

Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall

Oifig Riarthóir na gCruinnithe,
Aras an Chontae,
Leifear.

6ú Nollaig, 2022

Fógra Cruinnithe

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall ar siúl **De Máirt 13ú Nollaig, 2022, 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.

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Padraig O'Sirin
Riarthóir Cruinnithe

Municipal District of Donegal

Office of Meetings Administrator,
County House,
Lifford.

6th December 2022

NOTICE OF MEETING

The next Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal will be held on **Tuesday 13th December 2022 at 11.30 am 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,

Pauric Sheerin
Meetings Administrator

AGENDA

1. Consideration of Minutes of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 26th October 2022.
2. Consideration of Minutes of the Budget Workshop held on the 05th October 2022.
3. Consideration of Minutes of the MD Budget Meeting held on the 26th October 2022.
4. Consideration of Minutes of the Roads Workshop held on the 1st November 2022.
5. Consideration of Minutes of the Economic Development Workshop held on the 17th November 2022.
6. **Update Reports from Council Services:**
 - 6.1 Housing & Corporate Services
 - 6.1.1 *Section 183 Request – 12 St Benildus Avenue*
 - 6.1.2 *2023 Schedule of Meetings*
 - 6.2 Roads & Transportation
 - 6.2.1 *Section 183 Request – Inver Glebe*
 - 6.3 Economic Development, Information Systems and Emergency Services
 - 6.4 Environment Services
 - 6.5 Community Development
 - 6.6 Planning Services

Motions

7. Cllr Noel Jordan
“With the Mountcharles to Inver road scheme completed, this Municipal District calls on the TII to complete the remainder of the scheme from Inver to Killybegs”.
8. Cllr Tom Conaghan
“As a matter of urgency, the Donegal MD calls on the Environment Department to move forward and choose a location for the recycling/bottle bank in Donegal Town as the current location is unsuitable and in disrepair”.
9. Cllr Michael McMahon
“That this Municipal District discuss unfinished housing estates in the Municipal District of Donegal, in particular in the Bundoran Area, where a number of estates are awaiting to be ‘taken in charge’ by the Council.”

Questions

10. Cllr Tom Conaghan

“How many disabled parking spaces are currently available in Donegal Town and is there a possibility of increasing this number?”

11. Cllr Tom Conaghan

“Can this MD carry out maintenance on all manhole covers in Donegal Town, several have been reported on both roads and footpaths as being loose and unsafe.

12. Date of Next Meeting(s) / Workshop(s)

- MD Meeting on Tuesday the 10th January 2023 at 11.30 am in the Peter Kennedy Chamber (as per standing orders)

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL
HELD AT 11.30 AM ON TUESDAY THE 26TH OCTOBER 2022 IN THE PETER
KENNEDY CHAMBER, DONEGAL PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE**

MDD/135/22 MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MDD/136/22 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Pauric Sheerin, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Roads/Transportation
Ms. Aideen Quinn, A/Executive Planner, Planning
Ms. Tara Quinn, Executive Architect, Housing Capital
Mr. Jim Boner, Senior Executive Engineer, Housing Capital
Mr. Paddy Doherty, Divisional Manager, Community Development
Ms. Rosita Mahony, Senior Economic Development Officer, Economic Development
Mr. Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer, Environment Section
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services
Ms. Caroline Britton, A/Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

MDD/137/22 APOLOGIES

Cllr Michael McMahon
Mr. Garry Martin, Director Designate, Municipal District of Donegal

MDD/138/22 VOTE OF SYMPATHY

- The Cresslough Victims – on behalf of the Donegal MD, Cllr Kennedy wished to convey condolences to the families of the victims of the Cresslough disaster and wished those recovering from injuries a speedy recovery. Cllr Kennedy also wished to thank the emergency services for their assistance in dealing with the aftermath of the explosion.
- The late James Murray, Ballybofey, uncle of Liam Murray, Executive Engineer, Housing Office, Donegal Town.
- The late Patrick Monaghan, Drumanis, Laghey, Outdoor Roads Staff member. M Sweeney conveyed condolences to Patrick's family and noted that Patrick was a valuable member of staff who had joined the Council in 1998.

MDD/139/22 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 13TH SEPTEMBER 2022

On the proposal of Cllr Sweeny, seconded by Cllr Jordan the Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 13th September 2022 were confirmed.

MDD/140/22 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ROADS WORKSHOP OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 6TH SEPTEMBER 2022

On the proposal of Cllr Conaghan, seconded by Cllr Sweeny the Minutes of the Roads Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 6th September 2022 were confirmed.

MDD/141/22 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ROADS WORKSHOP OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 13TH SEPTEMBER 2022

On the proposal of Cllr Naughton, seconded by Cllr Sweeny the Minutes of the Roads Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 13th September 2022 were confirmed.

MDD/142/22 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ROADS WORKSHOP OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 27TH SEPTEMBER 2022

On the proposal of Cllr Jordan, seconded by Cllr Sweeny the Minutes of the Roads Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 27th September 2022 were confirmed.

MDD/143/22 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

CORPORATE SERVICES

Follow up Issues from previous meeting

Mr Sheerin provided an update on the follow up issues from the previous meeting:-

- a) Correspondence issued to the Department of Housing regarding the Croí Conaithe Scheme.
- b) Clarification was sought from the Department of Housing regarding guidance and reckonable income direction for the Tenant Purchase Scheme and same has been received.
- c) Correspondence issued and response circulated regarding the rural transport capacity issues.
- d) In relation to the follow up regarding the Killybegs Housing Scheme, P Sheerin advised that Jim Boner, Senior Executive Engineer and Tara Quinn, Executive Architect from the Housing Capital Office were in attendance at today's meeting to provide updates on the ongoing Housing Capital Projects.

Going forward, P Sheerin advised that T Quinn will attend the future MD meetings.

HOUSING SERVICES

Progress reports on Casual Vacancies, Grants, Loans, Tenant Purchase Scheme 2016, Housing Capital, Approved Housing Bodies Development, Housing Assistance Payments/Private Rented Inspections, Housing Need and Lease & Repair Scheme

Members noted the update reports. Mr Sheerin advised that a number of casual vacancies offers will be made within the coming days and noted that the conveyancing process is nearing completion for Oak Meadows Phase II.

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

Emergency Accommodation

Cllr Jordan referred to the recent motion by the Cathaoirleach to suspend the introduction of further refugees into the county until a full inspection and report takes place on the conditions of accommodation and an analysis of the services available to them including educational, health and social integration. Cllr Jordan suggested that a wider conversation is required, particularly, because of the number of individuals presenting as homeless and those households in the county who will require alternative accommodation due to the presence of mica in their homes.

Cllr Sweeny submitted that we are at a critical point in terms of providing accommodation for Ukrainians and suggested that existing stock such as community centres could be utilised rather than erecting modular units at Finner Camp, particularly, as the south of Donegal is already heavily populated with refugees.

Cllr Kennedy submitted that there are approximately one thousand, two hundred and forty-three Ukrainians in this area with five hundred and twenty in Bundoran alone. These figures are resulting in putting more pressure on local services, which are already stretched.

Cllr Naughton noted that because there is a guaranteed income for housing Ukrainians, there appears to be no shortage of housing and called on a review of the process.

In response to the comments submitted, P Sheerin informed the Members that the Housing Office is still getting accommodation queries for refugee accommodation which are being referred through the appropriate channels and suggested he would speak to A Doherty, Ukrainian Response Manager regarding the possibility of arranging an information session or workshop.

P Sheerin further submitted that there are two types of emergency accommodation requirements ie those presenting as homeless and those who must relocate due to mica issues. In terms of the homeless presentations, the Council has informal arrangements in place with local B&B's / hostels. As several clients presenting as homeless have complex issues (addiction / mental health), it is ultimately down to the provider to accept emergency accommodation vouchers. Currently, a review of the homeless process is being undertaken and expressions of interest may be sought from the private sector or approved housing bodies to provide managed facilities within the county.

In relation to Council tenants who may have to relocate due to mica, the Council will be utilising their casual vacancy stock. At this juncture further clarity is required on meeting the housing need for private households that will require relocation.

Croí Conaithe Scheme

Cllr Naughton and Cllr Sweeny welcomed the rural expansion of the Croí Conaithe Scheme.

Tenant Purchase Scheme

Cllr Naughton welcomed the re-opening of the Tenant Purchase Scheme and hoped applications could now be moved forward. P Sheerin advised a number of points of interpretation are being clarified and a list of potential applicants have been retained and will be contacted in due course.

Housing Capital

Laghey Housing Scheme

Cllr Naughton welcomed the Housing Capital staff to the meeting and sought an update on the proposed housing scheme at Laghey. T Quinn advised a survey of the site has been conducted and it is hoped the project will progress to Part VIII stage next year.

Killybegs Housing Scheme

Cllr Kennedy also welcomed the Housing Capital staff and queried if any additional information had been received regarding a possible land swap in Killybegs. Cllr Kennedy advised there is a potential developer who is interested in seeking planning to build houses, however, the Killybegs one-way system requires completion in order to confirm the direction of traffic adjacent to the proposed development site.

T Quinn advised the Killybegs Housing Scheme is awaiting Department approval for seventeen or eighteen houses and at this juncture, a survey and trial holes has been completed. It is envisaged this Scheme will move to Part VIII stage next year. Both P Sheerin and T Quinn were not aware of a possible land swap.

Ballyshannon Housing Scheme

Cllr Sweeny queried if there were any further housing schemes proposed for Ballyshannon. J Boner could not confirm at this juncture, however, advised there are negotiations ongoing. On a positive note, P Sheerin advised that in order to increase the Council's land bank, as part of the Housing for All Plan, the Department allows the recoupment of land costs once the project has gone through the Part VIII process.

Cllr Sweeny further queried if there was scope to provide emergency accommodation in Ballyshannon. P Sheerin stated that homeless clients receive priority in accordance with the Council's Allocation Scheme and noted that usually homeless presentations require temporary accommodation for a short period of time.

Corporate Services

Ballyshannon Library

Cllr Sweeny submitted that he has been approached by three schools in the Ballyshannon area seeking a date for the reopening of the library. P Sheerin agreed to forward the query to the Divisional Manager of the Cultural Services.

MDD/144/22 ROADS / TRANSPORTATION SERVICES REPORT

2022 Roadworks Programme Status Report

Members noted the reports on the Road Works programme circulated with the Agenda.

Follow up Issues from the previous meeting

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

Proceed with Agreed LIS Works

These works will be completed in the coming weeks.

Proceed with agreed Housing Estates - Back Lanes on agreed funding

Works have been tendered and arrangements will be made with the relevant surfacing contractors to get these works completed in the next two weeks.

Revert to Members on drainage at Clyhore when fuller decisions have been made.

Discussions are needed with adjacent landowners to see if an outlet for a new drainage pipe can be identified.

Confirm start date of Works on Rossnowlagh Road

Works have commenced at this location.

Arrange for a disabled parking bay to be lined at Creevy Pier 2

This work has been completed.

Follow up on request for a disabled parking bay to be provided at Spar/Gaelscoil in Ballyshannon.

Works on the upgrading of the pedestrian crossing will be starting next week and a disabled parking bay is being provided as part of these works.

Follow up on request to cut back trees at various locations in Ballyshannon.

The areas in question are between East Port and East Rock and along the R267 opposite the filling station on the Bundoran Road in Ballyshannon. The Area Office will look to engage the services of a tree surgeon to trim back these trees, but it will likely be early next year when these works are undertaken.

Review possible pedestrian crossing in the general area of Quay Street, Donegal Town

This request has been forwarded to Road Design to review and to consider as a scheme for low cost safety funding in 2023.

Follow up on request on takeover of Cassan Sound Road/High Road, Kilcar

These works will commence when resources are available to do so.

Submit a referral to J Kelly, Community Development Capital Office regarding Bundoran Town Entrances and Tullan Strand Area

This was referred to Mr Kelly and my understanding is that a meeting has taken place in Bundoran regarding same.

Commence naming process for Industrial Road Killybegs

This matter will be progressed if the Members agree to so. The renaming of a road must be done in accordance with Section 192 of the Local Government Act 2001.

Follow up on lights not working on Pedestrian Crossin, Killybegs

These faults have been reported and we are waiting on Airtricity to carry out the necessary repair works.

Discuss with Dept. Marine, Killybegs on request for a yellow box at the slipway, at the Pier, Killybegs

Double yellow lines have been installed along the road edge at the slipway in Killybegs to prevent motorists parking in this area.

Investigate feasible options to prevent boat trailers being parked on the Shore Road, Killybegs

Under Section 55 of the Road Traffic Act, 1961- Parking a vehicle in a dangerous position, tickets can be issued to vehicles if it is deemed to be parked in a public place in such a position or in such condition or in such circumstances as to be likely to cause danger to persons using the place.

Follow up on Motion re Bus Stop at the Diamond, Donegal Town

We will try to progress this matter again with the NTA and Bus Eireann

Follow up on Motion adopted requesting a footpath from Laghey Village to Greagh Crossroads

As detailed previously in my response to the motion this proposal will be kept in mind should funding for such works become available in the future.

Note motion adopted on recruitment to Headquarters

Noted

Follow up on motion adopted regarding survey of Disabled Parking within this MD

The Area Office will revert to the Councillors with a report on this when the survey has been completed.

Other Items

Christmas Lights

M Sweeney submitted that both the Donegal Town Community Chamber and the Bundoran Tidy Towns Christmas Lights Committee have asked if the Council would once again help support the Christmas lights fund by way of contribution from the Pay and Display funding collected in both towns. In 2021 the Council contributed €8,000 to Donegal Town and €2,000 to Bundoran from Pay & Display Funds and the same amounts are being requested for this year lights. The Members present collectively agreed to the same contributions as 2021.

Donegal Town One-Way System

M Sweeney advised that detailed design works are progressing well on the Donegal Town One-Way system and subject to funding approval from the NTA, it is hoped to proceed to tender and construction in 2023. Prior to submitting the final details to the NTA, it was agreed to add this project to the agenda for the Workshop already arranged to take place on the 1st November 2022. M Sweeney agreed to check the commencement time for the Speed Limit Walk-In Clinic that also takes place on the 1st November.

Update on Lennox Bridge

M Sweeney informed the Members that Leitrim County Council have advised that they have organised a public consultation in Kinlough Community Centre for the R280 Lennox Bridge Project on 21st November 2022 between 2pm to 7pm and suggested briefing the Donegal MD Members on the morning of the 21st November in advance of the public consultation. As this date did not suit a number of the Members, M Sweeney agreed to liaise with Leitrim County Council regarding arranging a virtual meeting.

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

Takeover of Cassan Sound Road / High Road, Kilcar

Cllr Jordan acknowledged the follow-up response regarding the takeover of the Cassan Sound Road / High Road, Kilcar and emphasised the importance of progressing this take over. M Sweeney submitted that the Area Roads Office is under pressure finalising the 2022 Roads Work Programme and will progress same as soon as time resources allow.

Footpaths

In response to a query from Cllr Naughton regarding reallocating footpath repair funding in order to finalise priority improvement works, M Sweeney agreed to seek a price to finalise the works in Bridgetown prior to the next workshop and would then look for approval from the Members to reallocate funding from another town to cover these works.

Cllr Sweeny referred to some footpaths in Ballyshannon that require small remedial works. M Sweeney agreed to oversee the completion of these repair works.

Traffic Collision at Laghey

Cllr Naughton referred to another serious traffic collision at Laghey junction that occurred recently and noted that extra funding can be obtained for a four lane development in Letterkenny, then it should also be obtained for an area that experiences a high volume of collisions. Cllr Naughton submitted that a letter should issue to the Transport for Ireland (TFI) to expediate this project. M Sweeney advised that plans are in place to complete interim improvement works which include the installation of an island at the junction at the Pettigo / Laghey Road and the installation of additional signs, lines and bollards on the N15 before the end of November 2022. In terms of a bigger scheme, M Sweeney advised this process has to go through various stages and a letter to TFI may have no impact. M Sweeney agreed to emphasis the urgency of the improvement works. The Members also suggested inviting Damian McDermott, Senior Engineer to the Workshop arranged to take place on the 7th December 2022 to provide an update on the status of the permanent solution.

Ballintra

In response to Cllr Sweeny's point raised regarding a collapsing wall in Ballintra, M Sweeney agreed to investigate same.

Airtricity

Cllr Sweeny advised that there are two lights out on the Abbey Mill Road and on the Moyagh Road in Ballyshannon. Cllr Kennedy also advised that there are lights out at the crossing point adjacent to the Killybegs playground. M Sweeney agreed to follow up and advised the Members that there is a facility on Donegal County Council's website to report faulty lights.

Abbey Mill Road

Cllr Sweeny submitted that a section of the Abbey Mill Road has been washed away and the gully requires repair works. M Sweeney agreed to investigate same.

Balbane Road

Cllr Kennedy referred to the 2022 Road Maintenance Programme and noted from the last Roads report that part of the Balbane Road had been dropped. M Sweeney advised damaged to this road occurred whilst the Environment Section were carrying out works to the landfill site and negotiations are now ongoing with the Section regarding funding for the remedial works.

Industrial Road, Killybegs

Cllr Kennedy acknowledged the follow up response regarding the renaming of the Industrial Road in Killybegs and advised locals have suggested renaming this road the Glenlee Pass due to its close proximity to Glenlee forest. On the proposal of Cllr Kennedy, seconded by Cllr Sweeny is was agreed to commence the renaming of the Industrial Road. In accordance with Section 192 of the Local Government Act 2001, M Sweeney agreed to progress the matter.

Hedge Cutting

Cllr Jordan submitted that hedges along the entrance to the slip road adjacent to Kelly's Garage on the Mountcharles road requires trimming and suggested these works could be completed in conjunction with the works to be undertaken when erecting the Public Arts feature. M Sweeney agreed to investigate same.

MDD/145/22 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFORMATION SYSTEMS & EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT

Ms Rosita Mahony was in attendance to represent the Economic Development, Information systems and Emergency Services Directorate. Members noted the update reports circulated with the agenda dealing with the following:-

1. Economic Development
 - a. Economic Development Unit
 - b. Tourism Marketing Unit
 - c. Strategic Funding Unit
 - d. Project: Trail Gazers Bid
 - e. Donegal Diaspora Unit
 - f. Donegal 2040 Strategic Development DAC
2. Local Enterprise Office
3. Information Systems
4. Emergency Services: Fire Service

R Mahony submitted that the recent #LoveDonegal Day marketing campaign, highlighting Donegal as an ideal location for remote working, studying or doing business, received a huge response reaching over 11 million social media users across the globe and noted that the #Buy Donegal campaign will take place from the 11th November to the 24th December 2022. Businesses can register via the Donegal.ie Business Portal.

R Mahony further submitted that at the July 2022 plenary meeting, it was approved to expand the Board of the Donegal 2040 Strategic Development DAC to thirteen members. On the proposal of Cllr Jordan and seconded by Cllr Sweeny it was agreed to nominate Cllr Kennedy to serve as a Director on the Board of the Donegal 2040 Strategic Development DAC for the lifetime of the Council.

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

Shared Island Fund

Cllr Sweeny commended the ongoing initiatives carried out by the Section and welcomed the announcement of the Shared Island Fund. Cllr Sweeny emphasised the importance of utilising this funding in terms of the work of the cross-border grouping between Fermanagh & Omagh District Council and Donegal County Council, to develop projects such as cycle and walking routes. R Mahony agreed to take the views of the Members on board when developing the funding application.

Caravan & Camping Grant Scheme

Cllr Kennedy sought clarification on the allocations awarded under the Caravan and Camping Scheme and queried the exact locations of those who were successful in their applications. Cllr Sweeny queried if the Scheme will be open for a second round of applications. Ms Mahony agreed to revert to C Martin with the queries raised.

MDD/146/22 ENVIRONMENT SERVICES REPORT

Ms S Bogan presented the report for the Environment Section, as circulated with the Agenda highlighting with the following matters:-

- Waste & Litter Management
 - Choose to Reuse for 'Reuse Month' in October
 - Reuse in the Community Gardens
 - The 'Upcycle Challenge' 2022
 - School Bikes Africa Campaign
 - Household Food Waste Stats
 - Waste Collection Permits
 - Waste Facilities and Certificate of Registration (CoR)
 - Multi-Agency Work
- Water Quality
 - Septic Tank Inspections
 - Bathing Waters – Season Review
- Environment Section
 - Public Information Message for Farmers
 - Oil Pollution
 - Air Quality
- Rural Water Programme
 - County Donegal Group Water Scheme Sector
 - Group Water Scheme Takeover Requests
 - Resourcing
 - GWS Takeover Project – Works to Date
 - Orphan Schemes
 - Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2019 – 2021
 - Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2022 – 2025
 - Measure A8 – Wastewater Collection & Treatment Needs for Villages and Settlements without access to Public Waste Water Services

S Bogan advised a workshop on Litter Management has been arranged and discussions are still ongoing in terms of the redesign of litter bins with the Roads Department. S Bogan further advised that the Rosstown 'townhall style' meeting is yet to be finalised and there were procurement delays, during the summer months, for disabled access portals. An update is awaited from the laboratory in Letterkenny regarding the odours in Killybegs.

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

Bottle Banks in Donegal Town

Cllr Naughton expressed his frustration at the lack of progress in identifying a suitable site within the environs of Donegal Town for the Bottle Banks. S Bogan advised the Section is actively considering a number of options and is aware viewings and technical assessments are being conducted.

Disabled Access Portaloos

Cllr Sweeny noted the importance of accessible portaloos and recommended that these facilities should also be available at Ballyshannon Bus Station and the Mall Park in Ballyshannon. Cllr Kennedy submitted that the summer festivals organised throughout the country, had among other things, caused a shortage of accessible portaloos for our beaches. S Bogan agreed to bring back the comments to the Management Team.

