

Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall

Oifig Riarthóir na gCruinnithe,
Aras an Chontae,
Leifear.

5ú Márta, 2024

Fógra Cruinnithe

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall ar siúl **De Máirt 12ú Márta, 2024, ag 11.30 r.n. in Ionad Serbhísí Pobail, Bhaile Dhún na nGall.**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS DÚN NA nGALL

A Chara,

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

Mise, le meas

Padraig O'Sirin
Riarthóir Cruinnithe

Municipal District of Donegal

Office of Meetings Administrator,
County House,
Lifford.

5th March 2024

NOTICE OF MEETING

The next Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal will be held on **Tuesday 12th March 2024 at 11.30 am in the Donegal Public Services Centre.**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL

Dear Councillor,

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

Yours sincerely,

Pauric Sheerin
Meetings Administrator

AGENDA

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 13th February 2024.
2. Consideration of the Minutes of the Municipal District of DFI Allocation Workshop held on the 28th February 2024.
3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Municipal District of Donegal Roads Workshop held on the 28th February 2024.
4. **Update Reports from Council Services:**
 - 4.1 Housing & Corporate Services
 - 4.2 Roads & Transportation
 - 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 2024**

Motions

6. Cllr Michael McMahon
"That this MD look at the situation with regards to Public Toilets at Rossnowlagh".
7. **Date of Next Meeting(s) / Workshop(s)**
 - MD Meeting on Tuesday the 09th April 2024 at 11.30 am in the Peter Kennedy Chamber (as per standing orders).

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL
HELD AT 11.30 AM ON TUESDAY THE 13TH FEBRUARY 2024 IN THE PETER
KENNEDY CHAMBER, DONEGAL PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE**

MDD/014/24 MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MDD/015/24 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Garry Martin, Director Designate, Municipal District of Donegal
Ms. Linda McCann, A/Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Roads/Transportation
Ms. Tara Quinn, Executive Architect, Housing Capital
Ms. Olivia Gallen, Manager Donegal 2040 Projects, Economic
Development
Ms. Suzanne Bogan, Environmental Awareness Officer, Environment
Section
Mr. Paddy Doherty, Divisional Manager, Community Development
Ms. Aideen Quinn, A/Executive Planner, Planning
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate
Services
Ms. Caroline Britton, Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

MDD/016/24 APOLOGIES

Mr. Pauric Sheerin, Area Manager, Housing & Corporate Services

MDD/017/24 VOTES OF SYMPATHY

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

- The late Conal Eamon Gillespie, father of Declan Gillespie, Roads Section, Donegal MD
- The late Mary Bridget McGrath, Trummon West, Laghey, mother of Anthony McGrath and grandmother of Gary McGrath, Roads Section, Donegal MD
- The late Imelda Conaghan, sister of Cllr Tom Conaghan
- The late Mary Brennan, aunt of Annmarie Travers, Housing & Corporate
- The late Ann Hoey (nee Travers), Cliffoney, Sligo
- The late Catherine (Kitty) Maguire, Ballyshannon
- The late John Bruton, former Taoiseach, Dunboyne, Meath

**MDD/018/24 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 09TH JANUARY
2024**

On the proposal of Cllr Kennedy, seconded by Cllr Naughton the Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 09th January 2024 were confirmed.

MDD/019/24 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE CORPORATE WORKSHOP OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 09TH JANUARY 2024

On the proposal of Cllr McMahon seconded by Cllr Naughton the Minutes of the Corporate Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 09th January 2024 were confirmed.

MDD/020/24 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ROADS WORKSHOP OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 15TH JANUARY 2024

On the proposal of Cllr Kennedy seconded by Cllr Jordan the Minutes of the Roads Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 15th January 2024 were confirmed.

MDD/021/24 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

CORPORATE SERVICES

Sheil Hospital

Cllr Sweeny expressed his dismay that the Sheil Hospital has not reopened following the completion of extensive works and noted that local families, both present and future are suffering due to a disagreement between parties. Cllr Sweeny highlighted the exceptional facilities now available as well as good staff and asked that correspondence issue to both the Irish Nurses and Midwives Organisation (INMO) and the HSE and ask that an agreement is reached as a matter of urgency as it is totally unacceptable to have a building that has been signed off by HIQA since the 24th December 2023 vacant, with lights and heating on but no patients.

Ms McCann agreed to issue correspondence to the INMO and the HSE.

Department of Integration

Cllr Kennedy asked that a letter issue to the Procurement Section of the Department of Integration to request that any plans to accommodate refugees in the Ringfort Inn in Bruckless are disbanded until all outstanding planning issues have been resolved. Cllr Kennedy further noted a precedent in this regard has already been set by Leitrim County Council who have initiated High Court enforcement proceedings over a plan to house international

protection applicants in Dromahair village. Cllr Jordan concurred with Cllr Kennedy's request.

Ms McCann agreed to issue correspondence to the Department of Integration.

Taxi / SPSV Operators

Cllr McMahan requested a letter issue to the Taxi Regulator to highlight the impending issues arising within the taxi and hackney service industry. Cllr McMahan submitted that 2 taxi drivers within the Bundoran area are due to retire shortly and no new operators are intending to take up the service. Cllr McMahan highlighted the importance of this service for the Bundoran area, particularly for the tourism industry and asked that the Taxi Regulator identify solutions to attract additional people into this area of work and suggested a meeting is arranged to discuss the issue further. Cllr Naughton also highlighted the issue within the Letterkenny area and advised that the Vintners & Hotels Federation are currently examining proposals to combat this issue, independently.

Ms McCann agreed to issue correspondence to the Taxi Regulator.

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

Ms McCann noted the reports circulated with the agenda and advised that the works to the current casual vacancies is progressing and a programme of works is being put in place for the 2024 Retrofit Programme.

As Mr Sheerin has returned from leave, Ms McCann informed the Members that this was her last MD meeting and thanked the Members for their support over the last 8 months and wished them every success in the coming months. Ms McCann also thanked the Housing & Corporate staff for their support. Both E Monaghan and C Britton conveyed their thanks and wished her well in her new role as Homeless Prevention Co-ordinator. Mr Martin conveyed his appreciation and looked forward to working with Ms McCann in the future.

The Members collectively thanked Ms McCann for her work since taking up the role and wished her success in her new role which was noted as challenging in the current climate. The Members also welcomed the news that Mr Sheerin was returning to the role of Area Manager.

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

Housing Loans

In response to Cllr Naughton's query in relation to the low number of Housing Loan approvals, Ms McCann advised that the Council's role is to process and validate new applications. These applications are then sent to the Housing Agency for assessment. As there is a strict eligibility criterion, not all valid applications are approved by the Housing Agency.

Laghey Housing Proposal

Cllr Naughton referred to the proposal for 4 houses in Laghey and sought an update on same. Ms T Quinn submitted the disposal of surface water from the site and the connection to the main sewer have been discussed and have resulted in an amendment to the layout. These amendments are currently with the Department.

Storm Damage

Following the recent Storm Isha, Cllr McMahon referred to the number of broken fences and sought an update on the programme for fence repairs. Cllr Kennedy submitted that heavy rainfall has caused damaged to some rural roads and has resulted in access restrictions.

Ms McCann advised a priority list is being prepared in terms of broken fences and Mr Martin informed the Members conversations are taking place nationally regarding a possibility in obtaining Storm Damage funding. Mr Martin agreed to discuss the issue at SMT level and should a funding allocation be successful, subject to agreement disperse the funding in an equitable manner across the affected Directorates.

Drumacrin, Bundoran Phase 1

In response to Cllr McMahon's query in relation to a meeting to discuss the Drumacrin link road, Ms T Quinn agreed to convey the request to the Senior Engineer and revert as a matter of urgency. Cllr Sweeny noted the huge demand for housing in the Bundoran area and welcomed the opportunity to discuss the link road issue.

Housing Need by Location

Cllr Jordan referred to the Housing Need by Location report and suggested plans be put in place to construct social housing within the smaller towns and villages such as Glencolmcille and Kilcar to address the relevant small housing need in these areas. Cllr Jordan sought details of the Council's existing land bank and suggested that areas where no appropriate land banks exist, to commence plans to identify suitable proposals. Ms T Quinn agreed to refer the request to the Senior Executive Engineer.

MDD/022/24 ROADS / TRANSPORTATION SERVICES REPORT

2024 Roadworks Programme Status Report

M Sweeney advised the Roads Report excluded the Roads Maintenance and Improvement Works Programme as the budget for 2024 is due to be announced shortly. In light of the forthcoming announcement, a workshop to discuss the programme of works for 2024 was arranged to take place on Thursday the 29th February 2024 at 10am.

Follow up Issues from the previous meeting

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

- **Consider funding options for a pedestrian crossing in Ballyshannon.**
The area office is actively trying to source the funding necessary for this crossing.
- **Seek an update from Uisce Éireann in relation to the water main under the Ballyshannon / Bundoran cycle path.**
A further email was sent to Uisce Eireann on 10th January 2024 on this matter but there has been no response to date.
- **Review the junction at Saimer Drive, Ballyshannon.**
The bushes at this location have been trimmed back.
- **Organise the supply of salt to the Dummies Bridge area, Letterbarra.**
Additional grit heaps have been deployed along this road as requested.
- **Arrange an LIS Workshop on the 15th January 2024**
This workshop proceeded as scheduled.

In addition, Mr Sweeny submitted the Council are in the process of renaming the Industrial Road in Killybegs to Glenlee Pass. A public notice will be published in the local paper and erected on site to make the public aware of the proposed name change and the public will be afforded the opportunity to make submissions during the consultation period. A report on submissions received will then be brought to the Members for consideration before finalising the name change. Cllr Kennedy welcome the progression and noted the Irish Translation is 'Bealach Ghleann Lao'.

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

Velocity Pothole Repair Machine

In response to Cllr McMahon's query in relation to the procurement of the pothole repair machine, Mr Sweeney submitted the Council are hiring this machine this year again and going forward, consideration is being given to training a number of staff on the use of this specialized machine in advance of a proposed purchase.

Area Engineer & Seasonal Staff

Cllr McMahon referred to the extensive Roads Work Programme and sought an update on the vacant Area Engineer position and the appointment of seasonal staff. Cllr Naughton referred to the recent Active Travel funding awarded to the county and concurred with Cllr McMahon that the Area Engineer position requires to be filled without delay. Mr Sweeney submitted that discussions are ongoing with HR and it is anticipated the Area Engineer position will be filled shortly. The need for additional seasonal staff will be considered within a countywide perspective in the coming weeks.

Grass Cutting

Cllr McMahon submitted that approximately 22 to 23 acres of ground requires the grass to be cut during the summer months and queried if a trailer could be purchased to collect the cut grass. Cllr Sweeney suggested a meeting should be arranged with the Biodiversity Officer regarding the possibility of identifying areas that could be excluded from the grass cutting programme. Mr Sweeney advised that the purchase of a trailer is subject to funding being available and agreed to liaise with the Biodiversity Officer.

Mountcharles Waste Water Treatment Plant

Cllr Jordan welcomed the appointment of a contractor to commence the Mountcharles Waste Water Treatment Plan and queried if the successful contractor could prioritise the upper Main Street works. This will allow for the continuation of the proposed works within the village later in the year. M Sweeney agreed to liaise with the Area Engineer in this regard.

Disabled Parking Spaces

Cllr Kennedy highlighted the inadequate disabled parking spaces within Killybegs and noted these spaces should be located within close proximity to the bank, shops and post office. Cllr Kennedy also referred to the poor parking spaces within the old coal yard area. Mr Sweeney advised that the new regeneration project is taking into consideration disabled parking spaces and these works will facilitate disabled access to the surrounding area. It is expected, subject to funding, that when the regeneration project has been completed, upgrade works will take place to the old coal yard area.

Delivery Lorries

Cllr Kennedy has noted that lorries delivering beer kegs to premises in Killybegs and Donegal Town are unloading their lorries and letting the bar kegs bounce off tarred surfaces, resulting in excessive noise and potential damage to road surfaces or footpaths. M Sweeney agreed to investigate same and noted that the practice of using old tyres would solve this issue.

Hedgecutting

In response to Cllr Kennedy's query in relation to hedgecutting in the Glencolmcille area, Mr Sweeney submitted that hedgecutting is currently being completed along the N56.

Kilcar

Cllr Kennedy sought an update on the footpaths works at Kilcar National School and queried if a solution could be ascertained for the dangerous wall at the Rock in Kilcar. Mr Sweeney agreed to investigate same.

Footpaths

Cllr Naughton sought an update on the footpath works in Pettigo and the Old Golf Course road and Cllr Sweeney queried if there was an update available for the East Rock footpath works. Cllr Sweeney also referred to the level of Active Travel funding awarded and suggested a portion of this funding be utilized to construct a pedestrian crossing in Ballyshannon from Slevins to McGahern's Butchers.

M Sweeney advised that in relation to footpath works, a number of land parcel deals are due to be progressed and these works will be prioritized upon the appointment of the Area Engineer. In relation to the pedestrian crossing in Ballyshannon, Mr Sweeney agreed to ascertain if Active Travel funding is available for these works.

Market Yard, Ballyshannon

In response to Cllr Sweeney's query in relation to the proposed works within the Market Yard car park, Mr Sweeney agreed to arrange an on-site meeting to discuss the works.

One-way System at the Rock, Ballyshannon

Cllr Sweeney referred to the traffic congestion, damage to cars and walls and road safety concerns at the Rock in Ballyshannon and sought a possible solution. Mr Sweeney reminded the Members that due to staff limitations, the Road Design office were focusing on funded works only but agreed to follow up with Road Design to see if they now have the capacity to develop this scheme.

Road Surface Damage

Cllr Sweeney submitted that surface water damage has occurred at the Abbey Mill area, Moy Road and Behy. M Sweeney agreed to investigate same.

Section 183 Request – Disposal of land at Ballymagroarty Scotch, Ballintra

Mr Sweeney sought approval from the Members for the disposal of plot of land at Ballymagroarty Scotch, Ballintra to Mr Raymond Scott, Raccoo, Ballintra, Co Donegal. On the proposal of Cllr Naughton, seconded by Cllr Sweeny, Members confirmed their agreement to the proposed Section 183 and noted the matter would be on the Agenda for the forthcoming Plenary Council meeting.

