

Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain

Oifig Riarthóir na
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Aras an Chontae
Leifear
28ú Lúnasa 2024

FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain ar siúl Dé Mháirt 03ú Meán Fómhair 2024, **ag 1.00 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



**Una Cresswell
Riarthóir Cruinnithe**

Municipal District of Inishowen

Office of Meetings Administrator
County House
Lifford
28th August 2024

NOTICE OF MEETING

A Meeting of the Municipal District of Inishowen will be held on Tuesday 03rd September 2024 **at 1.00 p.m. in the Public Services Centre, Canrdonagh, Co. Donegal.**

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



**Una Cresswell
Meetings Administrator**

AGENDA

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District Meeting held on 01st July 2024
2. Consideration of the Minutes of the Inishowen Municipal District Meeting held on 01st July 2024
3. Planning
4. Community Development
5. Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services
6. Environment
7. Roads & Transportation
8. Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services
9. Correspondence

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD ON THE 01st July 2024 in CARNDONAGH PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllrs Joy Beard, Fionán Bradley, Paul Canning, Terry Crossan, Albert Doherty, Ali Farren, Martin Farren, Martin Mc Dermott (online) and Jack Murray.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Una Cresswell, A/ Area Manager, Housing & Corporate Services, Stephen Flynn, Senior Engineer, Roads & Transportation, Dolores Lafferty, A/Senior Staff Officer, Ryan Nolan, Executive Planner, Shaun Doherty, Executive Architect, Housing Capital, Matthew Byrne, Waste Regulation Officer, Daniel McCrystal, Senior Enterprise Development officer, Economic Development. Fiona Doherty, Development Officer, Community Development (online).

Apologies

Bryan Cannon, Director of Service, Roads and Transportation, Michael McFadden, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Roads and Transportation.

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr Terry Crossan opened the meeting pending the election of the new Cathaoirleach. Cllr Terry Crossan welcomed the newly elected members, Cllrs Joy Beard, Fionán Bradley and Ali Farren. He thanked the outgoing members Cllrs Rena Donaghey, Nicholas Crossan and Johnny McGuinness and wished them well for the future. He also expressed his gratitude to the staff of Donegal County Council who assisted him throughout the year during his role as Cathaoirleach.

Cllr Terry Crossan went on to summarise his year as Cathaoirleach and highlighted the new Muff to Quigleys Point Greenway which was officially opened in April which is a great asset for Inishowen. He welcomed the revival of the Muff Feile event which will take place in August. He also stated that he was honored to participate with the Little Blue Heroes Foundation.

Cllr Terry Crossan also thanked his fellow members for their support and stated that they worked well together and showed great respect to each other and hoped that this would continue.

1. Election of the Cathaoirleach

Cllr Terry Crossan invited nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach. Cllr Jack Murray was proposed by Cllr Terry Crossan and seconded by Cllr Albert Doherty. Accordingly, Cllr Jack Murray was elected Cathaoirleach of the Inishowen Municipal District for 2024 to 2025.

Cllr Jack Murray thanked Cllr Terry Crossan as outgoing chair. He stated that he hoped that the members of the Inishowen Municipal District would continue to work as a team for the benefit of the Inishowen MD and highlighted a number of key issues:

- Defective Concrete Blocks.
- Promotion of tourism in the area.
- Buncrana Leisure Centre.

2. Election of the Leas-Chathaoirleach

The Cathaoirleach invited nominations for the office of the Leas-Chathaoirleach. Cllr Terry Crossan was proposed by Cllr Jack Murray and was seconded by Cllr Martin Farren. Accordingly, Cllr Terry Crossan was then declared Leas-Chathaoirleach of the Inishowen Municipal District for 2024-2025.

The Members expressed their gratitude to the out-going chair Cllr Terry Crossan for his work throughout the year and congratulated Cllr Jack Murray and Cllr Terry Crossan on their appointment in the roles of Cathaoirleach and Leas-Chathaoirleach.

3. Committee Nominations

The Members agreed on the following committee nominations –

- **Establishment and Election of Members to the Emergency Response Committee.**
Cllr Jack Murray.
 - **Election of Members to the Donegal Heritage Forum.**
Cllr Albert Doherty.
 - **Establishment and Election of Members to Coiste na Gaeilge.**
Cllr Terry Crossan and Cllr Albert Doherty.
 - **Election of Members to the Western Inter - County Rail Committee.**
Cllr Fionán Bradley
 - **Election of Members to Donegal Tourism Associate Members Committee.**
Cllr Martin McDermott, Cllr Ali Farren, Cllr Albert Doherty.
(Una Cresswell agreed to seek clarification on the number of nominations that was allowed for this committee as the members stated that the number had increased from one to three.)
- Election of members of Inishowen Development Partnership.**
Albert Doherty, Ali Farren, Joy Beard and Jack Murray.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Certified: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Date: _____

MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 01ST JULY 2024 AT 2.45 PM IN CARNDONAGH PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE

Councillors Present:

Cllrs Joy Beard, Fionán Bradley, Paul Canning, Terry Crossan, Albert Doherty, Ali Farren, Martin Farren, Martin McDermott (online) and Jack Murray.

Officials Present:

Una Cresswell, A/ Area Manager, Housing & Corporate Services, Stephen Flynn, Senior Engineer, Roads & Transportation, Dolores Lafferty, A/Senior Staff Officer, Ryan Nolan, Executive Planner, Shaun Doherty, Executive Architect, Housing Capital, Matthew Byrne, Waste Regulation Officer, Daniel McCrystal, Senior Enterprise Development officer, Economic Development and Fiona Doherty, Development Officer, Community Development (online).

Apologies

Bryan Cannon, Director of Service, Roads and Transportation, Michael McFadden, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Roads and Transportation.

The meeting was opened by the Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jack Murray who welcomed all to the meeting.

24.36 Consideration of the Minutes of the Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District held on 14th May 2024

On the proposal of Cllr Paul Canning, seconded by Cllr Terry Crossan, the minutes of the Inishowen Municipal District held on 14th May 2024 were agreed.

24.36 PLANNING

Ryan Nolan, Executive Planner presented the planning report to members, and it was taken as read.

24.36.01 Tús Nua Project, Carndonagh

Following a query from Cllr Albert Doherty at the previous Inishowen Municipal District Meeting, Ryan Nolan advised that correspondence has issued, and discussions have taken place in relation to the Tús Nua project, Carndonagh.

Cllr Albert Doherty requested that the members be kept updated regarding plans for the Back Lane connecting the Diamond to the town car park and Bridge Street as outlined in the report.

24.36.02 County Donegal Development Plan 2024-2030

Ryan Nolan advised members that the County Donegal Development Plan 2024-2030 came into effect on 26th June 2024 except those parts of the plan affected by the Draft Ministerial Direction. Cllr Paul Canning requested that a public statement be issued to agents advising them of potential delays.

Ryan Nolan advised that the Draft Ministerial Direction was mainly focused on zoning objectives and rural housing policy should not be affected. He advised that this is a challenging time and will continue to liaise with members. Cllr Paul Canning requested that a Planning workshop be organised to discuss the changes.

Cllr Martin McDermott expressed concerns regarding a survey currently being carried out by the National Parks & Wildlife Service regarding the corncrake and the implications that this may have on planning for rural areas and particularly the Malin Head area. Cllr Ali Farren concurred with these

concerns and highlighted the difficulties encountered in obtaining planning permission. He asked if a more practical approach be used going forward.

Cllr Martin McDermott proposed that a meeting be arranged with National Parks & Wildlife to discuss this matter. Cllr Martin Farren seconded this proposal.

24.36.03 Moville Health Check and Regeneration Plan

Cllr Martin Farren requested that he be kept updated in relation to the Moville Health Check and Regeneration Plan as outlined in the report.

24.36.04 Croi Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme

Cllr Albert Doherty referred to the planning report which outlined 495 approved applicants with 20 grants paid under the Croi Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme. He highlighted the potential issues for applicants in accessing finance when the grant is only paid to homeowners after they have completed works to their property. Cllr Fionán Bradley concurred with these comments and suggested that homeowners should also be advised at the beginning of the process on the documentation required to drawdown the grant when work is complete. He outlined, through his own experience, the difficulties that he encountered when he availed of the grant and the significant delays in trying to submit the appropriate information when trying to access the payment. He asked if this system could be simplified and streamlined in order to speed up the payment of the grant. Cllr Jack Murray concurred with these comments.

24.37 ENVIRONMENT

Matthew Byrne, Waste Regulation Officer presented the report, and it was taken as read. He highlighted the following items from the report:

- Professional users of pesticides and sheep dip.
- Grant Scheme for remediation of septic tanks increase from €5,000 to €12,000 at the beginning of 2024. There is no requirement to have registered the septic tank in 2013.
- Bathing Waters season commenced on 01st June.
- National food recycling week took place on 02nd to 09th June and was a great success.
- Half price event on bulky goods event will take place in Carndonagh recycling centre from 24th June to 06th July.
- Stop Food Waste summer campaign will take place between June and September.

24.37.01 River Pollution

Cllr Terry Crossan highlighted a pollution incident which occurred at Skeog River, Bridgend at the beginning of June where several fish were killed. He queried if enforcement measures were initiated and if the matter was followed up. Matthew Byrne agreed to follow up with Cllr Terry Crossan.

24.37.02 Half Price Bulky Goods Event

Cllr Martin Farren welcomed the Half Price Bulky Goods event that is currently ongoing to 06th July. He queried if this date could be extended.

24.37.03 Jet Ski Signage

Cllr Martin Farren expressed his disappointment that the jet ski signs were taking down/destroyed again at Glenburnie Beach and Sweet Nellie's Beach. He asked that these signs be reinstated as they are extremely important for the safety of all beach users.

24.37.04 Lifeguards

Following a query from Cllr Martin Farren, Matthew Byrne confirmed that lifeguards will be available on all blue flag beaches over the summer season.

24.37.05 Biodiversity

Cllr Albert Doherty requested that the Biodiversity Officer for Donegal County Council contact the different management companies following the Taking in Charge of private residential estates to encourage best practice in relation to biodiversity within the estate. Matthew Byrne agreed to follow up with the Biodiversity Officer.

24.37.06 Bathing Water

Cllr Joy Beard requested an update in relation to the water quality at Lady's Bay in Buncrana. Matthew Byrne agreed to follow up with Cllr Joy Beard.

24.37.07 Septic Tanks

Cllr Paul Canning requested the further resources be put in place for the inspections of septic tanks.

24.37.08 Bottle Banks

Cllr Martin Farren requested that the issues that he has previously raised in relation to the bottle bank in Moville be followed up and that the agreed works be carried out as a matter of urgency.

Cllr Paul Canning also requested the provision of a bottle bank at Killea and Bridgend.

24.37.09 Defective Concrete Blocks

Cllr Martin McDermott requested an update in relation to suitable sites for the disposal of defective concrete block material. Cllr Martin Farren concurred with these comments. Matthew Byrne agreed to follow up with Michael McGarvey, Director of Service.

24.38 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Daniel McCrystal, Senior Enterprise Development Officer, Economic Development presented the report, and it was taken as read. He highlighted the following items from the report –

- Donegal has been named as the host destination for TBEX (Travel Blog Exchange) 2025. This event will be held in September 2025 and is expected to attract over 500 attendees. It is the world's largest conference and community of travel bloggers, writers, photographers, videographers and social media influencers from around the world.
- Donegal Tourism attended the Balmoral Show in Belfast to promote the county.
- Tip O'Neil Diaspora Awards is scheduled for the 27th September. There will be a press launch on 04th July to announce the 2024 Tip O'Neil awardees and launch of ticket sales on Eventbrite.
- #LoveDonegalDay 2024 will take place on 25th September.
- Disrupt by the Sea event will take place on 26th September.

24.38.01 Election Hub

Cllr Albert Doherty referred to the Election Hub update in the report and to the live results tracker which was viewed over 5,000 times on 09th and 10th June. He highlighted concerns where several people did not receive a polling card and were concerned that they would not be able to vote in the local elections.

24.38.02 Inishowen Innovation Hub

Cllr Joy Beard queried if the opening hours of the Inishowen Innovation Hub could be extended to coincide with international business hours. This would attract more people to use the building. Cllr Jack Murray concurred with these comments. Daniel McCrystal agreed to follow up. Cllr Jack Murray also requested that the Council maintain front line services in the building.

24.38.03 Inward Investment Brochure

Cllr Albert Doherty referred to the development of a new brochure promoting Donegal as a great place to live, work, study and do business. Cllr Albert Doherty stated that there must be adequate housing availability in Donegal to promote the county in this way.

24.38.04 Fire Hydrants

Cllr Paul Canning requested that the fire hydrants for the area be inspected to ensure that they are working properly. Daniel McCrystal agreed to follow up.

24.38.05 Tourism – Inishowen

Cllr Martin McDermott stated that Go Visit Inishowen should have access to the same funding source as the rest of the County. He outlined the difficulty for staff that currently works at Go Visit Inishowen and the need for appropriate funding. Cllr Ali Farren concurred with these comments. Daniel McCrystal agreed to follow up.

Cllr Joy Beard outlined the importance of providing adequate brochures and maps for visitors coming to the area. She outlined the difficulty that she found in trying to source brochures and outlined the difficulty for people in using QR codes as not everyone had a smart phone. Daniel McCrystal advised that the tourism team have developed a new tourism brochure and would follow up.

24.39 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Fiona Doherty, Development Officer, Community & Enterprise presented the report, and it was taken as read. She highlighted the following items from the report -

- Community Recognition Funding 2024 – Closing date Thursday 18th July.
- An Grianán of Aileach Fort.
- Friar Hegarty/Buncrana Coastal Walk Enhancement and Artwork Project.
- Newtowncunningham Town and Village Renewal Project.
- Moville Town and Village Renewal Project.
- Killea Clár Funded Project.
- Moville Shore Path and Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme.

24.39.01 Moville – Outdoor Recreational Amenities

Cllr Martin Farren requested that work on this project be completed urgently and asked that maintenance be carried out to some of the outdoor gym equipment as there appears to be oil leaking.

24.39.02 Burnfoot Flood Relief

Following a query from Cllr Canning in relation to Burnfoot Flood Relief, Fiona Doherty advised that she follow up with Seamus Hopkins, Senior Engineer, Water and Environment.

24.39.03 Clár Funding Scheme

Cllr Albert Doherty requested that a letter be issued from Inishowen Municipal District to Minister Heather Humphreys for the extension to the Clár areas in Inishowen.

24.39.04 Donegal Walks and Trails

Cllr Albert Doherty advised that he welcomed the Donegal Walks and Trails project outlined in the report.

24.39.05 Community Recognition Fund

Cllr Albert Doherty encouraged groups to apply for Community Recognition Funding.

24.39.06 Vacant Building

Cllr Albert Doherty referred to his previous query in relation to a derelict Council building and asked that all avenues be explored in reinstating the building for use by various community groups.

24.39.07 Malin Head Visitor Management Plan

Cllr Albert Doherty sought clarification on the reconfiguration of the design team in relation to the Main Head Visitor Management Plan as outlined in the report. Cllr Ali Farren outlined the importance of the project for the area and welcomed the more detailed report that is to be provided at the September Municipal District meeting. Cllr Martin McDermott requested a meeting to update all members in relation to this project. Fiona Doherty agreed to follow up.

24.39.08 Playground Maintenance

Cllr Fionán Bradley commended the Council along with the Friel family for the installation of a wheelchair swing, wheelchair accessible picnic tables and sensory play equipment at Buncrana Playground. Cllr Joy Beard concurred with these comments. She also queried if there were sufficient car parking spaces at the playground in Buncrana. Fiona Doherty advised that she refer the matter to the relevant service.

