

Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall

Oifig Riarthóir na gCruinnithe,
Aras an Chontae,
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7ú Márta, 2023

Fógra Cruinnithe

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall ar siúl **De Máirt, 14ú Márta 2023 ag 11.30 r.n. in Ionad Serbhísí Pobail, Bhaile Dhún na nGall.**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS DÚN NA nGALL

A Chara,

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

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Padraig O'Sirin
Riarthóir Cruinnithe

Municipal District of Donegal

Office of Meetings Administrator,
County House,
Lifford.

7th March 2023

NOTICE OF MEETING

The next Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal will be held on **Tuesday 14th March 2023 at 11.30 am in the Donegal Public Services Centre.**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL

Dear Councillor,

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

Yours sincerely,

Pauric Sheerin
Meetings Administrator

AGENDA

1. Consideration of Minutes of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 14th February 2023.
2. Consideration of the Minutes of the Roads Workshop held on the 10th February 2023.
3. Abbey Vocational School Deputation
4. **Update Reports from Council Services:**
 - 4.1 Housing & Corporate Services
 - 4.2 Roads & Transportation
 - 4.2.1 *Section 183 Request – Disposal of Land at Rennison’s Lane, Bundoran*
 - 4.3 Economic Development, Information Systems and Emergency Services
 - 4.4 Environment Services
 - 4.5 Community Development
 - 4.6 Planning Services
5. **Schedule of Municipal District Works 2023**

Motions

6. Cllr Michael McMahon
“That this MD in conjunction with Bus Eireann and Ulster Bus try to get two bus shelters erected in Bundoran”.
7. Cllr Tom Conaghan
“That this Donegal MD carry out a complete and comprehensive review of all lights in the Donegal Town area. Lights have not been repaired or checked for a number of weeks in some areas of the town, for example lights are out on the Killybegs Rd for over two weeks”.
8. Cllr Noel Jordan
“I am asking this MD to call on the DCC and the county machinery yard to purchase a High Velocity pothole sprayer in light of the condition of a lot of our secondary roads”.

Questions

9. Cllr Tom Conaghan

“Is there any possibility of tidying the area at the pier in Donegal Town before the summer season?”

10. Cllr Tom Conaghan

“Can this Donegal MD arrange a meeting with the ESB regarding the erection of the transformer on the Diamond in Donegal Town?”

11. **Date of Next Meeting(s) / Workshop(s)**

- MD Meeting on Tuesday the 11th April 2023 at 11.30 am in the Peter Kennedy Chamber (as per standing orders)

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL
HELD AT 11.30 AM ON TUESDAY THE 14TH FEBRUARY 2023 IN THE PETER
KENNEDY CHAMBER, DONEGAL PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE**

MDD/011/23 MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MDD/012/23 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Garry Martin, Director Designate, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Pauric Sheerin, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Roads/Transportation
Ms. Aideen Quinn, A/Executive Planner, Planning
Ms. Tara Quinn, Executive Architect, Housing Capital
Mr. Paddy Doherty, Divisional Manager, Community Development
Ms. Joy Browne, A / Senior Staff Officer, Economic Development
Mr. Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer, Environment Section
Ms. Caroline Britton, A/Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

MDD/013/23 APOLOGIES

Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

MDD/014/23 VOTES OF SYMPATHY

- The late Bridget Morrow, Letterbrick, Cloghan, mother of our colleague John Morrow, Mobile Litter Unit, Environment Department.
- The late Ursula McGroarty, mother of our colleague Brian McGroarty, Roads Office, Ballyshannon.
- The late Charlie Moohan, Drimbarron, Frosses former Waterworks Inspector.
- To the victims impacted by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

**MDD/015/23 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 10TH JANUARY
2023**

On the proposal of Cllr Jordan, seconded by Cllr Sweeny the Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 10th January 2023 were confirmed.

MDD/016/23 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 09TH JANUARY 2023

On the proposal of Cllr Naughton, seconded by Cllr Sweeny the Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 09th January 2023 were confirmed.

MDD/017/23 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

CORPORATE SERVICES

ESB – Ballyshannon Power Outages

Cllr Sweeny referred to the numerous power outages that have taken place in recent times within the Knather, Corlea, Lisachully and Clyhore area of Ballyshannon. Cllr Sweeny highlighted the inconvenience of power outages and noted that this area includes businesses, elderly people and a lot of individuals who work from home. Cllr Sweeny asked that correspondence issue to ESB to highlight the issue, express concerns and request immediate action. Cllr Naughton suggested ESB be invited to a forthcoming workshop to discuss the ongoing faults.

Mr Sheerin agreed to write to the ESB and convey the sentiment of the Members and suggested if the issue persists ESB can be invited to a future workshop.

Expressway Service

Cllr Kennedy highlighted once again ongoing concerns with the Expressway Service operated by Bus Eireann and submitted that individuals have been left on the side of the road waiting on a bus that did not arrive. Cllr Jordan referred to previous correspondence issued to Bus Eireann and a subsequent meeting that took place with management, whereby assurances were obtained that there would be no further disruptions to the service. The Members noted the importance of this type of transport service within the county and suggested the company should consider reducing the number of timings along a route in order to deliver a guaranteed service. Due to the number of letters that have already issued to Bus Eireann regarding this issue, the Members wished to invite Bus Eireann to a workshop.

Mr Sheerin agreed to issue correspondence to Bus Eireann and invite them to attend a future workshop.

HOUSING SERVICES

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

The Members noted the housing reports. Mr Sheerin provided an update on the casual vacancies and advised that it is expected that keys for an additional six properties will be returned within the coming weeks. In terms of Housing Capital, Mr Sheerin submitted that tenders for Drumacrin Phase 1 were returned on the 20th January 2023 and an evaluation panel is currently being selected to carry out the assessments. It is anticipated works will commence on site in June 2023. The sixteen units, comprising of fourteen x 2 beds and two x 3 beds at Oak Meadows are due for completion towards the end of March and Phase 3 of Railway Park is expected to be completed in August 2023. In Ballyshannon, the turnkey properties comprising of five x 2 bedroom properties are due for completion in the coming weeks.

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

Drumacrin, Bundoran (Phase 1)

Cllr Naughton sought an update on the link road development for the Drumacrin Phase 1 project. Mr Sheerin referred to the recent workshop on the County Development Plan and the Resettlement Frameworks and noted that the link road was being considered in the context of these plans. Mr Sheerin submitted that he is aware the Senior Engineer is continuing to hold discussions with various landowners and agreed to seek an update on same.

Social Housing

Cllr Jordan welcomed the details of the additional houses due for completion shortly within the Donegal Towan and Ballyshannon area and queried if the deep retrofitting works were completed on the casual vacancy stock prior to allocation. Mr Sheerin submitted that the funding received for casual vacancies is utilised to bring the houses up to private rented standards and did not allow for the completion of deep retrofitting works, however, if a casual vacancy arose within a housing estate where deep retrofitting works were being completed, then this property would also be included. Mr Sheerin noted that the deep retrofit programme is principally targeted at the Council's older occupied housing stock.

MDD/018/22 ROADS / TRANSPORTATION SERVICES REPORT

2023 Roadworks Programme Status Report

Mr Sweeney advised that the funding announcement for the 2023 Roadworks Programme has just been received and in this context, it was agreed to hold a workshop on the 6th March 2023 to discuss the forthcoming Programme.

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: -

Arrangements for the Roads Workshop on Thursday the 9th February 2023.

This workshop was rescheduled to 10th February and the following items were discussed:

- A discussion with staff from the Environment Office.
- An update on Active Travel Projects in the DMD
- The 2023 Road Maintenance Programme (based on 2022 budget)
- The 2023 Road Improvement Programme (based on 2022 budget)
- The 2023 Drainage programme (based on 2022 budget)
- An update on the 2023 LIS list, additional schemes selected to determine their eligibility.
- Barnesmore Gap Greenway – Date agreed with Members. Online meeting, 13th February at 16:30pm, to brief the Members on the proposed project prior to public consultation commencing on 22nd February 2023.
- DMD Roads Workshop – Date agreed with the Members to have another workshop on Friday 3rd March 2023 at 10am to adjust the Road Maintenance, Road Improvement and Drainage programmes when the 2023 budgets are known – *this date was revised to take place on the 6th March 2023 at 10am.*
- The 2023 Bridge Strengthening Priority List

Public Lighting - Report the faulty public lighting issues & circulate the website link for reporting faulty lights to the Members,

An email was sent to all Members on 12th January 2023 which included the link for reporting faults in the public lighting network.

Ascertain if Airtricity is responsible for the repair of faulty public lighting.

- The Council have a contract with Enerveo for the maintenance of public lighting. Note however that it is the Elected Members who allocate the budget for this maintenance and this budget hasn't increased in 5 years despite the increase in public lights from 15,000 to 19,000, a 25% increase in workload with the same budget so delivery of service will be affected.
- Currently there are circa 300 outages in the County which equates to 1% with a contract in place with level of service of max circa 1% lights out and 14 day repair period.
- Also, over the previous 12 months supply chain issues has affected public lighting as per other service/maintenance contracts and this clearly affects repair time frames.

- DCC PL management team is clear on concerns and frustrations regarding "some" longer term repair delays and is addressing same. These are all as a result of more complex matters and not light bulb replacement. These all require increased financial solutions within the limited budget provided by members in annual revenue allocation.
- The PL team and its contractor has a programme of work for Jan/Feb to focus on addressing the outages, leaving aside all other works for this period. We expect good progress on closeouts over next 4-6 weeks.

Discuss hedge cutting and tree cutting/trimming issues at the next Internal Roads Meeting.

This matter will be discussed at the next Roads Workshop.

Follow up with Road Design with a view to preparing drawings for Part VIII approval for a one-way system at the West Rock in Ballyshannon.

Road Design have advised that they have this project listed but they are currently not in a position to prepare the Part 8 drawings for this project due to their limited staff numbers. It is hoped that when the existing vacant positions are filled that this project can then be progressed.

Query if there is a possibility to receive TII funding for Clyghore Cross Roads.

We are unable to advise on this request until after the 2023 budget allocations are announced.

Include the Active Travel topic on the Roads Workshop Agenda scheduled to take place on the 9th February 2023.

This matter was discussed at the Workshop held on 10th February 2023.

Liaise with the Marine Section regarding the storm damage at the Cassan Sound and Creevy Pier.

These issues were referred to the Marine Section on 10th January 2023.

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

Public Lighting

Cllr McMahon noted the response received regarding the contract with Energieo and suggested a workshop take place with the company to highlight the ongoing issues and the low number of staff available to carry out repairs. Cllr McMahon noted the importance of this type of work and commended the Area Roads Office for the work recently undertaken in Bundoran. Mr Sweeney agreed to refer the request for

a workshop with Enerveo to the Senior Engineer responsible for public lighting.

Tree Surgery

As the 1st March is approaching, Cllr Sweeny sought an update on the tree cutting projects. Mr Sweeney advised the tender process for the appointment of the tree surgeon is nearing completion and when appointed, a meeting will take place on site shortly to agree the extent of works.

Road Markings

Cllr Sweeny submitted that the disabled parking spaces in Ballyshannon required repainting and recommended the identification of a loading bay space on Market Street in order to alleviate traffic congestion. Mr Sweeney agreed to review same.

Cycleways / Greenways

Cllr Sweeny welcomed the additional Active Travel funding for the Ballyshannon / Bundoran cycleway and referred to the recent meeting on the proposed Barnesmore Greenway. Cllr Kennedy encouraged participation in the public consultation event that is scheduled to take place next week in relation to the Barnemore Greenway.

Roads Funding Announcements

Cllr Naughton welcomed €840,000 LIS funding announcement to the county, however, emphasized when divided between each of the Municipal Districts, this amount was reduced to €168,000 per MD. He also noted the funding obtained for regional and local roads and advised that an additional €150,000 was obtained for the Glenmore Bridge on the Pettigo Road and €300,000 for Halls Junction, Kilcar. Cllr Naughton highlighted the LIS applicants' frustrations and advised that he will be lobbying for additional funding in a number of areas when he next meets the Minister.

Cllr Kennedy welcomed the additional funding of €2 million for Fintragh Bridge and envisaged this funding would facilitate the progression of the project.

ESB Kiosk at the Diamond, Donegal Town

In advance of the regeneration works to the Diamond in Donegal Town, both Cllr Naughton and Cllr Jordan sought an additional meeting with ESB to review the possibility of relocating the ESB kiosk. Mr Sweeney noted upgrade works were required to this kiosk due to energy demands and agreed to seek a meeting.

Mountcharles / Inver By-Pass

Cllr Jordan commended the recently erected art piece located along the Mountcharles / Inver road at Drumbeg and noted the relevance the structure had to the area, as it comprises of stone from a number of local quarries along with the reclaimed mill wheel from the old

Creamery. Cllr Jordan commended the design by Niall Bruton and the work carried out by Kerrigans Quarries. In response to a request by Cllr Jordan to cut the shrubbery located close to the structure, Mr Sweeney agreed to complete same.

Signage

Due to the potential hazard of deer crossing the road at Kilcar, Cllr Kennedy asked for the erection of sign to warn approaching motorists. Mr Sweeney agreed to review and erect warning signs.

Glencolmcille Car Park

Cllr Kennedy sought a cross-directorate meeting to discuss the Glencolmcille car park. Mr Sweeney advised a cross directorate meeting has already taken place on this matter and plans are being prepared for the car park. When these plans are concluded the next step will be a meeting with the relevant stakeholders.

Active Travel

Cllr Kennedy highlighted the pedestrian safety concern on the road between Bruckless and Dunkineely and recommended this area be considered under the Active Travel Scheme. Mr Sweeney agreed to raise the issue with the TII Office.

MDD/019/23 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFORMATION SYSTEMS & EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT

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

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

Ms Browne submitted that the next Tourism Conference is scheduled to take place on the 30th March 2023 and this year's theme is 'Emerging Trends'. In advance of the Holiday World Show in January, 10,000 copies of the 64 page, A5 size tourism brochure were printed for distribution to a wide range of tourism partners and Ms Browne advised that the Council has been successful in obtaining Interreg funding for a Turbo Tourism Project which will include an analysis of the tourism sector in terms of green and digital skills. The Local Enterprise Office is currently reviewing the Food Coast Strategy and will be launching the Enterprise Week on the 17th February. In terms

of the Bundoran Oceanside Project, work is progressing, and it is expected to be completed prior to the commencement of the summer season. In relation to the Donegal Diamond Project it is expected the tender assessment process will be completed on the 22nd February and the appointment of a Civil Works contractor will take place thereafter. To keep disruptions to a minimum, it is anticipated the construction works will commence in the Autumn. Once the contractor is in place, a March workshop will be agreed with the Members. Ms Browne further submitted that an internal meeting took place to discuss the Donegal Town Masterplan and it was noted the Category 2 RRDF funding may be a suitable fit for this type of project.

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

Transportation

Cllr McMahon highlighted the importance of the railway system, particularly for visitors to the Bundoran area and noted that a large volume of passengers was reporting overcrowding on the trains and no refreshments available for purchase. Cllr McMahon suggested issuing correspondence to Iarnród Éireann to ask them to resolve these issues. Cllr Naughton also highlighted the recent cancellation of flights at Donegal Airport and noted the importance of the smooth running of this facility to our county. Ms Browne agreed to feed back the comments to the Tourism Team.

Hospitality VAT Rate

In terms of the hospitality sector, Cllr Naughton noted the value for money that can be obtained in Donegal in comparison to the bigger cities and asked for correspondence to issue to the Minister calling for the continuation of the 9% hospitality VAT rate, particularly until a reduction has been noted in the cost of living expenses. Cllr McMahon seconded this proposal. Ms Browne agreed to raise the comments with the Tourism Team.

Festivals & Events

Cllr Sweeny noted the recent announcement of festival and events funding and submitted in the past the Rory Gallagher Festival benefitted greatly from this type of funding. Although this festival will still require financial assistance, Cllr Sweeny asked for additional supports such as staff to assist with the clean-up operations. Ms Browne advised that the Regional Festivals & Participative Events Programme for 2023 is open for applications with funding available of between €500 and €4,000 for projects. The closing date for applications is the 16th March 2023.

MDD/020/23 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
 - Green Hub
- Water Quality
 - Public Service Announcement – Good Agricultural Practice
 - Septic Tanks – National Inspection Plan

Ms Bogan advised that Donegal Town has been selected as one of six pilot towns nationally to become a 'Green Hub'. The Council is collaborating with the ETB and the Local Enterprise Office as well as the Donegal Town Community Chamber and Business Focus Group on this project. The project aims to help businesses maximise the segregation of business waste and a breakfast launch of this initiative will take place on the 28th February at 8am in the Abbey Hotel.

Ms Bogan submitted that community clean-up initiative will be launched shortly and asked the Members to consider a suitable location for the photocall.

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

Green Hub Initiative

Cllr Sweeny welcomed the Green Hub initiative and queried was it possible to incorporate the establishment of a cycle repair shop within this project. Ms Bogan advised this type of proposal was not included in this project, however, if there was sufficient interest within the community, a pop-up shop could be supported.

Septic Tank Inspections

Cllr Jordan sought an update on the previous septic tank inspections in other areas of the county and queried how many households availed of the grant. Cllr Jordan noted that those households that did not register prior to 2013 were unable to apply for funding. Ms Bogan agreed to seek a report on same.

Irish Water

Cllr Jordan referred to the recent announcement of water treatment plants throughout the county and expressed his dismay that the Mountcharles Water Treatment Plant has not progressed. Cllr Jordan submitted that people were deprived of setting up home in Mountcharles as planning applications are being refused due to the existing facility not being fit for purpose. Despite Irish Water's promise of engaging with the Planning Section, no confirmation has been obtained as to when the works for the new treatment plant will commence.

Cllr McMahon also highlighted the condition of the water in the Cashelard area of Ballyshannon and noted that households and a local business are complaining that the existing water is causing damage to electrical appliances such as showers, washing machines and kettles as a result of excess lime in the water. Cllr Sweeney concurred with Cllr McMahon and encouraged the public to submit their views via the public consultation process.

Murvagh Beach Foot Shower

Cllr Naughton referred to the recently installed foot shower at Murvagh beach and queried if there was a detailed drawing completed in advance of the construction phase. Cllr Naughton expressed his dismay at the poor workmanship of the structure and sought a report on same for the next MD meeting. Ms Bogan agreed to seek an update.

2023 Community Clean-Up Launch

Cllr Naughton suggested one of the Donegal Schools as a suitable location for the launch of the 2023 community clean-up launch. Cllr Kennedy noted that Fintra Beach had a very active community group, who have gathered a large quantity of litter in past and suggested the beach as a suitable location for the photocall.

Blue Flag Status

Cllr Kennedy noted the beauty of Muckross Beach and queried if this beach had the potential to obtain a blue flag status. Ms Bogan advised obtaining a blue flag status involved passing a large range of criteria including the collection of water quality samples on an annual basis. Ms Bogan agreed to discuss the proposal with her colleagues in the Coastal Management Team.

WEE Collection

Cllr Kennedy welcomed the WEE collection facilities in Killybegs on the 13th April 2023.

MDD/021/23 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING SERVICES

Community Development

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

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

- Town & Village Renewal – Donegal MD
 - Donegal Town
 - Glencolmcille
 - Carrick

- Bruckless
- Clár 2022 – Donegal MD
 - Termon Complex, Pettigo
 - Leitir Corn Mill River Walk, Kilcar
- Playground Maintenance
- Walks & Trails
- Sliabh Liag Development Project
- Leader/RDP Programme Update
- Community Funding Opportunities

Mr Doherty informed the Members that there will be a call for Clár 2023 funding applications within the coming weeks and expressions of interest are being sought from community groups who are interested in drawing down funding under the Community Recognition Fund 2023. This fund aims to support the development of community infrastructure and facilities in recognition of the town and villages that have welcomed Ukrainian arrivals. The expressions of interest have a return date of the 6th March 2023. Mr Doherty further submitted that consultation for the PEACE + Action Plan will be held in the Donegal Public Service Centre on Monday the 27th February between 10.30 am and 12 noon. In advance of the next MD meeting, Mr Doherty sought a suitable date to hold a DFI workshop.

A number of comments were noted as follows;

Town & Village Renewal Schemes

Cllr Sweeny referred to the delay in completing the existing town and village projects and queried if this would have a negative impact on future applications under this scheme. Mr Doherty advised that the existing projects are coming to fruition and these will not have an impact on future applications.

Community Recognition Fund

In response to Cllr Naughton's query regarding the Community Recognition Fund, Mr Doherty advised the fund is open to existing community centres and from the 15th February 2023 groups will be able to submit on-line applications. Capital funding in the region of €25,000 to €250,000 will be available for improvement and capital works. Mr Doherty further advised that the Plenary Council agreed that applications will be submitted to the LCDC for approval prior to submission to the Department by the 15th March 2023. Cllr Kennedy noted the importance of ensuring that rural (rather than urban) locations have a good chance of obtaining funding under this proposal.

Planning Services

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

- Development Applications
- Enforcement
- Q1 2023 Planning Clinics
 - 23rd February 2023
 - 9th March 2023
 - 23rd March 2023
 - 6th April 2023
- Capital Projects Delivery Unit
- Regeneration & Development Team Report

Ms A Quinn reiterated Mr Sheerin's earlier comments that the Drumacrin link road would be considered in the context of the County Development Plan and the Resettlement Framework and advised that the works are ongoing on the Killybegs 2040 Project.

A number of comments were noted as follows;

Camper Vans

Cllr McMahon referred to the relevance of the camper van sector in Bundoran and agreed to speak to Ms Quinn following the meeting regarding a general land zoning query.

ERDF Funding

Cllr Sweeny welcomed the progression of the Killybegs 2040 and hoped the Ballyshannon project will be in a position to submit a proposal when the next call for applications open. Ms Quinn agreed to pass on the comments to the Regeneration Team and noted that due to certain issues within An Bord Pleanála, decisions are taking longer than expected.

Planning Permission Requirements

Cllr Kennedy sought clarification on the requirement for planning permission when carrying out refurbishment works to derelict buildings, especially buildings which have more than nine bedrooms. Ms Quinn agreed to revert.

Ukrainian Refugees

Cllr McMahon queried if a workshop had been arranged to discuss the accommodation requirements for the Ukrainian refugees. Mr Sheerin advised that following the December meeting whereby a request to hold workshop was made, the Ukrainian Response Co-ordinator had a family bereavement. Going forward, it is proposed information will disseminated amongst the Members and if required, a MD workshop will take place thereafter. Cllr Naughton emphasised the importance of the addressing the accommodation issues and he is aware a number of hotels have not received reimbursement of costs since October 2022 and advised at a recent SPC the Chief Executive had given a commitment to consider an information session at a Plenary meeting. It was agreed to discuss the issue further with the Chief Executive at the 2pm workshop following the MD meeting.

