

**Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall**

Oifig Riarthóir na gCruinnithe,  
Aras an Chontae,  
Leifear.

5ú Iúil, 2023

**Fógra Cruinnithe**

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall ar siúl **De Céadaoin , 12ú Iúil 2023 ag 11.30 r.n. in Ionad Serbhísí Pobail, Bhaile Dhún na nGall.**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS DÚN NA nGALL

A Chara,

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

Mise, le meas

Linda Mac Cana  
Riarthóir Cruinnithe

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**Municipal District of Donegal**

Office of Meetings Administrator,  
County House,  
Lifford.

5<sup>th</sup> July, 2023

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

The next Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal will be held on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023 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,

Linda McCann  
Meetings Administrator

## AGENDA

1. Consideration of Minutes of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023.
  
2. Consideration of the Minutes of the Minor Tourism Related Grant Scheme Workshop held on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023.
  
3. **Update Reports from Council Services:**
  - 3.1 Housing & Corporate Services
  - 3.2 Roads & Transportation
    - 3.2.1 *Section 183 Request – Disposal of Land at Magheracar, Bundoran*
  - 3.3 Economic Development, Information Systems and Emergency Services
  - 3.4 Environment Services
  - 3.5 Community Development
  - 3.6 Planning Services

### **Motions**

4. *Cllr Michael McMahon*  
*“That this MD calls on Uisce Éireann to take immediate action regarding the pipeline along Church Road and Rock Road, Bundoran regarding the water quality as there seems to be a lot of breakages in the system in this area”.*
  
5. **Date of Next Meeting(s) / Workshop(s)**
  - MD Meeting on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 11.30 am in the Peter Kennedy Chamber (as per standing orders)

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD AT 11.30 AM ON TUESDAY THE 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023 IN THE PETER KENNEDY CHAMBER, DONEGAL PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE**

**MDD/078/23 MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MDD/079/23 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr. Garry Martin, Director Designate, Municipal District of Donegal  
Ms. Linda McCann, A/Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal  
Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Roads/Transportation  
Ms. Tara Quinn, Executive Architect, Housing Capital  
Ms. Aideen Quinn, A/Executive Planner, Planning  
Mr. Barney McLaughlin, Administrative Officer, Community Development  
Ms. Joy Harron, Senior Staff Officer, Economic Development  
Mr. Daniel McChrystal, Senior Enterprise Development Officer, Economic Development  
Ms. Suzanne Bogan, Waster Awareness Officer, Environment Section  
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

**MDD/080/23 APOLOGIES**

Cllr Michael McMahan  
Mr. Pauric Sheerin, Area Manager, Housing & Corporate Services  
Ms. Caroline Britton, Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

**MDD/081/23 STANDING ORDERS**

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

**MDD/082/23 OUTGOING CATHAOIRLEACH'S ADDRESS**

Cllr Kennedy submitted that the past year had been an enjoyable experience with so many highlights including;-

- Events attended with the Blue Stack Foundation
- Youth Service Entrepreneurs and their presentation on rural Transport and continued engagement on this matter
- Local Community Development Committee
- Involvement with Community Groups and assistance provided from DFI and LCDC
- Opening of Seamus McGinley Bridge

- Malinbeg Hubs facility
- Meeting with Bus Eireann and continued engagement on Transport
- Online meeting with the Oireachtas Members regarding Fire Stations

Cllr Kennedy thanked everyone for their support over the past year in her role as Cathaoirleach of the District. She also submitted that she was sorry Cllr McMahon was unable to attend today meeting and wished him a speedy recovery.

Members paid tribute to Cllr Kennedy for the way she undertook the role of Cathaoirleach for the past year.

### **MDD/083/23 ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH**

Cllr Kennedy then sought nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach. On the proposal of Cllr Naughton, seconded by Cllr Sweeny, Cllr Conaghan was unanimously elected to the position of Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District for the coming year.

Members congratulated Cllr Conaghan and offered him their best wishes for the incoming year. Members also congratulated Cllr Kennedy in the way she had carried out the role of Cathaoirleach for the past year.

Cllr Conaghan thanked everyone for attending today's meeting and thanked Members for electing him as Cathaoirleach. He submitted that he would do his best to be fair and helpful during the year for the benefit of everyone. He referred to the challenging year ahead and paid tribute to the outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr Kennedy, who he said would be a hard act to follow and who had worked hard throughout year. He submitted that he was proud of the Municipal District of Donegal and in the way that the work was done. He also thanked the Council Officials and looked forward to continuing to work with all concerned. He expressed his best wishes to Cllr Michael McMahon and Mr. Pauric Sheerin who could not attend today's meeting and wished them both a speedy recovery.

Cllr Conaghan welcomed Ms. Linda McCann, Acting Area Manager, Housing & Corporate Services to the District and offered his congratulations to Mr. Sean Dunnion, who had been promoted to the position of Head of Information Systems.

Mr. Garry Martin, Director Designate, Municipal District of Donegal, on behalf of Management, congratulated Cllr Conaghan on his election as Cathaoirleach of the District noting that this was a great area, which was huge from a geographical perspective and confirmed the importance, as referred to by Members, of maintaining a spread of investment throughout the District.

The meeting was then adjourned for a short period to allow for photographs to be taken of the Committee.

**MDD/084/23 ELECTION OF LEAS-CATHAOIRLEACH**

On resumption of the meeting, Cathaoirleach Conaghan called for nominations for the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach.

On the proposal of Cllr Jordan, seconded by Cllr Naughton, Cllr McMahon was unanimously elected to the position of Leas Cathaoirleach of the District.

**MDD/085/23 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 09<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023**

On the proposal of Cllr Jordan, seconded by Cllr Sweeny the Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 09<sup>th</sup> May 2023 were confirmed.

**MDD/086/23 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ROADS WORKSHOP OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023**

On the proposal of Cllr Sweeny, seconded by Cllr Jordan the Minutes of the Roads Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 were confirmed.

**MDD/087/23 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

**CORPORATE SERVICES**

Prior to commencing the Housing & Corporate Report, Ms. Linda McCann offered her congratulation to Mr. Sean Dunnion on his promotion to the position of Head of Information systems. Ms. McCann is acting Area Manager for the District for the period of Mr. P Sheerin's absence who she wished a speedy recovery. She also thanked Members and staff for welcoming her to the District and looked forward to her time in the position.

Ms. McCann informed Members that the follow ups from the previous meeting had been attended to.

**HOUSING SERVICES**

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

As Ms. McCann is new to the role, the Housing Report was taken as read and it was agreed that any questions the Members had, would

be responded to following the meeting. Ms. McCann acknowledged the challenges in the Housing Section and submitted that the priorities will be reallocating vacancies and allocating new schemes as they are ready for same. She also referred to the retrofitting programme for 2023 which works would be commencing shortly and also referred to the painting programme.

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

#### **Casual Vacancy in Ballyshannon**

In response to a casual vacancy in Ballyshannon which has been vacant for some time to be addressed from Cllr Sweeny, Ms. L McCann advised Members that she should would seek an update and revert to Members. Cllr Sweeny acknowledged the ongoing work on Casual Vacancies and expressed his support to keep turning these around as quickly as possible.

#### **Croí Conaithe Scheme**

Cllr Sweeny requested an update report on how the Croí Conaithe scheme is working in the County, noting the recent improvements made to the scheme including an additional grant of €7500 for older properties. He also sought confirmation in relation to staff resources allocated to administering the scheme. In response to same, Ms. McCann advised she would seek an update for Members.

#### **Driving Test Centre**

Cllr Naughton referred to the correspondence circulated from the Road Safety Authority (RSA). He submitted that previously there was access to a phone number locally. It was noted that the correspondence from the RSA advised for all queries to be directed to Ballina HQ. Cllr Naughton requested that a further follow up be made to request a local contact number.

In response to same Ms. McCann advised that a further follow up would be done with the RSA.

### **MDD/088/23 ROADS / TRANSPORTATION SERVICES REPORT**

#### **2023 Roadworks Programme Status Report**

Members noted the reports on the Road Works Programme circulated with the Agenda and Mr Sweeney advised that a number of additional projects on the programme had been completed since the reports were prepared. He advised updated reports would be provided to the next meeting of the District.

#### **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: -

**Arrangements for an Active Travel Workshop on Monday 22nd May 2023 at 2pm in the Council Chamber, Donegal PSC**

This workshop took place at 1pm on 22.05.23 and Members were briefed on the current status of the Active Travel projects within the Donegal MD.

**Forward an e-mail to the Principal of the Killaghtee National School in relation to a potential Active Travel application.**

An email was sent to the principal of the school on 18.05.23 advising the school of the NTA's Safe Routes to School Programme and were encouraged to apply for this scheme the next time applications are being sought.

**Pass on the comments raised in relation to the Uisce Éireann works conducted in Bundoran recently.**

An email was sent to the Water Services Capital office on 12.05.23 asking them to address the issue raised.

**Investigate the condition of the Eir communications cabinet in Bundoran.**

This matter was reported to EIR and they have advised that they are planning to refurbish this cabinet, similar to the one that was done recently at the Durmacrin Road.

**Follow up with C Sweeney in relation to the Killybegs Walkability Audit and investigate the drop kerb query requirement near the Vocational School in Killybegs.**

An online meeting was held with C Sweeney on 17.05.23 to discuss the status of the Killybegs Walkability Audit and he committed to finalising same in the coming weeks.

The area office will make arrangements to install drop kerbing at this location as soon as possible.

**Make contact with the OPW in relation to the Termon River in Pettigo**

This query was raised before in 2017 and the response provided at the time was as follows: "It is a condition of the OPW Minor Flood Mitigation Works scheme that Local Authorities accept ongoing maintenance responsibility for any works funded under the scheme. The position at present is that Local Authorities have no responsibility or authority to maintain watercourses, other than where they affect public infrastructure, e.g. at a road bridge and it is not proposed to take on such responsibility on an ad hoc manner for specific locations. As such the Roads Department tend to only engage with this scheme for works that would benefit public roads".

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

**Damage to private roads from recent heaving rain**

In response to a query from Cllr Kennedy if assistance can be provided to owners of private lanes that have been damaged by the recent heavy rain, Mr. M Sweeney advised Members that as far as he was aware there was not but that he would query this. He also advised that in some cases the lanes may be assisted if they qualify as LIS projects.

**Entrance to Niall Mór National School**

In response to a request for a sign to be moved at an entrance to Niall Mór National School, Mr. M Sweeney advised he would review same and to revert to Members.

**CIS Killybegs (Eir Poles)**

In response to a request for Eir to speed up the removal of poles at the CIS Scheme works in Killybegs, Mr. M Sweeney informed Members that due to the complexity of moving cables and maintaining connectivity in this project that same is taking time but is ongoing.

**Tullyleague Junction/Edrim Glebe Junction**

Cllr Jordan referred to Tullyleague and Edrim Glebe Junctions where vehicle owners are turning right and are afraid of getting rear ended, suggested that these matters could be dealt with by the insertion of a continuous white line and noted that these matters had been referred to the National roads Office for consideration. In response to same, Mr. M Sweeney advised he would check for an update from the NRO and revert to Members.

**Maintenance of Crash Barriers**

Cllr Jordan submitted that the Council need to put a fund in place to programme the repair/maintenance of crash barriers. He noted that the works on Crash Barriers require a specialist contractor and submitted that the case needs to be made to the Department. In response to same Mr. M Sweeney informed Members that the Council has been trying to obtain funding for non national roads from the Department for same but that no funding for same has been forthcoming to date. The department have advised that same can be funded from the discretionary maintenance funding but that same is used for the normal maintenance works at present. He also informed Members that there have been recent changes to the Technical Standards for Crash Barriers and that the TII is looking at getting a programme in place for barrier repairs on the National roads. He submitted that this is a county wide issue.

**Cashelard road, Ballyshnanon**

Cllr Sweeny referred to the 'cracking' that is occurring on a portion of the Cashelard Road. Mr. M Sweeny noted that this is a recurring issue due to the bog ground on which the road is constructed and that he would review same noting that this road was attended to not many years ago in the programme.



Cllr Sweeny also asked if some works would be carried out at the corner before the creamery at Cashelard perhaps via a CIS. In response to same Mr. M Sweeney advised he would investigate same.

**Obstructive Parking at North End, Rossnowlagh**

Cllr Sweeny again raised the issue of obstructive parking at North End, Rossnowlagh, noting that the yellow boxes have been installed and that there is no appetite for additional signage at this location. He did however suggest that efforts should be made to draw attention to the availability of the nearby carpark. In response to same Mr. M Sweeney informed Members that an option worth exploring could be a CIS with a strip of land being provided for same if the landowner was agreeable. He also submitted that the obstructive parking is indeed a Garda matter.

**Road Surface in the Mall Quay Area, Ballyshannon**

In response to a request for the road Surface in the Mall Quay Area to be improved, Mr. M Sweeney advised that he would discuss same with the Piers and Harbours section.

**Accessible Parking in Ballyshannon**

In response to a request from Cllr Sweeny for a meeting in Ballyshannon to discuss accessible parking, Mr. M Sweeney advised he would arrange for same.

**MDD/089/23 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFORMATION SYSTEMS & EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT**

Ms. Joy Harron introduced Mr. Daniel McChrystal, Senior Economic Development officer to Members. Ms. Browne advised that Mr. McChrystal would be attending future meetings to represent Economic Development. Mr. G Martin welcomed Mr. McChrystal to the meeting as did Members. Ms. Browne highlighted some of the items in the update reports as circulated with the Agenda and in particular the following;-

- Tourism reports – Donegal Brochure 2023
- Milwaukee Promotions
- Minor Tourism Grants
- Promotion of entrepreneurship
- Asia matters
- Cocierge Service
- Working Holidays and availability of HUB passes
- Peace + - information workshop will be held in coming weeks
- LEO – workshop on AI

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

### **Balmoral Show**

Cllr Naughton paid tribute to the success of the Balmoral show. Ms. J Harron thanked Cllr Naughton for his comments noting that she would feed same back to the Tourism Team.

### **Festivals and Events**

Cllr Naughton welcomed the success of the Sea Sessions in Bundoran and also the Donegal Rally held during the last weekend submitting they were great for businesses. Cllr Kennedy also welcomed the success of the Sea Sessions festival.

Cllr Sweeny also welcomed the success of the Donegal Rally with some of the stages held in this district on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023. He also paid tribute to former Cllr Barry O'Neill on the success of the recent Rory Gallagher Festival in Ballyshannon. Cllr Sweeny queried if it was possible to get a breakdown of the spend per head from visitors to the District. In response to same Ms. J Browne advised that further scrutiny of the visitors' figures spend would be undertaken. Mr. G Martin further advised that this matter was being looked at with a view to maximising the spend and that this would vary between markets. Various stakeholders would be able to feed into this in order to obtain the best estimates.

Mr. G Martin also commended the success of the festivals which added to the attraction of Donegal and submitted the Council was happy to support same. He also paid tribute to the organisers of the festivals and events.

### **Donegal Rally**

Cllr Jordan welcomed that some of the stages of the rally were held in this District last Friday asked if it was possible to contact the Donegal Motor Club to seek to have further stages of the rally in this District in future years also. In response to same Mr. G Martin informed Members that it was great to see the rally event taking place in Donegal at the weekend the location of which was largely influenced by sponsors. He noted that the Council would not be minded in getting too involved in the rally given the other matters that arise e.g. diffing and the need for events to comply with the planning laws. He also submitted that moving the rally from one area of the county to another can be a gain for one area and a loss for the other. He also noted that the Harvest Rally would be proceeding later in the year. Cathaoirleach Conaghan thanked the sponsor for the Rally.

### **New Donegal Tourism Brochure/Island House**

Cllr Kennedy referred to the new Donegal Tourism Brochure and noted that she had received comments that the previous brochure had been better received due to quality and size and asked if this

could be considered for future brochures. In response to same Ms J Harron informed Members that the brochure had been changed due to feedback the Tourism Section had received but that perhaps two sizes of brochures could be considered in the next print of the Brochure, noting that the brochure was also available online.

### **Cruise Ships, Killybegs**

Cllr Kennedy submitted that the visits of the Cruise Ships to Killybegs had been great noting that a lot of good work was ongoing and that some issues were being worked through. She stated that they looked forward to getting into the new office in Killybegs. In response to this matter Mr. G Martin advised that he looked forward to receiving the business plan to cover the costs for Island House.

### **Visitors to Slieve League**

Cllr Kennedy queried the accuracy of the visitors figures for Slieve League.

### **Rusty Mackerel**

Cllr Kennedy commended the Rusty Mackerel on their recent award.

## **MDD/090/23 ENVIRONMENT SERVICES REPORT**

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

- Green Schools
- Food Waste Recycling
- Half Price Bulky Goods
- Climate Action Plan
- Uisce Eireann report.

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

### **Green Schools**

Cllr Sweeny congratulated the Green Schools in particular the ones that received the Green Flag for the first time. He queried who was responsible for monitoring schools to ensure compliance with the Green Flag standards. In response to same, Ms. S Bogan informed Members that the Green Flag Scheme was run by An Taisce and it was assisted by the Environment Section who advise and encourage schools in this voluntary scheme.

### **Board Walk Rossnowlagh**

In response to a follow up query from Cllr Sweeny regarding the boardwalk at Rossnowlagh (drop at end), Ms. S Bogan advised she would follow up with the Coastal Officer.

### **Portaloos**

Cllr Sweeny submitted that the portaloos located at Rossnowlagh, were not suitable in times of hot weather such as was recently experienced and queried if there were plans for a more permanent solution submitting that same was required.

