Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall

Oifig Riarthóir na gCruinnithe,
Aras an Chontae,
Leifear.

1 Iúil, 2025

Fógra Cruinnithe

Beidh Cruinniú Bliantúil de Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall ar siúl **De Máirt 8 Iúil 2025**, **ag 11.30 r.n. in Ionad Serbhísí Pobail, Bhaile Dhún na nGall.**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS DÚN NA nGALL

A Chara,

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

Mise, le meas

Padraig O'Sirin
Riarthóir Cruinnithe

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Municipal District of Donegal

Office of Meetings Administrator,
County House,
Lifford.

1st July, 2025

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal will be held on **Tuesday 8th July 2025 at 11.30 am** in the **Donegal Public Services Centre.**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL

Dear Councillor,

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

Yours sincerely,

Pauric Sheerin
Meetings Administrator

AGENDA

1. Consideration of Minutes of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 17th June 2025.

2. Update Reports from Council Services:

2.1 Housing & Corporate Services
2.2 Roads & Transportation
2.3 Economic Development, Information Systems and Emergency Services
2.4 Environment Services
2.5 Community Development
2.6 Planning Services

3. Date of Next Meeting(s) / Workshop(s)

- MD Meeting on Tuesday the 9th September 2025 at 11.30 am in the Peter Kennedy Chamber (as per standing orders)
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD AT 11.30AM ON TUESDAY THE 17TH JUNE 2025 IN THE PETER KENNEDY CHAMBER, DONEGAL PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE

MDD/077/25 MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr Noel Jordan, Cathaoirleach
Cllr Niamh Kennedy
Cllr Michael McMahon
Cllr Jimmy Brogan
Cllr Michéal Naughton
Cllr Michael Boyle

MDD/078/25 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Pauric Sheerin, Area Manager, Housing & Corporate Services
Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Roads/Transportation
Ms. Joy Browne, Tourism Manager, Economic Development
Ms. Aideen Quinn, A/Executive Planner, Planning
Ms. Tara Quinn, Executive Architect, Housing Capital
Mr. Suzanne Bogan, Climate Action Officer, Environment Services
Ms. Caroline Britton, Staff Officer, Community Development
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services
Ms. Evelyn Sharpe, Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

MDD/079/25 APOLOGIES

Mr Garry Martin, Director Designate, Municipal District of Donegal, unable to attend at 11.30am but joined the meeting later.

MDD/080/25 VOTES OF SYMPATHY

Votes of sympathy were passed to the following:

- Bradley & Monaghan families on the passing of May Bradley RIP, Castlefin, mother of Sadie Bradley (Roads) and Mother-in-law of Enda Monaghan (Housing/Corporate).
- Shane Smyth (Economic Development) on the passing of his mother Marie Smyth RIP, Bundoran.
- Natashia Costello (Bundoran Library) on the death of her father Donal Kerins RIP, Cooloney Sligo.

Votes of sympathy were also passed in respect of the following:

- Jackie McMullin, Ardeskin, Donegal Town
- Aidan McNern, Dunkineely
- Terry Tully, Killybegs
- Kay Shovlin, Bruckless/Ardara
- Mick Dunne, Bundoran
- Desmond Coughlan, Ballyshannon

MDD/081/25 STANDING ORDERS

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

MDD/082/25 OUTGOING CATHAOIRLEACH'S ADDRESS

Cllr Jordan thanked the Members and Staff of Donegal MD for their support over the last year. He added that the year was a successful one such as the progress of a number of housing developments including turnkey, the Wastewater Treatment plant in Mountcharles should be closed out in the final quarter of 2025 and he was delighted to host an MD reception for Katie George Dunlevy the previous week. Cllr Jordan advised there is more he'd like to see happen, including addressing the road safety issues at Dunkineely school, which he hopes to see closed out in 2025.

All members thanked Cllr Jordan for his work as Cathaoirleach, agreeing that he was very fair and accommodating as Cathaoirleach and very good at organising/coordinating events in his capacity as chair.

Mr. P Sheerin thanked Cllr Jordan, acknowledging the role of Cathaoirleach is demanding but noted that Cllr Jordan carried out the role with great willingness and patience.

MDD/083/25 ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH

Cllr Jordan sought nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach. On the proposal of Cllr McMahon, seconded by Cllr Kennedy, Cllr Naughton was unanimously elected to the position of Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District for the coming year.

Cllr Naughton thanked the members, stating that being elected Cathaoirleach of the Donegal MD is a great honour for him personally, he acknowledged the role his late parents had in providing him with the start in life to allow him to pursue his career to this point, and reflecting on the sense of honour and achievement he felt in being given the role of Cathaoirleach. He added that he is looking forward to working with staff and members in the year ahead, as it's a team effort, acknowledging that the Staff and Members of the Donegal MD are exceptionally hard working.

All members congratulated Cllr Naughton and wished him well in his year ahead as Cathaoirleach of the Donegal MD.

Mr. Sheerin congratulated Cllr Naughton on behalf of Mr. Garry Martin and Council Staff of the MD and wished him well.

MDD/084/25 ELECTION OF LEAS-CATHAOIRLEACH

Cllr Naughton sough nominations for the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach. On the proposal of Cllr Jordan, seconded by Cllr Boyle, Cllr Brogan was unanimously elected to the position of Leas Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District.
Cllr Brogan thanked the members and said he is looking forward to working with the Cathaoirleach and members

The meeting was then adjourned for a short period to allow for photographs to be taken.

MDD/085/25 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 13TH MAY 2025

On the proposal of Cllr Jordan, seconded by Cllr Kennedy, the Minutes of the Meeting of Municipal District of Donegal held on the 13th May 2025 were confirmed.

MDD/086/25 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MINOR TOURISM RELATED WORKS GRANT SCHEME 2025 WORKSHOP HELD 1ST MAY 2025

On the proposal of Cllr McMahon, seconded by Cllr Brogan, the Minutes of the Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme 2025 workshop held on the 1st May 2025 were confirmed.

MDD/087/25 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ROADS WORKSHOP HELD 13TH MAY 2025

On the proposal of Cllr Boyle, seconded by Cllr Kennedy, the Minutes of the Roads workshop held on the 13th May were confirmed.

MDD/088/25 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ROADS WORKSHOP HELD 29TH MAY 2025

On the proposal of Cllr McMahon, seconded by Cllr Jordan, the Minutes of the Roads workshop held on the 29th May were confirmed.

MDD/089/25 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP HELD 29TH MAY 2025

On the proposal of Cllr Boyle, seconded by Cllr Kennedy, the Minutes of the Community Development workshop held on the 29th May were confirmed.

MDD/090/25 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

CORPORATE SERVICES

Mr Sheerin acknowledged that Cllr Kennedy would soon be finishing her term as Cathaoirleach of the County Council, for which she had a very busy year. He advised that there was great sense of pride having the Cathaoirleach from the Donegal MD, acknowledging her contribution at the recent function presenting staff with Commemorative coins for their contribution to the success of the Council in the Local Authority Awards.

Cllr Naughton congratulated Cllr Kennedy on behalf of the members, on her successful year as Cathaoirleach of the County Council.

Previous Meeting Follow Ups:

In relation to the follow ups from the last Municipal District Meeting, Mr Sheerin noted the following:

- Letters of sympathy: issued.
- Reception for Katie George Dunlevy : held 12th June 2025.
- Correspondence to Uisce Éireann: issued

Nomination to Bundoran Waterworld (1 No. Member)
It was agreed to defer this item to the MD meeting in July 2025.

Fr Francis McLoone & Fr Adrian Gavigan.
Cllr Naughton wished both Fr McLoone and Fr Gavigan well on reaching their respective celebrations of 50 years and 25 years in the priesthood. He expressed his gratitude to both priest for their service and pastoral care to the communities they have served over the years.

'Cully Coders'
Cllr Brogan acknowledged the achievement of the 'Cully Coders', on winning the All Ireland FIRST Lego League (FLL) Masterpiece Challenge and representing Ireland at the FLL International Open in Greece, placing 5th overall. Cllr Brogan suggested making some sort of presentation to the group to acknowledge this achievement.

Cllr Naughton concurred with Cllr Brogan, congratulating this group of Primary School children on such a big achievement and suggested

he will follow up with Mr. P Sheerin to discuss what can be facilitated to acknowledge the group's achievements.

HOUSING SERVICES

The reports circulated with the agenda were noted and taken as read.

Casual Vacancies
Mr Sheerin advised that there has been a relatively high number of houses returned over the past number of months, 8 of which are on the current report, all at varying stages of progress. He noted there are a further 5 casual vacancies expected over the coming weeks in Laghey, Bundoran, Ballintra, Mountcharles and Frosses, which will likely be added to the next report, if keys are returned. Mr Sheerin advised priority is being given to progressing casual vacancies due to the housing need of the MD.

Energy Efficiency Deep Retrofit Works
Mr Sheerin advised the Energy Efficiency Deep Retrofit Works planned for 2025, commenced the previous day (16th June), with 49 houses in the programme that is in line with the 50 per year over the last number of years, with the current program incurring a significant spend of over €1.2million.

Housing Capital
Ms T Quinn referred to the circulated report, taken as read. She advised trial holes are currently being dug out at the Glencolmcille site and site clearance works being carried out at the Dunkineely site to facilitate a topology survey this week.

Land at Church Road in Bundoran
Ms. E Sharpe recused herself from the meeting for the discussion of this item.

Cllr McMahon sought an update on the proposed purchasing of lands at Church Road, Bundoran by the Council and that this matter is being dealt with by Housing Capital Section. He submitted that the family have not had any updates on this matter in recent times and are anxious to receive an update. Cllr Naughton also noted that he understands that the Council is interested in purchasing the lands and submitted that the matter has been ongoing for a lengthy period. In response to the matters raised, Mr. P Sheerin advised that he would pass on the Members' comments to Mr. J Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Housing Capital and request for an official update to be provided in the first instance.

Local Link - Pettigo to Donegal Town,
Cllr Kennedy, referring to the Local Link bus service from Pettigo to Donegal advised that this route only operates on Mondays and Fridays (once daily) and only allows for a 2 hours visit to Donegal Town for services users. She submitted that this service does not allow for service users to attend appointments in Donegal town due to the short duration they have to spend in Donegal Town before they have to depart the town again. She asked that the Municipal District write to Rural Link outlining the comments and to seek an increase in this service to meet the needs of the residents in Pettigo. Cllr Kennedy advised that she has already been in contact with Rural Transport and has a reference no. for her request to them that she can pass on for reference purposes.

Mr Sheerin advised that a letter would issue to Rural Transport and would include the ref no. when provided by Cllr Kennedy.

MDD/091/25 ROADS / TRANSPORTATION SERVICES REPORT

Mr Sweeney referred to the circulated report taken as read.

Previous Meeting Follow Ups
In relation to the follow ups from the last Municipal District Meeting, Mr Sweeney noted the following:

- Rock Armour at Carntulla - The area office will investigate this issue.
- Ardaghey to Ardara Road –These works have commenced.
- Damaged Manhole Cover at Ballyshannon – This manhole cover has been repaired by the service provider.

Dunkineely School Safety Scheme

Mr Sweeney advised The Road Safety Engineer has just advised that the TII have approved the Feasibility and Options Report that was submitted for the Dunkineely School Safety Scheme so this scheme has now moved to phase 3 (Design and Environmental Evaluation), which will require the following:

1. Stage 1 Road Safety Audit of the preliminary design.
2. Completion of the Detailed Design Report
3. Stage 2 Road Safety Audit of the detailed design.
4. Seek approval from the TII for the Detailed Design Report.

