

Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall

Oifig Riarthóir na gCruinnithe,
Aras an Chontae,
Leifear.

14ú Deireadh Fómhair, 2022

Fógra Cruinnithe

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall ar siúl **Dé Céadaoin 26ú Deireadh Fómhair, 2022, ag 11.30 r.n. in Ionad Serbhísí Pobail, Bhaile Dhún na nGall.**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS DÚN NA nGALL

A Chara,

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

Mise, le meas

Padraig O'Sirin
Riarthóir Cruinnithe

Municipal District of Donegal

Office of Meetings Administrator,
County House,
Lifford.

14th October 2022

NOTICE OF MEETING

The next Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal will be held on **Wednesday 26th October 2022 at 11.30 am in the Donegal Public Services Centre.**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL

Dear Councillor,

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

Yours sincerely,

Pauric Sheerin
Meetings Administrator

AGENDA

1. Consideration of Minutes of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 13th September 2022.
2. Consideration of Minutes of the Roads Workshop held on the 06th September 2022.
3. Consideration of Minutes of the Roads Workshop held on the 13th September 2022.
4. Consideration of Minutes of the Roads Workshop held on the 27th September 2022.
5. **Update Reports from Council Services:**
 - 5.1 Housing & Corporate Services
 - 5.2 Roads & Transportation
 - 5.3 Economic Development, Information Systems and Emergency Services
 - 5.4 Environment Services
 - 5.5 Community Development
 - 5.6 Planning Services

Motions

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

Questions

7. Cllr Tom Conaghan
“Is it possible to have route 18 and 19 in the Donegal Town area included in the winter maintenance programme for '22/'23?”
8. Cllr Tom Conaghan
“Is this Donegal MD in a position to spray Japanese knotweed in areas affected at this time of year?”
9. Cllr Niamh Kennedy
“How many occasions has the property marking machines been used in the County and if so where?”
10. **Date of Next Meeting(s) / Workshop(s)**
 - Budget Meeting on Wednesday the 26th October 2022 at 2pm the Peter Kennedy Chamber
 - MD Meeting on Tuesday the 13th December 2022 at 11.30 am in the Peter Kennedy Chamber (as per standing orders)

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL
HELD AT 11.30 AM ON TUESDAY THE 13TH SEPTEMBER 2022 IN THE
PETER KENNEDY CHAMBER, DONEGAL PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE**

MDD/113/22 MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MDD/114/22 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Pauric Sheerin, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Roads/Transportation
Ms. Aideen Quinn, A/Executive Planner, Planning
Mr. Paddy Doherty, Divisional Manager, Community Development
Ms. Ciaran Martin, Senior Economic Development Officer, Economic
Development
Mr. Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer, Environment Section
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate
Services

MDD/115/22 APOLOGIES

Mr. Garry Martin, Director Designate, Municipal District of Donegal
Ms. Caroline Britton, A/Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

MDD/116/22 STANDING ORDERS

Cllr Kennedy welcomed all attendees and referred to Standing Order
No. 64 which stipulates that the use of recording devices and / or the
taking of photographs of the meeting is prohibited.

MDD/117/22 VOTE OF SYMPATHY

The late Jorgino Silva, Fairy Bridge Lodge, Single Street, Bundoran.
The late Maggie Doherty (Jack), Culkeeney, Malin, mother of Patricia
McIntyre, Housing & Corporate Services.
The late Ray Sheerin, Tullaghan, Co. Leitrim
The late Rev. Fr. Florian Farrelly, Franciscan Friary, Rossnowlagh
The late Sr. Gerard McLaughlin, St. Catherine's Convent,
Ballyshannon.
The late Garda Charlie Gallagher, Newtown, Donegal Town

MDD/118/22 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 12TH JULY 2022

On the proposal of Cllr Jordan, seconded by Cllr Sweeny the Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 12th July 2022 were confirmed.

MDD/119/22 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 9TH AUGUST 2022

On the proposal of Cllr Naughton, seconded by Cllr Sweeny the Minutes of the Housing, Roads & Economic Development Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 9th August 2022 were confirmed.

MDD/120/22 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

CORPORATE SERVICES

Follow up Issues from previous meeting

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

- a) Correspondence issued to the Department of Social Protect regarding TUS/RSS Schemes and a response is awaited.
- b) Correspondence issued to Bus Eireann and response was circulated to Members.
- c) Correspondence issued to the Minister for Health regarding CAT Scan in Sligo and a response is awaited.

HOUSING SERVICES

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

Members noted the update reports. Mr Sheerin briefed Members in particular to Casual Vacancies, Grants, the Housing Capital Programme(Oaklee Phase II, Drumacrin due to go to Tender in September, Killybegs at Preliminary Design Stage), and the Deep Retrofit Programme (49 Houses) costing circa €1m. Members noted that the disability grant scheme could no longer be utilised to install heating systems in Local Authority Houses as these would have to be dealt with through the Deep Retrofit Programme.

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

Croí Conaithe Scheme

Cllr Jordan referred to the Croí Conaithe Scheme which enables applicants to apply for funding to carry out works to vacant properties in towns which will be the primary residence of applicants and sought information in relation to same. In response to the request, Mr. P Sheerin informed Members that he would forward the application form and guidance document to Members after the meeting.

Cllr Naughton, referring to the Croí Conaithe scheme felt that it is an opportunity missed in that while the scheme provides for up to €50,000.00 to carryout works to vacant homes, the fact that they must be located in towns or villages that this excludes vacant homes in rural areas. He submitted that this was neglecting rural areas and requested that a letter issue to the Department on behalf of the Municipal District requesting that the scheme be extended to include vacant rural housing.

Cllr Sweeny submitted that while the scheme should be helpful to deal with issues in towns that he concurred with Cllr Naughton's comments regarding extending the scheme to rural areas. He also submitted that the scheme could be extended beyond primary residences to include properties that might be refurbished and let, with the assistance of this scheme as he submitted that the Buy and Renew scheme is not dealing with this and submitted that the letter to the Department should request this extension of the scheme also.

Cllr Kennedy acknowledged that the scheme is designed to address vacant housing in towns and submitted that she agreed that this scheme should be extended to include rural areas.

In response to the comments regarding the Croí Conaithe Scheme, Mr. P Sheerin advised Members that the scheme is referred to in the Housing For All Policy and the scheme is likely to sit closer to Planning Service rather than Housing. He advised that the Council is in the early stage of appointing a County-wide staff member for the scheme. In the meanwhile, the application forms and guidance documents can be sent to out as required to applicants. Applications received will be referred to Headquarters (Ms. Patricia McIntyre) in the interim pending the working out of the process with the Planning Section for assessing applications etc. He submitted that the scheme is intended to enhance towns and villages and as requested by Members that a letter would issue to the Department of Housing conveying Members views on the scheme i.e. a request that consideration be given to extending the scheme to rural areas in addition to towns and villages.

He also briefed Members on the Buy and Renew Scheme which is available to the council to purchase vacant properties and in this regard there are two dwellings in this Municipal District going through the conveyancing stage and thereafter works would be completed on these to bring them up to Social Housing Standard and into Council stock for letting.

Casual Vacancies

Members welcomed the progress on Casual Vacancies.

Tenant Purchase Scheme

Cllr Naughton raised a query regarding the Tenant Purchase Scheme, which was amended in February 2022, and enquired if the updated guidance documents and revised Reckonable Income Directions had been issued from the Department. Cllr McMahon also raised the same query.

In response to the queries raised, Mr. P Sheerin informed Members that Tenant Purchase Scheme had been amended in February 2022 and normally when schemes are introduced the amended guidance documentation issues shortly after. In this case however, the Guidance and the amended Reckonable Income Directions have not yet been received from the Department of Housing and the Council is in contact with the Department in this regard. He further advised that the Council has been cautious in it's advice to potential Tenant Purchase applicants in the absence of the guidance documentation and updated Reckonable Income Directions. Members will be informed when the information is received.

Deep Retro Fit

Cllr Sweeny welcomed the uptake on the Deep Retrofit in Ballyshannon and noted that the initial concerns had not come to pass i.e. the concerns tenants may have had in relation to removing solid fuel heating systems. He submitted that this is great for Ballyshannon. In response Mr. P Sheerin advised that significant tenant engagement had taken place both by phone and by the technical staff and this had been helpful in the take up of the scheme. He advised that while four houses are not progressing at this time due to, particular circumstances (not solid fuel heating reasons), there are four replacement houses that are being done in lieu so that the funding is utilised as allocated.

Housing Capital

Drumacrin Scheme

Cllr Sweeny welcomed the progress on the Drumacrin Housing Scheme for Bundoran, given the high demand for housing in the south of the County. Cllr McMahon also welcomed the progress on the Drumacrin and queried if there is any indication of a start date for same. In response to the query, Mr. P Sheerin informed Members that it is intended that the scheme will be advertised for tender by the end of September 2022.

Killybegs scheme

Cllr Kennedy noting that the Killybegs housing scheme is at preliminary design stage, referred to the increasing rents with

Landlords selling properties and a shortage of affordable properties to rent in the area, queried how long until construction would commence as there is an urgency for the provision of social housing in Killybegs.

In response to the query Mr. P Sheerin informed Members that he understands that the housing Capital office will be proceeding to Part VIII Planning as soon as possible and thereafter will progress to detailed design. He confirmed that he would seek a timeframe for same from the Capital Office and update Members at the next meeting.

In relation to the increasing average rents as referred to by Cllr Kennedy, Mr. P Sheerin informed Members that the Housing section recently undertook a review of average market rents in this Municipal District through a professional valuer, and suggested that the market may be skewed somewhat by the renting of brand new properties as older properties are coming in considerably less than these but in general, the average market rents in all towns have increased over the last year.

House Purchases

Cllr McMahon referred to a number of properties, for sale in Bundoran and queried if the council could purchase same for social housing.

In response to the query, Mr. P Sheerin informed Members that the expression of interest process is still open for the seller if they wish to do so and noted that a substantial amount of land and houses have come in through this process. Mr. P Sheerin also clarified that the Council did not want to be in a position of competing with first time buyers for dwelling purchases. He advised Members can discuss with him directly if they have further queries on the process.

Other housing matters

Derelict Buildings

Cllr McMahon referred to derelict buildings in town which he submitted may be either owned by some of the banks or indeed properties that are derelict that the banks have a lien on. He submitted this is a serious matter for property owners and that the council should contact the banks in order to find out what they own. In response to the request, Mr. P Sheerin informed Members that he difficulty with some derelict properties is finding out who the actual owner is and without this information it would not be feasible to write to the banks in this regard. However, such matters may be addressed in the town regeneration processes.

Corporate Matters

Rural Transport

Cllr Kennedy referred to the rural transport scheme and in particular the capacity and service in and out of Glencolmcille, submitting that

the bus service to this area does not have enough frequency or capacity for the demand, including for children going to school. She requested that a letter issue to the Rural Transport Authority to highlight this matter with a request that the service and capacity of the service be improved.

In response to same, Mr. P Sheerin confirmed that a letter would issue to the appropriate body.

MDD/121/22 ROADS / TRANSPORTATION SERVICES REPORT

2022 Roadworks Programme Status Report

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

Local Improvement Schemes

Mr. M Sweeney referred to the earlier workshop at which the Tranche 2 Funding for the Local Improvement Schemes was discussed. Funding available for this MD in 2022 is €185,734.00 and a priority list was presented to Members at the workshop. On the proposal of Cllr Jordan, seconded by Cllr Sweeny, the list as discussed at the workshop was agreed.

Housing Estate Funding – Back Lanes

Mr. Sweeney referred to the discussion at the earlier Roads Workshop and the priority list circulated at the workshop. Members noted the funding allocated for Housing Estates for 2022 is €70,000.00.

On the proposal of Cllr Sweeny, seconded by Cllr Naughton the list as presented to the workshop for Housing Estates Funding was agreed.

Follow up Issues from the previous meeting

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

Seek an update on the roads issues within the environs of Bundoran:- • Tullan Strand • Astoria Car Park • Entrance / exit at the Great Northern Hotel.

This matter is being progressed with the lining contractors.

Discuss the issues raised regarding the road surfacing works in the Ballyshannon area with the Executive Engineer and liaise with the TII Office regarding the lining issues.

These issues were discussed with the national Roads Office and the response is as detailed below.

1. The Right Hand Turning Lane is being reinstated at the N15 Cashelard Crossroads Junction.
2. A Right Hand Turning Lane will not be incorporated at the Coolcholly Junction. The centre line will remain unchanged however as previously discussed the edge line / left hand passing will be removed at this junction. The left hand passing will also be removed at the other local road junctions within the scheme. The removal of the left hand passing is based on road safety and consistency of road lining nationally.
3. I will revert back to you regarding the drainage issue at the Cavangarden Junction once we carry out further investigation on achieving a suitable outfall.

Raise the car parking issue at Creevy Pier with the Executive Engineer responsible for the Ballyshannon area.

These works have been substantially completed pending review by the Area Engineer.

Consider an awareness campaign regarding the zebra crossings in Donegal Town.

As advised at the last meeting these crossing points are not zebra crossing but courtesy crossings, where cars stop to allow pedestrians to cross. The red markings are there to highlight the crossing points where drop kerbing and tactile paving has been provided making it easier for people with mobility issues and visual impairments to cross the road.

Seek an update on the timeframe for the take-over of the High 2 Road in Kilcar.

The Area Office have not had the opportunity to commence this process due to other commitments, but we will endeavour to do so as soon as possible

Liase with the outdoor staff regarding the remedial works required to the barrier at the playground on the Church Road, Killybegs.

The damage barrier has been removed.

Seek an update from the Executive Engineer regarding the flooding issue at the Old Barracks in Ballyshannon.

This area is being monitored in order to try to identify the source of the issue so as to inform any decision on remedial works.

As per response to the motion on remedial works required at the Rock steps in Ballyshannon.

As advised specific funding may be necessary to carry out the repair works to these steps depending on the extent and nature of the repairs identified. Additional funding has been secured for footpath repairs in Ballyshannon and the proposed repair locations will be discussed with Cllr Sweeney in advance.

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

Rossnowlagh Creevy Road

In response to a query from Cllr Sweeny for a start date for the works on the Rossnowlagh/Creevy Road, Mr. M Sweeney advised he would revert to confirm same.

Drainage at Clyhore

Cllr Sweeny queried if something can be done to deal with the flooding issue at Clyhore e.g. re-directing the flood water. Cllr McMahon made a lengthy submission regarding the flooding in this area referring to the impact the flooding is having on a resident in Clyhore. He requested that a letter issue to the Minister requesting funding to remedy this issue stating that he wanted the matter resolved prior to winter. In response to the comments, Mr. Sweeney advised Members that there is currently no drainage at this location and it is a difficult matter to resolve without major works but that he would look at some smaller measures to try to direct the water from the individual resident's property. In response to a further query from Cllr McMahon if the 'hump' could be taken off the road at this location, Mr. M Sweeney informed Members that the intention may be to kerb the radius to push the water past the dwelling house but the area is also close to a National Primary road and the National Roads Office are working on proposals for the area. He submitted that he would revert to Members when fuller decisions have been made on the solution to the flooding.

Lining at Creevy

Cllr Sweeny welcomed the lining works at Creevy Pier and requested that a disable parking bay be lined at this area. Mr. M Sweeney advised he would follow up on this request.

Disabled Bay for Spar/Gaelscoil, Ballyshannon

Cllr Sweeny requested that a Disabled Bay for Spar/Gaelscoil, Ballyshannon be provided. Mr. M Sweeney advised he would follow up on this request.

Trees in various areas of Ballyshannon town

Cllr Sweeny requested that trees at West Rock, Ernedale Heights, Assaroe Road and in the town Centre of Ballyshannon be cut back and also that the trees in town centre receive attention as some of them may be dead and may be in danger of falling. In response to same Mr. M Sweeney advised he would review this.

Crossing Point, Donegal Town

Cllr Sweeny requested that the provision of a pedestrian crossing point be considered in Donegal Town in front of the new HSE building at Quay street, to enable visitors to cross the road at this location. In response to the request Mr. M Sweeney advised it is not feasible for a crossing at the proposed location due to vision lines (location is on a bend) and also that a crossing would not be installed to cater for one premises but that the general area could be reviewed.

Takeover of High Road, Kilcar

Cllr Jordan requested that the takeover process for the High Road, Kilcar be prioritised, including the erection of signage at this location, as this request has been outstanding for quite some time. In response to same, Mr. M Sweeney informed Members that the Cassan Sound Road is also due for take-over but with other competing priorities there has not been the resources to carry out this work yet.

Blocked Gullies in Bundoran

Cllr McMahon requested that all blocked gullies in Bundoran be cleared to avoid flooding risks in the wetter weather. In response to same, Mr. M Sweeney informed Members that this is done annually as leaves fall off the trees.

Town Entrances, Bundoran and Tullan Strand

Cllr McMahon submitted that the town entrances to Bundoran are getting very unsightly with over-growth etc. and asked if something can be done with same e.g., Cutting back and the erection of fences. He also referred to Tullan Strand where works are required and queried if a review of these matters could be undertaken by Roads, Community Development with the Town & Village scheme almost ready to progress. In response to the request, Mr. M Sweeney advised that he would make a referral to James Kelly, Community Development Capital.

Lisahully Road Surfacing

Cllr McMahon thanks the roads staff for the surfacing works carried out on the Lisahully Road.

Industrial Road, Killybegs

Cllr Kennedy referred to the need to name the Industrial Road Killybegs and the current description of Industrial Road is encouraging traffic on the old road rather than the Industrial Road. She also submitted that there is an opportunity to put a cycle lane on the industrial road that could run from Killybegs to Fintra and would be a great amenity. In response to the request for the naming of the road, Mr. M Sweeney informed Members that he would commence the naming process. In response to the request for a cycle lane on the right-hand-side, Mr. M Sweeney advised that this would be a good long-term proposal. However, in the short-term he advised that a lot of the sites on this road have not yet been developed and any works

carried out in advance of development would end up being dug up to facilitate development. He also submitted that funding would have to be sourced to fund the construction of a cycle lane.

Pedestrian Crossing, Killybegs

Cllr Kennedy requested that the lights on the Pedestrian Crossing in Killybegs be repaired. In response to same Mr. M Sweeney agreed to follow up this matter.

Request for a Yellow box at the slipway, Killybegs

Cllr Kennedy requested that a yellow box be considered at the slipway, Killybegs and this matter be raised with the Department of the Marine in Killybegs. In response to the request, Mr. M Sweeney agreed to discuss this with the Department of the Marine.

Boat Trailers being parked on the Shore Road, Killybegs.

Cllr Kennedy submitted that there are boat trailers being parked on the Shore Road, Killybegs which is causing issues and submitted it make sense to park them on the Department of Marine Lands. In response Mr. M Sweeney advised that without double yellow lines on the Shore Road it would be impossible to enforce or prevent trailers being parked at this location and submitted he would look into any feasible options.

MDD/122/22 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFORMATION SYSTEMS & EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT

Mr. Ciaran Martin was in attendance to represent the Economic Development, Information systems and Emergency Services. Members noted the update reports circulated with the agenda dealing with the following:-

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

Mr. C Martin highlighted in particular the Ballyshannon Vision Project, the Brexit Blue Economy Enterprise Support Scheme and also the Part VIIIs planning for Donegal Town and Bundoran schedule to be on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Plenary Council.

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

Caravan & Camping Grant Scheme

Cllr Naughton requested further information on the grants awarded for the Caravan and Camping Scheme. He also submitted that he would not want the word going out that Donegal was not welcoming to Campers and Campervans and that additional work is required to direct people to the nearest available facilities to encourage tourism. Cllr Kennedy also requested further information regarding the grants awarded for the Caravan and Camping Scheme.

In response to the queries on this scheme, Mr. C Martin informed Members that of the three grants approved one was a community grant and the other two were business grants.

