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Municipal District of Glenties

Office of Meetings
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Public Service Centre
Dungloe

1st July 2025

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Municipal District of Glenties Meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th July 2025 at 11a.m. in Dungloe Public Services Centre.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GLENTIES

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend this meeting of the Municipal District of Glenties. The Schedule of Meetings and Agenda are attached hereto.

Yours Sincerely,

Michael Rowsome
Meetings Administrator

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Ceantar Bardais Na Gleanntaí

Oifig Riarthóir na
gCruinnithe
Ionad Seirbhíse
Clochán Liath

1ú Iúil 2025

FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Na Gleanntaí ar an Mháirt an 1ú Iúil 2025 ag 11r.n. in Oifigí na Comhairle Condae ar an Chlochán Léith

DO GACH BHALI DE CEANTAR BARDAIS NA nGLEANNTAÍ

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort a bheith i lathair ag an gcruinniú seo de Ceantar Bardais na nGleanntaí. Tá Sceideal na gCruinnithe agus Fógra na gCruinnithe istigh le seo.

Mise, le meas,

Micheál Rowsome
Riarthóir Cruinnithe

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AGENDA

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the Glenties Municipal District Meeting held on the 13th May 2025.
2. Consideration of the Minutes of the Glenties Annual General Meeting held on the 13th May 2025.
3. Consideration of the draft Minutes of the Roads Workshop held on the 13th May 2025.
4. Economic Development, Enterprise & Emergency Services
5. Planning Services
6. Community Development
7. Environment
8. Roads Services
9. Housing & Corporate
 - Housing Capital Update
 - Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme Presentation

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF GLENTIES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD IN DUNGLOE PSC ON 13TH MAY 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr. John Sheamais Ó Fearraigh (Cathaoirleach)
Cllr. Michael McClafferty
Cllr. Anthony Molloy
Cllr. Denis McGee
Cllr. Brian Carr
Cllr. Micheal Cholm Mac Giolla Easbuig

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Michael McGarvey - Director of Water & Environment Service
Michael Rowsome - A/Area Manager, Corporate & Housing
Jim Boner - Snr. Executive Engineer, Housing Construction
John McCarron - Snr. Executive Engineer - Water Services
Lorna Ramsey - Executive Planner
Olivia Gallen - Administrative Officer, Economic Development
Mary Boyle - A/SSO., Housing & Corporate
Anne Marie McCole - SO - Community Development
Cliona Ní Ghallachóir - Aistriúcháin Comhuaineach

GMD 19/25

Election of Cathaoirleach

Cllr. Ó Fearraigh invited nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach.

On the proposal of Cllr. Molloy seconded by Cllr. Carr, Members agreed to elect Cllr. McClafferty as Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Glenties.

The Committee (1) Congratulated Cllr. McClafferty on his election as Cathaoirleach and wished him well in his new role in the coming year, and (2) Commended the outgoing Cathaoirleach Ó Fearraigh for his dedication to his representational duties during his term of office.

Cllr. McClafferty dedicated his election as Cathaoirleach to his recently deceased mother.

GMD 20/25

Election of Leas Cathaoirleach

On the proposal of Cllr. McClafferty seconded by Cllr. Ó Fearraigh, Members agreed to elect Cllr. Molloy for the position of Leas Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Glenties for the coming year.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig expressed ongoing disappointment and frustration that his electoral mandate was disregarded during power sharing agreements at Plenary Council level.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

**MINUTES OF GLENTIES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING
HELD IN DUNGLOE PUBLIC SERVICES CENTRE ON
13TH MAY 2025**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr. Michael McClafferty (Cathaoirleach)
Cllr. Anthony Molloy
Cllr. John Sheamais Ó Fearraigh
Cllr. Micheál Cholm Mac Giolla Easbuig
Cllr. Denis McGee
Cllr. Brian Carr

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Michael McGarvey - Director of Water & Environment
Service
Michael Rowsome - A/Area Manager, Corporate &
Housing
Brendan McFadden - SEE/Area Manager, Roads &
Transportation
Jim Boner - SEE, Housing Capital
John McCarron, SEE, Water & Environment
Lorna Ramsey - Executive Planner
Olivia Gallen - Administrative Officer, Economic Dev.
Anne Marie McCole - S.O. Community Development
Mary Boyle - A/SSO, Housing & Corporate
Cliona Ní Ghallachóir - Aistriúcháin Comhuaineach

GMD 21/25

**Confirmation of Minutes of Glenties Municipal
District Meeting**

On the proposal of Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig, seconded by
Cllr. Ó Fearraigh, the Minutes of the Municipal District
Meetings held on the 25th March 2025 and the 8th April
2025 were confirmed. Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig

requested further consideration of the following matters raised previously.

- The Irish language version of the names of all towns, townlands and placenames etc., be used in all correspondence and communications within the Glenties Municipal District, and by every Member of Staff, Section and Service.
- The re-naming of Dungloe Public Service Centre
- The delay being experienced by Home Help applicants
- The necessity for a fulltime Tenant Liaison Officer
- 2030 target for fluency in Irish language for Dungloe PSC
- Invitation to be extended to the Palestinian Ambassador to a stand-alone Reception in Dungloe PSC

GMD 22/25

Comhar na nOileán

In response to concerns expressed by Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig regarding Membership of the above board, the Director clarified that the election of a Donegal County Council Member to the board of Comhar na nOileán was held at the Council AGM on the 21st of June 2024 and that Cllr. Molloy was selected to the position following a show of hands. (Minute 203/24).

GMD 23/25

PLANNING SERVICES

The Committee noted the Reports circulated with the Agenda in relation to the following activities:

- Development Application statistics
- Enforcement
- Schedule of Planning Clinics
- Regeneration and Development
- Capital Projects Delivery Unit

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig highlighted the necessity for the Council to adhere to Irish language conditions as set out in the County Development Plan and requested Planning Service to specify the manner in which they will enforce the condition in respect of same.

Cllr. McGee submitted that on-site meetings would be more beneficial to Planning applicants and also expressed surprise at the number of outstanding enforcement applications.

Cllr. Ó Fearraigh referred to the recent fire in the Derrybeg Church and recommended that the Planning Service liaise with all parties involved in the restoration works.

Cllr. Ó Fearraigh requested an update on the status of the Creeslough Community Regeneration Project.

The Committee reiterated the ongoing submissions in respect of the necessity to resolve planning restrictions on the N56. Cllr. Mc Clafferty recommended that the Council liaise with TD's in the County to expedite progress in respect of N56 related planning issues.

In response to a query from Cllr. McClafferty, the Area Planner advised that further information would have been requested in respect of the applications categorised as 'deferred' in the Planning Report.

GMD 24/25

HOUSING SERVICES

The Committee discussed the Housing Reports circulated with the Agenda and presented by the Senior Executive Engineer and the A/Area Manager in relation to the following activities:

- Loinnir An Locha, An Chlochán Liath - 43 units
- An Craoslach - 3 units
- Na Gleannta - 3 units
- Doire Beaga - 3 units
- Anagaire - 7 units completed and let

- Gaoth Dobhair - 29 units - ongoing Turnkey development

The Members were updated in relation to Council offers to acquire lands for Social Housing in Baile an Finne, An Fál Carrach and Gaoth Dobhair.

Cllr. McGee expressed disappointment at (1) the lack of transparency in relation to the reasons pertaining to the recent stoppage of construction works in Gaoth Dobhair and (2) ongoing delays in relation to social housing developments in Fál Carrach.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig highlighted the absence of any social housing developments on the Islands and referred to the necessity for a resolution of water supply and treatment capacity to enable progression.

Cllr. Molloy requested the Council to expedite delivery of a social housing scheme in Ardara and the Senior Executive Engineer informed the Committee of ongoing surveys, appraisal reports and design works in this regard.

Cllr. McClafferty requested the Council to communicate with Uisce Eireann to ascertain treatment capacity in the Municipal District.

Cllr. Carr requested the attendance of the Social Housing Remediation Team at the next Municipal District meeting to (1) update Members on the status of their programme and (2) confirm if cores were taken from properties in Glenties (The Rock, Clós Naomh Chonail, Church Road) and the status of any results in relation to the presence of defective concrete block material.

Cllr. Ó Fearraigh recommended that the Council progress the delivery of a Group Home/Independent Living Accommodation in Gaoth Dobhair and Falcarragh

Cllr. McClafferty referred to anecdotal evidence locally that repossessions are beginning to increase and requested the Council to liaise with financial institutions in this regard.

The Senior Executive Engineer and A/Area Manager responded to Members queries regarding:

- Group Homes
- Housing Need on Islands
- S.I. and One-off Rural Housing
- Circular 11/2025 - Second Hand Social Housing Acquisitions Programme
- Voluntary Housing vacancies

Section 183

On the proposal of Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig, seconded by Cllr. Ó Fearraigh, the Committee agreed to transfer lands located on folio DL20712F, Plan Number 520, at Carrickmacafferty Lower, Derrybeg, Co. Donegal to Edward McAteer (516393) and noted that the former S183 proposal will be brought to the Planning Council for decision.

GMD 25/25

ENVIRONMENT

The Committee noted the reports circulated with the Agenda and presented by the Environment Engineer.

The Environment Engineer responded to Member's queries in respect of matters raised by Councillors as follows:

- Reassignment of water services staff
- Maintenance costs - Public Toilets
- Status of Boardwalks Programme
- Rollout of Changing Places model

- Extension of opening hours at recycling centres and provision of additional recycling facilities with the Municipal District
- The status of Magheraarty Masterplan
- Dog fouling and lack of enforcement particularly on cycleways and necessity to employ additional Wardens
- Bye-laws to control Campervan Parking
- Signage in relation to dropped off rubbish at beaches
- Provision of public toilet facility at beaches.

GMD 26/25

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Members noted the Reports circulated with the Agenda and agreed to submit any queries to the Community Development Staff Officer and the Administrative Officer, Economic Development in respect of both services.

26.1

Deputation: Meitheal Plean Comhtháite Gaoth Dobhair

The Committee welcomed the following representatives to the Meeting:

- Caitríona Nic Gairbhígh
- Máire Uí Chomhaill
- Máirín Uí Fhearraigh
- An tAthair Brian Ó Fhearraigh

Members were updated in relation to public consultation involved in the development of an Integrated Plan for Gaoth Dobhair funded by Údaras na Gaeltachta. The core concepts of the plan involve recommendations to provide sustainable employment, language preservation and enhancement, tourism promotion, social enterprise and educational development.

The Director informed the Committee that he will be meeting representatives along with the Director of Planning/Community Development this week and acknowledged

the Deputation's request for a Council representative to attend.

The Committee commended the representatives for their efforts to enhance their local community and assured them of their continued support.

26.2

Deputation: Portnablagh Fishermen

The Committee welcomed the Harbour Master, Noel McGettigan, Ivan Mc Elhinney and Andy Parry to the meeting and they highlighted difficulties that they are experiencing in respect of underpinning the pier, breakwater and slipway access. They also requested further communication with the Marine Service and to be involved in any decision-making pertaining to the pier.

The Harbour Master undertook to liaise with the fishermen following the meeting.

26.3

Deputation: Irish Guide Dogs

The Committee welcomed Liam O' Leary, Laura Bateman and Ciara Boyle accompanied by a Guide Dog.

A presentation was made to:

- (1) raise awareness regarding accessibility challenges faced by visually impaired people in Dungloe.
- (2) recommendations for safe crossings and pavement design improvements.
- (3) promote collaboration among the Council and all Stakeholders.

ROADS & TRANSPORTATION

Members welcomed the Reports circulated with the Agenda in relation to the following projects:

- status of Roadworks Programme 2025
- update on the N56 Dunfanaghy/Portnablagh Active Travel Scheme
- update on the Letterkenny/Burtonport Greenway
- update on the Currynanerriagh Bridge Project
- summary of the Glenties Municipal District Bridge Strengthening Programme 2025

N56 - Letterilly to Kilraine

The Roads Manager informed the Committee that the Dungloe/Glenties Cycleway Upgrade is substantially complete and that locks are to be installed on access controls this month.

Members welcomed the installation on the cycleway route of 15 no. QR Lost Stories Signs with links to Youtube videos of local historical stories.

Marine Services

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested the attendance of Human Resources and Marine Senior Staff to discuss the lack of staffing resources in the Marine Section.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

ROADS WORKSHOP DATED 13 MAY 2025

Present :-

All Elected Members,

Jamie Gallagher, EE,

Brendan Mc Fadden, SEE

AGENDA

1. Proposal for CIS 2025

Minutes

The draft list of Schemes as presented for delivery in 2025 were agreed and was proposed by Cllr Mac GiollaEspuig and seconded by Cllr Mc Clafferty. The list is now summarised below.

L-6093-1	Gweedore	Meenamarragh
L-2973-1	Glenties	Meenagilcarry Lane Meengilcarry
L7893-1	Glenties	Drimaghy Road Drimalla Glenties

After a lengthy discussion, Members agreed that should an allocation of €200,000 be obtained in 2026, then it is to be allocated as follows:-

Gortnalake €60,000

Annagry – Meenaleck €140,000.

That concluded the business of the Workshop.

Brendan Mc Fadden

30th June 2025.



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Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services Directorate

Master Municipal District Report July 2025

- 1. Economic Development**
- 2. Local Enterprise Office**
- 3. Information Systems**
- 4. Emergency Services**

1. Economic Development

1.1. Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location / Further Info	Point of Contact
2nd Wed of each month	Innovation Campfire	Hosted by Alpha Innovation - Our 15-minute sessions showcase inspiring innovation stories from around the world; learn from the experiments, tests, fails, quick wins, and big successes of others; enable participants to be part of a growing community of like-minded individuals; and allow participants to shape future sessions by volunteering to tell a story they are passionate about. You can watch back by visiting ALPHA Innovation Innovation Campfire — ALPHAInnovation.eu	Kevin Sexton - kevinsexton@alphainnovation.eu
2nd & 3rd July 2025	Developing a sustainable Green Hydrogen Industry in Europe	Central Hotel Donegal Town. ATU & other locations	Danny Mc Chrystal Senior Economic Development Officer dmcchrystal@donegalco.co.ie 087 6147496
2nd July 2025 @7.30 pm	Dargan Forum Presents: Why Choose Donegal	Mariner Room. Second Floor, Royal Marine Hotel Dun Laoghaire	Kevin Sexton Head of Innovation Alpha Innovation kevinsexton@alphainnovation.eu
9th to 12th September 2025	TBEX Donegal 2025	TBEX is the largest conference and community of travel creators, bloggers and influencers in the world and it is coming to Donegal in September 2025. For more information see below link: https://tbexcon.com/europe-2025/	Mary Daly Senior Tourism Officer Mdaly@donegalcoco.ie 0876782196

1.2 Economic Development Unit

Marketing & Campaigns Updates

Invest Donegal Communications Update

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

Impressions (last 28 days)		Total Followers
Linked In	13,251	5,707
Twitter	2,050	3,312
Instagram	1606	5,850
Facebook	7,298	2,247
Donegal.ie	4.1K Web Users	

7 News Items Published.

May 13th – June 26th, 2025

DDBN / Donegal County Council & Donegal 2040 - Lunchtime Seminar,



DONEGAL
IRELAND'S DNA

Donegal County Council's Economic Development team Invite you to an online seminar with DDBN.

