

Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain

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19ú Feabhra 2025

FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain ar siúl Dé Mháirt 25ú Feabhra 2025, **ag 1.00 r.n. in ISP Carn Domhnach**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS INIS EOGHAIN

A Chara,

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

Mise, le meas



**Una Cresswell
Riarthóir Cruinnithe**

Municipal District of Inishowen

Office of Meetings Administrator
County House
Lifford
19th February 2025

NOTICE OF MEETING

A Meeting of the Municipal District of Inishowen will be held on Tuesday 25th February 2025 **at 1.00p.m. in the Public Services Centre, Carndonagh, Co. Donegal.**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF INISHOWEN

Dear Councillor

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

Yours sincerely



**Una Cresswell
Meetings Administrator**

AGENDA

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the December Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District held on 14th January 2025
2. Planning
3. Community Development
4. Environment
5. Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services
6. Roads & Transportation
7. Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services
8. Correspondence

MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14th January 2025 AT 1.00 PM IN CARNDONAGH PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE

Councillors Present

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

Apologies

Cllr Ali Farren

Officials Present

Bryan Cannon, Director of Service Roads & Transportation, Una Cresswell, Area Manager, Housing & Corporate Services, , Dolores Lafferty, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services, Michael McFadden, Senior Executive Engineer, Roads and Transportation, Shaun Doherty, Executive Architect, Housing Capital, Ryan Nolan, Executive Planner, Matthew Byrne, Waste Regulation Officer (online), Breid Neely, Senior Staff Officer, Information Systems, Helen Farren, Development Officer, Community Development, Claire McCallan, Capital Projects Development Officer, Community Development.

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

25.01 Consideration of the Minutes of the Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District held on 03rd December 2024

On the proposal of Cllr Martin Farren, seconded by Cllr Fionán Bradley, the minutes of the Inishowen Municipal Meeting held on 03rd December 2024 were agreed.

Matters Arising

The members agreed that the members of the Inishowen Municipal District would collectively take a motion to plenary Council following the deputation from Angela Tourish at the Inishowen Municipal District Meeting on 03rd December 2025.

25.02 PLANNING

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

25.02.01 Court House Building – Carndonagh

Ryan Nolan agreed to update members on any further information that may be received from the Court Service regarding the Court House building in Carndonagh. Cllr Albert Doherty reiterated his request that this matter be followed up and advised that the preferable option would be to have court services resumed in the building.

25.02.02 Croi Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme

Following a query raised by Cllr Albert Doherty at the previous meeting regarding the number of withdrawn applications, Ryan Nolan advised that these applications were approved almost twelve months ago and the works had not commenced. These applications were withdrawn with the intention of making a new application. Ryan Nolan also advised that the system for the drawdown of funds has now been streamlined with 102 applications paid to date.

25.02.03 Planning Statistics 2024

Ryan Nolan highlighted the planning applications to December 2024 as outlined in the Planning report. He advised that the Inishowen MD received the highest number of planning applications in the County.

25.02.04 Planning Advice Clinics

Ryan Nolan advised members that the dates of the pre planning clinics are outlined in the report. Cllr Martin McDermott requested that the pre planning clinics would be available to everyone and not for substantial applications as is currently the case. He asked that this matter be raised with senior management as a matter of urgency. Cllr Martin Farren concurred with these comments and expressed his disappointment that a full planning service was no longer available in the Public Service Centre, Carndonagh.

25.02.05 Residential Zoned Land Tax

Cllr Albert Doherty queried when maps would be published in relation to the Residential Zoned Land Tax.

25.02.06 Sperrin Mountains – Northern Ireland

Cllr Albert Doherty referred to the ongoing enquiry taking place in Northern Ireland regarding goldmining in Sperrin Mountains. He requested that Donegal County Council make a contribution in relation to the matter. Cllr Joy Beard raised concerns around the environmental risks for Inishowen and queried if anyone from the Council would be attending the enquiry. Cllr Paul Canning agreed with the issues raised and outlined the different regulations currently in place between both jurisdictions and the impact that this could have in Donegal.

25.02.07 Moville Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan

Cllr Martin Farren requested an update on the Moville Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan.

25.02.08 Planning Service – Personnel

Cllr Paul Canning requested that the members be provided with an update of new personnel within the planning service and details of their work roles. Ryan Nolan agreed to follow up.

25.02.09 National Parks & Wildlife Service

Cllr Martin McDermott requested if an update was received from National Parks & Wildlife Service following his previous request that a meeting be arranged with the members of the Inishowen Municipal District and National Parks & Wildlife Service. He asked that this matter be followed up as a matter of urgency.

25.03 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Breid Neely, Senior Staff Officer, Information Systems presented the report, and it was taken as read. She highlighted the following to the members–

- Christmas Allocation Grant – Final deadline for submissions for drawdown claims is Wednesday 15th January 2025.
- Joy Brown is now the Tourism Manager within Donegal County Council.
- Holiday World Show - This event is taking place in the RDS, Dublin from Fri 24th – Sun 26th January 2025.
- Donegal Tourism Brochure 2025 will be distributed to all stakeholders in coming weeks.

25.03.01 Tourism – Inishowen MD

Cllr Martin McDermott and Cllr Martin Farren outlined the difficulty for Go Visit Inishowen in retaining staff and securing appropriate funding to promote the area. Cllr Martin McDermott reiterated his disappointment about the lack of promotion for Inishowen and asked that appropriate measures be put in place for the upcoming tourism season.

25.03.02 Workshop - Fáilte Ireland

It was agreed that workshop will be held with Fáilte Ireland on Tuesday 25th February 2025.

25.03.03 Northwest City Region

Cllr Albert Doherty stated that it was critical that the Northwest City Region be included in the Project Ireland 2040 – The National Planning Framework

25.03.04 Local Enterprise Office

Cllr Albert Doherty referred to a business that had sent correspondence to the Local Enterprise Office and requested that a response be issued as soon as possible.

25.04 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Helen Farren, Development Officer, Community & Enterprise presented the report, and it was taken as read. She highlighted the following items to members –

- Local Enhancement Programme 2025 – Closing date for receipt of applications is 25th February 2025. This is an online application process only.
- Development Fund Initiative - Closing date for receipt of applications is 07th February 2025. This is an online application process only.

25.04.01 Rural Programme Workshop

It was agreed that a Rural Programme workshop would be scheduled on a quarterly basis and the following dates were agreed –

- 25th February 2025
- 24th June 2025
- 21st October 2025

25.04.02 Vacant Building - Carndonagh

Helen Farren advised members that it is intended that a meeting will take place with Michael McFadden and Claire McCallan regarding a vacant building in Carndonagh, that was referred to, within the coming weeks.

25.04.03 Rural Regeneration and Development

Following a query raised by Cllr Ali Farren at the previous meeting regarding large scale events in the Inishowen area, Helen Farren advised that Liam Ward, Director Community Development and Planning Services will contact Cllr Ali Farren directly on this matter.

25.04.04 Donegal Walks and Trails

Cllr Albert Doherty requested that he be kept updated regarding the Craigtown/Glenagannon walk.

25.04.05 Moville Shore Path Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme

Cllr Martin Farren requested an update regarding the tender for the Liam McCormack Shelter Houses in Moville.

25.04.06 Barrack Hill Town Park

Cllr Albert Doherty advised that some of the equipment at the Barrack Hill Town Park requires attention.

25.04.07 SláinteCare

Cllr Albert Doherty requested an update on the role of the DCC Sláintecare Healthy Community Local Development Officer.

25.04.08 Commemorative Plaque - Buncrana

On the proposal of Cllr Jack Murray, seconded by Cllr Fionán Bradley, it was agreed that a commemorative plaque be installed at the former home of Hugh 'Dick' Doherty. Hugh 'Dick' Doherty played for Glasgow Celtic during the 1946-47 season. He also played for Blackpool FC, Raith Rovers Fc, Dundalk FC and Derry City Football Club and was a founding member of Buncrana Hearts FC. The members concurred with this request. Helen Farren agreed to follow up with Donegal Sports Partnership and Cultural Services.

25.05 ENVIRONMENT

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

- Decarbonising Zones – event in Carndonagh was well attended.
- Climate Action Implementation.
- Sustainable Energy Community.
- Communities Caring for Water Conference.

25.05.01 Statistics 2024

Matthew Byrne advised members of the following statistics for 2024 –

- 15 Tonne bulky waste collected.
- 250 Mattresses collected at half price bulky goods event.
- 800 community groups were supported for community clean up.
- Participated in national food waste recycling projects.
- 6000 starter packs for households segregated food waste.
- Almost 1300 Tonne of farm plastic collected.
- 40 Tonne of paint recycled.
- Collected 16 Tonne of household hazardous waste.
- 300 Christmas trees were collected and recycled.

25.05.02 Fire - Merville

Cllr Martin Farren referred to a recent fire that occurred in Merville prior to Christmas. He acknowledged the support of the Environment section and Brian McBrearty during the aftermath of the fire. Cllr Martin Farren also acknowledged the emergency services that attended the fire. Cllr Albert Doherty concurred with this.

25.06 ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION

Michael McFadden, Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, and Transportation presented the report to the members, and it was taken as read.

25.06.01 Consider Date for Workshops

The following dates were agreed for workshops –

- 25th February 2025 – Restoration Improvement workshop
- 24th June 2025 – Restoration Maintenance workshop

- 21st October 2025 – CIS / LIS workshop

25.06.02 Updates from Previous Meeting

- **Gleneely Junction** – work was carried out to specifications but will monitor junction going forward.
- **Drainage / Gully Cleaning** – drains to be cleaned on Blackmountain road.
- **Knockamany – Pull in bays at Knockamany, Malin Head** – this may be assessed under Minor Tourism Funds subject to lands being made available.
- **Donagh Creche, Carndoangh** – An Garda Síochána is monitoring the area which has reduced speed. Report to be submitted to road safety engineer.
- **Gully Cleaning** – works ongoing in Buncrana.
- **Public Lighting** - Electric Skyline have carried out repair works in Buncrana and hope to complete in coming weeks.
- **Road Markings at Swan Park** – This is included on the programme of works.
- **Tooban Junction** – report submitted to Road Safety Engineer. Works will require collaboration with landowners and appropriate funding.
- **Junction at Ballyloskey** – hedges trimming to be carried out to improve vision lines.

25.06.03 Winter Maintenance Programme

The members collectively thanked the roads team for the efficient and professional service in the gritting of roads during the recent bad weather.

Cllr Albert Doherty advised that some areas were marooned during the recent harsh weather and asked if options could be explored in finding support for people in rural communities.

Cllr Fionán Bradley queried the procedure for closing roads such as Grainne's Gap and Mamore Gap, during sustained cold weather periods. Michael McFadden advised that a decision to close a road would be taken in collaboration with An Garda Síochána.

25.06.04 St Peters Park, Greencastle

Cllr Martin Farren requested that part of the green area in St Peters Park, Greencastle be used for car parking spaces. Michael McFadden agreed to follow up with the Housing Service. He outlined that planners would also need to be consulted as greenspace within a development is particularly important.

25.06.05 Road Maintenance

Cllr Terry Crossan requested that maintenance work be carried out at Aught Road and the road opposite the playpark in Muff. Michael McFadden agreed to follow up.

25.06.06 Bridgend National School

Cllr Paul Canning requested an update regarding Bridgend National School and queried Safe Routes to School Programme.

25.06.07 Footpaths

Cllr Paul Canning queried the possibility of Community Incentive Scheme (CIS) for the provision of a footpath at Quigleys Point Bray. Michael McFadden advised that a CIS application should be submitted as soon as possible.

Cllr Paul Canning requested an update regarding his previous request for the extension of the footpath at Burt Chapel. Michael McFadden agreed to refer the matter to the Road Safety Engineer.

Cllr Fionán Bradley requested that a stretch of footpath along St Marys Road, Buncrana be renewed as it is currently in very poor condition.

25.06.08 Crash Barriers

Cllr Paul Canning advised that a number of areas require crash barriers and he will discuss the matter directly with the Area Roads Engineer.

25.06.09 Junction at Tullyarvan Mill Lane, Buncrana

Cllr Joy Beard expressed her concern regarding the junction at Tullyarvan Mill Lane, Buncrana. She advised that when turning right, a driver must drive onto the main road to see oncoming traffic.

25.06.10 Drainage / Gully Cleaning

Cllr Fionán Bradley thanked Michael McFadden for the update regarding gully cleaning in Buncrana and requested that Lisowen Court and Willow Grove, Buncrana is included in the process.

25.06.11 Parking at St Orans Oak, Buncrana

Cllr Fionán Bradley expressed concerns that residents in St Oran's Oaks estate are being blocked in their homes during school drop off and pick up times due to lack of suitable parking facilities. This estate is situated close to Scoil Íosagáin and Schol Mhuire. Cllr Fionán Bradley stated that the issue has caused residents to miss medical appointments and he asked that measures be put in place to alleviate the issue. Cllr Jack Murray concurred with these comments and outlined the need to have the issue resolved as soon as possible. Michael McFadden agreed to write to the principle and parents association regarding the situation and would also request An Garda Síochána to monitor the situation.

25.06.12 Glentogher, Carndonagh

Cllr Martin McDermott enquired when realignment works would be finished at Glentogher, Carndonagh. Michael McFadden advised that Glentogher Road would be included in Restoration Improvement works this year.

25.06.13 Francistown Junction, Malin

Cllr Martin McDermott highlighted an ongoing issue at Francistown, Malin and asked that funds be sought to address the issues as soon as possible.

25.06.14 Road Signage – Inishowen Municipal District

Cllr Martin McDermott stated that a number of road signs require attention at Culdaff and Malin Head and need replaced. Cllr Albert Doherty concurred with this request.

25.06 15 Junction at Public Service Centre, Carndonagh

Cllr Martin McDermott queried if the proposed works that are due to take place at the roundabout in Carndonagh will facilitate heavy goods vehicles. Michael McFadden advised members that this was assessed and it would facilitate larger vehicles.

25.06.16 Harbour Master, Greencastle

Cllr Martin Farren requested an update regarding the appointment of a Harbour Master for the Inishowen area. Bryan Cannon, Director of Service Roads & Transportation advised that he cannot discuss the recruitment process of an individual post. Cllr Martin McDermott reiterated his request that the area requires a second Harbour Master.

25.06.17 Water Safety

Cllr Martin McDermott referred to his previous request that Donegal County Council promote the importance of lifejackets with Personal Location Beacons (PLB) and suggested that the Council have a water safety day. He asked that this happen this year and suggested that RNLI also be involved with the promotion.

25.06.18 Scoil Treasa Naofa, Malin

Cllr Albert Doherty requested that road crossing be put in place at Scoil Treasa Naofa, Malin. Michael McFadden advised that a Community Incentive Scheme may be required in this case as there is no funding for this project.

25.06.19 Road Markings

Cllr Albert Doherty requested that that road markings at Culdaff to Leiter Road require attention.

