Area Manager
Municipal District of Donegal

Cathaoirleach
Municipal District of Donegal

Donegal Municipal District

Roads & Transportation Workshop

Date: 22nd May 2023

Time: 14:00pm

Venue: Donegal PSC - Council Chamber

Present: Councillors: Cllr Sweeney, Cllr Naughton, Cllr Kennedy,
Cllr Conaghan, Cllr McMahon. Cllr Jordan.

DCC Staff: Mark Sweeney, Michael Canning

Topic discussed:

1. Update on DMD Active Travel Projects

Update on DMD Active Travel Projects

Further to the request by the Councillor's at Municipal District meeting held on 11th April 2023 for an update on the status of the Donegal MD Active Travel Projects this workshop was arranged to brief the Members on same.

Michael Canning who is co-ordinating the NTA Active Travel projects went through each of the schemes and updated the members of their status.

See table below for a summary of the status of each of the schemes.

Minutes compiled by: Mark Sweeney A/SEE Roads & Transportation Office, Donegal Municipal District.

Donegal Town MD Active Travel

Jan	Project Name	Project Description	Project Band	Current Phase	DCC Comments
DL/21/0008c	Killybegs, Church Road	Construction of infill section of footpath, drainage and public lighting on Church Road (LP1315-1)	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 6 - Construction	Construction works ongoing,
DL/21/0024a	TOWNPARKS BALLYSHANNON PED CROSS	Low Cost Junction Tightening / Pedestrian Crossing Schemes	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 6 - Construction	Construction works ongoing,
DL/22/0002	Donegal Town One Way system	It is proposed to introduce a One-Way System onto Tirchonail Street, Castle Street, Water Street and New Row within Donegal Town. The scheme will provide crossing points, new wider footpaths, widening of existing footpaths, landscaped pedestrian refuge islands, traffic calming.	Band 2 <10mil	Phase 5 - Detailed Design and Tender	TOBINS Consultant Engineers, detail design complete. Contractor to be appointed July/Aug 23,
DL/22/0005	Ballyshannon to Bundoran Active Travel Scheme	Old N15 (now R267) Bundoran to Ballyshannon Cycling Greyway	Band 2 <10mil	Phase 3 - Preliminary Design	TOBINS Consultant Engineers appointed , preliminary design ongoing, Part 8 Planning 2023,
DL/21/0008b	Donegal Town, Lough Eske Road	Provision of infill section of footpath on the Lough Eske Road (L-1915-2)	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 5 - Detailed Design and Tender	TOBINS Consultant Engineers, detail design and land purchase ongoing
DL/21/0008f	Donegal Town, Old Golf Course Road	Design associated with the construction of an infill section of footpath on the Old Golf Course Road (L-2155-1) linking a large residential area to the school,town centre etc.	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 5 - Detailed Design and Tender	TOBINS appointed, detail design and land purchase ongoing

DL/22/0006	Pettigo National School Footpath (R232)	Upgrade of existing substandard footpath including undermining of the existing footpath. There is a school located on one side and the local church is located on the town side. A solution in line with DMURS to include for the provision of a footpath and traffic calming would be beneficial to this section of road and also to the areas amenities.	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 5 - Detailed Design and Tender	TOBINS Consultant Engineers, detail design ongoing. Construction 2023
DL/21/0008b	Donegal Town, Killybegs Road	Provision of infill section of footpath on the Killybegs Road (R925)	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 4 - Planning and Stat Approvals	TOBINS Consultant Engineers, Part 8 Nov 23
DL/21/0008a	Ballyshannon, Bishop Street	Provision of footpath on (L-2465-1)	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 3 - Preliminary Design	TOBINS Consultant Engineers appointed , preliminary design ongoing, one-way system required,
DL/21/0023	Safe to Schools Programme - Scoil Aodh Rua & Nuala	Safe to Schools Programme	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 2 - Concept and Options	Green Schools to undertake delivery plan in Q3 2023 to allow Prelim design to commence
DL/24/xxx	AIB Junction, Fintra Road One-Way Killybegs	One-way system to provide footpath links	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 2 - Concept and Options	In house design to be submitted to the NTA as a scheme for 2024
DL/22/0014	Malinmore Footpath , Glencolmcille	Glencolmcille - provision of a footpath along the R263 West of Glencolmcille in the direction of the Folk Village.	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 5 - Detailed Design and Tender	TOBINS Consultant Engineers, detail design ongoing.
DL/22/0003	Laghey Village (Old Laghery Road) Footpath	Infill section of footpath on the Old Laghey Road, Laghey including a footbridge across the river to link the Riverbank Avenue housing estate to the existing footpath leading to the nearby national school. Consultant appointment and inception report	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 2 - Concept and Options	Options to be considered to deliver footpath link in 2023

This concluded the business of the workshop.

**Area Manager
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Municipal District of Donegal

20th June 2023

Housing & Corporate

REPORT

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Casual Vacancies

Area	BED	Dwelling Vacated	Comment
Bundoran	3	Tenant deceased on the 25/08/2022	Tender Awarded
Bundoran	2	Tenant deceased on the 12/01/2023	Tender Awarded
Ballyshannon	3	Keys returned 08/07/2019	Tender documents to be prepared
Ballyshannon	2	Tenant deceased - keys returned 16/02/2023	Tender Awarded
Frosses	1	Keys returned 24/01/2023	Snagging Stage
Frosses	3	Keys returned 11/04/2023	Tender Awarded
Dunkineely	3	25/08/2017	Contractor on site
Dunkineely	3	15/12/2017	Contractor on site
Bruckless	3	Keys returned 25/05/2023	Assessment Stage
Killybegs	1	Tenant deceased - keys returned 23/05/2022	Tender Awarded
Glencolmcille	1	Tenant deceased - keys returned 10/03/2023	Tender documents to be prepared

Position as at 08th June 2023

HOUSING GRANTS

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED\INVALID	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HO	2022	89	77	7	3	2
HO	2023	45	21	1	10	13

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED\INVALID	REAPPLIED UNDER HM GRANT	FURTHER INFO.	REF. TO OT	REF. To ENGINEER	PENDING
HD	2022	47	27	5	1	3	5	0	6
HD	2023	18	7	2	0	3	3	0	3

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED\INVALID	REAPPLIED UNDER HD GRANT	REF. TO OT	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HM	2022	42	32	3	5	1	1	0
HM	2023	18	8	0	3	0	3	4

HOUSING LOANS

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	PENDING	Further information
Housing Loans	2022	7	2	1	4	0	0
Housing Loans	2023	3	0	0	0	3	0

Tenant Purchase Applications 2022 - 2023

Year	No. of Apps Received	Incomplete Returned	Open Applications	Refused/ Not Eligible	Offer letters Issued	Completed
2022	9	1	7	1	0	0
2023	12	0	8	2	0	0

HAP Tenancies	
Municipal District	Number
Donegal	215
Letterkenny	719
Glenties	111
Stranorlar	272
Inishowen	429
Sub Total	1746
Tenancies Closed	2713
Overall Total	4459

Updated 08/06/2023

Housing Need by Location

Municipal District	Waiting List (Net Need)	Transfer List	Total Gross Need
Donegal	196	221	417
Ballintra	10	7	17
Ballyshannon	38	50	88
Bruckless	6	3	9
Bundoran	37	62	99
Carrick	1	0	1
Donegal	79	59	138
Drimarone	0	1	1
Dunkineely	3	5	8
Frosses	1	2	3
Gencolmcille	4	0	4
Kilcar	3	3	6
Killybegs	8	17	25
Laghey	1	4	5
Mountcharles	2	6	8
Pettigo	3	2	5
Total	196	221	417
Updated 08/06/2023			

**Housing Capital Update Report
Donegal Municipal District Meeting
June 2023**

1. Social Housing Developments – Construction Schemes

Donegal County Council is currently progressing the following social housing developments within the Donegal Municipal District:

Location	Status	No. of Units
Construction Stage		
Railway Park, Donegal Town (Phase 3)	Construction works progressing well on-site. Project due for completion August 2023. Please see Photo's 1 & 2 below.	24
Design / Tender Stage		
<u>Drumacrin, Bundoran Phase 1</u>	Tender process complete. Post-tender meeting took place 1 st June 2023. Final contract matters are being progressed after which contractor will be appointed, subject to Department approval. Anticipated start date is July 2023.	42
<u>Largymore, Kilcar (SI)</u>	Consultant appointments and architectural tender drawings being finalised. Project to be tendered August / September 2023.	1
Preliminary Design Stage (No of units subject to change)		
<u>New Row, Fintra Road, Killibegs</u>	Application to the Department being prepared for this project. Council currently liaising with the ESB in order to divert an overhead powerline to provide access to the site.	17
<u>Laghey</u>	Confirmation of feasibility from Irish Water received. Design currently being finalised in a town centre restricted site.	4
Total		88



Photo 1 – Railway Park, Donegal Town



Photo 2 – Railway Park, Donegal Town

2. House Acquisition Programme & Buy & Renew Programme

The Council is currently in the process of acquiring 2 no. units under the Buy & Renew Programme at Donegal Town. This acquisition will see 2 no. long-term vacant properties brought back into productive use for social housing purposes. Significant works will be required to the properties following the completion of the contract stage and in advance of letting.

The Donegal MD is considering expressions of interest for potential house acquisitions throughout the municipal district as well as considering options advertised on the market.

3. Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition

Donegal County Council's turnkey acquisition process is continuing throughout the county. This competitive dialogue procurement process will result in a major capital investment in social housing and initial projects have now been completed under this process. This is a very effective mechanism enabling the Council to feed into the design of the proposal so as to ensure that the end product is suitable for the needs of social housing tenants. Proposals are subject to meeting the requirements of the procurement process, planning, departmental approval and contract.

Construction works to the approved turnkey development at Brookfield, Donegal Town are now complete. The development provides a total of 38 no. high quality and energy efficient social housing units in Donegal Town. Phases 1 & 2 have been tenanted. The contractual matters are now being finalised in advance of the Phase 3 units being let to families and individuals from the social housing list.

A further development of 5 no. 2 bedroom properties at Ballyshannon is complete. Final contractual matters are being concluded with the vendor and the Council's solicitors in advance of the 5 units being handed over to the area team and let to approved applicants.

In addition, Council officials are continuing to dialogue with Developers in relation to an additional valid proposal for Donegal Town for 35 units. This proposal is currently awaiting an Irish Water Letter of Offer. Members will be fully informed of these proposals upon receipt of final departmental approval.

4. Lands / Property for Social Housing Purposes

The Council is planning to develop further projects on existing landbank in various locations throughout the county. Preliminary designs are underway for a number of these sites and are informed by the pertaining approved social housing need at local level.

In parallel with the construction and turnkey programmes outlined above, the Council is actively pursuing the acquisition of lands suitable for housing purposes, in towns and villages where there is currently not a social housing solution available / shortfall.

In addition to the current expression of interest advertisement on the Councils' website for parcels of land, derelict sites / buildings with the potential to deliver social housing, the Council is also separately identifying parcels of land with social housing potential in areas of need.

A number of suitable parcels of land have been identified across the Donegal MD and engagement / negotiations are ongoing directly with landowners / agents to acquire these lands. In this regard the Council has currently 1 offer accepted, subject to contract, in ~~Ballyshannon~~.

Approved Housing Bodies Developments - Donegal Municipal District				
Funding Programme	Scheme / Project Name	No of Units	Approved Housing Body	Current Status
CAS Construction	Drumrooske, Donegal Town	10	Oaklee	Construction works complete

Repair & Lease Scheme Summary						
Applications						
MD	Received	No. of Units	Awaiting assessment	Rejected	Progressing	Total
Inishowen	24	27	7	17	0	24
Donegal	18	42	1	17	0	18
Glenties	20	20	2	18	0	20
Letterkenny	32	57	6	26	0	32
Stranorlar	26	83	13	13	0	26
Total	120	229	29	91	0	120
Updated 07/06/2023						

**Donegal Municipal District
2023 Roadworks Programme
Status Report - 20th June 2023**

Donegal Municipal District

Agreed 2023 Road Maintenance (Surface Dressing) Programme

Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Works Type	Year	Length (m)	Width (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)	Status
2023 Regional & Local Road Surface Dressing										
R	R262/6	Frosses Glenties Patching	14	SD	2023	510	7	3570	€19,635.00	
LS	LS6495-1	Heney's (Patching)	14	SD	2023	950	4.75	4512.5	€22,130.00	Completed
LP	LP1865-1	Ballydevitt - Drumark (Patching)	14	SD	2023	1025	5.5	5638	€27,760.00	Completed
LS	LP6315-1	Mountcharles Forge Road	14	SD	2023	1300	4.2	5460	€26,870.00	Completed
LP	LP1815-1	Mountcharles Glencoagh (Tarmac)	14	SD	2023	800	4.5	3600	€17,956.98	
LP	LP 1515-2/3	Meenabraden (Tarmac)	14	SD	2023	1000	5.75	5750	€28,320.00	
LP	LP1415-3	Calhame - to Bogside Jnc	14	SD	2023	1200	4	4800	€23,570.00	Completed
LP	LP1425-1	Ballycroy St Johns Point	14	SD	2023	1000	3.75	3750	€18,320.00	Completed
LP	LP1665-3	Rock Road Doorin	14	SD	2023	1000	3.5	3500	€17,070.00	Started
LP	LP1685-4	Meenaguse	14	SD	2023	1250	3.2	4000	€19,625.02	
						10035		44580	€221,257.00	
LP	LP1265-3	Portnacrosch	15	SD	2023	1200	3.4	4080	€20,400.00	
LP	LP1415-2	Loughmult/ Calhame	15	SD	2023	1300	3.7	4810	€24,050.00	
LS	LS5645-1	Meenabraden/ Meencloy	15	SD	2023	1600	5.5	8800	€44,000.00	
LP	LP1215-3	Lergadaghan/Muckross	15	SD	2023	1400	3.5	4950	€24,750.00	Completed
LP	LP1185-1	Cougish Link road	15	SD	2023	1000	3	3000	€15,000.00	Completed
LS	LP1115-1	Derrylaghan/Kilbeg	15	SD	2023	1200	4.2	5040	€25,200.00	Completed
LP	LP5015-3	Loughaherk toward straboy	15	SD	2023	1600	4	6400	€27,996.86	Completed
LS	LS5075-1	Kinakillev	15	SD	2023	1000	3.3	3300	€16,500.00	Completed
LP	LP1025-2	Malinmore	15	SD	2023	1200	5	6000	€30,000.00	Completed
LS	LS5195-1	Derrylaghan rowards Cuskary	15	SD	2023	1100	3.5	3850	€19,250.00	Completed
LS	LT11151	Derrylaghan rowards Cuskary g	15	SD	2023	700	3	2100	€10,500.00	Completed
LP	LP1395-1	Calhame towards Gilbertstown	15	SD	2023	900	4.5	4050	€20,916.14	
						14200		56380	€278,563.00	
LP	L-2255-1	Ballintra Gables	16	RM	2023	630	5.00	3150	€15,750.00	
LP	L-2305-1	Rockhill	16	RM	2023	450	4.00	1800	€9,000.00	
LS	L-7745-1	Ardgillew	16	RM	2023	1100	3.30	3630	€18,150.00	
LS	L-7815-2	Lough Unshin	16	RM	2023	1400	4.00	5600	€28,000.00	
LP	L-2525-2	Moy Road (O'Mahony's to Tow	16	RM	2023	1000	5.50	5500	€27,500.00	
R	R-231-5	Rossnowlagh	16	RM	2023	1000	6.50	6500	€35,750.00	
LS	L-7475-1	Barr of Ballynacarrick	16	RM	2023	1700	3.50	5950	€32,725.00	
LP	L-2485-4	Cliff Road to Knader	16	RM	2023	1040	4.50	4680	€23,400.00	
LP	L-7835-1	Cliff Road to Corlea	16	RM	2023	300	5.00	1500	€7,500.00	Started
LS	L-7795-2	Corlea	16	RM	2023	300	5.00	1500	€7,500.00	Started
LS	L-7825-1	Corlea to Derrewkillev	16	RM	2023	1400	3.00	4200	€21,000.00	Started
	L-7675-2	Abbeylands to Cowpark	16	RM	2023	1000	4.00	4000	€22,850.00	
						11320		48010	€249,125.00	
LP	L 1935-1	Raily Park /Drumroske East	17	RM	2023	1100	5	5500	€27,500.00	
LP	L 1965-1	Harveys Point	17	RM	2023	1100	5.5	6050	€30,250.00	
LP	L 2025-1	St Ernans	17	RM	2023	1200	5	6000	€30,000.00	
LP	L 2185	Ballintooly /Rath	17	RM	2023	1200	5	6000	€30,000.00	
LT	L 21451-0	Carrick West	17	RM	2023	1100	3.5	3850	€19,250.00	Started
LT	L 20952-1	Ballykillowen	17	RM	2023	1100	3.5	3850	€19,250.00	
LS	L 7345-3	Kimmid Depot	17	RM	2023	1150	3.5	4025	€20,125.00	
LT	L 22652-0	Carn	17	RM	2023	2400	3.5	8400	€42,000.00	
R	R233	Lough Derg	17	RM	2023	1200	5	6000	€33,000.00	
R	R267	Abbots	17	RM	2023	740	7	5180	€29,758.00	
						12290		54855	€281,133.00	
									€1,030,078.00	

