

Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall

Oifig Riarthóir na gCruinnithe,
Aras an Chontae,
Leifear.

2ú Aibreán, 2024

Fógra Cruinnithe

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall ar siúl **De Máirt 9ú Aibreán, 2024, ag 11.30 r.n. in Ionad Serbhísí Pobail, Bhaile Dhún na nGall.**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS DÚN NA nGALL

A Chara,

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

Mise, le meas

Padraig O'Sirin
Riarthóir Cruinnithe

Municipal District of Donegal

Office of Meetings Administrator,
County House,
Lifford.

2nd April 2024

NOTICE OF MEETING

The next Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal will be held on **Tuesday 9th April 2024 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 the Minutes of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 12th March 2024.
2. Consideration of the Minutes of the Municipal District of Donegal Roads Workshop held on the 19th March 2024.
3. **Update Reports from Council Services:**
 - 3.1 Housing & Corporate Services
 - 3.2 Roads & Transportation
 - 3.3 Economic Development, Information Systems and Emergency Services
 - 3.4 Environment Services
 - 3.4.1 *Section 183 Request – Proposed Disposal of Land at Parkhill, Ballyshannon*
 - 3.5 Community Development
 - 3.6 Planning Services

Question

4. *Cllr Tom Conaghan*
“What is the current situation on “outdoor dining” within the Donegal MD for the year 2024?”.
5. **Date of Next Meeting(s) / Workshop(s)**
 - Housing Workshop on Thursday the 11th April 2024 at 11am in the Peter Kennedy Chamber
 - MD Meeting on Tuesday the 14th May 2024 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 12TH MARCH 2024 IN THE PETER
KENNEDY CHAMBER, DONEGAL PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE**

MDD/028/24 MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MDD/029/24 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Pauric Sheerin, Area Manager, Housing & Corporate Services
Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Roads/Transportation
Ms. Tara Quinn, Executive Architect, Housing Capital
Mr. Philip O'Kennedy, Business Advisor, Local Enterprise Office
Ms. Suzanne Bogan, Environmental Awareness Officer, Environment
Section
Ms. Aideen Quinn, A/Executive Planner, Planning
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate
Services
Ms. Caroline Britton, Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

MDD/030/24 APOLOGIES

Mr. Garry Martin, Director Designate, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Paddy Doherty, Divisional Manager, Community Development

MDD/031/24 VOTES OF SYMPATHY

Votes of sympathy were passed in respect of the following:-

- The late Jarlath Ruane, Bundoran / Donegal Town
- The late Caoimhe Kelly, Drumawark, Pettigo
- The late Fr Herbie Bromley, Chapel Street, Ballyshannon

**MDD/032/24 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 13TH FEBRUARY
2024**

On the proposal of Cllr Naughton, seconded by Cllr Jordan the Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 13th February 2024 were confirmed.

**MDD/033/24 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE DFI WORKSHOP OF THE
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 28TH FEBRUARY
2024**

On the proposal of Cllr Kennedy seconded by Cllr McMahon the Minutes of the DFI Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 28th February 2024 were confirmed.

MDD/034/24 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ROADS WORKSHOP OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 28TH FEBRUARY 2024

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 28th February 2024 were confirmed.

MDD/035/24 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

CORPORATE SERVICES

Football Success

The Members congratulated the Abbey Vocational School on winning the All-Ireland Post-Primary Football B Final at the weekend. The Members commended the team on their achievements and acknowledged the support from their clubs, namely, St Nauls, Naomh Bríd and the Four Masters. The joint managers, Jamie Brennan and Stuart McFadden were also commended for their drive and management style, and it was noted the team will be leading out on the St Patrick's Day parades in both Mountcharles and Donegal Town.

Cllr Naughton also wished to congratulate Coláiste Cholmcille on their win in the Lid/LGFA competition of the top prize of €50,000 for the development of sports and Ladies' Gaelic Football.

Area Manager

Cllr Conaghan and the Members collectively welcomed the return of Mr Sheerin to his role of Area Manager and acknowledged and thanked Ms McCann for her time in the role.

Mr Sheerin wished to convey his gratitude to the Members, Mr Dunnion and Ms McCann who took over the role whilst he was on leave and to all the staff within the Donegal Housing & Corporate Section.

Donegal Town Courthouse

Cllr Kennedy noted that the appearance of the Courthouse in Donegal town is not aesthetically pleasing and suggested the recent environmental improvement works at this area has exacerbated the contrast between the building and its surroundings. Cllr Kennedy asked that correspondence issue to the OPW to highlight the condition of the existing building and suggested improvements works should be completed along with repairs to the steps and the iron works. Cllr Jordan concurred with Cllr Kennedy's comments and suggested that ideally, the Courthouse service should be relocated to an alternative location.

Mr Sheerin agreed to issue correspondence to the OPW.

HOUSING SERVICES

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

Mr Sheerin advised the follow ups from the previous meeting were completed and correspondence issued to the Department of Integration and the Taxi Regulator.

Mr Sheerin referred to the Housing report circulated with the agenda and noted that Housing Engineer and Clerk of Works are turning around voids promptly. There are currently seven houses on the list with an additional property in Bundoran added to the list within the last few days. A number of these houses are near completion, and it is expected allocations will be made shortly. Under the Buy & Renew Scheme, the Area Office will also be overseeing the upgrade of two houses in Clarendon Drive, Donegal Town.

It was agreed to hold a Housing Capital Workshop on the 11th April 2024 at 11am.

Housing Capital

Ms Quinn submitted as a follow up from the last meeting, the Senior Engineer is arranging a meeting with a number of services to discuss the Drumcrin Link Road. The issue regarding meeting the housing need in smaller towns and villages will be discussed at the Housing Capital workshop.

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

Drumacrin, Bundoran Phase 1

Cllr McMahon referred to his previous request for a meeting with key stakeholders to discuss the Drumacrin link road and asked that this takes place as a matter of urgency. In response to Cllr McMahon's query in relation to additional private houses being connected to the treatment plant, Ms Quinn advised this may be possible once the scheme has been completed and Uisce Éireann has taken over the treatment plant.

Housing Capital Workshop

The Members welcomed the forthcoming Housing Capital Workshop and asked that a number of items are included on the agenda including the need for additional emergency accommodation providers due to an increase in families with small children experiencing homelessness. In response, Mr Sheerin agreed to place this item on the agenda and advised that the majority of emergency accommodation is sourced on the private market as there

is only one hostel in Letterkenny which is currently operating at full capacity.

Cllr Naughton asked that an update on expressions of interests submitted in relation to the acquisition of lands in town and villages to meet the social housing should be included on the agenda also. Mr Sheerin agreed to place this item on the agenda too.

Ballyshannon Land Acquisition

In response to Cllr Sweeny's query in relation to the purchase of lands at Ballyshannon, Ms Quinn submitted that there is ongoing engagement with Uisce Éireann and agreed to seek a specific update from the Senior Executive Engineer.

Laghey Housing Proposal

Cllr Naughton referred to the importance of revitalising town centres and emphasised the need to expediate the development of the four houses in Laghey village. This item will be discussed further at the Housing Capital workshop.

Killybegs Housing Development

Cllr Kennedy referred to the sampling that has recently taken place on the Killybegs site and queried if a resolution has been identified for the access to and from the site. It was agreed this item will be discussed further at the Housing Capital workshop.

Affordable Housing Survey

Cllr Kennedy welcomed the Affordable Housing Survey and expressed her disappointment that Donegal was not originally identified as a county suitable for affordable housing, particularly considering the county's issue with defective blocks. Cllr Kennedy submitted that a number of households are struggling and are on the brink of being made homeless and have not taken the step to submit a social housing application, therefore the current social housing list is not a true reflection of the housing need.

In response, Mr Sheerin advised that individuals are welcome to contact the Housing Office for a pre-application check and noted that the method of calculating the income details has changed, with applicants now required to provide details of their income exactly 52 weeks prior to submitting a housing application form. Cllr McMahon sought further clarification on this approach as he was aware of another local authority that may be calculating the income details using a different method. Mr Sheerin further advised that the Affordable Housing Scheme was originally applicable for more highly populated urban areas, however, plans are in place to expand the scheme and therefore the survey is required to ascertain the demand for such a scheme in the county. It was also noted that there may be a perception that these types of houses are cheaper, this is not the case; it involves a number equity purchasing stages and is designed

to bridge the gap between what people can afford to pay and the price of the new home.

MDD/036/24 ROADS / TRANSPORTATION SERVICES REPORT

2024 Roadworks Programme Status Report

As the minutes of the Roads Workshop held on the 28th February 2024 were adopted, Mr Sweeney advised that the next Roads Report will include the 2024 the Roads Maintenance and Improvement Works Programme.

Follow up Issues from the previous meeting

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

- **Liase with the Biodiversity Officer in relation to the reduction in selected areas for grass cutting.**

An email was sent to the Biodiversity Officer on 29.02.2024 requesting a meeting to consider biodiversity options for some of the green areas around Bundoran. The Roads Office will revert to the Members following the meeting.

- **Liase with the Area Engineer in relation to prioritising the Upper Main Street works in Mountcharles.**

The Area Engineer met with the contractor and Uisce Eireann staff on 14th February to discuss the phasing of the works.

- **Investigate if delivery lorries for bars and restaurants are unloading their lorries (primarily beer kegs) in an inappropriate manner.**

This issue will be investigated.

- **Kilcar - Seek an update in relation to the footpath works and ascertain if a solution can be identified for the dangerous wall at the Rock.**

Currently all the footpath repair funding that has been allocated for Kilcar has been spent. The Area Office will however keep this section of footpath in mind for any future funding that may become available.

- **Ascertain if it is possible to obtain Active Travel funding for the pedestrian crossing in Ballyshannon.**

This matter will be discussed with the NTA, who are the funding authority for Active Travel projects, and will revert to the Members when these discussions conclude.

- **Arrange a site meeting at the Market Yard in Ballyshannon.**

The Area Roads Office met with Cllr Sweeny on the 15th February 2024 and the revised layout was discussed at this meeting.

- **Follow up with Road Design to ascertain if there is capacity to consider proposals for the one-way system at the Rock in Ballyshannon.**
Road Design have advised that they hope to have additional staff after Easter which could facilitate the development of this scheme.
- **Investigate the surface water damage at the Abbey Mill area, Moy Road and Behy.**
These locations will be investigated and repaired.
- **Progress the Section 183 request for the disposal of land at Ballymagroarty Scotch, Ballintra.**
This matter will be on the agenda for the next plenary meeting.
- **Arrangements for the Roads Workshop on the 29th February 2024.**
This workshop was rescheduled to 28th February 2024.
- **Relay the comments raised in relation to the traffic issue at Dunkineely School to the Road Safety Engineer and TII.**
The Emergency Motion along with the Members views and suggestions were sent to the Road Safety Engineer and the TII for their consideration on 13th February 2024. The Area Office will keep the Members informed on any feedback received on this issue.

Marketing Material & Election Posters

In light of accessibility and safety issues as well as the forthcoming tidy town inspections, Mr Sweeney issued an appeal to business owners to refrain from placing advertising signage on footpaths and on the approach roads to the towns and villages. In addition, for safety reasons, Mr Sweeney appealed to local election candidates to refrain from erecting campaign posters near junctions and roundabouts and any posters that are erected within the towns and villages should be removed as soon as possible, following the completion of the elections along with the cable ties.

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

Dunkineely Road Safety Issue

Cllr Jordan expressed his disappointment that no response has been received in relation to last month's emergency motion regarding the road safety issue at Dunkineely and advised that he raised the issue at the recent Roads & Transportation SPC. In response, Mr Sweeney submitted that he had provided the TII with a copy of the motion and relayed the comments raised by the Members at the last meeting to the Regional Safety Officer who reports directly to the National TII representative.

Bundoran 10 Race 2024

Cllr McMahon referred to the successful execution of the Bundoran 10 Race and commended the organisers and volunteers who helped to ensure the event ran smoothly.

Road Surfaces

Cllr McMahon submitted that the road surface along the old Tullaghan Road, within close proximity, to Drowes Bridge, is in poor repair and requires some remedial works carried out. In addition, Cllr Sweeney asked if the patcher could be utilized to carry out repair works on the Ballure Lane and Rowantreehill Road in Ballyshannon. Mr Sweeney agreed to investigate same.

Bus Shelters

In response to Cllr McMahon and Cllr Kennedy's query in relation to bus shelters, Mr Sweeney advised that a list has been provided to the National Transport Authority (NTA) and discussions have taken place with the NTA and Local Link, the local service provider. Mr Sweeney agreed to seek an update from Eunan O'Donnell.

Footpaths

In response to Cllr Naughton's query in relation to the footpath works in Pettigo and Laghey, Mr Sweeney advised these projects will be progressed once the land deals have concluded. Additional resources are required within the Roads Office to oversee these projects.

National Roads & Greenway Funding

Cllr Naughton welcomed the recent announcement of nearly €30m for Donegal's national roads and greenways in 2024 through the TII and particularly welcomed the €450k award for the Laghey roundabout. Cllr Naughton queried if additional funding had been allocated for the Pettigo and Laghey projects and sought clarification on the type of funding awarded for the Killaghtee project. Mr Sweeney advised that the funding for Pettigo and Laghey is included within the Active Travel Projects and further advised that the funding for Killaghtee is for the completion of a scoping study; thereafter if necessary a Part VIII application will be progressed. Cllr Naughton queried if the €50k funding allocated by the TII is for the Active Travel project in Dunkineely or for the Dunkineely School safety issue? M Sweeney believed it was for the Active Travel project but agreed to obtain further clarification.

Halls Junction

In response to Cllr Kennedy's query in relation to Halls Junction, Mr Sweeney advised that this project is included within the Specific Grants Project list and agreed to seek an update on same.

Hedgecutting

Cllr Kennedy was aware that the hedgecutting season has now expired, however, noted that a number of hedges were not cut in the Glencolmcille area. In response, Mr Sweeney advised that it is predominately the landowners responsibility to keep roadside hedges cut and advised that the Roads Section can only cut hedges out of season, when there is a road safety concern.

Killybegs Street Cleaning

In advance of the summer season, Cllr Kennedy sought an update on the appointment of a street cleaner for the Killybegs streets. Mr Sweeney advised that it is the intention of the Area Roads Office to have a person available during the busy summer period.

Active Travel Scheme

Cllr Sweeney sought an update on the proposed progression of the Ballyshannon / Bundoran Active Travel scheme and noted the additional combined funding award of €850k. Mr Sweeney advised that the intentions are to complete the detailed design, then tender the works and commence construction before the end of 2024.

Accessibility Issues

In response to Cllr Sweeney's comment in relation to incorporating accessible footpaths into road improvement works, Mr Sweeney advised that any footpath improvement works that are carried out will include wheelchair accessible facilities where possible.

Bins

In response to Cllr Sweeney's comment in relation to the reduction in the number of bins within Ballyshannon, particularly on the footbridge under the Ballyshannon by-pass, Mr Sweeney agreed to investigate same and noted that the Area Roads Office spends over €500k annually on street cleaning. Also, if bins are being abused, i.e. filled with household waste, the Area Office will remove/relocate the bin.

MDD/037/24 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFORMATION SYSTEMS & EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT

Mr O'Kennedy presented the report for the Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services, as circulated with the Agenda with topic headings noted below:-

- Economic Development
- Local Enterprise Office
- Information Services
- Emergency Services
 - Fire Service
 - Civil Defence

Mr O’Kennedy referred to the successful and well attended Tourism Conference that took place on the 6th March in Harvey’s Point and noted this year’s theme focussed on sustainable tourism. On the 25th April, a Scottish Diaspora Event showcasing Donegal Tweed and local businesses will be held in Scotland and this year’s Enterprise Week has just concluded with an increase in attendance figures of up to 30%.

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

Bundoran & Ballyshannon Fire Stations

In response to Cllr McMahon’s query in relation to the Fire Station, Mr O’Kennedy agreed to seek an update. Mr O’Kennedy also agreed to seek clarification on the retirement age for staff grades in the Fire Service.

Tourism

Cllr Sweeny congratulated the Tourism Team on hosting a successful conference and noted he was in attendance with an individual who was interested in setting up a business. Mr O’Kennedy recommended the individual make contact with the Local Enterprise Office for further information and advice.

Enterprise Week

As part of the Enterprise Week, the Story of Tweed in Southwest Donegal was held in the Áislann Chill Charthaigh, Kilcar and was well attended. Cllr Kennedy commended Udaras for hosting the event.

Remote Working

Cllr Kennedy referred to the Council’s Remote Working policy and noted that due to challenges within the housing market, individuals who may wish to return to Donegal and work remotely, may be unable to source suitable housing solutions due to the Rural Housing Policy. Mr O’Kennedy agreed to relay the comments to his colleagues and to also pass on the comments to the Western Development Commission.

