

Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain

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25ú Meitheamh 2025

FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain ar siúl Dé Mháirt 01ú Iúil 2025, **ag 1.30 r.n. in ISP Carn Domhnach**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS INIS EOGHAIN

A Chara,

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

Mise, le meas



**Una Cresswell
Riathóir Cruinnithe**

Municipal District of Inishowen

Office of Meetings Administrator
County House
Lifford
25th June 2025

NOTICE OF MEETING

A Meeting of the Municipal District of Inishowen will be held on Tuesday 01st July 2025
at 1.30p.m. in the Public Services Centre, Carndonagh, Co. Donegal.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF INISHOWEN

Dear Councillor

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

Yours sincerely



**Una Cresswell
Meetings Administrator**

AGENDA

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the May Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District Meeting held on 20th May 2025
2. Planning
3. Community Development
4. Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services
5. Environment
6. Roads & Transportation
7. Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services
8. Correspondence

**MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 20th May 2025 at
1.00 PM IN CARNDONAGH PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE**

Councillors Present:

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

Apologies

Cllrs Paul Canning and Martin McDermott.

Officials Present:

Bryan Cannon, Director of Service Roads & Transportation, Una Cresswell, Area Manager, Housing & Corporate Services, Dolores Lafferty, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services, Michael McFadden, Senior Executive Engineer, Roads and Transportation, Matthew Byrne, Waste Regulation Officer (online), Helen Farren, Development Officer, Community Development.

25.27 Adjournment of Meeting

On the proposal of Cllr Fionán Bradley and seconded by Cllr Joy Beard, it was agreed that the May meeting of the Inishowen Municipal District be opened and immediately adjourned as a mark of respect for Emmanuel Familola and Matt Sibanda who recently passed away after getting into difficulty off the coast of Neds Point in Buncrana.

25.28 Tributes to Emmanuel Familola and Matt Sibanda

Cllr Jack Murray stated that all nine Councillors agreed to defer the meeting as a mark of respect while the entire community continues to grieve.

Cllr Fionán Bradley agreed that it was a fitting tribute to defer the Inishowen Municipal District meeting to 01st July as a mark of respect for the boys. He said that he had taught Emmanuel and described him as a model student and was a big part of the community of Buncrana. Emmanuel had very recently completed work experience in the Department of Foreign Affairs which he enjoyed. Cllr Fionán Bradley said that his thoughts and prayers are with the family of both victims.

Cllr Joy beard outlined how the community was devastated by the loss of the young men and their loss was deeply felt by everyone that knew them. She met with a number of people that knew the boys and they were both described as friendly and made a lasting impression within the community. Cllr Joy Beard also paid tribute to the Community who rallied around to support the boys' families.

The meeting was closed out with a minute's silence in memory of Emmanuel Familola and Matt Sibanda

25.29 Date of Next Meeting

On the proposal of Cllr Jack Murray and seconded by Cllr Martin Farren, it was agreed that the adjourned May meeting would now take place on the day of the next Inishowen Municipal District meeting of 01st July 2025.

It was also collectively agreed by all and resolved that the AGM for the Inishowen Municipal District meeting would also take place on 01st July 2025.

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Leas- Cathaoirleach

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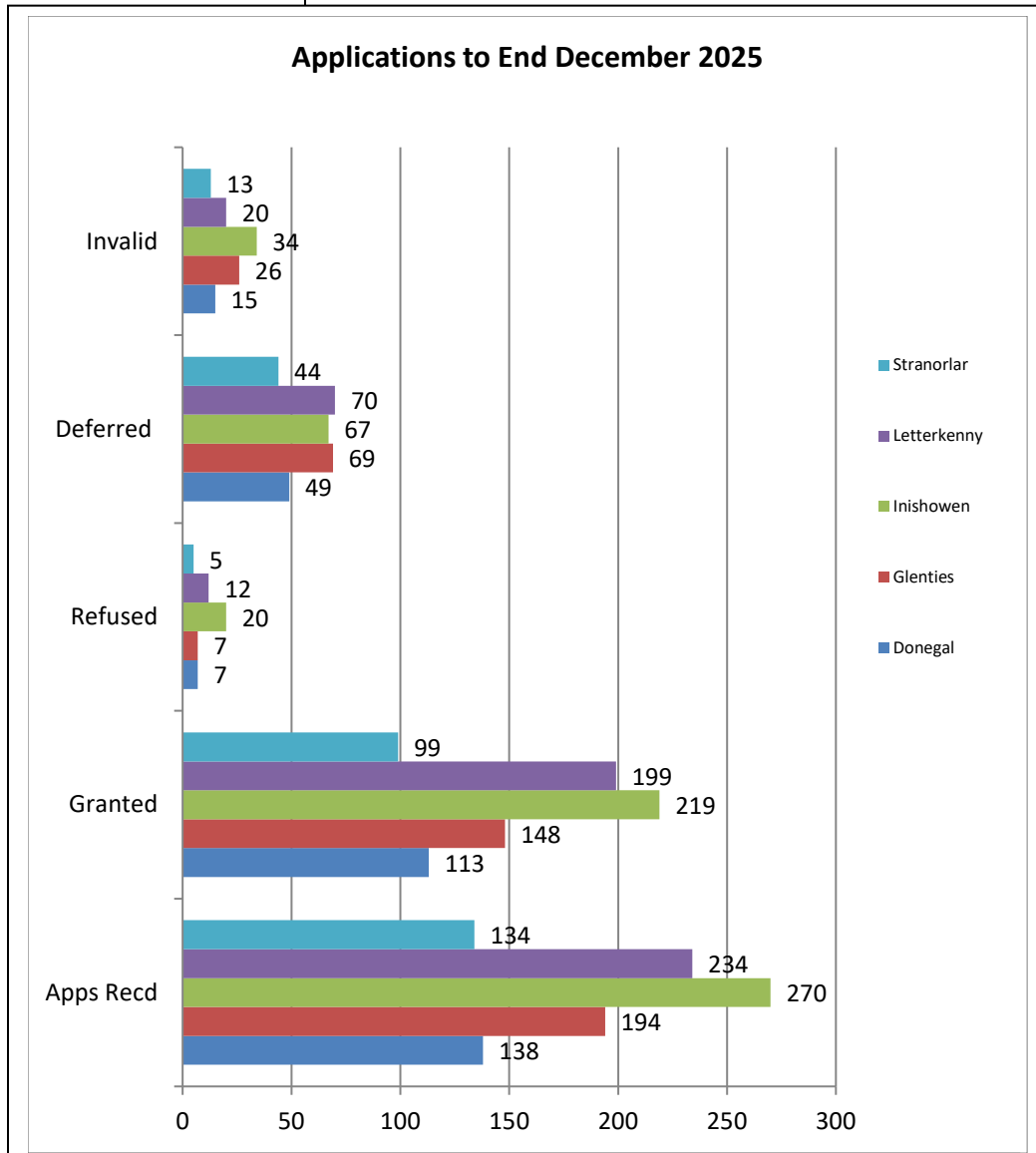
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Inishowen MD Meeting 1st July 2025

PLANNING REPORT

	Item	Update												
1	Development Applications													
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2	Enforcement		
		Inishowen MD	To end May 2025
		New Cases	24
		Closed Cases	10
		Outstanding cases on record since 2012	331
3	Notes & Monthly Schedule	Planning advice clinics are on an appointment only basis. The appointments will be facilitated by the planners between 9.00am and 12.30pm on the dates outlined below and shall be for substantial applications only (multiple developments and/or significant economic developments). Please contact 074 9153900 to speak with the relevant planner and request an appointment. <u>Planning Clinics 2025</u> 3rd July, 2025 17th July, 2025 31st July, 2025 14th August, 2025 Please see website for further dates. Planning Advice Clinics Donegal County Council	
4	Casual Trading		
5	Regeneration & Development	See Appendix A	
6	Building Control & Taking in Charge		
7	Central Planning Unit		
8	Capital Projects Delivery Unit	See Appendix B	
9	Conservation		
10	Further Information <i>Click on web links to access information.</i>	Weekly List of applications and decisions: Weekly Lists Donegal County Council Planning Service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service): planning@donegalcoco.ie Planning Webpage: Planning Donegal County Council Planning Application Online Query – Search a Planning Application Donegal County Council File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and planning search requests: fillable-file-retrieval-planning-application-number-search-request-form.pdf	

APPENDIX A



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

1.0 Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF)