Cllr Kennedy also raised concerns in relation to portaloos during hot weather. She submitted that some of the campervans were dumping their waste into the portaloos which was causing difficulties. She also sought an update on the numbers and spend on same and submitted that a more permanent solution was required with appropriate facilities at Piers and Harbours. Cllr Jordan also supported Cllr Kennedy's comments.

In response to same Ms. S Bogan informed Members that she would refer this matter up through her line management.

Cllr Jordan queried if possible, it would be better for local groups to lock the portaloos at night so that they were only available to users during day time and also noted the requirement for a more permanent structure.

### **Dog Fowling**

Cllr Jordan stated that there was a pole at the Holmes Beach which would be suitable for erecting signage in relation to Dog Fowling and asked that signs be erected at this location as previously requested. He also referred to the need for dogs to be kept on a leash at beaches and other walkways and the need to raise awareness of this issue in the interests of other users of such public places. Cllr Naughton concurred that dogs let loose on beaches was an issue as children can get frightened.

In response to the issues raised, M. S Bogan advised Members she would follow up in relation to the request for the signs to be erected at Holmes Beach. In relation to the control of dogs issue she advised Members that the Beach Bye-laws do not cover all beaches but there was Dog Control Regulations and agreed to would follow up with the County Vet noting that she was not sure if signs were covered by the regulation but she would revert to Members when clarity was received.

### **Murvagh Beach**

Cllr Naughton again raised the issues that have not yet been resolved at Murvagh beach. In response to same, Ms. Bogan advised Members she would follow up with the Coastal Officer.

Cathaoirleach Conaghan noted that some of the issues were difficult at present and submitted the importance of the relevant personnel, keeping in contact to address the matters raised.

### **Community Development**

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

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

Mr McLaughlin highlighted that the Carrick town Health Check would soon be completed and also the recent official opening of the Bruckless Playground.

He also highlighted that the playground maintenance tender was due to be returned by the end of June and that the terms of reference for the Community Trails had been drafted and would be shared with Members. He further highlighted the forth coming LEADER Workshop and the Civic Dollars Project.

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

#### **Kilcar**

In response to a query from Cllr Kennedy if there was a good turnout at the meeting in Kilcar regarding the Leitir Corn Mill River Walk, Mr. B McLaughlin confirmed that there were 27 attendees which was good.

#### **County Out Door Recreation Strategy and Campervan and Caravan Study Report**

In response to a request from Cllr Sweeny for copies of the County Out Door Recreation Strategy and the Campervan and Caravan Study Report to be sent to Members, Mr. B McLaughlin advised he would arrange for same.

#### **Planning Services**

Ms Aideen Quinn noted the Planning Service Reports, which were taken as read as circulated with the Agenda dealing with the following:-

- Development Applications
- Enforcement

- 023 Planning Clinics
  - 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023
  - 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023
  - 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023
  - 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023
- Regeneration & Development Team Report
- Central Planning Unit

Ms. Quinn referred to the forthcoming public consultation on the Barnesmore Greenway and also noted that Ballyshannon Heritage was in line for a reward.

A number of comments were noted as follows;

#### **Regeneration Workshop**

Following a short discussion, it was agreed that a workshop for on Regeneration would be held at 10.00am on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023 in the Peter Kennedy Chamber, Donegal PSC.

#### **RZLP**

Members referred to the recent discussion on RZLP and their understanding that workshops would be arranged to discuss same in each Municipal District. In conclusion of the discussion, Ms. A Quinn advised Members that she would revert to them with a date and time for a workshop.

#### **MDD/092/23 Date of Next Meeting / Workshops**

- It was agreed to hold the next MD Meeting on Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 11.30am in the Peter Kennedy Chamber (rather than the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023 due to the availability of Members)
- Regeneration Workshop at 10.00 am on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023 in the Peter Kennedy Chamber

**This concluded the business of the meeting.**

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**Area Manager**  
**Municipal District of Donegal**

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**Cathaoirleach**  
**Municipal District of Donegal**

**Minutes of the 2023 Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme Workshop Donegal MD Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June, at 10:00 am in the Peter Kennedy Chamber, Donegal Public Service Centre, Donegal Town**

**Members Present:**

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

**Council officials in attendance:**

Ms. Marion Callaghan, A/Assistant Staff Officer, Tourism Unit  
 Ms. Margaret Sweeney, Clerical Officer, Tourism Unit  
 Mr. Mark Sweeney, Area Roads Engineer  
 Mr. Donal Murphy, Roads Engineer

**Minutes**

Cathaoirleach Kennedy welcomed all to the Workshop.

Marion Callaghan advised members of the funding available i.e., €50,000 for Community led applications and €50,000 for Council led applications.

Marion Callaghan informed members of the Community groups and Council services who had submitted applications. She provided an overview of each application, including a project summary, cost of project, funding required and estimated completion date.

Members discussed the applications in detail and the following was agreed:

<b>Community Led Applications</b>	
<b>Group name &amp; Project title</b>	<b>Funding agreed</b>
Mountcharles Community Development- Village Enhancement Project	€ 6,322
ADoPT Pettigo- Village Enhancements	€ 5,180
Ballyshannon Regeneration Group- Cotton Hill Walk	€12,800
Killybegs Information Office- Tourist Information Boards & Maps	€ 5,000
Kilcar Heritage Committee - Access path to Shalwy Court Tomb	€20,000
Ballyshannon folk and Trad Music festival - Lamppost Banners	€ 2,500
Creevy Community Group - Creevy Pier Facilities Upgrade	€ 2,700

<b>Council Service Led Applications</b>	
<b>Council Service &amp; Project title</b>	<b>Funding agreed</b>
ROADS- Bundoran beach access	€20,000
WATER & ENVIRONMENT- Bundoran Oceanside 'thrupenny pool' regeneration project	€11,653
WATER & ENVIRONMENT -Bundoran changing place equipment- step down facility	€13,845

**Total funding allocated €100,000**

**The funding for both community groups and council services as proposed by Cllr Jordan and Seconded by Cllr Sweeney (June 20<sup>th</sup> 2023)**

**This concluded the business of the Workshop.**

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**Area Manager,  
Municipal District of Donegal**

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**Cathaoirleach,  
Municipal District of Donegal**





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

## Municipal District of Donegal

12<sup>th</sup> July 2023

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### **Housing & Corporate**

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## **REPORT**

1. Casual Vacancies
2. Housing Grants
3. Housing Loans
4. TP Applications
5. HAP Tenancies
6. Household Need by Location
7. Housing Capital Report
8. Approved Housing Bodies Developments
9. Lease & Repair Scheme Summary

## Casual Vacancies

Area	BED	Dwelling Vacated	Comment
Bundoran	3	Tenant deceased on the 25/08/2022	Contractor on site
Bundoran	2	Tenant deceased on the 12/01/2023	Contractor on site
Ballyshannon	3	Keys returned 08/07/2019	Tender Documentation Released
Ballyshannon	3	Tenant deceased - keys returned 16/06/2023	Tender documents to be prepared
Ballyshannon	2	Tenant deceased - keys returned 16/02/2023	Contractor on site
Donegal Town	2	Keys returned 20/06/2023	Assessment Stage
Frosses	3	Keys returned 11/04/2023	Contractor on site
Bruckless	3	Keys returned 25/05/2023	Assessment Stage
Killybegs	1	Tenant deceased - keys returned 23/05/2022	Contractor on site
Carrick	2	Keys returned 22/06/2023	Tender documents to be prepared
Glencolmcille	1	Tenant deceased - keys returned 10/03/2023	Tender documents to be prepared

Position as at 03rd July 2023

**HOUSING GRANTS**

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED \ INVALID	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HO	2022	89	78	7	3	1
HO	2023	64	28	2	17	17

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED \ INVALID	REAPPLIED UNDER HM GRANT	FURTHER INFO.	REF. TO OT	REF. To ENGINEER	PENDING
HD	2022	47	31	5	1	3	5	0	2
HD	2023	24	8	2	0	3	5	0	6

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED \ INVALID	REAPPLIED UNDER HD GRANT	REF. TO OT	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HM	2022	42	32	4	5	0	1	0
HM	2023	20	12	0	3	0	2	3

**HOUSING LOANS**

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

**Tenant Purchase Applications 2022 - 2023**

Year	No. of Apps Received	Incomplete Returned	Open Applications	Refused/ Not Eligible	Offer letters Issued	Completed
2022	9	1	7	1	0	0
2023	19	0	15	4	0	0

<b>HAP/PRD</b>	
<b>HAP Tenancies</b>	
<b>Municipal District</b>	<b>Number</b>
Donegal	216
Letterkenny	713
Glenties	109
Stranorlar	275
Inishowen	428
Sub Total	1741
Tenancies Closed	2735
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>4476</b>
Updated 03/07/2023	

### Housing Need by Location

<b>Municipal District</b>	<b>Waiting List (Net Need)</b>	<b>Transfer List</b>	<b>Total Gross Need</b>
<b>Donegal</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>419</b>
Ballintra	9	8	17
Ballyshannon	38	49	87
Bruckless	6	3	9
Bundoran	37	61	98
Carrick	1	0	1
Donegal	81	62	143
Drimarone	0	1	1
Dunkineely	2	5	7
Frosses	1	1	2
Glencolmcille	4	0	4
Inver	0	1	1
Kilcar	3	3	6
Killybegs	9	16	25
Laghey	1	4	5
Mountcharles	2	6	8
Pettigo	3	2	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>419</b>
Updated 03/07/2023			

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

**1. Social Housing Developments – Construction Schemes**

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

Location	Status	No. of Units
<b>Construction Stage</b>		
Railway Park, Donegal Town (Phase 3)	Construction works progressing well on-site. Project due for completion August 2023.	24
<b>Design / Tender Stage</b>		
Drumacrin, Bundoran Phase 1	Final contract matters being progressed after which departmental approval to appoint the successful contractor will be sought. The project is due to commence on site before the end of July 2023.	42
Lareymore, Kilcar (SI)	Consultant appointments and architectural tender drawings being finalised. Project to be tendered August / September 2023.	1
<b>Preliminary Design Stage (No of units subject to change)</b>		
New Row, Fintra Road, Killibegs	The ESB has moved an overhead powerline to provide access to the site. Preliminary trial holes were carried out on 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2023. Other surveys and investigations are underway, and the scheme is being developed in conjunction with other council services	17
Laghey	Design currently being finalised in a town centre restricted site. Surveys and investigations are underway, and the scheme is being developed in conjunction with other council services.	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>88</b>

## **2. House Acquisition Programme & Buy & Renew Programme**

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

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

## **3. Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition**

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

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

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

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

#### **4. Lands / Property for Social Housing Purposes**

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

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

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

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

**Approved Housing Bodies Developments - Donegal Municipal District**

<b>Funding Programme</b>	<b>Scheme / Project Name</b>	<b>No of Units</b>	<b>Approved Housing Body</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
CAS Construction	Drumrooske, Donegal Town	10	Oaklee	Allocations complete

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



**Donegal Municipal District  
2023 Roadworks Programme  
Status Report – 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

# Donegal Municipal District

## Agreed 2023 Road Maintenance (Surface Dressing) Programme

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

# Donegal Municipal District

## Agreed 2023 Road Improvement Programme

2023									
Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Year	Width	Length (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (€)	Status
R	R262/3	Frosses - Meenagran	14	2023	6	820	4920	€180,000.00	Started
LP	LP2615/1	Main Street Mountcharles	14	2023	8	450	3600	€100,000.00	Started
LP	LP1515/3	Ardaghey - Ardara (Meenabradde	14	2022	5.5	740	4070	€113,000.00	
LP	LP1845/3	Ballydevitt - Altadoo	14	2023	6.5	650	4225	€118,000.00	Started
LP	LP1665/3	Rock Road Doorin	14	2023	3.75	700	2625	€73,000.00	Started
LP	LP1575/3	Killian N S - Drumnacarry	14	2023	3.5	450	1575	€44,000.00	Started
LP	LP1585/1	Drumnacarry - Ballymacahill	14	2023	3.5	450	1575	€44,000.00	Started
LP	LP1375/5	Leagans - Meenawullaghan	14	2022	3.5	1000	3500	€72,000.00	Completed
LP	LP16251	McGranes Post Office (Patch)	14	2023	20	25	500	€16,500.00	Started
LS	LS6175/1/	Salthill - Mountcharles Leonards Crossroads	14	2023	3.75	300	1125	€33,750.00	Started
LP	LP1815/1	Glencoagh	14	2023	5	300	1500	€71,280.00	Started
LS	L5975/1	Drumgorman	14	2023	3.75	550	2063	€39,160.00	Completed
LS	LP1645/4	Doorin Line	14	2023	6	240	1440	€47,520.00	Started
						<b>6675</b>	<b>32718</b>	<b>€952,210.00</b>	
R	R263-14	Cashel hill	15	2023	6.7	700	4690	€150,000.00	Completed
R	R263 - 4	Killybegs streets	15	2023	9.0	450	4000	€150,000.00	
LP	LP1345-2	Binroe	15	2023	3.5	700	2450	€78,000.00	
LP	L1365-1	Drumaghy	15	2023	11.0	200	2200	€60,000.00	
R	R230	Meenaneary to crove	15	2023	6.5	500	3250	€80,000.00	
LS	LS5295-1	Strabinna	15	2023	3.0	700	2100	€39,543.66	Completed
R	R-263-11	Meenavaghan	15	2023	6.7	700	4690	€150,000.00	Completed
LS	L-1175-1	Kilbeg (out of Kilcar)	15	2023	5.0	400	2000	€50,000.00	
LS	L1295-2	Balbane	15	2023	3.5	800	2800	€50,000.00	
LP	LP1025-3	Meenaveen	15	2023	5.0	350	1750	€70,000.00	
R	R263-17	Malinbeg towards silver strand	15	2023	4.0	500	2000	€65,000.00	Completed
LS	LS5465-1	Straleeny - Aghayeevoge	15	2023	4.5	450	2025	€50,016.34	
						<b>6450</b>	<b>33955</b>	<b>€992,560.00</b>	
R	R 267	Bundoran Streets	16	2023	9.0	300	2700	€50,000.00	
LP	L-2315-1	Smugglers Creek Rossnowlagh	16	2023	5.0	300	1870	€50,000.00	
LS	L -7675-1	Coolmore to Spaddan	16	2023	4.0	1400	5600	€137,600.00	
LP	L-2525-3	Four Masters (Moy Road)	16	2023	6.0	230	1380	€34,500.00	
LP	L 75152	Alla-Lurgan	16	2023	3.2	1000	3200	€86,400.00	Started
LP	L 7985-1	Lisaholly North	16	2023	4.4	300	1320	€35,640.00	
LP	L 7275-1	Legnanornoge	16	2023	3.2	1700	5440	€151,286.00	Started
LP	L7115-2	Lacklom (Timoney House to Xroad	16	2023	4.0	300	1200	€32,400.00	Started
LS	L7815-1-2	Cashelard (Quarry)	16	2023	3.5	1000	3500	€94,500.00	Completed
LP	L7875-3	Ballymunterhiggins - Ardloughill	16	2023	5.0	1000	5000	€85,000.00	Completed
LP	L7515-2	Ardpatton - Alla	16	2023	3.75	1000	3750	€101,250.00	Started
LP	L2545-1	Ballymunterhiggins (Mangre RD)	16	2023	3	1000	3000	€51,000.00	Completed
LP	L-2535-1	Ballymunterhiggin (Higginstown)	16	2023	5	500	2500	€87,847.00	Started
						<b>10030</b>	<b>40460</b>	<b>€997,423.00</b>	
R	R267	Donegal Streets	17	2023	7	500	3500	€112,000.00	
R	R232	Pettigo Road	17	2023	7	500	3500	€172,786.00	
LP	L1835-1	Greenan Lough Eske	17	2023	4.5	1000	4500	€78,354.00	Completed
LS	L 8065-2	Crilly Lettercran Chapel	17	2023	3.5	1000	3500	€59,500.00	
LS	L6685-2	Meenadreen	17	2023	3.5	650	2275	€45,500.00	Started
LS	L6765-2	Drumcroagh continuation of last y	17	2023	3.5	1000	3500	€70,000.00	Started
LP	L1835-3	Corrarramp Rd to Tawnawully Ol	17	2023	4	1000	4000	€128,000.00	
LS	L6785-2	Glackens to Ardnagasson	17	2023	3.5	700	2450	€49,000.00	Started
LS	L6505-1	New Line Barnes	17	2023	3.5	1000	3500	€70,000.00	
LP	L2125-3	Ranenny Barr PJ towards Willie M	17	2023	3.5	1000	3500	€59,500.00	Completed
LT	L65052	Ardnawark Danny Dunnion	17	2023	3.5	750	2625	€52,500.00	
LS	L7365-2	Junction Lough Derg Rd to T juncti	17	2023	3.5	650	2275	€45,500.00	Completed
LP	L1975-1	Corveen Depot Rd	17	2023	3.5	700	2450	€49,000.00	Completed
LP	L1965-1	Friary Lough Eske	17	2023	3.5	700	2450	€49,000.00	Completed
LP	L2055-1	Laghey (Urban)	17	2023	8	200	1600	€56,000.00	
						<b>11350</b>	<b>45625</b>	<b>€1,096,640.00</b>	
								<b>€4,038,833.00</b>	

## Donegal Municipal District Drainage Works

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

## Donegal MD public lighting infill works

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

# Donegal MD footpath repair works

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

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

RSS Area	Location	Year	Budget	Spent	Remaining Balance	% Complete
16	Ballintra	2020	€11,214.00	€11,214.00	€0.00	100%
	Ballyshannon	2018	€95,244.00	€79,716.99	€15,527.01	84%
		2019	€16,600.00	€10,375.66	€6,224.34	63%
		2020	€35,000.00	€30,966.14	€4,033.86	88%
	Bundoran	2019	€16,600.00	€16,600.00	€0.00	100%
		2020	€25,000.00	€25,000.00	€0.00	100%
	Area 16	2022	€105,493.00	€1,539.20	€103,953.80	1%
	<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>€305,151.00</b>	<b>€175,411.99</b>	<b>€129,739.01</b>	<b>57%</b>

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

# Donegal MD Active Travel Projects

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

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

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

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

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

## Donegal MD Community Involvement Schemes 2023

Funding available in 2023 €184,264.00

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

## Donegal MD

### 2023 LIS Priority List -

2023 Budget 840,509.00

DMD Budget €156,950.00

Ref_No	ADDRESS	Work Area	Amount	Status
170080	Castleogary	14	€15,500.00	
170403	Ardaghy	14	€19,000.00	
170180	Drumnaherk	14	€25,000.00	
170046	Doey	15	€11,000.00	
170511	Aughera	15	€26,000.00	
180053	Barr Hill House, Ballymacaward, Ballyshannon	16	€31,000.00	
190285	Townagorm	17	€29,400.00	
			€156,900.00	TOTAL

### 2023 Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Works

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



<b>Donegal Municipal District</b>					
<b>Regional Road Bridge Maintenance</b>					
<b>MD</b>	<b>Road Number</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>LA Allocation</b>	<b>Status</b>
Donegal	R263	Kilcar (Adjacent to national school)	Culvert replacement works	€35,000	



**Date:** 11th July 2023

**To:** EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL

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

*Re: Disposal of Lands at Magheracar, Bundoran  
to Mr Jimmy Patton, Piercetown Plant Ltd, Piercetown, Dunboyne, Co. Meath.*

Dear Councillor,

Pursuant to statutory requirements, notice is hereby given in accordance with the above legislation that Donegal County Council proposes to dispose of a plot of land at Magheracar, Bundoran, Co. Donegal to Mr Jimmy Patton, Piercetown Plant Ltd, Piercetown, Dunboyne, Co. Meath. A86 XR81.