MDD/022/23 DISCUSSION ON A REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL POLICING RESOURCES FOR DONEGAL TOWN

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

“That this MD calls for additional policing resources for Donegal Town to assist with speed limit and other traffic enforcement matters”.

Members were given a response to the motion by the Divisional Manager, Community Development

In speaking to his motion, Cllr Conaghan referred to the state of art facilities available in Donegal Town in terms of the newly refurbished Garda Station and noted that building is not open 24 hours a day with callers being directed to Ballyshannon Garda Station. Cllr Conaghan emphasised that the Donegal Town Garda Station covers a large catchment area and therefore it is important to have a continuous presence along with a street presence. In seconding this motion, Cllr Naughton concurred with Cllr Conaghan’s comments and submitted that Donegal Town has a growing population therefore a garda presence is required 24 hours, 7 days per week.

MDD/023/23 DISCUSSION ON A REQUEST FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A LOCAL AREA PLAN FOR ROSSNOWLAGH

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

“That this MD call on the planning section of Donegal County Council to develop a local area plan for Rosstown?”

Members were given a response to the motion by the Senior Executive Planner, Planning Section

In speaking to his motion, Cllr Naughton expressed his disappointment at the response received from the Director of Service and referred to the developments undertaken in other coastal locations such as Bundoran, Strandhill and Rosses Point in Sligo. Cllr Naughton submitted that Rosstown offered the potential to be further developed and noted the importance of having a vision and a local area plan in place to ensure the works are conducted in an appropriate manner. Cllr Naughton referred to the existing amenities already in place at Rosstown and wished to welcome the young couple who have recently purchased Coolmore Manor House. In seconding this motion, Cllr Sweeny referred to Rosstown’s great potential for further development and a co-ordinated masterplan is required which not only considers improved facilities but environmental and flooding issues as well.

MDD/024/23 DISCUSSION ON THE BELLEEK / BALLYSHANNON / ROSSNOWLAGH / BUNDORAN GREENWAY / WALKWAY

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

“That this MD have a discussion with regards to the Belleek / Ballyshannon / Rosstown / Bundoran Greenway/Walkway to determine what progress has been made if any; and see what can be done to bring it on further”.

Members were given a response to the motion by the Area Manager, Roads & Transportation

In speaking to his motion, Cllr McMahon submitted that community groups are frustrated at the lack of progression in the development of Greenways / Cycleways and emphasised the importance of working closely with colleagues in the Fermanagh & Omagh District Council to progress this project. Cllr McMahon acknowledged the response received and recommended a specific Engineer should be appointed to work closely with the Members and Community Groups. In seconding this motion, Cllr Sweeny noted that a feasibility study has been completed and suggested the Shared Island Fund may be a possible avenue for potential funding. Cllr Sweeny recommended reconnecting with Fermanagh & Omagh District Council. Mr Martin advised that the Council is working closely with Fermanagh & Omagh District Council on Shared Island Projects and advised that there is a high level of funding available for projects, however, due to staffing constraints not all projects can be brought to fruition within a short timeframe. Mr Martin agreed with the Members comments regarding the benefits of cross-border working with their counterparts in Fermanagh & Omagh District Council.

MDD/025/23 REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL CCTV AND GARDA PRESENCE IN DONEGAL TOWN

The following question was submitted by Cllr Conaghan: -

“Can additional CCTV be installed, with additional Garda presence, in Donegal Town as a deterrent to anti-social behaviour, such as we had during the last weekend of January 2023.”

Cllr Conaghan received a response from the Divisional Manager, Community Development.

MDD/026/23 REQUEST FOR AN UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED RE-LOCATION OF THE RECYCLING BANKS IN DONEGAL TOWN

The following question was submitted by Cllr Conaghan: -

“Can I please get an update on the proposed re-location of the recycling banks in Donegal Town?”

Cllr Conaghan received a response from the Senior Engineer, Environment Section.

MDD/027/23 REQUEST REGARDING COUNCIL OWNED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT LAND IN THE DONEGAL MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

The following question was submitted by Cllr Naughton: -

“Can I get a list of all the land available for housing development that the council owns in this Municipal District?”.

Cllr Naughton received a response from the Area Manager, Housing & Corporate.

MDD/028/23 Date of Next Meeting / Workshops

- Roads Workshop on Monday the 06th March 2023 at 10am
- DFI Workshop on Monday the 06th March 2023 at 11am
- MD Meeting on Tuesday the 14th March 2023 at 11.30 am in the Peter Kennedy Chamber (as per standing orders) - To include Deputation from Abbey Vocational School – Young Social Innovators Project.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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Donegal Municipal District

Roads & Transportation Workshop

Date: 10th February 2023

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Donegal PSC - Council Chamber

Present: Cllr Sweeney, Cllr Naughton, Cllr Kennedy,
Cllr Conaghan, Cllr McMahon. Cllr Jordan.
Mark Sweeney. Donal Murphy, Declan Gillespie
Michael Canning, Seamus Hopkins, John McCandless

Topic discussed:

1. A discussion with staff from the Environment Office.
2. An update on Active Travel Projects in the DMD
3. The 2023 Road Maintenance Programme (based on 2022 budget)
4. The 2023 Road Improvement Programme (based on 2022 budget)
5. The 2023 Drainage programme (based on 2022 budget)
6. An update on the 2023 LIS list.
7. Barnesmore Gap Greenway – Request for a workshop.
8. DMD Roads Workshop.
9. The 2023 Bridge Strengthening Priority List

1. A discussion with staff from the Environment Office

Following a short presentation by the Environment Office the Members raised the following issues:

- The level of service for litter collection in Bundoran.
- Issue of birds pulling rubbish out of bins.
- Consideration for solar bins in Rossnowlagh.
- Request for beach warden to patrol dog fouling and littering on beaches.
- Ongoing issue regarding the bottle bank location in Donegal Town.

2. An update on Active Travel Projects in the DMD

As a follow up to the request at the Donegal Municipal District meeting held on 10th January 2023 the Members were updated by Michael Canning on the status of the Active Travel project within the Donegal Municipal District.

3. The 2023 Road Maintenance Programme (based on 2022 budget)

The members were presented with a proposed programme of road maintenance (surface dressing) works to the value of €1,025,868.99 which was discussed and agreed without amendment.

This programme is to be formally agreed at the DMD meeting scheduled for 14th February 2023.

The Members were also advised that when the 2023 funding has been announced a further workshop will be arranged to adjust this programme to match the 2023 budget.

See attached for copy of programme.

4. The 2023 Road Improvement Programme (based on 2022 budget)

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6. An update on the 2023 LIS list.

Following a request by the Roads Office the Members provided a list of additional schemes to be checked to determine their eligibility.

7. Barnesmore Gap Greenway – Request for a workshop.

The Members were advised that the National Road Design Office are planning to commence the public consultation on the Barnesmore Gap Greenway Project on 22nd February 2023 and would like to agree a date with the Members to brief them on the proposed project in advance of this public consultation process commencing.

The Members agreed to facilitate this request via an online meeting on 13th February at 16:30pm.

8. DMD Roads Workshop.

Date agreed with the Members to have another workshop on Friday 3rd March 2023 at 10:00am to adjust the Road Maintenance, Road Improvement and Drainage programmes when the 2023 budgets are known.

(At the MD meeting on 14th February this meeting date was rescheduled to Monday 6th March 2023 at 10:00am)

9. The 2023 Bridge Strengthening Priority List

The members were presented with a proposed bridge strengthening priority list to the value of €50,000.00. It is hoped that the first two bridges can be completed with the available funding but this will only be confirmed when tenders for the works are returned.

This priority list was discussed and agreed without amendment.

This programme is to be formally agreed at the DMD meeting scheduled for 14th February 2023.

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

Donegal Municipal District									
2023 Road Maintenance (Surface Dressing) Programme (Based on 2022 budget)									
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)
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LP	LP186 5-1	Ballydevitt - Drumark (Patching)	14	SD	2023	1025	5.5	5638	€27,760.00
LS	LP631 5-1	Mountcharles Forge Road	14	SD	2023	1300	4.2	5460	€26,870.00
LP	LP181 5-1	Mountcharles Glencoagh (Tarmac)	14	SD	2023	800	4.5	3600	€17,570.00
LP	LP 1515-2/3	Meenabraden (Tarmac)	14	SD	2023	1000	5.75	5750	€28,320.00
LP	LP141 5-3	Calhame - to Bogside Jnc	14	SD	2023	1200	4	4800	€23,570.00
LP	LP142 5-1	Ballycroy St Johns Point	14	SD	2023	1000	3.75	3750	€18,320.00
LP	LP166 5-3	Rock Road Doorin	14	SD	2023	1000	3.5	3500	€17,070.00
LP	LP168 5-4	Meenaguse	14	SD	2023	1250	3.2	4000	€19,625.02
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LP	LP126 5-3	Portnacrosch	15	SD	2023	1200	3.4	4080	€20,400.00
LP	LP141 5-2	Loughmult/ Calhame	15	SD	2023	1300	3.7	4810	€24,050.00
LS	LS564 5-1	Meenabraden/ Meencloy	15	SD	2023	1600	5.5	8800	€44,000.00
LP	LP121 5-3	Lergadaghtan/Muckross	15	SD	2023	1400	3.5	4950	€24,750.00
LP	LP118 5-1	Cougish Link road	15	SD	2023	1000	3	3000	€15,000.00
LS	LS521 5-2	Derrylaghan/Kilbeg	15	SD	2023	1200	4.2	5040	€25,200.00
LP	LP501 5-3	Loughaherk toward straboy	15	SD	2023	1600	4	6400	€26,250.00
LS	LS507 5-1	Kinakillew	15	SD	2023	1000	3.3	3300	€16,500.00
LP	LP102 5-2	Malinmore	15	SD	2023	1200	5	6000	€30,000.00
LS	LS521 5-1	Derrylaghan rowards Cuskary	15	SD	2023	1100	3.5	3850	€19,250.00
LS	LS522 5-1	Derrylaghan rowards Cuskary glebe	15	SD	2023	700	3	2100	€10,500.00

Donegal Municipal District								
2023 Road Improvement Programme (Based on 2022 budget)								
2023								
Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Year	Width	Length (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)
R	R263-14	Cashel hill	15	2023	6.7	700	4690	€150,000.00
R	R263 - 4	Killybegs streets	15	2023	9.0	450	4000	€150,000.00
LP	LP1345-2	Binroe	15	2023	3.5	700	2450	€78,000.00
LP	LP1025-1	Drumaghy	15	2023	11.0	200	2200	€60,000.00
R	R230	Meenaneary to crove	15	2023	6.5	500	3250	€80,000.00
LS	LS5295-1	Strabinna	15	2023	3.0	700	2100	€39,543.66
R	R-263-11	Meenavaghan	15	2023	6.7	700	4690	€150,000.00
LS	LS5235-1	Kilbeg (out of Kilcar)	15	2023	5.0	400	2000	€50,000.00
LS	LS5435-1	Balbane	15	2023	3.5	800	2800	€50,000.00
LP	LP1025-3	Meenaveen	15	2023	5.0	350	1750	€70,000.00
R	R263-17	Malinbeg towards silver strand	15	2023	4.0	500	2000	€60,000.00
								€937,543.66
R	R262/3	Frosses - Meenagran	14	2023	6	820	4920	€162,000.00
LP	LP2615/1	Main Street Mountcharles	14	2023	8	450	3600	€100,000.00
LP	LP1515/3	Ardaghey - Ardara (Meenabraden)	14	2022	5.5	740	4070	€113,000.00
LP	LP1845/3	Ballydevitt - Altadoo	14	2023	6.5	650	4225	€118,000.00
LP	LP1665/3	Rock Road Doorin	14	2023	3.75	700	2625	€73,000.00
LP	LP1575/3	Killian N S - Drumnacarry	14	2023	3.5	450	1575	€44,000.00
LP	LP1585/1	Drumnacarry - Ballymacahill	14	2023	3.5	450	1575	€44,000.00
LP	LP1375/5	Leagans - Meenawullaghan	14	2022	3.5	1000	3500	€66,500.00
LP	LP16251	McGranes Post Office (Patch)	14	2023	20	25	500	€16,500.00
LS	LS6175/1/2	Salthill - Mountcharles Leonards Crossroads	14	2023	3.75	300	1125	€33,750.00
LP	LP1815/1	Glencoagh	14	2023	5	300	1500	€42,000.00
LS	L5975/1	Drumgorman	14	2023	3.75	550	2063	€39,159.91
LS	LP1645/4	Doorin Line	14	2023	6	240	1440	€47,520.00
								€899,429.91

Donegal Municipal District

2023 Drainage Grant

DMD Budget €279,059.00 (based on 2022 figure)

Area	Description of Works	Road No.	Estimated Cost €
14	Inver Village: Pipe roadside Drain with 900mm S&S pipe for a distance of 60M	LP1565-1	€19,291.96
	Killian: Bernard Boyles 40M of 750mm S&S pipes	LS5825-1	€10,000.00
	Altidoo: Pipe roadside drain to prevent Slippage (CIS O Driscolls) 60m	LP1845-3	€8,000.00
	St Johns's Point: Ballycroy St Johns Point (Shovlins) pipe existing drain for 40m	LP1425-1	€10,000.00
	Inver (Port) at Kennedys 225mm new drainage pipe required along road edge - 80m	LP1565-1	€8,500.00
	Newwtown: Pipe roadside drain with 600mm S&S pipe to prevent slippage (20m)	LP6445-2	€10,000.00
15	Muckross: pipe open darin + 1 nr road crossing (100m)	LP-1215-3	€16,000.00
	Kilbeg: Pipe existing open drain (70m) to dealing with road slippage	LP-1175-1	€15,000.00
	Church road: pipe existing open drain + 1 nr road crossing + gullies (100m)	LP-1315-1	€17,579.92
	Lergadaghtan: pipe esiting drain with a suitably sized pipe and install road gullies (50m)	LP-1065-1	€10,000.00
	Aghragh: Pipe existing open drain to prevent slippage. 100m	LS-5165-1	€10,000.00
16	Lacklom (Road Flooding)	L-7115-2	€13,915.90
	Derries Road (2 x Culverts)	L-2335-4	€20,000.00
	Pipe Ditch (Rockhill) - (Road Pushing)	L-2305-1	€15,000.00
	Smugglers Creek (Water on Road - Potholing)	L-2315-1	€10,000.00

	Moy Road (Flooding) (Culvert Crossing)	L-2525-3	€10,000.00
17	Cullionbuoy Road crossing repair road (McAnawes) ESB Outage Meenadreen	L 2095-6	€15,000.00
	Road crossing chamber repair road (Killymard)	L 1954-1	€15,000.00
	Pipe Rd edge gulleys repair road (Drumrooske Flyover)	L 1935-1	€7,500.00
	Replace 2no Rd crossings raise Rd level (Blue road Shannagh)	L 6965 -1	€7,500.00
	Pipe Rd edge 50 mts gulleys repair road (Aghadowey)	L6915-2	€9,000.00
	Install overflow pipe to prevent Rd flooding	R232	€11,134.00
	Pipe Rd edge 50 mts gulleys repair road (Lough Derg Road - corner before sawmill)	R233	€10,637.22
	TOTAL		€279,059.00

This concluded the business of the workshop.

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Donegal County Council

Municipal District of Donegal

14th March 2023

Housing & Corporate

REPORT

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Casual Vacancies

Area	BED	Dwelling Vacated	Comment
Bundoran	3	Tenant deceased on the 25/08/2022	Tender Document Stage
Ballyshannon	3	Keys returned 08/07/2019	Tender documents to be prepared
Ballyshannon	2	Tenant deceased - keys returned 16/02/2023	Assessment Stage
Donegal Town	3	Keys returned 09/01/2023	Works commenced on site
Donegal Town	2	Tenant deceased - keys returned 01/03/2023	Assessment Stage
Dunkineely	3	Keys returned 14/02/2023	Tender advertised
Dunkineely	3	25/08/2017	Tender advertised
Dunkineely	3	15/12/2017	Tender advertised
Frosses	1	Keys returned 24/01/2023	Tender advertised
Killybegs	1	Tenant deceased - keys returned 23/05/2022	Assessment Complete - tender to be prepared
Killybegs	2	Keys returned 20/01/2023	Completed - Offer to issue

Position as at 3rd March 2023

HOUSING GRANTS

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED\INVALID	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HO	2022	89	73	7	4	5
HO	2023	16	1	1	5	9

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED\INVALID	REAPPLIED UNDER HM GRANT	FURTHER INFO.	REF. TO OT	REF. To ENGINEER	PENDING
HD	2022	47	26	4	1	3	11	0	2
HD	2023	6	1	1	0	1	0	0	3

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED\INVALID	REAPPLIED UNDER HD GRANT	REF. TO OT	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HM	2022	42	32	3	5	1	1	0
HM	2023	10	3	0	1	0	1	5

HOUSING LOANS

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

Tenant Purchase Applications 2022 - 2023

Year	No. of Apps Received	Incomplete Returned	Open Applications	Refused/ Not Eligible	Offer letters Issued	Completed
2022	9	1	7	1	0	0
2023	10	0	10	0	0	0

HAP/PRD

HAP Tenancies	
Municipal District	Number
Donegal	218
Letterkenny	712
Glenties	102
Stranorlar	263
Inishowen	432
Sub Total	1727
Tenancies Closed	2631
Overall Total	4358

Updated 03/03/2023

Housing Need by Location

Municipal District	Waiting List (Net Need)	Transfer List	Total Gross Need
Donegal	160	226	386
Ballintra	5	7	12
Ballyshannon	27	52	79
Bruckless	6	3	9
Bundoran	31	63	94
Carrick	1	0	1
Donegal	66	62	128
Drimarone	0	1	1
Dunkineely	3	4	7
Frosses	1	2	3
Glencolmcille	4	0	4
Kilcar	2	3	5
Killybegs	8	17	25
Laghey	1	4	5
Mountcharles	2	6	8
Pettigo	3	2	5
Total	160	226	386
Updated 03/03/2023			

Housing Capital Update Report

Donegal Municipal District Meeting

March 2023

1. Social Housing Developments – Construction Schemes

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

Location	Status	No. of Units
Construction Stage		
Railway Park, Donegal Town (Phase 3)	Construction works are progressing well. Recent photographs are attached below in photographs 1 -2. Due for completion June 2023.	24
Design / Tender Stage		
Drumacrin, Bundoran Phase 1	An evaluation panel has been set up to carry out the tender assessment. A tender report will then be prepared, and an application sent to the Department for approval to appoint a contractor. The anticipated start date on site is July 2023.	42
Largymore, Kilcar (SI)	Anticipated that project will proceed to tender in Q2 2023 with construction start date in Q3 2023.	1
Preliminary Design Stage (No of units subject to change)		
New Row, Fintra Road, Killybegs	Trial holes continue to be carried out in advance of a Stage 1 funding application to the Department.	17
Laghey	Preliminary Design Stage. Efforts being made to maximise the potential of delivering housing in advance of finalising site layout.	4
Total		88



Photo 1: Railway Park, Donegal Town (Phase III)



Photo 2: Railway Park, Donegal Town (Phase III)

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.

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: Phases 1 & 2 of the development containing 22 units are complete. Phase 3 of the development is nearing completion and snagging of the final 16 properties is due to be carried out in the coming weeks.

A further development of 5 no. 2 bedroom properties at Ballyshannon is complete and snagging is underway. Following satisfactory receipt of all required certification in accordance with the contract, the properties will be handed over to the Council for letting.

