

Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall

Oifig Riarthóir na gCruinnithe,
Aras an Chontae,
Leifear.

6ú Meitheamh, 2017

FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniú Bliantúil de Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall ar siúl **De Máirt 13ú Meitheamh 2017, ag 11.30 r.n. in Ionad Serbhísí Pobail, Bhaile Dhún na nGall.**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS DÚN NA nGALL

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort bheith i lathair ag an gcruinniú seo Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall. Tá Clar an Cruinnithe le seo.

Mise, le meas

Seosamh O'Piopla
p.p. Riarthóir Cruinnithe

Municipal District of Donegal

Office of Meetings Administrator,
County House,
Lifford.

6th June, 2017

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal will be held on **Tuesday 13th June 2017, 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 this meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal. The Agenda is attached.

Yours sincerely,

for Joe Peoples
Meetings Administrator

AGENDA

1. Election of Cathaoirleach
2. Election of Leas-Cathaoirleach
3. Attendance of Water & Communities Office
4. Consideration of Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 9th May, 2017.
5. Consideration of Minutes of Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 25th May, 2017.
6. Update Reports from Council Services:
 - 6.1 Housing & Corporate Services
 - 6.2 Roads / Transportation
 - 6.3 Planning & Economic Development
 - 6.4 Community and Development
 - 6.5 Environment Services
7. Date of Next Workshop at **10.00 am** and Meeting at **11.00 am** (Additions to the record of Protected Structures) – **Friday 30th June, 2017**
Date of July Meeting – Tuesday the 11th July 2017 at 11.30 A. M.



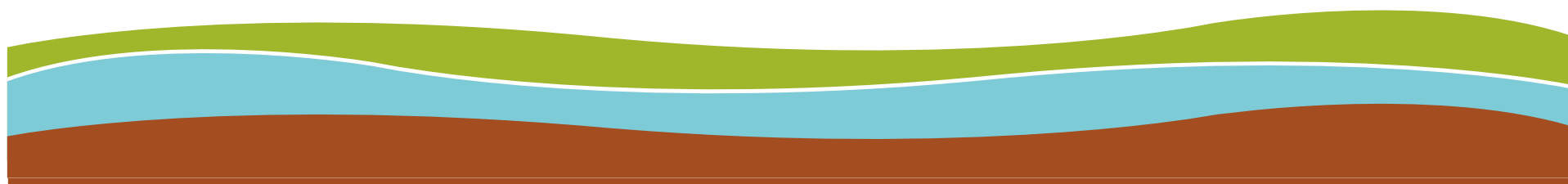
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Bernie O'Flaherty
Coordinator
Border Region



Healthy Waters supporting Vibrant Communities

Jimmy McVeigh
Community
Water Officer
Donegal



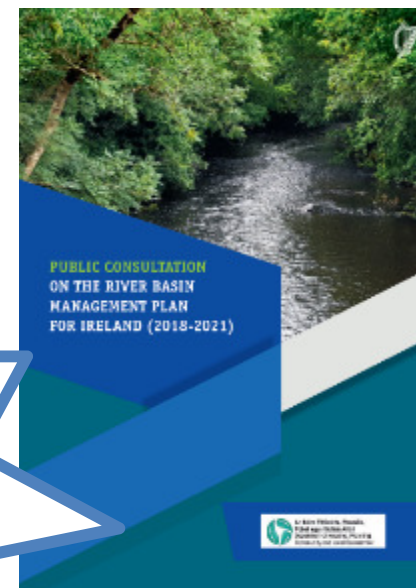
Water Framework Directive

- Legal framework to **“protect and restore clean water”** and to ensure its long-term sustainable use.
- In Ireland WFD Regulations (2014) placed **new obligations** on Local Authorities in coordinating the **catchment management** and **public participation** elements of the WFD
- Achieved through **River Basin Management Plans** (RBMP's)

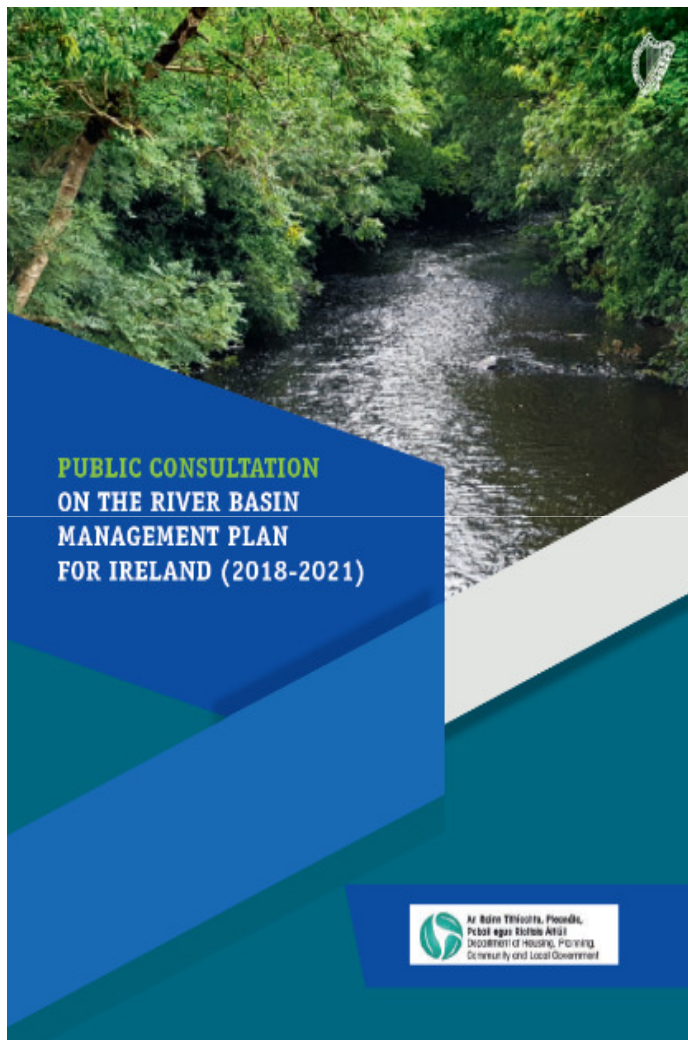
Three cycles

- **1st Cycle: 2010-2015 – lessons learned**
- **2nd Cycle: 2016-2021 – Draft RBMP Feb. 2017 – out for public consultation to end Aug.**
- **3rd Cycle: 2022-2027**

“To achieve good ecological status in all Waters....”



Draft River Basin Management Plan



**Puts down on paper how
we...together...can...**

- Protect Our Waters
 - Improve Our Waters
 - Manage Our Waters
- } For next 4 years
- Public consultation Mar. – **Aug. 2017**
 - Final Plan 2018 – 2021

**Get Involved...
Share Your Knowledge...
Make a Submission...**

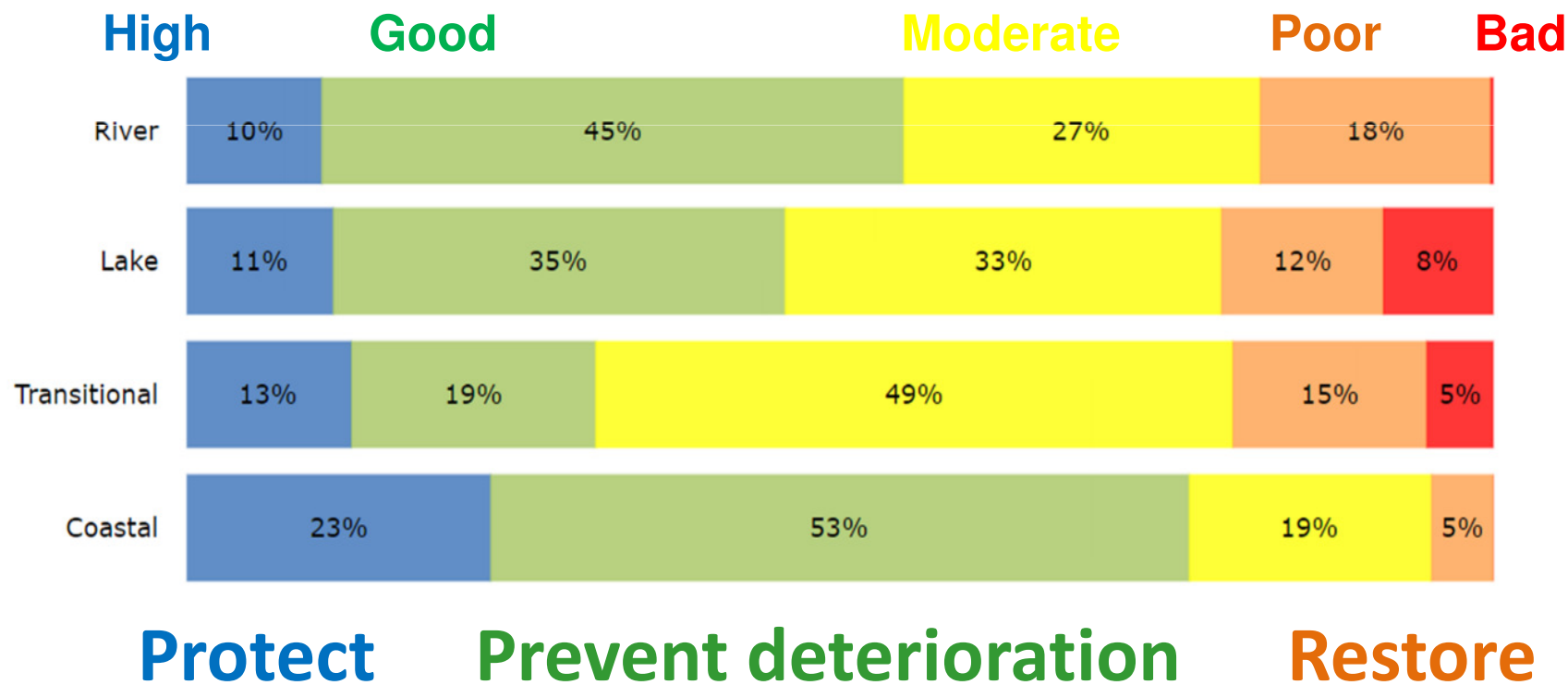
Available Online:

<http://www.housing.gov.ie/water/water-quality/river-basin-management-plans/public-consultation-draft-river-basin-management>

Ireland's Water Quality Status?

Situation based on 2013-2015 data:

- Detailed EPA assessment of **46 catchments** (4,882 water bodies)
- 45% of rivers, 54% of lakes and 69% Estuaries at less than “good status”
- Drop in “good” or “high” status numbers since 2007-2009



Proposed Programme of Measures

2018-2021 River Basin Management Plan ACTIONS

- Agriculture
- Urban waste water and septic tanks
- Forestry
- Extractive Industries
- Invasive alien species
- Water abstractions
- Integrating Land use planning and Catchment Management
- High status waters - “blue dot catchments programme”
- Hydromorphology
- Protected areas (bathing, shellfish, SAC etc.)



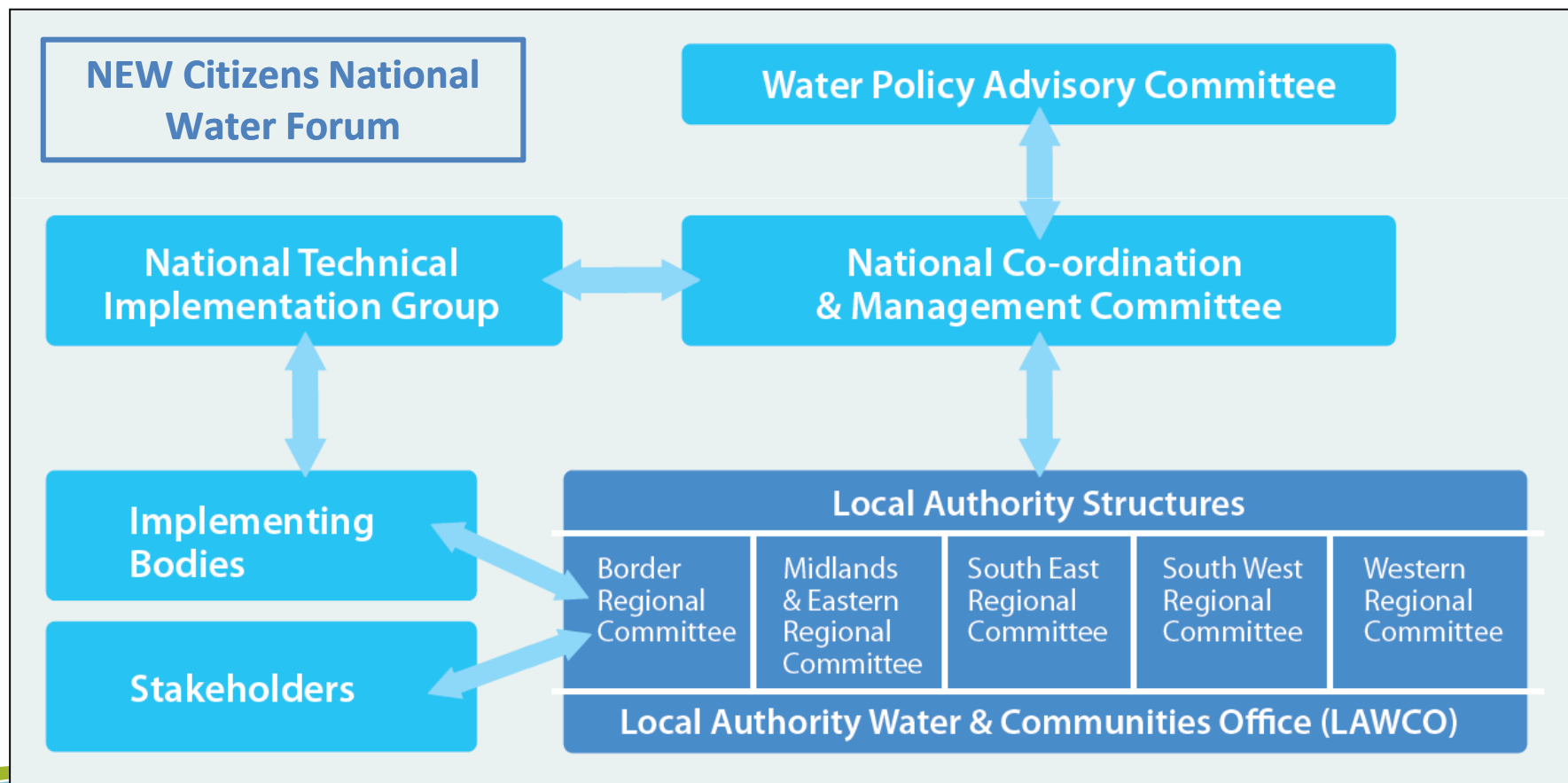
Key Learnings from 1st RBMP Cycle ('09-'15) how they are being addressed?