Odours in Killybegs

Cllr Kennedy submitted that several complaints have been received regarding the odour at the Veolia Plant on the Roshine Road as well as along the Shore Road in Killybegs. S Bogan agreed to refer this matter to the Laboratory in Letterkenny for follow up.

MDD/147/22 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING SERVICES

Community Development

Mr. Paddy Doherty, Divisional Manager, Community Development was in attendance to represent Community Development.

Members noted the update reports for the Community Development Section, as circulated with the Agenda dealing with the following matters:-

- Town & Village Renewal – Donegal MD
 - Donegal Town
 - Glencolmcille
 - Carrick
 - Bruckless
- Playground Maintenance
- Walks & Trails
- Sliabh Liag Development Project
- Leader/RDP Programme Update
- Healthy Donegal
- Social Inclusion
- Youth Council

As a workshop was held with the Members on Monday the 24th October, no further updates were available at this juncture.

A number of comments were noted as follows;

Outdoor Equipment

Cllr Kennedy and Cllr Sweeny commended the ongoing work of the Division and Cllr Sweeny advised that some of the outdoor equipment at the Mall Park in Ballyshannon has been damaged. P Doherty agreed to investigate same.

Planning Services

Ms Aideen Quinn presented the Planning Service Reports as circulated with the Agenda dealing with the following: -

- Development Applications
- Enforcement
- Q3/4 2022 Planning Clinics
 - 3rd & 17th November
- Regeneration Report

A Quinn commended the well-attended public consultation for the Ballyshannon Regeneration Plan and welcomed An Bord Pleanála's decision to approve the development of 35no. houses in Donegal Town. A Quinn advised that some exemptions have been granted for the erection of solar panels on residential properties (not protected structures) and further information on same can be obtained from the Council's website.

A number of comments were noted as follows;

Ballyshannon Public Consultation

Cllr Sweeny commended the Planning staff for attending the public consultation in Ballyshannon and noted the positive feedback received. Cllr Sweeny hoped this project will be in a position to submit an application when the next funding call is opened.

Planning Application Stats

Cllr Naughton queried the 79 no. deferred applications and 2 no closed cases noted within the Planning Report. In terms of the deferred applications, A Quinn advised further information has been sought on these applications and due to staff resources within the Enforcement Section it has been difficult to progress enforcement cases.

MDD/148/22 DISCUSSION ON THE OPERATION AND USE OF THE PROPERTY MARKING MACHINES AND THE INTRODUCTION OF CAMERAS ON COUNCIL OWNED PIERS

On the proposal of Cllr Kennedy, seconded by Cllr Sweeny the following motion was adopted:-

"That this MD calls for the operation and use of the Property Marking Machines to be made available by trained members of An Garda Síochána or trained members of the public to No1. in the first instance help protect the owners of their boat engines at the piers and harbours in this district, due to the ongoing theft of boat engines annually. To call on the JPC to introduce cameras on council owned piers to help deter these thefts".

Members were given a response to the motion by the Divisional Manager of the Community Development Division.

In proposing this motion, Cllr Kennedy noted the response received and welcomed the number of locations where property marking clinics had taken place. Cllr Kennedy submitted that this MD with its close proximity to the sea, contained a high volume of boats and noted that CCTV should be erected on piers and harbours as reports have been obtained that boat engines have been stolen as well as lobster pots and their contents. Cllr Kennedy recommended carrying out additional property marking clinics at Agricultural Shows and on boats and machinery along coastal locations as well as conducting more intensive property marking awareness campaigns such as radio advertising. In terms of funding for the erection of CCTV, Cllr Kennedy suggested a cross-directorate initiative with possible funding been sourced from either the Environment Section, Pier & Harbours or utilising potential CAB funding.

In seconding the motion, Cllr Sweeny welcomed the technology used in property marking and also encouraged a wider awareness campaign in advance of future clinics. Cllr Sweeny was aware the JPC had organised training days and hoped to participate in a training event soon.

P Doherty agreed to take the comments back to the PPN for further consideration.

QUESTIONS

MDD/149/22 INCLUSION OF ROUTE 18 AND 19 ON THE WINTER MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME FOR 2022/2023

The following question was submitted by Cllr Conaghan: -

“Is it possible to have route 18 and 19 in the Donegal Town area included in the winter maintenance programme for '22/'23?”

Cllr Conaghan received a response from the Area Manager, Roads & Transportation in relation to the above.

MDD/150/22 SPRAYING OF JAPANESE KNOTWEED

The following question was submitted by Cllr Conaghan: -

“Is this Donegal MD in a position to spray Japanese knotweed in areas affected at this time of year?”

Cllr Conaghan received a response from the Area Manager, Roads and Transportation in relation to the above.

MDD/151/22 PROPERTY MARKING MACHINES

The following question was submitted by Cllr Kennedy: -

“How many occasions has the property marking machines been used in the County and if so where?”

Cllr Kennedy received a response from the Divisional Manager of the Community Development Division, in relation to the above.

MDD/152/22 Date of Next Meeting / Workshops

- Roads Workshop (Speed Limits & Donegal One Way System) on Tuesday the 1st November 2022 in the Donegal PSC
- Roads Workshop (LIS & TII) on Wednesday the 7th December 2022 in the Donegal PSC
- MD Meeting at 11.30 am on Tuesday the 13th December 2022 (as per standing orders) – Donegal PSC

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Area Manager
Municipal District of Donegal

Cathaoirleach
Municipal District of Donegal

Minutes of the Budget Workshop of Municipal District of Donegal held on Wednesday the 5th October 2022 commencing at 2pm in the Peter Kennedy Chamber, Donegal Public Service Centre.

Members Present:

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

Officials in Attendance:

Mr. Richard Gibson, Head of Finance
Mr. Garry Martin, Director Designate, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Pauric Sheerin, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

1. Date for Statutory MD Donegal Budget Meeting

Members noted Wednesday the 26th October 2022 at 2pm as the date and time agreed for MD Donegal Budget meeting.

2. Overview of Budget Processes, including approach to General Municipal Allocations for 2023

Mr R Gibson briefed Members in relation to the Budget Processes including the Local Property Tax consultation, CPG meetings, Meetings with Directors and Divisional Managers, MD Budget Workshops, MD Budget meetings etc. He confirmed that the Plenary Council's decision to maintain the increase of 15% in the Local Property Tax for 2023 had allowed for the retention of €1.2m in LPT income for 2023. He also confirmed that the Plenary Budget meeting is due to be held on Monday the 21st November 2022 and that the Capital Programme will be presented to the Members on Monday the 28th November 2022. He also advised that as in previous years the Schedule of Municipal District Works 2023 would be dealt with in March 2023. He also advised that a Plenary Budget Workshop can be held during week beginning the 14th November 2022, if agreed/requested by the Corporate Policy Group.

3. LPT Allocation for 2023

Mr Gibson informed Members that as per the Members decision at the September 2022 Plenary Council meeting the increase of 15% in the Local Property Tax (LPT) will be maintained in 2023. €26.4m of the Council's budget is derived from LPT in 2023, with €1.2m of this amount relating to the percentage increase of 15% of the baseline (albeit this has reduced due to the new valuation bands which have reduced the LPT income in County Donegal). Mr Gibson further advised that €9.7m LPT will be collected locally with €16.7m being the allocation added from Central Government Funds to bring the total allocation from LPT to €26.4m. He also briefed Members in relation to the changes in the LTP bands, particularly Band 1 (€90) which has been amended from a valuation band of €0 to €100k to €0 to €200k in the coming years. Generally, as the valuation of Donegal properties have

not increased at the same rate as some other parts of the country, this amendment has resulted in a reduction in LPT income collected locally in Donegal. With this reduction the income derived from retaining the 15% increased LPT is reduced by €430,000 for 2023.

A number of comments / queries in relation to LPT were dealt with at the workshop.

4. Commercial Rates – 2023 Projections

Mr Gibson advised Members that the 2022 rates income had been projected at €37.2m (23% of the total income). Collection rates had been improving in the years up to 2019. In 2020 and 2021, the Government funded the Covid 19 measures/waivers put in place to assist businesses during the pandemic and therefore there was no loss of income during this period from rates to the Council. He also advised that there may be some buoyancy in the rates for 2023.

Mr. Gibson also briefed Members in relation to the Revaluation process that the Valuation Office is undertaking on all commercial properties in Donegal. He noted that the re-valuation of Donegal will be a revenue neutral exercise and that some businesses will see reductions in their rates bills while others will see increases. He advised that there are walk in clinics being arranged in each of the public services centres for rate payers to call in and clarify any queries they may have with staff from the Valuation Office. The walk in clinic for this MD is in the Donegal Public Services Centre on Thursday the 6th October 2022. He emphasised that the revaluation is being carried out by the Valuation Office and will be applicable from 2024 and that there has been substantial engagement with the business sector during this process.

He also advised that around 80% of rate payers pay less than €5000.00 in rates annually at present and that a 1% of increase in rates would equate to approximately €280,000.00 (net) if agreed by Members. A number of comments / queries in respect of rates were dealt with at the workshop.

5. Possible Approaches to Rates Vacancy for 2023 in line with Section 31(1) of the Local Government Reform Act 2014

Mr Gibson advised that Members have the power to impose rates on vacant properties. A short discussion was held in relation to this matter and it was noted that rates levied on vacant properties would be difficult to collect and that perhaps other avenues should be pursued to incentivise the productive use of vacant properties.

6. Emerging Issues in preparation of 2023 Revenue Budget

- Outturn 2022

In relation to the projected outturn for 2022 Mr. R Gibson briefed Members in relation to increased energy costs (241%) and also the pending National Pay agreement, the impact of which will largely depend on what level of support the Council receives from Central Government to cover these additional costs. He submitted that clarification on these items is awaited. He also briefed Members in relation to the Council's deficit which has reduced to €6m at year-end 2021 from a high of €17m some years ago. He submitted it is important for the Council to continue to reduce the deficit incrementally. He also briefed Members in relation to NPPR income and reserves.

- Emerging Income and Expenditure Issues

Mr. R Gibson briefed Members in relation to emerging issues in the preparation of the 2023 Budget i.e., Rising Energy Costs, Pay and Pensions costs, Commercial Rates uncertainty, need to replace NPPR income and co-funding for grant projects. He referred to the €20m loan that the Members approved, to finance co-funding of projects that are strategically important to the County. He referred to the requirement of a 25% co-funding requirement for many of the grants that the Council receives for projects which is substantial for the Local Authority. For a County like Donegal, developmental projects are important, and it would be helpful if the 25% co-funding contribution could be reduced to say 10% as this would mean the €20m loan could support many more projects.

In summary the options for the 2023 budget are;-

- LPT – already finalised
- Rates – decision on rates
- Reduce expenditure (would be difficult as the Council tries to maintain services)
- Rely on reserves (this option considered unsustainable)
- Additional support from Central Government

Members submitted that they hoped there would be additional support to the Local Authority Sector for the 2023 Budget.

7. Proposed Approach to 3 Year Capital Budget Preparation 2023 - 2025 as required by Section 135 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended)

Mr Gibson informed Members that the 3 Year Capital Programme would be presented to the Plenary Council on the 28th November 2022 following the same process as in previous years.

8. Discussions on MD priorities on 2023 Revenue Budget

Cllr Jordan submitted that the coming years will be difficult with a concern that some projects may not happen without additional support from Central Government e.g. by reducing the co-funding requests. In response to same Mr. R Gibson informed Members that it may be the case that the budget will be prepared on assumptions of the supports from Central government in the absence of clarity on same, these supports primarily related to energy costs and pay costs.

In response to a query from Cllr Jordan, Mr. R Gibson informed Members that pay increases are normally dealt with via a supplementary budget by government after pay deals are agreed nationally.

Mr. G Martin commented on the requirement for Local Government to fund 25% of project costs, a requirement which does not appear to relate to other public sectors. He submitted that the funding of Local government needs to be looked at in a more sustainable way by Central Government.

Cllr Sweeny commented that a reduction to 10% co-funding would be more sustainable to ensure projects proceed.

Cllr McMahon submitted that Businesses cannot afford rates increases.

Cllr Naughton made a submission in relation to the difficulties businesses are facing with increased energy costs, increasing VAT and other costs, and the forthcoming issue with the warehousing of PRSI and Tax contributions that have to be dealt with by business in early 2023. He submitted that there is a fear that a lot of businesses will close. He also queried if the Council has adequate staff to deliver on projects and set out his view that Community Schemes should be used to deliver certain programmes where possible. In response to same Mr. Gibson informed Members that the rates collection for 2022 looks broadly in line with other years but noted that the energy costs are only starting to bite now.

A number of comments were also made in relation to possible savings e.g. on street lights, and vehicle hire.

Cllr Sweeny referred to previous discussions in relation to the provision of staff to support projects and if central government funding is available for same. In response to same, Mr. R Gibson informed Members that usually the Council has to fund the preparatory work on projects through its own staff and when the project is ready for construction the Council has to provide the co-funding contribution.

Mr. G Martin advised that some funding for staff costs can be obtained from the Shared Island fund on successful application to same. He also submitted that a 10% co-funding contribution rather than a 25% co-funding contribution would help in resourcing projects. Mr. R Gibson also referred to the staff resource required to administer projects and stated that it was not for want or effort on the part of the Council's existing staff noting everyone is stretched at present. He submitted that the Department should allocate the funding to the Local Authorities and put in place more reasonable oversight processes to manage the expenditure of public monies.

Cllr Naughton suggested that consideration should be given to working through community groups as a means of delivering projects.

Cllr Kennedy submitted that she would like the Budget to include the tourism grants as provided in 2022 and also the Members Development Fund.

Cllr Sweeny queried why the funding for the Heritage Office has not increased since 2014. In response to same Mr. R Gibson informed Members that this is a matter that should be explored with the Heritage Council, given that the Local Authority are essentially discharging this function on behalf of the relevant Government Department.

Mr. G Martin advised that the provision of a Community Development Officer for this Municipal District is under consideration at present. He also submitted that it is important for the Council to reflect all of the positives that are ongoing through the ongoing works and activities of the Council.

Mr. Gibson thanked Members for their contributions and Members thanked Mr Gibson for attending.

This concluded the business of the Workshop.

Area Manager
Municipal District of Donegal

Cathaoirleach
Municipal District of Donegal

**Minutes of Municipal District of Donegal Budget Meeting held at 2pm on
Wednesday 26th October 2022 in the Peter Kennedy Chamber,
Donegal Public Service Centre, Donegal Town**

MDD/153/22

Members Present

Cllr Niamh Kennedy, Cathaoirleach
Cllr Noel Jordan
Cllr Tom Conaghan
Cllr Barry Sweeny
Cllr Micheál Naughton

MDD/154/22

Officials in attendance

Mr. Richard Gibson, Head of Finance
Mr. Pauric Sheerin, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Municipal District of Donegal
Ms. Caroline Britton, A/Staff Officer, Municipal District of Donegal

MDD/155/22

Apologies

Cllr Michael McMahon
Mr. Garry Martin, Director Designate, Municipal District of Donegal

MDD/156/22

Draft Budgetary Plan and General Municipal Allocation for the Municipal District of Donegal for 2023

Mr R Gibson acknowledged the contributions made at the previous budget workshop and advised that the points raised were relayed to the respective Directors of Service and Divisional Managers. Mr Gibson further advised Members the purpose of the meeting today was to confirm and put on record the approach adopted in consideration of the Draft Budgetary Plan for the Municipal District of Donegal for 2023. Mr Gibson wished to emphasis that there was no provision in the legislation to adjourn the MD budget meeting.

The following documents as circulated with the Agenda and presented by Mr. Gibson were noted by Members:-

1. Draft Budgetary Plan & General Municipal Allocation for 2023 – Donegal Municipal District
2. Draft Budgetary Plan 2023 – Donegal Municipal District

Mr Gibson advised that discussions have, in the past, taken place with the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage regarding the timing under the current regulations in relation to the General Municipal Allocation (GMA), however, no amendment to the current approach has been agreed. On that basis, Mr Gibson suggested as per previous years, an equivalent amount of €20,000 per member to the GMA.

Mr Gibson also wished to advise the Members that the balancing of the 2023 revenue budget is proving to be challenging in light of increased operational costs and reduced income streams, particularly due to changes in the LPT Bands and the collection of commercial rates in light of the increase in energy costs. Mr Gibson also referred to the challenge in ensuring adequate co-financing funding was available for capital project, however, submitted that endeavours will be made to achieve the same level of services as achieved in the 2022 budget. On a positive note, Mr Gibson submitted that communications have been received to advise that the Council will receive support towards the costs of the 6.5% pay increases and some assistance with the increasing energy costs.

The Plenary Budget meeting is scheduled to be held on the 21st November and it is anticipated a draft budget book will be issued to the Members on the 10th November, in advance of the budget workshop; the date of the workshop will be agreed at the next Corporate Policy Group meeting which is scheduled to be held on the 07th November.

A number of comments were raised as follows:-

Cllr Kennedy thanked Mr Gibson for his contributions and queried if there were any areas the Members could provide further assistance. Mr Gibson advised he has taken note of all the suggestions from the various MD budget workshops and these suggestions have been relayed to SMT.

Cllr Naughton queried if zoned property will be taxed and sought a percentage figure for payroll costs. Mr Gibson submitted that the details of this proposal have not yet been released, however, in light of a reduction in the collection of NPPR, this type of tax could benefit local authorities if the funding is passed on. Mr Gibson further submitted that 43% of the revenue budget relates to payroll costs which is also inclusive of pension obligations. This figure is reduced to 30% when taking on board the capital budget. Cllr Naughton noted the allocation towards the works on the Pettigo Road and was dismayed a high percentage of the funding awarded was allocated to salary costs and suggested that support should be obtained from local communities to assist in the construction works. Mr Gibson advised that seasonal workers are employed from February to November each year and in order to ensure payroll costs are covered outside of this period, a certain amount of these costs are allocated to Roads projects. In terms of utilising resources from the community, Mr Gibson noted insurance considerations and the need to ensure those carrying out roles had the correct training and tickets. In response to Cllr Sweeny's comment regarding the completion of

smaller roads project and Cllr Kennedy's query regarding an allocation to cover small improvement works to bridges, Mr Gibson referred to staff recruitment issues and suggested having a discussion with the Roads Office.

Cllr Kennedy noted the availability of IPB funding and queried if an emergency budget could be identified to cover unforeseeable events such as flooding. Mr Gibson advised that Donegal has performed well nationally in terms of a reduction in insurance claims and therefore a reserve fund has been accumulated. Funding is available to assist in insurance risk mitigation measures and to improve IT infrastructure to better deal with increased cyber security risks.

On the proposal of Cllr Jordan, seconded by Cllr Sweeny the following resolution was adopted by:-

"In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 and associated regulations, that this Municipal District adopts a provisional General Municipal Allocation in the amount of €120,000.00 for 2023 at this time".

Mr. Gibson thanked Members for their adoption of the Draft Budgetary Plan for 2023 for the Municipal District of Donegal.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Area Manager
Municipal District of Donegal

Cathaoirleach
Municipal District of Donegal

Donegal Municipal District

Roads & Transportation Workshop

Date: 1st November 2022

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Donegal PSC - Council Chamber

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

Mark Sweeney, Michael Canning, Rory O'Sullivan, Chris Harley

Topic discussed:

- 1. Date for Lennox Bridge briefing by Leitrim County Council**
- 2. Update on Donegal Town one-way system**
- 3. 2022 Speed Limit Review – Members briefing**

1. Date for Lennox Bridge briefing by Leitrim County Council

The Members agreed to attend an online meeting on 17th November 2022 at 11:30am to be briefed by Leitrim County Council on the R280 Lennox bridge Project.

2. Update on Donegal Town one-way system

The Members were briefed on the status of the Donegal Town one-way system. The scheme now advancing to detailed design and it is expected that the works will be tendered, and a contractor appointed to commence the works in 2023.

3. 2022 Speed Limit Review – Members briefing

The Members were given an overview of the 2022/2023 Speed Limit Review.

There are 8 national road, 7 regional and local road locations being assessed along with slow zones at 12 housing estates within the municipal district.

The members were also advised that the public consultation commences later today between 3pm and 7pm in the Council chamber in the Donegal PSC.

Following the briefing the Members raised concern in relation to two locations being reviewed on the N15, i.e. Laghey and Clar Chapel given the accident history at both locations and requested speed limit reductions at both locations.

The Members also asked if the junction of the N56 to Keeloges national school could be looked at as traffic is backing up along the N56 at peak school times with vehicles trying to turn right off the N56 towards the school.

The members also commented about speeding issues at the following locations and asked if these locations could be reviewed for further safety measures to help reduce the speed of passing vehicles.

- Church Road, Bundoran
- Dunkineely National School
- Kilbarron National School, Ballyshannon
- Frosses National School

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

This concluded the business of the Workshop.

**Area Manager,
Municipal District of Donegal**

**Cathaoirleach,
Municipal District of Donegal**

**Consideration for Disposal of Lands at Carrickboy, Ballyshannon Workshop
– Donegal MD Elected Members
which took place online on Thursday Nov 17th @ 9.30am**

Members Present

Cllr. Niamh Kennedy, Cllr Barry Sweeny, Cllr Michael Naughton, Cllr Michael McMahon

Officials Present

S Perry, Economic Development Officer

Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Tom Conaghan, Cllr Noel Jordan

Introduction and Context

S Perry introduced Members to the proposal. He outlined the site history and provided details for the business in question TMC Commercial Garage and their proposed expansion plans for the existing business with the proposed acquisition of said lands.