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

4. Lands / Property for Social Housing Purposes

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

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

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

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

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

Repair & Lease Scheme Summary

Applications						
MD	Received	No. of Units	Awaiting assessment	Rejected	Progressing	Total
Inishowen	24	27	7	17	0	24
Donegal	17	41	0	17	0	17
Glenties	19	19	1	18	0	19
Letterkenny	25	32	0	25	0	25
Stranorlar	23	71	10	13	0	23
Total	108	190	18	90	0	108

Updated 03/03/2023

**Donegal Municipal District
2023 Roadworks Programme
Status Report - 14th March 2023**

Donegal Municipal District

Agreed 2023 Road Maintenance (Surface Dressing) Programme (Based on 2022 budget)

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LP	LP1025-2	Malinmore	15	SD	2023	1200	5	6000	€30,000.00	
LS	LS5215-1	Derrylaghan rowards Cuskary	15	SD	2023	1100	3.5	3850	€19,250.00	
LS	LS5225-1	Derrylaghan rowards Cuskary glet	15	SD	2023	700	3	2100	€10,500.00	
LP	LP1395-1	Calhame towards Gilbertstown	15	SD	2023	900	4.5	4050	€20,916.14	
						14200		56380	€276,816.14	
LP	L-2255-1	Ballintra Gables	16	RM	2023	630	5.00	3150	€15,750.00	
LP	L-2305-1	Rockhill	16	RM	2023	450	4.00	1800	€9,000.00	
LS	L-7745-1	Ardgillew	16	RM	2023	1100	3.30	3630	€18,150.00	
LS	L-7815-2	Lough Unshin	16	RM	2023	1400	4.00	5600	€28,000.00	
LP	L-2525-2	Moy Road (O'Mahony's to Town)	16	RM	2023	1000	5.50	5500	€27,500.00	
R	R-231-5	Rossnowlagh	16	RM	2023	1000	6.50	6500	€35,750.00	
LS	L-7475-1	Barr of Ballynacarrick	16	RM	2023	1700	3.50	5950	€32,725.00	
LP	L-2485-4	Cliff Road to Knader	16	RM	2023	1040	4.50	4680	€23,400.00	
LP	L-7835-1	Cliff Road to Corlea	16	RM	2023	300	5.00	1500	€7,500.00	
LS	L-7795-2	Corlea	16	RM	2023	300	5.00	1500	€7,500.00	
LS	L-7825-1	Corlea to Derrewkillew	16	RM	2023	1400	3.00	4200	€21,000.00	
	L-7675-2	Abbeylands to Cowpark	16	RM	2023	1000	4.00	4000	€21,958.08	
			16			11320		48010	€248,233.08	
LP	L 1935-1	Raily Park /Drumroske East	17	RM	2023	1100	5	5500	€27,500.00	
LP	L 1965-1	Harveys Point	17	RM	2023	1100	5.5	6050	€30,250.00	
LP	L 2025-1	St Ernans	17	RM	2023	1200	5	6000	€30,000.00	
LP	L 2185	Ballintooly /Rath	17	RM	2023	1200	5	6000	€30,000.00	
LT	L 21451-0	Carrick West	17	RM	2023	1100	3.5	3850	€19,250.00	
LT	L 20952-1	Ballykillowen	17	RM	2023	1100	3.5	3850	€19,250.00	
LS	L 7345-3	Kimmid Depot	17	RM	2023	1150	3.5	4025	€20,125.00	
LT	L 22652-0	Carn	17	RM	2023	2400	3.5	8400	€42,000.00	
R	R233	Lough Derg	17	RM	2023	1200	5	6000	€33,000.00	
R	R267	Abbots	17	RM	2023	740	7	5180	€28,574.75	
						12290		54855	€279,949.75	
									€1,025,868.99	

Donegal Municipal District

Agreed 2023 Road Improvement Programme (Based on 2022 budget)

2023									
Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Eng Area	Year	Width	Length (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)	Status
R	R263-14	Cashel hill	15	2023	6.7	700	4690	€150,000.00	
R	R263 - 4	Killybegs streets	15	2023	9.0	450	4000	€150,000.00	
LP	LP1345-2	Binroe	15	2023	3.5	700	2450	€78,000.00	
LP	LP1025-1	Drumaghy	15	2023	11.0	200	2200	€60,000.00	
R	R230	Meenaneary to crove	15	2023	6.5	500	3250	€80,000.00	
LS	LS5295-1	Strabinna	15	2023	3.0	700	2100	€39,543.66	
R	R-263-11	Meenavaghan	15	2023	6.7	700	4690	€150,000.00	
LS	LS5235-1	Kilbeg (out of Kilcar)	15	2023	5.0	400	2000	€50,000.00	
LS	LS5435-1	Balbane	15	2023	3.5	800	2800	€50,000.00	
LP	LP1025-3	Meenaveen	15	2023	5.0	350	1750	€70,000.00	
R	R263-17	Malinbeg towards silver strand	15	2023	4.0	500	2000	€60,000.00	
						6000	31930	€937,543.66	
R	R262/3	Frosses - Meenagran	14	2023	6	820	4920	€162,000.00	
LP	LP2615/1	Main Street Mountcharles	14	2023	8	450	3600	€100,000.00	
LP	LP1515/3	Ardaghey - Ardara (Meenabraden)	14	2022	5.5	740	4070	€113,000.00	
LP	LP1845/3	Ballydevitt - Altadoo	14	2023	6.5	650	4225	€118,000.00	
LP	LP1665/3	Rock Road Doorin	14	2023	3.75	700	2625	€73,000.00	
LP	LP1575/3	Killian N S - Drumnacarry	14	2023	3.5	450	1575	€44,000.00	
LP	LP1585/1	Drumnacarry - Ballymacahill	14	2023	3.5	450	1575	€44,000.00	
LP	LP1375/5	Leagans - Meenawullaghan	14	2022	3.5	1000	3500	€66,500.00	
LP	LP16251	McGranes Post Office (Patch)	14	2023	20	25	500	€16,500.00	
LS	LS6175/1/	Salthill - Mountcharles Leonards Crossroads	14	2023	3.75	300	1125	€33,750.00	
LP	LP1815/1	Glencoagh	14	2023	5	300	1500	€42,000.00	
LS	L5975/1	Drumgorman	14	2023	3.75	550	2063	€39,159.91	
LS	LP1645/4	Doorin Line	14	2023	6	240	1440	€47,520.00	
						6675	32718	€899,429.91	
R	R 267	Bundoran Streets	16	2023	9.0	300	2700	€50,000.00	
LP	L-2315-1	Smugglers Creek Rosnowlough	16	2023	5.0	300	1870	€50,000.00	
LS	L - 7675-1	Coolmore to Spaddan	16	2023	4.0	1400	5600	€117,600.00	
LP	L-2525-3	Four Masters (Moy Road)	16	2023	6.0	230	1380	€34,500.00	
LP	L 75152	Alla-Lurgan	16	2023	3.2	1000	3200	€86,400.00	
LP	L 7985-1	Lisaholly North	16	2023	4.4	300	1320	€35,640.00	
LP	L 7275-1	Legnanornoge	16	2023	3.2	1700	5440	€136,000.00	
LP	L7115-2	Lacklom (Timoney House to Xroads)	16	2023	4.0	300	1200	€32,400.00	
LS	L7815-1-2	Cashelard (Quarry)	16	2023	3.5	1000	3500	€94,500.00	
LP	L7875-3	Ballymunterhiggins - Ardloughill	16	2023	5.0	1000	5000	€85,000.00	
LP	L7515-2	Ardpatton - Alla	16	2023	3.75	1000	3750	€101,250.00	
LP	L2545-1	Ballymunterhiggins (Mangre RD)	16	2023	3	1000	3000	€51,000.00	
LP	L-2535-1	Ballymunterhiggin (Higginstown)	16	2023	5	500	2500	€67,847.00	
						10030	40460	€942,137.00	
R	R267	Donegal Streets	17	2023	7	500	3500	€112,000.00	
R	R232	Pettigo Road	17	2023	7	500	3500	€112,000.00	
LP	L1835-1	Greenan Lough Eske	17	2023	4.5	1000	4500	€78,354.65	
LS	L 8065-2	Crilly Lettercran Chapel	17	2023	3.5	1000	3500	€59,500.00	
LS	L6685-2	Meenadreen	17	2023	3.5	650	2275	€45,500.00	
LS	L6765-2	Drumcroagh continuation of last year	17	2023	3.5	1000	3500	€70,000.00	
LP	L1835-3	Corracramp Rd to Tawnawully Old school	17	2023	4	1000	4000	€128,000.00	
LS	L6785-2	Glackens to Ardnagasson	17	2023	3.5	700	2450	€49,000.00	
LS	L6505-1	New Line Barnes	17	2023	3.5	1000	3500	€70,000.00	
LP	L2125-3	Ranenny Barr PJ towards Willie Mc Groary	17	2023	3.5	1000	3500	€59,500.00	
LT	L65052	Ardnawark Danny Dunnion	17	2023	3.5	750	2625	€52,500.00	
LS	L7365-2	Junction Lough Derg Rd to T junction Monag	17	2023	3.5	650	2275	€45,500.00	
LP	L1975-1	Corveen Depot Rd	17	2023	3.5	700	2450	€49,000.00	
LP	L1965-1	Friary Lough Eske	17	2023	3.5	700	2450	€49,000.00	
LP	L2055-1	Laghey (Urban)	17	2023	8	200	1600	€56,000.00	
						11350	45625	€1,035,854.65	
								€3,814,965.22	

Donegal MD footpath repair & public lighting infill works

3 Year Programme

Footpath Works										
RSS Area	Location	Year 1 Budget 2018	Year 2 Budget 2019	Year 3 Budget 2020	Overall Total Amount	Spent to date Year 1 2018	Spent to date Year 2 2019	Spent to date Year 3 2020	Overall total spent	Remaining balance
14	Mountcharles	€5,729.00	€16,600.00	€24,350.00	€46,679.00	€5,729.00	€6,608.59	€0.00	€12,337.59	€34,341.41
	Dunkineely			€23,432.00	€23,432.00			€9,650.00	€9,650.00	€13,782.00
	Frosses		€16,600.00	€23,432.00	€40,032.00		€2,759.75	€0.00	€2,759.75	€37,272.25
15	Killybegs	€15,568.00	€16,600.00	€50,000.00	€82,168.00	€15,575.78	€16,600.00	€19,828.72	€52,004.50	€30,163.50
	Kilcar			€3,200.00	€3,200.00			€0.00	€0.00	€3,200.00
	Glencolumbkille		€8,300.00	€16,314.00	€24,614.00		€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€24,614.00
	Carrick		€8,300.00	€1,700.00	€10,000.00		€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€10,000.00
16	Ballintra			€11,214.00	€11,214.00			€11,214.00	€11,214.00	€0.00
	Ballyshannon	€95,244.00	€16,600.00	€35,000.00	€146,844.00	€79,716.00	€10,375.66	€30,966.14	€121,057.80	€25,786.20
	Bundoran		€16,600.00	€25,000.00	€41,600.00		€16,600.00	€25,000.00	€41,600.00	€0.00
17	Donegal Town	€32,897.00	€16,600.00	€47,214.00	€96,711.00	€21,522.68	€17,500.00	€25,000.00	€39,022.68	€57,688.32
	Laghey		€8,300.00	€8,000.00	€16,300.00		€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€16,300.00
	Bridgetown			€6,000.00	€6,000.00			€0.00	€0.00	€6,000.00
	Pettigo		€8,300.00	€10,000.00	€18,300.00		€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€18,300.00
Totals		€149,438.00	€132,800.00	€284,856.00	€567,094.00				€289,646.32	€277,447.68

DMD 2022 Footpath Repair works

RSS Area	Location	Budget 2022	Overall spent	Remaining balance
14	Ardaghey Area	€6,346.67	€0.00	€6,346.67
15	Killybegs Area	€17,246.37	€0.00	€17,246.37
16	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	Rossnowlough 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

Donegal Municipal District						
Agreed 2023 Drainage Grant (Based on 2022 budget)						
County Budget						
Donegal MD % €279,059.00 (based on 2022 figure)						
Area	% of Budget	Budget	Description of Works	Road No.	Estimated Cost €	Status
14	23.58%	€65,791.96	Inver Village: Pipe roadside Drain with 900mm S&S pipe for a distance of 60M	LP1565-1	€19,291.96	
			Killian: Bernard Boyles 40M of 750mm S&S pipes	LS5825-1	€10,000.00	
			Altido: Pipe roadside drain to prevent Slippage (CIS O Driscolls) 60m	LP1845-3	€8,000.00	
			St Johns's Point: Ballycroy St Johns Point (Shovlins) pipe existing drain for 40m	LP1425-1	€10,000.00	
			Inver (Port) at Kennedys 225mm new drainage pipe required along road edge 80m	LP1565-1	€8,500.00	
			Newwstown: Pipe roadside drain with 600mm S&S pipe to prevent slippage (20m)	LP6445-2	€10,000.00	
15	24.58%	€68,579.92	Muckross: pipe open darin + 1 nr road crossing (100m)	LP-1215-3	€16,000.00	
			Kilbeg: Pipe existing open drain (70m) to dealing with road slipage	LP-1175-1	€15,000.00	
			Church road: pipe existing open drain + 1 nr road crossing + gullies (100m)	LP-1315-1	€17,579.92	
			Lergadaghtan: pipe esiting drain with a suitably sized pipe and install road gullies (50m)	LP-1065-1	€10,000.00	
			Aghragh: Pipe existing open drain to prevent slippage. 100m	LS-5165-1	€10,000.00	
16	24.70%	€68,915.90	Lacklom (Road Flooding)	L-7115-2	€13,915.90	
			Derries Road (2 x Culverts)	L-2335-4	€20,000.00	
			Pipe Ditch (Rockhill) - (Road Pushing)	L-2305-1	€15,000.00	
			Smugglers Creek (Water on Road - Potholing)	L-2315-1	€10,000.00	
			Moy Road (Flooding) (Culvert Crossing)	L-2525-3	€10,000.00	
17	27.15%	€75,771.22	Cullionbuoy Road crossing repair road (McAnawes) ESB Outage Meenadreen	L 2095-6	€15,000.00	
			Road crossing chamber repair road (Killymard)	L 1954-1	€15,000.00	
			Pipe Rd edge gulleys repair road (Drumrooske Flyover)	L 1935-1	€7,500.00	
			Replace 2no Rd crossings raise Rd level (Blue road Shannagh)	L 6965 -1	€7,500.00	
			Pipe Rd edge 50 mts gulleys repair road (Aghadowey)	L6915-2	€9,000.00	
			Install overflow pipe to prevent Rd flooding	R232	€11,134.00	
			Pipe Rd edge 50 mts gulleys repair road (Lough Derg Road - corner before sawmill)	R233	€10,637.22	
€279,059.00 TOTAL					€279,059.00	

Donegal MD Active Travel Projects

Jan	Project Name	Project Description	Project Band	Current Phase	Phase 6 Construction Date planned	DCC Comments
DL/21/0002	Proposed Footpath between the Niall Moore National School & Foresters Hall carpark Killybegs	Construct a footpath leading from a drop off carpark to the main entrance of the Niall Moore National School	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 7 - Close Out and Review	Q4 2021	Works completed - Final Close out report issued to NTA
DL/21/0008a	Ballyshannon, Bishop Street	Provision of footpath on (L-2465-1)	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 3 - Preliminary Design	Q3 2024	TOBINS Consultant Engineers appointed , preliminary design ongoing, one-way system required,
DL/21/0008b	Donegal Town, Killybegs Road	Provision of infill section of footpath on the Killybegs Road (R925)	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 4 - Planning and Stat Approvals	Q3 2024	TOBINS Consultant Engineers, NIS required, planning and CPO 2023
DL/21/0008b	Donegal Town, Lough Eske Road	Provision of infill section of footpath on the Lough Eske Road (L-1915-2)	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 5 - Detailed Design and Tender	Q1 2024	TOBINS Consultant Engineers, detail design and land purchase ongoing
DL/21/0008c	Killybegs, Church Road	Construction of infill section of footpath, drainage and public lighting on Church Road (LP1315-1)	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 6 - Construction	Q3 2022	Construction works ongoing,
DL/21/0008d	Kilcar	Proposed footpath extension to Kilcar National School (R263-8)	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 7 - Close Out and Review	Q4 2021	Works complete - Final Close out report to be issued to NTA
DL/21/0008e	Kilcar	Proposed footpath extension past local church to nearby car park (R263-8)	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 7 - Close Out and Review	Q3 2022	Works completed - final close out report required 2023
DL/21/0008f	Donegal Town, Old Golf Course Road	Design associated with the construction of an infill section of footpath on the Old Golf Course Road (L-2155-1) linking a large residential area to the school,town centre etc.	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 5 - Detailed Design and Tender	Q2 2024	TOBINS appointed, detail design and land purchase ongoing
DL/21/0008g	Bundoran	Construction of an infill section of footpath along the L-2575-1 to link the Crest of the Wave housing estate to the existing public footpath.	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 7 - Close Out and Review	Q3 2022	Works completed - final close out report required 2023
DL/21/0009a	Glencolumbcille	Proposed footpath improvement works in Glencolumbcille (R263)	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 7 - Close Out and Review	Q2 2022	Works completed - final close out report required 2023
DL/21/0009b	Carrick	Proposed footpath improvement works in Carrick (R263 & L1125)	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 7 - Close Out and Review	Q4 2021	Works completed - final close out report required 2023
DL/21/0023	Safe to Schools Programme - Scoil Aodh Rua & Nuala	Safe to Schools Programme	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 2 - Concept and Options	Q1 2023	Green Schools to undertake delivery plan in Q2 2023 to allow Prelim design to commence
DL/21/0024a	TOWNPARKS BALLYSHANNON PED CROSS	Low Cost Junction Tightening / Pedestrian Crossing Schemes	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 6 - Construction	Q3 2021	Works ongoing.
DL/21/0024b	BUNDORAN TOWN PED CROSSING LIGHTS UPGRADE	Low Cost Junction Tightening / Pedestrian Crossing Schemes	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 7 - Close Out and Review	Q3 2021	Works completed - final close out report required 2023
DL/21/0024c	ROCK RD BALLYSHANNON, PED CROSSING	Low Cost Junction Tightening / Pedestrian Crossing Schemes	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 7 - Close Out and Review	Q3 2021	Works completed - final close out report required 2023
DL/21/0024d	COLLEGE ST BALLYSHANNON, PED CROSSING	Low Cost Junction Tightening / Pedestrian Crossing Schemes	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 7 - Close Out and Review	Q3 2021	Works completed - final close out report required 2023
DL/22/0001	Cycle Parking Donegal Town MD	Installation of bike parking facilities.	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 7 - Close Out and Review	Q2 2022	Works completed - final close out report required 2023
DL/22/0002	Donegal Town One Way system	It is proposed to introduce a One-Way System onto Tirchoanill Street, Castle Street, Water Street and New Row within Donegal Town. The scheme will provide crossing points, new wider footpaths, widening of existing footpaths, landscaped pedestrian refuge islands, traffic calming.	Band 2 <10mil	Phase 5 - Detailed Design and Tender	Q3 2023	TOBINS Consultant Engineers, detail design ongoing, Contractor to be appointed Q1 2023, site supervision required
DL/22/0005	Ballyshannon to Bundoran Active Travel Scheme	Old N15 (now R267) Bundoran to Ballyshannon Cycling Greyway	Band 2 <10mil	Phase 3 - Preliminary Design	Q1 2024	TOBINS Consultant Engineers appointed , preliminary design ongoing, Part 8 Planning 2023
DL/22/0006	Pettigo National School Footpath (R232)	Upgrade of existing substandard footpath including undermining of the existing footpath. There is a school located on one side and the local church is located on the town side. A solution in line with DMURS to include for the provision of a footpath and traffic calming would be beneficial to this section of road and also to the areas amenities.	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 5 - Detailed Design and Tender	Q2 2023	TOBINS Consultant Engineers, detail design & land acquisition ongoing. Construction 2023
DL/22/0003	Laghey Village (Old Laghey Road) Footpath	Infill section of footpath on the Old Laghey Road, Laghey including a footbridge across the river to link the Riverbank Avenue housing estate to the existing footpath leading to the nearby national school. Consultant appointment and inception report	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 2 - Concept and Options	Q4 2025	Options to be considered to deliver footpath link in 2023
DL/22/0014	Malinmore Footpath , Glencolumbcille	Glencolumbcille - provision of a footpath along the R263 West of Glencolumbcille in the direction of the Folk Village.	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 5 - Detailed Design and Tender	Q4 2025	TOBINS Consultant Engineers, detail design ongoing.

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

2023 Strategic improvement Grant Regional & Local Road

MD	Road Number	Location	Description	LA Allocation	Status
Donegal	R263	Fintra Bridge Road Realignment Works	Road Realignment Works	€2,000,000	

Estimated cost of repair works to back lanes

2023 Budget - €70,000.00 - (Yet to be confirmed)

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

Donegal MD Community Involvement Schemes 2023

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
To be agreed when funding is announced											
											€0.00

Donegal MD										
2023 LIS Priority List -										
2023 Budget			To be agreed when funding is announced							
DMD %			18.6715%							
DMD Budget										
										Total
RSS Area	Location	Percentage of budget	Budget	Priority	LIS No	PSCI Rating	Townland	Engineers cost estimate	Notes	Status
14	Ardaghey	44.73%	€0.00							
15	Killybegs	27.64%	€0.00							
16	Ballyshannon	9.82%	€0.00							
17	Laghey	17.82%	€0.00							
								Total	€0.00	
								Budget	€0.00	
								Balance	€0.00	

2023 Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Works					
MD	Road Number	Location	Description	LA Allocation	Status
Donegal	R262	bridge Min Ui Chathain, Frosses to Gle	Raise road level to mitigate against future flooding	€60,000	
	L-1125-1	Straleel North Carrick	Upsizing culvert to mitigate against future flooding.	€28,000	



Date: 14th March 2023

To: EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL

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

*Re: Disposal of Lands at Rennison's Lane, Bundoran
to Liam Clancy, Olympic Amusements, Bundoran, Co. Donegal.*

Dear Councillor,

Pursuant to statutory requirements, notice is hereby given in accordance with the above legislation that Donegal County Council proposes to dispose of a plot of land at Rennison's Lane, Bundoran, Co. Donegal to Liam Clancy, Olympic Amusements, Bundoran, Co. Donegal.

See attached map dated 14th October 2022 which details the plot in question:

- Plot B outlined in red measures 0.014 hectares.

On 14th November 2022 Liam Clancy requested the disposal of plot B to facilitate the parking and maximise their site access following the construction of an extension to the Olympic Amusement building in Bundoran, Co. Donegal.

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

- €2,100.00 – Plot B.

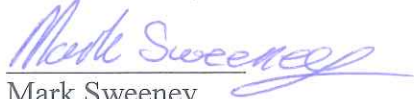
The Area Managers in Roads, Housing, Economic Development, Property Management and Water Services have no objection to the proposed transfer the site - subject to the following conditions:

1. The total area to be transferred, plot B, is 0.2123 hectares as outlined on the attached map dated 14th October 2022.
2. The plot as indicated to be transferred to Liam Clancy, Olympic Amusements, Bundoran, Co. Donegal for the agreed amount of €2,100.00.
3. Site to be transferred in its current condition.
4. No overburden or over building to take place on any buried services located within the site.
5. If the diversion of any of the existing over ground or underground services is required to facilitate future development works this should be agreed in advance with the relevant service provider.

6. Liam Clancy, Olympic Amusements, Bundoran, Co. Donegal will be responsible for all legal, administrative costs associated with this land disposal (including that of this Council).