24.39.09 Beach Access

Cllr Fionán Bradley queried the possibility of making the area from Buncrana Pier to Lady's Bay fully accessible.

Cllr Ali Farren also outlined the need for disabled access for both Lagg and Culdaff beach.

24.39.10 Tidy Towns

Cllr Fionán Bradley requested that the hoarding on a building on the Main Street, Buncrana be extended upwards as it is unsightly and may impact on judging of the Tidy Towns competition. Fiona advised that she refer the matter to the relevant section.

Cllr Martin McDermott advised that Malin Town was recognised as Ireland's best kept village and thanked Fiona Doherty for the support and assistance in securing this result.

24.40 ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION

Stephen Flynn, Senior Engineer, Roads & Transportation, presented the report to the members and highlighted the main categories –

- Restoration Improvement Programme 2024

- Restoration Maintenance Programme 2024
- Drainage Provision Programme 2024
- Low-Cost Safety Programme 2024
- Bridge Strengthening Programme 2024

24.40.01 Cockhill Road

Following sewer works that was recently carried out on Cockhill Road, Cllr Fionán Bradley queried if there were any plans to carry out reinstatement works.

24.40.02 St Oran's Road, Buncrana

Cllr Fionán Bradley raised concerns in relation to junction at St Oran's Road and Lower Main Street, Buncrana and asked for road markings to be reinstated.

24.40.03 Mill Bridge, Buncrana

Cllr Fionán Bradley requested that a solution be found for the Mill Bridge, Buncrana and did not agree with a suggestion to widen the footpath. He stated that a pedestrian bridge would be the most suitable option in this case. Cllr Joy Beard and Cllr Jack Murray concurred with these comments.

24.40.04 Slí na Sláinte Walk, Moville

Cllr Martin Farren acknowledged work that was carried out by the Council on the Moville Slí na Sláinte Walk following a recent storm. He also thanked the landowner for providing access to complete the works.

24.40.05 Bus Shelters

Cllr Martin Farren requested an update on this previous request for a bus shelter in Moville. Cllr Joy Beard also requested that a bus shelter be provided at Market Square, Buncrana. Cllr Jack Murray requested a bus shelter for Burnfoot area.

24.40.06 Traffic Calming Measures

Cllr Martin Farren requested an update on his request to have a traffic counter put in place at Clar corner, Moville. He advised that the road also needs to be realigned.

Cllr Albert Doherty requested that appropriate traffic calming signage be erected within Cedar Grove, Cherry Avenue and Donagh Park, Carndonagh.

Cllr Jack Murray requested calming measures be put in place at Heather Park, Buncrana.

24.40.07 Road Markings

Cllr Martin Farren requested that road markings be reinstated following resurfacing works that were carried out at Malin Road, Moville (Baker Corner).

Cllr Albert Doherty requested that road markings be carried out at Culdaff, Leiter and Glengad.

Cllr Jack Murray requested that car parking spaces be marked at Church Street, Buncrana.

24.40.08 Donagh Park, Carndonagh

Cllr Albert Doherty requested that the gulleys at Donagh Park, Carndonagh be emptied and requested assistance in addressing the damaged perimeter fencing in the estate.

24.40.09 Public Lighting

Cllr Albert Doherty requested public lighting at Ballyloskey, Carndonagh.

Cllr Jack Murray requested that public lighting be available at Swan Park, Buncrana when required.

24.40.10 Inishowen Municipal District Boundaries

Cllr Paul Canning requested that the boundary of both Buncrana and Inishowen Electoral Areas need to be realigned.

24.40.11 Drumfries National School

Cllr Jack Murray advised that signage at Drumfries National School is not working and asked that this be addressed.

24.40.12 Road Crossing

Cllr Jack Murray requested that the crossing at Maginn Avenue and Marion Park, Buncrana requires attention.

Cllr Jack Murray also requested an update in relation to his previous request regarding a crossing at Tooban/Burnfoot road.

24.40.13 An Crananla, Buncrana

Cllr Jack Murray advised following recent road works carried out in the area, there is issue with gravel blocking storm drains in the estate.

24.40.14 Signage at Shore Front, Buncrana

Cllr Jack Murray advised that he had received a signed petition requesting the removal of the recently installed Buncrana sign from its current location at the Shore Front, Buncrana. He asked that this sign be relocated and suggested Buncrana Pier as a more suitable location. Cllr Fionán Bradley and Cllr Joy Beard agreed with these comments. Cllr Joy Beard also raised concerns around the current location and queried if a risk assessment was carried out prior to the installation of the sign.

24.40.15 Hedge Cutting

Cllr Ali Farren queried the Council's policy on hedge cutting.

24.40.16 Workshop – Speed Limit Review

It was agreed that a workshop for Speed Limit Review would be held online on Wednesday 10th July at 10am.

24.41 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES

Una Cresswell, A/Area Manager, presented the Housing and Corporate report, and it was taken as read.

24.41.01 Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability.

Cllr Terry Crossan referred to the reduction in grant applications for 2024 when compared to the previous year as outlined in the report. He queried if this was due to the absence of a Clerk of Works and asked when this position will be filled. Una Cresswell advised that the recruitment process for the Clerk of Works role is currently ongoing but, in the meantime, the Council are continuing to prioritise urgent grant applications.

24.41.02 Defective Concrete Blocks

Cllr Ali Farren raised concerns in relation to the remediation of social housing stock and highlighted a number of estates that are affected by defective concrete blocks. Una Cresswell referred to the update that was received by the Social Housing Remediation Team at the previous Inishowen Municipal District meeting and to date the status remains the same. Una Cresswell advised members when a suitable scheme is available, the council would then be in a position to begin a programme to remediate social houses. The situation continues to be extremely challenging, and the Council have moved several families due to defective concrete blocks over the last number of years. Cllr Ali Farren highlighted a case where a family were relocated outside their area and outlined the issues that this caused for the family. Una Cresswell advised that she could not comment on an individual case but advised that due to limited social housing, the council would explore all options in trying to find solutions to the different situations that arise within the area. Cllr Albert Doherty and Cllr Martin Farren also expressed their disappointment and frustration in the delay on getting a suitable programme/funding in place to address social housing stock despite all efforts from Donegal County Council and its members. Cllr Martin Farren stated that the concerns and issues raised by members of Donegal County Council over the years have been ignored at government level.

Cllr Joy Beard outlined the concerns that families are facing when living in homes badly affected by defective concrete blocks during storms and strong winds. She requested that Donegal County Council put a plan in place to provide short-term safe accommodation where families can take shelter during the bad weather and this should be publicised prior to any storm warnings.

Cllr Paul Canning requested that a workshop with members be organised in relation to housing matters. Una Cresswell agreed to follow up.

24.41.03 Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition

Cllr Albert Doherty requested that the potential turnkey acquisition at Carndonagh be progressed as a matter of urgency.

24.41.04 Energy Efficiency Retrofit Works

Cllr Paul Canning acknowledged the energy efficiency retrofit works that were carried out on social houses in Carrigans. He queried if there was a warranty given with the new heating system.

24.41.05 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting to be held on 03rd September 2024 at 1pm.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Certified:

Cathaoirleach

Date: _____

Area Manager

Date: _____



Inishowen MD Meeting
3rd September 2024

	Item	Update	
1	Development Applications		
	(1) Statistics	Inishowen MD Totals Year to End July 2024	
		Applications received	371
		Granted	258
		Refused	20
		Deferred	90
		Invalid	60

Applications to End December 2024

Status	Stranorlar	Letterkenny	Inishowen	Glenties	Donegal
Invalid	19	49	60	31	44
Deferred	42	91	90	97	54
Refused	7	11	20	15	15
Granted	117	264	258	169	142
Apps Recd	155	352	371	258	234



2	Enforcement		
		Inishowen MD	To end July 2024
		New Cases	39
		Closed Cases	26
		Outstanding cases on record since 2012	318
3	Notes & Monthly Schedule	<p>Pre planning clinics are on a telephone call only basis (ring 074 9153900) between 9.00am and 12.30pm on the dates outlined below.</p> <p>The pre planning clinic calls will be taken by the Executive Planners and shall be for substantial applications only.</p> <p>Planning Clinics 2024: 12th September 2024 26th September 2024 10th October 2024 24th October 2024 Please see website for further dates. http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/planning-clinics/</p>	
4	Casual Trading		
5	Regeneration & Development	See Appendix A	
6	Building Control & Taking in Charge		
7	Central Planning Unit		
8	Capital Projects Delivery Unit		
9	Conservation		
10	Further Information <i>Click on web links to access information.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Weekly List of applications and decisions: http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weekly-planninglists/Planning Service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service): planning@donegalcoco.iePlanning Webpage: www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/Planning Application Online Query – https://www.eplanning.ie/DonegalCC/SearchTypes <div><div></div>File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and planning search requests: www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/fileretrieval/File%20Retrieval.pdf</div>	

APPENDIX A

Regeneration & Development Team

Community Development and Planning Services

REPORT TO THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETINGS SEPTEMBER 2024

1.0 Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF)

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

1.1 Summary update of Projects

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

Table 1: Rural Regeneration and Development Fund Projects

Project	Type	Value (includes DCC co- funding)	Current Status/Delivery
Back to Ballyshannon	Category 2 (2020)	€247,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site acquisition completed. Team working towards the publication of a planning scheme. To be targeted for future Category 1 Funding
Ramelton Re-imagined/Historic Town Centre	Category 2	€249,159	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 8 approved April 2022 Handed over to CPDU for delivery.
	Category 1 (2022)	€7,949,868	
Repowering Buncrana	Category 2 (3 rd Call)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sale agreed on former Garda Barracks property. Handed over to CPDU for delivery.
Rathmullan (in partnership with The Way Forward Rathmullan CLG).			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 8 approved February 2023. Unsuccessful for funding under Call 5 in May 2024. Options being explored to position project for future funding opportunities.
Milford Town Centre First Plan		€100,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Centre First Plan launched November 2023 GM Design Associates preparing a statutory planning scheme for the lands at Lower Mount Marian. DCC to progress other priority projects identified in the Plan. Projects to be targeted for future funding calls.

Glenties Town Centre First Plan		€30,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding announced 28th February 2024. Workshop held with Glenties MD on 1st May 2024. Procurement of external consultancy services underway – closing date for tenders is the 23rd August 2024. Number of meetings held with the community in July/August 2024 to establish a Town Team.
Creelough Village Plan and Community Regeneration Project (in association with the Creelough Working Group, Creelough Community Association and Arup).			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Village Plan launched 21st March 2024. Part 8 for Community Regeneration Project approved in September 2023. Project successfully awarded funding of €12.1m under Call 5 in May 2024 (total project value is €13.5m). Awaiting formal letter of offer from the Department.
Moville Health Check and Regeneration Plan		€24,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshop held with Inishowen MD Members 23rd February and 22nd May 2024. GM Design Associates appointed to prepare plan. Preliminary works have commenced to prepare the baseline data survey. Engagement with local stakeholder groups has commenced including engagement with “ReimagineMoville” group. Public drop in event to be held in the coming weeks.
Bundoran Regeneration Plan		€15,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early inception meetings in-house being arranged.

2.0 Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF).

Funding is provided from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for towns with a population in excess of 10,000 which includes Letterkenny in this County, with calls for application to the Fund sought under two categories. **Category 1** relates to projects with all necessary planning and other consents in place and which are ready to proceed, i.e shovel ready. **Category 2** projects are those which require further development to become ready for Category 1 status.

2.1 Summary update of Projects

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



Table 2: Urban Regeneration and Development Fund Projects

Call	Value of Project (includes DCC co-funding).	Projects and current Status/Delivery
Call 1 (approved September 2019) 3 Sub-Projects	€3m	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Prepare Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed 2022. 2 Letterkenny Urban Regeneration site. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCC took possession of the former ESB site and adjacent lands through a CPO in 2023. • Site to be developed for the Alpha/Beta Office accommodation, public realm and Housing. 3 Public Realm/Linear Park Phase 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opened June 2023.
Call 2 (May 2020 and approved March 2021) 6 Sub Projects	€19.3m (€4.8m DCC co-funding)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reimagine public space at Market Square. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please refer to report from the Capital Projects Delivery Unit Report who are delivering this project. 2. Cathedral Quarter Park and Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valuations obtained and land acquisition offers made. • Avison Young appointed in Q4 2023 to take forward all previous engagement and act on Council's behalf as regards further offers/acquisitions/CPO. • Council to consider further offers and advance any acquisitions/CPOs. • Tender published on the 19th July 2024 for procurement of architect-led team for all design stages (planning consent, detailed design and site supervision) – closing date for tenders is the 9th September 2024 . 3. Renewal at Lower Main Street <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valuations obtained and land acquisition offers made. • Avison Young appointed in Q4 2023 to take forward all previous engagement and act on Council's behalf as regards further offers/acquisitions/CPO. • Council to consider further offers and advance any acquisitions/CPOs.

		<p>4. Revival of the Courthouse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPIC Heritage Consulting Ltd appointed to prepare a Visitor Experience Plan/ Product Identification Plan and Business Plan for the development of a major visitor attraction at the Courthouse. • Funding of €10,000 secured in March 2024 from the Built Heritage Investment Scheme for minor repair works. • Funding of €199,969 allocated under THRIVE Strand 1 from the Northern and Western Regional Assembly. • The consumer testing of 3 Visitor Experience concepts now completed. • Workshop arranged with the Members on the 10th September 2024 to consider the outcome and agree next steps. <p>5. Strategic acquisition to enable a Regional Transport Hub</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avison Young appointed to take forward all previous engagement and act on Councils behalf as regards further offers/ acquisitions/ CPO. • Funding commitment secured from the NTA to enable the engagement of consultancy services to move the project forward to the next level as regards scale, scope, further engagement with transport providers and operational requirements. • Consultation with Local Link ongoing in relation to private bus operators. • Workshop held with Elected Members on the 14th May 2024 and the 17th July 2024 to provide an update on proposed temporary bus solution. <p>6. Strategic acquisition to enable LK Green Connect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 8 in relation to the Cultural Corridor element of the project approved by Donegal County Council at the November 2023 Plenary meeting. • In-house team has commenced steps to develop a Part 8 for Phase 2 (from constructed Phase 1 to Pearse Road). • Valuation services of Avison Young being engaged in relation to phase 2 (from constructed Phase 1 to Pearse Road) and lands required for the Cultural Corridor element of the Scheme.
Call 3 (March 2023 and approved July 2023).	€4m	<p>Revolving fund for acquisition costs of long-term vacant property or sites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property owners have been identified and meetings held to ascertain their intentions for the properties.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A number of applications received from property owners for the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme. Workshop arranged for the 4th September 2024 to brief Members on the outputs to-date and next steps.
“The Eat Out” Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Project		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction completed. Please refer to the report from Community Development who are delivering this project.
Letterkenny Cultural Corridor		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 8 approved November 2023. Valuation services of Avison Young being engaged in relation to lands required for the delivery of the Scheme. Services of Quantity Surveyor engaged to provide cost estimates for the scheme. To be targeted for future URDF funding call.
Youth/Community focused project at Lower Main Street		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early engagements with Letterkenny Youth Club and Donegal Youth Services have commenced. Avison Young appointed in Q4 2023 to take forward all previous engagement and act on Council’s behalf as regards further offers/acquisitions/CPO. In tandem, targeted to carry out capacity testing of potential lands available to clarify viability of the project and to undertake further engagement with stakeholders.