- Need for better evidence base - **getting the science right**
 - EPA Catchment Science Unit & characterisation workshops - improving the science and evidence base for decision making
- First cycle plan (2010-2015) **too ambitious:**
 - Prioritisation, what is feasible? targeting actions, setting realistic goals (Interagency Catchment Workshops)
- ... “fragmented institutional structures”
- ... “no single body having **ultimate responsibility**”
 - Single RBD with national plan the responsibility of Minister
 - New governance & implementation structures with Local Authorities central to the delivery. (Building Capacity, Knowledge)
- Need to improve **communication & engage communities**
 - Establish **Local Authority Waters and Communities Office**



New 3 Tier Implementation Structure

- Implementation occurs across large number of authorities and stakeholders – so implementation structure is **complex**.
- There is a need to make sure groups and people **work together**.



Waters and Communities: Our Team

12 No. Community Waters Officers

- Dispersed across the Country

Jimmy Mc Veigh
Based in
Donegal Town

*Local Authority Shared
Service: Managed by
Tipperary and Kilkenny
CoCo's*



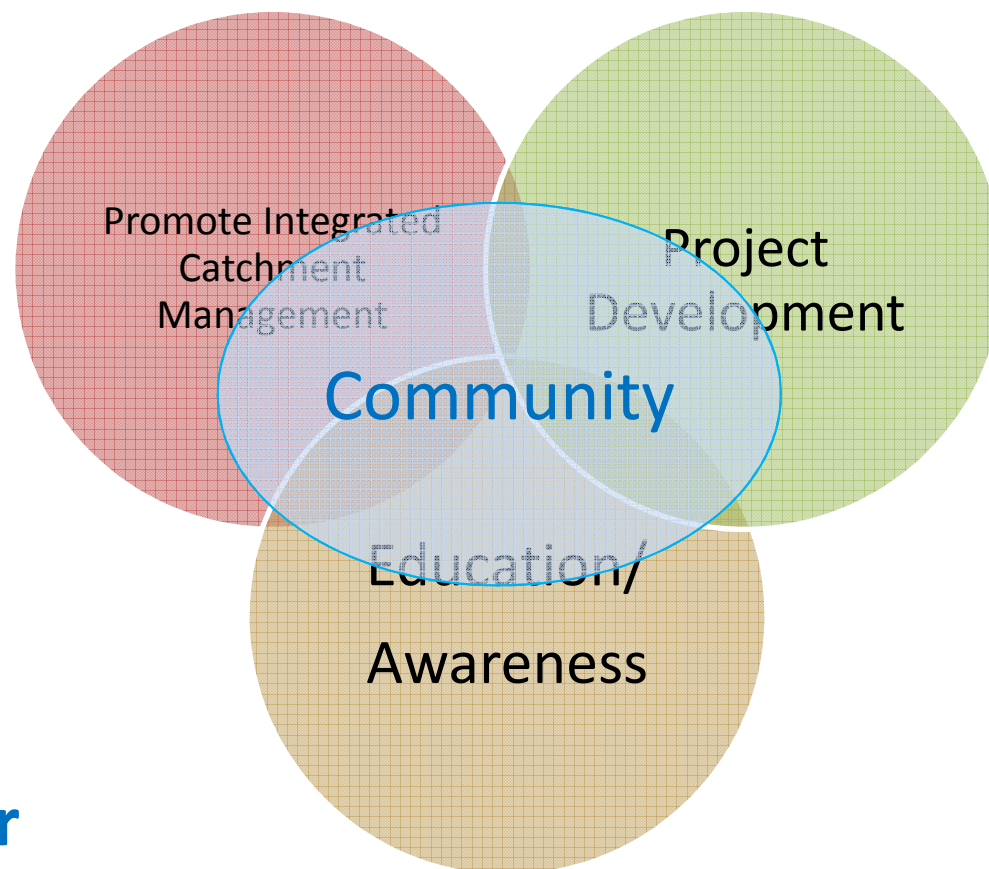
3 Regional Coordinators

- Border Region
- Mid Region
- South Region

3 Specialist Staff

- Funding Lead
- Communications Lead
- Research and Technology Lead

Your Community Water Officer...



Jimmy McVeigh

Community Water Officer

Covering the Donegal Local Authority Area

NGO, Environmental Education, Coasts and Marine,
Community Environmental Projects and Public Awareness.



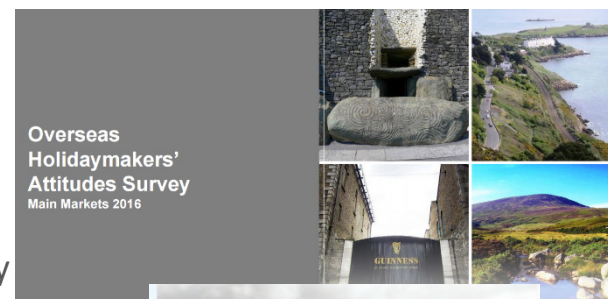
The Value of our Waters

Irish Water quality in the top third in Europe

- **Rural Tourism** e.g. Donegal **500,000+ visitors** (289,000 from overseas) (2015) : Beaches, Coasts, Rivers and Clean Green Image.
- “Beautiful scenery remains a very important factor for visitors along with a good range of natural attractions. A **natural unspoilt environment** remain very important to holidaymakers and this is key for the North American market.”
- **Recreational Angling** - **€836m** supporting **11,350 jobs** , from **446,600** domestic, overseas & NI Anglers: *The National Strategy for Angling Development*.
- **Aquaculture: €150m** at ‘farm gate’ – **shellfish** are particularly sensitive to water quality. Supporting jobs in peripheral communities

Agriculture & Water Quality

- Irelands **Green Image** and our grassland based farming system are important to international markets.
- Ireland is the 10th largest milk producer producing **15% of milk formula** in the world.
- Clean water – a **raw material in the agri food sector** – at farm levels it takes 7l of water to produce 1l of milk and 13,000 to 15,000 litres of water to produce one kilo of beef
- **Compliance with WFD** is essential to maintain Ireland’s Derogation under the Nitrates Directive
- Industry led **National Sustainability Dairy Forum** set up 2016



Water Catchments

WHERE WE LIVE, WORK & PLAY

Agricultural Pressures

Properly managed livestock access to watercourses pose less risk to our waters.

Livestock access to watercourses must be properly managed to ensure good water quality.

Clean water sources require less chemical treatment.

Forestry Pressures

Surface water run-off from Forests is our worst environmental threat.

Urban Run-Off Pressures

Properly treated Urban waste water will pose less risk to public health and the environment.

Waste Water Pressures

Classification for water quality includes five status classes: high, good, moderate, poor and bad.

Recreational Pressures

Protecting our waters for future generations to enjoy.

Clean coasts are important for water based tourism and recreation

Rural Dwelling Pressures

Approximately 30% of private wells are contaminated by E.coli

There is an angling club associated with every town and village in Ireland. Angling tourism benefits local communities.

The River Basin Management Plan – get involved!

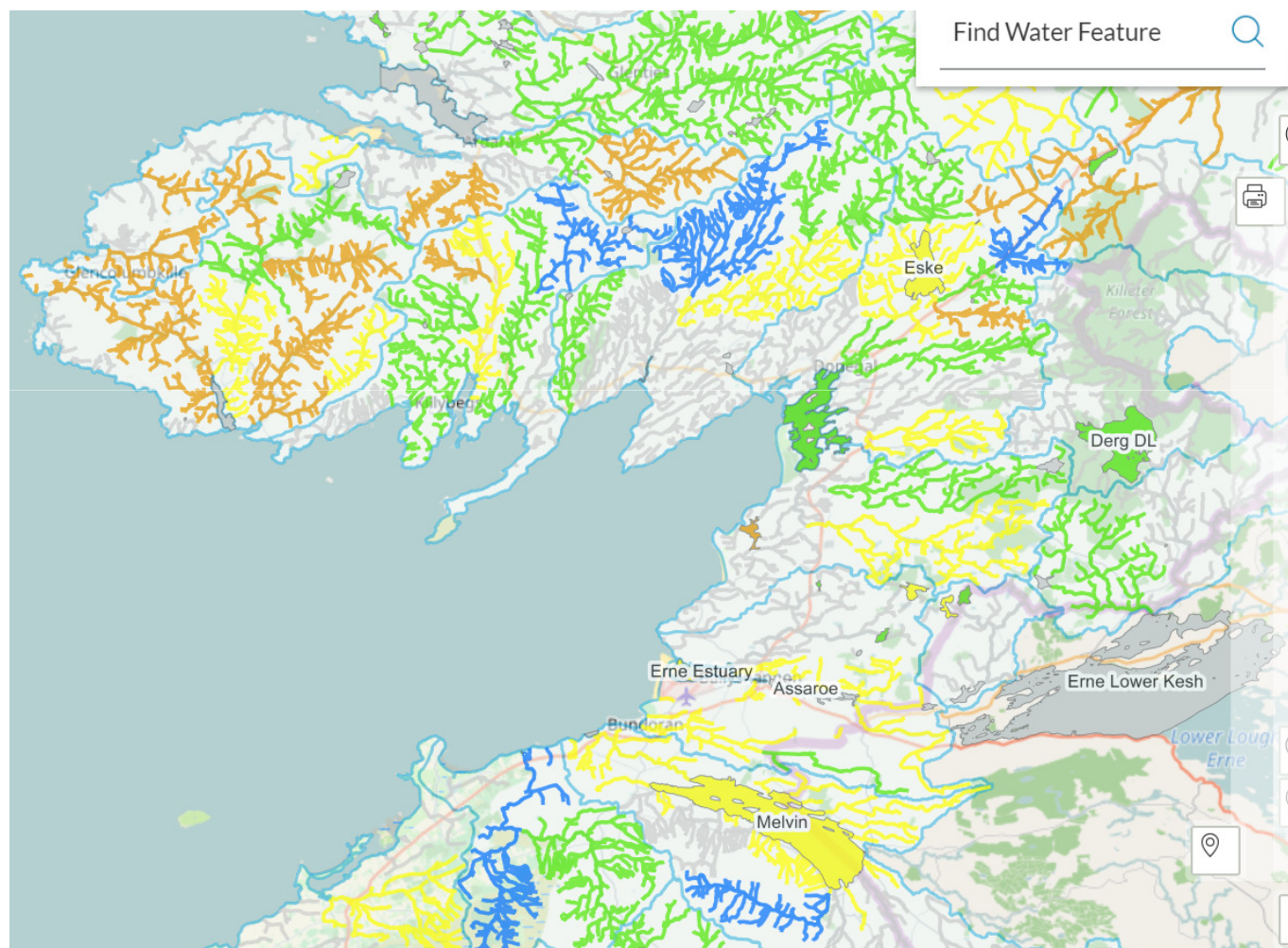
Local Water Quality Map

Source EPA (2013-2015)

Maps publicly available from www.catchments.ie

Legend

- High
- Good
- Moderate
- Poor
- Bad
- Unassigned



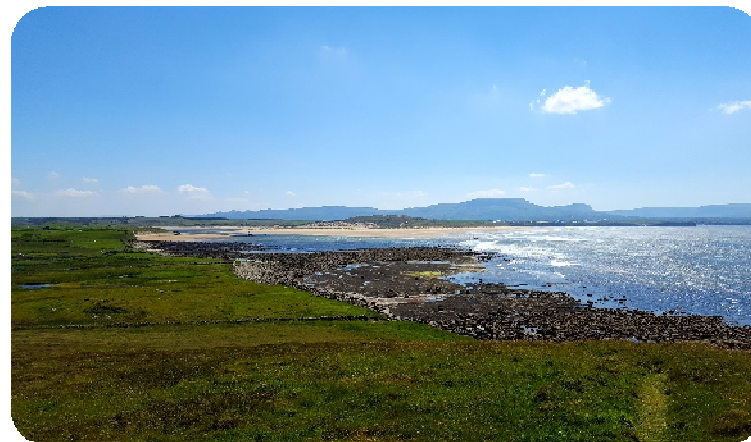
Opportunity to Work with The Waters and Communities Office....