See attached map dated 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023 which details the plot in question:

- Plot B outlined in red measures 0.156 hectares.

On 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022, Mr Clement Travers on behalf of his client Mr Jimmy Patton, requested the disposal of a plot of Council owned land (Plot B) contained within Folio DL 79500F. This piece of land lies between the public road and Folio No DL 73335F which is registered to Mr Patton.

The lands have been independently valued at the amount detailed below:

- €4,600.00 – Plot B.

The Area Managers in Roads, Housing, Economic Development, Property Management and Water Services have no objection to the proposed transfer the site - subject to the following conditions:

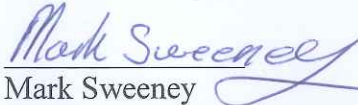
1. The total area to be transferred, plot B, is 0.156 hectares as outlined in red on the attached map dated 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023.
2. The plot as indicated to be transferred to Mr Jimmy Patton, Piercetown plant Ltd, Piercetown, Dunboyne, Co. Meath, for the agreed amount of €4,600.00.
3. Site to be transferred in its current condition.
4. No overburden or over building to take place on any buried services located within the site.
5. If the diversion of any of the existing over ground or underground services is required to facilitate future development works, this should be agreed in advance with the relevant service provider.

6. Mr Patton to erect a timber post and rail fence along the extent of the boundary marked in blue on the attached map.
7. Mr Jimmy Patton, Piercetown plant Ltd, Piercetown, Dunboyne, Co. Meath will be responsible for all legal, administrative costs associated with this land disposal (including that of this Council).

In addition to the above, Mr Patton has sought and obtained the views of the planning office in respect to future development of these lands i.e. Plot B and Folio DL 73335F with regards to the flood risk and proximity to a designated EU habitat but has advised he still wishes to proceed with the proposed Section 183 request.

Approval is hereby being sought from the Elected Members of Donegal County Council for the disposal of Plot B at Magheracar, Bundoran, Co. Co. Donegal.

Yours sincerely,



Mark Sweeney  
A/SEE Roads & Transportation Office  
Donegal County Council  
Donegal Municipal District.

Encl: Map







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

**Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services Directorate**

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# 1. Division: Economic Development

## 1.1 Economic Development Unit

### Project / Activity Report

Title	Economic Development Unit
Countywide	<p><b>Property Solutions:</b> The team is progressing a number of property solution opportunities across the county. These are queries relating to the purchase of council owned lands for Economic Development purposes.</p> <p><b>Killybegs Marine Cluster Steering Group:</b> The Economic Development Unit continues to support the development of the Marine Cluster with a view to enhancing business development opportunities for businesses in the sector not just in Killybegs but across the county. Recent activity includes the Innovation Cadet programmes hosted by the Alpha Innovation Team, St Catherines Vocational School and the Cluster to introduce young people to innovation and opportunities in the Marine Sector.</p> <p><b>Caravan, Camping and Campervan Study:</b> The actions set out in the KPMG study are being implemented. Renewed promotion of the Campers Code and a targeted marketing campaign for the sector are planned for Summer 2023. New signage is in development. Of the grant scheme, 9 letters of offer have been issued, which will create an additional 140 spaces once projects are delivered. A review of the existing camping service points is in progress.</p> <p><b>Remote Working:</b> The 2023 Remote Working Holiday campaign launched on June 13th at gteic@CarraigAirt. This campaign is in collaboration with Donegal Hubs Forum and Healthy Ireland's initiative 'Civic Dollars' encouraging social inclusion, mental and physical wellbeing, and supporting local businesses.</p> <p>The focus of the Working Holiday campaign is on promoting the wide network of Digital Hubs across the county and showcasing the unique offering Donegal has for a work-life balance without compromise. Details of the campaign are available at: <a href="https://donegal.ie/workhold">https://donegal.ie/workhold</a></p> <p><b>Relocation Marketing Campaign:</b> A relocation marketing campaign to attract talent nationally and from overseas continues to roll out, supported</p>

by two showreel videos and testimonials from those who have relocated, to encourage people to #MoveToDonegal. So far it has reached over 3 million across all social media platforms and received over 65 relocation enquiries.

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

	Impressions (last 28 days)	Total Followers
Linked In	25,459	4,773 (+39)
Twitter	18.5k	2,898 (+18)
Instagram	2,170	3,926(+29)
Facebook	6,589	1,925 (+6)
Donegal.ie	3.3K Web Users (4 weeks 23 May – 19 June)	

8 News Items Published in last month

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

**North West RegTech Initiative** is a proposal to develop an all-island national institute in Regulatory Technology in the North West with partners DCSDC, Catalyst and ATU. Work is underway by the appointed consultants for the Scoping/Feasibility Study and Business Case/Economic Appraisal (Stratagem Partners) for completion in September 2023. A high-profile conference is also planned for Autumn 2023.

**Innovation Plaza** to develop cross-border food innovation campuses in Ballyshannon and Irvinestown in partnership with FODC. Tender evaluation has taken place and Venture International has been identified as the winning tender. An inception meeting has taken place and scoping work is underway.

**Regenerative Tourism** involving engagement with the region's place, past and people, seeking to attract high-yield environmentally conscious visitors. DCC is leading the project with project partners FODC. Toposophy Ltd have been appointed to undertake a feasibility study to develop a cross border

regenerative tourism project. Key stakeholder engagement, destination audit and benchmarking is ongoing.

**Slí Cholmcille Project** is a proposed 250 km pilgrimage route linking key Colmcille related sites across Donegal and Derry, with the ambition to link across NI to Scotland. DCC is leading feasibility assessment with partners DCSDC and Slí Cholmcille CLG. Work is underway by the appointed consultants for the Scoping Study, Business Case/Economic Appraisal and Design Toolkit (Outdoor Recreation NI) for completion in September 2023. A wider stakeholder engagement event on 22 June 2023 will be followed by local engagement along the proposed route as well as cross-border animation.

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

- **Collaborative NWCR Events**
  - Irish Embassy Event in London - October 2023
  - Golden Bridges, USA - November 2023
- **Inward Investment Strategy:** pitch propositions, factsheets and a marketing plan, a promotional video and the final branding for the North West City Region focusing on key investment sectors will be completed in June.
- **Irelandnw.com Website:** An audit and revamp of the NWCR website is in progress to reflect the new marketing and branding collateral.
- **Talent Solutions:** Abodoo are finalising the talent mapping dashboard for the NWCR, which will be linked to and incorporated as part of the revamp of the website.
- **Communications:** The EDU continues to collaborate with DCSDC on promoting the North West City Region for investment and business opportunities across multiple platforms including irelandnw.com and via LinkedIn and Twitter platforms. You can follow respective LinkedIn and Twitter Platforms: @NorthWestCityRegionIreland

**Atlantic Economic Corridor:** The Donegal County Council is working with Local Authority partners along the western coast to progress mutually beneficial projects and initiatives around economic development. The various Councils are currently working with the WDC to develop an AEC



	<p>Strategy for the seaboard counties that will promote economic development and investment.</p> <p><b>Concierge Service:</b> The Concierge Service provides support to those interested in doing business in Donegal. The EDU team is planning a social media campaign to promote it over the coming months. The contact email for this service is <a href="mailto:economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie">economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie</a></p>
<b>Contact Person</b>	<p>Daniel Mc Chrystal – <a href="mailto:dmcchrystal@donegalcoco.ie">dmcchrystal@donegalcoco.ie</a></p> <p>Joy Browne - <a href="mailto:joybrowne@donegalcoco.ie">joybrowne@donegalcoco.ie</a> (087) 0619360</p>

**1.2: Tourism Marketing Unit**

**Project / Activity Report**

<b>Countywide</b>	<p><b>Online &amp; social media updates</b></p> <p><b>Online marketing</b></p> <p>Ongoing work by Tourism Unit managing social media profiles: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn.</p> <p>Management of Festivals &amp; Events and updates of content submitted by festival providers, the calendar of events can be viewed on:</p> <p><a href="https://www.govisitdonegal.com/festivals-and-events">https://www.govisitdonegal.com/festivals-and-events</a></p> <p>Regular maintenance and management of the govisitdonegal.com website and the Tourism Hub</p> <p><b>Progress</b></p> <p>In the month of June:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Facebook for the govisitdonegal.com reach was 130K, up 7.3%.</li> <li>● Increase of 6% on Facebook and 21% on Instagram.</li> <li>● Twitter insights impressions were up 21% (288) and link click was up 25%.</li> </ul>
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## **Marketing Updates**

### **Caravan & Camping Campaign 2023**

An inhouse campaign has been delivered through the tourism unit on the Go Visit Donegal platforms.

This campaign seeks to promote Caravan and Camping facilities in the county and to raise awareness of the Code of Conduct.

The campaign is running on Facebook/Instagram (Meta), Twitter and LinkedIn.

Goal – maximizing reach / impressions / website click through.

Duration: 7th June – 21st July 2023

Target market: ROI, NI (+GB/mainland Europe)

### **Donegal Airport & Go Visit Donegal Campaign 2023**

This inhouse campaign is to raise awareness of the flight service from Glasgow to Donegal, to promote accessibility and increase traffic on the route.

The advertisement is running on Facebook/Instagram (Meta) and on Google Ads – Display Ads.

Duration: 15 June – 31 July 2023

Goal: Click through traffic to [www.donegalairport.ie](http://www.donegalairport.ie)

Target Audience: Scotland, particularly Glasgow and Edinburgh

## **Marketing Updates**

### **Sea Sessions Competition 2023**

This campaign ran in conjunction with Sea Sessions who have an official partnership with 2fm.

The Donegal Tourism trade provided 20 complementary competition prizes in return for promotion during this 2fm radio competition for one

week. Benefits also include receiving a database of entrants for future advertising.

This campaign delivered clear and compelling reasons to visit the county. A database of 1,200 was gathered from this promotion

### **Tourism Brochures for Hotels in Donegal**

The Tourism Unit have provided the 2023 Donegal Tourism brochure for each hotel room in Donegal.

The 44-page brochure, under the Go Visit Donegal brand provides information on the wide range of activities both land and water based that are available throughout the county. It also provides itineraries for exploration of the wider county and surrounding areas. This will encourage the tourists to explore the county and extend their stay.

### **Chicago/Milwaukee 2023**

Donegal County Council representatives will attend the Milwaukee Irish Fest in the USA this August as part of its ongoing promotional activities to promote the county.

The Milwaukee Irish Fest is widely recognised as the largest celebration of Irish music and culture in the United States. The four-day festival is held in August each year on the shores of Lake Michigan. It showcases more than 100 entertainment acts on 17 stages and features the sounds, tastes, and culture of Ireland. It is attended by over 100,000 people.

Irish Fest provides a fantastic platform for Donegal to showcase the diversity of our heritage and culture to prospective American visitors.

In addition to the festival, Donegal will host an event in Chicago on 16th August with several Donegal businesses. The Tourism Team is working with Tourism Ireland to invite several America's major tour operators providing them with first-hand information about Donegal.

This will be an ideal opportunity for Donegal Tourism and the trade to promote, network, and connect with potential visitors/tour operators and our Diaspora.

## **Tourism Development**

### **Minor Tourism Related Grant Scheme**

Funding for the MTRWGS applications closed on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

76 applications were received in total from all MDs. 41 from community groups and 35 from council services.

The breakdown for MD is as follows:

<b>MD</b>	<b>Community group</b>	<b>Council led</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Donegal	9	5	14

Workshops with the members from Donegal; Glenties and Letterkenny/Milford MDs have taken place.

A workshop with the members from the Inishowen MD is scheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup>; and a workshop for Lifford/Stranorlar MD is scheduled for July 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **TOURBO Project**

The Tourism Unit has successfully commenced an Interreg Europe consortium, led by Seville Chamber of Commerce to deliver the TOURBO project, which will boost the transition pathway of MSMEs (Micro Small & Medium Size Enterprises) in tourism with green and digital transformation known as the 'Twin Transition'.

The project includes an analysis of the tourism sector in terms of green and digital skills/capabilities, training for MSME's, pilot actions such as new technology trials and knowledge/expertise collaboration.

### **Social Media**

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

<https://www.facebook.com/InterregTOURBO>

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/tourbo-interreg-europe-190758280/>

<https://www.instagram.com/interregeutourbo/>

**Progress:**

- The project commenced in March 2023.
- The initial meeting took place in Seville in June with seven European Partners.
- Donegal stakeholders have been selected.
- The Tourism Unit is working on a communications plan for 2023, which will incorporate a series of surveys, meetings with stakeholders, and a press release to promote the project to tourism businesses.

**Dungloe to Glenties Cycleway:** Donegal Tourism is involved in a working group which was formed to organise and market an official opening and to promote the 25km cycleway going forward. The group will meet again in July.

**Tides Project:** Donegal County Council is currently in the process of writing up a Terms of Reference to tender for a Marketing/PR Campaign to promote the three pilot VR sites and to launch the two new models of the Saldanha.

**Donegal 550:** Donegal Tourism is part of the Steering Group looking at celebrating Donegal Town 550 in 2024. A logo has now been agreed and available for circulation to all groups, individuals and associations, a press release will be circulated in the next few weeks by Donegal Chamber inviting groups to participate.

