

**Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall**

Oifig Riarthóir na gCruinnithe,  
Aras an Chontae,  
Leifear.

5ú Méan Fómhair, 2023

**Fógra Cruinnithe**

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

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS DÚN NA nGALL

A Chara,

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

Mise, le meas

Linda Mac Cana  
Riarthóir Cruinnithe

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**Municipal District of Donegal**

Office of Meetings Administrator,  
County House,  
Lifford.

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

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

The next Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal will be held on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 11.30 am** in the **Donegal Public Services Centre.**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL

Dear Councillor,

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

Yours sincerely,

Linda McCann  
Meetings Administrator

## AGENDA

1. Consideration of Minutes of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023.
2. Consideration of the Minutes of the Corporate Workshop held on the 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023.
3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Roads Workshop held on the 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023.
4. Consideration of the Minutes of the Roads Workshop held on the 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023.
5. **Update Reports from Council Services:**
  - 5.1 Housing & Corporate Services
  - 5.2 Roads & Transportation
  - 5.3 Economic Development, Information Systems and Emergency Services
  - 5.4 Environment Services
  - 5.5 Community Development
  - 5.6 Planning Services

### **Motions**

6. Cllr Tom Conaghan  
*"That this Donegal MD carry out immediate resurfacing works of the Bank Walk, Donegal Town and move forward with plans to extend the walk".*
7. Cllr Michael McMahon  
*"That this MD clear the rubble and weeds at the mouth of the Bradogue River".*

### **Questions**

8. Cllr Tom Conaghan  
*"Is it possible to have all roads that have no markings surveyed in Donegal Town and a date prepared for when this job will be done? At present there are a lot of road safety concerns where roads/junctions are not marked".*
  9. Cllr Tom Conaghan  
*"Senator Sharon Keogan followed up a request by myself to the OPW regarding the upkeep of Dr Warnock's grave in the Old Abbey Graveyard, Donegal Town. The response is that it is the Heritage section in DCC that are responsible. Therefore when will the upkeep works take place on Dr. Warnock's grave?".*
- 10. Date of Next Meeting(s) / Workshop(s)**

- MD Meeting on Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 11.30 am in the Peter Kennedy Chamber (as per standing orders)

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL  
HELD AT 11.30 AM ON WEDNESDAY THE 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023 IN THE PETER  
KENNEDY CHAMBER, DONEGAL PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE**

**MDD/093/23 MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MDD/094/23 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE**

Ms. Linda McCann, A/Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal  
Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Roads/Transportation  
Ms. Aideen Quinn, A/Executive Planner, Planning  
Mr. Barney McLaughlin, Administrative Officer, Community  
Development  
Mr. Paul Gallagher, Administrative Officer, Environment Section  
Ms. Sarah Nolan, A/Head of the Tourism Unit, Economic  
Development  
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate  
Services  
Ms. Caroline Britton, Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

**MDD/095/23 APOLOGIES**

Mr. Garry Martin, Director Designate, Municipal District of Donegal  
Ms. Tara Quinn, Executive Architect, Housing Capital  
Ms. Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer, Environment Section  
Mr. Pauric Sheerin, Area Manager, Housing & Corporate Services

**MDD/096/23 STANDING ORDERS**

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

**MDD/097/23 VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The late Philip Spratt, Drumacrin Avenue, Bundoran
- The late Patricia O'Donnell, Tipperary
- The late Ted Kennedy, Erne Dale Heights, Ballyshannon
- The late Patricia McCallig, Cluain Barron, Ballyshannon

**MDD/098/23 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023**

On the proposal of Cllr Naughton, seconded by Cllr Kennedy the Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023 were confirmed.

**MDD/099/23 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE TOURISM WORKSHOP OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023**

On the proposal of Cllr Jordan, seconded by Cllr Kennedy the Minutes of the Tourism Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023 were confirmed.

**MDD/100/23 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

**CORPORATE SERVICES**

Prior to commencing the meeting, as Cllr McMahon was unable to attend the previous meeting, he passed on his congratulation to Cllr Conaghan on his new role as Cathaoirleach and wished him well for the year ahead. Cllr McMahon also wished to thank Cllr Kennedy for her work as Cathaoirleach over the previous year and welcomed Ms McCann to the Housing & Corporate Section of the Donegal MD. Finally, Cllr McMahon wished Mr P Sheerin and Mr D Friel a speedy recovery.

**BUS EIREANN**

Cllr McMahon referred to previous correspondence that issued to Bus Eireann and their attendance at a recent workshop whereby assurances were obtained that Bus Eireann operate a reliable and punctual service. Cllr McMahon relayed an incident recently at Dublin Airport whereby passengers arriving off an American flight had booked tickets on the 8.20am bus, however, on arrival at the designated bus stop no bus arrived and upon checking their e-mails it was noted that a cancellation notification had been sent at 3.51am whilst the passengers were over the Atlantic. Cllr McMahon submitted that Donegal is very much open for business and welcomed visitors to the county, however, he expressed his frustration at the unreliability of the Bus Eireann service and suggested alternative arrangements should be made if a bus is going to be cancelled. Cllr McMahon asked that Bus Eireann be invited to attend an emergency workshop. Cllr Jordan seconded this proposal.

Ms McCann agreed to issue additional correspondence to Bus Eireann.

### **Follow up Issues from previous meeting**

Ms McCann informed Members that the follow ups from the previous meeting had been attended to and the office is awaiting a response from the Road Safety Authority. Ms McCann also advised that a Croí Cónaithe presentation has been organised to take place on the 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 11am.

### **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 advised that works to the existing casual vacancies is being advanced, and the Housing Office will be in a position reallocate as soon as they are complete. In terms of the Housing Capital Report, in Ms Quinn's absence, Ms McCann submitted that the Housing Capital office is awaiting the finalisation of contractual matters for the developments at Brookfield in Donegal Town and Rockview in Ballyshannon. It is also expected that the construction works at the Phase 3 development at Railway Park will be completed by mid-September.

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

#### **Croí Cónaithe Scheme**

Cllr Naughton welcomed the Croí Cónaithe presentation on the 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023 and noted that there is a lag time of six to eight in the processing of applications and suggested the appointment of additional staff to deal with the backlog.

#### **Uisce Éireann**

Cllr Naughton referred to the next phase of social housing at Brookfield in Donegal and submitted that the construction works are complete, however, Uisce Éireann is responsible for causing a delay in finalising the contractual matters by not issuing the certification documentation. Cllr Naughton highlighted the current housing crisis and the importance of prioritising families who are in need of housing. Cllr Naughton submitted that it is extremely difficult to get a response from Uisce Éireann, noted their excessive costs and that their policy in relation to not considering water connections of more than 300m was unfair especially for applicants who were willing to lay the mains independently. As the handover date of the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023 is fast approaching, Cllr Naughton called for a meeting with Uisce Éireann, the Area Managers and the Planners to discuss and agree the communication process going forward.



The Safety Engineer has reviewed the issue at the Tullyleague Junction but has advised that the provision of a solid white line along the centreline will not resolve the issue identified. Discussions are ongoing with the TII with regards to what other measures can be implemented to help resolve the issue.

**Casherlard Road – investigate if works can be carried out as per minute**

This road has been checked and the cracking being referred to is noted. The road will be monitored over the coming months and will be considered in advance of finalising next year's programme.

**Obstructive Parking at North End, Rossnowlagh – explore a potential CIS**

This would be a suitable location for a CIS where the road could be widened to create a hard shoulder to facilitate parking and thereby making sure the road is kept free of parked cars. An application however needs to be submitted before it can be considered for CIS funding.

**Road Surface at the Mall Quay, Ballyshannon – discuss with Piers & Harbours Section**

Contact has been made with the Piers & Harbours Section about this section of road to see if funding can be sourced for surfacing works but they have advised that the only funding available to them is for works on the pier itself not the road leading to it.

The road in question is not on the roads schedule therefore the roads office is limited to maintenance funding only for any repair works that are necessary. This road could however qualify as a LIS as it leads to a public amenity so we are planning to meet with the Piers and Harbour engineer to agree the extent of works and then complete an LIS application form for this roadway.

**Arrange for a meeting regarding accessible parking in Ballyshannon.**

This meeting has been arranged to take place on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 11am.

**Amendment to RI Programme**

As Uisce Éireann are carrying out planned watermain works at Garvagh, Mr Sweeney sought approval to reallocate Road Improvement funding from the Corracramp Road to Tawnawully Old School project to an RI project at Laghey Barr. In response to a query from Cllr Kennedy, Mr Sweeney confirmed the Garvagh project will be completed under a future Road Improvement Programme once the Uisce Éireann works have been completed. This reallocation of RI funding was proposed by Cllr Naughton and seconded by Cllr Sweeney.

### **Additional Road Improvement Funding**

Mr Sweeney confirmed that in light of increasing inflation costs, additional funding in the region of €305,618 has been obtained from the Department for road improvement works. A meeting will take place in due course to agree the adjustments to the previously agreed programme.

### **Change of Personnel**

Mr Sweeney submitted that a new Engineer has been appointed the Donegal Town Roads Office. It is expected Jonathan Mulhern will take up the position at the end of August.

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

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

Cllr Sweeny welcomed the proposal to consider the extent of the works at the Mall Quay area in Ballyshannon, however, submitted that this area is frequented regularly and is currently in a poor state of repair. Rather than using the Maintenance Budget to carry out repair works, Cllr Sweeny suggested an alternative source of funding be sought.

### **Tullyleague Junction/Edrim Glebe Junction**

Cllr Jordan expressed his disappointment that the Safety Engineer has not accepted that a continuous white line would resolve the safety issue at the Tullyleague Junction. Cllr Jordan also noted that there is a safety concern at the bottom of Mountcharles and all incidents should be reported in order to obtain a record of the accidents. In response, Mr Sweeney submitted that discussions are ongoing with the TII to identify measures to resolve the issue at the Tullyleague junction and noted that lorries should refrain from using the hard shoulder as a crawling lane to gather speed. Mr Sweeney agreed to discuss the issue at Mountcharles separately.

### **Road Take Overs**

In response to a query from Cllr Kennedy in relation to the take over of the High Road at Kilcar and Cassan Sound, Mr Sweeney committed to concluding these take overs.

### **Grass Verges**

Cllr Kennedy submitted that a number of grass verges along narrow back roads have become a safety risk for pedestrians, particularly young children, and suggested an annual budget be identified for this type of safety work.

Cllr Sweeny suggested a bio-diversity plan be prepared and expressed his disappointment at the grass being cut on the roundabout in Ballyshannon during the month of May.



Mr Sweeney submitted that the Roads Office are currently prioritizing hedge cutting where health and safety issues arise such as vision lines at busy junctions and noted that unfortunately there was no additional funding available to increase the number of roads / junctions that are already on the grass cutting schedule.

#### **Teelin Pier & Harbour**

Due to the high volume of visitors to Teelin Pier & Harbour, Cllr Kennedy submitted that a skip and second portaloo is required at this location. Mr Sweeney agreed to liaise with the Marine Engineer.

#### **Accessible Parking & Safety Improvement Works**

Cllr Sweeney welcomed the meeting regarding the accessible parking in Ballyshannon and sought an update on the safety improvement works at SuperValu in Donegal Town. Mr Sweeney advised that the works at SuperValu will commence following the finalization of the designs.

#### **Funding**

Cllr Naughton welcomed the additional funding to the county and noted that there may be a possibility of a further announcement in relation to special projects funding in September.

#### **Active Travel Projects**

Cllr Naughton queried if the flashing lights were working in Dunkineely and sought an update on the footpath repair works in Pettigo. Mr Sweeney advised that the flashing lights at Dunkineely are only operational at specific times during the day but will arrange to get them checked to make sure they are working properly. He also submitted that he will be meeting the relevant landowner in relation to the footpath repair works in Pettigo.

#### **Road Painting**

Cllr McMahon highlighted that road painting was required at the emergency gate at the Astoria Car Park, at the Tullan Strand barrier and the Westend Pool junction. Due to the inclement weather, Mr Sweeney advised that there has been delay in the road painting projects and it is expected these projects along with other projects will be completed in due course.

#### **Bundoran Beach Access**

Cllr McMahon welcomed the additional funding for the construction of a ramp along the seafront in Bundoran.

#### **Sea Sessions**

Cllr McMahon wished to convey his thanks to the Roads Section for their support of the Sea Sessions festival and also wished to thank the Committee and local residents and noted that the event was a great success for the town of Bundoran.

**Best Wishes**

Cllr Naughton wished to convey his thanks to the Roads Engineer, Donal Murphy and looked forward to working with the new Roads Engineer, Jonathan Mulhern.

**Section 183 Request – Disposal of land at Magheracar, Bundoran**

Mr Sweeney sought approval from the Members for the disposal of plot of land at Magheracar, Bundoran to Mr Jimmy Patton, Piercetown Plant Ltd, Piercetown, Dunboyne, Co Meath. On the proposal of Cllr McMahon, seconded by Cllr Naughton, 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/102/23 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFORMATION SYSTEMS & EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT**

On behalf of the Economic Development, Information Systems and Emergency Services Directorate, Ms Nolan highlighted a number of ongoing tourism initiatives including the new Interreg funded TOURBO project, Donegal Airport marketing and the promotion of caravan and camping facilities throughout the county. In relation to the Fáilte Ireland Bundoran Oceanside project, the refurbishment of the public toilets is now complete and the Bundoran lettering is currently in production. It is noted the tenders returned for the outdoor dining facilities in Bundoran and Donegal Town are higher than anticipated and a value engineering exercise is currently being conducted.

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

**Regenerative Tourism Project**

Cllr Kennedy sought additional information on the Regenerative Tourism project. Cllr Sweeny submitted that he had attended Regenerative Tourism Workshops and noted the benefits of environmentally friendly initiatives and hoped further funding will be made available under this theme.

**Donegal Airport**

Cllr Kennedy submitted that she had recently taken a trip to the States via Donegal Airport and noted the exceptional service being offered by Donegal Airport. Cllr McMahon welcomed the progression of Donegal Airport and noted that Knock Airport was also important to this region and suggested seeking attendance by a Knock Airport representative at a future meeting.

**Caravan & Camping Study**

Cllr Kennedy acknowledged receipt of the Caravan & Camping Study and Cllr McMahon expressed his dismay at the lack of potential

proposals to increase the number of sites in Bundoran. Cllr Sweeny suggested carrying out investigations to ascertain if additional lands could be purchased for caravan and camping facilities.

### **Outdoor Dining Projects**

Cllr Jordan expressed his disappointment at the delay in delivering the outdoor dining projects, particularly the Donegal Town project. Cllr Naughton concurred with Cllr Jordan and suggested a workshop be arranged to seek further clarity on both projects.

### **Outdoor Pools, Bundoran**

Cllr McMahon commended the recent works carried out to the Thrupenny Pool in Bundoran and submitted that there may be a forthcoming request for remedial works to the Westend Pool.

### **Fire Stations**

Cllr Naughton submitted that the local elections are fast approaching and the main topic of discussion on the doorsteps will be the Fire Stations in Ballyshannon and Bundoran.

### **Donegal Rally**

Cllr Naughton thanked the Donegal Rally Committee for bringing a section of the rally to the south of Donegal.

### **Donegal Town Summer Festival**

Cllr Naughton commended the Donegal Town Summer Festival Committee for holding an excellent event and noted the economic benefit these types of festivals bring to the county.

### **Discover Ballyshannon**

Cllr Sweeny submitted that the support previously received from the Bundoran Tourism Officer was beneficial for the Discover Ballyshannon Committee and sought further assistance for some promotional work.

## **MDD/103/23 ENVIRONMENT SERVICES REPORT**

Mr Gallagher presented the report for the Environment Section, as circulated with the Agenda highlighting with the following matters:-

- Waste & Litter Management
  - FREE Vape & e-cigarette recycling
  - Food Waste Recycling Week
  - Summer Social Campaign Topics
- County Laboratory
  - Professional Users of Pesticides & Dip
  - Fixing Faulty Septic Tanks
  - Bathing Waters 2023 Season

Mr Gallagher confirmed that the Rossnowlough Boardwalk has been repaired and a contractor is on site at Murvagh Beach to carry out repairs to the footpath. During the recent hot spell of weather, issues arose in relation to the turn around times for fresh portaloos at particularly busy sites. It has been agreed, if the good weather returns, the delivery of fresh portaloos will increase from three times a week to five times a week. A workshop has been held on the National Waste Management Plan and further information will follow in due course. In relation to the Flood Relief Scheme, it has been agreed Shane McMonagle will provide a briefing note on a regular basis.

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

#### **Fintra Beach**

Cllr Kennedy commended the work of the volunteers who carry out regular clean ups of Fintra Beach and noted excessive dumping was taking place in the private car park used during the summer months. Cllr Kennedy sought clarification on who is responsible for ensuring this area is kept free from litter.

#### **Portaloos**

Cllr Kennedy noted that this year instead of the regular two portaloos, only one has been made available in certain areas and suggested that proper public conveniences should be constructed at busy locations.

#### **Waste Management Plan**

In relation to the Waste Management Plan, Cllr Kennedy noted the availability of small grants for businesses, however, referred to the difficulty for businesses, particularly take away food establishments to segregate and clean their waste.

#### **Clothing Bins**

It has been brought to Cllr Jordan's attention that there is possibly a bogus clothing bin collector placing bins in various locations in Mountcharles. It has been noted that when the collector returns to collect the bin, they are leaving behind materials that are unsuitable for recycling, such as duvets and pillows. Cllr Jordan has recommended the Community Group circulate a social media post advising that the bin will be removed by Donegal County Council's Litter Section.

#### **Septic Tanks**

Cllr Jordan welcomed correspondence from the Minister in relation to the proposed changes to the Septic Tank Grant Scheme.

## **MDD/104/23 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING SERVICES**

### **Community Development**

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

- Town & Village Renewal – Donegal MD
  - Donegal Town
  - Glencolmcille
  - Carrick
  - Bruckless
- Clár 2022 – Donegal MD
  - Termon Complex, Pettigo
  - Leitir Corn Mill River Walk, Kilcar
- Playground Maintenance
- Walks & Trails
- Sliabh Liag Development Project
- Leader/RDP Programme Update
- Healthy Donegal
- Destination Towns
- Platforms for Growth
- Peace Plus 2022 – 2027
- Social Inclusion Unit

Mr McLaughlin highlighted that the bi-lingual Outdoor Recreation Strategy is currently with the printers and a copy of same will be circulated shortly. In relation to the refurbishment works at Mall Park Playbround in Ballyshannon, consultation is taking place with the three local primary school and draft designs are in progress. The Healthy Donegal project recently launched the Playground Passports initiative and have distributed passports to all primary schools, libraries, and tourism offices throughout the County. Mr McLaughlin also submitted that work is ongoing in relation to the Bundoran Destination Towns Project and the Tullan Strand Project.

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

### **Playgrounds**

Cllr McMahan noted that some maintenance works is required at the Westend Playground in Bundoran and the Tidy Towns Committee had some good ideas for the refurbishment of the Bundoran Waterworld Playground. In advance of these works being completed, Cllr McMahan suggested a meeting should take place with the Tidy Towns Committee and the Manager of the Bundoran Waterworld.

Cllr Kennedy commended the work of the Community Development Section and sought the inclusion of the Kilcar playground in the next print run of the Playground Passport maps. Cllr Kennedy also noted that the report for Playground Maintenance noted the year 2022 and

hoped that the Carrick playground will be included in next year's maintenance schedule.