Mr Sweeney advised the remaining phases will then be as follows:

- Phase 4 – Statutory Process (Planning consent)

- Phase 5 – Detailed Design and Procurement
- Phase 6 – Construction
- Phase 7 – Close Out

Cllr Brogan welcomed the movement on Dunkineely School Safety Scheme suggesting more signage would be beneficial.

Cllr Boyle queried how long the next phase will take, as this is a matter of urgency. He referred to a recent almost fatal accident in the middle of the street.

Mr Sweeney agreed to follow up with TII on an estimated timeframe.

Cllr Jordan queried if there is possibility the Council could ask the Garda to have presence in the area, as this does help reduce motorists speed when they see a Garda presence, at least until the scheme is at construction stage.

Junctions at Parkhill, Coolcholly & Cavangarden, Ballyshannon
Cllr McMahon expressed his concern regarding the junctions at Parkhill, Coolcholly & Cavangarden, citing that they are extremely dangerous and that the TII should be providing a report to identify solutions to remedy this.

Mr Sweeney advised surveys are being conducted and data being gathered by the area roads office, which will form part of the Road Safety Assessment reports to be submitted to the TII, and when this is concluded, the TII will be in a position to advise. He informed members that gathering this data takes a considerable amount of time.

Ballyshannon- Beleek Road
Cllr McMahon expressed his concerns on the safety of the Ballyshannon Belleek Road, stating it's one of the worst roads in the County, with traffic coming from the 6 northern counties into the republic and vice versa, accommodating large lorries etc.

Mr Sweeney advised he will discuss this with the Road Safety Engineer, as this road is a strategic link into Northern Ireland, and the TII may see it as improvement works to the N3.

Cllr McMahon noted the stretch of road from Celtic Weave into Belleek is the most dangerous and narrow part of the road,and asked if a hard shoulder could be provided on this stretch of road.

Mr Sweeney advised that the provision of hard shoulders would require land acquisition, CPO etc so it would then be considered a Road Scheme which would require it to be on a list of schemes for

consideration, which it currently is not the case, as the focus is currently on schemes such as the Ten-T.

Cllr McMahon advised there was previously a flashing beacon on the road and suggested it is reinstated or alternatively one of the signs showing the speed of the vehicle in red/green.

Mr Sweeney advised the TII are not in favour of these type of signs (showing speed in red/green) being used on National Roads, as they have been seen as a target for speed rather than a deterrent. Mr Sweeney agreed to follow up to see if a SLOW/Go Mall sign can be erected at this location.

Frosses
Cllr Brogan asked if signs that flash a vehicles speed, in red or green depending on whether it is within or above the speed limit could be installed at Frosses.

Mr Sweeney advised there are several indicators on the approach road to the school in Frosses to manage the speed of vehicles approaching the school, they include the 50kph speed limit signs, caution children crossing signs, slow road markings, school flashing lights, and hatching along the middle of the road to narrow the carriageway.
Mr Sweeney did however advise that the speed limit at all schools is going to form part of the national speed limit review but the Council are waiting on the department to finalise their guidance document on the implementation of same in the vicinity of the schools.

Cllr Brogan asked when the 30kph limit will come into effect.

Mr Sweeney noted that a non statutory public consultation event has taken place, which was poorly attended but those who did attend were supportive of what is being proposed. The next step is the statutory process, i.e. a statutory consultation event, submissions, report with submissions, recommendation, members adopt or reject etc.

Mountcharles
Cllr Brogan raised safety concerns about the crossing at Mountcharles, citing children are coming out of school around the corner and its very dangers.

Mr Sweeney advised it is also very close to the bus stop, so a solution to work for both will need to be found.

Barnesmore Gap Greenway
Cllr Brogan welcomed the Barnesmore Greenway Project, advising the public consultation events were well attended and he hopes now

that the consultations are complete, there'll be no further delays in the planning for this project.

Mr Sweeney advised this scheme will need to go to An Bord Plenála for approval, but it will be of huge benefit to Donegal Town if planning approval is granted and funding can be secured for the delivery of the scheme.

Pettigo
Cllr Naughton suggested a link road right around the football pitch in Pettigo.

Parking Fines
Cllr Naughton raised concern that parking fines being issued to motorists dropping off donations to the SVP shop, and the traffic warden taking photographs as the motorist drove off. He queried if something could be done to address this in the bye-laws.

Mr Sweeney advised that the Traffic Wardens take photographs as evidence of where the vehicle was parked in the event of a parking fine being challenged.

Mr Sweeney also advised that the area immediately outside the SVP shop is a footway/footpath and vehicles found to be parked on a footway are being issued with fixed charge notices as parking on same is not permitted in accordance with the Road Traffic (Traffic and parking) Regulations 1997.

Mr Sweeney did however suggest that the loading bay across from the SVP shop could be changed to provide parking spaces, as the shop it was outside has since closed.

MDD/092/25 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFORMATION SYSTEMS & EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT

Ms Browne referred to the circulated report, taken as read, advising that in follow up to the query raised at the previous MD meeting, a briefing report had been circulated to the members in relation to caravan and camping tourism.

Ms Browne highlighted events such as the upcoming 3rd International meeting of the Green Hydra Project, being held in Donegal, 11 Donegal businesses partaking in the Balmoral Show in May and the distribution of Donegal tourism brochures and golf brochure, which is also available online.

Festivals & Events

Cllr Naughton proposed a meeting with Donegal Tourism and Failte Ireland should be held to discuss Festivals & Events within Donegal, noting the loss of the Bundoran Sea Sessions and Donegal Town Food festival this year. He noted the IMRO and insurance costs as having an adverse impact on community run events. He suggested a festival and events strategy should be put in place for the next 3 years.

Cllr Jordan seconded the proposal of having a meeting with Donegal Tourism and Failte Ireland, noting the loss of the Food Festival in Donegal Town and the difficulty the Rory Gallagher festival is having in sustaining itself into the future.

Cllr McMahon congratulated the committee of the Rory Gallagher festival on its success this year, acknowledging that more money is needed from government for these festivals. He advised the high cost of insurance for these events is a contributing factor to them not being able to continue. He stated it very important for towns such as Bundoran/Ballyshannon to have these festivals to generate much needed revenue.

Cllr Kennedy suggested discussing the cost of insuring these events, with someone from the insurance industry to get direction, given the reported issues with these costs.

Cllr Naughton welcomed the Donegal Rally and Errigal Arts Festival taking place, suggesting it would be worth looking at the possibility of having one day of the rally in the south of the County, as part of the event in years to come.

Ms Browne advised there are many challenges to festivals being ran, such as lack of volunteers, high cost of insurance, IMRO seeking to backdate monies, adding the current Festival & Events grant scheme is just over €49,000. She advised she will contact Failte Ireland to request a meeting and will revert with proposed dates.

MDD/093/25 ENVIRONMENT SERVICES REPORT

Ms Bogan referred to the circulated report, taken as read. She highlighting items such as the bathing season officially commenced 1st June, so the lab will be taking water samples at designated areas, the progress report on implementing the Climate Action Plan will be brought to SPC's and then to the Plenary meeting for endorsement, participation in the Town Centre First Policy drop in event organised by the Regeneration team, Letterkenny University Hospital biodiversity day and the Council's compost giveaway events.

Cllr Naughton advised the compost giveaway events were a great success, acknowledging participation of Enviro Grind Ltd, a Pettigo based company with over 40 staff which is expanding.

Public Toilets, Donegal Town
Cllr Naughton advised this item needs to remain on the agenda until its closed out, he raised concern in relation to the number of quotations needed and the delays in progress as result.

Mr Martin advised the tendering process needs to be open to as many contractors as possible, testing the market to the standard required for that particular level of contract. This wouldn't be expected to have a major impact on the project.

Ms Bogan agreed to refer this to Mr Kevin McCloskey.

MDD/094/25 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING SERVICES

Community Development Report
Ms Britton referred to the circulated report, taken as read. She referred to a response to follows ups from the previous meeting, which was circulated to members the previous day. Ms Britton advised there were 15 expressions of interest submitted for Clár funding 2025, 4 of which were in the Donegal MD, and these are being evaluated currently.

Donegal Craft Village
Cllr Brogan advised that the 18th July 2025 will be the 40 year anniversary for the opening of the Craft Village, and voiced concern that work needs to commence there as soon as possible. He advised two units remain unoccupied, requiring works and general works required in the craft village such as footpaths etc.

Cllr Jordan noted the tourism season has begun and the opportunity for crafters to make money is now, while he acknowledged the two vacant units have electrical issues, he advised these need to be addressed immediately, works completed and occupants in the two units.

Cllr Naughton advised that progress is too slow, advising that if maintenance isn't carried out on an on-going basis, these units will deteriorate. He stated his disappointment that the two units remain unopen.

Clár Funding Areas
Cllr Naughton queried the fact that some areas of Ballyshannon are within Clár funded areas and others not. He asked how this was decided and if there was anything the members could do as an MD to change this to allow more areas to come within the catchment area.

Ms Britton advised this is decided by the Government nationally - Pobal HP Deprivation Index and acknowledged the frustration of applicants in the fact that some areas of Ballyshannon are inside the Clár area and others are not.

Cllr Jordan advised Cllr Albert Doherty moved a motion on this, and it is being reviewed.

Planning Services Report

Ms A Quinn referred to the circulated report, taken as read. She noted an email circulated to members from Ms Patricia McIntyre regarding the Regeneration and Action Plan for Bundoran.

Planning enforcement
Cllr Brogan raised concern over the time it takes for planning enforcement to react to complaints, citing an example where a complaint was made in April however it was September when someone came out from the Council to investigate it. He stated he understood it to be a staffing issue, but advised there is no point in coming out when the works are completed, it would be more beneficial to stop the works happening in the first instance. He asked that this be looked at.

Ms A Quinn agreed to bring this item to the attention of the planning enforcement section.

Rural Regeneration Development Fund (RRDF)
Cllr Naughton advised he took a motion to the plenary meeting the previous month, seeking Donegal County Council to allocate €5m to address dereliction. He stated funding for this needs to be put aside and it is his intention to keep this on the agenda.

Cllr Naughton acknowledged the good work by Patricia McIntyre and her team regarding RRDF, regenerating towns and villages in the County.

MDD/095/25 Date of Next Meeting / Workshops

The following Workshops were agreed to be held at Donegal Public Services Centre:

Workshop	**Date/Time**
Planning Workshop– Local Area Plan	18th July 2025 at 9.30am
Parking Unit Workshop	8th July 2025 at 2.30pm after MD meeting.

