

**Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain**

Oifig Riarthóir na  
gCruinnithe  
Aras an Chontae  
Leifear  
7 Meitheamh 2017

**FOGRA CRUINNITHE**

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain siúl Dé Máirt 13 Meitheamh,  
2017, **ag 1.30 r.n. in ISP Carn Domhnach.**

**DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS INIS EOGHAIN**

**A Chara,**

Iarrtar ort bheith i lathair ag an gcruinniú seo Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain. Tá Clar  
an Cruinnithe le seo.

**Mise, le meas**

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*p.p. Riarthóir Cruinnithe*

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**Municipal District of Inishowen**

Office of Meetings Administrator  
County House  
Lifford  
7<sup>th</sup> June 2017

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

A Meeting of the Municipal District of Inishowen will be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June  
2017 **at 1.30p.m. in the Public Services Centre, Carndonagh.**

**TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF INISHOWEN**

**Dear Councillor**

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

**Yours sincerely**

*Aideen Doherty*  
**for Joe Peoples**  
**Meetings Administrator**

# **AGENDA**

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the Municipal District of Inishowen Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017
2. Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services (Red)
3. Roads & Transportation (Orange)
4. Planning Services (Green)
5. Environment Services (Blue)
6. Community & Enterprise (Pink)
7. Correspondence

# MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD IN THE PUBLIC SERVICES CENTRE, CARNDONAGH ON TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MAY 2017 AT 1PM

## **Councillors Present:**

Cllrs Rena Donaghey, Paul Canning, Albert Doherty, Nicholas Crossan, Martin McDermott, Martin Farren, Bernard McGuinness, Jack Murray, John Ryan

## **Officials Present:**

John McLaughlin, Director of Services Roads and Transportation, Aideen Doherty, Area Manager Housing & Corporate Services, Seamus Hopkins, Area Manager Roads & Transportation, Una Cresswell A/Senior Staff Officer, Paddy Doherty, Divisional Manager, Community & Enterprise, Mathew Byrne, Waste Regulation Officer, Environment Section Ruth Diver, Executive Planner.

## **Reports Presented:**

1. Community & Enterprise
2. Planning Services
3. Environment Services
4. Roads & Transportation
5. Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services

On the proposal of Cllr Nicholas Crossan and seconded by Cllr Rena Donaghey, it was agreed that the meeting would be postponed until 1.30pm. The meeting then reconvened at 1.30pm

An Cathaoirleach Bernard McGuinness welcomed everyone to the meeting. He began by expressing his condolences on behalf of all the members, to the families of Nathan Dixon and Nathan Farrell who had recently been tragically killed in a road traffic accident. A minutes silence was held. Also, sympathy was expressed to Aideen Doherty, Area Manager, Corporate and Housing, on the death of her uncle, Liam Doherty, Carndonagh.

The members collectively expressed their gratitude to the emergency services who attended the scene of the tragic accident.

An Cathaoirleach Bernard McGuinness also expressed his appreciation to the fire services who have recently been attending gorse fires around the clock, particularly in the Urris area.

## **17.30 Consideration of the Minutes of the Municipal District Meeting of the Inishowen Municipal District held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017.**

On the proposal of Cllr Rena Donaghey and seconded by Cllr Jack Murray, the minutes of the April Meeting of the Inishowen Municipal District meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017 were agreed.

## **17.31 Matters Arising**

There was some discussion on how minutes are recorded. Some members were of the opinion that all members' comments should be recorded and credited in the

minutes. However, others thought that this would change the format of the meetings. The consensus was that the minutes should remain as they are and that a discussion would have to take place if the way minutes were to be recorded in a different manner.

It was noted that there was an error in the minutes, the lights were not working at the Shore Front in Buncrana rather than the Main St in Buncrana as noted in the minutes.

### **17.32 COMMUNITY AND ENTERPRISE**

The Divisional Manager Paddy Doherty briefed the members on the update report.

#### **17.32.01 Malin Head**

It was noted that a contractor had been appointed and foundations laid at Malin Head as part of the Access and Amenity Improvement Project. The work which commenced on 10<sup>th</sup> April is ongoing and was acknowledged by the members. Cllr Martin McDermott suggested that heavy vehicles should be removed from the areas at weekends.

It was noted that there is restricted access to some areas at the end of the walkway in Malin Head due to land being in private ownership. Paddy Doherty agreed to review the matter.

#### **17.32.02 Foyle Ferry Service**

A lengthy discussion ensued on the Foyle Ferry with members expressing their frustration over the lack of progress in getting the ferry up and running. Cllr Albert Doherty pointed out that significant potential tourism business was being lost due to the ferry not being available and he emphasised that the ferry situation needed to be resolved. Cllr Martin Farren referred to specific groups who were looking to book the ferry for events over recent weeks. Members collectively expressed their concerns over the delays in resolving the situation. This was impacting on the Development Fund Initiatives Scheme and small local groups were still waiting on a decision on their Development Fund Initiative allocation. Cllr Albert Doherty proposed and Cllr Jack Murray seconded that there should be more flexibility as the delays were impacting on these small community groups.

It was agreed that a workshop to discuss the Development Fund Initiative and the Ferry would take place at 4 00 pm 18<sup>th</sup> May.

It was proposed by Cllr Jack Murray and seconded by Cllr Albert Doherty that the members should meet with Minister for State and Tourism, Minister Patrick O'Donovan when he visits Fanad Light house on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017. He suggested that this would be an excellent opportunity to meet and discuss the ferry and lobby for central government funding. Cllr McGuinness suggested that all Inishowen MD members should attend. Cllr Murray suggested that Inishowen MD members should aim to meet him separately but Cllr McGuinness suggested that the Letterkenny MD members should meet him too.

Paddy Doherty, Divisional Manager advised that everything was being done to try and secure a ferry service and that he was conscious that the tendering process should not be compromised at this stage.

### **17.32.03 Town and Village Renewal**

Paddy Doherty distributed details of the 2017 Town and Village Renewal Scheme. It was noted that the closing date was 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017. The government had recently announced that €20 million was available nationally under the scheme. Cllr Martin McDermott pointed out that this scheme was now open to community groups to send in submissions. Paddy Doherty confirmed that the scheme has changed and that Donegal County Council would submit fifteen projects to the scheme, three for each Municipal District. It was noted that the Department has the final say in granting funding not the Local Authority as previously.

### **17.32.04 Community Facilities Scheme**

Paddy Doherty distributed details of the scheme and advised that €64,000 was available for the county. A maximum of €1000 can be allocated to a community group. The Scheme provides small-scale grants for community groups all across Ireland. It operates alongside other schemes and programmes already in place in communities. The closing date for this project is also 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and so far there have been few applications.