Members Input

One question was raised with regard to the exact location of the site, which was clarified by S Perry.

The disposal was proposed by Cllr. Barry Sweeny and seconded by Cllr. Michael McMahon.

Cathaoirleach Cllr. Niamh Kennedy and Cllr Michael Naughton also expressed their support for the disposal and facilitating the growth of a successful Ballyshannon business.

Close

S Perry thanked Members for their time, contribution and support. He outlined that a business case will now be prepared for disposal followed by noting at next MD meeting and subsequent preparation for s183 at upcoming Plenary Council meet, anticipated to be January 2023.

This concluded the business of the Workshop.

**Area Manager,
Municipal District of Donegal**

**Cathaoirleach,
Municipal District of Donegal**



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

Municipal District of Donegal

13th December 2022

Housing & Corporate

REPORT

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Casual Vacancies

Area	BED	Dwelling Vacated	Comment
Bundoran	3	Tenant deceased - keys returned 26/09/2022	Assessment Complete
Ballyshannon	3	Keys returned 08/07/2019	Tender documents to be prepared
Ballintra	1	Tenant deceased - keys returned 19/06/2020	Second offer to issue
Donegal Town	1	Tenant deceased - keys returned 15/11/2022	Contractor on site
Dunkineely	3	25/08/2017	Tender documents to be prepared
Dunkineely	3	15/12/2017	Tender documents to be prepared
Killybegs	1	Tenant deceased - keys returned 23/05/2022	Assessment Complete

Position as at 2nd December 2022

HOUSING GRANTS

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED\INVALID	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HO	2021	111	97	9	1	4
HO	2022	81	62	7	7	5

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED\INVALID	REAPPLIED UNDER HM GRANT	FURTHER INFO.	REF. TO OT	REF. To ENGINEER	PENDING
HD	2021	57	46	4	1	0	5	0	1
HD	2022	44	19	3	1	3	10	0	8

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED\INVALID	REAPPLIED UNDER HD GRANT	REF. TO OT	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HM	2021	39	29	4	6	0	0	0
HM	2022	40	28	2	4	1	1	4

HOUSING LOANS

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	PENDING	Further information
Housing Loans	2021	13	0	2	11	0	0
Housing Loans	2022	7	0	0	4	2	1

Tenant Purchase Applications 2021 - 2022

Year	No. of Apps Received	Incomplete Returned	Open Applications	Refused/ Not Eligible	Offer letters Issued	Completed
2021	14	0	6	2	6	1
2022	4	0	3	1	0	0

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

HAP/PRD	
HAP Tenancies	
Municipal District	Number
Donegal	223
Letterkenny	706
Glenties	102
Stranorlar	259
Inishowen	432
Sub Total	1722
Tenancies Closed	2559
Overall Total	4281
Updated 02.12.2022	

Municipal District		Waiting List (Net Need)	Transfer List	Total Gross Need
Donegal		146	225	371
	Ballintra	5	7	12
	Ballyshannon	29	52	81
	Bruckless	5	1	6
	Bundoran	30	62	92
	Carrick	1	0	1
	Donegal	52	65	117
	Drimarone	1	0	1
	Dunkineely	2	4	6
	Frosses	1	2	3
	Glencolmcille	3	0	3
	Kilcar	2	3	5
	Killybegs	8	17	25
	Laghey	1	4	5
	Mountcharles	3	6	9
	Pettigo	3	2	5
	Total	146	225	371
Updated 02.12.2022				

**DRAFT NOTICE FOR MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL MEETING OF 13th
DECEMBER 2022**

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE DHUN NA NGALL
DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

**NOTICE UNDER SECTION 211 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000
AND SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 – DISPOSAL OF
TERRACED DWELLING AT 12 ST. BENILDUS AVENUE, BALLYSHANNON, CO.
DONEGAL**

**Donegal County Council to Mr. Harry Doherty, Kathleen's Falls, Ballyshannon,
Donegal PO , Co. Donegal.**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given of an intention to dispose of a Terraced Dwelling at 12 St. Benildus Avenue, Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal, held by Donegal County Council, subject to the terms and conditions as specified:-

It is proposed to dispose of a Terraced Dwelling House at 12 St. Benildus Avenue, Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal to Mr. Harry Doherty, Kathleens Falls, Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal. The property contains a Terraced House and is outlined in red on the attached map - Folio No. DL4219. Eircode for the property is F94FX45.

The house comprises a two bedroom two storey mid terrace house located at 12 St Benildus Avenue, Ballyshannon, and is greater than 70 years old, is in a town area of Ballyshannon, and has been vacant for a number of years. The cost estimate to bring the property to a basic standard for re-letting is estimated at €90,000.00 excluding VAT. The projected value of the property when refurbished is estimated at €75,000. Given these circumstances and value for money considerations it is considered that the disposal of the property through a public sale would be the most economically advantageous option for the Council. At a workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal in March 2021 Members confirmed their agreement to advertise the property for sale.

The dwelling was advertised for sale by tender in the Donegal Democrat of the 19th August 2021 and in the Donegal Post of the 18th August 2021. The house was also advertised on the Council's Website with the tender documents available on same to download.

The closing date for receipt of tenders by the Council Secretariat was 12 noon on Friday the 24th September 2021.

The person who had submitted the highest tender subsequently withdrew their offer. The Tender received from Mr. Harry Doherty is the second highest tender at €35,100.00 plus VAT if applicable and meets the current estimated market value as provided by an Independent Valuer. Mr. Harry Doherty has confirmed his acceptance of the purchase of said mid-terraced house at 12 St. Benildus Avenue, Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal, subject to the associated terms and conditions of the proposed disposal as follows:-

1. The purchase price of the house is €35,100.00 plus VAT if applicable.
2. Legal Fees – the purchaser to be responsible for all legal/registration fees involved in the transfer of the property.

2. Legal Fees – the purchaser to be responsible for all legal/registration fees involved in the transfer of the property.
3. Parties who have submitted successful offers will be notified in writing and in turn must confirm their acceptance and agreement to the associated terms within 14 days from the issue date of the letter. On receipt of this acceptance letter, the formal Section 183 process will be entered into by the Council. Subject to the approval of the Members to the proposed sale, as required in the Section 183 process, a Sales Invoice will issue for the agreed purchase price (plus any VAT which may be applicable) which must be paid within one month.
4. Method of Payment - Payment in full by Bank Draft or Postal Order made out to Donegal County Council may be made at the Cash Office, Donegal Public Service Centre (opening hours - 12.15pm and 1.00pm - 4.00pm) or by post to Donegal County Council, Public Services Centre, Donegal Town, Co. Donegal.

The approval of the Members of Donegal County Council is hereby sought to proceed to formally dispose of the land, as outlined above, under Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

Dated this 30th day of November, 2022.



Paurie Sheerin,
Area Manager
For A/Director of Service
Housing, Corporate and Cultural Services

REGISTRATION PURPOSES

of *Nettel*

Chief Superintendent, M399, Mapping Br. 3.673

BALLYSHANNON

Scheme Map No. 120 refers.

[Páirc Fál Garbh]

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Schedule of MD Donegal Meetings 2023

MD Donegal meetings commence at 11.30 am as per Standing Orders.

Month	Date
January	Tuesday 10 th
February	Tuesday 14 th
March	Tuesday 14 th
April	Tuesday 11 th
May	Tuesday 9 th
June	Tuesday 13 th
July	Tuesday 11 th
September	Tuesday 12 th
October	Tuesday 10 th
October	MD Budget meeting – <i>date to be agreed</i>
December	Tuesday 12 th

**Donegal Municipal District
2022 Roadworks Programme**

Status Report -13th December 2022

Donegal Municipal District										

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Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Works Type	Year	Length (m)	Width (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)	Status
2022 Regional & Local Road Surface Dressing										
Regional	R262-6	Frosses Glenties Rd	Dunkineely	SD	2022	510	5.75	2932.5	€20,105.08	Completed
Local	LS5585-1	Darney Bruckless	Dunkineely	SD	2022	900	3.75	3375	€16,292.58	Completed
Local	LP1535-2	Drumnakilly - Drummfinn	Dunkineely	SD	2022	1300	3.4	4420	€20,905.08	Completed
Local	LP1375-3	Croagh - Leagans	Dunkineely	SD	2022	900	3.3	2970	€14,470.08	Completed
Local	LS6325-1	Sallows - Meenaguise	Dunkineely	SD	2022	1600	3.3	5280	€24,805.08	Completed
Local	LS6425-1	Drumboarty - Meenacally	Dunkineely	SD	2022	1200	4.8	5760	€27,025.08	Completed
Local	LS6465-1	Glenborin	Dunkineely	SD	2022	850	3.75	3187.5	€15,405.08	Completed
Local	LP1865-1	Ballydevitt - Drumark	Dunkineely	SD	2022	1025	4.75	4868.75	€23,011.74	Posponed until 2023
Local	LP1645-5	Old Road Mounthcharles	Dunkineely	SD	2022	1200	3.2	3840	€20,305.08	Completed
Local	LS6385-1	Dromore (Patching)	Dunkineely	SD	2022	1050	3.75	3937.5	€21,105.08	Completed
Local	LP1645-1	Doorin Eagles Nest	Dunkineely	SD	2022	1100	3.3	3630	€17,440.08	Completed
Regional	R230 - 4	Altclough - Meenaneary	Killybegs	SD	2022	1700	4	6800	€37,664.24	Completed
Local	LS5015-1	Port	Killybegs	SD	2022	2000	3	6000	€30,559.24	Completed
Local	LP1395-1	Calhame	Killybegs	SD	2022	1000	5	5000	€25,559.24	Completed
Local	LP1115-1	Roxborough to Derrylaghan	Killybegs	SD	2022	1000	4	4000	€20,559.24	Completed
Local	LP1215-4	Gortalia	Killybegs	SD	2022	1000	4	4000	€20,559.24	Completed
Local	LP1415-2	Loughmult - Balwoges	Killybegs	SD	2022	1000	4	4000	€20,559.24	Completed
Local	LS5075-1	Laghill towards Kinakillew	Killybegs	SD	2022	1000	3.5	3500	€17,559.24	Completed
Local	LP1185-3	Ballymoon - Meenychanon	Killybegs	SD	2022	1150	3.3	3795	€19,809.24	Completed
Local	LS5015-3	Loughaherk toward straboy	Killybegs	SD	2022	1500	3.5	5250	€26,809.24	Posponed until 2023
Local	LS5375-1	Ballyyara	Killybegs	SD	2022	1200	3.5	4200	€20,559.53	Completed
Local	LS5635-2	Meenacloy - Corkermore	Killybegs	SD	2022	650	4	2600	€13,559.24	Completed
Local	LS5645-1	Meenadreen - Meenabradden	Killybegs	SD	2022	1000	4.5	4500	€23,059.24	Completed
Regional	R231	Rosstownlough	Ballyshannon	SD	2022	850	7.00	5950	€33,714.67	Posponed until 2023
Local	L7765-1	Behy	Ballyshannon	SD	2022	600	3.50	2100	€12,082.40	Completed
Local	L2325-2	Moy Road	Ballyshannon	SD	2022	1000	6.00	6000	€31,057.40	Completed
Local	L7475-2	Tober	Ballyshannon	SD	2022	1100	3.50	3850	€22,116.69	Completed
Local	L2365-4	Tober-Cashelard	Ballyshannon	SD	2022	1100	3.60	3960	€20,857.40	Completed
Local	L2215-1	Aghadowey	Ballyshannon	SD	2022	1000	3.50	3500	€18,557.40	Completed
Local	L7145-1	Lacklom	Ballyshannon	SD	2022	900	4.00	3600	€19,057.40	Completed
Local	L2305-1	Lisminton	Ballyshannon	SD	2022	1000	4.00	4000	€22,674.89	Completed
Local	L7395-1	Cashelard-Garvanagh	Ballyshannon	SD	2022	1850	4.00	7400	€38,057.40	Completed
Local	L-7075-1	Drumoske	Ballyshannon	SD	2022	1350	4.00	5800	€30,057.40	Completed
Regional	R234-1	Mulnagoad Aghnahoo Glebe	Laghey	SD	2022	1300	6	7800	€43,793.94	Completed
Regional	R267-1	Abbots	Laghey	SD	2022	275	12	3300	€19,043.94	Completed
Local	L-7165-1	Tobernahoory Bridgetown	Laghey	SD	2022	1700	3.5	5950	€30,643.94	Completed
Local	L-2595-2	Birchill old N15	Laghey	SD	2022	639	6	3834	€20,066.44	Posponed until 2023
Local	L-2175-1	Tobernahoory Ballintra	Laghey	SD	2022	300	6	1800	€9,893.94	Completed
Local	L-2135-2	Murvagh (Bitmac 2021)	Laghey	SD	2022	800	6	4800	€24,893.94	Completed
Local	L-2135-1	Road to Beach Carpark	Laghey	SD	2022	900	3.5	3150	€16,643.94	Completed
Local	L-21651	Rathinny Gleb Hammons Rd	Laghey	SD	2022	1200	3.5	4200	€21,893.94	Completed
Local	L-7015-1	Kilgool	Laghey	SD	2022	900	3.5	3150	€16,643.94	Completed
Local	L-6995-1	Coxtown	Laghey	SD	2022	1500	3.5	5250	€27,143.94	Completed
Local	L-6875-1	Greaghs	Laghey	SD	2022	1000	3.5	3500	€18,393.94	Completed
Local	L-6545-1	Druminnin	Laghey	SD	2022	1500	4	6000	€30,893.94	Completed
									€1,025,868.99	

Donegal Municipal District									
2022									
Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Year	Width	Length (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)	Status
R	R262-3	Frosses - Meenagran	14	2022	5.8	750	4315	€128,000.00	Completed
LP	LP1845-3	Ballydevitt - Altadoo	14	2022	5.0	800	4000	€90,000.00	Completed
LP	LP1875-1	Station Road Mountcharles	14	2022	4.5	500	2250	€45,000.00	Completed
LP	LP1515-3	Ardaghey - Ardara Road	14	2022	7.0	700	4900	€76,000.00	Completed
LS	LS6175-2	Salthill	14	2022	3.8	1000	3750	€83,000.00	Completed
LP	LP1825-3	Lacrom - Ogherbeg	14	2022	3.2	1000	3200	€54,000.00	Completed
LP	LP 1815-1	Glencoagh	14	2022	5.0	500	2500	€62,000.00	Completed
LS	LS5695-2	Killmacreddan	14	2022	5.0	100	500	€22,310.00	Posponed until 2023
LP	LP1485-2	Brenter - Tievedooly	14	2022	3.0	1000	3000	€44,500.00	Completed
LS	LS675-1	Lissavaddy	14	2022	3.3	1000	3300	€51,419.00	Completed
LS	LS5945-1	Creelvins to Roses Fish Farm	14	2022	3.2	700	2240	€40,000.00	Completed
LS	LS5955-1	Doorin (Michael Meehans)	14	2022	3.2	500	1600	€27,000.00	Completed
LP	LP1645-1	Doorin (Eagles nest)	14	2022	3.2	500	1600	€27,000.00	Completed
LT	LT64452	Drumgorman	14	2022	3.2	500	1600	€32,000.00	Completed
LT	LT64451	Newtown (Sean McGroarys Road)	14	2022	3.2	300	960	€19,200.00	Completed
LS	LS5925-1	Bonyglen	14	2022	3.2	680	2200	€40,000.00	Completed
LS	LS5825-1	Curraduff - Killian High Road	14	2022	3.2	1000	3200	€58,000.00	Completed
R	R263-14	Glen streets	15	2022	6.0	300	1800	€60,000.00	Completed
LP	LP1275-5	Killybegs streets	15	2022	5.7	700	4000	€131,543.88	Completed
									Dropping part of this to cover costs on other RI's
LP	LP1295-1	Balbane	15	2022	3.0	800	2400	€44,000.00	
S	LS5525-1	Aghayeeveoge at the 5 points	15	2022	6.0	400	2400	€53,000.00	Completed
LP	LP1365-1	Drumaghey towards curraghfagan	15	2022	4.5	1000	4500	€135,000.00	Completed
R	R263-11	Meenaveen to Carrick	15	2022	6.3	800	5000	€140,000.00	Completed
R	R263-6	Bavin	15	2022	7.0	400	2800	€90,000.00	Completed
LP	LP1415-2	Loughmult	15	2022	4.0	800	3200	€45,000.00	Completed
LS	LS5335-1	Bavin Gate to shalwey road (Link rd)	15	2022	4.0	200	800	€25,000.00	Completed
LP	LP1025-3	Meenaveen	15	2022	5.0	1000	5000	€110,000.00	Completed
R	LS5065-2	Kinakillew	15	2022	3.0	400	1200	€54,000.00	Completed
LP	LP1265-1	Drumbraity	15	2022	5.0	350	1750	€50,000.00	Completed
									Dropping part of this to cover costs on other RI's
R	R 231	Rossnowlagh RD	16	2022	7.0	750	5250	€118,081.94	
R	R 267	Bundoran Streets	16	2022	9.0	500	4500	€73,649.84	Completed
R	R267	Ballyshannon Streets	16	2022	7.0	350	2450	€80,000.00	Completed
LP	L-2225-1	Ballintra Streets	16	2022	6.0	300	1800	€36,000.00	Completed
LP	L 7665-1-2	Carricknahorna-Tober	16	2022	3.5	1000	3500	€70,000.00	Completed
LP	L 7745-1	Ardgillew	16	2022	3.5	1100	3850	€65,450.00	Completed
LP	L 7875-2	Rathmore	16	2022	3.7	1100	4070	€67,155.00	Completed
LP	L 7795-1	Cashelard Lough colm Cille	16	2022	3.5	1000	3500	€57,750.00	Completed
LP	L 7765-1	Behey	16	2022	3.5	600	2100	€35,700.00	Completed
LP	L 7935-1	Ardfarn	16	2022	3.5	1400	4900	€80,850.00	Completed
LP	L7125-1	Drumoske	16	2022	3.3	1000	3300	€54,450.00	Completed
LP	L2535-1	Ballymunterhiggin	16	2022	5	630			

Donegal MD footpath repair & public lighting infill works										
3 Year Programme										
Footpath Works										
RSS Area	Location	Year 1 Budget 2018	Year 2 Budget 2019	Year 3 Budget 2020	Overall Total Amount	Spent to date Year 1 2018	Spent to date Year 2 2019	Spent to date Year 3 2020	Overall total spent	Remaining balance
14	Mountcharles	€5,729.00	€16,600.00	€24,350.00	€46,679.00	€5,729.00	€6,608.59	€0.00	€12,337.59	€34,341.41
	Dunkineely			€23,432.00	€23,432.00			€9,650.00	€9,650.00	€13,782.00
	Frosses		€16,600.00	€23,432.00	€40,032.00		€2,759.75	€0.00	€2,759.75	€37,272.25
15	Killybegs	€15,568.00	€16,600.00	€50,000.00	€82,168.00	€15,575.78	€16,600.00	€19,828.72	€52,004.50	€30,163.50
	Kilcar			€3,200.00	€3,200.00			€0.00	€0.00	€3,200.00
	Glencolumbkille		€8,300.00	€16,314.00	€24,614.00		€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€24,614.00
	Carrick		€8,300.00	€1,700.00	€10,000.00		€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€10,000.00
16	Ballintra			€11,214.00	€11,214.00			€11,214.00	€11,214.00	€0.00
	Ballyshannon	€95,244.00	€16,600.00	€35,000.00	€146,844.00	€79,716.00	€10,375.66	€30,966.14	€121,057.80	€25,786.20
	Bundoran		€16,600.00	€25,000.00	€41,600.00		€16,600.00	€25,000.00	€41,600.00	€0.00
17	Donegal Town	€32,897.00	€16,600.00	€47,214.00	€96,711.00	€21,522.68	€17,500.00	€0.00	€39,022.68	€57,688.32
	Laghey		€8,300.00	€8,000.00	€16,300.00		€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€16,300.00
	Bridgetown			€6,000.00	€6,000.00			€0.00	€0.00	€6,000.00
	Pettigo		€8,300.00	€10,000.00	€18,300.00		€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€18,300.00
Totals		€149,438.00	€132,800.00	€284,856.00	€567,094.00				€289,646.32	€277,447.68
DMD 2022 Footpath Repair works										
RSS Area	Location	Budget 2022	Overall spent	Remaining balance						
14	Ardaghey Area	€6,346.67	€0.00	€6,346.67						
15	Killybegs Area	€17,246.37	€0.00	€17,246.37						
16	Ballyshannnon Area	€105,492.62	€0.00	€105,492.62						
17	Donegal Area	€36,424.34	€0.00	€36,424.34						
Public Lighting Infill Works										
Area	Location	Description	Total Cost	Status	Total Spent	Remaining balance				
14	Drimark, Donegal Town	Infill lighting - 7 additional lights at Drimark on Local	€10,871.00	Completed	€27,662.46	-€541.46				
	Mountcharles	Lower End Mountcharles –	€6,750.00	Completed						
	Mill Park Hotel, Doonan	Proposed lighting from Doonan Roundabout to	€9,500.00	Completed						
15	Kilcar	Lighting improvement	€10,650.00	Completed	€11,181.57	€18,193.43				
	Killybegs	Old Fintra Rd near Glenlee	€18,725.00	Yet to commence						
16	Ballyshannon	Rossnowlagh Link Road.	€30,000.00	Completed	€25,864.00	€4,136.00				
17	Killymard, Donegal Town	Extend existing public lighting past the school and	€11,600.00	Completed	€26,025.48	€18,074.52				
	Tirconnail Street & Castle Street, Donegal Town	Infill lighting needed along the public road at Tirconnail Street on local	€10,000.00	Yet to commence						
	Killymard, Donegal Town	Killymard Church to Drumrooske Housing	€22,500.00	Completed						
Total amount			€130,596.00		€90,733.51	€39,862.49				