3.0 Croi Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme.

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

Table 3: Summary of Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Applications

Applications Received	850
Applications Finalised	567
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved 	539
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deemed not eligible (eligibility criteria not met – vacancy/proposed works). 	28
In progress (first technical inspection/awaiting information from applicant).	263
Withdrawn (by applicant)	20
Grants paid	30
Value of grants paid	€1.64m

- To date, 38 drop in events have been held to promote the Scheme.

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Meeting 1 pm on Tuesday 3rd September 2024

1. Malin Head Visitor Management Plan
2. 2024 Community Recognition Fund
3. An Grianán of Aileach Fort
4. Buncrana Community Recognition fund – Friar Hegarty Walk project.
5. Playground Maintenance
6. Donegal Walks and Trails
7. Buncrana School Campus
8. 2021 Town and Village Renewal – Newtoncunningham
9. 2021 Town and Village Renewal funding – Moville
10. 2021 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) project Development Measure for a pontoon at the existing jetty in Bunagee
11. 2021 Clár funding for Killea Community Park – Community Pod
12. 2022 Town and Village Renewal funding – Barrack Hill Town Park
13. Moville Shore Path Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme
14. Rural Development Programme/LEADER
15. 2023 Clár funding for Malin GAA, Carrowmenagh and Gleneely Colts.
16. Healthy Donegal
17. Social Inclusion Unit
18. 2023 Clár funding for Malin GAA, Carrowmenagh and Gleneely Colts.



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Activity / Project Title	Malin Head Visitor Management Plan
Activity / Project Description	<u>Malin Head Access & Amenity Improvement Project.</u> Phase 1 of the project includes the delivery of major works at Malin Head to create the 'Must See' visitor attraction. This also includes the provision of additional car parking close to Banba's Crown and the implementation of traffic management arrangements
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Visitor Management Plan for Malin Head Signature Discovery Point Project</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donegal County Council following consultation with Failte Ireland has completed the tendering competition for the procurement of multi-disciplinary services for the delivery of a visitor management plan for Malin Head Signatory point. Keys and Monaghan Architects together with Cooney Architects have been appointed to Design the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan and Concept design. Keys and Monaghan Architects together with Cooney Architects , a multi-disciplinary team have been appointed to provide a Visitor Management Plan and concept design for Malin Head. There were four successful Stakeholder Engagement workshops held on the 8th May in Malin Head Community Centre, 9th May McGrorys Hotel Culdaff, Tuesday 14th May in the Colgan Hall, Carndonagh and Malin Village hall on the 15th May with over 310 people in attendance over the four evenings. Donegal Council remains committed, in partnership with Failte Ireland and with the support of the local community, to deliver on the ambitious objectives within the draft Malin Head Visitor Management Plan. Phase 1 of the project includes the delivery of major works at Malin Head to create the 'Must See' visitor attraction. This also includes the provision of additional car parking close to Banba's Crown and the implementation of traffic management arrangements. To proceed with this, the Council must acquire the necessary lands upon which the development is to proceed. A workshop took place on the 28th November 2023 The Community Development directorate are working on a roadmap/timeline for the advancement of the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan. This will be circulated to the Elected Members by the end of January. This commitment was provided by Mr. Liam Ward, Director of Service at the workshop meeting held on the 28th of November 2023. Mr. Liam Ward, Director of Service circulated a report on Wednesday 31st January, 2024 outlining a roadmap with timelines to deliver the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>September 2024 update</u> Mr. Liam Ward, Director of Service circulated an update to the Elected Members on Friday 9 th August in relation to the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan. James Kelly, Senior Engineer and John Deeney, Executive Engineer will be available in the Carndonagh PSC Chamber on Friday 6 th September from 9am to 4pm to discuss the project with property owners.
Contact Person	James Kelly, A/Senior Engineer at 087 2236923



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Activity / Project Title	An Grianán of Aileach Fort
Project Description/Activity	Development /Improvement of Visitor facilities/Conservation Plan
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>Historical background</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A meeting took place on Tuesday 7th February 2017 with Mr. Frank Shalvey and Mr. Eoghan Moyla, senior OPW officials, Fáilte 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 early 2018. The Council will work in collaboration with the OPW, Fáilte Ireland and the stakeholders in relation to the development of the site. The Office of Public Works have given a commitment to commission a Conservation and Management Plan. This is on the way to being achieved currently and this will set out the options for the future management of the Grianán an Aileach site. In June 2019, the OPW officially appointed Blackwood Associates Architects to provide a Conservation and Management plan. Alice Bentley of Blackwood Associate Architects, Claire Cotter, Archaeologist, Jackie Hunt, Ecologist and Micheal O' Dea from the Office of Public Works attended a workshop meeting regarding the Conservation and Management report with the Members on Monday 18th November, 2019. Contributions from the Councillors was documented by the consultations and will be addressed in the plan. A copy of the completed Conservation and Management plan was circulated to the Elected Members in January 2021. This plan sets out the implementation strategy and Action Plan for the conservation and protection of the monument. The OPW have indicated that the list of Actions contained in the plan will guide the way forward for servicing the tourism potential of the site achieved collaboratively with the OPW and other partners and official agencies such as Donegal County Council and Fáilte Ireland The Elected Members have sought a virtual meeting with the OPW regarding the report and this request has been made to the body. The OPW officials will meet with the Elected Members and relevant Council officials at the site later in the Summer when health restrictions permit to discuss any issues associated with the site and the Conservation and Management plan A meeting with the Office of Public works and the Elected Members has again been requested regarding the Conservation and Management plan. A response has not yet been received. A request by the Members to meet with the OPW and Fáilte Ireland regarding enhancing the visitor experience at An Grianan of Aileach was issued. A positive response was received from OPW to Fáilte Ireland with suggested dates for a meeting to follow. The Area Roads Manager and Development Officer met with Fáilte Ireland & the OPW with the objective to improve the visitor experience at the site A Memorandum of Understanding document is been signed highlighting the Council, OPW and Fáilte Irelands shared ambition to significantly enhance the visitor experience of Grianán of Aileach through the successful execution of the various site management actions highlighted within the Conservation Management Plan for the Grianán of Aileach and also contained within the Inishowen Peninsula Destination Experience Development Plan (DEDP).The document will serve as a basis to establish a workshop meeting date with the Elected Members, Fáilte Ireland, Council Officials and the OPW.

Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period

An Grianán of Aileach Fort

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The Office of Public works is responsible for An Grianan of Aileach monument. Donegal County Council have agreed in principal to agree a Memorandum of Understanding with the OPW and Fáilte Ireland. Donegal County Council are committed to working in collaboration with all Agencies & Stakeholders to meet the objectives of Fáilte Irelands Inishowen Peninsula Destination Experience Development Plan (DEDP) with the shared ambition to enhance the visitor experience in line with the successful execution of the various site management actions highlighted within the OPWs Conservation and Management plan for the site.

The Community Development Officer and the Area Manager, Roads and Transportation continue to engage with Fáilte Ireland and the other relevant agencies to achieve these objectives and work to facilitate a workshop meeting with the Elected Members.

Contact Person

Fiona Doherty, Development Officer,
Community Development & Planning and
Michael McFadden, Manager, Roads and
Transportation, Inishowen MD.



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Activity / Project Title File: Budget	<p><u>2023 Community Recognition Fund Buncrana</u></p> <p>Friar Hegarty/ Buncrana Coastal Walk Enhancement and Artwork Project</p> <p>€ 80,000 Community Recognition fund and funding Contribution from Cultural Services</p>
Project Description/Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friar Hegarty Public Artwork • Enhancement of the walk/trail • Accessible seating • Trail Head/Interpretation panels/maps • Improved Accessible Access to the 2 no. Archaeological sites and relevant study/plans • Capital/drainage improvements
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The work is been scoped out and will be tendered in the 1st quarter of 2024. • Site assessments have taken place along with a few meetings on site with relevant parties and Councillors. • The final scope of agreed works will be contained in next month's report. • A Two Stage Open Competition through which an artist will be invited to create a suitable public artwork in response to Friar Hegarty's story and deliver the commission
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	<p><u>Two Stage Open Artwork Competition</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Two Stage Open Art Competition was advertised on Tuesday 2nd April, 2024. Artists were invited to create a suitable public artwork in response to Friar Hegarty's story and deliver the commission. • There was 13 no applications submitted under the 1st Stage Public Commission deadline of Monday 29th April 2024. • A Selection Panel has been set up and will meet next week to consider and shortlist up to 5 Artists to go forward to Stage Two of the Artwork competition. • The shortlisted Artists will present their final design to the selection panel in July 2024. The successful Artist will be chosen thereafter. • Engagement with Landowner has taken place. • Tender documents are being prepared for the project together with all appropriate studies and reports. • Five shortlisted Artists will present their final design

	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>September 2024</u></p> <p><u>Public Artwork</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Artist has been selected and will be officially appointed soon. • An Ecologist and Archaeologist has also been appointed. <p><u>Capital work</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tender documents are being prepared for the project together with all appropriate studies and reports. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancement of the walk • Capital/drainage improvements. • Accessible seating • Trail Head/Interpretation panels/maps • Improved access to the 2 no. Archaeological sites, Friar Hegarty's Grave and the Porthaw Holy Well and Celtic cross
Contact Details	<p>Fiona Doherty, Development Officer, 087 367895</p> <p>Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer, 087 6202947</p>



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Activity / Project Title	PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE 2022/23
Project Description/Activity	List of Playgrounds <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Culdaff Playground• Moville Playground• Buncrana Festival Park Playground• Clós Phádraig Playground• Barrack Hill Playground• Cill Bhríde MUGA• Ballyliffin Playground• Manorcunningham Playground• Killea Playground
Budget (if applicable)	€6,444.79 incl. VAT
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The funding works associated with Ballyliffin playpark phase 1 is completed.• Annual maintenance of playgrounds, annual ROSPA inspection reports completed with necessary repairs identified. Proposed successful playground maintenance contractor identified appointed.• Repairs have been identified and a tender competition has been published to secure a playground maintenance contractor for 2024. Tender submissions are due back in February.• 2024 Playground maintenance contractor appointed. <u>Ballyliffin Playground Refurbishment Phase 2</u>• Designs have been prepared to replace several items of playground equipment at the Ballyliffin playground which are approaching the end of their serviceable life. Works have been tendered and a contractor has been identified to undertake the works. Pre-contract meeting held with the contractor.• Contractor to confirm proposed works programme. Expected works to be undertaken in Q4 2023/Q1 2024 with the playground closed for 4/5 weeks.• Works are completed and the playground is open <u>Festival Park Playground (Buncrana)</u>• A local community group are working under the guidance of the playground Engineer to install a wheelchair swing and other inclusive equipment
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>September 2024 update</u> Tender assessment completed. Maintenance contractor appointed. Playground maintenance in progress. <u>Buncrana Playground</u> A wheelchair swing, wheelchair accessible picnic tables and sensory play equipment are now installed, the playground extension is open to the public. A few snagging items are been addressed.
Contact Person	John Deeney, Executive Engineer, 087 7197619



Activity / Project Update No.10

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Walks and Trails
Project Description/Activity	Maintenance, development, and promotion of walks & trails in Donegal including cycle routes and Greenways.
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status	<p>ORIS Projects</p> <p>A recent site visit with Northwest Community Development has shown the successful completion of the Extension of Leenan Coastal trail, Urris, Clonmany to the value of €29,700 with very visible evidence of the trail been well used. The Stragill bridge works are at the final stages of completion with the culvert now been installed and the surface on park are to be rolled and general site clear up.</p> <p>Shara gore Multi access wetland trail has been completed to the value of €29,750</p> <p>Inishowen Head</p> <p>We hope to have a review of the trail by the end of 2023 with vision of carrying out improvement work in 2024 to reduce surface water erosion of the trail.</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p> <p>ORIS 2024 applications</p> <p>We have completed 7 no application for the Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure scheme Measure 1 max of €30,000.00 each.</p> <p>The expressions of interest obtained from the local group, North West Community Development proposed " Old Carn road"</p> <p>The second application that will apply to the Inishowen District is the marketing and promotion of trails for the county in which it is proposed to market two trails in each of the five Municipal districts. Recently a whistle-stop tour with Failte Ireland representatives to Inishowen give them an insight to what is been offered by the trails to be marketed / promoted in tandem with the current development plan recently completed for the peninsula.</p>
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<p><u>September 2024 update</u></p> <p>Sport Ireland Outdoor are to inspect the following registered trials at the end of the month.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inishowen Head, • Glenevin Waterfall • Leenan Loop. <p><u>Funded Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure scheme Projects.</u></p>

	<p><u>The Old Carn Road</u> This Project will be completed at the end of the year.</p> <p><u>Butlers Glen Trail:</u> Tender Documents are been prepared for improvement works to link the Dorris Russo and Mamore Gap trails.</p> <p><u>Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure scheme 2024</u> It is expected that the ORRIS fund will be launched in September. The Council are preparing a list of proposals for each Municipal District. Please contact Darryl Connor, Outdoor Recreational & Maintenance Officer at the number below with regards to the establishment of new walks or Trails or the enhancement or extension to existing walks and Trails in Inishowen.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Darryl Connor (Outdoor Recreational Development Officer) (087)3613811 email dconnor@donegalcoco.ie</p>



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Activity / Project Title	Buncrana School Campus
Project Description/Activity	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.
Budget (if applicable)	As per Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Education & Skills and CCMA.
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>*Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p>Work has been on-going over the past few years and Donegal County Council are currently reviewing additional sites in Buncrana environs on behalf of the Department of Education and skills. Given the sensitive nature of such discussions, in relation to land acquisition, it has been agreed with the Department of Education and Skills that any further requests for updates or progress reports would be handled directly by the Department.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Donegal County Council are working on behalf of the Department of Education and Skills in securing the preferred identified site for the Buncrana School Campus.• The Compulsory Purchase Order process was instigated on the 4th December 2020. Public notices were published in the local newspapers.• Copies of the Public Notice and maps relating to the CPO was available for inspection at the Public Services Centre in Carndonagh, the Buncrana office and DCC headquarters in Lifford.• The 'Notice to Treat' was issued in December, 2021 to the parties with an interest in the site proposed for the Buncrana School Campus.• It is intended that the 'Notice to Enter' will be issued at the end of January. This will allow the Department of Education & Skills access to the land to carry out surveys, site investigations, etc.• Work is ongoing to progress the acquisition of the land
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>September 2024</u></p> <p>Donegal County Council are assisting The Department of Education and Skills with the technical elements of the project and this work is on-going.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The CPO is concluded.• The process is ongoing with valuers on behalf of the Department of Education and Skills and Donegal County Council. They are currently in negotiations with all parties with an interest in the lands with a view to finalising land compensation costs.• The Department of Education and Skills have commenced works on progressing the delivery of the school Campus design.
Contact person	Eamon Boyle, Executive Engineer, 087 178 8623 eamonb@donegalcoco.ie