MDD/023/24 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFORMATION SYSTEMS & EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT

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

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

Ms Gallen noted the London Irish Event held on the 8th February 2024 was a great success which included a fireside chat with Packie Bonner and Shay Given and the HSE and ATU were also present to promote Donegal's employment opportunities. The Tourism Conference is scheduled to be held on the 6th March 2024 and this year's theme will focus on sustainable tourism. A new Shoulder Season campaign will re-start on Monday the 19th February 2024 for a four week period.

The Members welcomed Ms Gallen to the Donegal MD meeting.

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

Donegal Town

In response to Cllr Naughton's query in relation to the Diamond in Donegal Town, Mr Martin submitted that the construction works have commenced.

Cllr Naughton submitted that plans are in place for Donegal 550 celebrations and queried, if funding was available to support the event which is due to be launched on the 29th February 2024. Ms Gallen agreed to pass on the request.

Killybegs

Cllr Naughton highlighted the significant funding that has been awarded to Killybegs Fishing Harbour by Minister McConalogue and noted that Killybegs is a vibrant location where a range of businesses are in operation.

Cllr Kennedy submitted that there was further potential for off-shore development at Killybegs and anticipated that this type of industry would be future economic driver for the area despite the size / location of the site.

Cllr Sweeny acknowledged Minister Harris's recent visit to Killybegs and welcomed the additional apprentice programmes due to commence in September 2024.

Mr Martin referred to the Killybegs Cluster Group and submitted Killybegs has huge potential for on-shore development too and noted that the blue economy will also play a major role in the economic development of this area.

Fire Service Personnel

Cllr McMahon wished to acknowledge the contribution Thomas Hourihane has made to the Donegal Fire Service Section and wished him well in his new endeavour with Leitrim County Council. In response to Cllr McMahon's query in relation to providing Mr Hourihane with a token to mark his service with Donegal County Council, Mr Martin submitted that there is a national scheme that commemorates personnel who have been in service for specific durations.

Cllr Sweeny referred to the current recruitment campaign for fire service personnel and welcomed the change in the 2km rule as well as a revised working rota. It is hoped that the 3km rule and the operation of a week-on/week-off arrangement will attract additional personnel. A recruitment information evening has been arranged to take place between 7pm and 9pm in the Bundoran Fire Station.

Mr Martin submitted that the recruitment campaign is for the 15 fire stations in the county and encouraged the Members and the media to circulate the details of same.

Holiday World Show

Cllr Kennedy referred to the Holiday World Show in Dublin and noted the Donegal Stand received a high volume of interest.

MDD/024/24 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
 - Re-Turn Ireland's New Deposit Return Scheme
 - Everyone, Everywhere is Entitled to a Brown Bin Collection Service in 2024
 - Donegal household waste collectors will be taking part in the National Food Waste Recycling Project in 2024
- Climate Action
 - Community Climate Action Fund – Public Information Sessions
 - Adoption of the Final Climate Action Plan 2024-2029
- Rural Water Programme

Ms S Bogan informed Members that the Re-Turn, Ireland's new deposit return scheme was launched on the 1st February 2024. All households are now entitled to a brown bin collection service and Donegal's household waste collectors will be taking part in the National Food Waste Recycling Project in 2024.

Public information sessions are ongoing in relation to the Community Climate Action Fund and there are 2 strands of funding available. The fund is open to not-for-profit community groups and clubs.

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

CCTV Legislation

In response to Cllr McMahon's query in relation to the CCTV legislation, Cllr Naughton advised that the Commencement Order has been signed. Ms Bogan advised the Council are carrying out preparatory works including working on a standard code of practice. Cllr McMahon expressed his frustration at the level of dumping taking place adjacent to bottle banks and asked that the changes are implemented as a matter of urgency. Cllr Sweeny requested that the Council expediate the implementation of CCTV cameras and drones in order to identify and prosecute individuals caught illegally dumping. Ms Bogan agreed to relay the comments to Senior Management.

Christmas Trees

Cllr McMahon submitted that the Christmas Trees have not been collected in Bundoran. Ms Bogan agreed to follow up in this regard.

Murvagh Beach Wheelchair

Cllr Naughton sought an update on the wheelchair for Murvagh Beach. S Bogan agreed to follow up with the Coastal Officer.

Deposit Return Scheme

Cllr Sweeny submitted that there have been mixed reviews in relation to the Re-turn scheme, citing smaller businesses are not in a financial position to invest in the technology nor equipment. Ms Bogan advised

the scheme is in its infancy. There are specific exemptions, and it is not compulsory for retailers to purchase a reverse vending machine.

Rural Water Programme

Cllr Jordan referred to the rural water programme report and noted that there was minimal funding available for an extensive list of applications. Cllr Jordan called on the Department to allocate additional funds to allow projects to proceed. Ms Bogan agreed to relay the comments to Rural Water Programme Engineer.

MDD/025/24 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING SERVICES

Community Development

Mr Paddy Doherty noted the report included the following matters:-

- Playgrounds
 - Bundoran
 - Donegal Town
 - Ballyshannon
 - Killybegs
- Fáilte Ireland Platforms for Growth & Destination Towns
 - Bundoran Destination Towns
 - Platforms for Growth Tullan Strand
- Leader / RDP Programme Update

Mr P Doherty advised the refurbishment works to the Ballyshannon Mall Park Playground is due to commence in late March or early April. The Development Fund Initiative allocation workshop was scheduled to be held on Wednesday the 28th February 2024 at 10am.

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

Roundabout Features

In response to a query from Cllr McMahon in relation to the lighting of the features on the roundabouts in Bundoran, P Doherty agreed to seek clarification on same.

Planning Services

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

- Development Applications
- Enforcement
- 2024 Planning Clinics
 - 15th February 2024
 - 29th February 2024
 - 14th March 2024
 - 28th March 2024
- Regeneration & Development Team Report

- Capital Projects Delivery Unit

Ms A Quinn referred to the introduction of the eplanning system and noted that out of the 114 new applications received to date, 85% were in the electronic format. A dual system is now in operation. In relation to point raised regarding meeting the housing need in the smaller towns and villages, Ms A Quinn advised that should discussions take place with landowners in relation to housing projects, the planning section recommends to the landowners to submit expressions of interest to the housing section.

On behalf of Eunan and the Quinn family, Aideen wished to thank the Members for their letter of sympathy in relation to the passing of Stella Quinn.

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

Killybegs Town Centre Regeneration

Cllr Kennedy commended the ongoing regeneration work in Killybegs and hoped the project will be complete in advance of the summer season.

Croí Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant

Cllr Naughton acknowledged the benefits of the Croí Conaithe Scheme and noted that the county of Donegal has received the most applications to date.

MDD/026/24 DISCUSSION REGARDING ROAD SAFETY ISSUES AT DUNKINEELY NATIONAL SCHOOL

On the proposal of Cllr Jordan, seconded by Cllr McMahon, Cllr Sweeny, Cllr Kennedy, Cllr Conaghan and Cllr Naughton the following "Urgent Business" motion which was submitted in accordance with Standing Order No. 19 was adopted:-

"That this Municipal District calls on the TII to address the road safety issues at Dunkineely National School due to continuous dangerous incidents at this school crossing as a matter of urgency".

Following on from the previous motion, Cllr Jordan once again raised the issue of road safety concerns at Dunkineely National School and referred to a recent video which has gone viral showing a parent and child about to cross the road at the traffic lights and a number of cars jumping the lights despite displaying a red light. Cllr Jordan submitted that parents do not trust the lights and asked that the TII address these road safety concerns immediately and suggested constructing speed ramps to reduce traffic speed and erect a digital speed display board. In addition, Cllr Jordan advised that the Department of Education have recommended pursuing funding via the Summer

Works Scheme for the construction of drop off area inside the school grounds, despite the scheme being currently closed for applications and there is no guarantee that it will be open later in the year.

Cllr Kennedy submitted that these events are happening on a regular basis and suggested utilising temporary ramps that can be laid on top of the road surface. Cllr Kennedy also submitted that the previous traffic flow report recorded data at the opposite side of the village and recommended a new report is completed within close proximity to the school.

Cllr Sweeny advised that he has also been contacted about this incident and suggested utilising the Active Travel Scheme for funding and as a traffic calming measure, narrow the road by using water filled bollards.

Cllr Naughton concurred with the comments made and noted the importance of ensuring children make their way to school safely.

Cllr McMahon expressed his frustration and submitted incidents of this nature affect communities.

Mr Sweeney informed the Members that a feasibility and option report is currently being developed and when completed, will be sent to the TII for consideration and approval. Also, any approved changes may, or may not, require planning permission which could have an impact on the timelines for delivery of and approved works. Mr Sweeney however noted the suggestions made and said he will forward these to the Road Safety Engineer and the TII for consideration along with a copy of the Emergency Motion. He also advised that the installation of ramps at the wrong locations can have implications if consideration is not given to forward visibility of the ramps and adequate lighting of same and went on to say that this is the type of things that the feasibility and options report will consider as part of the review of the location.

MDD/027/24 Date of Next Meeting / Workshops

- DFI Allocation Workshop on Wednesday the 28th February 2024 at 10am.
- Roads Workshop on Thursday the 29th February 2024 at 10am.
- MD Meeting on Tuesday the 12th March 2024 at 11.30 am in the Peter Kennedy Chamber (as per standing orders)

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Area Manager
Municipal District of Donegal

Cathaoirleach
Municipal District of Donegal

Development Fund Initiative 2024

Minutes of the Donegal Municipal District Development Fund Initiative Workshop held on Wednesday 28th February 2024 in Donegal PSC @10.00am.

In Attendance:

Cllr. Tom Conaghan, Cllr. Niamh Kennedy, Cllr. Barry Sweeney, Cllr. Michael Naughton, Cllr. Noel Jordan, Cllr. Michael McMahon.

Tony Brogan, Administrative Officer, Community Development Division.

Ann Marie Collum, Assistant Staff Officer, Community Development Division.

The Members considered the applications received for the 2024 Donegal Municipal District Development Fund Initiative and allocated funding as set out in the table below:

Applicant/Group	Amount
Donegal Hospice Ltd	€ 1,500
Donegal Sheepdog Irish National 2024	€ 500
Irish Wheelchair Association	€ 1,250
Donegal County Council	€ 2,750
Abbey Mill Wheel Restoration Trust Ltd	€ 3,000
ADoPT	€ 2,500
Allingham Arts Association	€ 2,500
Aodh Ruadh GAA Club	€ 4,000
Ballintra Village Group	€ 2,500
Ballintra/Laghey Foróige Youth Club	€ 2,500
Ballyshannon & District Active Retirement Association	€ 2,500
Ballyshannon Annual Show Ltd (Ballyshannon Agricultural Show)	€ 2,500
Ballyshannon Folk and Traditional Music Festival	€ 2,500
Ballyshannon Regeneration Group - Mall Quay Committee	€ 3,000
Bluestack Special Needs Foundation CLG	€ 3,000
Bord Na nOg (Realt Na Mara Bundoran)	€ 2,500
Bundoran Community Childcare	€ 3,000
Bundoran Community Development CLG	€ 3,500
Bundoran St Patrick's Day Parade Committee	€ 2,500
CLG Naomh Naille GAA and LGFA	€ 3,250
CLG Naomh Ultan	€ 2,500
Comhairle Paróiste Chill Chartha	€ 3,000
Creevy Activity Hub CLG	€ 3,000
Cully Hall Committee	€ 2,500
Cumann CLG Naomh Brid Pitch 1	€ 3,500
Discover Bundoran	€ 3,500
Donegal Education and Training Board	€ 5,300
Donegal Town Community Chamber CLG - Donegal Town 550th Anniversary	€ 5,000

Donegal Town Community Chamber CLG - Warnock's Grave External Wall Repair Works	€ 3,700
Donegal Town FC	€ 2,750
Drimarone Development CLG	€ 2,500
Drumbar United FC CLG	€ 2,500
Dunkineely Community CLG (DCL	€ 2,500
Encór Tír Chonaill (Choir)	€ 2,500
Four Masters GAA Club	€ 4,000
Friends of Rossnowlagh Community Group	€ 2,500
Friends of Rosssylongan Forest	€ 2,500
Frosses Hall Committee	€ 2,500
Inver & District Gun Club	€ 2,500
Kilcar Kayaks	€ 3,000
Killaghatee Accordion Band	€ 3,000
Killybegs History & Heritage Committee	€ 5,000
Killybegs Mens Shed C/o Pobail Páirtíocht Lar Dheisceart Dhún na nGall	€ 2,500
Laghey Paris Church (COI)	€ 2,500
Malinbeg Development Committee	€ 2,500
Monte Challenge Adventure Club	€ 2,500
Muileann Coirce Leitir CTR	€ 2,500
Realt na Mara Bundoran	€ 2,500
Seó Talmhaíochta Ghleann Cholm Cille CTR Glencolmcill Agricultural Show Ltd	€ 2,500
St John Bosco Club	€ 3,500
St Naul's National School	€ 2,500
St Peter's National School	€ 2,500
The Commons NS	€ 3,000
Total	€ 150,000

This concluded the business of the Workshop.

Area Manager
Municipal District of Donegal

Cathaoirleach
Municipal District of Donegal

Donegal Municipal District

Roads & Transportation Workshop

Date: 28th February 2024

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Donegal PSC - Council Chamber

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

Topic discussed:

1. The 2024 Road Maintenance Programme
2. The 2024 Road Improvement Programme
3. The 2024 Drainage programme
4. The 2023 Bridge Strengthening Priority List

1. The 2024 Road Maintenance Programme

The members were presented with a proposed programme of road maintenance (surface dressing) works to the value of €1,030,078.00 which was discussed and agreed without amendment.

This programme is to be formally agreed at the DMD meeting scheduled for 12th March 2024.

See attached for copy of programme.

2. The 2024 Road Improvement Programme

The members were presented with a proposed programme of road improvement works to the value of €4,106,710.00 which was discussed and agreed without amendment.