Donegal Municipal District						
Agreed list of projects to be funded from the 2022 Drainage Grant						
County Budget		€1,351,690.00				
Donegal MD %		20.65%				
Donegal MD Budget		€279,059.00				
Area	% of Budget	Budget	Description of Works	Road No.	Estimated Cost €	Area totals Status
14	23.58%	€65,791.96	Inver Village - Pipe roadside Drain with 900mm S&S pipe	LP1565-1	€19,819.38	€65,792.06 Completed
			Buncronin - Pipe roadside drain for a distance of 30m, and replace existing road crossing with 450mm Dia	LS 5965-1	€14,000.00	
			Beaugreen, St Johns Point Rd - Reshape road surface and provide drainage to prevent ponding. 100m * 5.5	LP1425-4	€12,500.00	
			Drumstevlin - Pipe existing open drain for a distance of 75m with 225mm Twinwall pipe.	LP1865-1	€12,000.00	
			Meenagran - Remove existing pipe at MI Gavigans and replace with 300mm Twinwall pipe	LP1615-1	€7,472.68	
15	24.58%	€68,579.92	Drumaghey - pipe existing roadside drain in order to improve a narrow section of road.	LP1365-1	€18,854.09	€68,580.01 Completed
			Corkermore - Balwogs - pipe existing roadside drain to prevent road slippage.	LP1415-1	€12,000.00	
			Gortalia - Pipe roadside drain to improve road edge.	LP1215-3	€10,000.00	
			Stranagarten - pipe existing roadside drain to prevent road slippage.	LP1015-3	€19,000.00	
			Small road Carrick - pipe existing roadside drain.	LP1085	€8,725.92	
16	24.70%	€68,915.90	Ballintra - Flooding - Main St Drainage (Diversion)	L-2175-1	€15,858.28	€68,058.00 Completed
			Lissacholly - Culvert Crossing (Flooding)	L-7985-1	€15,000.00	
			Lisaholly - Culvert Crossing - Forest (Flooding)	L-7975-1	€15,000.00	
			Derries (Culvert Crossing) (Flooding)	L-2335-4	€15,000.00	
			Ballyshannon - Replace culvert section with pipe (Possible blockage)	R-267-4	€8,058.00	
17	27.15%	€75,771.22	Cullinbuoy Barnesmore Road crossing and road repair tar	L-2095-6	€15,943.65	€75,770.65 Deferred (ESB) Not being done Completed Cpmpleted Completed Cpmpleted
			The Haugh - Road crossing chamber road repair and tar	L-1945-1	€15,000.00	
			Carrick Road crossing raise road level and tar	L-6845-1	€15,000.00	
			Bridgetown Replace road crossings and pipe road side	L-7065-1	€10,000.00	
			Murvagh Replace road crossing and also pipe road side	L-2135-2	€10,000.00	
			Afoarty Rock breaking to lower existing pipe and up size	L-6905-1	€9,827.00	
		€279,059.00	TOTAL		€279,059.00	

2022 Donegal MD Safety improvement Works					
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MD	Road Number	Location	Description	LA Allocation	Status
Donegal	L-1845 & L-1865	Ballydevitt Cross Roads	Safety improvement works to junction	€30,000	Completed
	R267-7 & L-1058	Junction at Finner Road / Tullan Strand Road	Safety improvement works to junction	€45,000	Substantially completed. Waiting on liners
			Total	€75,000	

July Stimulus 2020: List of proposed Projects for Active Travel Measures for Regional and Local Roads 2020

Donegal Municipal District

No	Road Number	Description of location of proposed scheme	Details of Active Travel Schemes	Specify if Design or Works	Length	Width	Approved Amount	Cost 2020	Cost 2021	Status
2	L-2465-1	Ballyshannon - Bishop Street Stage 1	Provision of new infill section of footpath	Works	60m	2m	€20,000.00		€20,000.00	Completed
5	Extension to Bank Walk	Donegal Town - Bank Walk	Design work associated with the provision of new greenway	Design	1.8km	2.5m	€20,000.00		€20,000.00	Consultant appointed to complete the design works. Design works ongoing
6	L-1875-2	Installation of greenway, cycle/walkway along the Shore Road Mountcharles.	Design work associated with the provision of new greenway	Design	2km	2.5	€20,000.00		€20,000.00	
7	R-252	Donegal Town - Killybegs Road	Provision of new footpaths and crossing facilities	Design	110m	2m	€10,000.00		€10,000.00	
8	L-1915	Donegal Town - Lough Eske Road	Provision of new footpaths	Design	325m	2m	€20,000.00		€20,000.00	
9	R263	Glencolumbkille - Malin More Road	Provision of new footpaths	Design	275m	2.0	€20,000.00		€20,000.00	
10	R232	Pettigo	Provision of new footpaths	Design	230m	4.5	€20,000.00		€20,000.00	
11	L-2465-1	Ballyshannon - Bishop Street Stage 2	Provision of new footpaths	Design	240m	2m	€20,000.00		€20,000.00	
Total							€150,000.00	€0.00	€150,000.00	
							Overall total	€150,000.00		
							€130,000.00			

2021 NTA Active Travel Funding

Donegal Municipal District

No	Road Number	Description of location of proposed scheme	Details of Active Travel Schemes	Specify if Design or Works	Length	Width	Approved Amount	Status
1	R263	Glencolumbkille	Proposed footpath improvement works in Glencolumbkille	Works	160		€40,000.00	Completed
2	R263 & L1125	Carrick	Proposed footpath improvement works in Carrick	Works	30		€12,000.00	Completed
3	L-2575-1	Bundoran	Construction of an infill section of footpath along the L-2575-1 to link the Crest of the Wave housing estate to the existing public footpath.	Works	180		€60,000.00	Completed
4	R263-8	Kilcar	Proposed footpath extension past local church to nearby car park (R263-8)	Works	110		€70,000.00	Completed
5	L-1315-1	Killybegs	Construction of infill section of footpath, drainage and public lighting on Church Road (LP1315-1)	Works	310		€140,000.00	Started
6	R-263-8	Kilcar	Proposed footpath extension to Kilcar National School (R263-8)	Works	30		€10,000.00	Completed
							€272,000.00	
8	L-2155-1	Donegal Town	Design associated with the construction of an infill section of footpath on the Old Golf Course Road (L-2155-1) linking a large residential area to the school, town centre etc.	Design	300		€45,000.00	Consultant appointed to complete the design works. Design works ongoing
9	L-2465-1	Ballyshannon	Design associated with the construction of an infill section of footpath linking the residential area with the town centre.	Design	300		€40,000.00	
10	R925 & L-1915-2	Donegal Town	Design associated with the construction of an infill section of footpath on the R925 Killybegs Road and on the Lough Eske Road (L-1915-2).	Design	400		€20,000.00	
							€105,000.00	

2022 Active Travel Projects

No	Road Number	Description of location of proposed scheme	Details of Active Travel Schemes	Specify if Design or Works	Length	Width	Approved Amount	Status
1	Various	Footpath Improvement Package A: Kilcar, Killybegs	Donegal Town, Bundoran, Ballyshannon, Kilcar, Killybegs	Design			€250,000.00	As above
2	Various	Footpath Improvement Package B: Glencolumbkille & Carrick	Glencolumbkille & Carrick	Works			€52,000.00	
3	Various	Donegal Towns Local Transport Plans	All tier 2 towns	Design			€150,000.00	
4	Various	Donegal Town	Detailed design on One Way System	Design			€50,000.00	
5	R267	Ballyshannon to Bundoran	Light Segregation Cycle Scheme	Design			€100,000.00	
6	R232	Pettigo	Pettigo National School Footpath	Design			€50,000.00	
7	L2055-1	Laghey	Footpath extension along the Old Laghey Road	Design			€15,000.00	
8	R263	Glencolumbkille	Footpath along the Malinmore road to the Irish college	Design			€10,000.00	

Donegal MD Community Involvement Schemes 2022											
Project Number	RSS Area	Road Number	Road Name	Length of work (m)	Total Area of work	Overall Cost of work	% LC	LC	WIL	Budget	Status
363	14	LT68153	Glencoagh Mountcharles	235	1292	€23,000.00			€4,600.00	€18,400.00	Completed
362	14	LS6365-1	School Lane Mountcharles Mountcharles	305	1600	€55,000.00			€11,000.00	€44,000.00	Completed
393	14	LP1845-1/2/3	Ballydevitt Altidoo (Phase 2)	N/A	N/A	€15,034.00			€3,007.00	€12,027.00	Completed
435	15	R263-2	Donegal Road Lough Head Killybegs	160	480	€100,000.00			€20,000.00	€80,000.00	Completed apart from pole to be moved by EIR
448	16	L-24851-0	Cotton Hill. Ballyshannon			€18,000.00		€3,600.00		€14,400.00	Completed
440	16	L-7685-1	Legaltan	800	2400	€10,000			€2,000.00	€8,000.00	Completed
449	16	L-7965-1	Station Road	35		€15,000.00			€3,000.00	€12,000.00	Completed
444	17	L68153-0	Finmore road, Croghnameal	650	1800m2	€45,000.00			€9,000.00	€36,000.00	Completed
										€224,827.00	

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Donegal MD										
2022 LIS Agreed Priority List -										
2022 Budget			Yet to ba announced							
DMD %			18.6715%							
DMD Budget			€144,995.00							
Total										
RSS Area	Location	Percentag e of budget	Budget	Priority	LIS No	PSCI Rating	Townland	Engineers cost estimate	Notes	Status
14	Ardaghey	44.73%	€64,856.26	1	170111	4	Drimconnor	€24,000.00		Completed
				2	170827	4	Castleogary	€12,481.00		Completed
				3	190232	3	Rossylongan	€18,336.00		Completed
15	Killybegs	27.64%	€40,076.62	1	170750	3	The Braes, Fintra	€38,278.00	funding to do the whole scheme so split into two phases. Total cost is €47,770.00	Completed
16	Ballyshannon	9.82%	€14,238.51	1	180227	1	Carricknahorna	€33,000.00		Completed
17	Laghey	17.82%	€25,838.11	1	190174	3	Sessiaghkettla	€18,900.00		Completed
Total								€144,995.00		
Budget								€144,995.00		
Balance								€0.00		
Donegal MD										
Draft DMD LIS Priority list for 2022 funding - Tranche 2										
2022 Budget			€994,654.00							
DMD %			18.67%							
DMD Budget			€185,734.00							
RSS Area	Location	Percentag e of budget	Budget	Priority	LIS No	PSCI Rating	Townland	Engineers cost estimate	Notes	Status
14	Ardaghey	44.7%	€83,078.82	1	190112	1	Letterbarrow	€11,530.00		Completed
				2	170849	4	Castleogary	€27,636.00		Completed
				3	170889	6	Tullynagreana	€21,110.00		Completed
				4	190283	3	Dromore	€20,140.00		Completed
15	Killybegs	27.6%	€51,336.88	1	170750	3	The Braes, Fintra	€9,492.00	Phase 2 - Insufficient funding to do the whole scheme so split into two phases. Total cost is €47,770.00. Phase 1 = €38,278 funding secured in tranche 1, Phase 2 = €9,492.00	Completed
				2	170828	2	Roisin	€25,860.00		Completed
				3	170240	5	Kilcausey	€17,500.00		Completed
16	Ballyshannon	9.8%	€18,239.08	1	200010	3	Drumnagroagh, Ballyshannon	€13,310.00		Completed
17	Laghey	17.8%	€33,097.80	1	170401	2	Townagorm	€14,875.00		Completed
				2	170321	2	Birchill	€24,281.00		Completed
Total								€185,734.00		
Budget								€185,734.00		
Balance								€0.00		

2022 DMD Clar Schemes						
No.	RSS Area	Location	Project	Budget	Status	
1	17	Donegal	St Francis National School Barnesmore	€48,300.00	Completed	

2022 Specific improvement Grant					
MD	Road Number	Location	Description	LA Allocation	Status
Donegal	R232	R232 Laghey to Pettigo Road	Road widening & resurfacing works	€226,000	Completed
	R232	Glenmore Bridge	Design Works on bridge widening project	€100,000	Started

2022 Former National Roads					
MD	Road Number	Location	Description	LA Allocation	Status
Donegal	R267- 6/7	Finner road - between Ballyshannon and Bundoran	Drainage, kerbing, replacement and full overlay & lining	€350,000	Completed



Housing & Corporate Services
Milford PSC
Main Street
Milford
Co Donegal

30th November 2022

To: EACH MEMBER OF THE DONEGAL MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

***Proposal to Dispose of Land at Inver Glebe By Way of Sale to Clive & Geraldine Vance,
Keeloges, Inver, County Donegal.***

Donegal County Council proposes to dispose of a plot of land comprising of 0.0502 hectares at Inver Glebe to Clive & Geraldine Vance, Keeloges, Inver, Co. Donegal. Donegal County Council acquired the land in 1976 from a Mr James Henderson for the purposes of road/bridge widening/realignment. The boundary fence that was erected along the road frontage after the works were completed did not extend back sufficiently to include the full extent of the land that had been acquired, thereby, resulting in a narrow strip thereof remaining as part of the overall landholding.

This remained the position until the early nineties when Clive and Geraldine Vance purchased a site, carved from the overall landholding at this location, unaware that the narrow strip immediately behind the fence line was owned by the Council. They then proceeded and constructed their family home on the overall site with the narrow strip forming part of their garden / entrance.

It is now proposed to regularise the matter through the disposal of the strip of land to Clive & Geraldine Vance subject to:-

- Payment of the sum of €2750 being the best reasonable obtainable.
- Clive & Geraldine Vance being responsible for the payment of land registration fees, stamp duty and his own legal fees and costs associated with the transfer.

The plot comprising 0.0502 hectares proposed for disposal is edged red, hatched in green and lettered "B" on the attached Land Registry compliant map dated 30th September 2022 and forms part of the lands registered under Folio DL79610F, Property No.1, Plan 69.

The matter is now being brought before the Municipal District Members for approval prior to the issue of the formal Notice under Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 to the full Council.

Yours sincerely,

P. McLaughlin

Senior Executive Officer

Encl: Map showing land to be disposed

582230 mE, 878620 mN

The Property
Registration Authority
An tÚdarás
Clárúcháin Maoine



Folio: DL79610F

This map should be read in conjunction with the folio.

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(centre-line of parcel(s) edged)

- Freehold
- Leasehold
- SubLeasehold

Burdens (may not all be represented on map)

- Right of Way / Wayleave
- Turbary
- Pipeline
- Well
- Pump
- Septic Tank
- ▽ Soak Pit



A full list of burdens and their symbology can be found at:
www.landdirect.ie

The registry operates a non-conclusive boundary system. The Registry Map identifies properties not boundaries meaning neither the description of land in a register nor its identification by reference to a registry map is conclusive as to the boundaries or extent. (see Section 85 of the Registration of Title Act, 1964). As inserted by Section 62 of the Registration of Deed and Title Act 2006.

DRAFT MAP
TRANSFER PLOT B OUTLINED IN RED AND HATCHED GREEN FROM
DONEGAL CO. COUNCIL TO VANCE.
PLOT B = 0.0502 HECTARE

MICHAEL FRIEL ARCHITECTS & SURVEYORS LTD.
WEST END HOUSE, ARDARA, CO. DONEGAL.

DATE: 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022 MAP SCALE 1:2500

INVER GLEBE

KEELOGES

CRANNY LOWER





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

Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services Directorate

Master Municipal District Report December 2022

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1. Economic Development Unit

Project / Activity Report

Title	Economic Development Unit
Donegal MD	<p>Ballyshannon Vision Project: The pilot initiative to support and empower the capacity of key stakeholders has now concluded and three specific focus project areas have emerged with group leaders and areas of work mapped out. The 'Town Teams' will be supported by the Business Concierge Service and other Council services as appropriate to develop their specific project areas with a total of 16 volunteers involved.</p>
Countywide	<p>Property Solutions: The team is currently progressing 13 property solution opportunities across the county mainly relating to the acquisition of council owned lands for Economic Development purposes.</p> <p>Donegal Digital First Day: Donegal Digital First Day took place in November with a series of events in Donegal. The aim was to highlight the benefits of embracing digitalization for businesses. Events were hosted by Donegal County Council, Donegal Digital, Alpha Innovation Project, CoWorkPlus Carndonagh, Inishowen Innovation Hub and the Gteic network.</p> <p>Killybegs Marine Cluster: The Economic Development Unit is continuing to support the development of the Killybegs Marine Cluster which is being led by the ATU.</p> <p>The ALPHA Innovation project collaborated with the KMC on a new pilot schools programme with transition year students from Saint Catherine's Vocational School. The 8-week programme gave students an 'Introduction to Innovation and Design Thinking' and culminated in a celebration evening on Thursday 24th November.</p> 

Caravan, Camping and Campervan Study: Work is ongoing on the delivery of the Caravan, Camping, Campervan and Motorhome Facilities grant Scheme as well as other recommendations of the study.

#BuyDonegal 2022

#BuyDonegal is off to a successful start with over 350 businesses participating in the 2022 edition. Outside Broadcasts have taken place in Ballybofey and Killybegs and an ongoing marketing campaign will promote the various business offerings and consumer competitions. To date the campaign has reached 4.2m people on social media.

Relocation Marketing Campaign

The Economic Development Unit is working with the Diaspora project to develop and execute a new Relocation marketing campaign for Donegal with a view to attracting talent nationally and from overseas, while showcasing Donegal as a desirable location to live and build a career. The campaign will roll-out in Q1 2023.

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

	Impressions (last 28 days)	Total Followers
Linked In	30,400	4,368 (+64)
Twitter	41,800	2,420 (+52)
Instagram	8,350	3,620 (+113)
Facebook	18,714	1,767 (+25)
Donegal.ie	5K Web Users (4 weeks 27 October – 23 November)	
	13 News Items Published	

Crossborder Collaboration - Shared Island Proposals

The Economic Development Unit is progressing a number of Shared Island funded proposals with Derry City and Strabane District Council and with Omagh and Fermanagh Council including:

- The North West Regulatory Tech Cluster: to develop a cross border, all island centre of excellence in Regulatory Technology,
- Innovation Plaza to develop cross-border enterprise opportunities in sectors such as renewable energy, advanced manufacturing & engineering and agri-food.
- Regenerative Tourism involving engagement with the region's place, past and people, seeking to attract high-yield environmentally conscious visitors.

Crossborder Collaboration – North West City Region

Economic Development Unit continues to work in partnership with Derry City and Strabane District Council on a number of key projects for supporting and stimulating Inward Investment in the region.

- New three-year Investment strategy for the region has been developed and will be launched early in January.
- 'Invest in the NorthWest' event held in Dublin on 26th October with over 60 businesses and key influencers and stakeholders in attendance.
- Similar Investment Events were held in Philadelphia (15th Nov) and Boston (18th Nov) as part of the annual Golden Bridges Investment and Trade Mission. An Ireland NorthWest event was also hosted in the Irish Consulate in Boston with 80 guests in attendance. Six local businesses participated in the Trade Mission.
- **Talent Solutions:** both councils are working with Abodoo to develop a mapping platform to demonstrate the range of skills in the region to help attract FDI to the Northwest of Ireland. DCC and DSCDC are now seeking online survey feedback from both businesses and employees on current skills in the region as well as any future skills needs.
- **Communications:** both Councils continue to engage to promote investment and business opportunities in region. This work will tie into the Inward Investment Strategy in the coming year, with a current focus on the Talent Solutions survey.

You can follow respective LinkedIn and Twitter Platforms :
@NorthWestCityRegionIreland

	<p>Atlantic Economic Corridor: Working with Local Authority partners along the western coast to progress mutually beneficial projects and initiatives including the Digital Hubs under the Connected Hubs initiative.</p> <p>The member Councils recently hosted a regional online meeting looking at developing Innovation pilot projects in 2023 as part of the Atlantic Innovation Project, led by the WDC.</p> <p>Concierge Service: The EDU are available to support existing businesses, potential business start-ups or businesses looking to relocate or wishing to expand and who need advice on accessing a wide range of Council services and supports including broadband connectivity. Please contact the EDU by email economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Ciaran Martin - ciaran.martin@donegalcoco.ie (086) 8261760</p> <p>Rosita Mahony – rosita.mahony@donegalcoco.ie (087) 2510128</p>

1.2 Tourism Marketing Unit

Project / Activity Report

County Wide

Online & Social Media Updates – Go Visit Donegal

Social media - Numbers Overview For November

Ongoing work on our social media platforms and the website.

The social media accounts followers numbers are stated below:

Platform	Number of Followers
Facebook	57,114
Instagram	22,263
Twitter	16,177
LinkedIn	756

GoVisitDonegal.com Website

Year to Date Stats - 1st January until 23rd November 2022

	YTD	Performance vs same period in 2021




















Page Views	716,846	+28.6%
Users	255,227	+27.5%

Website traffic in **November** vs the same period in 2021

Page views up 14.6% / Users up 10%

Website Views by Country:

November 2022: Traffic came from **83 countries** in total.