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Activity / Project Title	2021 Newtoncunningham Town and Village Renewal
Project Description/Activity	<p>€100,000 funding allocation €11,500 Match funding by Donegal County Council Budget for Capital works €75,500 Budget for consultancy work €36,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The provision of a centrally located outdoor space for young people to 'hangout/stay' in the centre of the village designed in consultation with the local school/youth community exploring the themes of place and identity. The preparation of a Strategy and Action Plan for Newtowncunningham and Environs to inform the strategic sustainable development of the village and setting.
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting per</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Newtoncunningham Focus Group have issued a Request for Quotations for Consultancy Services to prepare a Regeneration Strategy for Newtowncunningham & Environs. This work will inform the capital element relating to the Outdoor Space. The Newtoncunningham Focus Group are working with the Council in relation to the procurement and appointment of consultants to produce a Regeneration Strategy, Action Plan and Health check for the village and Environs. <p>It is envisaged that the outcome of this will inform the capital element of the project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Newtoncunningham Focus Group have appointed a consultant and the Council are working with the group to progress a master plan for Newtoncunningham which will also inform the capital element of the project A successful community engagement 'Drop In' event took place on the 9th February from 2pm to 8pm. The appointed consultants are working to produce a draft document. Following the public engagement event. GM Consultants are working on a draft document incorporating submissions and observations The Community are considering options for The Multi-functional Pod Stage one of the Regeneration and Strategy Action plan is complete and The Newtoncunningham Focus Group and consultants GM Designs held another community engagement event on the 14th June at the Columban Hall. There were no tenders received from the e-tenders procurement process for the capital works
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<p><u>September 2024 update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This capital project work is completed. A Draft Strategic and Action plan has been developed.
Contact Person	<p>Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer – Capital element Claire McCallan, Architect in the community – Action Plan enquires.</p>



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Activity / Project Update No.4 September 2024

Activity / Project Title	2021 Moville Town and Village Renewal Project Funding Allocation of €100,000 from the Department on 25 th February, 2022z. Match funding €11,500 by Donegal County Council
File:	
Project Description/Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancement of existing Outdoor Recreational Amenities at The Bath Green, Moville • Health Check and Regeneration Plan for Moville
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p>The Minister for Rural and Community Development aannounced the funding allocation for the 2021 Town and Village Renewal scheme on the 25th February, 2022. Several meetings have taken place with the community group, Executive Engineer and the Development Officer scoping out and advancing the capital works associated with the project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft design drawings have been considered by the group and are now been finalised by the Engineers. • Tenders for the capital work will be advertised on e-tenders this month • Draft design drawings have been considered by the group and are now been finalised by the Engineers • A meeting is taken place with Donegal County Council and members of the group on Friday 14th October to scope out the work associated with the Town and Village Renewal project and the recently announced Clár funding for the outdoor gym. • A meeting took place on the 14th October with the community group to agree and finalise the nature of the work associated with the Town and Village Renewal funding and the Clár funding for the provision of an Outdoor Gym • Tenders have issued on e-tenders inviting contractors to submit tenders for the Town and Village Renewal project and Clar funded project. • One contractor will be selected to provide the work associated with both projects. • The deadline for receipt of tenders is 19th January 2023. • The Contractor, Garden escapes Ltd have been appointed and work is due to commence within the next few weeks with an 8 week delivery deadline • The Health Check and regeneration plan will be progressed and a meeting will take place on Friday 23rd February with the Town Centre First Manager
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<p><u>September 2024 Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The capital works are completed with minor elements to be installed this month. • The Health Check and regeneration plan are been progressed by Town Centre First Officer and recent public consultations took place, the report is to be completed by the end of this year.
Contact Person	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer and Fiona Doherty, Development Officer (capital works) Patricia McIntyre (Regeneration plan)



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Activity / Project Update No.4 September 2024

Activity / Project Title File:	Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) project Development Measure for a pontoon at the existing jetty in Bunagee, Culdaff €50,000 for Project Development
Project Description/Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preparation work for Jetty at Bunagee, Culdaff
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A meeting took place with the Culdaff Development Association and Donegal County Council's Executive Engineer and Development Officer.• The next steps were discussed and the way forward to deliver the project agreed.• Tenders are being prepared for Appropriate Assessment and all relevant documentation and reports necessary to deliver the capital works.• A Consultant is to be appointed to carry out an Appropriate Assessment.• The relevant documentation to deliver the capital design of the project element is been prepared.• The Tender documents for a design are completed and will issue this week for a consultant to design the project.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<u>September 2024 Update</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The consultants 'Greentrack' have been appointed to carry out an ecology screening report.• A consultant is now appointed and has commenced the design process.
Contact Person	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer



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Activity / Project Title File:	2022 Killea Clár funded project. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Funding Allocation of €50,000 from the Department on 25th February, 2022• Match funding €2,500 by Donegal County Council and €2,500 from Killea Tidy Towns
Project Description/Activity	To install a Community Pod providing a meeting space and ancillary services for the community sited within the Killea Community Park
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Minister for Rural and Community Development announced the funding allocation under the 2022 Clár programme.• John Deeney, Executive Engineer has met with the committee and provided technical guidance and outlined the pathway forward to advance the project.• The Project is being led by the Killea Tidy Towns community group with guidance and support from the Executive Engineer within Community Development.• A Provisional letter of offer has been issued to the group.• The Group are to prepare documents to seek quotations from a contractor to undertake the proposed construction works.• Works underway on site for the construction of the new Community Hub
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<u>September 2024</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The new community structure is almost completed, final snagging work will be done this month.
Contact Person	John Deeney, Executive Engineer,



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Municipal District: Inishowen

Activity / Project Update: September 2024

Activity / Project Title File 622/P&ED/422 (8)	2022 Town & Village Renewal Scheme, Barrack Hill Town Park, Carndonagh An Accessible sheltered outdoor structure/ space for all the community cited within Barrack Hill Town Park
Project Description/Activity	See above
Budget <i>(if applicable)</i>	€121,230
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Preliminary meeting has taken place with the group to scope out the deliverables.• The Department issued the 'Letter of Funding Offer' in March.• A recent meeting has now taken place finalising the desired design and details of the project.• The Department issued the letter of funding offer to Donegal County Council in March 2023• The Community Development Officer and Engineers have engaged with the Barrack Hill Town Park Committee and agreed the final design and details with the group.• Tender documents will then be prepared and advertised on e-tenders.• The Barrack Hill Town Park Committee have been issued a letter of offer and work under the guidance of the Engineers to deliver the project.• A recent meeting took place with the group and a design has been agreed for progression• The tenders have been returned and currently being reviewed.• A contractor will be appointed next month.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<u>September 2024</u> A contractor is appointed and will commence work on the site in the next few weeks.
Contact Person	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer & Fiona Doherty, Development Officer



Activity / Project Update September 2024

Activity / Project Title File:	Moville Shore Path Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme €200,000
Project Description/Activity	Upgrade and Enhancement of a portion of Moville shore walk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital Works • Interpretation work /seating
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p><u>Progress to date</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Project is at Design Stage establishing the scope. • The work will be tendered in the 1st quarter of 2024 • A site meeting took place with the Tidy Towns Committee and Community Development staff, • The tendering work has been finalised and the work will be tendered after consultation with other internal directorates. • It is anticipated that the capital work will commence in April 2024 • The Tender documents are currently being assessed for all works associated with the project. A contractor will be appointed next month. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>September 2024</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Contractor has commenced work on the site. The project work will be completed in Q4 of 2024. • The Interpretation content and design is been agreed and finalised.

Contact Person	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer, Fiona Doherty
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**Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall**
Donegal County Council

Municipal District: Countywide

Activity / Project Title	Rural Development Programme/LEADER
Project Description/Activity	Donegal LCDC are the Local Action Group for County Donegal, with responsibility for the LEADER/RDP Programme 2014-2020 & Transitional LEADER Programme 2021-2022 and the New LEADER programme 2023-2027.
Budget (if applicable)	€13,413,875 (Additional funding received 2019) <i>Note: Project costs €10,063,586, administration and animation costs €3,350,289. 1st April 2021 – 31st December 2022</i> €2,861,598 project costs. €953,866 for Administration & Animation.
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	Implementing Partners within the county; Donegal Local Development CLG (DLDC), Inishowen Development Partnership (IDP), Údarás Na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán, are closing out and completing the LEADER Transitional programme on behalf of the LAG (Local Action Group). €45 million was allocated nationally for the Transitional Programme and €20 million from the EURI programme. The New LEADER Programme 2023-2027 is now open for Expressions of Interest across the 4 Implementing Partners and respective areas. Donegal has been awarded approximately €10.4m in allocation for the delivery of the new LEADER programme to cover the period.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	LDCs will continue to engage with promoters on the ground to finish out outstanding projects from LEADER/RDP Programme 2014-2020 & Transitional LEADER Programme 2021-2022. With regards the New LEADER programme 2023-2027, all IPs have signed Service Level Agreements for the delivery of the programme. Members can access further information on the programme at https://www.donegalcoco.ie/community/leader/
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**Comhairle Contae
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Donegal County Council

2024 Clár funded projects

Activity / Project Title Disabled Toilet and kitchen upgrade	<u>Malin GAA CLAR Measure 1 2023</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial meetings with the Group• Provisional letter of offer issued.• Project currently out for tender <p style="text-align: center;"><u>September 2024 update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Letter of Offer issued to the group.• A contractor is appointed and is due to commence work on site in the next few weeks.
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**Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall**
Donegal County Council

Project Title External insulation and windows for the Community Centre	<u>CARROWMENAGH CLÁR PROJECT 2023</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial meetings with the Group• Provisional letter of offer issued.• The project is currently out for tender. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>September 2024 update</u></p> <p>Full letter of offer issued. Contractor appointed and work to commence in the next few weeks.</p>
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Dhún na nGall**
Donegal County Council

Project Title CARPARK SURFACING	<u>GLENEELY COLTS FC CLÁR PROJECT 2023</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial meetings with the Group• Provisional letter of offer issued.• The project is currently out for tender. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>September 2024 update</u></p> <p>The Contractor is appointed and works on site due to commence next week</p>
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**Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall**
Donegal County Council

Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services Directorate

Municipal District Report August - September 2024

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1. Economic Development

1.1. Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location / Further Info	Point of Contact
8th September	London Irish Vintage Club Day	<p>London – Tir Chonail Gaels Grounds, Greenford London.</p> <p>Cathaoirleach will lead Donegal delegation to participate in this Charity Festival for the London Irish Community with a strong Donegal connection. This will include a Donegal stand promoting tourism, business development opportunities, relocation advice and other opportunities for the diaspora to stay in touch.</p>	Daniel McChrystal – dmcchrystal@donegalcoco.ie
25th September	Love Donegal Day	<p>Promotional day where people with connections to Donegal will take to their social media platforms to proclaim their love for Donegal and to promote everything the county has to offer .</p> <p>Taking part is simple. All you have to do is use the #LoveDonegal or #DúnnanGallAbú in your social media posts (across twitter and Instagram) on 25th of September. You can also tag the organisers on Instagram through @Donegal_IrelandsDNA</p> <p>The 2023 campaign reached a global audience of 85 million across social media, this year’s campaign hopes to achieve the same level of success.</p>	Elaine Whoriskey – ewhoriskey@donegalcoco.ie
26th September	Disrupt by the Sea	<p><i>Dragon’s Den-style</i> event will see 6 carefully selected founders pitch to a panel of US CEOs. The panel will provide tough love, insights and advice to scaleups and a chance to win a share of a \$100,000 cash investment and annual membership of <i>ALPHA Innovation</i>.</p>	Kevin Sexton - kevinsexton@alphainnovation.eu
27th September	Tip O Neill Irish Diaspora Awards	<p>Inishowen Gateway, Buncrana, Co Donegal.</p> <p>Further details TBC Closer to event.</p>	Daniel McChrystal – dmcchrystal@donegalcoco.ie

		Ticket sales on Eventbrite: https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/tip-oneill-irish-diaspora-awards-2024-tickets-920659777177	
3rd – 4th October	Donegal Emigrant Working Lives in Scotland Event	Outreach project with DCC Heritage Officer to capture first hand accounts of Donegal people's experiences in selected occupations in Scotland and develop a cultural exhibition. Diaspora Officer supporting work of Heritage Team	Joseph Gallagher (Heritage Officer) - heritgae@donegalcoco.ie
2nd Wed of each month	Innovation Campfire	Hosted by Alpha Innovation - provides entrepreneurs an opportunity to take a moment out of their busy days to see the world through a different lens. 10-minute sessions showcasing inspiring innovation stories from around the world; learn from the experiments, tests, fails, quick wins, and big successes of others. You can watch back by visiting ALPHA Innovation Innovation Campfire — ALPHAInnovation.eu	Kevin Sexton - kevinsexton@alphainnovation.eu

1.2 Economic Development Unit

Marketing & Campaigns Updates
<p>Invest Donegal Promotional Campaign</p> <p>Donegal Prospectus</p> <p>A new Donegal prospectus is being developed to promote Donegal as a great place to live, work, invest, study and do business. It is expected that this will be launched in the Autumn and will be used by the Council and partner organisations to highlight Donegal's compelling proposition as a great location to develop your business.</p> <p>Digital Marketing Campaign</p> <p>A new digital marketing campaign is being developed as part of this activity and will include video, social media posts and direct marketing opportunities. It will focus on highlighting Donegal as a progressive and welcoming place with filming taking place in early September. This will also form part of the Autumn launch.</p> <p>#BuyDonegal: The 2024 #BuyDonegal campaign will launch in November of this year and will run over a series of 6- 8 weeks, covering a range of sectors, themes and events promoting Donegal businesses to a</p>

global audience.

Donegal Tech Advocates: Donegal County Council, in collaboration with regional stakeholders, developed and launched the Donegal Tech Advocates group in April 2024. The groups focus is to promote, grow and empower the dynamic and innovative tech sector across the county. The second Donegal Tech Advocates event took place in PGIM, Letterkenny with a “Talent & Upskilling” theme which saw three companies present on their experiences and resources utilised for upskilling their staff.

InvestDonegal Online Marketing: Latest key stats for the InvestDonegal LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram and web accounts are as follows for the period of July 11th – August 8th, 2024:

Linked In	39,786 impressions (+14,740), 5,320 (+572) followers.
Twitter	3.1k impressions, 3,390 (+512) followers.
Instagram	3.1k impressions (+35.3%), 4,575 (+678) followers.
Facebook	5,414 impressions, 2.2k (+181) followers.
Donegal.ie	6.9K Web Users.
Stories published:	19

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

Donegal 2040 DAC

Board and Corporate Governance: The Board of Donegal 2040 DAC is continuing to meet on a regular basis to progress a range of areas including the below.

Update on Projects:

Alpha Innovation Centre and Beta Business Centre: Current Status: Enabling works / Demolition works on site are nearing completion. Main construction contract to be tendered. Estimated project completion date: Q3 2026, subject to funding.

ALPHA Innovation: is an initiative of Donegal 2040 DAC, supported by Donegal County Council’s Economic Development Unit and Enterprise Ireland. It was set up to accelerate and enable ambitious individuals, SME’s, startups & scaleups to innovate and build globally ambitious ventures across the county. Using a mix of practical workshops, training & events, ALPHA aims to demystify innovation and introduces lean techniques to businesses and individuals, so they have the practical tools to learn, set up, grow, fail or pivot, & scale quickly.

Ongoing initiatives include:

Disrupt By The Sea – 26th September 2024: See above.

If you would like to join the guestlist, email conordoherty@alphainnovation.eu before Friday 6 September.

ALPHA Innovation part of the National AI Challenge 2024: ALPHA Innovation, in association with WiSAR Lab and Technology Gateway & CoLab, is the North West regional innovation location for this year's [TechIreland National AI Challenge](#). From Fri 23rd - Sat 31st of August, teams will work on propositions shaped on Ireland's National AI Challenge 'AI - Here For Good'. ALPHA Innovation is bringing together teams, mentors and coaches to work on propositions throughout the challenge through in-person workshops in CoLab on Sat 24th & Sat 31st of August and national remote sessions online. 1 team from the Northwest will be chosen to represent the region at the National AI Meet in Galway on Thursday 5th of September. For more not this contact conordoherty@alphainnovation.eu.