The Waters and Communities Office will **support local communities** to manage our local waterbodies by providing....



Donegal Projects

- Inishowen Rivers **Trust** Development.
- **Tidy Towns Advice:** Invasive Spp, Water Access Point and Path development.
- **Angling Clubs/Contacts:** Milford, Cloughaneely, Lough Melvin
- River Basin Management Plan **Public Information Events**



Donegal: Specific Areas of Interest

- High Status Sites (High Status Objective and High Status)
- Protected Areas (SACs, Drinking Water, Bathing Waters etc.)
- Urban WWT
- Domestic WWT
- Agriculture/Aquaculture
- Tourism/Recreational
- Community/Amenity
- Transitional and Coastal Water
- Cross-Border Catchments



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Water is a precious resource and is essential for all life on earth. Looking after our rivers, lakes and coastal waters so they can meet our current and future needs, and also continue to support the ecosystems that depend on them, is vital for Ireland's future. Doing this at community level is the best way to get people actively involved.

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Get involved

Make your local catchment work for you

First name Surname

Email County

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Valued water resources supporting vibrant communities

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Questions / Suggestions

Can you let us know community contacts or projects we could contact?

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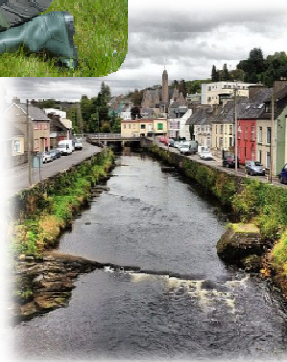
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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD AT
11.30 A. M. ON TUESDAY THE 9TH MAY 2017 IN THE PETER KENNEDY
CHAMBER, DONEGAL PUBLIC SERVICES CENTRE, DONEGAL**

MDD/54/17 MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr Niamh Kennedy, Cathaoirleach
Cllr Noel Jordan
Cllr Tom Conaghan
Cllr John Campbell
Cllr Barry O'Neill

MDD/55/17 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Garry Martin, Director Designate, Municipal District of Donegal
Ms. Bridie McBrearty, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Roads/Transportation
Mr. Barney McLaughlin, Administrative Officer, Community & Development
Mr. Gerard Kellett, Assistant Planner, Planning & Economic Development
Ms. Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

MDD/56/17 Tribute to Cllr Sean McEniff

Cllrs. O'Neill, Jordan, Conaghan, Campbell and Kennedy each paid tribute to the late Cllr McEniff who had recently passed away. Sincere condolences were expressed to his family and friends. They paid tribute to his vision, dedication and the many achievements of both at local, county and national level, with his involvement in many projects with particular to the tourism industry. Members submitted he will be sadly missed as the longest serving public servant in the county.

On behalf of the staff and management of the Council, Mr. G Martin also paid tribute to Cllr McEniff and expressed his condolences to the McEniff Family.

A minutes silence was observed followed by a short adjournment as a mark of respect to the late Councillor McEniff.

MDD/57/17 Votes of Sympathy

A vote of sympathy was passed in respect of the recent death of:-

Mr. Ivan Diver, Coolcholly, Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal.

MDD/58/17 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 11TH APRIL, 2017

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 2017 were confirmed.

MDD/59/17 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 4TH APRIL, 2017

On the proposal of Cllr Jordan, seconded by Cllr O'Neill, the Minutes of the Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 4th April 2017 were confirmed.

MDD/60/17 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 11TH APRIL, 2017

On the proposal of Cllr Conaghan, seconded by Cllr O'Neill, the Minutes of the Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 11th April 2017 were confirmed.

MDD/61/17 HOUSING CORPORATE AND CULTURAL SERVICES REPORT

Housing Services

Progress reports on Grants, Loans, Casual Vacancies, and Social Housing Support Programme, Tenant Purchase Scheme 2016 and Housing Assistance Payments/Private Rented Inspections

Members noted the update reports on Grants, Loans, and Casual Vacancies, Tenant Purchase Scheme 2016, Housing Assistance Payments and Social Housing Support Programme as circulated with the Agenda and presented by Ms. B McBrearty. Ms. B McBrearty also updated Members on progress since the reports had been prepared including the allocation received by the Council for existing vacant property and recent lettings of property from the vacancy list. She also briefed Members regarding Repair & Leasing and Buy to Let Schemes in the area.

Ballintra Halting Site

Ms. B McBrearty advised that she was pleased to confirm to Members that works had been completed at the Ballintra Halting site which included the requirements of the recent Fire Safety Audit. She further advised that the site is now ready for occupation and the Council will assist the families in moving from the temporary location.

Public Briefings – Water & Communities Office

Ms. B McBrearty highlighted the notice from the Water & Communities Officer in relation to forthcoming public briefings circulated with the Agenda.

Ms. B McBrearty confirmed that she would arrange for Mr. Jimmy McVeigh, Local Authority Waters and Communities Office to brief a forthcoming meeting as requested by Cllr. Campbell.

Areas of Choice for Housing Applicants

In response to a query raised by Cllr. Campbell, Ms. B McBrearty outlined the choices households have in relation to the areas in which they wish to reside. She confirmed that the Council may only seek to provide social housing support in areas where there is an identified need on the approved social housing waiting list.

MDD/62/17 ROADS / TRANSPORTATION SERVICES REPORT

2017 Roadworks Programme Status Report

Members noted the update report on the 2017 Roadworks Programme circulated with the Agenda as presented by Mr. M Sweeney.

Mr. Sweeney also updated Members on matters arising from the previous meeting which he had circulated by earlier e-mail and that he had been advised that no further allocation is forthcoming for Inver Coastal Works.

Fintra and Tirconnell Bridges

Mr. M Sweeney informed Members that the required documentation for both Fintra and Tirconnell Bridges had been submitted for capital funding to the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government. This was welcomed.

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

Surfacing of Set back areas for single houses

In response to a query from Cllr Jordan regarding surfacing set back areas in front of single houses, Mr. M Sweeney informed Members this is only done when funding is programmed on a particular road and when the plant is passing the set back area.

Lighting at Clyhore Junction

In response to a request for an update from Cllr O'Neill on the proposed lighting of Clyhore Junction, Mr. M Sweeney informed Members it is anticipated these works will be carried out in September 2017.

Entrance to old IDA Site in Ballyshannon

In response to a query from Cllr O'Neill regarding an update on the improvement works on the entrance to the old IDA site in Ballyshannon, Mr. M Sweeney informed Members Roads Section had provided an input into the required works and the matter is being dealt with by Mr. E Boyle, EE, Community & Enterprise from whom he would seek an update.

Works at Clogher,

Cllr Conaghan submitted that the work carried out on the Leghowney Road and Clogher Junction is of great benefit to the area. Mr. M Sweeney confirmed there are some surfacing works remaining but they will be completed. In addition he advised that the works on the Clogher Junction would not have been possible without the input of Energia.

Road from Malinmore to Meenavean

In response to a request for repairs to be carried out on the road from Malinmore to Meenavean, Mr. M Sweeney undertook to examine this.

Road in Killybegs (beyond St Cummins Hill)

Cllr Kennedy requested that the road beyond St Cummins Hill be included on the roads for takeover by the Council.

Footpaths

In response to Cllr O'Neill, Mr. M Sweeney confirmed that the audit of footpaths in the MD is ongoing in conjunction with the other works in the Roads Office. He is hoping to employ a student during the summer period to complete the survey, following which an agreed priority list can be drawn up.

He further advised that the Development Contribution Scheme monies for footpaths would be announced shortly and that any funding outside of this would have to be taken out of the discretionary maintenance programme which had already allocated for this year. This matter can be re-visited after the surveys are complete and DCS allocation known.

MDD/63/17 PLANNING CONTROL REPORT

Mr. Gerard Kellett, Assistant Planner, Planning & Economic Development was in attendance to deal with planning matters. Members noted the planning statistics reports as circulated with the Agenda.

Planning Clinics

In response to a query from Cllr Jordan regarding the planning clinics, Mr. Kellett confirmed that they had been busy and outlined the extent of the information he provides and to whom. He further

advised Cllr. Campbell that the Planners prioritise their statutory duties as is necessary and that the provision of the clinics is monitored by Planning Management.

Old Millstone Hotel

In response to a query from Cllr O'Neill if the Old Millstone Site in Ballyshannon had been registered as a Derelict Site, Mr. G Kellett advised he had no update but would check and revert at a later date.

Planning/Rates Queries

Cllr Kennedy queried if there was any discussion between the Planning Section and the Rates Department in dealing with applications e.g. for a change of use of a property to advise applicants in relation to rates. Mr. G Kellett advised that the Planners would only advise in relation to planning matters. In respect of Rates Queries, Clients should contact the Income Collection Department. Mr. Martin also advised Members if there were any particular rates queries to let him know and he would advise.

Local Area Plans – Zoning

In response to a query from Cllr Kennedy in relation to Local Area Plans and zoning, Members noted the matter is to be discussed at the Planning Workshop on Local Area Plans which is due to be held on the 25th May 2017.

MDD/64/17 COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Members noted the Activity Report circulated with the Agenda and presented by Mr. B McLaughlin in relation to the following activities:

1. Donegal Tourism
2. Bundoran Tourism Officer Update
3. Marine Tourism Marketing & Development
4. Donegal Gathering & Website
5. Mary Daly Project Officer Update
 - Donegal Town – Development HUB
 - CEDRA Funded – Donegal Atlantic Coastal Trail
 - Communications – Cool Route Project
 - Implementation of the Interpretative Strategy – Sliabh Liag
6. Public Participation Network
7. Rural Development Programme/Leader

Industrial Estate, Portnason, Ballyshannon

Mr. B McLaughlin advised Members he has had no feedback yet in relation to the request from the last meeting for a group meeting /

seminar to be convened in relation to the Industrial Estate in Ballyshannon.

Clar Funding

Mr. B McLaughlin briefed the Members on the recent Clar Funding and undertook to forward the details to Members.

Clar Funding / Town & Village Renewal Scheme

In response to a request from Cllr Campbell if DCS funds can be used to fund the community contribution of 10% for Towns & Villages Renewal Mr. G Martin undertook to clarify same and to revert to Members. He submitted that the intention from the schemes is to maximise the benefit within the funding arrangements.

“Tasty Event” in Solis Hotel - Lough Eske Castle

Cllr Jordan gave details on the forthcoming “Tasty Event” in Solis Hotel on Tuesday the 26th May 2017 and congratulated all involved in this worthwhile project.

MDD/65/17 ENVIRONMENT SERVICES REPORT

Mr. Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer, Environment presented the report circulated with the Agenda dealing with the following updates:

- Donegal County Council Clean & Green Awards 2017
- Tidy Towns Start- up Fund 2017
- Tidy Towns Improvement Project Grant 2017
- Big Donegal Clean-up 2017
- Home Composting International Composting week 7th – 13th May 2017
- Waste & Waste Prevention Regional Initiatives

She also briefed Members in relation to the following:-

- Anti Dumping Initiative
- Mobile Smart Technology for Enforcement Staff
- New EPA App – “see it say it”
- Public Consultation Days via the Water & Communities Office

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

Tidy Towns Grants

In response to a query from Cllr O'Neill regarding the Tidy Towns Grants, Ms. S Bogan undertook to circulate the details to Members after the meeting.

Rubbish on Beaches (in particular Rossnowlagh)

Cllr O'Neill made a lengthy submission in relation to the amount of rubbish left at Rossnowlagh during the current spell of good weather. In particular he raised the following issues;-

- Rubbish on and around Beach
- No bins on beach
- No clean up done on beach
- Need for signage to be updated
- Need for car-parking at Rossnowlagh
- Need to review parking on the beach
- The need to put or reassign resources to the beaches from earlier in the year
- The need to address the issues raised by the recent deputation from Rossnowlagh
- That a plan needs to be put in place to address the issues immediately
- Similar issues at Murvagh Beach
- The beach season needs to be extended

Cllr Jordan supporting Cllr O'Neill's comments also submitted that he understood the Council was to review the Beach Bye Laws and queried progress on this.

Cllr Conaghan also supported the comments made and suggested that the Council investigate what machinery might be available to clean up beaches and also suggested that the whole area of beach management area would need to be reviewed by the Council.

Cllr Kennedy also supported the issues raised and reflected on the negative impact this has on the tourism industry.

Mr. G Martin submitted that the two main issues are litter management and cars parking on the beaches. In relation to litter management he advised this is a behavioural challenge and noted that in towns where bins/skips have been provided in the past they have been abused.

In relation to the parking issue, he referred to a study undertaken some years ago in Rossnowlagh which had not progressed due to the economic downturn. He advised Members this would be reviewed.

In response to the issues raised, Ms. S Bogan informed Members that staff, are in the progress of removing all the litter today. She noted that the beach season normally commences on the 1st June and that the arrangements are in place from then but advised she would seek to bring this date forward with the Coastal Officer.

She also informed Members that the Coastal Officer is in contact with the deputation that had attended recently from Rosstown and that she would seek to have the signage renewed at an early date.

On the proposal of Cllr O'Neill, seconded by Cllr Jordan, Members requested to seek to extend the 'bin' period for the beaches. Members also called for more resources for beaches including boards walks, signs etc. into the future.