Hear about their work on positioning Donegal as a location for investment, innovation and growth.

You will also be introduced to Donegal 2040, an engine for growth in Donegal through their focus on investment in key strategic sites and initiatives.

**Wednesday 25th, June
1:00pm - 2:00pm**

DDBN
Dublin Donegal Business Network

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2040**

Dublin Donegal Business Network hosted Donegal County Council's Director of Service Garry Martin and Head of Economic Development, Anne Marie Conlon for a lunchtime seminar for their members to share the Council's Economic Strategy for the County and work that is underway to grow Donegal's economy.

Information was provided on the Council's role across a range of areas that all contribute to promoting economic growth including detail on how the Council is working collaboratively with neighbouring counties including Derry and Strabane Council to position the region as a unique strategic crossborder region with a population of 320,000 people and which has the 4th largest urban agglomeration on the island.

They also focused on Donegal's potential across a number of areas including tech, tourism, blue economy and renewable energy as well as highlighting a number of key Donegal brand building initiatives. The need to support the delivery of key enabling infrastructure was also highlighted as was the work of Donegal 2040—a Donegal County Council initiative set up to position Donegal as a hub for investment, innovation, and sustainable development.

Donegal 2040's flagship development in Letterkenny was also highlighted i.e. development of the Alpha Beta Buildings as part of a Business and Innovation Quarter in the heart of Letterkenny and the members of the DDBN were invited to support the work of the Council and to engage directly with the team in the Economic Development Division of Donegal County Council.

Green Hydra:

Donegal County Council are currently planning to host the third International Study Visit and Green Hydra conference in Donegal Town on 2nd and 3rd of July 2025.

The aim of this visit is to continue to explore the potential of developing green hydrogen projects in Donegal and the wider region as part of the Interreg Europe project. Participating in these learning visits with international partners allows for learning of best practice and development of relationships to better advance projects in Donegal.

Project Partners will be in attendance representing the following organisations:

- Ravenna Municipality, Italy
- Bulgaria Business Agency Association, Bulgaria
- Lubelskie Voivodeship, Poland
- Seville Official Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Navigation, Spain
- Nicosia Development Agency, Cyprus
- Municipality of Sogndal, Norway
- Croatian Hydrocarbon Agency, Croatia
- Latvian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Latvia
- Hanze University of Applied Science Groningen, Netherlands
- Regional Development Agency for Podravje – Maribor, Slovenia

Donegal Prospectus: The Economic Development team are working to finalise a brochure to promote the value proposition for inward investment to County Donegal highlighting County Donegal as a great place to live, work, study and do business. This brochure will be available in print and digital format.

Donegal Tech Advocates: Donegal County Council, in collaboration with regional stakeholders, continue to promote Tech in Donegal both in the Region and wider context. The focus of this group is to promote, grow and empower the dynamic and innovative tech sector across the county.

Blue Economy Working Group: Next meeting of this group will take place on 9th July. Work is continuing on a number of priority areas to support the development of Blue Economy in Donegal, focusing on the sustainable use of ocean resources for economic growth and prosperity.

Business Concierge Service: Businesses looking at access Council Services and supports can do so 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 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 businesses, startups & scaleups to innovate and build globally ambitious ventures across the county.

Alpha's Startup Bootcamp showcase took place in Letterkenny on Monday June 23rd: presenting the culmination of the hard work of this year's Innovation's Bootcamp 2025 Programme participants who showcased their business ideas to the invited guests. This year's Bootcamp participants clearly demonstrated to the attendees how they had applied the techniques of the ALPHA process in order to test the commercial viability and scalability of their business propositions. The tools and techniques of the process are broadly based on the lean startup methodology for rapidly building scalable enterprises.

The participants presented startup ideas in areas such as Data Science, Design, Engineering, Sustainability, Green Regulation, Compliance technology, and MedTech. This open showcase day is a real opportunity for participants present their propositions to an audience of target customers, peers, champions and advocates. Participants were presented with a certificate of completion to mark their entrepreneurial journey and celebrate their achievement.

Alpha Innovation Centre and Beta Business Centre

Current Status: Enabling works / Demolition works on site completed. Main construction contract to be tendered. Estimated project completion date: Q4 2026, subject to funding.

Remote Working Hub Carrigart:

Status: In operation. Annual management agreement in place.

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



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

Official opening 27th June 2025 and putting in place lease arrangements to allow for occupation of ground floor by Killybegs Tourist Information Centre as soon as possible.
Lease docs being prepared to handover to Donegal 2040 for operation & management going forward.

Operation & Management of Burtonport Enterprise Centre (Post Construction)

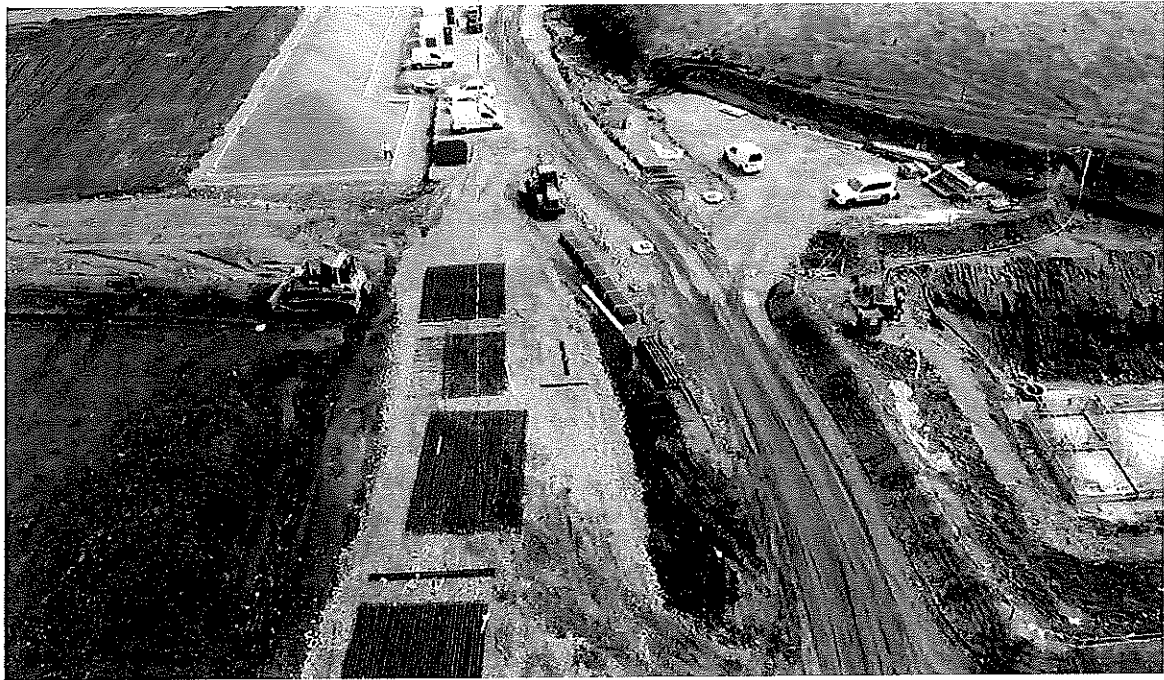
Current Status: Under Construction. Current Estimated Completion date: Q4 2025.
Section 183 approved at Plenary Council meeting 26th May. Lease docs being prepared to handover to Donegal 2040 for management post construction.

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

Current Status: Detailed design. Current Estimated Completion date: Q3 2027.

Olivia Gallen,
General Manager, Donegal 2040
info@donegal2040.ie 087 2589071
18th June 2025

Service Land Initiative at The Commons, Lifford



Construction of enabling infrastructure works began in November 2024 and is expected to be complete by Q3/Q4 2025. The EDU is engaging with various potential site users including Social Housing, Community Health, Recreation and Businesses.

Disposal of Council owned Land to support Economic Development: The team is dealing with several requests for disposal of lands for economic development throughout Donegal.

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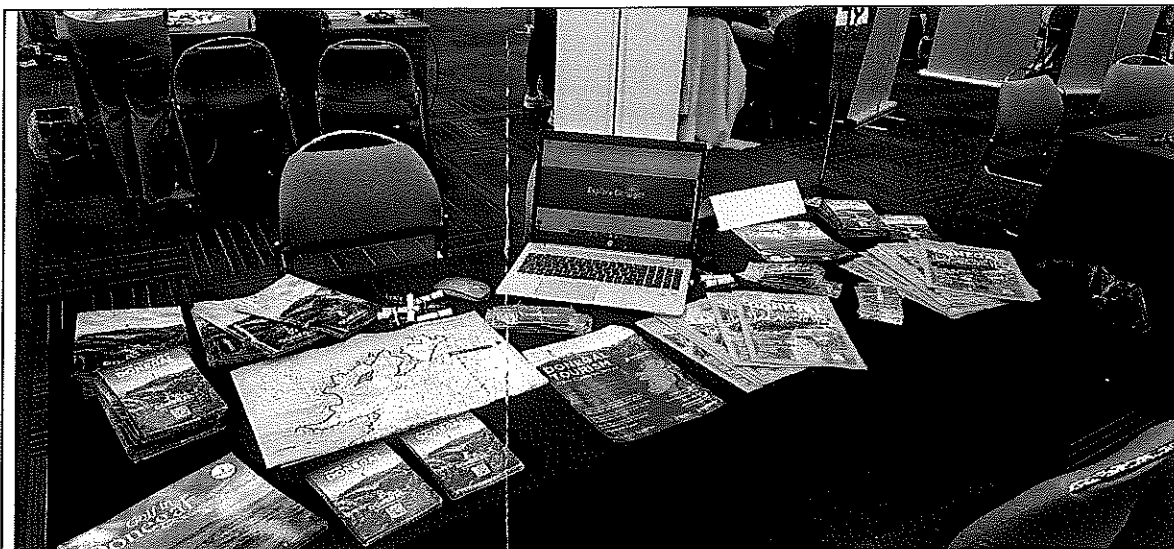
1.2: Tourism Marketing Unit

Project Activity

TBEX: Donegal Tourism will host TBEX - Europe (Travel Blog Exchange) in September 2025. The TBEX community represents thousands of influencers and hundreds of millions of travellers around the world. In June 2025, Donegal Tourism travelled to Quebec to attend the TBEX Conference to present in relation to Donegal and to take part in the speed networking meetings. More information, partnership and sponsorship opportunities now exist for Donegal, any potential partner can contact Mary Daly, Donegal Tourism directly mdaly@donegalcoco.ie







Caravan and Camping Sector: Donegal County Council Tourism Unit convened both the internal and external Caravan and Camping sector working group meetings in April and discussed issues for the forthcoming year. The next meetings will take place in September 2025 and will include further discussion around continued implementation of the recommendations set out in the KPMG study on the sector and plans for marketing activities to drive the messaging around the Campers 'code of conduct' and responsible campervanning.

Caravan and Camping sector 'Campers Code' campaign: Donegal Tourism ran a Caravan and Camping campaign over a 6-week period starting in May to drive home all the responsible Caravan and Camping messages within our 'Campers Code'. Across Facebook and Instagram our paid reach was 648,574 with over 80,000 views and 434 direct clicks to the camper code page. This campaign showcase videos and paid media behind the camper code info posts that ran until June 14th. This was also picked up by various media outlets such as Donegal Daily and Caravan Times. Mary Daly also discussed the topic on Highland Radio.

Age Friendly/Disability Strategy/Caravan and Camping Committees: Donegal Tourism continues to participate in these groups to see where the Tourism Industry in the county can learn from consultation and collaboration.

Paths and Trails Promotion: Donegal County Council Tourism Unit is working collaboratively with the Outdoor Recreation team on production of new videos that will be used to promote various paths and trails in the county. Filming took place with Walking Ambassadors such as Mairead Ni Maoningh, Noel Cunningham and Jason Black etc for several walks to capture insights and experiences. Filming is now in post-production with the view of content going live in late June to run over the summer.

Donegal Golf Brochure: The new brochure is available for download from www.govisitdonegal.com/golf and at golf clubs across the county. The next meeting of the Donegal Golf Cluster will take place in the autumn.

Donegal Trade Mission to Bonn: Donegal Tourism will take part in a trade mission to Bonn, Germany together with Ireland West Airport Knock, Tourism Ireland and six other local authorities on the western

seaboard on the 3rd of July. The aim of the mission is to highlight the easy access to the West of Ireland from Germany via the Ireland West-Cologne air access route (4 flights per week). An evening event will enable businesses to meet with up to 40 tour operators and media from the Bonn area. The Gallen Group, McGrory's Hotel and Sliabh Liag Experience will accompany Donegal Tourism to the event.

Go Visit Donegal Website: The new website is moving from design to development stage to enhance performance and work seamlessly with the existing repository.

Trade Newsletter: A monthly newsletter is sent out around the middle of the month – we have recently started to promote the availability of the newsletter on our trade socials (LinkedIn and Facebook) and have seen a growth in subscribers as a result.

Donegal Tourism/Fáilte Ireland Business Clinics 2025: Donegal County Council Tourism Unit and Fáilte Ireland plan to collaborate on hosting tourism business clinics in Q4 of 2025. There will be one business clinic held in each Municipal District. This will provide the tourism sector with an opportunity to meet both teams and learn more about supports available. More details will be provided soon.

Consumer Newsletter: Newsletter in progress to be distributed to a consumer audience.

TOURBO: TOURBO presents an innovative response to a key EU priority: empowering public authorities and MSMEs to develop twin transition strategies—advancing both digital and green transformation—to drive regional economic development. Aoife Dunlevy and Sarah Nolan participated in a partner meeting in Vratsa, Bulgaria sharing learnings and updates. Donegal is due to host the next partner meeting in October expecting approx. 30 attendees.



TOURBO VR Experience of Local Landmarks in Vratsa, Bulgaria

Sustainable Arctic & Peripheral Biking Tourism Project (SUB): Margaret Sweeney, Donegal Tourism attended the Peer-to-Peer Programme in Sweden in June and was accompanied by two of our biking tourism businesses. The main objective of this Peer-to-Peer programme is to share best practices in cycling tourism and rural tourism development, facilitate peer-to-peer learning and potential partnerships and to explore opportunities for sustainable and inclusive tourism growth.