Donegal Municipal District

Agreed 2023 Road Improvement Programme

2023									
Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Year	Width	Length (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (€)	Status
R	R262/3	Frosses - Meenagran	14	2023	6	820	4920	€180,000.00	
LP	LP2615/1	Main Street Mountcharles	14	2023	8	450	3600	€100,000.00	
LP	LP1515/3	Ardaghey - Ardara (Meenabradde	14	2022	5.5	740	4070	€113,000.00	
LP	LP1845/3	Ballydevitt - Altadoo	14	2023	6.5	650	4225	€118,000.00	Started
LP	LP1665/3	Rock Road Doorin	14	2023	3.75	700	2625	€73,000.00	Started
LP	LP1575/3	Killian N S - Drumnacarry	14	2023	3.5	450	1575	€44,000.00	
LP	LP1585/1	Drumnacarry - Ballymacahill	14	2023	3.5	450	1575	€44,000.00	
LP	LP1375/5	Leagans - Meenawullaghan	14	2022	3.5	1000	3500	€72,000.00	Started
LP	LP16251	McGranes Post Office (Patch)	14	2023	20	25	500	€16,500.00	
		Salthill - Mountcharles Leonards							
LS	LS6175/1/	Crossroads	14	2023	3.75	300	1125	€33,750.00	
LP	LP1815/1	Glencoagh	14	2023	5	300	1500	€71,280.00	
LS	LS975/1	Drumgorman	14	2023	3.75	550	2063	€39,160.00	Completed
LS	LP1645/4	Doorin Line	14	2023	6	240	1440	€47,520.00	
						6675	32718	€952,210.00	
R	R263-14	Cashel hill	15	2023	6.7	700	4690	€150,000.00	
R	R263 - 4	Killybegs streets	15	2023	9.0	450	4000	€150,000.00	
LP	LP1345-2	Binroe	15	2023	3.5	700	2450	€78,000.00	
LP	L1365-1	Drumaghy	15	2023	11.0	200	2200	€60,000.00	
R	R230	Meenaneary to crove	15	2023	6.5	500	3250	€80,000.00	
LS	LS5295-1	Strabinna	15	2023	3.0	700	2100	€39,543.66	Completed
R	R-263-11	Meenavaghan	15	2023	6.7	700	4690	€150,000.00	
LS	L-1175-1	Kilbeg (out of Kilcar)	15	2023	5.0	400	2000	€50,000.00	
LS	L1295-2	Balbane	15	2023	3.5	800	2800	€50,000.00	
LP	LP1025-3	Meenaveen	15	2023	5.0	350	1750	€70,000.00	
R	R263-17	Malinbeg towards silver strand	15	2023	4.0	500	2000	€65,000.00	
LS	LS5465-1	Straleeny - Aghayeevoge	15	2023	4.5	450	2025	€50,016.34	
						6450	33955	€992,560.00	
R	R 267	Bundoran Streets	16	2023	9.0	300	2700	€50,000.00	
LP	L-2315-1	Smugglers Creek Rossnowlagh	16	2023	5.0	300	1870	€50,000.00	
LS	L -7675-1	Coolmore to Spaddan	16	2023	4.0	1400	5600	€137,600.00	
LP	L-2525-3	Four Masters (Moy Road)	16	2023	6.0	230	1380	€34,500.00	
LP	L 75152	Alla-Lurgan	16	2023	3.2	1000	3200	€86,400.00	Started
LP	L 7985-1	Lisaholly North	16	2023	4.4	300	1320	€35,640.00	
LP	L 7275-1	Legnanornoge	16	2023	3.2	1700	5440	€151,286.00	Started
LP	L7115-2	Lacklom (Timoney House to Xroad	16	2023	4.0	300	1200	€32,400.00	Started
LS	L7815-1-2	Cashelard (Quarry)	16	2023	3.5	1000	3500	€94,500.00	
LP	L7875-3	Ballymunterhiggins - Ardloughill	16	2023	5.0	1000	5000	€85,000.00	Completed
LP	L7515-2	Ardpatton - Alla	16	2023	3.75	1000	3750	€101,250.00	Started
LP	L2545-1	Ballymunterhiggins (Mangre RD)	16	2023	3	1000	3000	€51,000.00	Completed
LP	L-2535-1	Ballymunterhiggin (Higginstown)	16	2023	5	500	2500	€87,847.00	
						10030	40460	€997,423.00	
R	R267	Donegal Streets	17	2023	7	500	3500	€112,000.00	
R	R232	Pettigo Road	17	2023	7	500	3500	€172,786.00	
LP	L1835-1	Greenan Lough Eske	17	2023	4.5	1000	4500	€78,354.00	Completed
LS	L 8065-2	Crilly Lettercran Chapel	17	2023	3.5	1000	3500	€59,500.00	
LS	L6685-2	Meenadreen	17	2023	3.5	650	2275	€45,500.00	Started
LS	L6765-2	Drumcroagh continuation of last y	17	2023	3.5	1000	3500	€70,000.00	Started
LP	L1835-3	Corrarramp Rd to Tawnawully Ol	17	2023	4	1000	4000	€128,000.00	
LS	L6785-2	Glackens to Ardnagasson	17	2023	3.5	700	2450	€49,000.00	Started
LS	L6505-1	New Line Barnes	17	2023	3.5	1000	3500	€70,000.00	
LP	L2125-3	Ranenney Barr PJ towards Willie M	17	2023	3.5	1000	3500	€59,500.00	Completed
LT	L65052	Ardnawark Danny Dunnion	17	2023	3.5	750	2625	€52,500.00	
LS	L7365-2	Junction Lough Derg Rd to T juncti	17	2023	3.5	650	2275	€45,500.00	Completed
LP	L1975-1	Corveen Depot Rd	17	2023	3.5	700	2450	€49,000.00	Completed
LP	L1965-1	Friary Lough Eske	17	2023	3.5	700	2450	€49,000.00	Completed
LP	L2055-1	Laghey (Urban)	17	2023	8	200	1600	€56,000.00	
						11350	45625	€1,096,640.00	
								€4,038,833.00	

Donegal Municipal District Drainage Works

Area	% of Budget	Budget	Description of Works	Road No.	Estimated Cost	Area totals	Status
County Budget		€1,351,680.00					
Donegal MD %		€279,535.00					
14	23.58%	€65,904.18	Inver Village: Pipe roadside Drain with 900mm S&S pipe for a distance of 60M Killian: Bernard Boyles 40M of 750mm S&S pipes Altido: Pipe roadside drain to prevent Slippage (CIS O Driscolls) 60m St Johns's Point: Ballycroy St Johns Point (Shovlins) pipe existing drain for 40m Inver (Port) at Kennedys 225mm new drainage pipe required along road edge - 80m Newtown: Pipe roadside drain with 600mm S&S pipe to prevent slippage (20m)	LP1565-1 LS5825-1 LP1845-3 LP1425-1 LP1565-1 LP6445-2	€19,404.18 €10,000.00 €8,000.00 €10,000.00 €8,500.00 €10,000.00	€65,904.18	Completed Completed Completed
15	24.58%	€68,696.90	Muckcross: pipe open drain + 1 nr road crossing (100m) Kilbeg: Pipe existing open drain (70m) to dealing with road slippage Church road: pipe existing open drain + 1 nr road crossing + gullies (100m) Lergadaghtan: pipe existing drain with a suitably sized pipe and install road gullies (50m) Aghragh: Pipe existing open drain to prevent slippage. 100m	LP-1215-3 LP-1175-1 LP-1315-1 LP-1065-1 LS-5165-1	€16,000.00 €15,000.00 €17,696.90 €10,000.00 €10,000.00	€68,696.90	Completed Completed Completed Completed
16	24.70%	€69,033.45	Lacklom (Road Flooding) Derries Road (2 x Culverts) Pipe Ditch (Rockhill) - (Road Pushing) Smugglers Creek (Water on Road - Potholing) Moy Road (Flooding) (Culvert Crossing)	L-7115-2 L-2335-4 L-2305-1 L-2315-1 L-2525-3	€14,033.45 €20,000.00 €15,000.00 €10,000.00 €10,000.00	€69,033.45	Completed
17	27.15%	€75,900.47	Cullionbuoy Road crossing repair road (McAnawes) ESB Outage Meenadreen Road crossing chamber repair road (Killymard) Pipe Rd edge gulleys repair road (Drumrooske Flyover) Replace 2no Rd crossings raise Rd level (Blue road Shannagh) Pipe Rd edge 50 mts gulleys repair road (Aghadowey) Install overflow pipe to prevent Rd flooding Pipe Rd edge 50 mts gulleys repair road (Lough Derg Road - corner before sawmill)	L 2095-6 L 1954-1 L 1935-1 L 6965 -1 L6915-2 R232 R233	€15,000.00 €15,000.00 €7,500.00 €7,500.00 €9,000.00 €11,263.25 €10,637.22	€75,900.47	 Completed Completed Completed
		€279,535.00	TOTAL		€279,535.00		

Donegal MD public lighting infill works

Public Lighting Infill Works						
Area	Location	Description	Total Cost	Status	Total Spent	Remaining balance
14	Drimark, Donegal Town	Infill lighting - 7 additional lights at Drimark on Local	€10,871.00	Completed	€27,662.46	-€541.46
	Mountcharles	Lower End Mountcharles –	€6,750.00	Completed		
	Mill Park Hotel, Doonan	Proposed lighting from Doonan Roundabout to	€9,500.00	Completed		
15	Kilcar	Lighting improvement	€10,650.00	Completed	€11,181.57	€18,193.43
	Killybegs	Old Fintra Rd near Glenlee	€18,725.00	Yet to commence		
16	Ballyshannon	Rossnowlagh Link Road.	€30,000.00	Completed	€25,864.00	€4,136.00
17	Killymard, Donegal Town	Extend existing public lighting past the school and	€11,600.00	Completed	€26,025.48	€18,074.52
	Tirconnail Street & Castle Street, Donegal Town	Infill lighting needed along the public road at Tirconnail Street on local	€10,000.00	Yet to commence		
	Killymard, Donegal Town	Killymard Church to Drumrooske Housing	€22,500.00	Completed		
Total amount			€130,596.00		€90,733.51	€39,862.49

Donegal MD footpath repair works

RSS Area	Location	Year	Budget	Spent	Remaining Balance	% Complete
14	Mountcharles	2018	€5,729.00	€5,729.00	€0.00	100%
		2019	€16,600.00	€6,608.59	€9,991.41	40%
		2020	€24,350.00	€0.00	€24,350.00	0%
	Dunkineely	2020	€23,432.00	€9,650.34	€13,781.66	41%
	Frosses	2019	€16,600.00	€2,759.97	€13,840.03	17%
		2020	€23,432.00	€0.00	€23,432.00	0%
	Area 14	2022	€6,346.67	€0.00	€6,346.67	0%
	TOTALS		€116,489.67	€24,747.90	€91,741.77	21%

RSS Area	Location	Year	Budget	Spent	Remaining Balance	% Complete
15	Killybegs	2018	€15,568.00	€15,575.78	-€7.78	100%
		2019	€16,600.00	€16,600.00	€0.00	100%
		2020	€50,000.00	€49,271.55	€728.45	99%
	Kilcar	2020	€3,200.00	€0.00	€3,200.00	0%
	Glencolmcille	2019	€8,300.00	€0.00	€8,300.00	0%
		2020	€16,314.00	€0.00	€16,314.00	0%
	Carrick	2019	€8,300.00	€0.00	€8,300.00	0%
		2020	€1,700.00	€0.00	€1,700.00	0%
	Area 15	2022	€17,246.00	€0.00	€17,246.00	0%
	TOTALS		€137,228.00	€81,447.33	€55,780.67	59%

RSS Area	Location	Year	Budget	Spent	Remaining Balance	% Complete
16	Ballintra	2020	€11,214.00	€11,214.00	€0.00	100%
	Ballyshannon	2018	€95,244.00	€79,716.99	€15,527.01	84%
		2019	€16,600.00	€10,375.66	€6,224.34	63%
		2020	€35,000.00	€30,966.14	€4,033.86	88%
	Bundoran	2019	€16,600.00	€16,600.00	€0.00	100%
		2020	€25,000.00	€25,000.00	€0.00	100%
	Area 16	2022	€105,493.00	€1,539.20	€103,953.80	1%
		TOTALS		€305,151.00	€175,411.99	€129,739.01