Cllr Kennedy also referring to discussion at a recent Environment SPC meeting, as to whether Gateway Workers, could be deployed for a period to assist with beach management.

Life Rings at Inver

Cllr Jordan queried when the Life-rings at Inver would be renewed Ms. S Bogan confirmed she would follow up the matter with the Coastal Officer.

Public Toilets, Ballyshannon

Ms. S Bogan advised she would request an update from the Coastal Officer in relation to the works at the Public Toilets at Ballyshannon.

Bottle Banks, Donegal Town

Cllr Kennedy commended the recent clean up done at the bottle banks in Donegal Town and requested that efforts be made to maintain the area.

Recent High Court Order in relation to a Waste Collector

Cllr Campbell queried the arrangements in place for the dumping of waste by the Donegal Waste Collector who had recently been subject of an order of the High Court. Ms Bogan confirmed that she would ask the Enforcement Officer to revert to them.

River Basin Management Plan

In response to a query from Cllr. Campbell if the River Basin Management Plan should have an impact in respect of Rosstown Beach, Ms. S Bogan advised she would check this matter with her colleague and revert to Members. Cllr Campbell submitted that it was in everyone's interests to attend the public briefings.

MDD/66/17 DISCUSSION ON REQUEST TO UNDERTAKE A HEALTH CHECK FOR PARTICIPATING TOWNS AND VILLAGES GROUPS FOR FUTURE FUNDING IN THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL

On the proposal of Cllr Kennedy, seconded by Cllr Jordan the following motion was adopted;-

"I am calling on the Municipal District of Donegal to assist the local community groups in this MD to undertake to do a health check for each willingly participating Town and Village as a step 1 in the preparation of the new funding scheme for town and village renewal recently announced by Minister Humphries. This Health Check to be completed for all the participating villages and towns by September 2017 with more advanced and more proactive committees at stage 3, the preparation and implementation of the plan in advance of future funding."

Members were advised;-

"The Town & Village Renewal scheme 2017 was recently launched by Minister Humphreys and is taking a new approach to the 2017 Town & Village Renewal Scheme in comparison to the 2016 Scheme.

The Minister has directed that the following steps must be carried out:-

- Donegal County Council to advertise publicly seeking 'Expressions Of Interests' from Towns & Villages in the County. (press release issued via Newspapers / Radio /Social media on Friday 5th May)
- Donegal County Council to select up to a maximum of 15 projects based on Departments Criteria (See Scheme Outline attached) Closing date for receipt of Expression of Interests is 4.30 pm on Friday 26th May.
- Donegal County Council to develop the selected projects further in consultation with the Community / Business interests in that town or village to ensure applications are with the Department by 30th June 2017
- The Department will assess all projects and will approve 300 projects nationally by the end of July 2017."

In speaking to her motion, Cllr Kennedy submitted the purpose of the motion is to get groups together to complete the 'health checks' which would leave groups better placed for future funding opportunities. She submitted that some groups already have a lot of the information gathered and once the process is complete it would be easier keeping it up to date.

Cllr Jordan formally seconded the motion and thanked Cllr Kennedy for bringing the motion forward. He submitted it is important to assist groups with the amount of work involved in getting documentation ready for funding applications.

MEMBERS NOTED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:-

MDD/67/16 Public Lights in Ballyshannon

The following question was submitted by Cllr Kennedy:-

“When can we expect to see the little tree (% for art scheme) reassembled and put back in place on the Bundoran / Ballyshannon bypass?”

Cllr Kennedy received a response from the Divisional Manager, Cultural Services in relation to the above.

MDD/68/17 Date of next meeting

Members agreed the next **Municipal District meeting (which is the Annual General Meeting)** would be held on **Tuesday the 13th June, 2017 commencing at 11.30 am** as per Standing Orders.

Members also confirmed their agreement to hold a Local Area Plan workshop **at 10.00 am on Thursday the 25th May, 2017.**

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Area Manager
Municipal District of Donegal

Cathaoirleach
Municipal District of Donegal

<p>Minutes of Municipal District of Donegal Workshop held 25th May 2017 at 10.00 a. m. in the Peter Kennedy Chamber, Donegal PSC.</p>

Members present:

Cllr Niamh Kennedy, Cathaoirleach
Cllr Tom Conaghan
Cllr Noel Jordan
Cllr Barry O'Neill

Officials in Attendance:

Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Roads/Transportation
Mr. Paul Christie, Senior Executive Planner, Central Planning Unit
Ms. Alana Greene, Executive Planner, Central Planning Unit
Ms. Sinead Harkin, Executive Planner, Central Planning Unit
Ms. Claire McCallan, EU Strategic & Policy Unit Manager
Mr. Graham Diamond, Executive Planner, Central Planning Unit
Ms. Andrea Harkin, GIS Assistant
Ms. Corina Higgins, Assistant Planner, Central Planning Unit
Mr. Joe Duffy, Assistant Planner, Central Planning Unit
Ms. Sinead McGlynn, Clerical Officer, Central Planning Unit
Mr. Seamus Canning, EU Strategic & Policy Unit
Mr. Liam Murray, Area Housing Engineer, MD Donegal
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing / Corporate

Apologies:

Cllr John Campbell
Mr. Garry Martin, Director Designate, Municipal District of Donegal
Ms. Bridie McBrearty, Area Manager, Housing / Corporate

Minutes

1. Hericoast

Members welcomed Ms. Alana Greene, Ms. Clare McCallan and Ms. Sinead McGlynn who were in attendance to brief Members on the up to date position on the Hericoast Project, to the Workshop. Ms. A Greene and Ms. C McCallan made a detailed presentation to Members on the project which dealt with the following headings:-

- Spatial Data
- Mapping and visualisation
- Workshop and Steering group meeting, Valladolid
- Marinescape Forum, Poole
- Next Steps

Members welcomed the progress and update on the project and a number of comments / queries were dealt with at the workshop, including the goals of the project, the benefit it may have on future funding programmes and also comments in relation to Ballyshannon and Fanad Light House.

2. Date for Workshop/Meeting – Protected Structures

Mr. Mark Sweeney briefed Members in relation to a request for a workshop on the 30th June 2017 to commence at 10.00 am and to be followed by an MD Meeting to deal with the Proposed Additions to the Protected Structures in the MD of Donegal as already notified by e-mail to Members. Following a short discussion, it was agreed to hold the workshop at 10.00 am and meeting at 11.00 am on Friday the 30th June 2017.

3. Attendance of Representative from the Water and Communities Office at AGM in June

Mr. M Sweeney informed Members that further to their request for a representative from the Water & Communities Office to attend a meeting of the Municipal District, this is being arranged for the next meeting on the 13th June 2017. Following a discussion it was agreed that this item be dealt with in the early part of the meeting to facilitate a staff member from the Water & Communities office who has to travel that evening.

4.0 Local Area Plans

Mr. Paul Christie, Senior Executive Planner, Central Planning Unit briefed Members on the Local Area Plan Process to date and advised they hoped to revert to Members in September with a finalised idea of what the Local Area Plans would contain. He informed Members that the presentations today are not the end product of the plans for the 3 towns and highlighted the different circumstances in preparing the plans than with previous plans. He submitted the intention is to be ready in September to submit the plans to the Plenary Council prior to going to public consultation phase. Presentations on the update on the preparation on the elements of the Local Area Plan followed;-

4.1 Update on the Preparation of the Local Area Plan – Donegal Town Element

Ms. Sinead Harkin made a detailed presentation to Members on the Update on the Preparation of the Donegal Town Element of the Local Area Plan.

The presentation dealt with the following elements of the plan-;

- Strategic Context
- SWOT Analysis
- The Settlement Framework for Donegal Town (CDP 2012)
- The expired Donegal Town Local Area Plan 2005-2011
- Building a Working Draft Zoning Map through Land Use Survey
- Existing Residential Development forming the basis for an 'established Development' Zone
- Initial 'Established Development' Zone
- Drumlin landscape informing amenity lands – above the 50 metre contour
- Initial 'Amenity' Zoning above the 50 metre contour
- Coastal landscape informing amenity lands
- Flood risk areas informing amenity lands
- Initial 'Amenity' Zoning / 'Green Infrastructure Network'
- Initial 'Amenity' Zoning/ 'Green Infrastructure Network' in context of existing 'Amenity' Zoning
- Consideration of the Remainder – 3 stages
- Basic, simple assessment

- Key indicator assessment
- More detailed infrastructure assessment
- Level of details received from Roads and Irish Water
- Other Areas of Consideration
- Mixed use Zonings in the Expired LAP
- Review the Extent and Capacity of the Town Centre
- Existing Land Uses in the Town Centre
- Flood Risk
- Built Heritage
- Significant Site for Consideration
- Specific considerations in the Area of the Fire Station, Main Street

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

Cllr Jordan agreed with additional parking and social housing submitted that the area behind Magee's Shop should be considered for additional parking for the Town. He also submitted that huge investment is required along the River Eske to deal with flooding risks. In response to a query from Cllr Jordan when the plan would be going out for public consultation, Mr. P Christie informed Members the public consultation should commence in November 2017.

Cllr Conaghan submitted that Donegal Town is progressing and that the town is happy to work with the Council and planners. He submitted that the buses parking on the Diamond needs to be addressed and also if the Bridge works and other traffic management issues were progressed it would help traffic flow in the town. He advised the proposal for the Old Fire Station Area could help with parking for the schools and other matters and that areas outside of the Town Centre could be considered for housing provision.

Cllr O'Neill submitted that dereliction in Towns is the worst problem facing developing towns and favoured Town Centre development first using a sequential approach. He gave a number of examples where towns had not been well served by out of town developments. He submitted Donegal Town is a great town and that care should be taken in relation to zoning etc. to ensure the life of the Town Centre.

In summary Mr. P Christie, noted that Members were reasonably satisfied with the approach to date and that the comments above would be noted as part of the considerations.

4.2 Update on the Preparation of the Local Area Plan – Killybegs Element

Mr. Graham Diamond made a detailed presentation to Members on the Update on the Preparation of the Killybegs Element of the Local Area Plan dealing with the following;-

- Proposed Vision for Killybegs
- Strategic Context
- Expired Killybegs Local Area Plan 2008-2014 – Land Use Zonings
- General Land Use Types within the Town
- SWOT Analysis
- Industrial / Commercial Development
- Town Centre Health Check
- Town Centre Boundary – Expired LAP 2008-2014
- Killybegs LAP – Working Draft Zoning Proposals

- Archaeology
- Significant Issue Raised During Public Consultation – Zoning of Lands adjoining St. Catherine's Well
- Planning History of Subject Lands

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

Cllr Kennedy submitted that the following issues are important to Killybegs

- St Catherine's Well area and referred to the massive efforts made by local residents to protect the area
- Dealing with vacant units in Killybegs in particular the Main Street area which is in decline and that the vitality of the street needs to be restored
- Suggested making the car park at main street an amenity area
- The layout of Killybegs sends visitors following the sea front rather than into the centre of the town and needs review
- Too many buildings for sale/lease/vacant
- Bridge Street needs an 'injection'
- Public conveniences are needed
- Need to develop Killybegs as a sea-front town
- Appearance of factory coming into the town needs to be addressed
- Vacant Units at the Pier Area – Dept of the Marine – needs to be addressed and referred to the many possibilities for same
- LYIT/Tourism College important to Killybegs and the Tourism industry
- Need to have amenities to attract visitors/tourists into the Town
- The lack of accommodation for both tourists and students in the town needs to be addressed
- A Green Area in the Town is needed
- The need for a walkway from Main Street to the Shore Road for Pedestrians to link the Main Street to the Shore
- Difficult for businesses to get up and running on the Main Street.

Cllr Jordan submitted that tourism is important to Killybegs and re-iterated the suggestion above in relation to Public Conveniences.

Cllr Conaghan submitted that a lot has changed in Killybegs over the years and submitted that the road layout does not encourage visitors into the town and that the town needed to be improved/modified to make it more attractive to visitors.

Other matters discussed were food tourism, carparking and the limited options for same, market area, Wild Atlantic Way, Cruise Ships etc.

Mr. P Christie advised that the new plan would include something positive for the Town Centre and that there would be further consideration given to this in the drafting of the plan.