He also informed Members that the messaging around towns and campervans is to encourage or direct campervans to the nearest available facilities and to encourage the use of same. He submitted that the council is prioritising locations for updated signage, website upgrading and messaging to get the best local information out to users to encourage a positive experience in the towns.

Brexit Blue Economy Enterprise Support Scheme

Cllr Naughton queries who could apply to the Brexit Blue Economy Enterprise Support Scheme. In response to same, Mr. C Martin informed Members that the funding is for Groups and Businesses and that he would follow up and revert with further information.

Part VIIIs Donegal Town and Bundoran

Cllrs Naughton and Sweeny welcomed the progress on the Part VIIIIs.

Tourism

Cllr Naughton expressed his disappointment that Donegal Tourism and Failte Ireland did not promote the value that is to be availed of in the Donegal Tourism offering. In response to same Mr. C Martin informed Members he would bring the comments back to Donegal Tourism.

Energy Costs Crisis for Tourism Sector

Cllr Naughton expressed his concern at the escalating costs for energy and the impact that this is having on the Hotel/Tourism Sector and the potential for businesses to fail with these additional costs. He further submitted that other costs are increasing in this sector e.g. foodstuffs etc. contributed to by the War in Ukraine. He stated that in previous years July and August were months that the sector made funds to keep businesses open but with the increased operating costs the sector is in a difficult position with tough decisions likely for the sector in the coming months. He submitted that it is vital the forthcoming Budget provides help and support for the sector to survive. In response to same, Mr. C Martin informed Members he

would bring the comments back to the Economic Development Strategic Policy Committee.

Tullan Strand

Cllr McMahon referred to ongoing issues at Tullan Strand, including traffic management and difficulties for campervans turning at this location. He submitted that a meeting needs to be held to co-ordinate the solutions for the area and that this needs to happen at an early date. Mr. C Martin advised that this matter is being dealt with by the community Development Section and the matter can be dealt with under this agenda item.

Ballyshannon Vision Project

Cllr Sweeny expressed his thanks to Stephen Perry for his work on the Ballyshannon vision Project and hoped that the project will be fruitful and that the learning from same can be passed on to other towns.

Assembly of European Regions Summer Academy

Cllr Sweeny thanked Donegal Council Council, for its work on the Assembly of European Regions Summer Academy noting that twenty nations attended and that opportunities for EU funding were outlined.

Creative Coast Donegal

Cllr Sweeny welcomed the Creative Coast Donegal Network meetings.

WiFi4EU

Cllr Sweeny submitted that the usage on the free Public WIFI is quite low and requested that signage or other means of promoting the use of same be explored. In response to same, Mr. C Martin informed Members that he would feedback the comments to the Broadband Officer and that he was aware that consideration is being given to further publicity to encourage the use of the free public wifi.

Killybegs Marine Cluster

Cllr Kennedy referred to the Killybegs Marine Cluster and queried who from the Tourism Section is involved in same. She submitted that a meeting was held in the Blue Haven and that there should be an update/further information on same submitting that the closing date for this is the 30th September 2022. In response to same, Mr. C Martin informed Members that this matter is dealt with by Ms. Rosita McFadden.

MDD/123/22 ENVIRONMENT SERVICES REPORT

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

- Waste & Litter Management
 - Summer Greenpiece
 - Holidaying in Donegal summer Campaign
 - Paint Reuse Pilot Project at Letterkenny Recycling Centre
 - Refill.ie at the Irish Legends presented by the McGinley Foundation
 - IFFPG Farm Plastics Bring Centre 2022 Donegal Schedule
- Coastal Management
 - Big Beach Clean 2022
- Central Laboratory
 - Public Information Message for Farmers
 - Agri-Environment Training for Farmers

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

Best Wishes to David Friel

Members wished David Friel, Coastal Officer, a speedy recovery.

Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL) Report

Cllr McMahon was highly critical of the recent report by Irish Businesses Against Litter which was highly critical of Bundoran. He queried as to when the survey was conducted, given that volunteers and staff are out in Bundoran from 6.30am daily to clean up and remove rubbish. He submitted that this involves a significant community and voluntary involvement as well as Council Staff and submitted that this was a kick in the teeth to the people of Bundoran who are quite annoyed at the content of the report. He expressed his thanks to all involved in keeping Bundoran tidy and suggested that the person who compiled the report should be invited to Bundoran to review the area fully. He also referred to the ongoing issue with bins and seagulls pulling rubbish out of them during the night or early mornings and the design of the current litter bins. He further referred to the need for further enforcement at Recycling on Litter where a lot of rubbish is being left and perhaps a discussion is required with the supplier of the recycling banks around improving service of same.

He proposed that a workshop be convened with the Environment Section and other relevant Council Officials to discuss and agree as to how best to deal with the Litter problem.

The proposal was seconded by Cllr Kennedy. She also stated that the report was unfair to Bundoran and Killybegs. In Killybegs the area that was criticised was tidal and the responsibility of the Department of the Marine rather than the Local Authority and that a letter had issued to IBAL in response to their report.

Cllr Sweeny submitted that the report by IBAL was a once-off and was very aware of all the efforts by Cllr McMahon and many others in Bundoran in keeping the town tidy. He submitted that the ongoing work of the community and others in this area, should be taken into account, and he congratulated Bundoran tidy Towns on their efforts.

Cllr Naughton also submitted that the report was unfair to Bundoran and wanted to be associated with Cllr McMahons comments.

Cllr Conaghan also supported Cllr McMahons comments around litter and the need for a workshop on same. He submitted that the laws and rules around litter need to be enforced, and that the bring banks require further enforcement/management.

In response to the comments on the IBAL report Ms. S Bogan advised Members that she was very aware of the efforts of the various people involved in keeping the areas litter free and noted the disappointment for them.

She suggested that consideration should be given to writing to IBAL to obtain more details in respect of the findings of the report noting that these reports are published annually and are a snapshot in time but may assist in highlighting particular issues with a view to having them addressed.

In relation to the request for the Workshop on Litter, Ms. S Bogan undertook to bring the request to her Line Manager.

In response to the issues around the design of waste bins, Ms. S Bogan advised that there are a number of different options which would be discussed with the Roads Department.

Rosstown

Cllr Sweeny reflected on the summer submitting that the illegal dumping on the beach area has reduced this year, however a considered approach is required in relation to bins/skip and referred to the over dependence on volunteers in the area to maintain the beach and that a beach warden is required.

He also referred to the Portaloos and noted that with the changeover in supplier that the Disabled Access Portaloos that were previously supplied have been replaced by non Disabled Portaloos and that this must be addressed.

He submitted that the efforts to prevent the erosion along the beach are not working.

He requested that a 'Town Hall' meeting as proposed by him via a motion in 2019 be arranged for November 2022, for Rosstown with Economic Development, Community Development, Environment and Roads Sections in attendance to deal with Beach Management and other issues in the area.

In response to the request for the meeting, and the lack of Disabled Portaloos, Ms. S Bogan confirmed that she would bring the requests back to her Line Manager/Management Team.

Murvagh

Cllr Naughton welcomed the response to the question on the installation of the beach shower at Murvagh beach and advised that he is happy and happy for the work to take place and that he would welcome the work to be done as soon as possible.

Recycling Banks General

Cllr Jordan requested that the recycling banks be reviewed with a view to perhaps increasing the can recycling capacity as it appears that the bins for cans cannot cope with demand. He also submitted that the signage around the bring banks needs to be reviewed to discourage littering and to encourage proper use to the recycling facilities. In respect of Recycling banks, Ms. S Bogan advised that there is still no information around CCTV and prosecutions as previously referred to but that she would check again for any updates but where possible prosecutions are pursued. She also confirmed that she would mention the emptying of the recycling bins to the contractor to see if any adjustments can be made to same to avoid over filling/littering as this may be a localised issue in relation to the banks at Mountcharles.

Fintra Beach

Cllr Kennedy expressed her appreciation for the volunteers who pick up the litter at Fintra Beach and that a significant increase had been noted this summer.

Odours in Killybegs

Cllr Kennedy referred to odours that are occurring in Killybegs and understands from Joe Ferry that the cause of same is due to drains not being flushed out and noted that there are ongoing complaints about same and requested that the matter be followed up. In response to same, Ms. S Bogan informed Members that she would refer this matter to the Laboratory in Lettekenny for follow up.

MDD/124/22 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING SERVICES

Community Development

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

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

- Town & Village Renewal – Donegal MD
 - Donegal Town
 - Glencolmcille
 - Rossnowlagh
 - Carrick
 - Bruckless
- Town & Villages Accelerated Measures
 - Donegal Town – Round 2
- Playground Maintenance
- Walks & Trails

- Sliabh Liag Development Project
- Leader/RDP Programme Update

ORIS 2022

Mr. P Doherty highlighted the funding awarded to Rosslongan and Donegal Rowability through ORIS 2022.

Tullan Strand

In relation to Tullan Strand, Mr. P Doherty informed Members that a meeting is being arranged in the coming weeks to finalise the brief for this area.

Rossnowlagh Opening

Members noted the Rossnowlagh opening is arranged for 4.00pm on 17th October 2022.

A number of comments were noted as follows;

Destination towns funding - Bundoran

Cllr McMahon referred to the proposed works in Bundoran noting that time is moving on and accepted the difficulty in getting design teams. He requested that a meeting be convened to discuss the matter with Roads, Discover Bundoran, Environment Section and Community Development. In response to the request, Mr. P Doherty confirmed that a meeting would be arranged in the coming weeks.

Rossylongan

Cllr Jordan welcomed the funding for Rossylongan. He requested that the Bank Walk, Donegal Town be extended to Rossylongan which would be a great amenity for the area.

The finding was also welcomed by Cllr Naughton and he paid tribute to Coillte, Roads, and Planning Sections for their work at Rossylongan. He submitted that an application for further funding should be made for 2023 submitting that this project has huge potential for the south of the county.

Donegal Rowability

Cllr Jordan welcomed the funding for Donegal Rowability which will provide a hoist at Donegal Town Pier.

Lights on Pettigo Walk

Cllr Naughton requested that the matter of the lights not working on the Pettigo Walk be followed up. Mr. P Doherty undertook to follow up on same with Airtricity.

Water Ways Ireland Funding

Cllr Naughton requested that the Community Development Section investigate what funding may be available through Water Ways Ireland and they have provided significant funding in other counties for projects.

Rossnowlagh

Cllr Sweeny welcomed the works at Rossnowlagh.

Mr. P Doherty confirmed that the official opening of the works at Rossnowlagh would be held at 4pm on the 17th October 2022

Playgrounds

Cllr Sweeny noted the report on Playground Maintenance and noted that the Playground at the Mall Quay in Ballyshannon requires refurbishment/Improvement Works. In response to same Mr. P Doherty advised Members that the council has 55 playgrounds that it maintains via the limited annual maintenance budget and that a county wide survey of the playgrounds is being undertaken with a view to seeking a budget for the necessary works to improve where necessary.

Community Trail Plan

Cllr Sweeny requested an update on the Community Trail Plan submitting that the plan needs to be done well.

Belleek Ballyshannon

Cllr Sweeny referred to Waterway Ireland and the commitment he understood was made for the Belleek/Ballyshannon project but noted that no progress has been made on same and perhaps that the project is falling between stools and that if possible, the Shared Ireland Fund needs to be investigated for this project. He requested that options to progress this matter be looked at as soon as possible.

Sliabh Liag

Cllr Kennedy requested information on visitor numbers for Sliabh Liag during the summer months. In response to same, Mr. P Doherty informed Members that for the period April to June 2022 the numbers were higher than last year and that he would obtain figures for the rest of the summer and forward to Members.

Planning Services

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

- Development Applications
- Enforcement
- Q3/4 2022 Planning Clinics
 - 22nd September, 6th and 20th October and 3rd November
- Regeneration Report

Ms. A Quinn highlighted the low level of invalid applications in this MD which is good compared to some other areas. She also highlighted the report on Killybegs Re-Generation and noted that there was no further information on Ballyshannon Regeneration at this time.

Ballyshannon

Cllr Sweeny submitted that he hoped to see good progress on Ballyshannon shortly.

Killybegs Regeneration

Cllt Sweeny commended the works on the Killybegs Regeneration noting the good collaboration that has taken place to-date.

Bundoran Local Area Plan.

In response to a query from Cllr McMahon for an update on the Bundoran Local Area Plan, Ms. A Quinn informed Members that this is being progressed as part of the County Development Plan process with the Policy Unit working on the draft Plan for Public Consultation anticipated in February 2023.

MDD/125/22 DISCUSSION ON REQUEST TO FIND AN ALTERNATIVE LOCATION FOR THE BUS STOP AT THE DIAMOND IN DONEGAL TOWN

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

“That this Municipal District finds an alternative location for the Bus Stop outside the Abbey Hotel in Donegal town as there was a lot of traffic congestion caused by buses double parking over the summer months.”

Members were given a response to the motion by the Area Manager of the Roads and Transportation Services.

In speaking to his motion, Cllr Conaghan submitted that the parking and double parking of buses at the front of the Abbey Hotel in Donegal Town is a cause of serious traffic congestion. He submitted that at times it can take a half an hour to drive from the Abbey Vocational School to the Town Centre. With the additional bus services now operating and the numbers of buses pulling in at this location, the congestion has become worse with traffic flows blocked. He submitted that an alternative location for the buses is the only workable solution to the problem.

In seconding the motion, Cllr McMahon supported Cllr Conaghan in his comments. He also agreed that an alternative location for a bus stop is required and suggested that discussions should be held with Bus Eireann and the other transport operators in the area. He submitted that traffic congestion is not helping the businesses in the town.

MDD/126/22 DISCUSSION ON REQUEST FOR FINDING FOR A FOOTPATH FROM LAGHEY VILLAGE TO GREAGH CROSSROADS ON THE PETTIGO ROAD

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

“That this Municipal District request funding to install a footpath or walkway from Laghey Village to Greagh Crossroads on the Pettigo Road.”

Members were given a response to the motion by the Area Manager of the Roads and Transportation Services.

In speaking to this motion, Cllr Naughton referred to green economy and active travel etc. and the encouraging of people to walk rather than use cars. He submitted in this area there are 40 new houses and 4 new businesses. The provision of a footpath would greatly enhance safety and quality of life for the residents in the area. He submitted that it is important to invest in rural villages to encourage growth and sustainability. He submitted that growth is up by 50% in the tier 3 towns in the county in recent years and it is up to the Council to put in place proper infrastructure to cater for the needs of the villages to sustain them. He also submitted that the speed limit at Laghey should be extended out to Greagh Crossroads.

Cllr Sweeny in seconding the motion concurred with Cllr Naughton submitting that a footpath at this location would enhance the area and reduce carbons emissions.

MDD/127/22 DISCUSSION ON REQUEST TO LOOK AT PANEL FOR RECRUITING ADDITIONAL ROADS STAFF

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

“That this MD look at the panel for the way it is set up on the recruitment of more staff for road maintaining and other works as it stands at the moment it is unsatisfactory.”

Members were given a response to the motion by the Area Manager of the Roads and Transportation Services.

In speaking to his motion Cllr McMahon submitted that the numbers of staff in the roads service in this MD have reduced over the years which is not satisfactory. He stated that the current recruitment process does not work with vacancies left unfilled for periods of time. In particular, he stated with the workload facing the service requires a better recruitment process to be able to carryout the duties and functions of the service in a timely manner. He requested tha the recruitment process be reviewed so that vacancies can be filled as they arise.

In seconding the motion, Cllr Jordan noted that he understood how staff are recruited and noted that seasonal staff are covering retirements at present. He submitted that it is up to Members at Budget time to ensure that there is adequate budgetary provision to provide the staff resources and that this should be pursued by Members.

MDD/128/22 DISCUSSION ON REQUEST FOR A SURVEY OF DISABLED PARKING IN TOWNS AND VILLAGES IN THIS MUNIDPAL DISTRICT

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

“That this Municipal District undertakes a survey of disabled parking spaces to ensure they are kept in good condition, that road markings are refreshed, appropriate signage is in place and that there are a sufficient number of suitable spaces available in our towns and villages within the Donegal MD.

I would suggest that this survey would involve the input of wheelchair users, carers and/or disability groups and that existing resources including Walkability Audits of Killybegs, Donegal Town and Ballyshannon be utilised where necessary

Members were given a response to the motion by the Area Manager of the Roads and Transportation Services.

In proposing his motion, Cllr Sweeny referred to an occurrence of where a pothole was filled at a disabled parking space, but the re-marking of the space had not been completed and that such tasks need to be completed promptly. He submitted that the Council also needs to review if there are adequate disabled parking spaces in the right locations and that this can easily be done within existing resource using information already gathered in some of the towns in the MD. He also referred to the 30th September 2022 as ‘make way day’.

In seconding the motion, Cllr McMahon submitted that it is important to look after wheel chair users and to ensure there is adequate accessible spaces.

QUESTIONS

MDD/129/22 ILLEGAL PARKING OF CAMPERVANS IN DONEGAL TOWN AND APPOINTMENT OF TRAFFIC WARDEN

The following question was submitted by Cllr Conaghan: -

“Why are camper vans currently parking illegally with no consequences at Donegal Town Pier taking up 2/3 carpark spaces and blocking footpaths/wheelchair access? Has a permanent traffic warden been appointed?”

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

MDD/130/22 PLAN TO TACKLE ILLEGAL PARKING OF CAMPERVANS

The following question was submitted by Cllr Conaghan: -

“Can this municipal district move forward with a plan to tackle illegal parking of camper vans at Donegal Town Pier?”

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

MDD/131/22 UPDATE ON OUTDOOR SHOWER AND FOORTASH FOR MURVAGH BEACH

The following question was submitted by Cllr Naughton: -

“Whats the up todate on the funding received for Murvagh beach in May 2021 for outdoor shower and foot wash?”

Cllr Naughton received a response from the Director of Environment Services, in relation to the above.

MDD/132/22 UPDATE ON OPENING OF BALLYSHANNON LIBRARY

The following question was submitted by Cllr Sweeny: -

“Now that our schools are up and running again can I get a reopening date for Ballyshannon Library?”

Cllr Sweeny received a response from the Director of Housing Corporate and Cultural Services in relation to the above.

MDD/133/22 REQUEST FOR A MEETING OF FOOTPATH REPAIR SCHEDULE AND BUDGET FOR BALLYSHANNON

The following question was submitted by Cllr Sweeny: -

“Can I request a meeting to discuss detail of footpath repair schedule and budget in Ballyshannon?”

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

MDD/134/22 Date of Next Meeting / Workshops

- MD Budget Workshop at 2.00pm on Wednesday the 5th October 2022 – Donegal PSC
- MD Meeting at 11.30 am on Tuesday the 11th October 2022 (as per standing orders) – Donegal PSC
- MD Budget meeting at 2.00pm on Wednesday the 26th October 2022 – Donegal PSC

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Area Manager
Municipal District of Donegal

Cathaoirleach
Municipal District of Donegal

Donegal Municipal District

Roads & Transportation Workshop

Date: 6th September 2022

Time: 12:00pm

Venue: Donegal PSC - Council Chamber

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

Michael Canning, Mark Sweeney.

John O'Flaherty (Tobins Consultant Engineers)

Apologies: Cllr Jordan

Topic discussed:

- 1. Update on DMD Active Travel projects**
- 2. LIS Tranche 2 Funding**
- 3. Housing Estate Funding**

1. Update on DMD Active Travel projects

The members were advised that the closing date for submissions on the following Active Travel Schemes has now passed and were advised on the number of the submissions received for each scheme:

- Lough Eske Road Footpath
 - Two submissions received, one from Irish Water and one from a private individual.
- Old Golf Course road footpath
 - No submissions received.
- Pettigo footpath
 - No submissions received
- Glencolmcille footpath
 - Three submissions received, one from Irish Water, one from the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage and one from a landowner.