25.06.20 Public Lighting

Cllr Jack Murray thanked Michael McFadden for the update on public lighting in Buncrana. He advised that the decorative lights in Buncrana may be leaking which could cause the lights to fuse more often.

25.07 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES

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

25.07.01 Acknowledgement of Housing Services

Cllr Terry Crossan acknowledged the help and support that he received from Anne McDaid, in relation to Housing Adaptation Grants. He also acknowledged the assistance provided by Sharon Gill, in the support provided in a very difficulty and urgent housing issue.

25.07.02 Appointment of Contractors

Cllr Martin McDermott queried the length of time it can take for a contractor to be appointed by the Council in order to carry out works. He asked that this process be reviewed as it currently taking too long. Cllr Albert Doherty concurred with this request. Una Cresswell agreed to follow up.

25.07.03 Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition

Cllr Martin Farren referred to the housing report and requested that he be kept updated regarding the potential turnkey acquisition relating to Moville.

25.07.04 Property for Social Housing Purposes

Cllr Martin Farren referred to the housing report which outlined that a further offer to acquire lands at Moville has been accepted (subject to contract). He asked to be kept updated on this matter.

25.07.05 Approved Housing Bodies

Cllr Albert Doherty queried if there is any interest from Approved Housing Bodies for housing developments in the Inishowen area. Una Cresswell advised members that in the first instance, an Approved Housing Body would approach the Housing Authority to determine the social housing need in a particular area. An application from an Approved Housing Body would be assessed on its own merits at the time of submission.

25.07.06 Crana Crescent, Buncrana

Cllr Jack Murray queried when the properties at Crana Crescent, Buncrana would be allocated. Shaun Doherty, Executive Architect, Housing Capital, advised members that the properties are currently being snagged and it is hoped that this work would complete very shortly. Once this work is complete, the houses could be allocated.

25.07.07 Naomh Padraig Uisce Chaoín

Following a query from Cllr Terry Crossan regarding a Civic Reception for Naomh Padraig Uisce Chaoín, Una Creswell advised that this request was forwarded to Anne Marie Crawford for follow up.

25.08 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting to be held on 25th February at 1pm.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Certified:

Cathaoirleach

Date: _____

Area Manager

Date: _____

Inishowen MD Meeting
25th February 2025

	Item	Update	
1	Development Applications		
	(1) Statistics	Inishowen Totals Year to End January 2025	
		Applications received	30
		Granted	44
		Refused	2
		Deferred	18
		Invalid	3

Applications to End December 2025

Region	Apps Recd	Granted	Refused	Deferred	Invalid
Stranorlar	17	12	1	9	0
Letterkenny	25	39	6	20	4
Inishowen	30	44	2	18	3
Glenties	34	20	1	10	4
Donegal	15	22	1	8	2



2	Enforcement									
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3	Notes & Monthly Schedule	<p>Pre planning clinics are on a telephone call only basis (ring 074 9153900) between 9.00am and 12.30pm on the dates outlined below.</p> <p>The pre planning clinic calls will be taken by the Executive Planners and shall be for substantial applications only.</p> <p><u>Planning Clinics 2025</u> 27th February 2025 13th March 2025 27th March 2025 10th April, 2025</p> <p>Please see website for further dates. Planning Advice Clinics Donegal County Council</p>								
4	Casual Trading									
5	Regeneration & Development	See Appendix A								
6	Building Control & Taking in Charge									
7	Central Planning Unit	See Appendix B								
8	Capital Projects Delivery Unit	See Appendix C								
9	Conservation									
10	Further Information <i>Click on web links to access information.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weekly List of applications and decisions: 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 <p>File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and planning search requests: fillable-file-retrieval-planning-application-number-search-request-form.pdf</p>								



APPENDIX A

Regeneration & Development Team Community Development and Planning Services

REPORT TO THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING JANUARY 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	Catego ry 2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparing to make funding application for projects identified in both Rathmullan and Dungloe by the closing date of the 14th March 2025.
Back to Ballyshannon	Catego ry 2 (2020)	€247,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further screening to be arranged. Tender to procure topographical survey and structural survey underway. To be targeted for future Category 1 Funding Workshop arranged with the Members of the Donegal MD on the 16th January 2025.
Ramelton Re- imagined/Histori c Town Centre	Category 2	€249,159	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project with CPDU for delivery.
	Category 1 (2022)	€7,949,868	



Burtonport Phase II	Category 1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Property with CPDU for delivery. Team support delivery through participation on Project Steering Group.
Repowering Buncrana	Category 2 (3 rd Call)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Property with CPDU for delivery. Team support delivery through participation on Project Steering Group.
Rathmullan (in partnership with The Way Forward Rathmullan CLG).			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 8 approved February 2023. Unsuccessful for funding under Call 5 in May 2024. Project to be submitted for RRDF Category 2 Funding Call that is currently open.
Milford Town Centre First Plan		€100,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Centre First Plan launched November 2023 GM Design Associates preparing a statutory planning scheme for the lands at Lower Mount Marian. Engagement with stakeholders ongoing. DCC to progress other priority projects identified in the Plan. Projects to be targeted for future funding calls.
Glenties Town Centre First Plan		€30,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM Design Associates appointed to assist with preparation of the Plan. First engagement with the Glenties Town Team took place on the 6th November 2024. Work ongoing to prepare the Plan. Walkability Audit undertaken in December 2024.



Creeslough Village Plan and Community Regeneration Project (in association with the Creeslough Working Group, Creeslough Community Association and Arup).			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Village Plan 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). Funding agreement received and returned to the Department in August 2024. Procurement of integrated design team ongoing. Project with CPDU for delivery.
Moville Regeneration		€24,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM Design Associates appointed to
Strategy and Action Plan.			assist to prepare plan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First community drop-in event held on September 19, 2024. GM Design working to prepare a draft Plan for further consultation. Further workshop to be arranged with Members in due course.
Dungloe		€50,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding allocation under Town and Village Renewal to advance design and planning consent for public realm works at Main Stret, Dungloe. Tender being prepared to procure external design team.
Creeslough Minor Tourism Works		€50,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Works being designed in-house and contractor to be procured.
Bundoran Regeneration Plan		€15,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scope of project and budget availability being identified.
Downings Action Plan/Project Plan		Inhouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial preliminary meeting held inhouse to identify planned projects and/or funded projects.
Glenties Town Team			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town team established in August 2024 to represent the community in the preparation and delivery of the Glenties Town Centre First Plan.



Creeslough Town Team		€10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creeslough Town Team established and first meeting held on the 25th October 2024. Funding of €10,000 allocated from the DRCD to support town team capacity building. External consultancy services procured to deliver team capacity building training to the Town Team, which is ongoing.
Buncrana Town Team		€10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allocation of €10,000 from the DRCD to support the establishment of a Buncrana Town Team. Town Team established in September 2024. External consultancy services procured to deliver team capacity building training to the Town Team, which is ongoing.
Ballybofey-Stranorlar Town Team		€10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion ongoing with BASICC with a view to establishing a Town Team to deliver the Ballybofey and Stranorlar Regeneration Strategy with support from the Regeneration Team.
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding of €10,000 allocated from the DRCD to support projects identified by the Town Team.
Moville Town Team			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial discussions ongoing to establish a Moville Town Team.
Milford Town Team			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work to commence to establish a Town Team to deliver the Milford Town Centre First Plan with support from Donegal County Council.

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Prepare Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed 2022. 2 Letterkenny Urban Regeneration site. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCC took possession of the former ESB site and adjacent lands through a CPO in 2023. • Site to be developed for the Alpha/Beta Office accommodation, public realm and Housing. • Discussion on land compensation costs ongoing. 3 Public Realm/Linear Park Phase 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opened June 2023.



<p>Call 2 (May 2020 and approved March 2021)</p> <p>6 Sub Projects</p>	<p>€19.3m (€4.8m DCC co-funding)</p>	<p>1. Reimagine public space at Market Square.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project with CPDU for delivery. <p>2. Cathedral Quarter Park and Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition of strategic site fronting Church Lane completed and now in possession of Donegal County Council. • Valuations obtained and land acquisition offers made on a number of properties. • 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. • Appointment of external architect-led design team imminent. • 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 to be arranged with LMMD in February 2025. <p>3. Renewal at Lower Main Street</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
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		4. Revival of the Courthouse Visitor Experience Plan/Product identification and Business Plan
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPIC Heritage Consulting Ltd appointed to prepare a Visitor Experience Plan/ Product Identification Plan and Business Plan for the development of a major visitor attraction at the Courthouse. • EPIC finalizing the Interpretation and Business Plan with view to MD workshop in February 2025. • Community consultation event held on the 24th October 2024 to inform the community of the status of the project. <p>Built Heritage Investment Scheme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>THRIVE (EU) Funding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Appointment of external architect-led design team imminent with a view to LMMD workshop in February 2025. • Apex Surveys appointed to undertake topographical and building surveys. • Tenders for AA and EIA Screening underway with closing date 17th January 2025. • Awaiting opening of funding call under THRIVE Strand 2 with likely closing date May 2025. • Targeting to have Part 8 available for consideration at the May 2025 Plenary meeting. <p>5. Strategic acquisition to enable a Regional Transport Hub</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avison Young appointed to take
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		<p>forward all previous engagement and act on Councils behalf as regards further offers/ acquisitions/ CPO.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consultation with Local Link ongoing in relation to private bus operators and short term solution.
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land acquisition offers made in December 2024. <p>6. Strategic acquisition to enable LK Green Connect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 8 in relation to the Cultural Corridor element of the project approved by Donegal County Council at the November 2023 Plenary meeting. In-house team has commenced steps to develop a Part 8 for Phase 2 (from constructed Phase 1 to Pearse Road). Valuation services of Avison Young being engaged in relation to phase 2 (from constructed Phase 1 to Pearse Road) and lands required for the Cultural Corridor element of the Scheme. 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 and these works completed.
Call 3 (March 2023 and approved July 2023).	€4m	<p>Revolving fund for acquisition costs of long-term vacant property or sites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 46 properties on the programme and all owners have been engaged with. A number of properties already activated or being activated through the Croi Conaithe grant scheme and other schemes. A number of properties currently for sale and these are being monitored. Workshop held on 4th September 2024 to brief Members on the outputs to-date and next steps. Valuation Services engaged in relation to property valuations. Council to advance 12 properties for acquisition/CPO. Derelict Sites Register to be updated also.



"The Eat Out' Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Project		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction completed. • Please refer to the report from Community Development who are delivering this project.
Letterkenny Cultural Corridor		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 8 approved November 2023. • Valuation services of Avison Young being engaged in relation to lands required for the delivery of the Scheme. • Services of Quantity Surveyor engaged to provide cost estimates for the scheme and work completed. • To be targeted for future URDF funding call.
Youth/Community focused project at Lower Main Street		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early engagements with Letterkenny Youth Club and Donegal Youth Services have commenced. • Avison Young appointed in Q4 2023 to take forward all previous engagement and act on Council's behalf as regards further offers/acquisitions/CPO. • Capacity testing of potential lands available has commenced with engagement ongoing with relevant stakeholders.

3.0 Croi Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme.

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



Table 3: Summary of Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Applications

Applications Received	1,020
Applications Finalised	737
• Approved	710
• Deemed not eligible (eligibility criteria not met – vacancy/proposed works).	27
In progress (first technical inspection/awaiting information from applicant).	224
Withdrawn (by applicant)	59
Grants paid	101
Value of Grants paid to applicants	€5.4m

- To date, 50 drop in events have been held to promote the Scheme with one further event planned in Creeslough on the 23rd January 2025.

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:

Awaited from the DHLGH.



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 18 properties on the Derelict Sites Register. As a first step, all these case files 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 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. It is intended to present the Derelict Sites Policy and Procedures to the Elected Members for their consideration at MD level in the near future.

Regeneration and Development Team.
January 2025.



APPENDIX B

Pre-Draft Consultation in Relation to the new Area Plans for An Clochán Liath (Dungloe), Ballyshannon, Bridgend, Carndonagh, Donegal Town and Killybegs

The planning authority has commenced the preparation of new Area Plans for An Clochán Liath (Dungloe), Ballyshannon, Bridgend, Carndonagh, Donegal Town and Killybegs. The Area Plans will replace the current ‘Seven Strategic Towns Local Area Plan’ and will be incorporated into the County Development Plan 2024-2030 by way of a Variation to the County Development Plan.

Local community input is considered vital to the plan-making process and accordingly, a ‘pre-draft’ consultation exercise is being undertaken, whereby the views of all interested parties are being sought to inform the preparation of the Area Plans. The pre-draft consultation period will run from the 7th – 28th February.

As part of the pre-draft consultation, public drop-in events are being organised in each settlement, to provide information in relation to the process and to allow people to input into the respective plans at an early stage. Details of the drop-in events are set out below and the planning authority invites everyone to get involved in order to help guide the sustainable development of these towns. Details of the drop-in events will be advertised in the local press and via social media channels and the Council’s website.

A pre-draft issues paper is also being prepared to give an overview of the main issues affecting the towns and to stimulate debate and discussion in relation to the Area Plans. The issues paper will be made available at the drop-in events and on the Council’s dedicated consultation portal (www.consult.donegal.ie)

The planning authority will review and consider all of the pre-draft submissions received prior to the drafting of the Area Plans. Further public consultation will be undertaken when the Draft Area Plans are published.