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

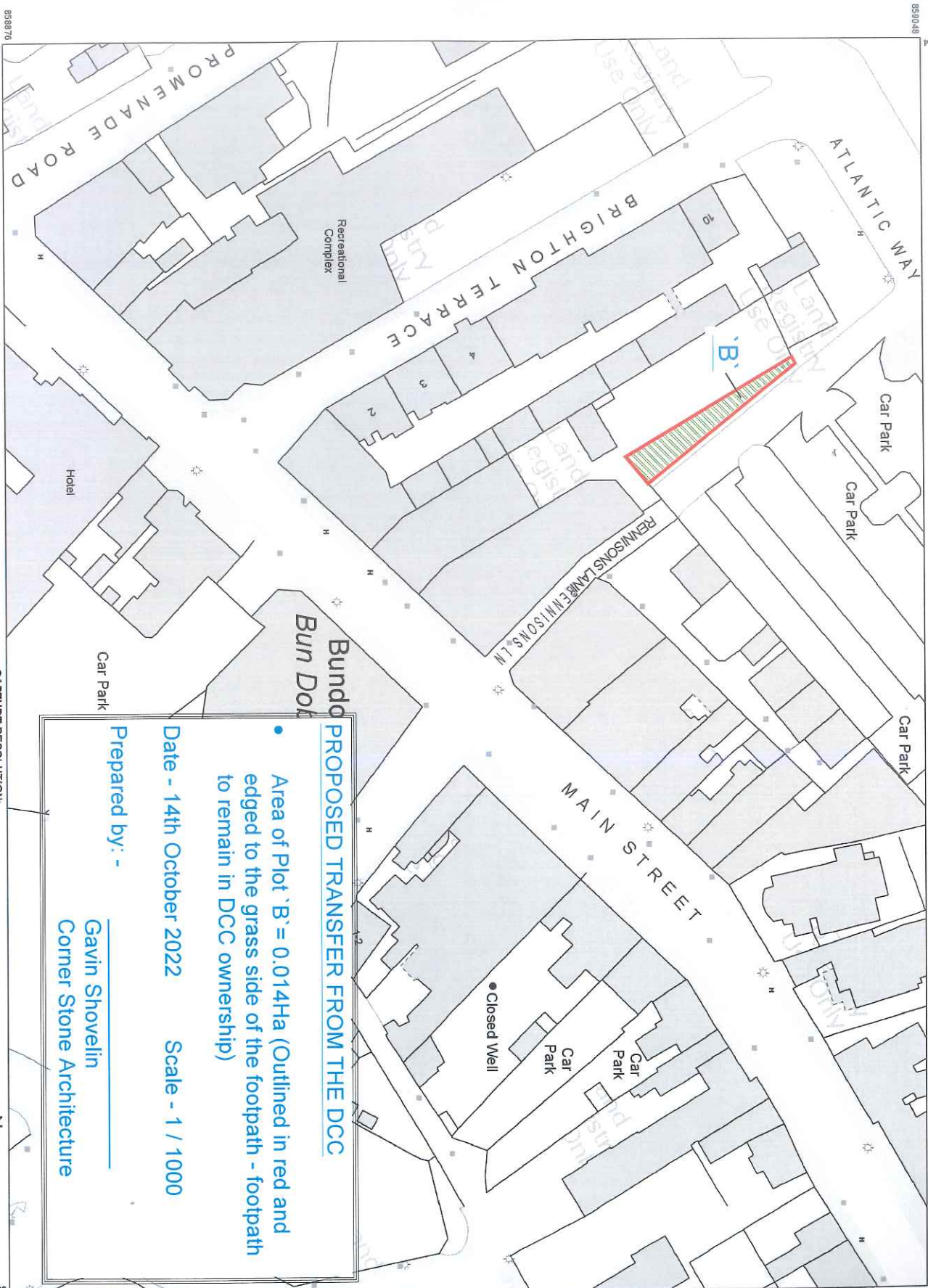
Yours sincerely,



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

Encl: Map

Land Registry Compliant Map



PROPOSED TRANSFER FROM THE DCC

- Area of Plot 'B' = 0.014Ha (Outlined in red and edged to the grass side of the footpath - footpath to remain in DCC ownership)

Date - 14th October 2022 Scale - 1 / 1000

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**Comhairle Contae
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Donegal County Council

Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services Directorate

Donegal Municipal District Report March 2023

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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 has now concluded and three specific focus project areas have emerged with group leaders and areas of work mapped out. The 'Town Teams' will be supported by the Business Concierge Service and other Council services as appropriate to develop their specific project areas with a total of 16 volunteers involved.
Countywide	Property Solutions: The team is progressing 13 property solution opportunities across the county. These are queries relating to the purchase of council owned lands for Economic Development purposes. Killybegs Marine Cluster: Work with the Killybegs Marine Cluster is ongoing and the group recently supported 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 are being implemented along with internal and external stakeholders. This includes a review of Aire de Service locations, grant support for overnight facilities and the updating of marketing information for the sector. DCC recently hosted meetings with the Internal and External Steering groups on the study to advise and plan for actions in 2023. Remote Working Strategy: The first Donegal Hubs Forum meeting took place in 2023 online on the 18th of January with a new Cathaoirleach Míchéal Ó Duibhir from Gteic@Gaoth Dobhair. #BuyDonegal 2022: #BuyDonegal 2022 has concluded supporting over 350 businesses to showcase Donegal business to a global audience. The campaign reached 7.5 million across social media with 97% of businesses,

who provided campaign feedback, stated a willingness to participate in a future such campaign.

Relocation Marketing Campaign: A relocation marketing campaign to attract talent nationally and from overseas kicked off on Jan 30th supported by two showreel videos and testimonials from those who have relocated, to encourage people to #MoveToDonegal. So far it has reached over 3 million across all social media platforms and received over 50 relocation enquiries.

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

	Impressions (last 28 days)	Total Followers
Linked In	80,565	4,613 (+108)
Twitter	714,000	2,811 (+105)
Instagram	193,622	3,792 (=74)
Facebook	389,425	1,883 (+50)
Donegal.ie	22K Web Users (4 weeks 3 February – 2 March)	

10 News Items Published

Shared Island: Donegal County Council were awarded funding for a series of new innovative projects under the Irish Government’s Shared Island Local Authority Development Funding Scheme and will be working in partnership with Derry City and Strabane District Council and Fermanagh and Omagh District Council in the coming year. The Economic Development Unit will be leading out on four projects and are currently scoping requirements for feasibility assessment and governance structures, in preparation for procurement of consultants in early 2023.

- **The North West Regulatory Tech Cluster project** is a proposal to develop an all-island national institute in Regulatory Technology (‘RegTech’) in the North West with partners Derry City and Strabane District Council, Catalyst and ATU. A Project Board has been established to oversee feasibility assessment and a scoping study, business case and economic appraisal will be procured during March 2023. Industry and stakeholder engagement

commenced with a series of events in February 2023 to help shape the scope of the project.

- **Innovation Plaza** to develop cross-border enterprise opportunities in sectors such as renewable energy, advanced manufacturing & engineering and agri-food. Initial project scoping has been carried out. Tender documents currently being finalised for publishing in the coming days.
- **Regenerative Tourism** involving engagement with the region's place, past and people, seeking to attract high-yield environmentally conscious visitors. DCC is leading the project with project partners Fermanagh and Omagh District Council. The initial scoping requirements are completed with procurement of consultants in March 2023 to deliver on option appraisal, business case and economic appraisal and an stakeholder engagement plan.
- **Slí Cholmcille Project** is a proposed 250 km pilgrimage route linking key Colmcille related sites across Donegal and Derry, with the ambition to link across NI to Scotland. DCC is leading feasibility assessment with partners Derry City & Strabane District Council and Slí Cholmcille CLG. A project board has been established and a scoping study, business case and economic appraisal will be procured during March 2023. Scoping will include route development and identification of capital infrastructure and marketing requirements.

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 are finalising the development of pitch propositions focusing on key investment sectors. These propositions will form the basis of future promotion of the region for inward investment and will articulate the competitive strengths and opportunities in the region. Both Councils are also developing new branding for the region and are exploring development of the irelandmnw.com website.
- **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. Both Councils are currently working with key stakeholders to identify how best to target employers and employees to engage with online surveys and have drafted an

	<p>updated communications plan to target business events, networks and digital hub locations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. Both Councils conducted joint communications to promote the Investment Event held in Dublin and are working as part of the proposition development for future events. <p>You can follow respective LinkedIn and Twitter Platforms : @NorthWestCityRegionIreland</p> <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 around economic development.</p> <p>2023 will see a focus on the area of Innovation within the region as well as a continued focus on promoting employment opportunities and development of the digital hub network.</p> <p>Concierge Service: The EDU are available to support existing businesses, potential business start-ups or businesses looking to relocate or wishing to expand and who need advice on accessing a wide range of Council services and supports including broadband connectivity. Please contact the EDU by email economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie.</p>
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1.2 Tourism Marketing Unit

Project / Activity Report

Donegal MD	<p>Bundoran Tourism: Planning marketing activity for St Patrick’s Day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updating blogs and content on website. • Ongoing weekly podcast production delivered every Friday. • Compilation and distribution of monthly email newsletter.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of 2022 marketing activities completed. • Exhibited at Holiday World Show 27th-29th January at RDS Dublin. <p>Bundoran Tourist Office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourist Office open 3 days a week (Fri-Sun) • Currently one TÚS employee working. <p>Website and Social Media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining a social media presence on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Scheduling of content to direct social media users to the website to increase traffic. • Creation of website content and updating of event/music listings. • Users of discoverbundoran.com up 8.9% Jan 1st – Jan 31st v 2022, Page views up 19.5% on same period & Sessions up 13.6% on same period. • Website users and page views: 2022 (Jan) – Users 9,375 – Page Views 17,227 2023 (Jan) - Users 10,208 - Page Views 20,591 • The webcam remains the most viewed page on the website on a monthly basis. <p>Waterworld</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activating marketing plan for 2023 season. <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with DCC team on Bundoran Oceanside project/Public Toilets. • Organisation and promotion of Bundoran 10 running event – March 3rd and 4th. • Continuing to work on various elements of the Tourism Masterplan with Failte Ireland. • Attended Failte Ireland marketing launch on February 21st
Countywide	<p>TBEX: TBEX Europe, one of three worldwide conferences hosted by TBEX each year, is Europe’s largest gathering of travel bloggers, writers, new media content creators, and social media travel industry professionals.</p>

The Tourism Unit pitched to secure TBEX for Donegal and have been successful in this bid for 2025.

Tourism Seminar: The Donegal Tourism Seminar is open for registration. The theme is, 'Emerging Trends and Opportunities' which will take place on 30th March in Letterkenny.

The day will have a packed programme, filled with insights and workshops delivered by tourism experts, who will be on hand to provide inspiration, practical advice, and an opportunity to re-connect, celebrate, inform, and steer the future of tourism in Donegal.

TIDE Project: The final output of this project is now underway with the procurement of models of the ship Saldanha. A tender is currently being drafted for these models.

Tender assessment will take place in April with a view to delivery of models in July. The final conference of the TIDE Project will take place, over two days, in Sligo in May.

Tourism Ireland Glasgow Promotion: Donegal Tourism has been selected by Tourism Ireland to promote the county in Glasgow in March.

Donegal Tourism will participate at the St Patrick's "Family Day" consumer promotion is being held in Merchant Square, Glasgow. In addition to the consumer event there is an evening event which will provide the opportunity to network with market-based Scottish travel trade.

Go Visit Donegal Platform: Website traffic 1st – 22nd February was slightly up vs the same period in 2022

Page views: 33,996 (up 13.6%) / Users: 12,055 (up 14.8%)

Website views by country:

1st-22nd February 2023

Traffic came from 83 countries in total

Website Development – govisitdonegal.com: Website upgrade work is currently being finalised, which will include:

- New regional pages with a click-through map

- Contributions of content (information, images) for each of the 5 MDs will be sought from businesses in addition to upcoming activities and events in the towns and villages in each region.
- New search bar has been added to the Festivals & Events and Accommodation pages.
- Instagram feed on the Home Page has been updated.
- Website search has been improved to accommodate typo-tolerant search.
- Website footer has been updated incl. social media icons.
- Improvements to the website backend functionality.

Holiday World Show 2023 – post event update

Holiday World Show 2023 attendance figures

	Trade/Media only	Public	Total	Exhibitors
Dublin	700	31,600	32,300	450

Competition: 12 prizes / Competition Winners announced:

<https://www.govisitdonegal.com/home/holiday-world-show-2023-competition-winners>

Promo video from the event has been published on the Go Visit Donegal YouTube Channel: <https://youtu.be/UySFAtkA9fs>

Donegal Airport Marketing Collaboration:

- Tourism Unit continues to support Donegal Airport and promote the Go Visit Donegal brand through an advertising campaign at the airport.
- This campaign will run from March – December 2023. This will feature an online banner ad with the click-through link to the govisitdonegal.com website, as well as 2 lightbox displays; one in the main waiting area, and one in the Luggage Reclaim. The design for these advertisements is currently in print.

Caravan & Camping Group Meetings:

- A representative is currently engaging with the internal and external Caravan and Camping Group meetings on an ongoing basis to provide marketing assistance.
- In addition, there is continual work on Go Visit Donegal website updates, development of an online campaign, and future signage for the caravan and camping sector.

Regional Festival Funding: The Tourism Unit is inviting applications for funding under the Regional Festivals & Participative Events Programme.

The application has been advertised on the DCC website, social media, and on Go Visit Donegal social media channels.

These include-

- A radio advertisement will run on both Highland Radio and Ocean FM until 16th March.
- An online advertising banner featured on the Highland radio website.
- A newsletter has been sent out to the festival database and other tourism partners.
- Details have been shared with the PPN group for wider circulation to community groups.

Northwest City Region Marketing Campaign: Donegal County Council and Derry City & Strabane District Council (DCSDC) are working with Genesis, create a co-ordinated regional marketing campaign that aligns with local, national and regional tourism strategies and will support the NW City Region where tourism has been identified as a key proposition.

£30,000 has been granted by NWRDF for this campaign which will go live in March. A number of meetings with Genesis has taken place in relation to the delivery of the marketing campaign.

The campaign will consist of the following elements:

- Regional PR campaign, targeting regional media and travel media.
- Digital campaign on the govisitdonegal.com and visitderry.com
- Facebook Advertising.
- Radio.
- A competition that will provide a database for future targeting.

	<p>Donegal Tourism Marketing Campaign: eTenders was used as a platform to manage the procurement of this campaign, and all tenders were required to be submitted via this portal which closed in February.</p> <p>A selection panel has evaluated the tenders using the pre-specified scoring criteria. An agreed number of companies have been invited to present their proposal ideas prior to a final decision.</p> <p>Donegal Derry Campaign: Donegal and Derry/ Londonderry continue the joint promotion of the region.</p> <p>The Northwest City region enjoyed exposure to an online audience of over 80,000 when Laura Dove, a family influencer visited the region for 5 nights.</p> <p>This was a collaboration between Donegal, Derry and Ryanair to promote the Derry to Manchester flight.</p>
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1.3 Trail Gazers Bid Project

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>

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- **Trail Gazers Toolkit – The Legacy** launch will take place during National Enterprise Week on Wednesday 8th March in An Grianan Hotel, Burt at 11am with guest speakers Killian McLaughlin (Wild Ireland), Jason Black and Aengus Kennedy (Nature North West). The event will be followed by a site visit on Inch Wildfowl Reserve (bikes will be provided).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work is continuing on Trial Gazers final project reporting and claim (project end date for administration purposes 31st March 2023). • Trail Gazers is delighted to have been successful with a Slaintecare Application (end of December) in order to carry out some of the recommendations raised following our accessibility audit. Works have now commenced.
Project Targets for the next quarterly* reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch Project Toolkit. • Final project claim and reports. • Final infrastructural works to be carried out under our Slaintecare application.
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1.4 Strategic Funding Unit

Project / Activity Report

Title	Strategic Funding Unit – exploring EU and National Funding Opportunities that support the objectives set out in the Donegal County Council Corporate Plan 2020 –2024
Countywide	<p>SFU Webinars & E-mail Newsletter: The SFU will be organising a webinar in March highlighting the funding opportunities for the Local Authority and the March e-mail newsletter will reflect the same.</p> <p>The CPMR Political Bureau Meeting: Donegal County Council’s Political Representative on the CPMR is due to attend the CPMR Political Bureau meeting on 9th and 10th March. Items on the agenda include ‘future actions on energy and climate’ and the ‘role of maritime ports at the crossroad of energy transition’.</p> <p>TOURBO Tourism Project: The kick-off meeting for the TOURBO project is planned for April 2023. This project will boost the transition pathway of MSMEs (Micro Small & Medium Size Enterprises) in tourism with</p>

green and digital transformation known as the 'Twin Transition'. The project will include analysis of the tourism sector in terms of green and digital skills/capabilities, training for MSME's, pilot actions such as new technology trials and knowledge/expertise exchanges.

Peace Plus Workshops: SEUPB are planning a number of workshops on the various themes within the Peace Plus programme in March. The SFU will be in attendance and will be providing an overview of the opportunities within the Peace Plus programme afterwards.

YOUTHopia- Generating Perspectives for Cohesion: The YOUTHopia project main youth focused event has been confirmed for the 27th April at Oakfield Park, Raphoe. This event will showcase the opportunities in the North West and Europe for young people including skills and education, employment and entrepreneurship. This project will also include a 4-day training workshop in June 2023 where young people can participate in a training programme in media and communication skills. More details including registration information will be available soon.

Enterprise Week 2023 – YOUTHopia Webinar: The SFU is hosting a webinar on 8th March at 12.30 as part of Local Enterprise Week to promote the YOUTHopia project. Representatives from the Alpha Innovation Centre, the YOUTHopia project lead organisation and the North West Tertiary Education Cluster will be presenting. Registration details can be found on www.donegal.ie/youthopia

FLAG Board: The SFU continues represent the Council on the FLAG Board. The call for the Brexit Blue Economy Enterprise Scheme is open until August 2023 and projects must be delivered by the end of the year.

Project Partnership & Development: The SFU is exploring a number of project opportunities under the Atlantic Area Programme and is liaising with Council staff and other potential partners on project concepts related to air quality, green infrastructure, fishing sector ecosystem innovation and tourism.

Other areas of work include:

- EU Funding Programme Reviews
- Participation in project scoping meetings with potential partners

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: The tender responses for the canopy design are due back on 24th February. The civil works procurement will go on e-tenders immediately after the initial canopy assessment is completed. The aim is to appoint a construction company in March. Works are to commence in September 2023 to be completed by November 2023. A workshop with members will be arranged as soon as procurement is finished.</p> <p>Donegal Town Pier and Diamond Masterplan: The Masterplan for both the Pier and the Diamond is well developed. Further consultation will take place once work on the Diamond is completed. The SFU is liaising with the RRDF team on the development of a potential category II application, which would cover element such as feasibility studies, planning, foreshore licensing, detailed design etc.</p> <p>Fáilte Ireland Local Authority Weatherproofing & Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Scheme – Bundoran Oceanside: The refurbishment of the public toilets will be completed by 3rd March. Bundoran lettering is in production and will be installed at the promenade on the main beach in March 2023. The tender process for the dining facility is ongoing. The aim is to complete the project by end June 2023.</p> <p>Minor Tourism Related Grant Scheme Application: The Strategic Funding Unit has been successful in applying to the Minor Tourism Related Grants Scheme to refurbish the promenade at the Thrupenny Pool in Bundoran. Capital works procurement is underway.</p>

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1.5 Donegal Diaspora Unit

Project / Activity Report

Title	Donegal Diaspora Unit
Countywide	<p>Relocation Campaign</p> <p>As part of the recently launched Relocation Campaign, two videos have been issued ‘Donegal is Calling’ and ‘Search Complete’, along with 7 relocater stories published on Donegal.ie. A social media campaign is underway targeting potential relocators all around the world to showcase what Donegal has to offer and to promote #MoveToDonegal.</p> <p>Tip O’Neill Irish Diaspora Awards 2023: A consultation exercise with the O’Neill family has been completed for the Tip O’Neill Irish Diaspora Awards 2023. A provisional date of 16th September 2023 has been agreed upon with procurement to commence shortly. The first Tip O’Neill Committee meeting of 2023 is scheduled for Tuesday 28th February.</p> <p>Donegal Connect 2023 / 2024: Plans for 2023 have already commenced and dates will be agreed upon, in conjunction with the Tip O’Neill Irish Diaspora Awards, over the coming weeks. A funding application for the Global Irish Festival Series 2024 is also due for submission in Q1 2023.</p> <p>Donegal Diaspora Website / Social Media: A communications plan on the use of the Diaspora website and associated Diaspora social media channels is currently taking place.</p> <p><i>Donegal Diaspora social media statistics as of 24/02/2023 are as follows:</i></p> <p>LinkedIn – 1,157 (up 19) connections</p> <p>Twitter – 4,017 (up 8) followers</p>

	<p>Facebook – 5,547 (up 12) followers</p> <p>Instagram – 276 (up 6) followers</p> <p>Scottish Diaspora: A follow-up meeting with Packie Bonner and previous members of the Scottish Donegal Diaspora group will take place in late March to examine and promote Donegal Diaspora in Scotland and build on existing contacts.</p>
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2. Division: Local Enterprise Office

Project / Activity Report

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

Outline of Work	<p>General Overview – Highlights:</p> <p><u>Summary of February 2023 Outputs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant Aid – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 6 Businesses have been approved Grant Aid.
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- Value of total Grant Aid Approvals YTD is €146,526.00
- Next EVAC meeting will take place on 27th April, 2023

- Trading Online Vouchers – 10 Businesses approved support to a value of €22,268.00
- Mentoring YTD – 31 Businesses have received this support
- Training – 151 Business Attendees YTD.
- Student Enterprise Programme – The latest programme began in September for this academic year. 769 Donegal students are participating in 15 schools. The County final takes place on 8th March, where the winners will progress to the National Final in Dublin in May.

Upcoming Programmes:

Scale-X Accelerator

Scale-X Accelerator is an 11-week Accelerator Programme which is targeted at start up entrepreneurs with the potential for fast growth. The programme focuses on giving you a deep understanding of the metrics that can drive success, the skills to build financial models that stand up to investor scrutiny, and industry engagement and mentorship that give valuable insights to adapt a company's business model to create the perfect fit.

Who is eligible?

- Any founder(s) with ambitions to grow their business globally.
- A potential spin-out from an existing firm or third level institution
- A commitment to grow their business from Donegal, no matter where in the world they live right now.
- The programme is open to residents of County Donegal

Further Info:

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

The programme is **FREE** and the closing date for applications is midday on the 27th March 2023.

National Enterprise Awards

Silver Strand Rope Works Ltd, based in Moville, has been chosen to represent Donegal at the National Enterprise Awards, to be held in the Mansion House in Dublin on 1st June, 2023.

The Local Enterprise Office is currently working closely with the company in helping it to prepare its application for the national competition which will be submitted by 24th March, 2023.

Enterprise Week

The 2023 Enterprise Week is taking place on 6th to 10th March and this year the theme is “Be Inspired” with events taking place throughout the county. Enterprise Week was officially launched on 17th February, 2023 at an event in the LEO Donegal offices.

In total 23 separate events will make up Local Enterprise Week 2023, with partners including WestBIC, ATU Donegal, Údarás NaGaeltachta, Ernact, Donegal County Council, Alpha Innovation, Donegal ETB, Donegal Women In Business Network, Inishowen Development Partnership, Inishowen Innovation, Fáilte Ireland, WiSAR Lab and Enterprise Ireland all contributing to the comprehensive schedule taking place throughout the county.

The official launch of Enterprise Week Donegal takes place on Monday, 6th March in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny with guest speaker Bobby Kerr, one of Ireland’s best-known businessmen who will share his experience of the successes and challenges he has faced during his career as well as valuable take-home lessons for local enterprise. Other events include a Digital Marketing Expo, Building Firm Foundations, Stories of Donegal’s Fashion & Textile Industry as well as inspirational leadership speakers who will present on a wide range of business topics throughout the week.

Ongoing Programmes:

Digital Start

YTD – 9 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support

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

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

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

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

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

Green for Micro

YTD – 0 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support

This is a FREE programme that helps small businesses take the first step towards becoming more sustainable, giving them access to a green

consultant worth up to €2,500 who will show them small changes that can have a big impact on their company.

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

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

Lean For Micro

YTD – 1 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support

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

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

Ongoing Cluster Development Programmes:

Food Coast Donegal

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

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

Current activities:

- The Food Coast Strategy Review is close to completion and should be finalised over the coming months.
- 10 Donegal food and drink producers travelled to St Joseph's University in Philadelphia in February for a week long programme in Food Marketing where they had the opportunity to attend executive lectures and field trips.
- Donegal lamb promotion project is underway with a social media release date in the coming months.
- ATU Higher Diploma in Food Business & Product Innovation Level 8 programme- LEO Donegal and Food Coast Donegal sponsoring three food businesses from the county to partake. Expressions of interest are currently being appraised.
- Food starter programme commencing in March. Donegal leading out for the region.
- National Food Academy Steering Committee - Leo Donegal represents the NW region, this year is the 10th anniversary of the programme so please keep your eye out for Donegal producers on your local Super Valu shelves.
- Meet the producer event will be hosted in the coming months and planning is ongoing.