EDIN: The EDIN project, funded in partnership with INTERREG Europe, focuses on the improvement of the relevant policies to attract Digital Nomads to Donegal. The program is now in Semester 3 with Donegal County Council taking the Communications and Marketing lead on this project. On the 24 & 25 June 2025 Donegal County Council hosted a study visit of other project partners to the county, this 2-day visit was based around the Glenties MD, project partners were welcomed by Cathaoirleach of Glenties MD, Cllr. Michael McClafferty followed by site visits to gteic @ Gaoth Dobhair & gteic @ Árainn Mhór – MODAM, the Burtonport regeneration project and Crolla Distillery. Partners were based in Dungloe during the visit and feedback on the experience has been very positive.



EDIN Donegal Partner Visit

Night-Time Economy Buncrana – Buncrana’s Night-Time Economy Grant Scheme will open on 25 June and close on Tuesday 8 July, local businesses, organisations, and individuals can apply for up to €1000 to fund events and activities after 6pm, with the aim of diversifying and increasing what Buncrana has to offer after 6pm. In June, the Cruinniú na nÓg event with Creative Ireland was well attended, 35 people attended a late café with youth performers. Event Management training was equally well attended.

Work is continuing with Town Team/ Town Centre First and NTE. DCC's Town Regeneration Officer, Patricia McIntyre presented at a Town Centre First event in Athone on 18 June, demonstrating the collaboration between TCF and NTE at a local level in Buncrana. On a national level, NTE advisors have come together to design a training portal for night-time workers to proactively encourage safer night life. Queries regarding access to NTA data, to understand the level of active and issued taxi/ hackney licences, has been raised at a national level.

Donegal Tourism Strategy 2025 – 2023: The Donegal Tourism Strategy 2025 – 2030 continues to progress and will be put forward for adoption at the Special Plenary Council meeting on 30 June.

GoVisitDonegal.com Website & Social Stats Update

Online & Social Media Updates – Go Visit Donegal May 2025

Since March 1st socials are managed internally, driving engagement and traffic to gvd.com

Website: Users 39,000 and Views 96,829

Highlight 2024 Views : donegalcoco.ie: 1,094,038 gvd.com: 986,831

Facebook: Reach: 451,063 Up 204% MOM

Views: 728,450 Up 120% MOM

Instagram: Reach: 65,871 Up 47% MOM

Views: 191,513 Up 35% MOM

LinkedIn: Reach: 5,724 Imps Up 61% MOM

166 Reactions Up 28% MOM 2,156 Followers

TikTok: Followers: 1,456

Grant Schemes

Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme: This funding call closed on 9th April (after week extension). This funding is for Council or Community led projects with an allocation of 100,000 per Municipal District. 29 applications submitted under Community based projects and 36 within the council. All workshops are complete bar Glenties MD due to take place in July.

Fáilte Ireland Regional Festival & Events Grant Scheme: €49,750 has been awarded to Donegal County Council under the 2025 Fáilte Ireland Regional Festival Funding Scheme. The application process for this scheme was completed online and is now closed. A Letter of Offer was sent out to 41 successful applicants in Phase 2 of the online process. Festivals are now progressing to Phase 3, the final phase. All festivals and events will be listed and promoted on Govisitdonegal.com.

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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**

Networks: The SFU continues to participate in key networks such as the CPMR (Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions) and the AER (Assembly of European Regions), alongside ongoing engagement with the IREO (Irish Regions European Office), NWRA (Northern and Western Regional Assembly) and Ernact. As our new team progresses, we are actively researching and highlighting funding opportunities across various sectors within DCC. This includes close collaboration with council services to identify, share, and promote relevant funding supports available throughout the County. Our approach involves identifying funding, partnerships, and collaborative projects that align with our objectives and the corporate plan of DCC and also ensuring that this information is effectively communicated and accessible to relevant stakeholders across the organisation.

Dedicated Intranet Page: The Strategic Funding Unit has launched a dedicated intranet page within the Staff Hub to enhance our capacity to secure external funding opportunities. This resource-rich page includes:

- A Funding Needs Analysis form designed to identify relevant opportunities for projects.
- An option to request a meeting with the Strategic Funding Unit team for personalized guidance.
- Up-to-date information on active funding calls that align with our strategic goals.
- Details about upcoming webinars and events that may be of interest to staff.

We continue to regularly update our dedicated Strategic Funding Unit webpage with the latest information on new funding opportunities, upcoming events, and webinars that may be of interest to the council ([Strategic Funding Unit](#)). Additionally, we offer a dedicated newsletter that provides timely updates and highlights relevant funding calls, events, and webinars ensuring our staff stay informed and connected with the latest developments.

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2. Local Enterprise Office

July 2025 (figures provided @ 31st May 2025)

Grant Aid (M1) – 14 businesses who are manufacturing or trading internationally have received approval for grant aid totaling €297,146.35. Grant aid to recruit staff and purchase equipment as well as consultancy support is available. At the Evaluation Committee Meeting scheduled for June 24th, a further 6 applications will be considered valued at €110,150.

TOV: 37 approvals to the value of €78,735.53 have been approved this year to date to support online trading. The Scheme is now closed to new applications and is replaced with the Digital for Business and Grow Digital schemes with support to help small business adopt the latest digital tools.

Digital For Business/Grow Digital: 9 businesses were approved support to prepare a digital plan to a value of €35,856.

Mentoring: 94 business applicants have been approved year to date up to 12 hours of expert mentoring.

Training: 658 attendees have participated in 23 Courses year to date.

Green for Business: 14 applicants were approved a green consultant to a value of €30,996 to prepare a sustainability plan for the business.

Energy Efficiency Grants: 10 applicants were approved support to purchase new energy efficiency equipment to a value of €82,814.50. 75% support to a maximum of €10,000 is available for businesses employing up to 50 employees.

Lean For Business: 5 applicants have secured this consultancy support to improve the efficiency of their businesses to a value of €22,500.

Market Explorer Grant: 2 applicants approved for this support to the value of €12,868 to help explore new markets and grow international sales.

National Enterprise Awards 2025: At this year's National Enterprise Awards, Seabound Engineering Ltd from Greencastle won the Best Export Award. This marks the third consecutive year a Donegal business has been recognised at the National Enterprise Awards, following wins by Living Green in 2024 and Silver Strand Rope Works in 2023.



Start Your Own Business Programme: On 4th July we are also holding an in-person SYOB Bootcamp in the Local Enterprise Office, Letterkenny. The next online course is starting on 2nd September. The online course happens twice weekly over 4 weeks. Both these Start Your Business courses are a great way for anyone hoping to set up a new business to learn all about what they will need to get up and running. Places on both courses are currently available.

Get Exporting Programme: 1 Donegal business has been invited to Stage 3 (In Market Visit) of this national programme. Stage 3, which is currently ongoing, provides businesses with the opportunity to validate their export plan via a customised itinerary within their chosen export market. They are paired with their own in-market mentor and secure at least 4 qualified buyer meetings aligned to their target audience. The overall aim of this programme is to help the business secure their first export sale in their chosen market.

Scála Business Accelerator Programme: An 11-week Accelerator Programme focusing on scale-up entrepreneurs, with the potential for fast growth, commenced on April 30th with 13 participating businesses. The 11-week programme will end on July 9th with an in-person pitching session from each business.

LEO Business Supports Clinic: The Clinics take place twice per month – on-line and in-person at locations throughout the county. As well as learning about LEO supports, all attendees will get the opportunity for one-to-one business advice. In June, a virtual clinic was held on June 13th with an in-person session taking place on June 27th in The Workhouse, Dunfanaghy. Upcoming clinics include a virtual session on July 11th and in-person in Bundoran on August 1st.

Donegal Profitnet Engineering Network: The Donegal ProfitNet Engineering network had the opportunity to tour Terex Corporation at their Ballymoney site on 14th May. The Network attendees received a tour of the site and received valuable insights on the company's successful growth and

innovation journey. The network meetings have paused for the Summer with plans to develop and recruit new members for September.



The Food Academy (SuperValu): Two Food Producers from Donegal have been successful in receiving places on the forthcoming Food Academy 2025/6. Both applicants are accepting their place.

The Food Starter Programme is commencing on September 19th and is currently open for applicants. Food Starter is a programme designed to help those with a food idea, or those at an early stage of starting up a food or drink manufacturing business. The objective of the programme is to provide the participants with a base knowledge of what is involved in setting up their food business.

Ambition - Management Development Programme The Ambition Programme 2025 starts on September 2nd. A very successful information event took place online on 18th June 2025. We are currently open for applicants from female entrepreneurs planning to grow and expand their business.

Enterprise Europe Network (EEN): The current Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) programme, delivered through LEO Donegal on behalf of the LEO Network as part of the EEN-IE consortium, has seen strong progress since July 2023, with significant achievements in the areas of international partnerships, digitalisation, and sustainability. Highlights include the successful delivery of 29 regional events, 8 international missions, and the development of structured client pathways through tailored action plans and cooperation profiles. As this phase of the programme concludes on June 30, preparations are well underway for the launch of the next programme cycle beginning on July 1st, 2025, ensuring continuity of support for Irish SMEs seeking to grow and compete in the Single Market and beyond.

For further information or book a place go to www.localenterprise.ie/donegal

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3. Information Services

Information Services (IS)

Dashboard for 2025 Donegal International Rally

The IS Department in collaboration with the Roads Department designed a dashboard to assist with mapping information and road closures for Donegal International Rally 2025.

Road Notices - Donegal International Rally 2025 | Donegal County Council

Online Payments

The ability to make online payments directly and access account information, has recently been made available to several Donegal County Council rents clients. The trial was very successful and in the coming weeks, all rents, loans, and commercial rates clients will be given the facility to make payments online and access their account details. The availability of this service, which was developed in collaboration with the Income Collection Unit, will mean increased convenience, access to their own information and speed of payments for the client. The automation of a large number of payments will assist services internally by reducing processing time and subsequently costs. Clients having access to their own real time information will also result in a reduction of calls and queries to Council staff.

National Broadband Plan

The current state of the National Broadband Plan rollout in the country. (as of May 2025)

<https://donegal.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/d33d9656637543df9b73bb42aa5483ad>

As you'll see Donegal is at 67% complete, in 18th place.

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4. Emergency Services

4.1 – Fire Service

Fire Service Monthly MD Report (July)

Activity	Number of (May) ¹			Total for year	
<u>Fire Service Operations</u>					
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	125			468	
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	165			598	
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	2			2	
<u>Operational Activity Breakdown May 2025</u>	Turnouts ²			Incidents in County ²	
	Fires	Special Services	Stand by	Fires	Special Services
Donegal Fire Service	-	-	-	-	-
Northern Ireland Fire Service	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-			-	
<u>Fire Prevention</u>					
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	17			73	
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	45			N/A	
Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by the Fire	58			N/A	

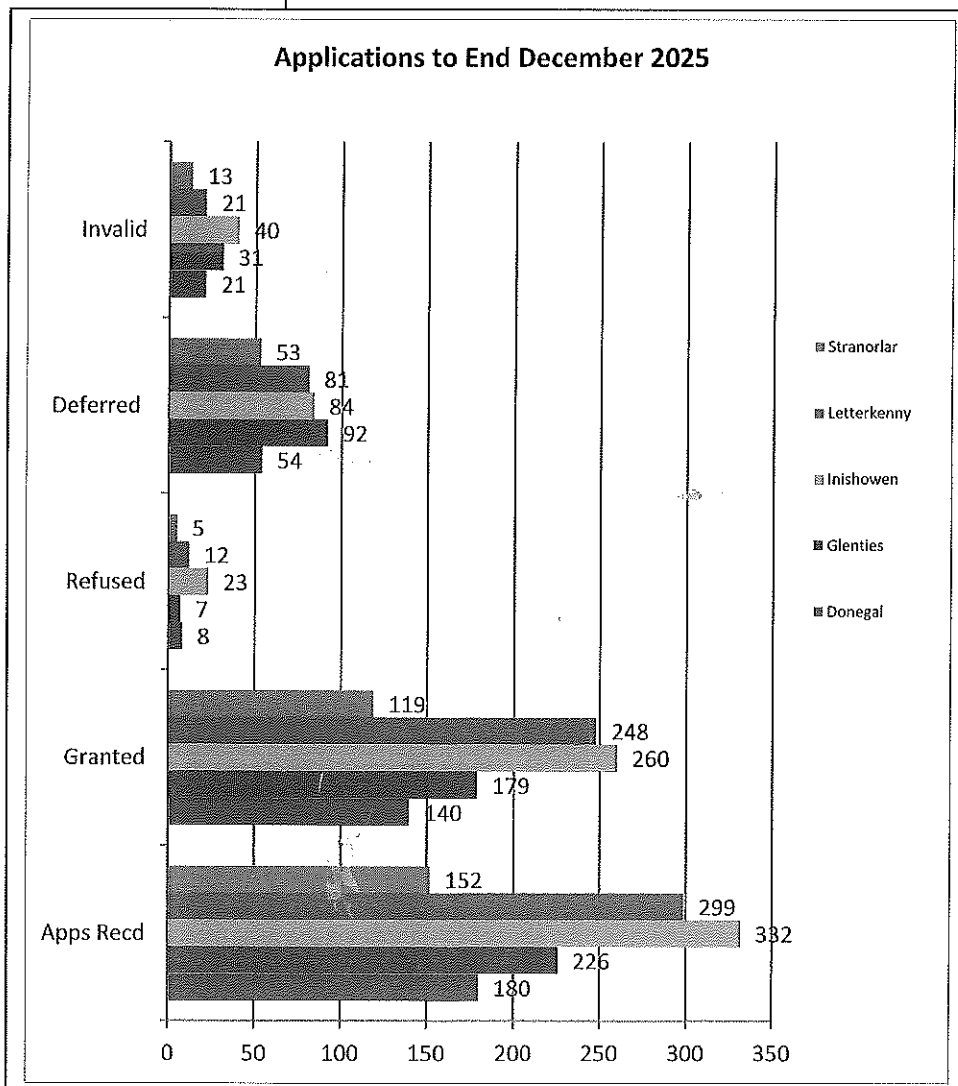
Officer and waiting for Further Information from the Applicant / Agent:		
Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	17	60
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	2	8
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	0	2
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	6	18
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	6	34
Fire Safety Complaints received:	1	11
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	1	11
During Performance Inspections carried out:	0	0
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	36 ³	66

1. Provisional data provided due to West Region Communication Centres' transition to the National Mobilisation and Communications System.
2. Information not available due to West Region Communication Centres' transition to the National Mobilisation and Communications System.
3. As part of its community fire safety programme, Moville, Carndonagh, Falcarragh, Letterkenny, Buncrana, Stranorlar, Bundoran, Ballyshannon, Glencolmcille & Gweedore Fire Brigades delivered a total of 35 No. fire safety presentations while Letterkenny Fire Brigade also completed 1 No. home fire safety visit.