The nature of each of the above-mentioned submissions was discussed and the members were advised that the issues raised can all be accommodated at the detailed design stage.

The Members were happy for these schemes to progress to the next plenary meeting for a decision on the Part 8 applications.

Update on other Active Travel Schemes:

- Bundoran Ballyshannon Link: - The Members were advised that the Preliminary Report is almost finalised and this will then be submitted to the NTA for approval.
- Bishop Street, Footpath Ballyshannon - The Members were advised that the Preliminary Report is almost finalised. Cllr Sweeney asked if a “Give and Go” option would be feasible. The project team committed to reviewing same before submission to the NTA for approval.

2. 2022 Tranche 2 Funding for Local Improvement Schemes:

As Cllr Jordan was not present at the meeting the Members agreed to defer the discussion on the Tranche 2 funding to another Workshop which has been scheduled for 10am on Tuesday 13th September 2022.

3. Housing Estate Funding

The members were advised that the cost estimates for the prioritised list of Housing Estate Back Lane repairs is now available and a decision is needed as to where the €70,000.00 funding is to be spent.

The members agreed to discuss this at the Workshop which has been scheduled for 10am on Tuesday 13th September 2022.

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Donegal Municipal District.

This concluded the business of the Workshop.

**Area Manager,
Municipal District of Donegal**

**Cathaoirleach,
Municipal District of Donegal**

Donegal Municipal District

Roads & Transportation Workshop

Date: 13th September 2022

Time: 10:00pm

Venue: Donegal PSC - Council Chamber

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

Mark Sweeney.

Topic discussed:

- 1. LIS Tranche 2 Funding**
- 2. Housing Estate Funding**

1. 2022 Tranche 2 Funding for Local Improvement Schemes:

The Members were presented with a complete list of Local Improvement Schemes (LIS) and were asked to prioritise a list of works for the 2022 Tranche 2 funding.

The funding available to the DMS this year is €185,734.00.

Detailed below are a list of the schemes that were prioritised.

This programme is to be formally agreed at the DMD Municipal District meeting scheduled for 13th September 2022 at 11:30am.

Donegal MD – 2022 Agreed list of Local Improvement Schemes (Tranche 2)

Budget - €185,734.00

RSs Area	Location	Priority	LIS No	Townland	Cost Estimate (€)	Notes
14	Ardaghey	1	190112	Letterbarrow	€11,530.00	
		2	170849	Castleogary	€27,636.00	
		3	170839	Tullynagreana	€21,110.00	

		4	190823	Dromore	€20,140.00	
15	Killybegs	1	170750	The Braes, Fintra	€8,000.00	Phase 2 - Insufficient funding to do the whole scheme so split into two phases. Total cost is €46,278.00. Phase 1 = €38,278 funding secured in tranche 1, Phase 2 = €8,000.00
		2	170828	Roshin	€25,496.00	
		3	170240	Kilcausey	€17,500.00	
17	Laghey	1	170401	Townagorm	€14,875.00	
		2	170685	Loughultan	€39,447.00	
				TOTAL	€185,734.00	

2. Housing Estate Funding

The Members were presented with costings for the back-lane repairs on the prioritised list of Council Housing Estates and were asked to prioritise a list of schemes for the available budget of €70,000.00.

Detailed below is a list of schemes prioritised for the 2022 funding,

The Members agreed that funding for the drainage works in Cluain Barron in Ballyshannon will be prioritised next year.

RSS area	Location	Estate Name	Budget	Works
17	Donegal Town	O'Cleirigh Avenue	€35,875.00	Surfacing and drainage works to back lanes.
15	Killybegs	Emerald Park Drive	€34,125.00	Surfacing and drainage works to back lanes.
		TOTAL	€70,000.00	

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This concluded the business of the Workshop.

**Area Manager,
Municipal District of Donegal**

**Cathaoirleach,
Municipal District of Donegal**

Donegal Municipal District

Roads & Transportation Workshop

Date: 27th September 2022

Time: 10:00pm

Venue: Donegal PSC - Council Chamber

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

Apologies: Cllr Conaghan

Topic discussed:

1. 2022 LIS Tranche 2 Funding – Amendments to previously agreed list

1. 2022 Tranche 2 Funding– Amendments to previously agreed list:

Following on from what was previously agreed at the Workshop held on 13th September 2022 the Members were advised that the council have run into difficulty with some of the schemes prioritised at this meeting.

These difficulties were discussed in detail and the Members reprioritised the LIS list as detailed below.

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		2	170828	Roshin	€25,860.00	
		3	170240	Kilcausey	€17,500.00	
16	Ballyshannon	1	200010	Drumnagroagh	€13,310.00	
17	Laghey	1	170401	Townagorm	€14,875.00	
		2	170321	Birchill	€24,281.00	
				TOTAL	€185,734.00	

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Donegal Municipal District

This concluded the business of the Workshop.

**Area Manager,
Municipal District of Donegal**

**Cathaoirleach,
Municipal District of Donegal**



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

Municipal District of Donegal

11th October 2022

Housing & Corporate

REPORT

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Casual Vacancies

Area	BED	Dwelling Vacated	Comment
Bundoran	3	Tenant deceased on the 25/08/2022	Assessment Stage
Ballintra	3	Keys returned 17/06/2021	Contractor on site
Ballintra	3	Keys returned 09/07/2021	Contractor on site
Ballintra	1	Tenant deceased - keys returned 19/06/2020	Contractor on site
Ballintra	1	Tenant deceased on 09/01/2020	Contractor on site
Ballyshannon	3	Keys returned 08/07/2019	Tender documents to be prepared
Laghey	2	Tenancy surrendered - keys returned 03/06/2022	Contractor on site
Donegal Town	3	Keys returned 12/05/2022	To be offered
Mountcharles	1	Tenant deceased - keys returned 11/04/2022	Contractor on site
Frosses	2	Tenant returned keys on 12/08/2022	Contractor on site
Dunkineely	3	25/08/2017	Tender documents to be prepared
Dunkineely	3	15/12/2017	Tender documents to be prepared
Killybegs	1	Tenant deceased - keys returned 23/05/2022	Assessment Stage
Carrick	3	Tenant returned keys 17/12/2021	Contractor on site
Glencolumcille	1	Keys returned 10/5/22	Contractor on site

Position as at 30th September 2022.

HOUSING GRANTS

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED\INVALID	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HO	2021	111	97	8	2	4
HO	2022	62	45	7	4	6

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED\INVALID	REAPPLIED UNDER HM GRANT	FURTHER INFO.	REF. TO OT	REF. To ENGINEER	PENDING
HD	2021	57	46	2	1	0	6	0	2
HD	2022	36	17	2	1	3	11	0	2

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED\INVALID	REAPPLIED UNDER HD GRANT	REF. TO OT	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HM	2021	39	29	4	6	0	0	0
HM	2022	32	23	2	3	1	1	2

HOUSING LOANS

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	PENDING	Further information
Housing Loans	2021	13	0	2	11	0	0
Housing Loans	2022	5	0	0	4	0	1

Tenant Purchase Applications 2021 - 2022

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

Housing Capital Update Report Donegal Municipal District Meeting

October 2022

1. Social Housing Developments – Construction Schemes

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

Location	Status	No. of Units
Construction Stage		
Railway Park, Donegal Town (Phase 3)	Construction works commenced. Due for completion Q2 2023	24
Design / Tender Stage		
Drumacrin, Bundoran Phase 1	Tender preparation nearing completion and project to be advertised for tenders in September 2022.	42
Largymore, Kilcar (SI)	Part 8 public consultation process commenced on the 14 th July 2022. Approval of the Elected Members to be sought at the September 2022 Council Meeting.	1
Preliminary Design Stage (No of units subject to change)		
New Row, Fintra Road, Killybegs	Concept/preliminary design stage.	17
Laghey	Concept/preliminary design stage.	4
Total		88

In tandem with the above construction programme, 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.

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.

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.

In order to safeguard the nature of the process and bearing in mind the commercial sensitivities of the process as well as the extent of the approvals required, the Council will continue to provide Elected Members with detailed information of the proposals upon receipt of final departmental approval (i.e. stage 4). Notwithstanding this approval, proposals are subject to contract.

Construction works to the approved turnkey development at Brookfield, Donegal Town are ongoing by Developer PJ McDermott. The development will provide a total of 38 social housing units as follows: Phase 1 of the development containing 10 units has been completed and allocated to tenants. Phase 2 consisting of 12 units is now complete. Phase 3 of the development is progressing and will provide an additional 16 families/tenants with new homes and is expected to be completed by year end.

Stage 4 approval has also been obtained from the Department for a turnkey development at Rockview, Ballyshannon. The development is being delivered by Parkfort Developments Ltd. will comprise 5 no. 2 bedroom units. The Council has entered into a contract with the Developer and delivery of the 5 no. units is expected by the end of October 2022.

In addition, Council officials are continuing to dialogue with Developers in relation to an additional valid proposal for Donegal Town for 35 units and 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. Land negotiations are ongoing to acquire additional lands for housing in areas of need.

There is an open advertisement on the Council's website for expressions of interest for parcels of land, derelict sites / buildings with the potential to deliver social housing. A significant response has been received. A number of suitable parcels of land have been identified and the Council is progressing to conveyance stage on a number of land acquisitions.

Approved Housing Bodies Developments - Donegal Municipal District

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

HAP/PRD	
HAP Tenancies	
Municipal District	Number
Donegal	230
Letterkenny	701
Glenties	110
Stranorlar	266
Inishowen	431
Sub Total	1738
Tenancies Closed	2481
Overall Total	4219

2022 Private Rented Dwelling Inspections (MDD) - HAP	46
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Municipal District		Waiting List (Net Need)	Transfer List	Total Gross Need
Donegal		165	238	403
	Ballintra	8	6	14
	Ballyshannon	34	55	89
	Bruckless	5	1	6
	Bundoran	34	65	99
	Carrick	2	1	3
	Donegal	58	73	131
	Dunkineely	2	4	6
	Frosses	2	2	4
	Glencolmcille	4	0	4
	Kilcar	2	3	5
	Killybegs	6	16	22
	Laghey	1	5	6
	Mountcharles	4	6	10
	Pettigo	3	1	4
	Total	165	238	403
Updated 29.09.2022				

Repair & Lease Scheme Summary						
	Applications					
MD	Received	No. of Units	Awaiting assessment	Rejected	Progressing	Total
Inishowen	23	26	6	17	0	23
Donegal	16	40	0	16	0	16
Glenties	19	19	3	16	0	19
Letterkenny	24	30	8	16	0	24
Stranorlar	22	70	10	12	0	22
Total	104	185	27	77	0	104
Updated 26/09/2022						

**Donegal Municipal District
2022 Roadworks Programme
Status Report -11th October 2022**

Donegal Municipal District

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

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R	R262-3	Frosses - Meenagran	14	2022	5.8	750	4315	€128,000.00	Completed
LP	LP1845-3	Ballydevitt - Altadoo	14	2022	5.0	800	4000	€90,000.00	Completed
LP	LP1875-1	Station Road Mountcharles	14	2022	4.5	500	2250	€45,000.00	Completed
LP	LP1515-3	Ardaghey - Ardara Road	14	2022	7.0	700	4900	€76,000.00	Completed
LS	LS6175-2	Salthill	14	2022	3.8	1000	3750	€83,000.00	Completed
LP	LP1825-3	Lacrom - Ogherbeg	14	2022	3.2	1000	3200	€54,000.00	Completed
LP	LP 1815-1	Glencoagh	14	2022	5.0	500	2500	€62,000.00	Completed
LS	LS5695-2	Killmacreddan	14	2022	5.0	100	500	€22,310.00	Posponed until 2023
LP	LP1485-2	Brener - Tievedooly	14	2022	3.0	1000	3000	€44,500.00	Completed
LS	LS675-1	Lissavaddy	14	2022	3.3	1000	3300	€51,419.00	Completed
LS	LS5945-1	Creevins to Roses Fish Farm	14	2022	3.2	700	2240	€40,000.00	Completed
LS	LS5955-1	Doorin (Michael Meehans)	14	2022	3.2	500	1600	€27,000.00	Completed
LP	LP1645-1	Doorin (Eagles nest)	14	2022	3.2	500	1600	€27,000.00	Completed
LT	LT64452	Drumgorman	14	2022	3.2	500	1600	€32,000.00	Completed
LT	LT64451	Newtown (Sean McGroarys Road)	14	2022	3.2	300	960	€19,200.00	Completed
LS	LS5925-1	Bonyglen	14	2022	3.2	680	2200	€40,000.00	Completed
LS	LS5825-1	Curraduff - Killian High Road	14	2022	3.2	1000	3200	€58,000.00	Completed
R	R263-14	Glen streets	15	2022	6.0	300	1800	€60,000.00	
LP	LP1275-5	Killybegs streets	15	2022	5.7	700	4000	€131,543.88	Completed
LP	LP1295-1	Balbane	15	2022	3.0	800	2400	€44,000.00	Dropping part of this to cover costs on other RI's
S	LS525-1	Aghayeeveoge at the 5 points	15	2022	6.0	400	2400	€53,000.00	Completed
LP	LP1365-1	Drumaghey towards curraghfagan	15	2022	4.5	1000	4500	€135,000.00	Completed
R	R263-11	Meenaveen to Carrick	15	2022	6.3	800	5000	€140,000.00	Completed
R	R263-6	Bavin	15	2022	7.0	400	2800	€90,000.00	Completed
LP	LP1415-2	Loughmult	15	2022	4.0	800	3200	€45,000.00	Completed
LS	LS5335-1	Bavin Gate to shalwey road (Link rd)	15	2022	4.0	200	800	€25,000.00	Completed
LP	LP1025-3	Meenaveen	15	2022	5.0	1000	5000	€110,000.00	Completed
R	LS5065-2	Kinakillew	15	2022	3.0	400	1200	€54,000.00	Completed
LP	LP1265-1	Drumbraity	15	2022	5.0	350	1750	€50,000.00	Completed
R	R 231	Rossnowlagh RD	16	2022	7.0	750	5250	€118,081.94	Dropping part of this to cover costs on other RI's
R	R 267	Bundoran Streets	16	2022	9.0	500	4500	€73,649.84	
R	R267	Ballyshannon Streets	16	2022	7.0	350	2450	€80,000.00	Completed
LP	L-2225-1	Ballintra Streets	16	2022	6.0	300	1800	€36,000.00	
LP	L 7665-1-2	Carricknahorna-Tober	16	2022	3.5	1000	3500	€70,000.00	Completed
LP	L 7745-1	Ardgillew	16	2022	3.5	1100	3850	€65,450.00	Completed
LP	L 7875-2	Rathmore	16	2022	3.7	1100	4070	€67,155.00	Completed
LP	L 7795-1	Cashelard Lough colm Cille	16	2022	3.5	1000	3500	€57,750.00	Completed
LP	L 7765-1	Behey	16	2022	3.5	600	2100	€35,700.00	Completed
LP	L 7935-1	Ardfarn	16	2022	3.5	1400	4900	€80,850.00	Completed
LP	L7125-1	Drumoske	16	2022	3.3	1000	3300	€54,450.00	Completed
LP	L2535-1	Ballymunterhiggin	16	2022	5	630	3150	€63,050.00	Completed
LP?	L7985-1	Lisahully South	16	2022	3.5	1000	3500	€70,000.00	Completed
LP?	L7645_1	Laheen	16	2022	3.5	1000	3500	€70,000.00	Completed
R	R267	Donegal streets (Old Laghey Road Donegal T	17	2022	7	500	3500	€97,650.00	Completed
R	R232	Pettigo Road	17	2022	7	500	3500	€133,326.60	Completed
L S	L 8065-2	Crilly Lettercran	17	2022	3.5	1000	3500	€57,750.00	Posponed until 2023
L S	L8015-1	Drumawark	17	2022	4.5	1100	4950	€99,000.00	Completed
LP	L2075-1	Old Laghey Rd (West)	17	2022	5	750	3750	€75,000.00	Completed
LP	L1945-1	Killymard Rd	17	2022	5	650	3250	€68,250.00	Completed
LP	L1835-1	Harveys Point entrance towards Greenan	17	2022	4.5	1300	5850	€88,750.00	Completed
LP	L2135-2	Murvagh crossroads to salmon inn junction	17	2022	3.5	1500	5250	€86,625.00	Completed
LS	L6685-2	Meenadreen	17	2022	3.5	1000	3500	€57,750.00	Completed
LT	L21951	Trummon	17	2022	3.5	750	2625	€38,062.50	Completed
LS	L7065-1	Carrick Breaney	17	2022	3.5	1600	5600	€88,441.00	Completed
LS	L6765-2	Joel Mc Creas junction towards Drumcroagh	17	2022	3.5	1300	4550	€68,250.00	Completed
LS	L7345-3	Kimmid Depot to Lough Derg Rd	17	2022	3.5	1100	3850	€77,000.00	Completed
								€3,814,965	

Donegal MD footpath repair & public lighting infill works

3 Year Programme

Footpath Works										
RSS Area	Location	Year 1 Budget 2018	Year 2 Budget 2019	Year 3 Budget 2020	Overall Total Amount	Spent to date Year 1 2018	Spent to date Year 2 2019	Spent to date Year 3 2020	Overall total spent	Remaining balance
14	Mountcharles	€5,729.00	€16,600.00	€24,350.00	€46,679.00	€5,729.00	€5,779.84	€0.00	€11,508.84	€35,170.16
	Dunkineely			€23,432.00	€23,432.00			€9,650.00	€9,650.00	€13,782.00
	Frosses		€16,600.00	€23,432.00	€40,032.00		€2,759.75	€0.00	€2,759.75	€37,272.25
15	Killybegs	€15,568.00	€16,600.00	€50,000.00	€82,168.00	€15,575.78	€16,600.00	€13,279.44	€45,455.22	€36,712.78
	Kilcar			€3,200.00	€3,200.00			€0.00	€0.00	€3,200.00
	Glencolumbkille		€8,300.00	€16,314.00	€24,614.00		€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€24,614.00
	Carrick		€8,300.00	€1,700.00	€10,000.00		€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€10,000.00
16	Ballintra			€11,214.00	€11,214.00			€11,214.00	€11,214.00	€0.00
	Ballyshannon	€95,244.00	€16,600.00	€35,000.00	€146,844.00	€79,716.00	€8,994.15	€19,442.60	€108,152.75	€38,691.25
	Bundoran		€16,600.00	€25,000.00	€41,600.00		€16,600.00	€25,000.00	€41,600.00	€0.00
17	Donegal Town	€32,897.00	€16,600.00	€47,214.00	€96,711.00	€2,152.68	€16,783.20	€0.00	€18,935.88	€77,775.12
	Laghey		€8,300.00	€8,000.00	€16,300.00		€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€16,300.00
	Bridgetown			€6,000.00	€6,000.00			€0.00	€0.00	€6,000.00
	Pettigo		€8,300.00	€10,000.00	€18,300.00		€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€18,300.00
Totals		€149,438.00	€132,800.00	€284,856.00	€567,094.00				€249,276.44	€317,817.56

DMD 2022 Footpath Repair works

RSS Area	Location	Budget 2022	Overall spent	Remaining balance
14	Ardaghey Area	€6,346.67	€0.00	€6,346.67
15	Killybegs Area	€17,246.37	€0.00	€17,246.37
16	Ballyshannon Area	€105,492.62	€0.00	€105,492.62
17	Donegal Area	€36,424.34	€0.00	€36,424.34