Creative Coast Donegal

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

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

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

The LEO Donegal and external consultants are developing a 3-year action plan for the creative industry in Donegal and expect to have it finalised during Spring 2023.

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 Donegal Engineering Cluster Executive, Maura Toner, is continuing to engage with engineers and other stakeholders to assess the opportunities for the sector and their current challenges. A needs analysis will be circulated in the coming weeks.

Upcoming Activities:

- Business Advise clinics taking place on 3rd, 10th & 24th March

- 4 week Start Your Own Business Programme – Online – 7th March
- Food Starter Programme – commencing 6th March
- Trading Online Voucher Workshop – 8th March

All bookings can be made here:

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

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

Emergency Humanitarian Scheme to Small Businesses affected by the Explosion in Creeslough.

The Local Enterprise Office continues to support the Red Cross with the scheme to provide Emergency Humanitarian Support to Small Businesses affected by the Explosion in Creeslough. The Scheme closed for applications on 13 January 2023.

This scheme provides an ex-gratia emergency humanitarian support contribution towards business losses as a result of the explosion in Creeslough on 7th October and the subsequent road closure. The scheme targeted at small businesses (up to 20 employees) and will have two stages:

1. The first stage provided a single once-off contribution towards the damage or other losses of up to a maximum of €5,000.
2. For the businesses which incurred significant losses above €5,000, the second stage will provide a means to seek further support. However, this will be a more lengthy process requiring a more detailed assessment. The total level of support available for both stages combined will generally not exceed €20,000. However, claims in excess of the overall cap will be considered exceptionally on a case-by-case basis, subject to availability of overall budget for the scheme.

Up to January, 2023, 22 businesses have received €96,740 in support under the first stage of the Scheme. 6 (@ Jan 2023) Businesses have also

	sought support under the second stage of the Scheme and these applications are being evaluated.
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3. Division: Emergency Services – Fire Services

Project / Activity Report

Fire Service Monthly MD Report (January)

Activity	Number of: (January)*		Total for year	
<u>Fire Service Operations</u>				
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	57		57	
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	63		63	
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	7		7	
<u>Operational Activity Breakdown January 2023</u>	Turnouts		Incidents in County	
	Fires	Special Services	Fires	Special Services
Donegal Fire Service	30	33	24	24
Northern Ireland Fire Service	3	4	2	7
Sub Total	33	37	26	31
Total	70		57	

Fire Prevention

Fire Safety Certificate applications received:

16

16

Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:

32

N/A

Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from Applicant / Agent:

57

N/A

Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:

12

12

Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:

0

0

Dangerous Substance Licences issued:

0

0

Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:

1

1

Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):

15

15

Fire Safety Complaints received:

2

2

Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:

4

4

During Performance Inspections carried out:

0

0

Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:

0

0

*** Current data only available up to end of January 2023.**



ENVIRONMENT MD REPORT – March '23

WASTE AND LITTER MANAGEMENT

**Activity /
Project Title**

“Green Hub” pilot initiative launch a great success!



**Project
Description/
Activity**

Leas-Chathaoirleach of Donegal County Council, Micheál Naughton, launches the Donegal Town Green Hub with local businesses showing great interest.

The Donegal Town Green Hub pilot was launched on Tuesday 28th February in The Abbey Hotel in Donegal Town. This initiative is led by Donegal County Council in partnership with the Regional Waste Management Planning Offices supported by the Local Enterprise Office, Donegal ETB, Donegal Town Community Chamber and the Donegal Town Business Focus Group. Over 30 businesses and organisations were represented at the launch, showing an incredible interest in learning about sustainability actions for business.

Attendees at the launch heard from:

- Sinéad Ní Mhainín, Waste Prevention & Resource Efficiency Officer with the Connaught Ulster Regional Waste Management Office, who provided the national context of the Green Hub initiative.

- Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer with Donegal County Council spoke about the MyWaste commercial assets that are available from www.mywaste.ie/business and the implementation of the project in Donegal Town.
- Dearbhla Kelly, Enterprise Engagement Officer for Donegal ETB, presented on the ETB's 'Sustainability Management in Business' course and the '50 Shades Greener' programme for accommodation providers, restaurants & visitor centres.
- Grace Korbel, Assistant Head of Enterprise at the Local Enterprise Office, talked about the 'Green for Micro' programme aimed at small businesses.

The Green Hub Pilot Project is aimed at encouraging businesses to implement good waste management practices, particularly in the areas of waste segregation and recycling. Currently, 70% of the material found in commercial general waste bins could be diverted to the food and recycling waste streams. It is hoped that this pilot will showcase with improved practices in the workplace, that this figure can be greatly reduced, and whilst not only increasing recycling rates, will also aid Ireland's transition towards a Circular Economy.

Launching the initiative Cllr Naughton, Leas-Chathaoirleach of Donegal County Council said he was "thrilled that Donegal Town was chosen as one of the six national pilots for the Green Hub campaign. It is our responsibility to take care of the environment we live in. Encouraging local businesses to take proactive steps towards sustainability is something we will take great pride in. I would encourage all businesses throughout the Donegal Town area to join us in creating a positive impact and more sustainable future".

"Waste segregation and recycling are aspects of waste management that can be improved in businesses and workplaces by implementing some simple practices and actions. The guidance available as part of this pilot is clear and engaging, and it is hoped, will have a significant positive impact on recycling rates going forward," commented Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer in Donegal County Council.

Mary McGettigan of Donegal Town Community Chamber speaking at the launch said "Donegal Town Community Chamber CLG is delighted that Donegal Town has been chosen as a Pilot Town for The Green Hub Initiative which is being led by Donegal County Council. We are all aware of how important it is for us to learn how to become more sustainable and environmentally friendly in all aspects of our lives including home, business and community. We encourage everyone to actively engage with this worthwhile venture and look forward to seeing the benefits of this in our town and locality".

Gareth Britton, Owner of All Sports, Donegal Town and Chair of the Donegal Town Business Focus Group spoke of the event "It was very informative and interesting to make me sit up and look at some of our own operations, to take a proper look at my own business in relation to areas where we can not only reduce our carbon footprint but also, at the same time potentially make some savings on our energy costs. All in all, it's a great initiative for the whole country and not only us here in Donegal Town. We are delighted to be involved as one of the few pilot towns in Ireland to have this initiative rolled out in and I'm sure it will be a huge success for all of those who get behind it and help make a change."

The MyWaste Business Toolkit is available from www.mywaste.ie/business .

This initiative delivered by the Regional Waste Management Offices and funded by the Department of Climate Action, Communications and the Environment.



Attendees at the recent Launch of the Donegal Town Green Hub Initiative.

Please feel free to contact me directly by email sbogan@donegalcoco.ie if you have any questions.


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Activity / Project Title	WEEE Collection Days				
Project Description/ Activity	<p>WEEE Ireland will be holding 4 FREE WEEE collections days in Donegal during April. All electrical goods or battery-operated goods (anything with a plug or a battery) can be brought to the special collection days listed below. These dates will be widely advertised in the coming weeks.</p> <div data-bbox="678 321 1182 825" style="text-align: center;"> </div>				
	An Fál Carrach Falcarragh	Dé Máirt, 4 Aibreán 2023 Tuesday, April 4, 2023	10am-4pm	Clós Denis McCallion (os comhair Chairéal Uí Chaiside) Dennis McCallions Yard (opposite Cassidy's Quarry)	Fán Mór, An Fál Carrach, Co. Dhún na nGall Fanmore, Falcarragh, Co Donegal
	Carraig Airt Carrigart	Déardaoin, 6 Aibreán, 2023 Thursday, April 6, 2023	10am-4pm	Carrchlós Eaglais Charraig Airt Carrigart Church Car Park	Iomlach, Carraig Airt, Co. Dhún na nGall Umlagh, Carrigart, Co Donegal
	Bun Cranncha Buncrana	Dé Máirt, 11 Aibreán, 2023 Tuesday, April 11, 2023	10am-4pm	Nailors Row Nailors Row Car park, Cockhill road, Buncrana, Co Donegal	Carrchlós Chnoc an Choiligh, Bun Cranncha, Co. Dhún na nGall Cockhill road car park, Buncrana, Co Donegal
	Na Cealla Beaga Killybegs	Déardaoin, 13 Aibreán, 2023 Thursday, April 13, 2023	10am-4pm	Carrchlós an Chladaigh The Shore Car Park	Carrchlós an Chladaigh, Na Cealla Beaga, Co. Dhún na nGall Shore road car park, Killybegs, Co Donegal
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CENTRAL LABORATORY

Activity / Project Title	Septic tanks - National Inspection Plan
Description/Activity	<p>The septic tank inspection programme for 2023 commenced in February. In total 107 inspections across the county are planned for this year. All homeowners are asked to check the condition of their systems and organise for basic maintenance & desludging to be carried out.</p> <p>Septic tanks registered prior to the date as set down in the regulations (1st February 2013), are eligible for grant funding to repair faulty systems.</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;">  <div style="flex-grow: 1;"> <p>The next round of inspections will be carried out in March and April in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letterkenny MD – Glashagh Lower catchment in March • Inishowen MD –Portaleen and Owenboy catchments in March • Donegal MD – Bradoge (Bundoran) & Fintragh catchments in April </div> </div>
Contact Person	<p>Joe Ferry joe.ferry@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity / Project Title	Regulated Private Drinking Water Supplies
Description/Activity	<p>Donegal County Council is the supervisory authority for regulated private water supplies and must report results of compliance monitoring at the consumers’ tap to the EPA annually. The HSE sample these supplies on our behalf. They include 5 private Group Water Supplies (GWS), 1 Public GWSs with 37 no. wholly private water supplies supplying a public/commercial activity.</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;">  <div style="flex-grow: 1;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The overall compliance rate with the drinking water legislation for these supplies in 2022 was approximately 97% in 2022. A small number of supplies have already or in the process of installing additional treatment which should improve water quality results for the year ahead. <p>The sampling programme for 2023 will commence in March/April. Any new private supplies with a commercial interest should be notified to Donegal County Council. The HSE must also be notified if it is a food premises.</p> </div> </div>
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Activity / Project Title	Public Engagement activities – Central Laboratory Team
Description/Activity	<p>Donegal County Council’s Central Laboratory team have been placing a strong emphasis on engaging with the public this year on environmental matters, such as water quality, septic tanks, private wells and food waste among others.</p>  <p>Following on the success of the <i>New Build & Rebuild Expo</i> in Letterkenny last year we will be attending this exhibition again this year on 10-12th March 2023 at the Mount Errigal Hotel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information on Operation of Septic Tanks • Septic tank Grant information • Sheep dips • How Well is your Well?
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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. The status of Donegal's GWSs is listed below;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 338 no. Public GWS's receiving their water from Uisce Éireann • 4 no. Private GWS's serving more than 50 consumers • 20 no. Private GWS's serving less than 50 consumers
Contact Person	<p>Pauric Feely, Executive Engineer pauric.feely@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity / Project Title	Group Water Scheme Takeover Requests
Project Description/Activity	<p>There are 82 GWS's which have submitted takeover requests to Donegal County Council and 17 have been taken in Charge by ÚÉ. This is one more GWS since the update in September 2022.</p> <p>The number of GWSs that have requested takeover amounts approximately 17% of the overall total of GWSs within the county. Although this figure appears low there are a large number of orphan GWSs 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 GWSs.</p> <p>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 GWSs to be Eligible for Takeover</u></p> <p>In order for GWSs 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 Uisce Éireann.</p>
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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 GWSs.</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>
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Activity / Project Title	GWS Takeover Project – Works to date			
Project Description/Activity	<p>Works completed by the GWS Takeover Team to date have included;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> an extensive desktop exercise reviewing and cataloguing GWS files for more than 300 GWS; examining the works required on a large number of schemes that have requested takeover; liaising with promoters and trustees on a number of schemes that have requested takeover. Rural Water Team have engaged with 68% (54 of 79) of GWSs that have formally requested takeover and commenced the takeover process. implementing a Civils framework for contractors to carry out upgrade works to GWSs. conducting a review of pumping stations to identify upgrade works. publishing a mechanical and electrical bundle for pumping station upgrades on eTenders. <p>In order to expedite the takeover process it was necessary to prioritise the order of GWSs the Takeover Team will engage with first. A priority list was developed and it sets out four focus area as below.</p> <p>Priority 1 - GWSs with active committee members who are applying for annual subsidies and do not have any wayleaves or land transfer requirements</p> <p>Priority 2- GWSs with active committee members who are not applying for annual subsidies and do not have any wayleaves or land transfer requirements</p> <p>Priority 3- GWSs with active committee members who are applying for annual subsidies and have wayleaves or land transfer requirements</p> <p>Priority 4- GWSs with active committee members who are not applying for annual subsidies and have wayleaves or land transfer requirements</p> <p>32 schemes have progressed to the point whereby they have been submitted to Uisce Éireann for Takeover review. The list below shows which schemes from have been submitted to Uisce Éireann for review;</p>			
	<u>GWS Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Municipal District</u>	<u>Status</u>
1	Cappry Lane	Ballybofey	Lifford Stranorlar	Taken Over
2	Meenalaught	Killygordan	Lifford Stranorlar	Taken Over

3	Lagnalore/ Meenahorna	Glenfin	Lifford Stranorlar	Submitted to IW
4	Cloughroe	Drumkeen	Lifford Stranorlar	Taken Over
5	Liskernan/ Meenavoy	Drumkeen	Lifford Stranorlar	Submitted to IW
6	Halftown Skelpy	Castlefin	Lifford Stranorlar	Taken Over
7	Corcashey	Convoy	Lifford Stranorlar	Submitted to IW
8	Tirhomin	Milford	Letterkenny	Submitted to IW
9	Labbadish/ Drumoghill	Drumoghill	Letterkenny	Submitted to IW
10	Moyle Magheradrumman	Milford	Letterkenny	Taken Over
11	Tullygay	New Mills	Letterkenny	Submitted to IW
12	Ballygallen/Breenagh	Glenswilly	Letterkenny	Submitted to IW
13	Leitir	Kilmacrennan	Letterkenny	Submitted to IW
14	The Bog	Cranford	Letterkenny	Submitted to IW
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	Taken Over
19	Lisfannon	Bunrana	Inishowen	Taken Over
20	Ballymacgroarty	Ballintra	Donegal	Taken Over
21	Rath/Lisminton	Ballintra	Donegal	Taken Over
22	Lurgan	Ballintra	Donegal	Taken Over
23	Teelin	Carrick	Donegal	Taken Over
24	Driminardagh	Donegal Town	Donegal	Taken Over
25	Owenteskna	Meenaneary	Donegal	Submitted to IW
26	Lisahully	Ballyshannon	Donegal	Taken Over
27	Tullywee	Laghey	Donegal	Submitted to IW
28	Ardcrone/Craugheybolye	Dungloe	Glenites	Submitted to IW
29	Meenlaragh No. 2	Gortahork	Glenties	Submitted to IW
30	Loughros Point	Ardara	Glenties	Taken Over
31	Lochnanoran	Annargy	Glenties	Taken Over
32	Sanfield	Ardara	Glenties	Taken Over
33	Lower Knocknastoller	Bunbeg	Glenties	Taken Over

In the coming months continued engagement with promoters and trustees of GWSs that have applied for takeover will continue, however, the impact of Covid 19 has limited the amount of contact GWSs could have with their members. This had a direct impact on the progress of takeover applications due to the limited 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. Project works are taking place by contractors on various GWSs across the county that have been procured through the rural water section on behalf of GWSs. These works involve works to the network and pumping stations comprising of Civil, Mechanical and Electrical in nature to ensure the minimum UÉ standards are met to achieve the takeover of the GWS.

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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 Uisce Éireann. Donegal County Council is part of a pilot programme to commence the takeover of these types of scheme. Uisce Éireann has agreed to review 10 schemes from each county involved in this pilot programme. This list below sets out the parameters for which Uisce Éireann 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 GWSs within the county was utilised to identify all orphan scheme within the county. 295 GWS were classified as orphan through this process and have decreased to 273 based on the takeover programme to date. These 295 schemes were investigated further to identify GWSs with less than 10 connections. 158 GWSs 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 Uisce Éireann as mentioned above. 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. The total number of Orphan schemes is now 273 due to the progress made on the takeover programme to date.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="298 1142 1516 1877"> <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> <tr><td>6</td><td>Sandymills</td><td>Castlefin</td><td>Lifford Stranorlar</td><td>Taken Over</td></tr> <tr><td>7</td><td>Creevy</td><td>Ballyshannon</td><td>Donegal</td><td>Taken Over</td></tr> <tr><td>8</td><td>Clontyseer</td><td>Ballyshannon</td><td>Donegal</td><td>Taken Over</td></tr> <tr><td>9</td><td>Springhill</td><td>Quigley's Point</td><td>Inishowen</td><td>Taken Over</td></tr> <tr><td>10</td><td>Fallask</td><td>Drumfreis</td><td>Inishowen</td><td>Taken Over</td></tr> <tr><td>11</td><td>Glebe Road</td><td>Burt</td><td>Inishowen</td><td>Taken Over</td></tr> <tr><td>12</td><td>Carronamaddy</td><td>Burt</td><td>Inishowen</td><td>Taken Over</td></tr> <tr><td>13</td><td>Clonkillymore</td><td>Termon</td><td>Letterkenny</td><td>Taken Over</td></tr> <tr><td>14</td><td>Pluck/ Aughlihard</td><td>Mannorcunningham</td><td>Letterkenny</td><td>Taken Over</td></tr> <tr><td>15</td><td>Gortnaskeagh</td><td>Kilmacrennan</td><td>Letterkenny</td><td>Taken Over</td></tr> <tr><td>16</td><td>Rathmullan Coastguard</td><td>Rathmullan</td><td>Letterkenny</td><td>Taken Over</td></tr> <tr><td>17</td><td>Grail Craugheyboyle</td><td>Dungloe</td><td>Glenties</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	6	Sandymills	Castlefin	Lifford Stranorlar	Taken Over	7	Creevy	Ballyshannon	Donegal	Taken Over	8	Clontyseer	Ballyshannon	Donegal	Taken Over	9	Springhill	Quigley's Point	Inishowen	Taken Over	10	Fallask	Drumfreis	Inishowen	Taken Over	11	Glebe Road	Burt	Inishowen	Taken Over	12	Carronamaddy	Burt	Inishowen	Taken Over	13	Clonkillymore	Termon	Letterkenny	Taken Over	14	Pluck/ Aughlihard	Mannorcunningham	Letterkenny	Taken Over	15	Gortnaskeagh	Kilmacrennan	Letterkenny	Taken Over	16	Rathmullan Coastguard	Rathmullan	Letterkenny	Taken Over	17	Grail Craugheyboyle	Dungloe	Glenties	Taken Over				
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Activity / Project Title	Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2019-2021				
Project Description/Activity	A number of GWSs 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. GWS pursuing connection to public water supply
	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. GWS considering the report issued by the consultant.
	New Group Water Schemes	Dunlewey Extension	€661,900	Extend the GWS to serve Dunlewey	Consultant appointed and Feasibility report being finalised. GWS considering the report issued by the consultant.
	Transition of Existing GWS to IW	Multiple GWSs	€699,299	Funding to upgrade GWSs 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. Initial door to door survey

					along Maghera Road completed.
		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. Draft Feasibility Study complete. 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. Awaiting close out of snags. Applicants are receiving water.
		Glenalla	€315,000	To provide funding to Connect to IW Network	Project not feasible based on current market rates. Letters issued to applicants informing them of same.
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 2023-2025 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	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. Donegal County Council submitted an application for funding to the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage for Bonagee in September under this measure. The Rural Water Section are awaiting confirmation if bid was successful.
Contact Person	Pauric Feely, Executive Engineer pauric.feely@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	Well Grants
Project Description/Activity	<p>Well grants are available for the installation or upgrade of a well the purpose of domestic supply. 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 www.donegalcoco.ie/services/water/ruralwaterprogramme/wells</p> <p>Over the last 5 years the annual average of well grand applications is 30.1. We received 29 applications in 2022 and have 8 to date in 2023.</p>
Contact Person	Pauric Feely, Executive Engineer pauric.feely@donegalcoco.ie



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Municipal District of Donegal

14th March 2023

1. Town & Village Renewal – Donegal MD
 - Donegal Town
 - Glencolmcille
 - Carrick
 - Bruckless
2. Clár 2022 - Donegal MD
 - Termon Complex Pettigo
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Municipal District: Donegal

Activity / Project Update: March 2023

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">• Ongoing engagement with the Department in relation to the overall project and how it can be progressed
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Brian Keogh Executive Engineer Community, Development & Planning Services Tel: 074-9172569 E-mail: bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie



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Activity / Project Update: March 2023

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.• All signage has been ordered and installed by the group.• Works are substantially complete
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are snags to be closed out in the coming months
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Brian Keogh Executive Engineer Community, Development & Planning Services Tel: 074-9172569 E-mail: bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie



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Activity / Project Update: March 2023

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 is now completed.• The Masterplan is at final stage and final draft will be issued by end of Q1, 2023
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 Q1, 2023.
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: March 2023

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 had procured a design consultant to prepare contract documents to appoint a contractor to carry out the works on the proposed park.• Design work commenced and preparation of contract documents also commenced• Design of proposed park complete and approved by the community group.• Project is currently on E-tenders. 2 Contractors have submitted tenders and the tender report has been issued.• Contractor appointed.• Work has commenced on site and is progressing well and hope to be completed by the end of April 2023
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Works to be completed by the end of April, 2023.
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: March 2023

Activity / Project Title	2022 Clár – Termon Complex Pettigo
Project Description/Activity	Enhancements & Development Works Works consists of: Resurfacing of the MUGA Pitch, including the following works, <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Excavate existing surfacing• Removing depleted existing sand substructure• Access and install drainage requirements• Install geotextile membrane• Lay subbase material• Install the synthetic turf surface• Install infill fibres• Apply line marking
Budget (if applicable)	€50,000 – Department of Rural & Community Development € 5,000 – Match Funding
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 Meeting was held with the community group for the area to finalise the details of the project including the options available to deliver the various elements of the project.• Tender Documentation shall be prepared for e-tenders in the coming weeks.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Works to be commenced in Q2, 2023.
Contact Person (to include telephone number & e-mail address)	Brian Keogh Executive Engineer Community, Development & Planning Services Tel: 074-9172569 E-mail: bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie



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Activity / Project Update: March 2023

Activity / Project Title	2022 Clár – Leitir Corn Mill River Walk Kilcar
Project Description/Activity	Enhancements & Development Works Works consists of: Upgrade existing River Walk providing a wholly accessible path and associated infrastructure including the following, <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enhance the ground and edging on the existing path• Install lighting along the path.• Install seating• Signage and story boards.
Budget (if applicable)	€50,000 – Department of Rural & Community Development € 5,000 – Match Funding
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 Meeting was held with the community group for the area to finalise the details of the project including the options available to deliver the various elements of the project.• Tender Documentation shall be prepared for e-tenders in the coming weeks.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Works to be commenced in Q2, 2023.
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: March 2023