Kevin Sexton,
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Carrigart GTeic Hub

Status: In operation. Annual management agreement in place.

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

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

Current Status: Under Construction. Estimated Completion Date: Autumn 2024
Marketing Campaign: to commence Q4 2024.

Operation & Management of Burtonport Enterprise Centre (Post Construction)

Current Status: Contractor appointment. Construction to commence Q3 2024.
Current Estimated Completion date: Q3 2025.

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

Current Status: Detailed design.
Current Estimated Completion date of overall Seed Project: Q1 2026.

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Crossborder Inward Investment

North West City Region

Golden Bridges and the US Trade & Investment Mission: 11th to 15th November 2024: Plans for Golden Bridges and the Ireland NW US Trade and Investment Mission 2024 are underway. This Mission will be led jointly by the Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council and the Mayor of Derry City and Strabane District Council and will include a number of civic engagements, investment events/meetings, diaspora

engagements and will build on connections and relationships formed in recent years. It will also include an intense US market development programme for scaling businesses from the North West.

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

NWCR Information Dashboard: An online dashboard for sharing information related to living, working, studying, investing and doing business in the NWCR is in development and will be shared with partners such as INI and the IDA to provide a store of information on the various aspects of the value proposition of the NWCR for potential investors.

NWCR Submission to Revised National Planning Framework: The National Planning Framework (NPF) was published in 2018 as part of Project Ireland 2040. It provides a strategy for managing growth across Ireland including more balanced development between the three regions, with population and employment growth targets set accordingly. In July 2024, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage published a draft revision of the NPF for public consultation, with a deadline of 12th September 2024. Donegal County Council in partnership with Derry City & Strabane District Council is currently working on a joint submission on behalf of the North West City Region.

Service Land Initiative at The Commons, Lifford

Development of this multi-purpose site is progressing, with construction expected to begin in early Q4.

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1.2: Tourism Marketing Unit

Project Activity

Autumn/Winter Marketing Campaign: A planning workshop was held with BigO creative agency, members of the trade and stakeholders to brainstorm ideas and concepts for the Autumn shoulder season advertising campaign.

North West City Region: In collaboration with Derry/Strabane District Council and Visit Derry the tourism unit are currently working on a new promotional video and brochure to attract golfers and golf touring groups to the region to experience the wide range of golfing facilities that are available across Donegal and Derry. This video and brochure will be available for display at the IGTM Show in Portugal in October.

Donegal Airport Marketing: A competition is underway as part of the promotion between Donegal Tourism and the airport, and is being promoted on Go Visit Donegal's social media <https://donegalairport.ie/discover-donegal-and-win/>

Caravan and Camping Promotional Videos: A series of 5 camping and caravan "Road Trip" videos and 6 informational shorts have been produced. Noel Cunningham and Micheal Brennan (Donegal Daddy) are featured travelling the county in a campervan while emphasising the need to follow the campers' code which is on the Go Visit Donegal website. The videos have initially appeared on the Go Visit Donegal social media channels from the week of 5th of August and are also available on the GVD YouTube channel and website. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VZJSTKKUHAU>



TBEX: Ahead of the staging of TBEX (The Bloggers Exchange Conference) in Donegal in September 2025, the Donegal Tourism team had a presence at the 2024 North American conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico. More contacts were made with potential attendees, many of whom expressed a keen interest to attend the Donegal event.

Night-Time Economy (NTE) Buncrana: Planning has commenced to engage local NTE stakeholders in a facilitated workshop and a local survey is being developed. The workshop and survey will help create the Night-Time Economy Action Plan for Buncrana, along with the formation of a Night Time Economy Committee. Engagement with the local community, along with businesses and organisations will be complimented by several collaborative projects to increase footfall in Buncrana at night.

TOURBO: The next interregional partner meeting will take place from 24th - 25th September in Ancona, Italy. David Leonard (Fáilte Ireland) will be presenting 'Carbon Calculator for Businesses' and 'Digital that Delivers' as Good Practices in Digital and Sustainable Transition on behalf of the partner Donegal County Council.

Sustainable Arctic and Peripheral Biking Tourism Project: Now in the third period of this project, DCC has commenced work on planning a series of regional workshops, aimed at tourism entrepreneurs and network actors within the region. The first of these workshops is tentative for 8th October. The next interregional partner meeting will take place from 17th-19th September in Sweden.

Photography Workshop for Festival and Event Organisers: As part of DCC's commitment to supporting festivals and events a photography workshop was held and led by photographer Brendan Diver, aimed at 35 festival and event organisers from across Donegal. The primary objective of this workshop was to equip organisers with the skills needed to produce high-quality visual content, thereby reducing the need for external photography services.

Development of a Comprehensive Tourism Provider Database: Work is ongoing on the creation of a new, comprehensive database that will list every establishment, business, activity, and tourism provider throughout Donegal.

Social Media Advertising for Festivals and Events: Go Visit Donegal have been running targeted advertising campaigns through their social media platforms to promote upcoming festivals and events. A Facebook advertising campaign has been set up to encourage people to submit their festival and events, which resulted in 20 additional submissions over four days. These events have been added to the Go Visit Donegal website.

GoVisitDonegal.com Website

Go Visit Donegal Website: Behind the scenes preparations are underway for the upgrade of the current website. This includes the cleaning of databases and compilation of comprehensive trade business listings to ensure full coverage of the county. Registration on the website by all trade will be encouraged.

2024 (July 12 – Aug 08) - Users 55K- Page Views 155K

Festival and Events continues to be the most viewed page – views 18K

Caravan and Camping is the second most viewed page – views 7.2K

Online & Social Media Updates – Go Visit Donegal July 12 – Aug 08, 2024

Facebook: Facebook had a reach of 134.2K. Organic-52K and from Ads 94K

Instagram: Instagram had a reach of 24.7K.

LinkedIn: 1,786 followers. 61 new followers in the last 30 days. 10K Impressions.

X: 10.4K posts. 16.2K followers.

TikTok: TikTok has 475 followers.

Donegal Tourism CLG: The next Associates Committee meeting is scheduled for September 11th in Sweeneys Hotel Dungloe. The next board meeting for Donegal Tourism is scheduled for September 17th in the Radisson Hotel, Letterkenny.

Grant Schemes

Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme: Thirty-nine projects have been allocated funding under the 2024 scheme. Letters of offer have been issued to the successful community groups and council services have been notified of their successful projects. Funding for this scheme must be drawn down by June 30th, 2025. The 2024 projects are nearing completion, and the tourism team are following up with each of the groups in relation to drawing down the grant.

Regional Festival & Events Grant Scheme: Thirty-Three applications were allocated total funding of €49,750 under the 2024 scheme. The tourism team are following up with each of the festival groups in relation to drawing down the funding.

Contact Person

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1.4: Strategic Funding Unit

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

INTERREG Europe Projects

Green Hydra: The Green Hydra project focusing on the barriers and opportunities around innovation in hydrogen as a renewable energy source kicked off in April 2024. The scope of this project is to improve national, regional or local policies for involving SME's across the whole hydrogen value chain.

EDIN: The EDIN project focusing on promoting Donegal to remote workers and digital nomads commenced on in April 2024. This project is 4 years in duration and offers opportunities for collaboration and shared learning and knowledge exchange, study visits and influencing policy.

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

AER (Assembly of European Regions) Summer Academy 2024: Donegal County Council hosted the Summer Academy in Donegal in 2022 in partnership with Udarás na Gaeltachta. The next Summer Academy youth focused event will take place in Norway in August 2024. Donegal County Council will be hosting a workshop at this event focused on opportunities for young people in the Blue Economy.

Contact Person

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2. Local Enterprise Office

August 2024 (Year to Date Supports)

Grant Aid (M1) – Four Evaluation Committee meetings to have taken place for 2024 with the following approvals:

- 30 Businesses have been approved Grant Aid
- The total value of Grant Aid Approvals is €662,136.
- The next EVAC meeting is taking place on 17th September 2024.

Trading Online Vouchers: 37 Businesses approved trading online support to a value of €84,146.58.

Mentoring: 236 business applicants approved up to 12 hours expert mentoring.

Training: 1140 Attendees on 55 Courses held.

Digital Start: 4 applications approved for this support to a value of €18,000.

Green for Business: 14 applicants approved for this support to a value of €30,996.

Energy Efficiency Grants: 4 applicants approved for this support to a value of €20,000.

Lean For Business: 16 applicants approved for this support to a value of €72,500.

Energy Efficiency Grant: The newly updated Energy Efficiency Grant is now live. Businesses with less than 50 employees can avail of a new 75% grant support to a maximum of €10,000. The previous grant was 50% support to a maximum of €5,000.

Export Development Programme: Several LEO clients have undertaken an export readiness exercise with Full Circle Consultancy to establish how ready they are to explore export markets. A follow up programme to help the businesses develop their export plan and move into new export markets is underway.

Enterprise Europe Network (EEN): Work is continuing in this EU funded project which LEO Donegal, as the lead LEO partner. Several international trade missions are scheduled for the coming months. Work is underway in drafting an application for the new programme with the application to be submitted in September 2024.

Start Your Own Business Training Programme: The next Start Your Own Business Programme is starting on 3rd September 2024.

Food Starter Programme: An online 4 x 1/2-day programme designed to help those with a food idea, or those at a very early stage of starting up a food business. This Programme will be commencing on 10th September and is currently open for applications on the LEO website.

Ambition: An award-winning accelerator programme focusing on female entrepreneurs. The next programme will commence on the 3rd of September and conclude in December.

The Digital Marketing Clinic: 19th of September. This is a one-hour online marketing consultancy session with Aisling Hurley and will be delivered on a one -to-one basis.

The Business Planning Workshop: Aimed at business owners who want to re-focus and update their business plan. This workshop will take place on the 23rd of September in the Local Enterprise Office in Letterkenny.

LEO Business Supports Clinic: Occurring bimonthly. As well as learning of LEO supports, all attendees will get the opportunity for one-to-one business advice. To book a place at any of the aforementioned events go to [Online Bookings - Donegal \(localenterprise.ie\)](https://localenterprise.ie/online-bookings-donegal)

Contact Person

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3. Information Services

Information Services (IS)

ICT Infrastructure & Operations: Management and maintenance of Council's IS platforms and systems across multiple locations, Supporting blended working/hybrid meeting arrangements.

Information Systems & Applications: Development and implementation of a cross directorate Systems programme to support Council business processes.

Geographic Information Systems: <https://donegal.maps.arcgis.com> Support mapping requirements for services. www.mapalerter.ie/donegal - MapAlerter issues free SMS, email and app alerts across six core categories. Donegal County Council issues alerts on roads alerts, weather alerts, planning activity.

Website Design and Development

eGovernment Initiatives: Cross cutting support to economic, tourism, digital development initiatives.

Information Society & ERNACT: Participation in EU funded initiatives in partnership with ERNACT + Development and implementation of the Donegal Digital Project.

Broadband & Telecommunications: Support the roll out of the National Broadband Plan / Broadband Officer.

Current Updates

The Letterkenny, Creeslough, Termon, St. Johnston, Bunbeg and small Island deployment areas are complete and actively connecting customers. These deployment areas cover 12,041 premises or 36% of the Intervention Area.

Network build is in progress in the 6 deployment areas of Fintown, Carndonagh, Buncrana, Moville, Bundoran, Ballyshannon and totalling 11,011 premises or 33% of the IA. Surveying is complete in the Ardara, Arranmore & Tory Island deployment areas covering 2,153 premises or 6% of the IA. 8,005 premises, or 24% of the IA, in the deployment areas of Donegal, Kilcar, Pettigo and Ballybofey/Stranorlar are at survey pending stage. NBI are currently planning Active Equipment Module builds on the islands to connect to the mainland.

To keep informed of the rollout plan in Donegal we encourage people to register their interest with; <https://www.nbi.ie>

We have been informed that surveying will commence shortly in the Kilcar Deployment Area.

Defective Concrete Blocks: System development work is ongoing in conjunction with the Defective Concrete Blocks unit and third-party company, Sendmode, on delivering a revised solution for the Enhanced Defective Blocks Grant Scheme, in line with guidelines issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Notification of appeals and Schedule 8 (extension of time) modules are now live. Withdrawn and second applications are at pre go live status.

ShareHub: The ShareHub solution set up to facilitate ongoing collaboration with external contractors is expanding rapidly.

Online Applications: Various applications have been provided in online format e.g. Community Climate Action, Culture & Creative Project Awards, Ukrainian Response.

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4. Emergency Services

4.1 – Fire Service

Fire Service Monthly MD Report (Aug-Sept)

(Report includes Fire Service Activity for the June and July reporting period)




Activity	Number of: (June) ¹		Total for year	
<u>Fire Service Operations</u>				
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	80		395	
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	95		466	
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	7		59	
<u>Operational Activity Breakdown June 2024</u>	Turnouts		Incidents in County	
	Fires	Special Services	Fires	Special Services
Donegal Fire Service	43	52	32	45
Northern Ireland Fire Service	3	4	1	2
Sub Total	46	56	33	47
Total	102		80	
<u>Fire Prevention</u>				
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	10		110	
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	37		N/A	



Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from Applicant / Agent:	56	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	17	87
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	0	7
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	1	2
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	2	17
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	14	62
Fire Safety Complaints received:	3	12
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	3	12
During Performance Inspections carried out:	0	0
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	64 ²	64


1. **Current data is only available up to the end of June 2024.**
2. **As part of its community fire safety programme, Donegal Fire Service delivers the Primary Schools Programme (PSP) each year to 3rd year classes in the County's primary schools. To date, the programme was delivered in person to 64 schools 2024.**



ENVIRONMENT REPORT – September 2024

Activity / Project Title	Public Service Announcements (PSA's) – Water Quality
Description/Activity	<p>“Donegal County Council would like to remind farmers of the following changes in good agricultural practice regulations & key actions as autumn and winter approach.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• land spreading of slurry may have to be completed as early as the 1st October, unless an extension is granted by government.• farmyard manure cannot be applied to land after the 1st November.• spreading of soiled water to land is prohibited between 1st December and 31st December this year for all milk producers.• Please check & repair gutters & downpipes now to minimize soiled water in yards and ensure that any effluent is directed to storage tanks. <p>”.</p> <div></div>
	National Agricultural Inspection Plan
	<p>Donegal County Council have recently commenced a programme of farm inspections under the Good Agricultural Practice Regulations, focusing on areas of the county where agriculture has been linked to poor water quality. The target number of inspections for 2024 is 147 in Co. Donegal, increasing to 215 in 2025.</p> <div></div> <p>These inspections will focus on farmyards, slurry & soiled water storage capacity, fertiliser use and minimisation of soiled water. Farmers will receive advance notice through the post and will be given at least a week to prepare for the inspection.</p>
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Activity / Project Title	Bathing Waters 2024 season
Description/Activity	<p>The Council's Central Lab monitoring results have confirmed excellent water quality for the 2024 Bathing Season to date, despite the unsettled weather of the past 3 months.</p> <div>   </div> <p><i>Figure 1. Turbulent Day Sampling Killahoey</i> <i>Figure 2. Brighter Side of Life - Dooley Beach</i></p> <p>Forecasted heavy rainfall events have led to the posting of <i>Prior Warning Notices</i> at certain bathing waters to protect bathers & forewarn of a potential drop in water quality.</p> <p>Monitoring results are posted on noticeboards and on beaches.ie, until the bathing season formally ends on the 15th September.</p>
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Activity / Project Title	Failure to fix faulty septic tanks is a risk to human health and the environment, and can't continue, says EPA.
Description/Activity	<p>Donegal County Council will recommence the National Inspection Plan on septic tanks in September and encourage all homeowners to examine & address faulty tanks & percolation areas before the winter sets in.</p> <p>Where septic tanks fail inspection, Donegal County Council issue advisory notices to householders setting out what is required to fix the problem. The grant schemes for remediation of septic tanks were changed at the start of 2024 to increase the amount to €12,000 and remove the requirement to have registered the septic tank since 2013. Given the increased value and access to funding, the EPA have demanded greater enforcement by local authorities up to & including prosecution to ensure these failed systems are fixed to protect the environment and public health.</p> 
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WASTE MANAGEMENT