This programme is to be formally agreed at the DMD meeting scheduled for 12th March 2024.

See attached for copy of programme.

3. The 2024 Drainage programme

The members were presented with a proposed programme of road improvement works to the value of €251,581.00 which was discussed and agreed without amendment.

This programme is to be formally agreed at the DMD meeting scheduled for 12th March 2024.

See attached for copy of programme.

4. 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 12th March 2024.

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

This concluded the business of the Workshop.

Area Manager
Municipal District of Donegal

Cathaoirleach
Municipal District of Donegal

DMD - 2024 Draft Road Improvement Programme

No	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Eng Area	Works Type	Year	Length (m)	Width (m)	Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)
2024 Road Improvement Programme										
1	R	R262/3	Frosses - Glenties (Binbane)	14	RI	2024	750	6	4500	185,000.00
2	LP	LP2615-1 & LP1655-	Main Street Mountcharles	14	RI	2024	300	8	2400	120,000.00
3	LP	LP1845-3	Ballydevitt - Altadoo	14	RI	2024	700	6	4200	132,000.00
4	LP	LP1515-2	Ardaghey - Ardara	14	RI	2024	720	7	5040	184,000.00
5	LP	LP1875-2	Shore Road Mountcharles	14	RI	2024	750	4.75	3563	115,000.00
6	LP	LP1575-2	Keelogs - Killian	14	RI	2024	1100	3.2	3520	195,000.00
7	LS	LS5695-3	Drumfinn - Drumadart	14	RI	2024	900	3.75	3375	160,213.00
8	LS	LS5905-1	Tullycumber	14	RI	2024	600	3	1800	140,000.00
9	LS	LS5975-1	Drumgorman	14	RI	2024	500	3	1500	137,000.00
										1968,213.00
1	LP	LP1175-1	Kilbeg, Kilcar	15	RI	2024	400	5.5	2200	170,000.00
2	R	R263 - 2	Killybegs streets	15	RI	2024	550	11	6050	195,000.00
3	LP	LP1345-2	Binroe	15	RI	2024	850	3.3	2805	110,000.00
4	LP	LP13151	Stragar	15	RI	2024	150	3.3	495	18,000.00
5	LS	LS5325-2	Drumreagh	15	RI	2024	500	3	1500	136,000.00
6	R	R263-13	Cashel hill	15	RI	2024	300	7.5	2250	197,000.00
7	R	R263-6	Kill, Largy	15	RI	2024	320	6.3	2016	124,000.00
8	LP	LP1245-1	High road fintra	15	RI	2024	970	3.5	3395	138,241.00
9	R	R263-9	Bogagh	15	RI	2024	620	8.5	5270	190,000.00
10	LS	LS5235	Chruchtown Lower at factory	15	RI	2024	400	3	1200	131,000.00
										1,009,241.00
1	R	R267	Bundoran Street (West End)	16	RI	2024			0	170,000.00
2	L	L2485-1	Ballyshannon Street (College Street)	16	RI	2024			0	160,363.00
3	R	R231	Rossnowlagh RD	16	RI	2024	360	7.2	2592	191,000.00
4	L	L7615-1	Garvanagh	16	RI	2024	1400	3.50	4900	147,000.00
5	L	L2225-5	Belault North (JM Joinery)	16	RI	2024	170	5.00	800	128,000.00
6	L	L2225-6	Mullinagoad	16	RI	2024	37	6.00	225	10,000.00
7	L	L2335-4	Derries	16	RI	2024	800	3.50	2800	185,000.00
8	L	L7875-3	Ardloughill to Clontyseer	16	RI	2024	1000	3.30	3300	172,000.00
9	L	L2385-3	Carricknahorna	16	RI	2024	1500	3.50	5250	115,000.00
10	L	L2535-2	Higginstown (Ballymunterhiggin)	16	RI	2024	500	5.00	2500	165,000.00
11	L	L7485-2	Kildoney	16	RI	2024	1100	3.20	3520	112,000.00
12	L	L7775-2	Tullyhorkey	16	RI	2024	400	6.50	2600	182,423.00
13	L	L7285-1	Lurgan	16	RI	2024	650	3.30	2145	170,000.00
14	L	L77452	Coolcholly	16	RI	2024	50	4.00	200	16,400.00
							19347			1,014,186.00
1	L	L-1925-3	Donegal Streets Railway Road & St Joseph's Avenue	17	RI	2024			0	120,000.00
2	R	R232	Pettigo Road	17	RI	2024	1000	7	7000	158,602.32
3	LS	L6775-1	Whitehill Drumlast	17	RI	2024	1500	3.5	5250	197,125.00
4	LS	L7375-1	Kimmid Rd to Drumnaskea Reids Yard	17	RI	2024	1000	3.5	3500	164,750.00
5	LT	L80451-1	Drumnowark	17	RI	2024	750	3.5	2625	148,562.50
6	LP	L2125-4	Ranenney Barr	17	RI	2024	1000	3.5	3500	164,750.00
7	LS	L6835-1	Moyne Alt	17	RI	2024	750	3.5	2625	148,562.50
8	LS	L8065-1	Lettercran Rd Chapel	17	RI	2024	1000	3.5	3500	164,750.00
9	LS	L8035-3	Grouse Hall	17	RI	2024	500	3.5	1750	132,375.00
10	LS	L6675-2-3	Drummenny Middle Upper	17	RI	2024	2000	3.5	7000	129,500.00
11	LP	L2125-1	Laghey Barr	17	RI	2024	500	4	2000	178,531.95
12	LP	L2175-1	Tobernaheery - Bridgetown	17	RI	2024	1000	6	6000	172,000.00
13	LS	L6935 -1	Knockbane	17	RI	2024	550	3.5	1925	135,560.73
							11550			1,115,070.00
										14,106,710.00

DMD - 2024 Draft Drainage Programme

RSS Area	Budget	No	Description of Works	Road No.	Estimated Cost €
14	€59,314.00	1	Spámount Dunkineely, Pipe roadside with 300mm pipe for 150m	LP1425-4	€13,904.18
		2	Meenataggart strengthen road edge and upgrade drainage	LP1825-1	€20,500.00
		3	Calhame, Pipe open drain with 750mm pipe to prevent damage to road	LP1415-3	€12,409.82
		4	Doorin Line extend existing drainage (450mm pipe) to suitable outfall	LP1645-4	€5,500.00
		5	Ashtree Garden Centre Road - pipe existing drain with 300mm pipe.	LP1865/1	€7,000.00
					€59,314.00
15	€61,827.00	1	Carrick - Roxborough Glebe - pipe existing roadside drain for 120m	LP1115-2	€25,000.00
		2	Meenbradden - replace existing culvert crossing the public road.	L55645-1	€16,000.00
		3	Tawny Kilcar, pipe existing open drain and upgrade existing drainage network.	LP1215-2 & LT12151	€20,827.00
					€61,827.00
16	€62,130.00	1	Kildoney	L-7485-2	€20,000.00
		2	Banus	L-2225-6	€10,000.00
		3	Carrickboy (Industrial Estate)	L-2525-4	€10,000.00
		4	Corker Road Coolbeg	L-7495-2	€12,130.00
		5	Coolbeg	L-7675-1	€10,000.00
					€62,130.00
17	€68,310.00	1	Shannagh RD crossing and drainage 1Km	L6915-1	€8,310.00
		2	Drumgowan Drainage and Laybys for 1.5 Km	L6715-1	€10,000.00
		3	Carnbeagh-Finnadoose Drainage pipe Rd side 1.5Km	L6625-1-2	€9,000.00
		4	Lacklorn Rd crossing 900mm and drainage	L7145-2	€9,000.00
		5	Drumadoney Pipe Rd side and drainage	L6665-1	€4,000.00
		6	Rossmore PipeRd side and drainage	L2035-1	€9,000.00
		7	Tullylark Drumnawark drainage 2 Km	L8045-1	€9,000.00
		8	Cashelenny Drainage and rd crossing	L8075-1	€10,000.00
					€68,310.00
	€251,581.00			Totals	€251,581.00



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

Municipal District of Donegal

12th March 2024

Housing & Corporate

REPORT

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Casual Vacancies

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

Position as at 1st March 2024

HOUSING GRANTS

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED \ INVALID	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HO	2023	120	102	3	10	5
HO	2024	31	4	0	11	16

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED \ INVALID	REAPPLIED UNDER HM GRANT	FURTHER INFO.	REF. TO OT	REF. To ENGINEER	PENDING
HD	2023	70	49	8	0	2	5	0	6
HD	2024	13	0	0	0	2	1	0	10

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED \ INVALID	REAPPLIED UNDER HD GRANT	REF. TO OT	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HM	2023	39	25	1	8	0	3	2
HM	2024	7	0	0	0	1	3	3

HOUSING LOANS

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	PENDING	Further information
Housing Loans	2022	7	2	1	4	0	0
Housing Loans	2023	15	3	2	10	0	0
Housing Loans	2024	2	0	0	2	0	0

Tenant Purchase Applications 2022 - 2023

Year	No. of Apps Received	Incomplete Returned	Open Applications	Refused/ Not Eligible	Offer letters Issued	Completed
2022	8	1	2	1	4	0
2023	22	1	16	2	3	0
2024	2	0	2	0	0	0

HAP/PRD	
HAP Tenancies	
Municipal District	Number
Donegal	200
Letterkenny	686
Glenties	112
Stranorlar	276
Inishowen	421
Sub Total	1695
Tenancies Closed	2986
Overall Total	4681
Updated 01/03/2024	

Housing Need by Location

Municipal District	Waiting List (Net Need)	Transfer List	Total Gross Need
Donegal	188	203	391
Ballintra	9	7	16
Ballyshannon	35	51	86
Bruckless	4	3	7
Bundoran	40	58	98
Carrick	1	2	3
Donegal	73	47	120
Drimarone	0	1	1
Dunkineely	2	4	6
Frosses	0	1	1
Glencolmcille	3	0	3
Kilcar	2	2	4
Killybegs	11	16	27
Laghey	3	3	6
Mountcharles	3	6	9
Pettigo	2	2	4
Total	188	203	391
Updated 01/03/2024			

**Housing Capital Update Report
Donegal Municipal District Meeting
12th March 2024**

1. Social Housing Developments – Construction Schemes

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

Location	Status	No. of Units
Construction Stage		
Drumacrin, Bundoran Phase 1	Contractor appointed and works have commenced on site. Contract period for the works is 20 months. Foundations ongoing and installed to first 24no. units. Block-laying substructure commenced Units 1-12. Main foul drainage works commenced complete across third part lands and main foul and storm drainage works within site 40% complete.	42
Design / Tender Stage		
Largymore, Killycar (SI)	The closing date for receipt of tenders was 9 th February 2024. Tender evaluation has commenced. Following completion of Tender evaluation, an application will be submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for approval to appoint a contractor.	1
Preliminary Design Stage (No of units subject to change)		
New Row, Fintra Road, Killybegs	A pre-planning meeting was held on 21-02-24 to review proposals for the development. The recommendations are being reviewed and incorporated into the design. A Screening Report is currently being prepared based on the proposed layout. Documents have been prepared to procure consultants for the project. Consultations are ongoing with Uisce Eireann with respect to mains water and sewerage connections and diversions on site to facilitate the development.	17
Laghey	The layout is being reviewed taking into consideration the requirement to relocate the houses to the street side of the site and ensuring that connectivity to the existing surface water drain can be achieved, whilst addressing proximity to adjoining properties.	4
Total		64



Image 1 - Progress photograph: Drumacrin, Bundoran



Image 2 - Progress photograph: Drumacrin, Bundoran

2. House Acquisition Programme & Buy & Renew Programme

The completion of the sale of 2 properties in Donegal Town is expected in the coming days. Significant improvement works to bring these properties back into use can then be procured and undertaken.

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

3. Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition

Donegal County Council is accepting submissions from Developers to deliver turnkey social housing units under the new turnkey acquisition process. This is a county-wide process and proposals can be made for any town or village throughout the county, on lands suitable for housing purposes.

The Council is seeking developers to make submissions for 1, 2, 3 & 4 bedroom housing units and a minimum of 5 units is required. Proposals can include completed units for consideration by the Council.

This process has been advertised on eTenders (reference RFT 2461070), where all documentation and information can be obtained. Submissions must be made in strict accordance with the requirements of the procurement documentation and the deadline for submission is 16.30 on Wednesday, 30th of September 2026.

Information events on the new process were held during February 2024 with the Donegal MD meeting taking place on the 12th of February 2024. The events were well attended with significant levels of interest received during the events. Further engagement with Developers is very much welcomed and can be initiated by emailing housingcapital@donegalcoco.ie

Separately, and in addition to completed turnkey developments at Donegal Town and Ballyshannon. Members are aware of an additional turnkey proposal at Drumrooske, Donegal Town for 35 units. This turnkey acquisition has progressed since the previous MD meeting to obtain final departmental approval and is now at contract stage. The contract must be signed in advance of the developing commencing works on site. Members will be kept up to date on this matter.