Public Drop-In Events

Venue	Venue	Date and Time
Donegal Town	Council Chamber, Donegal Public Services Centre	Monday 17 th February, 3pm-8pm
Ballyshannon	Ballyshannon Library	Monday 17 th February, 3pm-8pm
Carndonagh	Council Chamber, Carndonagh Public Services Centre	Tuesday 18 th February, 3pm-8pm
Killybegs	Bayview Hotel	Tuesday 18 th February, 3pm-8pm
An Clochán Liath (Dungloe)	Council Chamber, Dungloe Public Services Centre	Wednesday 19 th February, 3pm-8pm
Bridgend	St. Aengus’ National School	Wednesday 19 th February, 3pm-8pm



APPENDIX C

CAPITAL PROJECTS DELIVERY UNIT

Community Development and Planning Services
Report to Inishowen Municipal District Members: February 2025

Activity / Project Title	Tús Nua Project
Project Description/Activity	<p>The Tús Nua Project is a transformative town centre regeneration project in Carndonagh.</p> <p>The project elements are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alteration of the former Leprechaun Bar to create a new through access and public amenities including a changing places facility, • Restoration, alteration and extension of a former Department Store and associated outbuildings to the rear providing for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. a new Digital Fabrication Laboratory (FabLab) and co-working Hub (CoLabora), office space, ii. a Social Space for Young People and Teenagers iii. a community Kitchen, iv. Communal storage, and v. A public realm courtyard with sensory garden. • Creation of a new Pedestrian Street and public realm park between Pound Street/Bank Place and the Supervalu Retail Complex, • The restoration and alteration of a stone outbuilding to a Creative Makers Hub for creative and craft industries; • New demountable canopy feature(s) in the existing Diamond area civic space; • New public realm improvements on Back Lane connecting the Diamond to the Town Car Park and Bridge Street; • Acquisition of a town centre site (The Mart) which will enable separate progression of a town centre housing development by the Councils Housing Capital Team at an estimated value of €5-5.5m.
Budget	€ 9.6m
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p>Detailed design completed and associated tender documents are being reviewed.</p> <p>CPO has been approved by An Bord Pleanála.</p> <p>Back Lane contractor has been appointed with construction to commence in January.</p>
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	Construction tenders to be published for main project and Back Lane construction works should be ongoing.
Contact Person(s)	Hugh Trearty, Executive Engineer Ardal McDermott, Senior Executive Engineer



Activity / Project Title	Fort Dunree
<p>Project Description/Activity</p>	<p>Donegal County Council (DCC) has been awarded grant funding of €9,251,000 for Fort Dunree, Co. Donegal under Fáilte Irelands, Capital investment scheme Platform for Growth – A Programme for Tourism Investment, Platform 1: Immersive Heritage and Cultural Attractions.</p> <p>This will be supported by €3.2 million match funding committed by Donegal County Council providing a total Project value of €12.5 million investment.</p> <p>The transformational tourism project at Fort Dunree is informed by a vision to reimagine the visitor experience at this spectacular Fort and Discovery Point along the Wild Atlantic Way.</p> <p>The project will physically link the 3 unique elements of Fort Dunree: Lough Swilly below the Fort; the Promontory Fort and the High Fort (Redoubt). Along the visitor journey, immersive heritage and cultural touch-points will be provided with modern intervention view points and imaginative interpretive installations. The ambition is to reposition this defensive site to allow visitors to imagine its past and experience its beauty.</p> <p>The proposed Project comprises of the following key components.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. High Fort: Works to improve existing High Fort 2. High Guns: Restoration of the High Guns 3. Lighthouse: Conservation & refurbishment works 4. Northern Walkway: New projecting walkway 5. Lower Fort Walkway: construction of new walkway & upgrade of access route and drawbridge. 6. The Village: Conservation & upgrade of existing buildings to facilitate, welcome building, toilets, souvenir shop, café etc. 7. Car Park: Provision of improved distribution roads & a new car parking facility 8. Walkways & Watchtower: Upgraded and new walkways and watchtower conservation works 9. Access Routes: Reparatory works to existing pathways and steps.
<p>Budget</p>	<p>€12.5m</p>
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status</p>	<p>Following the An Bord Pleanála determination that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment is required for the project, the Part 8 planning application has been withdrawn and a new application was issued on the 1st of August 2024 to An Bord Pleanála for assessment. The design team is currently working on Stage 2b (Detailed Design) and the development of the construction tender documentation.</p> <p>The Visitor Experience & Interpretation Consultant is continuing to develop the story of Fort Dunree to fit within the construction project. In addition, they are developing the branding strategy for the site.</p>



	<p>An updated cost plan has been received that is significantly higher than the funding award and engagement is ongoing with both Failte Ireland and the IDT to manage costs.</p> <p>The Project Programme has been updated as follows:</p> <table><tr><th>Stage</th><th>Start Date</th><th>Finish Date</th></tr><tr><td>Stage 2a Scheme Design</td><td>Jun 2024</td><td>Dec 2025</td></tr><tr><td>Stage 2b Detailed Design **</td><td>Jan 2024</td><td>Jun 2026</td></tr><tr><td>Stage 3 Tender Action, Evaluation & Award</td><td>Jul 2026</td><td>Dec 2026</td></tr><tr><td>Stage 4 Construction</td><td>Jan 2027</td><td>Sept 2028</td></tr><tr><td>Stage 5 Handover, Client Fit Out, training</td><td>Oct 2028</td><td>Aug 2029</td></tr></table> <p>** The duration of the ABP planning process unknown and estimated at 16 months.</p>	Stage	Start Date	Finish Date	Stage 2a Scheme Design	Jun 2024	Dec 2025	Stage 2b Detailed Design **	Jan 2024	Jun 2026	Stage 3 Tender Action, Evaluation & Award	Jul 2026	Dec 2026	Stage 4 Construction	Jan 2027	Sept 2028	Stage 5 Handover, Client Fit Out, training	Oct 2028	Aug 2029
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Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	Continue detailed design.																		
Contact Person(s)	Patrick Brennan, Project Manager Shane Sweeney, A/ Senior Executive Engineer Brendan O'Donnell, Senior Engineer																		

Activity / Project Title	Repowering Buncrana
Project Description/Activity	<p>The overall objective of the project is to repower Buncrana by regenerating and connecting the coastal edge and historic town centre activating a competitive, attractive, connected, liveable, sustainable and high quality strategic urban gateway to Inishowen and the North West City Region and establishing Buncrana as the Place Standard for the North West region.</p> <p>The project centres on six key interventions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A new iconic pedestrian bridge over the Mill River connecting the Inishowen Greenway Project and Amazing Grace Park to a transformed harbour/pier environment, 2. The creation of a high performance promenade and Shore Front Green including enhanced walkways, beach access, public realm & festival gathering space and development of a new bespoke public/civic shore green users building, 3. Enhanced connection between the new Shore Front Green environment and the Main Street and commercial core of the town with targeted public realm improvements,



	<p>4. Enhanced Shore Front walkway and promenade along the Fishing Green, with dramatic re-imaging of the Amazing Grace viewing point,</p> <p>5. Onwards connection of the promenade to Swan Park, Buncrana Castle and Cockhill Road</p> <p>6. The repurposing and extension of the old garda barracks building to create bespoke office accommodation.</p> <p>RRDF Category 2 Funding has been awarded to develop the project ready for a construction tender including securing all necessary statutory consents.</p>
Budget	<p>Total Funding €1,461,746.00</p> <p>80% Funded by RRDF (€1,169,396)</p> <p>20% Funded by DCC (€292,349)</p>
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p>Engagement with stakeholders and the preliminary design of the project is ongoing.</p>
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<p>Design process ongoing.</p>
Contact Person(s)	<p>Shane Sweeney, Senior Executive Engineer</p> <p>Brendan O'Donnell, Senior Engineer</p>



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Community Development Division**

Municipal District of Inishowen

on

25th February 2025

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Activity / Project Title	Community Development Officer Report
Project Description/Activity	Supporting Community Development and relevant Council-related projects within Inishowen Municipal District.
Budget (<i>if applicable</i>)	NA
Progress to date within the last two months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development Fund Initiative Following the extension of one week, The Development Fund Initiative Scheme 2025 is now closed for applications. The Development Fund Initiative team are now seeking a workshop with the members regarding the DFI applications. A date for the workshop to be agreed with members at the February Municipal District meeting. The Local Enhancement Programme 2025, Provides for capital supports essential for many small community groups and organisations. €1m is available to aid with energy and running costs. The deadline for receipt of applications to the Local Enhancement Programme 2025 for 3.30pm on Thursday, 25th February 2025. Rural Programme Section The section will meet in workshop 2/3 times a year to review the work it does, to inform the future development of the MD and wider region, provides an opportunity where the members can feed back what's happening in the community and the unit will share with the members applications they have received, the details of forthcoming calls and feedback from/for the community. The next Rural Programme for Inishowen Municipal District will be held prior to the MD meeting on 25th February 2025 @ 10am.
Contact Person	Helen Farren, Community Development Officer Community & Development E: hfarren@donegalcoco.ie T: 074-9373711 M: 087-1699198



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

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	<p>Head Visitor Management Plan. James Kelly, Senior Engineer and John Deeney, Executive Engineer will be available in the Carndonagh PSC Chamber on Friday 6th September from 9am to 4pm to discuss the project with property owners.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A workshop meeting is taken place with the Director of Service, Divisional Manager, Senior Executive Engineer, and Executive Engineer on Tuesday 3rd December at 11.30 am prior to the Inishowen Municipal District Meeting.• Workshop took place 03rd December 2024. As discussed, further updates will be made available in due course.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	Further updates will be made available in due course.
Contact Person	James Kelly, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Mobile 087 2236923



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



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- The Area Roads Manager and Development Officer met with Fáilte Ireland & the OPW with the objective to improve the visitor experience at the site.
- A Memorandum of Understanding document is been signed highlighting the Council, OPW and Fáilte Irelands shared ambition to significantly enhance the visitor experience of Grianán of Aileach through the successful execution of the various site management actions highlighted within the [Conservation Management Plan for the Grianán of Aileach](#) and also contained within the [Inishowen Peninsula Destination Experience Development Plan \(DEDP\)](#). The document will serve as a basis to establish a workshop meeting date with the Elected Members, Fáilte Ireland, Council Officials and the OPW.
- The Office of Public works is responsible for An Grianán of Aileach monument. Donegal County Council have agreed in principle to agree a Memorandum of Understanding with the OPW and Fáilte Ireland.
- Donegal County Council are committed to working in collaboration with all Agencies & Stakeholders to meet the objectives of Fáilte Irelands Inishowen Peninsula Destination Experience Development Plan (DEDP) with the shared ambition to enhance the visitor experience in line with the successful execution of the various site management actions highlighted within the OPWs Conservation and Management Plan for the site.
- Fáilte Ireland have appointed the services of a consultant to improve the Visitor Experience at An Grianán Of Aileach. Engagement with the Elected Members will take place in that regard.
- The Sláintecare Community Development Officer and the Area Manager, Roads and Transportation continue to engage collaboratively on a Tri-agency approach with Fáilte Ireland and the OPW to form a sustainable management and visitor experience stakeholder group to meet the objectives of Fáilte Irelands Inishowen Peninsula Destination Experience Development Plan (DEDP) with the shared ambition to enhance the visitor experience, including signage, Interpretation and Orientation requirements, in line with the successful execution of the various site management actions highlighted within the OPWs Conservation and Management plan for An Grianán of Aileach.



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Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	An Grianán of Aileach Monument <u>February 2025</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fáilte Ireland have appointed the services of Mirador Media consultants to improve the Visitor Experience at An Grianán of Aileach monument.• We continue to engage and collaborate with Fáilte Ireland to meet the objectives and shared ambition to enhance the visitor experience including signage, Interpretation and Orientation requirements.• Fáilte Ireland will provide more information on a draft Interpretative proposal by the consultants at the meeting with the Elected Members on Tuesday 25th February.
Contact Person	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fiona Doherty, Sláintecare CDO, Community Development & Planning• Michael McFadden, Area Manager, Roads & Transportation, Inishowen MD



Friar Hegarty/ Buncrana Coastal Walk Enhancement and Artwork Project

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



- Enhancement of the walk
- Capital/drainage improvements.
- Accessible seating
- Trail Head/Interpretation panels/maps
- Improved access to the 2 no. Archaeological sites, Friar Hegarty's Grave and the Porthaw Holy Well and Celtic cross
- The Artist has been appointed and the Public Artwork will be completed at the end of the year.
- An Ecologist and Archaeologist have carried out a scoping exercise on the project site.
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Friar Hegarty/ Buncrana Coastal Walk Enhancement and Artwork Project

Public Artwork

- The Commissioned Artist Rory Harron is working on the figurative statue of Fr Hegarty, and it is anticipated that the artwork will be completed at the end of the year.
- An Ecology and Archaeologist assessment has been completed.
- Interpretation of the story of Fr Hegarty
The local schools in the town are involved in the history and storytelling of Fr Hegarty.

Capital work.

- A contractor has been appointed to carry out the following work.
- Enhancement of the walk
- Capital/drainage improvements.
- Accessible seating
- Install Trail Head/Interpretation panels.
- Improved access to the 2 no. Archaeological sites, Friar Hegarty's Grave and the Porthaw Holy Well and Celtic cross

Public Artwork January 2025

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- An Ecology and Archaeologist assessment has been completed.
- Interpretation of the story of Fr Hegarty
The local schools in the town are involved in the history and storytelling of Fr Hegarty.
- A visit to the site with the Children, teachers, Archaeologist and Development Officer took place on the 18th December 2024.

Capital work. – January 2025

- A contractor has been appointed to carry out the following work.
- Enhancement of the walk
- Capital/drainage improvements.
- Accessible seating
- Install Trail Head/Interpretation panels.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved access to the 2 no. Archaeological sites, Friar Hegarty's Grave and the Porthaw Holy Well and Celtic cross. Working within the requirements of the National Monuments guided by our appointed Archaeologist <p style="text-align: center;"><u>February 2025 update</u></p> <p><u>Public Artwork</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The figurative Artwork of Fr Hegarty by the Artist Rory Harron will be completed at the end of the month. An Ecology and archaeologist assessment has been completed Interpretation information telling the story of Fr Hegarty is being prepared. The local schools are involved. <p><u>Capital work.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A contractor is to commence works in the coming weeks on the civil works Ecology Report is ongoing. The Archaeologist report is ongoing. <p style="text-align: center;">Works to be fully complete in March 2025</p>
Contact Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fiona Doherty, Sláintecare Development Officer, 087 367895, fdoherty@donegalcoco.ie Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer, 087 6202947, bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie



Playground Maintenance – Inishowen Municipal District

Activity / Project Title	PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE
Project Description/Activity	List of Playgrounds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culdaff Playground • Moville Playground • Buncrana Festival Park Playground • Clós Phádraig Playground • Barrack Hill Playground • Cill Bhríde MUGA • Ballyliffin Playground • Manorcunningham Playground • Killea Playground
Budget <i>(if applicable)</i>	
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Annual safety inspections for the maintenance of all DCC playgrounds will take place in January 2025 with the maintenance works tender to follow from this.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	<p align="center"><u>PLAYGROUNDS February 2025</u></p> <p align="center">The Annual safety inspections for the maintenance of all DCC playgrounds currently underway, with the maintenance works tender to follow from this.</p>
Contact Person	John Deeney, Executive Engineer, 087 7197619



Donegal Walks and Trails - **(Inishowen Municipal District)**

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Walks and Trails
File:	
Project Description/Activity	Maintenance, Development and Promotion of Walks & Trails in Donegal including Cycle Routes and Greenways.
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p><u>Inishowen Head</u> The Sport Ireland inspection was completed back in September with some items to be addresses mainly the surface issue on the upper land part of the trail needs drainage and surfacing works. The report is available on request for this. ORIS criteria is no longer accepting old county road improvements as potential applications for funding</p> <p><u>Malin Head/Bamba Pathway/walk</u> This trail is also scheduled for inspection although due to issues we cannot advance with any works from the previous report. <i>(Available if requested)</i>. With ongoing landowner issues this will remain listed only as an item until a resolve is agreed. The Officer commenced with the inspection on this trail only to report there are a Number of safety issues and if not rectified within 30 days it will be removed from the register and no longer insured by Sport Ireland.</p> <p><u>Glenevin Waterfall</u> There was funding granted for additional works in this area under ORIS through DFI and we have in cooperation with NWCD put together a document to be issued to potential contractors seeking quotes for the proposed works. These documents are intended to be released in the coming days.</p> <p><u>Leenan Loop</u> Scheduled for inspection in September I accompanied the Officer on the inspection and now await the report to be e-mailed. The report is now also available on request. The maintenance works will now have to be carried out and then update the dashboard.</p>