4.3 Update on the preparations of the Ballyshannon Element of the Local Area Plan

Ms. Sinead Harking made a detailed presentation on the preparations of the Ballyshannon Element of the Local Area Plan dealing with the following-;

- Strategic Context
- SWOT Analysis
- The settlement Framework for Ballyshannon
- The expired Ballyshannon & Environs Local Area Plan 2009-2015
- Building a Working Draft Zoning Map through the Land Use Survey
- Existing Residential Development forming the basis for an 'established Development' Zone
- Initial 'Established Development' Zone
- Initial 'Amenity' Zoning Informed by Coastal landscape and existing amenity lands
- Further Consideration Required in Relation to the River
- Initial 'Amenity' Zoning/ 'Green Infrastructure Network' in context of 'Amenity' Zoning in the expired LAP
- Linked to elevation?
- Consideration of the Remainder
- Outcome of Stage 1
- Proposed Rural / Agricultural Objective and Policy
- Stage 2: Key Indicators Assessment including Infrastructure
- The level of detail received from Roads and Irish Water
- Other Inter-related Areas to be Considered
- Town Centre and Economic Related Zonings in the Expired LAP
- Ballyshannon Town Centre in the Draft CDP
- Town Centre Health Check
- Predominant land use Characteristics on Streets
- Vacancy/dereliction
- Concentration of Built Heritage
- Existing public Assets and walkability
- Potential Regeneration/Brownfield Objectives

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

Cllr O'Neill submitted that Ballyshannon has a lot going for it in terms of Heritage, new businesses opening, recently purchased properties, active groups and festivals, young people returning to Ballyshannon etc. He also submitted that the following matters should be form part of the plan:-

- Deal with the vacant site known as the old Millstone Hotel
- 171 Housing Units are required of which a substantial should be Social Housing Units ie. 2 or 3 schemes
- Old IDA Site (now Council) should be zoned core retail
- Old Heitons Site important for the Town for development
- Signage on the Ballyshannon Bypass should be addressed to direct visitors into Ballyshannon e.g. home of William Allingham, Ireland's Oldest Town etc.
- New Library & Firestation
- Address the Town Clock – possible location for the Library in this building
- Donegal County Council to play an active role in the Development of the Town
- River Area – Develop a walkway with ESB assistance and would like to see the fence being removed submitting – River Area is a very important area for the town
- The Mall Quay is a very important area for Ballyshannon

Mr. P Christie thanked Members and confirmed that the River Area and the Heitons site will be considered in the context of the Local Area Plan.

Members noted that things are very positive for the three towns.

In conclusion, Mr. P Christie thanked Members for their feedback in relation to the Local Area Plan and advised planning would revert to Members in September with more information for discussion.

This concluded the business of the Workshop.

**Area Manager,
Municipal District of Donegal**

**Cathaoirleach,
Municipal District of Donegal**

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Housing/Corporate Update for 13th June 2017

1. Casual Vacancies
2. Housing Grants
3. Housing Loans
4. TP Applications
5. Social Housing Support Programme
6. HAP Tenancies
7. Private Rented Inspections

Location of Vacancy	Area	BED	Dwelling Vacated	Repairs Completed
SI Cottage at Ballinacarrick	BALLINTRA	3	24th March, 2013 (Tenant Deceased)	Possession Order Granted 25/6/15
64 Forge Avenue	Ballintra	3	Tenant Deceased - Feb 2017	Referred for inspection
60 St Benildus Avenue	BALLYSHANNON	2	Reposessed on 28/04/2010	Query AHB
30 Cluain Barron	BALLYSHANNON	3	11 October 2013	Re-tendered
6 Erne Street	Ballyshannon	2	16th January 2016	Query AHB
SI Tullintain	Bruckless	3	06 February 2017	works to be tendered
91 Slieve League Avenue	Carrick	2	06 May 2017	Referred for inspection
21 O'Cleirigh Avenue	DONEGAL	3	22-Sep-2015	Retendered
444 O'Duignan Avenue	DONEGAL	3	14th November 2016	to be tendered
7 St Theresa's Terrace	Bruckless	3	2nd May 2017 - tenancy surrendered	referred for inspection
226 Castleview	DUNKINEELY	1	14/12/2015 (Tenant Deceased)	Ready for tender
SI Legnawley Glebe, Croagh	Inver	2	4th October 2016 (tenant deceased)	Spec being prepared
SI Lough Head	Killybegs	3	10 August 2016	Retendered
SI Gortward	Mountcharles	3	Tenant Deceased on 20/12/2016	Spec being prepared
2 Bircog Cottages	Pettigo	1	4th March 2016	CBL
9 St Patricks Terrace	Pettigo	3	2/2/2017 - tenancy surrendered	No suitable need
14 Termon Villas	Pettigo	1	Tenant deceased - 13/3/2017	no immediate need

Position as at 31st May 2017

HOUSING GRANTS

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HO	2015	12	7	5	0	0
HO	2016	42	33	8	0	1
HO	2017	20	13	3	0	4

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	FURTHER INFO.	REFERRED TO OT	REFERRED TO ENGINEER	PENDING
HD	2015	34	12	17	0	0	0	5
HD	2016	41	12	22	0	0	0	7
HD	2017	18	2	8	1	2	0	5

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HM	2015	1	0	1	0	0
HM	2016	5	2	1	0	2
HM	2017	4	0	3	0	1

HOUSING LOANS

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	Undecided	
Housing Loans	2016	2	1	1	0	
Housing Loans	2017	0	0	0	0	

Tenant Purchase Applications 2016/2017

	No. of Apps Received	Incomplete Returned	Open Applications	Refused/ Not Eligible	Offer letters Issued	Completed
2016	13	0	0	5	8	0
2017	5	0	3	0	2	0
Totals	18	0	3	5	10	0

SOCIAL HOUSING SUPPORT PROGRAMME

Position at 31st May 2017										
Scheme	2 bed	2 bed	3 bed	4 bed	Total	Status				
	apts (own door)	2 storey	2 storey	2 storey		Design	Planning	Tender	Under Con	Completed
Building Programme 2015 - 2017										
Donegal Town	8	8	6	2	24	24	01/07/2016	√		
Killybegs	2	3	4		9	9	29/01/2017			
Purchases 2017										
Bundoran			1*			*Carry over from 2016				
Killybegs			1*			*Carry over from 2017				
CAS 2016/2017										
2 Com Group Homes					2	Being built in conjunction with Donegal Town				
1 Com Group Home						Alternative site being examined				
CALF Approved										
Ballyshannon					22					
Ernedale Heights Ballyshannon					11	Contracts cureerntly being signed				

HAP Tenancies	
Municipal District	Number
Donegal	166
Letterkenny	614
Glenties	132
Stranorlar	239
Inishowen	364
Sub Total	1515
Tenancies Closed	318
Overall Total	1833

Private Rented Dwellings Inspected at 31 May 2017

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	2017 Roadworks Programme							
	Status Report - 13th June 2017							

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2017 Restoration Maintenance - Regional Roads

No	Road No.	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Length (m)	Area (sq.m)	Estimated cost	Totals Per Eng Area	Status
1	R231-3	Rossnowiagh RD	Ballyshannon	700	4900	€26,630	€26,630	Started
2	R233	Lough Derg Rd	Laghey	1250	6500	€35,490	€35,490	Started
3	R-262-2	Frosses - Gargrim (Patching)	Dunkineely	420	2520	€11,176	€11,176	Started
4	R-263-8	Cashling's Bridge - O' Haras Corner	Killybegs	600	3900	€17,550	€52,845	Started
5	R-263-16	Malinmore - Malinbeg	Killybegs	825	4537.5	€20,445		Started
6	R-263-15	Malinmore - Doonalt	Killybegs	600	3300	€14,850		
Restoration Maintenance Regional Road Budget							€126,140	

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2017 Restoration Maintenance - Local Roads

No	Road No.	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Length (m)	Area (sq.m)	Estimated cost	Totals Per Eng Area	Status
1	LP2365-2	Carricknahorna	Ballyshannon	1600	5280	€21,120	€106,288	Started
2	LP2225-5	Rushen	Ballyshannon	1400	5120	€19,888		
3	LS7735-1	Legaltan	Ballyshannon	1600	4800	€19,200		Completed
4	L S7075-2	Dromoske	Ballyshannon	1200	3600	€14,400		Started
5	LS7785-2	Knader-Doobally	Ballyshannon	1600	5120	€20,480		Started
6	LS7945-1	Ardfarna	Ballyshannon	800	2800	€11,200		Started
7	LP2195-2	Trummon East	Laghey	1000	5000	€21,800	€114,492	Started
8	LP2115-2	Golard	Laghey	1500	5250	€22,870		Started
9	LS7035-1	Kilgole	Laghey	800	2800	€12,200		Completed
10	LS6845-1	Carrick East	Laghey	800	2800	€12,200		Completed
11	L6625-1	Carnbeagh	Laghey	800	2800	€12,200		Completed
12	LS7165-2	Lisnapaste	Laghey	1000	5000	€21,800		Completed
13	LS6945-1	Raw Hill	Laghey	700	2625	€11,422		Completed
14	L-1025-2	Glenmalin - Malinmore	Killybegs	1,000	3250	€14,625	€95,720	
15	L-1315-1	Commons School - Corporation	Killybegs	1,000	4500	€20,250		Started
16	L-1335-1	5 Points - Carricknagore	Killybegs	400	1400	€6,300		Started
17	L-1265-2	Glenlee - Portnacross (Hubert Breslin)	Killybegs	1,000	3250	€14,625		Started
18	L-5065-1	Cloghan - Farranmacbride	Killybegs	1,000	3000	€13,500		
19	L-1175-1	Cladnageeragh Pier - Kilbeg	Killybegs	1,000	3000	€13,500		Completed
20	L-1375-1	Tullinteane - Meengilcarry	Killybegs	955	2865	€12,920		Completed
21	L-6135-1	Drumconnor (Tom Murray's)	Dunkineely	1,000	3000	€13,500	€106,905	Started
22	L-1685-2	Roes - Drimarone	Dunkineely	600	2700	€12,150		Started
23	L-1685-4	Letterbarrow (Soccer Field)	Dunkineely	1,000	3000	€13,500		Started
24	L-1645-4	Mountcharles - Doorin Line (Patching)	Dunkineely	800	3200	€14,400		Started
25	L-6455-1	Heney's - Altidoo	Dunkineely	750	2437.5	€10,969		Started
26	L-1865-2	Ballydevitt - Haugh	Dunkineely	835	2922.5	€13,136		Started
27	L-5935-1	Creevins - Doorin	Dunkineely	1,400	4200	€18,900		Started
28	L-1515-3/5	Ardaghey - Ardara Road (Patch	Dunkineely	400	2300	€10,350		
Restoration Maintenance Local Road Budget							€423,405	

2016 Regional and Local Road Improvement Works

Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Works Type	Length (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)	Status
2017								
1	R-262-1	Ballybrollaghan - Frosses Village	Dunkineely	RR	420	2,500	€64,227	
2	L-1425-3	St. John's Point - Ballyerderland	Dunkineely	RR	1,000	3,500	€36,750	
3	L-1645-2/3	Raneely - Drumcoe	Dunkineely	RR	1,000	3,500	€36,750	Started
4	L-1815-2/3	Drumkeelan - Drumnalost	Dunkineely	RR	1,000	3,500	€36,750	Completed
5	L-6425-2/1	Drumboarty - Meenacally	Dunkineely	RR	1,000	4,000	€44,000	Completed
6	L-1815-4/5	Drumboarty - Ardbane	Dunkineely	RR	1,000	3,500	€36,750	Completed
7	L-1855-1	Rossylongan - Ballyboyle	Dunkineely	RR	1,000	4,000	€40,000	
8	L-1825-1	Meenawilderg - Meenataggart	Dunkineely	RR	1,000	3,500	€38,500	Completed
9	L-1825-3	Lackcrom - Ogherbeg	Dunkineely	RR	1,000	3,800	€35,000	Started
10	L-1865-2	Ballydevitt - Haugh	Dunkineely	RR	1,200	4,320	€43,200	Started
11	L-6345-1	Greenan	Dunkineely	RR	700	2,450	€29,400	Completed
12	L-1915-1	Ogherbeg - Winterhill	Dunkineely	RR	1,000	3,800	€38,000	
13	L-1885-1	Beefpark	Dunkineely	RR	350	1,050	€25,000	Started
14	L-5875	Doobin	Dunkineely	RR	300	900	€13,500	
15	L-1615-1	Meenagran - Lettermore	Dunkineely	RR	320	975	€14,625	
€532,452								
16	R-263-2	Killybegs Streets (Various location)	Killybegs	RR			€70,000	Started
17	R-263-7	Bavin - Kilcar	Killybegs	RR	280	1,960	€44,000	Started
18	R-263-13	Lime Kiln - Glen	Killybegs	RR	400	2,800	€44,800	Started
19	L-1375-2	Croagh - Meenagolan	Killybegs	RR	800	2,800	€44,800	Completed
20	L-1365-4	Tullintean	Killybegs	RR	500	1,500	€24,000	Completed
21	L-1125-2	Carrick - Meenaneary	Killybegs	RR	600	4,200	€66,800	Started
22	L-1195-1	Line Road Kilcar	Killybegs	RR	400	2,200	€35,000	Started
23	L-5215-2	Churchtown, Kilcar	Killybegs	RR	800	2,560	€40,960	Completed
24	L-12151	Drumnafinnagle - Tawney	Killybegs	RR	550	1,760	€28,640	Completed
25	L-1265-4	Roshine Road	Killybegs	RR	200	1,400	€28,000	
26	R-263-8	Cashling's Bridge - Ballymoon Jn.	Killybegs	RR	200	1,300	€26,000	Started
27	R-230-2	Kilgoly Bridge - Glencolmille Villa	Killybegs	RR	685	3,562	€67,740	Started
28	L-5325-1	Croaghbeg	Killybegs	RR	675	2,025	€32,400	Completed
€553,140								
29	LS7285-1	Ballyalla	Ballyshannon	RR	800	2400	€30,000	Completed
30	LS7765-1	Behey	Ballyshannon	RR	1000	3000	€37,500	Started
31	LT70751	Mullanacross	Ballyshannon	RR	900	2880	€37,500	Started
32	LS75051	Rosscat	Ballyshannon	RR	1300	4290	€56,000	Completed
33	LS7555-1	Lurgan	Ballyshannon	RR	1250	3750	€52,500	Completed
34	R267	Bundoran Streets	Ballyshannon	RR	300	2400	€40,000	
35	LP2175-1	Ballintra Streets	Ballyshannon	RR	300	2200	€45,000	
36	R267	Ballyshannon Streets	Ballyshannon	RR	450	2600	€80,000	
37	LS7445-1	Ballinacarrick_Bradlieve	Ballyshannon	RR	1000	3200	€44,800	
38	LS7075-1	Drumholme	Ballyshannon	RR	1000	3400	€45,500	Started
39	LP - 2225-1	Ballydermott	Ballyshannon	RR	1000	3200	€41,500	Completed
40	R-231-3	Rossnowlagh Road	Ballyshannon	RR	550	3500	€46,472	
€556,772								
41	LS6625-1	Carnbeagh	Laghey	RR	1000	3500	€45,500	Completed
42	LS6915-2	Listnapaste/Shannagh	Laghey	RR	750	2800	€45,500	Completed
43	LP1945-3	Harveys Pt/Lough Eske	Laghey	RR	1000	5000	€65,000	
44	R267-3	Donegal Streets	Laghey	RR	300	2400	€30,750	
45	LT80351	Tievemore	Laghey	RR	800	2560	€35,660	Started
46	R232	Pettigo Rd	Laghey	RR	300	1300	€73,000	
47	LP2265-2	Crocknacunny	Laghey	RR	1200	4800	€67,200	
48	LS7035-1	Kilgole	Laghey	RR	800	2800	€36,400	Completed
49	LP2115-1	Golard	Laghey	RR	1000	3200	€41,600	Started
50	LT67652	Ardnagasson	Laghey	RR	800	2800	€36,400	Completed
51	LS7345-1	Glenmore	Laghey	RR	600	1750	€22,546	Started
52	LS-6815-2	Finmore	Laghey	RR	800	2400	€32,000	Completed
53	LT18251	Edergole	Laghey	RR	1100	3850	€54,600	Completed
54	R-233-1	Pettigoe Streets	Laghey	RR	600	1750	€26,000	
€612,156								
Total Budget							€2,254,520	