**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.

**Project Targets for the next quarterly\* reporting period**

- Milwaukee/Chicago – planning events.
- Sign Agreement with Tbx Conference.
- Tides Project ongoing development of two models of the Saldanha ship for display in two locations/launch and marketing of these sites.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● New Merchandise Order for Donegal Tourism (festivals).</li> </ul>
<b>Donegal MD</b>	<p><b>Bundoran Tourist Office</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tourist Office open 3 days a week (Fri-Sun).</li> <li>● Currently two TÚS employees working. The office will be open 6 days per week for the summer.</li> </ul> <p><b>Website and Social Media</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Maintaining a social media presence for the town on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Scheduling of content to direct social media users to the website to increase traffic.</li> <li>● The webcam remains constantly the most viewed page on the website monthly at almost 20% of the entire traffic.</li> </ul> <p><b>Waterworld</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Marketing plan for 2023 season continues to be activated. Waterworld is open daily from June 26<sup>th</sup>. Remainder of ads booked and booking system for July and August set up.</li> </ul> <p><b>Other</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Working with DCC team on Bundoran Oceanside project.</li> <li>● Working with DCC team on Platforms for Growth facility.</li> <li>● Working on Destination Town project elements with Paul Doherts Architects and Bundoran Town Team.</li> </ul>
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**1.3: Strategic Funding Unit**

**Project / Activity Report**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Strategic Funding Unit</b> – exploring EU and National Funding Opportunities that support the objectives set out in the <b>Donegal County Council Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024</b>
<b>Countywide</b>	<p><b>PEACE Plus</b></p> <p>The SFU will be hosting a Peace Plus webinar in July 2023 to inform members and staff in relation to the 6 themes and 22 investment areas under the Peace Plus programme. The SFU is currently working with Alpha Innovation on a potential concept note focused on the Innovation Challenge Fund under PEACE Plus. Funding calls are now open for the following investment areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investment Area 1.1 - Co-Designed Local Authority PEACEPLUS Action Plans (deadline Thursday 14th December 2023).</li> <li>• Investment Area 1.4 - Re-Imaging Communities (deadline Thursday 7th September 2023).</li> <li>• Investment Area 3.1 - Shared Learning Together Education Programme (deadline Thursday 7th September 2023).</li> <li>• Investment Area 3.2 - Quality and Impact Body for the PEACE PLUS Youth Programme (deadline Thursday 7th September 2023).</li> <li>• Investment Area 3.2 - PEACEPLUS Youth Programme (deadline Thursday 10th August 2023).</li> <li>• Investment Area 3.3 - Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing (deadline Tuesday 12th September 2023).</li> <li>• Investment Area 4.3 - Victims and Survivors (deadline Thursday 7th September 2023).</li> <li>• Investment Area 5.5 - Geothermal Energy Demonstration Programme (deadline Tuesday 12th September 2023).</li> </ul> <p><b>Assembly of European Regions General Assembly</b></p> <p>The SFU representative will be attending the AER General Assembly on 28th to 30th June. At this meeting topics such as sustainable tourism, renewable energy, the future of work and funding opportunities from Cohesion Policy. There will also be a meeting of the YOUTHopia project partners and the Summer Academy Organising Committee.</p> <p><b>CPMR Transport Working Group</b></p> <p>Representatives from the Roads section and NRDO attended a meeting of the CPMR Transport Working Group on 22nd June to discuss the Technical Paper</p>

	<p>prepared by the CPMR for the European Commission dedicated to the TEN-T Regulation.</p> <p><b>Atlantic Stakeholders Platform Conference 2023</b></p> <p>The Atlantic Stakeholders Platform Conference 2023 and the CPMR Atlantic Strategy Committee meeting will take place in Porto on 18th October 2023. This event will focus on the sustainable development of the Blue Economy and the implementation of the Atlantic Action Plan 2.0. Irish Government Minister Charlie McConalogue, Minister of Agriculture, Food and the Marine will be in attendance.</p> <p><b>Interreg Europe</b></p> <p>Two new project applications have been submitted under the Interreg Europe programme, one called ‘Green Hydra’ which focuses on the use of green hydrogen for renewable energy and the other called ‘EDIN’ focused on promoting the region to Digital Nomads. These applications are currently being assessed and news on the outcome will be available in Autumn 2023.</p> <p><b>Project Partnership &amp; Development</b></p> <p>The SFU is exploring a number of project opportunities under the Atlantic Area Programme and is liaising with Council staff and other potential partners on project concepts related to air quality, green infrastructure, fishing sector ecosystem innovation and tourism.</p> <p><b>Other areas of work include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EU Funding Programme Reviews</li> <li>• Participation in project scoping meetings with potential partners</li> <li>• Participation in EU network meetings such as CPMR, AER etc.</li> <li>• Funding Needs Analysis of Council Divisions</li> <li>• Regular Strategic Funding Newsletters</li> </ul>
<p><b>Donegal MD</b></p>	<p><b>Donegal Diamond – Outdoor Public Space Scheme</b></p> <p>Stage 1 tender: Base Structures has delivered the tensile canopy design for Donegal Diamond. Stage 2 tender: One tender response was received for the civil works on Donegal Diamond. The costs are higher than anticipated due to inflation and rising costs. DCC working on a value engineering exercise to try to reduce costs. Pending budget resolution, then it will be necessary to seek approval from the Department before work can commence.</p>



	<p><b>Fáilte Ireland Local Authority Weatherproofing &amp; Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Scheme – Bundoran Oceanside</b></p> <p>The refurbishment of the public toilets is complete. One tender response was received for the outdoor dining facility and the costs are higher than anticipated due to inflation and rising costs. DCC working on a value engineering exercise to try to reduce costs. Bundoran lettering is in production and will be installed at the promenade on the main beach in June 2023, awaiting confirmation from the supplier.</p>
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**1.4: Donegal Diaspora Unit**

**Project / Activity Report**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Donegal Diaspora Unit</b>
<b>Countywide</b>	<p><b>Tip O’Neill Irish Diaspora Awards 2023</b></p> <p>The award ceremony will take place on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 at the Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana. A press release is expected to issue within 10 days to announce the 2023 awardees. All other elements of the process are progressing.</p> <p><b>Donegal Connect 2023 / 2024</b></p> <p>It is expected that Donegal Connect will take place from 14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> September which a strong focus on Innovation &amp; Diaspora Engagement. A funding application for the Global Irish Festival Series 2024 is also due for submission in the near future, we are awaiting correspondence from Fáilte Ireland.</p> <p><b>Donegal Diaspora Website / Social Media</b></p> <p>A communications plan on the use of the Diaspora website and associated Diaspora social media channels is currently taking place with further updates</p>

	<p>to follow. <i>Donegal Diaspora social media statistics as of 22/06/2023 are as follows:</i></p> <p>LinkedIn – 1,211 (up 8) connections</p> <p>Twitter – 4,040 (up 3) followers</p> <p>Facebook – 5,620 (up 1) follower</p> <p>Instagram – 303 (up 4) followers</p> <p><b>London Events</b></p> <p>A contingent from Donegal County Council will attend the London Irish Vintage Club Day event on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Diaspora Officer is also working with the London Irish Centre to organise a Donegal-themed ‘In Conversation with’ event to take place potentially on September 4th. Further updates to follow.</p> <p><b>Scottish Diaspora</b></p> <p>A further meeting of the wider Scottish Diaspora group is scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> June. Heritage Officer for Donegal County Council Joseph Gallagher will present to the group on the Donegal Emigrant Working lives in Scotland project. Further engagement with Donegal County Council Ambassador Packie Bonner is ongoing to maximise his role in the context of promoting our Economic Development work within the United Kingdom.</p>
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**2 Division: Donegal Local Enterprise Office**

**Project / Activity Report**

<p><b>Activity / Project Title</b></p>	<p><b>The Local Enterprise Office (LEO)</b></p>
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<p><b>Role and Remit</b></p>	<p>The Local Enterprise Offices is positioned nationally as the “<i>First Stop Shop</i>” for anyone seeking information and support on starting or growing a business in Ireland. The Local Enterprise Office Donegal provides advice, information and support to those starting up or growing their business in Donegal. Grant is potentially available for businesses that meet the eligibility criteria. Further information available here - <a href="http://localenterprise.ie/donegal">localenterprise.ie/donegal</a> Contact number: 074-9160735</p>
<p><b>Outline of Work</b></p>	<p><b>General Overview – Highlights:</b></p> <p><b><u>Summary of June 2023 Outputs:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grant Aid – Business Expansion &amp; Priming (Start Up) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 27 Businesses have been approved Grant Aid.</li> <li>○ Value of total Grant Aid Approvals YTD is €269,360</li> <li>○ Next EVAC meeting will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2023.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Trading Online Vouchers – 32 Businesses approved support to a value of €69,037.</p> <p>Mentoring YTD – 150 Businesses have received this support</p> <p>Training – 907 Business Attendees at 51 Events YTD.</p> <p>LEO Donegal is continuing its assistance in the evaluation of Phase II supports for affected businesses under the Red Cross Business Assistance for Creeslough scheme.</p> <p>Silver Strand Rope Works, based in Merville, were winners at the 23rd National Enterprise Awards. Supported by Local Enterprise Office, Donegal, the company was crowned Regional Winners for the Northwest.</p> <p>Scale-X, the 11-week Accelerator Programme, aimed at start-up entrepreneurs with the potential for fast growth will conclude on Wednesday June 28<sup>th</sup>. This has been a very successful programme with 13 participating businesses. A new Scale-X programme will be commencing in September. An information session is taking place on Wednesday July 26<sup>th</sup></p>

The Food Coast Strategy Review has been completed and the new strategy was launched at Castle Grove Country House Hotel, on the 30<sup>th</sup> May. 66 attended on the day.

Two webinars for Donegal businesses took place on 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> June on the new etenders platform. The webinars provided practical tips on how to successfully operate the new system. A total of 19 attended the 2 events.

So far this year, 84 registered for 5 on-line Start Your Own Business programmes. In addition, in May a one day SYOB Bootcamp was held in the Silver Tassie Hotel, Letterkenny, and was attended by 13 participants. A second one day Bootcamp is scheduled (subject to demand) for Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July in The Clanree Hotel, Letterkenny.

An information session on the Ambition programme took place on 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2023.

The next in-person Business Information Session will take place on Friday June 30<sup>th</sup> in the new Inishowen Innovation Centre in Buncrana.

A Business Cost Saving Advice Clinic took place in late May in the Mount Errigal Hotel. The event was well attended with 38 registered at the event on the day.

Donegal Engineering Network exhibited at the ATU Mechanical & Electronic Engineering Expo at the Letterkenny Campus on the 24<sup>th</sup> May. This was a great opportunity to network with business and students as well as learn about the exciting innovations in the sector.

A new Energy Efficiency Grant was recently launched which supports the investment in technologies and equipment identified in a Green for Micro Report, Green Start Report or a SEAI Energy Audit with 50% of eligible costs up to a maximum grant of €5,000.

The Local Enterprise Office Donegal was delighted to sponsor the Enterprise Awards in ATU Donegal fashion showcase for the collection with most commercial potential. Andreza Segovia won the award for her clothing collection designed for sensory development, practical comfort and independence.

With the growing focus on AI, an introductory session was held remotely on Tuesday June 27<sup>th</sup> to provide insight to the opportunities presented by Artificial Intelligence for Donegal businesses. 52 registered to attend the session.

**Upcoming Programmes:**

**Scale-X**

A new Scale-X programme will commence on September 4<sup>th</sup> with applications now open. The new Scale-X programme will involve collaboration with Leitrim and Sligo LEOs.

Members are requested to inform any entrepreneurs interest in scaling their business, to apply for Scale-X.

**Ambition**

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

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

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

The programme will run from September 2023 to December 2023.

**Ongoing Programmes:**

**Scale-X Accelerator**

Scale-X the 11-week Accelerator Programme aimed at start-up entrepreneurs with the potential for fast growth will conclude on Wednesday June 28<sup>th</sup>. There are a total of 13 participants across a diverse group of businesses, sectors and

entrepreneurs. At the final event each business will present their business pitch idea to a judging panel.

### **Digital Start**

*YTD – 30 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support*

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

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

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

### **Green for Micro**

*YTD – 4 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support*

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

The recently launched Energy Efficiency Grant supports the investment in technologies and equipment identified in a Green for Micro Report, Green Start Report or a SEAI Energy Audit with 50% of eligible costs up to a maximum grant of €5,000.

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

For more information click on the link below:

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

### **Lean For Micro**

*YTD – 11 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support*

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

### ***Food Coast Donegal***

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

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

### ***Current activities:***

- The Food Coast Strategy 2023-2026 was launched at Castle Grove Country House Hotel, on the 30<sup>th</sup> of May attended by 66. As national food journalists were in attendance, we used this as an opportunity to showcase excellent Donegal food and drinks produce. The large audience heard from 2 panels of Donegal producers about the opportunities growing a food/drinks business in the county. Domini Kemp, Food Writer and Chef gave a presentation about Food Trends and James Burke provided an overview of the new strategy.
- Donegal lamb promotion was successfully launched in April and will continue over the coming months
- There has been a successful collaboration between two Donegal Food producers, Little Mamma's Gelato and The Milk Bar, who met at the Donegal Enterprise Awards last December.
- ATU Higher Diploma in Food Business & Product Innovation Level 8 programme - LEO Donegal and Food Coast Donegal has sponsored three food businesses from the county to participate and feedback is very positive.
- Super Valu Food Academy - two Donegal food producers have been selected to progress – Cindy Adamek of Coco Milis, an artisan chocolatier from Burtonport and Aoibhin O'Dea of Cacao Aoibhin from Bunbeg.

### ***Creative Coast Donegal***

Creative Coast Donegal's aim is to support the building of a strong creative and digital economy in Donegal with businesses that are robust, confident, financially viable, and collaboration-friendly, all impacting positively on the

local economy in terms of job creation, as well as being pro-active and competitive on an international stage.

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

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

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

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

#### ***Donegal Engineering Network***

- The ambition of the *Donegal Engineering Network* is to expand, strengthen and enhance the existing engineering group in Donegal.
- A range of Good Practice visits, Exhibition Visits and collaborations with other cluster/network facilitators on reciprocal events are being scheduled for later this year.
- Monthly workshops are facilitated with the topics selected by the Engineers. Recent topics covered included HR and ISO certification. In May, we lead a delegation of Engineers on a LEAN good practice visit to Kirchhoff-Automotive in Letterkenny. Later in June, we will visit Inishowen Engineering to view their extended facilities.



## **Enterprise Europe Network**

- The Enterprise Europe Network Ireland helps Irish businesses to innovate and grow internationally and is delivered by a partnership between Enterprise Ireland, Cork Chamber of Commerce, Dublin Chamber of Commerce with Donegal County Council leading out on behalf of the Local Enterprise Office.
- Services offered through the EEN help businesses to grow through tailored support, new business and technology partnerships, commercial opportunities, licensing deals, and partners searches for EU funded R&D. The services are tailored to SMEs but are also available to all other businesses, universities and research centres.
- Internationally, the Network is active in more than 60 countries worldwide bringing together 3,000 experts from more than 600 member organisations. EEN is the largest support network for SMEs and combine international business expertise with local knowledge to help you take your innovation into new markets.
- Two meet the buyer events will take place later in 2023 with EENginex catering for the engineering sector and Food eirEEN for the food sector.  
6 Donegal companies are engaged in EEN services to support them in both sourcing and selling internationally.
- Further information is available from Eileen Kelly, Enterprise Europe Network Coordinator [eileen.kelly@leo.donegalcoco.ie](mailto:eileen.kelly@leo.donegalcoco.ie)

### **Upcoming Activities:**

Other activities taking place in July are as follows:

- Trading Online Voucher Workshop – 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2023
- Start Your Own Business One Day Bootcamp – 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2023.

All bookings can be made here:

<https://www.localenterprise.ie/Donegal/Training-Events/Online-Bookings/>

### **Donegal Stories:**

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

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### 3 Emergency Services - Fire Services

#### Project / Activity Report

Activity	Number of: (May)*		Total for year	
<u>Fire Service Operations</u>				
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	69		305	
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	89		363	
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	3		30	
<u>Operational Activity Breakdown May 2023</u>	<b>Turnouts</b>		<b>Incidents in County</b>	
	<b>Fires</b>	<b>Special Services</b>	<b>Fires</b>	<b>Special Services</b>
Donegal Fire Service	55	33	42	23
Northern Ireland Fire Service	1	2	1	2
Sub Total	56	35	43	25
Total	91		68	

<u>Fire Prevention</u>		
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	14	76
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	27	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from Applicant / Agent:	56	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	14	94
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	0	7
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	0	0
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	3	12
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	20	65
Fire Safety Complaints received:	2	17
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	2	11
During Performance Inspections carried out:	0	0
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	54 <sup>+</sup>	54

\* Current data only available up to end of May 2023.

+ As part of its community fire safety programme, Donegal Fire Service delivers the Primary Schools Programme (PSP) each year to 3<sup>rd</sup> year classes in the County's primary schools. The programme was delivered in person to 54 schools in May 2023.

## **4: Information Systems:**

Heather Humpreys Minister for Rural and Community Development visited the County on 6-8 June as part of a two-day visit to a number of projects funded by her Department. During this visit, the Minister launched the gTeic Digital Working Hub in Malinbeg, funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development Connected Hubs scheme, Donegal County Council and Údarás na Gaeltachta. The Minister remarked that Malinbeg is “possible the most scenic Connected Hub in the Country”.

The hub which is located in the Seán Scoil in Malinbeg is home to one of the 12 broadband connection points in Donegal. This project is building on the existing mobile phone and WiFi connectivity at An Sean Scoil Malinbeg refurbishing the building and creating a coworking space with hot desks and office space on the upper floor- providing 3 office spaces and 8-9 hotdesking spaces and support facilities. The Minister officially launched the Broadband Connection Points Network also.

The other Broadband Connection Points are located in the following areas across Donegal:

1. Malin Head,
2. Fort Dunree,
3. Ray Community Centre,
4. Cranford Community Centre,
5. Glenveagh National Park,
6. Errigal Training Centre, Falcarragh,
7. Comharchumann Oileáin Thoraí,
8. Amharclann Gaoth Dhobhair,
9. Malin Beg Sean Scoil,
10. Sliabh Liag Ranger Station,
11. Leghowney Community Hall
12. and Meenreagh Hostel.

The BCP network will supply clubs and community centres with good quality broadband.

## **5: Appendix 1: Minor Tourism Related Scheme Workshop Minutes.**

### **5.1: Minor Tourism Works Grant Scheme 2023 – Donegal Municipal District**

Following a workshop with elected members of Donegal Municipal District on 20 June 2023, it was recommended that the following projects be awarded funding under this scheme:

<b>Community Led Applications</b>	
<b>Group name &amp; Project title</b>	<b>Funding agreed</b>
Mountcharles Community Development- Village Enhancement Project	€ 6,322
ADoPT Pettigo- Village Enhancements	€ 5,180
Ballyshannon Regeneration Group- Cotton Hill Walk	€12,800
Killybegs Information Office- Tourist Information Boards & Maps	€ 5,000
Kilcar Heritage Committee - Access path to Shalwy Court Tomb	€20,000
Ballyshannon folk and Trad Music festival - Lamppost Banners	€ 2,500
Creevy Community Group - Creevy Pier Facilities Upgrade	€ 2,700

<b>Council Service Led Applications</b>	
<b>Council Service &amp; Project title</b>	<b>Funding agreed</b>
ROADS- Bundoran beach access	€20,000
WATER & ENVIRONMENT- Bundoran Oceanside 'thrupenny pool' regeneration project	€11,653
WATER & ENVIRONMENT -Bundoran changing place equipment- step down facility	€13,845

**Total funding allocated €100,000**

It is requested that these recommendations be agreed at the next Donegal MD meeting in July 2023.