Glenties MD Meeting 8th July, 2025

PLANNING REPORT

Item	Update										
1 Development Applications											
(1) Statistics	Glenties MD Totals Year to End June 2025 <table> <tr> <td>Applications received</td><td>226</td></tr> <tr> <td>Granted</td><td>179</td></tr> <tr> <td>Refused</td><td>7</td></tr> <tr> <td>Deferred</td><td>92</td></tr> <tr> <td>Invalid</td><td>31</td></tr> </table>	Applications received	226	Granted	179	Refused	7	Deferred	92	Invalid	31
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2	Enforcement		
		Glenties MD	To end June 2025
		New Cases	14
		Closed Cases	22
		Outstanding cases on record since 2012	303
3	Notes & Monthly Schedule	Due to the impact of annual leave on the Development Management Team (Planners & Admin) over the summer months the planning authority will not be in a position to provide the usual public telephone call service on a Friday morning from 4th July 2025 nor facilitate the fortnightly planning clinic arrangements on a Thursday morning, until the beginning of September 2025. The above will be kept under constant review. Any queries in relation to significant housing or economic developments should be emailed directly to the planning mailbox – planning@donegalcoco.ie	
4	Casual Trading		
5	Regeneration & Development	See Appendix A	
6	Building Control & Taking in Charge		
7	Central Planning Unit		
8	Capital Projects Delivery Unit	See Appendix B	
9	Conservation		
10	Further Information <i>Click on web links to access information.</i>	Weekly List of applications and decisions: Weekly Lists Donegal County Council Planning Service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service): planning@donegalcoco.ie Planning Webpage: Planning Donegal County Council Planning Application Online Query – Search a Planning Application Donegal County Council File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and planning search requests: fillable-file-retrieval-planning-application-number-search-request-form.pdf	

APPENDIX A



**Comhairle Contae
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Project Ireland
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**Regeneration & Development Team
Community Development and Planning Services
Update to the Municipal Districts – June 2025.**

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 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
RRDF Funding Call 4 – Category 2 – Project Development Measure	Category 2		Funding application for projects identified in both Rathmullan and Dungloe submitted by the closing date of the 14th March 2025.
Back to Ballyshannon	Category 2 (2020)	€247,500	- Further screening to be arranged. - Scope of the site has been extended to include properties on College Street, Ballyshannon. - To be targeted for future Category 1 Funding - Update on project provided to Members at workshop on the 1st May 2025.
Ramelton Re- imagined/Historic Town Centre	Category 2 Category 1 (2022)	€249,159 €7,949,868	Project with CPDU for delivery.
Burtonport Phase II	Category 1		- Property with CPDU for delivery. - Team support delivery through participation on Project Steering Group and closing out compensation agreements.

Repowering Buncrana	Category 2 (3 rd Call)		- Property with CPDU for delivery. - Team support delivery through participation on Project Steering Group.
Rathmullan (in partnership with The Way Forward Rathmullan CLG).			- Part 8 approved February 2023. - Unsuccessful for funding under Call 5 in May 2024. - Project submitted for RRDF Category 2 Funding Call that closed on the 14th March 2025.
Milford Town Centre First Plan		€100,000	- Town Centre First Plan launched November 2023 - GM Design Associates preparing a statutory planning scheme for the lands at Lower Mount Marian. - Engagement with stakeholders ongoing. - DCC to progress other priority projects identified in the Plan. - Application made in April 2025 under Town and Village Renewal for funding to acquire former Milford Hotel.
Glenties Town Centre First Plan		€30,000	- GM Design Associates appointed to assist with preparation of the Plan. - Engagement with the Glenties Town Team ongoing. - Walkability Audit undertaken in December 2024. - Workshop with Members of the Glenties MD held on the 13th May 2025. - Public consultation event held on the 22nd May 2025. - Next step is to prepare a draft Glenties TCF Plan.
Creeslough Village Plan and Community Regeneration Project (in association with the Creeslough Working Group, Creeslough Community Association and Arup).			- 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). - GM Designs appointed in March 2025 to prepare detailed designs. - Project with CPDU for delivery.
Moville Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan.		€24,500	- GM Design Associates appointed to assist to prepare Plan. - Further public consultation event held on the 20th March 2025 to present the draft Plan. - Submissions invited to the 16th April 2025.

			• Workshop to be held with the MD Members on the 26th June 2025 to agree the final Plan.
Dungloe		€50,000	• Funding allocation under Town and Village Renewal to advance design and planning consent for public realm works at Main Stret, Dungloe. • Tender issued to procure external design team. • Appointment of successful tenderer imminent.
Ardara		€50,000	• Funding allocation under Town and Village Renewal to advance design and planning consent for buildings in Ardara. • Inception meeting took place with Awake Tourism on the 30th May 2025 to prepare project brief.
Creelough Minor Tourism Works		€50,000	• Council to facilitate drawdown of funding for works now to be arranged through the CCA.
Bundoran Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan		€30,000	• Tender issued to procure external support to prepare the Plan with the closing date of the 26th June 2025.
Buncrana Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan		€30,000	• Tender issued to procure external support to prepare the Plan with the closing date of the 26th June 2025.
Downings Action Plan/Project Plan		Inhouse	• Initial preliminary meeting held inhouse to identify planned projects and/or funded projects. • Public consultation event to be arranged in the coming weeks.
Glenties Town Team			• Town team established in August 2024 to represent the community in the preparation and delivery of the Glenties Town Centre First Plan.
Creelough Town Team		€10,000	• Creelough Town Team established in October 2024 to deliver projects identified in the Village Plan and regular meetings being held.
Buncrana Town Team		€10,000	• Town Team established in September 2024 and regular meetings being held.
Ballybofey-Stranorlar Town Team		€10,000	• Town Team established to deliver the Ballybofey and Stranorlar Regeneration Strategy and regular meetings being held.
Moville Town Team			• Initial discussions ongoing to establish a Moville Town Team.
Milford Town Team			• Work to commence to establish a Town Team to deliver the Milford Town Centre

			First Plan with support from Donegal County Council.
Fál Carrach Town Team.			- Public consultation event held on the 30th April 2025 to gauge interest in establishing a Town Team. - Further event being held on the 21st May 2025.

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 more than 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	1 Prepare Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy - Completed 2022. 2 Letterkenny Urban Regeneration site. - 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. - Discussion on land compensation costs ongoing. 3 Public Realm/Linear Park Phase 1 - Opened June 2023.
Call 2 (May 2020 and approved March 2021) 6 Sub Projects	€19.3m (€4.8m DCC co-funding)	1. Reimagine public space at Market Square. - Project with CPDU for delivery. 2. Cathedral Quarter Park and Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme - Acquisition of strategic site fronting Church Lane completed and now in possession of Donegal County Council. - Avison Young appointed 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. • Hall Black Douglas appointed as architect-led design team in January 2025. • AAB Group Accountants appointed to prepare a Scoping/Feasibility Study and Business Plan in respect of the Creative Enterprise Hub element of the project and these services commenced in January 2025. • Workshop held with Members of the LMMD in February 2025. • Current design stage: data/information gather via tender for survey (topo, Ground penetration survey, elevational survey, ground investigations). Tender closed 16th May 2025. Evaluation ongoing. 3. Renewal at Lower Main Street • Valuations obtained and land acquisition offers made. • Avison Young appointed 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. • Re-engagement with Donegal Youth Services carried out December 2024 and capacity testing exercise at Devlin Hall and adjoining lands commenced January 2025 using in-house architectural resource. 4. Revival of the Courthouse Visitor Experience Plan/Product identification and Business Plan • 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. • Interpretation and Business Plan presented to Members of the LMMD in February 2025. • Community consultation event held on the 18th February 2025. Built Heritage Investment Scheme. • Funding of €10,000 secured in March 2024 from the Built Heritage Investment Scheme for minor repair works and, with co-funding from Donegal County Council, these works have been completed. THRIVE (EU) Funding.
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		• Funding of €199,969 allocated under THRIVE Strand 1 from the Northern and Western Regional Assembly for the purpose of engaging architect-led team to bring the project to Part 8 stage. • Robin Lee, Architects, appointed as architect-led design team in January 2025. • Workshop with Members of the LMMD held in February 2025. • Apex Surveys appointed to undertake topographical and building surveys. • Greentrack consultants appointed to undertake AA and EIA Screening. • Preparing to make THRIVE Strand 2 funding application by the closing date of the 30th May 2025 including: - Energy Audit complete - Do No Significant Harm Assessment and Report complete - Climate Proofing Assessment and report complete - Business Plan completing out at present - Bat Roosting and Activity Survey complete • Part 8 published and approved at the May 2025 Plenary meeting. • Public drop in event held on the 10th April 2025. • Workshop held with the Members of the LMMD on the 13th May 2025. 5. Strategic acquisition to enable a Regional Transport Hub • Avison Young appointed to take forward all previous engagement and act on Councils behalf as regards further offers/ acquisitions/ CPO. • Consultation with Local Link ongoing in relation to private bus operators and short-term solution. • Land acquisition offers made in December 2024 leading to collaborative approach with key landowner. Agreement to undertake masterplan for the lands to determine potential for public/private collaboration. Tender being drafted at present. • Options for temporary bus hub being advanced in-house and workshop held with
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		the Members on the 20th May 2025. 6. Strategic acquisition to enable LK Green Connect • 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. • All landowners engaged. • Engagement ongoing with relevant stakeholders. • Topographical survey completed. • Tenders for AA/EIA screening opened but no response to advertisement – to reopen tender again. • External structural/civil engineering consultative services procured for site investigation services access sought to 3rd party lands.
Call 3 (March 2023 and approved July 2023).	€4m	Revolving fund for acquisition costs of long-term vacant property or sites • 46 properties on the programme and all owners have been engaged with. • Several properties already activated or being activated through the Croi Conaithe grant scheme and other schemes. • Several properties currently for sale and these are being monitored. • Valuation Services engaged in relation to property valuations. • Council to advance 12 properties for acquisition/CPO. • Several properties added to the Derelict Sites Register.
“The Eat Out’ Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Project		• Construction completed.
Letterkenny Cultural Corridor		• 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 and work completed. • To be targeted for future URDF funding call.
Youth/Community focused project at Lower Main Street		• 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. • Capacity testing of potential lands available commenced in January 2025 with engagement with relevant stakeholders. Exercise paused due to resource requirements across RRDF programme.
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3.0 Croi Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme.

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

Table 3: Summary of Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Applications

Applications Received	1,188
Applications Finalised	918
• Approved	885
• Deemed not eligible (eligibility criteria not met – vacancy/proposed works).	33
In progress (first technical inspection/awaiting information from applicant).	122
Withdrawn (by applicant)	148
Value of Grants paid to date	€10.681m
No. of Grants paid to date	197

- To date, 51 public information drop in events have been held to promote the Scheme.
- Approx 40 applications are received per month.

4.0 Addressing Vacancy and Dereliction

4.1 Property Activation Program

This initiative was launched in April 2023 with targets set for Local Authorities to bring properties back into use. Surveys commenced to identify and verify occupancy status of properties appearing vacant and contact made with some owners. This work will re-commence once staffing resources permit and options will be explored to establish funding source to acquire identified properties. The acquired properties may subsequently be used for social housing, made available for sale on the open market or used for other purposes e.g. community use.

2023 Target:

To activate 350 properties and commence CPO in 6 cases. This has been achieved.

2024 Target:

To activate 300 properties and commence CPO in 6 cases. This has been achieved.

2025 Target:

To activate 300 properties and commence CPO in 6 cases.

4.2 Derelict Sites Register

The update and upkeep of the Derelict Sites Register falls within the remit of the Regeneration and Development Team since last year. There are currently 22 properties on the Derelict Sites Register, which includes 18 properties that have been on the register for several years and 4 new properties that were added to the Register this year so far. At present, all the existing 18 properties are being reviewed to ascertain if each property continues to meet the criteria for inclusion on the Register.

In addition, a Derelict Sites Policy and Procedures document has been developed which sets out the obligations and legislative procedures to be followed in respect of derelict sites and compulsory acquisitions and sets out the Council's priority programme for making additions to the Derelict Sites Register. The Derelict Sites Policy and Procedures document was recently approved by the Elected Members at each MD level and by the Planning SPC.

**Regeneration and Development Team.
June 2025.**

APPENDIX B



Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall
Donegal County Council

CAPITAL PROJECTS DELIVERY UNIT Community Development and Planning Services

Report to Glenties Municipal District Members: **July 2025**

Activity / Project Title	Burtonport Redevelopment Scheme – Phase 2
Project Description/Activity	The Ailt an Chorráin (Burtonport) Harbour Redevelopment - Phase 2 Harbour Buildings Regeneration Project is a key component of the larger phased project known as the Ailt an Chorráin (Burtonport)/Oileán Árann Mhór (Arranmore Island) 'Harbour to Island' Regeneration Project for the regeneration of Burtonport (Ailt an Chorráin) and Arranmore (Oileán Árann Mhór). The 'Harbour to Island' Project was conceived on the basis that it would take place in two stages in order to accommodate the existing uses occupying the harbour space including the Harbour Master's office, ticket offices and the public toilets. Phase 1 of the Project was awarded funding under the Second Call for Category 1 Funding announced in November 2019. Phase 1 provides for the following: • At Ailt an Chorráin (Burtonport):- Transformation of the harbour infrastructure and environment through the demolition and removal of under-utilised, redundant or vacant buildings, to a new multi-user public realm space with modern transport infrastructure, public amenities and services and parking; • At Óileán Árann Mhór (Arranmore Island):- Landmark shorefront recreation, outdoor amenity and local community inspired amphitheatre style event space including children's playground and car parking. The works at Óileán Árann Mhór (Arranmore Island) are now complete and works at Ailt an Chorráin commenced in January 2022 and are now in progress, with substantial completion anticipated for the end of September 2022. About the Project Phase 2 of the project proposes a new Harbour master Building and Enterprise Building that present as an important physical element of the overall project and provide a valuable opportunity to introduce regenerative physical development, a diversification of uses and quality architecture to the marine and harbour environment. Broadly, the proposed development will provide for the construction of a Harbour master Building which will house Donegal County Council office

	accommodation, a community meeting room, public facilities, ferry offices, waiting area and tourist desk facility and a separate Enterprise Building containing a number of small mixed-use units that will help create employment opportunities and stimulate entrepreneurship.
Budget	€2.88m
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status	Construction works are progressing.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	Construction works to progress as per programme.
Contact Person(s)	Hugh Trearty, Executive Engineer

Activity / Project Title	Creeslough Community Regeneration Project
Project Description/Activity	The Creeslough Community Regeneration Project is a major community led scheme that will deliver vital community infrastructure and facilities in response to priority needs identified by the Community. It will provide a new central hub for community life that will support Creeslough on a journey towards a vibrant, healthy, well serviced, socially inclusive and sustainable community. The specific nature of the proposed works is as follows: • A new Community Hub building including a sports hall, gymnasium, office space and community rooms . • A multi purpose community field, mixed use games area and athletics track • A community garden including play park, allotments and outdoor events areas. RRDF Category 1 Funding has been awarded to deliver the project in its entirety. GM Design Associates have been appointed to provide the Integrated Design Team Services necessary for the delivery of the project.
Budget	Total Funding €13,520,935 90% Funded by RRDF (€12,168,842) 10% Funded by DCC (€1,352,093)
Progress to date within the last quarter -	Detailed design of the scheme has commenced.