Tourism Sectoral Forum

Cllr Kennedy referred to previous requests regarding the establishment of the Tourism Sectoral Forum and asked that the request be given serious consideration. Mr O’Kennedy agreed to relay the request to the Tourism Section.

Price Gouging

Cllr Naughton referred to the issue of price gouging within the accommodation sector in the larger towns and cities and suggested a market campaign should be conducted to illustrate that there is value to be obtained within the North-West. Cllr Naughton submitted that a number of businesses are struggling and suggested the re-

introduction of the 9% vat rate. Mr O’Kennedy referred to the services offered by the Local Enterprise Office and advised that supports can now be given to businesses employing up to fifty staff.

Bundoran Tourism Officer

Cllr Naughton and Cllr McMahon wished to express their gratitude to Shane Smyth for the service given to Bundoran in his role as Tourism Officer and wished him well in his new role in the Council. In response to Cllr Naughton’s query in relation to the appointment of a new Tourism Officer, Cllr McMahon advised that negotiations are ongoing with Discover Bundoran.

MDD/038/24 ENVIRONMENT SERVICES REPORT

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

- Climate Action
 - Community Climate Action Fund – Public Information Sessions
 - Adoption of the Final Climate Action Plan 2024-2029
 - Global Action Plan
- Central Laboratory
 - Water Quality – Agriculture
 - Septic Tanks – National Inspection Plan
 - Public Service Announcements
- Waste & Litter Management
 - Stop Food Waste Day 2024
 - Big Donegal Clean-Up Campaign 2024

Ms S Bogan informed Members that the Climate Action Plan was adopted at the special meeting of the Council on the 21st February 2024 and the plan will be published no later than the 22nd March 2024. The Council is supporting the Big Donegal Clean-Up Campaign and is encouraging groups to register with An Taisce’s National Spring Clean campaign. In relation to the follow ups from the previous meeting, Ms Bogan advised a new beach wheelchair has been ordered for Murvagh beach and it is expected to be in-situ for Easter. The Christmas trees have been collected in Bundoran and there is currently no further update in relation to the CCTV cameras.

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

Bin Collection

In response to Cllr McMahon’s query in relation to increasing the Bundoran bin collection service, Ms Bogan agreed to relay the comments raised to the Management Team.

Historic Graveyards

Cllr Jordan submitted that an application has been made to the OPW to carry out restoration works to the outer walls of St Naul's historic graveyard in Inver. A condition attached to the funding award, stipulates that the Council agree responsibility for the future maintenance of the graveyard. Both the Environment Section and the Roads Section have stated that there is no funding available for future maintenance costs. Cllr Sweeny also noted that the Council is unable to submit a Community Monuments Fund application this year due to staff shortages within the Heritage Office. Mr Sweeney submitted that there is only a relatively small budget available for grass cutting within the Roads Section. Ms Bogan agreed to relay the issue to the Senior Management Team.

Septic Tank Inspections

In response to Cllr Kennedy's query in relation to advance notice of septic tank inspections, Ms Bogan agreed to seek further clarification.

MDD/039/24 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING SERVICES

Community Development

In Mr Doherty's absence the Members noted the report included with agenda as follows:-

- Playgrounds
 - Donegal Town
 - Ballyshannon
 - Killybegs
- Fáilte Ireland Platforms for Growth & Destination Towns
 - Bundoran Destination Towns
 - Platforms for Growth Tullan Strand
- Walks & Trails
- Leader / RDP Programme Update
- Social Inclusion
- Rural Programmes
- Sliabh Liag Mountain Path
 - Largy Coastal Walk
 - Laghey Sensory Garden
 - Glenlee Forest Trail

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

Bundoran Improvement Works

Cllr McMahon welcomed the installation of the roundabout features and sought an update on the project including the timeframe for the installation of the ramps.

Community Development Officer

Cllr Kennedy expressed her frustration that this MD is without a Community Development Officer and noted that there are groups who have received funding, including Carrick village, who are unable to deliver the project without the assistance from a Development Officer.

Community Development Workshop

Cllr Naughton requested a Community Development Workshop is arranged to discuss a number of items including outstanding works at the Craft Village in Donegal Town and the possibility of arranging the local links bus to go out as far as Abbott; this bus route has the potential to service not only Abbott but the Craft Village and the new housing developments in that area.

Planning Services

Ms A Quinn noted the Planning Service Reports, which were taken as read:-

- Development Applications
- Enforcement
- 2024 Planning Clinics
 - 14th March 2024
 - 28th March 2024
 - 11th April 2024
 - 25th April 2024
- Regeneration & Development Team Report
- Central Planning Unit
- Capital Projects Delivery Unit

Ms A Quinn submitted that planning decisions are now issuing via the new eplanning system and advised that the appeal with An Bord Pleanla for 43 no. houses at Portnason, Ballyshannon has been withdrawn.

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

Planning Applications

Cllr Kennedy noted that some planning applications received by the Council can be of poor quality and recommended a workshop is arranged with agents to highlight ongoing issues. In response Ms Quinn welcomed the suggestion and advised conversations take place on a regular basis with some agents in relation to the quality of applications.

Croí Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant

Cllr Naughton commended the team working on the Croí Conaithe Scheme and noted the high volume of applications received by Donegal County Council. Ms Quinn agreed to pass on the comments to the team.

Compulsory Purchase Order Activation Fund

Cllr Kennedy and Cllr Sweeny highlighted the importance of revitalising town centres and queried if the CPO Activation Fund can be utilised for both businesses and 'living over the shop' accommodation. Cllr Naughton queried if vacant properties will be taxed and noted that some vacant buildings could be classified as dangerous. Ms Quinn agreed to seek clarification.

Ballyshannon Housing Development

Cllr Sweeny welcomed the withdrawal of the An Bord Pleanála appeal as referenced by Ms A Quinn.

MDD/040/24 SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS 2024

Mr. P Sheerin briefed Members in relation to the Schedule of Municipal District Works as circulated with the Agenda and referenced the suite of documents sent to Members in advance of the meeting.

On the proposal of Cllr Kennedy seconded by Cllr Jordan, Members resolved "that the Municipal District of Donegal hereby adopts for the financial year ended 31st December 2024, the Schedule of Municipal District Works as set out in the schedules presented at the Municipal District meeting of the 12th March 2024 as required by Section 103A of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) and in line with requirements of Circular LG27/2014/Fin21/2014."

MDD/041/24 DISCUSSION ON THE PUBLIC CONVENIENCES AT ROSSNOWLAGH

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

"That this MD look at the situation with regards to Public Toilets at Rossnowlagh".

In speaking on this motion, Cllr McMahon advised that he attended a meeting along with Cllr Sweeny at Rossnowlagh to discuss the poor condition of the public conveniences. Cllr McMahon submitted that there have been a few instances which has resulted in flooding and pollution adjacent to the toilets and a private contractor had to be procured to carry out remedial works. Due to the scenic location, which attracts a high volume of visitors, Cllr McMahon recommended the provision of purpose-built facilities (such as those that he recently viewed at Ederney GAA grounds) should be considered. Cllr Sweeny concurred with Cllr McMahon and welcomed the response provided by the Environment Section and referred to the Eco Toilets that are operating efficiently at Carrickfinn and Gola Island.

MDD/042/24 Date of Next Meeting / Workshops

- CIS Roads Workshop on Tuesday the 19th March 2024 at 10am in the First Floor Meeting Room.
- MD Meeting on Tuesday the 9th April 2024 at 11.30 am in the Peter Kennedy Chamber (as per standing orders)
- Housing Capital Workshop on Thursday the 11th April 2024 at 11am in the Peter Kennedy Chamber.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Area Manager
Municipal District of Donegal

Cathaoirleach
Municipal District of Donegal

Donegal Municipal District

Roads & Transportation Workshop

Date: 19th March 2024

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Donegal PSC - Council Chamber

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

Topic discussed:

1. The 2024 Community Involvement Scheme Priority List

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The members were presented with the full list of Community Involvement Scheme applications and were advised that the budget available for the Municipal District is €184,264.00.

After a short discussion the Members agreed to fund the following schemes.

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| • LIS No. 434 – Eglish (Phase 1) | €46,549.20 |
| • LIS No. 476 – Old Road, Lough Head, Killybegs | €38,864.80 |
| • LIS No. 491 – Old Laghey Road Drumbar | €55,200.00 |
| • LIS No. 518 – Bishop Street, Ballyshannon, | <u>€43,650.00</u> |
| ▪ Total Amount | €184.264.00 |

This programme is to be formally agreed at the DMD meeting scheduled for 9th April 2024.

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

| DMD 2024 CIS List | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 2024 County Budget €891,000 | | | | 2024 DMD budget - €184,264 | | | | | | | | | |
| CIS# | Public Road No | Location | Actual Length (m) | Actual Area (m2) | Estimated Total Cost | Contribution % | Contribution | Contribution VIL | RSS_Area | Organisation name | Area Roads Budget | Area Comments | Agreed 2024 priority List (18.03.24) |
| 315 | L-1835-5 | Ardatole Road Ardatole, Barnesmore | 1500 | 5400 | 194,770.00 | 20.00% | 0.00 | 118,954.00 | Donegal | | 175,816.00 | | |
| 318 | L-68151-0 | Loughkip Loughkip, Croaghnameal | 1100 | 3850 | 173,150.00 | 20.00% | 0.00 | 114,630.00 | Donegal | | 158,520.00 | | |
| 337 | L-1715-1 | Letterbarrow - Drimarone Letterbarrow, Lettertrain, Drimarone | 750 | 4000 | 224,200.00 | 20.00% | 0.00 | 144,840.00 | Dunkineely | | 1179,360.00 | | |
| 364 | R-262 | Frosses-Glenties Road Ballybrillighan | 205 | 1025 | 110,000.00 | 20.00% | 0.00 | 122,000.00 | Dunkineely | Frosses Community Hall | 188,000.00 | | |
| 389 | Road No n/a | Drummeny Lower Upper | 700 | 1600 | 192,437.00 | 20.00% | 0.00 | 138,487.00 | Donegal | Drummeny Local Residents | 1153,950.00 | | |
| 393 | L-1845-2 | Ballydevitt Altidoon (Phase 4, 5 & 6) | | | | | | | Dunkineely | | | Split into phases | |
| 403 | Road No n/a | Rock Road Carrickboy Sminver | 230 | 1800 | 1354,141.00 | 20.00% | 0.00 | 170,828.00 | Ballyshannon | | 1283,313.00 | | |
| 431 | Unknown | Coguish Bog Road An Cógush Kilcar | 0 | | 125,000.00 | 20.00% | 0.00 | 15,000.00 | Glencolmcille | | 120,000.00 | | |
| 434 | L-6335-2 | Eglish (Phase 1) | 3650 | 10950 | 158,186.50 | 20.00% | 0.00 | 111,637.30 | Dunkineely | | 146,549.20 | Split into phases | 146,549.20 |
| 476 | L-54751-0 | Old Road Lough Head Killbegs | 600 | 1800 | 148,581.00 | 20.00% | 0.00 | 19,716.20 | Glencolmcille | Killbegs Regeneration Group | 138,864.80 | | 138,864.80 |
| 478 | L-24851-0 | Balure Lane Ballyshannon | 180 | 0 | 0.00 | 20.00% | 0.00 | 0.00 | Ballyshannon | | 0.00 | Design needed | |
| 481 | L-18451-0 | Revin Road Bank Walk Revin | 320 | 1600 | 1272,674.00 | 20.00% | 0.00 | 154,534.80 | Donegal | | 1218,139.20 | Split into phases | |
| 483 | L-73252 | Ballinakilwee Mountain Laghy | 2500 | 8750 | 1320,000.00 | 20.00% | 0.00 | 164,000.00 | Donegal | | 1256,000.00 | Bog road very soft. | |
| 485 | L-69651-2 | na Carrick Barr | 530 | 1325 | 135,000.00 | 10.00% | 13,500.00 | 0.00 | Donegal | | 131,500.00 | | |
| 487 | L-6685-2 | Meenadreen to Straness Bridge Meenadreen | 1500 | 2835 | 180,500.00 | 20.00% | 0.00 | 116,100.00 | Donegal | | 164,400.00 | | |
| 491 | L-2075-1 | Old Laghey Road Drumbar | 200 | 600 | 163,000.00 | 20.00% | 0.00 | 113,800.00 | Donegal | | 155,200.00 | Landowner looking to get paid for the | 155,200.00 |
| 492 | na | Old Laghey Road Laghey (Footpath near Laghey) | 75 | 150 | 125,000.00 | 20.00% | 0.00 | 15,000.00 | Donegal | | 120,000.00 | | |
| 493 | R-232 | Pettigo Rd Pettigo (Bends at Envirogrid) | | | | 20.00% | 0.00 | 0.00 | Donegal | | 0.00 | Design needed | |
| 518 | L-2465-1 | Bishop Street, Ballyshannon - Footpath (Phase 1 - 90m of 280m) | 90 | 180 | 148,500.00 | 10.00% | 14,850.00 | 0.00 | Donegal | | 143,650.00 | | 143,650.00 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 184,264.00 Total Budget | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 184,264.00 Budget | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 Difference | |

This concluded the business of the Workshop.

Area Manager

Municipal District of Donegal

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Municipal District of Donegal



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Donegal County Council

Municipal District of Donegal

9th April 2024

Housing & Corporate

REPORT

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Casual Vacancies

| Area | BED | Dwelling Vacated | Comment |
|--------------|-----|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Bundoran | 3 | Keys returned 22/02/2024 | Tender Stage |
| Bundoran | 2 | Keys returned 08/03/2024 | Tender Stage |
| Ballyshannon | 3 | Keys returned 14/12/2023 | Construction Stage |
| Pettigo | 3 | Keys returned 12/02/2024 | Tender Stage |
| Laghey | 3 | Keys returned 13/04/2022 | Assessment Stage |
| Donegal Town | 1 | Keys returned 08/11/2023 | Construction Stage |
| Donegal Town | 3 | Keys returned 07/12/2023 | Snagging Stage |
| Donegal Town | 2 | Keys returned 20/03/2024 | Assessment Stage |
| Drimarone | 3 | Keys returned 03/01/2024 | Snagging Stage |

Position as at 27th March 2024

HOUSING GRANTS

| | YEAR | TOTAL RECEIVED | APPROVED | REFUSED \ CANCELLED \ INVALID | FURTHER INFO | PENDING |
|----|------|----------------|----------|-------------------------------|--------------|---------|
| HO | 2023 | 121 | 104 | 3 | 8 | 6 |
| HO | 2024 | 43 | 17 | 0 | 6 | 20 |

| | YEAR | TOTAL RECEIVED | APPROVED | REFUSED \ CANCELLED \ INVALID | REAPPLIED UNDER HM GRANT | FURTHER INFO. | REF. TO OT | REF. To ENGINEER | PENDING |
|----|------|----------------|----------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|------------|------------------|---------|
| HD | 2023 | 70 | 52 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| HD | 2024 | 21 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 8 |

| | YEAR | TOTAL RECEIVED | APPROVED | REFUSED \ CANCELLED \ INVALID | REAPPLIED UNDER HD GRANT | REF. TO OT | FURTHER INFO | PENDING |
|----|------|----------------|----------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|--------------|---------|
| HM | 2023 | 39 | 25 | 1 | 9 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| HM | 2024 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 8 |

HOUSING LOANS

| | YEAR | TOTAL RECEIVED | APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE | APPROVED | REFUSED \ CANCELLED | PENDING | Further information |
|---------------|------|----------------|-----------------------|----------|---------------------|---------|---------------------|
| Housing Loans | 2023 | 15 | 3 | 2 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Housing Loans | 2024 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |

Tenant Purchase Applications 2022 - 2023

| Year | No. of Apps Received | Incomplete Returned | Open Applications | Refused/ Not Eligible | Offer letters Issued | Completed |
|------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| 2023 | 22 | 1 | 16 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 2024 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| HAP/PRD | |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| HAP Tenancies | |
| Municipal District | Number |
| Donegal | 198 |
| Letterkenny | 696 |
| Glenties | 112 |
| Stranorlar | 277 |
| Inishowen | 413 |
| Sub Total | 1696 |
| Tenancies Closed | 3009 |
| Overall Total | 4705 |
| | |
| Updated 28/03/2024 | |

Housing Need by Location

| Municipal District | Waiting List (Net Need) | Transfer List | Total Gross Need |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Donegal | 188 | 203 | 391 |
| Ballintra | 10 | 7 | 17 |
| Ballyshannon | 36 | 50 | 86 |
| Bruckless | 4 | 3 | 7 |
| Bundoran | 38 | 58 | 96 |
| Carrick | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Donegal | 72 | 48 | 120 |
| Drimarone | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Dunkineely | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| Frosses | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Glencolmcille | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Kilcar | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Killybegs | 12 | 16 | 28 |
| Laghey | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| Mountcharles | 3 | 6 | 9 |
| Pettigo | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Total | 188 | 203 | 391 |
| | | | |
| Updated 28/03/2024 | | | |

Housing Capital Update Report
Donegal Municipal District Meeting
09th April 2024

1. Social Housing Developments – Construction Schemes

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

| Location | Status | No. of Units |
|---|--|--------------|
| Construction Stage | | |
| Drumacrin, Bundoran Phase 1 | <p>Contractor appointed and works have commenced on site. Contract period for the works is 20 months.</p> <p>Foundations ongoing and installed to 35no. units.</p> <p>Block-laying substructure completed 28no Units.</p> <p>Main foul drainage works complete across third part lands and main foul and storm drainage works within site 80% complete.</p> | 42 |
| Design / Tender Stage | | |
| Largymore, Kilcar (SI) | <p>The closing date for receipt of tenders was 9th February 2024.</p> <p>Tender evaluation has commenced.</p> <p>Following completion of Tender evaluation. Letter of notification of contractors issued March 2024.</p> <p>An application will be submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for approval to appoint a contractor.</p> | 1 |
| Preliminary Design Stage (No of units subject to change) | | |
| New Row, Fintra Road, Killybegs | <p>A design has been developed for the scheme, taking into consideration the site constraints, as well as feedback from the Planning Authority and the other Council Sections. The proposed development will be presented to the Donegal MD Elected members at a workshop on 11th April 2024.</p> <p>Consultations are ongoing with Uisce Eireann with respect to mains water supply and sewerage connections and diversions on site to facilitate the development.</p> | 17 |
| Laghey | <p>A revised proposal is being developed taking into consideration the restricted nature of the site, connectivity to existing surface drain and proximity to adjoining properties.</p> <p>The proposed development will be presented to the Donegal MD Elected members at a workshop on 11th April 2024.</p> | 4 |
| Total | | 64 |



Image 1 - Progress photograph: Drumacrin, Bundoran



Image 2 - Progress photograph: Drumacrin, Bundoran

2. House Acquisition Programme & Buy & Renew Programme

The completion of the sale of 2 properties in Donegal Town is expected imminently. Significant improvement works to bring these properties back into use can then be procured and undertaken. The tender process has been progressed as a means of being able to commence works upon sale completion.