**ENVIRONMENT MD REPORT – July '23**

**WASTE AND LITTER MANAGEMENT**

Activity / Project Title	<p align="center"><b>FREE Vape and e-cigarette recycling through the WEEE Ireland Blue Battery Boxes</b></p>
<p><b>Project Description/ Activity</b></p>	<div data-bbox="602 688 1240 1327" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>WEEE Ireland facilitates the collective take back of disposable, single-use, rechargeable vape and e-cigarette devices for free recycling via the Blue Battery Box System. These products can contain batteries and are EEE products (Electronic and Electrical Equipment) both of which should be recycled when they reach end of life. WEEE Ireland Blue Battery Boxes are found in most newsagents, supermarkets, electrical retailers and Recycling Centres– making this an easily accessible, free recycling option for these products rather than disposing of them in general waste, or worse through littering/dumping.</p> <p>For more information for retailers and consumers of these products here: <a href="#"><u>Free Vape &amp; E-Cigarette Device Recycling - WEEE Ireland</u></a></p> <p><a href="https://www.instagram.com/weee_ireland/">https://www.instagram.com/weee_ireland/</a>  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/WEEEIreland">https://www.facebook.com/WEEEIreland</a>  <a href="https://twitter.com/WEEEIreland">https://twitter.com/WEEEIreland</a>  <a href="https://www.linkedin.com/company/weee-ireland">https://www.linkedin.com/company/weee-ireland</a></p>

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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Food Waste Recycling Week</b>  <b>5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023</b></p>
<b>Project Description/ Activity</b>	<p>As part of Food Waste Recycling Week Donegal County Council in partnership with Bryson Recycling and Envirogrind Ltd arranged Free Compost Giveaway Events across the Council's 6 Recycling Centres at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letterkenny/ Dungloe</li> <li>• Carndonagh/ Milford</li> <li>• Laghey/ Stranorlar</li> </ul> <p>Approximately 12 ½ tonnes of compost was given out and approximately 400 Food waste starter packs were also handed out over the 3 days.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>




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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Summer Social Campaign Topics</b>
<b>Project Description/ Activity</b>	<p>This summer we are running several awareness-raising social media campaigns on litter, beaches, water safety, dog fouling, recycling centres &amp; sustainable holidaymaking. These campaigns will run over the course of July &amp; August across the council's social media platforms.</p>  <p>The images shown are: 1. A travel guide for Donegal with sections on 'Plan ahead', 'Reduce waste', and 'Leave it as you expect to find it!'. 2. A sign for a 'Free Paint' station with instructions in Irish and English. 3. A lifeguard warning sign that says 'ALWAYS SWIM AT LIFEGUARDED WATERWAYS' and 'BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY'. 4. A scenic view of a beach with a lighthouse in the background.</p>
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**COUNTY LABORATORY**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Public Service Announcements (PSA's) - Professional Users of Pesticides &amp; Sheep dip</b>
<b>Description/ Activity</b>	<p>EPA reports in recent years have identified that some rivers in Donegal have been seriously impacted by toxic effects from pesticides, including sheep dip. Donegal County Council would like to remind farmers, contractors &amp; gardeners of the need to follow best practice when using these products. Firstly, read the product label carefully, avoid spills, stay well back from open drains, rinse empty containers 3 times into the sprayer or tank &amp; don't spray if it is windy or rain is forecast in the next 48 hours. Follow Teagasc advice on safe disposal of spent sheep dip, which should never ever be released into any water-course</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div>
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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Fixing faulty septic tanks is taking too long, says EPA</b>
<b>Description/ Activity</b>	<p>The EPA released the 2022 annual report on <i>Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems inspections</i> last week, with major findings as follows:</p> <div style="display: flex;">  <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over 1,100 septic tank inspections were completed by local authorities in 2022, (including 100 in Donegal).</li> <li>• Half of septic tanks failed inspection in 2022 with 20% identified as a risk to human health and the environment.</li> <li>• 49% (560) of the treatment systems failed inspection because they were not built or maintained properly, (ie – desludged/emptied). The failure rate in Donegal in 2022 was 44%.</li> <li>• 20% (230) of treatment systems inspected were considered a risk to human health or the environment, because faulty systems can contaminate household drinking water wells &amp; pollute rivers with harmful bacteria and viruses.</li> </ul> </div> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where septic tanks are not functioning properly, it is critical that householders fix the problems to protect their family's health, and the environment.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The report found that there were 550 cases where issues notified to householders over two years previously had still not been addressed. Noel Byrne, EPA Programme Manager said, <i>"It is unacceptable that failed septic tanks have not been fixed more than two years after inspection. Half of these involve sewage surfacing in gardens and discharging to ditches and streams, which are health risks that cannot be allowed to continue. Greater enforcement is needed by local authorities, to ensure failed systems are fixed to protect human health and the environment."</i> Of the 317 systems which failed in Donegal since the start of the inspection programme, 83% have been fixed but the Council will be stepping up enforcement action (up to and including prosecution) to bring the remainder into compliance as soon as possible.</li> <li>The <a href="#">septic tank grant scheme</a>, offers grants up to €5,000 to assist in addressing malfunctioning systems, (but registration of the septic tank prior to 1<sup>st</sup> February 2013 is a strict requirement).</li> </ul> <p>Donegal County Council inspections are focused near (a) rivers where there is greater risk to water quality, (b) drinking water sources, (c) bathing waters and (d) areas with shallow soils where there is greater risk to household wells. The report, <i>Domestic Waste Water Treatment System Inspections 2022</i>, is available on the <a href="#">EPA's website</a>, and further details about the septic tank inspection programme and grant schemes are available on the Council's website at <a href="https://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/environment/pollutioncontrol/water%20pollution/septic%20tank%20registration/">https://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/environment/pollutioncontrol/water%20pollution/septic%20tank%20registration/</a></p>
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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Bathing Waters 2023 season</b>
<b>Description/ Activity</b>	<p>The 2023 Bathing Season commenced on the 1<sup>st</sup> June and the Council's Central Lab monitoring results have confirmed excellent water quality for the season to date.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> <p><i>Figure 1. Turbulent Day Sampling Kilahoev</i>      <i>Figure 2. Brighter Side of Life - Dooley Beach</i></p> <p>Forecasted heavy rainfall events in recent weeks have led to the posting of <i>Prior Warning Notices</i> at certain bathing waters to protect bathers &amp; forewarn of a potential drop in water quality. Thankfully, these rainfall events did not result in the closure of any bathing waters.</p>
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1. Town & Village Renewal – Donegal MD

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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>2018 T&amp;V Renewal – Donegal Town</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Enhancements & Development Works <b>Works consists of:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Provision of a footpath</li><li>2. Provision of lining trail markings / App</li><li>3. Installation of interpretative panels / signage</li></ol>
<b>Budget</b> (if applicable)	€100,000 – Department of Rural & Community Development € 25,000 – Own Resources
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A number of meetings have been held with Donegal Chamber of Commerce to finalise the details of the project including the options available to deliver the various elements of the project.</li><li>• Letter of Offer has been issued out to Group, signed and returned.</li><li>• Design of the proposed footpath is currently being progressed and will be tendered in Q1 of 2021.</li><li>• Designs and procurements are underway for the other elements of the project.</li><li>• Tender assessment complete, successful contractor to be appointed.</li><li>• Following further consideration, it is now proposed that footpath proposal at this time be deferred pending future development of adjacent lands</li></ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ongoing engagement with the Department in relation to the overall project and how it can be progressed</li></ul>
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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>2019 T&amp;V Renewal – Glencolmcille</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Enhancements & Development Works <b>Works consists of:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Development of a Town Plan</li><li>• Upgrade existing footpaths</li><li>• Provision of directional and interpretative signage</li><li>• Provision of a bus shelter</li></ul>
<b>Budget</b> (if applicable)	€100,000 – Department of Rural & Community Development € 25,000 – Own Resources
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A number of meetings have been held with the community group for the area to finalise the details of the project including the options available to deliver the various elements of the project.</li><li>• Letter of Offer has been issued out to Group, signed and returned.</li><li>• Designs of the proposed works are currently underway and will be presented to the community group.</li><li>• The group have procured an architect/designer to progress the design and to prepare tender documents for a number of elements of the scheme.</li><li>• Works designed and currently out to tender.</li><li>• Tender evaluation report complete and successful contractor identified.</li><li>• Site meeting with successful contractor.</li><li>• Construction has commenced on site.</li><li>• Construction work is substantially complete.</li><li>• There are a few outstanding snags to be addressed.</li><li>• The snags have been addressed and work is complete.</li><li>• All signage has been ordered and installed by the group.</li><li>• Works are substantially complete</li></ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There are snags to be closed out in the coming weeks</li></ul>
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Activity / Project Title	2020 T&V Renewal – Carrick
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Enhancements & Development Works <b>Works consists of:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reinstate the pedestrian bridge crossing the Glen River</li> <li>Commission and prepare a Town Health Check</li> <li>Commission and prepare a Regeneration Strategy to inform the sustainable development of the town and immediate surrounding area</li> </ul>
<b>Budget</b> <i>(if applicable)</i>	€100,000 – Department of Rural & Community Development € 11,111 – Own Resources
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A number of meetings have been held with the community group for the area to finalise the details of the project including the options available to deliver the various elements of the project.</li> <li>Letter of Offer has been issued out to Group, signed and returned.</li> <li>Designs of the proposed pedestrian bridge works are complete.</li> <li>The group are have procured and appointed a contractor to complete the pedestrian bridge</li> <li>Procurement documents prepared to appoint a consultant(s) to prepare a Town Health Check &amp; a Regeneration Strategy of the town and surrounding area.</li> <li>The pedestrian bridge crossing is complete.</li> <li>Consultant appointed to prepare a Town Health Check &amp; a Regeneration Strategy of the town and surrounding area.</li> <li>Additional works to the river walk is now completed.</li> <li>The Masterplan is at final stage and final draft will be issued by end of Q1, 2023</li> </ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Progress the Town Health Check &amp; a Regeneration Strategy of the town and surrounding area and hope to be complete by the end of July 2023.</li> </ul>
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Activity / Project Title	2020 T&V Renewal – Bruckless
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Enhancements & Development Works <b>Works consists of:</b> Landscaped garden park area with native trees, flowers, benches and pathways including the following. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Railway feature area</li><li>• Area with outdoor gym equipment</li><li>• Wheelchair accessible Sensory Garden</li><li>• Wild meadow area</li><li>• Small public grass area suitable for casual sports and games</li></ul>
<b>Budget</b> (if applicable)	€100,000 – Department of Rural & Community Development € 11,111 – Own Resources
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A number of meetings have been held with the community group for the area to finalise the details of the project including the options available to deliver the various elements of the project.</li><li>• Letter of Offer has been issued out to Group, signed and returned.</li><li>• The group had procured a design consultant to prepare contract documents to appoint a contractor to carry out the works on the proposed park.</li><li>• Design work commenced and preparation of contract documents also commenced</li><li>• Design of proposed park complete and approved by the community group.</li><li>• Project is currently on E-tenders. 2 Contractors have submitted tenders and the tender report has been issued.</li><li>• Contractor appointed.</li><li>• Work has commenced on site and is progressing well and hope to be completed by the end of May</li><li>• Works are completed on the project.</li></ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	
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## Activity / Project Update: July 2023

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>2022 Clár – Termon Complex Pettigo</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Enhancements & Development Works <b>Works consists of:</b> Resurfacing of the MUGA Pitch, including the following works, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excavate existing surfacing</li> <li>• Removing depleted existing sand substructure</li> <li>• Access and install drainage requirements</li> <li>• Install geotextile membrane</li> <li>• Lay subbase material</li> <li>• Install the synthetic turf surface</li> <li>• Install infill fibres</li> <li>• Apply line marking</li> </ul>
<b>Budget</b> <i>(if applicable)</i>	€50,000 – Department of Rural & Community Development € 5,000 – Match Funding
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Meeting was held with the community group for the area to finalise the details of the project including the options available to deliver the various elements of the project.</li> <li>• Tender Documentation shall be prepared for e-tenders in the coming weeks.</li> <li>• The Tender report is currently being prepared.</li> <li>• Contractor will be appointed in the coming weeks.</li> <li>• The Contractor is Appointed, and works are starting in the coming weeks</li> </ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Works to be completed by September 2023</li> </ul>
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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>2022 Clár – Leitir Corn Mill River Walk Kilcar</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Enhancements & Development Works <b>Works consists of:</b> Upgrade existing River Walk providing a wholly accessible path and associated infrastructure including the following, <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enhance the ground and edging on the existing path</li><li>• Install lighting along the path.</li><li>• Install seating</li><li>• Signage and story boards.</li></ul>
<b>Budget</b> <i>(if applicable)</i>	€50,000 – Department of Rural & Community Development € 5,000 – Match Funding
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A Meeting was held with the community group for the area to finalise the details of the project including the options available to deliver the various elements of the project.</li><li>• Tender Documentation shall be prepared for e-tenders in the coming weeks.</li><li>• Project is currently out for tender and is due back in July and hope to appoint a contractor in August 2023</li></ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Works to be commenced in Q3, 2023.</li></ul>
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## Activity / Project Update: July 2023

Activity / Project Title	<b>PLAYGROUNDS MAINTENANCE 2022</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<b>Annual maintenance of Playgrounds</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Glencolmcille.</li><li>2. Mall Park, Ballyshannon.</li><li>3. Mall Park Outdoor Gym, Ballyshannon.</li><li>4. Waterworld Playground, Bundoran.</li><li>5. Westend Playground, Bundoran</li><li>6. St. John Bosco, Donegal Town</li><li>7. Kilcar Playground.</li><li>8. Killybegs Playground.</li><li>9. Bruckless Playground</li></ol>
<b>Budget</b> <i>(if applicable)</i>	
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Works consists of:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Replacement of broken and damaged equipment.</li><li>• Replace worn safety tiles and remove trip hazards.</li><li>• Grease all equipment that contains bushes, bearings, shackles, etc.</li><li>• Carry out repairs along edges of safety surfaces.</li></ul></li></ol> <p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Successful tender appointed to carry out Annual Rospa Inspections.</li><li>• Annual Rospa Inspection Reports have been completed with necessary repairs identified.</li><li>• Quick quotes tender issued on e-tenders to procure Maintenance contractor for 2022 maintenance contract works.</li><li>• Maintenance contractor appointed and repair works are currently underway across playgrounds.</li></ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b> <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Undertake playground repair works</li></ul>

**Activity / Project Update: June 2023**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Ballyshannon Mall Park Playground Refurbishment</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refurbishment of the Ballyshannon Mall Park Playground, funded Donegal Co Co &amp; the Dept of Children and Youth Affairs</li> </ul>
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultation with the three Ballyshannon National Schools undertaken.</li> <li>• Draft designs in progress.</li> </ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b> <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to develop detailed designs and tender documents.</li> </ul>
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**Activity / Project Update: June 2023**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Bundoran Waterworld Playground Refurbishment</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refurbishment of the Bundoran Waterworld Playground, funded through the Community Recognition Fund and Donegal Co Co</li> </ul>
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultation with the Bundoran National School undertaken.</li> <li>• Designs and tender documents published.</li> <li>• Tender submission return deadline of 30/06/2023</li> </ul>

<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b> <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Undertake evaluation of any tender submissions received to secure a suitable contractor to undertake the refurbishment works.</li></ul>
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**Activity / Project Update No.10**

**June 2023**

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

	<p>Announcement of the funds awarded under measure 1 ORIS 2022. Have seen the success of Rosssylongan been granted €30,000 and likewise through DLDC they were granted €30,000 funding for Donegal Rowability that will provide a disability hoist for water sports access from the pier in Donegal town.</p> <p>Work on the tendering documents shall commence in the next quarter of 2022 to hopefully have ready to start on site early spring 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A recent meet with a group in Bundoran has highlighted the potential for some additional walks in the area.</li> </ul> <p><b>Rosssylongan</b></p> <p>Coillte are continuing with small elements of works around the Entrance and parking area. We will advance with the development of tender package to reinstate the existing trail surfaces including way markers and Map boards.</p> <p>A stage 1 screening report has to be complete prior to commence of any tender documents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<p><b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Try to advance with purchase of counter units</li> <li>• Begin work on the tendering documents</li> </ul>
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**Activity / Project Update: February 2023**

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

**July 2023**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	Rural Development Programme/LEADER
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Donegal Local Community and Development Committee are the Local Action Group for County Donegal, with responsibility for the LEADER/Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 & Transitional LEADER Programme 2021-2022
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€13,413,875 (Additional funding received 2019) <i>Note: Project costs €10,063,586, administration and animation costs €3,350,289</i> 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021 – 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022 €2,861,598 project costs €953,866 for Administration & Animation.
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	There are 4 Implementing Partners within the county; Donegal Local Development Company (DLDC), Inishowen Development Partnership (IDP), Údarás Na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán, who are rolling out the LEADER Transitional programme on behalf of the LAG (Local Action Group). The LEADER Transitional programme is effective from 1st April 2021 and runs until 31 <sup>st</sup> 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.
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	An LCDC/LAG meeting will be held on 12th July 2023. All funding awarded to the Donegal LAG under the Transitional LEADER programme and EURI programme has been allocated but LDCs will continue to engage with promoters on the ground Donegal County Council as Lead Financial Partner, in collaboration with our four implementing partners, Donegal Local Development Company, Inishowen

	<p>Development Partnership, Údarás na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán are currently working together to develop our LEADER Local Development Strategy which must be submitted no later than 14th July 2023. 9 consultation events were hosted across the county, in partnership with PEACE PLUS and the New LECP. There was an online survey option for feedback, as well as themed workshops based on the 3 key themes of LEADER. These consultations will form the basis for the development of the final Strategy.</p>
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**Municipal District: Countywide**

**Activity / Project Update**

**July 2023**

<b>Programme</b>	Healthy Ireland Fund
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<p><b>Healthy Ireland</b></p> <p>The objective of the Healthy Ireland Fund 2023 – 2025 is to improve the health and wellbeing of people of all ages and abilities living in Ireland through the implementation of the Healthy Ireland Strategic Action Plan 2021-2025.</p>
<b>Budget</b>	€198,122.42 Round 4 Funding
<p><b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b></p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p><b>Healthy Ireland Round 4</b></p> <p>The Healthy Ireland Round 4 Programme (HIF 2023-2025) represents a more evidenced-based outcomes led approach, with a longer 3-year timeframe. The grant period for Round 4 will run from 1 June 2022 to 31 December 2025, with the outcomes led approach to be delivered from 2023-2025.</p> <p><b>Playground Passport</b></p>  <p>Donegal County Council launched a free convenient, pocket-sized guide to playgrounds across Donegal in June 2023.</p> <p>Studies show that play has an important role in the development of children’s creative, social and emotional skills and allows children to build resilience, be independent and to learn how to make decisions on their own to achieve results. The Donegal Playground Passport contains a map of Donegal with forty playgrounds numbered and listed across the five Municipal Districts. Each playground is accompanied by a QR code and GPS coordinates that</p>



will take you straight to the swings and slides! The guide also includes details of some of the free or low-cost activities in the nearby area for those looking to extend their day out.