Country	Users	% Users
1.  Ireland	4,382	 48.12%
2.  United Kingdom	2,424	 26.62%
3.  United States	920	 10.10%
4.  China	334	 3.67%
5.  Germany	137	 1.50%
6. (not set)	131	 1.44%
7.  Australia	105	 1.15%
8.  France	84	 0.92%
9.  Canada	79	 0.87%
10.  Netherlands	51	 0.56%

Marketing Updates

Holiday World Show 2023

The preparation work in advance of the show is progressing well. There are 16 businesses confirmed and a further number is anticipated. The Tourism Unit is liaising with the show organisers with regards to the stand arrangements. Regular correspondence is issued to the attending businesses. This event is taking place in RDS, Dublin from Fri, 27th – Sun, 29th January 2023.

#BuyDonegal 2022 Campaign

Tourism Unit is supporting the Economic Development Team during the #BuyDonegal campaign. Tourism business offers are listed on the govisitdonegal.com website. Week 4 of the campaign is focused on Tourism and Service Providers and will be led by the Tourism team.

Crossborder collaboration - North West City Region

An allocation of £30,000 has been secured from the North West Regional Development Fund for a marketing campaign for Donegal and Derry.

	<p>Tender responses are currently being invited for suitably qualified agencies to provide quotations for the design, development, and execution of a marketing campaign, driving an integrated outreach across traditional and digital media channels.</p> <p>A Spring marketing campaign will position the North West Region of Donegal and Derry as a ‘must-see’ short break destination of choice for the domestic market of NI and ROI during 2023.</p> <p>TIDE – Atlantic Network for Developing Historical Maritime Tourism</p> <p>Donegal County Council has developed three virtual reality experiences. All three experiences launched – Napoleonic Era – The Storm, The Sea – The Saldanha, the Spanish Armada Experience – Wrath of the Atlantic, Wrecks of the Armada & World War 1 era - Beware! Convoy Below!.</p> <p>Four promotional videos have been launched, circulated to all sites (Fanad Lighthouse, Fort Dunree & Inishowen Maritime Museum & Planetarium) which are being promoted on websites and social media platforms. Information panels for sites to be installed in November.</p> <p>The TIDE Capitalisation plan has been finalised and circulated to all sites.</p>
Donegal	<p>Bundoran Marketing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparations of marketing plan 2023. • Ongoing weekly podcast production delivered every Friday. • Compilation and distribution of monthly email newsletter. <p>Bundoran Tourist Office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourist office is open 4 days a week. • Currently one TÚS employee working and one volunteer. <p>Website and Social Media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining a social media presence for the town on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Scheduling of content to direct social media users to the website to increase traffic. • Users of discoverbundoran.com up 42% Jan 1st – Nov 20th v 2021, page views up 50% on same period & Sessions up 44% on same period. • Website users and page views:

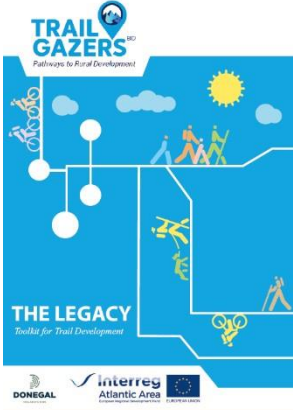

	<p>2021 (Jan-Dec) - Users 96,654 - page views 207,219</p> <p>2022 (Jan-Nov 20th) - Users 126,601 - page views 287,268</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The webcam remains the most viewed page on the site accounting for almost 12% of all page views in 2022. <p>Waterworld/Seaweed Baths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparing marketing plan for 2023 season. <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with DCC team on Bundoran Oceanside Project/Public Toilets. Continuing to work on various elements of the Tourism Masterplan with Failte Ireland. Working with Failte Ireland on finalising other elements of the Oceanside Project above. Successful organisation and staging of annual family event and pumpkin parade on Halloween evening. The webcam remains the most viewed page on the site accounting for almost 12% of all pageviews in 2022.
Contact Person	<p>Barney Mc Laughlin</p> <p>Head of Tourism Unit</p> <p>barney.mclaughlin@donegalcoco.ie</p> <p>74 24465</p>

1.3 Trailgazers Project Bid

Project / Activity Report

Title	Trail Gazers Bid Project
Activity / Project Description	‘To quantify the return to the local economy for every euro invested in walks and recreational trail infrastructure ‘
Budget	€2.6 M
Progress to date within quarter* -	In 2018, Donegal County Councils Research & Policy Unit successfully led an application to the Atlantic Area Programme under objective 4.2 ‘Enhancing natural and cultural assets to stimulate economic development’.

inclusive of current status	<p>This transnational project is managed by the Research & Policy Unit (Lead Partner), working with 9 different partners located across Ireland, UK, France, Spain and Portugal.</p> <p>The project sets out to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quantify the impact of key strategic investments in walks and recreational trail infrastructure can have on stimulating rural communities, using sensors data, counters, surveys of users, businesses, communities etc. • Develop and trial a range of practical initiatives and interventions such as business to consumer initiatives, digital marketing tools etc to enhance the return. • Work with communities, businesses and other key stakeholders in the area to develop community plans and initiatives around the site. • Develop a range of community trail ambassadors to champion the sites as catalysts for the development of rural economies. • Our site for research purposes is Inch Levels and post project completion it is likely that key learning and methodology can be applied to other sites in the county and region through an extensive capitalisation programme. <p>SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS</p> <p>Website: www.trailgazers.eu</p> <p>Facebook: www.facebook.com/TrailgazersB</p> <p>Twitter: twitter.com/hashtag/TrailGazers</p> <p>Instagram: www.instagram.com/trail.gazers</p> <p>https://www.linkedin.com/company/trailgazers</p> <p>#TrailGazers</p> <p>PROGRESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following our Walkability Audit of our pilot trail on the 18th October, a report has been produced with general observations in relation to our pilot trail at Inch Wildfowl Reserve. Some observations include overhanging briars, toilets, car parking bays and larger informational signage. However, overall, it was felt that trail is very good, just minor adjustments needed to
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	<p>enhance the experience for all users. Again, the information gathered at this audit can be adapted to any trail within our county.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trail Gazers Project Audit – an audit of the Trail Gazers Project took place by the Northern and Western Regional Assembly on the 15th November 2022 and we are delighted to report that it was very successful. Trail Gazers is currently procuring for an independent final evaluation of the project, this will look at all aspects of the project and give final recommendations.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trail Gazers Toolkit – The Legacy has been designed and is currently in final review stage with printers. This toolkit will act as a value resource for future development of trails as it outlines all the key outputs of the project, including best practice implementation and review. In line with our development options arising from our stakeholder engagements, final upgrading works are currently taking place on Inch. This was key output from the Trail Gazers Project and will play an important role in creating more public awareness of the site. 
<p>Project Targets for the next quarterly* reporting period</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of draft final report for the project including chapters on all the work packages will be worked on over the next number of weeks. Preparation of the final project claim Review and publication of Trail Gazers Toolkit – The Legacy

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Evaluation Report • Final infrastructural works to be carried out
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1.4 Strategic Funding Unit

Project / Activity Report

Title	Strategic Funding Unit – exploring EU and National Funding Opportunities that support the objectives set out in the Donegal County Council Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024
All MD's	<p>Strategic Funding Unit Webinar</p> <p>The Strategic Funding Unit hosted a webinar on 23rd November providing an update on EU and National funding calls open to public bodies. Karl Murphy from EMRA (Eastern and Midlands Regional Authority) presented in relation to URBACT IV funding, which relates to urban planning. Joy Harron provided a general overview of open and upcoming funding calls.</p> <p>YOUTHopia- Generating Perspectives for Cohesion</p> <p>Donegal County Council representative Joy Harron attended the launch of the "YOUTHopia- Generating Perspectives for Cohesion" project on Tuesday 8th November held as part of the AER Eurodissey Forum conference. The European Year of Skills will be 2023. The SFU has secured funding through this project to deliver a youth focused event around skills, education and job opportunities, a communications plan and training for young people focused on understanding EU Cohesion Policy in 2023.</p> <p>Project Partnership & Development</p> <p>There are several new EU project proposals being reviewed on a daily basis. The SFU is receiving invitations to join consortiums from a</p>

	<p>number of sources. These are being reviewed and sent to the relevant Directorates on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>Other areas of work include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU Funding Programme Reviews • Participation in project scoping meetings with potential partners • Participation in EU network meetings such as CPMR, AER etc. • Funding Needs Analysis of Council Divisions • Regular Strategic Funding Newsletters
Donegal MD	<p>Donegal Diamond – Outdoor Public Space Scheme</p> <p>Part 8 planning permission is approved. Capital works/construction procurement is ongoing in Nov/Dec 2022. Tender assessment will take place in Jan/Feb 2023 with a view to appointing a construction company in Feb 2023. The arboriculturist report is complete. Once the construction company is appointed the timescale for the works to be completed will be determined and communicated locally. The SFU is engaging with local community groups in relation to elements such as seating, planters, trees etc.</p> <p>Donegal Town Pier and Diamond Masterplan</p> <p>The Masterplan for both the Pier and the Diamond is well developed. Further consultation with key stakeholders is required before it is finalised. This will take place in the New Year. The internal team is also looking at what elements of the Masterplan could be completed in a staged approach to development and investigating potential funding, foreshore licenses etc.</p> <p>Fáilte Ireland Local Authority Weatherproofing & Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Scheme – Bundoran Oceanside</p> <p>Part 8 planning has been approved for the Bundoran Oceanside project. Capital works tendering is underway with a view to appointing a construction company in January 2023 and commencing work by February 2023 with a view to completion in April/May 2023. This will be followed by a launch event. Bundoran lettering is also being developed</p>

	<p>for the main beach area. The public conveniences refurbishment will be completed by end-November 2022.</p> <p>Minor Tourism Related Grant Scheme Application</p> <p>The Strategic Funding Unit has been successful in applying to the Minor Tourism Related Grants Scheme to refurbish the promenade at the Thrupenny Pool in Bundoran. Capital works procurement is underway.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Joy Harron Acting Senior Staff Officer Mobile: +353 (87) 0619360 E-mail: joyharron@donegalcoco.ie</p>

1.5 Donegal Diaspora Unit

Project / Activity Report

Title	Donegal Diaspora Unit
Countywide	<p>Donegal Connect 2022 / 2023 / 2024</p> <p>Plans for 2023 have already commenced and dates are hoped to be agreed upon before the end of the year with a funding application for the Global Irish Festival Series 2024 also due for submission.</p> <p>Donegal Diaspora Website / Social Media</p> <p>A communications plan on the use of the Diaspora website and associated Diaspora social media channels is currently taking place with further updates to follow. <i>Donegal Diaspora social media statistics as of 24/11/2022 are as follows:</i></p> <p>LinkedIn – 1098 (up 102) connections</p> <p>Twitter – 3,989 (up 86) followers</p> <p>Facebook – 5,721 (up 13) followers</p> <p>Instagram – 253 (up 24) followers</p> <p>#BuyDonegal</p>

	<p>The successful #BuyDonegal campaign is returning for 2022 and we are delighted that one of the weekly themes is 'Diaspora'. Competitions will be held across the Diaspora social media accounts during the week 5th – 9th December.</p> <p>Boston City Council Delegation to Donegal</p> <p>Councillor Frank Baker of Boston's District 3 led a delegation to Donegal from 22nd- 24th November. A visit to Donegal ETB was organised to showcase the courses and facilities on offer. A particular emphasis was placed on the collaborative approach between Donegal County Council and Donegal ETB in achieving our shared objectives.</p> <p>Diaspora Consultation</p> <p>The Diaspora Officer is currently working on plans for a consultation exercise to ascertain the views of the Diaspora and other relevant organisations in relation to ongoing work to develop Diaspora connections/networks that will inform the future strategy.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Eoin Leonard Diaspora Officer Mobile: +353 (87) 360 5678 E-mail: eleonard@donegalcoco.ie</p>

2. Division: Local Enterprise Office

Project / Activity Report

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

<p>Outline of Work</p>	<p>General Overview – Highlights:</p> <p><u>Summary of October Outputs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant Aid – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 35 Businesses have been approved Grant Aid. ○ Value of total Grant Aid Approvals YTD is €795,360.40 • Trading Online Vouchers – 37 Businesses approved support to a value of €74,558.84 • Mentoring YTD – 146 Businesses have received this support • Training – 1,319 Business Attendees YTD. • Student Enterprise Programme – The latest programme began in September for this academic year. 769 Donegal students are participating in 15 schools. <p><u>Upcoming Programmes:</u></p> <p>Ukraine Enterprise Crisis Scheme</p> <p>Enterprise Ireland is working with the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment to help Irish businesses manage and mitigate the economic impact of the current crisis in Ukraine.</p> <p>The Ukraine Enterprise Crisis Scheme is a €200 million fund to assist viable but vulnerable firms in manufacturing and internationally traded services. It is aimed at businesses experiencing significant difficulty as a result of increased energy costs.</p> <p>The Scheme offers two streams of support to manufacturing and Internationally Traded Services companies.</p> <p>Stream 1 is a liquidity measure that will help viable manufacturing and Internationally Traded Services companies experiencing trading difficulties. The overall aid under this measure will not exceed €500,000 and will typically be provided on a co-funded basis. The minimum aid award is €20,000.</p> <p>Enterprise Ireland, IDA Ireland, Údarás Na Gaeltachta and the Local Enterprise Office are the approved granting authorities for Stream 1.</p> <p>Stream 2 will provide aid for additional costs due to exceptionally severe increases in natural gas and electricity prices experienced by energy-intensive businesses. The aid will be in the form of direct grants and the</p>
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	<p>overall aid per undertaking will not exceed 30% of the eligible costs up to a maximum of €2 million. The minimum aid award is €20,000. Applicants will be required to demonstrate measures undertaken or planned to improve energy efficiency.</p> <p>For both Streams applicants must submit an energy efficiency plan, ratified by senior management of the company.</p> <p>Companies should contact Enterprise Ireland (EI) via the website: www.enterprise-ireland.com/ECS. The EI Hub team will do some initial checks to make sure companies can avail of the scheme. If validated as eligible, the companies are emailed an Application pack and an EI Development Advisor or their equivalent in the LEO are notified.</p> <p>Subject to the normal assessment criteria, the applications are then evaluated and decisioned by the relevant authority.</p> <p>Currently the Streams have two different closing dates. Stream 1 is open until the 1st December 2022, though this will likely be extended into the New Year and Stream 2 is open until 31st March 2023.</p> <p>To date, information packs for Stream 1 & 2 have been issued to one firm in Donegal. Information sessions will be taking place in the New Year to provide the opportunity for companies in Donegal to learn more about the scheme's qualifying criteria and how to apply.</p> <p>Scale-X Blue Economy</p> <p>Scale-X Blue Economy is an 11-week Accelerator Programme which is targeted at start up entrepreneurs with the potential for fast growth in the Blue Economy i.e. the Marine engineering, marine research, marine energy, value added fish processing sectors. The programme focuses on giving you a deep understanding of the metrics that can drive your success, the skills to build financial models that stand up to investor scrutiny, and industry engagement and mentorship that give you valuable insights to adapt your business model to create the perfect fit.</p> <p>Who is eligible?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any founder(s) with ambitions to grow their business globally.
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- Any founder(s) with the potential for fast growth in the marine engineering, marine research, marine energy or value-added fish processing sectors
- A potential spin-out from an existing firm or third level institution
- A commitment to grow your business from Donegal, no matter where in the world you live right now.
- The programme is open to residents of County Donegal

Further Info:

<https://www.localenterprise.ie/Donegal/Training-Events/SCALE-XBLUE/>

The programme will begin in early 2023.

Donegal Enterprise Awards

The Awards celebrate the achievements of Donegal's small business sector over the past year. The awards recognise and celebrate the success stories of small business owners from all over the county. The following awards will be announced and presented at the County Donegal Final of the competition, to be held on Friday 2nd December 2022.

Award Categories – Overall Prize Fund €14,000

- Best Established Award (over 18months trading) – Prize Fund €3000
- Best Established Award Runner-Up (over 18months trading) – Prize Fund €1000
- Best Start Up Award (less than 18months trading) – Prize Fund €2000
- Best Start Up Award Runner-Up (less than 18months trading) – Prize Fund €1000
- Best Donegal Enterprise Export Award – Prize Fund €1000

- Best Donegal Enterprise Innovation Award – Prize Fund €1000
- Best Donegal Enterprise Green Award - Prize Fund €1000
- Best Donegal Enterprise Digital award - Prize Fund €1000
- The Food Coast – Enterprise Award - Prize Fund €1000
- The Creative Coast – Enterprise Award – Prize Fund €1000
- Donegal Engineering Cluster - Enterprise Award - Prize Fund €1000

Ongoing Programmes:

Digital Start

YTD - 23 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support

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

Digitalisation supports competitiveness, productivity, and value creation and covers five main areas:

1. Data processing and analysis (i.e. gathering customer trends, values insights)
2. Cloud computing (i.e. moving software/data to the cloud for accessibility)
3. Cybersecurity (i.e. protecting records, information, IP and data from attacks)
4. Internet of Things (software/technology connectivity)
5. Industry 4.0 (i.e. process automation in manufacturing facilities and utilisation of AI)

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

- assist them identify where they are on their digital business journey,

- develop a digital adaptation plan based on their identified need,
- implement their digital adaptation plan.

Green for Micro

YTD - 9 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support

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

Developing a 'greener' policy can offer many benefits to businesses, including:

- Increased cost savings
- Improved resource efficiency (for example: using less energy, water, and materials)
- Reduced environmental footprint and greenhouse gas emissions
- Opportunities for higher and additional value on products and services
- Increased access to customers, improved corporate image and reputation.
- Increased resilience to climate change impacts.

Lean For Micro

YTD - 16 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support

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

Lean tools and techniques address competitiveness issues within their businesses by building the capability of their people to identify problems, improve operations and create a more innovative organisation. In a nutshell, Lean is about doing things quicker, better

and saving costs. Lean strives to remove waste and to continually improve a company.

Ongoing Cluster Development Programmes:

Food Coast Donegal

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

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

Current activities:

- The Food Coast Strategy Review is close to completion and should be finalised early in the New Year.
- In the planning stage of taking a group of Donegal food producers to St Joseph's University in Philadelphia for a week to attend lectures and field trips. The visit is scheduled to take place in March 2023, to coincide with St Patrick's day, and 20 businesses are due to take part.

Creative Coast Donegal

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

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

The LEO Donegal and external consultants are in the final stages of developing a 3-year action plan for the creative industry in Donegal.

Throughout September & October, Creative Coas

t Donegal delivered 7 pilot Creative Network Meetings for the Design and Craft sectors in four locations throughout the county. These

network meetings were created based on the feedback directly from the creatives themselves and informed by the Creative Coast Donegal Skills Audit Insight report. Around 80 people attended the in-person meetings, which provided an opportunity for the creatives to network with one another and learn from industry experts in Ireland. These experts delivered masterclasses on a range of different skills such as social media strategy, financial management, brand development, etc.

The meetings have now moved to an online format and we have seen greater numbers of people in attendance. Feedback from both the in-person and virtual events has been positive. Three more online meetings are happening during November/December, concluding the pilot stage of the creative network meetings. Friel Consulting will provide a report in early December that will include recommendations on how the network should proceed.

In November, Creative Coast Donegal hosted the 'Yarns' conference – a celebration of the strength and heritage of the Fashion & Textile industry of the Northwest region. In collaboration with Strabane City & Derry City Council, the event took place in Letterkenny and Derry on the 18th & 19th of November. Various high-profile speakers from within the creative industry in Ireland, including Sonya Lennon, Paula Hughes, Aisling Farinella, and Deirdre McQuillan, facilitated workshops, delivered 1:1 training, and presented keynote addresses, to increase ambition, build skills, and inspire the creative community in the northwest.

Yarns was very well received by all who attended and received widespread social media coverage. Creative Coast Donegal is currently collecting written feedback from each of the attendees which will inform the development of similar events in the future.

Donegal Engineering Cluster

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

- Facilitating inter-firm knowledge sharing and enhance learning.
- Increasing market knowledge within the cluster.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Identifying new opportunities for the sector in the county through co-operation and collaboration among cluster partners. •Enhancing the skills and innovation capabilities of the engineering firms through training, peer learning and management development. •Enhancing the attractiveness of the sector as a potential source for future employment opportunities and business start-ups. •Developing collaborative opportunities into meaningful outcomes and outputs for cluster members. •Promoting the cluster as a centre of engineering excellence both nationally and internationally. <p>Maura Toner commenced as Donegal Engineering Cluster Executive in September, 2022, on a 3-year contract, and is currently engaging with engineers and other stakeholders to assess the opportunities for the sector and their current challenges.</p> <p><u>Upcoming Activities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Craft & Creative Design Meeting – 24th November • Business Information Session & Grant Aid Workshop – Next one is 25th November at 10am – online • Storytelling for your Personal Band – 13th December – online • Trading Online Voucher Workshop – 14th December <p><u>All bookings can be made here:</u></p> <p>https://www.localenterprise.ie/Donegal/Training-Events/Online-Bookings/</p> <p><u>Donegal Stories:</u> Website highlighting the businesses of Donegal that have been supported by the LEO. https://donegalstories.ie/</p>
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3. Emergency Services – Fire Service

Fire Service Monthly MD Report (October)

Activity	Number of: (October)*		Total for year	
<u>Fire Service Operations</u>				
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	74		653	
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	86		732	
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	18		72	
<u>Operational Activity Breakdown October 2022</u>	Turnouts		Incidents in County	
	Fires	Special Services	Fires	Special Services
Donegal Fire Service	34	47	25	35
Northern Ireland Fire Service	7	11	4	5
Sub Total	41	58	29	40
Total	99		69	
<u>Fire Prevention</u>				
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	34		153	

Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	46	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from Applicant / Agent:	48	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	11	101
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	0	8
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	0	3
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	5	43
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	11	179
Fire Safety Complaints received:	3	17
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	1	14
During Performance Inspections carried out:	0	4
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	0	79

*** Current data only available up to end of October 2022.**

ENVIRONMENT MD REPORT – December '22

WASTE AND LITTER MANAGEMENT

Activity/ Project Title

2022 Tidy Towns Awards Congratulations to all Tidy Towns Groups

Project Description/ Activity





Buncrana Tidy Towns – Awarded County Winners at the Tidy Towns Awards Ceremony





(Pictured: (L-R) Willie McKinney, Chairperson, Buncrana Tidy Towns, Minister Heather Humphries, Cllr. Rena Donaghy, Ian Allen, MD Supervalu and Seamus McLoughlin and Simbe Garwe, Buncrana Tidy Towns Committee members).

Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council, Cllr Liam Blaney has congratulated Buncrana Tidy Towns for achieving the County First and Gold Medal and Letterkenny Tidy Towns on achieving County Second and also receiving a Gold Medal in the recent 2022 SuperValu Tidy Towns competition. The competition has been in existence since 1958 with Trim in Co. Meath judged to be the overall winner from the 882 entries nationwide. 39 Tidy Towns committees from Donegal entered the competition this year.

Cllr Blaney said, "I want to give a special well done to both Buncrana and Letterkenny Tidy Towns on yet again receiving a gold medal. I'd also like to place on record my appreciation for all the Tidy Towns groups across the county. As a local authority we recognise the vital role you all play in making Donegal as beautiful as it is and look forward to continuing to support the hard work and dedication that you put into your towns and villages".

	<p>The announcement was made on the 28th October by Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, in front of over 750 tidy towns volunteers in the RDS in Dublin, with thousands more watching online.</p> <p>Cllr Blaney commended the other towns and villages across Donegal that received awards, Carraig Airt & Glenties were bronze medals winners in Category B for villages with a population between 201 and 1,000 and Raphoe & Moville who won bronze medals in Category C for the small towns with a population between 1,001 and 2,500. Oileán Ghabhla won the Endeavour award for Donegal for the biggest year on year improvement with an increase of 24 points from 2021.</p> <p>There is also large range of Special Awards in the Tidy Towns Competition and Donegal was once more well represented in the prizes. Carraig Airt were yet again highly commended in the Gaeltacht Award and Castlefinn Tidy Towns were National winners of the Bat Conservation Ireland Award. In the Sustainable Development Goals Award Dungloe Tidy Towns were winners of the Youth Category and in the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan - Local Authority Pollinator Award Buncrana Tidy Towns were Regional Winners in the Large Town Regional section for the North West & West.</p> <p>The Tidy Towns competition is organised by the Department of Rural and Community Development and has been sponsored by SuperValu since 1992.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer</p> <p>sbogan@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity / Project Title	Solid Fuel Regulations 2022
Project Description/ Activity	<div data-bbox="509 174 1315 1285">  <h2 data-bbox="582 320 1158 539">Change is in the air when it comes to solid fuels.</h2> <p data-bbox="582 589 847 739">New regulations for solid fuels will come into effect from 31st October this year, aimed at improving air quality for everyone.</p> <p data-bbox="903 589 1197 660">If you produce, sell or supply solid fuels, your business needs to prepare for the introduction of this new legislation.</p> <p data-bbox="903 689 1153 736">For guidance on how to get ready, visit gov.ie/cleanair</p> <p data-bbox="560 1238 825 1256">Brought to you by the Government of Ireland</p> <p data-bbox="963 1196 1007 1279"></p> <p data-bbox="1056 1211 1260 1256">Rialtas na hÉireann Government of Ireland</p> </div> <p data-bbox="317 1350 1490 1500">To improve air quality and reduce the associated health impacts, it is important to reduce the emissions into our air that is produced from domestic burning of solid fuels. This is what the new solid fuel regulations are designed to do, by ensuring that only higher quality and less polluting fuels will be legally available for sale.</p> <p data-bbox="317 1583 1490 1733">Burning solid fuels is a significant cause of poor air quality and is a factor in some 1,300 premature deaths in Ireland every year, according to the European Environment Agency. This demonstrates the extent to which the choices we make when heating our homes can impact on our own health and the communities in which we live.</p> <p data-bbox="317 1778 1506 2007">Donegal County Council will be raising awareness of these new regulations among householders and the commercial sector in the coming months. The Department have also produced a survey for householders to complete and this will be promoted on the Council's social media pages and is available at the following link https://forms.gle/Pc7mXDyJTjxtCzLa6. For more information visit www.gov.ie/cleanair</p>
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Activity / Project Title	Reuse Month in October
Project Description/Activity	<p data-bbox="710 257 1101 291" style="text-align: center;">School Bikes Africa Campaign</p>  <p data-bbox="284 730 1513 918">The School Bikes Africa appeal in partnership with Bryson Recycling and Letterkenny Rotary Club is once again accepting donations. Bikes can be donated all year-round at any of the Council's 6 Recycling Centres. Bicycles suitable for refurbishing should be mountain bike style, minimum 24" wheel size and mountain bike tyres. Racer style bikes are not sought as part of this collection. Visit www.brysonrecycling.org for opening hours.</p> <div data-bbox="477 996 1329 1417" style="text-align: center;">  <p data-bbox="715 1016 1085 1104">ReUse in the Garden is Back</p> <p data-bbox="588 1151 1219 1189">Join Community Grower Joanne Butler for a FREE workshop on REUSING Waste Items in the Garden .</p> <p data-bbox="588 1191 1219 1270">During this workshop we will look at ways to: REUSE bottles into self watering mini greenhouses , REUSE food tins into birdhouses, REUSE old wood in the garden, REUSING containers that we usually discard and finally REUSING our food waste and how to make effective community food compost systems that turn food waste into compost!</p> <div data-bbox="521 1288 876 1417"> <p data-bbox="574 1294 823 1406">Barrackhill Community Gardens Tuesday 18th October 10.30am-noon All welcome barrackhillcg@hotmail.com</p> </div> <div data-bbox="884 1288 1134 1417">  <p data-bbox="965 1328 1134 1384">Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall Donegal County Council</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1155 1288 1295 1417">  </div> </div> <p data-bbox="284 1462 1519 1650">Six 'Reuse in the Community Garden' workshops were delivered as part of Reuse month. Demonstrations on ways to reuse bottles into self-watering mini greenhouses, ways to reuse food tins into birdhouses, looking at ways to reuse old wood in the garden, reusing containers, reusing our food waste and how to make effective community food compost systems that turn food waste into compost!</p> <ul data-bbox="333 1697 869 1933" style="list-style-type: none"> • Barrackhill Community Garden • Mevaghy Family Resource Centre • Downstrands Family Resource Centre • Pobail Le Cheile Community Garden • Niall Mór Centre • Twin Towns Community Gardens



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Activity/ Project Title	Litter Fines – Jan to Nov 2022
Project Description/ Activity	<p>Litter Fines Issued: 48 Litter Fines Paid: 22 Court Prosecutions: 5 Court Prosecutions Pending: 6</p> <p>Community Clean ups: 672</p>
Contact Person	<p>John McCandless Jmccandless@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity/ Project Title	Environment Section – Social Media
Project Description/ Activity	<p>Various information videos have been produced by the Environment Section for the Council Social Media Sites this year including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeping Donegal Tidy – Scenic Donegal • Be a responsible dog owner – dog fouling • Disposing of Green Waste • Bring banks • Bonfires • Buncrana Tidy Towns – Keep Buncrana Tidy • Bee Hive video – footage from Beehive at LK PSC • Low smoke coal awareness <p>Also, a volunteer recruitment video was produced for Letterkenny Tidy towns and a video on Free composting days in Donegal.</p> <div data-bbox="630 1489 1177 1852">  </div>
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CLIMATE ACTION

Activity / Project Title	Local Authority Climate Action Plan
Project Description/ Activity	<p>Local Authorities have a particularly important role in the delivery of both climate mitigation and adaptation. This is reflected in the provisions of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act, 2021, which requires each Local Authority to prepare a Local Authority Climate Action Plan (LA CAP), specifying the mitigation and the adaptation measures to be adopted by the Local Authority.</p> <p>Local Authorities will have 12 months to complete their individual plans, LA CAPs will be updated once every 5 years.</p> <p>The Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications recently approved a Business Case which sets out the resources and measures that each Local Authority will need to have in place to allow them to develop and implement the LA CAPs.</p> <p>The <i>Delivering Effective Climate Action 2030, Local Authority Strategy for delivering on the Climate Action Charter and Climate Action Plan (DECA 2030)</i> identifies resources and measures to support the completion and reporting on clearly defined actions for each LA CAP. Each Climate Action Team will be supported by a Climate Action Steering Group, which comprises of the heads of the various local authority directorates, providing a governance framework to manage and monitor implementation. Specifically, the additional specialist resource requirements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Action Coordinator – Responsible for managing the Climate Action resources and overseeing the implementation of climate action (mitigation + adaptation). Together with the Local Authority Climate Action Steering Group, they will also be responsible for overseeing the implementation of the adaptation strategy. • Climate Action Officer – Responsible for managing the internal change, building climate action awareness and readiness across the local authority and providing support to the Coordinator. • Climate Action Community Officer – The Climate Action Community Officer will provide long-term engagement with communities to facilitate participation in climate action, understand the local risks and opportunities and assist in the implementation of local climate action plans and initiatives.
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Municipal District of Donegal

13th December 2022

1. Town & Village Renewal – Donegal MD

- Donegal Town
- Glencolmcille
- Carrick
- Bruckless

2. Playground Maintenance

3. Walks & Trails

4. Sliabh Liag Development Project

5. Leader/RDP Programme Update



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Municipal District: Donegal

Activity / Project Update: December 2022

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



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Municipal District: Donegal

Activity / Project Update: December 2022

Activity / Project Title	2019 T&V Renewal – Glencolmcille
Project Description/Activity	Enhancements & Development Works Works consists of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development of a Town Plan• Upgrade existing footpaths• Provision of directional and interpretative signage• Provision of a bus shelter
Budget <i>(if applicable)</i>	€100,000 – Department of Rural & Community Development € 25,000 – Own Resources
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A number of meetings have been held with the community group for the area to finalise the details of the project including the options available to deliver the various elements of the project.• Letter of Offer has been issued out to Group, signed and returned.• Designs of the proposed works are currently underway and will be presented to the community group.• The group have procured an architect/designer to progress the design and to prepare tender documents for a number of elements of the scheme.• Works designed and currently out to tender.• Tender evaluation report complete and successful contractor identified.• Site meeting with successful contractor.• Construction has commenced on site.• Construction work is substantially complete.• There are a few outstanding snags to be addressed.• The snags have been addressed and work is complete.• All signage has been ordered by the group and will be installed in the coming weeks.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contractor to complete works on site by end of December 2022.
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Activity / Project Update: December 2022

Activity / Project Title	2020 T&V Renewal – Carrick
Project Description/Activity	Enhancements & Development Works Works consists of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reinststate the pedestrian bridge crossing the Glen River• Commission and prepare a Town Health Check• Commission and prepare a Regeneration Strategy to inform the sustainable development of the town and immediate surrounding area
Budget (if applicable)	€100,000 – Department of Rural & Community Development € 11,111 – Own Resources
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A number of meetings have been held with the community group for the area to finalise the details of the project including the options available to deliver the various elements of the project.• Letter of Offer has been issued out to Group, signed and returned.• Designs of the proposed pedestrian bridge works are complete.• The group are have procured and appointed a contractor to complete the pedestrian bridge• Procurement documents prepared to appoint a consultant(s) to prepare a Town Health Check & a Regeneration Strategy of the town and surrounding area.• The pedestrian bridge crossing is complete.• Consultant appointed to prepare a Town Health Check & a Regeneration Strategy of the town and surrounding area.• Additional works to the river walk is now completed.• The Masterplan is at final stage and final draft will be issued by end of January.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Progress the Town Health Check & a Regeneration Strategy of the town and surrounding area and hope to be complete by end of January 2023.
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Activity / Project Update: December 2022

Activity / Project Title	2020 T&V Renewal – Bruckless
Project Description/Activity	Enhancements & Development Works Works consists of: Landscaped garden park area with native trees, flowers, benches and pathways including the following. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Railway feature area• Area with outdoor gym equipment• Wheelchair accessible Sensory garden• Wild meadow area• Small public grass area suitable for casual sports and games
Budget (if applicable)	€100,000 – Department of Rural & Community Development € 11,111 – Own Resources
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A number of meetings have been held with the community group for the area to finalise the details of the project including the options available to deliver the various elements of the project.• Letter of Offer has been issued out to Group, signed and returned.• The group are have procured a design consultant to prepare contract documents to appoint a contractor to carry out the works on the proposed park.• Design work commenced and preparation of contract documents also commenced• Design of proposed park complete and approved by the community group.• Project is currently on E-tenders. 2 Contractors have submitted tenders and the tender report has been issued.• Contractor appointed.• Work has commenced on site and is progressing well and hope to be completed by the end of January
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Works to be completed by the end of January 2023.
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Municipal District: Donegal

Activity / Project Update: December 2022

Activity / Project Title	PLAYGROUNDS MAINTENANCE 2022
Project Description/Activity	Annual maintenance of Playgrounds <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Glencolmcille.2. Mall Park, Ballyshannon.3. Mall Park Outdoor Gym, Ballyshannon.4. Waterworld Playground, Bundoran.5. Westend Playground, Bundoran6. St. John Bosco, Donegal Town7. Kilcar Playground.8. Killybegs Playground.9. Bruckless Playground
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Works consists of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Replacement of broken and damaged equipment.• Replace worn safety tiles and remove trip hazards.• Grease all equipment that contains bushes, bearings, shackles, etc.• Carry out repairs along edges of safety surfaces. <p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Successful tender appointed to carry out Annual Rospa Inspections.• Annual Rospa Inspection Reports have been completed with necessary repairs identified.• Quick quotes tender issued on e-tenders to procure Maintenance contractor for 2022 maintenance contract works.• Maintenance contractor appointed and repair works are currently underway across playgrounds.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Undertake playground repair works
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Activity / Project Update No.10

December 2022

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

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



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Municipal District: Donegal

Activity / Project Update: October 2022

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



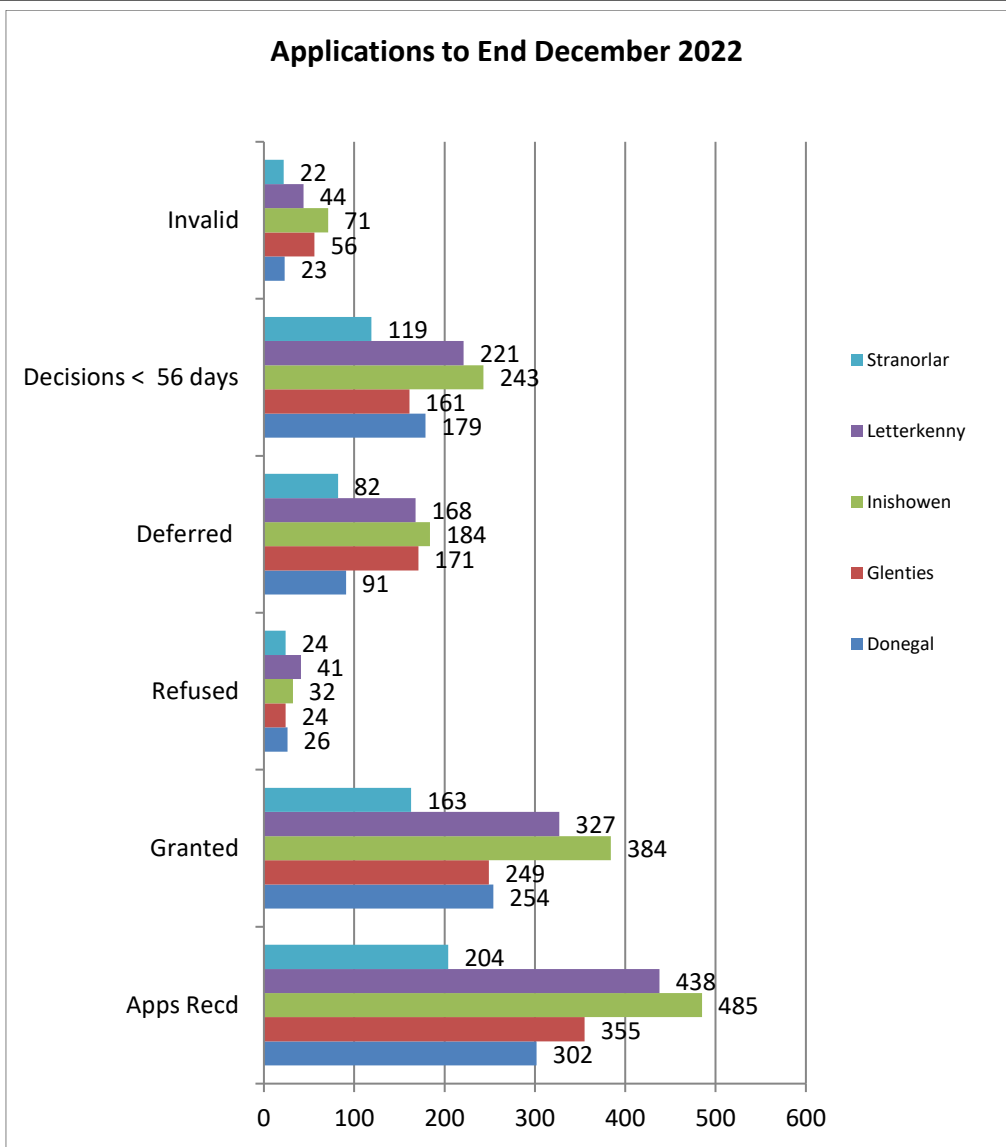
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Municipal District: Countywide

Activity / Project Update- December 2022

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 & Transitional LEADER Programme 2021-2022
Budget Transitional Programme	€13,413,875 (Additional funding received 2019) <i>Note: Project costs €10,063,586, administration and animation costs €3,350,289</i> 1 st April 2021 – 31 st December 2022 €2,861,598 project costs € 953,866 for Administration & Animation.
Progress to date within the last two months-inclusive of current status	There are 4 Implementing Partners within the county; Donegal Local Development Company (DLDC), Inishowen Development Partnership (IDP), Údarás Na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán, who are rolling out the LEADER Transitional programme on behalf of the LAG (Local Action Group). The LEADER Transitional programme is effective from 1st April 2021 and runs until 31 st December 2022. €45 million is allocated nationally for the Transitional Programme and €20 million from the EURI programme. 51 projects in Donegal are now approved by Pobal under the Transitional & EURI programmes and Letters of Offer have issued/are pending, granting LEADER funding to a value of €2,658,049.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	The next LCDC/LAG meeting will be held on 15 th November 2022. Monthly Evaluation Committee meetings will continue to be held to progress projects to LCDC/LAG stage and the LDCs will continue to engage with promoters on the ground to develop and assess potential applications and to promote the Transitional LEADER programme.
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Donegal MD Meeting
13th December 2022

Item		Update																																					
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	(1) Statistics	Donegal MD Totals Year to End October 2022																																					
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2	Enforcement		
		Donegal MD	To end October 2022
		New Cases	3
		Closed Cases	2
		Outstanding cases on record since 2012	193
3	Notes & Monthly Schedule	<p>Pre planning clinics are on a telephone call only basis (ring 074 9153900) between 9.00am and 12.30pm on the dates outlined below.</p> <p>The pre planning clinic calls will be taken by the Executive Planners and shall be for substantial applications only.</p> <p><u>Planning Clinics 2022:</u> 15th December 2022</p> <p>Please see website for further dates. http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/planning-clinics/</p>	
4	Casual Trading	No Report	
5	Regeneration Report	See Appendix B and Appendix C	
6	Building Control & Taking in Charge Community Development & Planning Services	See Appendix A	
7	Capital Projects Delivery Unit	See Appendix D	
8	Central Planning Unit	No Report	
	(1) <i>Letterkenny Plan and Local Transport Plan</i>	At the Plenary Council meeting of 28 th November, 2022, Members agreed the final text of the Draft Plan and also approved proceeding to publish the Draft Plan. The programme now being pursued is to have the Draft Plan published on 6 th January, 2023 for a public consultation period of 6 weeks running until 16 th February, 2023.	
	(2) <i>County Development Plan 2018-2024 (As Varied)</i>	<p><u>Wind Energy Policy Proposed Variation and Ministerial Direction</u></p> <p>Following the adoption of the Variation at the July, 2022 Plenary Council meeting, the Council received notification of a Draft Ministerial direction to amend certain sections of the Variation. The final Direction has not yet been received.</p>	
	(3) <i>Four-Year Review/County Development Plan</i>	<p><u>Four Year Review</u></p> <p>Work on a working draft of the Draft Plan is continuing. At the November Plenary Council</p>	

	2024-2030	<p>meeting, Members agreed to two further Plenary workshops in relation to this project:</p> <p>10.00am – 13.00pm Friday 20th January, 2023 Council Headquarters, Lifford</p> <p>10.00am – 13.00pm Friday 17th February, 2023 Council Headquarters, Lifford</p> <p>In addition, it is intended that MD Workshops will be arranged before the Christmas holidays to consider Settlement Framework maps.</p>
	(4) Residential Zoned Land Tax	As required by national legislation, this Authority's Draft Map was published for public consultation on 1 st November, 2022. The consultation period allowing for submissions closes on 1 st January, 2023.
9	Conservation Report	No Report
10	Further Information Click on web links to access information.	<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_querybysurforrecloc.asp File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and when requesting planning searches: www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/fileretrieval/File%20Retrieval.pdf

Appendix A



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

Municipal District of Donegal December 2022

Building Control & Taking in Charge
Community Development & Planning Services

REPORT

1. Building Control Activity
 - a. Commencement Notices
 - b. Disability Access Certificates
 - c. Building Energy Ratings
2. Taking in Charge of Private Residential Estates

Building Control Activity

a. Commencement Notices

So far in 2022, up until the end of November, 510 Commencement notices have been submitted, representing 494 new buildings and 140 building alterations or extensions. This compares with 541 Commencement notices for the same period in 2021 representing 590 new builds and 131 building alterations or extensions.