A number of further acquisitions are being considered by Donegal MD.

3. Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition

The Council has a current county-wide turnkey acquisition process open, which will remain open until the 30th of September 2026. ETenders (reference RFT 2461070) refers, where all documentation and information can be obtained. Submissions are being accepted and must be made in strict accordance with the requirements of the procurement documentation.

The process has been opened to help address social housing needs across the county. Proposals are being accepted for 1, 2, 3 & 4 bedroom housing units in towns or villages throughout the county, on lands suitable for housing purposes.

Council staff are currently engaging with a number of Developers in the Donegal MD. Information and guidance is being provided on an individual basis to Developers to guide them through the process. This is a competitive tender process and therefore, specific details can only be shared upon receipt of a final tender.

Separately, and in addition to completed turnkey developments at Donegal Town and Ballyshannon, Members are aware of an additional turnkey proposal at Drumrooske, Donegal Town for 35 units. The contract stage for this turnkey acquisition is progressing. The commencement of works is dependent upon the signing of contracts however at this stage, works are programmed to commence on site in April / May 2024. Members will be kept up to date on this matter.

4. Lands / Property for Social Housing Purposes

The Council is actively pursuing the acquisition of lands suitable for housing purposes, in towns and villages where there is currently not a social housing solution available. In the Donegal MD, the following provides an update:

1. An offer to acquire lands in Bundoran has been made. Decision awaited from the vendor.
2. An offer to acquire lands in Ballyshannon has been agreed, subject to contract and availability of utility connections.
3. Additional lands are being considered across Donegal MD and Members will be informed of same upon the Council progressing to make offers to acquire.

Repair & Lease Scheme Summary

| | Applications | | | | | |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| MD | Received | No. of Units | Awaiting assessment | Rejected | Progressing | Total |
| Inishowen | 25 | 28 | 2 | 23 | 0 | 25 |
| Donegal | 19 | 46 | 0 | 19 | 0 | 19 |
| Glenties | 23 | 23 | 3 | 20 | 0 | 23 |
| Letterkenny | 35 | 60 | 8 | 27 | 0 | 35 |
| Stranorlar | 26 | 83 | 3 | 23 | 0 | 26 |
| Total | 128 | 240 | 16 | 112 | 0 | 128 |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| Updated 25/03/2024 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |

**Donegal Municipal District
2024 Roadworks Programme
Status Report – 09th April 2024**

Donegal Municipal District

2024 Road Maintenance (Surface Dressing) Programme

2024 Regional & Local Road Surface Dressing Programme

| Road Class | Road Number | Road Name and/or Townland Name | Engineering Area | RSS Area | Year | Length (m) | Width (m) | Total Area of work (sq.m) | Estimated Cost (EURO) | Status |
|------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|------|------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| 1 | LP | LP1565-1 | Hillhead To N56 | 14 | 2024 | 1100 | 5 | 5500 | € 30,250.00 | Started |
| 2 | LP | LP1575-3 & LP1585-1 | Killian NS towards R262 | 14 | 2024 | 2000 | 4 | 8000 | € 44,000.00 | Started |
| 3 | LS | LS5835-1 | Drumletterfinn | 14 | 2024 | 1000 | 3.2 | 3200 | € 17,600.00 | Started |
| 4 | LS | LS6045-1 | Drimagra (Eany) | 14 | 2024 | 1400 | 3.5 | 4900 | € 26,950.00 | |
| 5 | LP | LP1415-4 | Dunkineely - Calhame | 14 | 2024 | 500 | 5.5 | 2750 | € 15,125.00 | Started |
| 6 | LS | LS5595-1 | Bogside Dunkineely | 14 | 2024 | 1300 | 3.2 | 4160 | € 22,880.00 | Started |
| 7 | LP | LP1885-1 | Beef - Park | 14 | 2024 | 1000 | 5 | 5000 | € 27,500.00 | Started |
| 8 | LP | LP1855-1 | Rosssylongan - Ballyboyle | 14 | 2024 | 700 | 6.5 | 4550 | € 25,025.00 | Started |
| 9 | LS | LS5745-3 | Corraduffly - Killian | 14 | 2024 | 600 | 3.20 | 1920 | € 11,927.00 | Started |
| | | | | | | | | | €221,257.00 | |
| 1 | LP | LP1025-3 | Meenaveen | 15 | 2024 | 1200 | 4.5 | 5400 | € 30,063.00 | |
| 2 | LS | LS5095-1 | Malinmor (Salhull) | 15 | 2024 | 1000 | 3.6 | 3600 | € 22,000.00 | |
| 3 | LP | LP1365-2 | Tullenteane | 15 | 2024 | 1000 | 3.5 | 3500 | € 17,500.00 | |
| 4 | LP | LP1375-2 | Tullenteane towards Ural | 15 | 2024 | 1500 | 4 | 6000 | € 33,000.00 | |
| 5 | LP | LP1025-1 | Drumaghy | 15 | 2024 | 250 | 8 | 2000 | € 11,000.00 | Started |
| 6 | LS | LS5465-1 | Straleeny | 15 | 2024 | 800 | 5 | 4000 | € 22,000.00 | Started |
| 7 | LS | LS5435-1 | Balbane | 15 | 2024 | 700 | 3.5 | 2450 | € 13,475.00 | Started |
| 8 | LS | LS5065-2 | Drim | 15 | 2024 | 1500 | 3.7 | 5550 | € 30,800.00 | |
| 9 | LP | LP1345-1 | Binroe | 15 | 2024 | 1100 | 4.5 | 4950 | € 27,225.00 | |
| 10 | LP | LP1115-2 | Roxbouragh | 15 | 2024 | 1300 | 5 | 6500 | € 35,750.00 | |
| 11 | LP | LP1395-2 | Calhame towards Meenabrook | 15 | 2024 | 1300 | 5 | 6500 | € 35,750.00 | |
| | | | | | | | | | €278,563.00 | |
| 1 | L | L7845-1 | Ross Road Carty's Quarry | 16 | 2024 | 1100 | 5.23 | 5760 | €31,680.00 | Started |
| 2 | L | L2515-1 | Magheracar | 16 | 2024 | 1100 | 3.50 | 3850 | €21,175.00 | Started |
| 3 | L | L8055-1 | Lisahully (L8055-1) | 16 | 2024 | 447 | 3.30 | 1475.1 | €8,113.05 | |
| 4 | L | L7985-1 | Lisahully (L7985-1) | 16 | 2021 | 553 | 3.30 | 1824.9 | €10,036.95 | |
| 5 | L | L7615-2 | Garvanagh | 16 | 2024 | 2000 | 3.30 | 6600 | €36,300.00 | |
| 6 | L | L2225-8 | Mullinagoad - Bannus | 16 | 2024 | 1750 | 4.00 | 7000 | €38,500.00 | Started |
| 7 | L | L77452 | Coolcholly | 16 | 2024 | 1300 | 5.40 | 7000 | €38,500.00 | Started |
| 8 | L | L7265-1 | Killangel Beg - Lurgan | 16 | 2024 | 1000 | 3.34 | 3340 | €18,700.00 | |
| 9 | R | R231-3 | Killangel Beg | 16 | 2024 | 1000 | 6.50 | 6500 | €39,000.00 | |
| 10 | L | L7485-2 | Kildoney | 16 | 2024 | 200 | 3.40 | 680 | €3,740.00 | |
| 11 | L | L7245-1 | Glasbolie | 16 | 2024 | 200 | 3.30 | 660 | €3,380.00 | |
| | | | | | | | | | €249,125.00 | |
| 1 | LS | L6735-2 | Tully Rd Mc Mullins | 17 | 2024 | 1800 | 3.5 | 6300 | €34,000.00 | Started |
| 2 | LP | L1955-2 | Killymard rd to Harveys Point entra | 17 | 2024 | 1400 | 5.5 | 7700 | €42,000.00 | Started |
| 3 | LP | L2185-2 | Ballydermot Aghadowey | 17 | 2024 | 1000 | 4.5 | 4500 | €24,000.00 | |
| 4 | LP | L1995-2 | Drumlonagher-Drumlat P Kanes Rd | 17 | 2024 | 650 | 4.5 | 2925 | €16,087.50 | |
| 5 | LS | L6535-1 | Spierstown Tin Shop | 17 | 2024 | 1500 | 3.5 | 5250 | €28,633.00 | Started |
| 6 | LT | L22452 | Drumheriff | 17 | 2024 | 900 | 3.5 | 3150 | €17,325.00 | Started |
| 7 | LT | L22451 | Aghnahoo | 17 | 2024 | 1000 | 3.5 | 3500 | €19,250.00 | Started |
| 8 | LS | L6865-1 | Greagh | 17 | 2024 | 1200 | 3.5 | 4200 | €23,100.00 | |
| 9 | LS | L6865-2 | Trummon East | 17 | 2024 | 1000 | 3.5 | 3500 | €19,250.00 | |
| 10 | LS | L8035-2 | Grouse Hall | 17 | 2024 | 1000 | 3.5 | 3500 | €19,250.00 | |
| 11 | R | R267 | Lurganbot (Abbots) | 17 | 2024 | 750 | 7 | 5250 | €31,500.00 | |
| 12 | LS | L67251-0 | Tullyearl | 17 | 2024 | 350 | 3.5 | 1225 | €6,737.50 | |
| | | | | | | | | | €281,133.00 | |
| | | | | | | | | | €1,030,078.00 | |

Donegal Municipal District

2024 Road Improvement Programme

2024 Restoration improvement Programme

| Road Class | Road Number | Road Name and/or Townland Name | RSS Area | Year | Width | Length (m) | Total Area of work (sq.m) | Estimated Cost (EURO) | Status |
|------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|----------|------|-------|------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| 1 | R262/3 | Frosses - Glenties (Binbane) | 14 | 2024 | 750 | 6 | 4500 | €185,000.00 | |
| 2 | & LP1655- | Main Street Mountcharles | 14 | 2024 | 300 | 8 | 2400 | €120,000.00 | |
| 3 | LP1845-3 | Ballydevitt - Altadoo | 14 | 2024 | 700 | 6 | 4200 | €132,000.00 | Started |
| 4 | LP1515-2 | Ardaghey - Ardara | 14 | 2024 | 720 | 7 | 5040 | €184,000.00 | Started |
| 5 | LP1875-2 | Shore Road Mountcharles | 14 | 2024 | 750 | 4.75 | 3563 | €115,000.00 | Started |
| 6 | LP1575-2 | Keelogs - Killian | 14 | 2024 | 1100 | 3.2 | 3520 | €95,000.00 | Started |
| 7 | LS5695-3 | Drumfinn - Drumadart | 14 | 2024 | 900 | 3.75 | 3375 | €60,213.00 | |
| 8 | LS5905-1 | Tullycumber | 14 | 2024 | 600 | 3 | 1800 | €40,000.00 | |
| 9 | LS5975-1 | Drumgorman | 14 | 2024 | 500 | 3 | 1500 | €37,000.00 | |
| | | | | | | | | €968,213.00 | |
| 1 | LP1175-1 | Kilbeg, Kilcar | 15 | 2024 | 400 | 5.5 | 2200 | €70,000.00 | Started |
| 2 | R263 - 2 | Killybegs streets | 15 | 2024 | 550 | 11 | 6050 | €195,000.00 | Started |
| 3 | LP1345-2 | Binroe | 15 | 2024 | 850 | 3.3 | 2805 | €110,000.00 | Started |
| 4 | LP13151 | Stragar | 15 | 2024 | 150 | 3.3 | 495 | €18,000.00 | |
| 5 | LS5325-2 | Drumreagh | 15 | 2024 | 500 | 3 | 1500 | €36,000.00 | Started |
| 6 | R263-13 | Cashel hill | 15 | 2024 | 300 | 7.5 | 2250 | €97,000.00 | Started |
| 7 | R263-6 | Kill, Largy | 15 | 2024 | 320 | 6.3 | 2016 | €124,000.00 | |
| 8 | LP1245-1 | High road fintra | 15 | 2024 | 970 | 3.5 | 3395 | €138,241.00 | Started |
| 9 | R263-9 | Bogagh | 15 | 2024 | 620 | 8.5 | 5270 | €190,000.00 | Started |
| 10 | LS5235 | Chruchtown Lower at factory | 15 | 2024 | 400 | 3 | 1200 | €31,000.00 | Started |
| | | | | | | | | €1,009,241.00 | |
| 1 | R267 | Bundoran Street (West End) | 16 | 2024 | 210 | 9.50 | 1995 | €70,000.00 | |
| 2 | L2485-1 | Ballyshannon Street (College Street) | 16 | 2024 | | | 0 | €60,363.00 | |
| 3 | R231 | Rossnowlagh RD | 16 | 2024 | 360 | 7.2 | 2592 | €91,000.00 | |
| 4 | L7615-1 | Garvanagh | 16 | 2024 | 1400 | 3.50 | 4900 | €147,000.00 | Started |
| 5 | L2225-5 | Belault North (JM Joinery) | 16 | 2024 | 170 | 5.00 | 800 | €28,000.00 | Started |
| 6 | L2225-6 | Mullinagoad | 16 | 2024 | 37 | 6.00 | 225 | €10,000.00 | Started |
| 7 | L2335-4 | Derries | 16 | 2024 | 800 | 3.50 | 2800 | €85,000.00 | |
| 8 | L7875-3 | Ardloughill to Clontyseer | 16 | 2024 | 1000 | 3.30 | 3300 | €72,000.00 | Started |
| 9 | L2365-3 | Carricknahorna | 16 | 2024 | 1500 | 3.50 | 5250 | €115,000.00 | Started |
| 10 | L2535-2 | Higginstown (Ballymunterhiggin) | 16 | 2024 | 500 | 5.00 | 2500 | €65,000.00 | |
| 11 | L7485-2 | Kildoney | 16 | 2024 | 1100 | 3.20 | 3520 | €112,000.00 | |
| 12 | L7775-2 | Tullyhorkey | 16 | 2024 | 400 | 6.50 | 2600 | €82,423.00 | |
| 13 | L7265-1 | Lurgan | 16 | 2024 | 650 | 3.30 | 2145 | €70,000.00 | |
| 14 | L77452 | Coolcholly | 16 | 2024 | 50 | 4.00 | 200 | €6,400.00 | |
| | | | | | | | | €1,014,186.00 | |
| 1 | L-1925-3 | Donegal Streets Railway Road | 17 | 2024 | | | 0 | €65,000.00 | |
| | L2085-3 | Donegal Streets (St. Joseph's Ave) | 17 | | | | | €55,000.00 | |
| 2 | R232 | Pettigo Road | 17 | 2024 | 1000 | 7 | 7000 | €158,602.32 | |
| 3 | L6775-1 | Whitehill Drumlast | 17 | 2024 | 1500 | 3.5 | 5250 | €97,125.00 | Started |
| 4 | L7375-1 | Kimimid Rd to Drumnaskea Reids Yard | 17 | 2024 | 1000 | 3.5 | 3500 | €64,750.00 | Started |
| 5 | L80451-1 | Drumnawark | 17 | 2024 | 750 | 3.5 | 2625 | €48,562.50 | Started |
| 6 | L2125-4 | Ranenney Barr | 17 | 2024 | 1000 | 3.5 | 3500 | €64,750.00 | Started |
| 7 | L6835-1 | Moyne Alt | 17 | 2024 | 750 | 3.5 | 2625 | €48,562.50 | Started |
| 8 | L8065-1 | Lettercran Rd Chapel | 17 | 2024 | 1000 | 3.5 | 3500 | €64,750.00 | Started |
| 9 | L8035-3 | Grouse Hall | 17 | 2024 | 500 | 3.5 | 1750 | €32,375.00 | |
| 10 | L6675-2-3 | Drummenny Middle Upper | 17 | 2024 | 2000 | 3.5 | 7000 | €129,500.00 | Started |
| 11 | L2125-1 | Laghey Barr | 17 | 2024 | 500 | 4 | 2000 | €78,531.95 | |
| 12 | L2175-1 | Tobernaheery - Bridgetown | 17 | 2024 | 1000 | 6 | 6000 | €172,000.00 | |
| 13 | L6935-1 | Knockbane | 17 | 2024 | 550 | 3.5 | 1925 | €35,560.73 | |
| | | | | | | | | €1,115,070.00 | |
| | | | | | | | | €4,106,710.00 | |