4. Lands / Property for Social Housing Purposes

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

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

Repair & Lease Scheme Summary

Applications

MD	Received	No. of Units	Awaiting assessment	Rejected	Progressing	Total
Inishowen	25	28	2	23	0	25
Donegal	19	46	1	18	0	19
Glenties	21	20	1	20	0	21
Letterkenny	35	60	8	27	0	35
Stranorlar	26	83	3	23	0	26
Total	126	237	15	111	0	126

Updated 27/02/2024

**Donegal Municipal District
2024 Roadworks Programme
Status Report - 12th March 2024**

Donegal MD footpath repair & public lighting infill works

3 Year Programme

Footpath Works										
RSS Area	Location	Year 1 Budget 2018	Year 2 Budget 2019	Year 3 Budget 2020	Overall Total Amount	Spent to date Year 1 2018	Spent to date Year 2 2019	Spent to date Year 3 2020	Overall total spent	Remaining balance
14	Mountcharles	€5,729.00	€16,600.00	€24,350.00	€46,679.00	€5,729.00	€17,515.99	€1,873.82	€25,118.81	€21,560.19
	Dunkineely			€23,432.00	€23,432.00			€9,650.00	€9,650.00	€13,782.00
	Frosses		€16,600.00	€23,432.00	€40,032.00		€2,759.75	€0.00	€2,759.75	€37,272.25
15	Killybegs	€15,568.00	€16,600.00	€50,000.00	€82,168.00	€15,575.78	€16,600.00	€51,817.02	€83,992.80	-€1,824.80
	Kilcar			€3,200.00	€3,200.00			€2,958.60	€2,958.60	€241.40
	Glen Columbkillie		€8,300.00	€16,314.00	€24,614.00		€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€24,614.00
	Carrick		€8,300.00	€1,700.00	€10,000.00		€7,919.45	€1,772.90	€9,692.35	€307.65
16	Ballintra			€11,214.00	€11,214.00			€11,214.00	€11,214.00	€0.00
	Ballyshannon	€95,244.00	€16,600.00	€35,000.00	€146,844.00	€82,908.07	€10,375.66	€30,966.14	€124,249.87	€22,594.13
	Bundoran		€16,600.00	€25,000.00	€41,600.00		€16,600.00	€25,000.00	€41,600.00	€0.00
17	Donegal Town	€32,897.00	€16,600.00	€47,214.00	€96,711.00	€24,048.08	€17,500.00	€586.70	€42,134.78	€54,576.22
	Laghey		€8,300.00	€8,000.00	€16,300.00		€9,450.16	€0.00	€9,450.16	€6,849.84
	Bridgetown			€6,000.00	€6,000.00			€19,788.65	€19,788.65	-€13,788.65
	Pettigo		€8,300.00	€10,000.00	€18,300.00		€880.35	€0.00	€880.35	€17,419.65
Totals		€149,438.00	€132,800.00	€284,856.00	€567,094.00				€383,490.12	€183,603.88

DMD 2022 Footpath Repair works

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

Public Lighting Infill Works

Area	Location	Description	Total Cost	Status	Total Spent	Remaining balance
14	Drimark, Donegal Town	Infill lighting - 7 additional lights at Drimark on Local Road L	€10,871.00	Completed		
	Mountcharles	Lower End Mountcharles –	€6,750.00	Completed		
	Mill Park Hotel, Doonan	Proposed lighting from Doonan Roundabout to entrance to	€9,500.00	Completed	€27,662.46	-€541.46
15	Kilcar	Lighting improvement works at	€10,650.00	Completed		
	Killybegs	Old Fintra Rd near Glenlee	€18,725.00	Yet to commence	€11,181.57	€18,193.43
16	Ballyshannon	Rossnowlagh Link Road. Lighting	€30,000.00	Completed	€25,864.00	€4,136.00
17	Killymard, Donegal Town	Extend existing public lighting past the school and church to	€11,600.00	Completed		
	Tirconnail Street & Castle Street, Donegal Town	Infill lighting needed along the public road at Tirconnail Street on local Road L-1925-3 between	€10,000.00	Yet to commence		
	Killymard, Donegal Town	Killymard Church to Drumrooske Housing Estate.	€22,500.00	Completed	€26,025.48	€18,074.52
Total amount			€130,596.00		€90,733.51	€39,862.49

Donegal MD Active Travel Projects

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

Donegal MD Community Involvement Schemes 2024												
Project Number	RSS Area	Road Number	Road Name	Length of work (m)	Total Area of work	Overall Cost of work	% LC	LC	WIL	Budget	Status	
			To be agreed when funding is announced									
										€0.00		

Donegal MD												
2024 LIS Priority List -												
2024 Budget												
			To be agreed when funding is announced									
DMD %			18.6715%									
DMD Budget												
										Total		
RSS Area	Location	Percentage of budget	Budget	Priority	LIS No	PSCI Rating	Townland	Engineers cost estimate	Notes	Status		
14	Ardaghey	44.73%	€0.00									
15	Killybegs	27.64%	€0.00									
16	Ballyshannon	9.82%	€0.00									
17	Laghey	17.82%	€0.00									
								Total	€0.00			
								Budget	€0.00			
								Balance	€0.00			

2024 Specific improvement Grant					
MD	Road Number	Location	Description	LA Allocation	Status
Donegal		Yet to be announced			



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

Master Municipal District Report March 2024

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1. Economic Development

1.1. Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location / Further Info	Point of Contact
25 th April 24	Scottish Diaspora Event showcasing Donegal Tweed and Local Businesses	Event organised in conjunction with ETB, LEO and Irish Consulate Service in Edinburgh to develop connections between Donegal and Scottish Tweed and strengthen connections with Donegal and Irish diaspora in Scotland.	Daniel McChrystal – dmcchrystal@donegalcoco.ie
6 th March 24	Donegal Tourism Seminar	Harvey’s Point, focusing on sustainable tourism as part of Local Enterprise Week.	Sarah Nolan – sarahnolan@donegalcoco.ie
2 nd Wed of Each Month	Innovation Campfire	<p>Hosted by Alpha Innovation - this series provides employees and entrepreneurs an opportunity to take a moment out of their busy days to see the world through a different lens. Over the coming months, our 10-minute sessions will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Showcase inspiring innovation stories from around the world. ● Learn from the experiments, tests, fails, quick wins, and big successes of others. ● Enable participants to be part of a growing community of like-minded individuals. ● Allow participants to shape future sessions by volunteering to tell a story they are passionate about. <p>You can watch back by visiting ALPHA Innovation Innovation Campfire – ALPHAInnovation.eu</p>	Kevin Sexton - kevinsexton@alphainnovation.eu

1.2 Economic Development Unit

Marketing & Campaigns Updates

#MoveToDonegal Campaign

Donegal will feature in an upcoming TG4 series 'Move West' telling the story of people who have made the move to Donegal in recent years and the impact that this has had on their lives, their business and their career and family lives. It will also showcase the services and supports available including the network of co-working spaces and excellent broadband connectivity that allows people to work from home.

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	14,994	5,041
Twitter	9,486	3,480
Instagram	2,033	4,237
Facebook	5,347	2,084

Donegal.ie 3.9K Web Users

5 News Items Published.

Business Concierge Service

The Councils Economic Development Division provides a Business Concierge Service for businesses looking at access Council Services and supports. This service can be accessed by emailing economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie.

Donegal 2040 DAC

Board and Corporate Governance

The new enhanced board of Donegal 2040 DAC is now in place and work is progressing in relation to a range of areas including putting in place mechanisms to ensure good corporate governance and establishing a clear strategic framework for Donegal 2040 DAC.

Update on Projects:

Alpha Innovation Centre and Beta Business Centre

Current Status: Main construction contract to go to tender in February 2024, with construction expected to commence on site in Q4 2024. Enabling works / Demolition works to commence on site by Q1, 2024. Estimated project completion date: Q1 2026.

Remote Working Hub Carrigart:

Status: In operation. Annual management agreement in place.

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

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

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

Marketing Campaign: to commence Q1 2024.

Operation & Management of Burtonport Enterprise Centre (Post Construction)

Current Status: Contractor appointment. Construction to commence Q1 2024.

Current Estimated Completion date: Q1 2025.

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

Current Status: Detailed design.

Current Estimated Completion Date of overall The Seed Project: Q1 2026.

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Inward Investment Activity

North West City Region

Golden Bridges and the US Trade Mission

Continuing to follow up and engage with connections established via the Golden Bridges Trade and Investment mission to US in November including potential collaborations with the Alpha Innovation Centre and potential delegation visit to Donegal in April. Plans for 2024 are underway collaboration with partners and stakeholders in Donegal and the wider North West City Region.

The NWCR Inward Investment Strategy

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

Service Land Initiative at The Commons, Lifford

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

Disposal of Council owned Land to support Economic Development

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

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1.2: Tourism Marketing Unit

Project Activity

New Tourism Brochure 2024

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

Shoulder Season Campaign Spring 2024

Donegal Tourism will recommence its shoulder season campaign on Monday 19th February for a four-week period. The aim of this campaign is to drive incremental visitors to our county in the non-peak period. This campaign enjoyed phenomenal success during Oct/Nov 2023. The spring campaign will use the same tone as the previous campaign and will feature a 5-day competition prize to Donegal.

Donegal Tourism Seminar 2024

This year's Donegal Tourism Seminar will take place on Wednesday 6th March, in Harvey's Point, as part of Enterprise Week. The theme this year will be 'Tourism Tomorrow – Crafting a Greener Future for Donegal', tourism is all about proactive collaboration and this will be an ideal opportunity for everyone working in the industry in Donegal to meet, network and collaborate. Tourism that takes full account of its current and future economic, social, and environmental impacts, addressing the needs of visitors, the industry, the environment, and host communities is vitally important. There will be a host of excellent speakers, sharing knowledge and practical steps to help us all craft a greener future for Donegal.

Age Friendly/Disability Strategy – Donegal Tourism continues to participate in both groups to see where the Tourism Industry in the county can learn from consultation.

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

TOURBO Project

Progression into the second phase of the Interreg European TOURBO project, led by Seville Chamber of Commerce, is ongoing which will support small and medium sized tourism businesses with green and digital transformation. The next Interregional Meeting is 8th April to 12th April. For more information visit <https://www.interregeurope.eu/tourbo>

Sustainable Arctic and Peripheral Biking Tourism Project

SUB (Sustainable Arctic and Peripheral Biking Tourism Project) is progressing into phase two and will provide businesses supporting sustainable tourism biking with an opportunity to learn from various good practice approaches across Europe. The next Interregional Meeting is in the Faroe Islands from the 19th March to the 21st March.

Supporting the development of Golf Tourism

Donegal Golf Cluster met on Wed 31st January and 15 of the 17 golf clubs in the county were represented. Plans for 2024 and 2025 were discussed and it was agreed to host a networking event between clubs and hotels in Donegal in April with the aim of building stronger connections between the two. The next Donegal Golf Cluster meeting will be held on the 15th May in the Ballybofey and Stranorlar Golf Club.

Donegal 550

Donegal Tourism is part of the Steering Group looking at celebrating Donegal Town 550 in 2024. A calendar of events is currently being collated and a final weekend of celebrations taking place in the fourth quarter of 2024.

GoVisitDonegal.com Website

2024 (Jan 1 – Jan 28) - Users 18K- Page Views 45K.

Festival and Events is the most viewed page – views 3.2K

Online & Social Media Updates – Go Visit Donegal

Facebook: Facebook had a reach of 285.3K. Alexa show me heaven, Bloody Foreland, was the highest reaching post.

Instagram: Instagram had a reach of 102.4K.

LinkedIn: 1,466 followers. 86 new followers in the last 28 days. Page views increased by 49.3% and unique visits up 82.2%.

Twitter: 3K impressions over the last 28 days.

TikTok: TikTok has 98 followers, an increase of 40 new followers.

Donegal Tourism CLG

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

The next board meeting is scheduled for February 22nd.

Grant Schemes

Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme

2023 MTWGS projects are underway. The team will continue to liaise with all applicants to ensure the smooth drawdown of funds in a timely manner. The 2024 application form is being prepared with the aim of having this available in early March.

Regional Festival & Events Grant Scheme

County Donegal has been allocated funding of €49,750 under the 2024 regional festivals and events grant scheme. The application process for the 2024 funding is currently live with a closing date for submissions of February 24th.

Bundoran

Marketing

- 2024 Marketing Plan is being put in place and the Tourism Officer will attend Failte Ireland's domestic plan launch online on February 21st.
- Continuing to update blogs and content on website on a weekly basis.
- Compilation and distribution of monthly email newsletter.
- Bundoran 10 has reached 2000 sign ups.
- Plans for St Patrick's Day are in progress.

Bundoran Tourist Office

- Tourist Office open 4 days a week (Tue-Sun).
- Currently one TÚS employee working.

Website & Social Media

- **Website:** 1st Jan – 31st Jan 2024, Users 11.5K, - Page Views 25.7K.
- **Facebook:** Facebook reach was up by 119.1% in January 2024 v December 2023.
- **Instagram:** Reach down by 20.4% in January 2024 v December 2023.

Waterworld

Marketing plan for 2024 is being implemented. Tickets on sale for the 2024 season on Monday March 4th.

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1.4: Strategic Funding Unit

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

PEACE Plus

SEUPB has provided a new timetable of calls for applications to the PEACEPLUS Programme for 2021-2027 on their website. Please visit: <https://www.seupb.eu/funding/current-funding-opportunities>

ICC – Intelligent Cities Challenge

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

NPA Funded Target Circular Project

Donegal County Council is an associate partner on the Target Circular project led by MTU (Munster Technological University), the Hincks Centre for Entrepreneurship Excellence. This is an EU funded project under Interreg NPA called 'Target Circular – Supporting SMEs to Success'. Target Circular aims to improve the service that business support organisations offer client SME's with the aim of increasing their chances of business success with the circular economy as a focus. The project is comprised of 7 Partners and 2 Associate Partners from Ireland, Finland, Norway, Sweden and Iceland – all actively engaged in supporting businesses. The lead partner plans to host an information event in Donegal in Q4 of 2024.

CPMR General Assembly

Donegal County Council will continue its membership of the CPMR in 2024. Atlantic Arc Commission Hub meetings will be held on 31 January & 1st February 2024 incorporating meetings of the Fisheries & Aquaculture Working Group and the Atlantic Tourism & Culture Working Group.

AER Youth Regional Network (YRN)

Peter McNelis, a youth representative from Ardara, Donegal has been selected as part of AER's YRN delegation to the LevelUp! event at the European Parliament, organised by the European Youth Forum (YFJ), on 12-13 April. 1,200 participants are expected, with many youth organisations across Europe being represented. The YFJ received 3,000+ applications, but thanks to our partnership with AER, Donegal will be well represented with Peter attending on behalf of the YRN network.

AER Summer Academy 2024

DCC hosted the Summer Academy in Donegal in 2022 in partnership with Udarás na Gaeltachta. The next Summer Academy youth focused event will take place in Norway in August 2024. There will be an opportunity for Donegal County Council to send 2 delegates to this event, 1 youth and 1 adult and host a workshop at the event, which is expected to bring over 150 people from across EU member states and beyond.