The number of "Opt-out" Commencement Notices submitted so far in 2022 is 289, more than 56% of the overall total submitted.

As reported previously, this consistent level of submission of these type of Commencement Notices remains a concern. Where these types of Commencement Notices are being used the owners have declared themselves to be competent to ensure that the works comply with the Building Regulations and are therefore taking on ALL the responsibility for ensuring compliance with the Regulations.

Annual figures:

In 2021 there were 565 Commencement Notices received. These represented 772 building projects of which there were 634 new units. 148 of these are classified as "multi-unit developments."

As a comparison, in 2020 there were 436 Commencement Notices received. These represented 642 building projects of which there were 510 new units. 189 of these are classified as "multi-unit developments."

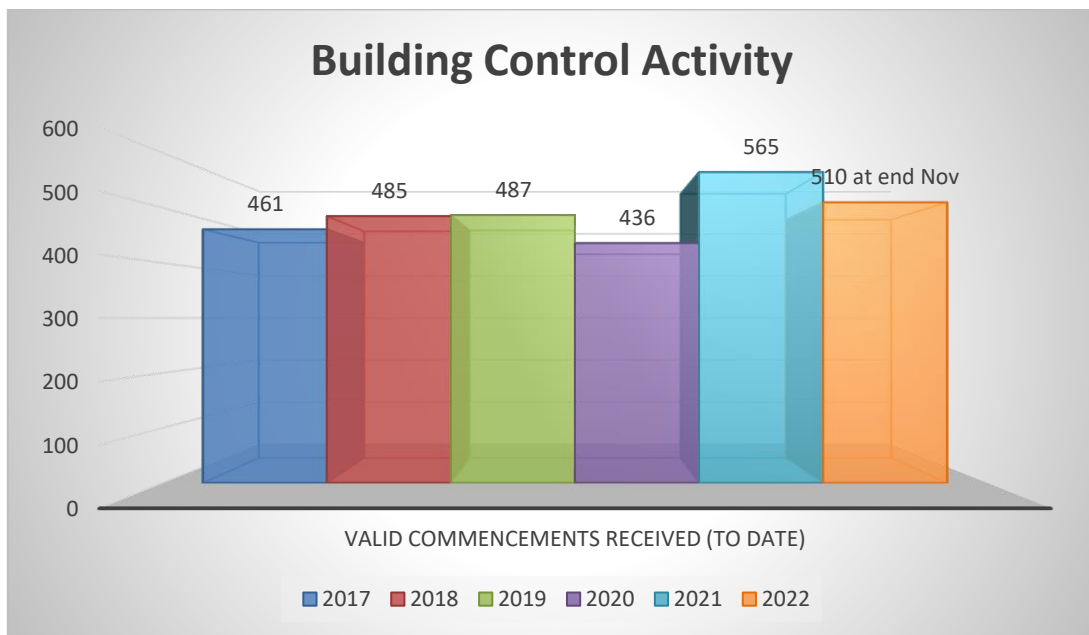
In 2019, there were 478 Commencement Notices, representing 620 building projects, while in 2018 there were 483 valid Commencement Notices, representing 608 new build units.

Types of Commencement Notices:

- i) Commencement Notice with Compliance Documentation: An Assigned Certifier is appointed to oversee the construction and to ensure that there is compliance with the Building Regulations.
- ii) Commencement Notice with Opt Out: This can be used for single dwellings only. The owner is given the option to "opt out" from the Certification Process. They are still legally obliged to comply with the Building Regulations. For this type of commencement notice, an assigned certifier is not appointed, and the owner must sign a declaration to ensure that the building is constructed in accordance with the relevant Building Regulations.

It needs to be stressed here that if this option is chosen, then the Owner is declaring that they are "Competent" and will ensure that the works comply with the Building Regulations. These are still subject to spot check inspections and must provide compliance documentation upon request.

- iii) Commencement Notice without Compliance Documentation: This is referred to as a Short Commencement Notice and requires minimal documentation. It cannot be used for:
- The construction of a new dwelling house.
 - An extension to a dwelling involving a total floor area greater than 40m².
 - Any works that require a fire certificate
- iv) 7 Day Notice: This type of notice is used, where a fire certificate has been applied for but has not yet been granted.



Summary of Valid Commencement Notices submitted in 2022 to date.

2022- Jan 1st to November 30th				
Type	No. Of CNs	New Builds	Building Alterations /Extensions	Multi Dwelling
CN with Documentation	131	215	38	1 no. 5 unit, 1 no. 24 unit, 1 no. 7 unit, 1 no. 19 unit, 1 no. 11 unit, 1 no. 26 unit, 1 no. 10 unit, 1 no. 18 unit
7-day notice	32	18	14	
CN without Documentation	58	29	32	
CN with Opt Out	289	232	56	
Total	510	494	140	

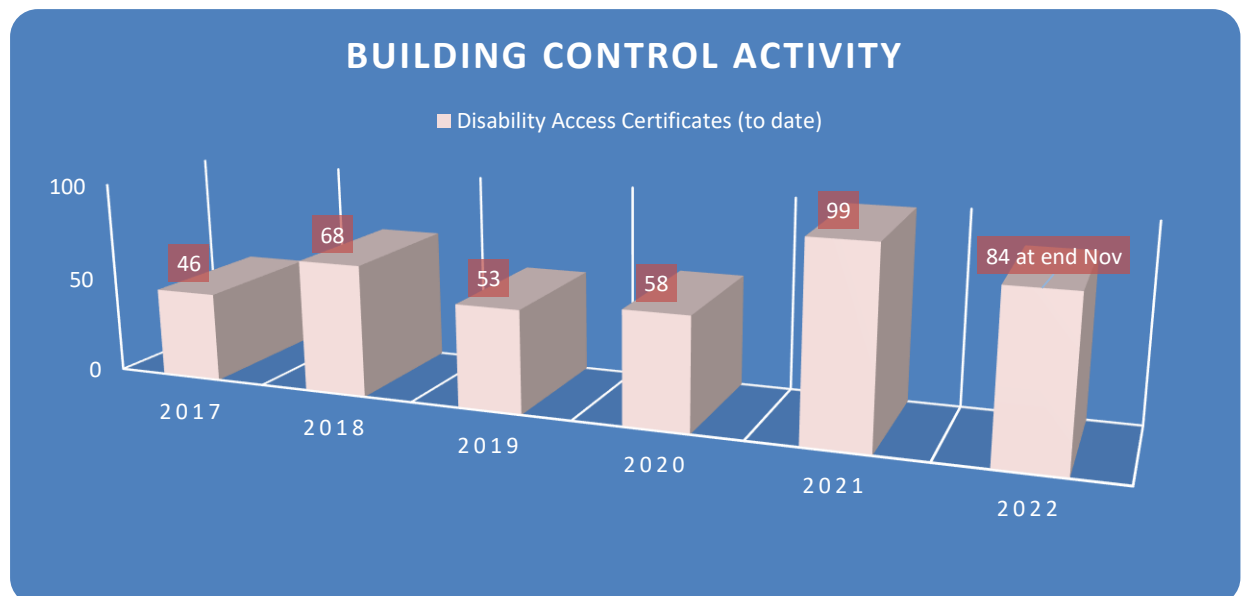
b. Disability Access Certificates:

A Disability Access Certificate (DAC) is a Certificate issued by the Building Control Authority and states that the works or building to which the application relates will, if constructed in accordance with the plans and specifications submitted, comply with the requirements of Part M of the Second Schedule to the Building Regulations 1997 - 2011.

Except for houses and certain agricultural buildings, a Disability Access Certificate is generally required for all new buildings, including apartments and flats. A certificate is also required for material changes of use and certain alterations and extensions to buildings. A building may not be opened, operated, or occupied or permitted to do so unless a Disability Access Certificate has been granted or pending determination of an appeals process.

In 2021 the Building Control Department received 99 Disability Access Certificate applications. This compares with 58 applications in 2020 and 53 in 2019.

So far in 2022, up until the end of November, there have been 84 DAC applications. This compares with 90 for the same period in 2021.



c. Building Energy Ratings (BERs)

The European Energy Performance of Buildings Regulations requires members states to implement arrangements for the energy performance rating and certification of buildings.

Building Energy Rating certificates are required whenever a building (including dwellings) is offered for sale or letting; newly commissioned buildings require a

provisional BER certificate if it is offered for sale or letting sold off plans and must have a valid BER Certificate prior to occupation or use;

The regulations require that: -

- Building Energy Ratings are included in all advertisements for the sale or lease of buildings.
- Display Energy Certificates (DECs) are required in public and privately owned buildings, which are frequently visited by the public and which are above 500 m2 in size (reducing to 250 m2 from 9th January 2015 for public sector buildings frequently visited by the public).
- Owners and agents are required to present BER certificates on demand to Authorised Officers or furnish a reason for failure to obtain same within 28 days.

Enforcement of the above aspects of the regulations is the responsibility of local Building Control Authorities.

So far in 2022, 30 Estate Agents have been contacted in respect of over 220 dwellings offered for sale and over 60 buildings other than dwellings offered for sale or let to monitor compliance with the regulations.

Taking in Charge of Private Residential Estates.

The Taking in Charge team is today presenting the following estates in the Donegal Municipal District to Members seeking approval to complete the Taking in Charge process:

- Stracomer View, Bundoran;
- Ashbrook Drive, Ballyshannon;
- Orchard Drive, Donegal Town.

Planning & Development Act (2000 as amended) – Section 207

Roads Act, 1993 – Section 11

Planning and Development Act, (2000 as amended) – Section 180

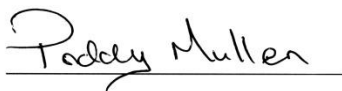
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It is **noted** that consequent on the making of this Order, the Council is required to take in charge any sewers, watermains, or service connections and the public open spaces or car park within the attendant grounds of the development in accordance with Section 180(4)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

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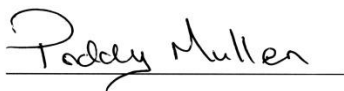
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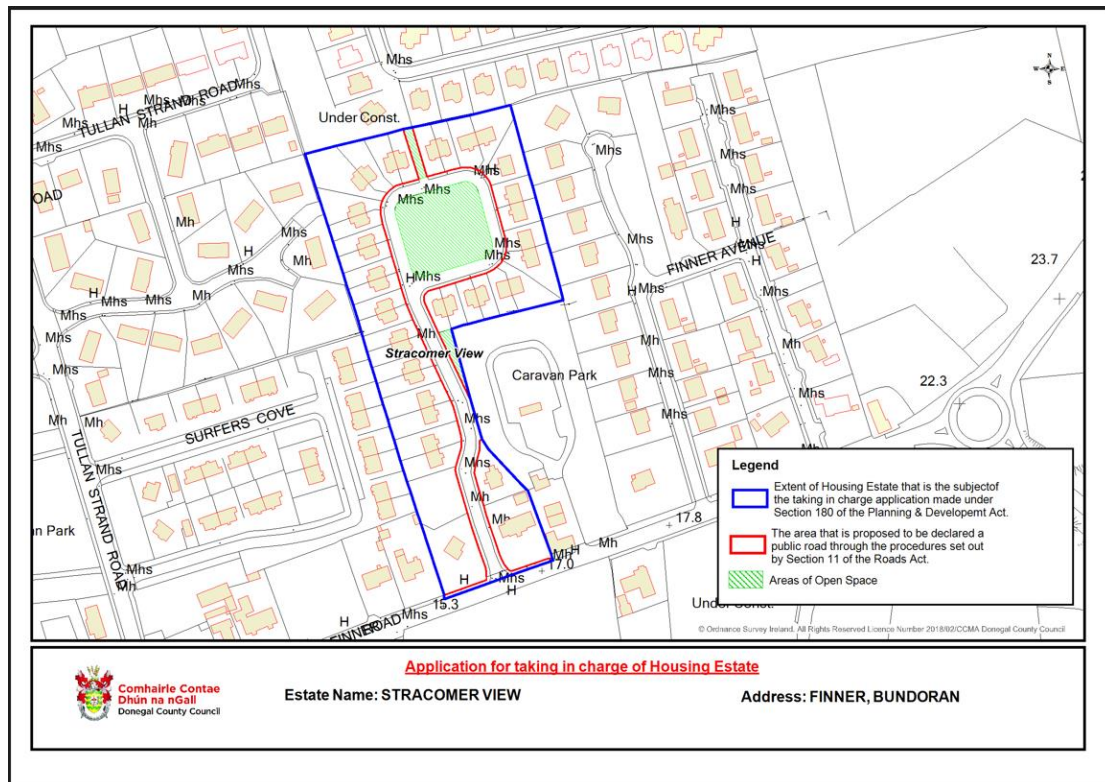


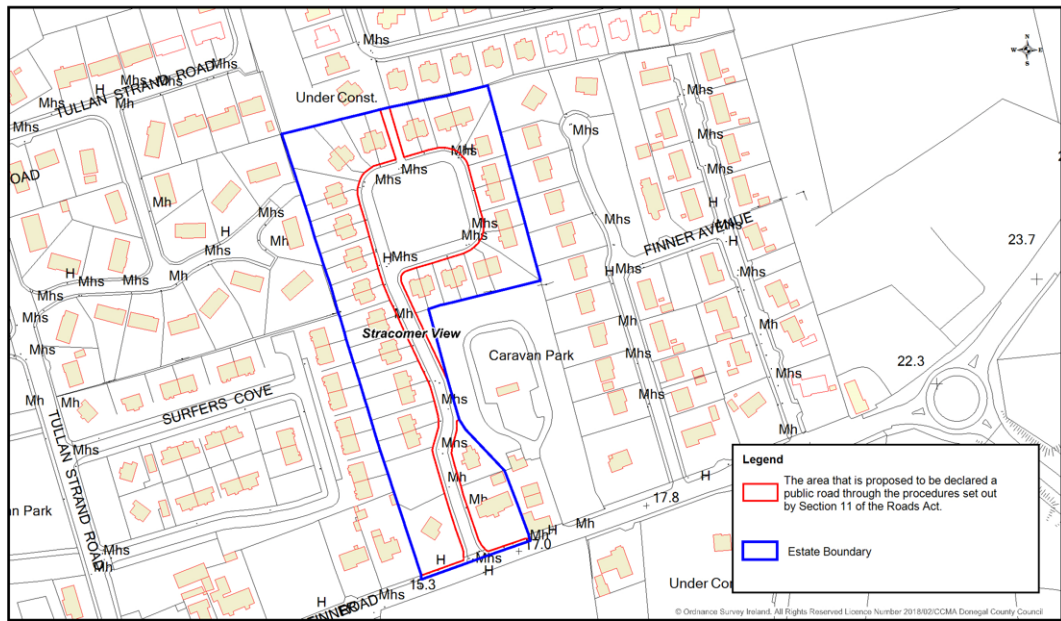
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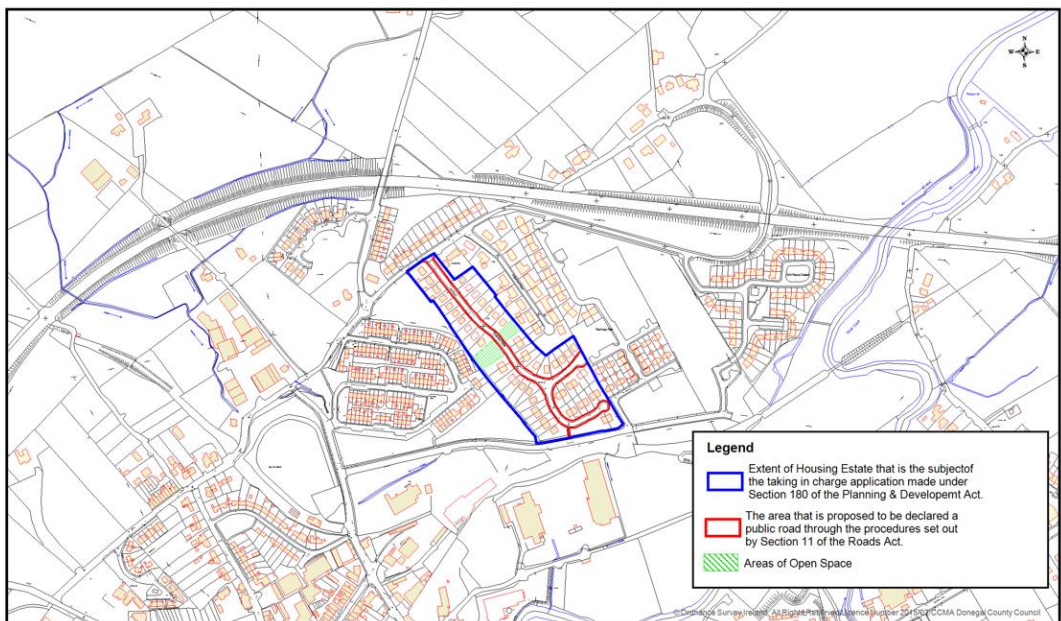




Creation of public rights of way under S.207 of the Planning & Development Act 2000-2015

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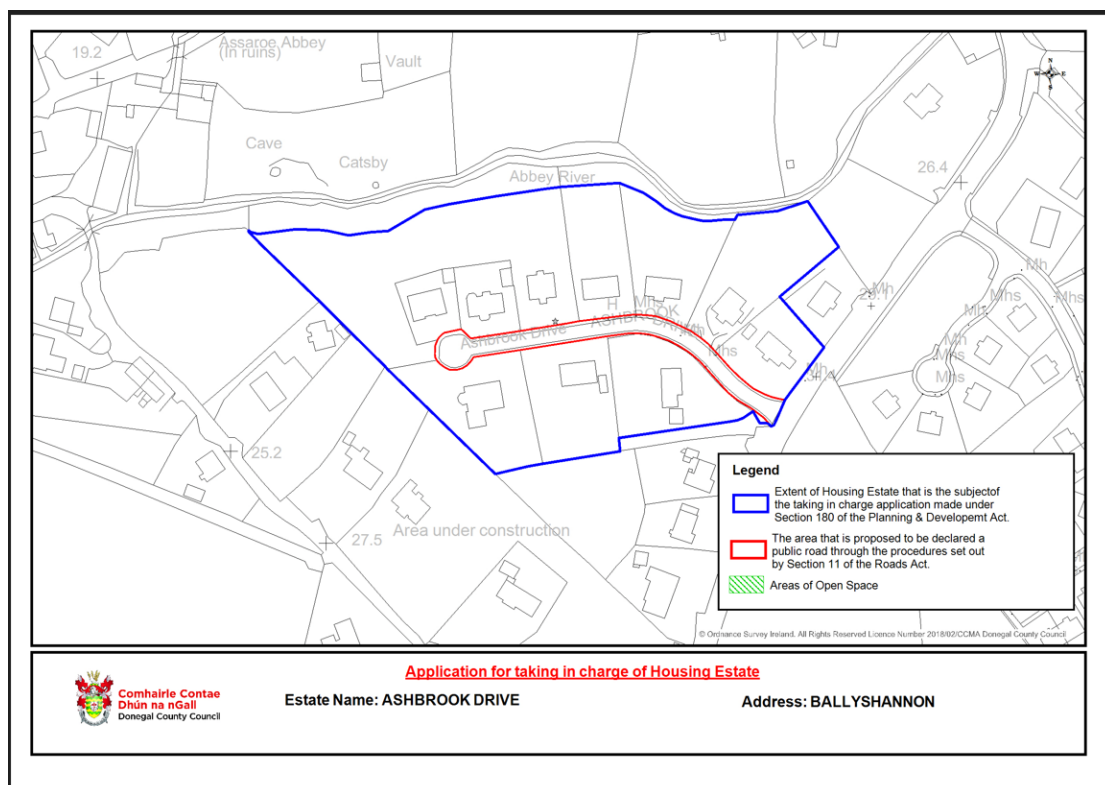
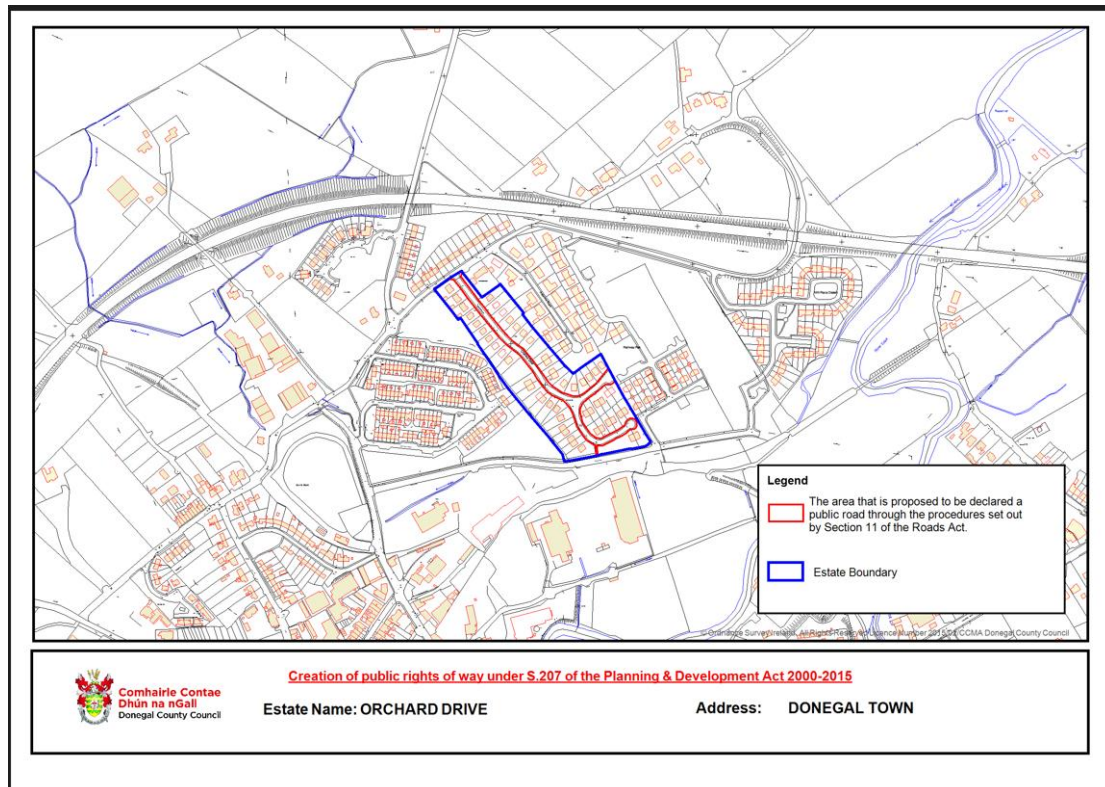
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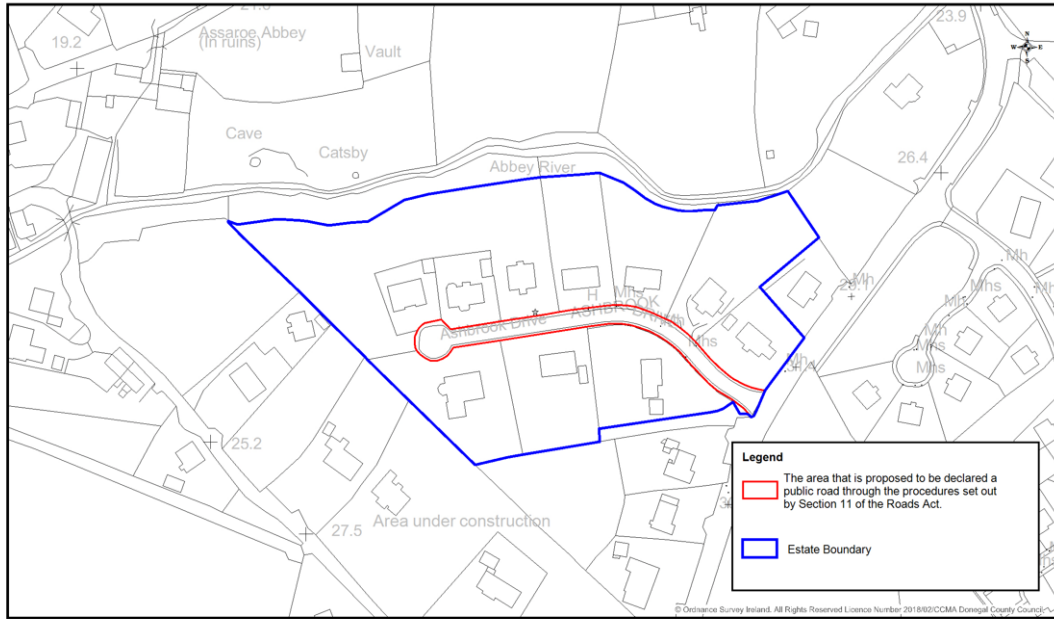