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

1.1 Summary update of Projects

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

Table 1: Rural Regeneration and Development Fund Projects

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

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

			Workshop to be held with the MD Members on the 26th June 2025 to agree the final Plan.
Dungloe		€50,000	- Funding allocation under Town and Village Renewal to advance design and planning consent for public realm works at Main Stret, Dungloe. - Tender issued to procure external design team. - Appointment of successful tenderer imminent.
Ardara		€50,000	- Funding allocation under Town and Village Renewal to advance design and planning consent for buildings in Ardara. - Inception meeting took place with Awake Tourism on the 30th May 2025 to prepare project brief.
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.
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		• Funding of €199,969 allocated under THRIVE Strand 1 from the Northern and Western Regional Assembly for the purpose of engaging architect-led team to bring the project to Part 8 stage. • Robin Lee, Architects, appointed as architect-led design team in January 2025. • Workshop with Members of the LMMD held in February 2025. • Apex Surveys appointed to undertake topographical and building surveys. • Greentrack consultants appointed to undertake AA and EIA Screening. • Preparing to make THRIVE Strand 2 funding application by the closing date of the 30th May 2025 including: - Energy Audit complete - Do No Significant Harm Assessment and Report complete - Climate Proofing Assessment and report complete - Business Plan completing out at present - Bat Roosting and Activity Survey complete • Part 8 published and approved at the May 2025 Plenary meeting. • Public drop in event held on the 10th April 2025. • Workshop held with the Members of the LMMD on the 13th May 2025. 5. Strategic acquisition to enable a Regional Transport Hub • Avison Young appointed to take forward all previous engagement and act on Councils behalf as regards further offers/ acquisitions/ CPO. • Consultation with Local Link ongoing in relation to private bus operators and short-term solution. • Land acquisition offers made in December 2024 leading to collaborative approach with key landowner. Agreement to undertake masterplan for the lands to determine potential for public/private collaboration. Tender being drafted at present. • Options for temporary bus hub being advanced in-house and workshop held with
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		the Members on the 20th May 2025. 6. Strategic acquisition to enable LK Green Connect • Part 8 in relation to the Cultural Corridor element of the project approved by Donegal County Council at the November 2023 Plenary meeting. • In-house team has commenced steps to develop a Part 8 for Phase 2 (from constructed Phase 1 to Pearse Road). • Valuation services of Avison Young being engaged in relation to phase 2 (from constructed Phase 1 to Pearse Road) and lands required for the Cultural Corridor element of the Scheme. • All landowners engaged. • Engagement ongoing with relevant stakeholders. • Topographical survey completed. • Tenders for AA/EIA screening opened but no response to advertisement – to reopen tender again. • External structural/civil engineering consultative services procured for site investigation services access sought to 3rd party lands.
Call 3 (March 2023 and approved July 2023).	€4m	Revolving fund for acquisition costs of long-term vacant property or sites • 46 properties on the programme and all owners have been engaged with. • Several properties already activated or being activated through the Croi Conaithe grant scheme and other schemes. • Several properties currently for sale and these are being monitored. • Valuation Services engaged in relation to property valuations. • Council to advance 12 properties for acquisition/CPO. • Several properties added to the Derelict Sites Register.
“The Eat Out’ Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Project		• Construction completed.
Letterkenny Cultural Corridor		• Part 8 approved November 2023. • Valuation services of Avison Young being engaged in relation to lands required for the delivery of the Scheme. • Services of Quantity Surveyor engaged to provide cost estimates for the scheme and work completed. • To be targeted for future URDF funding call.
Youth/Community focused project at Lower Main Street		• Early engagements with Letterkenny Youth Club and Donegal Youth Services have commenced.

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

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

Table 3: Summary of Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Applications

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

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

4.0 Addressing Vacancy and Dereliction

4.1 Property Activation Program

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

2023 Target:

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

2024 Target:

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

2025 Target:

To activate 300 properties and commence CPO in 6 cases.

4.2 Derelict Sites Register

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

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

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

APPENDIX B



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CAPITAL PROJECTS DELIVERY UNIT

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

Activity / Project Title	Tús Nua Project
Project Description/Activity	The Tús Nua Project is a transformative town centre regeneration project in Carndonagh. The project elements are as follows: • Alteration of the former Leprechaun Bar to create a new through access and public amenities including a changing places facility, • Restoration, alteration and extension of a former Department Store and associated outbuildings to the rear providing for: i. a new Digital Fabrication Laboratory (FabLab) and co-working Hub (CoLabora), office space, ii. a Social Space for Young People and Teenagers iii. a community Kitchen, iv. Communal storage, and v. A public realm courtyard with sensory garden. • Creation of a new Pedestrian Street and public realm park between Pound Street/Bank Place and the Supervalu Retail Complex, • The restoration and alteration of a stone outbuilding to a Creative Makers Hub for creative and craft industries; • New demountable canopy feature(s) in the existing Diamond area civic space; • New public realm improvements on Back Lane connecting the Diamond to the Town Car Park and Bridge Street; • Acquisition of a town centre site (The Mart) which will enable separate progression of a town centre housing development by the Councils Housing Capital Team at an estimated value of €5-5.5m.
Budget	€ 9.6m
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	Detailed design completed and associated tender documents are being reviewed. CPO has been approved by An Bord Pleanála and DCC have taken ownership of the lands. Back Lane works are substantially complete.

Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	Construction tenders to be published for main project, dependent on approval to proceed from DRCD. Back Lane construction works to be complete.
Contact Person(s)	Hugh Trearty, Executive Engineer Ardal McDermott, Senior Executive Engineer

Activity / Project Title	Fort Dunree
Project Description/Activity	Donegal County Council (DCC) has been awarded grant funding of €9,251,000 for Fort Dunree, Co. Donegal under Fáilte Irelands, Capital investment scheme Platform for Growth – A Programme for Tourism Investment, Platform 1: Immersive Heritage and Cultural Attractions. This will be supported by €3.2 million match funding committed by Donegal County Council providing a total Project value of €12.5 million investment. The transformational tourism project at Fort Dunree is informed by a vision to reimagine the visitor experience at this spectacular Fort and Discovery Point along the Wild Atlantic Way. The project will physically link the 3 unique elements of Fort Dunree: Lough Swilly below the Fort; the Promontory Fort and the High Fort (Redoubt). Along the visitor journey, immersive heritage and cultural touch-points will be provided with modern intervention view points and imaginative interpretive installations. The ambition is to reposition this defensive site to allow visitors to imagine its past and experience its beauty. The proposed Project comprises of the following key components. 1. High Fort: Works to improve existing High Fort 2. High Guns: Restoration of the High Guns 3. Lighthouse: Conservation & refurbishment works 4. Northern Walkway: New projecting walkway 5. Lower Fort Walkway: construction of new walkway & upgrade of access route and drawbridge. 6. The Village: Conservation & upgrade of existing buildings to facilitate, welcome building, toilets, souvenir shop, café etc. 7. Car Park: Provision of improved distribution roads & a new car parking facility 8. Walkways & Watchtower: Upgraded and new walkways and watchtower conservation works 9. Access Routes: Reparatory works to existing pathways and steps.
Budget	€12.5m
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status	Following the An Bord Pleanála determination that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment is required for the project, the Part 8 planning application has been withdrawn and a new application was submitted on the 1 st of August 2024 to An Bord Pleanála for assessment.
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	The design team is currently working on Stage 2b (Detailed Design) and the development of the construction tender documentation. The Visitor Experience & Interpretation Consultant is continuing to develop the story of Fort Dunree to fit within the construction project. In addition, they are developing the branding strategy for the site. An updated cost plan has been received that is significantly higher than the funding award and engagement is ongoing with both Failte Ireland and the IDT to manage costs. The Project Programme has been updated as follows: <table><tr><th>Stage</th><th>Start Date</th><th>Finish Date</th></tr><tr><td>Stage 2a Scheme Design</td><td>Jun 2024</td><td>Dec 2025</td></tr><tr><td>Stage 2b Detailed Design **</td><td>Jan 2024</td><td>Jun 2026</td></tr><tr><td>Stage 3 Tender Action, Evaluation & Award</td><td>Jul 2026</td><td>Dec 2026</td></tr><tr><td>Stage 4 Construction</td><td>Jan 2027</td><td>Sept 2028</td></tr><tr><td>Stage 5 Handover, Client Fit Out, training</td><td>Oct 2028</td><td>Aug 2029</td></tr></table> ** The duration of the ABP planning process unknown and estimated at 16 months.	Stage	Start Date	Finish Date	Stage 2a Scheme Design	Jun 2024	Dec 2025	Stage 2b Detailed Design **	Jan 2024	Jun 2026	Stage 3 Tender Action, Evaluation & Award	Jul 2026	Dec 2026	Stage 4 Construction	Jan 2027	Sept 2028	Stage 5 Handover, Client Fit Out, training	Oct 2028	Aug 2029
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Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	Continue detailed design and develop tender documents.																		
Contact Person(s)	Patrick Brennan, Project Manager Shane Sweeney, Senior Executive Engineer Brendan O'Donnell, Senior Engineer																		