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Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	Progress Design
Contact Person(s)	Shane Sweeney, Senior Executive Engineer Brendan O'Donnell, Senior Engineer

Municipal District of Glenties

8th July 2025

Community Development Division

CLÁR / AGENDA

Report on recent activity in the Community Development Division

1. Rural Programmes
2. Playgrounds 2025
3. Donegal Walks and Trails
4. Donegal Public Participation Network
5. Rural Development Programme / LEADER 2023-2027
6. Community Recognition Fund 2024
7. Local Enhancement Programme 2025
8. Social inclusion Unit



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Activity / Project Update: July 2025

Activity / Project Title	Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme
Project Description/Activity	Errigal Mountain – pathway and environmental improvements
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status	Works consist of: 3.4km path from the Errigal carpark to the summit of Errigal Mountain including pitching and gravel path. Current Status: The storm repair works are complete. There is a fencing contract due to commence shortly. - There contractor is appointed - The Contractor is commencing in the coming weeks
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	
Contact Person(to include telephone number & e-mail address)	Brian Keogh, Tel: 074-9172569 E-mail: bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie



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Activity / Project Update: July 2025

Activity / Project Title	Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme
Project Description/Activity	Muckish Railway Walk
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status	Works consist of: Carpark construction & Greenway construction from the carpark along the old railway line to tie into the previously completed Railway walk. Current Status: - This contract drawings and tender documents are currently being progressed. - The intention is to have this project published to etenders, appoint a contractor and commence work in the coming months.
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	- Works to commence in Q3 of 2025
Contact Person(to include telephone number & e-mail address)	Brian Keogh, Tel: 074-9172569 E-mail: bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie



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Activity / Project Update: July 2025

Activity / Project Title	2023 ORIS Measure 2
Project Description/Activity	Millside Walk, Fintown
Budget (if applicable)	€222,000
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	Works consist of: Construction of a 2km looped walk, Current Status: Initial meetings have taken place with the Community Group. DCC are currently preparing drawings and tender documentation. The project has been tendered and all tenders assessed, A contractor is appointed and due to commence work in Mid-July
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	Works to be completed in Q4 of 2025
Contact Person (to include telephone number & e-mail address)	Brian Keogh, Tel: 074-9172569 E-mail: bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie



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Activity / Project Update: July 2025

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Activity / Project Title	2023 Clár Measure 1 Schemes
Project Description/Activity	• Rosbeg, Portnoo Men Shed • CLG Chloich Cheann Fhaola • Edeninfagh Parish Hall • Lettermacaward Green area • Loch Bun an Inbhir fishing Platforms
Budget (if applicable)	Funded by: Department of Rural and Community Development Donegal County Council / Groups • Rosbeg, Portnoo Men Shed €50,000 • CLG Chloich Cheann Fhaola €50,000 • Edeninfagh Parish Hall €50,000 • Lettermacaward Green area €50,000 • Loch Bun an Inbhir Fishing platforms €50,000
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	Initial meetings ongoing with Groups to discuss the process and way forward. Provisional letters of Offer have been issued. Tender process has commenced on most of these projects. Edeninfagh Parish Hall Project is complete. Loch Bun an Inbhir Project is now complete. Rosbeg Portnoo Med Shed Project is now complete. Work is ongoing on the CLG Chloich Cheann Fhaola spectator stand Lettermacaward Green has appointed an Architect and finalising design and preparing tender documentation.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	Works are scheduled to be completed by the end of Q3 2025.
Contact Person (to include telephone number & e-mail address)	Brian Keogh, Tel: 074-9172569 E-mail: bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie



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Activity / Project Title	2024 Clár Scheme
Project Description/Activity	• Coiste Glan agus Glas, Falcarragh - History trail • Pairc Surgartha agus na gCeadfaí, Dore, Bunbeg • Naomh Conaill GAA - Access road improvements • Togra Fiontar & Cultur Uladh, CTR, Magheraroarty - Carpark Extension.
Budget (if applicable)	Funded by: Department of Rural and Community Development Donegal County Council / Groups • Coiste Glan agus Glas, Falcarragh: €50,000 • Pairc Surgartha agus na gCeadfaí, Dore, Bunbeg: €50,000 • Naomh Conaill GAA: €50,000 • Togra Fiontar & Cultur Uladh CTR, Magheraroarty: €50,0000
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	Initial meetings with groups have taken place, procurement has taken place for various project. and will be finish in Q4 of 2025, Contractors have been appointed for the Naomh Conaill GAA project and the Pairc Surgartha agus na gCeadfaí project.
Project Targets for the next BI-monthly / quarterly reporting period	- All projects to commence before the end of Q3 2025
Contact Person (to include telephone number & e-mail address)	Brian Keogh, Tel: 074-9172569 E-mail: bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie



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Activity / Project Update: July 2025

Activity / Project Title	2023 Town & Village Renewal Scheme
Project Description/Activity	Tory Island Community Centre
Budget (if applicable)	€263,000
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	Works consist of: Enhancement to the existing Community Centre, Current Status: Initial meetings have taken place with the Community Group. The Design team has been appointed and is currently commenced detail design work and preparing tender documents.
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	This project will be published on etenders to procure a contractor in July 2025.
Contact Person(to include telephone number & e-mail address)	Brian Keogh, Tel: 074-9172569 E-mail: bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie



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Activity / Project Update: July 2025

Activity / Project Title	PLAYGROUNDS 2025
Project Description/Activity	Annual maintenance of Playgrounds 1. Arranmore Island Playground 2. Arranmore Island Shore Playground 3. Tory Island Playground 4. Dolmen Centre Playground & MUGA 5. Glenties Playground 6. St Mary's Close Playground 7. Cois Cuain Playground 8. Burtonport SHS Playground 9. Ballina Playground 10. Ardara Playground 11. Clós Naonh Chonaill Playground 12. Dungloe Foreshore Playground 13. Creeslough SHS Playground
Budget (if applicable)	Works funded by Donegal County Council.
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	1. Works consists of: • Maintenance repairs to Council owned/maintained playgrounds. <u>Current Status:</u> • Annual safety inspections of playground is complete. • Playground maintenance tender has been published. • Repair works have commenced and will continue throughout 2025 as required.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	• Repair works to continue throughout 2025.
Contact Person (to include telephone number & e-mail address)	John Deeney Tel: 074-9172568 E-mail: jdeeney@donegalcoco.ie



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Activity / Project Title	Donegal Walks and Trails
File:	
Project Description/Activity	The development, enhancement, maintenance, and promotion of walks, paths & trails including cycle routes in Donegal.
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status	ORIS 2022 <u>Slí na Finne</u> Capital works were tendered, and due process followed. The successful contractor has been appointed and works will commence in the coming weeks. Coillte are on site engaging in remedial works as a result of Storm Éowyn. This project is now fully completed. <u>ORIS 2023 – (Measure 1)</u> Seven number applications were submitted to Measure 1- ORIS 2023 one of which sought to market and promote a number of walks/paths/trails across the County including within the Glenties MD. Working with colleagues in the Tourism Office of the Economic Development Division, a team of consultants have been appointed to progress the project. This film crew are currently working on a number if promotional videos throughout the county <u>ORIS 2024/25 Applications</u> 6 No. Measure 1 applications 3 No. applications for Project Development Measure 1 No. Measure 3 application
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	

Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	Working with local communities the Community Development Division has to date installed 16 counters across the County with a further estimated 25no counters to be installed in the coming months
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Darryl Connor (Outdoor Recreational Development Officer) Mobile: 08736138111 Email: dconnor@donegalcoco.ie



Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Pobail Dhún na nGall Public Participation Network Donegal

Activity / Project Update

July/August 2025

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Public Participation Network (Donegal PPN)
Project Description/Activity	Link through which organisations from the Community & Voluntary, Social Inclusion & Environment Sectors have a voice on Council decision making bodies and other structures. Networking, Information & Capacity Building for Community Groups.
Budget (if applicable)	€135,500 per annum
Progress to date within the last two months inclusive of current status	PPN membership now stands at 794 registered organisations. Donegal MD 164, Glenties MD 180, Inishowen MD 142, Letterkenny MD 216, Stranorlar MD 92. Donegal PPN have 62 Representatives on 24 different Committees and Boards. PPN National Event - Building Community Resilience for Times of Emergency Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise - 17th July, 2025 National Ploughing Championship Donegal PPN will be at the DRCDG stand at Screggan, Tullamore on 16th /17th/18th September. PPN National Conference This year's Conference will be held in Trim, Co Meath on the 16th & 17th October Donegal PPN Plenary Event Donegal PPN's second Plenary event in 2025 will take place on 28th October from 6.30pm – 8.30pm in Letterkenny. Further details to follow.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	Secretariat Meeting – 1st July, Letterkenny PSC National PPN Meeting – 8th September in Trinity House, Dublin NWRegional PPN Meeting – 31st July, Sligo PPN Linkage Group Meetings – July & November
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Mary Clyde / Annette McGrenra 074 9153900 donegalppn@donegalcoco.ie



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Municipal District: Countywide

Activity / Project Title	Rural Development Programme/LEADER 2023-2027
Project Description/Activity	Donegal LCDC are the Local Action Group (LAG) for County Donegal, with responsibility for the LEADER programme 2023-2027.
Budget (if applicable)	€10.4m for RDP/LEADER 2023-2027 for projects and administration.
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status	Implementing Partners within the county; Donegal Local Development CLG (DLDC), Inishowen Development Partnership (IDP), Údarás Na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán are delivering the New LEADER Programme 2023-2027. The programme is 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 programme to cover the period.
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	Following the May LAG meeting we now have a total of 34 projects approved totalling €1,146,806.71.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	LDCs will continue to work with promoters on the ground to animate and develop new projects for submission to internal evaluation committees and then to the Local Action Group for consideration. Members can access further information on the overall programme and get contact details for interested groups or individuals at https://www.donegalcoco.ie/en/services/community/community-development/leader/
Contact Person	Ciaran Martin cmartin@donegalcoco.ie Administrative Officer, Community Development Division, Donegal County Council



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Activity / Project Update: July 2025

Activity / Project Title	Community Recognition Fund 2024																								
Project Description/Activity	The Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht recently announced awards under Window 3, the final funding window, of the Community Recognition Fund 2024. Previous awards under the 2024 Programme were announced in March 2025.																								
Budget (if applicable)																									
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	A total of €3,391.917 was allocated to County Donegal under the Community Recognition Fund 2024, which aims to support the development of community infrastructure and facilities in recognition of the contribution being made by communities across the country in welcoming and hosting significant numbers of arrivals from Ukraine and other countries. The funding is specifically targeted at projects that are located in communities, towns and villages that are hosting the Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection and/or International Protection Applicants. Grant awards to the total value of €531,476.98 were awarded to projects in Glenties MD are as follows:- <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Group Name</th><th>Amount</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Window 1 & 2</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Mary from Dungloe International Festival</td><td>€54,138.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>CLG Ghaoth Dobhair</td><td>€60,000.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Sciobol an Phobal</td><td>€50,000.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Tir Chonaill AC</td><td>€61,338.98</td></tr> <tr> <td>Amharclann Ghaoth Dobhair</td><td>€50,000.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>An Machaire Le Cheile</td><td>€50,000.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Window 3</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Coiste Forbartha Dobhair Teo</td><td>€52,000.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Comharchumann Forbartha Dhún Lúiche</td><td>€82,000.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Scoil Chroine</td><td>€72,000.00</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Group Name	Amount	Window 1 & 2		Mary from Dungloe International Festival	€54,138.00	CLG Ghaoth Dobhair	€60,000.00	Sciobol an Phobal	€50,000.00	Tir Chonaill AC	€61,338.98	Amharclann Ghaoth Dobhair	€50,000.00	An Machaire Le Cheile	€50,000.00	Window 3		Coiste Forbartha Dobhair Teo	€52,000.00	Comharchumann Forbartha Dhún Lúiche	€82,000.00	Scoil Chroine	€72,000.00
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July 2025

Activity / Project Title	Local Enhancement Programme 2025																																		
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Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	The Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht recently announced awards under the Local Enhancement Programme 2025. Awards were available for Current Funding (up to €500), Small Capital (€500-€1,000) and Large Capital (€5,000 - €10,000). Donegal LCDC had been allocated a total of €303,465 for award as grants under this Programme. €260,113 to be allocated as capital grants and €43,352 awarded as revenue (Capital funding - day to day running costs) grants. Grant awards to the total value of €59,474.00 were awarded to Community Groups in Glenties MD are as follows: <table> <tr> <th>Applicant Organisation / Group</th><th>Award</th></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Current Funding</td></tr> <tr> <td>An Machaire Le Cheile</td><td>€398.12</td></tr> <tr> <td>Ards Mens Shed, Creeslough</td><td>€398.12</td></tr> <tr> <td>Arranmore Welfare Committee/Care of the Aged</td><td>€398.12</td></tr> <tr> <td>CLG Ghaoth Dobhair</td><td>€398.12</td></tr> <tr> <td>Cloughaneely Mens Shed</td><td>€398.12</td></tr> <tr> <td>Coiste Cultúrtha Loch an Iúir</td><td>€398.11</td></tr> <tr> <td>Coiste Forbartha An Fhal Carraigh</td><td>€398.12</td></tr> <tr> <td>Coiste Forbartha Dhobhair Teo</td><td>€398.12</td></tr> <tr> <td>Coiste Forbartha Éadan Fhionn Fraoich</td><td>€398.12</td></tr> <tr> <td>Coiste Forbartha Mín Ná Leice</td><td>€398.12</td></tr> <tr> <td>Coiste Seanscoil Thraigh Éanach</td><td>€398.12</td></tr> <tr> <td>Coiste Sheáin Bháin</td><td>€398.11</td></tr> <tr> <td>Creeslough Arts & Crafts Group</td><td>€398.11</td></tr> <tr> <td>Derryveagh Boxing Club</td><td>€398.11</td></tr> <tr> <td>Donegal GAP Heritage and History Group</td><td>€398.11</td></tr> </table>	Applicant Organisation / Group	Award	Current Funding		An Machaire Le Cheile	€398.12	Ards Mens Shed, Creeslough	€398.12	Arranmore Welfare Committee/Care of the Aged	€398.12	CLG Ghaoth Dobhair	€398.12	Cloughaneely Mens Shed	€398.12	Coiste Cultúrtha Loch an Iúir	€398.11	Coiste Forbartha An Fhal Carraigh	€398.12	Coiste Forbartha Dhobhair Teo	€398.12	Coiste Forbartha Éadan Fhionn Fraoich	€398.12	Coiste Forbartha Mín Ná Leice	€398.12	Coiste Seanscoil Thraigh Éanach	€398.12	Coiste Sheáin Bháin	€398.11	Creeslough Arts & Crafts Group	€398.11	Derryveagh Boxing Club	€398.11	Donegal GAP Heritage and History Group	€398.11
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	Rosses Men Shed	€398.11
	Rosses Snorkelling Club	€398.11
	Rosses Visually Impaired Group	€398.11
	Sciobal na mBan Gweedore Upstylers	€398.11
	Sciobal na bhFear , Men's Shed Gaoth Dobhair	€398.11
	Large Capital	
	Coiste Forbartha Éadan Fhionn Fraoich	€6,495.52
	Loch Chonaill Railway Walk	€5,000.00
	Cill Ula	€6,495.52
	Sciobal na bhFear , Men's Shed Gaoth Dobhair	€5,000.00
	Dunfanaghy Youths Football Club	€5,000.00
	Ards Mens Shed	€5,000.00
	Awake Tourism	€5,000.00
	Small Capital	
	Rosses Mens Shed	€502.00
	Cumann na Forbairtha na Duchoraidh	€1,000.00
	Ein Na Aoibhinn	€1,000.00
	Glenties Community Playgroup Ltd	€1,000.00
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	Sciobal na mBan - Gweedore Upstylers	€1,000.00
	Coiste Cairde Bun an Inbhir	€506.96
	Cumann Iascairi Bhaile na Finne	€1,000.00
	CLG Ghaoth Dobhair	€1,000.00
	Glenties Caridac First Responders	€1,000.00
	Creelough CFR	€1,000.00

Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	Notification has issued to all applicants. All Grants to be drawn down by year end.
Contact Person (to include telephone number & e-mail address)	Ciaran Martin cmartin@donegalcoco.ie Administrative Officer, Community Development Division, Donegal County Council



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Project	Social Inclusion Unit
Progress to date and current status	Social Inclusion Events Attended: Donegal Travellers Project – PEACEPLUS Project Launch The Donegal Travellers Project successfully launched its PEACEPLUS project on Diversity and Decision-Making on 29 May at the Radisson Hotel, Letterkenny. This initiative aims to promote equality and uphold human rights for Black and minority ethnic communities, including Travellers and Roma, across Donegal. Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion Strategy A meeting of the Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion Strategy Implementation Group was held on 23 May at Letterkenny Public Services Centre. During this meeting, Donegal Sports Partnership provided an update on their ongoing pilot swim programme, delivered in partnership with Donegal County Council. The initiative focuses on the inclusion of women from ethnic minority backgrounds in swimming activities. The programme has been positively received by participants, with favourable feedback reported by Aura Leisure Centre.
Contact	Christina O'Donnell, codonnell@donegalcoco.ie 0879192272

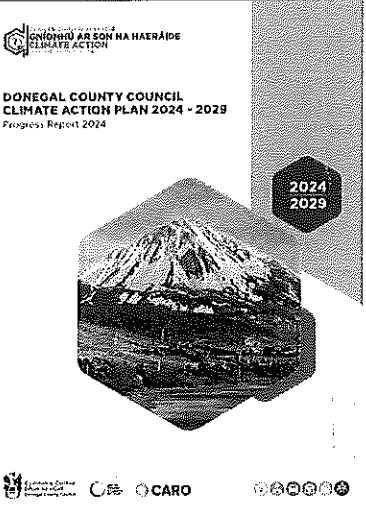


ENVIRONMENT REPORT – June 2025

Activity / Project Title	Public Service Announcements (PSA's) - Running on local radio stations in June
Description/ Activity	Attention Farmers & Professional Users of Pesticides & Sheep dip EPA reports in recent years have identified that some rivers in Donegal have been seriously impacted by toxic effects from pesticides, including sheep dip. Donegal County Council would like to remind farmers, contractors & gardeners of the need to follow best practice when using these products. Firstly, read the product label carefully, avoid spills, stay well back from open drains, rinse empty containers 3 times into the sprayer or tank & don't spray if it is windy or rain is forecast in the next 48 hours. Follow Teagasc advice on safe disposal of spent sheep dip, which should never ever be released into any water-course 
Contact Person	Joe Ferry joe.ferry@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	Bathing Waters 2025 season
Description/ Activity	The 2025 Bathing Season commenced officially on the 1st June and the Council's Central Lab will be carrying out sampling at all designated bathing waters.   <i>Figure 1. Turbulent Day Sampling Kilahoey</i> <i>Figure 2. Brighter Side of Life - Dooley Beach</i> The assistance of all stakeholders, including local farmers, is key to retaining the Excellent water quality status required for the Blue Flag and Green Coast Awards As in previous years, forecasted heavy rainfall events will lead to the posting of <i>Prior Warning Notices</i> at certain bathing waters to protect bathers & forewarn of a potential drop in water quality.
Contact	Bernadette Gault, BernadetteGault@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	Caravan /Holiday/Camping Parks
Description/Activity	During the busy summer tourist season, Donegal County Council will be conducting inspections of caravan parks focusing on wastewater treatment and the provision of proper waste segregation and collection service, including a food waste (brown) bin. Any business such as a hotel, caravan or camping park, or Guest House discharging domestic sewage from a septic tank or other disposal unit by means of a percolation area, soakage pit or other method, is required to apply to the Council for and obtain a licence under Section 4 of the Water Pollution Act. If a company discharges a trade effluent, they are legally obliged to hold a licence. Further information and application forms are available on the Council website at: https://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/environment/pollutioncontrol/water%20pollution/#EffluentDischargeLicences
Contact Person	Joe Ferry joe.ferry@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	Donegal County Council Climate Action Plan 2024 - 2029 Progress Report 2024
Description/Activity	 Our first progress report on implementing the Climate Action Plan is complete. It will be presented at the next meeting of the Environment and Climate SPC and will also be issued to the members of all other SPCs ahead of their next meetings. We will be seeking endorsement of the progress report at the next Plenary meeting, after which the report will be made available on the Climate Action page of www.donegalcoco.ie. The report indicates that 85% of our climate actions are ongoing or complete. It also provides an overview of the climate action work and projects being carried out across the organisation and within the wider community.
Contact Person	Lorraine Arbuckle Climate Action Coordinator Email: larbuckle@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	An Fálcarrach / Gort an Choirce DZ Town Centre First Policy – Town Team. Community Drop-In event
Description/ Activity	The Climate Action Unit participated in a drop-in event organised by the Regeneration Team on the Town Centre First Policy – Town Team on the 30th April in Fálcarrach. This event gave the Climate Action Unit the opportunity to engage with the communities in An Fálcarrach / Gort an Choirce to be part of the development of a vision, actions and ideas for the An Fálcarrach/Gort an Choirce Decarbonising Zone (DZ) as set out in our Climate Action Plan 2024 – 2029 (see link - Climate Action Plan Donegal County Council). The Council's Climate Action Unit highlighted the ethos of Decarbonising Zones, discussed opportunities for climate action within the community, listened to ideas and sought input on how we can support and build on the register of opportunities set out in our Plan.
Contact	Suzanne Bogan Climate Action Officer Email: sbogan@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	Lighting for Local Authorities Workshop Promoting Energy Efficiency and Responsible Lighting Practices
Description/ Activity	A workshop on Artificial Lighting for Local Authorities was held in the Sligo Park Hotel in April '25. The workshop aimed to raise awareness of responsible lighting practices by limiting light pollution, reducing energy costs and carbon emissions and supporting biodiversity. The workshop covered the impacts of artificial lighting on the environment, energy efficiency, health, and biodiversity. It provided practical guidance on developing and implementing policies and practices to mitigate these effects. Topics included: ○ The adverse effects of light pollution. ○ Strategies for reducing light pollution through better lighting practices. ○ Case studies and best practices from local authorities and organisations. ○ The opportunities for local authorities to integrate responsible lighting into projects. ○ Public lighting in the western region.
Contact Person	Fiona Kelly Community Climate Action Officer Email: fkelly@donegalcoco.ie

Activity/ Project Title	Environment Section – Letterkenny University Hospital Biodiversity Day	
Description/ Activity	 Members from the Environment Team of Donegal County Council were delighted to be invited by Tracy Shannon, Environmental & Waste Coordinator with Letterkenny University Hospital to be part of their Biodiversity Day on the 15th May. We were able to share information on Food Waste Awareness with hundreds of Patients and Staff on site and handed out 148 Food Caddies to assist people in their home with food waste recycling. A very enjoyable and engaging event and great practice for our upcoming food waste awareness week.	
Contact	Environment Section 074 91 53900	

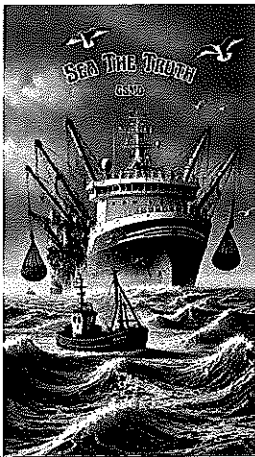
Activity / Project Title	Oakfield Park – Festival of Food 24th & 25th May	
Description/ Activity	 The Environment Section, participated in the Oakfield Park Festival of Food on the 24th – 25th May. There was an information stand on the topic of Food Waste Recycling, food waste prevention, recycling and climate as part of the Council's local promotion of the upcoming National Food Waste Awareness Week 1st - 9th June. The Council team distributed over 300 Food Waste Starter Packs comprising of a food waste caddy, roll of compostable bags and an information leaflet over the course of the two-day event.	
Contact Person	Environment Section 074 91 53900	

Activity / Project Title	
Description/ Activity	Donegal County Council Compost Giveaway Events National Food Waste Recycling Week which runs from the 1st June until the 9th June 2025 is the national campaign from MyWaste to encourage people to recycle their food waste. This campaign will provide practical advice, with easy to follow hints and tips to encourage everyone to recycle more of their food waste. To support National Food Waste Recycling Week Donegal County Council in partnership with Bryson Recycling and Enviro Grind Ltd have arranged Free Compost Giveaway Events across the Council's 6 Recycling Centres. Enviro Grind Ltd located in Donegal make compost from a variety of sources, including from food and garden waste collected from households. This is a perfect example of the Circular Economy at work. Tuesday 3rd June 10am – 12pm Letterkenny Recycling Centre, Carnamuggagh, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. F92EW80 2pm – 4pm Dungloe Recycling Centre, Udaras na Gaeltachta Industrial Estate, Dungloe, Co. Donegal. F94X452 Wednesday 4th June 10am – 12pm Carndonagh Recycling Centre, Station Road, Carndonagh, Co. Donegal. F93KV67 2pm – 4pm Milford Recycling Centre, Moyle Road, Milford, Co Donegal. F92 K091 Thursday 5th June 10.30am – 12.30pm Laghey Recycling Centre, Laghey, Co. Donegal. F94HX09 2pm – 4pm Stranorlar Recycling Centre, Railway Road, Stranorlar, Co. Donegal. F93 W296 Householders are asked to bring their own way of collecting the loose compost either using bags or containers, compost will be available while stocks last. Staff will be on site to assist and give advice on food waste recycling and a limited number of Food Waste Recycling Starter Packs will be available to householders. Starter packs include a Food Waste caddy, a roll of compostable liners and information on what food waste can be recycled. The focus of this years campaign is to reduce contamination in the food waste bin, items such as foil, glass and plastic should not find their way into the food waste bin. This helps to prevent contamination at the compost and anaerobic digestion facilities leading to higher quality material for recycling.

	 FREE COMPOST GIVEAWAY Tuesday 3rd June 10am - 12pm Letterkenny Recycling Centre F92EW80 2pm - 4pm Dungloe Recycling Centre F94X452 Wednesday 4th June 10am - 12pm Carndonagh Recycling Centre F93KV67 2pm - 4pm Milford Recycling Centre F92 K091 Thursday 5th June 10.30am - 12.30pm Laghey Recycling Centre F94HX09 2pm - 4pm Stranorlar Recycling Centre F93 W296 Please bring your own bags! 
Contact Person	Environment Office 074 91 53900

Activity / Project Title	Half Price Bulk Goods Events
Description/ Activity	 Donegal County Council is delighted to announce that in association with Bryson Recycling there will be a Half Price Bulky Goods promotion at the Council's Recycling Centres. 16th June - 28th June - Carndonagh, Milford & Letterkenny 15th July - 26th July - Stranorlar, Laghey & Dungloe Bulky Goods such as mattresses, sofas, 3 piece suites, carpets etc will be all ½ price during this period. The campaign will run only during centre opening times for the 2 week period.

	Further details will be advertised in local press, radio and on the Council's social media pages. This initiative is funded by the Government of Ireland through the Anti-Dumping Initiative 2025.
Contact Person	Environment Section 074 91 53900

Activity / Project Title	Transition Year (TY) students from across County Donegal expressed their creative talents as they took part in The Rubbish Film Festival 2025
Description/ Activity	The Rubbish Film Festival, an award-winning national initiative, challenges TY students to create one-minute films tackling key environmental issues, including climate change, sustainability, and waste reduction. The festival, funded by Donegal County Council, empowers young people to use digital storytelling to raise awareness and drive action. This year, students from 5 Donegal schools Deelee College, Errigal College, Finn Valley College, Gairmscoil Mhic Diarmuida and Rosses Community School took part in onsite workshops, each with 12 students per class, where they developed their filmmaking, editing, and storytelling skills under the guidance of industry professionals. Donegal County Council is proud to celebrate the outstanding achievements of three local secondary schools who excelled in this year's event. Best Movie - Errigal College Runner Up Movie - Finn Valley Best Poster - Gairmscoil Mhic Dhiaramada 
Contact Person	Environment Section 074 91 53900
Activity / Project Title	Ireland's Young Sustainable Designers Rewrite Fashion's Future at First Ever National Relove Fashion Awards
Project Description/ Activity	Ireland's next generation of fashion design talent proved that the future is sustainable at the first-ever national Relove Fashion Grand Final. The event, organised by and held at the Rediscovery Centre, Ireland's National Centre for the Circular Economy on April 30th, saw awards being handed to 24 winners who dazzled the judges and audience alike. Each award winner took home an upcycled trophy, an expert-led sustainable fashion workshop, and the overall winners from each region took home €500 for fashion related tools and equipment for their schools. As a counter-movement to challenge fast fashion, the competition encourages teenage designers from across the country to showcase innovative, upcycled outfits made entirely from preloved textiles - transforming everything from old cushion covers to moth-eaten berets into stylish, wearable fashion.

This year marked the competition's expansion to 26 local authority areas, where over 400 young people aged 12–19 across Ireland were encouraged to rethink fast fashion and embrace creativity, building skills in reuse, repair, and redesign.