	<p><u>ORIS 2024 applications</u></p> <p>The three IDP projects on of which is listed below as Butler Glen, I believe the other two have been completed. The Golden mile old Carn Road has now been completed and the final claim has been submitted.</p> <p>The case study has also been completed for submission with drawdown of funding.</p> <p><u>Butlers Glen Trail:</u></p> <p>I need to advance with putting a draft document together for the proposed works so the group can issue out for quotes. This set of documents will be drafted and issued out for quotes in Q1 with works hopefully advancing shortly after.</p> <p>Draft documents have been written up and a meeting has been set up with the Glenevin Waterfall committee to review before issue for potential quotes.</p> <p><u>ORIS 2025 Applications</u></p> <p>The expressions of interest were launched end of November with closing date of 9th January all submissions shall be reviewed after this date. From the submissions we can only select 6 suitable projects to issue for potential funding under measure 1 applications.</p> <p>The EOIs had a very poor response for potential projects therefore we need to look at a better way of advertising the need to submit potential projects in the various districts so that any proposals are at an advanced stage of readiness to be in with a chance of becoming a funded application.</p>
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amend tender documents for issue re: Butler's Glen • Assist with the submission for ORIS measure 1's.
Contact Person	Darryl Connor (Outdoor Recreation & Maintenance Officer) dconnor@donegalcoco.ie



Buncrana School Campus

Activity / Project Title	Buncrana School Campus
Project Description/Activity	Assisting the Department of Education & Skills in identifying a suitable site in the Buncrana Environs to accommodate a three-school campus ideally measuring between 15 – 20 acres.
Budget (if applicable)	As per Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Education & Skills and CCMA.
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p>Work has been on-going over the past few years and Donegal County Council are currently reviewing additional sites in Buncrana environs on behalf of the Department of Education and skills. Given the sensitive nature of such discussions, in relation to land acquisition, it has been agreed with the Department of Education and Skills that any further requests for updates or progress reports would be handled directly by the Department.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donegal County Council are working on behalf of the Department of Education and Skills in securing the preferred identified site for the Buncrana School Campus. • The Compulsory Purchase Order process was instigated on the 4th December 2020. Public notices were published in the local newspapers. • Copies of the Public Notice and maps relating to the CPO was available for inspection at the Public Services Centre in Carndonagh, the Buncrana office and DCC headquarters in Lifford. • The 'Notice to Treat' was issued in December 2021 to the parties with an interest in the site proposed for the Buncrana School Campus. • It is intended that the 'Notice to Enter' will be issued at the end of January. This will allow the Department of Education & Skills access to the land to carry out surveys, site investigations, etc. • Work is ongoing to progress the acquisition of the land
	<p>Donegal County Council continue to assist The Department of Education and Skills with the technical elements of the project and this work is on-going.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CPO is concluded. • An Arbitrator has been appointed to determine the compensation due to the parties with an interest in the land. • DCC and the Department of Education are currently preparing for the arbitration hearing and are awaiting a date for same. • The Department of Education have commenced works on progressing the delivery of the school Campus design.
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2021 Town & Village Renewal Scheme – Moville

Activity / Project Title	2021 Town & Village Renewal Scheme – Moville
File:	
Project Description/Activity	Enhancement of Moville Putting Green and Regeneration Plan
Budget <i>(if applicable)</i>	€111,110
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Capital Works for this Project is complete, and the Health Check and master plan are ongoing and to be completed in February 2025
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	Works to be fully complete in February 2025
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Jetty – Bunagee, Culdaff (ORIS)

Activity / Project Title File:	Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) project Development Measure for a pontoon at the existing jetty in Bunagee, Culdaff €55,555 for Project Development
Project Description/Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation work for Jetty at Bunagee, Culdaff
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting took place with the Culdaff Development Association and Donegal County Council's Executive Engineer and Development Officer. • The next steps were discussed and the way forward to deliver the project agreed. • Tenders are being prepared for Appropriate Assessment and all relevant documentation and reports necessary to deliver the capital works. • A Consultant is to be appointed to carry out an Appropriate Assessment. • The relevant documentation to deliver the capital design of the project element has been prepared. • The Tender documents for a design are completed and will issue this week for a consultant to design the project. • The consultants 'Greentrack' have been appointed to carry out an ecology screening report. • A consultant is now appointed and has commenced the design process. • The consultant is currently working on the design of the structure and completed at the end of this year. • The Engineers recently meet with the consultants 'Greentrack' on site regarding the design. •
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<p><u>February 2025 Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Initial meeting with the Community Group • Consultant Appointed • The consultant is currently working on the design of the structure. • The initial draft design report has been issued to the DCC. <p>Works to be fully complete in Q1 2025</p>
Contact Person	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer Tel 087 620 2947 Email bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie



Moville Shore Path - ORIS

Activity / Project Title	Moville Shore Path Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme €222,000
Project Description/Activity	Upgrade and Enhancement of a portion of Moville shore walk. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital Works • Interpretation work /seating
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p><u>Progress to date</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Project is at Design Stage establishing the scope. • The work will be tendered in the 1st quarter of 2024. • A site meeting took place with the Tidy Towns Committee and Community Development staff, • The tendering work has been finalised and the work will be tendered after consultation with other internal directorates. • It is anticipated that the capital work will commence in April 2024. The Tender documents are currently being assessed for all works associated with the project. A contractor will be appointed next month. • A Contractor has commenced work on the site. The project work will be completed in Q4 of 2024. • The initial phase of construction, installing the concrete footpaths Steps and handrails is now complete. • The conservation Report on the Liam McCormack Shelter Houses is complete (image below)  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The tender documents for the remaining works are being prepared. • The Interpretation content and design has been agreed and finalised. • The history and heritage Interpretation content is agreed and to be completed. • The remaining works tender is currently on the etenders platform. • Formal extension to June 2025 has been granted due to the nature of the works to the shelter houses.



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	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>February 2025 update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The initial phase of construction, installing the concrete footpaths, steps and handrails is now complete.• The conservation report on the Liam McCormack Shelter Houses is complete• The remaining works tender is currently on the etenders platform.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly reporting period	Formal extension to June 2025 has been granted due to the nature of the works to the shelter houses
Contact Person	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer & Fiona Doherty, Development Officer



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CLAR 2023

Activity / Project Title Disabled Toilet and kitchen upgrade	<u>Malin GAA CLAR Measure 1 2023</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial meetings with the Group• Provisional letter of offer issued.• Project currently out for tender• The construction works are ongoing. <p>The project is due to be completed in February 2025</p> <p>Contact: Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer</p>
Project Title External insulation and windows for the Community Centre	<u>CARROWMENAGH CLÁR PROJECT 2023</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial meetings with the Group• Provisional letter of offer issued.• The project is currently out for tender.• The construction works are ongoing. <p>The project is due to be completed February 2025</p> <p>Contact: Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer</p>
Project Title CARPARK SURFACING	<u>GLENEELY COLTS FC CLÁR PROJECT 2023</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial meetings with the Group• Provisional letter of offer issued.• The project is currently out for tender.• The construction works are ongoing.• <p>The project is due to be completed February 2025</p> <p>Contact: Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer</p>



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CLAR 2024

Activity / Project Title CARPARK SURFACING	<u>Culdaff FC CLAR Measure 1 2024</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial meetings with the Group• Provisional letter of offer to be issued in February 2025. The project is due to be completed in 2025
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Project Title CARPARK SURFACING	<u>GLENGAD FC CLÁR PROJECT 2024</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial meetings with the Group• Provisional letter of offer to be issued in February 2025. The project is due to be completed in 2025
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Local Enhancement Programme 2025

Activity / Project Title	Local Enhancement Programme 2025
Project Description/Activity	The Local Enhancement Programme 2025 provides for capital supports essential for many small community groups and organisations and €1m to aid with energy and running costs.
Budget (if applicable)	€303,465
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p>The Department of Rural and Community Development launched the Local Enhancement Programme 2025 with a national fund of €7m.</p> <p>The fund is aimed particularly at those who serve disadvantaged communities in rural and urban areas.</p> <p>The scheme is designed to ensure local priorities are identified and met, so as to improve and enhance community facilities for all.</p> <p>The Local Enhancement Programme 2025 will support groups, particularly in disadvantaged areas to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on small capital works/repairs/improvements, and the purchase of equipment for community use such as improved access for persons with a disability; enhancing community participation for disadvantaged and marginalised groups and improving energy efficiency of community facilities to reduce ongoing costs. • Current funding is also available for Community groups to assist with their energy and running costs. <p>All funding will be available to a diverse range of community groups including but not limited to Men's and Women's sheds/groups, community centres, parish halls and local voluntary groups.</p> <p>Donegal LCDC have been allocated €303,465 for award under the Programme. This total amount comprises of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • €260,113 capital funding for the Local Enhancement Programme to use towards carrying out necessary repairs and improvements to facilities, energy efficiency type projects, purchase of equipment etc. • €43,352 current funding. The funding is for day to day running costs such as energy, insurance, heating costs etc. <p>The Local Improvement Grant Scheme has 3 different grants available for groups to apply for:</p>

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	<p>Capital Grant – Small – Grants from €500 to €1,000 (for expenditure period 13th January – 28th November 2025)</p> <p>Capital Grant – Large – Grants from €5,000 to €10,000 (for expenditure period 13th January – 28th November 2025)</p> <p>Current Funding - Grants up to a max of €500 for day to day running costs (for expenditure period 1st June 2024 – 30th May 2025)</p>
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<p>The deadline for receipt of applications to the Local Enhancement Programme 2025 for 3.30pm on Tuesday, 25th February 2025.</p> <p>Applications for these grants are through online platform only and opened for receipt application on 13th January.</p>
Contact Person (to include telephone number & e-mail address)	<p>Ciaran Martin cmartin@donegalcoco.ie Administrative Officer, Community Development Division, Donegal County Council</p>



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Social Inclusion Unit

Countywide update

Activity / Project Title	Social Inclusion Unit
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 3-inclusive of current status	<p>One Donegal - Social Inclusion Week 2025</p> <p>31 March – 4 April is the dates set for 2025. The One Donegal Social Inclusion Week 2025 programme is now open for submissions. This annual event serves as a platform to showcase and promote the various activities undertaken across the county to foster inclusivity and engagement for all members of our community.</p> <p>The week provides an opportunity to raise awareness and deepen our understanding of inclusion and diversity in Donegal. We are actively working on the programme of events and invite all groups and organisations to participate by hosting events that highlight their commitment to social inclusion.</p> <p>Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion Strategy</p> <p>The next meeting of the Implementation Team is scheduled for late February. During this meeting, we will finalise the collation of work completed in 2024 for inclusion in the Monitoring and Evaluation Report. This process will help assess progress and inform future actions to support minority ethnic communities in Donegal.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Christina O'Donnell Tel: 0879192272 codonnell@donegalcoco.ie</p>




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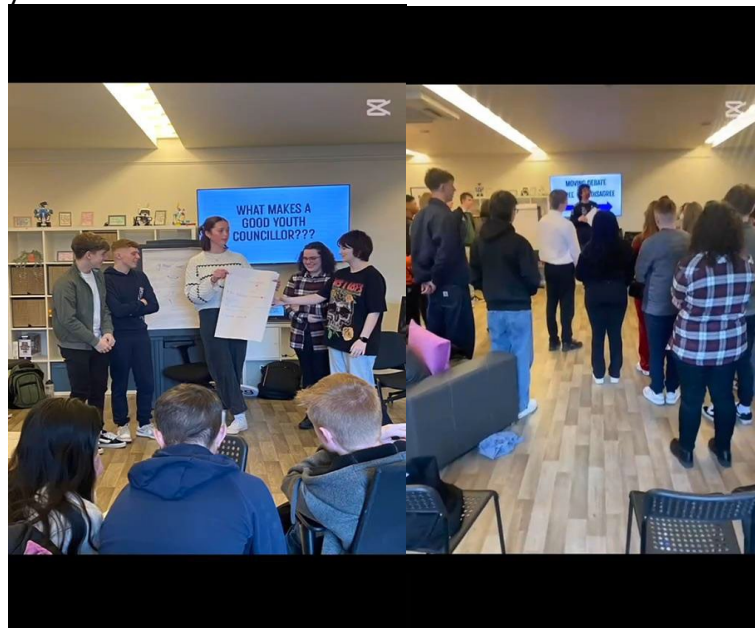
Activity / Project Title	Donegal Youth Council
File:	
Project Description/Activity	Donegal Youth Council
Budget <i>(if applicable)</i>	
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status	<p>On November 28th the Donegal Youth Council held their AGM. A survey involving 380 young people was conducted to identify the most pressing issues they face and would like the Youth Council to work on. The results revealed that vaping was the top concern, with nearly 50% of respondents identifying it as a major issue. Bullying was the second-most highlighted concern, closely followed by school and exam stress. During the AGM, 115 young people from schools and youth organisations across the county engaged in in-depth discussions on these three topics. They explored how these issues affect young people, the changes needed, and how these changes might be implemented. The information gathered on the day will form the basis of the Donegal Youth Council's work going forward.</p> 



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The newly elected members had their first monthly meeting on the 18th of January in Letterkenny. 30 newly elected members were in attendance discussing how they will represent the young people of their schools, organisations and areas in the next 2 years.



Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period

Going forward the elected members will begin work on the main 3 topics identified at the AGM and begin sitting on committee meetings and consultations. The next monthly meetings are due to take place on the 20th of February and the 15th of March.