Activity / Project Title	<u>Anti Dumping Initiative Cinema Advert Campaign</u>
Description/Activity	<p>Authorised waste collectors have a Waste Collection Permit which authorises them to collect specific waste types and this waste is then taken to authorised waste facilities.</p> <p>Unauthorised waste collection can lead to illegal dumping.</p> <p>Illegal dumping can impact negatively on the environment and the waste industry, and it can incur significant clean up costs. It can also impact negatively on human health.</p> <p>If found guilty of giving waste to an unauthorised waste collector there can be significant legal implications and fines.</p> <p>The Anti-Dumping initiative was developed in 2017 to work in partnership with local authorities and community organisations in identifying high risk or problem areas, developing appropriate enforcement responses and carrying out clean-up operations. It aims to reduce incidents of illegal dumping nationally by providing funding for projects aimed at tackling the problem, using a collaborative approach involving local authorities, communities, and other State Agencies.</p> <p>Funding is made available through the Waste Enforcement Lead Authorities (WERLA's) to support the Anti-Dumping initiative. The focus is usually on the four key areas listed below and project proposals are assessed based on their potential impact in these areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prevention - Abatement - Education and - Enforcement <p>Projects delivered in Donegal in the last few years have included bikes for Africa, a household waste project, the production and distribution of pocket guides, paint reuse projects, reduced price bulky waste recycling days, resource to support targeted enforcement work and resources for community groups.</p> <p>In 2024 the Environment team secured €100,000+ to deliver projects throughout the County including a cinema advert campaign. Staff liaised with colleagues in Fingal County Council, Waterford City and County Council and the CU WERLA to successfully secure funding to run a cinema advert campaign to highlight the importance of using permitted waste collectors and to remind people that each and every one of us is responsible for our own waste.</p> <p>This cinema advert is being run in three cinemas in Donegal (Letterkenny, Bundoran and Lifford) from 31st May until the 26th Sept 2024. A post analysis report will be provided to the LA on completion of the project to gauge the success of the project for future consideration. The LA comms team supported the project by making the video available on the LA's comms platforms including YouTube.</p> <p>This is part of an umbrella communications campaign being delivered by the section under the theme of "<i>Let's all work together to keep Donegal beautiful</i>".</p>

	
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Activity / Project Title	Donegal Household Haz waste project.
Description/Activity	<p>Funded by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications, the Regional Waste Planning Office and Donegal County Council teamed up to host a FREE Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, August 31st, from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm at Donegal County Council's Letterkenny Recycling Centre, Carnamuggagh, F92EW80.</p> <p>The event provided an opportunity for households to finally say goodbye to those potentially harmful products taking up space under your sink and in the shed. Some of the most common household hazardous products include oil-based paints, bleach, herbicides, and aerosols.</p> <p>The collection day accepted household items that contain potentially harmful components.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Household Chemicals: Disinfectants, detergents, bleach, oven cleaners, toilet bowl cleaners, and other potent cleaning agents. • Personal Care Products: Nail polish, nail polish remover, aerosols, and other chemical-based cosmetic products. • Garden Chemicals: Pesticides, herbicides, and other chemical treatments used in lawn and garden care. • Paints and Solvents: Leftover paint (limit 10 cans/tubs per customer), varnishes, thinners, strippers, inks, glues, resins, and other solvent-based products. • Automotive Products: Used motor oil, petrol, diesel, antifreeze, surface polish, and other automotive fluids. <p>Note: Hazardous waste such as medicines and gas canisters could not be accepted.</p> <p>"Mishandled hazardous waste can be dangerous for our environment and our health," said Carol Sweetnam of the Regional Waste Management Planning Office. "The event is all about making it easy for householders to do the right thing and dispose of these materials safely."</p>

Commenting on the event, **Matthew Byrne, Waste Regulations Officer at Donegal County Council** said, “It’s really important that hazardous products are not placed in the general waste bin.”

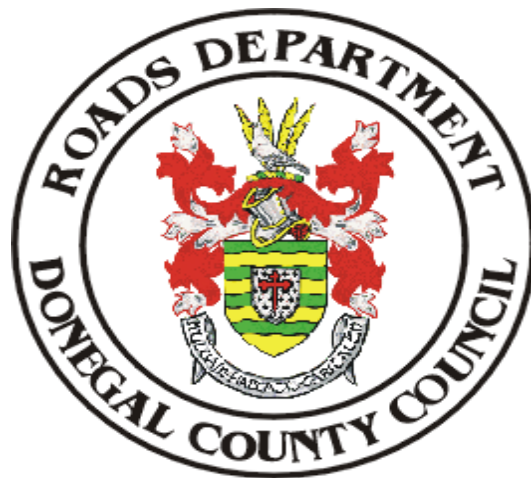
This free initiative was for hazardous household waste only.



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ROADS & TRANSPORTATION UPDATE



Inishowen Municipal District

3rd September 2024

Draft Restoration Improvement Programme 2024

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Draft Restoration Maintenance Programme 2024

RSS	Engineer	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name	Works Type	Length or work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	LT	L72811	Spinks Glackmore	SD	1,600	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L7721-1	Lisnagra	SD	1,500	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LT	L18913	Kilderry Lane	SD	600	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LP	L1341-3	Tiryrone Ph1	SD	1,000	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LP	L1361-1	Glenagivney	SD	2,000	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L13916	Mc Coles Drung	SD	400	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	R	R238-38	Noones Br/Mt Scurge	SD	1,000	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L7731-1	Mullanaghy	SD	800	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LP	L1371-3	Drumaweer	SD	1,300	Complete	Complete	?
Moville	Inish North	LP	L1411-1/2	Crucknanonia	SD	1,500	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	L	No Number	Grove Cottages	SD	390	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LT	L13211	Drumley Lough Rd	SD	850	Complete	Complete	
Moville Total						12,940			
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R242-2	Lagg Rd Malin	SD	2,000	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L1011-1	X Rds MH/Port Ronan X Rds	SD	1,000	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L1211-1/2	Tirernaleague/Corvish	SD	1,500	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L1081-2	Urbelreagh	SD	2,200	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LT	L51611	Killen Mast Rd done	SD	690	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L5051-1	Culort/Ballygorman	SD	1,700	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LT	L10311-0	Cahirs Hill Rd	SD	600	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L5811-1	Gortyarn/Hill Hd	SD	1,100	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L1391-4	Lough Inn	SD	1,900	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L1081-3	Urbelreagh 2	SD	1,000	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LT	L57811 and 12	Foxhole/Buildings Rd	SD	1,900	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L1301-2	Drumagessan	SD	2,000	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh Total						17,590			
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L 17214	Big Hill	SD	1,475	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L 7061	Upper Kinngeo	SD	1,700	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L 6981	Upper Liafin	SD	1300	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L 6921	Upper Sharagore	SD	760	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L 6941	Blackland	SD	780	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L 1831	Church Brae	SD	1,200	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L1831	Boosom	SD	1,200	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L7321 /L7331	Roskey	SD	3,500	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L 5441	Culcross coal yard to Annagh	SD	1,150	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L 1161	Upper Annagh to Culcross road	SD	2,200	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L16112	Adderville	SD	2,400	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural Total						17,665			
Newtown	Inish South	L	L 7491-2	Brigg to Strachack	SD	1750	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L2041-2	Moyle Road	SD	1720	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L8271-2	Creve road Upper	SD	1000	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L8261-2	Jack Porters road	SD	1450	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L 8111-1	Hardys to Millbay Inch Island	SD	1300	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L1881-1	Bray Roads Phase 2	SD	1650	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L7961-1	Glebe Road Burt	SD	850	Complete	Complete	
Newtown Total						9,720			
IMD TOTAL						57,915			

Drainage Provision Programme 2024

Overseer	Engineer	Location	Description of Works	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	R238 at Noones Bridge	200m of road edge protection & signage	2024	2024	Road edge collapsing into sheuch
Moville	Inish North	R238 at Bayview	100m of 300 dia pipes & road crossings	Complete	Complete	Ongoing water on road and flooding
Moville	Inish North	Illies Road LP1731	2no 600m diam crossings & head walls	Complete	Complete	600 dia crossings required at 2 locations
Moville	Inish North	Whitehill Rd LS7721	50m of 375 dia pipe & replace road crossings	Complete	Complete	Ongoing flooding problems
Moville	Inish North	Clanilly School Rd LP1821	180m of 450 dia pipes & road crossing	2024	2024	Ongoing flooding problems
Moville	Inish North	New Road Shroove LS6541	70mm of 375 dia pipes & road crossing	Complete	Complete	Flooding problem
Moville	Inish North	LP1451 Post Denis Barrs	Rockbreaking & 80 m of 300 dia pipes	Complete	Complete	Flooding problem
Moville	Inish North	Upper Rd Shrooveat James O'Donnells/Roads side collapse	50m of deep gabions, fencing & relocate Eir pole	2024	2024	IW to contribute also
Moville Total						
Carndonagh	Inish North	Drumcarbit Road LS5261	150m of 300 dia pipes and road crossing, gullies & manholes	Complete	Complete	Ongoing drainage problem
Carndonagh	Inish North	R238 Drumville (at Henry John Henry's)	70m of 300 dia pipes, manhole & gabions	2024	2024	road collapsing into sheuch
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP1071 at Ballynahona, Glengad	20m of deep gabions & 300 dia pipes	Complete	Complete	road side collapse
Carndonagh	Inish North	R240 at The Mullins (at Charlie Devlins)	80m of 600 dia pipes, manholes & Headwalls	Complete	Complete	ongoing flooding problem
Carndonagh	Inish North	Carrowreagh Rd LP 1391 to River (at Bussies)	250m of 600 dia pipe, road crossing & manholes	2024	2024	ongoing flooding problem
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP1071 Culkeeney (at Anthony McColgan)	20m of deep gabions & 300 dia pipe	Complete	Complete	roadside collapse
Carndonagh Total						
Buncrana	Inish South	Sharagore Praish	122 metre of 450mm pipe@ €112.00 per metre No2 gullies	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Tullydish	120 metre of 300 mm pipe, No 3 Gullies and No1 Manhole @ €104.73 per m	Complete	Complete	complete drainage works from 2023
Buncrana	Inish South	Annaslee	144 metre of 300mm pipe No 4 Gullies and No1 Manhole @ €110 per metre	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Crislamore	120metre of 450mm pipe @ € 115.23per metre and Manhole	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Monreagh Burnfoot	72 metre of 300 mm pipe, No 3 Gullies and No1 Manhole @ €104.73 per metre	2024	2024	Oct-24
Buncrana	Inish South	Coolcross	60 metre of 300mm pipe and No1 Manhole @ €102.35 per metre	Complete	Complete	blocked drains
Buncrana	Inish South	Green road	120metre of 300mm pipe @ € 86.75 per metre	Complete	Complete	protect side of narrow road road
Buncrana	Inish South	Umrycam	12m road crossing 600mm pipe	2024	2024	Oct-24
Buncrana	Inish South	Hill Head Road Buncrana	50m of 450mm pipe, filled and surface dressed	2024	2024	
Buncrana Total						
Newtown	Inish South	Bellstown L-20201	Extend Bridge at junction to Grainan of Aileach	2024	2024	to improve access for larger vehicles and prevent flooding
Newtown	Inish South	Bray Road L- 881-1	120m of 300mm pipe 3 gullies and 1 Manhloe	Complete	Complete	to protect side of public road
Newtown	Inish South	Birdstown to Muff Reg	4 no. gullies required with associated works	2024	2024	surface water on carriage way
Newtown	Inish South	Inch island L-7531-4	110m of 300mm pipe to preserve side of public road	Complete	Complete	to protect side of public road
Newtown	Inish South	Watery Road L-1841-4	180m of 300mm pipe, 4 gullies and 2 Manholes	2024	2024	to protect side of public road
Newtown Total						
Grand Total						

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Low Cost Safety Programme 2024

Overseer	Engineer	Road Class	Road Number	Location	Description of Works	Length of work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes
B Moyne	Jim McLaughlin	R	R238	Three Trees Tromaty, Quigleys Point	VRS installation contract	1400	2024	2024	VRS contractor stated on site.
Moville Total						1,400			
James Gill	Kevin Lake	R	R238	Lisfannon	Junction realignment	150	2024	2024	Junction realignment, Signs and lining,
Buncrana Total						150			
Paddy Mc Laughlin	Jim McLaughlin	R/L	LP1411/R224/R238/	Gleneely	Junction realignment	30	2024	2024	Junction realignment signs and lining.
Candonagh Total						0			

Bridge Strengthening Programme 2024

Area	Engineer	Road Class	Bridge Number	Location	Description of Works	Length of work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes
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2023 Bridge Strengthening Programme (Discretionary)

Newtown	Road Design	LS-8261-2	2570	Corncamble	Strengthening	6	2024	2024	contract
Buncrana	Road Design	LP1641/2	175	Old Mountain	Strengthening	6	2024	2024	contract started

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Buncrana	Road Design	R-244-5	2069	Magheraboy	Strengthening	2	2024	2024	
	Road Design	LP1111/1	117	Portaleen	Strengthening	2	2024	2024	

2023 Specific Improvement Grants

Moville	Area Roads	R240	DLR240-011	Coyles/Beggars Bridge	Widening/realignment	20	2024	2024	Ongoing
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N13 Bridgend to County Boundary (TEN-T) Route Improvement Project

Progress Report

Inishowen Municipal District Meeting

(September 2024)



Donegal County Council,
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1.0 PROJECT SUMMARY DETAILS

Project:	N13 Bridgend to County Boundary (TEN-T) Route Improvement Project
Description:	Proposed route improvement of a 1.2km section of the existing N13 (TEN-T) route through Bridgend and on to the border with Northern Ireland where the N13 connects to the A2 Buncrana Road.
TII Reference	DL/20/18856

Scheme Description

The village of Bridgend sits at the base of the Inishowen Peninsula in Co. Donegal on the most strategically important border crossing in the North West. The village is bisected by the N13 / A2 transboundary route which facilitates in excess of 16,000 vehicle movements (per working day) across the border in both directions. The strategic importance of the route is supported by the fact that the N13 / A2 transboundary route forms part of the TEN-T comprehensive network. This is a network of multimodal strategic transport corridors identified to improve the mobility of goods and people throughout the European Union (EU).

The N13 Bridgend to County Boundary (TEN-T) Route Improvement Project focuses on a 1.2 km long section of the N13 National Primary Route through the village of Bridgend and onto the border with Northern Ireland (Derry) where it connects to the A2 Buncrana Road.

The juxtaposition in currency, regulation, taxation and employment opportunity between each jurisdiction has and continues to make, the area immediately both sides of the border and adjacent to this section of the N13 / A2 attractive to commercial, retail and residential development. This has increasing potential to significantly undermine the operational efficiency of the N13 / A2 transboundary route. These developments coupled with Brexit, the establishment of the North West City Region and associated European, Regional, National and Local policy developments has significantly increased the strategic importance and priority improvement of this section of road in recent years.