In promoting activity-friendly environments like playgrounds, Donegal County Council is helping empower people and communities to encourage children to be more physically active, which is a significant contributor to their health and overall wellbeing.

The Playground Passports was distributed to all primary schools, local libraries, tourism offices and family resource centres throughout the County over the last number of weeks and is available in English and as Gaelige.



To download a copy of the Playground Passport [Click Here](#) or as Gaelige [Anseo](#) or to request a hard copy contact Margaret Fitzgerald [mfitzgerald@doneglcoco.ie](mailto:mfitzgerald@doneglcoco.ie)

**Staff Walking Challenge**



**Pictured Seated (L-R):** Donegal County Council Chief Executive, Mr. John G McLaughlin, Overall Winning Team – Mayo for Sam - Sean Reid, Eileen McLaughlin, Tony Browne and Healthy Ireland Coordinator, Margaret Fitzgerald. **Back Row (L-R):** Health and Wellbeing Team, Marie Murphy, John McCandless, Mary Frances Doherty, Bernadette Glenn, Dominic Morris, Kathy Gallagher, Health and Wellbeing Team, Declan McKernan, Marie Kerr, Tanya Kee and Sinead McGlynn. Photo Clive Wasson.

In keeping with Donegal County Council’s Health and Wellbeing Plan and following on from the success of last year’s pilot workplace walking challenge, Donegal County Council Chief Executive, Mr. John G McLaughlin launched the Walk and Talk Staff Walking Challenge in April this year. The campaign was rolled out over a four-week period, through the Staff Health and Wellbeing Office in conjunction with Healthy Donegal, to encourage staff to get more physically active and promote healthy habits.

Donegal County Council, through our Health and Wellbeing team are committed to expanding the range of services and health and wellbeing supports available to staff through both well-established organisational supports and new pathways.

Over the four-week challenge, teams collectively walked over 11,000km - the equivalent of walking from Malin to Mizen and back ten times - with staff feedback saying that the fun competitive event created an ideal environment to encourage staff to get out and get moving!

The winners were announced at a presentation held on Monday 26th June. Prizes, which had a health and wellbeing theme, were all from local Donegal businesses and were awarded by Donegal County Council Chief Executive, Mr. McLaughlin.

### **Civic Dollars**

Following on from the successful launch of the [Civic Dollars](#) project in May this year, Donegal County Council in collaboration with the wide network of world-class digital remote working hubs located across the county and Healthy Ireland launched the 2023 Working Holiday campaign in Gteic@CarraigAirt on Tuesday, 13th of June.

The campaign will run until the end of October and will aim to provide opportunities for people to enjoy everything that Donegal has to offer, spend more time with family and



friends whilst also availing of the chance to experience the dynamic and inclusive communities within the digital hubs in Donegal without compromising their time or their work.

Along with a free day pass to work in a participating hub, participants will also have the opportunity to engage with Healthy Ireland's '[Civic Dollars](#)' initiative which aims to improve the mental and physical health of participants, assist them in integrating with their communities and supporting local business.



**Work Remotely in Donegal for FREE!**  
A Working Holiday in Donegal has never been more rewarding!

#WorkHoIDL  
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Speaking at the launch of the campaign at Gteic@CarraigAirt, Cathaoirleach of the Letterkenny-Milford Municipal District Cllr. Dónal Mandy Kelly explained the importance of remote working to Donegal “As remote working surged in popularity, Donegal became a pioneer in this field. We’ve transformed the landscape to meet the needs of remote workers and employers”.

Margaret Fitzgerald, Healthy Ireland Coordinator for Donegal County Council detailed the '[Civic Dollars](#)' initiative launched in May, 2023 and will run to November 2023. “A healthy population is essential to allow people to live their lives to their full potential, to create the right environment to sustain jobs and to look after the most vulnerable people in society. The Civic Dollars initiative aims to provide people with an incentive and support to improve their mental health, increase their physical activity levels, and encourage engagement with local community groups and support for the local business community.

Download the Civic Dollars App [here](#)

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### Activity / Project Update: June 2023

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Bundoran Destination Towns (Fáilte Ireland Co-Funded)</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Installation of artwork on the three approach roundabouts to Bundoran; Tullaghan/Drumacrin/Finner</li> <li>• Installation of wayfinding signage throughout Bundoran</li> <li>• Streetscape improvement works to; Central Lane/Renisan's Lane/Meehan's Lane</li> </ul>
<b>Budget</b> <i>(if applicable)</i>	
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Architect appointed to delivery the project.</li> <li>• Part 8 Planning secured for the wayfinding signage and streetscape improvement works.</li> <li>• Tender documents/detailed designs being prepared for the wayfinding signage and streetscape improvement works.</li> <li>• Artist selected for the roundabout artwork, contract documents being completed.</li> </ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b> <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aiming to publish tender documents for a contractor to undertake the wayfinding signage and streetscape works.</li> <li>• Progression of artwork detailed designs towards a Part 8 application for the three roundabouts.</li> </ul>
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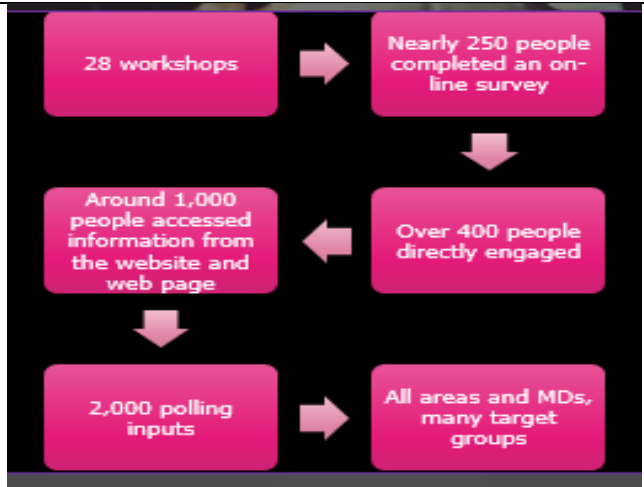
### Activity / Project Update: June 2023

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Platforms for Growth Tullan Strand Funded by Fáilte Ireland</b>
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<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of a Facility Centre for Water Based Activities at Tullan Strand in Bundoran along with improved access to Tullan Strand Beach.</li> </ul>
<b>Budget</b> <i>(if applicable)</i>	
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cross departmental meetings being held with different sections of the Council to fully understand project requirements and future maintenance requirements.</li> <li>• Draft tender documents prepared to seek a Consultant to develop site specific designs and secure planning permission.</li> <li>• Discussions with local stakeholders and landowners</li> </ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b> <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold meeting in Bundoran with local stakeholders</li> </ul>
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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>  <b>File:</b>	PEACEPLUS Programme 2022-2027
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<p>Donegal County has an indicative allocation from the PEACEPLUS programme of <b>€7.6m</b>. The SEUPB has indicated three important themes, including:</p> <p><b>Local community regeneration and transformation</b>, including changing how people use their local area, lasting improvements, prioritising the most marginalised and vulnerable, reflecting shared heritage, and how potential capital investment can facilitate sustained cross community interaction and make a lasting contribution to peacebuilding.</p> <p><b>Thriving and peaceful communities</b> including cross community collaboration, positive change in communities, high levels of wellbeing, and lasting contributions to peace building.</p> <p><b>Celebrating cultures and diversity</b> including increasing understanding and respect for all cultural identities, involving minority communities, involving those with issues arising from the conflict, and support to the most marginalised.</p> <p><b>PEACEPLUS Call</b></p> <p>The SEUPB opened for submission of PEACEPLUS Plans on 14<sup>th</sup> June meaning the PEACEPLUS Plan must be submitted by 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023. SEUPB may, once submitted, take around four months to assess it. On this timeline it may be spring/early summer 2024 before the Partnership can move forward to tender/appointment.</p>
<b>Budget</b>	Under Theme 1 Investment Area 1.1 Co-designed Local Community PEACEPLUS Action Plans have been allocated €110m, Donegal County Council has been awarded an indicative allocation of <b>€7,635,396.:</b>
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>	Public Consultation (Stage 1 Consultation) throughout the Electoral Areas was carried out during February to April, with (Stage 2 Consultation) carried out throughout May & June 2023.




To satisfy all criteria for a Co-designed consultation Process, DCC engaged with communities & key Stakeholders as follows:

- Produced a Indictive Report & Analysis of Stage 1 Engagement Process
- Held a series of Stage 2 consultation workshops across all the municipal areas May- June 2023.
- Social media promotion of events as a mechanism for people to feed into the process.
- Organisations and individuals who engaged with our Stage 1 series of workshops, and others who have not previously engaged had an opportunity to input into the development process by submitting a Concept Form. The form will help the PEACEPLUS Partnership to create a longlist of concept ideas that might fit with the funding opportunity under PEACEPLUS Theme 1.1.

Overall, **81 concept forms** were submitted by 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

**Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period**

**July-Sept:** Partnership approves approach, administration, and programmes  
**July-Sep:** Phase 3 workshops developing concepts with communities to the stage of being Peace Plan ready – will use the submitted concept ideas as the basis  
**Oct:** Peace Plan submitted – assessed by SEUPB – Partnership will tender if approved – spring 2024 or later.


	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEXT STEPS</b></p> <hr/>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Methodology and criteria for Theme One</li><li>2 Outline programme detail to take to stage 3 workshops for Themes 2 and 3</li><li>3 Dates and delivery of stage 3 workshops – now until September</li><li>4 Email feedback and agreement from Partnership over the summer</li><li>5 Important Partnership meeting in September</li></ol>
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## Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	Social Inclusion Unit
<p>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 3 - inclusive of current status</p>	<p><b>Africa Day 2023</b></p> <p>On Saturday, May 27, Donegal County Council and Donegal Intercultural Platform jointly presented a special Africa Day celebration at the Regional Cultural Centre and An Grianán Theatre, Letterkenny. All events were FREE of Charge, and it was well attended and enjoyed by all.</p> <p>The celebration opened at 12.00 noon with a series of exhibitions, discussions, and drumming workshop. In An Grianán Theatre we had a facilitated session by Vuyiswa Mqwebedu on Africa – The continent where information on their culture was shared. Thoiba Ahmed of Sudan talked about how the crisis in Sudan at present, she spoke of the safety of her family and friends. Balume Armstrong Dube and Nihal El Fodil hosted workshops on African Inclusion and This is Africa.</p> 

The afternoon seen a colourful Family Fun Day taking over the An Grianán Theatre Plaza from 2.00pm to 5.0 0pm, with FREE African food tasting – from Burrito Loco restaurant – Children’s Games, traditional and contemporary Dance displays, Arts and Crafts, Face Painting, and Hair Braiding, as well as Music from all corners of Africa with DJ Taka Tha and Nyaka Chana and her Band. Nyaka originally from Zimbabwe, now living in Newcastle, County Down, gave a mix of music and song from various parts of Africa plus some Irish tunes – there was African drums and uilleann pipes in their line-up.

Throughout the day approximately 1000 people were in attendance with 700 servings of Food produced. DLDC and IDP worked closely with us to encourage people from all over Donegal to attend.

### **Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion Strategy**

There was a well-attended June meeting of the Implementation team who agreed the Terms of Reference for the Strategy. All Stakeholders are now engaged and a Workplan has been developed. The June meeting focused on Theme One – Valuing people, building community and Theme Five - Achieving outcomes, providing opportunities. Next steps are an evaluation of the first 6 months to be commenced in July. Themes Two, Three and Four will be reviewed at September meeting.

### **EU Belong**

Donegal as lead on work package 4(delivery of integration strategy) has been working on the following deliverable;  
4.1 Regulations & TOR of the Multi – Stakeholder Platform – we produced a template document for each Region to adopt to their own and implement in their region.

4.2 Workplan for the multi-stakeholder co-design process – we produced a Toolkit for the Co-Design of an Intercultural Strategy and a workplan template which each region is to complete and submit.

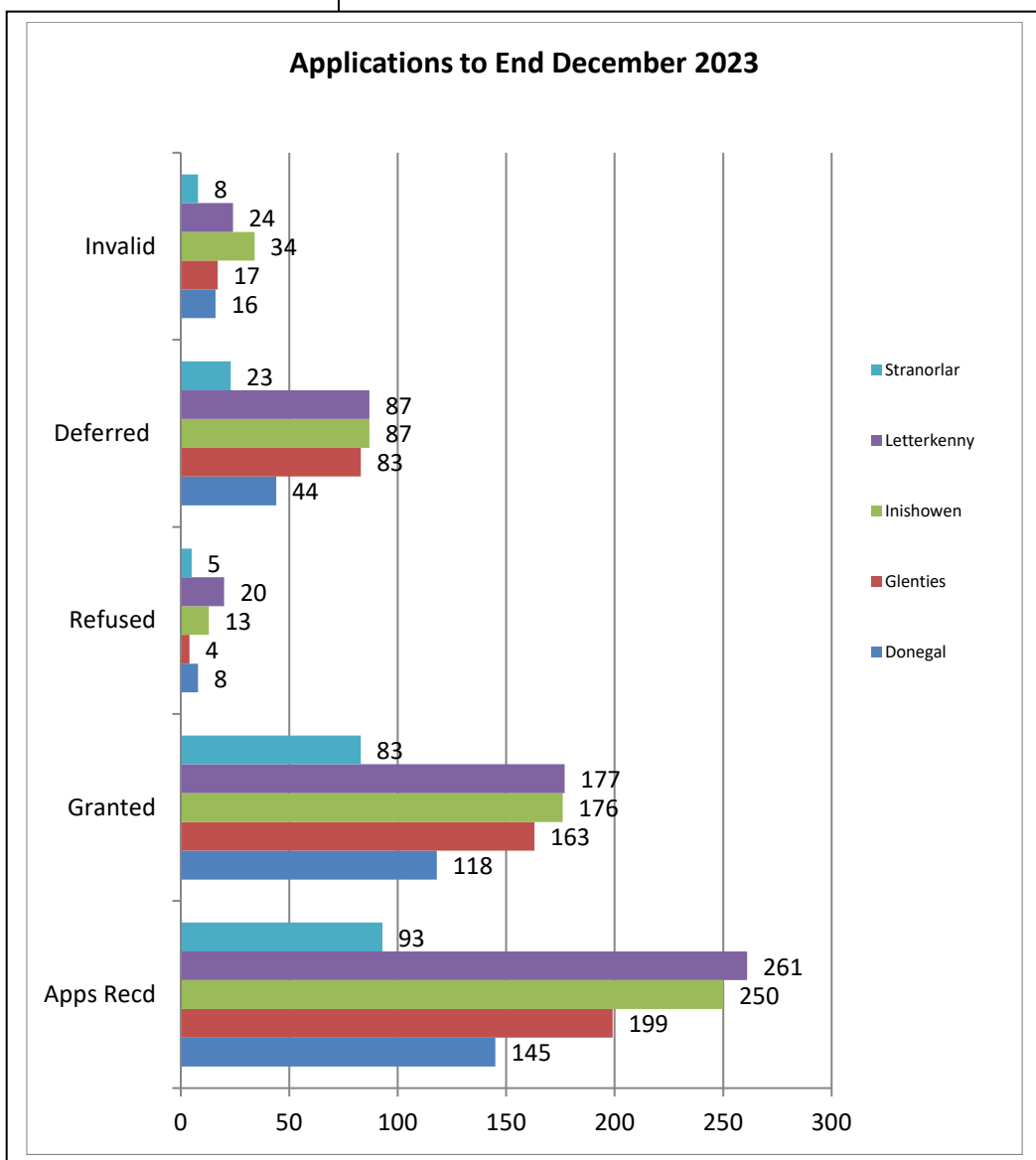
4.3 Document of the Intercultural integration strategy – we are currently working on supporting our project partners Emilia-Romagna of Italy, Leipzig of Germany, Catalonia of Spain, Timis of Romania, Arad of Romania, Navarra of Spain, Salzburg of Austria, Pomerania of Poland, and Poznan of Poland to achieve this deliverable.