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- ENVIRONMENT REPORT – February 2025**

Activity / Project Title	Public Service Announcements (PSA's) – Water Quality	
Description/ Activity	<p>“Donegal County Council would like to remind farmers & contractors to follow good agricultural practice for the land spreading of slurry from the 1st February. Don’t apply slurry to land which is waterlogged, flooded, likely to flood or if rain is forecast within 48 hours. Leave a buffer zone from drains & streams of 10 metres for the first 2 weeks and 25m from wells. Low Emission Slurry Spreading (LESS) equipment must be used to apply slurry on holdings with grassland stocking rates of 100 kg nitrogen per hectare or above from grazing livestock manure and for all pig slurry”.</p>	
		
	National Agricultural Inspection Plan	
	<p>Donegal County Council completed 71 farm inspections in 2024 under the Good Agricultural Practice Regulations, focusing on areas of the county where agriculture has been linked to poor water quality.</p> <p>These inspections focused on farmyards, slurry & soiled water storage capacity, fertiliser use and</p>	

	<p>minimisation of soiled water. Farmers received advance notice through the post giving at least a week to prepare for the inspection, and a final report was issued after completion. The main issues continue to centre around collection and holding of farm effluent and the control of soiled water in farmyards.</p> <p>The target number of inspections for 2025 is increasing to 215.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Joe Ferry joe.ferry@donegalcoco.ie</p>

	<p>Water Framework Monitoring</p>
	 <p><i>River Finn – Castlefinn Bridge – Patrick Gallagher</i></p> <p>Donegal County Council sampled 672 river and lake waterbodies and 156 open water lakes in 2024 as part of the Water Framework Directive Monitoring Programme. Donegal County Council's Central laboratory sampled and analysed an additional 295 of these rivers and lakes to comply with our characterisation responsibilities under this legislation.</p> <p>The 2025 programme will see Donegal County Council sample 748 waterbodies with further characterisation planned.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Patrick Gallagher, Central Lab</p>

Activity / Project Title	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Failure to fix faulty septic tanks is a risk to human health and the environment, and can't continue, says EPA.
Description/Activity	<div><div><p>Donegal County Council will recommence the National Inspection Plan on septic tanks in February and encourage all homeowners to examine & address faulty tanks & percolation areas as weather & ground conditions improve.</p><p>Where septic tanks fail a Donegal County Council inspection, advisory notices will be issued to householders setting out what is required to fix the problem. The grant schemes for remediation of septic tanks were changed at the start of 2024 to increase the amount to €12,000 and remove the requirement to have registered the septic tank since 2013. Given the increased value and access to funding, the EPA have demanded greater enforcement by local authorities and it is likely that Advisory Notices open for 2 years or more will be recommended for prosecution in 2025 to ensure these failed systems are fixed to protect the environment and public health.</p></div><div></div></div>
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Project/Activity: Natural Christmas Tree Recycling

Donegal County Council in partnership with the Loughs Agency will turn natural Christmas trees into valuable resources for local habitat improvement projects for rivers and waterways across the catchment area.

Donegal residents can dispose of their natural Christmas trees through Donegal County Council's recycling scheme and support efforts to protect and enhance natural habitats. The recycled trees are repurposed to improve riverbank stability, reduce erosion, and create habitats for wildlife.

This programme aims to encourage Donegal residents to get involved. By recycling natural Christmas trees, we can take important steps to improve our waterways and create better environments for local wildlife across Donegal and beyond."

This is a fantastic opportunity for residents to give back to nature. Recycling trees responsibly is good for the environment and reduces strain on our recycling centres, as well as directly benefitting our local ecosystems."

Residents can still recycle their domestic Christmas trees free of charge at various locations throughout Donegal until Saturday 25th January, making the scheme as accessible as possible. Loughs Agency and Donegal County Council encourage the community to recycle responsibly to ensure our rivers and waterways continue to thrive into the future.



Example of Green engineering along the banks of the river Cummrick in Donegal

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Climate Action

Activity / Project Title	Climate Action Plan Implementation
Project Description/ Activity	Reporting on progress made during 2024 in relation to DCC's Climate Action Plan has been reported to the LGMA and CARO in line with national deadlines. Further information will be provided in next month's MD report.
Contact Person	Suzanne Bogan, Climate Action Officer sbogan@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	Decarbonising Zones
Project Description/ Activity	<p>The DCC Climate Action Unit recently collaborated with the European Regions Network for the Application of Communications Technology (ERNACT) in submitting an application to the Interreg NPA 5th Call for Projects.</p> <p>The project, called MINDSET, is made up of 5 European Partners including Ernact (Lead Partner) and DCC in Ireland and regional authorities and academic partners in Sweden and Finland. In terms of the Irish partners, the project will focus on the Decarbonising Zones in Donegal and look at actions and measures to address climate change issues.</p> <p>The Climate Action Unit received confirmation in January 2025 that the project application was successful, project funding will be granted, and will commence in March 2025. The project will run for 3 years and will include piloting of measures identified in year 3.</p>
Contact Person	Lorraine Arbuckle, Climate Action Coordinator larbuckle@Donegalcoco.ie

Flood Relief Scheme (FRS) Unit

Activity / Project Title	Letterkenny Flood Relief Scheme
Project Description/ Activity	<p>Following the appointment of new engineering staff in the Flood Relief Scheme (FRS) Unit of DCC in September 2024, the pilot scheme for Letterkenny FRS formally commenced.</p> <p>The pilot, which is 100% fund by OPW and will consider a new delivery model for flood relief schemes. The OPW and local authorities are working in a very challenging environment to deliver and expand its programme of flood relief schemes, due to resource constraints in a highly specialised and professional market.</p> <p>Within the current resource constraints, and from lessons learned to date, trialling a new delivery model for Letterkenny and Donegal Town (which is running in parallel to Letterkenny) will deliver important flood relief measures for these towns and inform the most efficient approach to delivering the next tranche of 60 flood relief schemes nationally.</p> <p>The FRS Unit has been meeting with local stakeholder to inform data gathering requirements which will commence in 2025. Once the OPW release their new consultancy brief for FRS, DCC will amend it accordingly to be specific to Letterkenny and it is hoped that a consultant can be procured in Q2 2026. The successful consultant will use data gather by the FRS Unit during the pilot thereby expediting the design process prior to planning submission.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Shane McMonagle / Aisling Quigley, Flood Relief Scheme Unit</p> <p>floodreliefschemes@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Town Flood Relief Scheme
Project Description/ Activity	<p>Following the appointment of new engineering staff in the Flood Relief Scheme (FRS) Unit of DCC in September 2024, the pilot scheme for Donegal Town FRS formally commenced.</p> <p>The pilot, which is 100% fund by OPW and will consider a new delivery model for flood relief schemes. The Minister said that the OPW and local authorities are working in a very challenging environment to deliver and expand its programme of flood relief schemes, due to resource constraints in a highly specialised and professional market.</p> <p>Within the current resource constraints, and from lessons learned to date, trialling a new delivery model for Donegal Town and Letterkenny (which is running in parallel to Donegal</p>

	<p>Town) will deliver important flood relief measures for these towns and inform the most efficient approach to delivering the next tranche of 60 flood relief schemes nationally.</p> <p>The FRS Unit has been meeting with local stakeholder to inform data gathering requirements which will commence in 2025. Once the OPW release the new consultancy brief for FRS, DCC will amend it accordingly to be specific to Donegal Town and it is hoped that a consultant can be procured in Q2 2026. The successful consultant will use data gather by the FRS Unit during the pilot thereby expediting the design process prior to planning submission.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Shane McMonagle / Aisling Quigley, Flood Relief Scheme Unit</p> <p>floodreliefschemes@donegalcoco.ie</p>

BURNFOOT FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

Briefing Note 14 – January 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 updating the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) to reflect changes in the planning drawings and any changes in legislation and policy.

RPS and DCC are progressing through Stage II of the project, Planning and Development Consent. The latest package of planning drawings was issued to the Steering Group on 31st October 2024 and are currently under revision following feedback. Feedback has been informed by extensive engagement with landowners led by DCC.

An agronomy report has been prepared by Philip Farrelly & Co which considers the impact of the scheme on agricultural land downstream of Burnfoot.

Revised topographical survey data was provided by McDonald-ECC for the Burnfoot scheme area in December 2024.

Next Steps

The next steps involve finalising the planning drawings based on the feedback received. Once these are finalised RPS will develop the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) maps and documents based on the final design. The Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) will also be finalised based on final planning drawings.

Projected Key Milestone Dates

- Finalise planning drawings – February 2025
- Presentation of the Scheme to Council – April 2025
- Submit to An Bord Pleanála – April 2025
- Public Consultation – April to May 2025

NA DÚNAIBH (DOWNINGS) FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

Briefing Note 14 – January 2025

Progress Summary

The scheme consists of upgrades to four existing culverts along Ocean View Road. 540m 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 entrance to the Magherabeg holiday park near the top of Ocean View Road.

In November RPS issued three draft environmental reports to the Steering Group, the Appropriate Assessment screening, the Environmental Impact Assessment screening and the Natura Impact Statement.

The Steering Group has reviewed the Buildability, Operations and Maintenance Report including the first iteration of scheme drawings in December 2024. RPS is currently reviewing comments with a view to developing the Buildability report drawings into draft planning drawings.

Revised topographical survey data was provided by McDonald-ECC for the Downings scheme area in December 2024.

Next Steps

All of the Stage I reports have been issued and commented on by the Steering Group. RPS is working to finalise these reports and associated deliverables in the next few months. In parallel RPS is commencing development of the planning drawings.

Projected Key Milestone Dates

- Completion of Stage I Report – February 2025
- Finalise Planning Drawings – April 2025
- Presentation of the Scheme to Council – September 2025
- Submit to An Bord Pleanála – November 2025

GLENTIES FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

Briefing Note 14 – January 2025

Progress Summary

RPS issued the Nature-based Solutions (NbS) Pilot Study report in January 2025. The 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.

It is proposed that a public consultation day is held to discuss the potential for an NbS project to be implemented in the Stracashel catchment once the Stage I engineering reports are complete.

Next Steps

The Stage I Scheme Analysis and Development reporting must be issued to allow the Steering Group to determine how the Glenties FRS moves into Stage II (planning/ consenting).

Projected Key Milestone Dates

- Options Development Report – February 2025
- NbS Pilot Study – January 2025
- Public Information Day – April 2025

CASTLEFINN FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

Briefing Note 14 – January 2025

Progress Summary

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

RPS and DCC are making significant progress through Stage II of the project, focusing on Planning and Development Consent. The latest package of planning drawings was issued to the Steering Group on 1st November 2024. DCC are currently engaged in extensive engagement with landowners to introduce the scheme as it pertains to each landowner. DCC are expected to conclude this process by early February and provide feedback to RPS on the planning drawings at that stage.

RPS and DCC are currently considering the procurement of an underground services survey. This will involve slit trenching to determine the exact location of existing services in the road, which will aid in refining the design of the new watercourse culverts crossing under the N15, specifically the Bridge Burn culvert.

Revised topographical survey data was provided by McDonald-ECC for the Castlefinn scheme area in December 2024.

Next Steps

The next steps involve finalising the planning drawings based on the feedback provided by DCC following the landowner introductions. Once the planning drawings are finalised RPS will develop the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) maps and documents based on the final design. The Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) will also be finalised based on final planning drawings.

Projected Key Milestone Dates

- Complete landowner introductions for the scheme – February 2025
- Finalise Planning Drawings – March 2025
- Presentation of the Scheme to Council – June 2025
- Submit to An Bord Pleanála – July 2025

Ballybofey & Stranorlar Flood Relief Scheme—Briefing Note No.12

1 PROGRESS SUMMARY

1.1 Engineering Survey and Site Investigations:

Ayesa prepared a subsequent Ground Investigation Contract for Ballybofey and Stranorlar. Ayesa have drafted the scope and tender documents for this contract. An Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) will be drafted and included as part of the GI tender pack.

1.2 Hydrology and Hydraulics:

The hydraulic modelling is complete, and the hydraulic report was issued in December 2024.

1.3 Environmental Assessments:

Specialist environmental surveys, including noise & vibration, air quality and landscape & visual scope will be developed once options are identified.

The Greentown Invasive Alien Species treatment contract is complete.

Ayesa have identified required ecology top-up surveys scheduled for Summer 2025, these include:

- Bats Survey
- Otter Survey
- Breeding Bird Survey

Water Quality Surveys are to continue in 2025.

1.4 Natural Water Retention Measures:

The NWRM report was issued to Donegal County Council on the 04/04/2024. The consultant is completing additional work for the report and will issue a revision before the end of February 2025.

1.5 Stakeholder and Third-Party Communications

1.5.1 Project Website

The project website is updated regularly. The November 2024 Newsletter was uploaded to the project website. The February 2025 Newsletter has been drafted and will be uploaded to the website once approved.

1.6 Contracts

The targeted invasive alien species (IAS) treatment process for 2024 is complete. The IAS contract is now expired. The Steering Group will consider further IAS treatment for 2025.

2 NEXT STEPS

- **Hydraulic Modelling:** Review of the hydraulics report and revisions to comments.
- **Environmental Assessment:** Continue with specialist surveys required by option development.
- **Site Investigations:** Contract tender documents to be issued to the market.
- **Natural Water Retention Measures:** Finalise and issue revision 01 of the report
- **Option development:** Progress option screening.

Ballybofey & Stranorlar Flood Relief Scheme—Briefing Note No.12

3 PROGRESS SUMMARY

3.1 Engineering Survey and Site Investigations:

Ayesa prepared a subsequent Ground Investigation Contract for Ballybofey and Stranorlar. Ayesa have drafted the scope and tender documents for this contract. An Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) will be drafted and included as part of the GI tender pack.

3.2 Hydrology and Hydraulics:

The hydraulic modelling is complete, and the hydraulic report was issued in December 2024.

3.3 Environmental Assessments:

Specialist environmental surveys, including noise & vibration, air quality and landscape & visual scope will be developed once options are identified.

The Greentown Invasive Alien Species treatment contract is complete.

Ayesa have identified required ecology top-up surveys scheduled for Summer 2025, these include:

- Bats Survey
- Otter Survey

- Breeding Bird Survey

Water Quality Surveys are to continue in 2025.

3.4 Natural Water Retention Measures:

The NWRM report was issued to Donegal County Council on the 04/04/2024. The consultant is completing additional work for the report and will issue a revision before the end of February 2025.

3.5 Stakeholder and Third-Party Communications

3.5.1 Project Website

The project website is updated regularly. The November 2024 Newsletter was uploaded to the project website. The February 2025 Newsletter has been drafted and will be uploaded to the website once approved.

3.6 Contracts

The targeted invasive alien species (IAS) treatment process for 2024 is complete. The IAS contract is now expired. The Steering Group will consider further IAS treatment for 2025.

4 NEXT STEPS

- **Hydraulic Modelling:** Review of the hydraulics report and revisions to comments.
- **Environmental Assessment:** Continue with specialist surveys required by option development.
- **Site Investigations:** Contract tender documents to be issued to the market.
- **Natural Water Retention Measures:** Finalise and issue revision 01 of the report
- **Option development:** Progress option screening.

Ramelton Flood Relief Scheme—Briefing Note No.12

5 PROGRESS SUMMARY

5.1 Engineering Survey and Site Investigations:

Consulting Engineers, specialists have completed a Conservation Engineering Assessment on the river wall from Gamble Square to the point of The Quay covering Shore Road and The Quay itself. The report considers the structural conditions of the wall, and this varies greatly along its length. This section of the wall along with the upper reaches which retain The Mall are listed on the National Inventory for Architectural Heritage and afforded protected status accordingly. Comments have been issued on the report.

Ayesa prepared a subsequent Ground Investigation Contract covering Ramelton Flood Relief Scheme. Ayesa have drafted the scope and tender documents for this contract. An Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) will be drafted and included as part of the GI tender pack.