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 | €17,515.99 | €1,873.82 | €25,118.81 | €21,560.19 |
| | 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 | €51,817.02 | €83,992.80 | -€1,824.80 |
| | Kilcar | | | €3,200.00 | €3,200.00 | | | €2,958.60 | €2,958.60 | €241.40 |
| | Glen Columbkillie | | €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 | | €7,919.45 | €1,772.90 | €9,692.35 | €307.65 |
| 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 | €82,908.07 | €10,375.66 | €30,966.14 | €124,249.87 | €22,594.13 |
| | 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 | €24,048.08 | €17,500.00 | €586.70 | €42,134.78 | €54,576.22 |
| | Laghey | | €8,300.00 | €8,000.00 | €16,300.00 | | €9,450.16 | €0.00 | €9,450.16 | €6,849.84 |
| | Bridgetown | | | €6,000.00 | €6,000.00 | | | €19,788.65 | €19,788.65 | -€13,788.65 |
| | Pettigo | | €8,300.00 | €10,000.00 | €18,300.00 | | €880.35 | €0.00 | €880.35 | €17,419.65 |
| Totals | | €149,438.00 | €132,800.00 | €284,856.00 | €567,094.00 | | | | €383,490.12 | €183,603.88 |

DMD 2022 Footpath Repair works

| RSS Area | Location | Budget 2022 | Overall spent | Remaining balance |
|----------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 14 | Ardaghey Area | €6,347.00 | €0.00 | €6,347.00 |
| 15 | Killybegs Area | €17,246.00 | €14,894.81 | €2,351.19 |
| 16 | Ballyshannon Area | €105,492.62 | €34,957.06 | €70,535.56 |
| 17 | Donegal Area | €36,424.34 | €0.00 | €36,424.34 |
| | | €165,509.96 | €49,851.87 | €115,658.09 |

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 Road L | €10,871.00 | Completed | | |
| | Mountcharles | Lower End Mountcharles – | €6,750.00 | Completed | | |
| | Mill Park Hotel, Doonan | Proposed lighting from Doonan Roundabout to entrance to | €9,500.00 | Completed | €27,662.46 | -€541.46 |
| 15 | Kilcar | Lighting improvement works at | €10,650.00 | Completed | | |
| | Killybegs | Old Fintra Rd near Glenlee | €18,725.00 | Yet to commence | €11,181.57 | €18,193.43 |
| 16 | Ballyshannon | Rossnowlagh Link Road. Lighting | €30,000.00 | Completed | €25,864.00 | €4,136.00 |
| 17 | Killymard, Donegal Town | Extend existing public lighting past the school and church to | €11,600.00 | Completed | | |
| | Tirconnail Street & Castle Street, Donegal Town | Infill lighting needed along the public road at Tirconnail Street on local Road L-1925-3 between | €10,000.00 | Yet to commence | | |
| | Killymard, Donegal Town | Killymard Church to Drumrooske Housing Estate. | €22,500.00 | Completed | €26,025.48 | €18,074.52 |
| Total amount | | | €130,596.00 | | €90,733.51 | €39,862.49 |

Donegal Municipal District

2024 Drainage Grant

| RSS Area | Budget | No | Description of Works | Road No. | Estimated Cost € | Status |
|----------|--------------------|----|---|---------------|--------------------|-----------|
| 14 | €59,314.00 | 1 | Spamount Dunkineely, Pipe roadside with 300mm pipe for 150m | LP1425-4 | €13,904.18 | Completed |
| | | 2 | Meenataggart strengthen road edge and upgrade drainage | LP1825-1 | €20,500.00 | |
| | | 3 | Calhame, Pipe open drain with 750mm pipe to prevent damage to road | LP1415-3 | €12,409.82 | |
| | | 4 | Doorin Line extend existing drainage (450mm pipe) to suitable outfall | LP1645-4 | €5,500.00 | Completed |
| | | 5 | Ashtree Garden Centre Road - pipe existing drain with 300mm pipe. | LP1865/1 | €7,000.00 | Completed |
| | | | | | €59,314.00 | |
| 15 | €61,827.00 | 1 | Carrick - Roxborough Glebe - pipe existing roadside drain for 120m | LP1115-2 | €25,000.00 | |
| | | 2 | Meenbradden - replace existing culvert crossing the public road. | LS5645-1 | €16,000.00 | |
| | | 3 | Tawny Kilcar, pipe existing open drain and upgrade existing drainage network. | 215-2 & LT12 | €20,827.00 | |
| | | | | | €61,827.00 | |
| 16 | €62,130.00 | 1 | Kildoney | L-7485-2 | €20,000.00 | Started |
| | | 2 | Banus | L-2225-6 | €10,000.00 | |
| | | 3 | Carrickboy (Industrial Estate) | L-2525-4 | €10,000.00 | |
| | | 4 | Corker Road Coolbeg | L-7495-2 | €12,130.00 | |
| | | 5 | Coolbeg | L-7675-1 | €10,000.00 | |
| | | | | | €62,130.00 | |
| 17 | €68,310.00 | 1 | Shannagh RD crossing and drainage 1Km | L6915-1 | €8,310.00 | Completed |
| | | 2 | Drumgowan Drainage and Laybys for 1.5 Km | L6715-1 | €10,000.00 | Completed |
| | | 3 | Carnbeagh-Finnadoose Drainage pipe Rd side 1.5Km | L6625-1-2 | €9,000.00 | |
| | | 4 | Lacklom Rd crossing 900mm and drainage | L7145-2 | €9,000.00 | Completed |
| | | 5 | Drumadoney Pipe Rd side and drainage | L6665-1 | €4,000.00 | Completed |
| | | 6 | Rossmore PipeRd side and drainage | L2035-1 | €9,000.00 | |
| | | 7 | Tullylark Drumnawark drainage 2 Km | L8045-1 | €9,000.00 | |
| | | 8 | Cashelenny Drainage and rd crossing | L8075-1 | €10,000.00 | Completed |
| | | | | | €68,310.00 | |
| | €251,581.00 | | | Totals | €251,581.00 | |

Donegal MD Active Travel Projects

| Jan | Project Name | Project Description | Project Band | Current Phase | Phase 6 Construction Date planned | DCC Comments |
|-------------|--|---|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| DU/21/0002 | Proposed Footpath between the Niall Moore National School & Foresters Hall carpark Killybegs | Construct a footpath leading from a drop off carpark to the main entrance of the Niall Moore National School | Band 1 < 0.5mil | Phase 7 - Close Out and Review | Q4 2021 | Works completed - Final Close out report issued to NTA |
| DU/21/0008a | Ballyshannon, Bishop Street | Provision of footpath on (L-2465-1) | Band 1 < 0.5mil | Phase 3 - Preliminary Design | Q4 2025 | TOBINS Consultant Engineers appointed , preliminary design ongoing, public information evening complete, introducing a One-Way system could be challenging in order to achieve the project objective. |
| DU/21/0008b | Donegal Town, Killybegs Road | Provision of infill section of footpath on the Killybegs Road (R925) | Band 1 < 0.5mil | Phase 5 - Detailed Design and Tender | Q4 2025 | TOBINS Consultant Engineers appointed, Planning received Nov 2023, detail design and land requirements to be progressed 2024. |
| DU/21/0008b | Donegal Town, Lough Eske Road | Provision of infill section of footpath on the Lough Eske Road (L-1915-2) | Band 1 < 0.5mil | Phase 5 - Detailed Design and Tender | Q4 2025 | TOBINS Consultant Engineers appointed, Planning received 2022, detail design and land requirements to be progressed 2024. |
| DU/21/0008c | Killybegs, Church Road | Construction of infill section of footpath, drainage and public lighting on Church Road (LP1315-1) | Band 1 < 0.5mil | Phase 7 - Close Out and Review | Q3 2022 | Works complete - Final Close out report to be issued to NTA |
| DU/21/0008d | Kilcar | Proposed footpath extension to Kilcar National School (R263-8) | Band 1 < 0.5mil | Phase 7 - Close Out and Review | Q4 2021 | Works complete - Final Close out report issued to NTA |
| DU/21/0008e | Kilcar | Proposed footpath extension past local church to nearby car park (R263-8) | Band 1 < 0.5mil | Phase 7 - Close Out and Review | Q3 2022 | Works complete - Final Close out report issued to NTA |
| DU/21/0008f | Donegal Town, Old Golf Course Road | Design associated with the construction of an infill section of footpath on the Old Golf Course Road (L-2155-1) linking a large residential area to the school, town centre etc. | Band 1 < 0.5mil | Phase 5 - Detailed Design and Tender | Q4 2025 | TOBINS Consultant Engineers appointed, Planning received 2022, detail design and land requirements to be progressed 2024. |
| DU/21/0008g | 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. | Band 1 < 0.5mil | Phase 7 - Close Out and Review | Q3 2022 | Works complete - Final Close out report issued to NTA |
| DU/21/0009a | Glencolumbcille | Proposed footpath improvement works in Glencolumbcille (R263) | Band 1 < 0.5mil | Phase 7 - Close Out and Review | Q2 2022 | Works complete - Final Close out report issued to NTA |
| DU/21/0009b | Carrick | Proposed footpath improvement works in Carrick (R263 & L1125) | Band 1 < 0.5mil | Phase 7 - Close Out and Review | Q4 2021 | Works complete - Final Close out report issued to NTA |
| DU/21/0023 | Safe to Schools Programme - Scoil Aodh Rua & Nuala | Safe to Schools Programme | Band 1 < 0.5mil | Phase 2 - Concept and Options | Q4 2024 | Green Schools delivery plan received Q4 2023 Prelim design ongoing. Planning likely required. |
| DU/21/0024a | TOWNPARKS BALLYSHANNON PED CROSS | Low Cost Junction Tightening / Pedestrian Crossing Schemes | Band 1 < 0.5mil | Phase 7 - Close Out and Review | Q3 2021 | Works completed - final close out report required 2024 |
| DU/21/0024b | BUNDORAN TOWN PED CROSSING LIGHTS UPGRADE | Low Cost Junction Tightening / Pedestrian Crossing Schemes | Band 1 < 0.5mil | Phase 7 - Close Out and Review | Q3 2021 | Works completed - final close out report required 2024 |
| DU/21/0024c | ROCK RD BALLYSHANNON, PED CROSSING | Low Cost Junction Tightening / Pedestrian Crossing Schemes | Band 1 < 0.5mil | Phase 7 - Close Out and Review | Q3 2021 | Works completed - final close out report required 2023 |
| DU/21/0024d | COLLEGE ST BALLYSHANNON, PED CROSSING | Low Cost Junction Tightening / Pedestrian Crossing Schemes | Band 1 < 0.5mil | Phase 7 - Close Out and Review | Q3 2021 | Works complete - Final Close out report issued to NTA |
| DU/22/0001 | Cycle Parking Donegal Town MD | Installation of bike parking facilities. | Band 1 < 0.5mil | Phase 7 - Close Out and Review | Q2 2022 | Works complete - Final Close out report to be issued to 2024 |
| DU/22/0002 | Donegal Town One Way system | It is proposed to introduce a One-Way System onto Tirchonail Street, Castle Street, Water Street and New Row within Donegal Town. The scheme will provide crossing points, new wider footpaths, widening of existing footpaths, landscaped pedestrian refuge islands, traffic calming. | Band 2 < 10mil | Phase 6 - Construction | Q4 2023 | ACS Civil Ltd have been appointed to carry out the works. Works to be completed by Q2 2024. |
| DU/22/0005 | Ballyshannon to Bundoran Active Travel Scheme | Old N15 (now R267) Bundoran to Ballyshannon Cycling Greyway | Band 2 < 10mil | Phase 5 - Detailed Design and Tender | Q3 2024 | TOBINS Consultant Engineers appointed , Planning received Nov 2023, detail design ongoing. |
| DU/22/0006 | Pettigo National School Footpath (R232) | Upgrade of existing standard footpath including undermining of the existing footpath. There is a school located on one side and the local church is located on the town side. A solution in line with DMURS to include for the provision of a footpath and traffic calming would be beneficial to this section of road and also to the areas amenities. | Band 1 < 0.5mil | Phase 5 - Detailed Design and Tender | Q4 2025 | TOBINS Consultant Engineers, Planning received and detail design & land acquisition ongoing. |
| DU/22/0003 | Laghey Village (Old Laghey Road) Footpath | Infill section of footpath on the Old Laghey Road, Laghey including a footbridge across the river to link the Riverbank Avenue housing estate to the existing footpath leading to the nearby national school. Consultant appointment and inception report | Band 1 < 0.5mil | Phase 2 - Concept and Options | Q4 2025 | Options to be considered to deliver footpath link in 2024 |
| DU/22/0014 | Malinmore Footpath , Glencolumbcille | Glencolumbcille - provision of a footpath along the R263 West of Glencolumbcille in the direction of the Folk Village. | Band 1 < 0.5mil | Phase 5 - Detailed Design and Tender | Q4 2025 | TOBINS Consultant Engineers, detail design ongoing. |

Donegal MD Community Involvement Schemes 2024

| 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 |
|----------------|----------|-------------|--|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------|-----------|------------|--------------------|--------|
| 434 | 14 | L-6335-2 | Eglish (Phase 1) | 900 | 2737 | €58,186.50 | 20 | | €11,637.30 | €46,549.20 | |
| 476 | 15 | L-54751-0 | Old Road Lough Head Killybegs | 600 | 1800 | €48,581.00 | 20 | | €9,716.20 | €38,864.80 | |
| 518 | 16 | L-2465-1 | Bishop Street, Ballyshannon - Footpath (Phase 1 - 90m of 280m) | 90 | 180 | €48,500.00 | 10 | €4,850.00 | | €43,650.00 | |
| 491 | 17 | L-2075-1 | Old Laghey Road Drumbar | 200 | 600 | €69,000.00 | 20 | | €13,800.00 | €55,200.00 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | €184,264.00 | |