2.0 PROJECT PROGRESS TO DATE

This project commenced in 2021, and to date it has been developed through the following Phases of the Transport Infrastructure Ireland, (TII), Project Management Guidelines:

- **Phase 0 – Scope & Strategic Assessment** **Complete**
- **Phase 1 – Concept & Feasibility** **Complete**
- **Phase 2 – Options Selection** **Complete**

Phase 2, which commenced in Q1 2022 has taken significantly longer to complete than originally programmed, largely due to significant amendments to the Public Spending Code, and resultant changes to how transport projects are appraised by the Department of Transport, and TII, (i.e.) *change from the Common Appraisal Framework (CAF) to the Transport Appraisal Framework (TAF), June 2023*.

Phase 2 is now however complete, and TII Gate Approval has been received to progress the project through Phase 3 – Design and Environmental Evaluation, subject to continued funding in 2024/25.

The Phase 2 Emerging Preferred Route Corridor (Option U) is now therefore confirmed as the Preferred Route Corridor, (See Preferred Route Corridor Map attached) FYI.

A 4th Non-Statutory Public Consultation Period will commence soon, (date to be confirmed), with the Preferred Route Corridor Map on public display and available for inspection at Carndonagh, Letterkenny and Lifford Public Services Centers and Council Offices.

The Preferred Route Corridor Map will also be available to view and download from the dedicated project website at, www.n13bridgend.ie, along with Feedback Forms, to allow members of the public, and/or other stakeholders to provide feedback to the project team on the Preferred Route Corridor, during the consultation period.

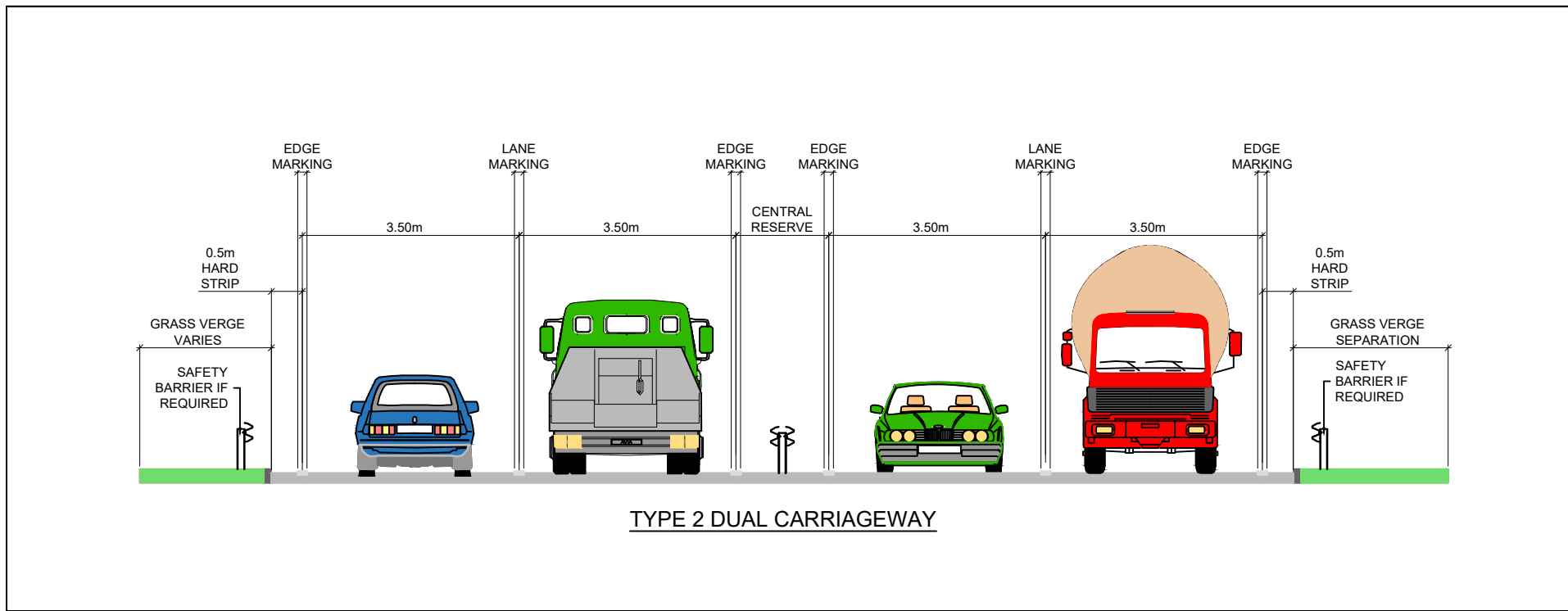
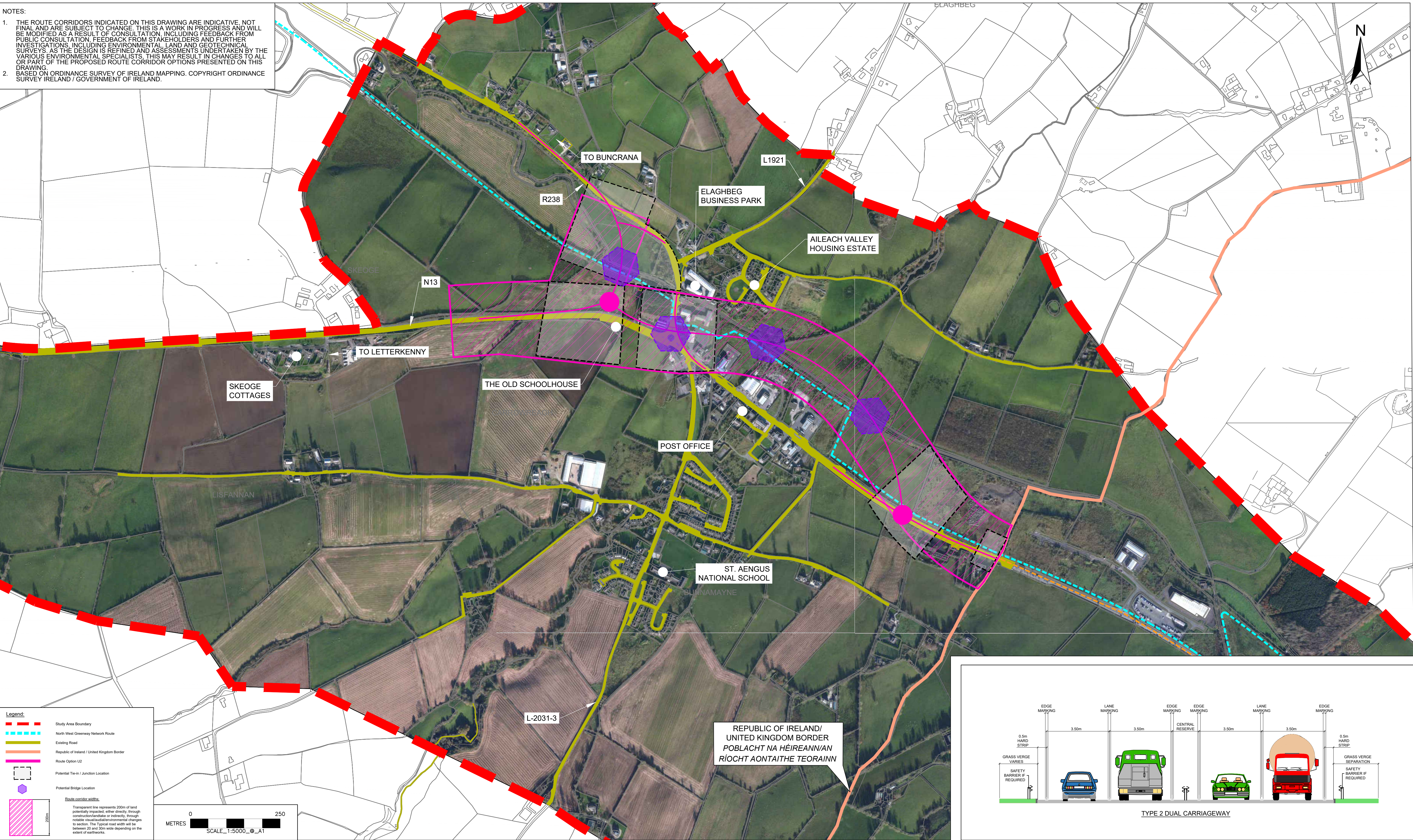
3.0 PROPOSED PROJECT PROGRAMME

Phase 3 – Design and Environmental Evaluation will now commence and is currently programmed to take approximately one year to complete. This phase of the project will involve the following activities in relation to the Preferred Route Corridor:

- Detailed Topographical Surveys
- Detailed Ground Investigation Works
- Detailed Environmental & Archeological Surveys
- Preparation of Detailed Design & Land Acquisition Requirements
- Preparation of Environmental and Other Statutorily Required Documentation

Land and Property Owners within the Preferred Route Corridor will be consulted and individual requests for access to their land and/or property may be issued at various stages during Phase 3, to facilitate the above surveys.

- NOTES:
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Project Stage	Option Selection
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HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

Municipal District of Inishowen

03rd September 2024

Corporate Services

- **Consider date for Budget 2025 Workshop –**
Proposed date: Thursday 03rd October at 2.00pm
- **Consider date for Budget 2025 Meeting –**
Proposed date: Thursday 24th October at 2.00pm
- **Consider date for Workshop with Fáilte Ireland**
- **Committee Nominations**
 - Election of members to Board of Fort Dunree Military Museum
(2. No members)
 - Election of members to Donegal Tourism Associate Members Committee
(1 no. member)
- **Consider Disposal of Land at Ardmore, Muff, Co Donegal**

Housing Service

- **Progress Reports**

Report & Recommendation

Amendment to Chief Executive Order 2023/R/H/0171 authorising the Disposal of Land at Ardmore, Muff to Anne McLaughlin, Firdale, Ardmore, Muff, Co. Donegal – Ref: M2QPGW - Plots 1b & 1d

Background: Donegal County Council (DCC) acquired land in the 1960's from the McLaughlin family for the purposes of widening/realigning the R238 between Muff and Quigleys Point. Part of the land acquired was not occupied by DCC and was continuously farmed by the McLaughlin family as part of their overall landholding. To facilitate the construction of the Muff to Quigleys Point Greenway, Mrs Anne McLaughlin's beneficial rights over these lands were sought and as part of the land negotiations it was agreed that the land not required for the construction of the greenway would be disposed of to Mrs McLaughlin.

The disposal of the lands not required for construction of the greenway to Mrs McLaughlin was previously approved by the elected members of the Inishowen Municipal District on the 25th September 2023 on foot of which Chief Executive Order 2023.R.H.0171 was prepared authorising the disposal. A copy of the order is attached in Appendix A.

During the construction of the greenway, additional land to that previously agreed with Mrs McLaughlin was required to complete the works, thus reducing the area of lands available for disposal to Mrs McLaughlin. Mrs McLaughlin accommodated the Council's requirements and agreed to the change. This report seeks to amend Chief Executive Order 2023.R.H.0171 with respect to the reduction of the area of land available for disposal and the associated reduction to the payment due.

Proposal: Donegal County Council had proposed (CE Order 2023/R/H/0171) to dispose of 2 no. plots of land comprising of 0.1735 hectares and 0.2166 hectares respectively at Ardmore, Muff to Anne McLaughlin, Firdale, Ardmore, Muff, Co. Donegal. It is herein proposed to amend the area of said plots, as agreed with Anne McLaughlin, and the Council now proposes to dispose of 2 no. plots of land comprising of 0.1268 hectares and 0.1767 hectares respectively at Ardmore, Muff to Anne McLaughlin, Firdale, Ardmore, Muff, Co. Donegal.

DCC appointed independent valuer Avison Young who have recommended the sum of €1,200.00 for disposal of the lands on the basis that the McLaughlin family had uninterrupted and exclusive possession of the lands. This amount has been factored into the overall compensation amount for both permanent and temporary acquisitions required for the greenway meaning that once the compensation amount has been paid to Anne McLaughlin on the closing of the sale to the Council, the said sum of €1,200.00 will be treated as having been paid for plot 1b & 1d. A copy of the valuation is attached in Appendix B. This equates to a reduction of €300.00 in compensation due to Donegal County Council as set out in the original agreement which has been incorporated into the overall land agreement compensation package.

The plots comprising 0.1268 hectares and 0.1767 hectares respectively proposed for disposal are edged red and lettered “1b” and “1d” on the attached Land Registry compliant maps and form part of the lands registered under Folio DL81637F, Property No.1, Plan 11. A copy of the maps is attached in Appendix C.

Recommendation: It is herein recommended that: -

- 1. The plots of land (1b and 1d) at Ardmore, Muff be disposed to Anne McLaughlin as part of the overall land agreement that incorporates the payment of €1,200.00.
- 2. The disposal is to proceed subject to the approval of the Members of the Council under Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001.
- 3. The Seal of the Council be affixed to the necessary documentation to effect the disposal when same is received.

Report prepared
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11th July 2024

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Approved by:

Christina Campbell.

Senior Engineer
Roads & Transportation Services

12th July 2024

Date

Appendix A – Chief executive order 2023.R.H.117

Chief Executive's Order No. 2023/R/H/0171

DISPOSAL OF LAND AT ARDMORE, MUFF

SUBMITTED

Donegal County Council proposes to dispose of a plot of land at Ardmore, Muff to Anne McLaughlin, Firdale, Ardmore, Muff, Co. Donegal.

Donegal County Council (DCC) acquired land in the 1960's from the McLaughlin family for the purposes of widening/realigning the R238 between Muff and Quigleys Point. Part of the land acquired was not occupied by DCC and was continuously farmed by the McLaughlin family as part of their overall landholding.

Donegal County Council now propose to construct a Greenway alongside the R238 between Muff and Quigleys Point and in order to do so now need:

- To temporarily acquire land owned and registered to Anne McLaughlin to facilitate construction of the greenway scheme,
- To acquire Anne McLaughlin's beneficial interests in lands registered to DCC but occupied and farmed by Anne McLaughlin,
- To dispose of lands registered to DCC that are not required for the greenway scheme and are occupied and farmed by Anne McLaughlin.

DCC appointed independent valuer Avison Young who have recommended the sum of €1,500.00 for disposal of the lands on the basis that the McLaughlin family had uninterrupted and exclusive possession of the lands. This amount has been factored into the overall compensation amount for both permanent and temporary acquisitions required for the greenway meaning that once the compensation amount has been paid to Anne McLaughlin on the closing of the sale to the Council, the said sum of €1,500.00 will be treated as having been paid for plot 1b & 1d.

At a meeting of the Inishowen Municipal District held on the 5th September 2023, the members of the Inishowen Municipal District gave their general approval to the disposal of the affected lands to Anne McLaughlin, Firdale, Ardmore, Muff, Co. Donegal

RECOMMENDATION

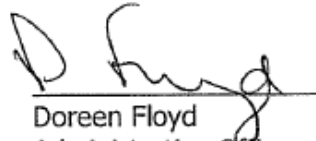
It is hereby recommended that the plot of land at Ardmore, Muff to Anne McLaughlin, be disposed of subject to the following condition:-

1. The plots of land (1b and 1d) at Ardmore, Muff be disposed to Anne McLaughlin as part of the overall land agreement that incorporates the payment of €1,500.00. The plots comprising 0.1735 hectares and 0.2166 hectares respectively proposed for disposal are edged red and lettered "1b" and "1d" on the attached Land Registry compliant maps and form part of the lands registered under Folio DL81637F, Property No.1, Plan 11

This disposal is to proceed subject to the approval of the Members of the Council under Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 and in

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compliance with the condition as outlined above. It is further recommended that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the necessary documentation to effect the disposal.