### **17.32.05 Lisfannon Industrial Estate**

It was proposed by Cllr Jack Murray and seconded by Cllr Rena Donaghey that high Speed Broadband be extended to Lisfannon Industrial Estate as it is in close proximity. A long term plan for Lisfannon Estate should be encouraged they added. There is potential to create jobs and utilise the vacant units that are there. It was agreed that efforts should be made to push this project ahead.

### **17.32.06 Buncrana School Campus**

The members discussed the provision of a site for the school campus in Buncrana. Cllr Rena Donaghey expressed her concerns that it was now nearing the end of the school term and there appeared to be little happening in the way of progress. It was noted that classroom capacity at Crana College was very limited and that it was imperative that the project must move on. Further discussion took place. It was suggested that alternative sites were being looked at and that landowners were being approached in this regard. Paddy Doherty, Divisional Manager stated that he was not aware that other sites were being looked at outside of the original six sites that had been considered. He agreed to follow up the matter and get back to the members.

## **17.33 ENVIRONMENT**

### **17.33.01 Environmental Projects**

Waste Regulation Officer, Martin Byrne presented the Environment report to the members.

He advised that three new projects had been launched:

- The Clean and Green Awards
- Tidy Towns Start Up Fund
- Tidy Towns Improvement Project Fund

These three initiatives were launched by the Environment & Emergency SPC at their meeting on 20th April. Mathew Byrne advised that application forms for these projects were available from Suzanne Bogan in the Environment Section.

#### **17.33.02 The Big Donegal Clean-up 2017**

Mathew Byrne stated that there has been a huge response to this initiative and that as highlighted in the report, the campaign is really a team effort with the volunteers in the local communities, local Councillors, Council staff, in particular the Litter Wardens and the Mobile Litter Units co-ordinating the events with the local community.

#### **17.33.03 Management of Dump Sites**

The members discussed the problem of dumping in scenic areas and waterways. It was collectively agreed that offenders should be named and shamed. It was acknowledged that efforts were being made to address the problem and that the Litter Warden in the area was doing great work on the ground. It was suggested that more cameras be installed to catch offenders. Cllr John Ryan expressed his concern over random dumping and stated that he had recently been made aware of two washing machines being dumped on a roadway. He added that the area between the castle and shore at the Isle of Doagh was strewn with litter. Cllr Rena Donaghey referred to the appalling level of litter on the road between the Bridgend roundabout at the border with Derry.

#### **17.33.04 Compost Bins**

Mathew advised the members as stated in the environment report that home compost bins are available from all Council Public Services Centres for only €13. One third of all waste can be composted such as fruit and vegetable peelings. By composting these types of waste we reduce the waste in our bins and can make our own compost which is a wonderful resource for gardens.

#### **17.33.05 Bottle Banks**

Cllr Martin McDermott requested that the bottle bank in Carndonagh at the recycling centre be open on more days per week. Mathew Byrne advised that the contractors may be reluctant to do that but an additional bottle bank could maybe be placed at an alternative site in the town. He agreed to look into the matter.

#### **17.33.06 Dog Warden**

It was requested that the Dog Warden attend Merville and the Shore Front in Bunrana more regularly by Cllr Martin Farren and Cllr Nicholas Crossan respectively. The problem of dog fouling on beaches was discussed and it was suggested that the council should install more signage to increase awareness.

#### **17.33.07 Lagg Beach**

Mathew Byrne agreed to re-examine Lagg beach. He stated that a Manager's Order was to be signed in order to appoint a consultant.

#### **17.33.08 Cutting Gras at Junctions**

Cllr Paul Canning requested that when the Council employees are cutting grass at junctions could the local Tidy Towns be contacted prior to the cutting. He added that the litter is easier to be picked prior to grass being cut. Cllr Canning expressed his gratitude to Tidy Towns across all the areas,

### **17.33.09 Sewerage at Bridgend**

Cllr Jack Murray referred to the problem of raw sewerage running from the Bridgend Housing Estates. He explained how the OPW are not funding upgrades of flood defences and that Bridgend and Burnfoot are the worst cases in the county. He acknowledged the efforts of the Council in trying to find a solution but pointed out that the situation was getting worse and requires urgent attention before the situation gets worse.

### **17.33.10 Cars on Beaches**

Cllr Ryan asked what the policy was on cars being driven on beaches. Mathew Byrne confirmed that cars were allowed to park on beaches.

### **17.33.11 Kinnego Bay**

Cllr Bernard McGuinness requested a report on the status of progress in obtaining Blue Flag status for Kinnego Bay.

### **17.33.12 Portable Toilets at Scenic Spots**

Cllr Bernard McGuinness requested that portable toilets be considered for Kinnego Bay and for small piers such as Bunagee, Portaleen and Malin Head.

## **17.35 PLANNING**

Ruth Diver, Executive Planner presented the planning report to the members. Cllr Bernard McGuinness, on behalf of the members requested that the Planning Report be revised as it was difficult to read and also it did not include significant applications. It was noted that Eugene Quinn, Senior Planner had agreed to update the format of the report.

### **17.35.01 Draft Development Plan 2018 -2024**

Cllr Paul Canning referred to the Draft Development Plan 2018 -2024. He circulated a map and some extracts from the draft plan. The public consultation period for the plan is between 19<sup>th</sup> May and 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017. He strongly emphasised that the members should make serious collective submissions with regard to certain parts of the plan particularly in relation to items T-P- 4 (page 59 of the plan) and E.D P- 3 - (page 43 of the plan) which would need to be revised with some wording removed.. This was proposed by Cllr Paul Canning and seconded by Cllr Rena Donaghey.

Cllr Canning also referred to treatment plants in the Draft plan which states that with multiple developments the proposed and existing developments which would effectively put a stop to development. Cllr Martin McDermott suggested that this would stop houses being built in rural areas.

Paul agreed to liaise with Aideen Doherty, Area Manager to draw up the relevant submissions on behalf of the Inishowen Municipal District.

It was proposed by Cllr McGuinness and seconded by Cllr Martin Farren that Eunan Quinn or Paul Kelly from the Planning Service be invited to the next meeting of Inishowen Municipal District. Also that Paul Christie should be invited to attend too.

### **17.35.02 Letters of Support – Bona Fida**

Concern over Bona Fida letters not been accepted by the Planning Service was expressed by the members. Also, it was acknowledged that it was becoming increasingly more difficult to obtain planning due to additional planning requirements such as assessments It was noted that these requirements were putting pressure on staff meeting deadlines

*Cllr McGuinness stepped out of the meeting at 2.35pm.Cllr John Ryan chaired the meeting for a brief period.*

### **17.35.03Workshop on Local Area Plans**

It was agreed that a workshop on Local Area Plans would take place on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May at 1.00pm

### **17.35.04 Planning Resources**

Cllr John Ryan suggested that extra resources were required in planning and that there was now only twenty five per cent of the staff that Inishowen had in 2008/2009. He added that applications in the Inishowen MD Area were higher than other Municipal District. There was a consensus by all the members that more resources were required for Inishowen preferably with an increased based in Carndonagh Public Service Centre.