Public Lighting Infill Works

Area	Location	Description	Total Cost	Status	Total Spent	Remaining balance
14	Drimark, Donegal Town	Infill lighting - 7 additional lights at Drimark on Local	€10,871.00	Completed		
	Mountcharles	Lower End Mountcharles –	€6,750.00	Completed		
	Mill Park Hotel, Doonan	Proposed lighting from Doonan Roundabout to	€9,500.00	Completed	€27,662.46	-€541.46
15	Kilcar	Lighting improvement works	€10,650.00	Completed		
	Killybegs	Old Fintra Rd near Glenlee	€18,725.00	Yet to commence	€11,181.57	€18,193.43
16	Ballyshannon	Rossnowlagh Link Road.	€30,000.00	Completed	€25,864.00	€4,136.00
17	Killymard, Donegal Town	Extend existing public lighting past the school and church to	€11,600.00	Completed		
	Tirconnail Street & Castle Street, Donegal Town	Infill lighting needed along the public road at Tirconnail Street on local Road L-1925-	€10,000.00	Yet to commence		
	Killymard, Donegal Town	Killymard Church to Drumrooske Housing Estate.	€22,500.00	Completed	€26,025.48	€18,074.52
Total amount			€130,596.00		€90,733.51	€39,862.49

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Agreed list of projects to be funded from the 2022 Drainage Grant							
County Budget		€1,351,690.00					
Donegal MD %		20.65%					
Donegal MD Budget		€279,059.00					
Area	% of Budget	Budget	Description of Works	Road No.	Estimated Cost €	Area totals	Status
14	23.58%	€65,791.96	Inver Village - Pipe roadside Drain with 900mm S&S pipe	LP1565-1	€19,819.38	€65,792.06	
			Buncronin - Pipe roadside drain for a distance of 30m, and replace existing road crossing with 450mm Dia	LS 5965-1	€14,000.00		Completed
			Beaugreen, St Johns Point Rd - Reshape road surface and provide drainage to prevent ponding. 100m * 5.5	LP1425-4	€12,500.00		Completed
			Drumstevlin - Pipe existing open drain for a distance of 75m with 225mm Twinwall pipe.	LP1865-1	€12,000.00		Completed
			Meenagran - Remove existing pipe at MI Gavigans and replace with 300mm Twinwall pipe	LP1615-1	€7,472.68		
15	24.58%	€68,579.92	Drumaghey - pipe existing roadside drain in order to improve a narrow section of road.	LP1365-1	€18,854.09	€68,580.01	Completed
			Corkermore - Balwogs - pipe existing roadside drain to prevent road slippage.	LP1415-1	€12,000.00		Completed
			Gortalia - Pipe roadside drain to improve road edge.	LP1215-3	€10,000.00		Completed
			Stranagarten - pipe existing roadside drain to prevent road slippage.	LP1015-3	€19,000.00		Completed
			Small road Carrick - pipe existing roadside drain.	LP1085	€8,725.92		Completed
16	24.70%	€68,915.90	Ballintra - Flooding - Main St Drainage (Diversion)	L-2175-1	€15,858.28	€68,058.00	Completed
			Lissacholly - Culvert Crossing (Flooding)	L-7985-1	€15,000.00		Completed
			Lisacholly - Culvert Crossing - Forest (Flooding)	L-7975-1	€15,000.00		Completed
			Derries (Culvert Crossing) (Flooding)	L-2335-4	€15,000.00		
			Ballyshannon - Replace culvert section with pipe (Possible blockage)	R-267-4	€8,058.00		
17	27.15%	€75,771.22	Cullinbuoy Barnesmore Road crossing and road repair tar	L-2095-6	€15,943.65	€75,770.65	
			The Haugh - Road crossing chamber road repair and tar	L-1945-1	€15,000.00		
			Carrick Road crossing raise road level and tar	L-6845-1	€15,000.00		Completed
			Bridgetown Replace road crossings and pipe road side	L-7065-1	€10,000.00		Completed
			Murvagh Replace road crossing and also pipe road side	L-2135-2	€10,000.00		Completed
			Afoarty Rock breaking to lower existing pipe and up size	L-6905-1	€9,827.00		Completed
			€279,059.00 TOTAL				

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

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

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

2021 NTA Active Travel Funding

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

2022 Active Travel Projects

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

Donegal MD Community Involvement Schemes 2022

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

Donegal MD

2022 LIS Agreed Priority List -

2022 Budget **Yet to be announced**

DMD % **18.6715%**

DMD Budget **€144,995.00**

Total

RSS Area	Location	Percentage of budget	Budget	Priority	LIS No	PSCI Rating	Townland	Engineers cost estimate	Notes	Status
14	Ardaghey	44.73%	€64,856.26	1	170111	4	Drimconnor	€24,000.00		Completed
				2	170827	4	Cadleogary	€12,481.00		Completed
				3	190232	3	Rossylongan	€18,336.00		Completed
15	Killybegs	27.64%	€40,076.62	1	170750	3	The Braes, Fintra	€38,278.00	Phase 1 - Insufficient funding to do the whole scheme so split into two phases. Total cost is €47,770.00	Completed
16	Ballyshannon	9.82%	€14,238.51	1	180227	1	Carricknahorna	€33,000.00		Started
17	Laghey	17.82%	€25,838.11	1	190174	3	Sessiaghkettla	€18,900.00		Completed
								Total	€144,995.00	
								Budget	€144,995.00	
								Balance	€0.00	

2022 DMD Clar Schemes

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

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

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



**Comhairle Contae
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Donegal County Council

Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services Directorate

Donegal Municipal District Report October 2022

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1. Division: Economic Development

1.1 Economic Development Unit

Project / Activity Report

Title	Economic Development Unit
Donegal MD	Ballyshannon Vision Project: The pilot initiative to support and empower the capacity of key stakeholders in Ballyshannon is ongoing and will involve a series of workshops taking place on a fortnightly basis with Charlie Boyle of Customer Service Excellence Ireland. The follow up session took place on Tues Oct 4 th .
Countywide	<p>Property Solutions: The team is progressing 12 property solution opportunities across the county. This involves working closely with local business or inward investment opportunities to provide suitable property solutions including Council owned land or property as well as opportunities for acquisition.</p> <p>Donegal – Irelands DNA – Clothing Range: To drive further visibility of the Donegal Place Brand, a partnership has been agreed with O’Neills Sportswear to develop a range of Donegal branded clothing.</p> <p>The range launched in early August and is available for sale through three sports retail outlets in Donegal; McElhinneys of Ballybofey, All Sports Donegal Town, and Michael Murphy Sports, Letterkenny. Currently design options for an Irish language range are being explored.</p> <p>Remote Working Holiday: The 2022 Remote Working Holiday campaign has now closed and has been positively received by all stakeholders. In total 346 Remote Workers signed-up across 13 of the digital hubs. From feedback received over 1/3 of Remote Workers stated that they had rebooked a hub space.</p> <p>Love Donegal Day 2022: This year’s #LoveDonegal Day campaign, which took place on September 8th 2022, had a huge response across all social media platforms with the hashtag #LoveDonegal trending on Twitter over the weekend, as well as #DúnnanGallAbú, and reaching over 11 million social media users across the globe. The aim for the campaign was to showcase the rich and unique offering Donegal has including remote</p>

working, doing business here, studying in Donegal, the culture, the people, the different communities and relocating to Donegal.

Organisations and businesses across the region from all sectors got involved with this year's campaign, using the #LoveDonegal logos and creatives for their own marketing use across social media platforms including Instagram, Facebook and Twitter. The campaign also reached diaspora abroad with individuals posting their stories and connections to the county from countries including Australia, USA, Canada, Sri Lanka and Brazil.

This year's campaign focused on celebrating the culture and inspiration found throughout the region through art and creativity. A competition was held online asking for creative submissions based on the new Donegal Place Brand, with a prize kindly sponsored by the Sandhouse Hotel in Rosstown.

#LoveDonegal also had a large media presence in the lead up and on the day with interviews and advertising on RTE, Highland Radio, Raidió na Gaeltachta, Ocean FM and local print media.

Killybegs Marine Cluster: Work with the Killybegs Marine Cluster is ongoing and currently supporting a new pilot schools programme via the Alpha Innovation Centre and a publicity campaign highlighting opportunities in the blue economy.

Caravan, Camping and Campervan Study: recommendations from the Caravan, Camping and Campervan study being implemented along with internal and external stakeholders. These include:

- **The Caravan, Camping, Campervan and Motorhome Facilities grant Scheme:** the grant scheme, targeting the Private Sector and Community and Voluntary sector has now been evaluated and grants awarded. Letters of Offer are currently with successful applicants.

Number of Applications	Successful Applicants	Total Awarded	Total new spaces to be provided
26	14	€179,500	174

- **Code of Conduct:** A Code of Conduct that was developed with key internal divisions and external stakeholders including Motorhome Ireland, Total

Camping Ireland, Failte Ireland, Irish Caravan and Camping Council and Donegal Camping and Caravan Parks Association was launched in July and was widely promoted over the summer months.

- **Marketing:** A dedicated caravan, camping, campervan and motorhomes webpage has been developed on govisitdonegal.com.
- **Aire de Service review:** A review of the existing Aire de Service units is currently underway.
- **Signage:** An internal working group has been set up to look at signage, to identify where issues of concern, where camping/campervan use is an issue, to dissuade bad practice and encourage responsible camping/campervan usage. An audit of priority locations for updating information provision is being actioned by an Internal Working group.

#BuyDonegal 2022

#BuyDonegal will take place from November 11th – December 24th 2022. An official launch webinar will take place on 2nd November to support participating businesses on how to maximum their impact during the campaign. #BuyDonegal will once again be supported with a heavyweight marketing campaign to drive awareness and purchase for Donegal business offerings.

Hemp Event – October 12th Clanree Hotel, LK

Donegal County Council are hosting a hemp information evening on Wednesday October 12th with a range of speakers who provide more detail and demystify some of the perceptions around the crop which can provide a viable diversification option for Donegal farmers. There will also be an opportunity to hear about live projects taking place in Ireland and an opportunity to hear from a current hemp famer.

If interested in attending, please RSVP to info@donegal.ie

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	85,200	4,198 (+111)

Twitter	181,000	2,307 (+123)
Instagram	19,311	2,361 (+296)
Facebook	37,100	1,719 (+75)
Donegal.ie	6.7K Web Users (4 weeks 6 September – 3 October)	
	11 News Items Published	

North West City Region

Donegal County Council continue to work in partnership with Derry City and Strabane District Council on a number of key projects for supporting and stimulating Inward Investment in the region.

- **Inward Investment Strategy:** both councils have worked with OCO Global to develop a three-year Investment strategy for the region. Follow up actions and potential funding options are being actioned on this, with a Joint Investment events currently being planned for Dublin on October 26th and in Philadelphia and Boston in November 14th to 18th. This will also include the annual Golden Bridges event in Boston on November 18th.
- **Talent Solutions:** both councils are working with Abodoo to develop a mapping platform to demonstrate the range of skills in the region to help attract FDI to the Northwest of Ireland. DCC and DSCDC are now seeking online survey feedback from both businesses and employees on current skills in the region as well as any future skills needs. Surveys can be completed at <https://irelandnw.com/talentmap/> and all members are encouraged to share this link
- **Communications:** The EDU continue to collaborate with DCSDC on promoting the North West City Region for investment and business opportunities including via LinkedIn and Twitter platforms. This work will tie into the Inward Investment Strategy in the coming year, with a current focus on the Talent Solutions survey.

You can follow respective LinkedIn and Twitter Platforms :
@NorthWestCityRegionIreland

	<p>Atlantic Economic Corridor: The Donegal County Council are working with Local Authority partners along the western coast to progress mutually beneficial projects and initiatives including Digital Hubs.</p> <p>A joint WDC/HBAN event is planned for the County on October 13th, which will look at investment options for new start ups operating in digital hubs. Details are available at : https://www.eventbrite.com/e/invest-in-the-north-west-event-tickets-407907240537</p> <p>Concierge Service: The EDU are available to support existing businesses, potential business start-ups or businesses looking to relocate or wishing to expand and who need advice on accessing a wide range of Council services and supports. Please contact the EDU by email economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Ciaran Martin - ciaran.martin@donegalcoco.ie (086) 8261760</p> <p>Rosita Mahony – rosita.mahony@donegalcoco.ie (087) 2510128</p>

1.2 Tourism Marketing Unit

Project / Activity Report

Donegal MD	<p>Bundoran Marketing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winding up and analysis of summer marketing campaign. • Weekly podcast production. Podcast reached its 200th episode on September 16th. • Compilation and distribution of monthly email newsletter. • Appearance of Bundoran on BBC Two’s Saving Lives At Sea to a national UK and Ireland audience. <p>Bundoran Tourist Office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourist Office open 4 days a week. • Currently one TÚS employee working and one volunteer. • Free weekly Historical Walking Tours on Thursdays concluded. <p>Website and Social Media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining a social media presence for the town on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Scheduling of content to direct social media users to the website to increase traffic.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Users of discoverbundoran.com up 42% Jan 1st – Sep 24th v 2021, Page views up 47% on same period & Sessions up 44% on same period. • Website users and page views, in 8 months to August 2022, have now surpassed the entire 12 months 2021 numbers. 2021 (Jan-Dec) - Users 96,654 - Page Views 207,219 2022 (Jan-Aug) - Users 101,986 - Page Views 225,806 • The webcam remains the most viewed page on the site. <p>Waterworld/Seaweed Baths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winding up and analysis of 2022 Waterworld Marketing Plan. • The Waterworld website saw over 700k page views this year (663k in peak Jun-Sep) and over 81k users of the website (67k in peak Jun-Sep). <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with DCC team on Bundoran Oceanside project/Public Toilets. • Working on activating elements of the Tourism Masterplan with Failte Ireland. • Working with Failte Ireland on finalising other elements of Oceanside project above. • Working on organising and marketing of Douzelage Festival of Europe to take place October 14-16th. • Attended annual Douzelage Town Twinning conference in Slovenia. • Attended quarterly Tourism Sectoral Fora meeting.
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<p>Countywide</p>	<p><u>Online & social media updates – Go Visit Donegal</u></p> <p>Social media - Numbers overview for September</p> <p>We have gained 680 new followers across Facebook, Instagram & Twitter platforms, 105 posts were shared across these 3 platforms, as well as stories and reels. LinkedIn gained 35 new followers, 21 posts were shared during that period</p> <p>Environment Campaign – update</p> <p>This campaign was delivered over 6 weeks, from mid-July until the end of August 2022 on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn.</p> <p>GoVisitDonegal.com Website</p> <p>Year to Date Stats - 1st January until 30th September 2022</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="451 1766 1511 1873"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>YTD</th> <th>Performance vs same period in 2021</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Page Views</td> <td>644,450</td> <td>+30%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		YTD	Performance vs same period in 2021	Page Views	644,450	+30%
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Users

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


! On the 25th August the number of page views & users exceeded the traffic numbers of 2021.

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

Page views up 16.4% / Users up 16.5%

Website views by country:

Traffic came from 89 countries. Top 10:

Country	Users	% Users
1.  Ireland	9,303	48.73%
2.  United Kingdom	5,469	28.65%
3.  United States	1,937	10.15%
4.  Russia	388	2.03%
5.  China	270	1.41%
6.  Germany	196	1.03%
7.  Canada	181	0.95%
8.  Netherlands	146	0.76%
9.  France	141	0.74%
10.  Australia	133	0.70%

Tourism Sectoral Forum Meeting

The Tourism Sectoral Forum meeting took place on Thursday, 15th September at Donegal Airport. The meeting was attended by 13 Members, 13 apologies were conveyed. Johnny Gallagher of Atlantic Coastal Cruises, Killybegs was a guest speaker and provided a short presentation about his business.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, 24th November at ATU Killybegs.

Call for Halloween & Christmas Events in Donegal

A call for submission of Halloween & Christmas Events has gone out on social media and will also be circulated via the newsletter. The Tourism Unit would like to encourage businesses and community groups to submit the details that will feature in the Festivals & Events section of govisitdonegal.com. This is free marketing opportunity. Submissions can be made via online form:

<https://form.jotform.com/220192334059350>

Holiday World Show 2023 – information meeting

Following a call for Expressions of Interest to attend the Holiday World Show 2023 in Dublin, the Tourism Unit is hosting an information meeting for providers on Tuesday, 4th October at 11am in the Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny. 25

businesses/groups have expressed their interest in attending next year's show. Plans, costs & attendance will be discussed in advance of the Show.

Donegal/ Derry Tourism Autumn Campaign in United Kingdom

Donegal County Council has been working in partnership with, Fáilte Ireland, Visit Derry, Tourism NI, and Derry City and Strabane District Council on a £500,000 campaign to promote Donegal and Derry to the British Market.

This campaign has been developed as a consequence of the "The Great Britain Strategy for Growth" which identified the need to create 'hub experiences' with compelling reasons to venture beyond Belfast and Dublin which provide reassurance that there are lots of things to see and do, within a two-hour timeframe, in a particular area for a short break – at any time of year.

The campaign is named – 'Derry-Londonderry & Donegal - two unique places, one amazing holiday'.

The campaign will run over nine-weeks and commenced on the 23rd September, 2022 and is anticipated to reach 6.8 million people.

The Campaign includes:

- New campaign landing page on Ireland.com with links out to 3 x combined itineraries & short break suggestions in Donegal and Derry
- Tourism offers - promoted on Ireland.com
- Out of Home advertising in key locations such as busy roadside locations in London, Birmingham, Liverpool, Manchester, Glasgow and Edinburgh
- Digital outdoor ads in London's Waterloo station
- Co-operative promotions with Ryanair and Loganair, running on a mix of radio, digital channels, social media and broadcast video. Activity will highlight attractive fares on direct flights to City of Derry Airport from Manchester (with Ryanair) and from Edinburgh, Glasgow and Liverpool (with Loganair). Promotions with easyJet will highlight flights from 13 UK airports to Belfast.
- A partnership with TripAdvisor including ads running on TripAdvisor and on other social channels. Activity will target TripAdvisor users who have previously visited the island of Ireland or users researching short breaks and competitor destinations.
- A partnership with Travelzoo sharing content about Donegal and Derry, as well as special offers from local tourism operators, being promoted to the Travelzoo database of 1.35 million subscribers.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A partnership with Wanderlust (popular travel magazine) which will reach 1.8 million avid travellers most likely to venture off-the-beaten track and come and visit the North-West. Activity will include a six-page article on Donegal and Derry and a one-page advertorial in the magazine; two articles on Facebook; ads in the magazine; and email marketing to 100,000 Wanderlust subscribers. A journalist from Wanderlust will also visit. • Leading GB coach and group tour operators took part in a familiarisation visit to Donegal and Derry in September. <p>TIDE – Atlantic Network for Developing Historical Maritime Tourism</p> <p>Donegal County Council has developed three Virtual Reality experiences. All three experiences launched in July – Napoleonic era – ‘The Storm, The Sea – The Saldanha’, the Spanish Armada experience – ‘Wrath of the Atlantic, Wrecks of the Armada’ & World War 1 - ‘Beware! Convoy Below!’ (joint North West Partner’s shared VR experience).</p> <p>Three promotional videos were launched in September promoting each site (Fanad Lighthouse, Fort Dunree & Inishowen Maritime Museum & Planetarium), VR experiences & footage from the launches.</p> <p>Information panels - contract award and contract has commenced.</p> <p>The TIDE Capitalisation plan, TIDE Platform being finalised & implemented.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Barney Mc Laughlin Head of Tourism Unit barney.mclaughlin@donegalcoco.ie 074 9724465</p>

1.3 Strategic Funding Unit

Project / Activity Report

Title	Strategic Funding Unit – exploring EU and National Funding Opportunities that support the objectives set out in the Donegal County Council Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024
Countywide	National Public Service Innovation Week

NPSI week takes place from 24th-28th October 2022, and offers public servants a chance to celebrate and showcase innovation in the public service, share learnings and best practice, and identify opportunities to collaborate and work together to solve public sector challenges and deliver world-class public services. The SFU will be participating to find out more about the upcoming Public Sector Innovation Fund 2023 opportunities.