Activity / Project Title	Repowering Buncrana
Project Description/Activity	The overall objective of the project is to repower Buncrana by regenerating and connecting the costal edge and historic town centre activating a competitive, attractive, connected, liveable, sustainable and high quality strategic urban gateway to Inishowen and the North West City Region and establishing Buncrana as the Place Standard for the North West region. The project centres on six key interventions: 1. A new iconic pedestrian bridge over the Mill River connecting the Inishowen Greenway Project and Amazing Grace Park to a transformed harbour/pier environment,

	2. The creation of a high performance promenade and Shore Front Green including enhanced walkways, beach access, public realm & festival gathering space and development of a new bespoke public/civic shore green users building, 3. Enhanced connection between the new Shore Front Green environment and the Main Street and commercial core of the town with targeted public realm improvements, 4. Enhanced Shore Front walkway and promenade along the Fishing Green, with dramatic re-imaging of the Amazing Grace viewing point, 5. Onwards connection of the promenade to Swan Park, Buncrana Castle and Cockhill Road 6. The repurposing and extension of the old garda barracks building to create bespoke office accommodation. RRDF Category 2 Funding has been awarded to develop the project ready for a construction tender including securing all necessary statutory consents. Robin Lee Architecture has been appointed to provide Integrated Design Team Services necessary for the delivery of the project.
Budget	Total Funding €1,461,746.00 80% Funded by RRDF (€1,169,396) 20% Funded by DCC (€292,349)
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	Engagement with stakeholders and the preliminary design of the project is ongoing. Developed design is progressing for the old garda barracks and a separate Part 8 application will be submitted to develop this element.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	Design process ongoing. Submit Part 8 application for the Garda Barracks and develop detailed design and tender documents for this element.
Contact Person(s)	Shane Sweeney, Senior Executive Engineer Brendan O'Donnell, Senior Engineer



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**Community Development & Planning Directorate
Community Development Division**

Municipal District of Inishowen

on

01st July 2025

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Activity/Project Title	Community Development Officer Report
Budget (if applicable)	NA
Progress to date within the last two months	Hugh Doherty 'Dick' Commemorative plaque unveiling On Thursday 19th June 2025, Buncrana Hearts FC in collaboration with Donegal Co Co Elected Members (Inishowen MD) officially unveiled a commemorative plaque to honour the life and legacy of Hugh Doherty 'Dick', a former player with Derry City, Dundalk, Glasgow Celtic, Blackpool and Raith Rovers. A founding member of Buncrana Hearts FC and a lifelong contributor to grassroots football, having been involved at the development of the Inishowen League, Ulster Senior League and Ulster Football Association. Hugh's Contributions to the sport continue to inspire. The event was widely attended by the local community, also in attendance were members of Buncrana Hearts FC., Inishowen League, Ulster Football Association, representatives from FA Ireland, Derry City FC, Buncrana Celtic Supporters Club, Former Elected Members of Buncrana Town Council where Hugh served as a councillor, West Inishowen Historical Society, John McCarron who was commissioned to install the plaque.   Development Fund Initiative – continue to work with various groups to assist them with getting their DFI claims processed. Community Recognition Fund Successful funding applicants under Window 3 of the 2024 Community Recognition Fund were announced recently. Interaction with groups who were awarded funding under the Community Recognition Fund W2 is ongoing to successfully fulfil procurement criteria. Engagement with groups who were awarded funding under W3, will take place shortly.
Contact Person	Helen Farren, Community Development Officer E: hfarren@donegalcoco.ie T: 074-9373711 M: 087-1699198



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Activity / Project Title	Malin Head Visitor Management Plan
Activity / Project Description	<u>Malin Head Access & Amenity Improvement Project.</u> Phase 1 of the project includes the delivery of major works at Malin Head to create the 'Must See' visitor attraction. This also includes the provision of additional car parking close to Banba's Crown and the implementation of traffic management arrangements.
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Visitor Management Plan for Malin Head Signature Discovery Point Project</u> • Donegal County Council following consultation with Failte Ireland has completed the tendering competition for the procurement of multi-disciplinary services for the delivery of a visitor management plan for Malin Head Signatory point. • Keys and Monaghan Architects together with Cooney Architects have been appointed to Design the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan and Concept design. • Keys and Monaghan Architects together with Cooney Architects, a multi-disciplinary team have been appointed to provide a Visitor Management Plan and concept design for Malin Head. • There were four successful Stakeholder Engagement workshops held on the 8th May in Malin Head Community Centre, 9th May McGrory's Hotel Culdaff, Tuesday 14th May in the Colgan Hall, Carndonagh and Malin Village Hall on the 15th May with over 310 people in attendance over the four evenings. • Donegal Council remains committed, in partnership with Failte Ireland and with the support of the local community, to deliver on the ambitious objectives within the draft Malin Head Visitor Management Plan. • Phase 1 of the project includes the delivery of major works at Malin Head to create the 'Must See' visitor attraction. This also includes the provision of additional car parking close to Banba's Crown and the implementation of traffic management arrangements. • To proceed with this, the Council must acquire the necessary lands upon which the development is to proceed. • A workshop took place on the 28th November 2023 • The Community Development directorate are working on a roadmap/timeline for the advancement of the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan. This will be circulated to the Elected Members by the end of January. This commitment was provided by Mr. Liam Ward, Director of Service at the workshop meeting held on the 28th of November 2023.

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	• Mr. Liam Ward, Director of Service circulated a report on Wednesday 31st January 2024 outlining a roadmap with timelines to deliver the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan. • Mr. Liam Ward, Director of Service circulated an update to the Elected Members on Friday 9th August in relation to the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan. James Kelly, Senior Engineer and John Deeney, Executive Engineer will be available in the Carndonagh PSC Chamber on Friday 6th September from 9am to 4pm to discuss the project with property owners. • A workshop meeting is taken place with the Director of Service, Divisional Manager, Senior Executive Engineer, and Executive Engineer on Tuesday 3rd December at 11.30 am prior to the Inishowen Municipal District Meeting. • Workshop took place 03rd December 2024. As discussed, further updates will be made available in due course. • A meeting to update members will be scheduled in the near future
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	The Community Development Division of the Council had a meeting with the design team on Friday 13th June 2025 to progress the project. A further meeting is scheduled for mid-July 2025, after which a further update can be provided.
Contact Person	James Kelly, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Mobile 087 2236923



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Activity / Project Title	An Grianán of Aileach Fort
Project Description/Activity	Development /Improvement of Visitor facilities/Conservation Plan
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status	Historical background • A meeting took place on Tuesday 7th February 2017 with Mr. Frank Shalvey and Mr. Eoghan Moyla, senior OPW officials, Fáilte Ireland, Council Officials and various stakeholders. Mr. Shalvey agreed to initiate the process for a Conservation and Management Plan of the entire site. The timeframe for completion of the plan is early 2018. The Council will work in collaboration with the OPW, Fáilte Ireland and the stakeholders in relation to the development of the site. The Office of Public Works have given a commitment to commission a Conservation and Management Plan. This is on the way to being achieved currently and this will set out the options for the future management of the Grianán an Aileach site. • In June 2019, the OPW officially appointed Blackwood Associates Architects to provide a Conservation and Management plan. • Alice Bentley of Blackwood Associate Architects, Claire Cotter, Archaeologist, Jackie Hunt, Ecologist and Michelle O’ Dea from the Office of Public Works attended a workshop meeting regarding the Conservation and Management report with the Members on Monday 18th November 2019. Contributions from the Councillors was documented by the consultations and will be addressed in the plan. • A copy of the completed Conservation and Management plan was circulated to the Elected Members in January 2021. • This plan sets out the implementation strategy and Action Plan for the conservation and protection of the monument. • The OPW have indicated that the list of Actions contained in the plan will guide the way forward for servicing the tourism potential of the site achieved collaboratively with the OPW and other partners and official agencies such as Donegal County Council and Fáilte Ireland • The Elected Members have sought a virtual meeting with the OPW regarding the report and this request has been made to the body. • The OPW officials will meet with the Elected Members and relevant Council officials at the site later in the Summer when health restrictions permit to discuss any issues associated with the site and the Conservation and Management plan. • A meeting with the Office of Public works and the Elected Members has again been requested regarding the Conservation and Management plan. A response has not yet been received.