The next Municipal District of Donegal meeting will take place Tuesday 8th July at 11.30am in the Peter Kennedy Chamber (as per Standing Orders)

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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

Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall
Donegal County Council

Municipal District of Donegal

8th July 2025

Housing & Corporate

REPORT

1. Casual Vacancies
2. Housing Grants
3. Housing Loans
4. TP Applications
5. HAP Tenancies
6. Household Need by Location
7. Housing Capital Report
8. Lease & Repair Scheme Summary

CASUAL VACANCIES

	Area	BED	Dwelling Vacated	Comment
1	Ballyshannon	2	Keys Returned 04/03/2025	Completed and offer issued.
2	Bundoran	2	Keys Returned 05/02/2025	Completed and second offer issued
3	Bundoran	1	Keys Returned 17/04/2025	Contractor on site
4	Carrick	3	Keys Returned 21/05/2026	Contractor appointed
5	Donegal	3	Keys Returned 15/05/2025	Contractor appointed
6	Killybegs	1	Keys Returned 02/05/2025	On site and nearing completion.
7	Killybegs	1	Keys Returned 29/05/2025	On site and nearing completion.
8	Laghey	3	Keys Returned 11/06/2025	Awaiting return of tenders
9	Frosses	1	Keys Returned 13/06/2025	Contractor appointed.
10	Mountcharles	1	Keys Returned 17/06/2025	Assessment Stage

HOUSING GRANTS

Position as at 26th June 2025

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED\INVALID	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HO	Pre Dec 2024	172	157	15	0	0
HO	2025	82	21	4	37	20

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED\INVALD	REAPPLIED UNDER HM GRANT	FURTHER INFO.	REF. TO OT	REF. To ENGINEER	PENDING
HD	Pre Dec 2024	93	79	8	0	3	0	0	3
HD	2025	73	22	2	1	24	1	1	22

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED\INVALID	REAPPLIED UNDER HD GRANT	REF. TO OT	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HM	Pre Dec 2024	14	9	0	5	0	0	0
HM	2025	5	0	0	0	0	2	3

HOUSING LOANS

Position as at 26th June 2025

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	PENDING	Further information
Housing Loans	2024	8	1	2	5	0	0
Housing Loans	2025	3	0	0	1	1	1

Tenant Purchase Applications 2024 - 2025

Position as at 26th June 2025

Year	No. of Apps Received	Incomplete Returned	Open Applications	Refused/ Not Eligible	Offer letters Issued	Completed
2024	18	1	15	2	6	0
2025	6	3	3	0	0	0

HAP/PRD

HAP Tenancies	
Municipal District	**Number**
Donegal	203
Letterkenny	691
Glenties	101
Stranorlar	271
Inishowen	392
Sub Total	1658
Tenancies Closed	3409
Overall Total	**5067**

Updated 01/07/2025

HOUSING NEED BY LOCATION

Municipal District		Waiting List (Net Need)	Transfer List	Total Gross Need
Donegal		**241**	**219**	**460**
	Ballintra	***11***	***3***	**14**
	Ballyshannon	***50***	***53***	**103**
	Bruckless	***5***	***2***	**7**
	Bundoran	***43***	***66***	**109**
	Carrick	***2***	***4***	**6**
	Donegal	***105***	***58***	**163**
	Drimarone	***1***	***1***	**2**
	Dunkineely	***1***	***4***	**5**
	Glencolmcille	***2***	***0***	**2**
	Kilcar	***2***	***1***	**3**
	Killybegs	***11***	***17***	**28**
	Laghey	***4***	***2***	**6**
	Mountcharles	***2***	***7***	**9**
	Pettigo	***2***	***1***	**3**
	Total	**241**	**219**	**460**

Updated 01/07/2025

Housing Capital Update Report
Donegal Municipal District Meeting
08th July 2025

1. Social Housing Developments – Construction Schemes

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

Location	Status	No. of Units
Construction Stage		
Drumacrin, Bundoran Phase 1	Construction works progressing on site. • Foundations, sub-structure blockwork & ground floor pre-cast concrete slabs complete to all units. • Super-structure blockwork substantially completed. • Roofing works 95% completed. • M&E second fix ongoing. • External and Internal plastering works continuing • Internal service drainage (foul & storm) complete to 39 units. • WW PS scheduled to commenced. • Watermain is 95% complete within site boundary. • Storm discharge works completed to outfall.	42
Largymore, Kilcar (SI)	Construction works ongoing. • Blockworks, roofing, external render, plastering, drainage, septic tank install all complete. • M&E and joiners 2nd Fix completed. • Tiling to wet areas work complete • Painting and surfaces progressing 95% complete • Installation of kitchen units complete • Kerbing and footpath work complete • External site / landscaping works ongoing	1

Design / Tender Stage		
Laghey	The development of 2no. apartments has planning approval and is being progressed through detailed design stage with an Architect led Design Team.	2
Radhairc Na Mhuirlin, Phase 2, Glencolmcille	The development of 5 units at Radhairc Na Mhuirlin, has planning approval and is being progressing through detailed design stage with an Architect Led Design Team. Site Clearance works, a topographical survey and trial holes are currently being carried out.	5
An Glasán, Phase 2, Kilcar	The development of 5 units at An Glásan, has planning approval and is being progressing through detailed design stage with an Architect Led Design Team. Site Clearance works, a topographical survey and trial holes are currently being carried out.	5
Preliminary Design Stage (No of units subject to change)		
New Row, Fintra Road, Killybegs	The design has been finalised for a scheme of 18 units at Old Fintra Road, Killybegs. Part 8 will be lodged for the project in July 2025 and presented at the September 2025 Plenary Council Meeting.	18
Springfield, Dunkineely	Site Clearance works and initial site investigations are be carried out on DCC owned lands at Dunkineely. Preliminary designs are being developed by the in-house team.	21
Total		94

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2. House Acquisition and Buy and Renew Programme

The Department of Housing Circular: Housing 11/2025 - Social Housing Second Hand Acquisitions Programme outlines four key priority areas under single housing units can be acquired as follows:

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

The capital budget provided to Donegal County Council for 2025 under the Social Housing Programme is €2,000,000. Eligibility criteria has been defined within the Circular for each of these priority areas. Housing Capital is working closely with the Area teams to establish if ongoing acquisitions can now meet the criteria of the Circular.

3. 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.

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 are currently engaging with a number of Developers in the Donegal MD. Information and guidance are being provided on an individual basis to Developers to guide them through the process. This is a competitive tender process and therefore, specific details can only be shared upon receipt of a final tender.

AMPCO Builders Co. Ltd. is progressing the development of lands at Drumrooske, Donegal Town for a total of 35 units. The development will be completed in 2 phases with Phase 1 comprising 25 units and Phase 2 comprising 10 units. Recent photos of progress on-site are attached below.

4. Lands / Property for Social Housing Purposes

The Council is actively pursuing the acquisition of lands suitable for housing purposes, in towns and villages where there is currently not a social housing solution available. In the Donegal MD, the following provides an update:

Additional lands are being considered across Donegal MD and Members will be informed of same upon the Council progressing to make offers to acquire.

Repair & Lease Scheme Summary						
	Applications					
MD	Received	No. of Units	Awaiting assessment	Rejected	Progressing	Total
Inishowen	27	30	2	25	0	**27**
Donegal	19	46	0	19	0	**19**
Glenties	27	40	0	27	0	**27**
Letterkenny	38	63	11	27	0	**38**
Stranorlar	28	85	1	27	0	**28**
Total	**139**	**264**	**14**	**125**	**0**	**139**

26/06/2025

Donegal Municipal District

2025 Roadworks Programme

Status Report – 8th July 2025

Donegal Municipal District

2025 Road Maintenance (Surface Dressing) Programme

2025 Regional & Local Road Surface Dressing Programme									
Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	RSS Area	Year	Length (m)	Width (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)	Status
1	L1915-1	Killymard - Winterhill	14	2025	1000	5	5000	€25,000.00	Completed
2	L6445-2	Newtown - Ballydevitt Beg	14	2025	1000	4.2	4200	€21,000.00	
3	L6355-1	Drumkeegan (Old N56)	14	2025	1500	4.75	7125	€35,625.00	Completed
4	L26152	Mountcharles cottages (Old N56)	14	2025	230	4.5	1035	€5,250.00	Completed
5	L1675-1	Tullyvoos	14	2025	800	3.5	2800	€14,000.00	Completed
6	L1665-1	Inver Church - Doorin Line	14	2025	300	5	1500	€7,566.00	Completed
7	L16251	Ardaghey Glebe (Old N56 W Wards)	14	2025	300	5	1500	€7,566.00	Completed
8	L5775-1	Lignaul	14	2025	1000	3.25	3250	€16,250.00	Completed
9	L1375-4	Leagan Hill (Meenawullaghan)	14	2025	800	3.5	2800	€14,000.00	Completed
10	L5695-1&2	Kilmacreddan - Brenter	14	2025	1300	3.2	4160	€20,800.00	Completed
11	LP1445-2	Ballybodonnell - St Johns Point	14	2025	1500	3.75	5625	€28,200.00	Completed
12	L5895-1	Ballymacahill - Drumnacarry (Mi Gall)	14	2025	500	3.25	1625	€9,000.00	Completed
13	L60351	Sallows (C Dunleavys)	14	2025	900	3.5	3150	€17,000.47	Completed
								€221,257.47	
1	LS5035-1	Beefan	15	2025	1250	3.2	4000	€22,000.00	Completed
2	LT10351	Cointe Cró, Glencolmcille	15	2025	700	3	2100	€11,550.00	Completed
3	P1075/LT1075	Meenacharvey	15	2025	1250	3.3	4125	€22,687.21	Started
4	LS5315-1	Cronasilla Meenboy	15	2025	1550	3.1	4805	€26,427.50	Started
5	LP1365-2	Tullinteane	15	2025	1600	3.2	5120	€28,000.00	Started
6	LP1165-1	Derrylaghan - Cuskry	15	2025	1400	4.5	6300	€34,650.00	Started
7	LP1395-4	Croagh - Ardara Rd	15	2025	1600	4.2	6720	€36,960.00	Started
8	LP1315-1	Churchtown - Commons	15	2025	1000	4.5	4500	€24,750.00	Started
9	LP1025-2	Meenavean	15	2025	1050	5.2	5460	€30,198.00	Completed
10	S225-2/LP12	Churchtown link/Towney	15	2025	350	4.2	1470	€8,000.00	
11	LS5485-1	Binroe to shore	15	2025	900	3.2	2880	€15,840.00	Started
12	LP1125-1	Meenaneary Rd	15	2025	600	5.2	3120	€17,500.00	Started
								€278,562.71	
1	R231-2-3	Killinangel More	16	2025	1000	6.50	6500	€35,750.00	
2	L7775-2	Tullyhorkey	16	2025	400	3.60	1440	€13,000.00	
3	L7995-1	Rowentreehill	16	2025	500	3.60	1800	€9,000.00	Completed
4	L7915-1	Newtown Road	16	2025	1800	4.20	7560	€37,800.00	Completed
5	L7925-1	Ardfarn	16	2025	900	3.20	2880	€14,400.00	Completed
6	L2225-2	Rath-Derries	16	2025	1325	3.60	4770	€23,724.00	Started
7	L7285-1	Poolnaranny-Ballyalla	16	2025	1200	3.30	3960	€19,800.00	Started
8	L2485-4	Knader	16	2025	1000	5.30	5300	€26,500.00	
9	7335-1	Glaskerragh-Tamur	16	2025	1000	3.20	3200	€16,000.00	Completed
10	L7265-1	Ballymagroarty Scotch	16	2025	1200	3.80	4560	€22,800.00	Started
11	L2535-1	Higginstown	16	2025	750	4.60	3450	€17,250.00	Completed
12	L2545-1	Manger	16	2025	1000	3.00	3000	€13,101.31	Completed
								€249,125.31	
1	232/267	Pettigo rd and Tullyearl	17	2025			0	€35,136.00	Completed
2	L18352	Galadoo	17	2025	1350	3.5	4725	€25,997.68	
3	L18353	Benson Hill	17	2025	1100	3.5	3850	€21,175.00	Completed
4	L20952-1	Ballykilowen Carbons	17	2025	950	3.5	3325	€18,287.00	Completed
5	L7035-1	Kilgoal Gospel hall	17	2025	1500	3.5	5250	€28,875.00	Completed
6	L2185-3	Ballintra/Shannagh rd	17	2025	1200	4.5	5400	€29,700.00	Completed
7	L6925-1	Lisnapaste Sean Gallagher rd	17	2025	1300	3.5	4550	€25,025.00	Completed
8	L6945-1	Rath Garys Brae	17	2025	1000	3.5	3500	€19,250.00	Completed
9	L21851	Ballynakillew mt Moor Lands	17	2025	1200	3.5	4200	€23,100.00	Completed
10	L80351-1	Tievemore Coltons rd	17	2025	950	3.5	3325	€18,287.50	Completed
11	L68152	Druminardagh Maxwells rd	17	2025	600	3.5	2100	€11,550.00	Completed
12	L2265-3	Crocknacunny Floods	17	2025	1200	3.75	4500	€24,750.00	Completed
								€281,133.18	
								€1,030,078.67	