5.2 Hydrology and Hydraulics:

Ayesa have issued the hydrology report on 12/03/2024. Revision 2 of the hydraulics report was issued on 31/01/2025.

5.3 Environmental Assessments:

Specialist environmental surveys, including noise & vibration, air quality and landscape & visual scope will be developed once options are identified. Ayesa have identified required ecology top-up surveys scheduled for Summer 2025, these include:

- Bats Survey.
- Otter Survey
- Breeding Bird Survey

5.4 Optioneering

The Options Report has progressed in parallel.

5.5 Natural Water Retention Measures (NWRM):

The NWRM report was issued to Donegal County Council on the 20/10/2023. The report will be finalised once options development and hydraulics report are also completed.

5.6 Stakeholder and Third-Party Communications

5.6.1 Project Website

The project website is updated regularly. The November 2024 Newsletter was uploaded to the project website. The February 2025 Newsletter has been drafted and will be uploaded to the website once approved.

5.7 Contracts

The targeted invasive alien species (IAS) treatment process for 2024 is complete. The IAS contract is now expired. The Steering Group will consider further IAS treatment for 2025.

6 NEXT STEPS

- **Hydraulic Modelling:** Review of the hydraulics report rev02
- **Environmental Assessment:** Continue with specialist surveys required by option development.
- **Site Investigations:** Contract tender documents to be issued to the market.
- **Natural Water Retention Measures:** Finalise and issue second revision of the report
- **Option development:** Continue to progress options report.



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Donegal County Council

Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services Directorate

Master Municipal District Report February 2025

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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
20th February 2025	Donegal Tech Advocates Event	The next Donegal Tech Advocates event, which will be held on February 20 th at TCS, Letterkenny. from 8:30am – 10:30am. This event is an excellent opportunity for businesses across Donegal within the tech sector to knowledge-share, collaborate, and network with others in the industry and key individuals who can assist with business development supports and advice.	Elaine Whoriskey - Economic Development Officer Ewhoriskey@donegalcoco.ie 087 1603942
6th March 2025	Believe in Branding and Vision: Building a strong identity for business success.	Location: Century Cinemas, Letterkenny. This interactive session, part of Local Enterprise Week 2025, focuses on the critical role of branding and vision in shaping the identity and success of local businesses. Whether you're a start-up or an established enterprise, this event will provide practical insights into creating a compelling brand that resonates with your target audience while aligning with your business's long-term goals.	Elaine Whoriskey - Economic Development Officer Ewhoriskey@donegalcoco.ie 087 1603942

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	13,169	5,545
Twitter	3.4k	3,377
Instagram	4.4k	5,333
Facebook	4.1k	2,228
Donegal.ie	5.4K Web Users	

6 News Items Published.

January 1st – January 28th 2025.

Inward Investment Brochure: The Economic Development team are currently progressing work to develop a new brochure promoting the value proposition for inward investment in County Donegal and highlighting County Donegal as a great place to live, work, study and do business. This brochure will be available in print and digital format.

Inward Investment/Relocation Marketing Campaign: Donegal County Council is working with marketing agency BigO on a new marketing campaign promoting Donegal as a great place to live, work, study, invest and do business. The campaign will include a new hero video, short videos/reels, social media and website promotion of County Donegal. The campaign will start to roll out in early December, with a launch event to take place in advance. Details to be confirmed soon. This campaign will be a follow-on campaign building upon the success of the previous #MovetoDonegal relocation campaign.

Move West Series on TG4: Donegal County Council worked with the WDC (Western Development Commission) to produce an episode of the Move West series that is focused on County Donegal. The Donegal episode hosted by Mary Kennedy aired on TG4 at 7.30pm on the 5th November 2024. Feedback on the episode has been positive.

Donegal Emigrants Working Lives in Scotland: The Economic Development Team alongside DCC Culture Division hosted events in Edinburgh and Glasgow to explore the stories of Donegal Emigrants who worked in Scotland and commemorating the ordinary people from the Irish community who contributed to Scottish communities and industry that has often been overlooked or considered too ordinary to be recorded. The series of events was very successful with a high turn out from the Irish community in both cities capturing a variety of important and unique stories of our cultural heritage. Plans are ongoing to expand this project further to mark the 850th birthday of Glasgow with support from the Irish Consulate Service.

#BuyDonegal: The 2024 #BuyDonegal campaign launched on the 25th November 2024 and ran over a series of 4 weeks. This campaign covered a wide range of sectors, themes and events aimed at promoting Donegal businesses to a global audience. This campaign reached a global social media audience of 58.9 million people across every corner of the globe including Ireland, UK, USA, Canada, Europe and beyond.

Donegal Tech Advocates: Donegal County Council, in collaboration with regional stakeholders, developed and launched the Donegal Tech Advocates group in April 2024. The focus of this group is to promote, grow and empower the dynamic and innovative tech sector across the county. The first Donegal Tech Advocates event of 2025 will take place in TCS, Letterkenny on February 20th.

Green Hydra: Donegal County Council's first Green Hydrogen regional stakeholder meeting as part of the Interreg Europe funded Green Hydra took place on 3rd January in Colab, ATU Letterkenny. The meeting was attended by 38 people both in person and online. The Green Hydra project aims to explore the potential of developing green hydrogen projects in Donegal and the wider region. Participants from a variety of fields including industry, research and development, education, government, supply chain management and engineering attended the meeting to learn more about initiatives that are already happening with a view to exploring how best to position Donegal as key player in this emerging sector.

Speakers included representatives from the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications, the ESB, Hydrogen Ireland and the Killybegs Marine Cluster. The presentations highlighted the importance of green hydrogen as a clean energy solution for decarbonizing industries, transportation and energy systems. Speakers shared insights on Ireland's National Hydrogen Strategy, its relevance to Donegal, and the opportunities for collaboration and investment.

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

Donegal 2040 DAC

Board and Corporate Governance

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

Update on Projects:

ALPHA Innovation 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 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)

Current Status: Under Construction. Estimated Completion Date: Q1 2025.

Marketing Campaign: to commence Q1 2025.

Operation & Management of Burtonport Enterprise Centre (Post Construction)

Current Status: Under Construction. Current Estimated Completion date: Q4 2025.

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

Current Status: Detailed design. Current Estimated Completion date: Q4 2027.

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Inward Investment Activity

North West City Region

Promoting the NWCR: A new brochure and video highlighting the value proposition of the NWCR were produced for this year's NWCR US Trade Mission and promoted throughout the week. Link to [video on YouTube](#)

The North West City Region is promoted online via the website www.irelandnw.com and social media on LinkedIn and X on a regular basis and in collaboration with Derry City and Strabane District Council.

NWCR on LinkedIn has 798 followers.

NWCR on X (formerly Twitter @NwIreland) has 248 followers.

Website: www.irelandnw.com

NW RegTech Supercluster: Donegal County Council is part of an exciting initiative to establish the world's first multi-sector 'regulation supercluster' in partnership with Derry City & Strabane District Council, ATU, Ulster University, Catalyst and APLHA Innovation. A website has now been set up at www.regtechsupercluster.com and a planned innovation challenge with the City of London in early 2025 was launched at a 'RegTech Forum' event in Derry on 9th December 2024, attended by over 100 people, organised by Invest NI as a key part of a visit by the Lord Mayor of City of London Corporation.

Northern Ireland Committee for Economy: A deputation from the North West, representing the North West Strategic Growth Partnership and Northern & Western Regional Assembly (NWRA), were invited to attend the NI Committee for Economy at Stormont on 22nd January 2025. The deputation included Donegal County Council, Derry City & Strabane District Council as well as NWRA, to present oral and written evidence under the theme of 'regional imbalance'. The written evidence was submitted in advance and included recommendations to the Committee, focused on interventions required to address legacy challenges and build on the strengths of the North West City Region.

Service Land Initiative at The Commons, Lifford

Enabling infrastructure works began in November 2024 and it is expected that the enabling infrastructure will be complete by Q1/Q2 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 in Ballyshannon, Letterkenny and Buncrana.

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1.2: Tourism Marketing Unit

Project Activity

TBEX: Donegal Tourism is thrilled to host TBEX - Europe (Travel Blog Exchange) in September 2025, a major gathering for the travel blogging, influencer, and content creator community. This event will bring approximately 500 content creators to our destination, where they will take part in four days of intense meetings, conferences, workshops, and networking activities. The conference will be preceded by tours all over Donegal and followed by post-tours across Ireland's regions. Donegal Tourism aims to take full advantage of this exceptional opportunity to showcase Donegal's distinctive assets on the international stage. Many partnership and sponsorship opportunities now exist, any potential partner can contact Mary Daly, Donegal Tourism directly.

Holiday World Show 2024: This event is taking place in the RDS, Dublin from Fri 24th – Sun 26th January 2025. It is anticipated that the show will attract over 550 exhibitors, and 40,000 attendees over the weekend. Seventeen providers from across the county have confirmed their intentions to attend the show under the umbrella of Donegal Tourism. The Tourism Unit are liaising with the show organisers in relation to PR in advance of the show and securing prizes for the show competition.

Details are available on the Show website: <https://www.holidayworldshow.com/>

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.

Donegal Tourism Brochure 2025: Finalising an A4 and A5 brochure including new categories such as Distilleries. A provision to print 15,000 has been made to distribute to key partners and trade.

Walking Trails Promotion: Procuring video production and promotion for walking trails in 2025 partnering with the Outdoor Recreation team.

Donegal Golf Brochure: Donegal Golf Brochure New Donegal Golf Brochure almost at completion following consultation with all 17 golf clubs in the county. It is planned to launch this brochure in February 2025. The brochure will be printed in January and be available for trade shows. It is proposed to print 5,000 copies of the brochure.

Golf Promotion Plan for 2025: Finalising promotion plan for golf promotion in 2025.

Best of the Northwest Golf Collaboration: Work continues with our colleagues in Derry City/Strabane District Council as the project comes to an end – a digital campaign will go live in January to promote the Best of the North West. A PR campaign to include fam trips and media features will also get underway in the early new year. A representative from Donegal Tourism and Visit Derry will attend the annual PGA Golf Show in Orlando in January under the collaboration project.

Tourism Seminar 2025: Planning continues for the annual Tourism Seminar which will be jointly hosted by Donegal County Council and Failte Ireland on Wednesday 5th March during Local Enterprise Week.

The event will also act as a networking event for the tourism trade in the county and will take place during Enterprise Week 2025.

Night-Time Economy (NTE) Buncrana: NTE Buncrana as part of the national NTE anti-social behaviour campaign 'Safe & Sound' has launched and will feature in bars and venues in Buncrana and beyond, on local radio, social media and newspapers. We also launched a promotional Christmas video that encouraged people to visit Buncrana for the Buncrana Christmas Markets.

The NTE Action Plan is in the process of being drafted and it will be ready in the New Year. The NTE Steering Group will be established in January.

TOURBO: As TOURBO Semester 4 progresses, the new Tourism Strategy (2025-2030) is being forwarded as Donegal County Council's 'Policy Instrument.' The 'Good Practices' of TOURBO's Project Partners are being reviewed by DCC's TOURBO Team with a view to identifying potential frameworks that may be of benefit in the Tourism Strategy, in line with TOURBO's overarching objectives. It is agreed that Donegal will host our TOURBO Partner meeting in Autumn 2025.

Sustainable Arctic & Peripheral Biking Tourism Project (SUB): Now half way through the workshop series, the 2nd SUB Workshop, which centred around Entrepreneurial Skills, took place in Sweeney's Hotel, An Clochán Liath, on the 3rd of December. Our speakers included Ireland on Bike, Udaras na Gaelteachta and Electric Bike Downings. Everyone who attended shared insights and contributed to entrepreneurial skills within the biking tourism sector in Donegal. The next workshop, which will focus on Sustainability & Responsibility will take place on Tuesday 4th February in Harvey's Point, Lough Eske. Registration is now open. Planning also continues for the SUB Peer-to-Peer programme and Partner Meeting which Donegal will host next March and April respectively.

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 2 with Donegal County Council taking the Communications and Marketing lead on this. Donegal County Councils "Working Holiday Campaign 2022 & 2023" has been highlighted and accepted as the first good practice on the program. In semester 3 Donegal County Council will host a study visit of other project partners to the county.

GoVisitDonegal.com Website

Go Visit Donegal Website

Kick Off meeting has taken place with web developers to outline requirements and expectations for the new version of the go visit Donegal website which will be launched in 2025. Registration on the website by all trade will be encouraged.

2024 (Nov) - Users 15,439- Page Views 36K

Festival and Events is the most viewed page – views 3,160

Your Wild Atlantic Way is the second most viewed page – views 1,903

Online & Social Media Updates – Go Visit Donegal Nov 2024

Facebook: Reach: 34.3k, Views: 34k

Instagram: Reach: 3.3k, Views: 5.5k

LinkedIn: Reach: 6,690 Imps, 136 Reactions, 2030 Followers

TikTok: Followers: 1,456

Donegal Tourism CLG

The next associates committee meeting is scheduled for January 21st in the Donegal MD.
The board met in Dungloe on December 17th.

Grant Schemes**Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme**

Successful projects under the 2024 scheme have been notified. Funding for this scheme must be drawn down by June 30th, 2025.

The 2023 projects are nearing completion, and the tourism team are following up with each of the groups in relation to drawing down the grant.

Regional Festival & Events Grant Scheme

€49,750 has been awarded to Donegal County Council under the 2025 Fáilte Ireland Regional Festival Funding Scheme. The 2024 funding scheme is now closed and claim submitted to Fáilte Ireland.

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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
<p>ICC – Intelligent Cities Challenge: Donegal County Council is a partner along with Derry City and Strabane District Council on the EU funded Intelligent Cities Challenge project led by ERNACT. As one of 64 cities and city regions across Europe, Ireland’s North-West City Region is actively participating in the European Commission's Intelligent Cities Challenge 2.0 initiative (ICC). This project requires a Local Green Deal (LGD), aimed at creating tangible actions for change through strategic public-private partnerships. These partnerships bring together businesses, local authorities, and communities to drive sustainable initiatives forward.</p> <p>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). As our new team progresses, we are actively researching and highlighting funding opportunities across various sectors within DCC. Our approach involves identifying funding, partnerships, and collaborative projects that align with our objectives and the corporate plan of DCC.</p>
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2. Local Enterprise Office

February 2025 (Y/E December 2024 Year Supports)

Grant Aid (M1) – Six Evaluation Committee meetings took place for 2024 with the following approvals:

- 47 Businesses have been approved Grant Aid
- The total value of Grant Aid Approvals is €1,041,731
- The next EVAC meeting is taking place on 25th February, 2025.

Trading Online Vouchers: 72 TOVs approved in 2024 totalling €156,303.

Mentoring: 430 business applicants approved up to 12 hours expert mentoring.