	• A request by the Members to meet with the OPW and Fáilte Ireland regarding enhancing the visitor experience at An Grianán of Aileach was issued. • A positive response was received from OPW to Fáilte Ireland with suggested dates for a meeting to follow. • The Area Roads Manager and Development Officer met with Fáilte Ireland & the OPW with the objective to improve the visitor experience at the site. • A Memorandum of Understanding document is been signed highlighting the Council, OPW and Fáilte Irelands shared ambition to significantly enhance the visitor experience of Grianán of Aileach through the successful execution of the various site management actions highlighted within the Conservation Management Plan for the Grianán of Aileach and also contained within the Inishowen Peninsula Destination Experience Development Plan (DEDP). The document will serve as a basis to establish a workshop meeting date with the Elected Members, Fáilte Ireland, Council Officials and the OPW. • The Office of Public works is responsible for An Grianán of Aileach monument. Donegal County Council have agreed in principle to agree a Memorandum of Understanding with the OPW and Fáilte Ireland. • Donegal County Council are committed to working in collaboration with all Agencies & Stakeholders to meet the objectives of Fáilte Irelands Inishowen Peninsula Destination Experience Development Plan (DEDP) with the shared ambition to enhance the visitor experience in line with the successful execution of the various site management actions highlighted within the OPWs Conservation and Management Plan for the site. • Fáilte Ireland have appointed the services of a consultant to improve the Visitor Experience at An Grianán Of Aileach. Engagement with the Elected Members will take place in that regard. • The Sláintecare Community Development Officer and the Area Manager, Roads and Transportation continue to engage collaboratively on a Tri-agency approach with Fáilte Ireland and the OPW to form a sustainable management and visitor experience stakeholder group to meet the objectives of Fáilte Irelands Inishowen Peninsula Destination Experience Development Plan (DEDP) with the shared ambition to enhance the visitor experience, including signage, Interpretation and Orientation requirements, in line with the successful execution of the various site management actions highlighted within the OPWs Conservation and Management plan for An Grianán of Aileach. • Fáilte Ireland have appointed the services of Mirador Media consultants to improve the Visitor Experience at An Grianán of Aileach monument. • We continue to engage and collaborate with Fáilte Ireland to meet the objectives and shared ambition to enhance the visitor experience including signage, Interpretation and Orientation requirements.
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	Fáilte Ireland will provide more information on a draft Interpretative proposal by the consultants at the meeting with the Elected Members on Tuesday 25th February. • Fáilte Ireland recently presented a draft Interpretative proposal for An Grianán of Aileach to the Elected Members.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	An Grianán of Aileach Monument <u>July 2025</u> No further update at present
Contact Person	• Fiona Doherty, Community Development & Planning • Michael McFadden, Roads & Transportation



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Activity / Project Title	Playground Maintenance
Project Description/Activity	List of Playgrounds • Culdaff Playground • Moville Playground • Buncrana Festival Park Playground • Clós Phádraig Playground • Barrack Hill Playground • Cill Bhríde MUGA • Ballyliffin Playground • Manorcunningham Playground • Killea Playground
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	• The Annual safety inspections for the maintenance of all DCC playgrounds will take place in January 2025 with the maintenance works tender to follow from this. • The Annual safety inspections for the maintenance of all DCC playgrounds currently underway, with the maintenance works tender to follow from this. • Playground maintenance tender assessment underway to appoint a contractor for 2025 repairs. • Playground maintenance tender assessment complete and repairs underway. • Damage was done to the Festival Park playground fence in Buncrana, with a vehicle driving into the playground. Area Roads cleared the damage and erected temporary fencing to secure the playground. Quotes are being sought to carry out permanent repairs.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	PLAYGROUNDS July 2025 • Playground maintenance tender assessment complete and repairs underway. • Damage was done to the Festival Park playground fence in Buncrana, with a vehicle driving into the playground. Area Roads cleared the damage and erected temporary fencing to secure the playground. Quotes are being sought to carry out permanent repairs.
Contact Person	John Deeney, Executive Engineer, 087 7197619



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Activity / Project Title	Buncrana School Campus
Project Description/Activity	Assisting the Department of Education & Skills in identifying a suitable site in the Buncrana Environs to accommodate a three-school campus ideally measuring between 15 – 20 acres.
Budget (if applicable)	As per Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Education & Skills and CCMA.
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	Work has been on-going over the past few years and Donegal County Council are currently reviewing additional sites in Buncrana environs on behalf of the Department of Education and skills. Given the sensitive nature of such discussions, in relation to land acquisition, it has been agreed with the Department of Education and Skills that any further requests for updates or progress reports would be handled directly by the Department. • Donegal County Council are working on behalf of the Department of Education and Skills in securing the preferred identified site for the Buncrana School Campus. • The Compulsory Purchase Order process was instigated on the 4th December 2020. Public notices were published in the local newspapers. • Copies of the Public Notice and maps relating to the CPO was available for inspection at the Public Services Centre in Carndonagh, the Buncrana office and DCC headquarters in Lifford. • The 'Notice to Treat' was issued in December 2021 to the parties with an interest in the site proposed for the Buncrana School Campus. • It is intended that the 'Notice to Enter' will be issued at the end of January. This will allow the Department of Education & Skills access to the land to carry out surveys, site investigations, etc. • Work is ongoing to progress the acquisition of the land
	Donegal County Council continue to assist The Department of Education and Skills with the technical elements of the project and this work is on-going. • The CPO is concluded. • An Arbitrator has been appointed to determine the compensation due to the parties with an interest in the land. • DCC and the Department of Education are currently preparing for the arbitration hearing and are awaiting a date for same. • The Department of Education have commenced works on progressing the delivery of the school Campus design.
Contact person	Eamon Boyle, Executive Engineer, Tel: 087 1788623 Email: eamonb@donegalcoco.ie



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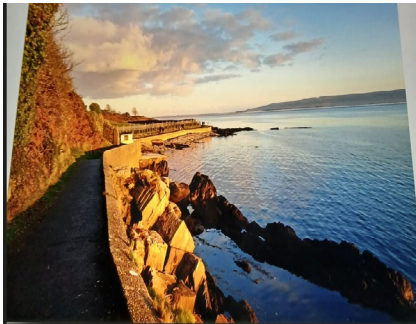
Jetty – Bunagee, Culdaff (ORIS)

Activity / Project Title	Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) project Development Measure for a pontoon at the existing jetty in Bunagee, Culdaff
File:	€55,555 for Project Development
Project Description/Activity	• Preparation work for Jetty at Bunagee, Culdaff
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	• A meeting took place with the Culdaff Development Association and Donegal County Council's Executive Engineer and Development Officer. • The next steps were discussed and the way forward to deliver the project agreed. • Tenders are being prepared for Appropriate Assessment and all relevant documentation and reports necessary to deliver the capital works. • A Consultant is to be appointed to carry out an Appropriate Assessment. • The relevant documentation to deliver the capital design of the project element has been prepared. • The Tender documents for a design are completed and will issue this week for a consultant to design the project. • The consultants 'Greentrack' have been appointed to carry out an ecology screening report. • A consultant is now appointed and has commenced the design process. • The consultant is currently working on the design of the structure and completed at the end of this year. • The Engineers recently meet with the consultants 'Greentrack' on site regarding the design. • The Initial meeting with the Community Group • Consultant Appointed • The consultant is currently working on the design of the structure. • The initial draft design report has been issued to the DCC. • The Ecology report is being finalised
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	• Site Investigation boreholes scheduled for July Works to be fully complete in Q3 2025
Contact Person	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer Tel 087 620 2947 Email bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie



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Moville Shore Path - ORIS

Activity / Project Title	Moville Shore Path Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme €222,000
Project Description/Activity	Upgrade and Enhancement of a portion of Moville shore walk. • Capital Works • Interpretation work /seating
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<u>Progress to date</u> • The Project is at Design Stage establishing the scope. • The work will be tendered in the 1st quarter of 2024. • A site meeting took place with the Tidy Towns Committee and Community Development staff, • The tendering work has been finalised and the work will be tendered after consultation with other internal directorates. • It is anticipated that the capital work will commence in April 2024. The Tender documents are currently being assessed for all works associated with the project. A contractor will be appointed next month. • A Contractor has commenced work on the site. The project work will be completed in Q4 of 2024. • The initial phase of construction, installing the concrete footpaths Steps and handrails is now complete. • The conservation Report on the Liam McCormack Shelter Houses is complete (image below)  • The tender documents for the remaining works are being prepared. • The Interpretation content and design has been agreed and finalised. • The history and heritage Interpretation content is agreed and to be completed. • The remaining works tender is currently on the etenders platform. • Formal extension to June 2025 has been granted due to the nature of the works to the shelter houses. • The initial phase of construction, installing the concrete footpaths, steps and handrails is now complete.