AER Summer Academy event in Donegal

The Assembly of European Regions is the largest independent network of regional authorities in Europe bringing its flagship Summer Academy conference to Donegal on the week of 29th August 2022. Over 164 delegates from 19 regions across Europe attended, with a plenary conference, workshops and excursions. Donegal County Council co-hosted the event in partnership with Udarás na Gaeltachta and celebrated Ireland's 50th Anniversary of joining the EU and the European Year of Youth 2022. This event was also part funded via the Communicating Europe Initiative 2022 from the Department of Foreign Affairs. More details can be found on <https://donegal.ie/en/aer-summer-academy-2022>

The CPMR (Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions)

Donegal County Councils political representative on the CPMR Cllr O'Fearraigh will be attending a meeting of the CPMR Fisheries Working Group and also the General Assembly in October 2022 to highlight the issues that Donegal faces as a peripheral maritime region and to assist the CPMR in influencing EU policy.

SFU Funding Needs Analysis

A Funding Needs Analysis workshop will be held on 12th October in Letterkenny focused on the funding needs and potential future projects relevant to the Economic Development Directorate. All staff within Economic Development will attend. The SFU will present upcoming funding call opportunities and the aim is to prioritise funding needs and generate new project ideas.

EU Atlantic Area Programme Launch

The SFU attended the launch of the Atlantic Area Programme online on 29th September. This event detailed the upcoming funding call ahead of an upcoming call. There are four key priorities as follows:

1. Blue innovation and competitiveness (Smarter Europe)
2. Blue and green environment (Greener Europe)
3. Blue sustainable tourism and culture (Social Europe)
4. A better governance for cooperation (Interreg objective)

Peace Plus Opportunities

SEUPB have started rolling out a series of workshops on each of the Peace Plus themes. The SFU will be attending a number of workshops and will be providing more detailed updates as part of 'Funding in Focus' in the SFU e-mail newsletter next month.

YOUTHopia- Generating Perspectives for Cohesion

Led by the Assembly of European Regions, the project proposal "YOUTHopia- Generating Perspectives for Cohesion" has been successfully funded within the DG Regio 2021 call for proposals "Support for information measures relating to the EU Cohesion policy". This project will provide funding for Donegal County Council to host a youth focused event in 2023, as a follow on from the success of the AER Summer Academy event held in August 2022. This event will be held in collaboration with Donegal ETB.

IFI Funding Application Successful

The Strategic Funding Unit team has been working with Donegal Sports Partnership on the EU funded URBACT project around active play in public spaces to promote health and well-being. Donegal Sports Partnership has successfully applied for funding under the International Fund for Ireland to deliver an innovative cross-border project to promote reconciliation through active community play initiatives. Over €115k has been awarded to DSP for this project, which will include three pilot areas, Donegal Town, Letterkenny and Derry City. This will be led by DSP.

	<p>Project Partnership & Development</p> <p>There are several new EU project proposals being reviewed. The SFU is receiving invitations to join consortiums from a number of sources. These are being reviewed and sent to the relevant Directorates on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>Other areas of work include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU Funding Programme Reviews • Participation in project scoping meetings with potential partners • Participation in EU network meetings such as CPMR, AER etc. • Funding Needs Analysis of Council Divisions • Regular Strategic Funding Newsletters
<p>Donegal MD</p>	<p>Donegal Diamond – Outdoor Public Space Scheme</p> <p>Part 8 planning permission for the Donegal Diamond regeneration project funded under the Outdoor Public Space Scheme 2021 has been approved at the Plenary Council meeting held on 26th September. Capital works/construction procurement is in preparation. A further report on the condition of the trees has been commissioned and an arboriculturist will carry out a full inspection. A meeting with stakeholders is planned in late October to communicate about the project. It is expected that capital works would not commence until the New Year. The final deadline for drawdown of funding is March 2023.</p> <p>Donegal Town Pier and Diamond Masterplan</p> <p>The Masterplan for both the Pier and the Diamond is well developed. Further consultation with key stakeholders is required before it is finalised. This will take place in November/December 2022 with a view to finalising the Masterplan in the New Year.</p> <p>Fáilte Ireland Local Authority Weatherproofing & Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Scheme – Bundoran Oceanside</p> <p>Part 8 planning has been approved for the Bundoran Oceanside project at the Plenary Council meeting on 26th September. A meeting with local</p>

	<p>residents took place on 3rd October to discuss queries about the project, further engagement with them will take place closer to the commencement of capital works. Capital works tendering is underway. It will be Q1 of 2023 before works commence. A Road Safety Audit is also being prepared. Bundoran lettering as a photo opportunity and focal point is being developed and will be located at the main beach in Bundoran.</p> <p>Minor Tourism Related Grant Scheme Application</p> <p>The Strategic Funding Unit has been successful in applying to the Minor Tourism Related Grants Scheme to refurbish the promenade at the Thrupenny Pool in Bundoran. This is a cross-directorate project supported by a team from Economic Development, Roads and Water & Environment. The project team will soon commence procurement of a construction company to carry out the work.</p>
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1.4 Project: Trail Gazers Bid

Project / Activity Report

Activity / Project Title	Trail Gazers Bid Project
Activity / Project Description	‘To quantify the return to the local economy for every euro invested in walks and recreational trail infrastructure ‘
Budget	€2.6 M
Progress to date within quarter* - inclusive of current status	<p>In 2018, Donegal County Councils Research & Policy Unit successfully led an application to the Atlantic Area Programme under objective 4.2 ‘Enhancing natural and cultural assets to stimulate economic development’.</p> <p>This transnational project is managed by the Research & Policy Unit (Lead Partner), working with 9 different partners located across Ireland, UK, France, Spain and Portugal.</p>

The project sets out to:

- Quantify the impact of key strategic investments in walks and recreational trail infrastructure can have on stimulating rural communities, using sensors data, counters, surveys of users, businesses, communities etc.
- Develop and trial a range of practical initiatives and interventions such as business to consumer initiatives, digital marketing tools etc to enhance the return.
- Work with communities, businesses and other key stakeholders in the area to develop community plans and initiatives around the site.
- Develop a range of community trail ambassadors to champion the sites as catalysts for the development of rural economies.
- Our site for research purposes is Inch Levels and post project completion it is likely that key learning and methodology can be applied to other sites in the county and region through an extensive capitalisation programme.

SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS

Website: www.trailgazers.eu

Facebook: www.facebook.com/TrailgazersB

Twitter: twitter.com/hashtag/TrailGazers

Instagram: www.instagram.com/trail.gazers

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/trailgazers>

#TrailGazers

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- The project closure event took place in Navarra between the 14th -16th September. This event provided DCC the opportunity to showcase the work that has been carried out over the past number of years. Donegal outlined their community trail plans, environmental proofing of Inch Wildfowl Reserve, digital resources developed for Inch, development of marketing principles for trails and collaboration with Failte Ireland in relation to the legacy of Trail Gazers. The closing Conference is online. <https://youtu.be/cOnqLieXfmE>



- Trail Gazers has been nominated for an award at the upcoming Chambers Excellence Local Government Awards in November, it is one of two nominations for Donegal County Council. Trail Gazers has been nominated under the Communications Category which includes the digital resources developed for Inch – our key promotional video, 8 Lost Story videos and our key promotional message videos.



- Trail Gazers Toolkit – The Legacy has been designed and is currently with project partners for review, final work will take place on this comprehensive document over the coming weeks. This toolkit will act as a value resource for future development of trails as it outlines all the key outputs of the project, including best practice implementation and review.

- Trail Gazers took part in #LoveDonegal Day on the 8th September across all our social media channels.
- Trail Gazers was delighted to present the key outputs of the project at the annual Interreg Atlantic Area Conference, which took place in Viana do Castelo, Portugal on the 28th and 29th September. The theme of this year's event is 'Looking at cooperation results, seeing the impact on Atlantic Regions'. Trail Gazers showcased the work that has been achieved over the past few years on the project and presented the key outputs and their legacy for the Atlantic region.

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- In line with our development options arising from our stakeholder engagements, Informational Signage for key interest points around Inch Levels is now underway as well as upgrading works. This was key output from the Trail Gazers Project and will play an important role in creating more public awareness of the site.



- The Trail Gazers Project was presented at the AER Summer Academy event in the ATU and held a 'An Inch Through History' walk as part of Donegal Connect on the 24th September. This walk looked at some of

	<p>the lost stories and folklore of the area with local historian and guide – Dessie McCallion. Participants were encouraged to connect and develop their sense of place as they heard the lost stories of the Inch area. This weekend was also National Walking Day and as part of the Trail Gazers project, Donegal County Council encourage all our citizens to enjoy mother nature in Donegal through our many trails around the county.</p> 
<p>Project Targets for the next quarterly* reporting period</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous uploading of information on project results to the Atlantic Area Website. • All Community Trail Plans to be uploaded to our website. • Accessibility Audit for Inch • Review of draft final report for the project including chapters on all the work packages will be worked on over the next number of weeks.
<p>Contact Person</p>	<p>Mary McBride marymcbride@donegalcoco.ie</p>

1.5 Diaspora Project

Project / Activity Report

<p>Title</p>	<p>Donegal Diaspora Unit</p>
<p>Countywide</p>	<p>Donegal Connect 2022</p> <p>Donegal Connect was officially launched by the Cathaoirleach on 22nd September to begin the 4 day county-wide festival supported by Fáilte Ireland Global Irish Festival Series. 15 events took place themed across food, genealogy, business, arts and culture and promoted widely</p>

though Donegal Diaspora and Donegal.ie channels. The Carnival Event at Swan Park, Buncrana was a huge success with over 1600 attendees and featuring 130 youth performers from Inishowen Carnival Group.

Tip O’Neill Irish Diaspora Awards 2022

Over 180 attended the Tip O’Neill Awards on 23rd September honouring four awardees in recognition of their contribution to Ireland and its Diaspora. The Dublin Association of Donegal & the Donegal Association of Philadelphia were well represented on this wonderful occasion with a Ministerial address provided Minister Charlie McConalogue T.D.

Donegal Diaspora Website

A communications plan on the use of the Diaspora website and associated social media channels is currently taking place. *Donegal Diaspora social media statistics as of 4/10/2022 are as follows:*

LinkedIn – 996 (up 25) connections

Twitter – 3,903 (up 24) followers

Facebook – 5,708 (up 156) followers

Instagram – 231 (up 9) followers

London Vintage Club Day

A Diaspora delegation travelled to London for the Vintage Club Day on September 4th at Tir Conaill Gaels, where Donegal was promoted as ideal for Relocation, Remote Working and to showcase investment opportunities and featuring the new Donegal DNA apparel. Nathan Carter visited Donegal County Council’s stand and was pictured wearing the recently launched Donegal DNA polo shirt.

Donegal Association New York 125th Anniversary Dinner Dance

An Cathaoirleach Cllr. Liam Blaney and Director of Economic Development Garry Martin will visit New York this month to represent Donegal at the New York Association’s 125th Anniversary Dinner Dance. Packie Bonner is to be honoured as the Association’s Donegal Person of the Year for 2022.

	<p>Diaspora Strategy & Policy Development</p> <p>The Diaspora Officer is currently working on a consultation exercise to ascertain the views of the Diaspora and key stakeholders in relation to the development of Diaspora connections and networks that will inform the future strategy and policy development</p>
Contact Person	<p>Eoin Leonard</p> <p>Diaspora Officer</p> <p>Mobile: +353 (87) 360 5678</p> <p>E-mail: eleonard@donegalcoco.ie</p>

1.6 Selection of a Municipal District Member nominee to serve as a Director on the Board of Donegal 2040 Strategic Development Designated Activity Company.

Project / Activity Report

Title	Donegal 2040 Strategic Development Designated Activity Company
Countywide	<p>At the July 2022 Plenary Council Meeting the Members approved the expansion of the Board of Donegal 2040 Strategic Development Designated Activity Company from two (2) to thirteen (13). This expanded Board will contain five (5) Elected Members from Donegal County Council with one nominated from each Municipal District.</p> <p>Preference should be given to nominating the Chairperson of the Economic, Enterprise and Emergency SPC and the Chairperson of the Planning SPC, if practicable, with the remaining elected members to be selected from the other Municipal Districts not represented by the Chairs of the above named SPC's. For continuity and in line with good governance the position of Director will be held for the lifetime of the Council.</p> <p>CINNEADH ATÁ DE DHÍTH / DECISION REQUIRED:-Select a Municipal District Member nominee to serve as a Director on the Board of Donegal 2040 Strategic Development Designated Activity Company.</p>

Contact Person	Colin McNulty General Manager, Donegal 2040 Strategic Development Designated Activity Company cmcnulty@donegalcoco.ie

2. Division: Local Enterprise Office

Project / Activity Report

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

Outline of Work	<p>General Overview – Highlights:</p> <p><u>Summary of September Outputs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant Aid – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 33 Businesses have been approved Grant Aid. ○ Value of total Grant Aid Approvals YTD is €763,110.47 ○ Next EVAC meeting will take place in December TBC • Trading Online Vouchers – 32 Businesses approved support to a value of €62,058.84 • Mentoring YTD – 101 Businesses have received this support
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- Training – 1,070 Business Attendees YTD.
- Student Enterprise Programme – 790 Donegal students participated in 10 schools. Promotion of programme in schools began in September for this academic year.
- Ambition is a pre-accelerator programme of Local Enterprise Office Donegal. The programme focuses on early-stage female entrepreneurs and promotes the skills and resilience needed to develop globally scalable ventures, attract investment, and create jobs. The recruitment ended in September and 14 female founders start the programme on 4th October.

Upcoming Programmes:

Scale-X Blue Economy

Scale-X Blue Economy is an 11-week Accelerator Programme which is targeted at start up entrepreneurs with the potential for fast growth in the Blue Economy i.e. the Marine engineering, marine research, marine energy, value added fish processing sectors. The programme focuses on giving you a deep understanding of the metrics that can drive your success, the skills to build financial models that stand up to investor scrutiny, and industry engagement and mentorship that give you valuable insights to adapt your business model to create the perfect fit.

Who is eligible?

- Any founder(s) with ambitions to grow their business globally.
- Any founder(s) with the potential for fast growth in the marine engineering, marine research, marine energy or value-added fish processing sectors
- A potential spin-out from an existing firm or third level institution
- A commitment to grow your business from Donegal, no matter where in the world you live right now.
- The programme is open to residents of County Donegal

Further Info:

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

The programme will begin in November 2022

Ongoing Programmes:

Digital Start

YTD - 17 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support

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

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

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

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

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

Green for Micro

YTD - 9 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support

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

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

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

Lean For Micro

YTD - 15 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support

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

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

Ongoing Cluster Development Programmes:

Food Coast Donegal

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

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

Current activities:

- Food Coast Strategy Review close to completion and should be finalised by end of October.
- In the planning stage of taking a group of Donegal food producers to St Joseph’s University in Philadelphia for a week to attend lectures and field trips. The visit is proposed to take place this winter.

Creative Coast Donegal

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

There are currently 201 members of the Creative Coast Donegal network. These members are creative business owners throughout Donegal from various sectors within the Creative industry.

The LEO Donegal is working with a consulting firm Consortia to develop a 3 year action plan to develop the sector that will be launched in November.

Throughout September & October, we have organised pilot Creative Network Meetings for the Design and Craft sectors in Donegal. These network meetings have been created based on the feedback directly from the creatives themselves identified in the Creative Coast Donegal Skills Audit Insight report. The meetings will provide an opportunity for the creatives to network with one another and learn from industry experts in Ireland, who will focus on presenting key business skills that will empower creative entrepreneurs to grow their businesses.

In November, Creative Coast Donegal will host a conference that will celebrate the strength and heritage of the Fashion & Textile industry of the northwest region. In collaboration with Strabane City Derry City Council, the event will take place in Letterkenny and Derry on the 18th & 19th of November. There will be various high-profile speakers from within the creative industry in Ireland facilitating workshops, delivering 1:1 training, and presenting keynote addresses in an effort to increase ambition, build skills, and inspire the creative community in the Northwest.

Donegal Engineering Cluster

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

- Facilitating inter-firm knowledge sharing and enhance learning.

- Increasing market knowledge within the cluster.
- Identifying new opportunities for the sector in the county through co-operation and collaboration among cluster partners,
- Enhancing the skills and innovation capabilities of the engineering firms through training, peer learning and management development,
- Enhancing the attractiveness of the sector as a potential source for future employment opportunities and business start-ups.
- Developing collaborative opportunities into meaningful outcomes and outputs for cluster members.
- Promoting the cluster as a centre of engineering excellence both nationally and internationally

The LEO Donegal will support this by the appointment of a full-time executive (on three year contract). This appointment started in September 2022

Upcoming Activities:

- Action Plan Workshop for the Creative Industries – 3rd October online course
- Prepare Your Business For Customs 5th October - Online Course
- Letterkenny Craft & Design Network meeting 6th October - Evening Course
- Start Your Own Business Programme in Ukrainian – starts on 11th October – morning course – online
- Trading Online Information Session – 12th October
- National Woman in Enterprise Day – Storytelling for your personal Brand – 13th October -online course
- Donegal Town Craft & Design Network meeting 13th October - Evening Course
- Start Your Own Business Programme – starts on 18th October – evening course
- Stranolar Craft & Design Network meeting 20th October - Evening Course
- Business Information Session & Grant Aid workshop –Next one is 28th October at 10am – online

All bookings can be made here:

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

	<u>Donegal Stories:</u> Website highlighting the businesses of Donegal that have been supported by the LEO. https://donegalstories.ie/
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3. Division: Emergency Services - Fire Service

Project / Activity Report

Activity	Number of: (August)*		Total for year	
Fire Service Operations				
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	72		530	
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	86		590	
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	7		49	
Operational Activity Breakdown August 2022	Turnouts		Incidents in County	
	Fires	Special Services	Fires	Special Services
Donegal Fire Service	44	42	38	34
Northern Ireland Fire Service	4	3	3	3
Sub Total	48	45	41	37
Total	93		78	
Fire Prevention				

Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	15	93
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	23	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from Applicant / Agent:	46	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	7	76
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	2	7
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	1	3
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	2	30
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	34	101
Fire Safety Complaints received:	2	13
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	1	11
During Performance Inspections carried out:	0	4
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	0	79