EU Belong project attended Europe Day and Ireland's 50th Anniversary of joining the EU, highlighting Ireland's membership of the European Union over the last 50 years and the Public Participation Network Plenary meeting.

	EU Belong project attended a knowledge sharing event in Pomerania in Poland in June where the work was shared of what work the region are undertaking in relation to integration and inclusion.
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**Donegal MD Meeting**  
**13<sup>th</sup> July, 2023**

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3	<b>Notes &amp; Monthly Schedule</b>	<p><b>Pre planning clinics are on a telephone call only basis (ring 074 9153900) between 9.00am and 12.30pm on the dates outlined below.</b></p> <p><b>The pre planning clinic calls will be taken by the Executive Planners and shall be for substantial applications only.</b></p> <p><u>Planning Clinics 2023:</u>  13<sup>th</sup> July 2023  27<sup>th</sup> July 2023  10<sup>th</sup> August 2023  24<sup>th</sup> August, 2023</p> <p>Please see website for further dates.  <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/planningclinics/">http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/planningclinics/</a></p>								
4	<b>Casual Trading</b>	<p>Work on progressing Casual Trading was delayed due to other pressing work commitments within CPU such as the RZLT and Draft CDP.</p> <p>Progressing at present and it is anticipated that a future MD workshop will be scheduled to discuss local issues with Members.</p>								
5	<b>Regeneration Report</b>	See Appendix A								
6	<b>Building Control &amp; Taking in Charge</b>	See Appendix B								
7	<b>Central Planning Unit</b>	No Report								
	<b>Capital Projects Delivery Unit</b>	No Report								
8	<b>Conservation Report</b>	No Report								
9	<b>Further Information</b> <i>Click on web links to access information.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly List of applications and decisions:  <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weeklyplanninglists/">http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weeklyplanninglists/</a></li> <li>• Planning Service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service):  <a href="mailto:planning@donegalcoco.ie">planning@donegalcoco.ie</a></li> <li>• Planning Webpage:  <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/">www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/</a></li> <li>• Planning Application Online Query –  <a href="https://www.eplanning.ie/DonegalCC/SearchTypes">https://www.eplanning.ie/DonegalCC/SearchTypes</a></li> </ul>								

		<p>File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and planning search requests: <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/fileretrieval/File%20Retrieval.pdf">www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/fileretrieval/File%20Retrieval.pdf</a></p>
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**Regeneration & Development Team**  
**Community Development & Planning Services**

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## **APPENDIX A**

### **Report to July (2023) Municipal District Meetings**

#### **1.0 RURAL REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (RRDF)**

##### **1.1 EXISTING APPROVED CATEGORY 2 RRDF PROJECTS (2020)**

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

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

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

Further to the public consultation period on the draft plans held in October-November 2022, the Team is continuing to engage with key stakeholders in relation to the feedback received. This includes the local Business Chamber, ESB and Bus Eireann. Good progress is being made in this regard and arrangements have been made for a workshop with Members on July 13<sup>th</sup> to update them on this evolving consultation and design process.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **1.4 Rathmullan RRDF Project Development work**

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

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

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

### **1.5 Milford Town Centre First Plan**

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

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

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

The consultants, GM Design Associates Limited, have now completed the process of collating, recording and interpreting the findings and results of the public and stakeholder engagement together with the conclusions of the baseline analysis of the town centre including the SCOT analysis, and have finalised the Stage 1 Report entitled 'Milford TCF Plan Baseline Profile', which was presented to the Elected Members at a Workshop on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2023. This Report has directly informed the Draft Milford Town Centre First Plan, the preparation of which is now nearing completion, with Public Consultation on the Draft TCF Plan programmed to take place from the 10<sup>th</sup> of July to the 4<sup>th</sup> of August 2023. The Draft TCF Plan will be presented to the Elected Members of the Letterkenny-Milford MD at a Workshop on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July 2023 to secure endorsement to consult on the Draft Plan.

## **1.6 Creeslough Village Plan and Community Regeneration Project**

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

- Launch of the project website:  
<https://creesloughvillageplan.commonplace.is/> on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2023;
- A Senior Citizens Workshop in Creeslough Day Centre from 12noon to 1pm on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2023**;

- A public information event from 2pm to 8pm on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023** in Massinass Hall, Creeslough, and,
- Workshops with National, Gaelscoil and Secondary schools across **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023**.

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

## **2.0 URBAN REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (URDF)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Council's successful application to URDF Call 2, entitled 'Letterkenny 2040 (Phase 1): To Re-energize and Connect the Historic Town Centre' secured a provisional allocation for total project cost of €18.1m (comprising

€13.6m URDF support together with match funding committed by the Council in the sum of €4.5m). Total project uplift was secured at Decision Gate 1 in relation to Preliminary Business Case to take account of inflation resulting in total project cost of €19.3m (comprising €14.5m URDF support and €4.8m match funding by Donegal County Council). Project costs will remain under review at each stage of project development and as the approval gateways under the Public Spending Code are navigated.

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

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

As required by the Public Spending Code, following submission of a Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy, DHLGH approval to proceed was secured on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023. DHLGH advise that each sub- project will now progress on its own timeline including the preparation of individual Final Business Cases prior to appointment of construction contractor.

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

**Next steps set out in letter of approval to proceed.**

<b>Sub-project</b>	<b>Nature of DHLGH approval</b>
Sub-project A: Market Square element	<p>1. Proceed to procurement of architect-led team for detailed design and site supervision</p> <p>The following actions have been commenced/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The project has been handed over to the Capital Projects Delivery Unit (CPDU) for progression of detailed design with feed-in from the Regeneration and Development Team. Further updates will be provided by CPDU.</li> </ul>
Sub-Project A: Cathedral Quarter Park and Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme	<p><b>1. Proceed acquisition processes for land required. The following actions have been commenced/underway:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refreshed valuations received as regards several market valuations to inform potential acquisitions by agreement. Progression in relation to offers on a number of properties ongoing at present.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Structural Engineering Report being prepared to inform 1 no. acquisition involving a building.</li> <li>• Clarifications sought on a number of properties in relation to land ownership.</li> <li>• Tender package for Valuation Services opened on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023 for land acquisition/CPO. Closing date for tender submission is 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023.</li> <li>• High level legal appraisal with Councils solicitor completed on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023.</li> </ul> <p><b>1. Proceed to procurement of architect-led team for all design stages (planning consent, detailed design &amp; site supervision)</b></p> <p>This project will be led through the next stage of design and consultancy services by the Regeneration and Development Team with feed-in from the Capital Projects Delivery Unit. The following actions have been commenced/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Draft tender for architect-led team under preparation and review for opening of procurement process as soon as possible.</li> </ul>
<p>Sub-project C: Revival of the Courthouse</p>	<p><b>1. Proceed to procurement of consultancy services to prepare ‘Product identification/Visitor Experience Plan.’</b></p> <p>Participation of the Regeneration &amp; Development Team and other Council services in a workshop organized by Letterkenny Tourism on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023. This was a useful engagement and positive connection with key stakeholders in the town.</p> <p>This project will be led through the next stage by the Regeneration and Development Team and will involve multiple workshops at MD level. The following actions have been commenced/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tender package for Creative Consultancy Services opened on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023 in respect of ‘Revival at the Courthouse’ for the preparation of a Visitor Experience Plan/ Product Identification Plan and Business Plan for the development of a major visitor attraction at the Courthouse. Closing date for tender submission is 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023 with</li> </ul>

	targeted launch in September 2023.
Sub-project D: Strategic acquisition to enable a Regional Transport Hub	<p><b>1. Proceed acquisition processes for land required.</b></p> <p>This project will be led through the next stage by the Regeneration and Development Team. The following actions have been commenced/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Formal engagement with landowner commenced by means of a meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023.</li> <li>• Tender package for Valuation Services opened on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023 for land acquisition/CPO. Closing date for tender submission is 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023.</li> <li>• High level legal appraisal with Councils solicitor completed on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023.</li> <li>• Meeting with NTA arranged for 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023 in relation to transportation in Letterkenny inclusive of the Regional Transport Hub project.</li> </ul>
Sub-Project E; Strategic acquisition to enable LK Green Connect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Proceed acquisition processes for land required</b></li> </ul> <p>This project will be led through the next stage by the Regeneration and Development Team. Progress on acquisition is to some degree dependent on capacity to progress Part 8 for phase 2 of LK Green Connect. Notwithstanding, the following actions have been commenced/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Formal engagement with a number of landowners commenced.</li> <li>▪ Tender package for Valuation Services in relation to the Cultural Corridor element opened on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023 for land acquisition/CPO. Closing date for tender submission is 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023. Activation of acquisition steps in relation to phase 2 (from constructed Phase 1 to Pearse Road) is dependent on progress on the Part 8 to inform the extent of lands required.</li> <li>▪ High level legal appraisal with Councils solicitor completed on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023.</li> </ul>

**2.3 ‘The Eat Out’ Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Project, Letterkenny**  
‘The Eat Out’ Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Project at the public space to the front of An Grianan Theatre secured Part 8 planning consent at the plenary Council meeting in November 2022. Detailed design of this project enabled in the context of the further development of the concept contained in the Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy via the appointment of The Paul Hogarth Company and O’Connor Cronin Sutton Engineers is well advanced. The Regeneration Team now provide support and input into the detailed design process which is led by Community Development with a target for opening of tender for construction contractor imminently.

**2.4 Letterkenny Cultural Corridor**

Following a presentation to Letterkenny MD workshop on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023, the design development in respect of Part 8 proposed development for the ‘Cultural Corridor’ section of LK Green Connect is progressing and is at an advanced state of readiness.

As outlined in email communication to Members on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023, a meeting with Letterkenny Tennis Club on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023 successfully provided an access solution to the Tennis Club grounds and secured agreement to proceed with the part 8. It is proposed that this access solution will form part of the wider Cultural Corridor Part 8 along with some additional enhancements to the façade of the clubhouse for signage/ supergraphics to improve the visibility of the club. In addition, and as suggested by Members, the Part 8 includes for enhancements to the pedestrian lane from the Boxing Club to Ramelton Road (exiting at Robinson Estate Agents) by way of surfacing, lighting, signage and drainage improvements. There remain some further landowner engagements which are being progressed in advance of the timelines set out below.

The following dates are now targeted for publication of Part 8 including avoidance of the August holiday period for public consultation:

- Publish Part 8: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- Part 8 on public display: 5<sup>th</sup> September- 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023
- Statutory period for submissions: 4<sup>th</sup> October – 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023
- Prepare Chief Executives Report and MD workshop: 19<sup>th</sup> October-31<sup>st</sup> October
- Council meeting to consider approval or otherwise: 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**2.5 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase of LK Green Connect**

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

scenario is to publish a part 8 by year end 2023. Workshops at MD level will be arranged as this project develops.

**2.6 Youth/Community focused project at Lower Main Street**

Early engagements with Letterkenny Youth Club and Donegal Youth Service have commenced to further explore the potential for a youth/community focused project at Lower Main Street as envisaged within the Design Concepts contained in the Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy and relating to a number of Councils acquisition interests under URDF Call 2 successful application. In this regard, a partnership in principle has been agreed. Following progress on relevant land acquisition under the Councils URDF Call 2 project, it is targeted to commence design processes as regards a future capital scheme at this location. Timeline for commencement of design work is likely to be Q4 of 2023 at the earliest and is highly dependent on capacity of in-house resources. Updates will be provided to Members on ongoing basis.

**2.7 Collaboration with Housing Section of Donegal County Council**

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

**2.8 URDF Call 3**

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

**2.9 Other**

The Regeneration and Development Team continue to engage in other regeneration related work areas in Letterkenny and support other sections of Donegal County Council as required and across several other activities. Specifically, the team will participate in a Roads-led consultation event in the Radisson Hotel on 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm-8pm.

### 3.0 CROI CONAITHE VACANT PROPERTY REFURBISHMENT GRANT SCHEME

The Council administers the Croi Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme on behalf of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The grant schemes, which came into operation in July 2022, provides grants to property owners to refurbish properties that have been vacant for two years or more for use as their principle private residence or to be made available for rent. The level of grant funding available is €50,000 or €70,000 if the property is derelict. To date, the Council have processed 164 applications with 71 applications decided; 2 withdrawn and 91 at further information or inspection stage.

### 4.0 COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER ACTIVATION FUND

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 regarding the various schemes and measures in place to support bringing the property back into use, and

**Step 4:** Where owners of vacant and derelict properties cannot be identified or where they are unwilling to engage, use of available legislative powers to compulsory purchase or acquire such properties. The acquired properties may subsequently be used for social housing, made available for sale on the open market or used for other purposes.

The Council are currently undertaking Step 1 to identify vacant and derelict properties through the GEO Directory. This survey is being undertaken in the following towns but will be rolled out to other towns:

<b>Municipal District</b>	<b>Towns</b>		
Letterkenny-Milford MD	Ramelton	Carrigart	Rathmullan
Donegal MD	Donegal Town	Ballyshannon	Bundoran
Glenties MD	Dungloe	Ardara	Faclaragh
Inishowen MD	Carndonagh	Buncrana	Moville
Lifford-Stranorlar MD	Ballybofey-Stranorlar	Lifford	Raphoe

Once the surveys have been completed, our team will commence step 2 to identify and engage with owners. The Members will be kept up to date as we progress through the work programme.

**Regeneration & Development Team  
July 2023**

# **APPENDIX B**



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

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## Municipal District of Donegal July 2023

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Building Control & Taking in Charge  
Community Development & Planning Services

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### REPORT

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

## **Building Control Activity**

### **a. Commencement Notices**

In 2022, 556 Commencement notices were submitted, representing 531 new buildings and 155 building alterations or extensions. This compares with 565 Commencement notices in 2021 representing 634 new builds and 138 building alterations or extensions.

The number of "Opt-out" Commencement Notices submitted in 2022 was 312, more than 56% of the overall total submitted.

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

### ***Annual figures:***

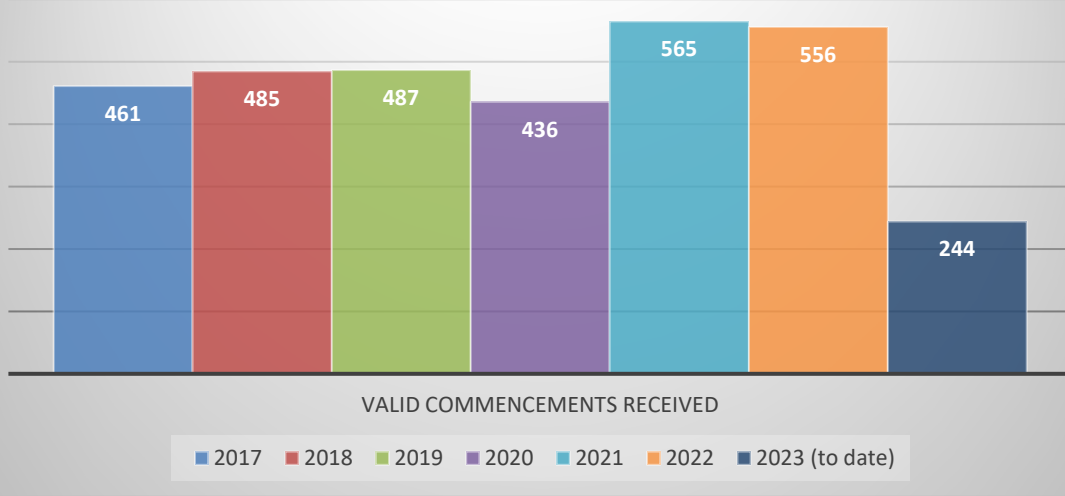
Up to the end of June 2023, there have been 244 Commencement Notices submitted, representing 215 new build projects and 58 building alterations or extension. This is down from 313 CNs in the same period in 2022 representing 290 new build projects.

As stated above, in 2022 there were 556 Commencement Notices received. These represented 686 building projects of which there were 531 new units. 120 of these are classified as "multi-unit developments."

To date in 2023 there have been **NO** commencement notices for multi-unit developments.

As a comparison, in 2021 there were 565 Commencement Notices received representing 772 building projects and 634 new units, in 2020 there were 436 Commencement Notices representing 642 building projects and 510 new units and in 2019, there were 478 Commencement Notices, representing 620 building projects, while in 2018 there were 483 valid Commencement Notices, representing 608 new build units.

## Valid Commencement Notices





### **Types of Commencement Notices:**

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

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

- iii) Commencement Notice without Compliance Documentation: This is referred to as a Short Commencement Notice and requires minimal documentation. It cannot be used for:
- The construction of a new dwelling house.
  - An extension to a dwelling involving a total floor area greater than 40m<sup>2</sup>.
  - Any works that require a fire certificate
- iv) 7 Day Notice: This type of notice is used, where a fire certificate has been applied for but has not yet been granted.

<b>Commencement Notices by Type 2023- Jan 1st to June 30th</b>				
Type	No. Of CNs	New Builds	Building Alterations /Extensions	Multi Dwelling
CN with Documentation	77	82	22	0
7-day notice	13	8	5	0
CN without Documentation	23	13	13	0
CN with Opt Out	131	112	18	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>0</b>

### **b. Disability Access Certificates (DAC):**

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

Except for houses and certain agricultural buildings, a DAC is generally required for all new buildings, including apartments and flats. A certificate is

also required for material changes of use and certain alterations and extensions to buildings.

A building **may not** be opened, operated, or occupied or permitted to do so unless a DAC has been granted or pending determination of an appeals process.