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2. Local Enterprise Office

Summary of January 2024 Outputs/Events:

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

Trading Online Vouchers – YTD: 2 applications for Trading Online Vouchers received.

Mentoring 2024 – YTD: 14 Applications for mentoring have been received.

Training – YTD: 63 Attendees on 5 Courses held.

Digital Start – YTD: 3 applications received.

Green for Business – YTD: 1 application received.

Energy Efficiency Grants - YTD: 0 applications received.

Lean For Business – YTD: 0 applications received.

Start Your Own Business Programme 2024

The Start Your Own Business Programme recommenced on 9th January 2024, and was fully booked. This is the first of 7 Programmes scheduled to take place during 2024. The February programme is starting on 6th February and is fully booked.

Upcoming Events/Programmes:

Lean, Green & Digital for Business Information Sessions

Information Sessions for Lean, Green and Digital productivity supports are taking place in January and early February to raise awareness and encourage take up. Businesses can sign-up for these free events through the Local Enterprise Office website: <https://www.localenterprise.ie/donegal>

European Enterprise Network (EEN)

An online event, “Access to Finance – How a Microfinance loan can help your business” was held on 25th January 2024, with 36 businesses in attendance.

LEO Donegal, on behalf of the LEO network and the Enterprise Europe Network in Ireland, will be delivering 6 Brokerage Events in 2024/2025 aimed at connecting SMEs with international buyers. The first two events of the programme taking place are as follows:

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

Food Coast Donegal

The first Restaurant/Chef and Producer Cluster meetings for 2024 were held at the LEO offices on 23rd and 24th January 2024.

Donegal Engineering Network

Engineering Profitnet meeting and information workshop will take place at the Radisson Hotel, Letterkenny on 7th February 2024.

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

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3. Information Services

Information Services (IS)

National Broadband Plan Fibre Network

Both the Letterkenny and Creeslough deployment areas are complete and actively connecting customers. This deployment area covers 6,006 premises or 18% of the Intervention Area.

Network build is in progress in the 3 deployment areas of Bunbeg, Tamney and St. Johnston totalling 7,679 premises or 23% of the IA. Surveying is complete in the Bundoran, Ballyshannon, Fintown, Moville, Carndonagh, Tory Island and Buncrana deployment areas covering 9,433 premises or 28% of the IA.

10,027 premises in the deployment areas of Donegal, Kilcar, Ardara, Pettigo, Arranmore and Ballybofey/Stranorlar are at survey pending stage.

NBI are planning to accelerate the rollout to the two main Islands of Tory and Arranmore. To keep informed of the rollout plan in Donegal we encourage people to register their interest with;
<https://www.nbi.ie>

Up to date information for each Deployment Area in Donegal is available at <https://www.nbi.ie/reps>

Other Fibre Networks

OpenEir are actively deploying fibre in some towns and villages, but no deployment plan is available due to commercial sensitivities. They are active in Lifford, Dungloe, Milford and Raphoe.

Link to Map of Digital Hubs in the County

<https://donegal.maps.arcgis.com/apps/View/index.html?appid=5d17160136374274b4791afccb84446f>

4. Emergency Services

4.1 – Fire Service

Fire Service Monthly MD Report (March)

Activity	Number of: (January) ¹		Total for year	
<u>Fire Service Operations</u>				
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	71		71	
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	81		81	
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	13		13	
<u>Operational Activity Breakdown January 2024</u>				
	Turnouts		Incidents in County	
	Fires	Special Services	Fires	Special Services
Donegal Fire Service	39	42	27	33
Northern Ireland Fire Service	6	7	4	7
Sub Total	45	49	31	40
Total	94		71	
<u>Fire Prevention</u>				
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	21		21	
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	23		N/A	
Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from Applicant / Agent:	79		N/A	

Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	7	7
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	5	5
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	0	0
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	0	0
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	10	10
Fire Safety Complaints received:	2	2
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	2	2
During Performance Inspections carried out:	0	0
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	0	0

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

4.3 Civil Defence

Project / Activity report			
Non Emergency Response Activity	Number	Total (2023)	Volunteer Man – Hours
Patient Transfers to Primary Care Centres	1	1	7hrs
Assisting the Irish Blood Transfusion Services with admin and social spacing at blood donor clinics in, Letterkenny, Donegal Town, Buncrana, Ballybofey and Carndonagh	61	61	610hrs

Patient Transfers to Sligo, Dublin, Hospitals Cardiology interventions.	2	2	36hrs
Supported Agencies; Irish Blood Transfusion Service, ALONE, HSE, and MS Society			
Major Emergency Management			
As part of the MEM structure, Civil Defence continues to support the Principal Response Agencies (PRAs) when the need arises. Already in January of this year, Civil Defence AFS units has been placed on standby to assist with Storm Isha and Strom Joclyn.			
Health Service Executive: Severe Weather Events:			
During severe weather events, such as snow, frost and icy conditions, Civil Defence provides transport support to the HSE and National Ambulance Service with their 4x4 vehicles. In January of this year, Civil Defence provided transport services to the HSE Home Care Support Teams from 17 th January – 20 th January inclusive. This service allows the Home Care Support workers to continue their twice daily care of the vulnerable in the community, during the severe weather.			
Civil Defence Officers Association Conference:			
The 3-day National Civil Defence Officers Association Conference was held in Farnham Estate, Cavan on 7th, 8th and 9th November. In attendance was, 234 delegates, over the course of the event, 33 traders exhibited their latest equipment for potential future Civil Defence use.			
Funding			
Funding Type			Amount
The Civil Defence Branch secured funding under the Dormant Accounts Fund to purchase a Swift Water Flood Response Crew Cab Van			€36,000
Income from Non-Community Support Charges			€6,200.00
Community Engagement			
Non-Emergency Community Support			
Ambulance and Medical cover have been provided to 35 Community Events in 2023. Over the course of these events, volunteers provided 1240 volunteer manhours supporting their communities.			
Community Training			
Civil Defence in partnership with the Raphoe Diocesan Society, delivered their Cardiac First Responder (CFR) and Defibrillator Programme to 16 parishioners to have them in a state of preparedness to use their Defibrillators in the various churches around the parish, should the need arise. CPR Training was also delivered to members of Naomh Colmcille, Sean MacCumhails and Convoy GAA Clubs as part of the Irish			

Heart Foundation, Save a Life campaign, which raises awareness of the importance of good CPR in the chain of survival for persons suffering a heart attack in the community.


Training	
Training Activities	Delivered to No. of Volunteers
Weekly Auxiliary Fire Fighting (Flood Response and Wild Land Fire training)	16
Emergency First Responder Medical (EFR) Training	7
Refresher Emergency First Responder Training continued monthly for certified EFR's.	18
A successful PHECC Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course was held by the Civil Defence College during the first and second quarter of the year with a 100% pass rate for the participating students, providing the service with an additional 1 EMTs	1
Swift Water and Life Jacket Competency refresher training was delivered	23
Induction training was delivered to 2 new recruits	2
Radio Communications L1, Introductory Training and L2 - Network Operator	15



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CLIMATE ACTION


Activity / Project Title	Adoption of the Donegal County Council Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029
Project Description/ Activity	<div data-bbox="337 655 1015 768" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Donegal County Council’s Climate Action Plan 2024 – 2029 was adopted at a Special meeting of the Council on 21st February 2024. This milestone has been reached ahead of the Ministerial deadline of 23rd February 2024 in accordance with the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act, 2021.</p> <p>The Plan sets out how Donegal County Council will take climate action by improving energy efficiency, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and embedding climate resilience across the organisation. It also addresses how the Council will adopt a broader leadership role in the county by supporting local communities, businesses and other stakeholders to take climate action.</p> <p>Under the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2021, all local authorities are required to prepare a Climate Action Plan. The Plan, which contains 139 actions across six themes, was adopted following public and stakeholder consultation, gathering of scientific data, collaboration with the Climate Action Regional Office and deliberations by the Elected Representatives and Staff of Donegal County Council over the past 12 months.</p> <p>The Plan’s vision is that Donegal will be climate resilient, biodiversity rich, environmentally sustainable and carbon neutral by the end of 2050.</p> <p>The Climate Action Plan will be published no later than 22nd March 2024 and will be available on the council website. Associated environmental reports will also be circulated to statutory bodies.</p>
Contact Person	Lorraine Arbuckle, Climate Action Co-ordinator larbuckle@Donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	Community Climate Action Fund – Closing Date 22 nd March 2024
Project Description/ Activity	 <p>Reminders have been posted on social media and circulated to members of the PPN of the closing date for applications under the Community Climate Action Fund.</p> <p>Donegal County Council opened the application process for the Community Climate Action Fund on 29th December 2023, closing 22nd March 2024. A series of webinars and in-person events were held in each MD throughout January 2024 to provide information on the fund to community groups and members of the public.</p> <p>The Community Climate Action Programme (CCAP) is a new programme to support small and large, rural and urban communities to take climate action at a local level. Donegal County Council in association with the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC), will provide funding to local communities for projects that promote community climate action.</p> <p>The objective of the CCAP is to build low carbon, sustainable communities, which will, in turn contribute to the national climate and energy targets.</p> <p>There are two strands of funding available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strand 1: focuses on direct climate action building low carbon communities • Strand 1A: focuses on cross-border projects in partnership with communities and organisations in Northern Ireland.


	<p>About the CCAP</p> <p>This funding is part of the Community Climate Action Programme, which supports projects and initiatives that facilitate climate action within local communities. The fund is open to not-for-profit community groups and clubs.</p> <p>The CCAP can fund 100% of all eligible costs for the project and there are three project sizes eligible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small scale projects < €20,000 • Medium scale projects €20,000 to €50,000 • Large scale projects €50,000 to €100,000 <p>Projects must deliver a direct positive impact on climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and/or helping communities adapt to the consequences of climate change.</p> <p>The 5 themes of the programme are as follows with some examples of projects that may be applied for:</p> <p>Theme 1: Community & Energy LED community lighting, small renewable energy projects (solar / hydro / wind), rainwater harvesting, retrofitting community buildings (windows & doors, insulation, LED lighting, heat pumps)</p> <p>Theme 2: Sustainable Travel Cycle parking / racks, improving cycle way access, safe and active routes to schools, eCargo bikes, bike repair hubs</p> <p>Theme 3: Food and waste Community composting facilities, community gardens / allotments, community fridges</p> <p>Theme 4: Shopping and recycling Swap shops, water filling stations, single use plastics elimination, musical instrument reuse, paint recycling, toy library</p> <p>Theme 5: Local climate and environmental action Climate resilience - measures to reduce harmful effects of extreme climate events such as planted mounds to slow flood water, constructed storm water wetlands. Mini forests, dispersed orchards (fruit trees), community gardens, roof gardens, pollinator projects</p> <p>For more information on the fund visit: https://www.donegalcoco.ie/</p>
<p>Contact Person</p>	<p>Fiona Kelly, Community Climate Action Officer climateactionfund@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity / Project Title	Global Action Plan – Climate Heroes Community Challenge 15th – 26th April 2024
Project Description/ Activity	<p>From 15th to 26th April 2024, community groups and organisations will compete to reduce their carbon footprint by the largest amount. Leading up to the competition, a series of online workshops will explore the themes from a variety of angles, equipping and empowering you to lead change.</p> <p>What is it?</p> <p>Climate Heroes is team-based climate challenge. Together with other members of your community, you will learn about and take simple actions on the drivers of climate change.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate and challenge the forces driving climate change • Join with allies and compete to reduce carbon emission • Capture your actions using powerful technology <p>Best of all, this competition is fun, engaging, and habit-forming - and fully free to community groups and organisations in Ireland.</p> <p>What’s involved?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register at the link below • Join an orientation session to learn more about the platform and competition • Attend optional workshops to frame climate actions through a global lens, and meet others committed to the cause • Log climate friendly actions during the two week challenge, and encourage your team to do the same. • Reflect, debrief, and pat yourself on the back <p>For more information and to register your team visit https://www.climateheroes.ie/en-ie/challenge</p>
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CENTRAL LABORATORY

Activity / Project Title	Water Quality - Agriculture
Description/ Activity	<p><u>Farm Inspections</u></p> <p>The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has developed a local authority National Agricultural Inspection Programme (NAIP) to help maintain or bring about an improvement in natural water quality in Ireland by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • developing a national risk-based inspection plan. • creating greater awareness of the impact of agricultural activities on natural water quality in Ireland. • bringing about a consistent approach to the enforcement of the Good Agricultural Practice for Protection of Waters (GAP) Regulations, reporting of issues / non-compliances found during inspections and the application of dissuasive sanctions and/or prosecutions. • collecting and analysing more data on the level of compliance issues and follow-up actions. • collecting and analysing more information on improvement measures implemented on farms and the effectiveness of those measures. <p>As part of the NAIP, the EPA has determined the minimum number of farms to be inspected by each local authority for 2024 and 2025 and Donegal County Council is directed to undertake initial (first time) GAP inspections on a minimum of 147 farms in its functional area between 1st January 2024 and 31st December 2024.</p> <p>Dedicated resources are being provided in 2024 to local authorities, including Donegal County Council, by the DHLGH to undertake these increased numbers of farm inspections.</p> <p><u>Slurry Spreading</u></p> <p>Donegal County Council would like to remind farmers & contractors to follow good agricultural practice for the land spreading of slurry - pay attention to the weather forecast & don't apply slurry or digestate to land which is waterlogged, flooded, likely to flood or if rain is forecast within 48 hours. Avoid spreading within 5 metres of any drain or 25 metres from a well, spring or borehole used for drinking water. All pig slurry must be applied using low emission slurry spreading equipment.</p> 
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Activity / Project Title	Septic tanks - National Inspection Plan
Description/ Activity	<p>The septic tank inspection programme for 2024 has been compiled on a risk-rating basis and has recently commenced, with 108 inspections across the county 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>All homeowners whose Septic tanks have failed a Council Inspection are now eligible for the grant funding to repair faulty systems, provided it is their primary place of residence.</p> <p>If you live in a <i>High Status Objective Catchment (HSOC)</i> or in a <i>Priority Action Area (PAA)</i> you may also be eligible for grant aid to repair or replace a defective system – further details on this and how to maintain your wastewater treatment system are on the Council website https://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/environment/pollutioncontrol/water%20pollution/domesticwastewatertreatmentsystems/</p>
Contact Person	<p>Joe Ferry joe.ferry@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity / Project Title	Public Service Announcements (PSA's)
Description/ Activity	<p>Running on local radio stations in March – Deco paints Regulations</p> <p>It's the time of year when poor driving conditions are causing accidents, but did you know that a scratched wing or dent repair which needs a respray can only be done legally by a certified operator who holds a valid <i>Certificate of Approval</i> from Donegal Co. Council ?</p>  <p>The bodyshop or garage must display a valid certificate, proving they have been inspected and meet the requirements of the Decopaints legislation, Best Practice Guidelines for Vehicle Refinishing and the Air Pollution Act. For an up to date list of certified operators check the Council's website, or phone us at 9153900.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Joe Ferry joe.ferry@donegalcoco.ie</p>