Activity / Project Title	PLAYGROUNDS MAINTENANCE 2023
Project Description/Activity	Annual maintenance of Playgrounds <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Glencolmcille.2. Mall Park, Ballyshannon.3. Mall Park Outdoor Gym, Ballyshannon.4. Waterworld Playground, Bundoran.5. Westend Playground, Bundoran6. St. John Bosco, Donegal Town7. Kilcar Playground.8. Killybegs Playground.9. Bruckless Playground
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Works consists of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Replacement of broken and damaged equipment.• Replace worn safety tiles and remove trip hazards.• Grease all equipment that contains bushes, bearings, shackles, etc.• Carry out repairs along edges of safety surfaces. <p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Successful tender appointed to carry out Annual Rospa Inspections.• Annual Rospa Inspection Reports have been completed with necessary repairs identified.• Quick quotes tender issued on e-tenders to procure Maintenance contractor for 2023 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 (to include telephone number & e-mail address)	John Deeney Executive Engineer Community, Development & Planning Services Tel: 087 7197619 E-mail: jdeeney@donegalcoco.ie

	<p>€30,000 and likewise through DLDC they were granted €30,000 funding for Donegal Rowability that will provide a disability hoist for water sports access from the pier in Donegal town.</p> <p>Work on the tendering documents shall commence in the next quarter of 2023 to hopefully have ready to start on site quarter 2</p> <p>Refer to item below regards Rossylongan.</p> <p>Rossylongan</p> <p>Coillte have completed their element of works on site to date until more funding become available. The ORIS fund granted 2022 shall be tendered works for the reinstatement of the trails in the estate including way markers and map boards.</p> <p>There is a requirement for a Stage 1 screening report to be complete prior to commence of any tender documents.</p> <p>Sliabh Liag;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is proposed works for Sliabh Liag for which a screening report is to be pursued to assist in the future development of the walk. • DLDC have carried out some works to resolve safety issues highlighted on Sport Ireland inspection report. • The recreation officer has confirmed that items on the report are complete and evidence issued to Sport Ireland dashboard.
<p>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expect the launch of the ORIS applications • To finalise tender doc for upload on e-tender for counters • Sport Ireland have scheduled for inspection of walks.
<p>Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i></p>	<p>Darryl Connor (Outdoor Recreational Development Officer) 0873613811 dconnor@donegalcoco.ie</p>



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Activity / Project Update: March 2023

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. Tender documents are currently being prepared in respect of these works.
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Paddy Doherty Community & Planning Services Station Island, Lifford



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Municipal District: Countywide

Activity / Project Update- March 2023

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	€13,413,875 (Additional funding received 2019) <i>Note: Project costs €10,063,586, administration and animation costs €3,350,289</i>
Transitional Programme	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. 62 projects in Donegal are now approved by Pobal under the Transitional & EURI programmes and Letters of Offer have issued/are pending, granting LEADER funding to a value of €2,861,598.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	The next LCDC/LAG meeting will be held on 15th March 2023. LDCs will continue to engage with promoters on the ground however no new projects will be developed as all funding awarded to the Donegal LAG under the Transitional LEADER programme and EURI programme has been allocated. Donegal LCDC has submitted an expression of interest to DRCD to be the LAG for the new LEADER Programme 2023-2027 working in partnership with Donegal County Council as Lead Financial Partner, and with our four

	<p>implementing partners, Donegal Local Development Company, Inishowen Development Partnership, Údarás na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán.</p> <p>On 26th January 2023, the Department confirmed Donegal's Expression of Interest as being eligible to proceed to the next stage which will see us develop our LEADER strategy which must be submitted no later than 14th July 2023.</p>
Contact Person	Seamus Canning 074 9172597. seamusc@donegalcoco.ie



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Municipal District: ALL

Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	Social Inclusion Unit
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 3 -inclusive of current status	<p>One Donegal - Social Inclusion Week 2023, 25 March – 1 April</p> <p>Launch of One Donegal – Social Inclusion Week with the Letterkenny Indian Community on 25 March @ 1.30pm in An Grianan Theatre. We are excited to invite you to the Launch of Social Inclusion week with Cathaoirleach Cllr Liam Blaney and a Festival of Colour. This Festival of Colour will be a family event for all where you will make unforgettable memories.</p>  <p>The week provides an opportunity to highlight the various activities undertaken locally to involve and include everyone in our County. The programme of events provides an occasion to increase our awareness and understanding of inclusion and diversity in Donegal.</p> <p>The full programme of events for this week will be published during March.</p> <p>One Donegal - Social Inclusion Week 2023 will close on 1 April with a Diversity Showcase in An Grianan Theatre @ 3pm. You are invited to come along to Diversity Showcase event where there will be a sharing talent and culture. This is a chance to see about the beautiful cultures in our area.</p> <p>Donegal JPC</p> <p>Cybercrime Awareness will be raised during One Donegal Social Inclusion Week. The purpose is to highlight the steps people need to take to stay safe and secure online and to provide information and resources to guide people on how Cyber Awareness and to remind everyone of the role we all play in online safety and security.</p>

	<p>Africa Day 2023 Donegal County Council has submitted a funding application to Irish Aid at the Department of Foreign Affairs which upon being successful Donegal will celebrate Africa Day 2023 on 27 May in Letterkenny. Africa Day represents an opportunity to acknowledge a diffuse, diverse, and important group of people from 50 African countries, who enrich and make a valuable contribution to Irish society.</p> <p>Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion Strategy The implementation group reviewed the Workplan at February meeting they will now meet on the individual Themes in April to explore where the gaps are in what is being done and what can be done.</p> <p>EU Belong EU-BELONG Project enters its second year of a 3 year project. Donegal County Council is one of 11 partners in the EU-BELONG project co-funded by the European Commission through its Asylum, Migration, and Integration Fund (AMIF) Programme.</p> <p>At the recent meeting of the Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion Strategy a discussion was had of possible 3 pilot projects that can be developed from the Black and Minority Ethnic Strategy actions and which could be delivered under the EU Belong project.</p>		
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Healthy Donegal

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Municipal District: Countywide

Activity / Project Update

March 2023

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	€195,000 Round 4 Funding
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p>Healthy Ireland Round 4</p> <p>The Healthy Ireland Round 4 Programme (HIF 2023-2025) represents a more evidenced-based outcomes led approach, with a longer 3-year timeframe. The grant period for Round 4 will run from 1 June 2022 to 31 December 2025, with the outcomes led approach to be delivered from 2023-2025.</p> <p><u>Healthy Ireland Round 4 June-Dec 2022</u></p> <p>Healthy Donegal Small Grants Scheme 2022</p> <p>In September 2022, Donegal LCDC approved the provision of a Healthy Donegal Small Grants Scheme.</p> <p>The Healthy Donegal Small Grant Scheme was 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 offered small grants for projects with a minimum spend of €500 and up to a</p>
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	

maximum of €1,000. A small selection of some of the funded activities are included below -

The Menopause

When we talk and laugh about it,
we learn and relax.

It's a life transition not a disease

We will be joined by Anne Flanagan and Bernie O'Neill from Innovation Recovery who will be giving a talk on the effects of the Menopause and the myths associated with it, followed by a question and answer session

**Thursday 17th November,
7pm-10pm in The Bluestack Centre,
Drimarone**
Refreshments will be served on the
night



On a lighter note we also have Sligo Comedian Niamh Mc Grath performing her latest Hilarious comedy "Gombean" directed by Seamus O'Rourke

Admission: €5.00



Left and below
**Drimarone
Development CLG**
hosted a comedy and
information night about
the menopause



Pictured above **Barrack Hill Town Park Committee** held a fun event showcasing creative arts and educational projects, in collaboration with all the local schools, people with disabilities, older people and our new community of asylum seekers and refugees



Above left - **An Machaire le Cheile** hosted an arts and wellbeing workshop for older people
 Above right - **Donegal Gay Walking Club** had t-shirts printed for their upcoming walking events

Creative Play
 5-12 year olds
 6 week block - Tuesday or Thursday 4-5pm

Free **Creative Play**

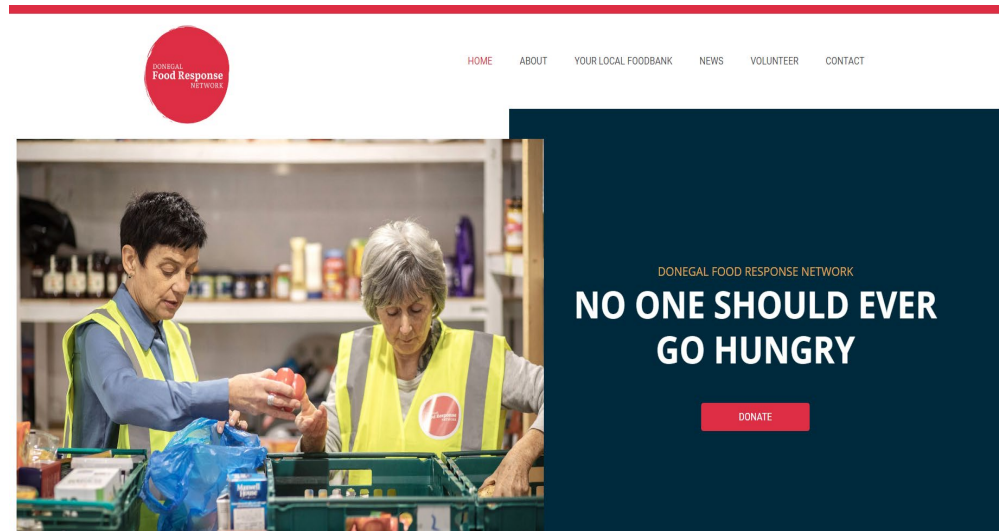
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Pictured left **Spraoi agus Sport** ran a creative play programme for children

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The affordability and accessibility of food within local communities has increased significantly over the last number of years. Healthy Donegal through Healthy Ireland Round 4 funding in 2022 and in conjunction with the Slaintecare Healthy Communities Programme supported the development of a designated website for the Donegal Food Response Network and the sourcing of marketing expertise to drive fundraising campaigns across Donegal.



Healthy Ireland Round 4 2023 -2025

The Healthy Ireland Fund Round 4 online application, Local Strategy, annual activities workplan for 2023-2025 and supporting documentation are currently under review following submission to Pobal (funding body) on 27th January 2023.

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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Development Fund Initiative

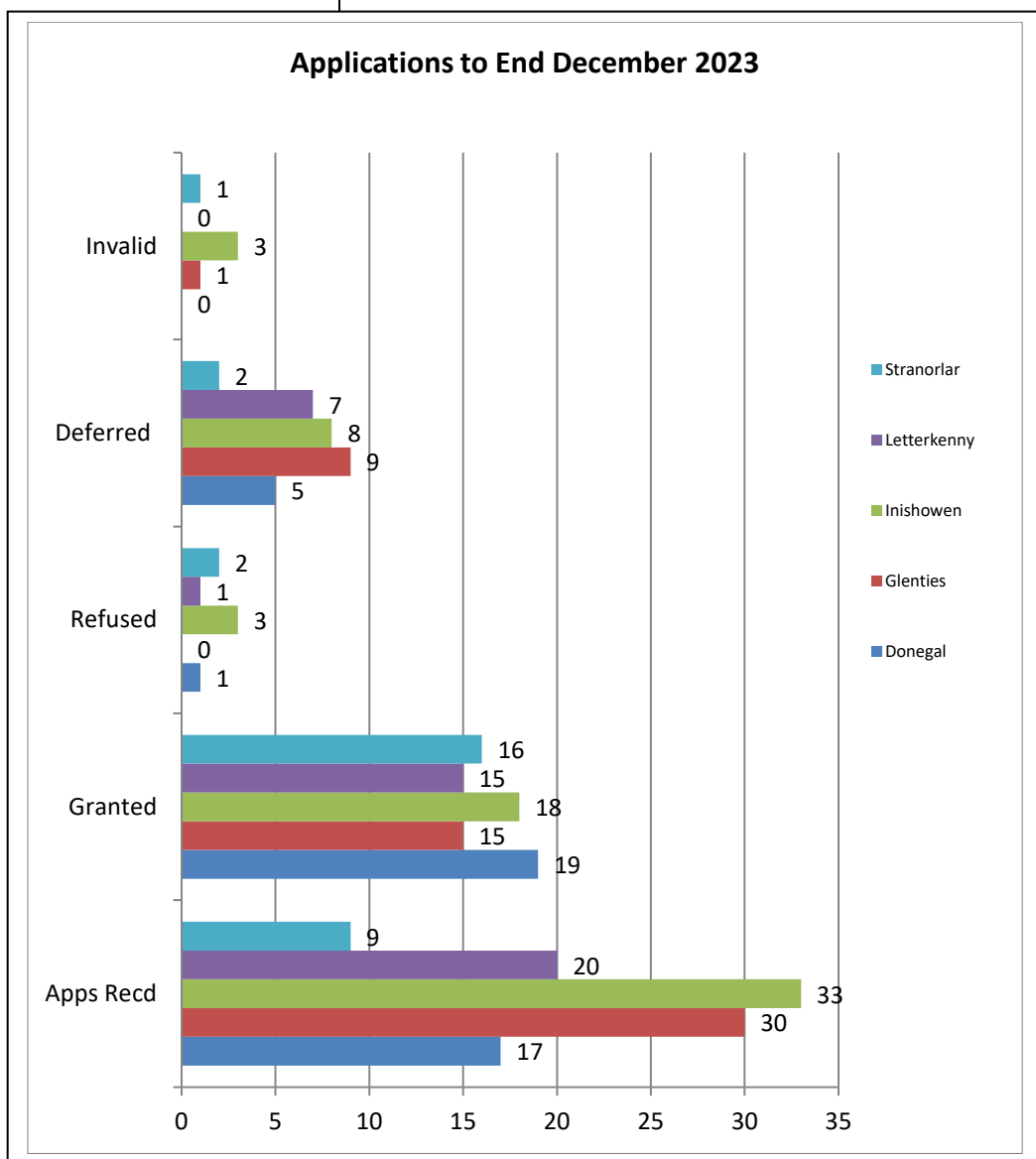
The Members considered the applications received for the 2023 Donegal Municipal District Development Fund Initiative and allocated funding as set out in the table below:

Applicant	Amount
Donegal County Council	€ 500
Donegal Hospice	€ 2,890
Donegal Women in Business Network	€ 390
Tirchonaiil Commemoration Cmt	€ 3,000
Women's Collective Ireland - Donegal (formally Donegal Women's Network)	€ 500
Irish Wheelchair Association	€ 2,400
Abbey Mill Wheel Restoration Trust Ltd	€ 2,500
ADoPT	€ 2,500
Allingham Arts Association	€ 2,500
Aodh Ruadh GAA Club	€ 5,000
Ballyshannon Brass and Reed Band	€ 2,500
Ballyshannon Folk and Traditional Music Festival	€ 2,500
Barnesmore Community Dev Ltd	€ 2,500
Bluestack Special Needs Foundation	€ 4,500
Bundoran Community Childcare	€ 2,500
Bundoran Community Development	€ 2,500
CLG Naomh Brid	€ 2,500
Co Donegal Railway Restoration CLG	€ 2,500
Comhairle Paroiste Chill Chartha Kilcar Parish Council	€ 2,750
Cully Hall Committee	€ 3,000
Donegal Family Resource Centre	€ 2,500
Donegal Town Football Club	€ 3,000
Donegal Town Summer Festival	€ 2,500
Donegal Voices	€ 2,500
Drimarone Development CLG (Bluestack Centre)	€ 2,500
Drumacrin Ave Residents Group/Association	€ 2,500
Drumbar United FC CLG	€ 3,000
Dunkineely Community CLG (DCL)	€ 4,070
Foresters Community Hall	€ 2,500
Four Masters GAA Club	€ 3,000
Friends of Rossylongan Forest	€ 2,500
Killybegs Athletic Club	€ 3,000
Killybegs Community Kitchen	€ 2,500
Killybegs Regeneration Group & Info Office	€ 2,500
Killymard Parish Council (The Mustard Seed)	€ 2,500
Laghey Parish Church (COI)	€ 2,500

Micheál Ó Cléirigh Summer School	€	2,500
Mullinsole Bay water Sports Club	€	2,500
Realt Na Mara Bundoran GAA	€	2,500
Rory Gallagher Festival Committee	€	3,000
St John Bosco Club	€	2,500
St Nauls NS	€	2,500
St Peters Church Killaghtee (Killaghtee Parish Church Hall)	€	2,500
SVP Ozanam House Residential Unit	€	2,500
The Forge Family Resource Centre Pettigo	€	2,500
Townawilly Restoration Committee Townawilly parish a/c no2	€	3,500
	€	120,000

Donegal MD Meeting
14th March 2023

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Appendix A



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Regeneration & Development Team
Community Development & Planning Services

Report to March (2023) Municipal District Meetings

1.0 RURAL REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (RRDF)

1.1 EXISTING APPROVED CATEGORY 2 RRDF PROJECTS (2020)

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

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

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

Further to the public consultation period on the draft plans held in October-November 2022, the Team is continuing to engage with key stakeholders in relation to the feedback received. This includes the local Business Chamber, ESB and Bus Eireann. Good progress is being made in this regard and further arrangements will also be made for a further workshop with Members to update on this evolving consultation and design process.

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

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

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

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

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

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

1.2.2 **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.

The Elected Members of the Inishowen Municipal District were updated on the status of this project at workshop on Friday 27th January 2023. It is now intended to progress this project to tender in Q1 of 2023.

1.3 **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.

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1.4 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:

1.4.2 Ballybofey-Stranorlar Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan

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

1.4.3 Ballyshannon Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan

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

1.4.4 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. 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.

1.4.5 Rathmullan RRDF Project Development work

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

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

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

1.4.6 Milford Town Centre First Plan

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

GM Design Associates Ltd were appointed as the successful consultancy service to deliver the Town Centre First Plan for Milford on Tuesday 14th February 2023 and the project has now commenced with the first stage of Public Consultation. This opened on Thursday 16th February 2023 with the launch of the project website: www.milfordtowncentrefirst.com, and will close on Thursday 9th March 2023 at 4pm. As a part of the first stage of the public consultation process Donegal County Council invited the public to come along to an open drop-in event on **Wednesday 22nd February 2023 from 3.00pm to 8.00pm at the Milford Public Services Centre, Main Street, Milford.**

The Elected Members of the Letterkenny – Milford Municipal District were also fully updated in advance at a project workshop on Tuesday 14th February 2023.

The first stage consultation process will continue until Thursday 9th March 2023, with further workshops planned with key local stakeholders, including the local schools. The public are invited to get involved during the first period of public consultation from **Thursday 16th February to Thursday 9th March 2023** by:

- *Visiting the project website www.milfordtowncentrefirst.com to leave comments or complete a questionnaire;*
- *Visit the project Facebook page 'Milford Town Centre First Plan';*
- *E-mail: milford@g-m-design.co.uk;*
- *Telephone : +44 (028) 7035 6138; or*

- *Write: GM Design Associates, 22 Lodge Road, Coleraine, Co. Londonderry, BT52 1NB.*

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.

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

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

The Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy was officially launched on Monday 5th December 2022 in the Radisson Hotel, Letterkenny followed by a cross- directorate Letterkenny Public Information Event.

This concludes the project to prepare Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy which now transitions into project specific development and implementation. The project website and all published documents are available at www.letterkenny2040.ie

(ii) Acquisition of key town centre regeneration site.

The Donegal County Council (Letterkenny Strategic Urban Regeneration Site) CPO 2021 became operative on Tuesday 15th November 2022. A Final Business Case was submitted on 1st March 2023 to DHLGH as regards the estimated likely all-in acquisition costs. Alongside the Final Business Case and following completion of legal review, steps are being taken to serve Notices to Treat. This will be followed by service of Notices to Enter without delay enabling Donegal County Council to take possession of the lands required to enable the delivery of Phase 1 (Alpha/Beta/public realm) of the Strategic Urban Regeneration Site which was approved Part 8 planning consent at the Special Council meeting on 24th February 2022.

In addition, in collaboration with Housing, options are being explored as regards the business case for an Affordable Housing Scheme in respect of the residential component of the Concept Masterplan relating to the remainder of the strategic site (Phase 2). Further updates will be brought to the Letterkenny-Milford MD in this regard as this work develops.

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

The Councils successful application to URDF Call 2, entitled ‘Letterkenny 2040 (Phase 1): To Re-energize and Connect the Historic Town Centre’ secured a provisional allocation for total project cost of €18.1m (comprising €13.6m URDF support together with match funding committed by the Council in the sum of €4.5m). Total project uplift was secured at Decision Gate 1 in relation to Preliminary Business Case to take account of inflation resulting in total project cost of €19.3m (comprising €14.5m URDF support and €4.8m match funding by Donegal County Council). Project costs will remain under review at each stage of project development.

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

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

In line with the Public Spending Code, a Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy was submitted to DHLGH on 29th July 2022 for review and consideration. DHLGH approval to proceed was secured by letter dated 7th February 2023. A number of clarifications were sought on Monday 13th February 2023 and as a result, DHLGH advise that an updated letter of approval will issue in due course. In the interim, DHLGH advise to proceed as set out in the following table.

DHLGH also advise that each sub- project will now progress on its own timeline including the preparation of individual Final Business Cases prior to appointment of construction contractor.

Next steps set out in letter of approval to proceed.

Sub-project	Nature of DHLGH approval
Sub-project A: Market Square element	Proceed to procurement of architect-led team for detailed design and site supervision
Sub-Project A: Cathedral Quarter Park and Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme	Proceed acquisition processes for land required Proceed to procurement of architect-led team for all design stages (planning consent, detailed design & site supervision)
Sub-project C: Revival t the Courthouse	Proceed to procurement of consultancy services to prepare ‘Product identification/Visitor

	Experience Plan.’
Sub-project D: Strategic acquisition to enable a Regional Transport Hub	Proceed acquisition processes for land required.
Sub-Project E; Strategic acquisition to enable LK Green Connect	Proceed acquisition processes for land required

Steps will now be taken to progress as above and in conjunction with the Councils Capital Projects Delivery Unit as appropriate.

2.3 ‘The Eat Out’ Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Project, Letterkenny
‘The Eat Out’ Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Project at the public space to the front of An Grianan Theatre secured Part 8 planning consent at the plenary Council meeting in November 2022. Detailed design of this project has now been enabled in the context of the further development of the concept contained in the Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy via the appointment of The Paul Hogarth Company and Cronin Sutton O’Connor Engineers. The Regeneration Team now provide support and input into the detailed design process which is led by Community Development with a target for delivery by end of Q2 2023.