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Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly reporting period	• The Tender process is completed, and contractor is appointed • This work is commencing next week. Formal extension to June 2025 has been granted due to the nature of the works to the shelter houses
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CLAR 2024

Activity / Project Title CARPARK SURFACING	<u>Culdaff FC CLAR Measure 1 2024</u> • Initial meetings with the Group • Provisional letter of offer to be issued in February 2025. • Project currently out for tender The project is due to be completed – December 2025 Contact: Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer
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Project Title CARPARK SURFACING	<u>GLENGAD FC CLÁR PROJECT 2024</u> • Initial meetings with the Group • Provisional letter of offer to be issued in February 2025. • Project currently out for tender The project is due to be completed – December 2025 Contact: Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer
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Municipal District: Countywide

Activity / Project Title	Rural Development Programme/LEADER 2023-2027
Project Description/Activity	Donegal LCDC are the Local Action Group (LAG) for County Donegal, with responsibility for the LEADER programme 2023-2027.
Budget (if applicable)	€10.4m for RDP/LEADER 2023-2027 for projects and administration.
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	Implementing Partners within the county; Donegal Local Development CLG (DLDC), Inishowen Development Partnership (IDP), Údarás Na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán are delivering the New LEADER Programme 2023-2027. The programme is open for Expressions of Interest across the 4 Implementing Partners and respective areas. Donegal has been awarded approximately €10.4m in allocation for the delivery of programme to cover the period.
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	Following the May LAG meeting we now have a total of 34 projects approved totalling €1,146,806.71.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	LDCs will continue to work with promoters on the ground to animate and develop new projects for submission to internal evaluation committees and then to the Local Action Group for consideration. Members can access further information on the overall programme and get contact details for interested groups or individuals at https://www.donegalcoco.ie/en/services/community/community-development/leader/
Contact Person	Ciaran Martin cmartin@donegalcoco.ie Administrative Officer, Community Development Division, Donegal County Council

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Activity / Project Title	Community Recognition Fund 2024																											
Project Description/Activity	The Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht recently announced awards under Window 3, the final funding window, of the Community Recognition Fund 2024. Previous awards under the 2024 Programme were announced in March 2025.																											
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Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status	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 €550,000 were awarded to projects in Inishowen MD are as follows: <table><tr><th>Group Name</th><th>Amount</th></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Window 1 & 2</td></tr><tr><td>Ceolan Community Group CLG</td><td>€50,000.00</td></tr><tr><td>Inishowen Rugby Club</td><td>€50,000.00</td></tr><tr><td>Aileach FC</td><td>€50,000.00</td></tr><tr><td>Carndonagh FC</td><td>€50,000.00</td></tr><tr><td>CLG Naomh Pdraig Uisce Chaoín</td><td>€50,000.00</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Window 3</td></tr><tr><td>Colgan Community & Resource Centre</td><td>€50,000.00</td></tr><tr><td>Malin Head Community Association</td><td>€50,000.00</td></tr><tr><td>Barrack Hill Town Park</td><td>€50,000.00</td></tr><tr><td>Buncrana Community Centre</td><td>€100,000.00</td></tr><tr><td>Greencastle Community Centre</td><td>€50,000.00</td></tr></table>		Group Name	Amount	Window 1 & 2		Ceolan Community Group CLG	€50,000.00	Inishowen Rugby Club	€50,000.00	Aileach FC	€50,000.00	Carndonagh FC	€50,000.00	CLG Naomh Pdraig Uisce Chaoín	€50,000.00	Window 3		Colgan Community & Resource Centre	€50,000.00	Malin Head Community Association	€50,000.00	Barrack Hill Town Park	€50,000.00	Buncrana Community Centre	€100,000.00	Greencastle Community Centre	€50,000.00
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Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	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 €56,768.00 were awarded to Community Groups in Inishowen MD are as follows: <table> <tr> <th>Applicant Organisation / Group</th><th>Award</th></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Current Funding</td></tr> <tr><td>18th Donegal Moville Sea Scouts</td><td>€398.12</td></tr> <tr><td>Artlink</td><td>€398.12</td></tr> <tr><td>Carndonagh FC</td><td>€398.12</td></tr> <tr><td>Carndonagh Tidy Towns Association</td><td>€398.12</td></tr> <tr><td>Ceolan School of Music Community Group</td><td>€398.11</td></tr> <tr><td>Clonmany Parochial</td><td>€398.12</td></tr> <tr><td>Colgan Community & Resource Centre Ltd.</td><td>€398.12</td></tr> <tr><td>Drumfries Youth club</td><td>€398.11</td></tr> <tr><td>Glengad Football Club</td><td>€398.12</td></tr> <tr><td>Greencastle Community Development CLG</td><td>€398.12</td></tr> <tr><td>Inishowen Rugby Club</td><td>€398.12</td></tr> <tr><td>Inishowen Traditional Music Project</td><td>€398.12</td></tr> <tr><td>Manorcunningham Orange Hall Management Committee</td><td>€398.12</td></tr> <tr><td>Moville Men's Shed</td><td>€398.12</td></tr> <tr><td>Muff Community Development Co-op Society Ltd</td><td>€398.12</td></tr> <tr><td>Quigley's Point Community Centre</td><td>€398.12</td></tr> <tr><td>Swilly Gardening Club</td><td>€398.12</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Large Capital</td></tr> <tr><td>St Brigids Youth & Community Co Operative Society Ltd</td><td>€5,000.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Spraoui agus Spórt</td><td>€5,940.50</td></tr> </table>	Applicant Organisation / Group	Award	Current Funding		18th Donegal Moville Sea Scouts	€398.12	Artlink	€398.12	Carndonagh FC	€398.12	Carndonagh Tidy Towns Association	€398.12	Ceolan School of Music Community Group	€398.11	Clonmany Parochial	€398.12	Colgan Community & Resource Centre Ltd.	€398.12	Drumfries Youth club	€398.11	Glengad Football Club	€398.12	Greencastle Community Development CLG	€398.12	Inishowen Rugby Club	€398.12	Inishowen Traditional Music Project	€398.12	Manorcunningham Orange Hall Management Committee	€398.12	Moville Men's Shed	€398.12	Muff Community Development Co-op Society Ltd	€398.12	Quigley's Point Community Centre	€398.12	Swilly Gardening Club	€398.12	Large Capital		St Brigids Youth & Community Co Operative Society Ltd	€5,000.00	Spraoui agus Spórt	€5,940.50
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	Inishowen Rivers Trust	€5,805.00
	Aileach Youth & Community Centre	€5,000.00
	Redcastle Community Development	€5,000.00
	Glengad Community Association.	€5,940.50
	Newtowncunningham Community Playgroup	€5,000.00
	Small Capital	
	Carndonagh Christmas Tree Committee	€1,000.00
	Inishowen Traditional Singers' Circle	€695.00
	Clonmany Parochial	€1,000.00
	Clonmany First Responders	€975.00
	Moville Men's Shed	€1,000.00
	Go Visit Inishowen	€990.00
	Buncrana Tidy Towns Initiative	€1,000.00
	Foyle Beekeepers Association	€680.00
	Desertegney Foroige Youth Club	€1,000.00
	Carrowmenagh Community Centre	€974.00
	Quigley's Point Community Centre CLG	€1,000.00
	Serenity House Learning Centre	€1,000.00
	Cockhill Celtic Youth Club	€500.00
	Killea Community Park & Hub	€500.00
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	Notification has issued to all applicants. All Grants to be drawn down by year end.	
Contact Person (to include telephone number & e-mail address)	Ciaran Martin cmartin@donegalcoco.ie Administrative Officer, Community Development Division, Donegal County Council	



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Activity / Project Title	Donegal Walks and Trails
File:	
Project Description/Activity	Maintenance, Development and Promotion of Walks & Trails in Donegal including Cycle Routes and Greenways.
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Inishowen Head</u> The Sport Ireland inspection was completed back in September with some items to be addresses mainly the surface issue on the upper land part of the trail needs drainage and surfacing works. The report is available on request for this. ORIS criteria is no longer accepting old county road improvements as potential applications for funding There will have to be a discussion to seek alternative options of funding and if the roads department can assist in any way to improving the washed-out section of this trail. <u>Malin Head/Bamba Pathway/walk</u> This trail is also scheduled for inspection although due to issues we cannot advance with any works from the previous report. <i>(Available if requested)</i>. With ongoing landowner issues this will remain listed only as an item until a resolve is agreed. The Officer commenced with the inspection on this trail only to report there are a Number of safety issues and if not rectified within 30 days it will be removed from the register and no longer insured by Sport Ireland. <u>NOTE this trail is no longer on the trails register until items have been resolved.</u> <u>Leenan Loop</u> Scheduled for inspection in September I accompanied the Officer on the inspection and now await the report to be e-mailed. The report is now also available on request. The maintenance works will now have to be carried out and then update the dashboard.