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




ENVIRONMENT REPORT – October 2022

WASTE AND LITTER MANAGEMENT

Activity / Project Title	Choose to Reuse for 'Reuse Month' in October
Project Description/Activity	<div data-bbox="762 539 1038 815" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>October is Ireland's National Reuse Month, reuse is about valuing our stuff, by using and reusing it for as long and as often as possible. This avoids the need to extract raw materials, manufacture and distribute new stuff, and avoids waste thereby cutting down on greenhouse gas emissions.</p> <p>Please view: https://www.mywaste.ie/reuse-month/ for further details.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer sbogan@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity / Project Title	Reuse in the Community Gardens
Project Description/Activity	<div data-bbox="762 1406 1034 1693" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>A number of reuse workshops are being arranged with some of the Community Gardens in the County as part of Reuse month. Demonstrations on ways to reuse bottles into self-watering mini greenhouses, ways to reuse food tins into birdhouses, looking at ways to reuse old wood in the garden, reusing containers, reusing our food waste and how to make effective community food compost systems that turn food waste into compost.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer sbogan@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity / Project Title	The 'Upcycle Challenge' 2022
Project Description/ Activity	<p>The Upcycle Challenge is a yearly competition that encourages people to look at the objects around them and to give them a new lease of life. The challenge is simple, find something that is no longer in use and transform it into something new and win a share of €6,000!</p> <div data-bbox="678 318 1109 750" style="text-align: center;">  <p>Upcycle Challenge 2022</p> <p>OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS</p> <p>6 Categories</p> <p>How to enter</p> <p>mywaste</p> </div> <p>For full details and entry visit - https://www.mywaste.ie/upcycle-challenge22/#UpcycleChallenge22</p> <p>Closing Date 27th October 2022</p>
Contact Person	<p>Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer sbogan@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity / Project Title	School Bikes Africa Campaign
Project Description/ Activity	<div data-bbox="694 1258 1098 1563" style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>The School Bikes Africa appeal in partnership with Bryson Recycling and Letterkenny Rotary Club is once again accepting donations. Bikes can be donated all year-round at any of the Council's 6 Recycling Centres.</p> <p>Bicycles suitable for refurbishing should be mountain bike style, minimum 24" wheel size and mountain bike tyres. Racer style bikes are not sought as part of this collection.</p> <p>Visit www.brysonrecycling.org for opening hours.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer sbogan@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity / Project Title	Household food waste stats
Project Description/ Activity	<p>At the end of August 2022, household waste collectors reported more than 13,000 food waste bins being provided to households throughout the County.</p> <p>This is a huge increase since the start of the project in 2018 when only 1,167 food waste bins were reported as being provided.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Matthew Byrne matthewbyrne@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity / Project Title	Waste Collection Permits
Project Description/ Activity	<p>At the end of August 2022, there were 88 Waste Collection Permit (WCP) holders permitted to collect waste in Donegal.</p> <p>5 of these are household waste collectors:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. D&M Environmental Services Ltd, 2. Shaun Molloy & Sons Ltd, 3. Patrick Logan and Sons Ltd, 4. Sharkey waste Recycling Ltd 5. Pandagreen <p>There are 113 Waste Collection Permits pending.</p> <p>More than 264 other inspections were undertaken including checking application documentation and submitting comments to the NWCPO, permit conditions compliance and validating returns.</p>
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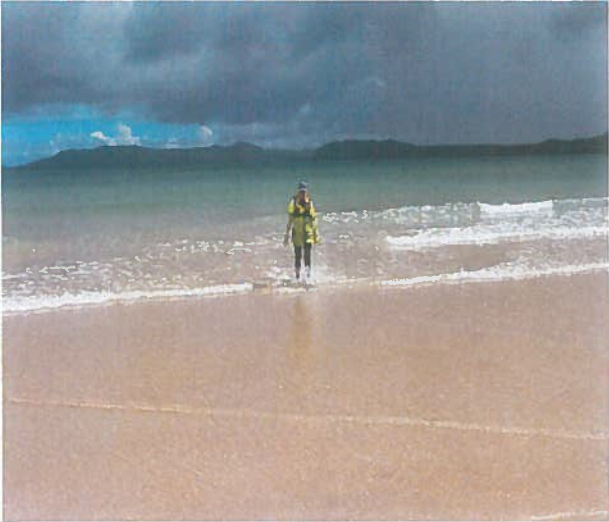

Activity / Project Title	Waste Facilities and Certificate of Registration (CoR)
Project Description/ Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At the end of August 2022 there were 50 waste facility authorisations. 11 of these are certificate of registration sites. - Between Jan and August there were 39 waste facility inspections carried out. - The majority of facilities were found to be in compliance with their permit conditions however where non-compliances were observed actions were undertaken such as issuing of legal directions and in one case legal proceedings. - Further inspections are planned for the coming months
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Activity / Project Title	Multi-agency work
Project Description/ Activity	The Environment Section worked with a number of agencies and organisations between January and August including Connaught Ulster Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authority (CU WERLA), National Waste Collection Permitting Office (NWCPO), An Garda Siochana, the Transfrontier Shipment of Waste Office, Health Service Executive (HSE), Coillte, Loughs Agency and Inland Fisheries Ireland.
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WATER QUALITY

Activity / Project Title	Septic tank Inspections
Description/ Activity	<p>The next round of inspections will be carried out in October in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letterkenny MD – Cranford & Woodlands areas, Roosky catchment (Creeslough) • Stranorlar MD – Deelee catchment around Ballindrait, Cloghan Finn • Donegal – Barnesmore area, Bundoran area • Inishowen – Greencastle/Moville area <p>Home owners are advised to inspect their tanks, organise for it to be desludged by a permitted contractor if it hasn't been done for a number of years and carry out any basic maintenance or remedial works to ensure it is not giving rise to water pollution or a public health nuisance.</p>
Contact Person	Joe Ferry joe.ferry@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	Environment Section - Public Information Message for Farmers
Description/ Activity	<p>The following public information message will be aired on local radio stations in October:</p> <p><i>“Donegal County Council would like to remind farmers in the county of the following key messages as autumn and winter approaches;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>land spreading of slurry to be completed by the 15th October</i> • <i>farmyard manure cannot be applied to land after the 1st November,</i> • <i>check & repair gutters and downpipes to minimise soiled water in yards</i> • <i>ensure that any effluent or soiled water generated is directed to appropriate storage tanks</i> • <i>There should be no direct runoff of soiled water from farm roadways to waters.</i> <p><i>Play your part in keeping Donegal clean and green”.</i></p>
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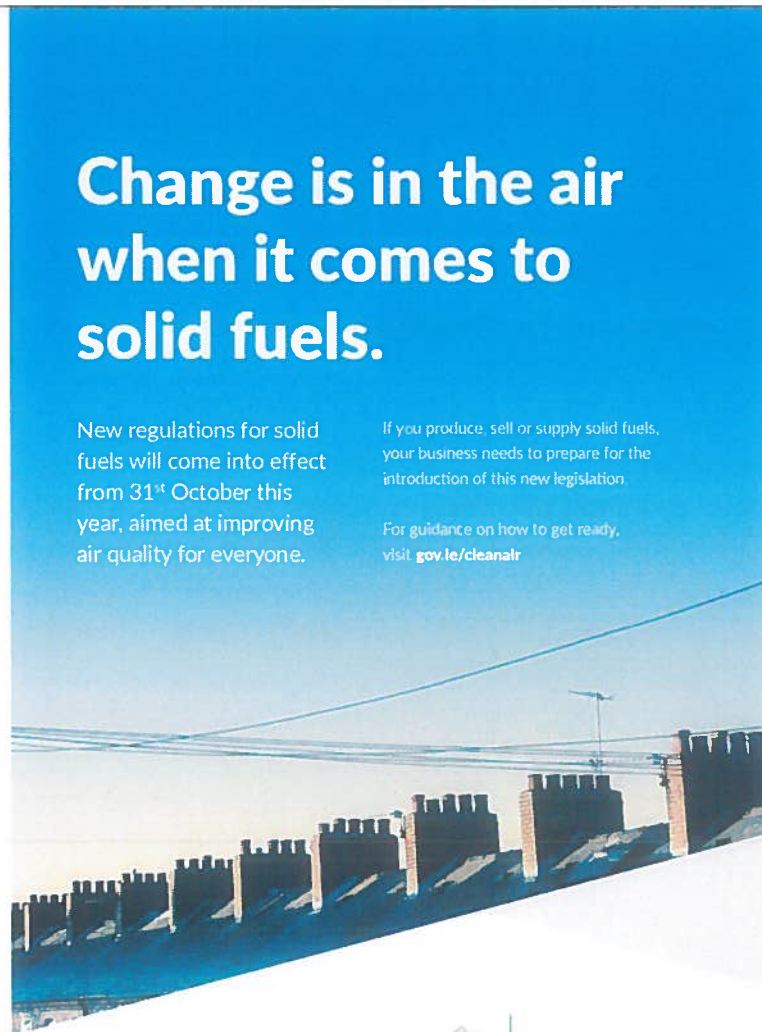
Activity / Project Title	Bathing Waters – season review
Description/ Activity	<p>The 2022 Bathing Season ended on the 15th September and, overall, the monitoring results were similar to previous years, so no significant change in classification is expected for the coming year.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div data-bbox="264 304 874 824">  </div> <div data-bbox="908 304 1485 824">  </div> </div> <p style="text-align: center;"> <i>Figure 1. Turbulent Day Sampling Kilahoey</i> <i>Figure 2. Brighter Side of Life - Dooney Beach</i> </p> <p>Forecasted heavy rainfall events led to the posting of Prior Warnings Notices at certain bathing waters to protect bathers & forewarn of a potential drop in water quality. Thankfully, these rainfall events did not result in any closures of any bathing waters.</p>
Contact Person	Joe Ferry joe.ferry@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	Environment Section – Oil Pollution
Description/ Activity	<p>In recent years, Donegal Co. Council’s Environment Section have received a number of complaints about oil pollution arising from leaks in domestic fuel tanks over the winter months.</p> <p>Given the potential for damage from oil to foundations, persistence of odours and pollution of water-courses, home owners are asked to carefully inspect their oil tanks, filters and pipework to ensure that valuable oil is not being lost through leakage.</p> <div data-bbox="1104 1256 1506 1792" style="text-align: right;">  </div>
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Activity /
Project Title

Solid Fuel Regulations 2022 - 31st October 2022

Project
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To improve air quality and reduce the associated health impacts, it is important to reduce the emissions into our air that is produced from domestic burning of solid fuels. This is what the new solid fuel regulations are designed to do, by ensuring that only higher quality and less polluting fuels will be legally available for sale.

Burning solid fuels is a significant cause of poor air quality and is a factor in some 1,300 premature deaths in Ireland every year, according to the European Environment Agency. This demonstrates the extent to which the choices we make when heating our homes can impact on our own health and the communities in which we live.

Donegal County Council will be raising awareness of these new regulations among householders and the commercial sector in the coming months. The Department have also produced a survey for householders to complete and this will be promoted on the Council's social media pages and is available at the following link

<https://forms.gle/Pc7mXDyJTjxtCzLa6>.

For more information visit www.gov.ie/cleanair

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RURAL WATER PROGRAMME

Activity / Project Title	County Donegal Group Water Scheme Sector
Project Description/ Activity	<p>Donegal has a considerably high number of Group water Schemes (GWS) within our rural water sector.</p> <p>The status of Donegal's GWS's is listed below;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 357 no. Public GWS's receiving their water from Irish Water • 4 no. Private GWS's serving more than 50 consumers • 20 no. Private GWS's serving less than 50 consumers
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Activity / Project Title	Group Water Scheme Takeover Requests
Project Description/ Activity	<p>There are 74 GWS's which have submitted takeover requests to Donegal County Council. This is two more since the update in February 2022. The number of GWS's that have requested takeover amounts approximately 20% of the overall total of GWS's within the county. Although this figure appears low there are a large number of orphan GWS's where the promoter or trustees are no longer active.</p> <p>Donegal County Council is represented on a working group examining issues in relation to the taking in charge of orphan GWS's. Donegal County Council has commenced a pilot process which provides an alternative pathway for these orphan schemes to be taken over. The promoters or trustees of any group water scheme that wishes to be considered for takeover should do so by writing to the Rural Water Liaison Officer, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford or by emailing ruralwater@donegalcoco.ie.</p> <p><u>Criteria for GWS's to be Eligible for Takeover</u></p> <p>In order for GWS's to be eligible for takeover they must comply with technical, legal and financial requirements set down in circular letter WSP01 16. The takeover of a GWS is potentially a lengthy process in that all aspects of the GWS must be examined so as to ensure that they satisfy the standards set out by Irish Water.</p>

Activity / Project Title	Resourcing
Project Description/ Activity	<p>Donegal County Council have been successful in securing additional funding from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to employ additional staff within the Council's Rural Water Section in order to expedite the formal takeover process of GWS's.</p> <p>These staff, a Technician Grade 2 and an Executive Engineer, have been in post since 30th April 2018 and 19th November 2018 respectively following the completion of recruitment processes. An Assistant Engineer was added to the Rural Water team on 2nd March 2020 to assist with the Takeover Programme. A Senior Executive Engineer has been put in place since August 2020 to oversee the Rural Water Section.</p>

Activity / Project Title	GWS Takeover Project – Works to date																																						
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12	Ballygallen/Breenagh	Glenswilly	Letterkenny	Submitted to IW
13	Leitir	Kilmacrennan	Letterkenny	Submitted to IW
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15	Brea Road	Bridgend	Inishowen	Taken Over
16	Glengad Mountain	Malin	Inishowen	Submitted to IW
17	Ballymacarthur No. 2	Greencastle	Inishowen	Submitted to IW
18	Ture	Muff	Inishowen	Submitted to IW
19	Lisfannon	Buncrana	Inishowen	Submitted to IW
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23	Teelin	Carrick	Donegal	Taken Over
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25	Owenteskna	Meenaneary	Donegal	Submitted to IW
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27	Tullywee	Laghey	Donegal	Submitted to IW
28	Ardcrone/Craugheybolyle	Dungloe	Glenites	Submitted to IW
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In the coming months continued engagement with promoters and trustees of GWS's that have applied for takeover will continue, however, the impact of Covid 19 has limited the amount of contact GWS's could have with their members. This had a direct impact on the progress of takeover applications due to the limited the opportunity to obtain the required consent of two-thirds their members by means of a signature. Members will be advised of progress in further updates given via the Municipal District Meetings.

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Activity / Project Title	Orphan Schemes																																	
<p>Project Description/ Activity</p>	<p>An Orphan scheme is defined as any scheme where there is no active committee and where the emergency and maintenance works are carried out by Donegal County Council on behalf of Irish Water.</p> <p>Donegal County Council is part of a pilot programme to commence the takeover of these types of schemes. Irish Water has agreed to review 10 schemes from each county involved in this pilot programme.</p> <p>This list below sets out the parameters for which Irish Water will consider takeover for these schemes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • less than 10 connections • two-thirds of the GWS members have signed consent for IW takeover • no wayleaves on scheme • no land transfers on scheme • no pumping on scheme • no reservoirs • no debt <p>The desk study of all 1,104 GWS's within the county was utilised to identify all orphan schemes within the county. 295 GWS were classified as orphan through this process. These 295 schemes were investigated further to identify GWS's with less than 10 connections. 158 GWS's were identified after this review. A detailed analysis of each scheme is currently being conducted to establish if these schemes meet additional parameters set out by Irish Water as mentioned above.</p> <p>All 158 schemes have been reviewed and 37 schemes have been deemed to meet the criteria set out by the programme. These 37 schemes will be checked on site to confirm if conditions match the desk study.</p> <p>DCC were only one of two Local Authorities that met the target of submitting 10 Orphan Schemes to IW. On this basis, DCC were granted a further 10 Orphan Scheme that could be submitted under this pilot programme. Thus far, 12 schemes as listed below have been submitted to Irish Water and confirmed as taken over. A further four schemes have been submitted to IW for review. We have commenced the takeover application process for a further 13 schemes using the criteria of this programme. The final 3 schemes required to meet our target of 20 schemes are in progress and should be complete in the coming months. The remaining schemes that have commenced are in preparation for our next allocation after we achieve our current target.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="277 1653 1506 2085"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th><u>GWS Name</u></th> <th><u>Location</u></th> <th><u>Municipal District</u></th> <th><u>Status</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>Ballinaboe</td> <td>Clonmany</td> <td>Inishowen</td> <td>Taken Over</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>Carnowen Road</td> <td>Raphoe</td> <td>Lifford Stranorlar</td> <td>Taken Over</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>Corraine No. 2</td> <td>Ballybofey</td> <td>Lifford Stranorlar</td> <td>Taken Over</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>Dooras</td> <td>Ballindrait</td> <td>Lifford Stranorlar</td> <td>Taken Over</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>The Roughan</td> <td>Lifford</td> <td>Lifford Stranorlar</td> <td>Taken Over</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>					<u>GWS Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Municipal District</u>	<u>Status</u>	1	Ballinaboe	Clonmany	Inishowen	Taken Over	2	Carnowen Road	Raphoe	Lifford Stranorlar	Taken Over	3	Corraine No. 2	Ballybofey	Lifford Stranorlar	Taken Over	4	Dooras	Ballindrait	Lifford Stranorlar	Taken Over	5	The Roughan	Lifford	Lifford Stranorlar	Taken Over
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Contact Person	Pauric Feely, Executive Engineer pauric.feely@donegalcoco.ie				

Activity / Project Title	Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2019-2021				
Project Description/ Activity	A number of GWS's received funding under the Multi Annual Rural Water Programme under various measures. A summary of progress is listed below:				
	Measure	GWS	Funding	Purpose	Current Status
	Source Protection	Dunlewey	€3,200	To install a barrier around the source	Work are complete
	Public Health Compliance	Tory Island	€262,861	To ensure compliance with Drinking Water Regulations	Treatment System trial ongoing and sampling process also ongoing. Site in coming months. Hydrogeologist completed desktop study and further investigations ongoing
		Townawilly	€38,500	To ensure compliance with Drinking Water Regulations	Sedimentation filter and UV systems replaced. Ongoing monitoring for THM compliance
	Enhancement of Existing Schemes	Townawilly	€15,300	To improve Operation efficiency of GWS	Not proceeding as GWS are progressing the connection to the Public Network.
		Dunlewey	€68,000	To carry out pipeline replacement works	Consultant appointed and Feasibility report being finalised. Detail design of preferred route ongoing.

	New Group Water Schemes	Dunlewey Extension	€661,900	Extend the GWS to serve Dunlewey	Consultant appointed and Feasibility report being finalised. Detail design of preferred route ongoing.
	Transition of Existing GWS to IW	Multiple GWS's	€699,299	Funding to upgrade GWS's to IW Standards	Takeover programme as described above
		Maghera	€360,000	Funding to transfer GWS to IW	Hydrogeologist completed desktop study. DCC reviewing alternative options for water supply.
		Townawilly		Funding to transfer GWS to IW to ensure THM compliance	DCC have appointed a consultant to examine the work required to connect GWS to the public network. Ongoing monitoring of THM compliance on GWS.
	Community Connections	Goland	€108,470	To provide funding to Connect to IW Network	Works on site almost complete. Currently at snagging stage.
		Glenalla	€315,000	To provide funding to Connect to IW Network	Application submitted to IW. DCC preparing tender documents to determine current market rate for an extension to this area.
Contact Person	Pauric Feely, Executive Engineer pauric.feely@donegalcoco.ie				

Activity / Project Title	Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2022-2025
Project Description/ Activity	The promoter or trustees of any group water scheme that wishes to be considered for an application under the Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2022-2025 should do so by writing to the Rural Water Liaison Officer, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford or by emailing ruralwater@donegalcoco.ie .
Contact Person	Pauric Feely, Executive Engineer pauric.feely@donegalcoco.ie

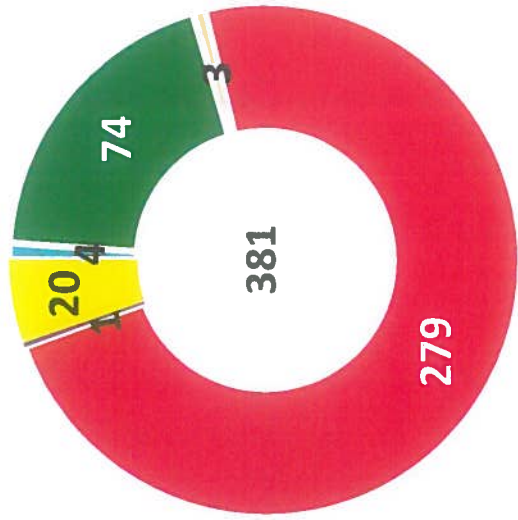
Activity / Project Title	Measure A8 – Wastewater Collection and Treatment Needs for Villages and Settlements without access to Public Waste Water Services
Project Description/ Activity	<p>In April 2022, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage announced €50m in funding under measure A8 of the Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme 2022-2025 for waste water collection and treatment needs for villages and settlements without access to public wastewater services.</p> <p>Donegal County Council submitted an application for funding to the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage for Bonagee in September of this year under this measure.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Pauric Feely, Executive Engineer pauric.feely@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity / Project Title	Well Grants
Project Description/ Activity	<p>Well grants are available for the installation or upgrade of a well for the purpose of domestic supply.</p> <p>The property must;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be the householders permanent place of residence • be at least seven years old • be located a reasonable distance from an existing water supply or GWS <p>Application forms are available on the DCC website at the following link: www.donegalcoco.ie/services/water/ruralwaterprogramme/wells</p> <p>Over the last 5 years the annual average of well grant applications is 28.6 and to date we have received 25 applications in 2022.</p>
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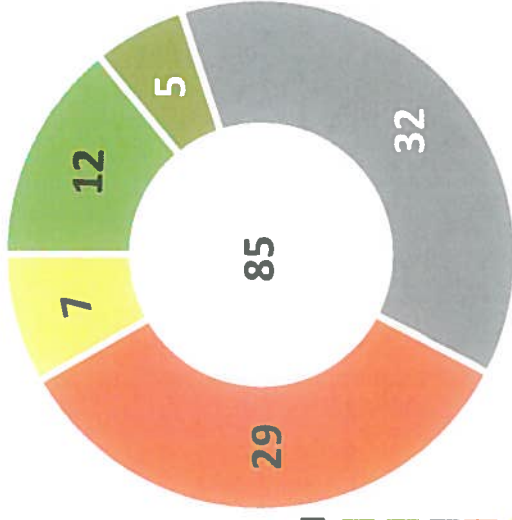
GWS Status By County