RSS Area	Location	Year	Budget	Spent	Remaining Balance	% Complete
17	Donegal Town	2018	€32,879.00	€21,522.68	€11,356.32	65%
		2019	€16,600.00	€17,500.00	-€900.00	105%
		2020	€47,214.00	€586.70	€46,627.30	1%
	Laghey	2019	€8,300.00	€0.00	€8,300.00	0%
		2020	€4,000.00	€0.00	€4,000.00	0%
	Bridgetown	2020	€20,000.00	€15,703.44	€4,296.56	79%
	Pettigo	2019	€8,300.00	€880.35	€7,419.65	11%
		2020	€10,000.00	€0.00	€10,000.00	0%
	Area 17	2022	€26,424.34	€0.00	€26,424.34	0%
	TOTALS		€173,717.34	€56,193.17	€117,524.17	32%

Donegal MD Active Travel Projects

Donegal Town MD Active Travel					
Jan	Project Name	Project Description	Project Band	Current Phase	DCC Comments
DL/21/0008c	Killybegs, Church Road	Construction of infill section of footpath, drainage and public lighting on Church Road (LP1315-1)	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 6 - Construction	Construction works ongoing,
DL/21/0024a	TOWNPARKS BALLYSHANNON PED CROSS	Low Cost Junction Tightening / Pedestrian Crossing Schemes	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 6 - Construction	Construction works ongoing,
DL/22/0002	Donegal Town One Way system	It is proposed to introduce a One-Way System onto Tirchonail Street, Castle Street, Water Street and New Row within Donegal Town. The scheme will provide crossing points, new wider footpaths, widening of existing footpaths, landscaped pedestrian refuge islands, traffic calming.	Band 2 <10mil	Phase 5 - Detailed Design and Tender	TOBINS Consultant Engineers, detail design complete. Contractor to be appointed July/Aug 23,
DL/22/0005	Ballyshannon to Bundoran Active Travel Scheme	Old N15 (now R267) Bundoran to Ballyshannon Cycling Greyway	Band 2 <10mil	Phase 3 - Preliminary Design	TOBINS Consultant Engineers appointed , preliminary design ongoing, Part 8 Planning 2023,
DL/21/0008b	Donegal Town, Lough Eske Road	Provision of infill section of footpath on the Lough Eske Road (L-1915-2)	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 5 - Detailed Design and Tender	TOBINS Consultant Engineers, detail design and land purchase ongoing
DL/21/0008f	Donegal Town, Old Golf Course Road	Design associated with the construction of an infill section of footpath on the Old Golf Course Road (L-2155-1) linking a large residential area to the school,town centre etc.	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 5 - Detailed Design and Tender	TOBINS appointed, detail design and land purchase ongoing
DL/22/0006	Pettigo National School Footpath (R232)	Upgrade of existing substandard footpath including undermining of the existing footpath. There is a school located on one side and the local church is located on the town side. A solution in line with DMURS to include for the provision of a footpath and traffic calming would be beneficial to this section of road and also to the areas amenities.	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 5 - Detailed Design and Tender	TOBINS Consultant Engineers, detail design ongoing. Construction 2023
DL/21/0008b	Donegal Town, Killybegs Road	Provision of infill section of footpath on the Killybegs Road (R925)	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 4 - Planning and Stat Approvals	TOBINS Consultant Engineers, Part 8 Nov 23
DL/21/0008a	Ballyshannon, Bishop Street	Provision of footpath on (L-2465-1)	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 3 - Preliminary Design	TOBINS Consultant Engineers appointed , preliminary design ongoing, one-way system required,
DL/21/0023	Safe to Schools Programme - Scoil Aodh Rua & Nuala	Safe to Schools Programme	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 2 - Concept and Options	Green Schools to undertake delivery plan in Q3 2023 to allow Prelim design to commence
DL/24/xxx	AIB Junction, Fintra Road One-Way Killybegs	One-way system to provide footpath links	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 2 - Concept and Options	In house design to be submitted to the NTA as a scheme for 2024
DL/22/0014	Malinmore Footpath , Glencolmcille	Glencolmcille - provision of a footpath along the R263 West of Glencolmcille in the direction of the Folk Village.	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 5 - Detailed Design and Tender	TOBINS Consultant Engineers, detail design ongoing.
DL/22/0003	Laghey Village (Old Laghery Road) Footpath	Infill section of footpath on the Old Laghey Road, Laghey including a footbridge across the river to link the Riverbank Avenue housing estate to the existing footpath leading to the nearby national school. Consultant appointment and inception report	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 2 - Concept and Options	Options to be considered to deliver footpath link in 2023

2023 Specific improvement Grant					
MD	Road Number	Location	Description	LA Allocation	Status
Donegal	R232	Glenmore Bridge - Laghey Pettigo Road	Bridge widening works	€150,000	
	R263/L1195	Halls Junction - Kilcar	Junction improvement works	€300,000	

2023 Strategic improvement Grant Regional & Local Road					
MD	Road Number	Location	Description	LA Allocation	Status
Donegal	R263	Fintra Bridge Road Realignment Works	Road Realignment Works	€2,000,000	

DMD Housing Estates								
Estimated cost of repair works to back lanes								
2023 Budget - €70,000.00 - (Yet to be confirmed)								
RSS Area	Estate name	Town	Works requested	Cost estimate (€)	Works costed (description of what is included in the price)	Priority list agreed at workshop on 09.01.23	Amount	Status
16	Cluain Barron	Ballyshannon	Upgrade drainage and surfacing on the back lane.	€94,300.00	Drainage of 0.5km of road, accommodations works (drainage) and surfacing DBM 14mm	1	€50,000.00	
14	Bay View Terrace	Mountcharles	Upgrade back lane	€20,000.00	Install drainage where required, adjust ironworks, Overlay existing road with AC14 macadam. Approximate area 500m2	2	€20,000.00	
Total							€70,000.00	

Donegal municipal District					
Safety Improvement Works					
MD	Road Number	Location	Description	LA Allocation	Status
Donegal	R267	Low cost remedial measures at SuperValu Donegal Town	Low cost remedial measures, non national road	€25,000	

Donegal MD Community Involvement Schemes 2023											
Funding available in 2023				€184,264.00							
Project Number	RSS Area	Road Number	Road Name	Length of work (m)	Total Area of work	Overall Cost of work	% LC	LC	WIL	Budget	Status
362	14	LS6365-1	School Lane Mountcharles Mountcharles (Phase 2)	305	1600	€60,000.00	20%		€12,000.00	€48,664.00	
393	14	LP1845-1/2/3	Ballydevitt Altidoo (Phase 3)	TBC	TBC	€62,000.00	20%		€12,400.00	€49,600.00	
215	15	L-51151-0	Malinbeg Bog Road Malinbeg	1500	3750	€20,000.00	20%		€4,000.00	€16,000.00	
438	16	L-8005-3	Cloghore	700	2800	€87,500.00	20%		€17,500.00	€70,000.00	
										€184,264.00	

Donegal MD				
2023 LIS Priority List -				
2023 Budget	840,509.00			
DMD Budget	€156,950.00			
Ref_No	ADDRESS	Work Area	Amount	Status
170080	Castleogary	14	€15,500.00	
170403	Ardaghy	14	€19,000.00	
170180	Drumnaherk	14	€25,000.00	
170046	Dooley	15	€11,000.00	
170511	Aughera	15	€26,000.00	
180053	Barr Hill House, Ballymacaward, Ballyshannon	16	€31,000.00	
190285	Townagorm	17	€29,400.00	
			€156,900.00	TOTAL

2023 Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Works					
MD	Road Number	Location	Description	LA Allocation	Status
Donegal	R262	St Alberts Bridge Min Ui Chathain, Frosses to Glenties Road	Raise road level to mitigate against future flooding	€60,000	
	L-1125-1	Straleel North Carrick	Upsizing culvert to mitigate against future flooding.	€28,000	



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Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services Directorate

Donegal Municipal District Report June 2023

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1. Division: Economic Development

1.1 Economic Development Unit

Project / Activity Report

Title	Economic Development Unit
Countywide	<p>Property Solutions: The team is progressing 13 property solution opportunities across the county. These are queries relating to the purchase of council owned lands for Economic Development purposes.</p> <p>Killybegs Marine Cluster Steering Group – The Economic Development Unit continues to support the development of the Marine Cluster with a view to enhancing business development opportunities for businesses in the sector not just in Killybegs but across the county. Recent activity includes the Innovation Cadet programmes hosted by the Alpha Innovation Team, St Catherines Vocational School and the Cluster to introduce young people to innovation and opportunities in the Marine Sector.</p> <p>Caravan, Camping and Campervan Study: DCC are continuing to implement the recommendations of the KPMG study and work with the Internal and External Steering groups on renewed actions in 2023. Renewed promotion of the Campers Code and a targeted marketing campaign for the sector are planned for Summer 2023. New signage is in development. Of the grant scheme, 9 letters of offer have been issued, which will create an additional 140 spaces once projects are delivered. A review of the existing camping service points is in progress.</p> <p>Remote Working: The 2023 Remote Working Holiday campaign will be launched in June 2022 in collaboration with Donegal Hubs Forum and Healthy Ireland.</p> <p>Relocation Marketing Campaign: A relocation marketing campaign to attract talent nationally and from overseas continues to roll out, supported by two showreel videos and testimonials from those who have relocated, to encourage people to #MoveToDonegal. So far it has reached over 3 million across all social media platforms and received over 60 relocation enquiries.</p>

InvestDonegal Communications Update: Latest key stats for the InvestDonegal LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram and web accounts are as follows;

	Impressions (last 28 days)	Total Followers
Linked In	25,046	4,748 (+52)
Twitter	24.7k	2,878 (+18)
Instagram	1,704	3,897 (+34)
Facebook	12,786	1,919 (+11)
Donegal.ie	3.5K Web Users (4 weeks 29 April – 28 May)	

10 News Items Published in last month

Shared Island: Work continuing on Shared Island funded projects as follows:

North West RegTech Initiative is a proposal to develop an all-island national institute in Regulatory Technology in the North West with partners DCSDC, Catalyst and ATU. The appointed consultants for the Scoping/Feasibility Study and Business Case/Economic Appraisal (Stratagem Partners) held an inception workshop with project partners on 19th May 2023 with stakeholder engagement planned for June 2023.

Innovation Plaza to develop cross-border food innovation campuses in Ballyshannon and Irvinestown in partnership with Fermanagh and Omagh District Council (FODC). Tender evaluation to undertake the scoping/feasibility study, options appraisal and business case has taken place. The most economically advantageous tender is being appointed with work expected to commence in June.

Regenerative Tourism Project is a proposal to develop a cross border slow tourism destination which preserves and showcases the regions rich, social, cultural and natural heritage while enabling tourism enterprise clusters to grow and prosper. Toposophy have been appointed as lead consultants to undertake the Scoping/Feasibility Study and Business Case/Economic

Appraisal. A project inception meeting was held with project partners on 17th May 2023. Stakeholder engagement is planned for June 2023.

Slí Cholmcille Project is a proposed 250 km pilgrimage route linking key Colmcille related sites across Donegal and Derry, with the ambition to link across NI to Scotland. DCC is leading feasibility assessment with partners DCSDC and Slí Cholmcille CLG. Outdoor Recreation NI have been appointed as the lead consultants for the Scoping Study, Business Case/Economic Appraisal and Design Toolkit.

Ambassador Visit: On 22 May 2023 the **Deputy British Ambassador Ellen Burns** visited Donegal and met with representatives from the Councils Economic Development team, IDA, Enterprise Ireland, Udaras na nGaeltachta and the ATU. She also met with businesses in the Colab in Letterkenny and expressed a desire to support businesses looking to access the UK market.

Irish Times Feature: Donegal featured in the **Irish Times Special Report** “Living and Working in” published on 25th May 2023 both in paper print and online.

In Business Magazine: Donegal will also be featured in the upcoming “**In Business**” magazine focusing on highlighting key industry, entrepreneurship and innovation in Donegal and the North West City Region.

Asia Matters: Donegal County Council is now a member of the ‘**Asia Matters**’ network with the aim of exploring business and investment opportunities in the Asian Market.

North West City Region: Donegal County Council and Derry City and Strabane District Council on a number of key projects for supporting and stimulating Inward Investment in the region.

Inward Investment Strategy: pitch propositions, factsheets and a marketing plan, a promotional video and the final branding for the North West City Region focusing on key investment sectors will be completed in June. An audit and revamp of the NWCR website is in progress to reflect the new marketing and branding collateral.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talent Solutions: Abodoo are finalising the talent mapping dashboard for the NWCR, which will be linked to and incorporated as part of the revamp of the website. • Communications: The EDU continue to collaborate with DCSDC on promoting the North West City Region for investment and business opportunities across multiple platforms including irelandnw.com and via LinkedIn and Twitter platforms. <p>You can follow respective LinkedIn and Twitter Platforms: @NorthWestCityRegionIreland</p> <p>Atlantic Economic Corridor: The Donegal County Council is working with Local Authority partners along the western coast to progress mutually beneficial projects and initiatives around economic development. The various Councils are currently working with the WDC to develop an AEC Strategy for the seaboard counties that will promote economic development and investment.</p> <p>Concierge Service: The EDU are available to support existing businesses, potential business start-ups or businesses looking to relocate or wishing to expand and who need advice on accessing a wide range of Council services and supports including broadband connectivity. Please contact the EDU by email on economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie</p>
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1.2: Tourism Marketing Unit

Project / Activity Report

Countywide	Online & social media updates – Go Visit Donegal
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GoVisitDonegal.com Website




















Year to Date Stats - 1st January – 31st May 2023

	YTD 2022	YTD 2023	Change
Page Views	280,789	305,950	Up 8.96%
Users	103,710	109,259	Up 5.35%

Website traffic in the **month of May** was up vs the same period in 2022.

Page views: 78,770 (up 18.44%) / Users: 27,597 (up 15.57%)

Website views by country:

May 2023			
Traffic came from 109 countries in total			
Country	Users	% Users	
1.  Ireland	13,512	 48.76%	
2.  United Kingdom	9,469	 34.17%	
3.  United States	2,047	 7.39%	
4.  Germany	333	 1.20%	
5.  China	275	 0.99%	
6.  France	250	 0.90%	
7.  Australia	241	 0.87%	
8.  Canada	208	 0.75%	
9.  Netherlands	168	 0.61%	
10. (not set)	137	 0.49%	

May KPIs – 7,048 goals have been completed on the website to the value of €70,480

Marketing Updates

Balmoral Show 2023

From May 10th to May 13th Donegal Tourism attended this year's Balmoral Show in Lisburn in collaboration with 13 providers from the County who availed of a subsidised stand cost. Each provider had been allocated to attend 2 days out of the 4-day show. Donegal stand was in the EIKON Shopping Village & was very well received by the visitors.

The Show had well over 100k visitors which is back to pre-Covid numbers, and the Organisers are more than happy with that.

Show dates for 2024 will be 15-18th May.