Doreen Floyd
Administrative Officer
ROADS & TRANSPORTATION

ORDER: Recommendations approved.



Mr Stephen Flynn
A/Director of Services
ROADS & TRANSPORTATION

Dated this 14th day of September, 2023

Appendix B – Valuation

From: Horan, Tracy (Avison Young - IE) <Tracy.Horan@avisonyoung.com>
Sent: 10 April 2024 11:28
To: DARA KERRANE
Subject: RE: Muff to Quigleys Point Plot 1 Anne McLaughlin

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Hi Dara

The area to be transferred to Ms McLaughlin has reduced from approx 0.39hectares (0.96acres) to approx. 0.30hectares (0.75acres) so yes it would be reasonable to adjust the disposal figure and in this instance I would advise an adjustment from €1,500 to €1,200.

If there is anything further please do not hesitate to come back to me.

Kind Regards

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From: DARA KERRANE <dkerrane@donegalcoco.ie>
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2024 11:15 AM
To: Horan, Tracy (Avison Young - IE) <Tracy.Horan@avisonyoung.com>
Subject: RE: Muff to Quigleys Point Plot 1 Anne McLaughlin

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Hi Tracy,

Thank you for the update and for progressing this matter.

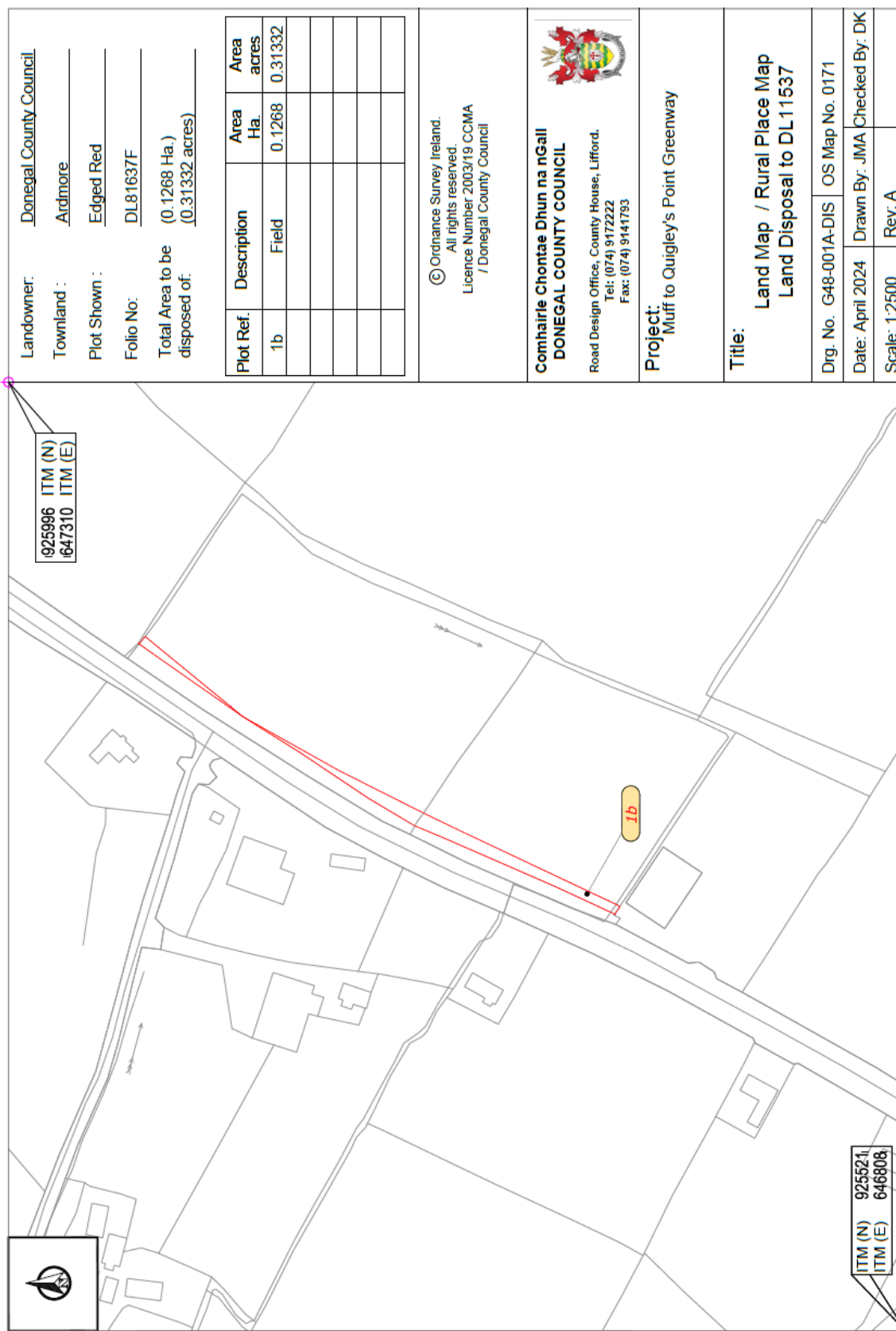
For the purposes of the Agreement wording, will the amount relating to the Disposal (€1,500) need to be adjusted or not?

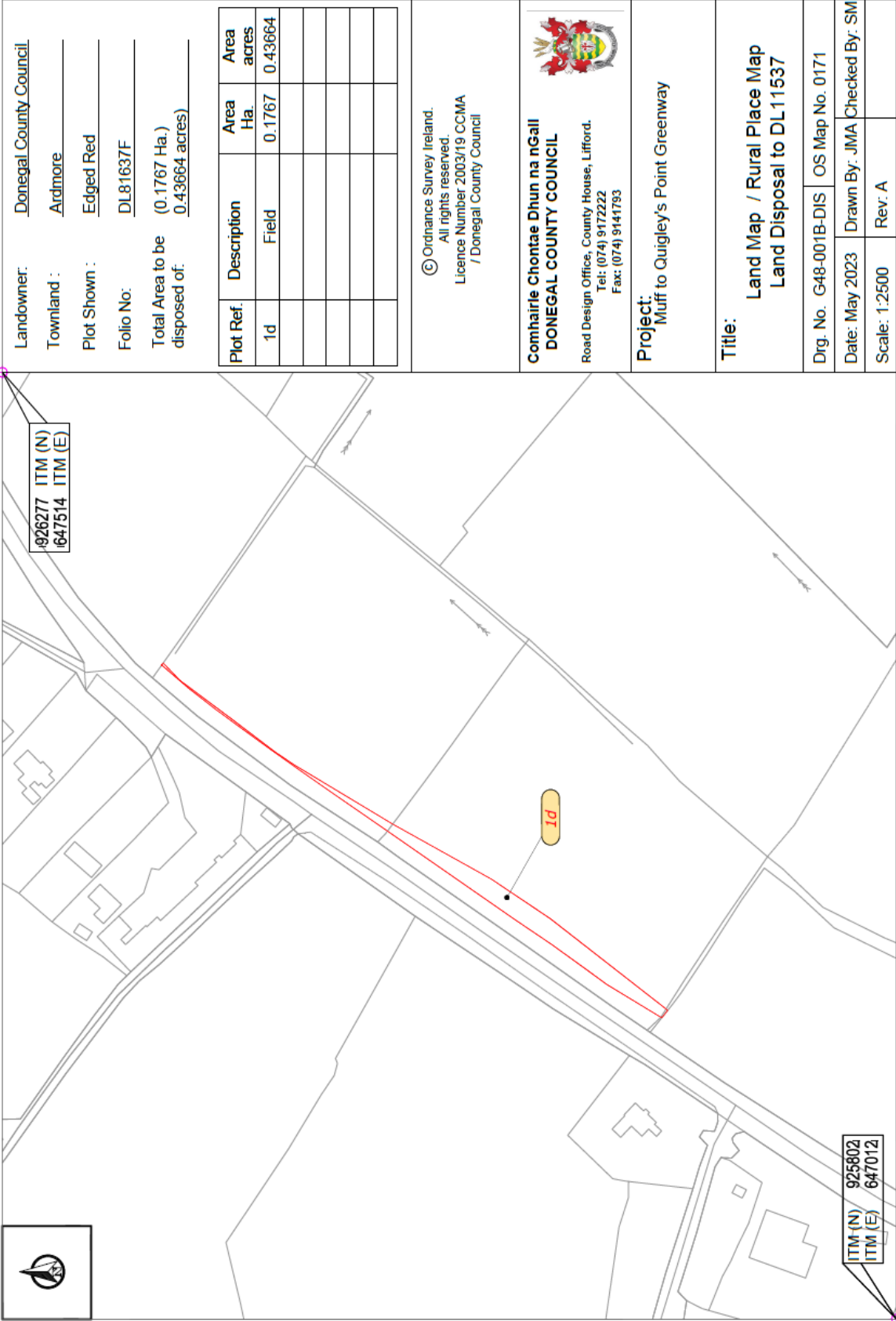
(It is understood the amount has been factored into the compensation price meaning that once the price has been paid to the Vendor on the closing of the sale to the Council, the sum for Disposal will be treated as having been paid for the Disposal plots)

Regards

Dara

Appendix C – Land Disposal Maps





Landowner: Donegal County Council
Townland: Ardmore
Plot Shown: Edged Red
Folio No: DL81637F
Total Area to be disposed of: (0.1767 Ha.)
0.43664 acres)

Plot Ref.	Description	Area Ha.	Area acres
1d	Field	0.1767	0.43664

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Project:
Muff to Quigley's Point Greenway

Title:
Land Map / Rural Place Map
Land Disposal to DL11537

Drg. No. G48-001B-DIS OS Map No. 0171

Date: May 2023 Drawn By: JMA Checked By: SM

Scale: 1:2500 Rev: A

Summary of Casual Vacancies Inishowen MD as 01 st July 2024	
Properties Refurbished and at Offer Stage	8
Properties being refurbished	6
Properties to be refurbished	8

Summary of DCC Housing Offers and Tenancies

Offers issued from 01/01/2024	Offers refused from 01/01/2024	Tenancies created from 01/01/2024
25	8	17

Summary of DCC Nominations to AHBs

Area	AHB	Nominated	Vacancy	Allocated
Carndonagh	SVP	4	1	1
Buncrana	SVP	2	1	1
Moville	Apex	15	4	3

Inishowen MD Housing Waiting List January 2024	
Gross Number of Approved Applicants on Social Housing Waiting List	653
Applicants currently accommodated with HAP assistance but who have remained on the Council Social Housing list	415
Tenants currently accommodated in Council Social Housing and who are approved for a Transfer	51
Net Social Housing Waiting List	187

Gross Need - by approved bedrooms – 03rd September 2024

Municipal District		1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Inishowen	Ballyliffin	0	4	4	2	0	0	10
	Bridgend	1	15	3	1	0	0	20
	Buncrana	15	169	74	15	0	0	273
	Burnfoot	0	10	3	0	0	0	13
	Burt	0	4	4	0	0	0	8
	Carndonagh	14	70	41	5	0	0	130
	Carrigans	2	7	6	1	0	0	16
	Clonmany	1	7	12	1	0	0	21
	Culdaff	0	7	3	0	0	0	10
	Fahan	1	3	0	0	0	0	4
	Gleneely	0	4	4	0	0	0	8
	Glengad	0	3	1	0	0	0	4
	Greencastle	0	10	4	0	0	0	14
	Inch	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
	Killea	0	3	1	1	0	0	5
	Malin	0	3	8	0	0	0	11
	Malin Head	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
	Moville	6	15	10	1	0	0	32
	Muff	0	19	8	1	0	0	28
	Newtowncunningham	6	25	7	0	1	0	39
	Redcastle	0	1	2	0	0	0	3
Total		46	381	197	28	1	0	653

Housing Grants Report at 23rd August 2024

Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2022	68	59	0	9	0	0
2023	79	55	3	12	9	0
2024	47	11	0	3	3	30

Mobility Aids Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2022	42	28	1	12	1	0
2023	41	30	0	10	1	0
2024	18	5	0	3	1	9

Housing Aid for Older People Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2022	126	114	6	5	1	0
2023	175	157	7	10	0	1
2024	134	52	1	12	8	61

Housing Capital Update Report Inishowen Municipal District Meeting

03rd September 2024

1. Social Housing Developments – Construction Schemes

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

Location	Status	No. of Units
Construction Stage		
Crana Crescent, Buncrana	<p>Construction works are programmed to complete in December 2024. To date, the following works are complete or ongoing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boundary walls, fencing, footpaths, and drainage to eastern and northern boundaries 90% complete. • Superstructure and roofing and external render completed to all units. • Internal mechanical, electrical, plastering and other finishes (painting, tiling, etc) progressing sequentially across all units. • Utility services substantially advanced with main site connections to storm, water and sewer all completed. • Works to existing Crana Crescent communal green area and internal roads is scheduled for completion week beginning 2nd September. 	16
Detailed Design / Tender Stage		
Rockytown Phase 2	<p>Engagement is ongoing with Uisce Eireann to ensure that their requirements are met to facilitate connections for the proposed development.</p> <p>Construction works advertised on eTenders and OJEU (Official Journal of the European Union) for 54no. social housing units and all associated site development works with a closing date of 28th August 2024.</p>	54
Barrack Hill, Carndonagh	Project progressing, stage 2 approval was received from the Department April 15 th , 2024. Assessment of restricted Design & Build Tender competition for the Barrack Hill Carndonagh Project commenced August 19 th , with Contractor appointment expected in October 2024.	21
Carn Road, Gleneely	Project progressing, stage 2 approval was received from the Department June 12 th , 2024. Assessment of restricted Design & Build Tender competition for the project commenced August 19 th , with Contractor appointment expected in October 2024.	10
Malin, Radharc na Tra Breige (Ph 4)	Project progressing, stage 2 approval was received from the Department April 15 th , 2024. Assessment of restricted Design & Build Tender competition for project commenced August 19 th , with Contractor appointment expected in October 2024.	9
Malin (SHIP Renewal)	Project progressing, Part 8 for conversion of the old Garda Station and adjoining sergeants' property in Malin Town to 2 no 3-bedroom units, will be presented to Elected Members at the September 2024 plenary meeting.	2
Total		112



Progress Photographs August 2024: Crana Crescent, Buncrana

2. Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition

The Council has a current county-wide turnkey acquisition process open, which will remain open until the 30th of September 2026. ETenders (reference RFT 2461070) refers, where all documentation and information can be obtained. Submissions are currently being accepted and must be made in accordance with the requirements of the procurement documentation.

The process has been opened to help address social housing needs across the county. Proposals are being accepted for 1-, 2-, 3- & 4-bedroom housing units in towns or villages throughout the county, on lands suitable for housing purposes.

Council staff continue to engage with Developers in Inishowen MD in relation to this turnkey process with significant interest received. As this is a competitive tender process, specific details can only be shared upon receipt of a final tender.

Council officials are continuing to dialogue with Developers regarding the additional valid proposal for Moville. Members will be fully informed of this proposal upon receipt of Irish Water requirements and final departmental approval.

3. Lands / Property for Social Housing Purposes

The Council is planning to develop further projects on existing landbank in various locations throughout the MD. 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 land parcels have been identified in towns and villages across the Inishowen MD and engagement / negotiations are ongoing directly with multiple landowners / agents, to acquire these lands.

Acquisition of a site at Newtowncunningham has been completed with potential for 20+ housing units. The Council has currently an offer accepted (subject to contract) for lands in Moville (potential for 30 housing units).

Going forward, the land team will continue to identify further land parcels across the MD and work with the Council's local service team to assess their suitability for new social housing.