WASTE AND LITTER MANAGEMENT

Activity / Project Title	<p style="text-align: center;">1st March 2024 Stop Food Waste Day 2024 #KnowYourFoodWaste 2024</p>
Project Description/ Activity	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday, March 1st is National Stop Food Waste Day, and this year, we're asking: <i>"Do you know which foods you waste the most?"</i></p> <p>The Stop Food Waste Challenge</p> <p>We're challenging you to track your food waste for one week to pinpoint which types of food you waste the most. If we know how much we waste, we can see where we can make savings on our next food bill.</p> <p>To record what food you're throwing out, you could:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep a pen and notepad near your food waste bin to jot down each discarded item. • Use your phone's notes app to record what you waste. • Try our Weekly Food Waste Recording Sheet to log what's going into your food waste bin. <p>During the challenge, try to involve everyone in your household in recording wasted food, or appoint a 'Food Waste Tracker'—whatever works best for you!</p> <p>At the end of the week, tally up your results to identify which food types you wasted the most. By being aware of what you waste, you can pinpoint where you can cut back on your food expenses and take action!</p> <p>What We Know:</p> <p>The average Irish household can save around €700 a year by reducing food waste. In the most recent national food waste attitudes survey, commissioned by the EPA, four food types were identified as being wasted most often in Ireland:</p>

- Leftovers (43% of people said this is the food they waste the most)
- Bread (41% of people said this)
- Fruit (39%)
- Vegetables (38%)

If you find yourself wasting any of these food types, or perhaps all four, don't worry—you're not alone! The good news is, there are simple steps we can all take to curb food waste:

Buy less, store better, eat it, or freeze it.

How You Can Take Action:

After participating in the Stop Food Waste Challenge, you'll Know Your Food Waste. The next step is knowing how to reduce it. Here are some ideas to help you get started:

Leftovers— Plan to use your Leftovers!

- If you don't feel like eating the same meal 2 days in a row, put a date on it for lunch next week and pop in freezer.
- Still have half a portion of last night's curry leftover? Pop it in a lunchbox with pitta bread to take it to the office!

Bread – Freeze It and Enjoy!

- Freeze any excess bread to use in the future. Learn how to [make the most of your bread](#).
- No need to toss stale bread—check out [Jamie Oliver's top tips](#) to prevent bread waste.

Fruit – Store Better and Enjoy!

- Did you know? A peeled [banana](#) can be stored in the fridge for a few hours but will last longer if wrapped in aluminium foil.
- Only wash [berries](#) when you are about to use them. Most types can be kept for a few days in the fridge. Keep an eye on them and quickly remove any berries that are going bad.

VEGETABLES (Buy Less – Eat It)

- You can buy potatoes singly or in different package sizes. A large bag of spuds is only good value if they are eaten. [More about potatoes](#).
- Tired-looking and floppy veggies are still nutritious and can make a yummy meal. Try SafeFood's [Vegetable Provencal recipe](#).
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	<p>Will You Take the Stop Food Waste Day Challenge?</p> <p>Whether you're joining in the seven-day challenge starting on Stop Food Waste Day on March 1st or taking it on at your own pace, we want to hear about your experience!</p> <p>Share your results on social media using the hashtag #KnowYourFoodWaste and tagging @stopfoodwaste.ie</p>
<p>Contact Person</p>	<p>Environment Office 074 9153900</p>

<p>Activity / Project Title</p>	<p>Big Donegal Clean-Up Campaign 2024</p>
<p>Project Description/ Activity</p>	<p>Preparations are underway for the annual Big Donegal Clean-Up. Groups, Schools or individuals are encouraged to start thinking about a date for their "Big Donegal Clean-Up" for 2024. Donegal County Council will provide equipment such as litter pickers, bags, gloves, Hi Vis vests and arrange for the collection of the gathered litter afterwards.</p> <p>Groups should also register with An Taisce's National Spring Clean campaign in April and be part of the national campaign https://nationalspringclean.org/</p>
<p>Contact Person</p>	<p>Environment Office 074 9153900</p>



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Municipal District of Donegal

March 2024

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

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

3. Walks and Trails

4. Rural Development Programme/Leader

5. Social Inclusion

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



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Municipal District: Donegal

Activity / Project Update: March 2024

Activity / Project Title	PLAYGROUNDS 2024
Project Description/Activity	Annual maintenance of Playgrounds
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	1. Works consists of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Replacement of broken and damaged equipment• Replace worn safety tiles and remove trip hazards• Grease all equipment that contains bushes, bearings, shackles, etc.• Carry out repairs along edges of safety surfaces <p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual Safety Inspection Reports have been completed with necessary repairs identified.• Repair works have been tendered with a submission deadline in February 2024 to appoint a playground Maintenance works contractor for 2024.• Tender submissions received and assessment underway.• Tender assessment complete, contracts being prepared.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appoint of playground maintenance contractor.
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Activity / Project Update: March 2024

Activity / Project Title	St John Bosco Playground Refurbishment (Donegal Town)
Project Description/Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Refurbishment of the St John Bosco Playground, funded through the Community Recognition Fund and Donegal Co Co
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Site survey completed.• Design works have commenced on a plans to refurbish to the playground.• Plans developed and shared with community group.• Tender documents published on etenders, submissions due early March.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commence tender assessment once all submissions have been received.
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Activity / Project Update: March 2024

Activity / Project Title	Ballyshannon Mall Park Playground Refurbishment
Project Description/Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Refurbishment of the Ballyshannon Mall Park Playground, funded Donegal Co Co & the Dept of Children and Youth Affairs
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consultation with the three Ballyshannon National Schools undertaken.• Draft designs in progress.• Tender documents have been published on etenders to seek submissions from suitable contractors. The tender return date is the 20th of October 2023.• Tender review process complete.• Meeting arranged with possible contractor to discuss works proposals.• Contact documents issued to successful tenderer.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Refurbishment works due to commence 25th of March.
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Activity / Project Update: March 2024

Activity / Project Title	Killybegs Playgrounds Refurbishment
Project Description/Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Refurbishment of the Killybegs Playgrounds, funded through the Community Recognition Fund and Donegal Co Co
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Initial meeting with community groups to discuss the project and their vision for the playgrounds.Donegal Co Co technical staff undertaking detailed surveys of each playground.Surveys complete.Initial design works in progress to develop plans for the playgrounds.Design proposals were shared with the Killybegs Community Council who got feedback from the local community. Minor design amendments are being made to address feedback.Design and tender documents ready to publish, awaiting confirmation from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine before issuing tender documents due to land lease conditions.Meetings held with the Killybegs Harbour Master to get their approval before publishing tender.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Continue to work with the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine to get their approval before proceeding to publish tender.
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Activity / Project Update: March 2024

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

<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aiming to publish tender documents for a contractor to undertake the wayfinding signage and streetscape works.• Installation of artwork; foundation works to commence 7th March with installation of artwork due week commencing 18th of March.
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Activity / Project Update: March 2024

Activity / Project Title	Platforms for Growth Tullan Strand Funded by Fáilte Ireland
Project Description/Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development of a Facility Centre for Water Based Activities at Tullan Strand in Bundoran along with improved access to Tullan Strand Beach.
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cross departmental meetings being held with different sections of the Council to fully understand project requirements and future maintenance requirements.• Draft tender documents prepared to seek a Consultant to develop site specific designs and secure planning permission.• Discussions with local stakeholders and landowners.• Meeting held with local stakeholders from Bundoran.• Tender documents were published on etenders seeking a professional design team.• Submissions received and tender assessment process underway.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Issue Contract Documents to successful tenderer in Q1 of 2024 and commence works towards a planning application.• Awaiting approval from Fáilte Ireland to appoint consultant to commence working towards a planning application.
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Municipal District: Donegal

Activity / Project Update

March 2024

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Walks and Trails
File:	
Project Description/Activity	Maintenance, Development and Promotion of Walks & Trails in Donegal including Cycle Routes and Greenways.
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p><u>Glencolmcille,</u></p> <p>Quotes have been sought from local contractors to carry out the drainage works proposed.</p> <p><u>ORIS 2021</u> Counter Units</p> <p>The documents have been reviewed and the contract has been appointed to Mercury Systems. We in recent days have now had the pedestrian counter on Errigal Mountain and Fanad Arch replaced with the live data feeding into the dashboard. The new counter units in both locations have been installed with the data now transmitting to the dashboard. The new batch of units are expected for mid-March.</p> <p><u>Creevy Coastal Walk</u></p> <p>The appointed contractor Milligan Bros Ltd (Ederney, Co Fermanagh) have completed much of the works about 80% complete and currently await the signage and remaining furniture to be delivered and installed. Contractor is expected to return back to complete the remaining works by end of March.</p>
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	

	<p><u>ORIS 2022</u></p> <p>Have seen the success of Rossylongan been granted €30,000 and likewise, through DLDC they were also granted €30,000 funding for Donegal Rowability Donegal town. No change at present to be advanced with DLDC.</p> <p><u>Rossylongan</u></p> <p>Coillte have advanced in developing the site further with some fantastic work been carried out to date with beautiful wooden sculptures and bench seats. The screen report will now be advanced by the appointed tenderer in the coming weeks and then we shall proceed with e-tender to complete the ORIS2022 funds. Earthy Matters have been awarded successful for the screening report to commence ASAP. Works here have been positive and many people are frequenting the site with lots of good feedback. Donegal County Council are currently waiting on the screening report from Earthy Matters.</p>
<p>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aim to have Creevy project complete end of March. • Expecting delivery of the New counter for installation.
<p>Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i></p>	<p>Darryl Connor (Outdoor Recreation & Maintenance Officer) dconnor@donegalcoco.ie</p>



Municipal District: Countywide

Activity / Project Title	Rural Development Programme/LEADER
Project Description/Activity	Donegal LCDC are the Local Action Group for County Donegal, with responsibility for the LEADER/RDP Programme 2014-2020 & Transitional LEADER Programme 2021-2022
Budget (if applicable)	€13,413,875 (Additional funding received 2019) <i>Note: Project costs €10,063,586, administration and animation costs €3,350,289. 1st April 2021 – 31st December 2022</i> €2,861,598 project costs. €953,866 for Administration & Animation.
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	Implementing Partners within the county; Donegal Local Development Company (DLDC), Inishowen Development Partnership (IDP), Údarás Na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán, are rolling out the LEADER Transitional programme on behalf of the LAG (Local Action Group). The LEADER Transitional programme is effective from 1st April 2021 and runs until 31 st December 2022. €45 million is allocated nationally for the Transitional Programme and €20 million from the EURI programme. 62 projects in Donegal are now approved by Pobal under the Transitional & EURI programmes and Letters of Offer have issued/are pending, granting LEADER funding to a value of €2,861,598.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	All funding awarded to the Donegal LAG under the Transitional LEADER programme and EURI programme has been allocated but LDCs will continue to engage with promoters on the ground regarding any potential underspend or decommitments. Contract agreements have been signed on behalf of the Donegal LCDC, Donegal County Council and local Implementing Partners to deliver the New LEADER programme in 2024 and an initial Implementation Team meeting to develop Application forms and EOIs has been held.
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Municipal District: ALL

Activity / Project Update

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

	<p>One Donegal - Social Inclusion Week 2024, 17 March – 23 March Launch of One Donegal Social Inclusion Week 2024 programme will take place on 5 March at 10am in the Regional Culture Centre.</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. We are currently working on the programme of events for this week with invites to all groups to hold events.</p> <p>Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion Strategy There was a well-attended February meeting of the Implementation team where co-chairs Fadl Mustapha of Donegal Youth Service and Anna Scully of Donegal Travellers project were elected. We are currently finalising the collation of the work completed in 2023 to add to the Monitoring and evaluation report.</p>
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Activity / Project Update: March 2024

Activity / Project Title	Sliabh Liag Mountain Path
Project Description/Activity	Upgrade of Existing Cliff Walk
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Contractor is progressing well on site and work is on target to be completed in June of this year.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	Works to be completed in June 2024
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Activity / Project Update: March 2024

Activity / Project Title	Fintra to Largy Coastal Walk
Project Description/Activity	Project Management Measure
Budget (if applicable)	€ 50,000
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Initial meeting have taken place with the community group and the landowners
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	Tender process to appoint Consultant Engineer to happen coming months
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Activity / Project Update: March 2024