Cllr Naughton queried if there was funding available for St John Bosco Playground in Donegal Town.

Cllr Sweeny suggested the proposed designs for the refurbishment works at the Mall Park Playground should be distributed to a number of stakeholders who utilise the facilities at the Mall Quay area.

Mr McLaughlin agreed to seek further clarification in relation to the points raised.

### **Tidy Towns**

Cllr McMahon commended the work of the Tidy Towns Committee and noted that landscaping work was required along the front of the Bundoran Town Library.

### **Rossylongan**

Cllr Naughton commended the work carried out recently by Coillte at Rossylongan and noted additional signage will be erected in due course. It is hoped this project will be suitable for additional funding going forward.

### **Outdoor Recreation Strategy**

Cllr Sweeny looked forward to receiving a copy of the Outdoor Recreation Strategy and queried if there are any additional documents such as a map to accompany the strategy. Mr McLaughlin agreed to seek further information.

### **Community Trails Plan**

In response to a query from Cllr Sweeny in relation to some trails located south of the county not included on the plan, Mr McLaughlin agreed to seek further information.

### **Westend Walk, Bundoran**

In relation to the further development of the Westend Walk in Bundoran, Cllr McMahon agreed to contact the local landowner. Mr Sweeney submitted that he could attend a meeting with the landowner, if required.

### **Planning Services**

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

- Development Applications
- Enforcement
- 023 Planning Clinics
  - 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023

- 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023
- 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023
- 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023
- Regeneration & Development Team Report
- Building Control & Taking In Charge
- Capital Projects Delivery Unit

In relation to a previous discussion regarding suitable sites for the caravan and camping visitors, Ms Quinn submitted that the County Development Plan which includes town and village plans, could contain scope to consider designating a specific area for caravan and camping sites. Ms Quinn also submitted that an advice note will issue shortly in relation to the remediation of dwellings damaged by defective blocks and noted that the Planning Office is available to deal with specific queries regarding planning requirements.

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

#### **Casual Trading Bye-Laws**

In response to a query from Cllr Kennedy in relation to the finalisation of the Casual Trading Bye-Laws, Ms Quinn noted the existing staff shortages within the office and agreed to seek an update on same.

#### **Development Charges**

Cllr Jordan queried if there was a possibility in obtaining development charge exemptions, especially for applicants who are sourcing their own water connections. Ms Quinn noted the high costs experienced by some applicants, especially if a water/waste connection is required, and advised that development charges are issued at a national level and agreed to circulate an information note on same.

#### **Armada Cottages, Bundoran**

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

On the proposal of Councillor M McMahon seconded by Councillor Naughton it is resolved that the Council make an order in accordance with Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act, 1993 to declare the estate roads within the housing estate Armada Cottages, Bundoran to be a public road and note the consequential provisions contained in Section 180(4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) whereby this Council will also take in charge the water services infrastructure and the public open spaces or car park within the

attendant grounds of the development and will subsequently transfer the water services within the estate to Irish Water.

### **Ashdoon Brae, Drumroosk West, Donegal Town**

On the proposal of Councillor Jordan seconded by Councillor Naughton it is resolved that the Council make an order in accordance with Section 207 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) for the creation of a public right of way over the estate roads within the housing estate Ashdoon Brae, Drumroosk West, Donegal Town as set out in the attached maps, to enable it to proceed with the taking in charge of the estates.

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

### **MDD/105/23 DISCUSSION ON THE PIPELINE ALONG THE CHURCH ROAD AND ROCK ROAD IN BUNDORAN**

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

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

Members were given a response to the motion by the A/Area Manager, Housing & Corporate.

In speaking to his motion, Cllr McMahon noted the quality of water along the Church Road in Bundoran was not fit for purpose and this area was continually experiencing leaks. Cllr McMahon called for Uisce Éireann to install a new water mains along this route. Cllr Jordan concurred with Cllr McMahon.

By way of information, Ms Quinn had recently dealt with a planning application located within this area and as part of the application had received correspondence from Uisce Éireann to advise that works will commence in quarter 3 of 2023.



**MDD/106/23 Date of Next Meeting / Workshops**

- Regeneration & Development Team Workshop on Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 11am in the Donegal Public Service Centre
- MD Meeting on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 11.30 am in the Peter Kennedy Chamber (as per standing orders)

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

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

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

**Minutes of the Corporate Workshop of Municipal District of Donegal held on Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023, commencing at 10.30 am in the Peter Kennedy Chamber, Donegal Public Service Centre, Donegal Town**

**Members Present:**

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

**Officials in Attendance:**

Mr Paul McGill, Area Manager, Corporate Services  
Ms Fiona Wasson, I.S. Analyst Developer  
Ms Linda McCann, A/Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal  
Mr Mark Sweeney, Area Manager, Roads & Transportation  
Mr Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services  
Ms Caroline Britton, Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

**Apologies**

Mr Pauric Sheerin, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal

**Minutes**

**Members Representations System**

- 1.0 Cllr Conaghan welcomed all attendees to the Workshop and invited Mr McGill and Ms Wasson to make a presentation.
- 2.0 By way of an introduction to the new Members Representation System, Mr McGill provided a background, explaining that the response timelines in relation to Members representations had been raised at various meetings including CPG meetings as well being raised directly with the Chief Executive. As the existing ad-hoc system does not allow for timelines to be monitored, the Chief Executive had asked the IT Department to develop a system to allow for a more streamlined process when dealing with Members representations.
- 3.0 Ms Wasson gave a brief demonstration on the new CRM system which has been developed in-house and noted the benefits of maintaining a record of the representations submitted should the same information be required at a later date.
- 4.0 A number of comments and queries were dealt with at the workshop, and the Members submitted that they were satisfied with the response timelines within the Donegal MD, however, welcomed the system and noted the benefits of retaining a record of representations. Mr McGill emphasised that it was not compulsory for the Members to use the new system and if Members were happy with the existing arrangements, then they can continue to use the same method.

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

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**A / Area Manager,  
Municipal District of Donegal**

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**Cathaoirleach,  
Municipal District of Donegal**

# Donegal Municipal District

## Roads & Transportation Workshop

**Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**Time:** 11:00am

**Venue:** Donegal PSC - Council Chamber

**Present:**

**Councillors:** Cllr Sweeney, Cllr Naughton, Cllr Kennedy,  
Cllr Conaghan, Cllr McMahon. Cllr Jordan.

**DCC Staff:** Mark Sweeney,

**Topic discussed:**

### 1. Additional Road Improvement grant.

The Members were advised that the Department has allocated an additional €22,500,000 extra funding for Road Improvement projects throughout the country in recognition of the fact that cost inflation is having a significant impact on the cost of delivering regional and local road annual works programmes.

This equates to the following:

- An additional €1,458,607 for the County
- An additional €305,618 for the Donegal Municipal District

The members were presented with a list of projects on which this allocation is to be spent and were happy with what is being proposed.

See table below for list of projects.

This list is to be formally adopted at the next Donegal MD meeting which is scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

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

# Donegal Municipal District

## 2023 Road Improvement Programme - Extra Grant

2023							
Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Eng Area	Estimated Cost (€)	Budget per RSS Area	Area	Notes
R	R-280-1	Church Road	16	€70,000.00	€79,750.84	Ballyshannon	Additional project
L	L-2425-5	Ballyshannon Streets	16	€9,750.84			Additional project
LS	L-8035-2	Grousehall	17	€73,032.40	€73,032.40	Laghey	Additional project
LP	LP1515-3	Ardaghey Ardara Road (Hraolds Quarry)	14	€32,897.76	€76,897.76	Dunkineely	Additional patch
R	R262-4	Frosses Glenties Road, Meenagran	14	€34,000.00			Additional patch
LP	LP2615-1	Mainstreet Mountcharles	14	€10,000.00			Increasing budget to cover tendered price.
R	R253-14	Cashel Hill	15	€10,000.00	€76,000.00	Killybegs	Increasing budget to cover tendered price.
R	R263-4	Killybegs Streets	15	€20,000.00			Increasing budget to cover tendered price.
R	R230	Meenanearry - Crove	15	€20,000.00			Increasing budget to cover tendered price.
R	R263-17	Malinbeg - Silver Strand	15	€15,000.00			Increasing budget to cover tendered price.
LS	LS5235-1	Kilbeg, Kilcar	15	€11,000.00			Increasing budget to cover tendered price.
				<b>€305,681.00</b>			

This concluded the business of the Workshop.

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**A / Area Manager,**  
**Municipal District of Donegal**

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

# Donegal Municipal District

## Roads & Transportation Workshop

**Date:** 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023

**Time:** 14:00pm

**Venue:** Donegal PSC - Council Chamber

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

**DCC Staff:** Mark Sweeney.

**Topic discussed:**

- 1. 2023 Local Improvement Schemes Tranche 2 Funding**
- 2. Adjustment to the RI Programme**

### **2023 Local Improvement Schemes – Tranche 2 Funding:**

The Members were presented with a complete list of Local Improvement Schemes (LIS) and were asked to prioritise a list of works for the 2023 LIS tranche 2 funding.

The funding available to the DMS this year is €196,069.00.

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

This programme is to be formally agreed at the DMD meeting scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

## **Donegal MD**

### **2023 LIS Tranche 2 Funding - List of prioritised schemes**

<b>Ref_No</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>Work Area</b>	<b>Schemes selected at workshop 10.08.2023</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Notes</b>
230017	Inver Glebe, Dunkineely	14	1	€13,824.00	Road to old graveyard (amenity)
170841	Drimarone	14	2	€13,824.00	
170653	Ballymacahill	14	3	€12,000.00	

190284	Coolshannon	14	4	€25,200.00	
170817	Ballydevitt	14	5	€16,384.00	
170404	Ballydevitt	14	6	€19,040.00	
170869	Calhame	15	1	€16,000.00	
170749	Meenahoaghan	15	2	€26,000.00	
180227	Rockhill	16	1	€17,000.00	
170685	Loughultan	17	1	€36,797.00	

€196,069.00 Total  
 €196,069.00 Budget  
 €0.00 Difference

**Adjustment to RI Programme:**

Due to recently notified watermain replacement works near Kilcar we wish to relocate one of our planned Road Improvement projects to avoid these surfacing works being dug up shortly after it has been laid.

Detailed below is a table and a map detailing the location of the road being dropped at Kilbeg (L-1175-1) and the road we are proposing to do at Towney (L-1215-1).

The Members agreed to this proposed change.

This adjustment to the programme is to be formally agreed at the DMD meeting scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Width	Length (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO) Amended	
L-1175-1	Kilbeg (out of Kilcar)	5	400	2000	€61,000.00	Remove
L-1215-1	Towney Rd	6	400	2600	€61,000.00	Add



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

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

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Donegal County Council

## Municipal District of Donegal

12<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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### **Housing & Corporate**

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## **REPORT**

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## Casual Vacancies

Area	BED	Dwelling Vacated	Comment
Ballintra	3	Tenant deceased - keys returned 17/07/2023	Contractor appointed
Bundoran	3	Tenant deceased on the 25/08/2022	Contractor on site
Bundoran	2	Tenant deceased on the 12/01/2023	Contractor on site
Ballyshannon	3	Keys returned 08/07/2019	Contractor on site
Ballyshannon	3	Tenant deceased - keys returned 16/06/2023	Contractor on site
Donegal Town	2	Keys returned 20/06/2023	Tender documents to be prepared
Bruckless	3	Keys returned 25/05/2023	Assessment Stage
Killybegs	1	Tenant deceased - keys returned 23/05/2022	Contractor on site
Kilcar	1	Tenant deceased - keys returned 24/07/2023	Contractor appointed
Carrick	2	Keys returned 22/06/2023	Contractor appointed
Glencolmcille	1	Tenant deceased - keys returned 10/03/2023	Contractor appointed

Position as at 5th September 2023

**HOUSING GRANTS**

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED \ INVALID	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HO	2022	89	79	7	2	1
HO	2023	74	50	2	10	12

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED \ INVALID	REAPPLIED UNDER HM GRANT	FURTHER INFO.	REF. TO OT	REF. To ENGINEER	PEN
HD	2022	47	33	7	0	2	5	0	0
HD	2023	36	19	4	0	7	3	0	0

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED \ INVALID	REAPPLIED UNDER HD GRANT	REF. TO OT	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HM	2022	41	30	5	5	0	1	0
HM	2023	24	16	0	5	0	1	2

**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	8	1	0	1	5	1

**Tenant Purchase Applications 2022 - 2023**

Year	No. of Apps Received	Incomplete Returned	Open Applications	Refused/ Not Eligible	Offer letters Issued	Completed
2022	9	1	7	1	0	0
2023	16	0	14	2	0	0

<b>HAP/PRD</b>	
<b>HAP Tenancies</b>	
<b>Municipal District</b>	<b>Number</b>
Donegal	220
Letterkenny	712
Glenties	113
Stranorlar	286
Inishowen	425
Sub Total	1756
Tenancies Closed	2794
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>4550</b>

#### Housing Need by Location

<b>Municipal District</b>	<b>Waiting List (Net Need)</b>	<b>Transfer List</b>	<b>Total Gross Need</b>
<b>Donegal</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>419</b>
Ballintra	8	8	16
Ballyshannon	37	52	89
Bruckless	6	3	9
Bundoran	38	60	98
Carrick	1	0	1
Donegal	79	66	145
Drimarone	0	1	1
Dunkineely	2	4	6
Frosses	1	0	1
Glencolmcille	4	0	4
Inver	0	1	1
Kilcar	4	2	6
Killybegs	10	17	27
Laghey	3	4	7
Mountcharles	2	7	9
Pettigo	3	2	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>425</b>

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

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

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

Location	Status	No. of Units
<b>Construction Stage</b>		
Railway Park, Donegal Town (Phase 3)	Construction works progressing well on-site. Project due for completion September 2023.	24
<b>Design / Tender Stage</b>		
<del>Drumacrin</del> , Bundoran Phase 1	Project has been tendered and Departmental approval to appoint the successful contractor has been sought. The project is expected to commence on site in October 2023.	42
<del>Largmore</del> , <del>Kilcar</del> (SI)	Tender drawings and Bill of Quantities being finalised in advance of tendering.	1
<b>Preliminary Design Stage (No of units subject to change)</b>		
New Row, Fintra Road, Killybegs	The ESB has moved overhead powerlines to provide access to the site and the entrance has been constructed. Site Investigation Trial holes have been carried out. Surveys and investigations are underway to progress the design of the housing scheme.	17
Laghey	Design currently being finalised in a town centre restricted site. Party wall details to be agreed with adjoining landowners.	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>88</b>

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

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

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

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

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

The acquisition of the turnkey development at Brookfield, Donegal Town is now complete, and the Council is in receipt of keys of the final phase of development. The development provides a total of 38 no. high quality and energy efficient social housing units in Donegal Town.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Repair & Lease Scheme Summary**

<b>MD</b>	<b>Applications</b>					
	<b>Received</b>	<b>No. of Units</b>	<b>Awaiting assessment</b>	<b>Rejected</b>	<b>Progressing</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Inishowen</b>	25	28	2	23	0	<b>25</b>
<b>Donegal</b>	18	42	1	17	0	<b>18</b>
<b>Glenties</b>	20	20	1	19	0	<b>20</b>
<b>Letterkenny</b>	33	58	7	26	0	<b>33</b>
<b>Stranorlar</b>	26	83	13	13	0	<b>26</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>122</b>



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

# Donegal Municipal District

## Agreed 2023 Road Maintenance (Surface Dressing) Programme

Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Works Type	Year	Length (m)	Width (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)	Status
<b>2023 Regional &amp; Local Road Surface Dressing</b>										
R	R262/6	Frosses Glenties Patching	14	SD	2023	510	7	3570	€19,635.00	Completed
LS	LS6495-1	Heney's (Patching)	14	SD	2023	950	4.75	4512.5	€22,130.00	Completed
LP	LP1865-1	Ballydevitt - Drumark (Patching)	14	SD	2023	1025	5.5	5638	€27,760.00	Completed
LS	LP6315-1	Mountcharles Forge Road	14	SD	2023	1300	4.2	5460	€26,870.00	Completed
LP	LP1815-1	Mountcharles Glencoagh (Tarmac)	14	SD	2023	800	4.5	3600	€17,956.98	Completed
LP	LP 1515-2/3	Meenabraden (Tarmac)	14	SD	2023	1000	5.75	5750	€28,320.00	Completed
LP	LP1415-3	Calhame - to Bogside Jnc	14	SD	2023	1200	4	4800	€23,570.00	Completed
LP	LP1425-1	Ballycroy St Johns Point	14	SD	2023	1000	3.75	3750	€18,320.00	Completed
LP	LP1665-3	Rock Road Doorin	14	SD	2023	1000	3.5	3500	€17,070.00	Completed
LP	LP1685-4	Meenaguse	14	SD	2023	1250	3.2	4000	€19,625.02	Completed
						<b>10035</b>		<b>44580</b>	<b>€221,257.00</b>	
LP	LP1265-3	Portnacrosch	15	SD	2023	1200	3.4	4080	€20,400.00	Completed
LP	LP1415-2	Loughmult/ Calhame	15	SD	2023	1300	3.7	4810	€24,050.00	Completed
LS	LS5645-1	Meenabraden/ Meencloy	15	SD	2023	1600	5.5	8800	€44,000.00	Completed
LP	LP1215-3	Lergadaghan/Muckross	15	SD	2023	1400	3.5	4950	€24,750.00	Completed
LP	LP1185-1	Cougish Link road	15	SD	2023	1000	3	3000	€15,000.00	Completed
LS	LP1115-1	Derrylaghan/Kilbeg	15	SD	2023	1200	4.2	5040	€25,200.00	Completed
LP	LP5015-3	Loughaherk toward straboy	15	SD	2023	1600	4	6400	€27,996.86	Completed
LS	LS5075-1	Kinakillev	15	SD	2023	1000	3.3	3300	€16,500.00	Completed
LP	LP1025-2	Malinmore	15	SD	2023	1200	5	6000	€30,000.00	Completed
LS	LS5195-1	Derrylaghan rowards Cuskary	15	SD	2023	1100	3.5	3850	€19,250.00	Completed
LS	LT11151	Derrylaghan rowards Cuskary g	15	SD	2023	700	3	2100	€10,500.00	Completed
LP	LP1395-1	Calhame towards Gilbertstown	15	SD	2023	900	4.5	4050	€20,916.14	Completed
						<b>14200</b>		<b>56380</b>	<b>€278,563.00</b>	
LP	L-2255-1	Ballintra Gables	16	RM	2023	630	5.00	3150	€15,750.00	Completed
LP	L-2305-1	Rockhill	16	RM	2023	450	4.00	1800	€9,000.00	Completed
LS	L-7745-1	Ardgillew	16	RM	2023	1100	3.30	3630	€18,150.00	Completed
LS	L-7815-2	Lough Unshin	16	RM	2023	1400	4.00	5600	€28,000.00	Completed
LP	L-2525-2	Moy Road (O'Mahony's to Tow	16	RM	2023	1000	5.50	5500	€27,500.00	Completed
R	R-231-5	Rossnowlagh	16	RM	2023	1000	6.50	6500	€35,750.00	Completed
LS	L-7475-1	Barr of Ballynacarrick	16	RM	2023	1700	3.50	5950	€32,725.00	Completed
LP	L-2485-4	Cliff Road to Knader	16	RM	2023	1040	4.50	4680	€23,400.00	Completed
LP	L-7835-1	Cliff Road to Corlea	16	RM	2023	300	5.00	1500	€7,500.00	Completed
LS	L-7795-2	Corlea	16	RM	2023	300	5.00	1500	€7,500.00	Completed
LS	L-7825-1	Corlea to Derrewkillev	16	RM	2023	1400	3.00	4200	€21,000.00	Completed
	L-7675-2	Abbeylands to Cowpark	16	RM	2023	1000	4.00	4000	€22,850.00	Completed
						<b>11320</b>		<b>48010</b>	<b>€249,125.00</b>	
LP	L 1935-1	Raily Park /Drumroske East	17	RM	2023	1100	5	5500	€27,500.00	Completed
LP	L 1965-1	Harveys Point	17	RM	2023	1100	5.5	6050	€30,250.00	Completed
LP	L 2025-1	St Ernans	17	RM	2023	1200	5	6000	€30,000.00	Completed
LP	L 2185	Ballintooly /Rath	17	RM	2023	1200	5	6000	€30,000.00	Completed
LT	L 21451-0	Carrick West	17	RM	2023	1100	3.5	3850	€19,250.00	Completed
LT	L 20952-1	Ballykillowen	17	RM	2023	1100	3.5	3850	€19,250.00	Completed
LS	L 7345-3	Kimmid Depot	17	RM	2023	1150	3.5	4025	€20,125.00	Completed
LT	L 22652-0	Carn	17	RM	2023	2400	3.5	8400	€42,000.00	Completed
R	R233	Lough Derg	17	RM	2023	1200	5	6000	€33,000.00	Completed
R	R267	Abbots	17	RM	2023	740	7	5180	€0.00	Dropped
LP	L2125-1	Lagheybarr	17	RM	2023	1000	4	4000	€29,758.00	Completed
						<b>13290</b>		<b>54855</b>	<b>€281,133.00</b>	
									<b>€1,030,078.00</b>	