2025 Road Improvement Programme

No	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Eng Area	Year	Length (m)	Width (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)	Status
				Draft 2025 Road Improvement Programme					
1	R262-3	Frosses - Glenties (Binbane)	14	2025	750	6	4500	€171,000.00	
2	L1515-2	Ardaghey - Ardara (Meenabradder	14	2025	800	7	5600	€160,000.00	Started
3	L1845-3	Ballydevitt - Altadoo	14	2025	600	6	3600	€108,000.00	Completed
4	L1375-3-4	Leagan - Croagh	14	2025	700	3.5	2450	€80,000.00	Completed
5	L1615-2	Lettermore - Meentacor	14	2025	900	3	2700	€85,000.00	Completed
6	LS6375	Edrim Glebe - Dromore upper (Wa	14	2025	650	3.2	2080	€70,000.00	Completed
7	LS975-1	Drumgorman	14	2025	850	3.5	2975	€70,000.00	Completed
8	LT16251	Ardaghey OLD N56	14	2025	200	5.5	1100	€33,000.00	Completed
9	L1685-4	Sallows - Letterfad	14	2025	1150	3.3	3795	€110,000.00	Completed
10	L1485/2	Brenter - Tievedooly	14	2025	1500	3.3	4950	€106,000.00	Completed
11	LS735/1	Meenawullaghan - Tievedooly	14	2025	750	3.3	2475	€58,129.17	Completed
								€1,051,129.17	
1	R-263-7	Drumnafinnagle - Kilcar Jn	15	2025	450	8	3,600	€99,241.00	Completed
2	R-263-2 & L-1355	Killybegs streets	15	2025	500	6	3,750	€150,000.00	
3	LP1345-2	Binroe - Ballyloughlan	15	2025	750	4	3,000	€110,000.00	Started
4	LT10354	Cashelhill (Picnic Area)	15	2025	400	3	1,200	€45,000.00	Completed
5	LS5435-1	Drumanoo	15	2025	1000	3.5	3,500	€80,000.00	Completed
6	LS5565-1	Gibertstown town towards Calham	15	2025	900	3	2,700	€95,000.00	
7	LP1335-1	Carricknagore	15	2025	1000	4	4,000	€150,000.00	
8	LS5215-1&2	Derrylaghan	15	2025	900	3.5	3,150	€110,000.00	Started
9	LT10251	Creevin, Carrick	15	2025	750	3	2,250	€60,000.00	Started
10	LP1265-1	Glenlee roundabout - Drumbarity	15	2025	600	5.5	3,300	€110,000.00	Started
11	LS5555	Tullaghacullion (Salt Barn Rd)	15	2025	500	5	2,500	€86,430.25	
								€1,095,671.25	
1	R267	Bundoran	16	2025	187	10.00	1870	€80,000.00	
2	L2465-1	Ballyshannon	16	2025	280	7.50	2100	€80,000.00	
3	R231	Rossnowlagh	16	2025	400	8.5	3400	€118,853.05	
4	L7615-2	Garvanagh	16	2025	550	3.50	1925	€61,000.00	Completed
5	L2335-4 to L	Derries	16	2025	1000	3.50	3500	€112,000.00	
6	L2365-1	Cashelard	16	2025	1100	6.20	6200	€136,400.00	Completed
7	L7775-2	Tullyhorkey	16	2025	450	6.00	2700	€82,000.00	Completed
8	L2535-2	Higginstown (Continuation of 2024	16	2025	500	5.00	2500	€80,000.00	Completed
9	L7285-1	Ballyalla	16	2025	600	3.30	2880	€50,000.00	Started
10	L7335-1	Glaskerragh- Tamur	16	2025	1000	3.20	3200	€80,000.00	Completed
11	R920	Clyhore	16	2025	200	7.00	1400	€53,786.00	Completed
12	L7795-2	Corlea	16	2025	1325	3.50	4637.5	€102,000.00	Completed
13	L2535-2	Higginstown (To flyover, continuati	16	2026	400	5.00	2000	€65,000.00	Completed
~~14~~	~~L2565-1~~	~~Magheracar~~	~~16~~	~~2026~~	~~400~~	~~5.00~~	~~2000~~	~~€0.00~~	
								€1,101,039.05	
1	232-5-6	Pettogo Rd	17	2025	900	6	5400	€150,000.00	
2	R267 & L-1905-0	Donegal Streets	17	2025				€100,000.00	
3	L2165-1	N15 to Murvagh Crossroads	17	2025	950	6	5700	€172,000.00	Completed
4	L6935-1	Knockbane	17	2025	850	3.5	2975	€59,500.00	Started
5	L6685-1	Aughlem-Straness	17	2025	1000	3.5	3500	€70,000.00	Completed
6	L6665-1	Finnadoos-Drumadoney	17	2025	1000	3.5	3500	€70,000.00	Started
7	L2125-5	Kellys Bridge rd	17	2025	1000	3.5	3500	€70,000.00	Completed
8	L6715-1	Drumbar-Drumgowan	17	2025	1000	3.5	3500	€70,000.00	Completed
9	L8035-1	Tievemore to old PO	17	2025	950	3.5	3325	€66,500.00	Started
10	L8065-1	Lettercran Extension	17	2025	1200	3.5	4200	€84,000.00	Completed
11	L6675	Drummenny Middle- Upper	17	2025	1200	3.5	4200	€84,000.00	Started
12	L6785-1	Drumlast	17	2025	1000	3.5	3500	€70,000.00	
13	L6895-1	Trummon East	17	2025	700	3.5	2450	€49,070.00	Completed
14	L2175-1 & L7165-2	Bridgetown	17	2025	500	6.5	3250	€95,493.52	
								€1,210,563.52	
								€4,458,402.99	TOTAL

Donegal MD footpath repair & public lighting infill works

Footpath Works																
RSS Area	Location	Year 1 Budget 2018	Year 2 Budget 2019	Year 3 Budget 2020	Year 4 Budget 2022	Year 5 Budget 2024	Overall Total Budget	Spent to date Year 1 2018	Spent to date Year 2 2019	Spent to date Year 3 2020	Spent to date Year 4 2022	Spent to date Year 5 2024	Total spent to date	Remaining balance	Balance per RSS area
14	Mountcharles	€5,729.00	€16,600.00	€24,350.00			€46,679.00	€5,729.00	€17,515.99	€22,737.25			€45,982.24	€696.76	
	Dunkineely			€23,432.00			€23,432.00			€9,650.00			€9,650.00	€13,782.00	
	Frosses		€16,600.00	*€23,432.00*			€40,032.00		€2,759.75	€0.00			€2,759.75	€37,272.25	
	Ardaghey Area				€6,347.00	€33,426.00	€39,773.00				€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€39,773.00	€91,524.01
15	Killybegs	€15,568.00	€16,600.00	€50,000.00			€82,168.00	€15,575.78	€16,600.00	€51,817.02			€83,992.80	-€1,824.80	
	Kilcar			€3,200.00			€3,200.00			€2,958.60			€2,958.60	€241.40	
	Glencolumbkille		€8,300.00	€16,314.00			€24,614.00		€0.00	€0.00			€0.00	€24,614.00	
	Carrick		€8,300.00	€1,700.00			€10,000.00		€5,939.59	€1,772.90			€7,712.49	€2,287.51	
	Killybegs Area				€17,246.00	€33,426.00	€50,672.00				€14,894.81	€20,489.87	€35,384.68	€15,287.32	€40,605.43
16	Ballintra			€11,214.00			€11,214.00			€11,214.00			€11,214.00	€0.00	
	Ballyshannon	€95,224.00	€16,600.00	€35,000.00			€146,824.00	€95,987.00	€16,702.99	€35,204.00			€147,893.99	-€1,069.99	
	Bundoran		€16,600.00	€25,000.00			€41,600.00		€16,600.00	€25,000.00			€41,600.00	€0.00	
	Ballyshannon Area				€105,492.62	€33,426.00	€138,918.62				€74,380.00	€0.00	€74,380.00	€64,538.62	€63,468.63
17	Donegal Town	€32,897.00	€16,600.00	€47,214.00			€96,711.00	€24,048.08	€17,500.00	€23,367.99			€64,916.07	€31,794.93	
	Laghey		€8,300.00	€8,000.00			€16,300.00		€9,450.16	€0.00			€9,450.16	€6,849.84	
	Bridgetown			€6,000.00			€6,000.00			€19,788.65			€19,788.65	-€13,788.65	
	Pettigo		€8,300.00	€10,000.00			€18,300.00		€880.35	€0.00			€880.35	€17,419.65	
	Donegal Area				€36,424.34	€33,426.00	€69,850.34				€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€69,850.34	€112,126.11
	Totals	**€149,418.00**	**€132,800.00**	**€284,856.00**	**€165,509.96**	**€133,704.00**	**€866,287.96**						**€558,563.78**	**€307,724.18**	

Public Lighting Infill Works						
Area	**Location**	**Description**	**Total Cost**	**Status**	**Total Spent**	**Remaining balance**
14	Drimark, Donegal Town	Infill lighting - 7 additional lights at Drimark on Local	€10,871.00	Completed	€27,662.46	-€541.46
	Mountcharles	Lower End Mountcharles –	€6,750.00	Completed		
	Mill Park Hotel, Doonan	Proposed lighting from Doonan Roundabout to	€9,500.00	Completed		
15	Kilcar	Lighting improvement	€10,650.00	Completed	€20,377.51	€8,997.49
	Killybegs	Old Fintra Rd near Glenlee	€18,725.00	Yet to commence		
16	Ballyshannon	Rossnowlagh Link Road.	€30,000.00	Completed	€25,864.00	€4,136.00
17	Killymard, Donegal Town	Extend existing public lighting past the school	€11,600.00	Completed	€26,025.48	€18,074.52
	Tirconnaill Street & Castle Street, Donegal Town	Infill lighting needed along the public road at Tirconnaill Street on local	€10,000.00	Started		
	Killymard, Donegal Town	Killymard Church to Drumrooske Housing	€22,500.00	Completed		
		Total amount	**€130,596.00**		€99,929.45	**€30,666.55**