Activity / Project Title	CLÁR 2023 Measure 1
Project Description/Activity	Laghey Parish Hall Sensory Garden
Budget (if applicable)	€ 55,555
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Initial meetings with Community Group have taken place. Provisional letter of offer to be issued in the coming weeks.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	Procurement to be completed eight to ten weeks
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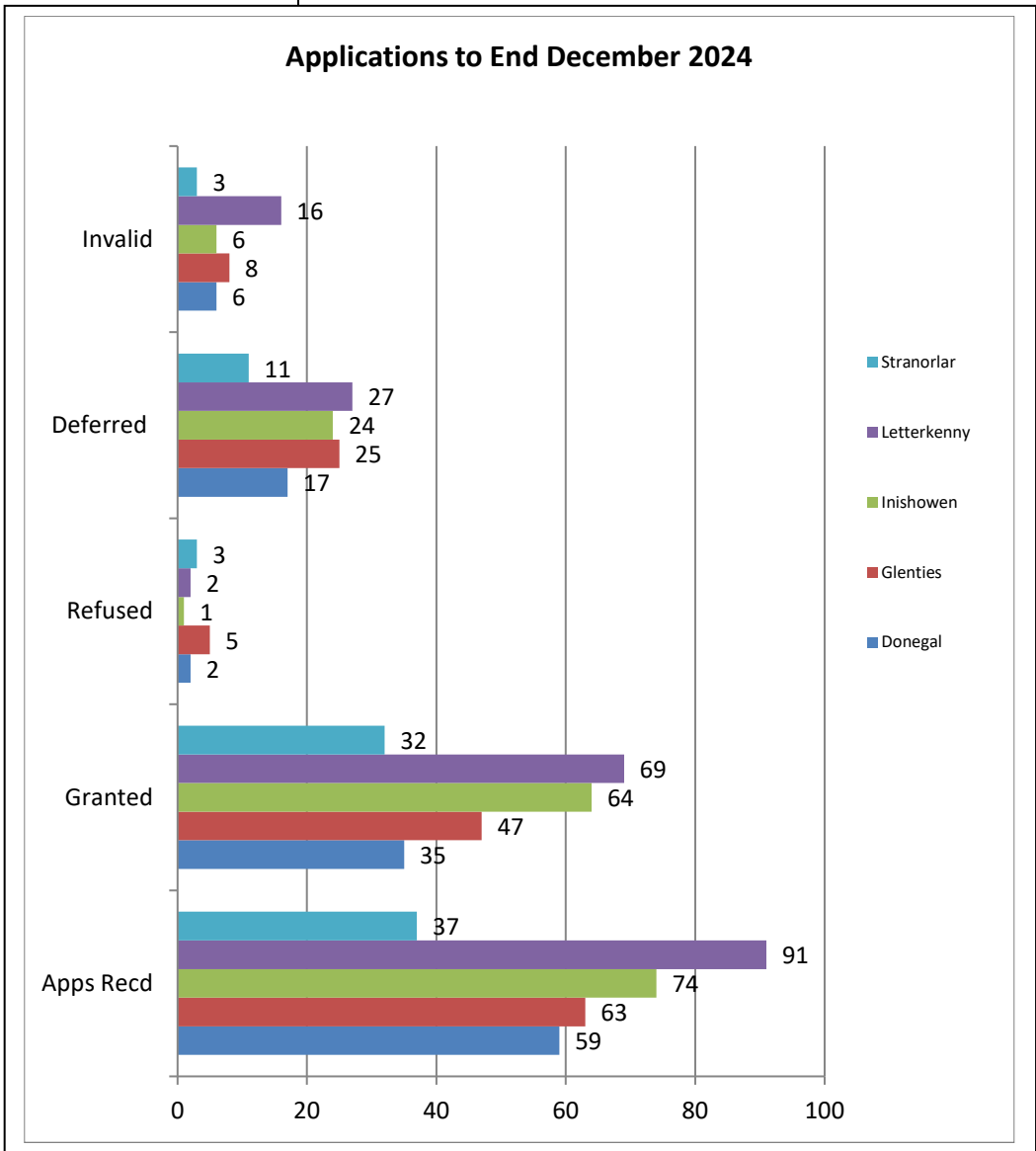
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Activity / Project Update: March 2024

Activity / Project Title	CLÁR 2023 Measure 1
Project Description/Activity	Glanlee Forest Trail, Killybegs
Budget (if applicable)	€ 55,555
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Initial meetings with Community group and Coillte to happen in coming days. Provisional letter of offer to be issued in the coming weeks.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	Procurement to be completed eight to ten weeks
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Donegal MD Meeting
12th March 2024

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4	Casual Trading									
5	Regeneration & Development	See Appendix A								
6	Building Control & Taking in Charge									
7	Central Planning Unit	See Appendix B								
8	Capital Projects Delivery Unit	See Appendix C								
9	Conservation									
10	Further Information <i>Click on web links to access information.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly List of applications and decisions: http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weeklyplanninglists/ • Planning Service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service): planning@donegalcoco.ie • Planning Webpage: www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/ • Planning Application Online Query – https://www.eplanning.ie/DonegalCC/SearchTypes • File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and planning search requests: www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/fileretrieval/File%20Retrieval.pdf 								

APPENDIX A

Regeneration & Development Team Community Development and Planning Services

REPORT TO THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETINGS MARCH 2024.

1.0 Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF)

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

1.1 Summary update of Projects

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

Table 1: Rural Regeneration and Development Fund Projects

Project	Type	Value (includes DCC co-funding)	Current Status/Delivery
Back to Ballyshannon	Category 2 (2020)	€247,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Site acquisition completed.• Team working towards the publication of a planning scheme.• To be targeted for future Category 1 Funding
Ramelton Re-imagined/Historic Town Centre	Category 2 Category 1 (2022)	€249,159 €7,949,868	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Part 8 approved April 2022• Construction tender to open in Q1 2024.• Handover to CPDU imminent.• Estimate to commence on site in Q2 2024 (through the CPDU).

Repowering Buncrana	Category 2 (3 rd Call)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sale agreed on former Garda Barracks property. • Tender for consultants to be advertised shortly to include public consultation and publication of a planning scheme. • To be targeted for future Category 1 Funding.
Rathmullan (in partnership with The Way Forward Rathmullan CLG).			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 8 approved February 2023. • Submitted for funding under the Call 5 on the 8th February 2024.
Milford Town Centre First Plan		€100,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Centre First Plan launched November 2023 • GM Design Associates preparing a statutory planning scheme for the lands at Lower Mount Marian (including further public consultation) to be completed by Q2 2024. • DCC to progress other priority projects identified in the Plan. • Projects to be targeted for future funding calls.
Glenties Town Centre First Plan		€30,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding announced 28th February 2024. • Workshop to be arranged with MD Members shortly.
Creeslough Village Plan and Community Regeneration Project (in association with the Creeslough Working Group, Creeslough Community Association and Arup).			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village Plan to be launched in early 2024 (prepared by Arup on a pro bono basis). • Part 8 for Community Regeneration Project approved in September 2023. • Submitted for funding under Call 5 on the 8th February 2024.
Moville Health Check and Regeneration Plan		€24,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop held with Inishowen MD Members 23rd February 2024. • Appointment of consultants imminent.
Bundoran Regeneration Plan		€15,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be programmed into work programme for 2024.

2.0 Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF).

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

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

2.1 Summary update of Projects

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

Table 2: Urban Regeneration and Development Fund Projects

Call	Value of Project (includes DCC co-funding).	Projects and current Status/Delivery
<p>Call 1 (approved September 2019)</p> <p>3 Sub-Projects</p>	€3m	<p>1 Prepare Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed 2022. <p>2 Letterkenny Urban Regeneration site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DCC took possession of the former ESB site and adjacent lands through a CPO in 2023. Site to be developed for the Alpha/Beta Office accommodation, public realm and Housing. <p>3 Public Realm/Linear Park Phase 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opened June 2023.
<p>Call 2 (May 2020 and approved March 2021)</p> <p>6 Sub Projects</p>	€19.3m (€4.8m DCC co-funding)	<p>1. Reimagine public space at Market Square.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please refer to report from the Capital Projects Delivery Unit Report who are delivering this project. <p>2. Cathedral Quarter Park and Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme</p>

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

		this is subject to availability of in-house architectural resources.
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3.0 Croi Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme.

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

Table 3: Summary of Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Applications

Applications Received	606
Applications Finalised	393
• Approved	373
• Deemed not eligible (eligibility criteria not met – vacancy/proposed works).	20
In progress (first technical inspection/awaiting information from applicant).	196
Withdrawn (by applicant)	20
Properties Refurbished	9
Grants Recouped	6
Requests for grant recoupment (in progress)	3

- Further Drop in events being held for three weeks, week beginning the 26th February 2024.

4.0 Compulsory Purchase Order Activation Fund/Survey of Vacant Properties

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

The main steps of the programme include:

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

The Council have undertaken Step 1 to identify vacant and derelict properties through the GEO Directory. This survey has been undertaken in the towns listed in **Table 4** below and will be carried out in further towns over the coming months:

Table 4: Towns Surveyed under the CPO Activation Fund

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

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

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

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

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APPENDIX B

Central Planning Unit

Central Planning Unit	
(1.) <i>Draft County Development Plan 2024-2030</i>	<p>At the Special Plenary Council meeting of 6th February, 2024 (adjourned to 12th Feb.) Members agreed to the publication of an extensive range of Proposed Material Alterations for public consultation.</p> <p>The public consultation will run between 8th March and 5th April, 2024 and will be widely publicised on social media, in addition to the statutory public notice requirements.</p> <p>A Chief Executive's Report on submissions received during this consultation period will be submitted to Members in early May. It is then anticipated that the Report will be considered at a Special Plenary Meeting of the Council in mid-May at which Members will be asked to make the final plan with or without further minor modifications.</p>
(2.) <i>Residential Zoned Land Tax</i>	<p>As required by national legislation, this Authority's Draft Map for 2025 was published for public consultation on 1st February, 2024. The consultation is being publicised on radio and on social media in addition to the statutory public notice requirements.</p> <p>The public consultation for this year of the RZLT is in two phases:</p> <p>1) Submissions regarding either the inclusion or exclusion from the final map, or the date on which a site first satisfied the relevant criteria.</p> <p>Any persons make such submissions, and the closing date is 1st April, 2024. For these cases, the Authority must make its decisions by no later than 1st July, 2024. A right of appeal to An Bord Pleanala is available.</p> <p>2) Submissions from owners of land requesting a variation of the zoning of such land.</p> <p>Only owners of such land can make such submissions, and the closing date is 31st May, 2024. For these cases, the Authority must make its decisions by no later than 31st July, 2024.</p>



<p>(3.) <i>Letterkenny Plan and Local Transport PLan</i></p>	<p>The Plan was adopted on 13th November, 2023 and became operative on 3rd January, 2024, save for the six zoning items referenced in the Minister's Draft Direction.</p> <p>As required under the Planning and Development Act, the Chief Executive's Report on the public consultation on the Minister's Draft Direction was forwarded to the OPR, Minister and Elected Members on 21st February, 2024. The Authority awaits the Minister's final decisions on this matter.</p>
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APPENDIX C

CAPITAL PROJECTS DELIVERY UNIT

Community Development and Planning Services

Report to Donegal Municipal District Members: March 2024

Activity / Project Title	Killybegs 2040
<p>Project Description/Activity</p>	<p>Killybegs 2040 is a transformative town centre regeneration project which forms part of the longer-term regeneration strategy.</p> <p>The project elements are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The change of use, extension and modification of Island House (currently an existing derelict and vacant building) to provide a tourist information and reception centre, digital hub, public conveniences, café space, and all associated site development works. An extension is proposed at first and second floor levels and will include a glass viewing area. • Provision for a 1000 sq m civic space and alterations to road layout and car parking arrangements, including footpaths, open paved areas, planting, landscaping, public seating etc. The improved car parking and road layout will improve access to both Island House and the Civic Space to support overall regeneration plans. • Acquisition of key regeneration sites for the future delivery of appropriately located additional car parking and linkages between Main Street and Shore Road.
<p>Budget</p>	<p>€5.4m</p>
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status</p>	<p>Works are progressing on Island House. Roof Covering has been completed and window installation is underway. First fix M&E is continuing.</p> <p>Works on public realm are continuing, with sections along the Shore Road and Main Street substantially complete. Works to the main central realm area are continuing with structural concrete works underway to form the steps and ramps.</p> <p>The 'Coal Yard' temporary car park for the project is operational.</p>



Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<p>Windows Installation and external rendering to be completed allowing external scaffold to be removed. Internal first fix works to be completed and internal rendering and floor screeds to be completed allowing second fix to commence.</p> <p>Works on the public realm space will continue with the Diamond central civic space to be significantly progressed. Car Park to be completed and re-opened to cars. Paving works to commence around Tara Hotel area.</p>
Contact Person(s)	Michael Quigley, A/Executive Engineer Ardal McDermott, A/ Senior Executive Engineer

27th February 2024

To: Each Elected Member

Re: Schedule of Municipal District Works 2024

Please find attached documentation in respect of the Schedule of Municipal District Works for 2024.

I also attach the Development Fund details in respect of 2024. 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 of March is being applied for the adoption of this resolution in respect of 2024, as was the case in previous years (as per Circular LG27/2014/Fin/21/2014).
- 2.4 It was anticipated that further direction would be provided in the years following the introduction of the process, in relation to the form and content of the Schedule of Municipal District Works. However, the process remains the same as it was when it was first introduced.
- 2.5 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).
- 2.6 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 - 2024

- 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 2024 allocation process). For 2024, the Development Fund Initiative has been increased by €185,000 to a total of €925,000. The increase provides for a total allocation equivalent to €25,000 per Elected Member for 2024.
- 5.2 Furthermore, a schedule is attached of available monies per electoral area in respect of the Members Development Funds. An amount of €8,000 is available for allocation by each individual elected member. This represents an increase of €1,650 per Elected Member for 2024.
- 5.3 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 Budgets for 2023 and 2024. This is included for information purposes in the Schedule of Municipal District Works for 2024. 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.
- 5.4 Unspent capacity within Public Lights & Minor Infrastructure Scheme budgets for previous years has been reserved and retained for future use.
- 5.5 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 2023 and is included in the adopted budget for 2024 also. This is included in Appendix 4, alongside the Development Funds allocations, for the information of elected members.

- 5.6 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 2023 and is included in the Adopted Budget for 2024 also (see Appendix 4).
- 5.7 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 was repeated in 2023. It is repeated in 2024 under the title 'Housing Estate Maintenance'. €70,000 has been set aside per MD. 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,
Director 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.