# Donegal Municipal District

## Agreed 2023 Road Improvement Programme

T1 Additional RI Funds

### 2023

Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Year	Width	Length (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (€)	Status	Comments
R	R262/3	Frosses - Meenagran	14	2023	6	820	4920	€214,000.00	Started	Additional RI money
LP	LP2615/1	Main Street Mounthcharles	14	2023	8	450	3600	€110,000.00	Started	Additional RI money
LP	LP1515/3	Ardaghey - Ardara (Meenabradren)	14	2022	5.5	740	4070	€145,897.76	Started	Additional RI money
LP	LP1845/3	Ballydevitt - Altadoo	14	2023	6.5	650	4225	€118,000.00	Started	
LP	LP1665/3	Rock Road Doorin	14	2023	3.75	700	2625	€73,000.00	Started	
LP	LP1575/3	Killian N S - Drumnacarry	14	2023	3.5	450	1575	€44,000.00	Started	
LP	LP1585/1	Drumnacarry - Ballymacahill	14	2023	3.5	450	1575	€44,000.00	Started	
LP	LP1375/5	Leagans - Meenawullaghan	14	2022	3.5	1000	3500	€72,000.00	Completed	
LP	LP1625/1	McGrans Post Office (Patch)	14	2023	20	25	500	€16,500.00	Started	
LS	LS6175/1	Salthill - Mounthcharles Leonards	14	2023	3.75	300	1125	€33,750.00	Started	
LP	LP1815/1	Glencoagh	14	2023	5	300	1500	€71,280.00	Started	
LS	LS975/1	Drumgorman	14	2023	3.75	550	2063	€39,160.00	Completed	
LS	LP1645/4	Doorin Line	14	2023	6	240	1440	€47,520.00	Started	
						<b>6675</b>	<b>32718</b>	<b>€1,029,107.76</b>		
R	R263-14	Cashel hill	15	2023	6.7	700	4690	€160,000.00	Completed	Additional RI money
R	R263 - 4	Killybegs streets	15	2023	9.0	450	4000	€170,000.00	Completed	Additional RI money
LP	LP1345-2	Binroe	15	2023	3.5	700	2450	€78,000.00	Completed	
LP	L1365-1	Drumaghy	15	2023	11.0	200	2200	€60,000.00	Started	
R	R230	Meenaneary to crove	15	2023	6.5	500	3250	€100,000.00	Completed	Additional RI money
LS	LS5295-1	Strabinnna	15	2023	3.0	700	2100	€39,543.66	Completed	
R	R-263-11	Meenavaghan	15	2023	6.7	700	4690	€150,000.00	Completed	
LS	L-1175-1	Kilbeg (out of Kilcar)	15	2023	5.0	400	2000	€0.00		Dropped
LP	L-1215-1	Towney Road	15	2023	6.0	400	2400	€61,000.00	Completed	Additional RI money
LS	L1295-2	Balbane	15	2023	3.5	800	2800	€50,000.00	Completed	
LP	LP1025-3	Meenaveen	15	2023	5.0	350	1750	€70,000.00	Completed	
R	R263-17	Malinbeg towards silver strand	15	2023	4.0	500	2000	€80,000.00	Completed	Additional RI money
LS	LS5465-1	Straleeny - Aghayevoige	15	2023	4.5	450	2025	€50,016.34	Started	
						<b>6850</b>	<b>36355</b>	<b>€1,068,560.00</b>		
R	R 267	Bundoran Streets	16	2023	9.0	300	2700	€50,000.00		
LP	L-2315-1	Smugglers Creek Rossnowlagh	16	2023	5.0	300	1870	€50,000.00	Completed	
LS	L-7675-1	Coolmore to Spaddan	16	2023	4.0	1400	5600	€137,600.00	Completed	
LP	L-2525-3	Four Masters (Moy Road)	16	2023	6.0	230	1380	€34,500.00	Completed	
LP	L 75152	Alla-Lurgan	16	2023	3.2	1000	3200	€86,400.00	Completed	
LP	L 7985-1	Lisaholly North	16	2023	4.4	300	1320	€35,640.00	Completed	
LP	L 7275-1	Legnanornoge	16	2023	3.2	1700	5440	€151,286.00	Completed	
LP	L7115-2	Lacklom (Timoney House to Xroads)	16	2023	4.0	300	1200	€32,400.00	Completed	
LS	L7815-1-2	Cashelard (Quarry)	16	2023	3.5	1000	3500	€94,500.00	Completed	
LP	L7875-3	Ballymunterhiggins - Ardroughill	16	2023	5.0	1000	5000	€85,000.00	Completed	
LP	L7515-2	Ardpatton - Alla	16	2023	3.75	1000	3750	€101,250.00	Completed	
LP	L2545-1	Ballymunterhiggins (Mangre RD)	16	2023	3	1000	3000	€51,000.00	Completed	
LP	L-2535-1	Ballymunterhiggin (Higginstown)	16	2023	5	500	2500	€87,847.00	Completed	
R	R280	Church Road	16	2023	7	350	2450	€70,000.00		Additional RI money
L	L-2425-5	Ballyshannon Streets	16	2023				€9,750.84		Additional RI money
						<b>10380</b>	<b>40460</b>	<b>€1,077,173.84</b>		
R	R267	Donegal Streets	17	2023	7	500	3500	€112,000.00		
R	R232	Pettigo Road	17	2023	7	500	3500	€172,786.00		
LP	L1835-1	Greenan Lough Eske	17	2023	4.5	1000	4500	€78,354.00	Completed	
LS	L 8065-2	Crilly Lettercran Chapel	17	2023	3.5	1000	3500	€59,500.00	Completed	
LS	L6685-2	Meenadreen	17	2023	3.5	650	2275	€45,500.00	Completed	
LS	L6765-2	Drumcroagh continuation of last year	17	2023	3.5	1000	3500	€70,000.00	Started	
LP	L1835-3	Corraccamp Rd to Tawnawully Old sch	17	2023	4	1000	4000	€0.00		Dropped
LP	L2125-1	Lagheybarr	17	2023	4	1000	4000	€128,000.00	Completed	
LS	L6785-2	Glackens to Ardnagasson	17	2023	3.5	700	2450	€49,000.00	Completed	
LS	L6505-1	New Line Barnes	17	2023	3.5	1000	3500	€70,000.00	Completed	
LP	L2125-3	Ranenney Barr PJ towards Willie Mc Gr	17	2023	3.5	1000	3500	€59,500.00	Completed	
LT	L65052	Ardnawark Danny Dunnion	17	2023	3.5	750	2625	€52,500.00	Started	
LS	L7365-2	Junction Lough Derg Rd to T junction M	17	2023	3.5	650	2275	€45,500.00	Completed	
LP	L1975-1	Corveen Depot Rd	17	2023	3.5	700	2450	€49,000.00	Completed	
LP	L1965-1	Friary Lough Eske	17	2023	3.5	700	2450	€49,000.00	Completed	
LP	L2055-1	Laghey (Urban)	17	2023	8	200	1600	€56,000.00		
LS	L-8035-2	Grousehall	17	2023	4	1250	5000	€73,032.40	Started	Additional RI money
						<b>13600</b>	<b>49625</b>	<b>€1,169,672.40</b>		
								<b>€4,344,514.00</b>		

## Donegal Municipal District Drainage Works

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

## Donegal MD public lighting infill works

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

# Donegal MD footpath repair works

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

RSS Area	Location	Year	Budget	Spent	Remaining Balance	% Complete
15	Killybegs	2018	€15,568.00	€15,575.78	-€7.78	100%
		2019	€16,600.00	€16,600.00	€0.00	100%
		2020	€50,000.00	€51,817.02	-€1,817.02	104%
	Kilcar	2020	€3,200.00	€0.00	€3,200.00	0%
	Glencolmcille	2019	€8,300.00	€0.00	€8,300.00	0%
		2020	€16,314.00	€0.00	€16,314.00	0%
	Carrick	2019	€8,300.00	€0.00	€8,300.00	0%
		2020	€1,700.00	€0.00	€1,700.00	0%
	Area 15	2022	€17,246.00	€0.00	€17,246.00	0%
	<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>€137,228.00</b>	<b>€83,992.80</b>	<b>€53,235.20</b>	<b>61%</b>

RSS Area	Location	Year	Budget	Spent	Remaining Balance	% Complete
16	Ballintra	2020	€11,214.00	€11,214.00	€0.00	100%
	Ballyshannon	2018	€95,244.00	€79,716.99	€15,527.01	84%
		2019	€16,600.00	€10,375.66	€6,224.34	63%
		2020	€35,000.00	€30,966.14	€4,033.86	88%
	Bundoran	2019	€16,600.00	€16,600.00	€0.00	100%
		2020	€25,000.00	€25,000.00	€0.00	100%
	Area 16	2022	€105,493.00	€9,709.45	€95,783.55	9%
	<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>€305,151.00</b>	<b>€183,582.24</b>	<b>€121,568.76</b>	<b>60%</b>

RSS Area	Location	Year	Budget	Spent	Remaining Balance	% Complete
17	Donegal Town	2018	€32,879.00	€24,048.00	€8,831.00	73%
		2019	€16,600.00	€17,500.00	-€900.00	105%
		2020	€47,214.00	€586.70	€46,627.30	1%
	Laghey	2019	€8,300.00	€4,750.00	€3,550.00	57%
		2020	€4,000.00	€0.00	€4,000.00	0%
	Bridgetown	2020	€20,000.00	€18,634.00	€1,366.00	93%
	Pettigo	2019	€8,300.00	€880.35	€7,419.65	11%
		2020	€10,000.00	€0.00	€10,000.00	0%
	Area 17	2022	€26,424.34	€0.00	€26,424.34	0%
	<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>€173,717.34</b>	<b>€66,399.05</b>	<b>€107,318.29</b>	<b>38%</b>

# Donegal MD Active Travel Projects

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

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

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

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

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



## Donegal MD Community Involvement Schemes 2023

Funding available in 2023 €184,264.00

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

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<b>2023 LIS Tranche 1 Funding Priority List -</b>				
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<b>2023 Budget</b>	<b>840,509.00</b>			
<b>DMD Budget</b>	<b>€156,950.00</b>			

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

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<b>2023 LIS Tranche 2 Funding Priority List -</b>				
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<b>2023 Budget</b>	<b>€1,050,000.00</b>			
<b>DMD Budget</b>	<b>€196,069.00</b>			

<b>Ref_No</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>Work Area</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status</b>
230017	Inver Glebe, Dunkineely	14	€13,824.00	
170841	Drimarone	14	€13,824.00	
170653	Ballymacahill	14	€12,000.00	
190284	Coolshannon	14	€25,200.00	
170817	Ballydevitt	14	€16,384.00	
170404	Ballydevitt	14	€19,040.00	
170869	Calhame	15	€16,000.00	
170749	Meenahoaghan	15	€26,000.00	
180227	Rockhill	16	€17,000.00	
170685	Loughultan	17	€36,797.00	
			€196,069.00	Total

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



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- **1. Division: Economic Development**

### **1.1 Economic Development Unit**

#### **Project / Activity Report**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Economic Development Unit</b>
<b>Countywide</b>	<p><b>Property Solutions:</b> The team is progressing a number of property solution opportunities across the county. These are queries relating to the purchase of council owned lands for Economic Development purposes.</p> <p><b>Killybegs Marine Cluster Steering Group:</b> The Economic Development Unit continues to support the development of the Marine Cluster with a view to enhancing business development opportunities for businesses in the sector not just in Killybegs but across the county. Recent activity includes the Innovation Cadet programmes hosted by the Alpha Innovation Team, St Catherines Vocational School and the Cluster to introduce young people to innovation and opportunities in the Marine Sector.</p> <p><b>#LoveDonegal 2023:</b> #LoveDonegal day 2023 takes place on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023. #LoveDonegal provides the opportunity to promote Donegal and it's wonderful offering to the widest possible audience and the Donegal diaspora play a hugely important role in this. Spreading the word in relation to opportunities and quality of life in Donegal is one of the main aims for this campaign. Ultimately, organisers want more people to visit, invest and relocate to Donegal for and experience the spectacular quality of life on offer.</p> <p>Details on the #LoveDonegal campaign and how to get involved are available on <a href="https://Donegal.ie/LoveDonegal">Donegal.ie/LoveDonegal</a></p> <p><b>Remote Working:</b> The 2023 Remote Working Holiday campaign is in collaboration with Donegal Hubs Forum and Healthy Ireland's initiative 'Civic Dollars' encouraging social inclusion, mental and physical wellbeing, and supporting local businesses.</p> <p>The focus of the Working Holiday campaign is on promoting the wide network of Digital Hubs across the county and showcasing the unique</p>

offering Donegal has for a work-life balance without compromise. Details of the campaign are available at: <https://donegal.ie/workholdl>

**Relocation Marketing Campaign:** A relocation marketing campaign to attract talent nationally and from overseas continues to roll out, supported by two showreel videos and testimonials from those who have relocated, to encourage people to #MoveToDonegal. So far it has reached over 3 million across all social media platforms and received over 65 relocation enquiries.

This campaign has been shortlisted in the twentieth annual Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards 2023 for “Promoting Economic Development”.

**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	12,834	4,825 (+52)
Twitter	5.1k	2,940 (+42)
Instagram	1,756	3,974(+48)
Facebook	2,880	1,933 (+8)
Donegal.ie	3.8K Web Users (4 weeks 22 July – 19 August)	

11 News Items Published.

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

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

**Innovation Plaza** to develop cross-border food innovation campuses in Ballyshannon and Irvinestown in partnership with Fermanagh and Omagh District Council (FODC). Key stakeholder consultation, site appraisal and benchmarking are currently being progressed by the appointed consultants. The completed Feasibility Study, Economic Appraisal/Business Case is on track for delivery in October 2023.

**Regenerative Tourism Project** is a proposal to develop a cross border slow tourism destination which preserves and showcases the region's rich, social, cultural and natural heritage while enabling tourism enterprise clusters to grow and prosper. *The preferred option emerging is to develop key recreational hubs at the Knader Forest and Castle Caldwell and to link them physically, promotionally and thematically with regional visitor hubs in Belleek and Ballyshannon, through a shared use trail network to develop a connected, serviced destination for the region.*

*Community Trails emerging in Option 2 include:*

- *Monellan Wood-Trusk Lough-Killeter, connecting to Lifford Castlefinn & proposed Barnesmore Greenway*
- *Castle Archdale & Lisnarick Trail*
- *Creevy Shore Walk with links to include old Co-Op Coastal Walk*
- *Big Dog Forest & connections with Lough Navar*
- *Pettigo Looped Trails & connections to Lough Derg Pilgrim Path*
- *Glenee Forest, Killybegs*
- *Ballybofey/Stranorlar connections using Drumboe Woods, etc.*

The completed Feasibility Study, Economic Appraisal/Business Case is on track for delivery in October 2023.

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

	<p><b>North West City Region:</b> Donegal County Council and Derry City and Strabane District Council on a number of key projects for supporting and stimulating Inward Investment in the region as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Collaborative NWCR Events</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Irish Embassy Event in London - 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023.</li> <li>○ Golden Bridges, USA - November 2023</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Inward Investment Strategy:</b> pitch propositions, factsheets and a marketing plan, a promotional video and the final branding for the North West City Region focusing on key investment sectors will be completed in June.</li> <li>● <b>Irelandnw.com Website:</b> An audit and revamp of the NWCR website is in progress to reflect the new marketing and branding collateral.</li> <li>● <b>Communications:</b> The EDU continues to collaborate with DCSDC on promoting the North West City Region for investment and business opportunities across multiple platforms including irelandnw.com and via LinkedIn and Twitter platforms.</li> </ul> <p><b>Atlantic Economic Corridor:</b> Donegal County Council is working with Local Authority partners along the western coast to progress mutually beneficial projects and initiatives around economic development. The various Councils are currently working with the WDC to develop an AEC Strategy for the seaboard counties that will promote economic development and investment.</p> <p><b>Concierge Service:</b> The Concierge Service provides support to those interested in doing business in Donegal. The EDU team is planning a social media campaign to promote it over the coming months. The contact email for this service is <a href="mailto:economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie">economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie</a></p>
<b>Contact Person</b>	<p>Daniel Mc Chrystal – <a href="mailto:dmcchrystal@donegalcoco.ie">dmcchrystal@donegalcoco.ie</a></p> <p>Joy Browne - <a href="mailto:joybrowne@donegalcoco.ie">joybrowne@donegalcoco.ie</a> (087) 0619360</p>



## 1.2: Tourism Marketing Unit

### Project / Activity Report

Title	Tourism Unit
Countywide	<p data-bbox="456 430 1065 464"><b>Online &amp; Social Media Updates – Go Visit Donegal</b></p> <p data-bbox="456 495 813 529"><b><u>GoVisitDonegal.com Website</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="456 562 1338 636">In the last 28 days the website received 38K users – 37K new users and 1K returning visitors.</p> <p data-bbox="456 669 1382 743">Festivals and Events proved be the most popular page in the last 28 days with over 20k visits to the section.</p> <p data-bbox="456 777 578 810"><b>Facebook</b></p> <p data-bbox="456 823 1390 896">Facebook reach increased by 402.9% and Instagram reach increased by 25.1%. This was due to a variety of campaigns on the platform.</p> <p data-bbox="456 947 583 980"><b>Instagram</b></p> <p data-bbox="456 993 1312 1026">Across Instagram, there was an increase of 326 new followers (up 23%).</p> <p data-bbox="456 1077 565 1110"><b>LinkedIn</b></p> <p data-bbox="456 1123 1349 1194">In the last month, there was an increase in page views, with a rise of 155%. LinkedIn saw an increase of 37 new followers.</p> <p data-bbox="456 1245 550 1278"><b>Twitter</b></p> <p data-bbox="456 1291 1344 1365">Twitter insights show an increase of 8.2K impressions (up +166%) from the previous 90 days.</p> <p data-bbox="456 1415 542 1449"><b>TikTok</b></p> <p data-bbox="456 1499 1406 1698">A new TikTok account has been established for the GoVisitDonegal brand. Since launching in July, we have made consistent progress on this platform. We have uploaded five videos, and each have had relatively strong views to date. This work will continue to drive reach, brand awareness and driving people to the website.</p>

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

A digital campaign was launched in conjunction with Donegal Airport to raise awareness of the flight service from Glasgow to Donegal, to promote accessibility and increase traffic on the route, value for money and car hire at the airport.