### **17.35.05 Protective Structure Workshop and Meeting**

It was agreed that a workshop and Special Meeting to consider additions to the list of Protective Structures would take place on 21<sup>st</sup> June at 2.00pm

## **17.36 ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION**

The Senior Executive Engineer, Seamus Hopkins circulated the current work programme.

### **17.36.01 Surface Dressing**

Seamus Hopkins advised that the weather was ideal for surface dressing and that the Roads team were meeting targets and moving on to Moville on Thursday of the current week.

### **17.36.02 Wall at St Columba's Church, Straid, Clonmany**

It was agreed that resources should be looked at to repair wall at Straid Church Clonmany. As noted at a previous meeting the wall was protruding through the fence

### **17.36.03 Lighting**

Cllr Nicholas Crossan referred to the lights being out at the Shore Road in Buncrana. Seamus Hopkins advised that there is website where lights can be reported as out of order.

It was noted that additional proposed lights were agreed at a Roads Workshop but there was no budget at the moment to cover the work.

### **17.36.04 Convent, Carndonagh, St. Vincent de Paul House**

Cllr Bernard McGuinness expressed his concern at the lack of lighting at the Convent/St Vincent De Paul site. Seamus Hopkins stated that maybe this could be considered at the end of the year when funds may be available.

#### **17.36.05 Barrack Hill Town Park**

In response to a question by Cllr Martin McDermott, Seamus Hopkins confirmed that he had spoken with Irish Public Bodies Insurance who advised that providing there was adequate supervision and that potential groups indemnify Donegal County Council, there would be no problem in them using the facilities. However, the adventure area is a high risk area he added, and requires close supervision. For this reason the Council is reluctant to give the key to interested groups until all relevant measures are in place.

In relation to employing a gardener at Barrack Hill, Seamus Hopkins stated that a seasonal worker will be employed over the summer. He added that a full time gardener would have to be agreed at County Level. In the meantime a contractor was cutting the grass at Barrack Hill.

Cllr Albert Doherty reiterated his concerns over the lack of public lighting at the Ballyloskey end of Barrack Hill. It was also suggested that the footpath required tarring as it was in a poor state.

#### **17.36.09 Low Cost Safety Measures**

Cllr Martin McDermott reiterated his concern for a road junction at Malin Head at which several accidents have occurred. He stated that there had been another accident at the junction the previous evening. Seamus Hopkins advised that there was no budget available for this until the end of the year. John McLaughlin, Director of Service for Roads and Transportation advised that a plan will be put forward by the Road Design Team and costed.

#### **17.36.07 Battery Brae**

Seamus Hopkins confirmed that he was liaising with the planning service over this matter.

#### **17.36.08 Car Park in Moville**

Cllr Farren stated that the car park in Moville required attention and upgrading.

#### **17.36.09 Greencastle Harbour**

Martin Farren expressed his gratitude to John McLaughlin, Director of Service and Cathal Sweeney, Marine Engineer for meeting with the Greencastle harbour users with regarding a Leader application. It was noted there were proposals for a breakwater, pier expansion and a Cruise Initiative

#### **17.36.10 Lights at Bunrana Roundabout**

Cllr Rena Donaghey made a plea that the culprits who stole the lights at the roundabout in Bunrana return them.

#### **17.36.11 Birdstown Rd/Glen Road Junction – Burnfoot/Muff Road**

Cllr John Ryan requested that this junction be reviewed as he considered it to be a very dangerous junction. It was noted that there is a steep decline at the junction and a high volume of traffic passed through it.

**17.36.12 Inner Relief Road, Buncrana**

Cllr John Ryan requested an update on the costings for works on the Inner Relief Road that would solve some problems there.

**17.36.13 Lights at Magherabeg.**

Cllr Paul Canning requested an update on the installation of lights at Magherabeg.

**17.36.14 Pedestrian Crossing at Newtowncunningham**

Cllr Paul Canning requested an update on the proposed pedestrian crossing at Newtowncunningham.

**17.36.15 Carndonagh Town renewal Carndonagh Bridge St REDZ Programme**

In response to a query in the Bridge Widening Project, Seamus Hopkins confirmed that progress was being made on this project

**17.36.16 Salt Barn**

It was noted that ongoing discussions regarding the salt barn were ongoing.

**17.36.17 Boat House at Bunagee**

It was proposed by Cllr Bernard McGuinness and seconded by Cllr Martin McDermott that a meeting should take place with all users, interested parties and Council officials to discuss the at Bunagee Pier and Council Officials to discuss the use of facilities going forward. It was suggested that the meeting could take place in the village hall in Culdaff.

**17.36.18 Aghilly Road**

In response to a query from Cllr Jack Murray regarding Aghilly Road, Seamus Hopkins confirmed that a footpath at Heather Park would be installed this year.

**17.36.19 Traffic Calming**

Cllr Nicholas Crossan requested an update on traffic calming measures at Westbrook Road, Buncrana, Maginn Avenue, Buncrana and around the HSE Nursing Home. He also requested an update on Ferris Lane, Marian Park and Dun na Griannan.

**17.36.20 Traffic Lights**

It was noted that the lights at the Leisure Centre in Buncrana and also the lights at Westbrook were not working.

**17.36.21 Vision Lines at Old Girl's School, Carndonagh**

Cllr Albert Doherty requested that the wall at the old Girl's School in Carndonagh be lowered in order to have adequate vision lines.

**17.37 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES**

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**17.37.01 Youth Council**

A request was received from the Youth Council requesting a deputation. On the proposal of Cllr Bernard McGuinness, seconded by Cllr Rena Donaghey, it was agreed that the Youth Council attend the July meeting of Inishowen Municipal District.

### **17.37.02 Schedule of Meetings**

The following schedule of meetings and workshops were agreed.

- 4.00pm 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017- Development Fund Initiative Workshop.
- 1.00pm 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017 – Planning Workshop on Local Area Plans & Hericoast Project
- 1.00pm 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017 – Inishowen MD AGM
- 1.30 pm 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017 – Inishowen MD June Meeting
- 2.30pm 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017- Community and Enterprise Workshop
- 2.00pm 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017 – Planning Workshop on Record of Protected Structures followed by Special Meeting.