Training: 1640 Attendees on 77 Courses held.

Digital For Business: 12 applications approved for this support to a value of €49,284.

Green For Micro/Green for Business/Green Start: 49 applicants approved for these supports to a value of €111,272.

Energy Efficiency Grants: 17 applicants approved for this support to a value of €150,000.

Lean For Business: 24 applicants approved for this support to a value of €108,302

Start Your Own Business Programmes: 8 online courses scheduled for 2025 plus one Bootcamp taking place on 4th July, 2025.

Trading Online Voucher (TOV) scheme closed permanently on the 13th December 2024. Any business that submitted an application on/before 13th December will be reviewed and handled as normal. Moving forward, businesses looking for digital supports will be directed to the [Digital For Business](#) and [Grow Digital](#) schemes.

Export Development Programme: 4 LEO clients have undertaken an export readiness exercise with Full Circle Consultancy and are now engaging in a programme to identify suitable markets for export. Three of the four clients have completed their mentoring with Full Circle Consultancy and will decide on their export plans for 2025, with market visits and buyer meetings being planned.

Get Exporting Programme: 2 Donegal businesses have been selected to progress to Stage 2 of the *Get Exporting* Accelerator Programme. This stage, which consists of four half-day workshops, is starting on January 29th 2025. The programme is designed for LEO clients with limited export sales who wish to develop strategies for entering international markets.

Market Explorer Grant: A new financial support has been launched to help businesses grow their exports. The objective of the financial offer is to support the development of export-oriented businesses by incentivising support to research and explore activities in new markets. This grant has replaced the Technical Assistance for Micro-Exporters (TAME) grant and offers up to €10,000 (or 50% of eligible costs) to small enterprises (1-50 employees) operating in manufacturing or internationally traded services.

Export Development Programme: 4 LEO clients have undertaken an export readiness exercise with Full Circle Consultancy and are now engaging in a programme to identify suitable markets for export. This will be followed by market visits and buyer meetings in these markets.

Enterprise Europe Network (EEN): Recent missions organised by the LEO Network to Belfast, Manchester, Brussels, and Paris have been highly successful. These events, which brought together delegations of Irish companies from diverse sectors, facilitated significant opportunities through EEN-organised activities. Looking ahead to 2025, several missions are currently in the planning stages, with another confirmed visit to Manchester scheduled for March 2025.

Start Your Own Business Training Programme: The next Start Your Own Business Programme will commence on Tuesday 4th February, 2025 and is booked out. Spaces are available on the March course commencing on 4th March, 2025.

Digital Webinar: On Feb 12th LEO Donegal will host a webinar which details the Digital for Business and Grow Digital voucher supports available for micro and small businesses in Donegal. The webinar will also go through applications for each.

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. The next clinic will take place in person on January 31st at the Local Enterprise Office in Letterkenny, with further clinics scheduled for February.

Student Enterprise Programme: Dates have been issued and School teachers across the county have been invited to register their schools for the competition. The next steps are to confirm judges, and venue.

Local Enterprise Week 2025: Local Enterprise Week is taking place this year between 3rd March – 7th March, 2025. The theme for the week this year is “Believe”. As usual, the Local Enterprise Office in conjunction with partners and other stakeholders, will be hosting a range of events across the county covering topics of interest to Donegal businesses. The event brochure will be launched in the Local Enterprise Office on Friday 14th February, 2025. All the elected members are invited and are welcome to attend.

To book a place at any of the aforementioned events go to [Online Bookings - Donegal \(localenterprise.ie\)](https://localenterprise.ie)

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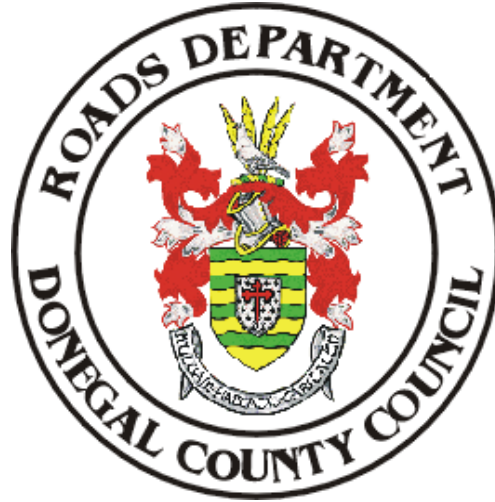
4.1 – Fire Service

Fire Service Monthly MD Report (February)

Activity	Number of: (December) ¹		Total for year	
<u>Fire Service Operations</u>				
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	74		820	
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	100		966	
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	4		111	
<u>Operational Activity Breakdown November 2024</u>	Turnouts		Incidents in County	
	Fires	Special Services	Fires	Special Services
Donegal Fire Service	45	54	29	39
Northern Ireland Fire Service	2	2	2	4
Sub Total	47	56	31	43
Total	103		74	
<u>Fire Prevention</u>				
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	12		186	
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	39		N/A	

Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by the Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from the Applicant / Agent:	53	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	11	156
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	0	10
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	0	6
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	1	48
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	9	213
Fire Safety Complaints received:	2	23
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	1	22
During Performance Inspections carried out:	0	0
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	41 ²	161

1. **Current data is only available up to the end of December 2024.**
2. **As part of its community fire safety programme, Donegal Fire Service facilitated a fire station open day in Dungloe Fire Station. Falcarragh, Gweedore & Killybegs Fire Brigades completed 34 no. home fire safety visits whilst fire station visits/fire safety talks were also provided by Stranorlar, Letterkenny & Carndonagh Fire Brigades.**



Inishowen Municipal District

Meeting 25th of February 2025

Roads and Transportation Agenda

- 1. Roads Restoration Maintenance, Restoration Improvement, & Drainage Programmes 2025.**
- 2. Specific Improvement Grant 2025**
- 3. Safety Improvement works on Regional and Local Roads for Inishowen MD 2025.**
- 4. Bridge Rehabilitation Works on Regional and Local Roads 2025**
- 5. Climate Adaption Funding for Inishowen MD 2025**
- 6. Roads & Footpaths in Council Housing Estates 2025**
- 7. Community Involvement Schemes 2025**

1. Restoration Maintenance, Restoration Improvement & Drainage Programmes 2025.

On the 14th of February, the Department of Transport announced funding for the non-National Roads Programme. At the last Roads Workshops on the 13th of February, the proposed Restoration Improvement, Restoration Maintenance & Drainage programmes were agreed on the principle that any additional monies would be distributed over the proposed programme or added to the next job on the reserve list. Details of these programmes are shown within the roads report template in Appendix I.

2025 Restoration Maintenance Programme

The total allocation received by Donegal County Council for the Restoration Maintenance Programme is € 2,686,000 which represents no change from last year's allocation.

2025 Restoration Improvement Programme

Donegal County Council received a total allocation of € 21,393,000 for the Restoration Improvement programme, which represents an increase of 8.9% from last year's allocation. In consideration of the additional funding, the following reserve jobs have been added to the Programme.

- Carndonagh – adding R242, Malin Bridge.
- Moville – adding R238, Drumlee Gleneely.
- Buncrana – adding R238, Fahan Lookout replacing L7021-1 BlackFarm.
- N/cunningham Area – adding Toulett Section No.2 & R247 Carrigans toward Derry Border replacing L2031-3 School Road Bridgend.

2025 Drainage Programme

The total allocation for Drainage works is €1,188,000 which represents no change from last year's allocation.

2. Safety Improvement works on Regional and Local Roads for Inishowen MD 2025.

As part of the funding announcement for Non-National Roads the Department of Transport allocated Donegal County Council €649,500 and Inishowen MD received almost half of this funding, € 320,000 for seven projects listed below.

1. € 170,000 - Quigleys Point Vehicle Restraint System at Greenbank.
2. € 25,000 - Bunnamayne Bridgend - Crossroad Junctions.
3. € 25,000 – Barrickhill Buncrana.
4. €25,000 - Largabrack, Carndonagh.
5. €25,000 - Umrycam, Buncrana – T Junctions L1691/L7011.
6. €25,000 - Coolnasillagh, Greencastle T Junction R241/L1471.
7. €25,000 - Cockhill, Buncrana.

3. Specific Improvement Grants 2025

As part of the funding announcement for Non-National Roads the Department of Transport allocated Donegal County Council €1,080,000 from the Specific Improvement Grant. Inishowen MD received an allocation of € 200,000 in total for the completion of Coyle's/Beggars bridge, this allocation includes design and construction costs.

4. Bridge Rehabilitation Works on Regional and Local Roads 2025

The Department of Transport allocated Donegal County Council €755,500 for the Bridge Rehabilitation Works on Regional and Local Roads. Inishowen MD received an allocation of € 120,000 in total for.

1. €40,000 - Carrowmullan Bridge Fahan
2. €40,000 - P O'Donnell's Bridge, Buncrana
3. €40,000 - Ballinlough Bridge, Carndonagh.

5. Climate Adaption Funding for Inishowen MD 2025

As part of the funding announcement for Non-National Roads the Department of Transport announced an allocation of €935,000 for the Climate Adaption and Resilience works in County Donegal. Inishowen MD received 18.2% of this allocation of €170,000 for Argony Pipe to Killea R237 rampart road structure rehabilitation.

6. Roads & Footpaths in Council Housing Estates 2025

At the Roads SPC meeting in February 2021, a policy was agreed around the maintenance of roads, footpaths and public lighting in council housing estates. This was subsequently adopted at plenary level at the March 2021 Council Meeting. The Funding allocation to each municipal district in the 2025 Revenue Budget has yet to be announced. The Road Office in collaboration with the Housing & Corporate recommended a 4-year programme, where year 4 (2025) was identified as Crana View in Buncrana. Inishowen MD report dated July 2022 included in Appendix II.

7. Community Involvement Schemes 2025.

Donegal County Council has received an allocation of €1,089,000 for the 2025 Community Involvement Scheme. This has been distributed to the MDs on a per Km basis. which represents an increase of 22.2% from last year's allocation. At the last Roads Workshop, a priority list of schemes was agreed with the Members, however due to the increased allocation and additional CIS applications received since the workshop, it is proposed present an amended CIS programme at the next available workshop for the Elected Members consideration.

Appendix I

Draft Restoration Maintenance Programme 2025

RSS	Engineer	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name	Works Type	Length or work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	L	L-1371	Ballybrack Upper	SD	1,500	2025	2025	
Moville	Inish North	L	L-6431	Carnagarve Hill Road	SD	1,510	2025	2025	
Moville	Inish North	L	L-1131	Culdaff Glebe	SD	2,310	2025	2025	
Moville	Inish North	L	L-11111	Carthage	SD	1,550	2025	2025	
Moville	Inish North	L	L-5931	Glackadrummon	SD	1,600	2025	2025	
Moville	Inish North	L	L-5921	Redford Glebe	SD	600	2025	2025	
Moville	Inish North	L	L-12615	Freehold	SD	2,150	2025	2025	
Moville	Inish North	L	L-6271	Ballyargus	SD	1,400	2025	2025	
Moville	Inish North	R	R-241	Lower Road Greencastle	SD	1530	2025	2025	
Moville Total						14,150			
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L1272-1	Magherard/Hillhead	SD	1,500	2025	2025	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-5171-1	Meeting House to Ballagh	SD	2,400	2025	2025	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-5171-1	Clorney to Quarry Road	SD	350	2025	2025	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-5761-1	Hollymount	SD	2,165	2025	2025	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-5031-1	Moss Road Malin Head	SD	986	2025	2025	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-10113-0	Ardmalin	SD	1,300	2025	2025	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-10414-0	Tully	SD	1,100	2025	2025	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-10711/L-5141-1	Ballanahona	SD	1,480	2025	2025	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L-1511-1	Tullagh Road	SD	2,500	2025	2025	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LT	L-6841-1	Roosky	SD	900	2025	2025	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LT	L-52311-0	Magheranaul	SD	647	2025	2025	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L-1091-3	Isle road	SD	1,000	2025	2025	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L-1171-2	Altashane	SD	1,240	2025	2025	
Carndonagh Total						16,328			
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	R	238-18	Minduff Section No.1	SD	1,038	2025	2025	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	LP	L1731-1 to LL1731-6	Meena Hanish	SD	3,400	2025	2025	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	LP	1841-2	Moss Cottages Inch	SD	1,600	2025	2025	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	LP	1841-4	Watery Road Inch	SD	1,000	2025	2025	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	LS	L6211-1	White Castle School Road	SD	1,252	2025	2025	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	LT	16911-3	Meenaward	SD	2,300	2025	2025	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	LT	68712-2	Owenark	SD	1,374	2025	2025	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	LT	68712-3	Glassmullan	SD	1,100	2025	2025	
Buncrana Rural Total						13,064			
Newtown	Inish South	R	265-8	Redbridge	SD	750	2025	2025	
Newtown	Inish South	R	265-7	Monreagh	SD	680	2025	2025	
Newtown	Inish South	LP	1811-1	Glackmore	SD	920	2025	2025	
Newtown	Inish South	LP	1911-2	Drunskellan	SD	1,160	2025	2025	
Newtown	Inish South	LP	2021-2	Adee to polock	SD	1,620	2025	2025	
Newtown	Inish South	LS	5014-2	Dunduff	SD	1,400	2025	2025	
Newtown	Inish South	LS	8241-1	Bohuillion	SD	946	2025	2025	
Newtown	Inish South	LS	8421-1	Garshooley	SD	1,400	2025	2025	
Newtown Total						8,876			
IMD TOTAL						52,418			