2.4 Letterkenny Cultural Corridor
Design development in respect of a future Part 8 proposed development for the ‘Cultural Corridor’ section of LK Green Connect is progressing and is at an advanced state of readiness for presentation to Letterkenny MD workshop scheduled for 29th March 2023. Part 8 is being prepared with the support of Pasparakis Friel Architects appointed to provide Part 8 drawings while the Regeneration and Development Team manage and lead all other elements of the Part 8 process including review of design, specific development of High Road design elements, AA and EIA screening. This project will also provide for a long-term public realm scheme at the front of An Grianan Theatre taking account of ‘The Eat Out’ and for enhancements to the existing pathway adjacent to the Boxing Club. The project also includes consultation with the Cultural Partners (An Grianan Theatre, the Regional Cultural Centre and Donegal County Museum) and other stakeholders including Letterkenny Tennis Club, the Boxing Club and a number of landowners.

2.5 2nd Phase of LK Green Connect
Early design work using in-house resources commenced in January 2023 on Part 8 proposed development for Phase 2 of LK Green Connect to link walking and cycling infrastructure at Phase 1 (currently under construction) to Pearse Road. This would, in due course secure Phase 2 to shovel ready status. Given the early stage in the design process, the timeline for publication of the Part 8 is yet to be confirmed and is subject to capacity of staff resources across both URDF and RRDF programmes. The preferred scenario is to publish a

part 8 by Q3 2023. Workshops at MD level will be arranged as this project develops.

2.6 Youth/Community focused project at Lower Main Street

Early engagements with Letterkenny Youth Club and Donegal Youth Service have commenced to further explore the potential for a youth/community focused project at Lower Main Street as envisaged within the Design Concepts contained in the Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy. In this regard, a partnership in principle has been agreed. Following progress on relevant land acquisition under the Councils URDF Call 2 project, it is targeted to commence design processes as regards a future capital scheme at this location. Timeline for commencement of design work is likely to be Q3/4 of 2023 and is highly dependent on capacity of in-house resources. Updates will be provided to Members on ongoing basis.

2.7 Collaboration with Housing Section of Donegal County Council

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

2.8 URDF Call 3

Minister O'Brien launch URDF Call 3 on 30th January 2023 alongside the launch of the Governments Vacant Homes Action Plan. URDF Call 3 focusses on enabling Local Authorities to tackle long-term vacancy and dereliction in Letterkenny town centre and on the acceleration of residential development. The programme will provide a rolling fund to Local Authorities to enable acquisition and design and civil works that may be required to de-risk property to make it more attractive for onward sale. A workshop with Letterkenny-Milford MD took place on 27th February 2023 to explore the Councils submission to same before the deadline for submission of 10th March 2023. A summary of the submission and update will be provided at the scheduled workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD on 29th March 2023.

2.9 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
March 2023**

Appendix B



**Comhairle Contae
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Donegal County Council

CAPITAL PROJECTS DELIVERY UNIT

Community Development and Planning Services

Report to Donegal Municipal District Members: March 2023

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>Works are progressing on Island House. Piling operations are complete with groundbeam works underway.</p> <p>Works on public realm have commenced, with drainage works underway.</p> <p>Discussions in relation to land acquisition are progressing and the CPO for the 'Coal Yard' site has been returned by An Bord Pleanála</p>

	with no submissions/objections received.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<p>It is anticipated that the Island House structure works will have commenced.</p> <p>It is anticipated that works on public realm space will be progressing.</p>
Contact Person(s)	<p>Michael Quigley, A/Executive Engineer Ardal McDermott, A/ Senior Executive Engineer</p>

1st March 2023

To: Each Elected Member

Re: Schedule of Municipal District Works 2023

Please find attached documentation in respect of the Schedule of Municipal District Works for 2023.

I also attach the Development Fund details in respect of 2023. This is for information purposes only, as the Development Funds do not form part of the Schedule of Municipal District Works.

The Schedule of Municipal District Works has been included on the agenda for the next Municipal District Meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Area Manager

Schedule of Municipal District Works (SMDW)

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 amends Section 103 of the Local Government Act 2001, inserting Section 103A (extract attached) prescribing the preparation of a Schedule of Municipal District Works in respect of maintenance and repair for each Municipal District.
- 1.2 Circular LG27/2014/Fin/21/2014 dated 31st December 2014, (copy attached) provides further detail in relation to the operational application of this function within the Municipal District.

2.0 Primary Issues of Consideration

- 2.1 The Schedule of Municipal District Works sets out a plan of repair and maintenance work in each of the respective Municipal Districts, in respect of a number of local service areas. The requirement to prepare a Schedule of Municipal District Works first arose for the financial year 2015.
- 2.2 The preparation and adoption of the Schedule of Municipal District Works is mandatory. It is required to be prepared under the direction of the Chief Executive and requires consideration by the Municipal District and adoption by resolution, with or without amendment, by the members of each Municipal District.
- 2.3 A deadline date of the 31st March is being applied for the adoption of this resolution in respect of 2023, as was the case in previous years (as per Circular LG27/2014/Fin/21/2014). It is anticipated that further direction will be provided in future years in relation to the form and content of the Schedule of Municipal District Works.
- 2.4 The members must have due consideration to the adopted revenue budget (essentially requiring that the schedule as adopted, and the expenditure associated with that, must be within the parameters of the adopted Revenue budget for the County as a whole).
- 2.5 Should the Schedule not be adopted by the members, the Schedule of Municipal District Works reverts to the full council for the elected members' consideration and adoption with or without amendment, but in line with subsection 4 of Section 103A of the Act.

3.0 Rationale

- 3.1 The principle of the SMDW is in line with stated objectives incorporated in various government policy documents associated with Local Government Reform.
- 3.2 It is expected that, as the concept matures, that the prospect of additional and wider ranges of activities may be considered for incorporation into the overall schedule.

4.0 Practical Applications - 2023

- 4.1 An approach has been taken to apply a certain number of works areas and to include areas of strategic importance at Municipal District level in the Schedule of Municipal District Works. In this context, various aspects of housing maintenance and repair; road

maintenance and repair; beach management and maintenance; and litter management have been incorporated.

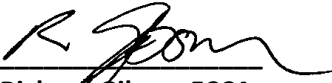
- 4.2 The schedule as presented to the Municipal District members does not report on, or represent, all aspects of local expenditure and as such it is expected that as the principle of the SMDW matures over subsequent years that further areas can be incorporated as required. It is proposed that this matter be kept under review by the Corporate Policy Group of the Council and their advice and direction be sought in relation to same.
- 4.3 It should be noted that in certain instances budgets are held locally e.g. roads maintenance areas whilst others are held centrally e.g. beach management. The rationale and logic for same is specific to individual expenditure headings, but considerations relating to value for money, efficiency, synergies, and contingency capacity are all areas that are reflected in instances where budgets may be held centrally for the provision of services locally.

5.0 Further Information

- 5.1 Also included for your information is a schedule of the discretionary development funds that are available to members through the Development Fund Initiative (monies which were allocated as part of the budget 2023 allocation process) and, furthermore, a schedule of available monies per electoral area in respect of the members development funds, a sum in the amount of €6,350 which is available for allocation by each individual elected member.
- 5.2 The 'Public Lights & Minor Infrastructure Fund' was first adopted by the elected members as part of the 2020 Revenue Budget process. A sum of €203,500, equivalent to €5,500 per elected member, was adopted in 2020. This was increased to €259,000, equivalent to €7,000 per elected member, in the adopted Revenue Budget for 2021 and has been repeated in the Adopted Budget for 2023. This is included for information purposes in the Schedule of Municipal District Works for 2023. This provision will facilitate the allocation of funding to public lights and minor public infrastructure improvements, primarily on public roads and in housing estates, in accordance with the scheme agreed with the elected members.
- 5.3 Unspent capacity within Public Lights & Minor Infrastructure Scheme budgets for previous years has been reserved and retained for future use.
- 5.4 In 2021, a specific additional budget in the sum of €500,000 (€100,000 per MD) was provided for a Minor Tourism Works Scheme. This provision was repeated for 2022 and is included in the adopted budget for 2023 also. This is included in Appendix 4, alongside the Development Funds allocations, for the information of elected members.
- 5.5 A specific additional budget in the sum of €100,000 (€20,000 per MD) was provided in the Adopted Budget for 2021 to support and stimulate the Pollinator Plan and biodiversity. This was repeated for 2022 and is included in the Adopted Budget for 2023 also (see Appendix 4).
- 5.6 The Adopted Budget for 2022 included a provision in the sum of €350,000 to undertake upgrading and repair works to access infrastructure in housing estates (including back lanes). This allocation has been repeated in 2023. €70,000 has been set aside per MD, with funding coming from a specific allocation within the three-year footpath and public lighting programme. This is included in Appendix 4 for the information of elected members.

6.0 Required

- 6.1 In line with section 103A of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) that the members consider the Schedule of Municipal District Works as presented.
- 6.2 That the members resolve to adopt, with or without amendment (but within the parameters of the adopted Revenue budget), the schedule as presented and in line with the text of the draft resolution provided.



**Richard Gibson FCCA,
Head of Finance**

Extract from Local Government Act 2001 (as amended)

Schedule of Municipal District Works 103A

- (1) As soon as may be following the adoption of the local authority budget, a schedule of proposed works of maintenance and repair to be carried out during the financial year in each municipal district shall be prepared under the direction of the chief executive, having regard to the availability of resources, in the manner, format and within the timescale that may be prescribed by regulations made by the Minister.
- (2) A schedule prepared for the purposes of subsection (1) shall be considered by the municipal district members concerned and be adopted by resolution, with or without amendment by it, within such time limit and in accordance with such conditions and requirements as may be prescribed by the regulations made by the Minister.
- (3) In making an amendment under subsection (2) the municipal district members shall have due regard to the local authority budget adopted in accordance with section 103(9).
- (4) If the schedule prepared for the purpose of subsection (1) is not adopted by the municipal district members in accordance with subsection (2) and any regulations made under that subsection, then the local authority concerned shall consider that schedule and by resolution adopt it with or without amendment (having due regard to the local authority budget adopted in accordance with section 103(9)) within such time limit as may be prescribed by the regulations made by the Minister.



Comhshaol, Pobal agus Rialtas Áitiúil
Environment, Community and Local Government



LG 27/2014
FIN 21/2014

31 December 2014

Dear Chief Executive,

**Schedule of Municipal District Works
(SMDW)**

Legislative provisions

1. Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 inserts a new section 103A in the Local Government Act 2001 providing that, following the adoption of the annual budget, a schedule of proposed works of maintenance and repair to be carried out during the financial year in each municipal district shall be prepared, for adoption by the municipal district¹ members. The SMDW is, in effect, a plan of works that prioritises and apportions the use, within each municipal district, of funding provided in the overall local authority revenue budget for particular purposes. In the case of local authority areas which do not have municipal districts, while the requirements in this circular relating to the SMDW *per se* do not apply, it is considered that it would be good practice to prepare a schedule of works in any event to identify where works will be prioritised in the local authority area during the year.

2. The relevant extract from the 2001 Act is attached in the Appendix to this circular. The main elements of this provision are as follows: -
 - Preparation and adoption of the SMDW is a mandatory requirement.
 - The SMDW must be prepared under the direction of the Chief Executive.
 - The SMDW is to be prepared as soon as may be following the adoption of the annual budget, for consideration and adoption by resolution, with or without amendment, by the municipal district members.
 - If not adopted by the municipal district members, the SMDW reverts to the full council for the elected members consideration and adoption, with or without amendment.

¹ The term municipal district should be taken to include metropolitan districts and borough districts.

Policy Context

3. By virtue of being adopted at district level, the SMDW represents an important enhancement of subsidiarity in local government. The provision is fundamentally important to the new system of governance at sub-county level, giving effect to measures set out in the *Government's Action Programme for Effective Local Government, Putting People First*, which indicated, in particular, that: -
 - matters to be decided at municipal district level would include decisions in relation to local facilities and amenities and determination of priorities and programmes of works or services in the area, within global funding allocations decided by the overall county council /city and county council or the use of locally generated revenue (paragraph 6.5.2);
 - provision would be made for the adoption by members at municipal district level of programmes/plans setting out priorities for works, services or activities within their functional remit that are contained within, or specific to, the district and expenditure in respect of matters that are appropriate for decision locally, within the overall budgetary and policy framework (paragraph 6.5.9); and
 - wide discretion would be given to members at municipal district level insofar as priorities in matters decided at that level are concerned (paragraph 6.7.1).

The scope for widening the extent of reserved functions of elected members would be pursued fully and a number of new measures set out in the programme would add important new functions to the range of powers of elected members (paragraph 11.5.2); to this end, the adoption of the SMDW is among the most important new reserved functions introduced by the Reform Act 2014.

Guidance on preparation and adoption of SMDW

4. The legislation provides that the Minister may make regulations outlining the manner, format, conditions, requirements and timescale for the preparation, consideration and adoption of the SMDW. Further consideration will be given to the possible need for regulations under section 103A of the 2001 Act. Pending the possible making of regulations, interim guidelines are being provided on the preparation, amendment and adoption of the SMDW for the year 2015, as follows: -
 - (a) While the legislation provides that the SMDW be prepared as soon as may be following the adoption of the annual budget, it is considered reasonable, in the first year of its operation, to allow adoption of the SMDW by 31 March 2015, in order to allow for appropriate arrangements to be made and to afford members adequate time to familiarise themselves with this important new function. This will also enable account to be taken of more definitive details of Government maintenance grants for roads, housing, etc.
 - (b) The SMDW in respect of each municipal district should be formulated on the basis of the amount of funding provided for maintenance and repair in the annual budget of the local authority in respect of each relevant service division (e.g. housing, roads,

amenities, street cleaning, drainage work, burial ground maintenance, etc.), subject to any variations arising subsequent to adoption of the budget, for example, in relation to funding levels from State grants. Classification of items in the budget should largely determine what works and related expenditure are included in the SMDW but insofar as it may be necessary to make judgments in particular instances, it is considered that the term “maintenance” can include not only maintenance of the physical condition or fabric of items, but also more operational type matters such as grass cutting or tree pruning.

- (c) Within the level of funding available, details of the SMDW should be prepared on the basis of identified needs (taking account of relevant factors, for example, in the case of housing, age profile of stock) and priorities throughout the local authority area and taking due account of requirements in relation to standards and frequency of maintenance work. This should be informed by details of relevant requirements which were considered in the formulation of the overall local authority budget. It will also be relevant to have regard to the pattern of works and expenditure in previous years. It is emphasised that adoption of the SMDW *per se* cannot involve revision of the adopted budget.
- (d) It is essential to maximise return on investment by avoiding dilution of expenditure which could result from spreading allocations too thinly across the local authority and the constituent municipal districts each year. This could be minimised by taking a multi-annual approach where possible in the preparation of the SMDW.
- (e) Maximising value for money, overall effectiveness, and return from investment should also be a key objective in prioritising works and allocating available funding within each municipal district, along with the need to ensure appropriate balance in the allocation of resources as between urban and rural areas in the district. Apportionment of funding on a thematic basis within the district over the life of the council could help to this end. For example, specific housing estate(s) in one location could be prioritised for refurbishment in year one, with a commitment to undertake works in another area in subsequent years. Similarly, where an overall local authority maintenance programme is drawn up for a particular purpose (say windows and doors in local authority dwellings) which might need to extend over a number of years, the required works would be reflected in relevant annual SMDWs.
- (f) Any maintenance type functions, for example, grass cutting, planting or other maintenance of open spaces, that are carried out by means of specific purpose grants for such purposes to community groups such as tidy towns committees can be provided for, as appropriate, through the SMDW.
- (g) The GMA, which is a budgetary element providing funding for discretionary expenditure at municipal district level to be decided by the elected members in respect of each municipal district, is separate from the “strategic” budgetary funding for maintenance and repair, the utilisation of which is to be determined in the SMDW. However, it is open to the municipal district members to apply GMA funding to supplement maintenance and repair funding otherwise available in the overall budget.

- (h) It is suggested that the resolution for adoption of the SMDW be worded so as to be flexible enough to allow for possible emergencies or reallocation of funding from scheduled works that cannot, for some reason, proceed. Any such re-allocation of funding should, as always, be within the overall budgetary framework and could be notified to the members as part of the Monthly Management Report. Account should be taken of any such changes in the preparation of the following year's SMDW.
- (i) Section 134A of the 2001 Act provides that, in preparing the Service Delivery Plan, account shall be taken of any local authority plan, statement, strategy or any other document. Accordingly, the SMDW should, ideally, be prepared and adopted in advance of the annual Service Delivery Plan. If this is not feasible in the context of the time frame allowed for 2015, the preparation of the annual Service Delivery Plan should, at least, be informed by proposals for the SMDW.
5. The following conditions and requirements shall apply in relation to any amendments to the SMDW, as prepared under the direction of the chief executive, being considered by the municipal district members under section 103A (2) and (3) of the 2001 Act: -
- (a) Any proposed amendments to the SMDW must take account of
- the need to confine overall expenditure on works of maintenance within the total amount provided in the adopted local authority budget for such purposes;
 - actual requirements and priorities for relevant works within the district and prioritisation of the use of funding available to the district for particular purposes having regard to such requirements and priorities;
 - the most effective use of available resources;
 - requirements and priorities for funding in respect of works to which the SMDW relates during the entire term of office of the council so as to prevent dilution and ineffective use of funding by spreading it too thinly across the local authority/district each year;
 - other factors/criteria set out in these guidelines;
 - compliance with the regulations and guidelines regarding the performance of functions by municipal district members as provided in S.I. 231 of 2014 and circular LG10/2014, including the need for consistency with overall local authority policy and avoidance of duplication;
 - any views in relation to proposed amendments provided by the chief executive.
- (b) If the municipal district members decide not to adopt the SMDW or propose to make an amendment to the SMDW which would result in the total expenditure in respect of works included in the schedule in respect of a particular service division exceeding that envisaged in the schedule as prepared by the chief executive, the latter shall submit a report to the local authority indicating that the SMDW has not

been adopted in accordance with subsection (2) of section 103A and the local authority shall adopt the SMDW in accordance with subsection (4) of section 103A.

- (c) Pending a decision on the adoption of the SMDW by the municipal district members or the local authority, as the case may be, works or services may be undertaken in accordance with the schedule as prepared by the chief executive. Failure to adopt, or delay in adoption of, the SMDW in respect of a particular district by the municipal district members or the local authority, as the case may be, will not affect the validity of the SMDW adopted by the municipal district or the local authority, as the case may be, in respect of another district in the local authority area. Accordingly, where the SMDW has been adopted by the members for a particular municipal district, it cannot be revisited by the plenary Council even in the event that the SMDW for another district is referred back to it because of failure of the members for that district to adopt.
 - (d) In the event of a decision by the municipal district members or the local authority, as the case may be, not to adopt the SMDW or to make an amendment to the SMDW which would result in the total expenditure in respect of works included in the schedule exceeding that envisaged in the schedule as prepared by the chief executive, only such works or services to which the SMDW relates as are considered by the chief executive to be essential shall be undertaken pending the adoption of the SMDW within the level of expenditure envisaged in the schedule as prepared by the chief executive.
6. Specific procedures (beyond the requirements in the legislation) or a definitive format for the SMDW, are not being prescribed at this time. The procedures and structures already applied by most authorities for non-statutory agreement of annual road works programmes at area committee level should provide a relevant analogy and a template that can be adapted for the statutory SMDW process. It is understood that some authorities intend to have non-statutory consultations with the municipal district members on the SMDW early in 2015, which could be helpful in advance of formal adoption. It should also be noted that it is a matter for the executive to determine the most appropriate and effective operational and organisational arrangements to implement the measures decided by the municipal district members in the adoption of the SMDW.
7. A copy of this circular, which is available on the SharePoint system, should be given to each elected member. In view of its importance to their role at municipal district level, all necessary support should be provided to the members in the performance of their functions in relation to the schedule of municipal district works.

Any queries on this matter relating to finance aspects can be made to Emma.Reeves@environ.ie, or relating to municipal district functions generally to Brendan Buggy or Michael Murphy at 01-8882826 or 01-8882162, respectively or, by e-mail at Brendan.buggy@environ.ie or Michael.murphy@environ.ie.

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To each local authority Chief Executive

**Extract from Part 12, Chapter 1 (Financial Procedures)
of the Local Government Act 2001**

Schedule of municipal district works

103A.— (1) As soon as may be following the adoption of the local authority budget, a schedule of proposed works of maintenance and repair to be carried out during the financial year in each municipal district shall be prepared under the direction of the chief executive, having regard to the availability of resources, in the manner, format and within the timescale that may be prescribed by regulations made by the Minister.

(2) A schedule prepared for the purposes of subsection (1) shall be considered by the municipal district members concerned and be adopted by resolution, with or without amendment by it, within such time limit and in accordance with such conditions and requirements as may be prescribed by the regulations made by the Minister.

(3) In making an amendment under subsection (2) the municipal district members shall have due regard to the local authority budget adopted in accordance with section 103(9).

(4) If the schedule prepared for the purpose of subsection (1) is not adopted by the municipal district members in accordance with subsection (2) and any regulations made under that subsection, then the local authority concerned shall consider that schedule and by resolution adopt it with or without amendment (having due regard to the local authority budget adopted in accordance with section 103(9)) within such time limit as may be prescribed by the regulations made by the Minister.

Appendix 1 – Housing Maintenance and Housing Estate Management 2023

	Overall Adopted €	Non Discretionary Payroll / Overheads €	Discretionary €
Housing Maintenance – Inishowen MD	688,056	114,756	573,299
Housing Maintenance – Donegal MD	508,004	124,043	383,961
Housing Maintenance – Glenties MD	527,295	66,148	461,147
Housing Maintenance – Letterkenny-Milford MD	1,032,083	234,898	797,185
Housing Maintenance – Lifford-Stranorlar MD	598,030	55,000	543,030
Subtotal for Area Maintenance:	3,353,467	594,844	2,758,623
HQ Maintenance	1,755,607		
Total Maintenance	5,109,074		
Insurance	376,858		
Loan Charges	0		
Local Property Tax Payments	520,665		
Contingency for Capital Balances (Housing Programme)	66,000		
Subtotal Other	963,523		
Overall Total	6,072,597		
Routine Maintenance Budget allocated on a per house basis equally across all areas.			
Housing Estate Management – Inishowen MD	11,117		
Housing Estate Management – Donegal MD	7,821		
Housing Estate Management – Glenties MD	8,471		
Housing Estate Management – Letterkenny-Milford MD	15,641		
Housing Estate Management – Lifford-Stranorlar MD	9,700		
Total Estate Management	52,750	As per Budget Book (A0401)	

Appendix 2 – Environmental Services 2023

Description	Adopted Budget 2023	Budget Adjustments	Revised Budget 2023	Payroll	Loan Charges	Others	Total	Balance	Inishowen	Donegal	Glenties	Letterkenny-Milford	Lifford-Stranorlar	County/Centre	Total
Water & Environment															
Litter Control - Clean Up Campaign	140,100		140,100				0	140,100	25,400	20,550	26,900	46,700	20,550	0	140,100
Tidy Towns Fund	105,000		105,000				0	105,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	5,000	105,000
Maintenance of Beaches	246,523		246,523				0	246,523	36,941	90,782	46,200	24,500	0	48,100	246,523
Totals	491,623		491,623				0	491,623	82,341	131,332	93,100	91,200	40,550	53,100	491,623

Background

It is proposed that Clean-Ups and Beach Maintenance will be centrally managed to give maximum flexibility to respond to priorities in a countywide context. Examples where this is relevant include instances of large-scale dumping potentially being more prevalent in one area than another, and similarly with unexpected maintenance/repair work at individual beaches. As a consequence, it is difficult to suggest that an MD has discretion for the expenditure. However, indicative expenditure is clearly provided on an area-by-area basis as set out in the schedule circulated. The basis of allocation will be kept under review.