**Certified:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Cathaoirleach**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



## Inishowen Municipal District

### Housing Grants Report at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017

#### Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ WITHDRAWN	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2015	56	38	14	4	0
2016	43	21	12	7	3
2017	9	5	0	0	4

#### Mobility Aids Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ WITHDRAWN	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2015	3	3	0	0	0
2016	6	3	1	1	1
2017	5	2	2	0	1

#### Housing Aid for Older People Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ WITHDRAWN	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2015	21	17	4	0	0
2016	31	19	9	2	1
2017	7	4	1	0	2

## Casual Vacancies at 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

DWELLING	BED	DETAILS
14 Radharc na Trá Breige	2	Referred for Choice Based Letting
32 Dún na nIarlaí	2	Offered and accepted
43 Abbey Park, Manorcunningham	3	Offered
45 Clós Phadraig	2	Offer in progress
6 Castle Park, Newtown	2	Offered and accepted
181 Ardfoyle, Moville	1	Offered and accepted
28 St Boden's Tce, Culdaff	2	Offered and accepted
27 St Boden's Tce, Culdaff	2	Offered and accepted
24 Heather Park, Buncrana	3	Offer in progress
4 Seaview Terrace, Glengad	3	Ready to Let
3 An Teampall Maol, Greencastle	2	Offered
Ballybrack, Moville (SI)	3	Works ongoing
124 Ard Clogan, Carndonagh	1	Works ongoing
Tank Road, Ludden	4	Offered and accepted
10 Westfield, Newtown	4	Works ongoing
1 Willowgrove, Buncrana	5	Works ongoing
23 Lios na Greine, Burnfoot	4	Out to tender
3 St Finian's Park, Moville	3	Offered
2 Crawford Square, Moville	3	Works ongoing
Urbreagh, Malin Head	5	Being assessed
19 Hawthorn Hill Newtown	3	Works ongoing
34 Abbey Park Manorcunningham	2	Being assessed
16 Clos Padraig, Carndonagh	3	Being assessed
20 Pairc na hAluine,	3	Being assessed
39 Carraig Fern	3	Being assessed

### HAP Tenancies

Municipal District	Number
Donegal	209
Letterkenny	757
Glenties	169
Stranorlar	294
Inishowen	422
Sub Total	1519
Tenancies Closed	363
Overall Total	1882

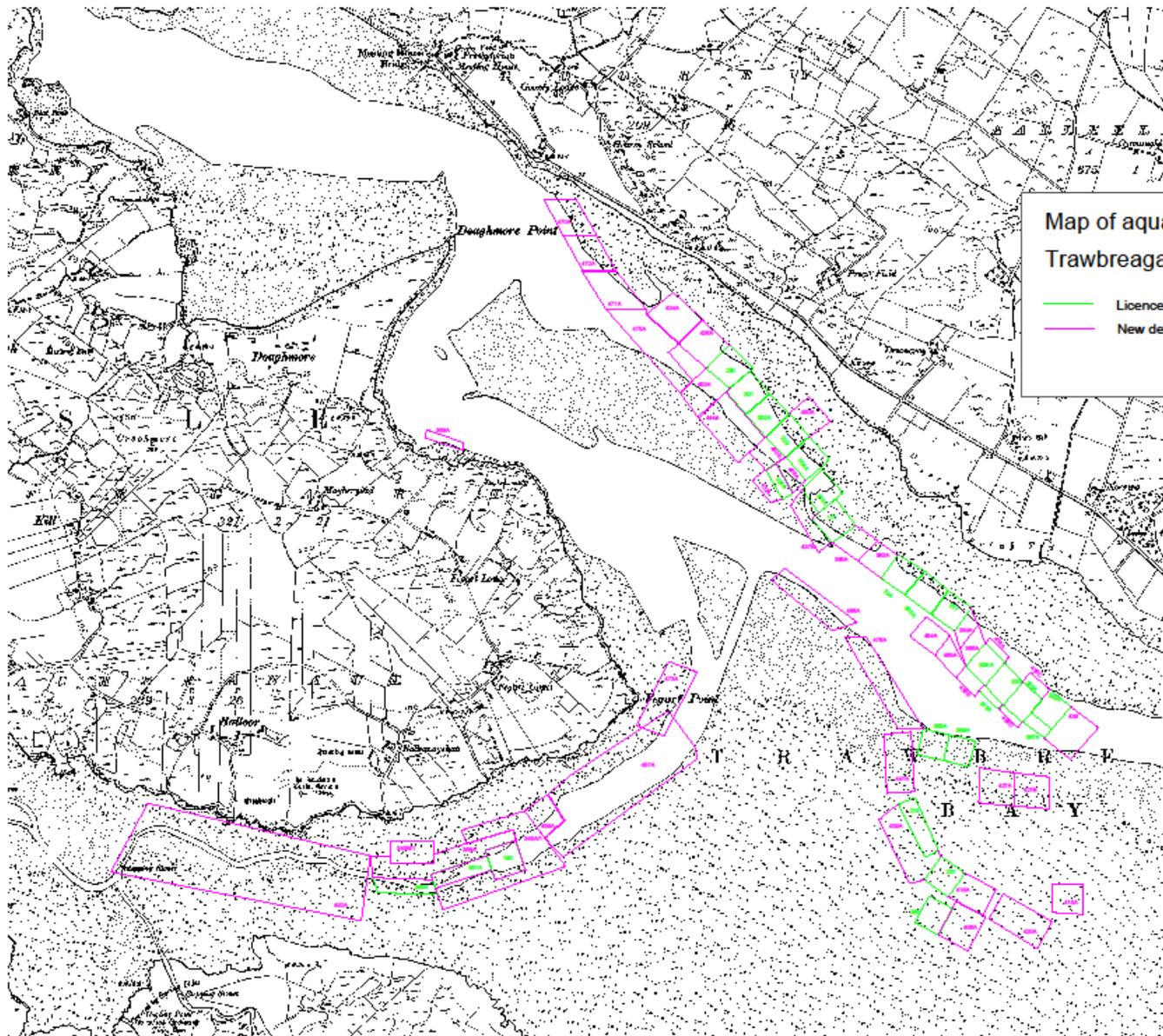
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**13<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