Attending Trade from Donegal:

Dillon's Hotel	Waterfront Hotel Group
Arranmore Country Fest	Harvey's Point
Abbey & Central Hotel	Inishowen Gateway Hotel
McGrory's Hotel	Sliabh Liag Experience
Station House Hotel	Oakfield Park
Rockhill House	Mallow Mia

Brochure Distribution to Hotels in the County

Additional pages have been added to the reprint of our Go Visit Donegal brochure and include Regions in Donegal, as well as Camping & Caravan Pages.

All hotels have been notified in advance and contacted prior to delivery. A Member of the Tourism Unit team is delivering the brochures in person, which offers a good opportunity to speak to the Sales & Marketing Manager in each hotel.

Milwaukee Promotions 2023

Plans are underway for Donegal Tourism to attend the Milwaukee Irish Fest 2023; the Stand has been booked and other marketing preparations are ongoing.

Donegal tourism operators have been contacted and asked to submit expression of interest if they are interested in travelling to the US as part of the Donegal Stand

An online meeting with providers is taking place on Wednesday, 7th Jun.

Tourism PR

Grace Shields from a local PR company 'Social Scene PR' has been appointed to carry out PR and social media activities for Donegal Tourism.

Go Visit Donegal social media and website audit is currently being carried out and will help produce a new social media plan for the Go Visit Donegal brand for the months ahead.

Sea Sessions Competition 2023

Go Visit Donegal have teamed up with Sea Sessions Surf & Music Festival to give away festival tickets. The competition runs from Monday, 29th May until Thursday, 8th June. One winner is announced on selected days, 7 winners in total.

This competition is delivered online on Facebook and Instagram, as well as on the website

<https://www.govisitdonegal.com/sea-sessions-competition>

Online marketing

Ongoing work by Tourism Unit managing social media profiles: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn

Management of Festivals & Events and updates of content submitted by festival providers – ongoing, the calendar of events can be viewed on: <https://www.govisitdonegal.com/festivals-and-events>

Regular maintenance and management of the govisitdonegal.com website and the Tourism Hub

Project Development

Progress to date within quarter* -inclusive of current status

7.6 million Shared Island Initiative Tourism Funding

Donegal County Council has welcomed the news of over €7million for Shared Island tourism initiatives from the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media. The Wild Atlantic Way and Causeway Coastal Route tourism brand collaboration, funded by the Shared Island Initiative, will connect the two routes to ensure visitors are motivated to stay longer and spend more in the area. The project covers parts of Sligo and Donegal on the Wild Atlantic Way, and parts of Derry and Antrim on the Causeway Coast. It will also include the development of discovery points along the route, improving signage and orientation for visitors, as well as cross-border regional destination development to enable promotion of the region. Donegal County Council Tourism Section is awaiting further information from Failte Ireland and Tourism NI and hopes

to be positioned to provide further information on this funding opportunity in the coming weeks.

BigO Workshop and FAM Trip

Donegal Tourism will host BigO in the county for two days – 6th and 7th June to host an ideas workshop and FAM Trip in advance of them preparing two Donegal campaigns later in the year.

Laurentic Forum

Donegal Tourism continues to attend monthly meetings in relation to exploring mutual opportunities.

Age Friendly Beach Nairn

Donegal Tourism attended a walkability audit in Nairn on Monday 22nd May to identify actions to secure Age-Friendly status for the first beach in Ireland.

Dungloe to Glenties Cycleway

Donegal Tourism have met, and a working group is now formed to organise and market an official opening and to promote the 25km cycleway going forward. The group will meet again in July.

Spirit of Ireland

Donegal Tourism have just submitted 5 pages for the Spirit of Ireland Magazine. The Spirit of Ireland Magazine targets the North American Tourists. The magazine is the official publication of the North American Celtic Trade Association. Nacta brings visitors to Ireland to the value of 3.6 million annually. Nacta and Tourism Ireland work very closely and attend the four major shows in America. Tourism Ireland also gives content and imagery to the Magazine. The age group we target is 30 years upwards. The magazine is used as a travel brochure by the 2,500 tour operators that specialise in Ireland.

Tides Project

Donegal County Council attended the final conference of the Tide Project in Sligo on the 24th and 25th May, DCC were accompanied by two

	<p>stakeholders – Inishowen Maritime Museum and Inishowen Development Partnership.</p> <p>Project Targets for the next quarterly* reporting period</p> <p>Sign Agreement with Tbox Conference</p> <p>Tides Project ongoing development of two models of the Saldanha ship for display in two locations.</p> <p>New Merchandise Order for Donegal Tourism (festivals)</p> <p>Minor Tourism Related Grant Scheme</p> <p>Application deadline was Monday May 29th. Seventy-four applications were received in total. These applications will be presented to the Members at MD workshops over the coming weeks.</p> <p>Festival Funding and Participative events</p> <p>Festivals have been selected and were notified of available funding in April. This is ongoing until the end of December.</p>
<p>Donegal MD</p>	<p>Bundoran Marketing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing to activate marketing plan 2023. • Finalisation of the 2023 Discover Bundoran brochure. This will be available from June 1st. • Promotion of brochure launch. • Creation of radio ads. • Creation of social media advertising content. • Updating blogs and content on website. • Ongoing weekly podcast production delivered every Friday. • Compilation and distribution of monthly email newsletter. • Attended Balmoral Show with Donegal Tourism. • Promotion of Blue Flag award <p>Bundoran Tourist Office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourist Office open 3 days a week (Fri-Sun)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently one TÚS employee working. A second TÚS employee will commence at the end of May with the office open to 6 days per week for the summer. <p>Website and Social Media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining a social media presence for the town on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Scheduling of content to direct social media users to the website to increase traffic. • Creation of website content and updating of event/music listings. • Users of discoverbundoran.com up 14.6% Jan 1st – May 22nd v 2022, Page views up 22.3% on same period & Sessions up 25.1% on same period. • Website users and page views: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2022 (Jan-Apr 22nd) – Users 44,030 – Page Views 95,010 • 2023 (Jan-May 22nd) - Users 50,475 - Page Views 116,249 • The webcam remains constantly the most viewed page on the website monthly at almost 20% of the entire traffic. <p>Waterworld</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing plan for 2023 season continues to be activated. Waterworld will open weekends until end of June and daily from June 26th. Remainder of ads booked and booking system for July and August set up. <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with DCC team on Bundoran Oceanside project. • Working with DCC team on Platforms for Growth facility. • Working on Destination Town project elements with Paul Doherty Architects and Bundoran Town Team • Welcomed group from Susice, Czechia – Bundoran’s twin town through Douzelage. • Welcomed a group of students from France and gave a presentation on Bundoran.
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1.3: Strategic Funding Unit

Project / Activity Report

Title	Strategic Funding Unit – exploring EU and National Funding Opportunities that support the objectives set out in the Donegal County Council Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024
All MD's	<p>PEACE Plus</p> <p>The SFU will be hosting a Peace Plus webinar in July 2023 to inform members and staff in relation to the 6 themes and 22 investment areas under the Peace Plus programme. The SFU is currently working with Alpha Innovation on a potential concept note focused on the Innovation Challenge Fund under PEACE Plus.</p> <p>EU50 Event – Europe Day 2023</p> <p>The SFU hosted an EU50 Europe Day funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs in collaboration with Europe Direct Letterkenny on 9th May 2023. The event was well attended and a great success.</p> <p>YOUTHopia Workshop – June 2023</p> <p>The YOUTHopia project Future Fair took place on 27th April at Oakfield Park in Raphoe and was very successful with over 150 young people registered. The next stage of this project is to host a 4-day workshop, hosted by Donegal ETB in Letterkenny and delivered by international media organisation Café Babel where 15 young people will have the opportunity to attend and gain skills in international media and content development.</p> <p>FLAG Board</p> <p>The SFU continues represent the Council on the FLAG Board. The call for the Brexit Blue Economy Enterprise Scheme is open until August 2023 and projects must be delivered by the end of the year.</p>

	<p>Project Partnership & Development</p> <p>The SFU is exploring a number of project opportunities under the Atlantic Area Programme and is liaising with Council staff and other potential partners on project concepts related to air quality, green infrastructure, fishing sector ecosystem innovation and tourism.</p> <p>Other areas of work include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU Funding Programme Reviews • Participation in project scoping meetings with potential partners • Participation in EU network meetings such as CPMR, AER etc. • Funding Needs Analysis of Council Divisions • Regular Strategic Funding Newsletters
Donegal MD	<p>Donegal Diamond – Outdoor Public Space Scheme</p> <p>A company called Base Structures has been appointed to deliver the tensile canopy design for Donegal Diamond. The civil works procurement for this project is ongoing. Quotes received have come in much higher due to inflation and rising costs. DCC are seeking clarification on where cost savings can be made or where additional funding may be sourced. Pending budget resolution, then it will be necessary to seek approval from the Department before work can commence.</p> <p>Fáilte Ireland Local Authority Weatherproofing & Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Scheme – Bundoran Oceanside</p> <p>The refurbishment of the public toilets is complete. Bundoran lettering is in production and will be installed at the promenade on the main beach in June 2023, awaiting confirmation from the supplier. The tender process for the dining facility is concluding in early June.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Joy Browne - Acting Senior Staff Officer</p> <p>Mobile: +353 (87) 0619360</p> <p>E-mail: joybrowne@donegalcoco.ie</p>

1.4: Donegal Diaspora Unit

Title	Donegal Diaspora Unit
Countywide	<p>Tip O’Neill Irish Diaspora Awards 2023</p> <p>The award ceremony will take place on Saturday, 16th September, 2023 at the Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana. Further procurement of additional requirements will commence shortly. The shortlisting process for awardees has been completed. The Tip O’Neill Award committee will meet on June 14th to ratify the awardees for 2023.</p> <p>Donegal Connect 2023 / 2024</p> <p>Plans for 2023 have already commenced and dates are hoped to be agreed upon, in conjunction with the Tip O’Neill Irish Diaspora Awards, over the coming weeks. A funding application for the Global Irish Festival Series 2024 is also due for submission in the near future</p> <p>Donegal Diaspora Website / Social Media</p> <p>A communications plan on the use of the Diaspora website and associated Diaspora social media channels is currently taking place with further updates to follow. <i>Donegal Diaspora social media statistics as of 01/06/2023 are as follows:</i></p> <p>LinkedIn – 1,203 (up 18) connections</p> <p>Twitter – 4,037 (down 1) follower</p> <p>Facebook – 5,619 (up 16) followers</p> <p>Instagram – 299 (up 6) followers</p> <p>London Events</p> <p>A contingent from Donegal County Council will attend the London Irish Vintage Club Day event on September 3rd. The LIVC was a successful event last year and we hope to build on those existing relations within London to create further ancillary events around the day in 2023. Further events are also being examined with the London Irish Centre and the Irish Embassy, as well as a ‘jobs fair’ led by the IDA.</p> <p>Scottish Diaspora</p>

	A further meeting of the wider Scottish Diaspora group is scheduled for 26 th June. Further engagement with Donegal County Council Ambassador Packie Bonner is ongoing to maximise his role in the context of promoting our Economic Development work within the United Kingdom.
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2. Division: Local Enterprise Office

Project / Activity Report

Activity / Project Title	The Local Enterprise Office (LEO)
Role and Remit	The Local Enterprise Offices is positioned nationally as the “ <i>First Stop Shop</i> ” for anyone seeking information and support on starting or growing a business in Ireland. The Local Enterprise Office Donegal provides advice, information and support to those starting up or growing their business in Donegal. Grant is potentially available for businesses that meet the eligibility criteria. Further information available here - localenterprise.ie/donegal Contact number: 074-9160735

Outline of Work	General Overview – Highlights: <u>Summary of May 2023 Outputs:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant Aid – Business Expansion & Priming (Start Up) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 26 Businesses have been approved Grant Aid. ○ Value of total Grant Aid Approvals YTD is €267,231 ○ Next EVAC meeting will take place on 6th July, 2023.
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- Trading Online Vouchers – 26 Businesses approved support to a value of €55,644.62.
- Mentoring YTD – 124 Businesses have received this support
- Training – 717 Business Attendees at 50 Events YTD.
- An in-person Business Information Session took place in the PSC Donegal Town on Friday May 26th involving 9 participants.
- The Food Coast Strategy Review has been completed and the new strategy was launched at Castle Grove Country House Hotel, on the 30th of May. 70 people attended the launch.
- The Energy Efficiency Grant was launched in May. It supports investment in green technologies and equipment i.e. 50% of eligible costs or up to a maximum grant of €5,000.
- So far this year, 69 have participated in 4 on-line Start Your Own Business programmes. In addition, a one day SYOB Bootcamp was held in the Silver Tassie Hotel, Letterkenny, on Saturday 27th May, 2023 and was attended by 13 participants.

Upcoming Programmes:

Ambition

Ambition is an exciting pre-accelerator programme which focuses on female entrepreneurs and promotes the skills and resilience needed to develop globally scalable ventures, attract investment and create jobs.

We are looking for innovative new business ideas amongst Donegal's early-stage female entrepreneurs. Up to twelve businesses will be selected to participate in twelve half-day workshops. These will be chosen based on criteria including: the scale of ambition, the size of the problem to be solved, early market understanding, a clear competitive

advantage, feasible business model and strength and diversity of the team.

Teams must be available to participate on all programme days. At the end of the programme showcase, a Judging Panel comprising leading entrepreneurs, executives and investors, will evaluate progress.

The programme will run from September 2023 to December 2023. An information session on the programme is taking place on 15th June, 2023.

AI For Donegal Businesses

With the growing focus on AI, an introductory session will be held remotely on Tuesday June 27th @ 10am to provide insight to the opportunities presented by Artificial Intelligence for Donegal businesses.

Pre-event registration is required, and Elected Members are asked to advise micro-businesses in your MD of this event.

Procurement Training for eTenders

Training on the new eTenders platform for Donegal businesses is currently in planning with two webinars due to take place in June, to provide practical tips to Donegal businesses on how to successfully operate the new system.

Ongoing Programmes:

Scale-X Accelerator

Scale-X is an 11-week Accelerator Programme which is currently underway and is aimed at start-up entrepreneurs with the potential for fast growth. There are a total of 14 participants in the programme from a diverse range of businesses and sectors. The programme focuses on giving a deep understanding of the metrics that can drive success, the skills to build financial models that stand up to investor scrutiny, and industry engagement and mentorship that give valuable insights to adapt a company's business model to create the perfect fit.

The Programme runs weekly until Wednesday June 28th, when each business will present their final business pitch.

Planning is underway for a new Scale-X programme to run in September.

Business Information Session

An in-person Business Information Session took place in the PSC Donegal Town on Friday May 26th involving 9 participants who were interested in starting and/or growing their business from Donegal. Each business, spanning a range of sectors, was advised on the training, consultancy and grant aid supports available.

Three sessions are planned for June, two virtual and one in person taking place on Friday June 30th in the Inishowen Innovation Centre in Buncrana.

Digital Start

YTD – 27 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support

The objective of Digital Start is to help businesses prepare and implement a plan for the adoption of digital tools and techniques across the business.