2025 Drainage Grant

RSS Area	Budget	No	Description of Works	Road No.	Estimated Cost €	Status
14	**€58,503.00**	1	Inver Village - Cottages Inver Village (Water Ponding causing Flooding damage to property)	L5805-1	€15,000.00	
		2	Coolshannon - Pipe roadside drain with 600mm S&S Pipes to prevent Flooding	LP1545-1	€20,000.00	
		3	Drumgun Drumark - Prevent Flooding onto N56 at Drumark	L6355-1	€23,503.00	
					€58,503.00	
15	**€60,982.00**	1	Carricknagore - install 175m of drainage to prevent future flooding	LP1335	€20,000.00	
		2	Gilbertstown - replace a number of road crossings and open outlets to prevent furure flooding	LS5565-1	€20,000.00	
		3	Meenaneary Road, Carrick - replace a number of damaged road crossings	LP1125-1	€20,982.00	Completed
					€60,982.00	
16	**€61,281.00**	**1**	Cloughhore - 225mm x 100m LHS going towards Beleek, Cleaning gullys. Masonry arch bridge is clogged up.	R920	€12,000.00	
		2	Bishop Street - Check and repair existing, big flows, currently flooding, cracked pipes.	L2465-1	€25,000.00	Started
		3	Ballintra Ballymagroarty Scotch - New drainage and gullys.	L2175-1	€15,000.00	
		4	Moy Road - Various locations need addressed	L2525-2	€9,281.00	
					€61,281.00	
17	**€67,376.00**	1	Birchill/Cloughfin: Replace crossing with 900mm clean drains also	L-6551	€18,000.00	Completed
		2	Hill Rd: Extend existing pipe 80 mts and put in gulleys	L-2095-1	€10,000.00	Completed
		3	Tullyleague Mc Gintys Rd: drainage and outlets	L-6765-1	€8,000.00	Completed
		4	Grousehall: up size existing crossing to 450mm and drainage	L-8032-2-3	€10,000.00	Completed
		5	Kilgoal drainage and laybys	L7015-1	€10,000.00	Completed
		6	R267 Donegal Hospital	R267	€11,376.00	Completed
					€67,376.00	
	€248,142.00			**Totals**	**€248,142.00**	

Donegal MD Community Involvement Schemes 2025

Project Number	RSS Area	Road Number	Road Name	Length of work (m)	Total Area of work	Overall Cost of work	% LC	LC	WIL	Budget	Status
393 (543)	Dunkineely	L-1845-2	Ballydevitt Altidoo (Phase 5 & 6)	110		€77,400.00	20.00%	€15,480.00	Yes	€61,920.00	
434 (544)	Dunkineely	L-6335-2	Eglish (Phase 2)	3650	10950	€58,186.50	20.00%	€11,637.30	Yes	€46,549.20	
492	Donegal	L-2075-1	Old Laghey Road Laghey (Footpath near Laghey)	75	150	€25,000.00	20.00%	€5,000.00	Yes	€20,000.00	
547	Dunkineely	L-6385-1	Dromore Road (Passing Bays)	300	600	€146,985.00	20.00%	€29,397.00	Yes	€96,741.80	
										€225,211.00	

Donegal MD
2025 LIS Priority List -

2025 Budget

DMD % 18.6715%

DMD Budget €191,166.00

RSS Area	Location	Percentage of budget	Budget	No	LIS No	Townland	Total Engineers cost estimate	Status
				1	170182	Sallows	€11,200.00	
				2	170823	Letterbarrow	€18,000.00	
				3	170666	Keelogs	€28,160.00	Started
				4	170822	Drumineary	€19,246.00	Started
14	Ardaghey	43.08%	€82,354.31	5	210024	Stonepark, Mountcharles	€8,060.00	Started
15	Killybegs	28.85%	€55,151.39	6	170672	Dachtan	€40,000.00	
16	Ballyshannon	10.28%	€19,651.86	7	180139	Ednagor, Ballyshannon	€38,000.00	
17	Laghey	17.79%	€34,008.43	8	170514	Cashelenny	€28,500.00	
			€191,166.00					

Total	€191,166.00
Budget	€191,166.00
Balance	€0.00

OTHER WORKS

2025 Former National Road Rehabilitation Works					
MD	Road Number	Location	Description	LA Allocation	Status
Donegal	R267	Finner	Road rehabilitation Works	€250,000	

Housing Estates Funding					
RSS Area	Estate	Location	Description	LA Allocation	Status
Ballyshannon	Cluain Barron	Ballyshannon	Surfacing works to back lane	€21,325.00	
Donegal	O' Duignan Avenue	Donegal Town	Replace 85m of existing footpath between house number 427 to 434.	€18,675.00	
Killybegs	Slieve league Avenue	Carrick	Install drainage where required, adjust ironworks, Overlay existing road with AC14 macadam. Approximate area 480m2	€30,000.00	

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Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services Directorate

Master Municipal District Report July 2025

1. **Economic Development**
2. **Local Enterprise Office**
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4. **Emergency Services**

1. Economic Development

1.1. Upcoming Events

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

1.2 Economic Development Unit

Marketing & Campaigns Updates

Invest Donegal Communications Update

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

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

7 News Items Published.
May 13th – June 26th, 2025

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Project Partners will be in attendance representing the following organisations:
• Ravenna Municipality, Italy
• Bulgaria Business Agency Association, Bulgaria
• Lubelskie Voivodeship, Poland
• Seville Official Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Navigation, Spain
• Nicosia Development Agency, Cyprus
• Municipality of Sogndal, Norway
• Croatian Hydrocarbon Agency, Croatia
• Latvian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Latvia
• Hanze University of Applied Science Groningen, Netherlands
• Regional Development Agency for Podravje – Maribor, Slovenia

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

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

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

Business Concierge Service: Businesses looking at access Council Services and supports can do so by emailing economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie .

Donegal 2040 DAC

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

Update on Projects:

ALPHA Innovation is an initiative of Donegal 2040 DAC, supported by Donegal County Council's Economic Development Unit and Enterprise Ireland. It was set up to accelerate and enable ambitious individuals, SME businesses, startups & scaleups to innovate and build globally ambitious ventures across the county.

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

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

Alpha Innovation Centre and Beta Business Centre

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

Remote Working Hub Carrigart:
Status: In operation. Annual management agreement in place.
Details: One storey building with 18 Hot Desks in an open space floor plan. Meeting room, private phone booths, kitchen facilities and bicycle parking.

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

Operation & Management of Burtonport Enterprise Centre (Post Construction)
Current Status: Under Construction. Current Estimated Completion date: Q4 2025.
Section 183 approved at Plenary Council meeting 26th May. Lease docs being prepared to handover to Donegal 2040 for management post construction.

Operation & Management of The Ritz, Ballybofey (Post Construction)
Current Status: Detailed design. Current Estimated Completion date: Q3 2027.

Olivia Gallen,
General Manager, Donegal 2040
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18th June 2025

Service Land Initiative at The Commons, Lifford

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

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

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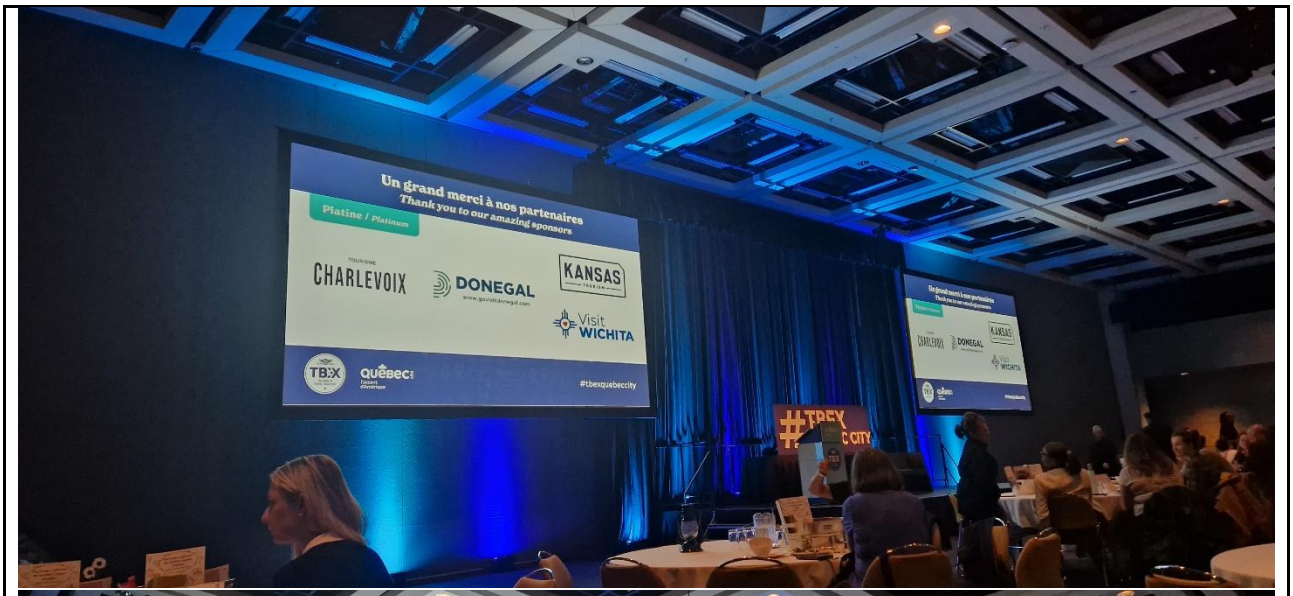
1.2: Tourism Marketing Unit

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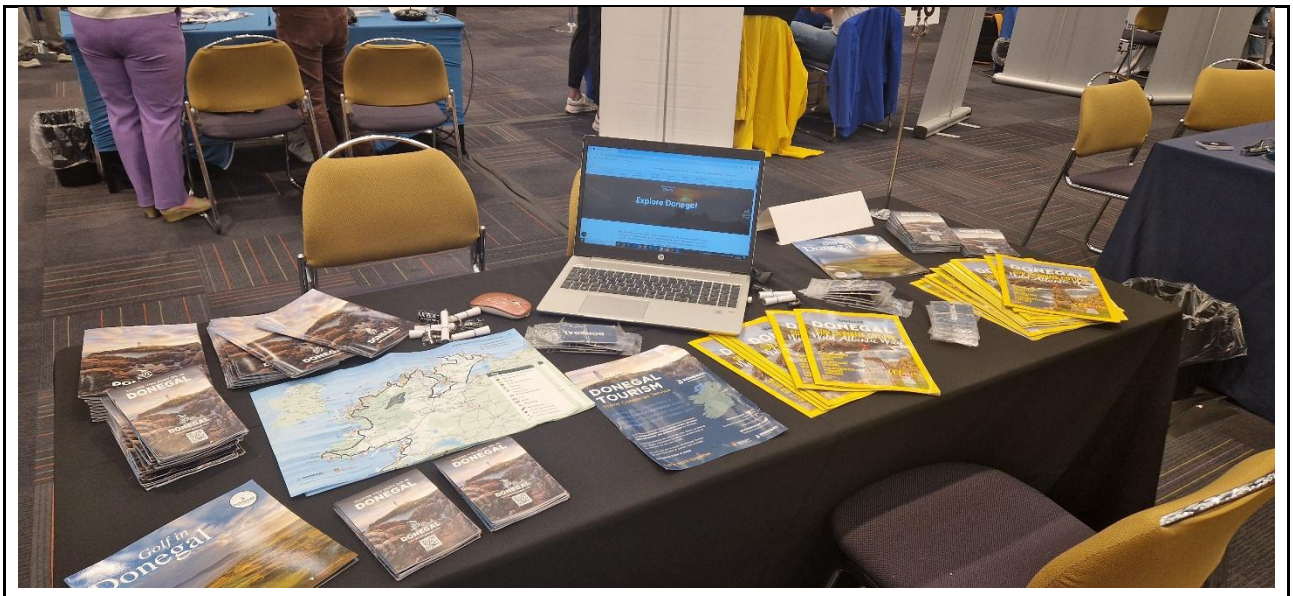