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	(1) County Development Plan review	<p>Following Members' approval at the Special Council meeting of 2nd May, 2017 to proceed to issue the Draft Plan, the public consultation period for the Draft Plan commenced on 19<sup>th</sup> May and will run until 31st July, 2017. The consultation period includes public drop-in events across the 5 MD areas and at Lifford HQ as per the details below with all events running from 3pm-8pm.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>The BASE Enterprise Centre, Stranorlar.</td> <td>06.06.2017 3pm-8pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>An Clochán Liath (Dungloe) Public Services Centre, Gweedore Road, An Clochán Liath.</td> <td>07.06.2017 3pm-8pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Donegal Town Public Services Centre, Drumlonagher, Donegal Town.</td> <td>08.06.2017 3pm-8pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Letterkenny Public Services Centre, Neil T. Blaney Road, Letterkenny.</td> <td>13.06.2017 3pm-8pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Carndonagh Public Services Centre, Malin Road, Carndonagh.</td> <td>14.06.2017 3pm-8pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>County House, The Diamond, Lifford.</td> <td>15.06.2017 3pm-8pm</td> </tr> </table> <p>Following the public consultation period, the next key steps will see the preparation of the Chief Executive's report and submission to Members by the end of September, 2017.</p>	The BASE Enterprise Centre, Stranorlar.	06.06.2017 3pm-8pm	An Clochán Liath (Dungloe) Public Services Centre, Gweedore Road, An Clochán Liath.	07.06.2017 3pm-8pm	Donegal Town Public Services Centre, Drumlonagher, Donegal Town.	08.06.2017 3pm-8pm	Letterkenny Public Services Centre, Neil T. Blaney Road, Letterkenny.	13.06.2017 3pm-8pm	Carndonagh Public Services Centre, Malin Road, Carndonagh.	14.06.2017 3pm-8pm	County House, The Diamond, Lifford.	15.06.2017 3pm-8pm
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	(2) Local Area Plans	<p>Members' workshops for those MD areas containing relevant towns in the Tier 2, (7 Towns) Local Area Plan were completed between 25th May and 31st May, 2017. The workshops, and Members' feedback, were very constructive. As advised at the workshops, the CPU section will now proceed to prepare a finalised Draft Plan for Members' consideration at another round of workshops at the beginning of September, 2017 with a view to seeking approval at the end of September Plenary Council meeting to proceed to publish a Draft Plan in mid-November, 2017.</p>												
	(3) Proposed Additions to Record of Protected Structures	<p>At the March, 2017 round of MD meetings, Members approved a total of 146 structures across the County to go out to public consultation. The public consultation period ran from 24 March until 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2017. Since then, Collette Beattie (Conservation Officer) has been preparing reports on the consultation period outcomes and final recommendations for each MD area. The schedule for these MD meetings and workshops is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~Stranorlar: 13.06.2017 (Workshop 10.00am/ Scheduled Meeting 1pm)</li> <li>~Glenties: 13.06.2017 (Scheduled Meeting)</li> <li>~Inishowen: 21.06.2017 (Special Meeting and Workshop commencing 2pm)</li> <li>~Letterkenny: 26.06.2017 (Special Meeting and Workshop commencing 10am)</li> <li>~Donegal: (Special Meeting and Workshop commencing 10am)</li> </ul>												
	(4) Conservation	<p>Members were previously advised that a total of 13 Built Heritage at Risk Scheme (BHRS) funding applications, and 3 no. Structures</p>												

Grant Schemes	<p>at Risk Fund (SaRF) applications were forwarded to the Department in Q1 of this year. The Department has since issued its decisions in early May with the following outcomes for Donegal:</p> <p><u>Built Heritage at Risk Scheme</u> Of the 13 applications submitted, 9 no. were approved with a total funding of €72,320.</p> <p><u>Structures at Risk Fund</u> Of the 3 applications submitted, 2 no. were approved with a total funding of €59,000.</p> <p>The Conservation Officer is now working with all of the private owners to progress the associated projects.</p>
(5) Hericoast Project	<p>A programme of MD level updates was undertaken in late May/early June, 2017 with the feedback from Member being very positive and some very useful suggestions as to possible outputs of the project. Work is ongoing and the next key landmark will see a half-day session with all key stakeholders scheduled for 22nd June, 2017 (at the time of writing, the venue is still to be decided pending the outcome of a tender process).</p>
4 <b>Taking in Charge of Estates</b>	<p>A Talking In Charge update will be provided to members within the next two months.</p>
5 <b>Notes &amp; Monthly Schedule</b>	<p>Planning Clinics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017</li> <li>• 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017</li> <li>• 09<sup>th</sup> August 2017</li> </ul>
6 <b>Further Information</b> <i>Click on web links to access information.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly List of applications and decisions: <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weeklyplanninglists/">http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weeklyplanninglists/</a></li> <li>• Planning service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service): <a href="mailto:planning@donegalcoco.ie">planning@donegalcoco.ie</a></li> <li>• Planning Webpage: <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/">www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/</a></li> <li>• Planning Application Online Query – planning reference number required: <a href="http://www.donegalcdb.ie/eplan/internetenquiry/rpt_querybysurforrecloc.asp">www.donegalcdb.ie/eplan/internetenquiry/rpt_querybysurforrecloc.asp</a></li> <li>• File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and when requesting planning searches: <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/file_retrieval/File%20Retrieval.pdf">www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/file_retrieval/File%20Retrieval.pdf</a></li> </ul>
7 <b>Aquaculture Licence Applications – Trawbreaga Bay</b>	<p>The Planning Service has reported to the DAFM in relation to the referral of Aquaculture Licences for 20no. renewal licences and 28no. new licence applications at Trawbreaga Bay. While a number of concerns have been raised in the Planning Service report to the Department in relation to the environmental impacts</p>

	<p>and the visual amenity impacts of the proposal, the final decision on the granting or otherwise of licences remains with the Department itself.</p> <p>A site location/layout map has is attached and the applications themselves may be viewed via the DFAM website at <a href="http://www.agriculture.gov.ie/fisheries/aquacultureforeshoremanagement/aquaculturelicencing/Aquacultureforeshorelicenceapplications/Donegal">www.agriculture.gov.ie/fisheries/aquacultureforeshoremanagement/aquaculturelicencing/Aquacultureforeshorelicenceapplications/Donegal</a></p> <p>A site location map is attached for your information.</p>
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**ENVIRONMENT REPORT  
JUNE 2017 – MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETINGS**

Municipal District: All

Activity / Project Update:

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Green Schools - Celebrating 20 years</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<p>55 schools in Donegal were awarded Green Flags at a special event held in the Radisson Blu Hotel in Letterkenny on the 3rd May. Three schools were there to receive their Green Flag for the very first time for their work on Litter &amp; Waste while 52 schools were receiving renewals of their flags.</p> <p>A number of schools were awarded their flags for Global Citizenship Energy having been involved in the programme for at least 14 years. Scoil Cholmcille in Letterkenny were awarded their 9<sup>th</sup> Green Flag.</p> <p>Green schools is celebrating 20 years in existence with one of the first ever Green School coming from Donegal 20 years ago. It is testament to the programme that is still continues to be as strong as ever and supported by so many school especially in Donegal.</p> <p>164 schools in Donegal have received a Green Flag to date.</p>
<b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer 074 91 53900 <a href="mailto:suzannebogan@donegalcoco.ie">suzannebogan@donegalcoco.ie</a> <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie">www.donegalcoco.ie</a>



*Cathaoirleach Cllr Terence Slowey addressing the recent Donegal Green Schools Awards and Scoil Naomh Fionán, Falcarragh pictured with their Green Flag.*

Activity / Project Update:

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Green Schools Irish Water School of the Year for the Western Region</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<p><b>Gairmscoil Chú Uladh, Ballinamore</b> were recognised nationally when they were awarded with the prestigious title of Green Schools Irish Water School of the Year for the Western Region having been shortlisted from 3,000 applications. The school stood out for special recognition having reduced their water usage by over 80%.</p> <p>The school were awarded at a ceremony in Dublin on the 4th May.</p>
<b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	<p>Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer 074 91 53900  <a href="mailto:suzannebogan@donegalcoco.ie">suzannebogan@donegalcoco.ie</a>  <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie">www.donegalcoco.ie</a></p>



***Gairmscoil Chú Uladh, Ballinamore being awarded with the prestigious award of Green Schools Irish Water School of the Year for the Western Region***

**Activity / Project Update:**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>SEAI One Good Idea Schools Competition</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<p>The SEAI's One Good Idea Competition, which is kindly supported by AIB, encourages students to create innovative and inspiring campaigns to highlight the small changes that can make a big difference to our lives, our pockets and our planet. This year, over 350 campaigns were developed by young people all over Ireland with 20 teams for the national finals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Scoil Mhuire, Buncrana</b></li> <li>• <b>The Royal and Prior Comprehensive School, Raphoe</b></li> </ul> <p>both made it through to the last 20 schools to compete at the national final in Dublin on the 16th May.</p> <p><b>Senior Post Primary Winner:</b>  <b>Congratulations</b> must go to <b>Scoil Mhuire, Buncrana</b> for receiving the award of Senior Post Primary Winner – for their 'Walk for U' project.</p> <p>The One Good Idea for Walk For U is to inspire their community to walk more instead of driving. Through their research they learned that if students walked 1320 steps or 1km instead of driving it, they would save 167.5 grams of CO2 from being emitted.</p> <p><b>Special mention</b> must also go to <b>The Royal &amp; Prior Comprehensive school in Raphoe</b> for also making it to the final 20 schools for their One Good Idea "Don't be late Insulate". Don't be Late, Insulate! is a team of TY students who have the Idea to educate and encourage Irish people to properly insulate their homes. The benefits of an insulated home means not just financial savings but energy savings too which cuts carbon emissions resulting in a healthier planet. Their goal is to turn Ireland into an Insulation Nation.</p>
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Activity / Project Update:

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>St. John's Night - 23rd June</b> <b>Enjoy responsibly without bonfires.</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<p>The Council is asking that communities remember that bonfires can cause serious damage and injuries both to our environment and to our health.</p> <p>Bonfires can very often be built close to houses and other property and can cause serious damage and injuries particularly where the burning of highly combustible materials is taking place.</p> <p>While traditionally wood and straw were used for bonfires there is increasing evidence that individuals are using nights such as St John's Night and Halloween as an opportunity to dispose of waste illegally. Donegal County Council is warning households and businesses not to supply waste material to parties collecting for bonfire night.</p>
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>	Enforcement staff will monitor the local areas in advance on St John's Night and are actively liaising with the public, community representatives and the Gardaí.
<b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer 074 91 53900 <a href="mailto:suzannebogan@donegalcoco.ie">suzannebogan@donegalcoco.ie</a> <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie">www.donegalcoco.ie</a>

Activity / Project Update:

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Reminder - IFFPG Farm Plastic collections (Irish Farm Film Plastics Group)</b> <a href="http://www.farmplastics.ie">www.farmplastics.ie</a>																				
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	IFFPG have nearly completed their calendar of Bring Centres for the bring bank of Farm Plastics for Donegal in 2017. See below a list of confirmed dates and locations. Farmers are reminded to bring their labels with the code when returning farm plastics. Charges are €15 per half tonne with the code and €85 per half tonne without the code. Types of materials collected are silage wrap and sheeting, Large fertilisers bags (liners removed), small fertilisers and feed bags, Plastic drums (triple rinsed), netting and twine. Products manufactured from farm plastics are refuse sacks, Piping, Damp proofing, Garden Furniture.																				
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	Organised and advertised by IFFPG.																				
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<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	IFFPG advertise and send text messages out to farmers etc.																				
<b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	<a href="http://www.farmplastic.ie">www.farmplastic.ie</a> 01 4089966																				

Activity / Project Update:

<p><b>Activity / Project Title</b></p>	<p><b>Local Agenda 21 Environmental Partnership Fund 2017</b></p>
<p><b>Project Description/Activity</b></p>	<p><b>Environmental Awareness</b>          Do you have a project or initiative that could help to increase awareness of environmental issues locally, or that could help your community to become more sustainable?</p> <p>If so, you may qualify for financial assistance from the Local Agenda 21 (LA21) Environmental Partnership Fund 2017. This Fund promotes sustainable development by assisting small scale, non-profit environmental projects at local level.</p> <p>Does Your Project Qualify?          Projects should focus on environmental awareness and actions which complement national environmental policies such as those on waste, biodiversity, water conservation and climate change.</p> <p><b>A wide variety of projects and schemes have been supported under the Fund in previous years, including community gardens and allotments, compost schemes, rainwater harvesting, biodiversity projects, waste reduction initiatives, educational initiatives and environmental exhibitions. Lists of previously funded projects can be viewed online at:</b>  <a href="http://dcaae.gov.ie/en-ie/environment/topics/environmental-protection-and-awareness">http://dcaae.gov.ie/en-ie/environment/topics/environmental-protection-and-awareness</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>How to Apply</u></p> <p>Applications are made directly to Donegal County Council. Further information, application forms (in both Irish and English) and contact details for your local authority are available online at <a href="http://www.dcaae.gov.ie">www.dcaae.gov.ie</a></p>

<b>Budget</b> <i>(if applicable)</i>	€36,110 50% funding by the Department and 50% funding provided by Donegal County Council.
<b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	For general information on the Scheme please contact: Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer, Donegal County Council, Neil T Blaney Road, Letterkenny Tel: 074 9153900 or email <a href="mailto:suzannebogan@donegalcoco.ie">suzannebogan@donegalcoco.ie</a> .

<b>Coastal Management</b>
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### **Blue Flag and Green Coast Awards**

Donegal has been awarded 13 Blue Flags as well as five Green Coast awards.

12 Blue Flags were awarded to beaches at Bundoran, Rossnowlagh, Murvagh, Fintra, Narin (Portnoo), Carrickfinn, Killahoey (Dunfanaghy), Marblehill, Portsalon (Magherawarden), Shroove, Culdaff and Downings.

In addition, Greencastle Marina is the first marina in the County to receive Blue Flag status. To attain this award, the marina has had to comply with stringent criteria concerning environmental information and education, environmental management, safety and service facilities, and water quality. Greencastle Marina is a seasonal facility, provided over the Blue Flag season and accommodates resident and visiting yachts, cruise ship tender boats visiting the locality, and occasional angling charter vessels.