Digital Start provides strategic intervention for businesses to work for FREE with third party consultants worth up to €4,500 to:

- assist them identify where they are on their digital business journey,
- develop a digital adaptation plan based on their identified need,
- implement their digital adaptation plan.

Green for Micro

YTD – 3 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support

This is a FREE programme that helps small businesses take the first step towards becoming more sustainable, giving them access to a green consultant worth up to €2,500 who will show them small changes that can have a big impact on their company.

The recently launched Energy Efficiency Grant supports the investment in technologies and equipment identified in a Green for Micro Report,

GreenStart Report or a SEAI Energy Audit with 50% of eligible costs up to a maximum grant of €5,000.

The aim of the scheme is to reduce the impact of enterprises on the environment thereby increasing the agility and resilience of these businesses.

For more information click on the link below:

[What is the Energy Efficiency Grant? - Local Enterprise Office](#)

Lean For Micro

YTD – 8 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support

LEAN provides strategic intervention for businesses to work with third party consultants worth up to €4,500 (Client contribution €200). It is designed to encourage clients to adopt Lean business principles in their organisations to increase performance and competitiveness. Lean is for all companies, regardless of sector – it is not just for manufacturing companies.

Food Coast Donegal

The Food Coast Donegal is an initiative facilitated by the LEO to support, celebrate and grow the Donegal Food Sector.

- 40 certified members.
- Just under 200 network members.

Current activities:

- The Food Coast Strategy Review has been completed and the new strategy was launched at Castle Grove Country House Hotel, on the 30th of May. As national journalists were in attendance, we also used this as an opportunity to showcase excellent Donegal food and drinks produce.
- Donegal lamb promotion was successfully launched over Easter and will continue over the coming months.

- ATU Higher Diploma in Food Business & Product Innovation Level 8 programme - LEO Donegal and Food Coast Donegal has sponsored three food businesses from the county to participate and feedback is very positive.
- National Food Academy Steering Committee - this year is the 10th anniversary of the programme so please keep an eye out for Donegal producers on your local Super Valu shelves.

Creative Coast Donegal

Creative Coast Donegal's aim is to support the building of a strong creative and digital economy in Donegal with businesses that are robust, confident, financially viable, and collaboration-friendly, all impacting positively on the local economy in terms of job creation, as well as being pro-active and competitive on an international stage.

There are currently 204 members of the Creative Coast Donegal network. These members are creative business owners throughout Donegal from various sectors within the Creative industry.

LEO Donegal submitted an application to Creative Ireland for funding to deliver the IMMERSE project, a collaboration between Donegal County Council, Eirmersive, Connected Hubs, Regional Enterprise Offices (MidWest/NorthWest/West), CREW, Údarás na Gaeltachta and the Western Development Commission. The project, a multi-agency, pan-regional proposition across the Atlantic Innovation region, will focus on the Content Creation Sector.

Funding of €68,000 was awarded from the Creative Communities Action Fund, and responsibility has been assigned to the Western Development Commission to handle project operations. The Western Development Commission will submit a draft report to LEO Donegal in late November 2023, prior to final submission to Creative Ireland.

The LEO Donegal and external consultants are developing a 3-year action plan for the creative industry in Donegal and expect to have it finalised the coming weeks.

Donegal Engineering Network

The ambition of the ***Donegal Engineering Network*** is to expand, strengthen and enhance the existing engineering group in Donegal.

A range of Good Practice visits, Exhibition Visits and collaborations with other cluster/network facilitators on reciprocal events are being scheduled.

Donegal Engineering Network hosted a stand at the Manufacturing & Supply Chain Expo, RDS Dublin on the 23rd & 24th May. This was a fantastic opportunity to showcase our excellent Donegal Engineering sector.

Monthly workshops are facilitated with the topics selected by the Engineers. Recent topics covered included HR and ISO certification. Earlier this month, we lead a delegation of Engineers on a LEAN good practice visit to Kirchhoff-Automotive in Letterkenny. Next month, we will visit Inishowen Engineering to view their extended facilities.

Start You Own Business Programme

So far this year there have been 4 Start Your Own Business (SYOB) Programmes held on-line. A total of 69 have participated in the 4 programmes, with 15 applicants scheduled to commence the June programme, commencing on 6th June, 2023. A further 2 on-line programmes are taking place this year, in September & October, with potential for a third in November (subject to demand).

A one day SYOB Bootcamp was held in the Silver Tassie Hotel, Letterkenny, on Saturday 27th May, 2023 and was attended by 13 participants. This was the first in-person SYOB event this year and the attendees received a short intensive course covering the main essentials of the on-line programme. A second Bootcamp is scheduled (subject to numbers) to take place later this year.

[Enterprise Europe Network](#)

The Enterprise Europe Network Ireland helps Irish businesses to innovate and grow internationally and is delivered by a partnership between Enterprise Ireland, Cork Chamber of Commerce, Dublin

Chamber of Commerce with Donegal County Council leading out on behalf of the Local Enterprise Office.

Services offered through the EEN help businesses to grow through tailored support, new business and technology partnerships, commercial opportunities, licensing deals, and partners searches for EU funded R&D. The services are tailored to SMEs but are also available to all other businesses, universities and research centres.

Internationally, the Network is active in more than 60 countries worldwide bringing together 3,000 experts from more than 600 member organisations. EEN is the largest support network for SMEs and combine international business expertise with local knowledge to help you take your innovation into new markets.

Two meet the buyer events will take place later in 2023 with EENginex catering for the engineering sector and Food eirEEN for the food sector. 6 Donegal companies are engaged in EEN services to support them in both sourcing and selling internationally.

Further information is available from Eileen Kelly, Enterprise Europe Network Coordinator eileen.kelly@leo.donegalcoco.ie

Upcoming Activities:

National Enterprise Awards

Silver Strand Rope Works Ltd, based in Moville, has been chosen to represent Donegal at the National Enterprise Awards, to be held in the Mansion House in Dublin on 1st June, 2023.

The company's application to the national competition was submitted in March and the national adjudication took place on 26th & 27th April, 2023, in Mullingar, Co. Westmeath.

Other activities taking place in June are as follows:

- Trading Online Voucher Workshop – 14th June, 2023
- Business Information Sessions – 2nd & 16th June (On-Line) & an in-person event taking place on 30th June in the Inishowen Innovation Hub – Buncrana.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information Session – Ambition - Female Accelerator Programme on 15th June, 2023. All bookings can be made here: https://www.localenterprise.ie/Donegal/Training-Events/Online-Bookings/ <p><u>Donegal Stories:</u> Website highlighting the businesses of Donegal that have been supported by the LEO. https://donegalstories.ie/</p>
Contact Person	<p>Brenda Hegarty, Head of Enterprise</p> <p>Local Enterprise Office 074 9160735 Brenda.Hegarty@leo.donegalcoco.ie</p>

3. Division: Emergency Services – Fire Service

Activity	Number of: (April)*		Total for year	
<u>Fire Service Operations</u>				
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	77		236	
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	94		274	
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	9		27	
<u>Operational Activity Breakdown April 2023</u>	Turnouts		Incidents in County	
	Fires	Special Services	Fires	Special Services
Donegal Fire Service	56	38	34	35

Northern Ireland Fire Service	8	1	7	1
Sub Total	64	39	41	36
Total	103		77	
<u>Fire Prevention</u>				
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	16		62	
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	23		N/A	
Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from Applicant / Agent:	66		N/A	
Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	23		80	
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	1		7	
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	0		0	
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	5		9	
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	12		45	
Fire Safety Complaints received:	8		15	
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	1		9	
During Performance Inspections carried out:	0		0	
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	0		0	

* Current data only available up to end of April 2023.



ENVIRONMENT MD REPORT – June '23

WASTE AND LITTER MANAGEMENT

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Green Schools Awards 2023 – ‘Celebrating 25 years of Green Schools’
Project Description/ Activity	<p>The annual Donegal Green Schools Awards was held on the Radisson Blu Hotel in Letterkenny on Tuesday 9th May.</p> <p>A large gathering of pupils and teachers were welcomed to the awards ceremony in what was a great day of celebration. Green Schools is celebrating 25 years of the programme this year with Donegal schools being involved in the programme from the beginning.</p> 

	<p>Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council, Cllr Liam Blaney congratulated all the schools on their wonderful achievements and said, “Over the last 25 years, the Green Schools programme has been instrumental in encouraging & educating our children and young people on the importance of sustainability and protecting our environment. The programme has empowered our young generation to make sustainable choices and take action to protect our planet, and I am heartened to see the impact they have made. Through Green Schools, students have learned about waste reduction, energy & water conservation and biodiversity protection and much more. The practices they have implemented in their schools and communities has reduced their carbon footprint and encouraged others to do the same”.</p> <p>In Donegal there are 176 schools registered with the programme. Donegal County Council play a very important role in the implementation of the programme within the County. “Donegal County Council is committed to the Green Schools programme as the benefits are tremendous not only are we educating our pupils for the future but the positive environmental impacts each school is making cannot be underestimated” said Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer, Donegal County Council.</p> <p>Green-Schools (known internationally as Eco-Schools) is an environmental education programme and awards scheme developed by FEE (the Foundation for Environmental Education) and co-ordinated in Ireland by the Environmental Education Unit of An Taisce- The National Trust for Ireland.</p> <p>Donegal Stats:</p> <p>Schools receiving their Green Flag were recognised under the following themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Litter & Waste - 4 schools Water - 4 schools Travel - 4 schools Biodiversity - 4 schools Global Citizenship Litter & Waste - 4 schools Global Citizenship Energy - 6 schools Global Citizenship Marine - 5 schools Global Citizenship Travel - 6 schools Global Citizenship Food & Biodiversity - 3 schools
<p>Contact Person</p>	<p>Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer sbogan@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity / Project Title	<p style="text-align: center;">Food Waste Recycling Week 5th – 11th June 2023</p>
Project Description/ Activity	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>National Food Waste Recycling Week June 5th - 11th</p> <p>FREE COMPOST GIVEAWAY</p> <p>JUNE 6TH Letterkenny Recycling Centre - 10am - 12pm Dungloe Recycling Centre - 2pm - 4pm</p> <p>JUNE 7TH Carndonagh Recycling Centre - 10am - 12pm Milford Recycling Centre - 2pm - 4pm</p> <p>JUNE 8TH Laghey Recycling Centre - 10:30am - 12:30pm Stranorlar Recycling Centre - 2pm - 4pm</p> <p>Get a FREE food waste starter pack</p>    </div>
Contact Person	<p>Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer sbogan@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity /
Project Title

Half Price Bulky Goods Events

Project
Description/
Activity

Donegal County Council - Two Week Promotion

HALF PRICE ON BULKY GOODS

LETTERKENNY / LAGHEY / DUNGLOE RECYCLING CENTRES

From 13th June - 24th June

In association with Bryson Recycling ONLY DURING SITE OPENING TIMES

OPENING TIMES

	Letterkenny	Laghey	Dungloe
Monday	Closed	Closed	Closed
Tuesday	8.30am - 5pm	Closed	10.30am - 5pm
Wednesday	8.30am - 5pm	Closed	Closed
Thursday	8.30am - 5pm	10.30am - 5pm (Closed for lunch 12.30pm-1.15pm)	10.30am - 5pm
Friday	8.30am - 5pm	8.30am - 5pm (Closed for lunch 12.30pm-1.15pm)	8.30am - 5pm
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CARPET

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WOOD

WAS €0.40/kg **NOW 0.20/kg**

OTHER BULKY WASTE

Charged by weight WAS €0.50/kg **NOW €0.25/kg**
 Other bulky items may include toilets, sinks, shower trays,
 shower doors, large outdoor toys, tiles, small amounts of rubble etc.



GUIDELINES:

- Card Payments are now available at all the Recycling centres.
- Peak times are between 11am and 2pm, expect queues.
- Bring assistance with you to unload Bulky items.
- Campaign will run only during opening times for the 2 week period.



This initiative is funded by the
Anti-Dumping Initiative 2022



Donegal County Council - Two Week Promotion

HALF PRICE ON BULKY GOODS

CARNDONAGH / MILFORD / STRANORLAR RECYCLING CENTRES

From 26th June - 8th July

In association with Bryson Recycling ONLY DURING SITE OPENING TIMES

OPENING TIMES

	Carndonagh	Milford	Stranorlar
Monday	8.30am - 4.30pm	Closed	Closed
Tuesday	Closed	Closed	8.30am - 5pm (Closed for lunch 12.30pm-1.15pm)
Wednesday	8.30am - 4.30pm	8.30am - 5pm	Closed
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CLIMATE ACTION

Activity / Project Title	Local Authority Climate Action Plan
Project Description/ Activity	<p>Under the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021, each local authority is required to prepare a local authority Climate Action Plan for its respective administrative area.</p> <p>The plans will be consistent with the most recent approved National Climate Action Plan and National Adaptation Framework and are being developed over the next 12 months.</p> <p>Once adopted by the local councils, each plan will be valid for five years and is subject to update at least every five years. The plans will help local authorities to address, in an integrated way, the mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions and climate change adaptation and strengthen the alignment between national climate policy and the delivery of effective local climate action.</p> <p>Local engagement and collaboration will play a vital role in the drafting of successful plans, ensuring stakeholders are involved in climate decisions that affect them.</p> <p>Elected Members have been updated at the Climate Action and Environment SPC and will be updated at future MD Meetings.</p>
Contact Person	Seamus Hopkins SHopkins@donegalcoco.ie

WATER SERVICES

Activity / Project Title	Signing of Master Cooperation Agreement (MCA) between Donegal County Council and Uisce Éireann
Project Description/ Activity	<p>Donegal County Council entered into a Service Level Agreement (SLA) dated the 1st January 2014 with Irish Water under the provisions of Section 31 of the Water Services (No. 2) Act, 2013.</p> <p>The SLA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) detailed the services that Donegal County Council would provide to Irish Water (Uisce Éireann since 1st January 2023) in support of the Water Services Functions; (ii) detailed the relationship between Irish Water and Donegal County Council with respect to such services; and (iii) is due to expire on 1st January 2026. <p>The Government Policy Paper – “Uisce Éireann – Towards a National, Publicly-owned, Regulated, Water Services Utility” dated 23 February 2021 and the Workplace Relations Commission document “Framework For the Future Delivery of Water Services” dated June 2022 provide for a new agreement to replace the existing SLA. It has been agreed between the Local Authority Sector and Uisce Éireann that the SLA is to be terminated and replaced by this MCA.</p> <p>The purpose of the MCA is to provide for Uisce Éireann to have full accountability for Water Services Functions and for Uisce Éireann to have the necessary Management and Direction of Local Authority Water Services Staff.</p> <p>The MCA is based on the final draft agreed at National level through the Water Services Transition Office on behalf of the Local Authority Sector and Uisce Éireann.</p> <p>All thirty-one local authorities signed the respective MCAs on the 5th May 2023.</p> <p>The Chief Executive, the Director of Water and Environment and the Water Services management team met with Water Services staff on the 3rd May 2023. The options open to staff wishing to remain with Donegal County Council were discussed. We have engaged with Unions and with staff locally over the past few years about these emerging changes and will continue to do so over the coming weeks and months ahead.</p> <p>Further updates will be provided to Elected Members at future MD Meetings.</p>



**Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall**
Donegal County Council

Municipal District of Donegal

20th June 2023

Presented By B. Mc Laughlin AO Community & Development Division

1. Town & Village Renewal – Donegal MD
 - Donegal Town
 - Glencolmcille
 - Carrick
 - Bruckless
2. Clár 2022 - Donegal MD
 - Termon Complex Pettigo
 - Leitir Corn Mill River Walk, Kilcar
3. Playground Maintenance
4. Walks & Trails
5. Sliabh Liag Development Project
6. Leader/RDP Programme Update
7. Healthy Donegal update



**Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall**
Donegal County Council

Municipal District: Donegal

Activity / Project Update: June 2023

Activity / Project Title	2018 T&V Renewal – Donegal Town
Project Description/Activity	Enhancements & Development Works Works consists of: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Provision of a footpath2. Provision of lining trail markings / App3. Installation of interpretative panels / signage
Budget (if applicable)	€100,000 – Department of Rural & Community Development € 25,000 – Own Resources
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A number of meetings have been held with Donegal Chamber of Commerce to finalise the details of the project including the options available to deliver the various elements of the project.• Letter of Offer has been issued out to Group, signed and returned.• Design of the proposed footpath is currently being progressed and will be tendered in Q1 of 2021.• Designs and procurements are underway for the other elements of the project.• Tender assessment complete, successful contractor to be appointed.• Following further consideration, it is now proposed that footpath proposal at this time be deferred pending future development of adjacent lands
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ongoing engagement with the Department in relation to the overall project and how it can be progressed
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Brian Keogh Executive Engineer Community, Development & Planning Services Tel: 074-9172569 E-mail: bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie



Activity / Project Update: June 2023

Activity / Project Title	2019 T&V Renewal – Glencolmcille
Project Description/Activity	Enhancements & Development Works Works consists of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development of a Town Plan• Upgrade existing footpaths• Provision of directional and interpretative signage• Provision of a bus shelter
Budget (if applicable)	€100,000 – Department of Rural & Community Development € 25,000 – Own Resources
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A number of meetings have been held with the community group for the area to finalise the details of the project including the options available to deliver the various elements of the project.• Letter of Offer has been issued out to Group, signed and returned.• Designs of the proposed works are currently underway and will be presented to the community group.• The group have procured an architect/designer to progress the design and to prepare tender documents for a number of elements of the scheme.• Works designed and currently out to tender.• Tender evaluation report complete and successful contractor identified.• Site meeting with successful contractor.• Construction has commenced on site.• Construction work is substantially complete.• There are a few outstanding snags to be addressed.• The snags have been addressed and work is complete.• All signage has been ordered and installed by the group.• Works are substantially complete
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are snags to be closed out in the coming weeks
Contact Person (to include telephone number & e-mail address)	Brian Keogh Executive Engineer Community, Development & Planning Services Tel: 074-9172569 E-mail: bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie



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Activity / Project Update: May 2023

Activity / Project Title	2020 T&V Renewal – Carrick
Project Description/Activity	Enhancements & Development Works Works consists of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reinststate the pedestrian bridge crossing the Glen River• Commission and prepare a Town Health Check• Commission and prepare a Regeneration Strategy to inform the sustainable development of the town and immediate surrounding area
Budget <i>(if applicable)</i>	€100,000 – Department of Rural & Community Development € 11,111 – Own Resources
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A number of meetings have been held with the community group for the area to finalise the details of the project including the options available to deliver the various elements of the project.• Letter of Offer has been issued out to Group, signed and returned.• Designs of the proposed pedestrian bridge works are complete.• The group are have procured and appointed a contractor to complete the pedestrian bridge• Procurement documents prepared to appoint a consultant(s) to prepare a Town Health Check & a Regeneration Strategy of the town and surrounding area.• The pedestrian bridge crossing is complete.• Consultant appointed to prepare a Town Health Check & a Regeneration Strategy of the town and surrounding area.• Additional works to the river walk is now completed.• The Masterplan is at final stage and final draft will be issued by end of Q1, 2023
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Progress the Town Health Check & a Regeneration Strategy of the town and surrounding area and hope to be complete by the end of June 2023.
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Brian Keogh Executive Engineer Community, Development & Planning Services Tel: 074-9172569 E-mail: bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie



Activity / Project Update: June 2023

Activity / Project Title	2020 T&V Renewal – Bruckless
Project Description/Activity	<p>Enhancements & Development Works Works consists of: Landscaped garden park area with native trees, flowers, benches and pathways including the following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Railway feature area • Area with outdoor gym equipment • Wheelchair accessible Sensory Garden • Wild meadow area • Small public grass area suitable for casual sports and games
Budget (if applicable)	<p>€100,000 – Department of Rural & Community Development € 11,111 – Own Resources</p>
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of meetings have been held with the community group for the area to finalise the details of the project including the options available to deliver the various elements of the project. • Letter of Offer has been issued out to Group, signed and returned. • The group had procured a design consultant to prepare contract documents to appoint a contractor to carry out the works on the proposed park. • Design work commenced and preparation of contract documents also commenced • Design of proposed park complete and approved by the community group. • Project is currently on E-tenders. 2 Contractors have submitted tenders and the tender report has been issued. • Contractor appointed. • Work has commenced on site and is progressing well and hope to be completed by the end of May • Works are completed on the project.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	<p>Brian Keogh Executive Engineer Community, Development & Planning Services Tel: 074-9172569 E-mail: bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie</p>



Activity / Project Update: June 2023

Activity / Project Title	2022 Clár – Termon Complex Pettigo
Project Description/Activity	Enhancements & Development Works Works consists of: Resurfacing of the MUGA Pitch, including the following works, <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Excavate existing surfacing• Removing depleted existing sand substructure• Access and install drainage requirements• Install geotextile membrane• Lay subbase material• Install the synthetic turf surface• Install infill fibres• Apply line marking
Budget (if applicable)	€50,000 – Department of Rural & Community Development € 5,000 – Match Funding
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Meeting was held with the community group for the area to finalise the details of the project including the options available to deliver the various elements of the project.• Tender Documentation shall be prepared for e-tenders in the coming weeks.• The Tender report is currently being prepared.• Contractor will be appointed in the coming weeks.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Works to be commenced in July/ August 2023
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Brian Keogh Executive Engineer Community, Development & Planning Services Tel: 074-9172569 E-mail: bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie



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Activity / Project Update: June 2023

Activity / Project Title	2022 Clár – Leitir Corn Mill River Walk Kilcar
Project Description/Activity	Enhancements & Development Works Works consists of: Upgrade existing River Walk providing a wholly accessible path and associated infrastructure including the following, <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enhance the ground and edging on the existing path• Install lighting along the path.• Install seating• Signage and story boards.
Budget (if applicable)	€50,000 – Department of Rural & Community Development € 5,000 – Match Funding
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Meeting was held with the community group for the area to finalise the details of the project including the options available to deliver the various elements of the project.• Tender Documentation shall be prepared for e-tenders in the coming weeks.• Project is currently out for tender and is due back in July and hope to appoint a contractor in August 2023
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Works to be commenced in Q3, 2023.
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Brian Keogh Executive Engineer Community, Development & Planning Services Tel: 074-9172569 E-mail: bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie



Activity / Project Update: May 2023

Activity / Project Title	PLAYGROUNDS MAINTENANCE 2022
Project Description/Activity	Annual maintenance of Playgrounds <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Glencolmcille.2. Mall Park, Ballyshannon.3. Mall Park Outdoor Gym, Ballyshannon.4. Waterworld Playground, Bundoran.5. Westend Playground, Bundoran6. St. John Bosco, Donegal Town7. Kilcar Playground.8. Killybegs Playground.9. Bruckless Playground
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Works consists of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Replacement of broken and damaged equipment.• Replace worn safety tiles and remove trip hazards.• Grease all equipment that contains bushes, bearings, shackles, etc.• Carry out repairs along edges of safety surfaces. <p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Successful tender appointed to carry out Annual Rospa Inspections.• Annual Rospa Inspection Reports have been completed with necessary repairs identified.• Quick quotes tender issued on e-tenders to procure Maintenance contractor for 2022 maintenance contract works.• Maintenance contractor appointed and repair works are currently underway across playgrounds.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Undertake playground repair works
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	John Deeney Executive Engineer Community, Development & Planning Services Tel: 087 7197619 E-mail: jdeeney@donegalcoco.ie



Activity / Project Update No.10

May 2023

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Walks and Trails
File: Project Description/Activity	Maintenance, development and promotion of walks & trails in Donegal including cycle routes and Greenways.
Budget <i>(if applicable)</i>	
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>Glencolmcille The works are now completed, and invoice received work has been completed to a very high standard given the extreme location of the project. Well done to Terrance Boyle Plant Hire and his team for their successful work.</p> <p>ORIS 2021</p> <p>Counter Units Discussion with a potential supplier has given estimate costs per unit which are way in excess of what had been previously quoted. So the need for further exploration into more suitable suppliers is a must, to ensure value for money.</p> <p>Creevy Coastal Walk The tender documents for Creevy are now on e-tenders with scheduled closing date of 30th September 2022 @ 12 noon for the return quotations The return date was extended until 12noon Wednesday 5th October 2022 due to limited number of companies accepting the documents. There was two responses to the tendered works with the letters unsuccessful and intention of award to be issued next week.</p> <p>ORIS 2022 Announcement of the funds awarded under measure 1 ORIS 2022. Have seen the success of Rossylongan been granted €30,000 and likewise through DLDC they were granted €30,000 funding for Donegal Rowability that will provide a disability hoist for water sports access from the pier in Donegal town.</p>

	<p>Work on the tendering documents shall commence in the next quarter of 2022 to hopefully have ready to start on site early spring 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A recent meet with a group in Bundoran has highlighted the potential for some additional walks in the area. <p>Rossylongan</p> <p>Coillte are continuing with small elements of works around the Entrance and parking area. We will advance with the development of tender package to reinstate the existing trail surfaces including way markers and Map boards.</p> <p>A stage 1 screening report has to be complete prior to commence of any tender documents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<p>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Try to advance with purchase of counter units • Begin work on the tendering documents
<p>Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i></p>	<p>Darryl Connor (Outdoor Recreational Development Officer) 0873613811 dconnor@donegalcoco.ie</p>



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Activity / Project Update: February 2023

Activity / Project Title	Sliabh Liag Development Project
Project Description/Activity	The project has included the development of a Visitors Centre, Ranger Station and toilets, 2.5km of mountain paths works together with road improvement works from Carrick Village which represents a total investment of approx €5m
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status	<p>The visitors centre opened to the public in May 2019 following the official opening. An operations manager was appointed in March 2019 together with 3 support staff since the summer of 2019.</p> <p>Remedial works have been completed on site. The shuttle service operated from July 4th to October 2nd 2022 transporting almost 17,000 visitors to the viewing area</p>
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	Further funding of €269k has recently been awarded in respect of further works to the mountain path. Tender documents are currently being prepared in respect of these works.
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Paddy Doherty Community & Planning Services Station Island, Lifford



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Rural Development Programme/LEADER
Donegal Local Community and Development Committee are the Local Action Group for County Donegal, with responsibility for the LEADER/Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 & Transitional LEADER Programme 2021-2022
€13,413,875 (Additional funding received 2019) <i>Note: Project costs €10,063,586, administration and animation costs €3,350,289</i> 1 st April 2021 – 31 st December 2022 €2,861,598 project costs €953,866 for Administration & Animation.

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Activity / Project Update


June 2023

Activity / Project Title	Rural Development Programme/LEADER
Project Description/Activity	Donegal Local Community and Development Committee are the Local Action Group for County Donegal, with responsibility for the LEADER/Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 & Transitional LEADER Programme 2021-2022
Budget (if applicable)	€13,413,875 (Additional funding received 2019) <i>Note: Project costs €10,063,586, administration and animation costs €3,350,289</i> 1 st April 2021 – 31 st December 2022 €2,861,598 project costs €953,866 for Administration & Animation.
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	There are 4 Implementing Partners within the county; Donegal Local Development Company (DLDC), Inishowen Development Partnership (IDP), Údarás Na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán, who are rolling out the LEADER Transitional programme on behalf of the LAG (Local Action Group). The LEADER Transitional programme is effective from 1st April 2021 and runs until 31 st December 2022. €45 million is allocated nationally for the Transitional Programme and €20 million from the EURI programme.

<p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>62 projects in Donegal are now approved by Pobal under the Transitional & EURI programmes and Letters of Offer have issued/are pending, granting LEADER funding to a value of €2,861,598.</p>
<p>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</p>	<p>An LCDDC/LAG meeting will be held on 21st June 2023. All funding awarded to the Donegal LAG under the Transitional LEADER programme and EURI programme has been allocated but LDCs will continue to engage with promoters on the ground Donegal County Council as Lead Financial Partner, in collaboration with our four implementing partners, Donegal Local Development Company, Inishowen Development Partnership, Údarás na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán are currently working together to develop our LEADER strategy which must be submitted no later than 14th July 2023. Consultants have been appointed and 9 consultation events have been organised across the county, in partnership with PEACE PLUS and the New LECP. There is also an online survey option for feedback, as well as themed workshops based on the key themes of LEADER.</p> <p>https://www.donegalcoco.ie/community/publicconsultations/</p>
<p>Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i></p>	<p>Ciaran Martin cmartin@donegalcoco.ie</p>

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June 2023

Programme	Healthy Ireland Fund
Project Description/Activity	<p>Healthy Ireland The objective of the Healthy Ireland Fund 2023 – 2025 is to improve the health and wellbeing of people of all ages and abilities living in</p> <div data-bbox="483 751 1036 970" style="text-align: center;">  <p>Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall Donegal County Council</p> </div> <p style="text-align: right;">Ireland through the</p> <p>implementation of the Healthy Ireland Strategic Action Plan 2021-2025. Within the Plan there are a number of Priority Focus Areas. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeping Active • Staying Connected • Switching Off and Being Creative • Eating Well • Minding your Mood • Minding your Body
Budget	€198,122.42 Round 4 Funding
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p>Healthy Ireland Round 4 The Healthy Ireland Round 4 Programme (HIF 2023-2025) represents a more evidenced-based outcomes led approach, with a longer 3-year timeframe. The grant period for Round 4 will run from 1 June 2022 to 31 December 2025, with the outcomes led approach to be delivered from 2023-2025.</p> <p>Civic Dollars Project Chair of Donegal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC), Cllr. Niamh Kennedy has launched the Civic Dollars project - a community reward platform designed to increase time spent in outdoor, local recreational spaces across Donegal.</p> <p>Through this community currency app, Donegal County Council aims to provide people with an incentive and support to improve their mental health, increase</p>

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their physical activity levels, and encourage engagement with local community groups and support for the local business community.