Application for taking in charge of Housing Estate

Estate Name: ORCHARD DRIVE

Address: DONEGAL TOWN





Creation of public rights of way under S.207 of the Planning & Development Act 2000-2015

Estate Name: ASHBROOK DRIVE **Address: BALLYSHANNON**

Appendix B



**Comhairle Contae
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2040

Regeneration & Development Team
Community Development & Planning Services

November (2022)

Municipal District Meetings

Report to Elected Members

1.0 RURAL REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (RRDF)

1.1 EXISTING APPROVED CATEGORY 2 RRDF PROJECTS (2020)

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

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

Update: The Team continues to work towards (i) progressing an acquisition interest in Ballyshannon Town Centre, and (ii) the publication of a planning scheme, so as to develop this project as a shovel ready capital project targeted for future Category 1 RRDF funding.

Members were provided with a detailed progress update on the draft project plans at workshop on 27th September 2022.

As agreed the Regeneration & Development Team then opened a period of public consultation on the draft plans for the project on Tuesday 25th October 2022 with a drop-in event in St Anne's Hall, Ballyshannon from 3-8pm. The event was very well attended on the night. Draft plans remain available for viewing at www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/regenerationprojects and submission can be made until 4:30pm on Tuesday 8th November 2022.

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

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

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

The Regeneration and Development Team subsequently completed the submission of a Category 1 capital funding application to the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund for the capital delivery of this project by the 12noon deadline on Friday 29th April, 2022. The submitted project has a total project value of €7,949,868 and remains under assessment. Meanwhile, work continues to advance on the Detailed Design of Project together with preparation of a completed Tender Package, which is scheduled for completion this year.

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

1.2.1. Ballybofey & Stranorlar - The ‘SEED’ project – A sustainable, green regeneration project to

Strengthen, Engage, Enable and Deliver transformational change in Ballybofey-Stranorlar.

Value: €9,756,969.

This project has now been formally handed over to the Capital Projects Delivery Unit who will begin reporting in due course.

1.2.2. Burtonport (Harbour to Island) Regeneration
Value: €2.3m

This project has now been formally handed over to the Capital Project Delivery Unit (CPDU) who will begin reporting in due course.

1.2.3. Carndonagh Tús Nua Regeneration Project
Value: €9,542,852

This project has now been formally handed over to the Capital Project Delivery Unit (CPDU) who will begin reporting in due course.

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

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

Due diligence has been completed on this project and a formal letter of Offer together with an associated Funding Agreement was received on 10th May 2022. The Funding Agreement was subsequently accepted and formally returned to the Department on 18th May 2022. The project will now progress to procurement of the

required consultancy services before commencement of the planning and statutory consents stages of this project enabled by the funding award. A successful public information event in respect of this project was held in the Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana on Monday 23rd May, 2022.

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

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

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

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

1.5 REGENERATION STRATEGIES & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT WORK

The Regeneration & Development Team had undertaken with Members to progress Regeneration Strategies in a number of Tier 2 Strategic Towns as a part of our work programme. This work has been progressing through in house resources and capacities together with consultancy services. An update on this area of the work programme is provided hereinunder:

1.5.2 Ballybofey-Stranorlar Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan

The Ballybofey-Stranorlar Regeneration Strategy was endorsed by the Committee of BASICC, as project partners, on 7th February 2022 and subsequently endorsed by the Stranorlar-Lifford MD on 25th May 2022. The Strategy was launched 27th May 2022 by means of press release and is currently being circulated across Donegal County Council Directorates and to key stakeholders. The Strategy is available at [Donegal County Council \(donegalcoco.ie\)](http://donegalcoco.ie)

1.5.3 Ballyshannon Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan

The Ballyshannon Town Centre Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan was formally published, launched and circulated to Members on the 20th April 2022. The Strategy & Action Plan, and associated Town Centre Masterplan, is available to view/download online at www.donegalcoco.ie and at Council offices. The Strategy was commissioned and funded by Donegal County Council and its delivery was led by GM Design Associates with the support and input of the Council's Regeneration and Development Team.

1.5.4 An Clochán Liath (Dungloe) Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan

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1.6. Rathmullan RRDF Project Development work

Work to complete the Draft Design & Design Report for this project is advancing, and targeted stakeholder group consultations took place in December 2021. This primarily included key internal Council services, external statutory bodies and a cross-section of community interests in Rathmullan identified by 'The Way Forward' group. A presentation on the Draft Design Report for this project was made to the Elected Members at a scheduled workshop on 2nd June 2022 in advance of an informal public consultation event which took place later the same day from 3pm to 8pm in the St. Vincent de Paul Centre, Rathmullan.

Work is now continuing towards publication of a statutory planning scheme for the Project in November of 2022.

1.7. Milford Town Centre First Plan

In late 2021 the Department of Rural and Community Development sought nominations for towns to be considered as part of the 1st Phase of the Town Centre Masterplan Initiative. Minister Heather Humphries TD subsequently announced that Milford was successful in securing €100,000 under the call. The Regeneration & Development Team is now leading on the delivery of a Town Centre First Masterplan for the Town. Work has commenced to agree the collaborative delivery arrangements services requirements and to progress to tender stage for consultancy services. It is anticipated that the successful consultancy service(s) will be appointed, and the project will be formally launched, before year end with a scheduled completion date of mid-2023.

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This first application secured €1.9m in URDF monies, match funded by €600,000 for three sub-projects, the detail and progress of which is set out below:

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Phase 1 development of the site is being progressed by the Capital Projects Delivery Unit (CPDU) to its next stage of detailed design with input from the Regeneration and Development Team in relation to tender evaluation. Please refer to MD reporting of the CPDU for all further and onward updates in this regard.

Alongside advancement of Phase 1 above and in collaboration with Housing, options are being explored as regards the business model for the residential component of the Concept Masterplan relating to the remainder of the strategic site (Phase 2). Further updates will be brought to the Letterkenny-Milford MD in this regard as this work develops.

(iii) Public realm in the area of the Public Services Centre and Joe Bonnar Rd

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On Friday 12th March 2021 Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien TD announced that a provisional allocation of €13.6m has been awarded under the URDF application Letterkenny 2040 (Phase 1) 'Re-energise and Connect the Historic Town Centre' supported by match funding committed by the Council in the sum of €4.5m.

Specifically this new investment will help to advance five projects to varying stages of as follows:

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 - Regeneration of Lower Main Street
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The project continues to progress through funding approval steps required under the Public Spending Code. In this regard, a Preliminary Business Case (PBC) was submitted to DHLGH in March 2022 and for review and approval. This was followed by submission of Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy on 29th July 2022.

The current status of the project is that the Preliminary Business Case secured approval of DHLGH on 11th August 2022. This represents approval under Decision Gate 1 in the project life cycle and '*approval in principle to Donegal County Council to proceed to Design, Planning & Procurement Strategy.*'

As outlined, a **Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy has already been submitted to DHLGH on 29th July 2022 and is therefore actively under review and consideration by DHLGH.** This remains the case as at last update received from DHLGH on 20th October 2022.

Approval of Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy will lead to approval to proceed to tendering inclusive of satisfactory completion of the Final Business Case and thereafter each project will advance at varying paces dependent on nature, scale and complexity.

DHLGH PRE-TENDER APPROVAL

- Proceed with acquisition
- Procure necessary design consultants & contractors

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2.3 Future URDF call for applications

Although there is no confirmed date available for a 3rd call for URDF applications, an announcement is anticipated as early as Q1 2023 and following an ongoing review of funding commitments/ project costs currently being undertaken by DHLGH. Consideration is being given to the options in this regard including the further sequencing of investment to deliver on the ambition set out in the Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy particularly in relation to the advancement of a Regional Transport Hub, associated accessibility infrastructure and capital projects at Lower Main Street. It is proposed to scope the options with Members of Letterkenny-Milford MD as part of a future MD workshop.

2.4 'The Eat Out' Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Project, Letterkenny

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November 2022. Arrangements are being made for a MD workshop in advance of the plenary meeting.

In addition, and in collaboration with Community Development, options are being explored to progress the next stage of Detailed Design to deliver the project on site.

2.5 Other

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

Regeneration & Development Team
November 2022.

Appendix C



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1.0 RURAL REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (RRDF)

1.1 EXISTING APPROVED CATEGORY 2 RRDF PROJECTS (2020)

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

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

Update: The Team continues to work towards (i) progressing an acquisition interest in Ballyshannon Town Centre, and (ii) the publication of a planning scheme, so as to develop this project as a shovel ready capital project targeted for future Category 1 RRDF funding.

Members were provided with a detailed progress update on the draft project plans at workshop on 27th September 2022.

As agreed the Regeneration & Development Team then opened a period of public consultation on the draft plans for the project on Tuesday 25th October 2022 with a drop-in event in St Anne's Hall, Ballyshannon from 3-8pm. The event was very well attended on the night. Draft plans remained available for viewing at www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/regenerationprojects with submissions to be made before 4:30pm on Tuesday 15th November 2022. A total of 105no. submissions were received and the Team is now examining the feedback and the necessary arrangements for further engagement.

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

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

Update: A Part 8 planning scheme for this project was published on Tuesday 1st February 2022 and a Chief Executives Report on the proposed development was brought before the Elected Members at a Plenary Meeting of the Council

on Wednesday 6th April, 2022 and it was decided to proceed with the development as proposed.

Detailed design and a tender package is now being completed by the successful consultant BDP.

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

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

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

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

Due diligence has been completed on this project and a formal letter of Offer together with an associated Funding Agreement was received on 10th May 2022. The Funding Agreement was subsequently accepted and formally returned to the Department on 18th May 2022. The project will now progress to procurement of the required consultancy services before commencement of the planning and statutory consents stages of this project enabled by the funding award. A successful public information event in respect of this project was held in the Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana on Monday 23rd May, 2022.

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

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

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

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1.8 REGENERATION STRATEGIES & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT WORK

The Regeneration & Development Team had undertaken with Members to progress Regeneration Strategies in a number of Tier 2 Strategic Towns as a part of our work programme. This work has been progressing through in house resources and capacities together with consultancy services. An update on this area of the work programme is provided hereinunder:

1.8.2 Ballybofey-Stranorlar Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan

The Ballybofey-Stranorlar Regeneration Strategy was endorsed by the Committee of BASICC, as project partners, on 7th February 2022 and subsequently endorsed by the Stranorlar-Lifford MD on 25th May 2022. The Strategy was launched 27th May 2022 and is available at [Donegal County Council \(donegalcoco.ie\)](https://www.donegalcoco.ie)

1.8.3 Ballyshannon Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan

The Ballyshannon Town Centre Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan was formally published, launched and circulated to Members on the 20th April 2022. The Strategy & Action Plan, and associated Town Centre Masterplan, is available to view/download online at www.donegalcoco.ie and at Council offices. The Strategy was commissioned and funded by Donegal County Council and its delivery was led by GM Design Associates with the support and input of the Council’s Regeneration and Development Team.

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

For further information contact the Regeneration & Development Team at: regeneration@donegalcoco.ie or on 0749153900.

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A FUNDING APPROVAL PROCESS



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A proposed Part 8 development as regards 'The Eat Out' Outdoor Dining Infrastructure project was published on 15th September 2022 for a period of statutory consultation. No submission were received during the statutory consultation period. Following MD workshop on 8th November 2022 in

relation to the proposed development, a Chief Executives Report was considered at the scheduled Plenary Council meeting on 28th November 2022 at which time Donegal County Council decided to approve the proposed development in accordance with plans and particulars published 15th September 2022.

This project will now hand over to Community Development wherein options are being explored to progress the next stage of Detailed Design to deliver the project on site.

2.5 Other

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

**Regeneration & Development Team
December 2022.**

Appendix D



**Comhairle Contae
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Donegal County Council

CAPITAL PROJECTS DELIVERY UNIT Community Development and Planning Services

Report to Donegal Municipal District Members: December 2022

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

Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<p>It is anticipated that works will have commenced on both the Island House and the public realm space.</p>
Contact Person(s)	<p>Michael Quigley, A/Executive Engineer Ardal McDermott, A/ Senior Executive Engineer</p>



Donegal Municipal District - 13th December 2022 Motions

Agenda Item No.7

Office Ref:DLMD-2022-10001

Submitted By: Cllr. Noel Andrew Jordan

Assigned To: Roads

Motion "With the Mountcharles to Inver road scheme completed, this Municipal District calls on the TII to complete the remainder of the scheme from Inver to Killybegs"

Signed Off By:

Response: If this motion is adopted this request will be referred to the TII for their attention.

Agenda Item No.8

Office Ref:DLMD-2022-10002

Submitted By: Cllr. Tom Conaghan

Assigned To: Environment

Motion "As a matter of urgency, the Donegal MD calls on the Environment Department to move forward and choose a location for the recycling/bottle bank in Donegal Town as the current location is unsuitable and in disrepair."

Signed Off By: MICHAEL MCGARVEY

Response: The DCC Environment & Facilities teams have been considering an option to relocate the Bring Banks at the Donegal PSC. A litter, traffic management and health and safety plan is being developed by the Environment team. An update will be provided at a MD meeting early in 2023. A short term repair of the existing site is also being carried out this week.

Agenda Item No.9

Office Ref:DLMD-2022-10005

Submitted By: Cllr. Michael McMahon

Assigned To: Planning

Motion "That this Municipal District discuss unfinished housing estates in the Municipal District of Donegal, in particular in the Bundoran Area, where a number of estates are awaiting to be 'taken in charge' by the Council."

Signed Off By: PADDY MULLEN

Response: The Taking in Charge process is initiated by the submission of an application by either the Developer of an estate or the majority of property owners within a development. The Taking in Charge team within Community Development & Planning Services are continuing to work through the over 330 Taking in Charge applications received to date and there remains 226 valid, live, Taking in Charge applications in the County. Following the submission of a valid application, a number of factors must be considered prior to a recommendation being brought forward to the Municipal Districts to proceed with the taking in charge process. These include the level of completion of the estate, the level of compliance with its planning permission, the planning securities available to carry out any remedial works which might be necessary to complete the roads and services within an estate to a satisfactory condition and the need for wayleaves/consents to ensure access rights for provision of maintenance into the future, as well as confirmation that the roads within an estate are of general public utility. The status of any Planning Enforcement proceedings and the financial implications for the Council of declaring the roads to be public roads must also be considered before an estate can be taken in charge. The Council must also seek the agreement of Irish Water to take in charge the water services infrastructure in an estate and are currently in the process of submitting condition reports to Irish Water, in consultation with colleagues in Water Services, on over 125 estates in the county. It should be noted that the taking in charge process does not involve the completion or carrying out of any works to partially built or incomplete dwellings as these are generally privately owned. The 225 live applications are broken down as follows: Inishowen MD: 86; Letterkenny –Milford MD: 71; Donegal MD: 32; Lifford-Stranorlar MD: 27; Glenties MD: 9. Of the 51 applications submitted in the Donegal MD, the Taking in Charge process has been completed in 19 estates with a further 3 being presented at the December MD meeting. Of the remaining 29 estates, there are 9 estates in the Bundoran area for which we have Taking in Charge applications. These estates are: River Walk & Daneville Dinglei Coushe The Links Crest of the Wave Dartry Court & Benwhiskin View Stracomer Hill Doran Close Sea Crest Armada Estate The Taking in Charge team have submitted 6 estates in the MD to Irish Water seeking their approval to complete the Taking in Charge process in respect of Water Services infrastructure which includes foul sewer networks, watermains, fire hydrants and pump stations and are awaiting responses to these requests. As stated above, we are also continuing to prepare reports in conjunction with colleagues in Water Services on the remaining estates so that further requests can be submitted to Irish Water. The Taking in Charge team continue to carry

out works to bring the roads and services within the estates to an acceptable level and it is envisaged that reports seeking approval from Members to complete the Taking in Charge of further estates in the MD will be presented in the coming months. It should be noted that at least 9 of the estates for which applications are on file in the MD are either Holiday Home or Gated Developments or contain Developer Provided Water Services Infrastructure (DPI) and are therefore excluded from the Taking in Charge process under current policy. These include Sea Crest in Bundoran. These are, however, retained on our list of estates with applications for future consideration in line with our current policy. Estates containing "Developer Provided Water Services Infrastructure" not directly connected to the Irish Water network are not taken in charge by Irish Water and are therefore excluded from the Taking in Charge process. (Developer Provided Water Services infrastructure includes on-site water or waste water treatment systems.) Over the last 3 years, since 2019, the Council has taken in charge 61 estates; 27 in Inishowen MD, 16 in Letterkenny-Milford MD; 10 in the Donegal MD; 7 in the Lifford-Stranorlar MD and 1 in the Glenties MD.



Donegal Municipal District - 13th December 2022 Questions

Agenda Item No.10

Office Ref:DLMD-2022-10003

Submitted By: Cllr. Tom Conaghan

Assigned To: Roads

Question "How many disabled parking spaces are currently available in Donegal Town and is there a possibility of increasing this number?"

Signed Off By: MARK SWEENEY

Response: There are currently 28 disabled parking spaces throughout the town. 16 disabled spaces are in the car parks and 2 disabled parking spaces on the streets with a further 10 disabled parking spaces in the private parking that is provided by businesses through the town. This number can be increased if other suitable locations are identified.

Agenda Item No.11

Office Ref:DLMD-2022-10004

Submitted By: Cllr. Tom Conaghan

Assigned To: Roads

Question "Can this MD carry out maintenance on all manhole covers in Donegal Town, several have been reported on both roads and footpaths as being loose and unsafe."

Signed Off By: MARK SWEENEY

Response: The Area Roads office will liaise with Cllr Conaghan with a view to determining the location of the manholes in question and the nature of the service they relate to. If defective manholes are found we will then contact the relevant service providers, who are responsible for the maintenance of their services within the road and footpath network and ask them to repair these defective manholes. If any manholes relate to the surface water network will these be addressed by the area roads office.