	<u>ORIS 2024 applications</u> The three IDP projects on of which is listed below as Butler Glen, I believe the other two have been completed. The Golden mile old Carn Road has now been completed and the final claim has been submitted. The case study has also been completed for submission with drawdown of funding. This project is complete all but the payment of retention which is due in less than 12 months. <u>Butlers Glen Trail:</u> Draft documents have been written up and a meeting has been set up with the Glenevin Waterfall committee to review before issue for potential quotes. These works were tendered out by NWCD and a successful contractor has been appointed and is now currently well advanced with the proposed upgrading works. <u>ORIS 2025 Applications</u> This year we have successfully submitted 6No. Measure 1 applications, 1No. Measure 2 applications out of a possible 3 applications and 1No Measure 3 applications. Alongside 2No Project Development Measure to max €50k. We are now currently awaiting to hear if we are successful in being granted the funding for any of the submissions.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	• Site visit to assess the extent of works done: Butlers Glen. • Meet with Development officer look at future project possibilities
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**Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall**
Donegal County Council



Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Pobail Dhún na nGall
Public Participation Network Donegal

Activity / Project Update

Countywide

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

Master Municipal District Report June 2025

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1. Economic Development

1.1. Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location / Further Info	Point of Contact
2nd Wed of each month	Innovation Campfire	Hosted by Alpha Innovation - Our 15-minute sessions showcase inspiring innovation stories from around the world; learn from the experiments, tests, fails, quick wins, and big successes of others; enable participants to be part of a growing community of like-minded individuals; and allow participants to shape future sessions by volunteering to tell a story they are passionate about. You can watch back by visiting ALPHA Innovation Innovation Campfire — ALPHAInnovation.eu	Kevin Sexton - kevinsexton@alphainnovation.eu
21st-23rd May 2025	European Maritime Day 2025	EDU Staff will attend the upcoming European Maritime Day (EMD), which takes place this year in Cork. This is an annual event during which Europe's maritime community meet to network, discuss and outline joint action on maritime affairs and sustainable blue economy.	Mairead Carlin Senior Economic Development Officer mcarlin@donegalcoco.ie 087 9939103 Elaine Whoriskey - Economic Development Officer Ewhoriskey@donegalcoco.ie 087 1603942

1.2 Economic Development Unit

Marketing & Campaigns Updates

Invest Donegal Communications Update

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

Impressions (last 28 days)		Total Followers
Linked In	12,116	5,646
Twitter	2,050	3,365
Instagram	2,235	5,699
Facebook	5,466	2,244
Donegal.ie	4.1K Web Users	

9 News Items Published.

April 16th – May 13th 2025

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

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

Donegal Tech Advocates: Donegal County Council, in collaboration with regional stakeholders, developed and launched the Donegal Tech Advocates group in April 2024. The focus of this group is to promote, grow and empower the dynamic and innovative tech sector across the county.

Green Hydra: Donegal County Council Head of EDU, Anne Marie Conlon attended the second international study visit and Green Hydra Conference of the Interreg Europe Green Hydra project held in Sofia, Bulgaria on the 26th and 27th of March. The aim of this visit was 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.

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

Blue Economy Working Group: Economic Development Unit staff continue to work with stakeholders of the Blue Economy Working Group which is focused on the sustainable use of ocean resources for economic growth and prosperity within this growing and dynamic sector for County Donegal.

The Economic Development Team circulated a further edition of the Blue Economy Newsletter designed to keep members informed and engaged with the latest developments in the blue economy, sharing key resources, potential funding opportunities and insights for the Sector. EDU Staff will attend a week-long conference in Wales which will focus on a number of key areas of the blue economy including Green Shipping Corridors, Marine Renewable Energy, Circular Economy including Aquaculture.

Harris Tweed delegation visit to Donegal: Following the successful “Wonder of Weave” event held in Edinburgh in 2024 showcasing Irish and Scottish Tweed a delegation from Harris Tweed will visit Donegal on a reciprocal visit on 26th May. ETB, Udaras and LEO Donegal are facilitating the visit which aims to continue to build connections and exchange knowledge and best practice and continue to collaborate to further the industry.

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

Donegal 2040 DAC

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

Update on Projects:

ALPHA Innovation 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.

Startup Bootcamp Kicking off in Letterkenny from March to June: ALPHA Innovation’s Bootcamp 2025 Programme kicked off in CoLab, Letterkenny on Saturday 29th of March bringing a cohort of founders, co-founders and volunteers through 8 in-person workshops, where they test the commercial viability of their business ideas. Their mission is to apply 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 group are developing startups in areas such as Design, Engineering, Sustainability, Green Regulation, Compliance technology, and MedTech. The programme will culminate in a public showcase day (week beginning 9 June), where participants present their propositions to an audience of target customers, peers, champions and advocates.

Councillors interested in joining our showcase of businesses are advised to email community@alphainnovation.eu, and ALPHA will ensure you receive an invitation.

Alpha Innovation Centre and Beta Business Centre

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

Remote Working Hub Carrigart:

Status: In operation. Annual management agreement in place.

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

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

Current Status: Under Construction. Estimated Completion Date: Q2 2025.

Section 183 presented to Plenary Council meeting 26th May for approval

Operation & Management of Burtonport Enterprise Centre (Post Construction)

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

Section 183 presented to Plenary Council meeting 26th May for approval

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

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

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Inward Investment Activity

North West City Region

Promoting the NWCR: A new brochure and video highlighting the value proposition of the NWCR were produced for the 2024 NWCR US Trade Mission and promoted throughout the week.

Link to [video on YouTube](#)

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

NWCR on **LinkedIn** has 798 followers.

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

Website: www.irelandnw.com

Service Land Initiative at The Commons, Lifford
Enabling infrastructure works began in November 2024 and it is expected that the enabling infrastructure will be complete by 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. No other event will showcase our destination with travel writers all over the world and by extension the travellers they represent. Donegal Tourism aims to take full advantage of this exceptional opportunity to showcase Donegal's distinctive assets on the international stage. Many partnership and sponsorship opportunities now exist, any potential partner can contact Mary Daly, Donegal Tourism directly.

Balmoral Show 2025: Donegal Tourism attended the 156th Balmoral Show in May at the Eikon Exhibition Centre, Lisburn. Donegal Tourism promoted the tourism offering of the county and distributed over 1000 brochures at the show along with 11 representatives of the tourism sector from across the county.



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 are currently running 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 organic reach is 59,978 with 75,847 views and 434 direct clicks to camper code page. This campaign is ongoing with further posts planned running until June 9th. 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 Maoingh, Noel Cunningham and Jason Black etc for several walks to capture insights and experiences. Filming is now in post-production with the view of content going live in June to run over the summer.

Donegal Golf Brochure: The official launch of the Golf in Donegal brochure took place at Donegal Golf Club, Murvagh on Friday 9th May by Minister of State with special responsibility for Sport and Postal Policy Charlie McConalogue TD. The event was well attended by golf club representatives from across the county, tour operators and tourism bodies. The event was hosted by Sean Quinn from Highland Radio and included a panel discussion on the current climate in golf and hospitality with Lynn McCool (Donegal Golf Club), John Farren (Ballyliffin Golf Club) and Sheila Russell (Harvey's Point). The new brochure is available for download from www.govisitdonegal.com/golf and at golf clubs across the county.



At the launch of the Golf in Donegal brochure - Friday 9th May 2025



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 Associate Members Network: The Donegal Tourism Associate Committee had their final meeting on the 7 May 2025, the elections have now commenced, and a new Committee will be formed by June. Once the Committee is formed the dates of the next meeting will be agreed.

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.