Legend

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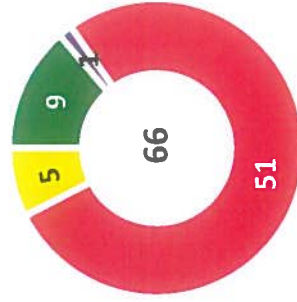


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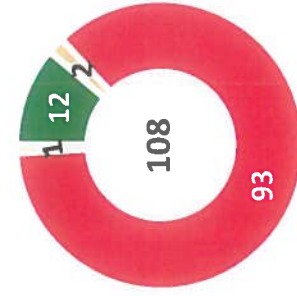
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GWS Status by Municipal District

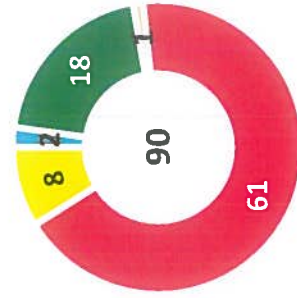
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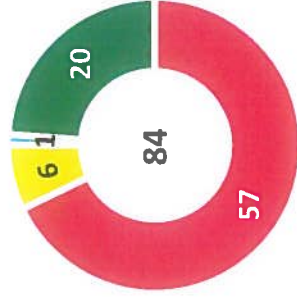
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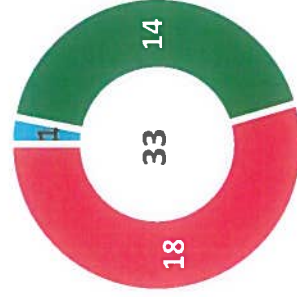
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 - Bruckless
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3. Walks & Trails
4. Sliabh Liag Development Project
5. Leader/RDP Programme Update
6. Healthy Donegal
7. Social Inclusion
8. Youth Council



Project Update: October 2022

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



Activity / Project Update: October 2022

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

Activity / Project Title	2020 T&V Renewal – Carrick
Project Description/Activity	Enhancements & Development Works Works consists of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reinststate the pedestrian bridge crossing the Glen River• Commission and prepare a Town Health Check• Commission and prepare a Regeneration Strategy to inform the sustainable development of the town and immediate surrounding area
Budget <i>(if applicable)</i>	€100,000 – Department of Rural & Community Development € 11,111 – Own Resources
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A number of meetings have been held with the community group for the area to finalise the details of the project including the options available to deliver the various elements of the project.• Letter of Offer has been issued out to Group, signed and returned.• Designs of the proposed pedestrian bridge works are complete.• The group are have procured and appointed a contractor to complete the pedestrian bridge• Procurement documents prepared to appoint a consultant(s) to prepare a Town Health Check & a Regeneration Strategy of the town and surrounding area.• The pedestrian bridge crossing is complete.• Consultant appointed to prepare a Town Health Check & a Regeneration Strategy of the town and surrounding area.• Additional works to the river walk will be undertaken in the next week weeks.• The Masterplan is at final stage and will be issued by end of October.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Progress the Town Health Check & a Regeneration Strategy of the town and surrounding area and hope to be complete by end of October 2022.
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Brian Keogh Executive Engineer Community, Development & Planning Services Tel: 074-9172569 E-mail: bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie



Activity / Project Update: October 2022

Activity / Project Title	2020 T&V Renewal – Bruckless
Project Description/Activity	Enhancements & Development Works Works consists of: Landscaped garden park area with native trees, flowers, benches and pathways including the following. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Railway feature area • Area with outdoor gym equipment • Wheelchair accessible Sensory garden • Wild meadow area • Small public grass area suitable for casual sports and games
Budget (if applicable)	€100,000 – Department of Rural & Community Development € 11,111 – Own Resources
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of meetings have been held with the community group for the area to finalise the details of the project including the options available to deliver the various elements of the project. • Letter of Offer has been issued out to Group, signed and returned. • The group are have procured a design consultant to prepare contract documents to appoint a contractor to carry out the works on the proposed park. • Design work commenced and preparation of contract documents also commenced • Design of proposed park complete and approved by the community group. • Project is currently on E-tenders. 2 Contractors have submitted tenders and the tender report has been issued. • Contractor appointed. • Work has commenced on site.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works to be completed in 40 working days.
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Brian Keogh Executive Engineer Community, Development & Planning Services Tel: 074-9172569 E-mail: bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie



Activity / Project Update: October 2022

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



Activity / Project Update No.9

October 2022

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Walks and Trails
File:	
Project Description/Activity	Maintenance, development and promotion of walks & trails in Donegal including cycle routes and Greenways.
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p>Glencolmcille The works have advanced well over the last few weeks with proposed completion of works estimated for 1st week in October.</p> <p>ORIS 2021</p> <p>Counter Units Further discussion has been had with regards to the units with various queries on how the data will be hosted and maintenance charges battery life spans etc. these aspects will need to be trashed out with suitable companies to see what is available how it can be managed perhaps by council staff in the future.</p> <p>Creevy Coastal Walk The tender documents for Creevy are now on e-tenders with scheduled closing date of 30th September 2022 @ 12 noon for the return quotations The return date was extended until 12noon Wednesday 5th October 2022 due to limited number of companies accepting the documents.</p> <p>ORIS 2022 Announcement of the funds awarded under measure 1 ORIS 2022. Have seen the success of Rossylongan been granted €30,000 and likewise through DLDC they were granted €30,000 funding for Donegal Rowability that will provide a disability hoist for water sports access from the pier in Donegal town.</p>
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	

	<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> <p>Rossylogan</p> <p>Coillte are continuing with small elements of works around the Entrance and parking area. We will advance with the development of tender package to reinstate the existing trail surfaces including waymarkers and Map boards.</p> <p>Sliabh Liag;</p> <p>Sport Ireland have issued the inspection report with recommended works and advisory work. A brief discussion on the report was had between DCC & DLDC it has highlighted that a meeting needs to be arranged with NPWS to agree on any improvement works etc as site is designated under SAC. Report available if required.</p> <p>No meeting arranged. No further advance on this to date.</p>
<p>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Try to advance with details for counter units tender • Continue Site supervision of the works at Glencholmcille
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Municipal District: Donegal

Activity / Project Update: October 2022

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

Activity / Project Title	Rural Development Programme/LEADER
Activity / Project Description	Donegal Local Community and Development Committee are the Local Action Group for County Donegal, with responsibility for the LEADER/Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 & Transitional LEADER Programme 2021-2022
Budget Transitional Programme	€13,413,875 (Additional funding received 2019) <i>Note: Project costs €10,063,586, administration and animation costs €3,350,289</i> 1 st April 2021 – 31 st December 2022 €2,861,598 project costs € 953,866 for Administration & Animation.
Progress to date within the last two months-inclusive of current status	There are 4 Implementing Partners within the county; Donegal Local Development Company (DLDC), Inishowen Development Partnership (IDP), Údarás Na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán, who are rolling out the LEADER Transitional programme on behalf of the LAG (Local Action Group). The LEADER Transitional programme is effective from 1st April 2021 and runs until 31 st December 2022. €45 million is allocated nationally for the Transitional Programme and €20 million from the EURI programme. 46 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 €2,166,463.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	The next LCDC/LAG meeting will be held on 18 th October 2022. Monthly Evaluation Committee meetings will continue to be held to progress projects to LCDC/LAG stage and the LDCs will continue to engage with promoters on the ground to develop and assess potential applications and to promote the Transitional LEADER programme.
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Municipal District: Countywide

Activity / Project Update

October 2022

Programme	Healthy Ireland Fund
Project Description/Activity	<p>Healthy Ireland</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. Within the Plan there are a number of Priority Focus Areas. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeping Active • Staying Connected • Switching Off and Being Creative • Eating Well • Minding your Mood • Minding your Body
Budget	€160,000 Round 4 Funding
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>Healthy Ireland Round 3</p> <p>The Healthy Ireland Round 3 Programme - a joint application from Donegal LCDC and the Children and Young Peoples Services Committee (CYPSC) was completed on 31st March 2022.</p> <p>The application consisted of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 Actions • 2 Community Mental Health Fund Actions • Community Mental Health Small Grants Scheme • Community Engagement fund <p>Feedback received from Pobal in relation to the Programme included –</p> <p><i>“There is evidence of great partnership and positive interagency work happening in County Donegal. It is evident that you have fully implemented the actions and have achieved success within the Round. You were creative and adaptive, and you have been very proactive in making changes to the programme to gain the best use of the funding and deliver your actions fully. It was great to see that so many local community groups were supported under the Small Grants Scheme, with several engaging activities delivered under the Community Engagement Fund over the length of the round with the Smoke Free Campus an excellent initiative by the Local Authority”</i></p>

Healthy Ireland Round 4

The Healthy Ireland Round 4 Programme (HIF 2023-2025) represents a more evidenced-based outcomes led approach, with a longer 3-year timeframe. The grant period for Round 4 will run from 1 June 2022 to 31 December 2025, with the outcomes led approach to be delivered from 2023-2025.

Some new elements/aspects of the Fund in Round 4 include –

- The introduction of an outcomes led approach. A maximum of 2 outcomes to be selected from a predefined list of 5 outcome areas with 27 associated outcome indicators from the HI Framework with all activities orientated towards contributing to the selected outcome(s)
- A Healthy Ireland Fund Local Strategy (HIFLS) 2023-2025 to prioritise project outcomes based on local data/need in collaboration with local stakeholders
- The introduction of a behavioural science approach during the programme lifetime to help underpin the identification of appropriate activities
- Local Authorities have been approved for an indicative budget of €40,000 per annum for 2023-2025 of the Healthy Ireland Fund. The final annual allocation will be confirmed in Q4 of each year
- Contracts are now directly with the Local Authorities only as Children and Young People Services Committees (CYPSC's) are no longer contracting with Pobal and will be funded directly via Tusla.

On 12th September 2022, under Round 4, Donegal LCDC approved the provision of a Healthy Donegal Small Grants Scheme. The Healthy Donegal Small Grant Scheme is a small but flexible source of funding to assist Local Community Groups, Voluntary Groups and Sporting Organisations in the development of locally based community projects and group activities aimed at improving social inclusion, health and wellbeing. The Scheme offers small grants for projects with a minimum spend of €500 and up to a maximum of €1,000 with a closing date for applications of 12th October 2022. A total of €10,000 is available.

The Healthy Ireland Fund Round 4 online application, Local Strategy, annual activities workplan for 2023-2025 and supporting documentation is due for completion and submission to Pobal by 9th December 2022.

You can follow Healthy Donegal on the following platforms:

<http://www.donegalcoco.ie/community/healthydonegal>

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

https://www.instagram.com/healthy_donegal/

<https://twitter.com/HealthyDonegal>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwcqNcNTWBCaRjEFGqSkOnA>

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Municipal District: ALL

Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	Social Inclusion Unit
<p>Progress to date within last reporting period-inclusive of current status and Project Targets for the next reporting period</p>	<p>One Donegal - Social Inclusion Week 2022 – 8 – 15 October On Saturday, October 8, Donegal County Council will launch Social Inclusion week with Cathaoirleach Cllr Liam Blaney at the Rossnakill Tourism & Activity Centre, Rossnakill, Fanad. Social Inclusion Week coincides with World Mental Health week, a series of events are organised throughout the county to increase awareness and understanding of inclusion and diversity in County Donegal.</p> <div data-bbox="711 722 1364 1171" data-label="Image"> <p>The graphic features a dark green background with a yellow banner at the top right that says 'Event Programme'. Below the banner, the text reads 'One Donegal Social Inclusion Week 2022' in large yellow letters, followed by '8 – 16 October' in smaller yellow letters. A row of colorful silhouettes represents various people: a purple person with arms raised, a blue person, a green person with a cane, an orange person in a wheelchair, a pink person, a teal person, a yellow person, a green person with a cane, and a red person. At the bottom, there are four logos: the Donegal Dhún na nGall logo, the Donegal County Council logo, the Donegal County Council logo, and the 'Age Friendly Donegal' logo.</p> </div> <p>Full programme of events - http://ow.ly/MG7K50KY1qu</p> <p>Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion Strategy The first secretariate meeting of the Migrant Integration Forum took place in August with a two-day workshop planned with the implementation group who will function as an implementation Group for the Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion Strategy.</p> <p>The first EU Belong learning lab day took place on 20 September where they explored the implementation methods that we are going to use to start the implementation of the actions that are indicated in the strategy. The next learning lab day is to take place on 14 October where the work plan will start to be worked on.</p>



EU-BELONG will be rolling out some Capacity Building online seminars to, Members of the PPN

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Municipal District: All

Activity / Project Update

October 2022

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Youth Council
File:	
Project Description/Activity	
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p><u>Climate Action & Environment SPC:</u> Two Youth Councillors attended the Climate Action and Environment SPC meeting on the 5th of July in Lifford Court House. Youth Councillors presented some of the work and involvement of the Youth Council on the topic of Climate Action and the Environment. After the presentation, County Councillors and other committee members were given the opportunity to ask questions and comment on the presentation and discuss the importance of including young people on this topic. After the presentation, Youth Councillors remained in the meeting and had the opportunity to discuss with other members items on the agenda.</p> <p><u>Mind Your Melon:</u> Mind Your Melon has received funding to continue to work on the website while also creating events to promote positive mental health among the young people of Donegal. Events such as nature walks, surfing, cookery class, filming class and much more are currently being considered. Members of Jigsaw advocates and Donegal Youth Council will discuss the topic of mental health, how to engage with young people to promote positive mental health and to discuss possible events.</p> <p><u>Networking day in Sligo:</u> 3 Youth Councillors attend a networking day in Sligo where other Comhairle (Youth Councils) came together to discuss their work, topics and their Youth Councils as a whole.</p>

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Within these discussions, members identified the strengths and weaknesses

of their Youth Councils and how they can improve.

National Executive:

The Donegal Youth Council's National Executive feeds back to the local members at meetings on a regular basis. The National Executive is currently working on the topic of relationship and sexual education. They have written to the NAAC in relation to

the Junior Cert reform of the SPHE curriculum.

Rural Assembly:

2 Youth Councillors attended the National Rural Assembly. This saw young people from all over Ireland meet in Dublin to discuss the issues affecting young people in rural Ireland. Both youth Councillors found this day to be excellent. The main topics

discussed on the day was the lack of transport and infrastructure.

Night Time Economy:

One youth council member attended a national Night Time Economy consultation. Within this consultation, young people discussed the need for more facilities for young people at night time and also discussed the extension of longer licensing hours. It is hoped to have another meeting in the future surrounding this issue.

European Forum on the Rights of the Child:

A Donegal Youth Councillor was chosen to represent all Comhairle na nÓg at the European Forum on the Rights of the Child on the 27th-29th September. This event took place in Brussels. The Youth Councillor in question sat on a panel and discussed the importance of youth participation structures such as the Donegal Youth Council and also her experience. She was also asked questions on these and spoke of the importance that structures such as the European Commission have in supporting youth participation.

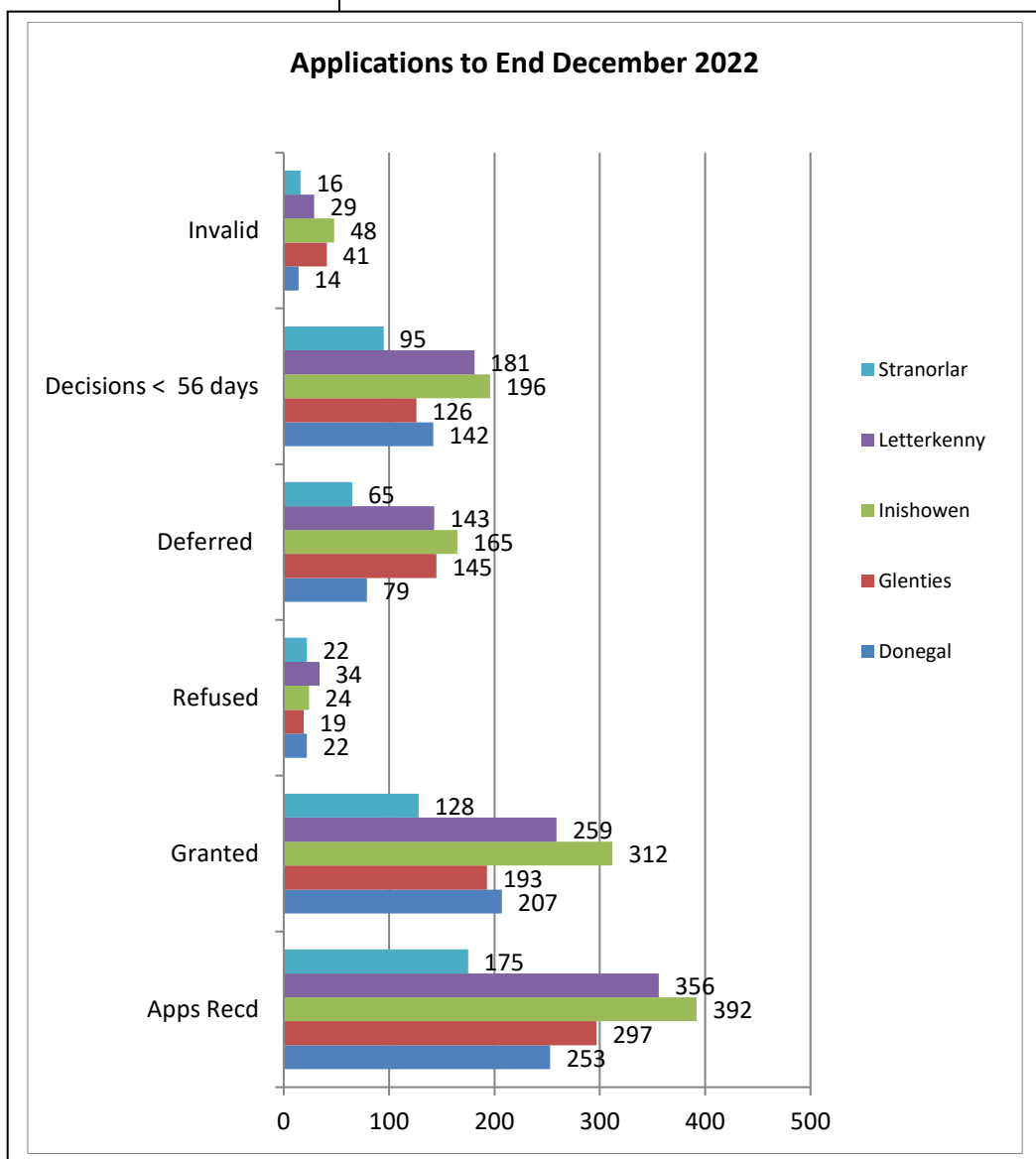
Elections:

The current Donegal Youth Councillors term is coming to a close. The coordinator is currently presenting and speaking to young people within their schools and youth organisations. It is hoped to have a youth councillor from each school with also members from no school places to represent seldom heard young people. It is hoped to have two-thirds of the youth council from schools and 1 third