Draft Restoration Improvement Programme 2025

RSS	Engineer	Road Class	Road Name	Works Type	Length or work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	LP	Upper rd Stroove	SR	2,800	2025	2025	
Moville	Inish North	LP	Crockanonion # 2	RR	1,300	2025	2025	
Moville	Inish North	R	Carrowmore to Gleneely	SR	1,100	2025	2025	
Moville	Inish North	LP	Terryone #2	SR	1,500	2025	2025	
Moville	Inish North	LS	Bootagh / Drumagasson	RR	876	2025	2025	
Moville	Inish North	LP	Drung Hill	SR	1,000	2025	2025	
Moville	Inish North	LP	Kinnego Rd	SR	1,600	2025	2025	
Moville	Inish North	LS	Crawford Sq Moville	SR	250	2025	2025	
Moville	Inish North	R	Drumlee Gleneely*	SR	600	2025	2025	
Moville Total 2024					11,226			
Carn	Inish North	LP	Ulbelreagh Phase 2	RR	1,600	2025	2025	
Carn	Inish North	R	Glentogher Section 1	RR	508	2025	2025	
Carn	Inish North	R	Glentogher Section 2	RR	368	2025	2025	
Carn	Inish North	LP	Crossconnell/Dunaff	SR	1,500	2025	2025	
Carn	Inish North	LP	Leenan to Mamore	SR	1,390	2025	2025	
Carn	Inish North	R	Lagg Road	SR	1,315	2025	2025	
Carn	Inish North	LS	Coolcross	RR	1,000	2025	2025	
Carn	Inish North	R	Rasheeney	SR	1,300	2025	2025	
Carn	Inish North	R	Malin Bridge*	SR	100	2025	2025	
Carn Total 2024					9,581			
Buncrana	Inish South	R	Lisfannon Duffys	RR	400	2025	2025	
Buncrana	Inish South	R	Cockhill Road	RR	900	2025	2025	
Buncrana	Inish South	LP	Dunree Road Section No.1	RR	1,100	2025	2025	
Buncrana	Inish South	LP	Green Road Tullydish	SR	1,200	2025	2025	
Buncrana	Inish South	LP	Griana's Gap Section No.1	SR	1,700	2025	2025	
Buncrana	Inish South	LS	Beylett	SR	800	2025	2025	
Buncrana	Inish South	LP	Cahir O' Doherty	SR	354	2025	2025	
Buncrana	Inish South	R	Fahan Lookout*	SR	600	2025	2025	
Buncrana Total 2024					7,054			
Newtown	Inish South	R	Killea Reg	RR	1,350	2025	2025	
Newtown	Inish South	LP	Toulett Section No.1	RR	800	2025	2025	
Newtown	Inish South	R	Carrigans to Derry Border*	SR	750	2025	2025	
Newtown	Inish South	LS	Sallybrooke	SR	705	2025	2025	
Newtown	Inish South	LS	Ballymoney	SR	1,100	2025	2025	
Newtown	Inish South	LS	Green Road Burt	SR	818	2025	2025	
Newtown	Inish South	LS	Ardee Road Newtown	SR	1,381	2025	2025	
Newtown	Inish South	LS	Aileach Valley	SR	125	2025	2025	
Newtown	Inish South	LP	Toulett Section No. 2*	SR	585	2025	2025	
Newtown Total 2024					7,614			
IMD TOTAL								

Drainage Provision Programme 2024

Overseer	Engineer	Location	Description of Works	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	Carnagarve	Pipe approx 100m of 450 mm pipe along road side ditch to provide passing areas	2025	2025	
Moville	Inish North	Corthage	Pipe approx 50m of road side ditch to provide passing areas	2025	2025	
Moville	Inish North	Culineen	Road side slippage -pipe 1200 dia required and embankment strengthening	2025	2025	
Moville	Inish North	Cashel Main Road	200m of 450mm pipe including gullies	2025	2025	
Moville	Inish North	Upper Road Stroove	90m of 450 mm pipe	2025	2025	
Moville	Inish North	Oort	120m of 300mm pipe	2025	2025	
Moville	Inish North	Tryirone	150m of 450mm pipe	2025	2025	
Moville Total						
Carndonagh	Inish North	Black Mountain	200mm of roadside drainage	2025	2025	
Carndonagh	Inish North	Cloontagh	150m of 450mm pipe	2025	2025	
Carndonagh	Inish North	Leenan Road	120m of 300mm pipe	2025	2025	
Carndonagh	Inish North	Ballinhona	110m of 300mm pipe	2025	2025	
Carndonagh	Inish North	Craigtown	80m of 450mm pipe	2025	2025	
Carndonagh Total						
Buncrana	Inish South	Barmoor /Trillick	100 metre of 300 mm pipper and 3 Gullies	2025	2025	
Buncrana	Inish South	Grannia's Gap	110 metre of 300 mm pipe, No 3 Gullies and No1 Manhole	2025	2025	
Buncrana	Inish South	Meenam Brae Road	60 metre of 300mm pipe No 2 Gullies and No1 Manhole ,20 mtr of 900 mm pipe	2025	2025	
Buncrana	Inish South	Carvagh Dunree	100 metre of 300 mm pipe and 4 Gullies	2025	2025	
Buncrana	Inish South	Linsfort Old Post office	60 metre of 225 mm pipe and 3 Gullies	2025	2025	
Buncrana	Inish South	Green road	140 metre of 300 mm pipe	2025	2025	
Buncrana	Inish South	Roadcrossing at Ross Inch	50 metre No 5 Roadsrossing 300mm pipe and 3 Gullies	2025	2025	
Buncrana	Inish South	Leamacrossan	60 metre of 300mm pipe and 2 Gullies	2025	2025	
Buncrana Total						
Newtown	Inish South	Deerpark	80m of 300mm pipe with 1 manhole and 3 gullies	2025	2025	
Newtown	Inish South	Whitehill Road	130m of 375mm pipe with manholes and gullies	2025	2025	
Newtown	Inish South	Monfad Cottages	120m of 300mm pipe with manholes and gullies	2025	2025	
Newtown	Inish South	Bunnamayne to Killea L2031	100m of 300mm pipie with gullies	2025	2025	
Newtown	Inish South	Longlane	7m Road Crossing 225mm pipe	2025	2025	
Newtown	Inish South	Dundrean	Road Crossing 450mm pipe	2025	2025	
Newtown Total						
Grand Total						

Low Cost Safety Programme 2025

Overseer	Engineer	Road Class	Road Number	Location	Description of Works	Length of work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes
Edward Ruddy	Kevin Lake	R	R238	Three Trees Tromaty, Quigleys Point	VRS installation contract	1000	2025	2025	Completion of the VRS contract along the R238 at Greenbank Q/Point
Edward Ruddy	Kevin Lake	R	R241 / L7011 & L1681	Coolnasillagh, Greencastle	Signs and lines	30	2025	2025	
Moville Total						1,030			
Paddy Mc Laughlin	Kevin Lake	R	R244	Largabrack	Signs and lines	30	2025	2025	
Candonagh Total						30			
James Gill	Stephen Glackin	R/L	R238	Barrickhill Buncrana.	Signs and lines & Lighting	30	2025	2025	
James Gill	Stephen Glackin	R/L	R238/L1691/L7011.	Umrycam, Buncrana	Signs and lines	30	2025	2025	
James Gill	Stephen Glackin	R/L	R238	Cockhill, Buncrana.	Signs and lines	30	2025	2025	
Buncrana Total						90			
Ciaran Dowds	Stephen Glackin	L	L2031/L2021	Bunnamayne Bridgend	Signs and lines	30	2025	2025	
Buncrana Total						30			
						1,180			

Bridge Strengthening Programme 2025

Area	Engineer	Road Class	Bridge Number	Location	Description of Works	Length of work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes
2025 Bridge Strengthening Programme (Discretionary)									
Quigleys Point	Road Design	L7131	1925	Strath Bridge Quigleys Point	Strengthening	6	2025	2025	
Bridge End	Road Design	L7621	1934	Skeoge Bridge End	Strengthening	6	2025	2025	
2025 DOT Funding Application									
Buncrana	Road Design	L1831	1650	Carrowmullan Bridge Fahan DL/BR/25/006	Strengthening	6	2025	2025	
Buncrana	Road Design	R238	1697	P O'Donnell's Bridge, Buncrana DL/BR/25/012	Strengthening	6	2025	2025	
Carndonagh	Road Design	R244	1727	Ballinlough Bridge, Carndonagh. DL/BR/25/016	Strengthening	6	2025	2025	
2025 Specific Improvement Grants									
Moville	Area Roads	R240	DLR240-011	Coyles/Beggars Bridge	Widening/realignment	20	2025	2025	Ongoing

Appendix II



Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall

Donegal County Council

To: The Cathaoirleach and Each Member of Inishowen MD

Subject: Proposed programme of works for Maintenance of Council Housing Estates

Date: 25th July 2022

At the Roads SPC meeting in February 2021, a policy was agreed around the maintenance of Roads, Footpaths and Public Lighting in Council Housing Estates which assigned responsibility for this work to Roads. This was subsequently adopted at plenary level at the March 2021 Council Meeting.

Funding to be allocated to each municipal district in the 2022 Revenue Budget. It is expected that further funding will be made available in subsequent years.

The Road Office in collaboration with the Housing & Corporate are recommending a 4-year programme where the full allocation is allocated as follows:

Year	Estate	Proposed Works
Year 1	Moville RSS Area Ard Foyle & O'Gara Villas	Back lanes 250 metres resurfaced Replace broken kerbs Refurbish 8 No MH covers
2023	Newtowncunningham RSS Area Colehill in Newtowncunningham	Back lanes/ Footpaths
Year 3	Carndonagh RSS Area Kilbreadagh	Back lanes/ Footpaths
Year 4	Buncrana RSS Area Crana view, Buncrana	Footpaths To be agreed with elected members



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

HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

Municipal District of Inishowen

25th February 2025

Corporate Services

- Consider Date for Economic Development Tourism Strategy Workshop **(online)**
Proposed date 19th March 10am
- Consider Date for Planning Workshops
March Workshop
April Workshop
- Consider Date for Reception for Elite Dance Academy
Proposed date 12th March 2025

Housing Service

- Progress Reports

Summary of Casual Vacancies Inishowen MD as 25 th February 2025	
Properties Refurbished and at Offer Stage	3
Properties being refurbished	2
Properties to be refurbished	7

Summary of DCC Housing Offers and Tenancies

Offers issued from 01/01/2025	Offers refused from 01/01/2025	Tenancies created from 01/01/2025
8	3	5

Summary of DCC Nominations to AHBs

Area	AHB	Nominated	Vacancy	Allocated
Carndonagh	SVP			
Buncrana	SVP			
Moville	Apex	0	0	0

Inishowen MD Housing Waiting List January 2024	
Gross Number of Approved Applicants on Social Housing Waiting List	660
Applicants currently accommodated with HAP assistance but who have remained on the Council Social Housing list	408
Tenants currently accommodated in Council Social Housing and who are approved for a Transfer	47
Net Social Housing Waiting List	205

Gross Need - by approved bedrooms – February 2025

Municipal District		1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Inishowen	Ballyliffin	0	4	4	2	0	0	10
	Bridgend	1	15	5	1	0	0	22
	Buncrana	16	166	67	14	0	0	263
	Burnfoot	1	6	4	0	0	0	11
	Burt	1	4	3	0	0	0	8
	Carndonagh	14	71	47	5	0	0	137
	Carrigans	2	8	5	0	0	0	15
	Clonmany	1	10	11	1	0	0	23
	Culdaff	0	7	5	0	0	0	12
	Fahan	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
	Gleneely	0	5	4	0	0	0	9
	Glengad	0	3	1	0	0	0	4
	Greencastle	1	9	5	0	0	0	15
	Inch	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	Killea	0	3	1	1	0	0	5
	Malin	1	3	9	0	0	0	13
	Malin Head	0	2	1	0	0	0	3
	Moville	6	16	10	1	0	0	33
	Muff	2	19	9	1	0	0	31
	Newtowncunningham	5	26	6	0	1	0	38
	Redcastle	1	1	2	0	0	0	4
Total		53	380	200	26	1	0	660

Housing Grants Report at 17th February 2025

Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2023	79	56	3	13	7	0
2024	79	66	1	6	1	5
2025	11	0	0	1	4	6

Mobility Aids Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2023	41	30	0	10	1	0
2024	23	15	0	5	1	2
2025	1	0	0	0	1	0

Housing Aid for Older People Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2023	175	159	7	9	0	0
2024	222	172	5	13	5	27
2025	25	0	0	3	5	17

Housing Capital Update Report Inishowen Municipal District Meeting

25th February 2025

1. Social Housing Developments – Construction Schemes

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

Location	Status	No. of Units
Construction Stage		
Crana Crescent, Buncrana	Construction works completed in December 2024. Housing Area are currently progressing allocation of units.	16
Rockytown, Phase 2	Department approval to appoint contractor received in December 2024. Contractor formally appointed by Donegal County Council in December 2024. Construction Period 24months. Site establishment and site clearance works have commenced and are ongoing.	54
Detailed Design / Tender Stage		
Barrack Hill, Carndonagh	The contractor, Lowry Construction Ltd, was appointed on the 9th of December 2024. Final Design works have commenced, and site clearance works commenced in January 2025. Foundations are expected to commence in March 2025.	21
Carn Road, Gleneely	The contractor, Lowry Construction Ltd, was appointed on the 9th of December 2024. Final Design works have commenced, and site clearance works commenced in January 2025. Foundations are expected to commence in March 2025.	10
Malin, Radharc na Tra Breige, (Ph 4)	The contractor appointment will take place in January 2025. Works on site are proposed to commence in March 2025. Final Design works have commenced, and foundations are expected to commence in March 2025.	9
Former Garda Station & Residence Malin (SHIP Renewal)	Part 8 was approved at the September 2024 plenary meeting. The tender evaluation was completed, and departmental approval was sought in November 2024. The single-stage funding approval was received from the Department on 17 th February 2025.	2
Ballyhaskey, Newtowncunningham	Design prepared for 40 houses and apartments for the site and presented to Department of Housing on 16 January 2025. The design is being finalised taking into consideration comments from the Department and other Council Sections in advance of Part 8 application on the 20 th February 2025.. Confirmation of Feasibility has been sought for the proposed development from Uisce Eireann.	40
Total		152

2. SI Dwellings

The Council is progressing with the delivery of 3 no. SI dwellings in Inishowen Municipal District:

- a) Dunaff, Clonmany
- b) Kinnea, Clonmany
- c) Ballyliffin

The projects progressed to the tender stage at the end of December 2024. Tenders were returned to the Council on 7 February 2025. The Council is evaluating these tenders and expects to be ready to appoint one or more contractors in March 2025. The single-stage funding approval for all three SI Dwellings was received from the Department on 14th February 2025. The Council's solicitors have also commenced the conveyancing process of transferring the SI sites into the Council's name.

2. Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition

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

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

Council staff continue to engage with developers in Inishowen MD in relation to this turnkey process with significant interest received. Preliminary departmental approval has been received for two no. proposals and these developers are liaising with Uisce Eireann regarding utility connections to serve the proposals. Proposals can only progress to the next stage of departmental approval once a Letter of Offer has been received by the developer from Uisce Eireann.

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

3. House Acquisitions

- a) The Council has completed on the acquisition of the former Garda Station at Malin (see table on page 1 for detail on works to be undertaken).
- b) A further 2 tenant-in-situ house acquisitions are at contract stage in Moville.

4. Lands / Property for Social Housing Purposes

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

In parallel with the programmes outlined above, the Council is actively pursuing the acquisition of lands suitable for housing purposes, in towns and villages where there is currently not a social housing solution available / shortfall. In addition to the current expression of interest advertisement on the Councils' website for parcels of land, derelict sites / buildings with the potential to deliver social housing, the Council is also separately identifying parcels of land with social housing potential in areas of need.

A number of suitable land parcels have been identified in towns and villages across the Inishowen MD and engagement / negotiations are ongoing directly with multiple landowners / agents, to acquire these lands.

Acquisition of a site at Newtowncunningham has been completed with potential for 40 housing units. A further offer to acquire lands at Moville has been accepted (subject to contract) with the potential for 30 housing units.

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