Donegal Tourism Strategy 2025 – 2030: Donegal County Council Tourism Unit is currently progressing further stakeholder engagement on the Donegal Tourism Strategy 2025 – 2030. Workshops have taken place with elected members in each Municipal District. The strategy was presented to and approved the ED, IS and Emergency Services SPC on 8 May. After the workshops and engagement with other stakeholders, the strategy will be updated to reflect further feedback received with a view to having the strategy adopted at the Plenary Council meeting taking place on Monday 26 May.

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. The upcoming partner meeting will be hosted by our Bulgarian colleagues, while preparations are already underway for Donegal to host the following meeting in autumn.

Sustainable Arctic & Peripheral Biking Tourism Project (SUB): Donegal hosted the SUB Partner Consortium from the 28th – 30th April. The projects voucher scheme is in the selection process which will see a number of local businesses awarded funds to address the operational efficiency of their respective businesses.

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. On the 24th & 25th June 2025 Donegal County Council will host a study visit of other project partners to the county, this 2-day visit will be based around the Dungloe area, with site visits planned to gteic @ Gaoth Dobhair & gteic @ Árann Mhór – MODAM.

Night-Time Economy Buncrana – NTE Committee has been established, with 17 members appointed, the first meeting will take place on the 22nd May. The application made to Fáilte Ireland's 'Home of Halloween' fund was unsuccessful.

In partnership with IDP we are delivering Event Management Training on 24th May. In partnership with Creative Ireland we will hold a young DJ Showcase in St Mary's Hall on 7th June for Cruinniú na nÓg, this will be a finale show following 5 youth sessions of DJ workshops.

GoVisitDonegal.com Website & Social Stats Update

Online & Social Media Updates – Go Visit Donegal April 2025

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

Website: Users 37,189 *Up 16% MOM* Views 92,191 *Up 45% MOM*
Highlight 2024 Views : donegalcoco.ie: 1,094,038 gvd.com: 986,831

Facebook: Reach: 147,648 *Up 232% MOM* Views: 328,111 *Up 127% MOM*

Instagram: Reach: 44,662 *Up 176% MOM* Views: 140,223 *Up 76% MOM*

LinkedIn: Reach: 3,497 Imps, 121 Reactions, 2,138 Followers

TikTok: Followers: 1,456

Donegal Tourism CLG: The Donegal Tourism CLG Board and Associate Committee meetings took place on the 6th February 2025 in The Central Hotel, Donegal Town. The next meetings of the Board and Associate Committee will take place on 7th May 2025 in the Inishowen MD.

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 due in June.

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 has been sent out to 41 successful applicants. All festivals and events will be listed and promoted on Govisitdonegal.com

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1.4: Strategic Funding Unit

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

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

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

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

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

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2. Local Enterprise Office

June 2025 (figures provided @ 30st April 2025)

Grant Aid (M1) – The second EVAC meeting of 2025 took place on 29th April 2025. 8 Donegal businesses were approved Feasibility, Start Up and Expansion grants totaling €157,403.85 which will allow them to employ staff, invest in machinery and/or invest in research and development. So far this year a total of 14 businesses have received approval for grant aid totaling €297,146.35. The next EVAC is taking place on 24th June 2025.

TOV: 35 approvals to the value of €75,235.53 have been approved this year to date. The Scheme is now closed to new applications and is replaced with the Digital for Business and Grow Digital schemes.

Mentoring: 72 business applicants have been approved up to 12 hours expert mentoring in 2025 to date.

Training: 588 attendees have participated in 19 Courses held year to date.

Digital For Business: 8 applications were approved to a value of €22,087.

Green For Micro/Green for Business/Green Start: 10 applicants approved for these sustainability supports to a value of €22,140.

Energy Efficiency Grants: 2 applicants approved for this support to a value of €12,953.

Lean For Business: 4 applicants approved for this support to improve the efficiency of their businesses to a value of €18,000.

National Enterprise Awards 2025: The winners of the National Enterprise Awards will be announced at a gala event taking place on 22nd May, which is being held in the Mansion House, Dublin. This year Seabound Engineering from Greencastle is representing Donegal and we wish them all the best in the final.

Student Enterprise Programme: This year the National Student Enterprise Final was held in Mullingar on Thursday, 8th of May, where the most enterprising students from across the country showcased their businesses. This year St Columba's College in Stranorlar were a prize winner and received the Sustainability Award in the Junior Category. Also, representing Donegal in the final were Loreto College Letterkenny in both the Senior & Intermediate categories. It was great to see all three teams representing Donegal with such pride and professionalism at a national level.

Donegal Women In Business: A very successful coffee morning took place in 4 venues throughout the county on 16th May. The venues for the event were in Letterkenny, Donegal Town, Buncrana and Dungloe. This networking event provided a great opportunity for anyone considering starting their own business or interested in learning valuable insights from other women in business in Donegal.

Start Your Own Business Programmes: The Start Your Own Business Programme commenced in January and so far, 4 SYOB courses have been held, all of which were fully booked. The next on-line course is starting on 3rd June. On 4th July we are also holding an in-person SYOB Bootcamp in the Local Enterprise Office, Letterkenny and places are currently available for both these courses.

Get Exporting Programme: 1 Donegal business has been invited to Stage 3 (In Market Visit) of this national programme. Stage 3 will give businesses the opportunity to validate their export plan via a customised itinerary within their chosen export market. They will be 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. Stage 3 is taking place between March-May 2025.

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.

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 May, a virtual clinic was held on May 9th and the in-person session is being held on May 23rd in ATU Donegal, Killybegs Campus. In June, the virtual clinic is taking place on 13th June, and the in-person session is being held in The Workhouse, Dunfanaghy on 27th June.

Donegal 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 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 workshops is to provide the participants with a base knowledge of what is involved in setting up their food business.

National Woman's Enterprise Day 2025 Early stages of planning are in place for National Woman's Enterprise Day which is taking place on October 16th.

Ambition - Management Development Programme the Ambition Programme 2025 starts on September 2nd. Marketing and recruitment plans are currently underway.

ATU Fashion Enterprise Awards Judging takes place this week and the Award will be presented on 22nd of May in Letterkenny. LEO Donegal is involved with both judging and presentation of the Award.

Enterprise Europe Network (EEN): The Local Enterprise Office Donegal in conjunction with the Enterprise Europe Network and the EEN LEO Hub Network (Donegal, Kildare, Clare and Carlow) is offering clients an exclusive opportunity to attend the 8th International B2B Software Days 2025 in Vienna, Austria. An Irish delegation of 10 companies including 2 from Donegal will travel to the 2 day event on 19th - 20th May. This will be the final mission taking place for the current EEN programme which ends in July 2025. The new EEN programme will commence on 1st July 2025. LEO Donegal is the National lead on behalf of the 31 LEOs across Ireland.

Harris Tweed: A delegation from Harris Tweed will visit Donegal on a reciprocal visit on 26th May. ETB, Udaras and LEO Donegal are facilitating the visit.

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

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3. Information Services

Information Services (IS)

Through the LGMA, **Donegal County Council is now part of Cyber Ireland**. Cyber Ireland is the national cyber security cluster organisation that brings together industry, academia and government to represent the needs of the cyber security ecosystem in Ireland.

Cyber Ireland aims to enhance the innovation, growth and competitiveness of the companies and organisations which are part of the cluster. It also promotes information sharing and collaboration among Irish bodies. Being a member of Cyber Ireland offers significant benefits for a local authority. It provides access to a national network of cybersecurity professionals, enabling collaboration on best practices, threat intelligence, and incident response.

This helps local authorities strengthen their cyber resilience and protect critical public services from evolving threats. Membership also supports staff development through training, events, and knowledge sharing, ensuring teams stay informed about the latest technologies and compliance requirements. By engaging with industry and academia, they can also explore innovative solutions and partnerships that enhance digital transformation efforts. Overall, Cyber Ireland membership empowers local authorities to proactively manage cyber risks, build public trust, and deliver secure, modern services to their communities and sends out a clear message that their members' organisations are cyber aware.



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4. Emergency Services

4.1 – Fire Service

Fire Service Monthly MD Report (June)

Activity	Number of: (April) ¹			Total for year	
<u>Fire Service Operations</u>					
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	134			343	
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	186			433	
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	11			41	
<u>Operational Activity Breakdown April 2025</u>	Turnouts			Incidents in County	
	Fires	Special Services	Standby	Fires	Special Services
Donegal Fire Service	124	56	6	79	47
Northern Ireland Fire Service	4	7	-	3	5
Sub Total	128	63	6	82	52
Total	197			134	
<u>Fire Prevention</u>					
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	25			56	
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	39			N/A	
Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by the Fire Officer and waiting for Further	57			N/A	

Information from the Applicant / Agent:		
Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	15	43
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	2	8
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	0	2
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	7	12
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	11	28
Fire Safety Complaints received:	3	10
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	3	10
During Performance Inspections carried out:	0	0
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	18 ²	30

1. Current data is only available up to the end of April 2025.
2. As part of its community fire safety programme, Merville, Carndonagh, Falcarragh, Letterkenny, Dungloe & Gweedore Fire Brigades delivered a total of 17 No. fire safety presentations while Donegal Town fire brigade completed 1 No. home fire safety visit.