Donegal Municipal District

Clar Funding 2017 - Local Access Roads

Dunkineely Area 14

No	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area (14)	Length	Width	Estimated Cost of work (EURO)	Status
1	Private Road	St John's Point, Dunkineely.	Dunkineely	2500	3	€72,000	Discussions ongoing with landowner
						€72,000	

Killybegs Area 15

No	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area (15)	Length	Width	Estimated Cost of work (EURO)	Status
1	Private Road	Cladnageeragh Pier Road	Killybegs	100	5.00	€6,000	Completed
2	Private Road	Malinmore Slipway, Ough	Killybegs	570	3.00	€20,520	
						€26,520	
					Total amount	€98,520	

Clar Funding 2017 - School Safety Works

Killybegs Area 15

No	Road Number	Description	Engineering Area (15)	Length	Width	Estimated Cost of work (EURO)	Status
1	R263	Footpath extension and crossing point to Kilcar National School	Killybegs	?	?	€ 22,000.00	Being designed
2	R263	Infill section of new footpath	Killybegs	?	?	€ 22,000.00	Being designed
						€ 44,000.00	

Ballyshannon Area 16

No	Road Number	Description	Engineering Area (16)	Length	Width	Estimated Cost of work (EURO)	Status
3	L-2175-1 & L-2355-1	Crossing point and associated signage to Robertsnnon National School in Ballintra	Ballyshannon	?	?	€ 10,000.00	Being designed
						€ 10,000.00	

Donegal Area 17

No	Road Number	Description	Engineering Area (17)	Length	Width	Estimated Cost of work (EURO)	Status
4	R232	Footpath extension and crossing point to the National School in Laghey	Donegal	?	?	€ 25,000.00	Being designed
5	L-2185-1	Footpath extension and crossing point to St Eunans National School in Ballintra	Donegal	?	?	€ 22,000.00	Being designed
						€ 47,000.00	
						Total amount € 101,000.00	

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LOW COST REMEDIAL WORKS

Low cost safety measures

Engineering Area	Location	Site Location	Road No	Budget (€)	Description of works	Status
17	Laghey	Lurganboy	R267 / L-6705	€30,000.00	Safety Improvement Works at Junction	Being designed

NRA - HD 28 Works - Management of Skid Resistance

Engineering Area	Location	Site Location	Road No	Budget (€)	Description of works	Status

NRA - HD 15 Works - Network Safety Ranking

Engineering Area	Location	Site Location	Road No	Budget (€)	Description of works	Status
17	Laghey	Junction Improvement works at Laghey Junction.	R232	€65,000.00	Junction improvement works at Laghey on the Regional Road adjacent to the Recycling Centre.	Started

OPW - Costal, Non-Costal & Flood Protection Works						
No	Road Number	Description	Engineering Area	Length	Estimated Cost of work (EURO)	Status
1	N/A	Graveyard protection works at Inver Graveyard	14	50	€13,500	Completed


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1 Development Applications													
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Applications to end April 2017

Status	Stranorlar	Letterkenny	Inishowen	Glenties	Donegal
Invalid	20	28	42	29	24
Decisions < 2 months	38	57	51	49	57
Deferred	21	33	44	21	24
Refused	9	13	8	19	20
Granted	57	91	104	83	73
Apps Recd	94	144	166	123	117



Planning Services Report

2	Central Planning Unit												
(1) County Development Plan review	<p>Following Members' approval at the Special Council meeting of 2nd May, 2017 to proceed to issue the Draft Plan, the public consultation period for the Draft Plan commenced on 19th May and will run until 31st July, 2017. The consultation period includes public drop-in events across the 5 MD areas and at Lifford HQ as per the details below with all events running from 3pm-8pm.</p> <table><tr><td>The BASE Enterprise Centre, Stranorlar.</td><td>06.06.2017 3pm-8pm</td></tr><tr><td>An Clochán Liath (Dungloe) Public Services Centre, Gweedore Road, An Clochán Liath.</td><td>07.06.2017 3pm-8pm</td></tr><tr><td>Donegal Town Public Services Centre, Drumlonagher, Donegal Town.</td><td>08.06.2017 3pm-8pm</td></tr><tr><td>Letterkenny Public Services Centre, Neil T. Blaney Road, Letterkenny.</td><td>13.06.2017 3pm-8pm</td></tr><tr><td>Carndonagh Public Services Centre, Malin Road, Carndonagh.</td><td>14.06.2017 3pm-8pm</td></tr><tr><td>County House, The Diamond, Lifford.</td><td>15.06.2017 3pm-8pm</td></tr></table> <p>Following the public consultation period, the next key steps will see the preparation of the Chief Executive's report and submission to Members by the end of September, 2017.</p>	The BASE Enterprise Centre, Stranorlar.	06.06.2017 3pm-8pm	An Clochán Liath (Dungloe) Public Services Centre, Gweedore Road, An Clochán Liath.	07.06.2017 3pm-8pm	Donegal Town Public Services Centre, Drumlonagher, Donegal Town.	08.06.2017 3pm-8pm	Letterkenny Public Services Centre, Neil T. Blaney Road, Letterkenny.	13.06.2017 3pm-8pm	Carndonagh Public Services Centre, Malin Road, Carndonagh.	14.06.2017 3pm-8pm	County House, The Diamond, Lifford.	15.06.2017 3pm-8pm
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(2) Local Area Plans	<p>Members' workshops for those MD areas containing relevant towns in the Tier 2, (7 Towns) Local Area Plan were completed between 25th May and 31st May, 2017. The workshops, and Members' feedback, were very constructive. As advised at the workshops, the CPU section will now proceed to prepare a finalised Draft Plan for Members' consideration at another round of workshops at the beginning of September, 2017 with a view to seeking approval at the end of September Plenary Council meeting to proceed to publish a Draft Plan in mid-November, 2017.</p>												
(3) Proposed Additions to Record of Protected Structures	<p>At the March, 2017 round of MD meetings, Members approved a total of 146 structures across the County to go out to public consultation. The public consultation period ran from 24 March until 12th May, 2017. Since then, Collette Beattie (Conservation Officer) has been preparing reports on the consultation period outcomes and final recommendations for each MD area. The schedule for these MD meetings and workshops is as follows:</p> <p>~Stranorlar: 13.06.2017 (Workshop 10.00am/ Scheduled Meeting 1pm) ~Glenties: 13.06.2017 (Scheduled Meeting) ~Inishowen: 21.06.2017 (Special Meeting and Workshop commencing 2pm) ~Letterkenny: 26.06.2017 (Special Meeting and Workshop</p>												



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		commencing 10am) ~Donegal: (Special Meeting and Workshop commencing 10am)
	(4) Conservation Grant Schemes	<p>Members were previously advised that a total of 13 Built Heritage at Risk Scheme (BHRS) funding applications, and 3 no. Structures at Risk Fund (SaRF) applications were forwarded to the Department in Q1 of this year.</p> <p>The Department has since issued its decisions in early May with the following outcomes for Donegal:</p> <p><u>Built Heritage at Risk Scheme</u> Of the 13 applications submitted, 9 no. were approved with a total funding of €72,320.</p> <p><u>Structures at Risk Fund</u> Of the 3 applications submitted, 2 no. were approved with a total funding of €59,000.</p> <p>The Conservation Officer is now working with all of the private owners to progress the associated projects.</p>
	(5) Hericoast Project	A programme of MD level updates was undertaken in late May/early June, 2017 with the feedback from Member being very positive and some very useful suggestions as to possible outputs of the project. Work is ongoing and the next key landmark will see a half-day session with all key stakeholders scheduled for 22nd June, 2017 (at the time of writing, the venue is still to be decided pending the outcome of a tender process).
4	Taking in Charge of Estates	A Talking In Charge update will be provided to members within the next two months.
5	Notes & Monthly Schedule	<p>Planning Clinics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28th June 2017 • 26th July 2017 • 09th August 2017
6	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 – planning reference number required: www.donegalcdb.ie/eplan/internetenquiry/rpt_querybysurforr



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		<p>ecloc.asp</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and when requesting planning searches: www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/file Retrieval/File%20Retrieval.pdf
7	EL 17/01 Pre planning Consultation for Events Licence for “Sea Sessions 2018” Bundoran	<p>Pre application consultations as required by legislation, have been formally entered into in relation to a prospective event licence application for Sea Sessions 2018 in Bundoran. This potential step is required to be undertaken in advance of a formal application to the Council for a licence under Section 230 of the Planning and Development Act 2000(as amended). The purpose of this update is to advise that the record associated with this pre-application consultation is available for inspection at the Planning Office, County House, Lifford.</p> <p>It is anticipated that a formal events licence application will be made at least 13 weeks prior to the date of the event, and before any such application is made the applicant is required to publish a notice of the intent to make an application in one local and one national Newspaper.</p>



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**Community, Enterprise & Planning Directorate
Community Development Division**

Municipal District of Donegal

13th June 2017

Community Development Division

REPORT

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Municipal District: Countywide

Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	Public Participation Network (PPN)
Project Description/Activity	Link through which organisations from the community & voluntary sector have a voice on Council decision making bodies and other structures
Budget (if applicable)	€80,000.00 per annum
Progress to date within the last two months inclusive of current status	<p>PPN membership now stands at 467 registered organisations with 42 representatives on 15 different committees and structures</p> <p>The PPN secretariat continues to meet on a monthly basis to coordinate the functioning of the PPN in conjunction with the resource worker</p> <p>The Environment, Social Inclusion and Community & Voluntary Linkage Groups are holding their meetings over the next few weeks.</p> <p>PPN representatives report back to their nominating body and they are occasions to share information relevant to the group.</p> <p>The third edition of the Newsletter was circulated to the groups in April and will continue on a monthly basis. An Event template has been forwarded to the groups to complete and return if they want their events to be included in the Newsletter.</p> <p>A Positive Duty Seminar took place on the 5th April, 2017 in Dillons Hotel, Letterkenny on understanding and applying the Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty. The facilitator was Niall Crowley. A lot of groups attended and it was very interesting and informative.</p> <p>Four of the Municipal District meetings have taken place. Donegal 6/04/17, Inishowen 27/04/17, Letterkenny 24/05/17 and Glenties on the 25/05/17. Stranorlar is scheduled for the 20/06/17.</p> <p>The PPN Website has been updated and can be viewed at www.donegalppn.com</p>
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	<p>Next PPN Secretariat meeting – 29th June, 2017</p> <p>Community & Voluntary Linkage Group Meeting- 30th May, 2017</p> <p>Environment Linkage Group Meeting- 31st May, 2017</p> <p>Social Inclusion Linkage Group Meeting- 6th June, 2017</p> <p>MD Meetings: Stranorlar:20/06/2017</p>
Contact Person (to include telephone number & e-mail address)	<p>Mary Clyde</p> <p>074 9153939</p> <p>mary.clyde@donegalcoco.ie</p>



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Municipal District:

Activity / Project Update- May 2017

Activity / Project Title	Rural Development Programme/LEADER
Activity / Project Description	Donegal Local Community and Development Committee are the Local Action Group for County Donegal, with responsibility for the LEADER/Rural Development Programme 2014-2020
Budget	€12,913,878
Progress to date within the last two months-inclusive of current status	<p>There are 4 Implementing Partners within the county; Donegal Local Development Company (DLDC), Inishowen Development Partnership (IDP), Údarás Na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán. All 4 Implementing Partners are accepting and registering Expressions of Interests (EOI's) under rolling and targeted funding calls. Application forms have issued were EOI's are deemed eligible in line with the Local Development Strategy (LDS), and formal applications are being assessed and initially scored by the relevant Project Officer in each Implementing Partner, and brought forward to each regional Evaluation Committee. Induction training has taken place for each of the three regional Evaluation Committees and some initial meetings have taken place.</p> <p>A national meeting was convened by Minister Heather Humphreys on May 17th to discuss progress of the LEADER programme to date. Arising from this meeting it is expected that changes will be made to the operational rules of the programme to enable swifter progress of the programme.</p>
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	<p>Projects approved for funding by the Evaluation Committee will be brought forward to the LCDC for final approval.</p> <p>It is expected that the bulk of project approvals for 2017 will occur in the latter half of the year.</p>
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	<p>Eimear Mc Dermott, 074 9153900 emcdermott@donegalcoco.ie</p>



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Municipal District: Countywide

Activity / Project Update: May 2017


Activity / Project Title	Tourism Sectoral Forum
Project Description/Activity	Donegal County Council's Tourism Sectoral Forum comprises of representatives from Donegal County Council, Donegal Tourism Ltd, Fáilte Ireland, LYIT, NPWS, Údaras na Gaeltachta, tourism trade representatives and various tourism sectoral interest groups.
Budget (if applicable)	N/A
Progress to date within the last two months -inclusive of current status	<p>The last meeting took place on Thursday, 27th April 2017 in the Termon Complex in Pettigo. Good attendance by representatives across sectors & regions in the county.</p> <p>Topics discussed/activities included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Donegal County Council Tourism Strategy 2017-2020- Sectoral updates from the Members- Planning for Holiday World Shows 2018 – community groups to engage with hotel providers in their areas to see if they would like to participate next year- Tour of the Termon Complex
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	Update from the meeting scheduled for 20 th July 2017
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Iga Lawne, Tourism Community Support Officer E: iga@countydonegaltourism.com / T: 074-9724475



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Municipal District: ALL

Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Age Friendly Strategy
Project Description/Activity	The Donegal Age Friendly Strategy is a 3 year plan which aims to make Donegal a great place to grow old in. The implementation of the strategy is overseen by the Age Friendly Alliance, a stakeholder committee chaired by the CE of Donegal County Council
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p>Older Persons Council Meeting with Fermanagh County Council</p> <p>The Donegal OPC was asked to host a day trip with a group of older people from Fermanagh County Council. It was agreed to go to Glenveagh on the 10th of April, were at the Visitors Centre a presentation was giving to 25 Older People on Donegal Age Friendly followed by a questions and answers session between both Groups. This session proved to be very informative and helpful as they are looking to set up something similar in Fermanagh. Donegal was one of three County's they had visited, they have now decided to use the Donegal Age Friendly example in the setting up of their Older Persons Group in Co Fermanagh.</p> <p>After the Questions and answers session, the group was bussed to Glenveagh Castle for a walk around the Gardens, a tour of the Castle and a bite of Lunch.</p>  <p>Meeting with Sean Murphy, Manager of Letterkenny University Hospital – Discussion on Health Matters for Older People.</p>

	<p>The following was discussed at the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect the dignity for older people in the hospital • Bringing Full Arthritis Service back to Letterkenny • End of Life options • The HSE Age Friendly Hospital Initiative • Car-parking at LUH <p>It was added that angiogram mobile service comes to Letterkenny once a week which saves all patients going to Dublin for the service. It is hoped that this service will be increased. Consultant numbers have increased in Letterkenny since 2008, which is not an easy task as Donegal faces problems getting junior and intern doctors because of the geographical situation of the county but they are looking to invest on the training needs for Doctors to encourage them to come to Donegal.</p>
<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>Intergenerational Project – The Older persons Council are meeting with the Youth Council in July to discuss intergenerational Projects that both groups can work with together.</p>
<p>Contact Person (to include telephone number & e-mail address)</p>	<p>Mairead Cranley 074 9561326 Mairead.cranley@donegalcoco.ie</p>



Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Donegal Town – Development Hub2. CEDRA Funded – Donegal Atlantic Coastal Trail3. Communications – Cool Route Project4. Implementation of the Interpretative Strategy – Sliabh Liag
Project Description/Activity	<p>Donegal Town Hub - The broad elements to this Development Hub are Enterprise Development, Retail Strategy and Tourism</p> <p>-----</p> <p>CEDRA - Following the success of the Certificate in Marine Tourism and Seafood Fundamentals course that was delivered in 2016, as part of the Donegal Coastal Trail Project, the course has now completed its second intake. This part time course has been developed by LYIT's School of Tourism for people working in the marine tourism and seafood sector. The Certificate in Marine Tourism and Seafood Fundamentals is funded by Údarás na Gaeltachta and Donegal County Council. As the course is fully funded, it is free of charge for participants and offers a recognised academic qualification on completion and opportunities to progress to further education.</p> <p>Donegal's Atlantic Coastal Trail is promoting the further development of tourism along the coast of Donegal on the Wild Atlantic Way is funded under the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine Commission for the Economic Development of Rural Areas scheme (CEDRA), Donegal County Council and Údarás na Gaeltachta.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Cool Route Project funded under the Northern Periphery & Arctic programme 2014-2020.</p> <p>Donegal County Council is a project partner on the Cool Route project. Other project partners include Glasgow Caledonian University, Royal Cork Yacht Club, Derry City Council, Port Authority Torshavn Faroe Islands, Blue Seas Marinas Scotland, Western Norway Research Institute and associated partners Donegal Tourism, the Irish Cruising Club and Sail Scotland.</p> <p>Donegal County Council attended a two-day, Cool Route Project Partners</p>

meeting took place on the 25th and 26th April in Carrigaline, Co. Cork, hosted by project partner Royal Cork Yacht Club.

The Cool Route Project – Cruising Oceans on Latitudes above 51 Degrees North – investigates all aspects of the potential to establish a yacht cruising route along the western offshore areas of the Northern Periphery Area, stretching from Co. Cork in the South of Ireland, to the UK (Northern Ireland and Western Scotland) and onwards to the Faroe Islands and Norway. As an ecotourism product, exploiting the natural resources of the area in a manner that is sustainable and environmentally viable; this new sea route will be marketed internationally and will have a common branding, booking and information system.

Over the coming months the Cool Route Project will further engage with SME's along the route and in particular the agreed selected stopovers to maximise the potential for local businesses in each unique region. For more information on the Cool Route Project, its reports and findings please check out our website on www.sailcoolroute.eu

Sliabh Liag – Interpretative Strategy – the explicit intentions of Donegal County Council are that this strategy would:

- Develop Sliabh Liag as a flagship tourism destination along the Wild Atlantic Way.
- To protect and promote the natural and built environment at Sliabh Liag.
- To improve the visitors experience at Sliabh Liag, encouraging visitors to stay longer at Sliabh Liag and its hinterland.
- Four consultations have now taken place with the community in order to develop the 'story of the mountain', tenders are currently out for the story stones and the craftspeople.


TY Tourism/Hospitality Course:

Monday 8th May and Tuesday 9th May marked the final days of the Transition Year Tourism Training Programme at the LYIT School of Tourism, Killybegs Campus. The programme was developed by LYIT School of Tourism in conjunction with Donegal County Council and Donegal Tourism Ltd and was funded by Donegal County Council. The TY students from St. Columba's College, Stranorlar and AVS, Donegal Town served a three course lunch to invited guests from St Columba's College, AVS, regional hotels and restaurants, LYIT and Donegal County Council. Cllr Terence Slowey, Cathaoirleach, Donegal County Council presented the twenty students with Certificates on Monday and Mr. Paul Hannigan, President LYIT presented another 20 on Tuesday marking their successful completion of the programme which included lectures and workshops on the Hospitality Industry, Food Hygiene and Handling, Customer Care, Donegal Tourism, the Wild Atlantic Way and Restaurant

Service.



	<p>Time Capsules/Trees & Plaques – Donegal Municipal District Area</p> <p>Work with the co-ordinator of the Donegal Youth Council – Carlyn Maguire to fill 7 time capsules for Bundoran, Ballyshannon, Pettigo, Donegal Town, Mountcharles, Killybegs and Carrick.</p> <p>These have now been returned and the plaques are currently been designed.</p> <p>Then link with the MD Councillors in those areas to organise a planting ceremony including trees and plaques.</p> <p>This will be completed by the end of June.</p>
Budget (if applicable)	€
<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>Donegal Town</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to support the work of Donegal Community Chamber in relation to their spring shopping event and the ‘Shop Donegal’ Voucher Scheme Continue to work alongside Donegal Town Business Focus Group on its retail strategy Donegal Craft Village — Promotion and assistance for new season from Easter when all the units will be open again A Taste of Donegal Food Festival – August 2017 – Donegal Community Chamber – stands currently booking for 2017 <hr/> <p>CEDRA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Second course started on 1st February 2017 and is now completed. Engage with the participants from the first and second course and organise events to showcase their businesses Stand booked at Donegal Food Festival 2017/Seafest, Galway – June 30th to 2nd July. <hr/> <p>Cool Route</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to work on various aspects of communications centred around the project – Website, Social Media, Newsletters, YouTube Channel, Partner communication Presented our work-package at the partner meeting - in Cork – 25th and 26th April 2017 – do up publicity from same and circulate. <hr/>

	<p>Sliabh Liag</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm timeline for the implementation of the Interpretation Strategy including community consultations • Community Consultation with group and Consultants was held on 21st Feb, 30th March, 26th May and 1st June • Work with the company to deliver the Interpretation Strategy for Sliabh Liag <hr/> <p>Time Capsules – capsules now with Youth Councillors to fill and will be returned to me to arrange ceremony in each area. Consultation with MD Councillors regarding each area will then take place. Plaques are currently been prepared.</p> <hr/>
<p>Contact Person (to include telephone number & e-mail address)</p>	<p>Mary Daly Project Officer Development Hubs Community & Development Planning Donegal County Council Drumlonagher Donegal Town Co. Donegal</p> <p>T.: 074/9724484 M.: 087/6782196</p> <p>mdaly@donegalcoco.ie</p> 



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Municipal District: Donegal

Activity / Project Update June 2017

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Walks and Trails
Project Description/Activity	Maintenance, development and promotion of walks & trails in Donegal including cycle routes and Greenways.
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 4 - inclusive of current status	<p>Recreation Grant 2016 :</p> <p>Sli Cholmcille maintenance and upgrade of this route is ongoing and the route has passed the inspection carried out recently.</p> <p>Some further maintenance work has been done on the route at Carrick opposite the National school.</p> <p>The Colmcille Drum loop and tower loop were also inspected and reports have now recommended some changes to be made to trail head maps to update information. This will be carried out over the Summer months.</p> <p>We are also finalising the routes for proposed local walks in and around Kilcar with the support of DFI Funds to be agreed February. Materials are ordered and trail head sign for the village is being designed. Materials due to be delivered to Kilcar in June.</p> <p>The Hiking Europe project continues where Service providers along the route can submit their details for inclusion in marketing the area which will promote the Bealach na Gaeltachta as a Hiking destination. Anyone interested can click on</p> <p>http://www.donegalcoco.ie/business/developingourtourismsector/hikingeurope/</p> <p>New road books have been developed and feature walking routes in South Donegal including Carrick, Kilcar, Glencolmcille and Ardara. This can be viewed at www.hikingeurope.net</p>

	<p>Repair works was also carried out at Slieve League where the wooden fencing was upgraded at the viewing area.</p> <p>We have submitted three more applications for funding under the 2017 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure scheme including one on behalf of the Glen Parish Council for Muirinn River Walk, Sli Cholmcille mapos and Ballyshannon Cycle loops for signage.</p> <p>Other proposed projects include:</p> <p>Local walks around Killybegs and Ballyshannon to Beleek trail.</p> <p>The upgrading of the existing walks and trails to an acceptable standard to meet the requirements of the National Trails Office including the two Colmcille loops.</p> <p>Ongoing consultation with agencies including Roinn na Gaeltachta, Udaras na Gaeltachta, National Parks & Wildlife Services, Donegal Tourism and Donegal Local development Committee.</p>
<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarter 3 reporting period</p>	<p>Completion of the first phase of the Kilcar local walks in June 2017.</p> <p>Explore funding options for Ballyshannon to Belleek walk.</p> <p>Look at the potential for a walk at Killybegs towards Fintra Bridge</p> <p>Continuation of maintenance programme where damage to the existing routes can be repaired.</p>
<p>Contact Person (to include telephone number & e-mail address)</p>	<p>Francis Conaghan (Paths & trails Development Officer) 087 2371219 fconaghan@donegaltrailsoffice.com</p>