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Quinn

Denis Conlan

Local Government Finance Section

Local Government Policy Section

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 2024

	Overall Adopted €	Non-Discretionary Payroll / Overheads €	Discretionary €
Housing Maintenance – Inishowen MD	690,055	120,319	573,299
Housing Maintenance – Donegal MD	512,328	131,154	383,961
Housing Maintenance – Glenties MD	529,295	59,883	461,147
Housing Maintenance – Letterkenny-Milford MD	1,034,084	294,037	797,185
Housing Maintenance – Lifford-Stranorlar MD	600,030	62,928	543,030
Subtotal for Area Maintenance:	3,365,792	668,321	2,758,622
HQ Maintenance	1,866,385		
Total Maintenance	5,232,177		
Insurance	387,116		
Loan Charges	0		
Local Property Tax Payments	522,000		
Contingency for Capital Balances (Housing Programme)	66,000		
Subtotal Other	975,116		
Overall Total	6,207,293		
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 2024

Description	Adopted Budget 2024	Budget Adjustments	Revised Budget 2024	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	155,000		155,000				0	155,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	5,000	155,000
Maintenance of Beaches	245,900		245,900				0	245,900	36,700	90,400	46,200	24,500	0	48,100	245,900
Totals	541,000		541,000				0	541,000	92,100	140,950	103,100	101,200	50,550	53,100	541,000

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 €30,000 per Municipal District has been included in the adopted budget 2024 to assist tidy towns groups (as shown above). This represents an increase of €10,000 per MD for 2024. 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

Budget Distribution 2024

	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	€222,789		€222,789					
National Primary Total =	€553,487	€37,406	€222,789	€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	€141,657		€141,657					
National Secondary Total =	€380,958	€37,406	€141,657	€35,130	€138,500	€0	€28,265	€0
LA Support (Maintenance) 2024	€66,600		€66,600					
LA Support (Winter Maintenance) 2024	€10,000	€10,000						
National Secondary Total =	€76,600	€10,000	€66,600	€0	€0	€0	€0	€0
Total TII Roads Areas Funding =	€1,011,045	€84,812	€431,046	€137,489	€138,500	€31,969	€78,418	€108,811
National Transport Authority (NTA)(Note 2)								
Active Travel Projects	€4,500,000	€632,500		€1,299,500	€99,500	€284,500	€1,247,400	€936,600
Bus Stop Enhancement Programme (Note 3)	€500,000		€500,000					
Total NTA Funding =	€5,000,000	€632,500	€500,000	€1,299,500	€99,500	€284,500	€1,247,400	€936,600
Department of Transport (DOT)(Note 4)								
Winter Maintenance (Note 5)	€1,000,000		€1,000,000					
Bridge Refurbishment	€250,000	€250,000						
Regional & Local Roads Disc Maintenance	€3,670,000			€758,976	€700,299	€909,161	€786,202	€515,362
Discretionary Grant (DG) Total =	€4,920,000	€250,000	€1,000,000	€758,976	€700,299	€909,161	€786,202	€515,362
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	€19,602,500			€4,053,902	€3,740,495	€4,856,083	€4,199,325	€2,752,694
Restoration Improvement (RI) Total =	€19,642,500		€40,000	€4,053,902	€3,740,495	€4,856,083	€4,199,325	€2,752,694
Community Involvement Schemes	€891,000			€184,264	€170,018	€220,725	€190,874	€125,119
Specific Improvement Grants	€395,000			€75,000		€260,000	€60,000	
Strategic Regional & Local Roads	€1,550,000			€1,500,000			€50,000	
Speed Limits -(Note 6)	€67,000		€67,000					
PSCI: Survey Report	€50,000		€50,000					
Former National Roads	€250,000			€250,000				
Drainage Works	€1,188,000			€245,685	€226,691	€294,301	€254,498	€166,826
Climate Adaptation	€928,000			€128,000	€50,000	€255,000	€290,000	€205,000
Other Grants (SI) Total =	€5,319,000		€117,000	€2,382,948	€446,709	€1,030,026	€845,372	€496,945
Bridge Rehabilitation	€655,000	€655,000						
Low Cost Safety Improvements	€535,300	€535,300						
Training Grant (Note 7)	€114,500	€114,500						
DOT Non-Roads Areas Total =	€1,304,800	€1,304,800						
Total DOT Roads Areas Funding =	€36,222,800	€1,554,800	€1,157,000	€8,201,762	€5,909,450	€8,027,436	€6,934,253	€4,438,100
Training	€100,000	€100,000						
Scrim test & Materials Tests	€50,000		€50,000					
Lining & Road Studs (Note 8)	€150,000			€31,021	€28,623	€37,159	€32,134	€21,064
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 9)	€50,000			€10,000	€10,000	€10,000	€10,000	€10,000
Site Safety IS (Note10)	€70,000		€70,000					
Co-finance Capital	€50,000		€50,000					
Invasive Species Management	€50,000		€50,000					
Staffing Budget	€400,000		€400,000					
Contingency Reserve	€500,000		€500,000					
Former Town Councils Roads (Note 11)	€947,389			€282,322		€286,111	€378,956	
Former Town Council Street Sweeping (Note 12)	€365,003			€65,003		€76,000	€224,000	
MD Works Overheads	€2,000,000			€454,106	€367,150	€454,106	€444,444	€280,193
Regional Roads Own Resources	€1,205,897			€200,472	€313,683	€277,439	€291,842	€122,461
Regional Roads OR (Ineligible under Grants)	€506,344			€84,176	€131,712	€116,494	€122,541	€51,420
Local Roads Own Resources	€2,053,284			€436,840	€370,940	€513,971	€431,498	€300,035
Local Roads OR (Ineligible under Grants)	€862,153			€183,424	€155,754	€215,811	€181,182	€125,982
DOT RM Programme Support	€120,876			€24,142	€24,527	€29,572	€26,481	€16,154
DOT RI Programme Support	€255,353			€52,808	€48,726	€63,258	€54,703	€35,858
DOT Drainage Programme Support	€28,512			€5,896	€5,441	€7,063	€6,108	€4,004
Own Resources Roads Areas Total =	€10,134,811	€320,000	€1,120,000	€1,860,211	€1,486,555	€2,116,985	€2,233,888	€997,171
Parks & Open Spaces (Note 13)	€940,781			€68,648	€5,399	€140,148	€725,348	€1,238
Moville Green & Barrack Hill (Note 14)	€90,000					€90,000		
Car Parking	€1,130,000	€980,000	€150,000					
School Wardens	€76,000	€76,000						
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
Official Languages Act Signage Programme (Note 15)	€60,000		€60,000					
DCC Specific Funding Total =	€2,426,781	€1,056,000	€212,800	€93,848	€28,199	€256,548	€755,348	€24,038
Total DCC Funding =	€12,561,592	€1,376,000	€1,332,800	€1,954,060	€1,514,754	€2,373,533	€2,989,236	€1,021,209
TOTAL 2024 FUNDING =	€54,795,437	€3,648,112	€3,420,846	€11,592,810	€7,662,204	€10,717,438	€11,249,307	€6,504,720

Roads Areas Division

Budget Distribution 2024 - 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	€3,670,000			€758,976	€700,299	€909,161	€786,202	€515,362
Regional Roads Own Resources	€1,205,897			€200,472	€313,683	€277,439	€291,842	€122,461
Regional Roads OR (Ineligible under Grants)	€506,344			€84,176	€131,712	€116,494	€122,541	€51,420
Local Roads Own Resources	€2,053,284			€436,840	€370,940	€513,971	€431,498	€300,035
Local Roads OR (Ineligible under Grants)	€862,153			€183,424	€155,754	€215,811	€181,182	€125,982
MD Works Overheads	€2,000,000			€454,106	€367,150	€454,106	€444,444	€280,193
Lining & Road Studs (Note 8)	€150,000			€31,021	€28,623	€37,159	€32,134	€21,064
Depots & Health & Safety	€150,000			€30,000	€30,000	€30,000	€30,000	€30,000
Minor Non Structural Repair (Bridge) (Note 9)	€50,000			€10,000	€10,000	€10,000	€10,000	€10,000
Former Town Councils Roads (Note 11)	€947,389			€282,322		€286,111	€378,956	
Former Town Council Street Sweeping (Note 12)	€365,003			€65,003		€76,000	€224,000	
Discretionary Road Maintenance Funding Total =	€11,960,071			€2,536,340	€2,108,162	€2,926,253	€2,932,799	€1,456,517
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
DOT 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	€19,602,500			€4,053,902	€3,740,495	€4,856,083	€4,199,325	€2,752,694
DOT RI Programme Support	€255,353			€52,808	€48,726	€63,258	€54,703	€35,858
Restoration Improvement (RI) Total =	€19,857,853			€4,106,710	€3,789,221	€4,919,341	€4,254,028	€2,788,552
NTA Active Travel	€3,867,500			€1,299,500	€99,500	€284,500	€1,247,400	€936,600
Community Involvement Schemes	€891,000			€184,264	€170,018	€220,725	€190,874	€125,119
Specific Improvement Grants	€395,000			€75,000		€260,000	€60,000	
Strategic Regional & Local Roads	€1,550,000			€1,500,000			€50,000	
Former National Roads	€250,000			€250,000				
Drainage Works	€1,188,000			€245,685	€226,691	€294,301	€254,498	€166,826
DOT Drainage Programme Support	€28,512			€5,896	€5,441	€7,063	€6,108	€4,004
Climate Adaptation	€928,000			€128,000	€50,000	€255,000	€290,000	€205,000
Specific Grants Total =	€9,098,012			€3,688,345	€551,650	€1,321,589	€2,098,880	€1,437,549
Total Roads Areas Non-National Roads Funding =	€46,073,311			€11,361,473	€7,495,505	€10,428,921	€10,415,541	€6,371,870
Specific Funding for Roads Related items								
Parks & Open Spaces (Note 13)	€940,781			€68,648	€5,399	€140,148	€725,348	€1,238
Moville Green & Barrack Hill (Note 14)	€90,000					€90,000		
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 =	€1,157,981			€93,848	€28,199	€256,548	€755,348	€24,038
Total Roads Related Items Funding =	€1,157,981			€93,848	€28,199	€256,548	€755,348	€24,038
TOTAL AREA OFFICE 2024 FUNDING =	€47,726,479			€11,592,810	€7,662,204	€10,717,438	€11,249,307	€6,504,720

Roads Areas Division

Budget Distribution 2024

Notes:

- 1 TII maintenance allocations must be spent in accordance with the TII Memorandum on Road Grants.
- 2 Active Travel (NTA) must be spent in accordance with the latest NTA Guidance Circulars
- 3 This is a newly funded programme for 2024, with details to be finalised and agreed with NTA for bus stops in each MD
- 4 DOT allocations must be spent in compliance with DOT Circular RW 02/2024 and the latest Memorandum on Grants For Regional and Local Roads.
- 5 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 2024 to reflect the likely expenditure.
- 6 €40,000 and €27,000 have been allocated for Speed Limits , Housing Area Signage and Rural Speed Limit Signage respectively.
- 7 DOT have funded €114,500 for training, and remaining training costs over and above this have to come from OR.
- 8 An MD specific budget has been allocated in 2024 for the refreshing of existing road markings.
- 9 It was identified that there was a need for a Minor Bridge Non Structural Repair programme, and €50,000 has been allocated to fund this work.
- 10 This is a newly funded programme for 2024, to roll out the Site Safety Information Systems programme in the MD's
- 11 €947,389 has been allocated to those MDs now incorporating former Town Councils (FTC) to replace the FTC OR allocations made previously.
- 12 Specific provision has again been made in the Council's Budget 2024 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 MD preferences.
- 13 Parks and Open Spaces budget provision for 2024 has been distributed in the same manner as recent years which was based on split following disbandment of Town Councils.
- 14 Merville Green has been separately budgeted as per historic commitments and a separate allocation has again been made in the 2024 Budget towards the management of Barrack Hill, Carndonagh.
- 15 A County wide allocation of €60,000 is provided to further progress the inclusion of Irish on signs under the Official Languages Act Signage Programme

Development Fund Allocations 2024

Municipal District	Development Fund Initiative* ¹ €	Members Development Fund * ² €	Public Lights & Minor Infrastructure Fund* ³ €	Minor Tourism Works Scheme* ⁴ €	Pollinator Plan and Biodiversity* ⁵ €	Housing Estate Maintenance* ⁶ €	Totals €
Letterkenny-Milford	250,000	80,000	70,000	100,000	20,000	70,000	590,000
Inishowen	225,000	72,000	63,000	100,000	20,000	70,000	550,000
Donegal	150,000	48,000	42,000	100,000	20,000	70,000	430,000
Glenties	150,000	48,000	42,000	100,000	20,000	70,000	430,000
Lifford-Stranorlar	150,000	48,000	42,000	100,000	20,000	70,000	430,000
Totals	925,000	296,000	259,000	500,000	100,000	350,000	2,430,000

*1 Equivalent to €25,000 per Elected Member

*2 Equivalent to €8,000 per Elected Member

*3 Equivalent to €7,000 per Elected Member

*4 Repeated for 2024 - €100,000 per Municipal District

*5 Repeated for 2024 - €20,000 per Municipal District

*6 Repeated for 2024 - €70,000 per Municipal District

FORMAL RESOLUTION FOR SMDW ADOPTION

ADOPTION OF THE SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS 2024

Proposed by: _____

Seconded by: _____

and resolved “that the _____ Municipal District hereby adopts for the financial year ended 31st December 2024, the Schedule of Municipal District Works as set out in the schedules presented at the Municipal District meeting of the _____ (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 - 12th March 2024 Motions

Agenda Item No.6

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Submitted By: Cllr. Michael McMahon

Assigned To: Environment

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

Signed Off By: SEAMUS HOPKINS

Response: At the moment in Rossnowlagh there is a two-toilet prefabricated unit and a disabled portaloo in the Surf Club Carpark. The prefabricated unit that is in place since September 2023 is hooked up to mains sewage and water. There have been with blockages and these have been cleared by Water Services Section, a CCTV survey of the sewer will be undertaken if the problem persists. Environment Section are proposing to put a similar prefabricated unit in the main carpark for the summer season as there is also mains sewerage and water there. The Environment Section will also investigate funding opportunities to allow the provision of a new purpose built Public Convenience at Rossnowlagh.