A total of 43 outfits reached the final, celebrating circular design, hands-on climate action, and the vibrant future of Irish fashion. Winning outfits included evening dresses elegantly upcycled from jeans, preloved shirts beautifully transformed into casual dresses, and a post-apocalyptic outfit crafted from old belts and roadside-found gloves.

The winners, listed below, were announced at the Grand Final, which was attended by over 150 people, MC performer Paul Ryder and supported by the Department of Environment, National Waste Regions and the judging panel.

The panel of judges included Laura de Barra, author of No.1 bestsellers *Garment Goddess*, *Gaff Goddess* and *Decor Galore*; Lorraine Keane, IFTA-nominated broadcaster, journalist, businesswoman and philanthropist; Joanne Rourke, representing Dublin City Council and the National Waste Regions; and Arran Murphy, Programme Manager of Rediscover Fashion.

Connaught-Ulster Waste Region:

- Best Casual: Cara McLaughlin, Spraoi Agus Sport
- Overall Winner: Davin Coyle, Gairmscoil Chú Uladh



This upcycled outfit was made by Davin Coyle, from Gairmscoil Chú Uladh, County Donegal.

Young designer Davin's process began by exploring why we throw away our clothes.

With a focus on bridal and denim waste, Davin created this beautiful outfit. Davin sourced three pairs of jeans from his local charity shop, and a white satin skirt, which became the fabric used for the top. Davin altered one pair of the jeans by adding godet panels and applique stars with fraying details. For the top, Davin drafted his own pattern by experimenting with the satin fabric on a dress form until he found a look he was happy with.

The hat is crafted from strips of denim, stitched into yarn, and knitted together – a skill he learned from his grandmother just for this project. Davin wanted to create a stylish winter look which also sent a message about our disposal of clothes and textile waste.

Overall Nationwide Winners:

- Best Casual: Cara McLaughlin, Spraoi Agus Sport, Donegal County Council



This upcycled outfit was made by Cara McLaughlin, from Spraoi Agus Sport, County Donegal. Young designer Cara took her old straight-leg jeans and turned them into statement flares with a bold patchwork of linen, synthetic, and Donegal tweed scraps - plus a godet for that extra flair. She added appliqué hearts to the back pockets and paired them with a gorgeous crochet top made from another project's leftover wool. The incredible bag was created from a moth-eaten beret—now repaired with a frill, a crochet handle, and it even matches her handmade hair accessory.

For more information about Relove Fashion, and to register your interest for next year, please visit www.relovetofashion.ie.

For more information about the Rediscovery Centre, please visit www.rediscoverycentre.ie

**Contact
Person**

**Environment Office
074 9153900**

**Activity /
Project Title**

ADI - Anti Dumping Initiative 2025

**Description/
Activity**

In May the Environment section received confirmation from the Connacht Ulster Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authority (CU WERLA) that their application for Anti-Dumping Initiative funding (ADI) has successfully secured more than €116,000 for a range of projects to be delivered throughout the County in 2025. This is the 7th year in a row that the section has secured in excess of €100,000.

The Anti-Dumping initiative (ADI) introduced in 2017 aims to encourage collaboration between local authorities, communities and other state Agencies to tackle the problem of illegal dumping. It is an annual program run in conjunction with local authorities and community partnerships coordinated by the Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authorities (WERLA's).

Since the launch of the initiative 1,751+ projects have been successfully delivered across all 31 local authorities and funding of €17+ million has been provided. In the last 9 years more than €960,000 has been secured to deliver projects throughout Donegal and support community groups. These projects help combat illegal dumping, address blackspots and promote awareness and enforce waste management laws.

The focus is usually on the four key areas and project proposals are assessed based on their potential impact in these areas;

Contact Person	- Prevention - Abatement - Education and - Enforcement. 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, resources to support targeted enforcement work and resources for community groups. In 2025 an innovate project will see the Reduce Reuse Recycle booklets being translated into the top ten languages in Donegal (based on 2022 census data). This information will be made available online for maximum exposure. Environment Office 074 9153900
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Donegal Flood Relief Schemes

BURNFOOT FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

Briefing Note 15 – May 2025

Progress Summary

RPS have submitted the Final Reporting for Stage I of the scheme to the Steering Group.

Within the reporting period RPS have been finalising road design elements of the scheme with DCC Road Design section. This is to ensure the new bridge meets road design standards while minimising impacts to access on either side of the new bridge.

The Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) is being updated to reflect changes in the planning drawings and any changes in legislation and policy.

The following planning documents have been finalised:

Landowner maps – March 2025

Planning drawings – May 2025.

RPS are preparing the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) drawings and working with DCC to develop the Engineer's Report for the scheme.

DCC have appointed a land valuer to assist in negotiations with landowners.

Next Steps

Once all of the planning documentation is finalised it will be sent for legal review in June 2025. A Public Information Session will be held in July followed by presentation of the scheme to Donegal County Council.

Projected Key Milestone Dates

- Finalise planning drawings – Complete
- Presentation of the Scheme to Council – July 2025
- Submit to An Bord Pleanála – August 2025
- Public Consultation – August to September 2025

CASTLEFINN FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

Briefing Note 15 – May 2025

Progress Summary

RPS has submitted the Final Reporting for Stage I of the scheme to the Steering Group.

Within the reporting period RPS have been finalising the planning drawings. Final drawings were issued to the Steering Group in March 2025.

The Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) is being updated to reflect changes in the planning drawings and any changes in legislation and policy.

RPS are currently preparing the final landowner maps for the scheme to reflect the final planning drawings.

Next Steps

Once final landowner maps are issued RPS will develop the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) drawings and documents for the scheme.

Once all of the planning documentation is finalised a Public Information Session will be held followed by presentation of the scheme to Donegal County Council.

Projected Key Milestone Dates

- Finalise planning drawings – Complete
- Presentation of the Scheme to Council – August 2025
- Submit to An Bord Pleanála – October 2025
- Public Consultation – October to November 2025

NA DÚNAIBH (DOWNINGS) FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

Briefing Note 15 – May 2025

Progress Summary

The scheme consists of upgrades to four existing culverts along Ocean View Road. 530m of flood walls are proposed along the Rosapenna Stream, both upstream and downstream of the R248 (Main Street). These walls will protect from flooding, and also prevent the banks of the Rosapenna Stream from collapsing and blocking the channel. A small section of existing embankment above the beach at the current outfall of the stream will be raised to protect against wave overtopping from the beach into the caravan park to the rear. It is recommended that the scheme is designed and constructed to the Mid-Range Future Scenario (including allowance for climate change) from the outset. Road drainage works are also proposed outside the Magherabeg holiday park near the top of Ocean View Road.

The three draft environmental reports, the Appropriate Assessment screening, the Environmental Impact Assessment screening and the Natura Impact Statement were revised following comments from the Steering Group and re-issued in April 2025.

A draft package of planning drawings was issued to the Steering Group in March. In April members of the Steering Group undertook a site visit to review details of the planning drawings on site. Comments on the planning drawings were issued at the end of April and RPS are now considering these in order to issue a revised set of planning drawings.

Next Steps

Once the planning drawings are revised RPS will produce a set of landowner maps to facilitate engagement with individual landowners by DCC. This CPO Introduction process is programmed for the summer months of 2025. RPS and DCC will consider all of the comments from landowners in finalising the planning drawings before moving to develop the CPO drawings and documents.

Projected Key Milestone Dates

- Finalising Stage I Report – July 2025
- Finalise Planning Drawings – June 2025
- Presentation of the Scheme to Council – October 2025
- Submit to An Bord Pleanála – January 2025

GLENTIES FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

Briefing Note 15 – May 2025

Progress Summary

RPS issued the Nature-based Solutions (NbS) Pilot Study report in January 2025. Following comments from the Steering Group and the OPW's Climate Adaptation Services section RPS revised and reissued the report in May 2025. The NbS Pilot Study report includes an in-depth review of the opportunities for NbS catchment management measures to provide reduction in flood risk and a wide range of environmental and ecosystem services. It sets out a strategy for implementing measures in the catchment and the next steps to be taken.

The Scheme Analysis and Development Report was issued to the Steering Group in February 2025. It assessed potentially viable flood risk management measures based on various economic, technical, social and environmental criteria.

The Climate Change Adaptation Plan for Glenties was issued to the Steering Group in May 2025. It sets out the future risk to Glenties from climate change. Future schemes are identified that could be implemented if certain trigger points are met, based on monitoring of the progression of flood risk and developing climate change guidance.

Next Steps

It is proposed that a public consultation day is held in September to inform the public on the outcomes of the Stage I analysis and to discuss the potential for an NbS project to be implemented in the Stracashel catchment.

Projected Key Milestone Dates

- Final Stage I Report – September 2025
- Public Information Day – September 2025

LIFFORD FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

Briefing Note 19 – May 2025

The emerging Preferred Scheme for Lifford was identified and presented to the public prior to Christmas (Thursday 28th November 2024 and a subsequent six week consultation period). The Project Team is continuing to review feedback received from the Public Consultation and considering how it can inform the design of the scheme that is to be developed further during the next Stage (II) for Public Exhibition.

The Project Team has continued to meet monthly with DfI's A5 Western Transport Corridor (WTC) project team. Through this work further modelling has been identified to assess the impacts of both projects on flood risk elsewhere and identify mitigation for the cumulative impacts. RPS is currently completing modelling tasks to:

1. Update the baseline hydraulic model to incorporate the SWELL Wastewater Treatment Plant constructed in Lifford.
2. Reassess the impact of the Lifford FRS on flood risk elsewhere.
3. Assess the cumulative impacts of the Lifford FRS, the TEN-T and A5 WTC projects and identify appropriate mitigation.

The Lifford FRS Steering Group has reviewed all of the Scheme Analysis and Development technical reports and RPS are working to finalise these reports.

The preliminary ground investigation included a number of boreholes along the left bank of the Foyle within the town. Northwest Geotech submitted the draft report on the 24th January 2025. RPS and Ryan Hanley have provided comments on the report and are awaiting final deliverables.

Consultees have provided comments on the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping (issued on the 20th December 2025). Ryan Hanley have been studying the responses to determine the scope of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report to support consenting for the scheme. Ryan Hanley have been developing baseline sections of the report as well as impact assessment. Ryan Hanley have also been developing the Natura Impact Statement (NIS) for the scheme.

John Cronin Associates are currently developing the specification for an Architectural Geophysical Survey to identify potential below ground areas of interest.

Conservation Architects Dedalus Architecture have been advising the project team on the potential impacts of the scheme on the built heritage of Lifford. They have also identified potential mitigation including potential architectural heritage led design of the scheme in sensitive areas of the town.

Next Steps

Scheme Analysis and Development: RPS are working to finalise all Scheme Analysis and Development reports with a view to issuing the Final Stage I Report, in collaboration with Ryan Hanley.

Architectural Geophysical Survey: Once the specification is developed RPS will procure and manage the survey.

Environmental Assessment: The Natura Impact Statement (NIS) is currently being progressed alongside the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR). Projected Key Milestone Dates

- Draft Stage I Summary Report – June 2025
- Completion of Environmental Assessments – October 2025
- Final Stage I Summary Report – October 2025



Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall
Donegal County Council

ENVIRONMENT MD REPORT – July '25

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Activity / Project Title

Half Price Bulky Goods Events

Project Description/ Activity

Donegal County Council - Two Week Promotion

HALF PRICE ON BULKY GOODS

STRANORLAR / LAGHEY / DUNGLOE RECYCLING CENTRES

From 15th July – 26th July

In association with Bryson Recycling ONLY DURING SITE OPENING TIMES

1/2 PRICE BULKY ITEMS

MATTRESSES

Single WAS €15 NOW €8
Double mattress WAS €25 NOW €13
King size mattress WAS €30 NOW €15

SOFA

3 piece sofa WAS €70 NOW €35 *depending on weight may cost more.*

CARPET

WAS €25 NOW €12 *depending on size/weight may cost more.*

WOOD

WAS €0.40/kg NOW €0.20/kg

OTHER BULKY WASTE

Charged by weight WAS €0.55/kg NOW €0.28/kg
Other bulky items may include toilets, sinks, shower trays,
shower doors, large outdoor toys, tiles, small amounts of rubble etc.



OPENING TIMES

	Stranorlar	LAGHEY	Dungloe
Monday	Closed	Closed	Closed
Tuesday	8.30am - 5pm	Closed	10.30am - 5pm
Wednesday	Closed	Closed	Closed
Thursday	8.30am - 5pm	10.30am - 5pm	10.30am - 5pm
Friday	Closed	8.30am - 5pm	8.30am - 5pm
Saturday	8.30am - 2.30pm	8.30am - 2.30pm	8.30am - 2.30pm

GUIDELINES:

- Card Payments are now available at all the Recycling centres.
- Peak times are between 11am and 2pm, expect queues.
- Bring assistance with you to unload Bulky Items.
- Campaign will run only during opening times for the 2 week period.



Donegal County Council - Two Week Promotion

HALF PRICE ON BULKY GOODS

CARNDONAGH / MILFORD / LETTERKENNY RECYCLING CENTRES

From 16th June – 28th June

In association with Bryson Recycling ONLY DURING SITE OPENING TIMES

OPENING TIMES

	Carndonagh	Milford	Letterkenny
Monday	8.30am - 4.30pm	Closed	Closed
Tuesday	Closed	Closed	8.30am - 5pm
Wednesday	8.30am - 4.30pm	8.30am - 5pm	8.30am - 5pm
Thursday	Closed	Closed	8.30am - 5pm
Friday	Closed	8.30am - 5pm	8.30am - 5pm
Saturday	8.30am - 4.30pm	8.30am - 2.30pm	8.30am - 2.30pm

1/2 PRICE BULKY ITEMS

MATTRESSES

- Single WAS €15 NOW €8
- Double mattress WAS €25 NOW €13
- King size mattress WAS €30 NOW €15

SOFA

- 3 piece suite sofa WAS €70 NOW €35 depending on weight may cost more.

CARPET

- WAS €75 NOW €12 depending on size/weight may cost more.

WOOD

- WAS €0.40/kg NOW €0.20/kg

OTHER BULKY WASTE

- Charged by weight WAS €0.55/kg NOW €0.28/kg
- Other bulky items may include toilets, sinks, shower trays, shower doors, large outdoor toys, tiles, small amounts of rubble etc.