Caravan and Camping Sector: Donegal County Council Tourism Unit convened both the internal and external Caravan and Camping sector working group meetings in April and discussed issues for the forthcoming year. The next meetings will take place in September 2025 and will include further discussion around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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TOURBO VR Experience of Local Landmarks in Vratsa, Bulgaria

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

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

EDIN Donegal Partner Visit

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

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

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

GoVisitDonegal.com Website & Social Stats Update

Online & Social Media Updates – Go Visit Donegal **May 2025**
Since March 1st socials are managed internally, driving engagement and traffic to gvd.com

Website: Users 39,000 and Views 96,829
Highlight 2024 Views : donegalcoco.ie: 1,094,038 gvd.com: 986,831

Facebook: Reach: 451,063 *Up 204% MOM* Views: 728,450 *Up 120% MOM*
Instagram: Reach: 65,871 *Up 47% MOM* Views: 191,513 *Up 35% MOM*
LinkedIn: Reach: 5,724 Imps *Up 61% MOM* 166 Reactions *Up 28% MOM* 2,156 Followers
TikTok: Followers: 1,456

Grant Schemes

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

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

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1.4: Strategic Funding Unit

Strategic Funding Unit – Exploring EU and National Funding Opportunities that support the objectives set out in the **Donegal County Council Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024**
Networks: The SFU continues to participate in key networks such as the CPMR (Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions) and the AER (Assembly of European Regions), alongside ongoing engagement with the IREO (Irish Regions European Office), NWRA (Northern and Western Regional Assembly) and Ernact. As our new team progresses, we are actively researching and highlighting funding opportunities across various sectors within DCC. This includes close collaboration with council services to identify, share, and promote relevant funding supports available throughout the County. Our approach involves identifying funding, partnerships, and collaborative projects that align with our objectives and the corporate plan of DCC and also ensuring that this information is effectively communicated and accessible to relevant stakeholders across the organisation. **Dedicated Intranet Page:** The Strategic Funding Unit has launched a dedicated intranet page within the Staff Hub to enhance our capacity to secure external funding opportunities. This resource-rich page includes: • A Funding Needs Analysis form designed to identify relevant opportunities for projects. • An option to request a meeting with the Strategic Funding Unit team for personalized guidance. • Up-to-date information on active funding calls that align with our strategic goals. • Details about upcoming webinars and events that may be of interest to staff. We continue to regularly update our dedicated Strategic Funding Unit webpage with the latest information on new funding opportunities, upcoming events, and webinars that may be of interest to the council (Strategic Funding Unit) Additionally, we offer a dedicated newsletter that provides timely updates and highlights relevant funding calls, events, and webinars ensuring our staff stay informed and connected with the latest developments.
Contact Person Marion Callaghan – Staff Officer Marioncallaghan@donegalcoco.ie

2. Local Enterprise Office

July 2025 (figures provided @ 31st May 2025)
Grant Aid (M1) – 14 businesses who are manufacturing or trading internationally have received approval for grant aid totaling €297,146.35. Grant aid to recruit staff and purchase equipment as well as consultancy support is available. At the Evaluation Committee Meeting scheduled for June 24th, a further 6 applications will be considered valued at €110,150. **TOV:** 37 approvals to the value of €78,735.53 have been approved this year to date to support online trading. The Scheme is now closed to new applications and is replaced with the Digital for Business and Grow Digital schemes with support to help small business adopt the latest digital tools. **Digital For Business/Grow Digital**: 9 businesses were approved support to prepare a digital plan to a value of €35,856. **Mentoring**: 94 business applicants have been approved year to date up to 12 hours of expert mentoring. **Training:** 658 attendees have participated in 23 Courses year to date. **Green for Business:** 14 applicants were approved a green consultant to a value of €30,996 to prepare a sustainability plan for the business. **Energy Efficiency Grants:** 10 applicants were approved support to purchase new energy efficiency equipment to a value of €82,814.50. 75% support to a maximum of €10,000 is available for businesses employing up to 50 employees. **Lean For Business**: 5 applicants have secured this consultancy support to improve the efficiency of their businesses to a value of €22,500. **Market Explorer Grant**: 2 applicants approved for this support to the value of €12,868 to help explore new markets and grow international sales. **National Enterprise Awards 2025:** At this year's National Enterprise Awards, Seabound Engineering Ltd from Greencastle won the Best Export Award. This marks the third consecutive year a Donegal business has been recognised at the National Enterprise Awards, following wins by Living Green in 2024 and Silver Strand Rope Works in 2023.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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3. Information Services

Information Services (IS)
Dashboard for 2025 Donegal International Rally The IS Department in collaboration with the Roads Department designed a dashboard to assist with mapping information and road closures for Donegal International Rally 2025. Road Notices - Donegal International Rally 2025 | Donegal County Council **Online Payments** The ability to make online payments directly and access account information, has recently been made available to several Donegal County Council rents clients. The trial was very successful and in the coming weeks, all rents, loans, and commercial rates clients will be given the facility to make payments online and access their account details. The availability of this service, which was developed in collaboration with the Income Collection Unit, will mean increased convenience, access to their own information and speed of payments for the client. The automation of a large number of payments will assist services internally by reducing processing time and subsequently costs. Clients having access to their own real time information will also result in a reduction of calls and queries to Council staff. **National Broadband Plan** The current state of the National Broadband Plan rollout in the country. (as of May 2025) https://donegal.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/d33d9656637543df9b73bb42aa5483ad As you'll see Donegal is at 67% complete, in 18th place.
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4. Emergency Services

4.1 – Fire Service

Fire Service Monthly MD Report (July)

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

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

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

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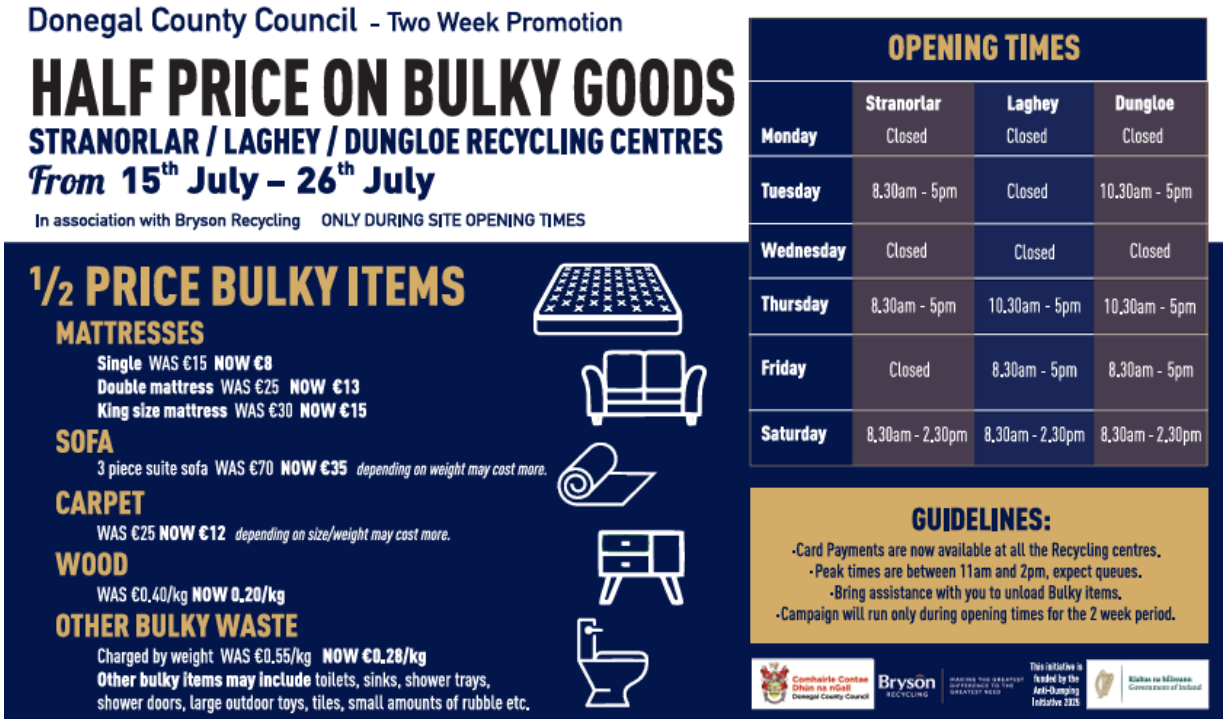
ENVIRONMENT MD REPORT – July 2025

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Activity / Project Title	Half Price Bulky Goods Events
Project Description/ Activity	

Contact Person	**Matthew Byrne, Waste Regulation Officer** MBYRNE@DONEGALCOCO.IE

Activity / Project Title	**Beat Plastic Pollution Campaign**
Description/ Activity	As part of the "Beat Plastic Pollution" promotional campaign, the Environment team partnered with Visit Donegal to mark World Environment Day on 5th June. This collaboration supported Visit Donegal's ongoing tourism campaign while also raising awareness around plastic pollution. Informative content on recycling practices was shared across Visit Donegal's social media platforms, helping to educate the public on how to reduce and properly manage plastic waste.

	Go Visit Donegal 8m · 🌍 World Environment Day | June 5th 🌿 This year's theme is #BeatPlasticPollution — and here in Donegal, we're making it easier than ever to do just that. 💚 ♻️ Wondering where and how to recycle? Our Reduce, Reuse, Recycle (RRR) booklet has everything you need — including recycling centre locations, what materials are accepted, opening hours, and bottle bank points across the county. 📘 [Click on link in bio for more info] 🧴 Plastic bottles and cans? Don't forget, there are now Deposit Return Scheme points in towns and villages right across Donegal. It's a simple way to help protect our environment — and get a little back too. 🏖️ When you're out enjoying our stunning beaches, parks, and picnic spots, remember: Leave it how you'd like to find it. Take all your waste home or bin it properly — let's all do our part to keep Donegal clean and green. 🌿 📸 DCC #WorldEnvironmentDay #BeatPlasticPollution #LeaveNoTrace #GoGreenDonegal #DonegalRecycles #LoveDonegal #ReduceReuseRecycle #GoVisitDonegal #DiscoverIreland
Contact Person	**Environment Section** **074 91 53900**

Activity / Project Title	**National Food Waste Campaign – Free Compost Days**
Description/ Activity	As part of the National Food Waste Campaign, the Environment Team organised free compost distribution days at each of the local recycling centres. This initiative was carried out in partnership with Envirogrind and Bryson Recycling. In addition to free compost, food caddies were distributed to members of the public to highlight the importance of reducing food waste and to encourage responsible disposal and composting practices. We were delighted to give out over 250 Kitchen Food Caddies and thanks to Environgrind we gave away over 7 Tonnes of compost to all who came along and engaged with us. In preparation for this Food Waste Recycling Week Donegal County Council were also delighted to be part of the Donegal Festival of Food which took place at Oakfield Park, Raphoe which proved to be the ideal event to help promote initiatives around Food Waste Recycling. We were also part of the Letterkenny University Hospital's Biodiversity Day and again we had real positive engagement at both of these events. A huge thank you must go to Bryson Recycling and Environgrind Ltd for playing a major role in the success of this Food Waste Awareness initiative and to all the Donegal County Council Environment staff for their assistance at all of these events.
Contact	**Environment Section** **074 91 53900**

Activity / Project Title	**Litter Free Campaign**
Description/ Activity	The Environment section launched a social media campaign to highlight the importance of keeping the County litter free. The campaign aimed to raise awareness and encourage responsible waste disposal through informative and engaging content.