Participants download the Civic Dollars app and earn online credits by spending time in one of the following five local outdoor resources that have been identified countywide

- Bundoran Promenade and Cliff Walk
- Dungloe River Walk
- Swan Park, Buncrana
- Bernard McGlinchey Town Park, Letterkenny
- Drumboe Woods, Stranorlar

You can then redeem your 'Civic Dollars' in exchange for local and countywide rewards provided by the local business community e.g., a discounted coffee or discounted entry into a local attraction OR donate them to a locally identified community group who can exchange them for rewards.

Businesses offering rewards include Bundoran Surf Co, Grass Routes E-Bikes, McElhinneys Store Ballybofey, Brian Pennie Consulting, Mobility Genie, Michael Murphy Sports, Bluestack Shack Café, Fort Dunree Military Museum, Core Tech NI, Cubefun, Butterrock Café, The Hatter Tea Room, The Hatter Express and many more! Community groups you can donate your 'Civic Dollars' to are - Bluestack Special Needs Foundation; Forogie Donegal; Bundoran Community Development CLG; Donegal Playmatters CLG; Dungloe Active Retirement, CDP Na Rossan CTR, Buncrana Youth & Community Development Co Ltd, The Exchange; ICARE, LYFS, Cara House, Donegal Youth Service, Finn Valley FRC, Planet Youth Ballybofey and Cloghan Day Centre.

The app measures time spent in a designated zone and does not record steps or distance to ensure the project is inclusive of participants with mobility or health issues.



Cllr. Niamh Kennedy, Chair of Donegal LCDC pictured launching the Civic Dollars Project with Cllr. Tom Conaghan; Cllr. Noel Jordan; Liam Ward, Director of Community Development and Planning Services; Stephen McPeake, CEO Civic Dollars; Wendy McCarry, trustees and members of Bluestack Special Needs Foundation; members of

Donegal LCDC, representatives from participating Community Groups, Donegal Sports Partnership and Donegal County Council staff.

Outlining the value of the project to the local community, Chair of the LCDC, Cllr. Niamh Kennedy paid tribute to the local businesses participating in the projects by way of offering a reward and said how 'Their efforts cannot be underestimated especially in this current climate – we're very grateful for their participation which demonstrates an important and valuable contribution to the communities they live in and highlights the strong sense of community spirit we have here in Co. Donegal'.

L-R Liam Ward,
Director of
Community
Development and
Planning Services,
Cllr. Niamh Kennedy,
Chair of Donegal
Local Community
Development
Committee and
Wendy McCarry,
Manager Bluestack
Special Needs
Foundation



At the launch held in the Bluestack Special Needs Foundation centre, Director Community Development and Planning Services, Mr. Liam Ward said 'Donegal County Council recognises the importance of outdoor recreation in improving the health and well-being of the people of Donegal and in building stronger, more cohesive, and inclusive communities across our County. We work in partnership through our Local Community Development Committee to deliver projects funded under the Healthy Ireland Round 4

programme and Slaintecare Healthy Communities Programmes which help provide a roadmap of how we can continue to work together to promote health and wellbeing for everyone'.



Left: Trustees, staff and
members of Bluestack
Special Needs Foundation



Healthy Donegal

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Manager of the Bluestack Special Needs Foundation, Ms. Wendy McCarry said ‘Bluestack Special Needs Foundation is delighted to be participating in the project as one of the community groups that participants can donate their ‘Civic Dollars’ to, it shines a light on the work we do and increases community support for and engagement with our members. What I love about this project is that it is so inclusive, that anyone can take part no matter what their physical ability is’.



Pictured at the launch of the Civic Dollars project L-R seated: Cllr. Tom Conaghan, Donegal County Council; Cllr. Niamh Kennedy, Chair of Donegal Local Community Development Committee; Margaret Fitzgerald, Healthy Donegal Coordinator; Liam Ward, Director of Community Development and Planning Services. L-R Standing: Pamela Smullen, Slaintecare Healthy Communities Programme Officer; Stephen McPeake, CEO Civic Dollars; Cllr. Noel Jordan, Donegal County Council; Clodagh Murray, Slaintecare Healthy Communities Programme Officer; Paddy Doherty, Divisional Manager, Community Development.

For further information about the project contact Margaret Fitzgerald, Healthy Donegal Coordinator on mfitzgerald@donegalcoco.ie or see

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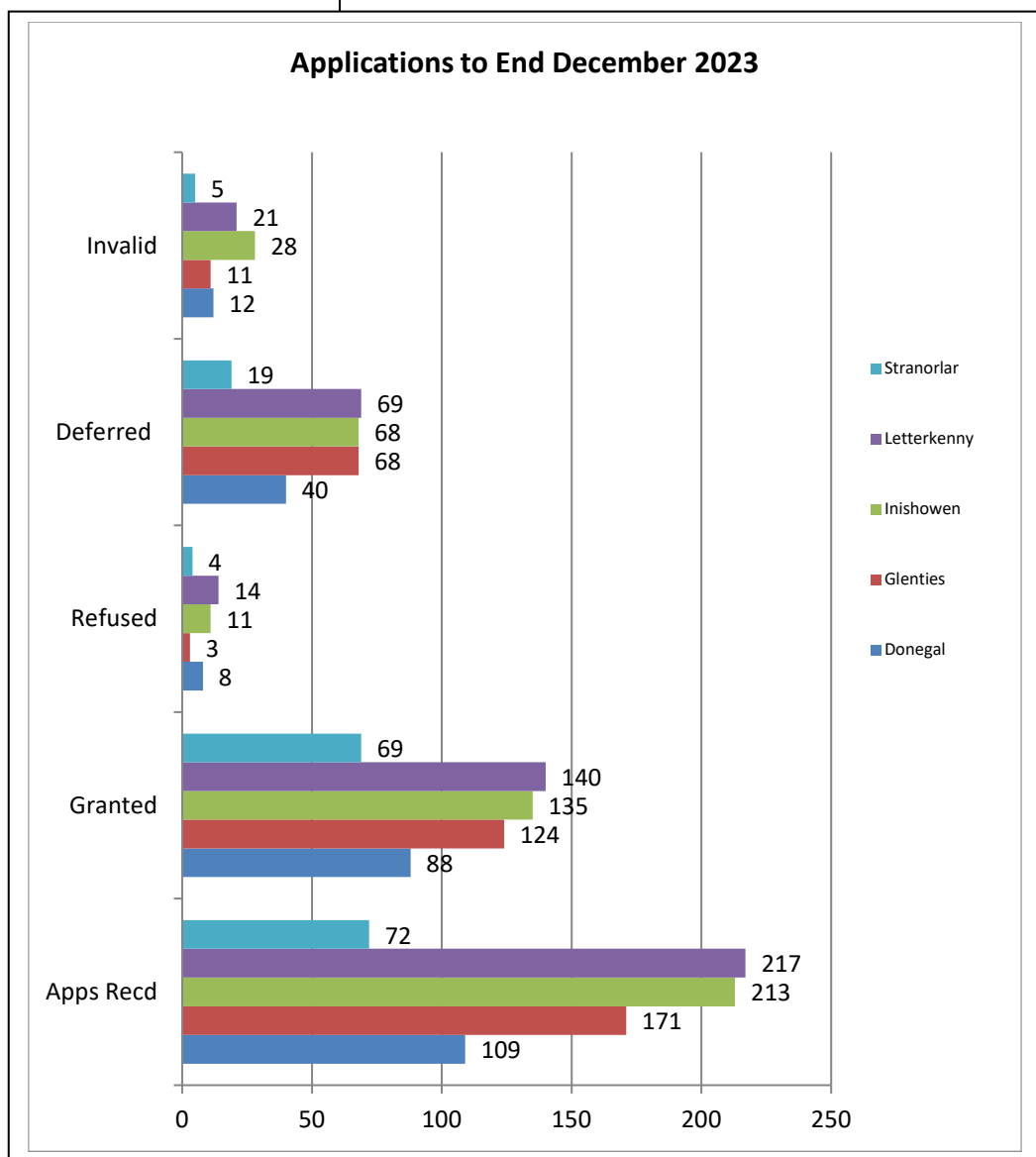
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Donegal MD Meeting
20th June 2023

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3	Notes & Monthly Schedule	<p>Pre planning clinics are on a telephone call only basis (ring 074 9153900) between 9.00am and 12.30pm on the dates outlined below.</p> <p>The pre planning clinic calls will be taken by the Executive Planners and shall be for substantial applications only.</p> <p><u>Planning Clinics 2023:</u> 29th June 2023 13th July 2023 27th July 2023 10th August 2023</p> <p>Please see website for further dates. http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/planning-clinics/</p>								
4	Casual Trading	<p>Work on progressing Casual Trading was delayed due to other pressing work commitments within CPU such as the RZLT and Draft CDP.</p> <p>Progressing at present and it is anticipated that a future MD workshop will be scheduled to discuss local issues with Members.</p>								
5	Regeneration Report	See Appendix A								
6	Building Control & Taking in Charge	No Report								
7	Central Planning Unit	<p>Work is progressing on the preparation of the Draft County Development Plan 2024-2030, including Local Draft Town Plans for Bundoran, Buncrana and Ballybofey/Stranorlar.</p> <p>Ongoing work on the Draft CDP submitted to the Elected Members on the 14th of April:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The discussion of proposed amendments to said Draft Plan at the Special Plenary Council Meeting of the 24th of April, the Plenary Council Meeting of the 29th of May and at all MD Workshops. • Once amendments have been agreed in principle by the Members at Council Meeting on 19th June the carrying out of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment of said 								

		<p>amendments including SEA/AA Screening, the making of associated SEA/AA determinations as to whether such assessments are required, and as necessary the preparation of a revised Environmental Report and Natura Impact Report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and Strategic Water Status Impact Assessment of said amendments including as necessary the preparation of revised reports for same.
	Capital Projects Delivery Unit	No Report
8	Conservation Report	No Report
9	Further Information <i>Click on web links to access information.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly List of applications and decisions: http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weeklyplanninglists/ • Planning Service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service): planning@donegalcoco.ie • Planning Webpage: www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/ • Planning Application Online Query – https://www.eplanning.ie/DonegalCC/SearchTypes <p>File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and planning search requests: www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/fileretrieval/File%20Retrieval.pdf</p>

Regeneration & Development Team
Community Development & Planning Services

Appendix A

Report to June (2023) Municipal District Meetings

1.0 RURAL REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (RRDF)

1.1 EXISTING APPROVED CATEGORY 2 RRDF PROJECTS (2020)

1.1.1 **Back to Ballyshannon** – A transformational project to re-energise, re-imagine and sustain the social, cultural, historical, physical and economic fabric of Ballyshannon’s historic town centre.

Value: €247,500. (RRDF funding approved €185,625)

Update: Acquisition of the key regeneration site in Market Yard was completed by year end 2022. The Team now continues to work towards the publication of a planning scheme, so as to develop this project as a shovel ready capital project targeted for future Category 1 RRDF funding.

Further to the public consultation period on the draft plans held in October-November 2022, the Team is continuing to engage with key stakeholders in relation to the feedback received. This includes the local Business Chamber, ESB and Bus Eireann. Good progress is being made in this regard and further arrangements will also be made for a further workshop with Members in early July to update on this evolving consultation and design process.

1.1.2 **Ramelton Historic Town Centre** – A Restorative & Transformational Public Realm Scheme.

Value: €249,159 (RRDF funding approved €186,869)

Update: A Part 8 planning scheme for this project was published on Tuesday 1st February 2022 and a Chief Executives Report on the proposed development was brought before the Elected Members at a Plenary Meeting of the Council on Wednesday 6th April, 2022 and it was decided to proceed with the development as proposed.

The Detailed Design phase is now completing and it is intended to open a construction tender in June 2023 ahead of a projected commencement on site in early Q4 of 2023. The Team will continue to update and advise Members on

progress and key milestones as this project moves towards commencement on site. The process of project handover to the Council's Capital Project Delivery Unit (CPDU) has also commenced in anticipation of imminent progression to site. CPDU will manage the construction and handover stage of the project.

The Regeneration and Development Team completed the submission of a Category 1 capital funding application to the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund for the capital delivery of this project by the 12noon deadline on Friday 29th April 2022. The submitted project had a total project value of €7,949,868.

On 10th November 2022 the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys announced that €6.3m had been awarded under the Fourth Call for Category 1 Projects of the RRDF for the "Ramelton Re-Imagined" regeneration Project. This represents a full award of the RRDF funding sought. Work is now nearing completion on the Detailed Design and preparation of a Tender Package for this project, together with arrangements for handover to the Capital Project Delivery Unit for onward delivery.

1.2.2 THIRD CALL FOR CATEGORY 2 PROJECTS UNDER THE RURAL REGENERATION & DEVELOPMENT FUND (RRDF)

On 6th January 2022 the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys announced that €1.17m had been awarded under the Third Call for Category 2 Projects of the RRDF for the "Repowering Buncrana" regeneration Project.

Due diligence has been completed on this project and a formal letter of Offer together with an associated Funding Agreement was received on 10th May 2022. The Funding Agreement was subsequently accepted and formally returned to the Department on 18th May 2022. The project will now progress to procurement of the required consultancy services before commencement of the planning and statutory consents stages of this project enabled by the funding award.

The Elected Members of the Inishowen Municipal District were updated on the status of this project at workshop on Friday 27th January 2023. It is now intended to progress this project to tender in Q2 of 2023 and in this regard the project was submitted to the DRCD for Decision Gate 2 Pre-Tender Approval on Monday 20th March, 2023. Decision Gate 2 approval was subsequently received on 3rd April, 2023 and this project is therefore now approved to proceed to tender. Preparations are continuing in this regard.

A sale agreed position has also now been reached in respect of the town centre acquisition interest enabled by this project. The property concerned is the former Garda Barracks at St. Orans Rd, Buncrana. The Council's legal services have now been instructed to close out and complete this acquisition. The property will be

redeveloped as an economic development proposition as a part of this project with a forward view towards job creation and inward investment.

1.3 FOURTH CALL FOR CATEGORY 1 PROJECTS (SHOVEL READY) UNDER THE RURAL REGENERATION & DEVELOPMENT FUND (RRDF)

On 17th December 2021 the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD announced the fourth call for Category 1 applications to the €1 Billion Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF).

The closing date for the receipt of proposals was 12 noon on Friday 29th April 2022.

As described at Point 1.2.2. above the Ramelton Re-Imagined regeneration project, with a value of €7,949,868 was submitted under this call.

On 10th November 2022 the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys announced that €6.3m had been awarded under the Fourth Call for Category 1 Projects of the RRDF for the “Ramelton Re-Imagined” regeneration Project. Work will now continue to complete the Detailed Design and preparation of a Tender Package for this project, together with arrangements for handover to the Capital Project Delivery Unit for implementation on site.

1.4 Rathmullan RRDF Project Development work

A formal Part 8 planning scheme for this project was published on Thursday 24th November 2022. Submissions or observations were required to be made in writing on or before 4:30pm on Wednesday 18th January 2023. A Chief Executives Report on the proposed development was brought before the Elected Members for consideration at a Special Meeting of the Council on 13th February 2023 when Members decided to proceed with the development as proposed.