To achieve Blue Flag status beaches and marinas must comply with a specific set of criteria relating to a number of areas including water quality. At beaches the bathing water must comply with the 'Excellent' standard in accordance with the 2008 EU Bathing Water Directive, with the evaluation of monitoring results over a period of four years. In the case of Lisfannon beach, the value for E.coli was well within the boundary for 'Excellent' quality; while the Enterococci value achieved the 'Good' water quality standard, giving an overall award of 'Good' water quality. Donegal County Council is reviewing the factors contributing to this 'Good' water quality with a view to attaining 'Excellent' water quality in future bathing seasons and with that, regaining Blue Flag status.

The beach at Lisfannon still has very high water quality which continues to be monitored and results will be posted over the bathing season both online at [www.splash.ie](http://www.splash.ie) and on site via the notice boards. The beach will continue to enjoy the same level of support and services such as Lifeguard provision, waste disposal, as in previous years.

In addition, five Donegal beaches achieved the Green Coast award again this year: Ballyheirnan (Fanad), Drumnatinney (Falcarragh), Magheroarty, Port Arthur and Dooley.

This award acknowledges beaches that have a clean, safe environment, excellent water quality and good beach management. They may not have the built infrastructure required to meet the criteria set out for Blue Flag status, however they are exceptional places to visit and enjoy our rich coastal heritage and diversity.

<b>Waste/Litter Enforcement</b>
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583 Environmental Complaints received.

514 for Waste/Litter (88%)

There has been 44 Fixed Penalty notices issued ( 7 of these to NI) 11 have been paid.



Community, Enterprise & Planning Directorate  
Community & Development Division



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

Municipal District of Inishowen  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

**REPORT**

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6. An Grianán of Aileach
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9. Fort Dunree Military Museum



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Municipal District: Inishowen

Activity / Project Update: June 2017

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	Malin Head
<b>Activity / Project Description</b>	Malin Head Access & Amenity Improvement Project.  Provision of new toilet block, road widening to accommodate passing bays and provision of services and utilities to address visitor management at Malin Head.
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	
<b>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	The Council have now received the formal letter of offer from Failte Ireland comprising funding of almost €400k. The Council have also made an application to Failte Ireland for Technical Assistance support towards cost of a master plan proposal which will include detailed design, costing and related studies required for the development of a WAW signature Discovery point at Malin Head. Confirmation of the Technical Assistance grant is also expected.
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Access &amp; Amenity Improvement Project</u> Works that commenced on Monday the 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2017 are ongoing and will continue for a period of 12 weeks.  <u>Visitor Management Plan for Malin Head Signature Discovery Point Project</u>  1. Both of the returned tenders have been assessed by DCC & Failte Ireland. 2. The Tender Report is currently been finalised which will recommend a preferred Service Provider (Consultant). 3. The Letter to Successful & Unsuccessful tenderers to be issued week beginning 02/05/2017. 4. Pre-Contract meeting with preferred Consultant to be held week in June 2017.
<b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	Paddy Doherty 074 9153900



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Activity / Project Update: June 2017

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	Lough Swilly and Lough Foyle Ferries
<b>Activity / Project Description</b>	Swilly and Foyle Ferries for 2017.
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	
<p><b>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status</b></p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p><b><u>Swilly Ferry</u></b>            Cara na nOilean Teo delivered the Swilly ferry service for a 13 week period between June and September 2016.</p> <p>The contract term for the Swilly service is 4 years (see below)            2016: (June-September: 13 weeks).            2017: (June-September: 13 weeks).            2018: (June-September: 13 weeks).            2019: (June-September: 13 weeks).</p> <p><b><u>Foyle Ferry.</u></b>            Following a procurement the Council have secured an operator for the Foyle Ferry service for 3 year period as follows</p> <p><b>2017:</b>            Service to operate from 1<sup>st</sup> July – 17<sup>th</sup> September (inclusive).</p> <p><b>2018:</b> Service to operate as follows:            (i) Easter 2018 from Holy Thursday to the Sunday after Easter (11 days).            (ii) May Bank Holiday weekend from the Friday to the Tuesday inclusive (5 days).            (iii) June Bank Holiday weekend from the Friday through to the 16<sup>th</sup> September.</p> <p><b>2019:</b> Service to operate as follows:            (i) Easter 2019 from Holy Thursday to the Sunday after Easter (11 days).            (ii) May Bank Holiday weekend from the Friday to the Tuesday inclusive (5 days).            (iii) June Bank Holiday weekend from the Friday through to the 15<sup>th</sup> September.</p>

<p><b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b></p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p><b><u>Swilly Ferry.</u></b>  The ferry operator is continuing with his efforts to procure a 'front loading' ferry for the 2017 season which is due to commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> June and run until the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017.</p> <p><b><u>Greencastle-Magilligan (Foyle) Ferry service</u></b></p> <p>The Council have issued a draft contract in respect of the service and expect the service to be up and running in July</p>
<p><b>Contact Person</b>  <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i></p>	<p>Colin McNulty 074 9153900</p>

## Activity / Project Update- June 2017

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	Rural Development Programme/LEADER
<b>Activity / Project Description</b>	Donegal Local Community and Development Committee are the Local Action Group for County Donegal, with responsibility for the LEADER/Rural Development Programme 2014-2020
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€12,913,873
<b>Progress to date within the last two months-inclusive of current status</b>	<p>There are 4 Implementing Partners within the county; Donegal Local Development Company (DLDC), Inishowen Development Partnership (IDP), Údarás Na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán. All 4 Implementing Partners are now accepting and registering Expressions of Interests (EOI's) under rolling and targeted funding calls. Application forms will issue were EOI's are deemed eligible in line with the Local Development Strategy (LDS), and formal applications will then be assessed and initially scored by the relevant Project Officer in each implementing Partner, and brought forward to each regional Evaluation Committee, Induction training has taken place for each of the three regional Evaluation Committees and some initial meetings have taken place.</p> <p>A national meeting was convened by Minister Heather Humpreys on May 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss progress on the LEADER programme to date. Arising from this meeting it is expected that changes will be made to the operational rules of the programme to enable swifter progress of the programme.</p>
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period</b>	<p>Projects approved for funding by the Evaluation Committee will be brought forward to the Local Community Development Committee for final approval.</p> <p>It is expected that the bulk of project approvals for 2017 will occur in the latter half of the year.</p>
<b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	Paddy Doherty, Divisional Manager, 074 9153900 <a href="mailto:paddy.doherty@donegalcoco.ie">paddy.doherty@donegalcoco.ie</a>