Donegal MD

2024 LIS Priority List -

2024 Budget

To be agreed when funding is announced

DMD %

18.6715%

DMD Budget

| | | | | | | | | | | Total |
|----------|--------------|----------------------|--------|----------|--------|-------------|----------|-------------------------|-------|--------|
| RSS Area | Location | Percentage of budget | Budget | Priority | LIS No | PSCI Rating | Townland | Engineers cost estimate | Notes | Status |
| 14 | Ardaghey | 44.73% | €0.00 | | | | | | | |
| 15 | Killybegs | 27.64% | €0.00 | | | | | | | |
| 16 | Ballyshannon | 9.82% | €0.00 | | | | | | | |
| 17 | Laghey | 17.82% | €0.00 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | Total | €0.00 | |
| | | | | | | | | Budget | €0.00 | |
| | | | | | | | | Balance | €0.00 | |

| 2024 Other Works | | | | | |
|--|-------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|--------|
| | | | | | |
| 2024 Specoific Improvement Grant | | | | | |
| MD | Road Number | Location | Description | LA Allocation | Status |
| Donegal | R232 | Glenmore Bridge | Detailed Design | €75,000 | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| 2024 Strategic Regional & Local Road Grant | | | | | |
| MD | Road Number | Location | Description | LA Allocation | Status |
| Donegal | R263 | Killybegs | Fintra Bridge & Road Realignment | €1,500,000 | |
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| 2024 Safety Improvement Works on Regional and Local Roads | | | | | |
| MD | Road Number | Location | Description | LA Allocation | Status |
| Donegal | R267 | Bundoran, Main Street | Installation of speed ramps | €30,000 | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| 2024 Former National Road Rehabilitation Works | | | | | |
| MD | Road Number | Location | Description | LA Allocation | Status |
| Donegal | R267 | Finner | Road rehabilitation Works | €250,000 | |

| 2024 Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Works | | | | | |
|--|-------------|-----------------------------------|---|---------------|--------|
| | | | | | |
| 2024 Specoific Improvement Grant | | | | | |
| MD | Road Number | Location | Description | LA Allocation | Status |
| Donegal | L-2275-1 | Durnesh & Rathfragen, Rossnowlagh | Appoint consultant to review the catchment and to design a new outfall from Durnesh lake to address flooding issue. | €100,000 | |
| Donegal | R267 | Lurganboy, Donegal Town | Upsize culvert crossing the road | €28,000 | |
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**Comhairle Contae
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Donegal County Council

Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services Directorate

Master Municipal District Report April 2024

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1. Economic Development

1.1. Upcoming Events

| Date | Event | Location / Further Info | Point of Contact |
|---|---|---|--|
| 25th April 2024 | Scottish Diaspora Event showcasing Donegal Tweed and Local Businesses | Event organised in conjunction with ETB, LEO and Irish Consulate Service in Edinburgh to develop connections between Donegal and Scottish Tweed and strengthen connections with Donegal and Irish diaspora in Scotland. | Daniel McChrystal – dmcchrystal@donegalcoco.ie Or Joy Browne joybrowne@donegalcoco.ie |
| 16th May 2024 | London Irish Centre Jobs Fair | London Irish Centre, focusing on promoting high-quality employment opportunities in Donegal. This event will also offer opportunities to network and build further London Irish connections. | Daniel McChrystal – dmcchrystal@donegalcoco.ie Or Joy Browne joybrowne@donegalcoco.ie |
| 2nd Wed of Each Month | Innovation Campfire | <p>Hosted by Alpha Innovation - this series provides employees and entrepreneurs an opportunity to take a moment out of their busy days to see the world through a different lens. Over the coming months, our 10-minute sessions will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Showcase inspiring innovation stories from around the world.● Learn from the experiments, tests, fails, quick wins, and big successes of others.● Enable participants to be part of a growing community of like-minded individuals.● Allow participants to shape future sessions by volunteering to tell a story they are passionate about. <p>You can watch back by visiting ALPHA Innovation Innovation Campfire — ALPHAInnovation.eu</p> | Kevin Sexton - kevinsexton@alphainnovation.eu |

1.2 Economic Development Unit

| Marketing & Campaigns Updates | |
|---|------------------------|
| 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 18,831 (+3,837) | 5,084 (+43) |
| Twitter 13.2k (+3.7k) | 3,578 (+98) |
| Instagram 2,570 (+537) | 4,272 (+35) |
| Facebook 14.2k (+8.9k) | 2,091 (+7) |
| Donegal.ie 4.1K Web Users (+1.1k) | |
| 8 News Items Published. | |
| Inward Investment Brochure The Economic Development team are currently progressing work to develop a new brochure promoting the value proposition for inward investment in County Donegal and highlighting County Donegal as a great place to live, work, study and do business. This brochure will be available in print and digital format. | |
| Business Concierge Service The Councils Economic Development Division provides a Business Concierge Service for businesses looking at access Council Services and supports. This service can be accessed by emailing economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie | |
| Donegal 2040 DAC | |
| Board and Corporate Governance The new enhanced board of Donegal 2040 DAC is now in place and work is progressing in relation to a range of areas including putting in place mechanisms to ensure good corporate governance and establishing a clear strategic framework for Donegal 2040 DAC. | |
| Update on Projects: | |
| Alpha Innovation Centre and Beta Business Centre Current Status: Enabling works / Demolition works to commence on site by Q1, 2024. Main construction contract to go to tender in Q1 2024, with construction expected to commence on site in Q4 2024, subject to funding. Estimated project completion date: Q3 2026. | |
| Remote Working Hub Carrigart: Status: In operation. Annual management agreement in place. | |

Details: One storey building with 18 Hot Desks in an open space floor plan. Meeting room, private phone booths, kitchen facilities and bicycle parking.

Operation & Management of Island House, Killybegs (Post Construction)

Current Status: Under Construction. Estimated Completion Date: July 2024

Marketing Campaign: to commence Q1 2024.

Operation & Management of Burtonport Enterprise Centre (Post Construction)

Current Status: Contractor appointment. Construction to commence Q2 2024.

Current Estimated Completion date: Q2 2025.

Operation & Management of The Ritz, Ballybofey (Post Construction)

Current Status: Detailed design.

Current Estimated Completion date of overall Seed Project: Q1 2026.

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Inward Investment Activity

North West City Region

Golden Bridges and the US Trade Mission 2024

Plans for Golden Bridges and the US Trade Mission 2024 are under review in collaboration with partners and stakeholders in Donegal and the wider North West City Region. The Golden Bridges Conference 2024 has been confirmed for Friday 15th November 2024. The provisional dates for the US Trade Mission will be from 11th to 14th November 2024.

The NWCR Inward Investment Strategy

Continuing to progress the NWCR Inward Investment Strategy working in collaboration with Derry City and Strabane District Council including the development of digital and non-digital promotional material including videos and building on online social media and websites.

NWCR on LinkedIn has 744 followers.

NWCR on X (formerly Twitter @NwIreland) has 249 followers.

Website: www.irelandnw.com

NWCR Information Dashboard

An online dashboard for sharing information related to living, working, studying, investing, and doing business in the NWCR is in development and will be shared with partners such as INI and the IDA to provide a store of information on the various aspects of the value proposition of the NWCR for potential investors.

Service Land Initiative at The Commons, Lifford

Planning application for enabling infrastructure has been approved An Bord Pleanála and detailed designs are complete. Procurement for construction of enabling infrastructure will take place in the coming weeks. The EDU is engaging with various potential site users including Social Housing, Community Health, Recreation and businesses and it is expected that enabling infrastructure will be complete by Q4 2024.

Disposal of Council owned Land to support Economic Development

The team are dealing with a number of requests for disposal of lands for economic development in Ballyshannon, Letterkenny and Bunrana.

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1.2: Tourism Marketing Unit

Project Activity

New Tourism Brochure 2024

The new Donegal Tourism 2024 brochure is in the process of being distributed to accommodation providers, attractions and airports servicing the region. The brochure is being promoted on govisitdonegal.com and social media channels, the content will be used over the summer months as part of ongoing marketing. With the environment and sustainability in mind, a limited amount of printed promotional material with QR codes for the brochure will also be distributed to tourism businesses to make it easy for visitors to access information on what to see and do once they arrive.

Shoulder Season Campaign Spring 2024

Donegal Tourism spring campaign which started on the 19th February for a 4-week period featured further insights into the Eric Roberts videos, with behind-the-scenes footage and featured a 5-day competition prize to Donegal. A trade toolkit was designed to help the trade engage with the campaign. A Toolkit for Tourism Ireland abroad was also developed. After week 3 the results were fantastic with 7m impressions, 3.3m video views, 3.4k competition leads and 7k YouTube Competition ad clicks. Feedback on the competition was overwhelmingly positive.

Donegal Tourism Seminar

This year's Donegal Tourism Seminar took place on Wednesday 6th March, in a packed Harvey's Point, as part of Enterprise Week. The theme this year was '**Tourism Tomorrow – Crafting a Greener Future for Donegal**'. Among the speakers was Amy Lynch, Destination Editor for Lonely Planet, who shed light on what makes Donegal stand out in the global tourism landscape. Lynch noted the unique 'wow' factors that led to Donegal being named one of Lonely Planet's top regions for 2024, emphasising the importance of sustainability in the selection process – something that is increasingly becoming a priority for global visitors. Donegal's unique appeal in tourism has always been its blend of natural beauty, rich history, vibrant culture, and warm hospitality. Other speakers were ex-Ryanair Social Media Manager, Michael Corcoran, Failte Ireland's Climate Action Officer Alan Owens, ATU Sustainable Tourism PHD researcher Anita Conefrey, Donegal Tourism's Sarah Nolan and a panel of Donegal Tourism businesses including Breac House, Lough Mardal Lodge, Iosas Centre and Harvey's Point Hotel, all explained their sustainability journeys.

Age Friendly/Disability Strategy

Donegal Tourism continues to participate in both groups to see where the Tourism Industry in the county can learn from consultation.

Dungloe to Glenties Cycleway

Donegal Tourism continue to participate in the newly formed working group to organise and market an official opening and to promote the 25km cycleway going forward in the first quarter of 2024. A production company is currently working to produce marketing materials for this event.

Donegal 550

Donegal Tourism is part of the Steering Group looking at celebrating Donegal Town 550 in 2024. The official launch of Donegal 550 took place in Donegal Castle on Friday 15th March.

TOURBO Project

The next phase of the Interreg European TOURBO project, led by Seville Chamber of Commerce, is progressing with the call for experts or "knowledge providers" being launched all over Europe for TOURBO project Pilot Actions. TOURBO carries out two Pilot Actions during the project and is now looking for individual experts or organisations in the field of innovation for sustainability, digitisation, and energy transition with tourism focus.

The two Pilot Actions are carried out in the Marche region in Italy, and in the North Aegean region in Greece. The call for experts is issued by SVEM - the Regional Development Agency of Marche Region and Eloris - the Company for Research, Education, Innovation and Development of the North Aegean Region. The experts will provide consultancy and support for innovation on eight recognised challenges in the tourism sector, such as reducing the seasonality of demand, minimising resource use and production of waste, and using tourism as a tool in global sustainable development.

The next Interregional Meeting is 8th April to 12th April. For more information visit

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/tourbo>

Sustainable Arctic and Peripheral Biking Tourism Project

A steering meeting for the SUB project (which Donegal County Council is a partner) which aims to support the sustainable growth of biking tourism sector in the NPA areas, took place in the Faroe Islands from the 18th to 22nd March. Donegal County Council presented a methodology and a proposed questionnaire to collect data for a Gap Analysis within the sector in partner regions. On the second day of the meeting there was an opportunity for tourism providers to join the meeting online to listen to the views of experts on the Development of Sustainable Biking Tourism.

Supporting the Development of Golf Tourism

A networking event between clubs and hotels in Donegal has been arranged for 2nd May with the aim of building stronger connections between the two. The next quarterly meeting of Donegal Golf Providers is to be held on the 15th of May in Ballybofey and Stranorlar Golf Club with the intention of electing a Donegal Golf Cluster committee.

GoVisitDonegal.com Website

2024 (Feb 1 – Feb 29) - Users 27K- Page Views 62K
Festival and Events is the most viewed page – views 4K.

Online & Social Media Updates – Go Visit Donegal

Facebook: Facebook had a reach of 664.6K - increase of 520.9% on the previous month. Hey, nobody's perfect! - was the highest reaching post.

Instagram: Instagram had a reach of 370.6K - increase of 928.8% on the previous month. 27.8K followers

LinkedIn: 1,471 followers. 5 new followers in the last 28 days. Unique visits are up 29.8%.

Twitter: 13.3K impressions over the last 28 days.

TikTok: TikTok has 239 followers.

Donegal Tourism CLG

Donegal Tourism CLG and the Associated Members Committee continue to enable meaningful engagement, co-ordination, and collaboration of key stakeholders in the tourism sector in Donegal.

The next board meeting is scheduled for 10th April.

Grant Schemes

Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme

The 2024 Minor Tourism Grant Scheme is now open for applications. The deadline for submissions is 5pm on Thursday March 28th.

Regional Festival & Events Grant Scheme

County Donegal has been allocated funding of €49,750 under the 2024 regional festivals and events grant scheme. 36 applications were submitted under the 2024 scheme. This scheme is now closed for applications.

Bundoran Marketing

- 2024 plans and events: A promotion page is available on the Discover Bundoran website www.discoverbundoran.com/stpatricksday for St Patrick’s Day events. A similar page is in place on the website for Easter activities www.discoverbundoran.com/easter.
- Continuing to update blogs and content on website on a weekly basis.
- Compilation and distribution of monthly email newsletter.

Bundoran Tourist Office

- Tourist Office open 3 days a week (Wed - Fri).
- Currently one TÚS employee working.

Website & Social Media

- **Website:** 1st Feb – 31st Feb 2024, Users 10.9K, - Page Views 23.5K.
- **Facebook:** Facebook reach was down by 67.8% in February 2024 v January 2024.
- **Instagram:** Reach down by 23.6% in February 2024 v January 2024.

Waterworld

Marketing plan for 2024 is being implemented. Tickets are on sale now for the 2024 season. Newspaper and radio ads have been produced and booked in for the season.

Contact Person

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1.4: Strategic Funding Unit

Strategic Funding Unit – Exploring EU and National Funding Opportunities that support the objectives set out in the **Donegal County Council Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024**

New INTERREG Europe Projects – Green Hydra and EDIN

The Green Hydra project focusing on the barriers and opportunities around innovation in hydrogen as a renewable energy source kicks off in April 2024. The scope of this project is to improve national, regional or local policies for involving SME’s across the whole hydrogen value chain.

The EDIN project focusing on promoting Donegal to remote workers and digital nomads kicks off on 9 and 10 April. Both projects are of 4 years duration and offer opportunities for collaboration and shared learning and knowledge exchange, study visits and influencing policy.

ICC – Intelligent Cities Challenge

Donegal County Council is a partner along with Derry City and Strabane District Council on the EU funded Intelligent Cities Challenge project led by ERNACT. This project looks at working with experts from Europe and local SME’s to develop LGD’s (Local Green Deals), which are commitments to support the transition towards carbon neutrality.

CPMR General Assembly

Donegal County Council will continue its membership of the CPMR in 2024 and our political representative on the CPMR, Cllr. O’Fearraigh will attend the General Assembly meeting in Sines (Alentejo) on 9th and 10th April 2024. The CPMR Maritime Working Group and the CPMR General Secretariat are hosting a workshop on the blue dimension of Smart Specialisation Strategies (S3) on Monday 29 April 2024.

AER (Assembly of European Regions)

MEET Debate

AER and Donegal County Council through Europe Direct Letterkenny organised a debate in Letterkenny, as part of EU Belong, an EU project in the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) programme at the Central Library in Letterkenny, on the 22nd of March. It was an opportunity to engage people from Donegal County in interactive discussions around the upcoming 2024 EU elections, and revolving around the topics of active citizenship, participatory democracy, sustainability, and inclusion.

Summer Academy 2024

DCC hosted the Summer Academy in Donegal in 2022 in partnership with Udarás na Gaeltachta. The next Summer Academy youth focused event will take place in Norway in August 2024. Donegal County Council will be hosting a workshop at this event focused on opportunities for young people in the Blue Economy.

Contact Person

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2. Local Enterprise Office

Summary of March 2024 Outputs/Events:

Grant Aid (M1) –The first EVAC meeting for 2024 took place on 1st February 2024.

- 6 Businesses have been approved Grant Aid for Feasibility (3) & Business Expansion (3).
- Value of total Grant Aid Approvals YTD is €120,056.92
- Next EVAC meeting will take place on 11th April 2024.

Trading Online Vouchers – YTD: 11 Businesses approved support to a value of €25,490.

Mentoring 2024 – YTD: 49 applicants approved for this support.

Training – YTD: 604 Attendees on 23 Courses held.

Digital Start – YTD: 1 application approved for this support to a value of €4,500.

Green for Business – YTD: 8 applicants approved for this support to a value of €17,712.

Energy Efficiency Grants - YTD: 2 applicants approved for this support to a value of €10,000.

Lean For Business – YTD: 6 applicants approved for this support to a value of €27,000.

Local Enterprise Week 2024 – Making It Happen

A hugely successful Local Enterprise Week took place between 4th & 8th March, 2024. The theme for the week this year was “Be Brave”. In conjunction with partners and other stakeholders, 19 events took place across the county covering a range of topics of interest to businesses. Over 400 attended the various events. These included the following:

- Taking Your Business To The Next Level.
- Implementing digital & green solutions in your tourism business.
- Food Coast Donegal Producer Showcase 2024.
- Communicating With Impact.
- Stepping Up to Export.
- The story of tweed in Southwest Donegal.
- The business of Leadership – Lessons From Sport.