The advertisement ran on Facebook/Instagram and on Google Ads – Display Ads

Duration: 15 June – 31 July 2023

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

Target Audience: Scotland, particularly Glasgow and Edinburgh and Donegal

#### **Results:**

Click links: 3,450k                  Reach: 105.3k

### **Leave no Trace Campaign**

Go Visit Donegal launched a responsible tourism campaign to raise awareness of the importance of exploring the outdoors responsibly with the focus on asking people to leave no trace of their visit and protect Donegal's stunning countryside.

This work is supported by a dedicated page on govisidonegal.com website, providing simple advice to visitors. The campaign reinforced the importance that as visitors, we should be aware of the consequences of our visits on our stunning landscapes, wildlife and communities.

Duration: 20 days – 21<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Goal: raise awareness of leave no trace

Target audience: ROI, NI

#### **Results:**

Reach: 64,651                  Total clicks: 1,076

## **Marketing Updates**

### **Ireland West Airport**

Ireland West Airport is enjoying a record-breaking year for passenger traffic in 2023. Recently released figures show that a record 367,000 passengers passed through the airport during the period January to June 2023, making it the busiest six-month period in the airports 38-year history.

The Tourism Unit is working with Ireland West Airport marketing team to update branding and imagery on all digital screens and billboards within the airport and ensure that Donegal has maximum exposure within the airport.

### **Brochures & Promotional Merchandise**

For the summer season, Donegal Tourism produced 6,000 A5 brochures in July and 3,000 A4 double sided leaflets. Brochures along with maps were distributed to all tourist offices, hotels, airports, and promotional events.

### **Spirit of Ireland Magazine**

Donegal Tourism will be advertising in the next edition of the Spirit of Ireland Magazine. The March issue will be distributed in New York City on St Patrick's Day. Spirit of Ireland is the official magazine of Nacta that brings visitors to Ireland to the value of 3.6 million annually. In addition, Tourism Ireland works very closely with the North American Celtic Trade association and attends the four major Irish Shows. Nacta uses the magazine as a travel brochure promoting Ireland.

### **Golf Cluster Meeting**

Donegal County Council Tourism Unit continues to support golf providers and is organising a meeting which will take place on Wednesday, 27th September 2023 in Cruit Island Golf Club. We have invited all golf providers in the county to attend this meeting with a view to working collaboratively to promote Donegal as a world class golf destination.

### **Donegal Tourism - Associate Members Committee**

The Associate Members Committee of Donegal Tourism CLG provides a forum that enables its members to share views, opinions, and insights and to provide a connection between members and the Board of Directors.

The committee is made up of members nominated and voted by members of the company with a poll taking every two years.

In April 2023, the process for nomination of members onto the committee commenced. Each member was assigned a business category and was nominated to vote on the membership of the committee.

The Associate Members Committee election process was completed in July and the names of the new committee members have been emailed to all members. The first meeting of this new committee is scheduled for September 13th. The main item on the agenda of this meeting will be the election of three committee members onto the Board of Directors.

### **Chicago/Milwaukee 2023**

Donegal Tourism recently completed a successful trade mission to the USA which saw representatives positively engage with tour operators in Chicago and participation in the world's largest Irish festival.

The schedule included a B2B event in Chicago, with an interactive presentation showcasing the very best Donegal has to offer to the key American decision-makers in attendance.

This event proved to be an excellent opportunity to meet, do business with and present to tour operators from the Chicago area— ensuring Donegal is top of mind for scheduling itineraries for their clients.

The team then moved to the Milwaukee to host an area in the travel section. Milwaukee Irish Fest is North America's largest celebration of Celtic music and culture, showcasing more than 100 entertainment acts on 17 stages.

Irish Fest promotes all aspects of Irish, Irish American and Celtic Cultures and attracted an audience of over 100,000 attendees.

The festival also provided an opportunity for staff to engage with several prominent visitors to the festival including the Mayor of Milwaukee, Cavalier Johnson and Ireland's Minister of State at the *Department of Justice and Equality*, James Browne, in addition to Tourism Ireland USA and Aer Lingus and other counties.

### **Laurentic Forum**

Donegal Tourism continues to attend monthly meetings in relation to exploring mutual opportunities.

### **Big O – Marketing Agency**

Donegal Tourism have appointed a marketing agency called Big O to create a campaign that is aligned with our product offering for the shoulder season. Donegal Tourism in conjunction with the trade hosted a fam trip in June to sample for the agency what the county has to offer. Ongoing meetings and plans are in place in advance of the delivery of a campaign later in the year.

### **Tides Project**

Donegal County Council Tides Project have appointed a Marketing/PR Campaign agency to promote the three pilot VR sites and to launch the two new models of the Saldanha, which were delivered to the two sites in July.

The objective of the marketing campaign is to achieve the following objectives:

- Create targeted marketing opportunities, to raise project/brand awareness for Donegal and keep the proposition ‘top of mind’ when considering a maritime destination.
- Build on the marketing assets (VR Experiences and 3D Models) and promote this offering.
- Highlight the unique experience that can be offered in these historic locations – Fanad, Greencastle and Fort Dunree and surrounding areas through social media, new photography, blogs and video.

### **TOURBO Project**

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

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

Social Media

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

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

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

	<p><a href="https://www.instagram.com/interregeutourbo/">https://www.instagram.com/interregeutourbo/</a></p> <p>Progress to August:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The initial meeting took place in Seville in June with seven European Partners</li> <li>2. The first financial report is due at the beginning of September</li> <li>3. Donegal stakeholders have been selected.</li> <li>4. The Tourism Unit is working on a communications plan for 2023, which will incorporate a series of surveys, meetings with stakeholders, and a press release to promote the project to tourism businesses.</li> </ol> <p><b>Donegal 550</b></p> <p>The Tourism team is sitting on the steering group focused on celebrating Donegal Town 550 in 2024. A logo has now been agreed and available for circulation to all groups, individuals and associations and a press release will be circulated in the next few weeks by Donegal Chamber inviting groups to participate.</p> <p><b>Minor Tourism Update</b></p> <p>Workshops with the members from each MD has been completed and the minor tourism allocations were adopted at MD meetings for Donegal; Glenties; Inishowen and Letterkenny. The Lifford MD is scheduled to take place in September.</p> <p>All applicants were notified in relation to their application.</p> <p><b>Festivals and Event workshop</b></p> <p>A festival and events workshop are planned for October.</p> <p>This workshop will cover topics such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Programming</li> <li>Budgeting</li> <li>Sponsorship</li> <li>Operations</li> <li>Marketing &amp; Promotion</li> <li>Cross Selling</li> </ul>
<b>Donegal MD</b>	<p><b>Bundoran Marketing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuing to activate marketing plan 2023.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promotion and distribution of the 2023 Discover Bundoran brochure. Available in print and online.</li> <li>• Updating blogs and content on website.</li> <li>• Compilation and distribution of monthly email newsletter.</li> <li>• Introduction of new webcam “Towercam” at Waterworld which has been added to the Discover Bundoran webcams page.</li> <li>• Drafting plans and discussions for 2024</li> </ul> <p><b>Bundoran Tourist Office</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tourist Office open 6 days a week (Tue-Sun)</li> <li>• Currently two TÚS employees working.</li> </ul> <p><b>Website and social media</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintaining a social media presence for the town on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Scheduling of content to direct social media users to the website to increase traffic.</li> <li>• Creation of website content and updating of event/music listings.</li> <li>• Users of discoverbundoran.com up .61% Jan 1<sup>st</sup> – Aug 15<sup>th</sup> v 2022, Page views up 2.22% on same period &amp; Sessions up 6.01% on same period.</li> <li>• Website users and page views: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2022 (Jan-Aug 15<sup>th</sup>) – Users 88,686 – Page Views 202,949</li> <li>2023 (Jan-Aug 15<sup>th</sup>) - Users 89,227 - Page Views 207,449</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The webcam remains constantly the most viewed page on the website monthly at almost 17% of the entire traffic.</li> </ul> <p><b>Waterworld</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marketing plan for 2023 season continues to be activated and tweaked. Waterworld open daily for July and August.</li> </ul> <p><b>Other</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working with DCC team on Bundoran Oceanside and ancillary projects.</li> <li>• Working with DCC team on Platforms for Growth facility.</li> <li>• Working on local events promotion with community groups.</li> </ul>
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### 1.3: Strategic Funding Unit

#### Project / Activity Report

<b>Title</b>	<b>Strategic Funding Unit</b> – exploring EU and National Funding Opportunities that support the objectives set out in the <b>Donegal County Council Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024</b>
<b>Countywide</b>	<p><b>PEACE Plus</b></p> <p>The SFU is exploring opportunities in relation to PEACE Plus, which has 6 themes and 22 investment areas. The SFU is currently working with Alpha Innovation on a potential concept note focused on the Innovation Challenge Fund under PEACE Plus.</p> <p>A PEACE Plus roadshow hosted by SEUPB is planned for September 2023, with a workshop taking place on 22nd September in Donegal Town at The Central Hotel. More information and registration can be found at <a href="http://www.seupb.eu/latest/events">www.seupb.eu/latest/events</a></p> <p><b>Assembly of European Regions Engagement</b></p> <p>The AER Summer Academy 2022 held here in Donegal co-hosted by Donegal County Council and Udarás na Gaeltachta has been awarded the prestigious European Citizen's Prize for Ireland. The Award Ceremony will take place at the European Parliament in Brussels, on Tuesday 7 November. The European Citizens' Prize goes to projects "organised by people or organisations that encourage mutual understanding and closer integration between people in the EU, cross-border cooperation that builds a stronger European spirit, and EU values and fundamental rights."</p> <p>An SFU representative attended the AER General Assembly in June 2023 and gave a verbal update to the Assembly in relation to our Donegal Remote Working Strategy for Business.</p> <p>Donegal County Council has joined the AER Green Hydrogen Working Group to explore EU project opportunities in renewable energy.</p>



	<p>The YOUTHopia project concludes in September 2023 with a workshop to be hosted in Letterkenny for young journalists with an interest in EU affairs.</p> <p><b>Atlantic Stakeholders Platform Conference 2023</b></p> <p>The Atlantic Stakeholders Platform Conference 2023 and the CPMR Atlantic Strategy Committee meeting will take place in Porto on 18th October 2023. This event will focus on the sustainable development of the Blue Economy and the implementation of the Atlantic Action Plan 2.0. Irish Government Minister Charlie McConalogue, Minister of Agriculture, Food and the Marine will be in attendance.</p> <p><b>Project Partnership &amp; Development</b></p> <p>The SFU is exploring a number of project opportunities under the Atlantic Area Programme and is liaising with Council staff and other potential partners on project concepts related to air quality, green infrastructure, fishing sector ecosystem innovation and tourism.</p> <p><b>Other areas of work include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● EU Funding Programme Reviews</li> <li>● Participation in project scoping meetings with potential partners</li> <li>● Participation in EU network meetings such as CPMR, AER etc.</li> <li>● Funding Needs Analysis of Council Divisions</li> <li>● Regular Strategic Funding Newsletters</li> </ul>
<p><b>Donegal MD</b></p>	<p><b>Donegal Diamond – Outdoor Public Space Scheme</b></p> <p>Tender process is ongoing. More information will be made available in due course.</p> <p><b>Fáilte Ireland Local Authority Weatherproofing &amp; Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Scheme – Bundoran Oceanside</b></p> <p>The refurbishment of the public toilets is complete. Tender process is ongoing for dining facility, more information will be made available in due course. Bundoran lettering is in production and will be installed at the promenade on the main beach as soon as produced.</p>

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**1.4: Donegal Diaspora Unit**

**Project / Activity Report**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Donegal Diaspora Unit</b>
<b>Countywide</b>	<p><b>Tip O’Neill Irish Diaspora Awards 2023</b></p> <p>The award ceremony will take place on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at the Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana. A press release issued on 04 July announced the 2023 awardees:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Caroline McLaughlin</li> <li>2. John T Fries</li> <li>3. Prof. William C Campbell</li> </ol> <p>All other elements of the award ceremony progressing. Tickets on sale via Eventbrite since 10 July 2023.</p> <p>Press Release: <a href="https://donegal.ie/news/2023/july/three-distinguished-honourees-announced-for-tip-oneill-irish-diaspora-award#:~:text=It%20is%20my%20honour%20to,Irish%20Diaspora%20Award%20Committee%20Clr.">https://donegal.ie/news/2023/july/three-distinguished-honourees-announced-for-tip-oneill-irish-diaspora-award#:~:text=It%20is%20my%20honour%20to,Irish%20Diaspora%20Award%20Committee%20Clr.</a></p> <p>Eventbrite Link: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/tip-oneill-irish-diaspora-awards-2022-tickets-388571416567">https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/tip-oneill-irish-diaspora-awards-2022-tickets-388571416567</a></p> <p><b>Donegal Connect 2023 / 2024</b></p> <p>Donegal Connect will take place from 14th - 17th September with a strong focus on Innovation &amp; Diaspora Engagement. A funding application for the Global Irish Festival Series 2024 is due for submission on 25<sup>th</sup> August with a decision expected within two weeks.</p>

	<p><b>Donegal Diaspora Website / Social Media</b></p> <p>A communications plan on the use of the Diaspora website and associated Diaspora social media channels is currently taking place with further updates to follow. <i>Donegal Diaspora social media statistics as of 23/08/2023 are as follows:</i></p> <p>LinkedIn – 1,244 (up 33) connections</p> <p>X (formerly Twitter) – 4,026 (down 14) followers</p> <p>Facebook – 5,638 (up 18) followers</p> <p>Instagram – 324 (up 21) followers</p> <p><b>London Events</b></p> <p>A contingent from Donegal County Council will attend the London Irish Vintage Club Day event on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.</p> <p>The Diaspora Officer is also working with the London Irish Centre to organise a Donegal-themed ‘In Conversation with’ event. Originally scheduled to occur on September 4<sup>th</sup> this has been moved back until Oct. / Nov due to LIC commitments. Further updates to follow and final date TBC.</p> <p><b>Scottish Diaspora</b></p> <p>A meeting of the wider Scottish Diaspora group held online on 26<sup>th</sup> June. Heritage Officer for Donegal County Council Joseph Gallagher presented on the Donegal Emigrant Working lives in Scotland project.</p> <p>Further engagement with Donegal County Council Ambassador Packie Bonner is ongoing to maximise his role in the context of promoting our Economic Development work within the United Kingdom.</p>
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- **2. Division: Donegal Local Enterprise Office**

**Project / Activity Report**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>The Local Enterprise Office (LEO)</b>
<b>Role and Remit</b>	<p>The Local Enterprise Offices is positioned nationally as the “<i>First Stop Shop</i>” for anyone seeking information and support on starting or growing a business in Ireland. The Local Enterprise Office Donegal provides advice, information, and support to those starting up or growing their business in Donegal. Grant is potentially available for businesses that meet the eligibility criteria.</p> <p>Further information available here - <a href="http://localenterprise.ie/donegal">localenterprise.ie/donegal</a>          Contact number: 074-9160735</p>
<b>Outline of Work</b>	<p><b>General Overview – Highlights:</b></p> <p><b><u>Summary of August 2023 Outputs:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grant Aid (M1) – Business Expansion &amp; Priming (Start Up)</li> <li>• 36 Businesses have been approved Grant Aid.</li> <li>• Value of total Grant Aid Approvals YTD is €481,020.80</li> <li>• Next EVAC meeting will take place on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023.</li> <li>• Trading Online Vouchers – 42 Businesses approved support to trade online with a value of €93,687.12.</li> <li>• Mentoring YTD – 180 Businesses have received this support.</li> <li>• Training – 1,038 Business attendees at 71 Events YTD.</li> <li>• The next Start Your Own Business (SYOB) online programme is commencing on 5<sup>th</sup> September and is already fully booked with 28 participants registered. Another SYOB programme, and the final one for 2023, is commencing on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2023, and spaces for this can be booked at <a href="#">Start Your Own Business Programme (Virtual Delivery - Evening) October 2023 - Local Enterprise Office - Donegal</a></li> <li>• Next Business Information Session scheduled 25<sup>th</sup> August @ 10am</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lunch &amp; Learn for Accountants to hear about LEO supports for their business clients will be held on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August at 12 noon.</li><li>• National Women's Enterprise Day – “Empowering Business Together” is taking place on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023 in Solis Lough Eske Hotel. This event aims to inspire, motivate and empower women across the country in running their own businesses.</li><li>• LEO Donegal and Creative Coast Donegal are organising the “Meet the Makers” event, taking place on October 20<sup>th</sup> at Lough Eske Castle. “Meet the Makers” offers Donegal designers and manufacturers in the consumer products sector valuable opportunities to present their unique products and will allow Donegal’s innovative brands to connect with national and international buyers. LEO Donegal is currently receiving expressions of interest from Donegal based craft businesses to exhibit at the upcoming event.</li><li>• Creeslough Small Business Humanitarian Scheme. The Local Enterprise Office assisted the Red Cross in the administration of the Scheme. A total of €173,475 has been approved under Scheme A and Scheme B. Under Scheme A, €109,940 was awarded to 25 businesses ranging in value from €840 to €5,000. 6 of these businesses were awarded additional funding of €63,535 under Scheme B, ranging in value from €2,894 to €15,000. All applications under the Scheme have now been assessed.</li><li>• The Pre-Accelerator programme AMBITION, developed by Local Enterprise Office Donegal to encourage more female entrepreneurs has been shortlisted in the twentieth annual Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards 2023. AMBITION is one of two projects shortlisted for Donegal County Council:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AMBITION in Diversity &amp; Inclusion by the Donegal Local Enterprise Office</li><li>• #MoveToDonegal Relocation Campaign by the Economic Development Unit</li></ul></li></ul>
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**Upcoming Events/Programmes:**

**Scale-X**

A third Scale-X North West programme will commence on Wednesday September 6<sup>th</sup> and involve participants from Donegal and Leitrim.

The 11-week Accelerator Programme, aimed at start-up entrepreneurs with the potential for fast growth, will run until the end of November. 11 entrepreneurs across a diverse group of businesses, sectors and backgrounds have been selected to take part in the programme. At the final event, each business will present their business pitch idea to a judging panel.

**Ambition**

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

15 businesses have been recently selected to participate in the fourth programme for Donegal's early-stage female entrepreneurs. Businesses will attend twelve half-day workshops and the programme will run from September 2023 to December 2023.

**Student Enterprise 2023/2024**

Registration is now open for the 2023/2024 Student Enterprise Programme – Ireland's biggest and most successful programme for young entrepreneurs where 25,000 second level students join up across the country and take up the challenge every year. Donegal schools, with the help of the LEO Donegal, will be looking to follow in the footsteps of last year's finalists and book a place at the National Final, which will be held in the Mullingar Park Hotel on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024 in the hope that they can take home the prestigious 'Student Enterprise of the Year' title.