Work will now continue to position the project for application to future calls of the Rural Regeneration & Development Fund (RRDF) for category 1 (capital) projects. The next stage in project development work concerns the preparation of a Business Case.

The project is a partnership with Rathmullan The Way Forward CLG.

1.5 Milford Town Centre First Plan

In late 2021 the Department of Rural and Community Development sought nominations for towns to be considered as part of the 1st Phase of the Town Centre Masterplan Initiative. Minister Heather Humphreys TD subsequently announced that Milford was successful in securing €100,000 under the call. The Regeneration & Development Team is now leading on the delivery of a Town Centre First Masterplan for the Town.

GM Design Associates Ltd were appointed as the successful consultancy service to deliver the Town Centre First Plan for Milford on Tuesday 14th February 2023 and the project commenced with the first stage of Public Consultation which took place over a period of 3 weeks beginning on Thursday 16th February and concluding on Thursday 9th March 2023. The first stage consultation process involved a number of targeted workshops, including a project workshop with Elected Members which took place on Tuesday 14th February 2023, as well as a cross-directorate workshop, a community stakeholder group workshop and workshops with students attending the two local secondary schools. A very successful Public Consultation Event was also held on Wednesday 22nd February which was attended by c.120 no. participants.

The public engagement also centered on the launch of a dedicated project website, facebook page and twitter page, and provided for responses via an online resident's survey, a business survey, a feedback form for individual submissions as well as a kids' page. On the whole there has been a hugely positive response to the public engagement with 227 no. online surveys completed with a further 128 no. survey responses from the secondary school pupils, 355 no. in total. There were also 16 no. comment sheets submitted, 3 no. written submissions and 2 no. email submissions as well as 86 no. kids' responses.

The consultants, GM Design Associates Limited, have now completed the process of collating, recording and interpreting the findings and results of the public and stakeholder engagement together with the conclusions of the baseline analysis of the town centre including the SCOT analysis, and have finalised the Stage 1 Report entitled 'Milford TCF Plan Baseline Profile', which was presented to the Elected Members at a Workshop on the 5th of May 2023. This Report has directly informed the Draft Milford Town Centre First Plan, the preparation of which is now well advanced and is targeted for completion by the end of June 2023, with Public Consultation on the Draft TCF Plan programmed to take place during the month of July 2023. The Draft TCF Plan will be presented to the Elected Members of the Letterkenny-Milford MD at a Workshop in late June to secure endorsement to consult on the Draft Plan.

1.6 Creeslough Village Plan and Community Regeneration Project

Donegal County Council, the Creeslough Working Group and the Creeslough Community Association supported by Arup launched a public consultation process to prepare a Village Plan and community regeneration project for the Creeslough Community. The first stage of public consultation ran between Thursday 4th May, 2023 and Thursday 25th May, 2023 and included the following events:

- Launch of the project website:
<https://creesloughvillageplan.commonplace.is/> on Thursday 4th May, 2023;

- A Senior Citizens Workshop in Creeslough Day Centre from 12noon to 1pm on **Wednesday 10th May, 2023**;
- A public information event from 2pm to 8pm on **Thursday 11th May 2023** in Massinass Hall, Creeslough, and,
- Workshops with National, Gaelscoil and Secondary schools across **Wednesday 10th May to Friday 12th May 2023**.

These events were extremely well attended, with over 180 persons attending the drop in event in Massinass Hall. Work is continuing to examine the feedback being received and to prepare a Draft Village Plan and community regeneration project for further consultation in towards the end of June 2023.

2.0 URBAN REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (URDF)

2.1 Existing approved URDF project in Letterkenny (application submitted 2018; final approval to proceed received September 2019)

This first application secured €1.9m in URDF monies, match funded by €600,000 for three sub-projects. Sub-project A, preparation of Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy is now complete and available at www.letterkenny2040.ie .

Sub-project B, CPO in respect of the Letterkenny 2040 Strategic Urban Regeneration Site, significantly progressed having served Notices to Treat and Enter in March and April 2023. On 8th May 2023, Donegal County Council took possession of the CPO lands required to enable the delivery of Phase 1 development of the site as regards Alpha/Beta office accommodation and public realm infrastructure. Acquisition by agreement of remaining property on Port Road to enable Phase 2 is on target to be closed out by 1st July 2023.

In addition, a Recommendation has been prepared to progress the business case for an Affordable Housing Scheme in respect of the residential component of the Concept Masterplan relating to the remainder of the strategic site (Phase 2). As a result, this part of the site will transfer to Housing colleagues with alignment and input from both the Regeneration and Development Team and the Capital Projects Delivery Unit. Further updates will be brought to the Letterkenny-Milford MD in this regard as this work develops.

Please refer to Capital Project Delivery Unit MD reporting for update as regards the public realm sub-project.

2.2 Successful application to the Urban Regeneration & Development Fund (May 2020)

The Councils successful application to URDF Call 2, entitled ‘Letterkenny 2040 (Phase 1): To Re-energize and Connect the Historic Town Centre’ secured a provisional allocation for total project cost of €18.1m (comprising €13.6m URDF support together with match funding committed by the Council in the sum of €4.5m). Total project uplift was secured at Decision Gate 1 in relation to Preliminary Business Case to take account of inflation resulting in total project cost of €19.3m (comprising €14.5m URDF support and €4.8m match funding by Donegal County Council). Project costs will remain under review at each stage of project development and as the approval gateways under the Public Spending Code are navigated.

The project will advance five sub-projects to varying stages as follows:

- The further enhancement of the Cathedral Quarter
- The re-purposing of the Courthouse
- Strategic land assembly towards:
 - Renewal of Lower Main Street
 - Advancement of a Regional Transport Hub
 - Enhancement of ‘LK Green Connect,’ walking, cycling and parkland infrastructure.

In line with the Public Spending Code, a Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy was submitted to DHLGH on 29th July 2022 for review and consideration. DHLGH approval to proceed was secured by letter dated 7th February 2023. A number of clarifications were sought on Monday 13th February 2023 and as a result, amended correspondence was received on 7th March 2023. DHLGH advise that each sub- project will now progress on its own timeline including the preparation of individual Final Business Cases prior to appointment of construction contractor.

Accordingly, steps are being taken to proceed with each sub-project as set out in the following table.

Next steps set out in letter of approval to proceed.

Sub-project	Nature of DHLGH approval
Sub-project A: Market Square element	1. Proceed to procurement of architect-led team for detailed design and site supervision The following actions have been commenced/underway: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Steps are being taken to complete the handover process of this project to the Capital Projects Delivery Unit for progression of detailed design with feed-in from the Regeneration and Development Team.
Sub-Project A: Cathedral Quarter Park	1. Proceed acquisition processes for land required. The following actions have been commenced/underway:

<p>and Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refreshed valuations received as regards several market valuations to inform potential acquisitions by agreement. • Structural Engineering Report being prepared to inform 1 no. acquisition involving a building. • Clarifications sought on a number of properties in relation to land ownership. • Draft tender for Valuation Services being prepared for open procurement procedure. • Arrangements being made for legal engagement on next steps in context of acquisition pathways including potential for CPO. <p>1. Proceed to procurement of architect-led team for all design stages (planning consent, detailed design & site supervision)</p> <p>This project will be led through the next stage of design and consultancy services by the Regeneration and Development Team with feed-in from the Capital Projects Delivery Unit. The following actions have been commenced/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Draft tender for architect-led team under preparation.
<p>Sub-project C: Revival of the Courthouse</p>	<p>1. Proceed to procurement of consultancy services to prepare ‘Product identification/Visitor Experience Plan.’</p> <p>Participation of the Regeneration & Development Team and other Council services in a workshop organized by Letterkenny Tourism on 12th May 2023. This was a useful engagement and positive connection with key stakeholders in the town.</p> <p>This project will be led through the next stage by the Regeneration and Development Team and will involve multiple workshops at MD level. The following actions have been commenced/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Draft tender prepared for Creative Consultancy Services in respect of ‘Revival at the Courthouse’ for the preparation of a Visitor experience Plan/ Product Identification Plan for the development of a

	<p>major visitor attraction at the Courthouse, Letterkenny.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Draft tender undergoing peer review. ▪ Target date for opening of procurement process is 9th June 2023.
<p>Sub-project D: Strategic acquisition to enable a Regional Transport Hub</p>	<p>1. Proceed acquisition processes for land required.</p> <p>This project will be led through the next stage by the Regeneration and Development Team. The following actions have been commenced/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Formal engagement with landowner commenced. ▪ Draft tender for Valuation Services being prepared for open procurement procedure. • Arrangements being made for legal engagement on next steps in context of acquisition pathways including potential for CPO.
<p>Sub-Project E; Strategic acquisition to enable LK Green Connect</p>	<p>1. Proceed acquisition processes for land required</p> <p>This project will be led through the next stage by the Regeneration and Development Team. Progress on acquisition is to some degree dependent on capacity to progress Part 8 for phase 2 of LK Green Connect. Notwithstanding, the following actions have been commenced/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Formal engagement with a number of landowners commenced. ▪ Draft tender for Valuation Services being prepared for open procurement procedure. • Arrangements being made for legal engagement on next steps in context acquisition pathways including potential for CPO.

2.3 ‘The Eat Out’ Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Project, Letterkenny
‘The Eat Out’ Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Project at the public space to the front of An Grianan Theatre secured Part 8 planning consent at the plenary Council meeting in November 2022. Detailed design of this project has now been enabled in the context of the further development of the concept contained in the Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy via the appointment

of The Paul Hogarth Company and O'Connor Cronin Sutton Engineers. The Regeneration Team now provide support and input into the detailed design process which is led by Community Development with a target for opening of tender for construction contractor imminently.

2.4 Letterkenny Cultural Corridor

Design development in respect of a future Part 8 proposed development for the 'Cultural Corridor' section of LK Green Connect is progressing and is at an advanced state of readiness. A presentation in this regard was made to Letterkenny MD workshop on 17th April 2023. Part 8 is being prepared with the support of Pasparakis Friel Architects appointed to provide Part 8 drawings while the Regeneration and Development Team manage and lead all other elements of the Part 8 process including review of design, specific development of High Road design elements, AA and EIA screening. This project will also provide for a long-term public realm scheme at the front of An Grianan Theatre taking account of 'The Eat Out' and for enhancements to the existing pathway and environment adjacent to the Boxing Club. The project also includes consultation with the Cultural Partners (An Grianan Theatre, the Regional Cultural Centre and Donegal County Museum) and other stakeholders including Letterkenny Tennis Club, the Boxing Club and a number of landowners. Specifically, design work is currently underway to explore improved access arrangements to the Tennis Club with a further meeting with the Tennis Club scheduled for 27th June 2023. Target for publication of Part 8 is end of Q2 2023 however this is noted as dependant on ongoing stakeholder engagement.

2.5 2nd Phase of LK Green Connect

Early design work using in-house resources commenced initially in January 2023 on Part 8 proposed development for Phase 2 of LK Green Connect to link walking and cycling infrastructure at Phase 1 (currently under construction) to Pearse Road. This would, in due course secure Phase 2 to shovel ready status. Given the early stage in the design process, the timeline for publication of the Part 8 is yet to be confirmed and is subject to capacity of staff resources across both URDF and RRDF programmes. The preferred scenario is to publish a part 8 by Q3 2023. Workshops at MD level will be arranged as this project develops.

2.6 Youth/Community focused project at Lower Main Street

Early engagements with Letterkenny Youth Club and Donegal Youth Service have commenced to further explore the potential for a youth/community focused project at Lower Main Street as envisaged within the Design Concepts contained in the Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy and relating to a number of Councils acquisition interests under URDF Call 2 successful application. In this regard, a partnership in principle has been agreed. Following progress on relevant land acquisition under the Councils URDF Call 2 project, it is targeted to commence design processes as regards a future capital scheme at this location. Timeline for commencement of design work is

likely to be Q3/4 of 2023 and is highly dependent on capacity of in-house resources. Updates will be provided to Members on ongoing basis.

2.7 Collaboration with Housing Section of Donegal County Council

Collaborative working arrangements have been established with the Housing Section of Donegal County Council to explore and develop social/affordable housing schemes on key regeneration sites within the town centre generally and, more specifically at Lower Main Street and at Phase 2 of the Strategic Urban Regeneration Site located between Pearse Road and Ramelton Road. Members will be updated as this work progresses.

2.8 URDF Call 3

Minister O'Brien launched URDF Call 3 on 30th January 2023 alongside the launch of the Government's Vacant Homes Action Plan. URDF Call 3 focusses on enabling Local Authorities to tackle long-term vacancy and dereliction in Letterkenny town centre and on the acceleration of residential development. The programme will provide a rolling fund to Local Authorities to enable acquisition and design and civil works that may be required to de-risk property to make it more attractive for onward sale. A workshop with Letterkenny-Milford MD took place on 27th February 2023 to explore the Council's submission which was thereafter submitted to DHLGH on 10th March 2023. Members of the team attended a workshop for Local Authorities organized by DHLGH on 31st March 2023 following which all Local Authorities submitted a simple review of the submission made. A summary of the submission and update was provided at the workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD held on 17th April 2023 and sought in the order of at least €5m to tackle the vacancy/dereliction challenges in Letterkenny. Announcement on allocations now awaited.

2.9 Other

The Regeneration and Development Team continue to engage in other regeneration related work areas in Letterkenny and support other sections of Donegal County Council as required and across several other activities.

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Community Development and Planning Services

Report to Donegal Municipal District Members: June 2023

Activity / Project Title	Killybegs 2040
Project Description/Activity	<p>Killybegs 2040 is a transformative town centre regeneration project which forms part of the longer-term regeneration strategy.</p> <p>The project elements are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The change of use, extension and modification of Island House (currently an existing derelict and vacant building) to provide a tourist information and reception centre, digital hub, public conveniences, café space, and all associated site development works. An extension is proposed at first and second floor levels and will include a glass viewing area.• Provision for a 1000 sq m civic space and alterations to road layout and car parking arrangements, including footpaths, open paved areas, planting, landscaping, public seating etc. The improved car parking and road layout will improve access to both Island House and the Civic Space to support overall regeneration plans.• Acquisition of key regeneration sites for the future delivery of appropriately located additional car parking and linkages between Main Street and Shore Road.
Budget	€5.4m
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status	<p>Works are progressing on Island House. Structural steel frame and concrete wall works have been completed with flooring works commenced.</p> <p>Works on public realm have commenced, with a section along the Shore Road substantially complete.</p> <p>Works have commenced in the 'Coal Yard' site to provide temporary parking for the duration of the project.</p>

Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	It is anticipated that the Island House structure works will be progressing. It is anticipated that works on public realm space will be progressing. It is anticipated that the temporary 'Coal Yard' carpark will be operational by mid June.
Contact Person(s)	Michael Quigley, A/Executive Engineer Ardal McDermott, A/ Senior Executive Engineer