Start Your Own Business Programme 2024

The second Start Your Own Business programme commenced on 6th February and was fully booked with 20 participants registered to attend. The next programme takes place in March and is also fully booked.

Enterprise Europe Network (EEN)

As part of Local Enterprise Week, many LEOs in Ireland held EEN events to support Irish SMEs on their internationalisation journeys.

LEO Donegal, on behalf of the LEO network and the Enterprise Europe Network in Ireland, will be delivering 6 Brokerage Events in 2024/2025 aimed at connecting SMEs with international buyers. The first two events of the programme took place in late January and early February, with over 250 Irish suppliers and international buyers in attendance.

- “Meet the Buyer – Food and Nutrition” 31st January 2024, at the Merits Innovation Thinkspace in Naas County Kildare.
- “Meet the Buyer – Construction, Engineering, & Sustainable Energy” 9th February 2024 at Mount Lucas, County Offaly.

Food Coast Donegal

Restaurant/Chef and Producer Cluster meetings were held at the LEO offices on 22nd and 26th February 2024. Food Coast Donegal hosted a Producer Showcase as part of Local Enterprise Week on 5th March. 28 artisans exhibited their products to over 125 potential buyers.

Donegal Engineering Network

Engineering ProfitNet meeting took place on the 6th March 2024 and followed by the Stepping Up To Export event as part of Local Enterprise Week, which was attended by over 50 people, mainly from the Engineering and Manufacturing sectors.

Upcoming Events/Programmes:

National Enterprise Awards 2024

Living Green from Quigley’s Point will this year be representing Donegal at the LEO, National Enterprise Awards Competition 2024. Adjudication of the company’s entry will be taking place on the 10th & 11th April 2024, in Mullingar, with the National Enterprise Awards Gala Dinner taking place on 23rd May 2024.

Scála Accelerator Programme

Scála, an 11-week Accelerator Programme aimed at scale-up and start-up entrepreneurs, with the potential for fast growth is due to commence on April 17th, subject to recruitment of suitable candidates. An information session is taking place on Wednesday March 13th in advance and members are requested to inform any entrepreneurs interest in scaling their business, to apply for this programme.

For more info visit - <https://www.localenterprise.ie/Donegal/Donegal/Training-Events/Scala.html>

Export Development Programme

An Export Development Programme, proposed to begin in April 2024, is currently in the planning stages. Eligible businesses will receive an expression of interest email, followed by information sessions leading up to the programme start.

Donegal Stories: Website highlighting the businesses of Donegal that have been supported by the LEO. <https://donegalstories.ie/>

Contact Person

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3. Emergency Services**4.1 – Fire Service****Fire Service Monthly MD Report (April)**

| Activity | Number of: (February) ¹ | | Total for year | |
|---|---------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| <u>Fire Service Operations</u> | | | | |
| Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**: | 57 | | 128 | |
| Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**: | 65 | | 146 | |
| Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**: | 6 | | 19 | |
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| <u>Operational Activity Breakdown February 2024</u> | Turnouts | | Incidents in County | |
| | Fires | Special Services | Fires | Special Services |
| Donegal Fire Service | 29 | 36 | 23 | 29 |
| Northern Ireland Fire Service | 0 | 6 | 0 | 5 |
| Sub Total | 29 | 42 | 23 | 34 |
| Total | 71 | | 57 | |
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| <u>Fire Prevention</u> | | | | |

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| Fire Safety Certificate applications received: | 13 | 34 |
| Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed: | 23 | N/A |
| Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from Applicant / Agent: | 71 | N/A |
| Fire Safety Certificate decisions made: | 20 | 27 |
| Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received: | 0 | 5 |
| Dangerous Substance Licences issued: | 0 | 0 |
| Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875: | 3 | 3 |
| Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007): | 13 | 23 |
| Fire Safety Complaints received: | 2 | 4 |
| Fire Safety Complaints dealt with: | 2 | 4 |
| During Performance Inspections carried out: | 0 | 0 |
| Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered: | 0 | 0 |

1. **Current data is only available up to the end of February 2024.**



ENVIRONMENT MD REPORT –April 2024

CLIMATE ACTION

| Activity / Project Title | Publication of the Donegal County Council Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 |
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| <p>Project Description/ Activity</p> | <div data-bbox="337 655 885 766" data-label="Image"> </div> <p data-bbox="315 806 1516 875">Donegal County Council published their inaugural Local Authority Climate Action Plan 2024 – 2029 on 22nd March 2024.</p> <div data-bbox="602 898 1240 1354" data-label="Image"> </div> <p data-bbox="315 1381 1503 1566">The Plan sets out how Donegal County Council will take climate action by improving energy efficiency, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and embedding climate resilience across the organisation. It also addresses how the Council will adopt a broader leadership role in the county by supporting local communities, businesses and other stakeholders to take climate action.</p> <p data-bbox="315 1598 1484 1703">Under the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2021, all local authorities are required to prepare a Climate Action Plan. The Plan, which contains 139 actions across six themes, was adopted by Elected Members on 21st February 2024.</p> <p data-bbox="315 1734 1484 1803">The Plan’s vision is that Donegal will be climate resilient, biodiversity rich, environmentally sustainable and carbon neutral by the end of 2050.</p> <p data-bbox="315 1835 1260 1892">The published Plan is available to view in all Public Libraries and online at https://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/environment/climateaction/</p> |

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| | The Strategic Environmental Assessment, Natura Impact Statement and Determinations are available for inspection during office hours at County House, Lifford and online as above. |
| Contact Person | Lorraine Arbuckle, Climate Action Coordinator larbuckle@Donegalcoco.ie |

| Activity / Project Title | Community Climate Action Fund |
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| Project Description/ Activity | <p>The application process for the Community Climate Action Fund closed on 22nd March 2024.</p> <p>The Community Climate Action Programme (CCAP) is a new programme to support small and large, rural and urban communities to take climate action at a local level. Donegal County Council in association with the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC), will provide funding to local communities for projects that promote community climate action.</p> <p>The objective of the CCAP is to build low carbon, sustainable communities, which will, in turn contribute to the national climate and energy targets.</p> <p>There are two strands of funding available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strand 1: focuses on direct climate action building low carbon communities • Strand 1A: focuses on cross-border projects in partnership with communities and organisations in Northern Ireland. <p>There was a very high level of interest from community groups in Donegal in relation to this fund.</p> <p>Donegal County Council are currently assessing the applications received and will submit a report of recommended projects to the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) in May 2024. Final decision on projects to be funded rests with DECC. It is anticipated that projects will begin Q4 2024 with an 18 month delivery period.</p> |
| Contact Person | Fiona Kelly, Community Climate Action Officer climateactionfund@donegalcoco.ie |

| Activity / Project Title | Global Action Plan – Climate Heroes Community Challenge 15th – 26th April 2024 |
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| Project Description/ Activity | From 15th to 26th April 2024, community groups and organisations will compete to reduce their carbon footprint by the largest amount. Leading up to the competition, a series of online workshops will explore the themes from a variety of angles, equipping and empowering you to lead change. |

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| | <p>What is it?</p> <p>Climate Heroes is team-based climate challenge. Together with other members of your community, you will learn about and take simple actions on the drivers of climate change.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate and challenge the forces driving climate change • Join with allies and compete to reduce carbon emission • Capture your actions using powerful technology <p>Best of all, this competition is fun, engaging, and habit-forming - and fully free to community groups and organisations in Ireland.</p> <p>What's involved?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register at the link below • Join an orientation session to learn more about the platform and competition • Attend optional workshops to frame climate actions through a global lens, and meet others committed to the cause • Log climate friendly actions during the two week challenge, and encourage your team to do the same. • Reflect, debrief, and pat yourself on the back. <p>For more information and to register your team visit https://www.climateheroes.ie/en-ie/challenge</p> |
| <p>Contact Person</p> | <p>Suzanne Bogan, Climate Action Officer sbogan@donegalcoco.ie</p> |

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| <p>Activity / Project Title</p> | <p>Energy Efficient and Sustainable Living Information Evening</p> |
| <p>Project Description/ Activity</p> | <p>Donegal County Council Climate Action Team co-hosted an information evening with SEAI on 14th March in Letterkenny PSC. The <i>Energy Efficient and Sustainable Living</i> event was aimed at homeowners and members of the public to increase awareness of grants currently available to help with the cost of retrofitting homes and saving energy.</p> |



Presentations were given by Mel Gavin (Sustainable Energy Communities) in relation to SEAI warmer home grants, Vincent Cranley DCC on the Vacant and Derelict Properties Refurbishment Grant Scheme and Karen Mc Brearty on the Housing Adaptation Grant for Older People and People with a Disability.


Builders registered with the SEAI for carrying out retrofit measures were also present to talk to attendees and provide information. There were 30 people in attendance.



Contact Person

Lorraine Arbuckle, Climate Action Coordinator
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WASTE AND LITTER MANAGEMENT

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| Activity | Waste Enforcement Personnel present at National Conference |
| Project | <p>On the 6th March 2024 delegates from all over Ireland directly involved in environmental legislation and in particular waste enforcement came together at an event organized by the Network for Ireland's Environmental Compliance and Enforcement (NIECE) in conjunction with the Waste Enforcement Regional Local Authorities (WERLA's).</p> <p>Donegal County Council presented at this event alongside speakers from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the WERLAs, the National Trans Frontier Shipment Office (NTFSO), the National Waste Collection Permit Office (NWCPO) and local authorities throughout Ireland.</p> <p>This event was attended by more than 200 delegates from all corners of the Country and Donegal County Council Waste Enforcement personnel shared the top table with representatives from the EPA, DECC and the NWCPO.</p> <p>Excellent connections have been made and a number of multi agency work areas are now being developed.</p> |
| Contact Person | <p>Matthew Byrne Matthewbyrne@donegalcoco.ie</p> |

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| Activity | National Food Waste Recycling Project | |
| Project | <p>The EPA estimates that Ireland generated 753,000 tonnes (t) of food waste in 2021. Growing, processing and transporting food uses a huge amount of resources, such as land, water, energy and fertiliser. If food is wasted, these resources are wasted too. The EPA estimates that food waste costs the average Irish household about €60 per month or €700 per year. That’s an annual national cost of €1.29 billion.</p> <p>In order to help households to separate their waste and to reduce contamination in the food waste stream Donegal household waste collectors will be taking part in the National Food Waste Recycling Project this year.</p> <p>This project is funded by the Department of Communication, Climate Action and Environment (DCCA) and is being led by the Regional Waste Management Planning Authorities** under the guise of mywaste.ie.</p> <p>Through the project Donegal collectors have been provided with thousands of kitchen caddy packs to distribute to their customers.</p> <p>Each pack consists of a 7 litre kitchen caddy, a starter pack of compostable liners and an information leaflet. Householders can use the caddy and liners to separate their food waste in the kitchen and when the liner is full, place it in their kerbside food waste bin.</p> <p>In addition to the caddy packs there are a range of toolkit supports available for the collectors to use at https://www.mywaste.ie/food-waste-campaign-toolkit/</p> <p>The toolkit includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posters • Stickers • Leaflets • Social media images • E-Newsletter header • Information Videos  <p>The number of households in Donegal reported as being provided with a three bin service at the end of 2023 was 17,500.</p> | |
| Contact Person | Donna Maskery dmaskery@donegalcoco.ie | |

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| Activity | Video content for IWMA Conference |
| Project | <p>The Irish Waste Management Conference was held on the 14th March in the Aviva Stadium Conference centre in Dublin. The main theme of the conference was The Circular Economy and there is no event in the ROI that compares to The Irish Waste Management Conference in the waste and resource management space. The event was attended by 300 delegates, online & in-person</p> <p>Pauline McDonagh, Senior Executive Scientist/ Southern Region Waste Management Office presented at this conference on the findings of the DECC funded Household Food Waste project. The environment team provided video content for the presentation.</p>  |
| Contact Person | <p>Matthew Byrne Matthewbyrne@donegalcoco.ie</p> |
| Activity | Court |
| Project | <p>In February a court case was heard involving an unauthorised end of life vehicle operation/ scrap yard. The operator was found guilty of a number of breaches of the Waste Management Act. Fines were imposed and costs awarded to the LA.</p> <p>Figures collated for work in 2023 show that waste enforcement personnel attended court more than 70 times in 2023. In the majority of cases fines were imposed and costs awarded to the LA.</p>  |
| Contact Person | <p>Matthew Byrne Matthewbyrne@donegalcoco.ie</p> |

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| Activity | Household Waste Presentation Bye Laws |
| Project | <p>Donegal County Council propose that for the purpose of the proper management of waste and for the prevention or control of environmental pollution to make Bye-laws under Section 35(1) of the Waste Management Act 1996. These Bye-laws, if made, will require the holder of household or commercial waste to present that waste for collection or bring it to a facility in accordance with the Bye-laws.</p> <p>The Bye-laws address segregation, storage, presentation and collection of the different types of waste. Any person who contravenes these Bye-laws shall be guilty of an offence and will be liable to penalties as set out in the draft Bye-laws.</p> <p>The Bye-laws, if made, will commence in 2024.</p> <p>A copy of the draft Bye-laws will be available for Public Inspection at https://consult.donegal.ie and also in Donegal County Council Public Services Centres for a period of two months, from the Thursday 28th March 2024 to Tuesday 28th May 2024 and can be provided free of charge.</p> |
| Contact Person | <p>Matthew Byrne Matthewbyrne@donegalcoco.ie</p> |

Date: 9th April 2024

To: **EACH MEMBER OF THE DONEGAL MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

Notice under Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001.

Proposal to dispose of a plot of land at Parkhill, Ballyshannon.

Dear Councillor,

Donegal County Council own a plot of land at Parkhill, Ballyshannon, Co Donegal.

The plot comprising 0.32 hectares is outlined by means of a red line on the attached map and is registered under Folio DL13921F, Property Number 1, Plan Number 66.

Donegal County Council Water Services acquired the land by Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) in the 1980's from Mr. Pearse O'Neill (Father of Rossa) for the purpose of constructing a new water treatment plant in Parkhill, Ballyshannon as part of the Ballyshannon Water Augmentation Scheme. Sometime later the lands were no longer required as part of the scheme and negotiations began to dispose of the land back to its original owner Pearse O'Neill. The contracts were drawn, and a bill was issued to Pearse O'Neill, however, at the time Pearse O'Neill did not pay the bill and therefore the transfer was not complete. While the disposal fee could never be agreed upon at the time, Donegal County Council's disposal price of €20,000 remained the asking price for this plot of land.

In early 2023, correspondence was received from Mr. Rossa O'Neill that he now wishes to purchase the land in the name Rossa O'Neill as per the original disposal offer to his Father Pearse O'Neill.

It is now proposed to dispose of the land to Rossa O'Neill subject to the following conditions:

1. Land measuring 0.32 hectares to be transferred at a cost of €20,000 to Mr. Rossa O'Neill.
2. Mr. Rossa O'Neill being responsible for the preparation of the Land Registry compliant map, payment of land registration fees, stamp duty and own legal fees.
3. The approval of the Member of the Council.