A specific and discretionary allocation of €20,000 per Municipal District has been included in the adopted budget 2023 to assist tidy towns groups (as shown above). In addition to this, an amount of €5,000 has been set aside centrally for the purpose of running a countywide tidy-towns competition.

Roads Areas Division

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	Totals	Non-Roads Areas Controlled Funding	Roads Areas Centrally Controlled Funding	Donegal MD	Glenties MD	Inishowen MD	Letterkenny/Milford MD	Stranorlar MD
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)(Note 1)								
NP Ordinary Maintenance	€293,292			€102,359		€31,969	€50,153	€108,811
NP Route Lighting	€37,406	€37,406						
NP Winter Maintenance	€274,600		€274,600					
National Primary Total =	€605,298	€37,406	€274,600	€102,359	€0	€31,969	€50,153	€108,811
NS Ordinary Maintenance	€201,895			€35,130	€138,500		€28,265	
NS Route Lighting	€37,406	€37,406						
NS Winter Maintenance	€174,600		€174,600					
National Secondary Total =	€413,901	€37,406	€174,600	€35,130	€138,500	€0	€28,265	€0
LA Support (Maintenance) 2023	€66,600		€66,600					
LA Support (Winter Maintenance) 2023	€10,000	€10,000						
National Secondary Total =	€76,600	€10,000	€66,600	€0	€0	€0	€0	€0
Total TII Roads Areas Funding =	€1,095,799	€84,812	€515,800	€137,489	€138,500	€31,969	€78,418	€108,811
National Transport Authority (NTA)(Note 4)								
Active Travel (NTA)	€4,500,000	€885,000		€850,000	€605,000	€195,000	€755,000	€1,210,000
Total NTA Funding =	€4,500,000	€885,000		€850,000	€605,000	€195,000	€755,000	€1,210,000
Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport (DTTAS)(Note 5)								
Winter Maintenance (Note 6)	€1,000,000		€1,000,000					
Bridge Refurbishment	€250,000	€250,000						
Regional & Local Roads Disc Maintenance	€3,930,500			€812,848	€750,007	€973,694	€842,007	€551,943
Discretionary Grant (DG) Total =	€5,180,500	€250,000	€1,000,000	€812,848	€750,007	€973,694	€842,007	€551,943
Regional Roads Restoration Maintenance	€1,410,220			€234,439	€366,833	€324,448	€341,290	€143,210
Local Roads Restoration Maintenance	€3,626,280			€771,497	€655,113	€907,718	€762,064	€529,888
Restoration Maintenance (RM) Total =	€5,036,500			€1,005,936	€1,021,946	€1,232,165	€1,103,354	€673,098
Materials Testing	€40,000		€40,000					
Restoration Improvement	€19,278,500			€3,986,897	€3,678,671	€4,775,820	€4,129,917	€2,707,196
Restoration Improvement (RI) Total =	€19,318,500		€40,000	€3,986,897	€3,678,671	€4,775,820	€4,129,917	€2,707,196
Community Involvement Schemes	€891,000			€184,264	€170,018	€220,725	€190,874	€125,119
Specific Improvement Grants	€875,000			€450,000		€350,000	€75,000	
Strategic Regional & Local Roads	€2,450,000			€2,000,000			€450,000	
Speed Limits -(Note 9)	€75,000	€75,000						
PSCI: Survey Report	€50,000		€50,000					
Former National Roads	€450,000						€450,000	
Cycle Signs (Note 10)	€8,250		€8,250					
Drainage Works (Note 11)	€1,320,000			€272,983	€251,879	€327,001	€282,776	€185,362
Climate Adaptation	€918,750			€88,000	€396,250	€170,000	€230,000	€34,500
Other Grants (SI) Total =	€7,038,000	€75,000	€58,250	€2,995,247	€818,147	€1,067,726	€1,678,649	€344,981
Bridge Rehabilitation	€635,000	€635,000						
Low Cost Safety Improvements	€458,000	€458,000						
Training Grant (Note 12)	€114,500	€114,500						
DTTAS Non-Roads Areas Total =	€1,207,500	€1,207,500						
Total DTTAS Roads Areas Funding =	€37,781,000	€1,532,500	€1,098,250	€8,800,928	€6,268,771	€8,049,405	€7,753,927	€4,277,219
Training	€50,000	€50,000						
Scrim test & Materials Tests	€50,000		€50,000					
Lining & Road Studs	€150,000		€150,000					
Depots & Health & Safety	€150,000			€30,000	€30,000	€30,000	€30,000	€30,000
Bridges (Preventative Maintenance)	€220,000	€220,000						
Minor Non Structural Repair (Bridge) (Note 13)	€50,000			€10,000	€10,000	€10,000	€10,000	€10,000
Specific Grants (Advance Design)(Note 14)	€50,000		€50,000					
Safety Fencing	€75,000		€75,000					
Co-finance Capital	€50,000	€50,000						
Invasive Species Management	€50,000		€50,000					
Staffing Budget (Note 15)	€400,000		€400,000					
Contingency Reserve	€500,000		€500,000					
Former Town Councils Roads (Note 16)	€911,071			€271,499		€275,143	€364,428	
Former Town Council Street Sweeping (Note 17)	€365,003			€65,003		€76,000	€224,000	
MD Works Overheads	€2,000,000			€438,095	€361,905	€438,095	€485,714	€276,190
Regional Roads Own Resources	€1,027,740			€170,855	€267,340	€236,451	€248,726	€104,368
Regional Roads OR (Ineligible under Grants)	€528,125			€87,797	€137,378	€121,505	€127,813	€53,632
Local Roads Own Resources	€1,749,935			€372,301	€316,138	€438,038	€367,749	€255,708
Local Roads OR (Ineligible under Grants)	€899,241			€191,315	€162,454	€225,095	€188,976	€131,401
DTTAS RM Programme Support	€120,876			€24,142	€24,527	€29,572	€26,481	€16,154
DTTAS RI Programme Support	€251,141			€51,937	€47,922	€62,214	€53,800	€35,267
DTTAS Drainage Programme Support	€31,680			€6,552	€6,045	€7,848	€6,787	€4,449
Own Resources Roads Areas Total =	€9,679,811	€320,000	€1,275,000	€1,719,497	€1,363,709	€1,949,962	€2,134,474	€917,170
Parks & Open Spaces (Note 18)	€940,781			€68,648	€5,399	€140,148	€725,348	€1,238
Moville Green & Barrack Hill (Note 19)	€90,000					€90,000		
Roads/Footpaths in Council Housing Estates (Note 20)	€350,000			€70,000	€70,000	€70,000	€70,000	€70,000
Car Parking	€1,130,000		€150,000	€430,000		€79,000	€315,000	€156,000
School Wardens	€71,000	€71,000						
Burial Grounds	€40,000		€2,800	€7,200	€4,800	€8,400	€12,000	€4,800
Biodiversity	€90,000			€18,000	€18,000	€18,000	€18,000	€18,000
DCC Specific Funding Total =	€2,711,781	€71,000	€152,800	€593,848	€98,199	€405,548	€1,140,348	€250,038
Total DCC Funding =	€12,391,592	€391,000	€1,427,800	€2,313,345	€1,461,908	€2,355,509	€3,274,821	€1,167,208
TOTAL 2023 FUNDING =	€55,768,391	€2,893,312	€3,041,850	€12,101,762	€8,474,179	€10,631,883	€11,862,167	€6,763,238

Roads Areas Division

Budget Distribution 2023 - Municipal Districts (Area Offices) Summary

	Totals €			Donegal MD €	Glenties MD €	Inishowen MD €	Letterkenny/ Milford MD €	Stranorlar MD €
National Roads								
NP Ordinary Maintenance	€293,292			€102,359		€31,969	€50,153	€108,811
NS Ordinary Maintenance	€201,895			€35,130	€138,500		€28,265	
Total National Roads Funding =	€495,187			€137,489	€138,500	€31,969	€78,418	€108,811
Non-National Roads								
Regional & Local Roads Disc Maintenance	€3,930,500			€812,848	€750,007	€973,694	€842,007	€551,943
Regional Roads Own Resources	€1,027,740			€170,855	€267,340	€236,451	€248,726	€104,368
Regional Roads OR (Ineligible under Grants)	€528,125			€87,797	€137,378	€121,505	€127,813	€53,632
Local Roads Own Resources	€1,749,935			€372,301	€316,138	€438,038	€367,749	€255,708
Local Roads OR (Ineligible under Grants)	€899,241			€191,315	€162,454	€225,095	€188,976	€131,401
MD Works Overheads	€2,000,000			€438,095	€361,905	€438,095	€485,714	€276,190
Depots & Health & Safety	€150,000			€30,000	€30,000	€30,000	€30,000	€30,000
Minor Non Structural Repair (Bridge) (Note 13)	€50,000			€10,000	€10,000	€10,000	€10,000	€10,000
Former Town Councils Roads (Note 16)	€911,071			€271,499		€275,143	€364,428	
Former Town Council Street Sweeping (Note 17)	€365,003			€65,003		€76,000	€224,000	
Discretionary Road Maintenance Funding Total =	€11,611,615			€2,449,714	€2,035,223	€2,824,021	€2,889,413	€1,413,243
Regional Roads Restoration Maintenance	€1,410,220			€234,439	€366,833	€324,448	€341,290	€143,210
Local Roads Restoration Maintenance	€3,626,280			€771,497	€655,113	€907,718	€762,064	€529,888
DTTAS RM Programme Support	€120,876			€24,142	€24,527	€29,572	€26,481	€16,154
Restoration Maintenance (RM) Total =	€5,157,376			€1,030,079	€1,046,473	€1,261,737	€1,129,835	€689,253
Reg & Loc Roads Restoration Improvement	€19,278,500			€3,986,897	€3,678,671	€4,775,820	€4,129,917	€2,707,196
DTTAS RI Programme Support	€251,141			€51,937	€47,922	€62,214	€53,800	€35,267
Restoration Improvement (RI) Total =	€19,529,641			€4,038,834	€3,726,593	€4,838,034	€4,183,717	€2,742,463
NTA Active Travel	€3,615,000			€850,000	€605,000	€195,000	€755,000	€1,210,000
Community Involvement Schemes	€891,000			€184,264	€170,018	€220,725	€190,874	€125,119
Specific Improvement Grants	€875,000			€450,000		€350,000	€75,000	
Strategic Regional & Local Roads	€2,450,000			€2,000,000			€450,000	
Former National Roads	€450,000						€450,000	
Drainage Works (Note 11)	€1,320,000			€272,983	€251,879	€327,001	€282,776	€185,362
DTTAS Drainage Programme Support	€31,680			€6,552	€6,045	€7,848	€6,787	€4,449
Climate Adaptation	€918,750			€88,000	€396,250	€170,000	€230,000	€34,500
Specific Grants Total =	€10,551,430			€3,851,798	€1,429,192	€1,270,574	€2,440,436	€1,559,430
Total Roads Areas Non-National Roads Funding =	€46,850,061			€11,370,425	€8,237,480	€10,194,366	€10,643,401	€6,404,389
Specific Funding for Roads Related items								
Parks & Open Spaces (Note 18)	€940,781			€68,648	€5,399	€140,148	€725,348	€1,238
Moville Green & Barrack Hill (Note 19)	€90,000					€90,000		
Roads/Footpaths in Council Housing Estates (Note 20)	€350,000			€70,000	€70,000	€70,000	€70,000	€70,000
Car Parking	€980,000			€430,000		€79,000	€315,000	€156,000
Burial Grounds	€37,200			€7,200	€4,800	€8,400	€12,000	€4,800
Biodiversity	€90,000			€18,000	€18,000	€18,000	€18,000	€18,000
Roads Related Items Total =	€2,487,981			€593,848	€98,199	€405,548	€1,140,348	€250,038
Total Roads Related Items Funding =	€2,487,981			€593,848	€98,199	€405,548	€1,140,348	€250,038
TOTAL AREA OFFICE 2023 FUNDING =	€49,833,229			€12,101,762	€8,474,179	€10,631,883	€11,862,167	€6,763,238

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Notes:

- 1 TII allocations must be spent in accordance with the TII Memorandum on Road Grants.
- 2 TII allocations announced to date do not contain any allocation for High Collision Locations or Crash Barrier repairs. It is expected that funding under these headings will be announced by TII aimed at specific locations on the national road network in the coming months.
- 3 No TII Capital Maintenance or HD28 announced to date.
- 4 Active Travel (NTA) must be spent in accordance with the latest NTA Guidance Circulars
- 5 DTTAS allocations must be spent in compliance with DTTAS Circular RW1/2023 and the latest Memorandum on Grants For Regional and Local Roads.
- 6 Winter maintenance budget is weather dependent and will be supplemented as necessary from the OR Contingency Reserve. The budget has been set at €1,000,000 for 2023 to reflect the likely expenditure.
- 7 In previous years LAs were permitted by DTTaS to use up to 15% of their initial Discretionary Grant for Local Improvement Schemes (LIS). As LIS is now provided through the Department for Rural and Community Development this facility is no longer available from DTTaS.
- 8 Funding has again been provided for 2023 for Community Involvement Schemes (CIS) as per previous commitment by DTTaS.
- 9 €48,000 and €27,000 have been allocated for Speed Limits , Housing Area Signage and Rural Speed Limit Signage respectively, to be distributed by RD when the current Speed Limit Review is complete.
- 10 As applied for in 2022, DTTaS have provided €8,250 in 2023 to allow for erection of passing cycle signage, some on existing and some on new poles.
- 11 DTTaS have continued their Drainage Grant for 2023 with funding of €1,320,00 and is to be used to address locations with drainage problems on the road network. This year the DCC have topped up with a supplementary 'DTTaS Drainage Programme Support' budget of €31,680
- 12 DTTaS have funded €114,500 for training, and remaining training costs over and above this have to come from OR.
- 13 It was identified that there was a need for a Minor Bridge Non Structural Repair programme, and €50,000 has been set aside centrally to fund this work.
- 14 It was noted in the Budget Book that there was a need to advance the design work on certain bridges and €50,000 has been set aside centrally to fund this work.
- 15 The increase in outdoor staff numbers has resulted in increased staffing costs for outdoor work gangs. Similar to previous years monies have been retained centrally for targeting at RSS areas where staffing costs cannot be met from existing maintenance funding. €400,000 has been retained for this purpose.
- 16 €911,071 has been allocated to those MDs now incorporating former Town Councils (FTC) to replace the FTC OR allocations made previously.
- 17 Specific provision has again been made in the Council's Budget 2023 for Street Sweeping. In previous years street sweeping was funded from roads general maintenance monies and only the former Town Councils made specific allocation. As such Donegal, Inishowen & Letterkeny MDs have received a specific amount for street sweeping and the remainder has been included in Roads OR. MDs may provide for street sweeping from their Roads OR as normal in accordance with their individual preferences.
- 18 Parks and Open Spaces budget provision for 2023 has been distributed in the same manner as recent years which was based on split following disbandment of Town Councils.
- 19 Moville Green has been separately budgeted as per historic commitments and a separate allocation has again been made in the 2023 Budget towards the management of Barrack Hill, Carndonagh.
- 20 2023 sees the continuation of the programme 'Roads/Footpaths in Council Housing Estates' to undertake repair works to access infrastructure at Council housing estates during 2023. A fund totalling €350,000 (equivalent to €70,000 per MD) has been allocated for this purpose.
- 21 It is expected that Roads Own Resources funds will continue to be spent as normal as per the following breakdown from Budget Book 2023:

Drainage Works on Roads	40% - 50%
Road Surface Repairs	35% - 45%
Verge Maintenance	0% - 10%
Sign Maintenance	0% - 5%
Bridge Inspections	0% - 5%
Emergency RTC and Flooding Response	0% - 5%
Street Cleaning	0% - 15%

- 22 Where specific allocations are made to MDs on the basis of their having former Town Councils it is expected that these allocations will be spent in the former Town Council areas and will not be used to supplement budgets outside of these areas.

- 23 The 2023 road mileage was taken from the updated National and Regional lengths currently recorded on the PMS as per below, resulting in minor changes from 2022

Municipal District	National Primary	National Secondary	Regional	Local	Non National Total
Donegal	34.9%	17.4%	16.6%	21.3%	20.7%
Glenties		68.6%	26.0%	18.1%	19.1%
Inishowen	10.9%		23.0%	25.0%	24.8%
Letterkeny	17.1%	14.0%	24.2%	21.0%	21.4%
Stranorlar	37.1%		10.2%	14.6%	14.0%

Development Fund Allocations 2023

Municipal District	Development Fund Initiative €	Members Development Fund * ¹ €	Public Lights & Minor Infrastructure Fund* ³ €	Minor Tourism Works Scheme* ⁴ €	Pollinator Plan and Biodiversity* ⁵ €	Access Infrastructure in Housing Estates* ⁶ €	Totals €
Letterkenny-Milford	200,000	63,500	70,000	100,000	20,000	70,000	523,500
Inishowen	180,000	57,150	63,000	100,000	20,000	70,000	490,150
Donegal	120,000	38,100	42,000	100,000	20,000	70,000	390,100
Glenties	120,000	38,100	42,000	100,000	20,000	70,000	390,100
Lifford-Stranorlar	120,000	38,100	42,000	100,000	20,000	70,000	390,100
Totals	740,000	234,950*²	259,000	500,000	100,000	350,000	2,183,950

*1 Equivalent to €6,350 per Elected Member

*2 Standard rounding rules apply. The Revenue Budget allocation is €236,000

*3 Equivalent to €7,000 per Elected Member

*4 Repeated for 2023 - €100,000 per Municipal District

*5 Repeated for 2023 - €20,000 per Municipal District

*6 Repeated for 2023 - €70,000 per Municipal District

FORMAL RESOLUTION FOR SMDW ADOPTION

ADOPTION OF THE SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS 2023

Proposed by: _____

Seconded by: _____

and resolved “that the _____ Municipal District hereby adopts for the financial year ended 31st December 2023, the Schedule of Municipal District Works as set out in the schedules presented at the Municipal District meeting of the _____ (insert date) as required by Section 103A of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) and in line with requirements of Circular LG27/2014/Fin21/2014.”



Donegal Municipal District - 14th March 2023 Motions

Agenda Item No.6

Office Ref:DLMD-2023-02001

Submitted By: Cllr. Michael McMahon**Assigned To:** Roads**Motion** "That this MD in conjunction with Bus Eireann and Ulster Bus try to get two bus shelters erected in Bundoran."**Signed Off By:** MARK SWEENEY

Response: The provision of bus shelters is a statutory function of the NTA, working closely with local authorities to coordinate the development and implementation of bus shelter programmes at county level and the Council are keen to get a funded programme up and running. This collaborative process is necessary as the installation of a bus shelter will frequently require preparatory works such as the upgrading of footpaths and / or roads as well as the relocation of underground services. The planning and execution of those preparatory works is undertaken by local authorities and the bus shelter structures are then installed by the NTA's bus shelter contractor (JCDecaux). All of the capital costs involved are funded by the NTA. A list of suitable bus stops locations that have a minimum threshold of 5 services per day to the public has been prepared for each Municipal District and these list are being forwarded to the NTA for consideration in the coming weeks. The existing bus stop locations in Bundoran have been considered as part of this review.

Agenda Item No.7

Office Ref:DLMD-2023-02002

Submitted By: Cllr. Tom Conaghan**Assigned To:** Roads**Motion** "That this Donegal MD carry out a complete and comprehensive review of all lights in the Donegal Town area. Lights have not been repaired or checked for a number of weeks in some areas of the town , for example lights are out on the Killybegs Rd for over two weeks."**Signed Off By:** MARK SWEENEY

Response: The area office will touch base with the DCC public lighting management team with a view to completing the comprehensive review as requested. Note however as advised previously the DCC PL management team is clear on concerns and frustrations regarding "some" longer term repair delays and is addressing same. These are all as a result of more complex matters and not light bulb replacement. These all require increased financial solutions within the limited budget provided by members in annual revenue allocation. The PL team and its contractor has a programme of work for Jan/Feb to focus on addressing the outages, leaving aside all other works for this period. The issue with the lights on the Killybegs Road as noted in the example above is a fault in the underground cable powering the lights and the Public Lighting contractor and the local area office have been working on this issue over the last number of weeks trying to pinpoint where the fault in the cable is and repairing same. A new ESB connection is also been processed to facilitate the necessary repair works.

Agenda Item No.8

Office Ref:DLMD-2023-02005

Submitted By: Cllr. Noel Andrew Jordan**Assigned To:** Roads**Motion** "I am asking this MD to call on the DCC and the county machinery yard to purchase a High Velocity pothole sprayer in light of the condition of a lot of our secondary roads "**Signed Off By:** MARK SWEENEY

Response: The Roads Department in conjunction with the Machinery Yard are in the process of hiring a velocity patcher with the intention of making this vehicle available to all Municipal Districts to carry out pothole repair works. Consideration will then be given to the option to purchase this type of vehicle at a later date when all aspects of what is involved in the operation and maintenance issues associated with this type of vehicle are better understood.



Donegal Municipal District - 14th March 2023 Questions

Agenda Item No.9

Office Ref:DLMD-2023-02003

Submitted By: Cllr. Tom Conaghan**Assigned To:** Roads**Question** "Is there any possibility of tidying the area at the pier in Donegal Town before the summer season?"**Signed Off By:** MARK SWEENEY**Response:** This request has been referred to the Piers & Harbor's section to address.

Agenda Item No.10

Office Ref:DLMD-2023-02004

Submitted By: Cllr. Tom Conaghan**Assigned To:** Roads**Question** "Can this Donegal MD arrange a meeting with the ESB regarding the erection of the transformer on the Diamond in Donegal Town?"**Signed Off By:** MARK SWEENEY**Response:** Contact has already been made with the ESB with regard to arranging a date for this meeting to discuss the transformers on the Diamond. We will revert to the Members with a view to arranging a meeting date when the ESB reply to our request.