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GLENTIES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING 08th July 2025

Roads & Transportation Agenda

- 1. Follow up to Issues raised at last MD Meeting.**
Report has / will issue in advance of the MD Meeting to the Member that raised the query. If more than One Member raised the same query then the response is issued to All Members.
- 2. Verbal update on the ongoing Road Works Programme**
- 3. Adopt Specific Grant Projects from earlier Workshop 8th July.**

Housing & Corporate Agenda

For Meeting on 8th July 2025

- Progress Report - Grants
- Progress Report - Casual Vacancies
- Housing Need
- HAP
- RAS
- LTL Properties
- Tenancies and Offers
- Tenant Purchase
- Local Authority Loans

1. PROGRESS REPORT - GRANTS AT 27/06/2025

Housing Aid for Older People Grants						
<i>Year</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Cancelled/ Refused</i>	<i>Applicant Further Info</i>	<i>Referred to Eng</i>	<i>Pending</i>
2024	204	164	36	1	3	4
2025	123	48	10	29	36	75

Housing Adaptation Grants							
<i>Year</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Cancelled/ Refused</i>	<i>Applicant Further Info</i>	<i>Referred to Eng</i>	<i>Referred to OT</i>	<i>Pending</i>
2024	136	93	31	3	6	3	12
2025	80	13	20	7	33	7	47

Mobility Aids Grants							
<i>Year</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Cancelled/ Refused</i>	<i>Applicant Further Info</i>	<i>Referred to Eng</i>	<i>Referred to OT</i>	<i>Pending</i>
2024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2025	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

2. PROGRESS REPORT – CASUAL VACANCIES @ 01/07/2025

Glenties MD	Address	Beds	Vacant From	Current Status
Anagaire				
	Clos Naomh Duigh	2 bed	19/06/2025	Tendered
Ard an Rátha				
	Ard Connell	1 bed	31/01/2025	Works ongoing
Ailt an Chorráin				
	An Choill	2 bed	31/01/2025	Works ongoing
Craoslach				
	Birch hill	2 bed	26/11/2024	Works ongoing
Na Doirí Beaga				
	Clos Naomh Mhuire	2-bed	13/12/2024	Works ongoing
An Fhál Carrach				
	Ballina	3 bed	23/08/2023	Works ongoing
Gort an Choirce				
	Derryconnor	3-bed	14/03/2025	Works ongoing
Loch an Iúir				
	Radharc an Iúir	3-bed	13/03/2025	Works ongoing

3. HOUSING NEED AS AT 27/06/2025

Municipal District	1	2	3	4	5	Total
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Anagaire	1	14	4	3	0	22
Ard an Rátha	3	16	2	1	0	22
Arainn Mhór	0	1	0	0	0	1
Bun Beag	0	1	1	0	0	2
Ailt an Chorráin	0	4	0	1	0	5
Craoslach	0	18	0	1	0	19
Croichshlí	0	2	0	0	0	2
Doire Beaga	0	3	1	0	0	4
Dún Fionnachaidh	2	13	2	1	0	18
An Clochán Liath	5	36	9	1	1	52
Dún Lúiche	0	1	0	0	0	1
An Fál Carrach	0	22	3	0	0	25
Baile na Finne	0	0	1	0	0	1
Na Gleannta	0	7	1	1	0	9
Gort a' Choirce	1	9	1	0	1	12
Gaoth Dobhair	0	15	4	2	0	21
Leitir Mac a' Bhaird	0	0	0	1	0	1
Loch an Iúir	0	2	0	0	0	2
Machaire Rabhartaigh	0	2	0	0	0	2
Port Nua	0	1	2	1	0	4
Rann na Feriste	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total	12	168	31	13	2	226

4. HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENT (HAP) SCHEME

The Glenties Municipal District is providing Social Housing Support in the form of the Housing Assistance Payment to 104 families/individuals. 27 of these families/individuals are in receipt of HAP only.

5. NUMBER OF RAS PROPERTIES

The Glenties Municipal District is providing Social Housing Support in the form of:

- Rental Accommodation Scheme to 12 families/individuals.
- Rent supplement to 78 couples/individuals.

Glenties Municipal District also pays a management and maintenance subsidy for 49 units.

6. NUMBER OF LTL PROPERTIES

As of the 27th June 2025, the Glenties Municipal District is providing Social Housing Support in the form of the Long Term Lease Properties to 18 families/individuals.

7. HOUSING VACANCIES AND OFFERS

Reasons for Vacancies between 01/01/2025 to 30/06/2025				
Transfers	Surrenders	Death of Tenant	Other	Total
1	2	4	2	9

Number of Housing Offers issued between 01/01/2025 to 30/06/2025		
Number of Offers issued	Offers Accepted	Offers Refused
18	17	1

8. TENANT PURCHASE

Glenties Municipal District	
Total number of applications since Scheme started:	185
Total number of valid applications received:	145
Number of valid applications received in 2025:	10
Total number of houses sold to date:	43

9. LOCAL AUTHORITY LOANS

Total number of Loan applications (RIHL) received from 2018-2023	Number of Loans Approved from 2018-2023	Total number of new Loan applications (LAHL) in 2025	Number of Loans Approved in 2025
44	5	2	1

Housing Capital Update Report Glenties Municipal District Meeting

08th July 2025

1. Social Housing Developments – Construction Schemes

Donegal County Council is currently progressing the following proposed social housing development in the Glenties Municipal District:

Location	Status	No. of Units
Construction Stage		
Loinnir An Locha, An Clochán Liath	John O'Donnell Construction Ltd. commenced construction contract works 2nd September 2024. • Phase 1 of electric diversions completed. • Site stripping 100% complete and rock breaking works to site 90% complete. • Foundations, substructure blockwork, ground bearing slabs and superstructure blockwork progressing in sequence to 22 no units. • First floor decking / slabs complete to 6 no units • Works ongoing to boundary walls throughout site • Phase 1 of electric diversions completed. • Works commenced to storm network within site. Installation of storm attenuation tank complete. Storm network upgrades on public roads completed. • Installation of foul pumping station and emergency storage tank works complete. Works to rising foul main on public road 95% complete.	43
Design / Tender Stage		
An Craoslach	Tenders were published on eTenders on 4th April 2025, inviting contractors to tender for the Main Works Contract for the construction of the 3no. houses on the site.	3
Na Gleannta	Engagement is ongoing with adjoining landowners in relation to boundary treatment. The development has planning approval and is being progressed through detailed design stage by an Architect led Design Team.	3
Doire Beag	Part 8 was approved in May 2025. External Consultants have been appointed and have commenced finalisation of the design for the tender documents. An archaeologist has been appointed. A Department submission for approval is to be submitted in July 2025.	12
Total		61

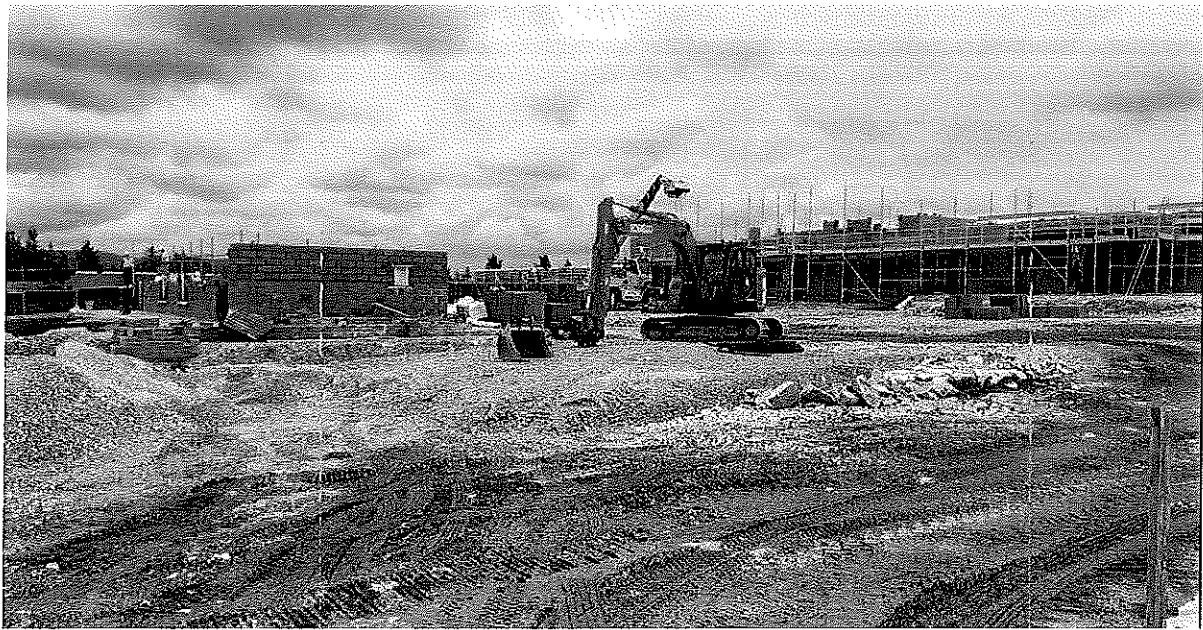


Image 1 - An Clochán Liath Social Housing Scheme – Progress Photograph



Image 2 - An Clochán Liath Social Housing Scheme – Progress Photograph

2. Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition

The Council's current county-wide turnkey acquisition will remain open until the 30th of September 2026. ETenders (reference RFT 2461070) refers, where all documentation and information can be obtained.

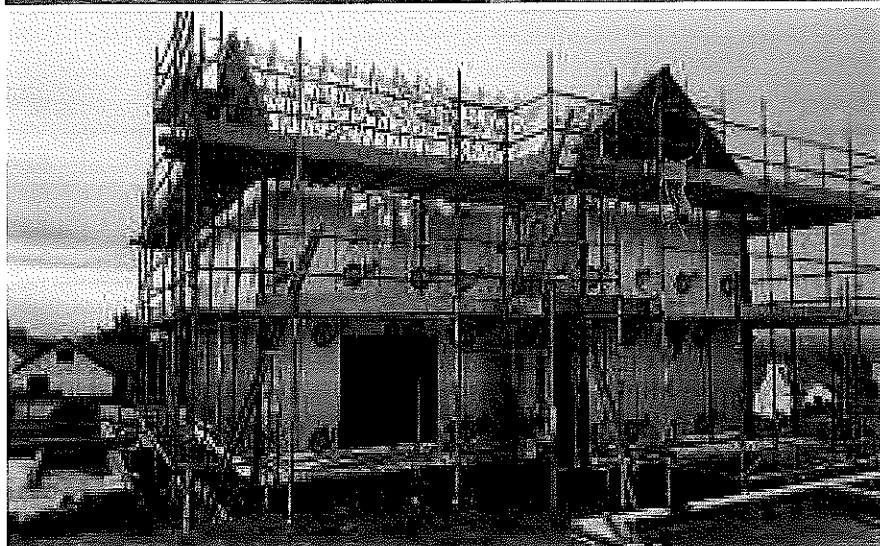
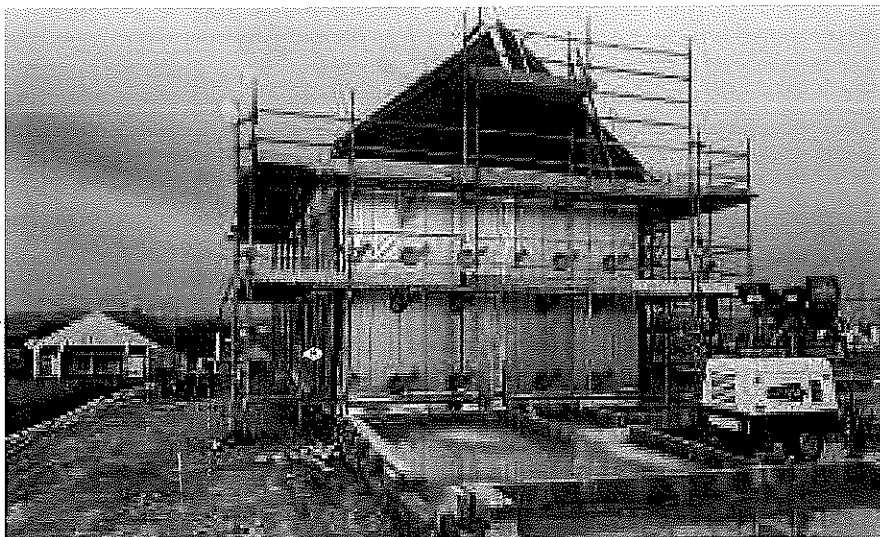
The turnkey acquisition process is a key delivery mechanism in helping to address social housing needs across the county. Proposals are being accepted for 1, 2, 3 & 4 bedroom housing units in towns or villages throughout the county, on lands suitable for housing purposes.

The Council has now completed on the acquisition 7 housing units at Anagaire, which have been acquired from Roarty Developments Ltd. The development is made up of 2 no. 2 bedroom units and 5 no. 3 bedroom units. The area housing team is now undertaking the letting of the properties.

The ongoing turnkey development of 29 housing units at Gaoth Dobhair is being completed in 3 phases of development in accordance with the conditions of the contract as follows:

- Phase 1 11 units,
- Phase 2 8 units &
- Phase 3 10 units.

The development is being delivered by Roarty Developments Ltd. and Phase 1 of the development is currently on track for completion by the end of 2025. Attached below are update photos of Phase 1 (house no. 9):



Council staff are continuing to progress turnkey proposals in a number of locations throughout the Glenties Municipal District. Due to the competitive nature of the turnkey procurement process, detailed information will continue to be provided to Elected Members upon receipt of a Final Tender and stage 4 departmental approval.

3. House Acquisitions and SHIP Renewal Projects

The Council completed the sale on a 3-bed property in Cionn Caslach in February 2025. This property requires significant improvement works in advance of letting. The area engineer in the process of appointing an architect, work will then commence on the design of the extension. The area engineer will tender for these works.

The Council completed the sale on a 3-bed property in An Clochán Liath in July 2025. This property requires minor improvement works in advance of letting.

The Department of Housing has recently issued guidance for 2025 by way of *Circular: Housing 11/2025 - Social Housing Second Hand Acquisitions Programme*. The capital budget provided to Donegal County Council for 2025 under the Social Housing Programme is €2,000,000.

The Circular outlines four key priority areas under single housing units can be acquired as follows:

1. Tenant in Situ
2. Exiting Homelessness
3. Disability/Older Persons
4. Buy and Renew

Eligibility criteria has been defined within the Circular for each of these priority areas. Housing Capital is working closely with the Area teams to establish if ongoing acquisitions can now meet the criteria of the Circular.

4. Lands / Property for Social Housing Purposes

The Council is actively pursuing the acquisition of lands suitable for housing purposes, in towns and villages where there is currently not a social housing solution available.

As part of the process of acquiring land, the team liaises and consults on a cross-directorate basis with other Council services in carrying out due diligence in respect of each acquisition and considers the following: zoning, easements for connections to utilities and vision lines, Uisce Éireann connection agreements, footpath connectivity to town centre, flood risk assessment and surface water discharge point with capacity and easements.

Multiple land parcels have and are being considered and engagements with landowners are ongoing across the MD. The Council has made offers to acquire lands for social housing and are sale agreed subject to contract in Baile na Finne, An Fál Carrach and Gaoth Dobhair.

The site at Baile na Finne is subject to contract and planning approval, the site in An Fál Carrach is subject to contract and confirmation of utility connections. The site in Gaoth Dobhair has received funding approval from the Housing Agency and conveyance is ongoing – In house design progressing.