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

Yours sincerely,



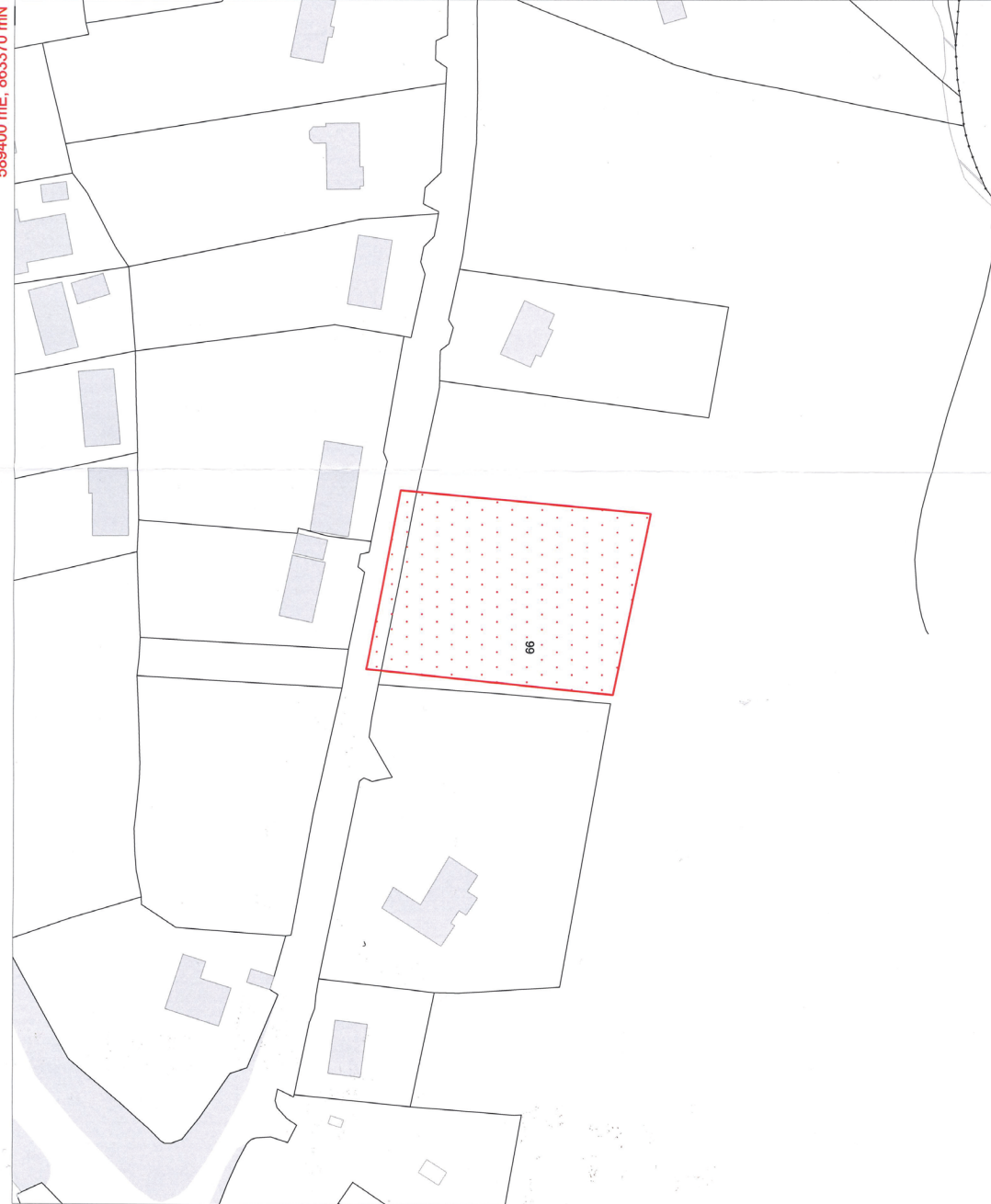
Eleanor Reid.
A/Senior Staff Officer.
Property Management Section.
Donegal County Council.

Encl: Map showing plot of land outlined in red owned by Donegal County Council.

Folio Number: DL13921F

Application Number: C2024LR001858D

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Folio: DL13921F

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

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1:1000 Scale



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

Municipal District of Donegal

April 2024

1. Playgrounds
 - a. Donegal Town
 - b. Ballyshannon
 - c. Killybegs.

2. Fáilte Ireland Platforms for Growth & Destination Towns.
 - a. Bundoran Destination Towns
 - b. Platforms for Growth Tullan Strand

3. Walks & Trails

4. Leader

5. Public Participation Network

6. Rural Programmes
 - a. Sliabh Liag Mountain Path - ORIS
 - b. Largy Coastal Walk - ORIS
 - c. Laghey Sensory Garden - CLAR
 - d. Glenlee Forest Trail - CLAR

7. Social Inclusion



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

Municipal District: Donegal

Activity / Project Update: April 2024

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| Activity / Project Title | PLAYGROUNDS 2024 |
| Project Description/Activity | Annual maintenance of Playgrounds |
| Budget (if applicable) | |
| Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i> | 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 <u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual Safety Inspection Reports have been completed with necessary repairs identified.• Repair works have been tendered with a submission deadline in February 2024 to appoint a playground Maintenance works contractor for 2024.• Tender submissions received and assessment underway.• Tender assessment complete, contracts being prepared. |
| Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appoint of playground maintenance contractor. |
| Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i> | John Deeney Tel: 074-9172568 E-mail: jdeeney@donegalcoco.ie |



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

Activity / Project Update: April 2024

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| Activity / Project Title | St John Bosco Playground Refurbishment (Donegal Town) |
| Project Description/Activity | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Refurbishment of the St John Bosco Playground, funded through the Community Recognition Fund and Donegal Co Co |
| Budget (if applicable) | |
| 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">Site survey completed.Design works have commenced on a plans to refurbish to the playground.Plans developed and shared with community group.Tender documents published on etenders, submissions due early March.Tender assessment in progress. |
| Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Appointment of contractor once tender assessment complete. |
| Contact Person (to include telephone number & e-mail address) | John Deeney Tel: 074-9172568 E-mail: jdeeney@donegalcoco.ie |



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

Activity / Project Update: April 2024

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| Activity / Project Title | Ballyshannon Mall Park Playground Refurbishment |
| Project Description/Activity | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Refurbishment of the Ballyshannon Mall Park Playground, funded Donegal Co Co & the Dept of Children and Youth Affairs |
| Budget (if applicable) | |
| 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">• Consultation with the three Ballyshannon National Schools undertaken.• Draft designs in progress.• Tender documents have been published on etenders to seek submissions from suitable contractors. The tender return date is the 20th of October 2023.• Tender review process complete.• Meeting arranged with possible contractor to discuss works proposals.• Contact documents issued to successful tenderer.• Refurbishment works have commenced on site. |
| Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue refurbishment works. |
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**Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall**
Donegal County Council

Activity / Project Update: April 2024

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| Activity / Project Title | Killybegs Playgrounds Refurbishment |
| Project Description/Activity | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Refurbishment of the Killybegs Playgrounds, funded through the Community Recognition Fund and Donegal Co Co |
| Budget (if applicable) | |
| Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i> | <p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Initial meeting with community groups to discuss the project and their vision for the playgrounds.Donegal Co Co technical staff undertaking detailed surveys of each playground.Surveys complete.Initial design works in progress to develop plans for the playgrounds.Design proposals were shared with the Killybegs Community Council who got feedback from the local community. Minor design amendments are being made to address feedback.Design and tender documents ready to publish, awaiting confirmation from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine before issuing tender documents due to land lease conditions.Meetings held with the Killybegs Harbour Master to get their approval before publishing tender.Tender documents published to secure a playground contractor. |
| Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Assessment of tender submissions after the closing date. |
| Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i> | John Deeney Tel: 074-9172568 E-mail: jdeeney@donegalcoco.ie |



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Activity / Project Update: April 2024

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| Activity / Project Title | Bundoran Destination Towns (Fáilte Ireland Co-Funded) |
| Project Description/Activity | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Installation of artwork on the three approach roundabouts to Bundoran; Tullaghan/Drumacrin/Finner• Installation of wayfinding signage throughout Bundoran• Streetscape improvement works to; Central Lane/Renisan's Lane/Meehan's Lane |
| Budget (if applicable) | |
| Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i> | <p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Architect appointed to delivery the project.• Part 8 Planning secured for the wayfinding signage and streetscape improvement works.• Tender documents/detailed designs being prepared for the wayfinding signage and streetscape improvement works.• Artist selected for the roundabout artwork, contract documents being completed.• Artist contract documents completed and issued, site meeting held with Artist and his engineer to discuss the works.• Consultation ongoing with TII regarding approval for Artwork on the N15 roundabouts.• Part 8 Planning Application for the installation of artwork on the Tullaghan, Drumacrin & Finner roundabouts opened to public consultation on the 15th September.• Reviewing detailed designs for the wayfinding signage and streetscape works.• Part 8 planning for the artwork on the Tullaghan, Drumacrin and Finner roundabouts secured at the November 2023 Council meeting. Review meeting held with Artist's design team to commence fabrication of artwork in January 2024. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing project cost estimates to keep within available budget. • Artwork installed on the Tullaghan roundabout, Drumacrin roundabout and Finner roundabout. |
| <p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aiming to publish tender documents for a contractor to undertake the wayfinding signage and streetscape works. • Snagging works to be completed at the installed artwork on the three roundabouts. |
| <p>Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i></p> | <p>John Deeney Tel: 074-9172568 E-mail: jdeeney@donegalcoco.ie</p> |



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Activity / Project Update: April 2024

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| Activity / Project Title | Platforms for Growth Tullan Strand Funded by Fáilte Ireland |
| Project Description/Activity | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Development of a Facility Centre for Water Based Activities at Tullan Strand in Bundoran along with improved access to Tullan Strand Beach. |
| Budget (if applicable) | |
| 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">Cross departmental meetings being held with different sections of the Council to fully understand project requirements and future maintenance requirements.Draft tender documents prepared to seek a Consultant to develop site specific designs and secure planning permission.Discussions with local stakeholders and landowners.Meeting held with local stakeholders from Bundoran.Tender documents were published on etenders seeking a professional design team.Submissions received and tender assessment process underway. |
| Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Awaiting approval from Fáilte Ireland to appoint consultant to commence working towards a planning application. |
| Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i> | John Deeney Tel: 074-9172568 E-mail: jdeeney@donegalcoco.ie |



Activity / Project Update

April 2024

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| 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><u>Glencolmcille,</u></p> <p>Quotes have been sought from local contractors to carry out the drainage works proposed. Now awaiting the relevant insurance documents before we can award the works.</p> <p><u>ORIS 2021</u> Counter Units</p> <p>A number of the new counter units have been received commissioned and installed over the past week in a joined venture with inhouse staff and Mercury Systems. The 8 No pair of units are now successfully sending data to the dash board and in due course this information can be shared with the groups or members whom ever wishes to view the information.</p> <p><u>Creevy Coastal Walk</u></p> <p>The appointed contractor Milligan Bros Ltd (Ederney, Co Fermanagh) have completed much of the works about 80% complete and currently await the signage and remaining furniture to be delivered and installed. Contractor is expected to return back to complete the remaining works by end of March. A delay in the production of the Mapboard and the information the completion has been put back until end April.</p> |
| <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i> | |

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| | <p><u>ORIS 2022</u></p> <p>Have seen the success of Rosssylongan been granted €30,000 and likewise, through DLDC they were also granted €30,000 funding for Donegal Rowability Donegal town. No change at present to be advanced with DLDC.</p> <p><u>Rosssylongan</u></p> <p>Screening report has been received from Earthy Matters and it will be used as part of the application for future potential works on the site.</p> |
| <p>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creevy estimated finish is now planned for end of April. • Install of more counter units |
| <p>Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i></p> | <p>Darryl Connor (Outdoor Recreation & Maintenance Officer) dconnor@donegalcoco.ie</p> |



Municipal District: Countywide

| Activity / Project Title | Rural Development Programme/LEADER |
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| Project Description/Activity | Donegal LCDC are the Local Action Group for County Donegal, with responsibility for the LEADER/RDP Programme 2014-2020 & Transitional LEADER Programme 2021-2022 |
| Budget (if applicable) | €13,413,875 (Additional funding received 2019) <i>Note: Project costs €10,063,586, administration and animation costs €3,350,289. 1st April 2021 – 31st December 2022</i> €2,861,598 project costs. €953,866 for Administration & Animation. |
| Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i> | Implementing Partners within the county; Donegal Local Development Company (DLDC), Inishowen Development Partnership (IDP), Údarás Na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán, 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. 62 projects in Donegal are now approved by Pobal under the Transitional & EURI programmes and Letters of Offer have issued/are pending, granting LEADER funding to a value of €2,861,598. |
| Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period | All funding awarded to the Donegal LAG under the Transitional LEADER programme and EURI programme has been allocated but LDCs will continue to engage with promoters on the ground regarding any potential underspend or decommitments. Contract agreements have been signed on behalf of the Donegal LCDC, Donegal County Council and local Implementing Partners to deliver the New LEADER programme in 2024 and an initial Implementation Team meeting to develop Application forms and EOIs has been held. |
| Contact Person | Ciaran Martin cmartin@donegalcoco.ie |



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| Activity / Project Title | Donegal Public Participation Network (Donegal PPN) |
| Project Description/Activity | Link through which organisations from the Community & Voluntary, Social Inclusion & Environment Sectors have a voice on Council decision making bodies and other structures. Networking, Information & Capacity Building for Community Groups |
| Budget (if applicable) | €115,000.00 per annum |
| Progress to date within the last two months inclusive of current status | <p>PPN membership now stands at 722 registered organisations. Donegal MD 144, Glenties MD 164, Inishowen MD 133, Letterkenny MD 198, Stranorlar MD 83. The PPN have 62 Representatives on 24 different Committees and Boards.</p> <p>Donegal PPN Strategic Plan Donegal PPN Strategic Plan will be launched at the Plenary Event on 9th May.</p> <p>Donegal PPN Social Inclusion Week Events- March Tuesday 19th – 11.00am Online Chair Yoga 4.30pm Online Social Media Training, 6.30pm First Aid for Older Persons Friday 22nd – 12.00 noon Online Chair Yoga, 2.00pm Awareness 4.30pm Online Social Media Training</p> <p>Donegal PPN Environment Pillar Event 18th May, 2024. Further Information will follow.</p> <p>Training for Quarters 1/2 Property Marking Training – 27th March – Three Sessions Basic Book- keeping for Community Groups in each MD April 9/10/11/15/16 Writing Funding Applications & Evaluation May 13/14/28</p> |
| Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period | Secretariat Meeting 13 th March Linkage Group Meetings Environment – Online 6 th March C&V and SI – April/May PPN AGM/Plenary 9 th May & 7 th November Regional PPN Meeting 17 th April in Galway PPN National Conference 16 th – 18 th October in Limerick |
| Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i> | Mary Clyde / Annette McGrenra 074 9153900 donegalppn@donegalcoco.ie |



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Activity / Project Update: April 2024

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| Activity / Project Title | Sliabh Liag Mountain Path |
| Project Description/Activity | Upgrade of Existing Cliff Walk |
| Budget (if applicable) | |
| 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">The Contractor is progressing well on site and work is on target to be completed in June of this year. |
| Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i> | Works to be completed in June 2024 |
| Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i> | Brian Keogh Tel: 074-9172568 E-mail: bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie |



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| Activity / Project Title | Fintra to Largy Coastal Walk |
| Project Description/Activity | Project Management Measure |
| Budget (if applicable) | € 50,000 |
| 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">Initial meeting have taken place with the community group and the landowners |
| Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i> | Tender process to appoint Consultant Engineer is progressing |
| Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i> | Brian Keogh Tel: 074-9172568 E-mail: bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie |



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Activity / Project Update: April 2024

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| Activity / Project Title | CLÁR 2023 Measure 1 |
| Project Description/Activity | Laghey Parish Hall Sensory Garden |
| Budget (if applicable) | € 55,555 |
| 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">Initial meetings with Community Group have taken place. Provisional letter of offer has issued. |
| Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i> | Procurement to be completed eight to ten weeks |
| Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i> | Brian Keogh Tel: 074-9172568 E-mail: bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie |



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Activity / Project Update: April 2024

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| Activity / Project Title | CLÁR 2023 Measure 1 |
| Project Description/Activity | Glanlee Forest Trail, Killybegs |
| Budget (if applicable) | € 55,555 |
| 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">Initial meetings with Community group and Coillte to happen in coming days. Provisional letter of offer has issued. |
| Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i> | Procurement to be completed eight to ten weeks |
| Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i> | Brian Keogh Tel: 074-9172568 E-mail: bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie |



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Municipal District: ALL

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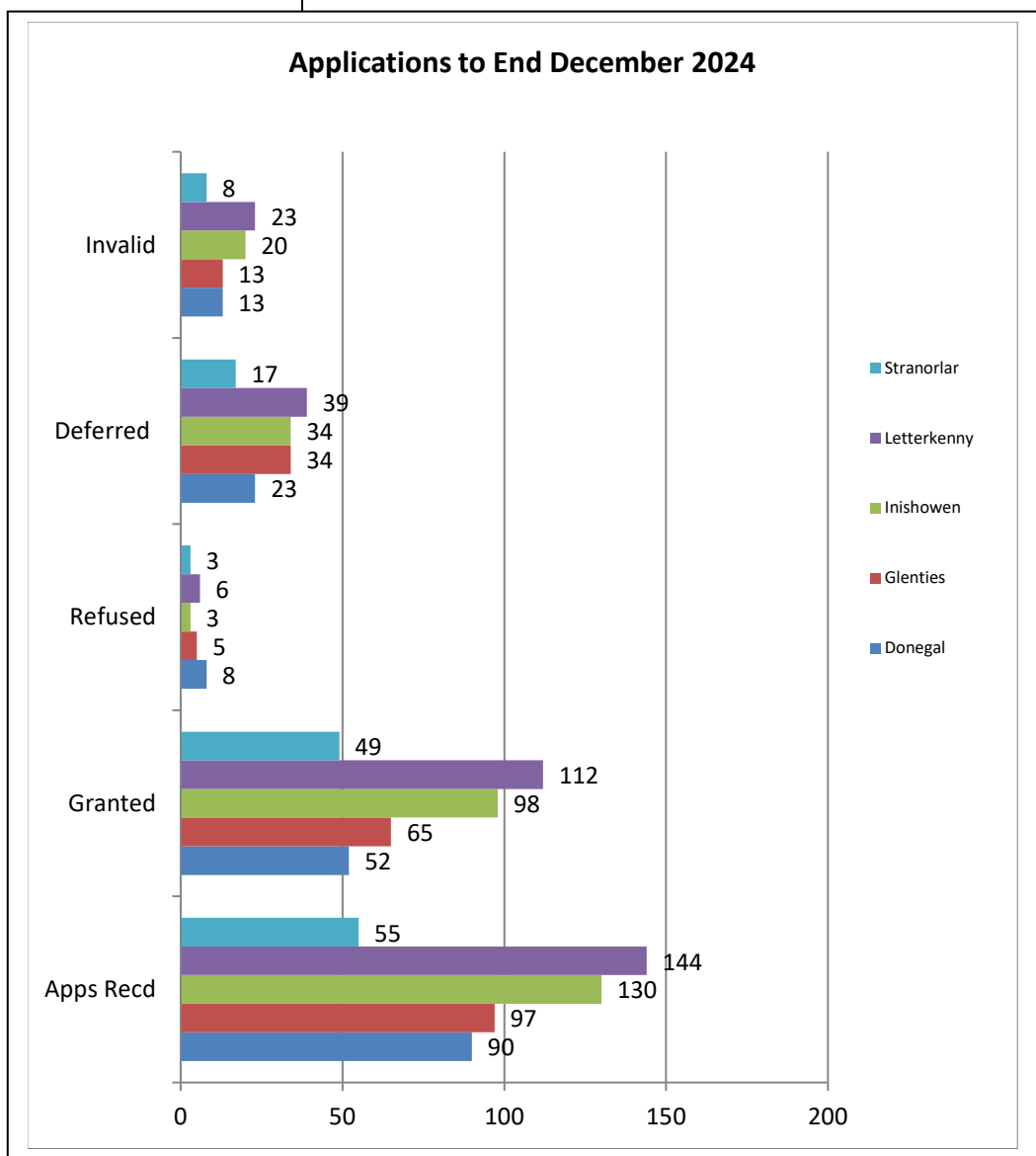
| Activity / Project Title | Social Inclusion Unit |
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| Progress to date and current status | <p>EU Belong Donegal County Council hosted the EU Belong Transnational Knowledge Sharing Event in Letterkenny on 19 – 21 March on Intercultural Integration: A Shared Journey towards Equality and Belonging.</p> <p>The EU-Belong knowledge sharing event was co-organised by the AER and Donegal County Council. It gathered international experts, regional politicians and civil servants, professionals and volunteers engaged in creating intercultural societies , to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn in detail about the policies and practices employed in Donegal for intercultural integration.• Meet peers working on similar challenges in different regions across Europe.• Engage in mutual learning, get inspired by each other’s experiences and insights, create sounding boards, spaces for reflexivity and continuously improve policies and practices.• Showcase regional initiatives.• Highlight the principles of interculturalism and their translation in real life. <p>Donegal as lead on work package 4(delivery of integration strategy) with deliverable 4.1 and 4.2 almost complete and 4.3 to be completed by April. 2 Pilot project initiatives delivering actions from the Black and Ethnic Minority Strategy will commence in Jan 2024 lead by Donegal Intercultural Platform and Inishowen Development Partnership. EU Belong project continues to attend online knowledge sharing events.</p> <p>One Donegal - Social Inclusion Week 2024, 17 March – 23 March Launch of One Donegal Social Inclusion Week 2024 programme took place on 5 March at 10am in the Regional Culture Centre.</p> |

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| | <p>The week provides an opportunity to highlight the various activities undertaken locally to involve and include everyone in our County. The programme of events provides an occasion to increase our awareness and understanding of inclusion and diversity in Donegal.</p> <p>Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion Strategy</p> <p>There was a well-attended February meeting of the Implementation team where co-chairs Fadl Mustapha of Donegal Youth Service and Anna Scully of Donegal Travellers project were elected. We are currently finalising the collation of the work completed in 2023 to add to the Monitoring and evaluation report.</p> |
| Contact Person | Christina O'Donnell codonnell@donegalcoco.ie 0879192272 |



Donegal MD Meeting
9th April 2024

| Item | Update | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 2 | Enforcement | | | | | | | | | |
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| Donegal MD | To end March 2024 | | | | | | | | | |
| New Cases | 4 | | | | | | | | | |
| Closed Cases | 3 | | | | | | | | | |
| Outstanding cases on record since 2012 | 230 | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 2024:</u> 11th April 2024 25th April 2024 9th May 2024 23rd May 2024</p> <p>Please see website for further dates. http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/planningclinics/</p> | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | Casual Trading | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Regeneration & Development | See Appendix A | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | Building Control & Taking in Charge | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | Central Planning Unit | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | Capital Projects Delivery Unit | See Appendix B | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | Conservation | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | Further Information <i>Click on web links to access information.</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly List of applications and decisions: http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weeklyplanninglists/ • Planning Service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service): planning@donegalcoco.ie • Planning Webpage: www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/ • Planning Application Online Query – https://www.eplanning.ie/DonegalCC/SearchTypes <p>File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and planning search requests: www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/fileretrieval/File%20Retrieval.pdf</p> | | | | | | | | |

APPENDIX A

Regeneration & Development Team Community Development and Planning Services

REPORT TO THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETINGS APRIL 2024.

1.0 Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF)

Funding is provided from the Department of Rural and Community Development and calls for application to the Fund are sought under two categories. **Category 1** relates to projects with all necessary planning and other consents in place and which are ready to proceed, i.e shovel ready. **Category 2** projects are those which require further development to become ready for Category 1 status.

1.1 Summary update of Projects

Table 1 below provides a summary update on the current status and delivery of projects under the RRDF.

Table 1: Rural Regeneration and Development Fund Projects

| Project | Type | Value (includes DCC co- funding) | Current Status/Delivery |
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| Back to Ballyshannon | Category 2 (2020) | €247,500 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site acquisition completed. Team working towards the publication of a planning scheme. To be targeted for future Category 1 Funding |
| Ramelton Re-imagined/Historic Town Centre | Category 2 | €249,159 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 8 approved April 2022 Handed over to CPDU. |
| | Category 1 (2022) | €7,949,868 | |
| Repowering Buncrana | Category 2 (3 rd Call) | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sale agreed on former Garda Barracks property. Handover to CPDU imminent. |

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| Rathmullan (in partnership with The Way Forward Rathmullan CLG). | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 8 approved February 2023. Submitted for funding under the Call 5 on the 8th February 2024. |
| Milford Town Centre First Plan | | €100,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Centre First Plan launched November 2023 GM Design Associates preparing a statutory planning scheme for the lands at Lower Mount Marian (including further public consultation) to be completed by Q2 2024. DCC to progress other priority projects identified in the Plan. Projects to be targeted for future funding calls. |
| Glenties Town Centre First Plan | | €30,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding announced 28th February 2024. Workshop to be arranged with MD Members shortly. |
| Creeslough Village Plan and Community Regeneration Project (in association with the Creeslough Working Group, Creeslough Community Association and Arup). | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Village Plan to be launched 21st March 2024. Part 8 for Community Regeneration Project approved in September 2023. Submitted for funding under Call 5 on the 8th February 2024. |
| Moville Health Check and Regeneration Plan | | €24,500 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshop held with Inishowen MD Members 23rd February 2024. Appointment of consultants imminent. |
| Bundoran Regeneration Plan | | €15,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early inception meetings in-house being arranged. |

2.0 Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF).

Funding is provided from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for towns with a population in excess of 10,000 which includes Letterkenny in this County, with calls for application to the Fund sought under two categories. **Category 1** relates to projects with all necessary planning

and other consents in place and which are ready to proceed, i.e shovel ready.
Category 2 projects are those which require further development to become ready for Category 1 status.

2.1 Summary update of Projects

Table 2 below provides a summary update on the current status and delivery of projects under the URDF.

Table 2: Urban Regeneration and Development Fund Projects

| Call | Value of Project (includes DCC co-funding). | Projects and current Status/Delivery |
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| <p>Call 1 (approved September 2019)</p> <p>3 Sub-Projects</p> | €3m | <p>1 Prepare Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed 2022. <p>2 Letterkenny Urban Regeneration site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DCC took possession of the former ESB site and adjacent lands through a CPO in 2023. Site to be developed for the Alpha/Beta Office accommodation, public realm and Housing. <p>3 Public Realm/Linear Park Phase 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opened June 2023. |
| <p>Call 2 (May 2020 and approved March 2021)</p> <p>6 Sub Projects</p> | €19.3m (€4.8m DCC co-funding) | <p>1. Reimagine public space at Market Square.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please refer to report from the Capital Projects Delivery Unit Report who are delivering this project. <p>2. Cathedral Quarter Park and Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valuations obtained and land acquisition offers made. Avison Young appointed in Q4 2023 to take forward all previous engagement and act on Council's behalf as regards further offers/acquisitions/CPO. Council to consider further offers and advance any acquisitions/CPOs. Proceed to procurement of architect-led team for all design stages (planning consent, detailed design and site supervision) – procurement process to open as soon as possible. |

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| | | <p>3. Renewal at Lower Main Street</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Valuations obtained and land acquisition offers made.• Avison Young appointed in Q4 2023 to take forward all previous engagement and act on Council's behalf as regards further offers/acquisitions/CPO.• Council to consider further offers and advance any acquisitions/CPOs. <p>4. Revival of the Courthouse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• EPIC Heritage Consulting Ltd appointed to prepare a Visitor Experience Plan/ Product Identification Plan and Business Plan for the development of a major visitor attraction at the Courthouse.• Funding of €10,000 secured in March 2024 from the Built Heritage Investment Scheme for minor repair works.• 3 Visitor Experience concepts at consumer testing phase. <p>5. Strategic acquisition to enable a Regional Transport Hub</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Avison Young appointed to take forward all previous engagement and act on Councils behalf as regards further offers/ acquisitions/ CPO.• Funding commitment secured from the NTA to enable the engagement of consultancy services to move the project forward to the next level as regards scale, scope, further engagement with transport providers and operational requirements.• Draft tender package sent to the NTA in December 2023 for feed-in prior to opening of a procurement process.• Consultation with Local Link ongoing in relation to private bus operators. <p>6. Strategic acquisition to enable LK Green Connect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Part 8 in relation to the Cultural Corridor element of the project approved by Donegal County Council at the November 2023 Plenary meeting. |
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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-house team has commenced steps to develop a Part 8 for Phase 2 (from constructed Phase 1 to Pearse Road). Valuation services of Avison Young being engaged in relation to phase 2 (from constructed Phase 1 to Pearse Road) and lands required for the Cultural Corridor element of the Scheme. |
| Call 3 (March 2023 and approved July 2023). | €4m | <p>Revolving fund for acquisition costs of long-term vacant property or sites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Majority of property owners have been identified and a number of meetings have taken place and others planned. |
| “The Eat Out’ Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Project | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At construction stage. Please refer to the report from Community Development who are delivering this project. |
| Letterkenny Cultural Corridor | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 8 approved November 2023. Valuation services of Avison Young being engaged in relation to lands required for the delivery of the Scheme. Services of Quantity Surveyor being engaged to provide cost estimates for the scheme. To be targeted for future URDF funding call. |
| Youth/Community focused project at Lower Main Street | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early engagements with Letterkenny Youth Club and Donegal Youth Services have commenced. Avison Young appointed in Q4 2023 to take forward all previous engagement and act on Council’s behalf as regards further offers/acquisitions/CPO. In tandem, targeted to carry out capacity testing of potential lands available to clarify viability of the project and to undertake further engagement with stakeholders- NB this is subject to availability of in-house architectural resources. |

3.0 Croi Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme.

The Croi Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme opened for applications in July 2022 and **Table 3** below provides further details of the applications received to-date.

Table 3: Summary of Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Applications

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| Applications Received | 639 |
| Applications Finalised | 407 |
| • Approved | 387 |

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| • Deemed not eligible (eligibility criteria not met – vacancy/proposed works). | 20 |
| In progress (first technical inspection/awaiting information from applicant). | 215 |
| Withdrawn (by applicant) | 17 |
| Properties Refurbished | 13 |
| Grants Recouped | 9 |
| Requests for grant recoupment (in progress) | 4 |
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- To date, over 30 drop in events to promote the scheme have been held since September 2023 with further events being arranged for April 2024.

4.0 Compulsory Purchase Order Activation Fund/Survey of Vacant Properties

In April 2023, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage launched the CPO Activation Programme for the activation of vacant and derelict properties.

The main steps of the programme include:

- Step 1:** Identification of vacant and derelict properties
- Step 2:** Identification of and engagement with owners.
- Step 3:** Communication with owners regarding the supports available.
- Step 4:** Consideration of options available to owners and DCC.

The Council have undertaken Step 1 to identify vacant and derelict properties through the GEO Directory. This survey has been undertaken in the towns listed in

Table 4 below and will be carried out in further towns over the coming months:

Table 4: Towns Surveyed under the CPO Activation Fund

| Municipal District | Towns | | |
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| Letterkenny-Milford MD | Ramelton | Carrigart, Manorcunningham | Rathmullan, Milford |
| Donegal MD | Donegal Town | Ballyshannon | Bundoran, Dunkineely |
| Glenties MD | Dungloe | Ardara | Faclarragh |
| Inishowen MD | Carndonagh | Bunrana | Moville, Malin |
| Lifford-Stranorlar MD | Ballybofey-Stranorlar | Lifford | Raphoe |

The identification of property owners and engagement has commenced (Steps 2 and 3) and is ongoing. **Table 5** provides the current update which will be further updated as we progress Steps 2 and 3 in all towns.

Table 5: Delivery of CPO Activation Fund (to date).

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| Total Properties surveyed to date (Step 1) | 1,723 |
| Properties identified as being Vacant | 890 |
| Properties identified as being Derelict | 63 |
| Properties not vacant | 770 |
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| Owner Identification/Engagement (Steps 2 and 3) in the following Towns: | |
| Ballybofey/Stranorlar | 77 |
| Carndonagh | 42 |
| Lifford | 37 |
| Malin | 11 |
| Total (to date) | 167 |
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| Outcome/Responses (from Steps 2 and 3) | |
| 1 st Letter issued | 88 |
| Hold/Monitor (e.g property for sale) | 21 |
| Closed out | 12 |
| Ongoing (e.g. investigations) | 46 |
| Total | 167 |
| 2 nd Letter issued | 15 |

**Regeneration and Development Team.
 April 2024.**

APPENDIX B

CAPITAL PROJECTS DELIVERY UNIT

Community Development and Planning Services

Report to Donegal Municipal District Members: April 2024

| Activity / Project Title | Killybegs 2040 |
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| <p>Project Description/Activity</p> | <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. |
| <p>Budget</p> | <p>€5.4m</p> |
| <p>Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status</p> | <p>Works are progressing on Island House. Window installation has been completed and scaffold has been taken down. First fix M&E and is continuing.</p> <p>Works on public realm are continuing, with sections along the Shore Road and Main Street substantially complete. Works to the main central realm area are continuing with structural concrete works underway to form the steps and ramps.</p> <p>The 'Coal Yard' temporary car park for the project is operational.</p> |
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| Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period | External rendering to be completed. Internal first fix works to be completed and internal rendering and floor screeds to be completed allowing second fix to commence. Works on the public realm space will continue with the Diamond central civic space to be significantly progressed. Car Park to be completed and re-opened to cars. Paving works to commence around Tara Hotel area. |
| Contact Person(s) | Michael Quigley, A/Executive Engineer Ardal McDermott, A/ Senior Executive Engineer |



Donegal Municipal District - 9th April 2024 Questions

Agenda Item No.4

Office Ref:DLMD-2024-03001

Submitted By: Cllr. Tom Conaghan

Assigned To: Economic Development

Question "What is the current situation on "outdoor dining" within the Donegal MD for the year 2024 ?"

Signed Off By:

Response: The principle of outdoor dining was encouraged nationally during the period 2020 - 2022 as an aid to hospitality businesses to survive in response the Covid pandemic. In order for a business to obtain permission to utilize any "outside" area in public ownership, a process requiring their applying to the Planning Authority for a Section 254 license was required to be completed. It is understood that no applications were received in the Donegal MD area for S 254 licenses in 2023 and that none are currently on hand for 2024. Should applications be received in 2024 they will be considered in light of existing or planned uses for such spaces including Central Planning consultation with local MD services.