### **Lunch & Learn with LEO Donegal**

On Friday August 25<sup>th</sup> all registered accountants in Donegal have been invited to attend a Lunch & Learn event where the LEO Team will advise attendees of the range of LEO supports available to both them and their clients. The activity will help to drive further awareness and word of mouth referrals for LEO services to Donegal micro businesses and SMEs.

### **Business Information Session**

The next in-person Business Information Session will take place on Friday August 25<sup>th</sup> in the Local Enterprise Office, Donegal. Participants interested in starting and/or growing their business from Donegal are encouraged to attend.

Future in-person sessions will incorporate guest speakers and networking opportunities in a range of venues across the county for the remainder of 2023.

### **National Women's Enterprise Day**

National Women's Enterprise Day strives to empower even more women to set up their own businesses and to increase national recognition of the essential role played by Ireland's female entrepreneurs.

This event will consist of a variety of developmental support actions, including inspiring speakers, shared experience, group discussion, information provision, and exhibition of state supports for enterprise.

We are delighted to bring together a range of female speakers to celebrate National Women's Enterprise Day on 19<sup>th</sup> October in Lough Eske Castle Hotel.

Host & MC for the day is Radio & TV Broadcaster, All Ireland Winning Captain, and Mindset Expert, Anna Geary. The keynote speaker is former dragon, successful businesswoman, magazine publisher, television personality and broadcaster, Nora Casey. There will also be a panel discussion with a number of female entrepreneurs from the North West including Áine Faughnan of Dromod Boxy, Isobel Sangha of Donegal Natural Soap and Helen Mulholland of Lough Gill Distillery

## **IMMERSE**

LEO Donegal was successful in securing funding of €68,000 from Creative Ireland to deliver the IMMERSE project, a collaboration between Donegal County Council, Eirmersive, Connected Hubs, Regional Enterprise Offices (Midwest/Northwest/West), CREW, Údarás na Gaeltachta and the Western Development Commission (WDC). The project will focus on the Content Creation Sector.

The first IMMERSE workshop, taking place on August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, will showcase how creative businesses are already generating revenues from immersive technologies and will offer attendees hands-on state-of-the-art experience of this technology.

## **MEET THE MAKERS**

LEO Donegal and Creative Coast Donegal are organising the “Meet the Makers” event, taking place on October 20<sup>th</sup> at Lough Eske Castle. “Meet the Makers” offers Donegal designers and manufacturers in the consumer products sector valuable opportunities to present their unique products and will allow Donegal’s innovative brands to connect with national and international buyers. LEO Donegal is currently receiving expressions of interest from Donegal based craft businesses to exhibit at the upcoming event.

## **FOOD COAST**

Thinking of Starting Your Own Food Business – half day workshop on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Food Starter Programme – 4 x half day workshops over 2 weeks, starting on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

SuperValu Food Academy – one Donegal food producer will progress – Aoibhin O’Dea of Cagai Aoibhin from Bunbeg.

Food Coast Donegal is collaborating with Enterprise Causeway, Northern Ireland on a 2-day exchange in September & October which will see food



producers from each region engage in a cross-border visit exchange to collaborate and learn from each other.

### **Donegal Engineering Network**

30<sup>th</sup> Aug 2023 - Visit to Welditz, Carndonagh with members of Engenuity Midlands Engineering Network.

1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 - GEMX Industry 4.0 Showcase @ NWRC Springtown, Derry.

7-10 November 2023 visit to BLECH Expo, Stuttgart, Germany.

All bookings for upcoming events and training can be made on

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

### **Ongoing Programmes:**

#### **Digital Start**

***YTD – 32 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support.***

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

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

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

#### **Green for Business**

***YTD – 14 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support.***

This FREE programme, which has recently been re-branded to Green for Business, helps small businesses take the first step towards becoming more sustainable, giving them access to a green consultant worth up to €2,500 and showing them how small changes can have a big impact on their company.

### **Energy Efficiency Grant**

**YTD – 2 applicants. 1 receiving this support.**

The recently launched Energy Efficiency Grant supports the investment in technologies and equipment identified in a Green for Business Report, Green Start Report or a SEAI Energy Audit with 50% of eligible costs up to a maximum grant of €5,000. An integrated marketing campaign took place in July and August across Donegal radio, press and digital media highlighting the support to businesses in the county. On foot of the campaign, applications have been received for both Green for Business and the Energy Efficiency Grant.

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

For more information click on the link below:

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

### **Lean For Micro**

***YTD – 16 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support.***

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

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

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

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

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

- Following on from the recent successful launch of the Food Coast Strategy 2023-2026, key stakeholders and agencies will meet to agree next steps and the initial implementation of the strategy.
- Donegal lamb promotion was successfully launched in April and continued throughout the summer months.
- There have been more successful collaborations for Food Coast Donegal members. Wild Fuschia Bakehouse, Kombucha Ni Dalaigh and Coco Milis, met at the Food Market Course, organised by Food Coast Donegal to Philadelphia last February. Donegal Wild Atlantic Flavours very successfully launched their first workshop at Concreggan Mill in July and Home Grown in Donegal Food Market in Dunfanaghy.
- ATU Higher Diploma in Food Business & Product Innovation Level 8 programme - LEO Donegal and Food Coast Donegal has sponsored four food businesses from the county to participate.
- Upcoming courses: -
- Thinking of Starting Your Own Food Business – half day workshop on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023
- Food Starter Programme – 4 x half day workshops over 2 weeks, starting on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023.
- SuperValu Food Academy – one Donegal food producer will progress –Aoibhin O’Dea of Cacai Aoibhin from Bunbeg.
- Food Coast Donegal is collaborating with Enterprise Causeway, Northern Ireland on a 2-day exchange in September & October which will see food producers from each region collaborate and learn from each other.

***Creative Coast Donegal***

Creative Coast Donegal’s aim is to support the building of a strong creative and digital economy in Donegal. There are currently 204 members of the Creative Coast Donegal network.

Earlier this year, LEO Donegal was successful in securing funding from Creative Ireland to deliver the IMMERSE project, a collaboration between Donegal County Council, Eirmersive, Connected Hubs, Regional Enterprise Offices (Midwest/NorthWest/West), CREW, Údarás na Gaeltachta and the Western Development Commission (WDC). The project will focus on the Content Creation Sector. Funding of €68,000 was awarded and responsibility has been assigned to the Western Development Commission to handle project operations.

The first IMMERSE workshop, taking place on August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, will showcase how creative businesses are already generating revenues from immersive technologies and will offer attendees hands-on state-of-the-art experience of this technology.

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

LEO Donegal and Creative Coast Donegal are organising the “Meet the Makers” event, taking place on October 20<sup>th</sup> at Lough Eske Castle. “Meet the Makers” offers Donegal designers and manufacturers in the consumer products sector valuable opportunities to present their unique products and will allow Donegal’s innovative brands to connect with national and international buyers. LEO Donegal is currently receiving expressions of interest from Donegal based craft businesses to exhibit at the upcoming event.

***Donegal Engineering Network***

The ambition of the Donegal Engineering Network is to expand, strengthen and enhance the existing engineering group in Donegal.

A range of Good Practice visits, Exhibition Visits and collaborations with other cluster/network facilitators on reciprocal events are being organised for the Autumn including the following: -

- 30<sup>th</sup> Aug 2023 - Visit to Welditz, Carndonagh with members of Engenuity Midlands Engineering Network.
- 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 - GEMX Industry 4.0 Showcase @ NWRC Springtown, Derry.
- 7-10 November 2023 visit to BLECH Expo, Stuttgart, Germany.

Monthly workshops are facilitated with the topics selected by the Engineers. Recent topics covered included HR and ISO certification. A range of events have been taking place this year including visits to Kirchhoff-Automotive in Letterkenny and Inishowen Engineering. Following the summer break, we will reconvene on the 13<sup>th</sup> September and the workshop will focus on Energy Cost Savings/Sustainability.

### **Export Development**

In line with our commitment to fostering economic growth and empowering local businesses, LEO Donegal is committed to the development of export-related initiatives.

LEO Donegal has organised two comprehensive Export Information Sessions tailored to both new and existing exporters taking place in September. These sessions will aim to equip participants with the necessary knowledge, tools, and insights to navigate the complexities of international trade successfully.

Additionally, LEO Donegal is developing an Export Development Programme scheduled for later this year. This program is designed to provide participants with a structured framework for enhancing their export capabilities, fostering global market access, and ultimately contributing to the economic strength of Donegal. Through these initiatives, we remain dedicated to empowering the Donegal small business community and positioning them for success on the global stage.

### **Enterprise Europe Network**

The Enterprise Europe Network Ireland helps Irish businesses to innovate and grow internationally and is delivered by a partnership between Enterprise Ireland, Cork Chamber of Commerce, Dublin Chamber of

	<p>Commerce with Donegal County Council leading out on behalf of the Local Enterprise Office.</p> <p>Services offered through the EEN help businesses to grow through tailored support, new business and technology partnerships, commercial opportunities, licensing deals, and partners searches for EU funded R&amp;D. The services are tailored to SMEs but are also available to all other businesses, universities and research centres.</p> <p>Internationally, the Network is active in more than 60 countries worldwide bringing together 3,000 experts from more than 600 member organisations. EEN is the largest support network for SMEs and combine international business expertise with local knowledge to help you take your innovation into new markets.</p> <p>Two meet the buyer events will take place later in 2023 with EENginex catering for the engineering sector and Food eirEEN for the food sector. 6 Donegal companies are engaged in EEN services to support them in both sourcing and selling internationally.</p> <p><b><i>Donegal Stories:</i></b> Website highlighting the businesses of Donegal that have been supported by the LEO. <a href="https://donegalstories.ie/">https://donegalstories.ie/</a></p>
<b>Contact Person</b>	<p>Brenda Hegarty, Head of Enterprise  Local Enterprise Office  074 9160735  <a href="mailto:Brenda.Hegarty@leo.donegalcoco.ie">Brenda.Hegarty@leo.donegalcoco.ie</a></p>

- **3 Division: Emergency Services - Fire Services**

**Project / Activity Report**

Activity	Number of: (June) <sup>1</sup>		Total for year	
<b><u>Fire Service Operations</u></b>				
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	104		408	
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	142		505	
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	11		41	
<b><u>Operational Activity Breakdown June 2023</u></b>	Turnouts		Incidents in County	
	Fires	Special Services	Fires	Special Services
Donegal Fire Service	99	42	67	28
Northern Ireland Fire Service	4	7	3	6
<b>Sub Total</b>	103	49	70	34
<b>Total</b>	152		104	
<b><u>Fire Prevention</u></b>				
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	21		97	
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	31		N/A	
Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from Applicant / Agent:	58		N/A	
Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	16		109	
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	0		7	

Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	0	0
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	5	17
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	13	78
Fire Safety Complaints received:	3	20
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	2	13
During Performance Inspections carried out:	1 <sup>2</sup>	1
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	54 <sup>3</sup>	54

**1. Current data only available up to end of June 2023.**

**2. During Performance Inspection carried out at Sea Sessions Festival, Bundoran, on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023.**

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





**ENVIRONMENT MD REPORT – September ‘23**

**WASTE AND LITTER MANAGEMENT**

<p><b>Activity / Project Title</b></p>	<p><b>‘Keep Donegal Beautiful’ – Sustainable Holidaymaker Campaign</b></p>
<p><b>Project Description/ Activity</b></p>	<p>The ‘Keep Donegal Beautiful’ campaign, in collaboration with the Tourism Section, received over 1 million social media impressions during Summer 2022, was relaunched again for 2023.</p> <p>The campaign targets holidaymakers &amp; visitors to the county encouraging them to play their part in keeping Donegal beautiful with helpful tips on managing their waste &amp; signposting them in the right direction.</p> <div data-bbox="493 940 1349 1791" data-label="Image"> </div>
<p><b>Contact Person</b></p>	<p><b>Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer</b> <a href="mailto:sbogan@donegalcoco.ie">sbogan@donegalcoco.ie</a></p>

**Activity / Project Title**

**Summer Greenpiece 2023**

**Project Description/ Activity**

The annual summer Greenpiece was published in the local papers at the beginning of August. This year's piece covered the key information on recycling centres, water safety & beaches – highlighting our county's numerous blue flag awards & ever-growing number of beach wheelchairs.

**Have a wonderful time in Donegal!**  
Play your part in Keeping Donegal Beautiful

**Plan ahead.** • Talk to your accommodation provider about local waste services.  
• Use local recycling centres for waste & recycling services.  
• Recycle glass & cans at local bring banks.

**Reduce waste.** • Reduce food waste by planning ahead.  
• Use reusable items where possible.  
• Avoid single-use items.

**Leave it as you expect to find it!**  
Never leave waste or litter behind on your visit. Bin it or bring it home!

**Water Safety**  
When going to the beach:  
• Choose beaches with Lifeguards.  
• Swim between the flags.  
• Please leave inflatables at home.  
• Know where your children are at all times.  
• What you bring on to the beach, take off the beach when you go home. LEAVE NO TRACE!

**ALWAYS SWIM BETWEEN THE FLAGS!**  
www.watersafety.ie/safetyzone/

**NO RED/YELLOW FLAG, NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY.**  
To stay safe at the beach, always remember F.L.A.G.S.

**LIFEGUARDS**  
Lifeguards will be in place until August 31<sup>st</sup> from 12:30pm - 6:30pm on beaches at:  
Murragee / Fintra / Portnoo/Narin Carrickfinn / Killahoey / Marble Hill Downings / Portsalon / Rathmullon Culladuff & Stroove and all Rosswagh & Bundoran beaches 11am - 1pm  
From September Lifeguards will be on duty weekends until 17th Sept.  
www.watersafety.ie/lifeguard/

**BEACH WHEELCHAIRS**  
13 beaches in Donegal are currently wheelchair accessible including Bundoran, Culladuff, Downings, Fintra, Lady's Bay, Lisfannon, Murvagh, Naran Portnoo, Port Arthur, Portnablagh, Rathmullon, Rosswagh and Stroove.  
Donegal County Council has beach wheelchairs available for use as follows:  
Rathmullon Rathmullon Beach in association with Rathmullon Sailing & Watersports School. Contact: 087 2314332.  
Downings Downings Beach in association with Downings Tidy Towns Contact: 087 6152351  
Carrickfinn Contact: Donegal Airport at 074 95 48284  
Marblehill Contact: Sandhouse Hotel at 074 91 36137  
Rosswagh Contact: Sandhouse Hotel and Marine Spa Tel: +353 (0) 71 9851777  
Narin Contact: Mary Nicholson at 074 9545216  
Fintra Contact: Kevin Kilgann 087 2362607  
Portsalon Contact: 087 258 1160  
Culladuff Contact: 087 279 7479  
Bundoran The Bundoran beach wheelchair can be booked by contacting 'The Spud Hut Bundoran' on Facebook.

**Donegal Recycling Centres**  
A wide range of items are collected for recycling and we also accept garden and household waste

Recycling Free of Charge	Recycling Charge Applies
Glass	Paper
Cans	Cardboard
Aerosols	Paint
Small appliances	Polystyrene
Large appliances	Car with only
Tyres & monitors	Commercial appliances
Fluorescent bulbs	Rigid plastic
Batteries	Food waste
Car batteries	Soft plastic
	Engine oil
	Tyres
	Cooking oil

**Recycling Charges**  
€1 - standard black bin bag (free for water tender)  
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**Bulky Items**  
Small items of furniture - €15  
Large items of furniture - €25  
Washing machines - €35  
Cupboard - €25 minimum  
Sofa - €30 minimum  
All other items - €9.50/kg

**Household waste**  
€5 per bag  
Household waste will be accepted in 200 litre bags weighing no more than 10 kg.

**Donegal Secures 14 Blue Flag & 4 Green Flag Coast Awards**  
Donegal has the second highest tally of Blue Flag beaches in the country, 12 beaches and 2 marinas received Blue Flags. These international awards recognise excellent bathing water quality and promote sound environmental management of beaches, marinas and inland bathing waters around the world.

**DONEGAL'S BLUE FLAG BEACHES:**  
• Bundoran  
• Rosswagh  
• Murvagh  
• Fintra  
• Portnoo/Narin  
• Carrickfinn  
• Killahoey  
• Marblehill  
• Downings  
• Portsalon  
• Culladuff  
• Stroove  
• Marinas at Greencastle & Rathmullon

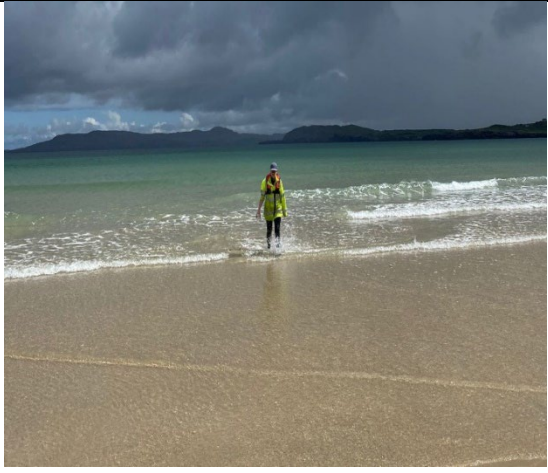

**GREEN COAST AWARDS**  
• Dooy  
• Magheraorty  
• Drumatinney  
• Ballyheinn

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**COUNTY LABORATORY**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Public Service Announcements (PSA's) – Water Quality</b>
<b>Description/ Activity</b>	<p>“Donegal County Council would like to advise farmers of some key messages about water quality at this time of year. Check that all silage effluent is collected in a properly sealed storage tank, and not entering waters. Before spreading slurry, Farmers &amp; contractors should pay particular attention to the weather forecast &amp; ground conditions to avoid applying it to land which is waterlogged, flooded, likely to flood or if rain is forecast within 48 hours. Remember slurry and fertilisers lost by overland flow to waters is a loss of vital nutrients for your crops”.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div>
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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Bathing Waters 2023 season</b>	
<b>Description/ Activity</b>	<p>The Council’s Central Lab monitoring results have confirmed excellent water quality for the 2023 Bathing Season to date, despite the unsettled weather of the past 2 months.</p> <p>Forecasted heavy rainfall events have led to the posting of <i>Prior Warning Notices</i> at certain bathing waters to protect bathers &amp; forewarn of a potential drop in water quality.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div>	
	<p><i>Figure 1. Turbulent Day Sampling Killahoey</i></p>	<p><i>Figure 2. Brighter Side of Life - Dooley Beach</i></p>
<b>Contact</b>	<p><b>Bernadette Gault</b>, <a href="mailto:BernadetteGault@donegalcoco.ie">BernadetteGault@donegalcoco.ie</a></p>	

Monitoring results are posted on noticeboards and on beaches.ie, until the bathing season formally ends on the 15<sup>th</sup> September.

**FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME (FRS) UNIT**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Donegal Town Flood Relief Scheme</b>
<b>Project Description/ Activity</b>	<p>Minister of State for the Office of Public Works, Mr. Patrick O'Donovan TD, announced that that flood relief schemes for Donegal Town and Letterkenny are commencing through funding by the Office of Public Works (OPW) during a visit to the county on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023.</p> <p>He also announced that funding for three additional engineering and project management staff for Donegal County Council.</p> <p>The funding for these schemes provides the opportunity for the OPW to pilot with Donegal County Council a new delivery model for flood relief schemes. The Minister said that the OPW and local authorities are working in a very challenging environment to deliver and expand its programme of flood relief schemes, due to resource constraints in a highly specialised and professional market.</p> <p>Within the current resource constraints, and from lessons learned to date, trialling a new delivery model for Donegal Town and Letterkenny will deliver important flood relief measures for these towns and inform the most efficient approach to delivering the next tranche of 60 flood relief schemes nationally.</p> <p>Since the Minister's announcement, relevant members of the Water and Environment Directorate, including members of the FRS Unit and senior management have been liaising with the OPW to define the terms of reference of the pilot. They have also been liaising with colleagues in HR to put in place the additional staff resources. In this regard, the OPW have made conditional the commencement of the pilot on the appointment of the Senior Executive Engineer. Whilst OPW have given a seven year commitment to fund all resources (new and existing), approval for the new post of Senior Executive Engineer has not yet been received from the Department of Housing – a necessary prerequisite of the grade.</p> <p>Once the Department of Housing have sanctioned the post, the appointment process of a specialist flooding resource in the role of Senior Executive Engineer, another specific condition of the OPW funding award, will be progressed and Donegal Town FRS can then commence.</p>
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**12<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

Presented By B Mc Laughlin AO Community Development Division.

1. Town & Village Renewal – Donegal MD
  - Donegal Town
  - Glencolmcille
  - Carrick
  - Bruckless
2. Clár 2022 - Donegal MD
  - Termon Complex Pettigo
  - Leitir Corn Mill River Walk, Kilcar
3. Playground Maintenance
4. Platform For Growth
5. Walks & Trails
6. Peace Plus
7. Healthy Donegal
8. Social Inclusion





## Activity / Project Update: September 2023

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>2019 T&amp;V Renewal – Glencolmille</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Enhancements & Development Works <b>Works consists of:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Development of a Town Plan</li><li>• Upgrade existing footpaths</li><li>• Provision of directional and interpretative signage</li><li>• Provision of a bus shelter</li></ul>
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€100,000 – Department of Rural & Community Development € 25,000 – Own Resources
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A number of meetings have been held with the community group for the area to finalise the details of the project including the options available to deliver the various elements of the project.</li><li>• Letter of Offer has been issued out to Group, signed and returned.</li><li>• Designs of the proposed works are currently underway and will be presented to the community group.</li><li>• The group have procured an architect/designer to progress the design and to prepare tender documents for a number of elements of the scheme.</li><li>• Works designed and currently out to tender.</li><li>• Tender evaluation report complete and successful contractor identified.</li><li>• Site meeting with successful contractor.</li><li>• Construction has commenced on site.</li><li>• Construction work is substantially complete.</li><li>• There are a few outstanding snags to be addressed.</li><li>• The snags have been addressed and work is complete.</li><li>• All signage has been ordered and installed by the group.</li><li>• Works are substantially complete</li></ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This Project is now completed</li></ul>
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## Activity / Project Update: September 2023

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>2020 T&amp;V Renewal – Carrick</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<p>Enhancements &amp; Development Works</p> <p><b>Works consists of:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reinststate the pedestrian bridge crossing the Glen River</li> <li>• Commission and prepare a Town Health Check</li> <li>• Commission and prepare a Regeneration Strategy to inform the sustainable development of the town and immediate surrounding area</li> </ul>
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	<p>€100,000 – Department of Rural &amp; Community Development</p> <p>€ 11,111 – Own Resources</p>
<p><b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b></p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A number of meetings have been held with the community group for the area to finalise the details of the project including the options available to deliver the various elements of the project.</li> <li>• Letter of Offer has been issued out to Group, signed and returned.</li> <li>• Designs of the proposed pedestrian bridge works are complete.</li> <li>• The group are have procured and appointed a contractor to complete the pedestrian bridge</li> <li>• Procurement documents prepared to appoint a consultant(s) to prepare a Town Health Check &amp; a Regeneration Strategy of the town and surrounding area.</li> <li>• The pedestrian bridge crossing is complete.</li> <li>• Consultant appointed to prepare a Town Health Check &amp; a Regeneration Strategy of the town and surrounding area.</li> <li>• Additional works to the river walk is now completed.</li> <li>• The Masterplan is at final stage and final draft will be issued by end of Q1, 2023</li> <li>• This project is now completed.</li> </ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This Project is now completed</li> </ul>
<b>Contact Person</b>	Brian Keogh



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## Activity / Project Update: September 2023

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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Works are completed on the project.</li> </ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	
<b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	Brian Keogh Executive Engineer Community, Development & Planning Services Tel: 074-9172569 E-mail: <a href="mailto:bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie">bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie</a>



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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>2022 Clár – Termon Complex Pettigo</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Enhancements & Development Works <b>Works consists of:</b> Resurfacing of the MUGA Pitch, including the following works, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Excavate existing surfacing</li> <li>Removing depleted existing sand substructure</li> <li>Access and install drainage requirements</li> <li>Install geotextile membrane</li> <li>Lay subbase material</li> <li>Install the synthetic turf surface</li> <li>Install infill fibres</li> <li>Apply line marking</li> </ul>
<b>Budget</b> <i>(if applicable)</i>	€50,000 – Department of Rural & Community Development € 5,000 – Match Funding
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Meeting was held with the community group for the area to finalise the details of the project including the options available to deliver the various elements of the project.</li> <li>Tender Documentation shall be prepared for e-tenders in the coming weeks.</li> <li>The Tender report is currently being prepared.</li> <li>Contractor will be appointed in the coming weeks.</li> <li>The Contractor is Appointed, and works are starting in the coming weeks</li> </ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Works to be completed by the end of October 2023</li> </ul>
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## Activity / Project Update: September 2023

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>2022 Clár – Leitir Corn Mill River Walk Kilcar</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Enhancements & Development Works <b>Works consists of:</b> Upgrade existing River Walk providing a wholly accessible path and associated infrastructure including the following, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhance the ground and edging on the existing path</li> <li>• Install lighting along the path.</li> <li>• Install seating</li> <li>• Signage and story boards.</li> </ul>
<b>Budget</b> <i>(if applicable)</i>	€50,000 – Department of Rural & Community Development € 5,000 – Match Funding
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Meeting was held with the community group for the area to finalise the details of the project including the options available to deliver the various elements of the project.</li> <li>• Tender Documentation shall be prepared for e-tenders in the coming weeks.</li> <li>• Project is currently out for tender and is due back in July and hope to appoint a contractor in August 2023</li> </ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Works to be commenced in Q3, 2023.</li> </ul>
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**Activity / Project Update: September 2023**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>PLAYGROUNDS 2023</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<b>Annual maintenance of Playgrounds</b>
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	
<p><b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b></p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>1. Works consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replacement of broken and damaged equipment</li> <li>• Replace worn safety tiles and remove trip hazards</li> <li>• Grease all equipment that contains bushes, bearings, shackles, etc.</li> <li>• Carry out repairs along edges of safety surfaces</li> </ul> <p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Rospa Inspection Reports have been completed with necessary repairs identified.</li> <li>• Repair works have been tendered with a submission deadline in February 2023 to appoint a playground Maintenance works contractor for 2023.</li> <li>• Tender assessment for playground maintenance contractor underway.</li> <li>• Maintenance repair works to playgrounds commenced March 2023.</li> </ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue routine inspection of playgrounds</li> </ul>

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### Activity / Project Update: September 2023

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Donegal Town &amp; Killybegs Playgrounds Refurbishment</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refurbishment of the Donegal Town &amp; Killybegs Playgrounds, funded through the Community Recognition Fund and Donegal Co Co</li> </ul>
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial meeting with community groups to discuss the project and their vision for the playgrounds.</li> <li>Donegal Co Co technical staff undertaking detailed surveys of each playground.</li> </ul>
* Delete irrelevant reporting period	
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b> * Delete irrelevant reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Once surveys are completed commence works on draft design proposals.</li> </ul>
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### Activity / Project Update: September 2023

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Bundoran Waterworld Playground Refurbishment</b>
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<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refurbishment of the Bundoran Waterworld Playground, funded through the Community Recognition Fund and Donegal Co Co</li> </ul>
<b>Budget</b> <i>(if applicable)</i>	
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultation with the Bundoran National School undertaken.</li> <li>• Designs and tender documents published.</li> <li>• Tender submission return deadline of 30/06/2023</li> <li>• Received a number of submissions from playground contractors and the tender evaluation is ongoing.</li> </ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b> <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secure a suitable contractor to undertake the refurbishment works.</li> <li>• Establish a timeframe to have the refurbishment complete.</li> </ul>
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**Activity / Project Update: September 2023**

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

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Platforms for Growth Tullan Strand Funded by Fáilte Ireland</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Development of a Facility Centre for Water Based Activities at Tullan Strand in Bundoran along with improved access to Tullan Strand Beach.</li></ul>
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cross departmental meetings being held with different sections of the Council to fully understand project requirements and future maintenance requirements.</li><li>• Draft tender documents prepared to seek a Consultant to develop site specific designs and secure planning permission.</li><li>• Discussions with local stakeholders and landowners</li></ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b> <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hold meeting in Bundoran with local stakeholders</li></ul>
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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Bundoran Destination Towns (Fáilte Ireland Co-Funded)</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Installation of artwork on the three approach roundabouts to Bundoran; Tullaghan/Drumacrin/Finner</li> <li>• Installation of wayfinding signage throughout Bundoran</li> <li>• Streetscape improvement works to; Central Lane/Renisan's Lane/Meehan's Lane</li> </ul>
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Architect appointed to delivery the project.</li> <li>• Part 8 Planning secured for the wayfinding signage and streetscape improvement works.</li> <li>• Tender documents/detailed designs being prepared for the wayfinding signage and streetscape improvement works.</li> <li>• Artist selected for the roundabout artwork, contract documents being completed.</li> <li>• Artist contract documents completed and issued, site meeting held with Artist and his engineer to discuss the works.</li> <li>• Consultation ongoing with TII regarding approval for Artwork on the N15 roundabouts.</li> </ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b> <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aiming to publish tender documents for a contractor to undertake the wayfinding signage and streetscape works.</li> <li>• Progression of artwork detailed designs towards a Part 8 application for the three roundabouts.</li> </ul>
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	<p>Have seen the success of Rosssylongan been granted €30,000 and likewise, through DLDC they were granted €30,000 funding for Donegal Rowability that will provide a disability hoist for water sports Access from the pier in Donegal town. Work on the tendering documents shall commence in the next quarter of 2023 to hopefully have ready to start on site quarter 2 Refer to item below regards Rosssylongan.</p> <p>No change at present to be advanced with DLDC.</p> <p><b>Rosssylongan</b></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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Earthy Matters have been awarded successful for the screening report to commence ASAP.</p> <p><b>Sliabh League.</b></p> <p>It is now proposed to carry out remedial works on the eroded sections of the trail. Estimates and the various permissions will need to be sought via an external consultant.</p>
<p><b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ORIS 2023 applications to be finalised for submission</li> <li>• Supervision of onsite works at Creevy</li> </ul>
<p><b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i></p>	<p>Darryl Connor (Outdoor Recreational Development Officer) 0873613811 <a href="mailto:dconnor@donegalcoco.ie">dconnor@donegalcoco.ie</a></p>



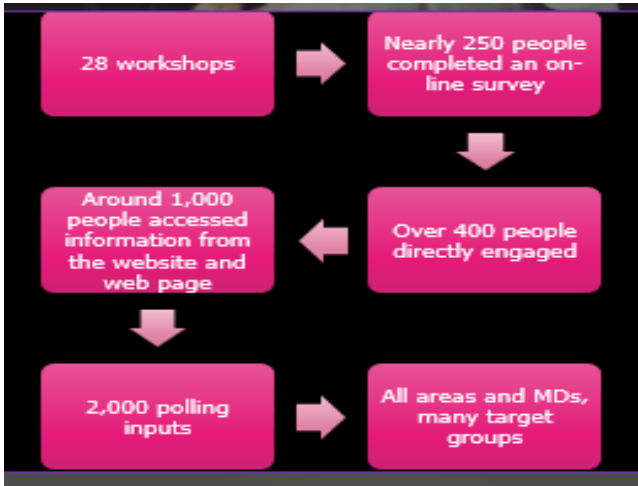
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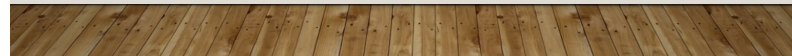
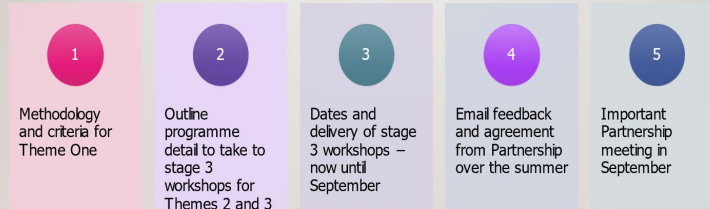
<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	PEACEPLUS Programme 2022-2027
<b>File:</b>	
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<p>Donegal County has an indicative allocation from the PEACEPLUS programme of €7.6m. The SEUPB has indicated three important themes, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. Local community regeneration and transformation</b>, including changing how people use their local area, lasting improvements, prioritising the most marginalised and vulnerable, reflecting shared heritage, and how potential capital investment can facilitate sustained cross community interaction and make a lasting contribution to peacebuilding.</li><li><b>2. Thriving and peaceful communities</b> including cross community collaboration, positive change in communities, high levels of wellbeing, and lasting contributions to peace building.</li><li><b>3. Celebrating cultures and diversity</b> including increasing understanding and respect for all cultural identities, involving minority communities, involving those with issues arising from the conflict, and support to the most marginalised.</li></ol> <p><b>PEACEPLUS Call</b></p> <p>The SEUPB opened for submission of PEACEPLUS Plans on 14<sup>th</sup> June meaning the PEACEPLUS Plan must be submitted by 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023. SEUPB may, once submitted, take around four months to assess it. On this timeline it may be spring/early summer 2024 before the Partnership can move forward to tender for Programmes</p>

	under themes 2 and 3 , and commence the capital works programme under theme 1.
<b>Budget</b>	Under Theme 1 Investment Area 1.1 Co-designed Local Community PEACEPLUS Action Plans have been allocated €110m, Donegal County Council has been awarded an indicative allocation of <b>€7,635,396.:</b>
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>	<p>Public Consultation (Stage 1 Consultation) throughout the Electoral Areas was carried out during February to April, with (Stage 2 Consultation) carried out throughout May &amp; June 2023.</p>  <pre> graph TD     A[28 workshops] --&gt; B[Nearly 250 people completed an on-line survey]     B --&gt; C[Over 400 people directly engaged]     C --&gt; D[Around 1,000 people accessed information from the website and web page]     D --&gt; E[2,000 polling inputs]     E --&gt; F[All areas and MDs, many target groups]   </pre> <p>To satisfy all criteria for a Co-designed consultation Process, DCC engaged with communities &amp; key Stakeholders as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Produced a Indicive Report &amp; Analysis of Stage 1 Engagement Process</li> <li>• Held a series of Stage 2 consultation workshops across all the municipal areas May- June 2023.</li> <li>• Social media promotion of events as a mechanism for people to feed into the process.</li> <li>• Organisations and individuals who engaged with our Stage 1 series of workshops, and others who have not previously engaged had an opportunity to input into the development process by submitting a Concept Form. The form will help the PEACEPLUS Partnership to create a longlist of concept ideas that might fit with the funding opportunity under PEACEPLUS Theme 1.1.</li> </ul> <p>Overall, <b>82 concept forms</b> were submitted by 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023.</p>
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<p><b>July-Sept:</b> Partnership approves approach and administration to develop programmes.</p> <p><b>Aug -Sep:</b> Applications for theme one, to be submitted by 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Stage 3 workshops will continue to engage with stakeholders to further develop programmes under themes 2 &amp;3 with</p>

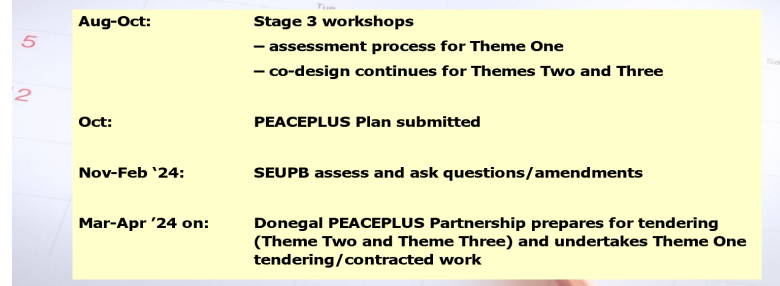
communities, to the stage of being Peace Plan ready by month ending October 2023.

**Nov -Dec** : Peace Plan submitted – assessed by SEUPB – Partnership will tender if approved – spring 2024 or later.

### NEXT STEPS



### TIMELINE – BEST ESTIMATE (MAY VARY - DEPENDENT)



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**September 2023**

<b>Programme</b>	Healthy Ireland Fund
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<p><b>Healthy Ireland</b></p> <p>The objective of the Healthy Ireland Fund 2023 – 2025 is to improve the health and wellbeing of people of all ages and abilities living in Ireland through the implementation of the Healthy Ireland Strategic Action Plan 2021-2025.</p>
<b>Budget</b>	€198,122.42 Round 4 Funding
<p><b>Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status</b></p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p><b>Healthy Ireland Round 4</b></p> <p>The Healthy Ireland Round 4 Programme (HIF 2023-2025) represents a more evidenced-based outcomes led approach, with a longer 3-year timeframe. The grant period for Round 4 will run from 1 June 2022 to 31 December 2025, with the outcomes led approach to be delivered from 2023-2025.</p> <p><b>Balor Theatre Summer Academy Programme</b></p>  <p>One of the target groups identified as a key priority in the Healthy Donegal Public Consultation Survey was Adolescents and Young People, with suggested activities to impact on Lifestyle and Behaviour and Health and Wellbeing including;</p>

- “more activities which are fun with the emphasis on participation that that aren’t necessarily sport focussed”
- “more activities in areas that actively promote a healthier life-style and social engagement”
- “activities that reduce screen-time”

Healthy Donegal in conjunction with Balor Developmental Community Arts and through the Healthy Ireland Fund invited adolescents and young people to join the Balor Theatre Summer Academy Programme. The programme consisted of rehearsals in June and July and resulted in a musical production taking place from 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> August. The purpose of this programme was to bring young people, artists and educators together through drama, art and music to promote positive mental health, decrease the sense of isolation and provide positive role models.

Role-playing activities enable adolescents to learn and practice social and decision-making skills and makes it possible to present situations in a non-threatening way. The impact of drama can also go beyond the stage, stimulating discussion and serving as a means of distributing information to the wider community. In promoting participation-focussed activities, like the Balor Theatre Summer Academy Programme, Donegal County Council is helping empower adolescents and young people to develop interpersonal skills to communicate, build relationships and interact with others, which are significant contributors to their health and overall wellbeing.

### Letterkenny Pride Festival

To empower, support and promote sustainable, inclusive, and prosperous communities, is a key objective of Donegal County Council. We were proud to support the Letterkenny Pride event on 19<sup>th</sup> August, which works towards building healthy, inclusive communities.