Donegal International Rally

The section ran a social media add on keeping Donegal Litter Free.

Cinema Campaign

Donegal County Council are running a cinema add on only using Licensed Waste collectors to dispose of rubbish. In conjunction with this social media campaign is also taking place.

Contact	**Environment Section** **074 91 53900**

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Activity / Project Title	**Playgrounds 2025**
Description/ Activity	▪ Annual maintenance of Playgrounds - Repairs are underway and will continue throughout 2025.
Contact Person	**John Deeney** E-mail: jdeeney@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	**Bundoran Destination Towns** **(Fáilte Ireland Co-Funded)**
Description/ Activity	▪ Installation of artwork on the three approach roundabouts to Bundoran; Tuliahan / Drumacrin/ Finner ▪ Installation of wayfinding signage throughout Bundoran ▪ Streetscape improvement works to; Central Lane /Renisan's Lane / Meehan's Lane - Project at completion stage – few minor snags to be addressed.
Contact Person	**John Deeney** E-mail: jdeeney@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	**Platforms for Growth Tullan Strand** **Funded by Fáilte Ireland**
Description /Activity	▪ Development of a Facility Centre for Water Based Activities at Tullan Strand in Bundoran along with improved access to Tullan Strand Beach. - Consultant appointed, topographical surveys complete, environmental surveys complete and design works progressing. - Ground investigation works planned. - Anticipated submission of a planning application to An Bord Pleanála once design works and supporting planning reports are complete.
Contact Person	**John Deeney** E-mail: jdeeney@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	**Rural Programmes**
Description /Activity	**ORIS - Project Management Measure - Fintra to Largy Coastal Walk** - Ecology report identified endangered species habitat along the proposed route. - Further studies ongoing. - Meetings with landowners have taken place. - Expected completion during Quarter 3, 2025.
Description /Activity	**ORIS 2024 - Measure 2 - Upgrade of Paths & Trials in the Rossylongan Forest Park** - Tender documents are being prepared. - Expected completion during Quarter 4, 2025
Description /Activity	**CLÁR 2023 - Measure 1 - Laghey Parish Hall Sensory Garden** - Completion of an open and inclusive sensory garden to facilitate the connection with nature and to allow for the safe enjoyment of the outdoor environment.
Description /Activity	**CLÁR 2023 - Measure 1 - Glenlee Forest Trail, Killybegs** - A new trail has been designed and it is expected the project will be completed within Quarter 3, 2025
Description /Activity	**CLÁR 2024 - Measure 1 - Aodh Ruadh Park Ballyshannon - Refurbish Spectator Stand** - Provisional Letter of Offer has issued, and the procurement process is ongoing.
Description /Activity	**CLÁR 2024 - Measure 1 - Meenaneary Community Centre upgrade to electrical systems** - Provisional Letter of Offer has issued, and the procurement process is ongoing.

Description /Activity	**CLÁR 2024 - Measure 1 – Teelin Community Centre Thermal Upgrade** - Provisional Letter of Offer has issued, and the procurement process is ongoing.
Description /Activity	**Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2023 - Laghey Parish Hall Extension & Playground** - Community group meetings have taken place. - The Architect has been appointed. - The tender documents for the procurement of a contractor have been published on e-tenders. - The tenders have been returned and a contractor will be appointed in the coming days. - Works due to commence in Q3 and completed in Q4 of 2025
Contact Person	**Brian Keogh** E-mail: bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	**Community Recognition Fund 2024**
Description /Activity	The Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht recently announced awards under Window 3, the final funding window, of the Community Recognition Fund 2024. Previous awards under the 2024 Programme were announced in March 2025. A total of €3,391,917 was allocated to County Donegal under the Community Recognition Fund 2024, which aims to support the development of community infrastructure and facilities in recognition of the contribution being made by communities across the country in welcoming and hosting significant numbers of arrivals from Ukraine and other countries. The funding is specifically targeted at projects that are located in communities, towns and villages that are hosting the Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection and/or International Protection Applicants. Grant awards to the total value of **€710,000** were awarded to projects in Donegal MD as follows:-

Group Name	**Amount**
Window 1 & 2	
Clg Naomh Columba	€50,000.00
Donegal Family Resource Centre	€200,000.00
Realt na Mara	€160,000.00
Window 3	
Friends of Rossnowlagh	€50,000.00
Dunkineely Community CLG	€70,000.00
CLG Chill Chartha	€50,000.00
Carrick Regeneration Group	€130,000.00

- Provisional Letters of Offer have issued to all applicants.

Contact Person	**Ciaran Martin** Email: cmartin@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	Local Enhancement Programme 2024
Description /Activity	The Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht recently announced awards under the Local Enhancement Programme 2025. Awards were available for Current Funding (up to €500), Small Capital (€500-€1,000) and Large Capital (€5,000 - €10,000). Donegal LCDC had been allocated a total of €303,465 for award as grants under this Programme. €260,113 to be allocated as capital grants and €43,352 awarded as revenue (current funding - day to day running costs) grants. Grant awards to the total value of €59,449.20 were awarded to Community Groups in Donegal MD are as follows:

Applicant Organisation / Group	Award
Current Funding	
Ballintra Active Group	€398.12
Ballyshannon Mens Shed	€398.12
CLG Naomh Columba	€398.12
CLG Naomh Naille GAA & LGFA	€398.11
Coiste Forbartha Ceantair Mhín an Aoire	€398.12
Cully Hall Committee	€398.12
Donegal Bay Sub Aqua Club Search & Recovery	€398.12
Doorin Flute Band	€398.12
Drumhome Heritage Society	€398.12
Dunkineely Celtic	€398.12
G.R.A.S.P (Greater Responsibility and Awareness in Suicide Prevention	€398.12
Killaghtee Active Retirement Association	€360.00
Killaghtee Loyal Orange Lodge No 1319	€398.12
Killybegs Mens Shed	€398.12
Killymard Church of Ireland, The Mustard Seed	€398.12
Killymard LOL 1013	€398.12
Moyne Pipe Band	€398.12
Moyne Ulster-Scots Association (Youth Club)	€398.12
Muileann Coirce Leitir CTR	€398.12
Trustees of Ballintra Orange Hall	€398.12
Large Capital Grant	
Ballintra Laghey Foroige youth Club	€5,000.00
CLG Naomh Naille GAA and LGFA	€5,000.00
Halla Paroiste Chill Chartha	€5,000.00
Townawilly Community Centre CLG	€5,000.00
Frosses Hall Committee	€5,000.00
Killybegs Information Centre CLG	€5,000.00
ADoPT	€5,000.00

Small Capital	
Killaghtee Temp LOL 1319	€1,000.00
Drumhome Living Rivers Conservation Group	€1,000.00
Donegal Town Mens Shed	€1,000.00
Muileann Coirce Leitir CTR	€939.99
Rockfield Community Co-Op Ltd	€1,000.00
Pobail Pairtiocht Iar Dhesiceart Dhun na nGall	€1,000.00
Mícheál Ó Cléirigh Summer School	€818.94
CLG Naomh Columba	€899.00
Coiste Ionad Pobail Theilinn	€645.00
Dunkineely Community CLG	€982.00
County Donegal Railway Restoration CLG	€1,000.00
Killaghtee Active Retirement Association	€1,000.00
Drimarone Development CLG	€845.00
Donegal Bay Sub Aqua Club Search & Recovery	€1,000.00
Trustees of Ballintra Orange Hall	€1,000.00
Barnesmore Community Dev Ass Ltd	€1,000.00
Coiste Forbartha Ceantair Mhín an Aoire	€895.00
Dun Cionnaola Music and Cultural Project	€500.00

- Notification has issued to all applicants.
- All grants are to be drawn down by year end.

Contact Person	**Ciaran Martin** Email: cmartin@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	**Donegal Public Participation Network (Donegal PPN)**
Description /Activity	Link through which organisations from the Community & Voluntary, Social Inclusion & Environment Sectors have a voice on Council decision making bodies and other structures. Networking, Information & Capacity Building for Community Groups. PPN membership now stands at 794 registered organisations. Donegal MD 164, Glenties MD 180, Inishowen MD 142, Letterkenny MD 216, Stranorlar MD 92. Donegal PPN have 62 Representatives on 24 different Committees and Boards. **PPN National Event - Building Community Resilience for Times of Emergency** Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise - 17th July, 2025 **National Ploughing Championship** Donegal PPN will be at the DRCDG stand at Screggan, Tullamore on 16th /17th/18th September. **PPN National Conference** This year's Conference will be held in Trim, Co Meath on the 16th & 17th October

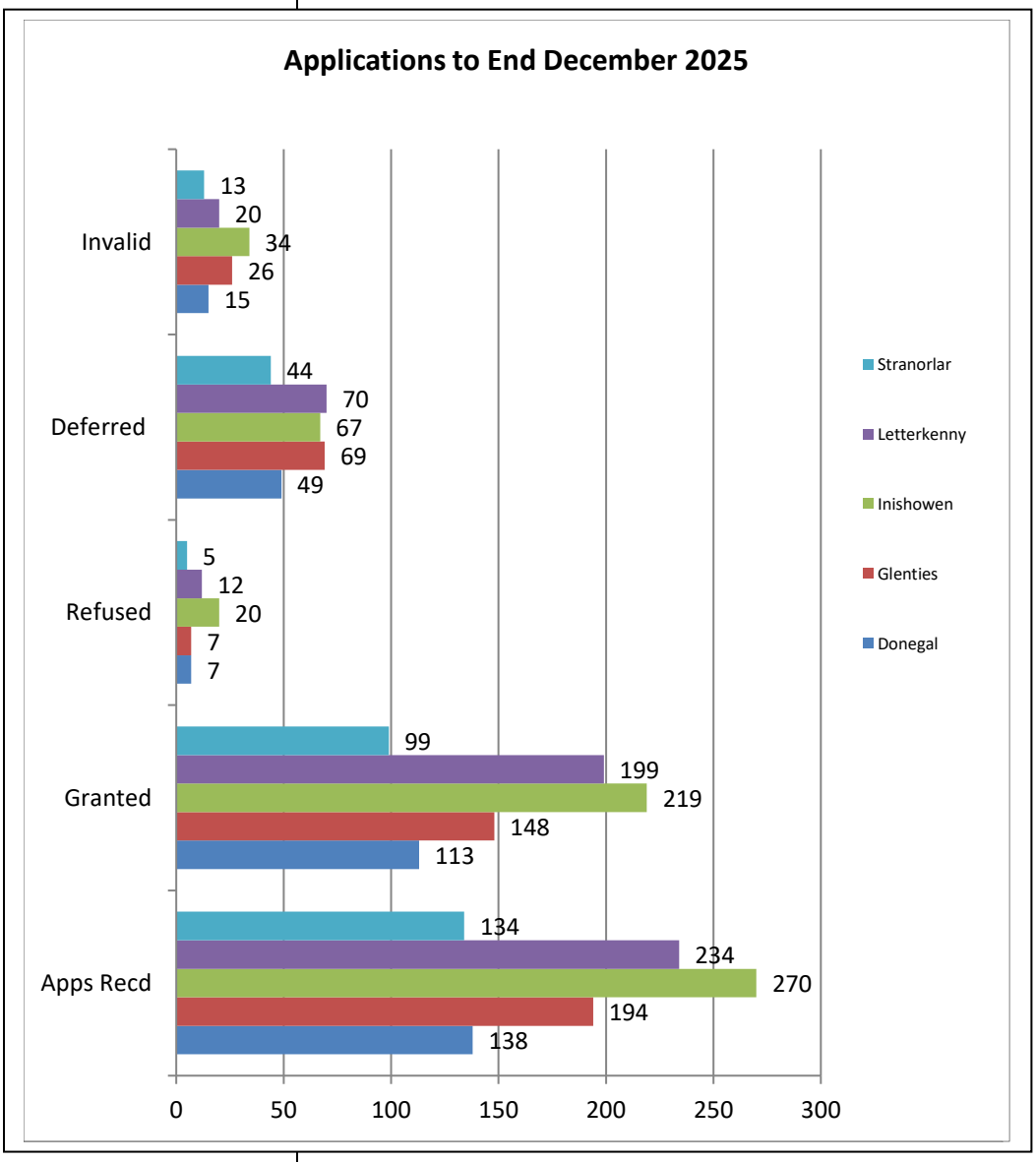
	Donegal PPN Plenary Event Donegal PPN's second Plenary event in 2025 will take place on 28th October from 6.30pm – 8.30pm in Letterkenny. Further details to follow. **Secretariat Meeting** – 1st July, Letterkenny PSC **National PPN Meeting** – 8th September in Trinity House, Dublin **NWRegional PPN Meeting** – 31st July, Sligo **PPN Linkage Group Meetings** – July & November
Contact Person	Mary Clyde / Annette McGrenra Email:- donegalppn@donegalcoco.ie