	<p>from no school organisations. It is hoped to conduct the majority of school elections by the 28th of October.</p> <p><u>Social Media Information event:</u></p> <p>Donegal Youth Council held an information event on social media on the 29th of September. The event had a panel of 2 local influencers and a clinical worker from Jigsaw Donegal. Influencers were well known by young people and spoke of their online experience and how they deal with the pressures and issues that can stem from social media. This was complimented by the Jigsaw clinical worker who spoke about the research, issues and possible supports for young people that can struggle with issues stemming from online. It also highlighted possible support services for young people such as Mind Your Melon, Jigsaw, Spunout and Aware. This event was planned and hosted by Donegal Youth Councillors. Feedback from the day has been positive as young people and teachers expressed how different the approach was and gave a greater insight into the background of social media and influencers.</p>
<p>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</p>	<p>Members of Donegal Youth Council will help out at the Road Safe road show on Tuesday the 4th and Wednesday the 5th of October.</p> <p>The Donegal Youth Council will begin Planning for the AGM to be held in November.</p> <p>Committee meetings will continue.</p>
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Donegal MD Meeting
11th October 2022

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2	Enforcement		
		Donegal MD	To end August 2022
		New Cases	0
		Closed Cases	2
		Outstanding cases on record since 2012	189
3	Notes & Monthly Schedule	<p>Pre planning clinics are on a telephone call only basis (ring 074 9153900) between 9.00am and 12.30pm on the dates outlined below.</p> <p>The pre planning clinic calls will be taken by the Executive Planners and shall be for substantial applications only.</p> <p><u>Planning Clinics 2022:</u> 6th October 2022 20th October 2022 3rd November 2022 17th November 2022</p> <p>Please see website for further dates. http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/planning-clinics/</p>	
4	Casual Trading	No Report	
5	Regeneration Report	See Appendix A	
6	Building Control & Taking in Charge Community Development & Planning Services	No Report	
7	Capital Projects Delivery Unit	See Appendix B	
8	Central Planning Unit	No Report	
9	Conservation Report	No Report	
10	Further Information <i>Click on web links to access information.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly List of applications and decisions: http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weeklyplanninglists/ • Planning service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service): planning@donegalcoco.ie • Planning Webpage: www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/ • Planning Application Online Query – planning reference number required: www.donegalcdb.ie/eplan/internetenquiry/rpt_querybysurforrecloc.asp • File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and when requesting planning searches: www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/fileretrieval/File%20Retrieval.pdf 	

Appendix A



**Comhairle Contae
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Regeneration & Development Team
Community Development & Planning Services

October (2022) **Municipal District Meetings** **Report to Elected Members**

1.0 RURAL REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (RRDF)

1.1 EXISTING APPROVED CATEGORY 1 RRDF PROJECTS (2019)

1.1.1 Killybegs 2040 – A Town Centre Regeneration Project **Value: €4.84m**

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

1.1.2 Burtonport and Aranmore Island – Harbour to Island Regeneration **Value: €4.1m**

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

1.2 EXISTING APPROVED CATEGORY 2 RRDF PROJECTS (2020)

1.2.1 Back to Ballyshannon – A transformational project to re-energise, re-imagine and sustain the social, cultural, historical, physical and economic fabric of Ballyshannon’s historic town centre. **Value: €247,500. (RRDF funding approved €185,625)**

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

Members were provided with a detailed progress update at workshop on 27th September 2022. As agreed the Regeneration & Development Team will now

make separate arrangements for publication consultation on the draft planning scheme in due course.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Value: €9,756,969.

Due diligence has been completed on this project and the formal Funding Agreement received and confirmed. The Project Brief and Procurement Strategy were submitted to the DRCD for this project and Decision Gate 2 (Pretender) approval was received on 21st September 2022. This project is now authorized to proceed to tender and arrangements are being made to formally hand this project over to the Capital Projects Delivery Unit who will begin reporting in due course.

1.3.2. **Burtonport (Harbour to Island) Regeneration**

Value: €2.3m

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

1.3.3. **Carndonagh Tús Nua Regeneration Project**

Value: €9,542,852

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1.6 REGENERATION STRATEGIES & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT WORK

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

1.6.1 Ramelton Action Plan

The Ramelton Action Plan was formally launched on 3rd July 2020.

The Plan can be viewed at the following link:

<http://www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/rameltonactionplan/Ramelton%20Action%20Plan.pdf>

1.6.2 Killybegs Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan

The Killybegs Regeneration Strategy was formally launched on 6th July 2021 and is available at <https://bit.ly/KillybegsRegStrat>. It has also been circulated across Donegal County Council Directorates and to key stakeholders.

The Strategy was commissioned by the Killybegs Regeneration Group in conjunction with Donegal County Council and was funded by BIM, FLAG with match funding by Donegal County Council. Its delivery was led by Pasparakis Friel Architects with the support and input of the Council's Community Development Section and the Regeneration and Development Team.

1.6.3 Ballybofey-Stranorlar Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan

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

1.6.4 Ballyshannon Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan

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

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

The An Clochán Liath (Dungloe) Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan was formally published, launched and circulated to Members in September 2022. The Strategy & Action Plan, and associated Town Centre Masterplan, is available to view/download online at www.donegalcoco.ie and at Council offices. It will also be circulated across Donegal County Council Directorates and to key stakeholders. The Strategy was commissioned and funded by Donegal County Council and its delivery was led by GM Design Associates

with the support and input of the Council's Regeneration and Development Team.

1.6.6 Rathmullan RRDF Project Development work

Work to complete the Draft Design & Design Report for this project is advancing, and targeted stakeholder group consultations took place in December 2021. This primarily included key internal Council services, external statutory bodies and a cross-section of community interests in Rathmullan identified by 'The Way Forward' group. A presentation on the Draft Design Report for this project was made to the Elected Members at a scheduled workshop on 2nd June 2022 in advance of an informal public consultation event which took place later the same day from 3pm to 8pm in the St. Vincent de Paul Centre, Rathmullan. The closing date for observations on the draft designs was 16th June, 2022. The submission responses together with the Draft Design & Design Reports are presently being evaluated with a view to progressing a statutory planning scheme for the Project in Q4 of 2022.

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, the detail and progress of which is set out below:

(i) Preparation of a Regeneration Strategy for Letterkenny Town Centre.

Following the 3rd and final phase of public consultation in relation to 11 Design Concepts in May/ June 2022, the Paul Hogarth Company presented the consultation findings together with Draft Design Guidelines (Work Area 3), Draft Public Spaces and Linkages Action Plan (Work Area 4) and a Lower Main Street exemplar to a workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD on 8th July 2022 wherein Members endorsed the finalization and publication of the Regeneration Strategy thus the project reaching a significant milestone.

The consultancy team are therefore completing the final write up to bring together all strands of the project brief including Work Area 5 in respect of branding and this will facilitate the procurement of services to print and publish the final Regeneration Strategy.

Plans are being formulated for a formal launch event of the Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy targeted for the 2nd week of November 2022 including the creation of a project video to inform the launch and to communicate the project effectively to the public, investors, visitors and funders. As suggested by Members, alongside the launch event, arrangements are being made for a

wider community information day in drop-in format to communicate the Letterkenny 2040 vision and other cross-directorate Council services and activities that are being implemented in Letterkenny. Members will be fully briefed as the arrangements firm up.

(ii) Acquisition of key town centre regeneration site.

The Donegal County Council (Letterkenny Strategic Urban Regeneration Site) CPO 2021 was published on 4th November 2021 and submitted to An Bord Pleanála for confirmation on 8th November 2021. Correspondence dated 25th August has been received from An Bord Pleanála to confirm that the single objection to the CPO has been withdrawn and advising that it is now open to the Local Authority to confirm the CPO.

As a result, the necessary Chief Executives Order to make the CPO and associated public and landowner notices have been drafted and are currently under legal review and will therefore be progressed as soon as possible and without delay. Subject to completion of the necessary legislative steps to confirm the CPO, this enables Donegal County Council to take possession of the lands and enable the delivery of Phase 1 (Alpha/Beta) of the Strategic Urban Regeneration Site which was approved Part 8 planning consent at the Special Council meeting on 24th February 2022.

Phase 1 development of the site is now being progressed by the Capital Projects Team to its next stage of detailed design with input from the Regeneration and Development Team in relation to review of tender documents and participation in Steering Group and Design Team Review meetings.

Alongside the Part 8 proposed development, discussions are ongoing internally in relation to options for the business model as regards the residential component of the Concept Masterplan relating to the remainder of the strategic site (Phase 2). Further updates will be brought to the Letterkenny-Milford MD in this regard as this work develops.

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

Members turned the sod on 3rd June 2022 on the project to construct public realm in the area of the Public Services Centre and Joe Bonnar Road. ACS Civils LTD have been appointed and commenced on site on the week beginning 6th June 2022 with a build period in the region of 6 months. The development will deliver high quality walking, cycling and public realm infrastructure in the town centre. It forms the 1st phase of the wider planned network known as 'LK Green Connect' that will ultimately connect across a series of town centre destinations.

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

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

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

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

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

The current status of the project is that the Preliminary Business Case secured approval of DHLGH on 11th August 2022. This represents approval under Decision Gate 1 in the project life cycle and ‘*approval in principle to Donegal County Council to proceed to Design, Planning & Procurement Strategy.*’ As outlined, a Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy has already been submitted to DHLGH on 29th July 2022 and is therefore actively under review and consideration by DHLGH. This remains the case as at last update sought from DHLGH on 16th September 2022.

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

A FUNDING APPROVAL PROCESS



Alongside the above activity, a number of steps are being taken to develop each sub-project further. The table below sets out this activity.

Sub-project	Immediate next steps
A: The Cathedral Quarter-Making a Creative District	See breakdown for each of the 3 elements
Creative Hub and Urban Parkland	<p>Site-specific design concept via LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy commission is now complete following a 3rd phase of consultation and was endorsed at a workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD on 8th July 2022.</p> <p>The Design Concept will inform the design process to prepare Part 8 proposed development or application to An Bord Pleanala, as appropriate, via procurement of architect led design and supervision team following pre-tender and tender approval by DHLGH.</p> <p>Engagement has been undertaken with Failte Irelands 'Tourism Office Network Team' and Letterkenny Chamber of Commerce in relation to the tourist office element of this project.</p> <p>Design concept is also informing acquisition processes. Landowner consultation RE acquisition pathways has already significantly progressed.</p> <p>It is intended to commence topographical survey where landowners have given permission to do so.</p>
Market Square	<p>A Part 8 proposed development in respect of 'Letterkenny 2040-Reimagined Market Square' was published on 21st July 2022 for public inspection until 19th August 2022. 5 submissions were received from members of the public including one petition and a collective/duplicate submission from a number of businesses. 3 submissions were received from statutory/internal consultees. A Chief Executives Report in relation to the submissions was considered at the scheduled plenary Council meeting on 26th September 2022 wherein Members resolved to further consider the proposed development at a Special Council meeting scheduled for 12th October 2022. In the interim, the Chief Executives report will be further considered by Members at a workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD on 3rd October 2022.</p> <p>NOTE: This will result in procurement of architect led design and supervision team for detailed design stage onwards rather than designs services for planning consent onwards</p>
Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme	<p>This project will be packaged with 'Creative Hub and Urban Parkland' as regards Architect-led design and supervision team following receipt of pre-tender approval by DHLGH.</p> <p>Part 8 is already secured through the work of Roads & Transportation and will be reviewed as part of the overall design process package with specific consideration to accessibility/threshold treatment.</p> <p>It is noted that Irish Water are currently progressing works to replace an existing watermain on Church lane as a critical piece of infrastructure upgrade in advance of the URDF project progressing to site which is estimated as Q4 2024 and subject to a number of dependencies and unknowns.</p>
B: Strategic acquisition in Lower Main Street	<p>Site-specific design concepts for a number of Lower Main Street locations via LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy commission are now complete following a 3rd phase of consultation and were endorsed at a workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD on 8th July 2022.</p> <p>Landowner consultation RE acquisition pathways has commenced.</p>

Sub-project	Immediate next steps
	<p>Further engagement with Donegal Youth Service and Letterkenny Youth Club on future project development has also commenced together with cross-directorate collaboration as regards a social housing scheme.</p>
<p>C: Revival at the Courthouse</p>	<p>Draft terms of reference are currently being prepared for consultancy services to undertake a 'Product Identification/Visitor Experience Plan' to define the nature of proposed tourist attraction. The Draft Terms of Reference include for engagement with Members at MD level and are being informed by ongoing consultation with Failte Ireland inclusive of 'Attractions Team' and 'Tourism Office Network' team. The target is to complete the preparation of the Terms of Reference in advance of and in readiness of approval to proceed to tendering by DHLGH in order to fast track this stage as soon as possible.</p> <p>The 'Product Identification/Visitor Experience Plan' will include for consideration of concept options and identification of the preferred story to be told, analysis of potential markets, competitor analysis, best practice examples, preliminary pricing, preliminary revenue projections, operational model (public or private).</p>
<p>Sub-Project D: Enabling a Regional Transport Hub</p>	<p>Preferred location for future Regional Transport Hub has emerged through the LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy process in the Pearse Road area. A Design Concept in respect of a future Transport Hub and its integration with LK Green Connect walking and cycling infrastructure and a new civic space is now complete following a 3rd phase of consultation and was endorsed at a workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD on 8th July 2022. This work has assisted in connecting with potential landowners affected.</p> <p>The Design Concept will inform acquisition processes and land owner consultation will now formally commenced.</p> <p>Positive engagement with Bus Eireann was held at a meeting on 31st March 2022 with commitment for further engagement and communication following consideration within Bus Eireann corporate structures. Further follow up communication to Bus Eireann issued on 20th May 2022 to share the emerging design concept launched for public consultation and to seek further engagement. This engagement was renewed on 23rd August and 26th September 2022 and is being sought as a matter of priority.</p>
<p>Sub- project E: LK Green Connect</p>	<p>Through the LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy commission, a Design Concept in respect of LK Green Connect is now complete following a 3rd phase of consultation and was endorsed at a workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD on 8th July 2022. The Design Concept integrates LK Green Connect with an urban wetland concept, future transport hub and new civic space. The Design Concept will inform engagement with landowners to progress the acquisition interests supported under URDF as regards LK Green Connect.</p> <p>In addition, it is targeted to progress a Part 8 proposed development using in-house resources in respect of LK Green Connect walking and cycling infrastructure to link Phase 1 (currently under construction) to Pearse Road and therefore to secure Phase 2 to shovel ready status. The timeline for Part 8 is yet to be confirmed and is subject to availability of staff resources across both URDF and RRDF programmes.</p> <p>Publication of a Part 8 proposed development in respect of the 'Cultural Corridor' section of LK Green Connect is targeted for mid-November 2022. Pasparakis Friel Architects has been appointed in this</p>

Sub-project	Immediate next steps
	<p>regard to provide Part 8 drawings while the Regeneration and Development Team will manage and lead all other elements of the Part 8 process including AA and EIA screening. This also includes consultation with the Cultural Partners (An Grianan Theatre, the Regional Cultural Centre and Donegal County Museum).</p> <p>Engagement with landowners has commenced as regards land acquisition interests necessary for the Cultural Corridor section of LK Green Connect and as supported under URDF and will be further advanced with greater certainty following Part 8 publication.</p>

2.3 **Future URDF call for applications**

Although there is no confirmed date available for a 3rd call for URDF applications, an announcement is anticipated as early as Q4 2022/Q1 2023 and following an ongoing review of funding commitments/ project costs currently being undertaken by DHLGH. Consideration is being given to the options in this regard including the further sequencing of investment to deliver on the LK 2040 ambition particularly in relation to the advancement of a Regional Transport Hub, associated accessibility infrastructure and capital projects at Lower Main Street. It is proposed to scope the options with Members of Letterkenny-Milford MD as part of a future MD workshop.

2.4 **‘The Eat Out’ Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Project, Letterkenny**

A proposed Part 8 development as regards ‘The Eat Out’ Outdoor Dining Infrastructure project was published on 15th September 2022 for a period of statutory consultation. Submissions may be made by 4.30pm on Tuesday 1st November 2022. Thereafter a Chief Executives Report will be prepared and submitted for consideration at the scheduled Plenary Council meeting on 28th November 2022.

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

2.5 **Other**

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

**Regeneration & Development Team
October 2022.**

Appendix B



**Comhairle Contae
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CAPITAL PROJECTS DELIVERY UNIT

Community Development and Planning Services

Report to Donegal Municipal District Members: October 2022

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

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Donegal Municipal District - 11th October 2022 Motions

Agenda Item No.6

Office Ref:DLMD-2022-09003

Submitted By: Cllr. Niamh Kennedy

Assigned To: Community

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

Signed Off By: PADDY DOHERTY

Response: The Property Marking Machine is available to all trained members of An Garda Síochána via a booking diary through the PPN- mary.clyde@donegalcoco.ie or donegalppn@donegalcoco.ie. There are two machines and they are available from the Milford Public Service Centre. There are now approximately 30 members of An Garda Síochána trained to use these machines. With regards to boat marking/outboard engines, an event took place in Burtonport over the Summer, marking boats, engines and other property at the "Float for Hope" event. The Role of the JPC in relation to CCTV is to issue a letter of approval from the Joint Policing Committee to be included with an application to the Department of Justice and Equality for grant aid for a community-based CCTV system.



Donegal Municipal District - 11th October 2022 Questions

Agenda Item No.7

Office Ref:DLMD-2022-09001

Submitted By: Cllr. Tom Conaghan**Assigned To:** Roads**Question** "Is it possible to have route 18 and 19 in the Donegal Town area included in the winter maintenance programme for '22/'23?"**Signed Off By:** MARK SWEENEY**Response:** All routes identified in the Winter Maintenance Plan, which includes route 18 and 19, that was discussed and agreed with the Councillors at last years Winter Maintenance Workshop are included in the Programme for 2022/2023

Agenda Item No.8

Office Ref:DLMD-2022-09002

Submitted By: Cllr. Tom Conaghan**Assigned To:** Roads**Question** "Is this Donegal MD in a position to spray Japanese knotweed in areas affected at this time of year? "**Signed Off By:** MARK SWEENEY**Response:** In the Donegal MD the Roads office has identified over 200 sites along the public road network where Japanese Knotweed has been identified. These sites have been treated each year for the last 6 years a noticeable reduction in the knotweed has been recorded. As new sites are being identified along the public road network they are been added to the list. This year spraying operations commenced in September and are now almost completed.

Agenda Item No.9

Office Ref:DLMD-2022-09004

Submitted By: Cllr. Niamh Kennedy**Assigned To:** Community**Question** "How many occasions has the property marking machines been used in the County and if so where?"**Signed Off By:** PADDY DOHERTY**Response:** There were numerous clinics held in various locations during the summer months with the list below: • Termon Centre, Pettigo August • Ardara and Ballyshannon Agriculture Shows Property marking • Glencolmille Agriculture Show • Barnesmore/Townawully, Donegal Town September • Community Alert HSE Event, Donegal Town September • IFA Farm Safety event in St. Johnson. • Burtonport ` Float for hope ` event Property marking on boats and outboard engines carried out. • Meenacross Agriculture Show, 1 August Dungloe • Termon GAA – Property Marking. • Carndonagh Agriculture Show Property Marking Demonstration, 16 July • Clonmany Festival, 2 August • Inishowen Marts • Inishowen Co-Op Carndonagh, 27 August • Donegal IFA, Letterkenny • On the 2nd August Community policing Gardaí assisted by members from Carndonagh Garda station set up a property marking event at the Clonmany show Future events in the diary at present are for the IFA Meenacross on 7/10/2022 from 6pm to 9pm at the Community Hall, and an event has been arranged for Carndonagh Co-op on 22nd October 2022.