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Activity / Project Title	Social Inclusion Unit
<p>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 3 -inclusive of current status</p>	<p><b>Letterkenny Pride 2023</b> Saturday 19th August saw a series of colourful events taking place to celebrate the LGBTQ+ community. Donegal County Council Social Inclusion unit worked in the background to assist in the organisation of the pride festival and parade.</p>   <p><b>Indian Community Onam festival 2023</b> A large celebration of the harvest festival Onam an ancient festival celebrated in Kerala in India which still survives in modern times to mark the commemoration of the home-coming of the King Mahabali took place on 3 September in Aura Letterkenny. It was attended by invited guests Pdraig McLoughlin TD, Cllr Gerry McMonagle Leas-Chathaoirleach of Donegal County Council, Cllr Kevin Bradley Mayor of Letterkenny-Milford Municipal District, Cllr Jimmy Kavanagh and John Watson of Letterkenny Chamber of commerce.</p>



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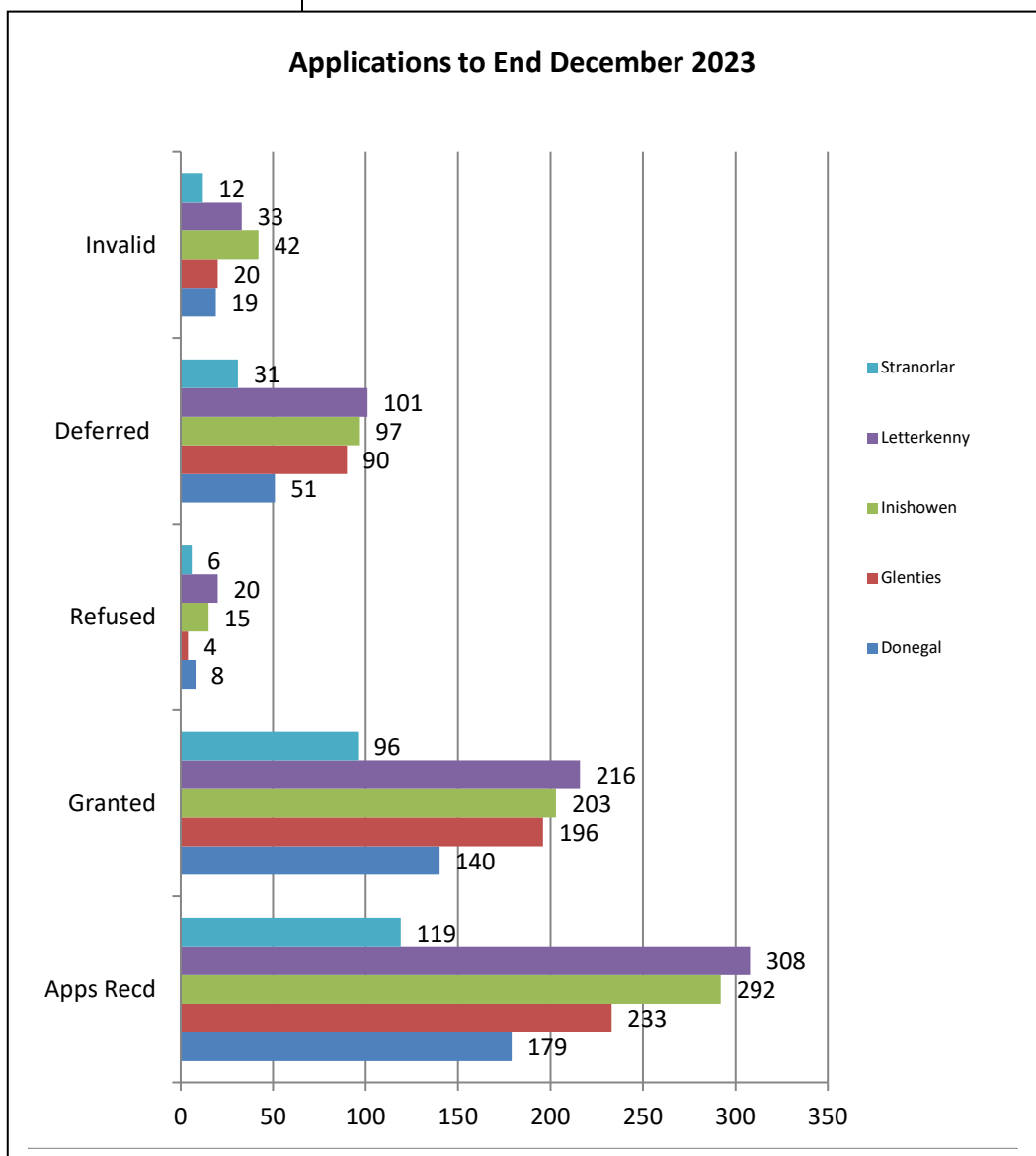
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**12<sup>th</sup> September, 2023**

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<b>3</b>	<b>Notes &amp; Monthly Schedule</b>	<p><b>Pre planning clinics are on a telephone call only basis (ring 074 9153900) between 9.00am and 12.30pm on the dates outlined below.</b></p> <p><b>The pre planning clinic calls will be taken by the Executive Planners and shall be for substantial applications only.</b></p> <p><u>Planning Clinics 2023:</u> 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2023 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2023</p> <p>Please see website for further dates. <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/planning-clinics/">http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/planning-clinics/</a></p>								
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<b>10</b>	<b>Further Information</b> <i>Click on web links to access information.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly List of applications and decisions: <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weekly-planninglists/">http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weekly-planninglists/</a></li> <li>• Planning Service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service): <a href="mailto:planning@donegalcoco.ie">planning@donegalcoco.ie</a></li> <li>• Planning Webpage: <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/">www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/</a></li> <li>• Planning Application Online Query – <a href="https://www.eplanning.ie/DonegalCC/SearchTypes">https://www.eplanning.ie/DonegalCC/SearchTypes</a></li> </ul>								



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# Report to September (2023) Municipal District Meetings

## 1.0 RURAL REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (RRDF)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Detailed Design phase is now completing and it is intended to open a construction tender in Q3 2023 ahead of a projected commencement on site in early Q4 of 2023. The Team will continue to update and advise Members on progress and key milestones as this project moves towards commencement on site. The process of project handover to the Council's Capital Project Delivery Unit (CPDU) has also commenced in anticipation of imminent progression to site. CPDU will manage the construction and handover stage of the project.

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

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

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

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

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

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

A sale agreed position has also now been reached in respect of the town centre acquisition interest enabled by this project. The property concerned is the former



Garda Barracks at St. Orans Rd, Buncrana. The Council's legal services have now been instructed to close out and complete this acquisition. The property will be redeveloped as an economic development proposition as a part of this project with a forward view towards job creation and inward investment.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Regeneration & Development Team is now leading on the delivery of a Town Centre First Masterplan for the Town.

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

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

The consultants, GM Design Associates Limited completed the process of collating, recording and interpreting the findings and results of the public and stakeholder engagement together with the conclusions of the baseline analysis of the town centre including the SCOT analysis, and have finalised the Stage 1 Report entitled 'Milford TCF Plan Baseline Profile', which was presented to the Elected Members at a Workshop on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2023. This Report has directly informed the Draft Milford Town Centre First Plan which was published for public consultation from the 10<sup>th</sup> of July to the 4<sup>th</sup> of August 2023. A drop in event was held on the 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023 in the Milford PSC with 64 attendees and 42 submissions were made via completed survey forms, comments sheet and email. It is planned to hold a workshop with the Members of the Letterkenny – Milford MD week beginning the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 to present the proposed Milford TCF Plan which has taken onboard the submissions made.

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

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

- Launch of the project website:  
<https://creesloughvillageplan.commonplace.is/> on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2023;
- A Senior Citizens Workshop in Creeslough Day Centre from 12noon to 1pm on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2023**;
- A public information event from 2pm to 8pm on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023** in Massinass Hall, Creeslough, and,
- Workshops with National, Gaelscoil and Secondary schools across **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023**.

These events were extremely well attended, with over 180 persons attending the drop in event in Massinass Hall. Following examination of the feedback received, a Draft Village Plan and community regeneration project was prepared and a second public consultation event was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June in Creeslough where both draft plans were presented. This event was very well attended also and following a period of further examination of the feedback, the proposed Creeslough Community Regeneration Project Part 8 was published on the 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023 with submissions to be made before 4.30 pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The proposal is available for viewing at the following link - [Donegal County Council \(donegalcoco.ie\)](http://Donegal County Council (donegalcoco.ie)) It is planned to bring the Part 8 application to the September 2023 Plenary meeting of the Council for consideration.

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

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

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

Sub-project B, CPO in respect of the Letterkenny 2040 Strategic Urban Regeneration Site, significantly progressed having served Notices to Treat and Enter in March and April 2023. On 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023, Donegal County Council took possession of the CPO lands required to enable the delivery of Phase 1 development of the site as regards Alpha/Beta office accommodation and public realm infrastructure. Negotiation on compensation continues in parallel. Acquisition by agreement of remaining property at 29 and 31 Port Road to enable Phase 2 completed on 2nd August 2023 and both properties are also now in the possession of Council.

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

will be brought to the Letterkenny-Milford MD in this regard as this work develops.

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

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

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

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

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

DHLGH approval to proceed with tendering processes and acquisitions was secured on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 following approval of the Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy. DHLGH advise that each sub- project will now progress on its own timeline including the preparation of individual Final Business Cases prior to appointment of construction contractor.

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

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

Sub-project	Nature of DHLGH approval/ Project activity
Sub-project A: Market Square element	<p><b>Proceed to procurement of architect-led team for detailed design and site supervision</b></p> <p>The following actions have been commenced/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The project has been handed over to the Capital Projects Delivery Unit (CPDU) for</li> </ul>



	<p>progression of detailed design with feed-in from the Regeneration and Development Team. A follow up handover meeting is to be scheduled between both teams for September 2023. Further updates will be provided by CPDU.</p>
<p>Sub-Project A: Cathedral Quarter Park and Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme</p>	<p><b>Proceed acquisition processes for land required. The following actions have been commenced/underway:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refreshed valuations received as regards several market valuations to inform potential acquisitions by agreement.</li> <li>• A number of offers have been made and are under consideration by landowners.</li> <li>• Structural Engineering Report completed to inform 1 no. acquisition involving a building.</li> <li>• Clarifications sought on a number of properties in relation to land ownership.</li> <li>• Tender package for Valuation Services closed on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023. Final arrangements for the appointment of the successful valuer are currently being made.</li> <li>• High level legal appraisal with Councils solicitor completed on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023.</li> <li>• Next step: Consideration of requirements and timeline for publication of CPO by year end.</li> </ul> <p><b>Proceed to procurement of architect-led team for all design stages (planning consent, detailed design &amp; site supervision)</b> This project will be led through the next stage of design and consultancy services by the Regeneration and Development Team with feed-in from the Capital Projects Delivery Unit. The following actions have been commenced/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Draft tender for architect-led team under preparation and review for opening of procurement process as soon as possible.</li> </ul>
<p>Sub-project B: Renewal at Lower Main Street</p>	<p><b>Proceed acquisition processes for land required. The following actions have been commenced/underway:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refreshed valuations received as regards several market valuations to inform potential acquisitions by agreement.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A number of offers have been made and are under consideration by landowners.</li> <li>• Offer accepted in principle for acquisition of 2 no. properties at Lower Main Street. The Business Case therefore been completed and Council solicitors have been instructed to proceed with legal and conveyancing processes.</li> <li>• Structural Engineering Reports completed to inform 4 no. acquisitions involving buildings.</li> <li>• Clarifications sought on a number of properties in relation to land ownership.</li> <li>• Tender package for Valuation Services closed on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023. Final arrangements for the appointment of the successful valuer are currently being made.</li> <li>• High level legal appraisal with Councils solicitor completed on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023.</li> <li>• Next step: Consideration of requirements and timeline for publication of CPO(s) before year end.</li> </ul>
<p>Sub-project C: Revival of the Courthouse</p>	<p><b>Proceed to procurement of consultancy services to prepare ‘Product identification/Visitor Experience Plan.’</b></p> <p>This project will be led through the next stage by the Regeneration and Development Team and will involve multiple workshops at MD level. The following actions have been commenced/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tender package for Creative Consultancy Services opened on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023 in respect of ‘Revival at the Courthouse’ for the preparation of a Visitor Experience Plan/ Product Identification Plan and Business Plan for the development of a major visitor attraction at the Courthouse.</li> <li>▪ Deadline for receipt of tenders was 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023. Two submissions were received. The Evaluation Team met on 31<sup>st</sup> July and 3<sup>rd</sup> August and are scheduled to meet again on 12<sup>th</sup> September. Thereafter an appointment will be made.</li> </ul>
<p>Sub-project D: Strategic acquisition to enable a Regional Transport Hub</p>	<p><b>Proceed acquisition processes for land required.</b></p> <p>This project will be led through the next stage by the Regeneration and Development Team. The</p>



	<p>following actions have been commenced/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Formal engagement with landowner commenced by means of a meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023.</li> <li>• Tender package for Valuation Services closed on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023. Final arrangements for the appointment of the successful valuer are currently being made.</li> <li>• High level legal appraisal with Councils solicitor completed on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023.</li> <li>• A meeting with NTA and representatives of the Councils Roads, Planning, Regeneration and Community Development Teams took place on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023 in relation to transportation in Letterkenny inclusive of the Regional Transport Hub project. As regards the Regional Transport Hub, a funding commitment was secured from NTA to enable the engagement of consultancy services to move the project forward to the next level as regards scale, scope, further engagement with transport providers and operational requirements. Draft tender package is being prepared in this regard for internal review initially followed by NTA feed-in prior to opening of a procurement process.</li> </ul>
<p>Sub-Project E; Strategic acquisition to enable LK Green Connect</p>	<p><b>Proceed acquisition processes for land required</b>                  This project will be led through the next stage by the Regeneration and Development Team. Progress on acquisition is to some degree dependent on capacity to progress Part 8 for phase 2 of LK Green Connect and in this regard, it is noted that in-house resources are severely under pressure across both URDF and RRDF work programmes. Notwithstanding, the following actions have been commenced/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Formal engagement with a number of landowners commenced and commitment given to further re-engage with particular landowners in September 2023.</li> <li>▪ Tender package for Valuation Services in relation to the Cultural Corridor element closed on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023 and an appointment is currently being made. Activation of acquisition steps in relation to phase 2 (from constructed Phase 1 to Pearse</li> </ul>

	<p>Road) is dependent on progress on the Part 8 to inform the extent of lands required and previous commentary of capacity of in-house resources refers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ High level legal appraisal with Councils solicitor completed on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023.</li> </ul>
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**2.3 ‘The Eat Out’ Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Project, Letterkenny**

‘The Eat Out’ Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Project at the public space to the front of An Grianan Theatre secured Part 8 planning consent at the plenary Council meeting in November 2022. Detailed design of this project enabled in the context of the further development of the concept contained in the Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy via the appointment of The Paul Hogarth Company and O’Connor Cronin Sutton Engineers is well advanced. The Regeneration Team now provide support and input into the detailed design process which is led by Community Development wherein a procurement process for construction contractor closed for tender submissions on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2023. Further updates are being provided by Community Development.

**2.4 Letterkenny Cultural Corridor**

Part 8 proposed development for the ‘Cultural Corridor’ section of LK Green Connect is progressing and is at an advanced state of readiness. The target for publication of the Part 8 is September 2023 leading to consideration of Chief Executives Report on the Part 8 consultation at the November 2023 Council meeting. The team continue to work towards these target dates whilst balancing some additional negotiations with landowners that have arisen. Any adjustment in publication timeline will be communicated directly to Members.

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

Early design work using in-house resources commenced initially in January 2023 on Part 8 proposed development for Phase 2 of LK Green Connect to link walking and cycling infrastructure at the completed Phase 1 to Pearse Road.

Due to pressures across the wider work programme of the Regeneration Team, only limited progress has been made with a fresh application of resources targeted for September 2023. Given the early stage in the design process, the timeline for publication of the Part 8 is yet to be confirmed and, as referenced, is subject to capacity of staff resources across both URDF and RRDF programmes. The preferred scenario is to publish a Part 8 by year end 2023. Workshops at MD level will be arranged as this project develops.

In parallel with design work, it is proposed to make further contact with landowners.



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

Early engagements with Letterkenny Youth Club and Donegal Youth Service have commenced to further explore the potential for a youth/community focused project at Lower Main Street as envisaged within the Design Concepts contained in the Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy and relating to a number of Councils acquisition interests under URDF Call 2 successful application. In this regard, a partnership in principle has been agreed. Following progress on relevant land acquisition under the Councils URDF Call 2 project, it is targeted to commence design processes as regards a future capital scheme at this location. Timeline for commencement of design work is likely to be Q of 2024 at the earliest and is highly dependent on capacity of in-house resources. Updates will be provided to Members on ongoing basis.

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

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

## **2.8 URDF Call 3**

On the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023, Minister O'Brien announced an allocation of €4m under URDF Call 3 for Donegal County Council in relation to Letterkenny Regional Centre. URDF Call 3 focusses on enabling Local Authorities to tackle long-term vacancy and dereliction in Letterkenny town centre and on the acceleration of residential development. The programme will provide a rolling fund to Local Authorities to enable acquisition and design and civil works that may be required to de-risk property to make it more attractive for onward sale. A funding agreement has been completed and returned to DHLGH and a further return is to be completed for return to DHLGH by a deadline of 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023. A further workshop with Letterkenny-Milford MD will be required as regards next steps, resources and timeline.

## **2.9 Other**

The Regeneration and Development Team continue to engage in other regeneration related work areas in Letterkenny, engage with key stakeholders on a rolling basis and support other sections of Donegal County Council as required and across several other activities.

## **3.0 CROI CONAITHE VACANT PROPERTY REFURBISHMENT GRANT SCHEME**

The Council administers the Croi Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme on behalf of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The grant schemes, which came into operation in July 2022, provides grants to property owners to refurbish properties that have been vacant for two years or more for use as their principle private residence or to be made available for rent. The level of grant funding available is €50,000 or

€70,000 if the property is derelict. The grants are increased by 20% for off-shore island properties. To date, the Council have processed 302 applications with 87 approved and 16 rejected on the basis that they do not meet the scheme criteria mainly relating to the proposed works or that the property has not been vacant for two years or more and built on or before 2007. The balance of applications is either awaiting further information from the applicant or at first technical inspection stage. There are two applicants who have completed the works and these are currently being processed.

#### 4.0 **COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER ACTIVATION FUND**

In April 2023, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage launched the CPO Activation Programme for the activation of vacant and derelict properties. The main steps of the programme include:

**Step 1:** Identification of vacant and derelict properties

**Step 2:** Identification of and engagement with owners.

**Step 3:** Communication regarding the various schemes and measures in place to support bringing the property back into use, and

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

The Council are currently undertaking Step 1 to identify vacant and derelict properties through the GEO Directory. This survey is being undertaken in the following towns, which includes town identified at the workshops held with Elected Members in July 2023. The surveys will be rolled out to other towns over the coming months:

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

To date, 1,545 properties have been surveyed with 678 confirmed as vacant and 48 as derelict. The next step is for our team to identify and engage with the property owners to make them aware of the supports available to bring the vacant property back into productive use. The Members will be kept up to date as we progress through the work programme.

**Regeneration & Development Team**  
**September 2023**

## **Appendix B**

# Municipal District of Donegal September 2023

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Building Control & Taking in Charge  
Community Development & Planning Services

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## **REPORT**

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

## **Building Control Activity**

### ***a. Commencement Notices***

In 2022, 556 Commencement notices were submitted, representing 429 new buildings and 127 building alterations or extensions. This compares with 565 Commencement notices in 2021 representing 634 new builds and 138 building alterations or extensions.