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Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	Bundoran Tourism Officer Update
Project Description	Promotional Activities – May 2017
Current Activities	<p><u>Membership of Discover Bundoran Tourism Partnership</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invoicing for 2017 taking place currently for all members. <p><u>Discover Bundoran brochure distribution</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brochure distribution is ongoing. As attractions are opening for the tourism season, brochures are being distributed to them. <p><u>Marketing of Bundoran</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing and promotions ongoing. Weeklong radio promotion happened on Dublin's Q102 radio with prizes provided by the trade in Bundoran happening w/c May 15th. Good response to this. • Competitions on Facebook page. • Working on other promotions. • Facebook advertising • PR for Bundoran's 30th Blue Flag <p><u>Events for 2017</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean Coasts Roadshow at Magh Ene College April 28th. • Europe Day event took place at Bundoran Community Centre on Tuesday May 9th. Events were broadcast live on the Douzelage Bundoran Facebook page and there was also a live broadcast from Ocean FM on the day. • An Post Ras stage finish event took place on Tuesday May 23rd. The event was broadcast live on the Discover Bundoran Facebook page. Thanks to Donegal County Council and Garda Síochána for their assistance with the event. Irish winner of the stage on the day and good national publicity. • Publicity assistance around annual Sea Sessions Surf Music Festival 23-25th June. • Preparations for Railway Heritage Event in association with Magh Ene Historical Society in September <p><u>Discover Bundoran website and social media</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing management of www.discoverbundoran.com and social media channels. Daily posting of content on Facebook page. • Ongoing updating of website with news blogs, photo galleries and event/gig guide listings. • Website consistently seeing an increased number of visitors and page views. (29.4k visitors v 23.3k Jan–May 2017 v 2016) 65.7k v 57.8k page views Jan-May 2017 v 2016) • 9149 followers on the Discover Bundoran facebook page which is steadily growing by the week. (as of 29/05/17)

	<p><u>Bundoran Tidy Towns</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tidy Towns application for 2017 prepared and submitted for deadline of May 25th. • Positive feedback to Clean Coasts Roadshow at Magh Ene College. <p><u>Marketing of Bundoran Waterworld & Bundoran Seaweed Baths</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing following of marketing plan into the season. • Waterworld currently #2 Thing to Do in Bundoran on TripAdvisor. • Launched Voucher scheme with Supervalu Bundoran • Waterworld 26th birthday and annual charity day on Saturday 3rd June. • Visitor figures up 22% year on year (Waterworld) and 102% Bundoran Seaweed Baths. <p><u>Management and Staffing of Bundoran Tourist Office</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structured staff plan with office now open 7 days per week – Mon-Fri 09:30-17:00 Sat-Sun 11:00-17:00. • Staffing of tourist office working out well. Office quite busy over the last month. <p><u>Other</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with tour company TUI in relation to self catering options in Bundoran for future tours – May 29th. • Hosted National Geographic journalist Zoe McIntyre on Wednesday May 31st for future feature on Donegal.
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Municipal District: _____

Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Youth Council
Project Description/Activity	5 x Regional meetings per month, 1 County meeting per month
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p>The April & May County Meetings were held on Thursday April 13th & May 27th in the Regional Cultural Centre Letterkenny. At the April County meeting Gina Grant –PPN presented to the group on Disability. Gina highlighted the current law & the provisions in secondary schools in relation to young people with disabilities. The Youth Councillors were busy planning their Regional <i>Sports Recognition for Girl's Roadshow</i>. Each region hosted a Roadshow offering girls taster alternative sports with a fun element at each event. This is the key Agenda Item voted on by the young people of Donegal. The launch of the Roadshow was in the Aura Leisure Centre on 26th April, Finn Valley Centre –May 2nd, Pobal Scoil Ghaoth Dobhair-May 10th, St Catherine's Vocational School – May 12th and Scoile Mhuire- May 15th. 415 girls took part in the events countywide with 19 secondary schools participating.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Youth councillors attended the Sexual Health Forum Meeting • 3 Youth Councillors attended Comhairle Members Networking Meeting in Sligo. • The Coordinator hosted a Girls Team Building Day for the female youth councillors in the Donegal Youth Service. • External Research ongoing in relation to the DYC Election Process. This Research is funded by the HSE Health Promotion. The Researchers attend meetings in order to talk to all Youth Councillors in order to capture their experience. • Donegal Town Region – 1 Youth councillor has filled the Time Capsules for three areas – Mount Charles, Donegal Town & Bundoran. • Coordinator attended Comhairle Information & Networking Event – Dublin <p>Youth Councillor Training – Reflective Practice/Evaluation Skills. Mentor Training Coordinator Training – Foundation Programme in Sexual Health Promotion – Complete</p>
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	<p>Attend Road Safety Working Group Committee meeting 5 Regional Meetings 2 County meetings Residential/ National Youth Work Games MD meeting – YC to present</p>

<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
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**ENVIRONMENT REPORT
JUNE 2017 – MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETINGS**

Municipal District: All

Activity / Project Update:

Activity / Project Title	Green Schools - Celebrating 20 years
Project Description/Activity	<p>55 schools in Donegal were awarded Green Flags at a special event held in the Radisson Blu Hotel in Letterkenny on the 3rd May. Three schools were there to receive their Green Flag for the very first time for their work on Litter & Waste while 52 schools were receiving renewals of their flags.</p> <p>A number of schools were awarded their flags for Global Citizenship Energy having been involved in the programme for at least 14 years. Scoil Cholmcille in Letterkenny were awarded their 9th Green Flag.</p> <p>Green schools is celebrating 20 years in existence with one of the first ever Green School coming from Donegal 20 years ago. It is testament to the programme that is still continues to be as strong as ever and supported by so many school especially in Donegal.</p> <p>164 schools in Donegal have received a Green Flag to date.</p>
Contact Person (to include telephone number & e-mail address)	<p>Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer 074 91 53900 suzannebogan@donegalcoco.ie www.donegalcoco.ie</p>



Cathaoirleach Cllr Terence Slowey addressing the recent Donegal Green Schools Awards and Scoil Naomh Fionán, Falcarragh pictured with their Green Flag.

Activity / Project Update:

Activity / Project Title	Green Schools Irish Water School of the Year for the Western Region
Project Description/Activity	<p>Gairmscoil Chú Uladh, Ballinamore were recognised nationally when they were awarded with the prestigious title of Green Schools Irish Water School of the Year for the Western Region having been shortlisted from 3,000 applications. The school stood out for special recognition having reduced their water usage by over 80%.</p> <p>The school were awarded at a ceremony in Dublin on the 4th May.</p>
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Gairmscoil Chú Uladh, Ballinamore being awarded with the prestigious award of Green Schools Irish Water School of the Year for the Western Region

Activity / Project Update:

Activity / Project Title	SEAI One Good Idea Schools Competition
Project Description/Activity	<p>The SEAI's One Good Idea Competition, which is kindly supported by AIB, encourages students to create innovative and inspiring campaigns to highlight the small changes that can make a big difference to our lives, our pockets and our planet. This year, over 350 campaigns were developed by young people all over Ireland with 20 teams for the national finals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scoil Mhuire, Buncrana• The Royal and Prior Comprehensive School, Raphoe <p>both made it through to the last 20 schools to compete at the national final in Dublin on the 16th May.</p> <p>Senior Post Primary Winner: Congratulations must go to Scoil Mhuire, Buncrana for receiving the award of Senior Post Primary Winner – for their 'Walk for U' project. The One Good Idea for Walk For U is to inspire their community to walk more instead of driving. Through their research they learned that if students walked 1320 steps or 1km instead of driving it, they would save 167.5 grams of CO2 from being emitted.</p> <p>Special mention must also go to The Royal & Prior Comprehensive school in Raphoe for also making it to the final 20 schools for their One Good Idea "Don't be late Insulate". Don't be Late, Insulate! is a team of TY students who have the Idea to educate and encourage Irish people to properly insulate their homes. The benefits of an insulated home means not just financial savings but energy savings too which cuts carbon emissions resulting in a healthier planet. Their goal is to turn Ireland into an Insulation Nation.</p>
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Municipal District: All

Activity / Project Update:

Activity / Project Title	St. John's Night - 23rd June Enjoy responsibly without bonfires.
Project Description/Activity	<p>The Council is asking that communities remember that bonfires can cause serious damage and injuries both to our environment and to our health.</p> <p>Bonfires can very often be built close to houses and other property and can cause serious damage and injuries particularly where the burning of highly combustible materials is taking place.</p> <p>While traditionally wood and straw were used for bonfires there is increasing evidence that individuals are using nights such as St John's Night and Halloween as an opportunity to dispose of waste illegally. Donegal County Council is warning households and businesses not to supply waste material to parties collecting for bonfire night.</p>
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	Enforcement staff will monitor the local areas in advance on St John's Night and are actively liaising with the public, community representatives and the Gardaí.
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Activity / Project Update:

Activity / Project Title	Reminder - IFFPG Farm Plastic collections (Irish Farm Film Plastics Group) www.farmplastics.ie		
Project Description/Activity	<p>IFFPG have nearly completed their calendar of Bring Centres for the bring bank of Farm Plastics for Donegal in 2017. See below a list of confirmed dates and locations. Farmers are reminded to bring their labels with the code when returning farm plastics.</p> <p>Charges are €15 per half tonne with the code and €85 per half tonne without the code.</p> <p>Types of materials collected are silage wrap and sheeting, Large fertilisers bags (liners removed), small fertilisers and feed bags, Plastic drums (triple rinsed), netting and twine. Products manufactured from farm plastics are refuse sacks, Piping, Damp proofing, Garden Furniture.</p>		
Budget (if applicable)	Organised and advertised by IFFPG.		
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	Donegal	Buncrana, Inishowen Co-op	23rd June
		Carndonagh, Inishowen Co-op	24th June
		Newtowncunningham, Clonleigh Co-op	27th June
		Milford Mart	29th June
		Raphoe Mart	30th June
		Ballyshannon Mart	1st July
		Ardara GAA	3rd July
		Ballybofey & Stranorlar Mart	4th July
		Donegal Mart	5th July
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p>IFFPG advertise and send text messages out to farmers etc.</p>		
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	www.farmplastic.ie 01 4089966		

Activity / Project Update:

Activity / Project Title	Local Agenda 21 Environmental Partnership Fund 2017
Project Description/Activity	<p>Environmental Awareness</p> <p>Do you have a project or initiative that could help to increase awareness of environmental issues locally, or that could help your community to become more sustainable?</p> <p>If so, you may qualify for financial assistance from the Local Agenda 21 (LA21) Environmental Partnership Fund 2017. This Fund promotes sustainable development by assisting small scale, non-profit environmental projects at local level.</p> <p>Does Your Project Qualify?</p> <p>Projects should focus on environmental awareness and actions which complement national environmental policies such as those on waste, biodiversity, water conservation and climate change.</p> <p>A wide variety of projects and schemes have been supported under the Fund in previous years, including community gardens and allotments, compost schemes, rainwater harvesting, biodiversity projects, waste reduction initiatives, educational initiatives and environmental exhibitions. Lists of previously funded projects can be viewed online at:</p> <p>http://dcaae.gov.ie/en-ie/environment/topics/environmental-protection-and-awareness</p> <p>How to Apply</p> <p>Applications are made directly to Donegal County Council. Further information, application forms (in both Irish and English) and contact details for your local authority are available online at www.dcaae.gov.ie</p>
Budget (if applicable)	€36,110 50% funding by the Department and 50% funding provided by Donegal County Council.
Contact Person (to include telephone number & e-mail address)	For general information on the Scheme please contact: Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer, Donegal County Council, Neil T Blaney Road, Letterkenny Tel: 074 9153900 or

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Coastal Management

Blue Flag and Green Coast Awards

Donegal has been awarded 13 Blue Flags as well as five Green Coast awards.

12 Blue Flags were awarded to beaches at Bundoran, Rossnowlagh, Murvagh, Fintra, Narin (Portnoo), Carrickfinn, Killahoey (Dunfanaghy), Marblehill, Portsalon (Magherawarden), Shroove, Culdaff and Downings.

In addition, Greencastle Marina is the first marina in the County to receive Blue Flag status. To attain this award, the marina has had to comply with stringent criteria concerning environmental information and education, environmental management, safety and service facilities, and water quality. Greencastle Marina is a seasonal facility, provided over the Blue Flag season and accommodates resident and visiting yachts, cruise ship tender boats visiting the locality, and occasional angling charter vessels.

To achieve Blue Flag status beaches and marinas must comply with a specific set of criteria relating to a number of areas including water quality. At beaches the bathing water must comply with the 'Excellent' standard in accordance with the 2008 EU Bathing Water Directive, with the evaluation of monitoring results over a period of four years. In the case of Lisfannon beach, the value for E.coli was well within the boundary for 'Excellent' quality; while the Enterococci value achieved the 'Good' water quality standard, giving an overall award of 'Good' water quality. Donegal County Council is reviewing the factors contributing to this 'Good' water quality with a view to attaining 'Excellent' water quality in future bathing seasons and with that, regaining Blue Flag status.

The beach at Lisfannon still has very high water quality which continues to be monitored and results will be posted over the bathing season both online at www.splash.ie and on site via the notice boards. The beach will continue to enjoy the same level of support and services such as Lifeguard provision, waste disposal, as in previous years.

In addition, five Donegal beaches achieved the Green Coast award again this year: Ballyheirnan (Fanad), Drumnatinney (Falcarragh), Magheroarty, Port Arthur and Dooley.

This award acknowledges beaches that have a clean, safe environment, excellent water quality and good beach management. They may not have the built infrastructure required to meet the criteria set out for Blue Flag status, however they are exceptional places to visit and enjoy our rich coastal heritage and diversity.

Waste/Litter Enforcement

583 Environmental Complaints received.
514 for Waste/Litter (88%)

There has been 44 Fixed Penalty notices issued (7 of these to NI) 11 have been paid.