The Building Control Authority is obliged to determine all DAC applications within 8 weeks of receipt unless an extension of time is agreed with the applicant.

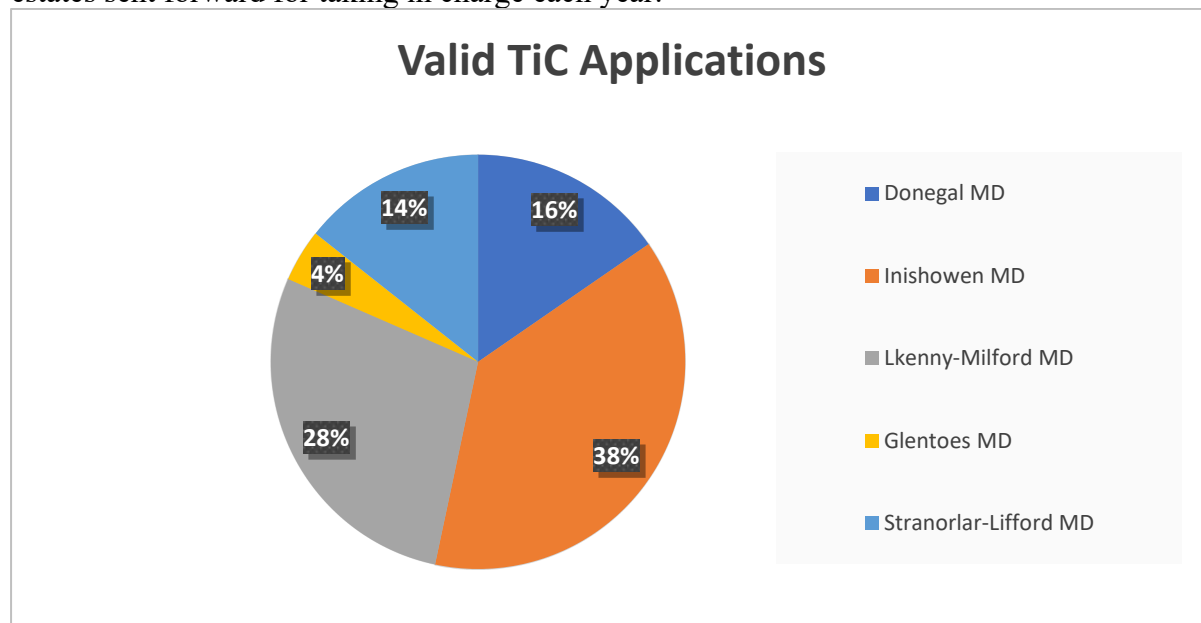
The Building Control Department received 87 DAC applications in 2022. This compares with 99 in 2021, 58 applications in 2020 and 53 in 2019.

So far in 2023, up until the end of June, there have been 48 DAC application compared with 29 applications in the same period in 2022.



## **Taking in Charge of Private Residential Estates.**

There are currently 197 valid Taking in Charge applications for estates in the County and the Taking in Charge team are continuing to work to maximise the number of estates sent forward for taking in charge each year.



Of the 197 valid applications, 30 relate to estates in the Donegal MD.

The Council has now taken in charge 90 estates in the County since Nov 2019.

On 26<sup>th</sup> June, the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government announced its second allocation of funding under the "Multi-annual Developer Provided Water Services Infrastructure Resolution Programme."

This programme is aimed at connecting estates containing on site wastewater treatment plants to the public Uisce Éireann network where it has sufficient capacity.

Under this announcement, funding has been allocated for works required to connect the Woodlands estate in Ballyshannon to the public network and decommission the existing pump station, percolation area and treatment plant. A new connection application is now being prepared to submit to UÉ to progress this project.

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

- Armada Cottages, Bundoran
- Ashdoon Brae, Drumroosk West, Donegal Town

*Planning & Development Act (2000 as amended) – Section 207*  
*Roads Act, 1993 – Section 11*  
*Planning and Development Act, (2000 as amended) – Section 180*

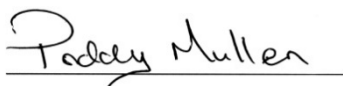
The Planning Authority for the Donegal Municipal District is seeking a resolution for the making of an **ORDER**, in accordance with Section 207 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended), for the creation of a public right of way over the estate roads within the housing estate **Armada Cottages, Bundoran** as set out in the attached maps, to enable it to proceed with the taking in charge of the estate.

Furthermore, the Planning Authority for the Donegal Municipal District is seeking a resolution for the making of an **ORDER**, in accordance with Section 11(1) of the Roads Act 1993, that the roads within the housing estate **Armada Cottages, Bundoran** over which a public right-of-way will now exist, as shown on the attached map, are hereby declared to be a public road.

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

When water services infrastructure is taken in charge by a planning authority pursuant to section 180(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), the water services legislation provides that it will be subsequently transferred to Irish Water by Ministerial Order.

Section 11 of the Roads Act requires that the financial implications of the declaration as a public road be considered. The financial implications are not significant, with no specific issues within this estate being raised by the Area Roads Engineers.



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On the proposal of Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ it is **resolved** that the Council **make an order** in accordance with Section 207 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) for the creation of a public right of way over the estate roads within the housing estate **Armada Cottages, Bundoran** as set out in the attached maps, to enable it to proceed with the taking in charge of the estates.

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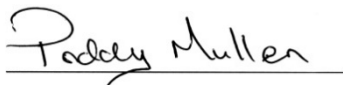
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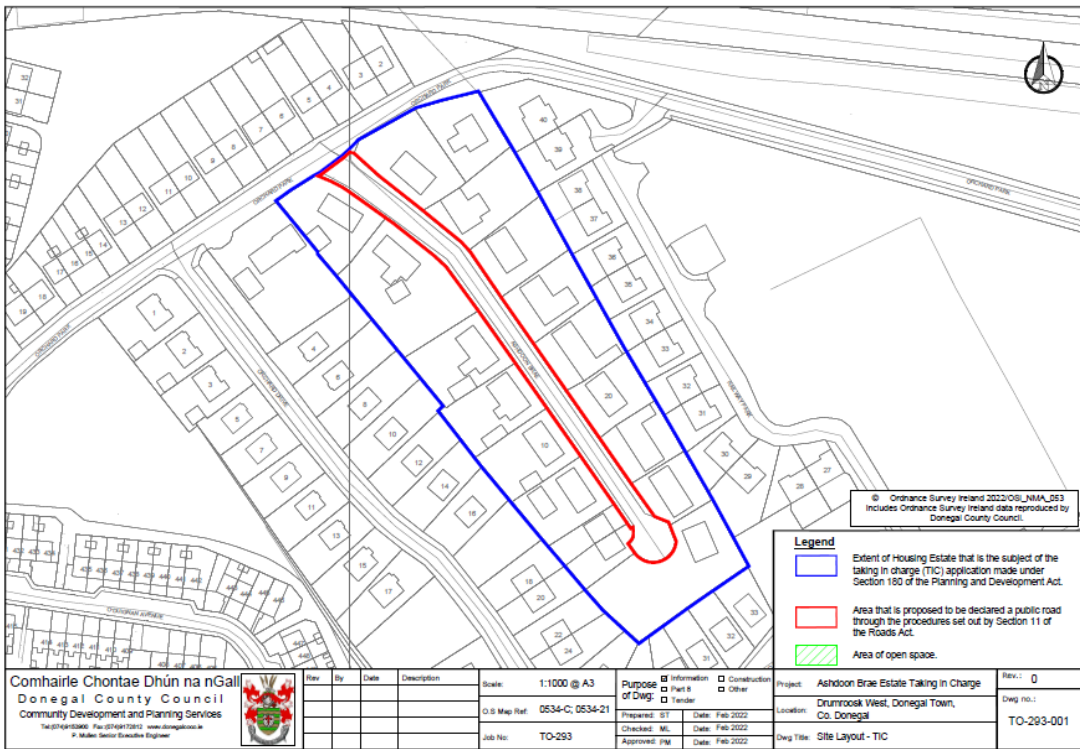
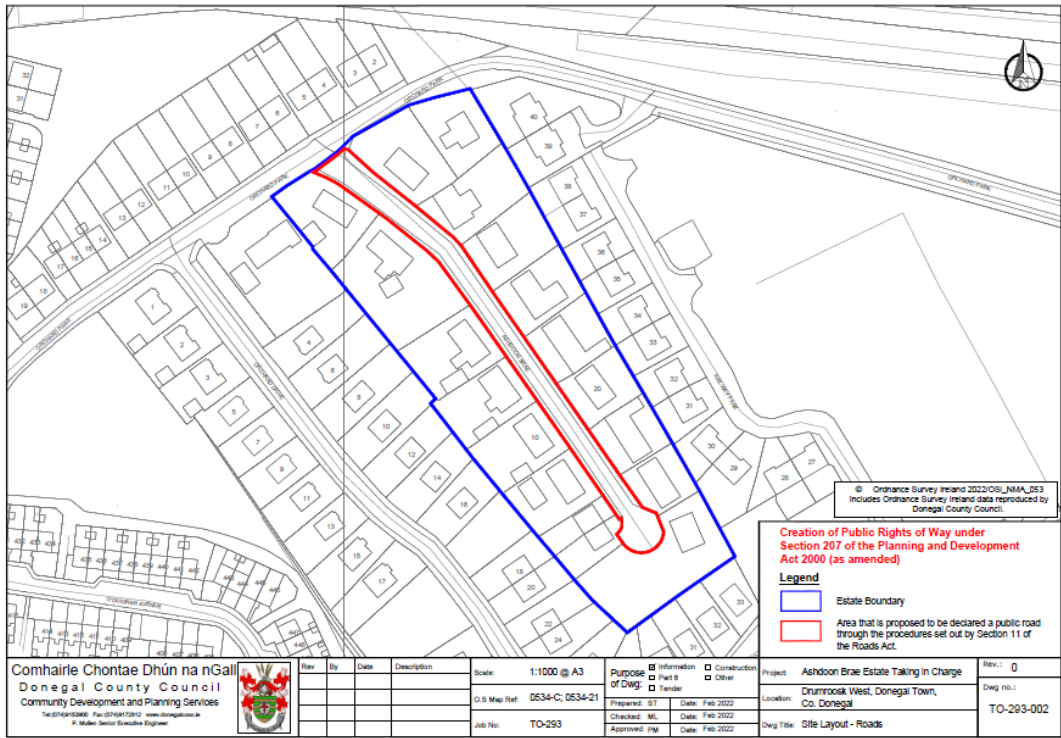
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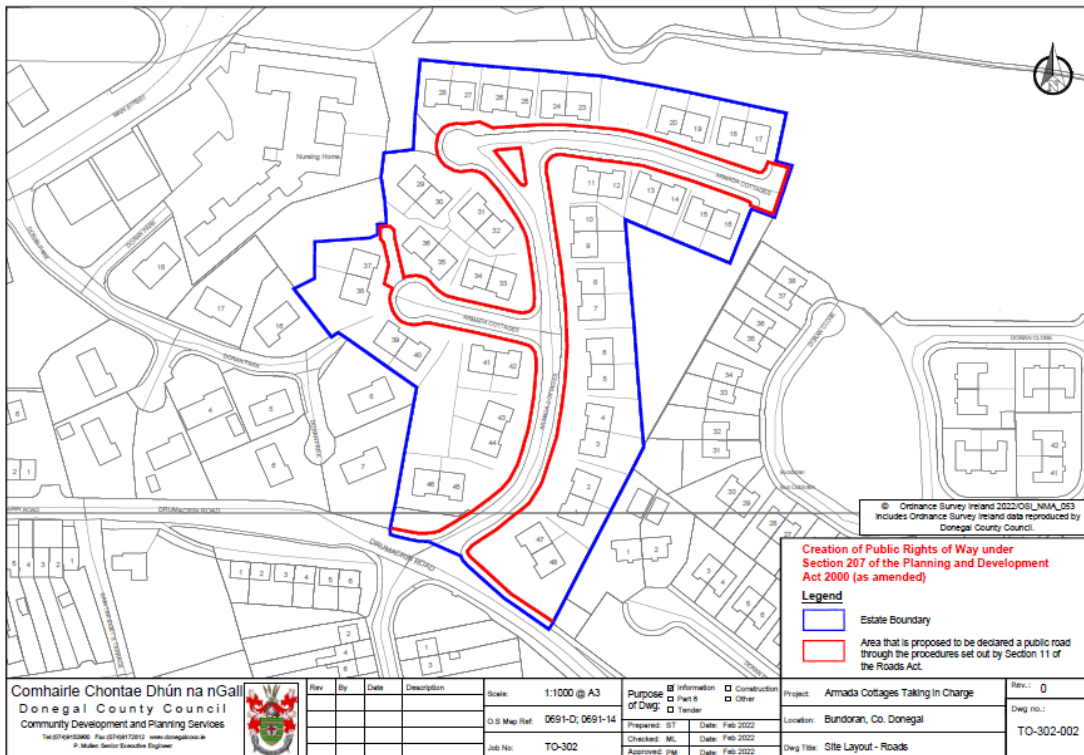
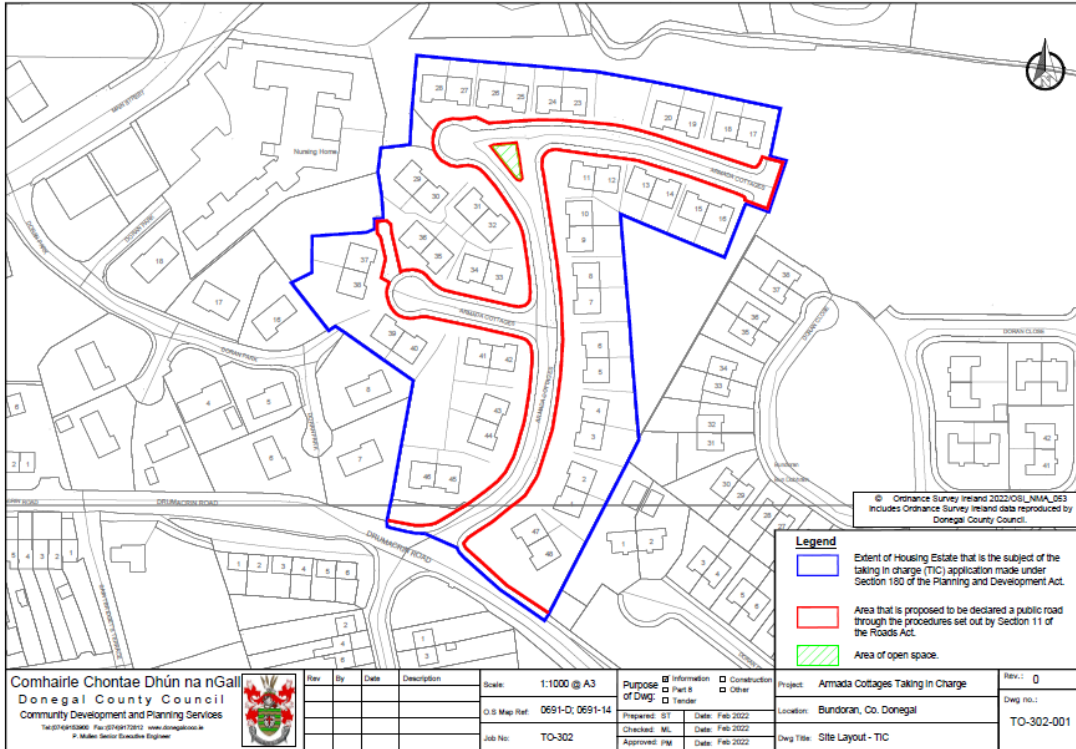
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On the proposal of Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ it is **resolved** that the Council **make an order** in accordance with Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act, 1993 to declare the estate roads within the housing estate **Ashdoon Brae, Drumroosk West, Donegal Town** to be a public road and **note** the consequential provisions contained in Section 180(4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) whereby this Council will also take in charge the water services infrastructure and the public open spaces or car park within the attendant grounds of the development and will subsequently transfer the water services within the estate to Irish Water.









## **CAPITAL PROJECTS DELIVERY UNIT**

### Community Development and Planning Services

Report to Donegal Municipal District Members: July 2023

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Killybegs 2040</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<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"><li>• 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.</li><li>• 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.</li><li>• Acquisition of key regeneration sites for the future delivery of appropriately located additional car parking and linkages between Main Street and Shore Road.</li></ul>
<b>Budget</b>	€5.4m
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status</b>	<p>Works are progressing on Island House. Structural steel frame, concrete wall, flooring and stair works have been completed.</p> <p>Works on public realm have commenced, with a section along the Shore Road substantially complete.</p> <p>The 'Coal Yard' temporary car park for the project is now operational.</p>
<b>Project Targets for the</b>	It is anticipated that the Island House structure works will be

<b>next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	progressing. It is anticipated that works on public realm space will be progressing.
<b>Contact Person(s)</b>	Michael Quigley, A/Executive Engineer Ardal McDermott, A/ Senior Executive Engineer



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## Donegal Municipal District - 12th July 2023 Motions

**Agenda Item No.4**

Office Ref:DLMD-2023-06001

**Submitted By: Cllr. Michael McMahon**

**Assigned To:** Corporate

**Motion** "That this MD calls on Uisce Eireann to take immediate action regarding the pipeline along Church Road and Rock Road, Bundoran regarding the water quality as there seems to be a lot of breakages in the system in this area."

**Signed Off By:**

**Response:** Subject to the motion being adopted, same will be referred to Uisce Eireann for a response.