Donegal MD Meeting
8th July 2025

PLANNING REPORT

	Item	Update
1	Development Applications	
	(1) Statistics	**Donegal MD Totals Year to End May 2025**

Applications received	138
Granted	113
Refused	7
Deferred	49
Invalid	15



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<u>Planning Clinics 2025</u>
17th July, 2025
31st July, 2025
14th August,2025
28th August, 2025

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APPENDIX A

Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall
Donegal County Council

Rialtas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland

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Project Ireland 2040

Regeneration & Development Team
Community Development and Planning Services
Update to the Municipal Districts – June 2025.

1.0 Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF)

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

1.1 Summary update of Projects

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

Table 1: Rural Regeneration and Development Fund Projects

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

Repowering Buncrana	Category 2 (3rd Call)		• Property with CPDU for delivery. • Team support delivery through participation on Project Steering Group.
Rathmullan (in partnership with The Way Forward Rathmullan CLG).			• Part 8 approved February 2023. • Unsuccessful for funding under Call 5 in May 2024. • Project submitted for RRDF Category 2 Funding Call that closed on the 14th March 2025.
Milford Town Centre First Plan		€100,000	• Town Centre First Plan launched November 2023 • GM Design Associates preparing a statutory planning scheme for the lands at Lower Mount Marian. • Engagement with stakeholders ongoing. • DCC to progress other priority projects identified in the Plan. • Application made in April 2025 under Town and Village Renewal for funding to acquire former Milford Hotel.
Glenties Town Centre First Plan		€30,000	• GM Design Associates appointed to assist with preparation of the Plan. • Engagement with the Glenties Town Team ongoing. • Walkability Audit undertaken in December 2024. • Workshop with Members of the Glenties MD held on the 13th May 2025. • Public consultation event held on the 22nd May 2025. • Next step is to prepare a draft Glenties TCF Plan.
Creeslough Village Plan and Community Regeneration Project (in association with the Creeslough Working Group, Creeslough Community Association and Arup).			• Village Plan launched 21st March 2024. • Part 8 for Community Regeneration Project approved in September 2023. • Project successfully awarded funding of €12.1m under Call 5 in May 2024 (total project value is €13.5m). • GM Designs appointed in March 2025 to prepare detailed designs. • Project with CPDU for delivery.
Moville Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan.		€24,500	• GM Design Associates appointed to assist to prepare Plan. • Further public consultation event held on the 20th March 2025 to present the draft Plan. • Submissions invited to the 16th April 2025.

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

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

2.0 Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF).

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

2.1 Summary update of Projects

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

Table 2: Urban Regeneration and Development Fund Projects

Call	Value of Project (includes DCC co-funding).	Projects and current Status/Delivery
Call 1 (approved September 2019) 3 Sub-Projects	€3m	**1 Prepare Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy** • Completed 2022. **2 Letterkenny Urban Regeneration site.** • DCC took possession of the former ESB site and adjacent lands through a CPO in 2023. • Site to be developed for the Alpha/Beta Office accommodation, public realm and Housing. • Discussion on land compensation costs ongoing. **3 Public Realm/Linear Park Phase 1** • Opened June 2023.
Call 2 (May 2020 and approved March 2021) 6 Sub Projects	€19.3m (€4.8m DCC co-funding)	**1. Reimagine public space at Market Square.** • Project with CPDU for delivery. **2. Cathedral Quarter Park and Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme** • Acquisition of strategic site fronting Church Lane completed and now in possession of Donegal County Council. • Avison Young appointed to take forward all previous engagement and act on Council's behalf as regards further offers/acquisitions/CPO.

		• Council to consider further offers and advance any acquisitions/CPOs. • Hall Black Douglas appointed as architect-led design team in January 2025. • AAB Group Accountants appointed to prepare a Scoping/Feasibility Study and Business Plan in respect of the Creative Enterprise Hub element of the project and these services commenced in January 2025. • Workshop held with Members of the LMMD in February 2025. • Current design stage: data/information gather via tender for survey (topo, Ground penetration survey, elevational survey, ground investigations). Tender closed 16th May 2025. Evaluation ongoing. **3. Renewal at Lower Main Street** • Valuations obtained and land acquisition offers made. • Avison Young appointed to take forward all previous engagement and act on Council's behalf as regards further offers/acquisitions/CPO. • Council to consider further offers and advance any acquisitions/CPOs. • Re-engagement with Donegal Youth Services carried out December 2024 and capacity testing exercise at Devlin Hall and adjoining lands commenced January 2025 using in-house architectural resource. **4. Revival of the Courthouse** **Visitor Experience Plan/Product identification and Business Plan** • EPIC Heritage Consulting Ltd appointed to prepare a Visitor Experience Plan/ Product Identification Plan and Business Plan for the development of a major visitor attraction at the Courthouse. • Interpretation and Business Plan presented to Members of the LMMD in February 2025. • Community consultation event held on the 18th February 2025. **Built Heritage Investment Scheme.** • Funding of €10,000 secured in March 2024 from the Built Heritage Investment Scheme for minor repair works and, with co-funding from Donegal County Council, these works have been completed. **THRIVE (EU) Funding.**

		• Funding of €199,969 allocated under THRIVE Strand 1 from the Northern and Western Regional Assembly for the purpose of engaging architect-led team to bring the project to Part 8 stage. • Robin Lee, Architects, appointed as architect-led design team in January 2025. • Workshop with Members of the LMMD held in February 2025. • Apex Surveys appointed to undertake topographical and building surveys. • Greentrack consultants appointed to undertake AA and EIA Screening. • Preparing to make THRIVE Strand 2 funding application by the closing date of the 30th May 2025 including: - Energy Audit complete - Do No Significant Harm Assessment and Report complete - Climate Proofing Assessment and report complete - Business Plan completing out at present - Bat Roosting and Activity Survey complete • Part 8 published and approved at the May 2025 Plenary meeting. • Public drop in event held on the 10th April 2025. • Workshop held with the Members of the LMMD on the 13th May 2025. 5. **Strategic acquisition to enable a Regional Transport Hub** • Avison Young appointed to take forward all previous engagement and act on Councils behalf as regards further offers/ acquisitions/ CPO. • Consultation with Local Link ongoing in relation to private bus operators and short-term solution. • Land acquisition offers made in December 2024 leading to collaborative approach with key landowner. Agreement to undertake masterplan for the lands to determine potential for public/private collaboration. Tender being drafted at present. • Options for temporary bus hub being advanced in-house and workshop held with

		the Members on the 20th May 2025. 6. **Strategic acquisition to enable LK Green Connect** • Part 8 in relation to the Cultural Corridor element of the project approved by Donegal County Council at the November 2023 Plenary meeting. • In-house team has commenced steps to develop a Part 8 for Phase 2 (from constructed Phase 1 to Pearse Road). • Valuation services of Avison Young being engaged in relation to phase 2 (from constructed Phase 1 to Pearse Road) and lands required for the Cultural Corridor element of the Scheme. • All landowners engaged. • Engagement ongoing with relevant stakeholders. • Topographical survey completed. • Tenders for AA/EIA screening opened but no response to advertisement – to reopen tender again. • External structural/civil engineering consultative services procured for site investigation services access sought to 3rd party lands.
Call 3 (March 2023 and approved July 2023).	€4m	Revolving fund for acquisition costs of long-term vacant property or sites • 46 properties on the programme and all owners have been engaged with. • Several properties already activated or being activated through the Croi Conaithe grant scheme and other schemes. • Several properties currently for sale and these are being monitored. • Valuation Services engaged in relation to property valuations. • Council to advance 12 properties for acquisition/CPO. • Several properties added to the Derelict Sites Register.
"The Eat Out' Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Project		• Construction completed.
Letterkenny Cultural Corridor		• Part 8 approved November 2023. • Valuation services of Avison Young being engaged in relation to lands required for the delivery of the Scheme. • Services of Quantity Surveyor engaged to provide cost estimates for the scheme and work completed. • To be targeted for future URDF funding call.
Youth/Community focused project at Lower Main Street		• Early engagements with Letterkenny Youth Club and Donegal Youth Services have commenced.

		• Avison Young appointed in Q4 2023 to take forward all previous engagement and act on Council's behalf as regards further offers/acquisitions/CPO. • Capacity testing of potential lands available commenced in January 2025 with engagement with relevant stakeholders. Exercise paused due to resource requirements across RRDF programme.

3.0 Croi Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme.

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

Table 3: Summary of Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Applications

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

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

4.0 Addressing Vacancy and Dereliction

4.1 Property Activation Program

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

2023 Target:
To activate 350 properties and commence CPO in 6 cases. This has been achieved.

2024 Target:
To activate 300 properties and commence CPO in 6 cases. This has been achieved.

2025 Target:
To activate 300 properties and commence CPO in 6 cases.

4.2 Derelict Sites Register

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

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

Regeneration and Development Team.
June 2025.

APPENDIX B

Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall
Donegal County Council

CAPITAL PROJECTS DELIVERY UNIT

Community Development and Planning Services

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

Activity / Project Title	**Killybegs 2040**
Project Description/Activity	Killybegs 2040 is a transformative town centre regeneration project which forms part of the longer-term regeneration strategy. The project elements are as follows: • The change of use, extension and modification of Island House (currently an existing derelict and vacant building) to provide a tourist information and reception centre, digital hub, public conveniences, café space, and all associated site development works. An extension is proposed at first and second floor levels and will include a glass viewing area. • Provision for a 1000 sq m civic space and alterations to road layout and car parking arrangements, including footpaths, open paved areas, planting, landscaping, public seating etc. The improved car parking and road layout will improve access to both Island House and the Civic Space to support overall regeneration plans. • Acquisition of key regeneration sites for the future delivery of appropriately located additional car parking and linkages between Main Street and Shore Road.
Budget	€5.4m
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status	Island House is substantially complete. Public Realm is substantially complete. Official Opening on 27th June 2025. The 'Coal Yard' temporary car park for the project is operational.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	Handover to DCC
Contact Person(s)	Michael Quigley, Executive Engineer Ardal McDermott, Senior Executive Engineer