The number of "Opt-out" Commencement Notices submitted in 2022 was 312, more than 56% of the overall total submitted. So far in 2023, the Opt-Out Commencement Notice represents 54% of the notices submitted.

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

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

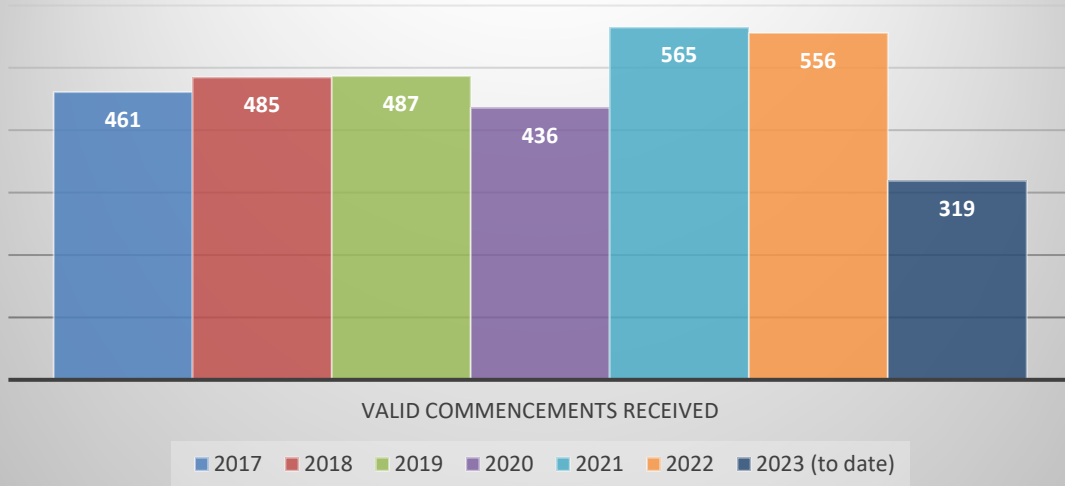
Up to the end of July, there have been 319 Commencement Notices submitted in 2023, representing 281 new build projects and 91 building alterations or extensions. This is down from 355 CNs in the same period in 2022 representing 318 new build projects.

As stated above, in 2022 there were 556 Commencement Notices received. These represented 658 building projects of which there were 531 new units. 120 of these were classified as "multi-unit developments." To date in 2023 there have been one commencement notice for a multi-unit development of 16 houses.

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



## Valid Commencement Notices



***Types of Commencement Notices:***

- i) Commencement Notice with Compliance Documentation: An Assigned Certifier is appointed to oversee the construction and to ensure that there is compliance with the Building Regulations.*
- ii) Commencement Notice with Opt Out: This can be used for single dwellings only. The owner is given the option to “opt out” from the Certification Process. They are still legally obliged to comply with the Building Regulations. For this type of commencement notice, an assigned certifier is not appointed, and the owner must sign a declaration to ensure that the building is constructed in accordance with the relevant Building Regulations.*
- It needs to be stressed here that if this option is chosen, then the Owner is declaring that they are “Competent” and will ensure that the works comply with the Building Regulations. These are still subject to spot check inspections and must provide compliance documentation upon request.***
- iii) Commencement Notice without Compliance Documentation: This is referred to as a Short Commencement Notice and requires minimal documentation. It cannot be used for:*
- The construction of a new dwelling house.
  - An extension to a dwelling involving a total floor area greater than 40m<sup>2</sup>.
  - Any works that require a fire certificate
- iv) 7 Day Notice: This type of notice is used, where a fire certificate has been applied for but has not yet been granted.*

2023- Jan 1st to July 31st				
Type	No. Of CNs	New Builds	Building Alterations/Extensions	Multi Dwelling
CN with Documentation	97	109	38	1 no. 16 unit
7 day notice	26	14	12	0
CN without Documentation	29	17	15	0
CN with Opt Out	167	141	26	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>91</b>	

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

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

Except for houses and certain agricultural buildings, a DAC is generally required for all new buildings, including apartments and flats. A certificate is also required for material changes of use and certain alterations and extensions to buildings.

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

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

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

So far in 2023, up until the end of July, there have been 62 DAC application compared with 36 applications in the same period in 2022.





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

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

- Ross Mór, Donegal Town
- Woodvale, Donegal Town

It should be noted that while significant works have been carried out in these estates to bring them to a satisfactory level of completion, issues of concern which remain have been highlighted by the Area Roads staff and these are brought to Members attention in the Draft Resolutions for consideration.

Where it is proposed to Declare a Road to be a Public Road under Section 11 of the Roads Act, Members are obliged, under subsection (1)(b)(ii) to consider the financial implications for the authority of the proposed declaration.

However, in the case of a development which has not been completed satisfactorily and an application for takeover has been received and the Planning Authority has not commenced enforcement proceedings within the appropriate period, subsection (1)(b)(ii) of section 11 of the Roads Act shall be disregarded.





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

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

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

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

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

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

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Paddy Mullen  
Senior Executive Engineer  
Community & Planning Services

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



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



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

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

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

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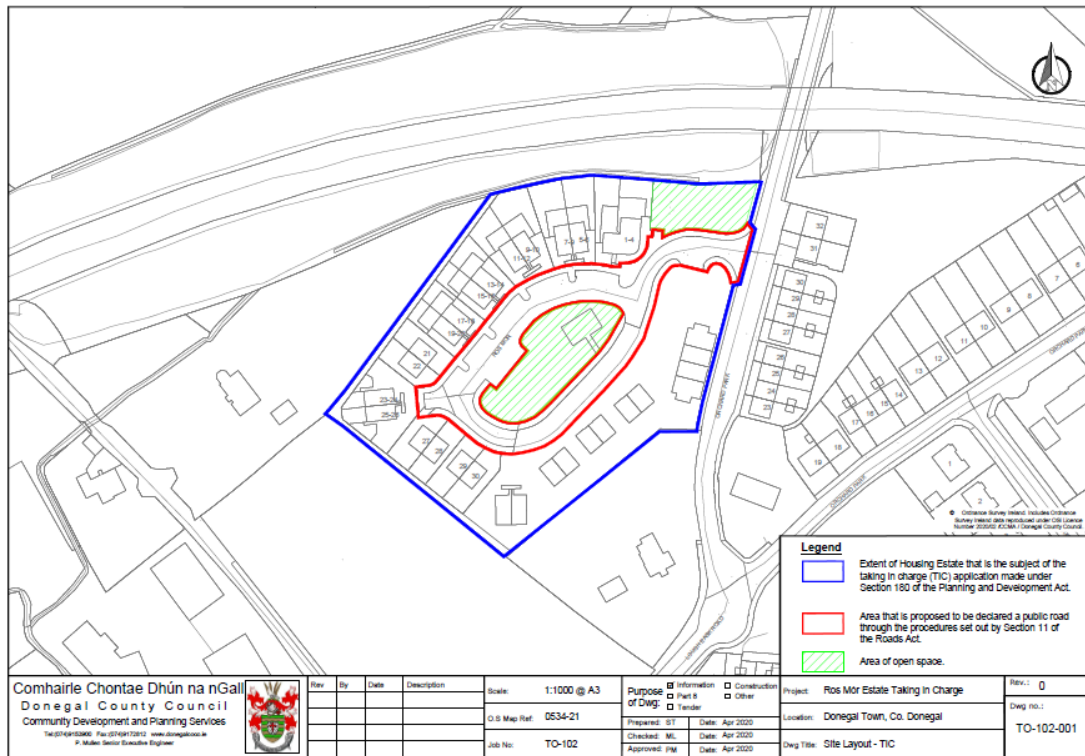
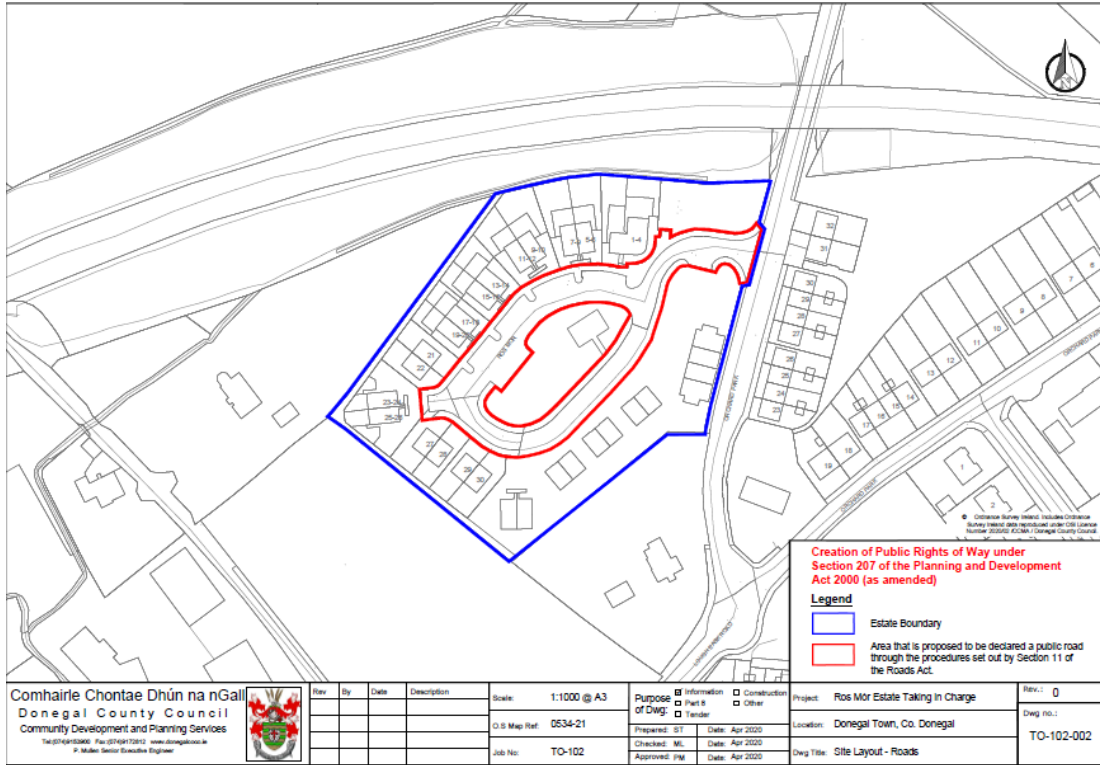
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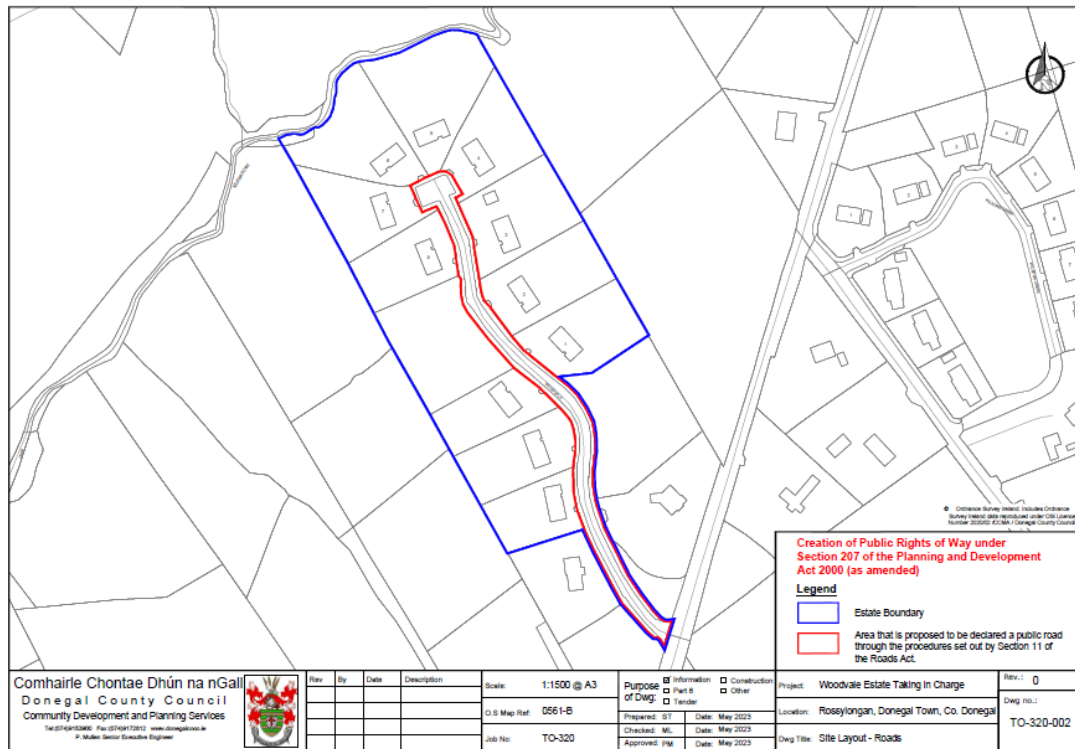
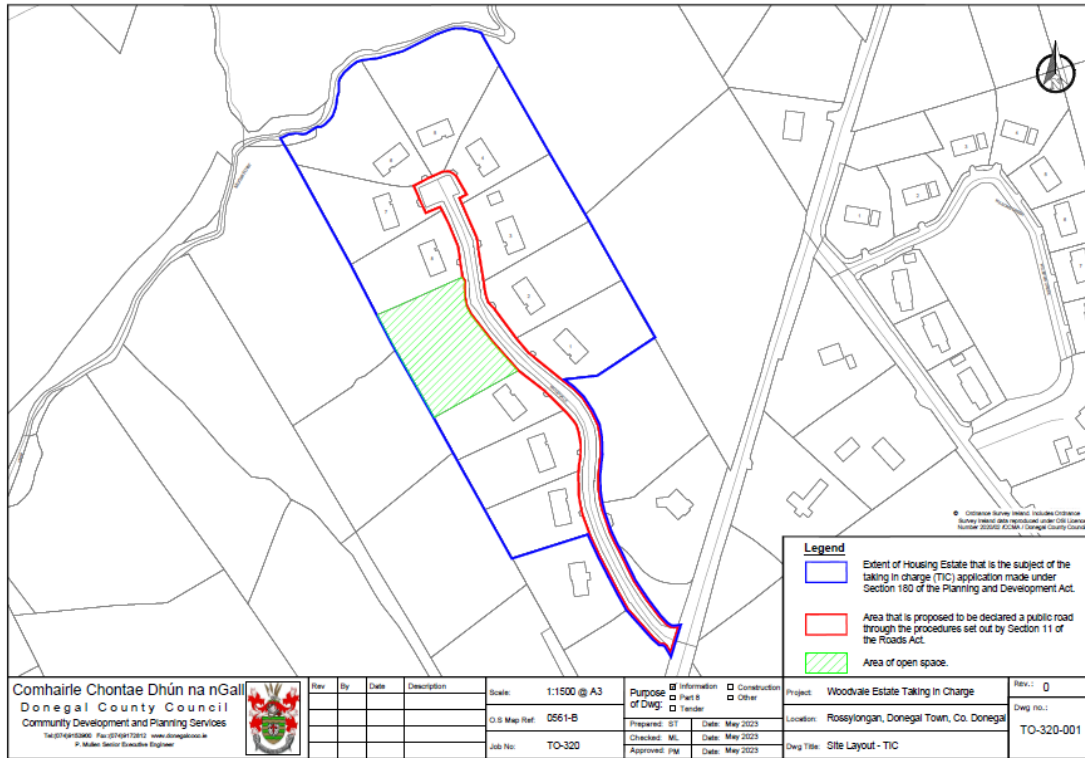
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On the proposal of Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ it is **resolved** that the Council **make an order** in accordance with Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act, 1993 to declare the estate roads within the housing estate **Woodvale,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







## **CAPITAL PROJECTS DELIVERY UNIT**

### Community Development and Planning Services

Report to Donegal Municipal District Members: Sept 2023

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



<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<p>It is anticipated that Island House works will progress with windows and roof to be completed and internal first fix works to commence.</p> <p>It is anticipated that works on public realm space will continue with the Diamond central civic space and car park to be significantly progressed.</p>
<b>Contact Person(s)</b>	Michael Quigley, A/Executive Engineer Ardal McDermott, A/ Senior Executive Engineer





## Donegal Municipal District - 12th September 2023 Motions

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**Agenda Item No.6**

Office Ref:DLMD-2023-07003

**Submitted By: Cllr. Tom Conaghan****Assigned To:** Roads**Motion** "That this Donegal MD carry out immediate resurfacing works of the Bank Walk ,Donegal Town and move forward with plans to extend the walk."**Signed Off By:** MARK SWEENEY**Response:** The area roads office will survey the existing bank walk to determine the extent of any resurfacing works needed. We will revert to the Members when a cost estimate for these works has been prepared as funding will need to be sourced to facilitate any works necessary. The Donegal Town Bank Walk Options Selection Report has been completed and land maps have been prepared for the proposed extension to the Bank Walk. The next step is to commence discussions with landowner with a view to acquiring the lands necessary to facilitate this walkway. Thereafter, we intend forwarding this information on to the Community & Enterprise Section to progress the project through Part 8 planning and to try to secure the necessary funding to deliver the project.

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**Agenda Item No.7**

Office Ref:DLMD-2023-07004

**Submitted By: Cllr. Michael McMahon****Assigned To:** Environment**Motion** "That this MD clear the rubble and weeds at the mouth of the Bradogue River "**Signed Off By:** SEAMUS HOPKINS**Response:** Environment section do not have role in relation to the management of rivers, however, the waste enforcement section will contact Councillor McMahon to ascertain the nature of the rubble to determine if it is construction and demolition waste, and if this is the case, the options in relation to dealing with it.



## Donegal Municipal District - 12th September 2023 Questions

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**Agenda Item No.8**

Office Ref:DLMD-2023-07001

**Submitted By: Cllr. Tom Conaghan****Assigned To:** Roads

**Question** "Is it possible to have all roads that have no markings surveyed in Donegal Town and a date prepared for when this job will be done? At present there are a lot of road safety concerns where roads/junctions are not marked."

**Signed Off By:** MARK SWEENEY

**Response:** Earlier this year the area roads office arranged for road marking works to be carried out at various locations around Donegal Town. We will meet with Cllr Conaghan to ascertain the areas of concern and make arrangements for additional road marking works to be carried out. It is difficult to provide an exact date for when these works will be carried out as any works are subject to the availability of the lining contractors and are weather dependant. We will however do our best to get these works done as soon as possible.

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**Agenda Item No.9**

Office Ref:DLMD-2023-07002

**Submitted By: Cllr. Tom Conaghan****Assigned To:** Culture

**Question** "Senator Sharon Keogan followed up a request by myself to the OPW regarding the upkeep of Dr Warnock's grave in the Old Abbey Graveyard,Donegal Town. The response is that it is the Heritage office of DCC that are responsible. Therefore when will the upkeep works take place on Dr. Warnock's grave?"

**Signed Off By:** PATSY LAFFERTY

**Response:** The Council is responsible for a number of graveyards throughout the county and the Old Abbey graveyard is one of these graveyards. The roads office is allocated funding each year for the maintenance of these graveyards but the budget would not facilitate the works that may be necessary in this instance. Given the specialist nature of the works that may be required, the matter will be examined on a cross directorate basis, in conjunction with any relevant external individuals or agencies as required. Additional funding will also need to be sourced.