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Donegal Walks and Trails</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Maintenance, development and promotion of walks & trails in Donegal including cycle routes and Greenways.
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	
<b>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 1</b>	<p>An update on the projects funded through the rural recreation grant as follows:</p> <p><b>Carndonagh Woodland walk : €8,070</b> Tidy Towns Committee to work with local consultant on preparation of a strategic plan for the woodland with a view to doing some board walk works at the mass rock to allow visitors to view the area but not damage the sensitive flora and fauna in the woodland. This process will also allow for obtaining any necessary statutory permissions including an appropriate assessment and consultation with relevant statutory bodies e.g NPWS. The report will also outline what future works could be developed in the area of the woodland.</p> <p><b>Urris Loops : €5,525</b> Local committee have got quotations for material delivery and digger costs to re surface part of the Urris Loop. Work complete on Butler's Glen river walk and a new footbridge at Glenevin Waterfall.</p> <p><b>Inch Wildfowl Reserve : €2,800</b> Barrier has been constructed at end of boardwalk and surface works complete</p> <p><b>Inishowen Head Loop: €4,585:</b> Advance warning signs walkers on road to be erected and some amendments to trail head map board plus surface works. Scheduled to be complete by late Spring.</p> <p><b>Glenagivney Walk : €4,085</b> Consultation with local committee regarding the feasibility of the proposal. Decision to be made soon on any works that can develop the walk down to Kinnegoe Bay.</p> <p>Malin Head is now insured and has been inspected by the NTO. New sign signalling end of path has been erected at Hell's Hole to mark end of insured walk. <i>Issues querying the erection of fence on private land beyond Hell's hole has been referred to the Planning section.</i></p> <p>Ongoing consultation with agencies including National Parks &amp; Wildlife Services, Inishowen Tourism and Inishowen Development Partnership.</p>
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarter 2 reporting perio</b>	Completion of the works at the five funded sites mentioned earlier in the report.
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Activity / Project Update: June 2017

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Buncrana School Campus</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Assisting the Department of Education & Skills in identifying a suitable site in the Buncrana Environs to accommodate a three school campus ideally measuring between 15 – 20 acres.
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	As per Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Education & Skills and CCMA.
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>*Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Six sites have been identified for assessment and site visits have taken place with Personnel from the Department of Education &amp; Skills on the 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.</li> <li>• Further information request received from Department of Education &amp; Skills in relation to sites.</li> <li>• Donegal County Council has completed site assessments on identified sites and information has been furnished to the Department.</li> <li>• Donegal County Council has compiled additional information and sent it to Department of Education &amp; Skills on 9/11/2015.</li> <li>• Further information request received from Department of Education &amp; Skills on 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 – information requested assessed and forwarded to the Department.</li> <li>• Liaisons have taken place with a number of landowners seeking approval prior to seeking current market valuations on sites identified by Department of Education &amp; Skills.</li> <li>• Valuer appointed to provide current market value.</li> <li>• Valuation Certificate received and sent to Department of Education &amp; Skills.</li> <li>• Negotiations are ongoing with landowners of identified site with a view to securing same as soon as possible.</li> </ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete landowner discussions and finalise details/agreed price of preferred site.</li> </ul>
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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>An Grianán of Aileach Fort</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Development /Improvement of Visitor facilities
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	
<p><b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b> <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A successful meeting took place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February with Mr. Frank Shalvey and Mr. Eoghan Moyla, senior OPW officials, Failte Ireland, Council Officials and various stakeholders. Mr. Shalvey agreed to initiate the process for a Conservation and Management Plan of the entire site. The timeframe for completion of the plan is 10/12 months. The Council will work in collaboration with the OPW, Failite Ireland and the stakeholders in relation to the development of the site.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b> <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>The Tender document for the Conservation &amp; Management Plan is currently been progressed by the OPW. We await a copy of the said draft Conservation &amp; Management Plan.</p> <p>A meeting is due to take place with Mid Ulster Council to and the proposed twinning Grianan of Aileach with Tullyhogue Fort in Co Tyrone</p>
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Activity / Project Update: June 2017

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>PLAYGROUNDS</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Annual maintenance of Playgrounds 1. Ballyliffin 2. Carndonagh 3. Carndonagh Fitness Trail 4. Carndonagh Muga 5. Chlos Phadraig 6. Chlos Phadraig Muga 7. Culdaff Beach 8. Festival Park, Bunrana 9. Manorcunningham SHS
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€8,500.80 incl. VAT
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	1. Works consists of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replacement of broken 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/wet pour</li> <li>• Replace missing clamps</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>• Tender requests issued on 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 with a closing date of midday on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2016.</li> <li>• Tenders assessed in December 2016.</li> <li>• Annual Maintenance Tender awarded to Murphy Playground Services Ltd.</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>• Maintenance works have commenced.</li> </ul>
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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Carndonagh Town &amp; Village Renewal Scheme</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<p><b>Carndonagh Bridge Street Refurbishment</b></p> <p>The project involves the refurbishment of the old historical steps on Bridge Street in conjunction with the local Tidy Town Committee.</p>
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	<p>€76,000 – Department of Arts, Heritage &amp; Gaeltacht Affairs €13,410 – 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>1. Carndonagh works consists of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Removal of concrete footpath</li> <li>2. Repairs to stone wall and stone steps</li> <li>3. Refurbishment / Replacement of Railing</li> <li>4. Paving – Cut Stone</li> <li>5. Ducting/ Drainage</li> <li>6. Surfacing</li> <li>7. Undergrounding fo Services</li> </ol> <p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval/funding obtained from Department</li> <li>• Meetings / discussions taking place with local Tidy Towns Committee</li> <li>• Bridge Street due to be surveyed with a view to compiling tender documents by the second quarter in 2017.</li> <li>• Status update "Rural Schemes Expenditure" returned to Department on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2017.</li> </ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formalise details of works to be carried out</li> <li>• Survey Bridge street</li> <li>• Seek Quotations</li> <li>• Appoint Contractor</li> <li>• Carry out works</li> </ul>
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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>FORT DUNREE MILITARY MUSEUM</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>(REDZ (RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONE) 2016 INITIATIVE)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>FORT DUNREE</u></b> The proposed project will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve facilities for visitors to Fort Dunree</li> <li>• Increase capacity for catering for visitors at the site</li> <li>• Ensure ongoing safety of visitors to the site</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>The project will consist of:</u></b></p> <p><b>1. <u>Coffee Shop</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refit of interior of Café</li> <li>• Extension to kitchen area</li> <li>• Extended seating capacity to exterior of current Café site</li> </ul> <p><b>2. <u>Dunree Pier Improvement Works:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pier path fencing</li> <li>• New Path from Pier</li> </ul>
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	<p>€50,000 – Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs €12,500 – Own Resources</p>
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p><b><u>Current Status:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval obtained from Department on 29/11/2016</li> <li>• Details of work been formalised at present.</li> <li>• Letter of offer has issued to the Chairman, Fort Dunree Military Museum on 15/02/2017</li> <li>• Signed letter of offer returned and signed and sealed by Donegal County Council</li> </ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formalise details of works to be carried out</li> <li>• Manage the procurement and appointment of Contractors to carry out the works.</li> </ul>
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