ENVIRONMENT REPORT – June 2025

Activity / Project Title	Public Service Announcements (PSA's) - Running on local radio stations in June	
Description/ Activity	Attention Farmers & Professional Users of Pesticides & Sheep dip EPA reports in recent years have identified that some rivers in Donegal have been seriously impacted by toxic effects from pesticides, including sheep dip. Donegal County Council would like to remind farmers, contractors & gardeners of the need to follow best practice when using these products. Firstly, read the product label carefully, avoid spills, stay well back from open drains, rinse empty containers 3 times into the sprayer or tank & don't spray if it is windy or rain is forecast in the next 48 hours. Follow Teagasc advice on safe disposal of spent sheep dip, which should never ever be released into any water-course	
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Activity / Project Title	Bathing Waters 2025 season	
Description/ Activity	The 2025 Bathing Season commenced officially on the 1st June and the Council's Central Lab will be carrying out sampling at all designated bathing waters.	
		
	<i>Figure 1. Turbulent Day Sampling Kilahoey</i>	<i>Figure 2. Brighter Side of Life - Dooley Beach</i>
	The assistance of all stakeholders, including local farmers, is key to retaining the Excellent water quality status required for the Blue Flag and Green Coast Awards As in previous years, forecasted heavy rainfall events will lead to the posting of <i>Prior Warning Notices</i> at certain bathing waters to protect bathers & forewarn of a potential drop in water quality.	
Contact	Bernadette Gault, BernadetteGault@donegalcoco.ie	

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Connaught-Ulster Waste Region:

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



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

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

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

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

Overall Nationwide Winners:

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



This upcycled outfit was made by Cara McLaughlin, from Spraio Agus Sport, County Donegal.

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

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

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

Contact Person	Environment Office 074 9153900
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Activity / Project Title	ADI - Anti Dumping Initiative 2025
Description/ Activity	In May the Environment section received confirmation from the Connacht Ulster Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authority (CU WERLA) that their application for Anti-Dumping Initiative funding (ADI) has successfully secured more than €116,000 for a range of projects to be delivered throughout the County in 2025. This is the 7th year in a row that the section has secured in excess of €100,000. The Anti-Dumping initiative (ADI) introduced in 2017 aims to encourage collaboration between local authorities, communities and other state Agencies to tackle the problem of illegal dumping. It is an annual program run in conjunction with local authorities and community partnerships coordinated by the Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authorities (WERLA's). Since the launch of the initiative 1,751+ projects have been successfully delivered across all 31 local authorities and funding of €17+ million has been provided. In the last 9 years more than €960,000 has been secured to deliver projects throughout Donegal and support community groups. These projects help combat illegal dumping, address blackspots and promote awareness and enforce waste management laws. The focus is usually on the four key areas and project proposals are assessed based on their potential impact in these areas;

	- Prevention - Abatement - Education and - Enforcement. Projects delivered in Donegal in the last few years have included; bikes for Africa, a household waste project, the production and distribution of pocket guides, paint reuse projects, reduced price bulky waste recycling days, resources to support targeted enforcement work and resources for community groups. In 2025 an innovate project will see the Reduce Reuse Recycle booklets being translated into the top ten languages in Donegal (based on 2022 census data). This information will be made available online for maximum exposure.
Contact Person	Environment Office 074 9153900

Donegal Flood Relief Schemes

BURNFOOT FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

Briefing Note 15 – May 2025

[Progress Summary](#)

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

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

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

The following planning documents have been finalised:

Landowner maps – March 2025

Planning drawings – May 2025.

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

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

[Next Steps](#)

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

Projected Key Milestone Dates

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

CASTLEFINN FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

Briefing Note 15 – May 2025

Progress Summary

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

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

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

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

Next Steps

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

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

Projected Key Milestone Dates

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

NA DÚNAIBH (DOWNINGS) FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

Briefing Note 15 – May 2025

Progress Summary

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

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

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

Next Steps

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

Projected Key Milestone Dates

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

GLENTIES FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

Briefing Note 15 – May 2025

Progress Summary

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

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

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

Next Steps

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

Projected Key Milestone Dates

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

LIFFORD FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

Briefing Note 19 – May 2025

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Next Steps

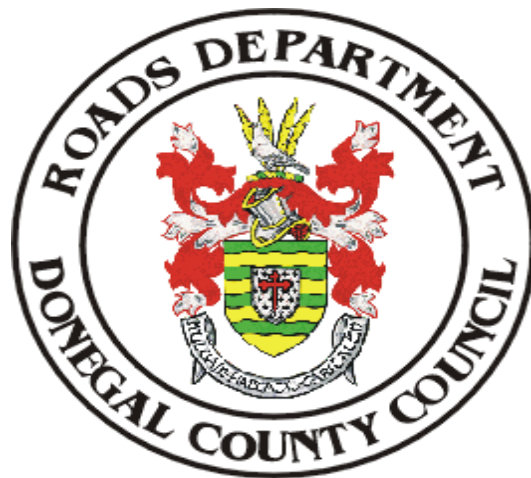
Scheme Analysis and Development: RPS are working to finalise all Scheme Analysis and Development reports with a view to issuing the Final Stage I Report, in collaboration with Ryan Hanley.

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

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

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

ROADS & TRANSPORTATION UPDATE



Inishowen Municipal District

1st of July 2025

Adopted Restoration Improvement Programme 2025

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Adopted Restoration Maintenance Programme 2025

RSS	Engineer	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name	Works Type	Length or work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	L	L-1371	Ballybrack Upper	SD	1,500	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	L	L-6431	Carnagarve Hill Road	SD	1,510	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	L	L-1131	Culdaff Glebe	SD	2,310	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	L	L-11111	Carthage	SD	1,550	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	L	L-5931	Glackadrummon	SD	1,600	2025	2025	Preparatory works underway
Moville	Inish North	L	L-5921	Redford Glebe	SD	600	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	L	L-12615	Freehold	SD	2,150	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	L	L-6271	Ballyargus	SD	1,400	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	R	R-241	Lower Road Greencastle	SD	1530	2025	2025	
Moville Total						14,150			
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L1272-1	Magherard/Hillhead	SD	1,500	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-5171-1	Meeting House to Ballagh	SD	2,400	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-5171-1	Clorney to Quarry Road	SD	350	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-5761-1	Hollymount	SD	2,165	2025	2025	Preparatory works underway
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-5031-1	Moss Road Malin Head	SD	986	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-10113-0	Ardmalin	SD	1,300	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-10414-0	Tully	SD	1,100	2025	2025	Preparatory works underway
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-10711/L-5141-1	Ballanahona	SD	1,480	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L-1511-1	Tullagh Road	SD	2,500	2025	2025	Preparatory works underway
Carndonagh	Inish North	LT	L-6841-1	Roosky	SD	900	2025	2025	Preparatory works underway
Carndonagh	Inish North	LT	L-52311-0	Magheranaul	SD	647	2025	2025	Preparatory works underway
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L-1091-3	Isle road	SD	1,000	2025	2025	Preparatory works underway
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L-1171-2	Altashane	SD	1,240	2025	2025	Preparatory works underway
Carndonagh Total						16,328			
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	R	238-18	Minduff Section No.1	SD	1,038	2025	2025	Train Arrives 16 - 27 June
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	LP	L1731-1 to L1731-6	Meena Hanish	SD	3,400	Complete	Complete	Train Arrives 16 - 27 June
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	LP	1841-2	Moss Cottages Inch	SD	1,600	Complete	Complete	Train Arrives 16 - 27 June
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	LP	1841-4	Watery Road Inch	SD	1,000	Complete	Complete	Train Arrives 16 - 27 June
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	LS	L6211-1	White Castle School Road	SD	1,252	Complete	Complete	Train Arrives 16 - 27 June
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	LT	16911-3	Meenaward	SD	2,300	2025	2025	Train Arrives 16 - 27 June
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	LT	68712-2	Owenark	SD	1,374	2025	2025	Train Arrives 16 - 27 June
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	LT	68712-3	Glassmullan	SD	1,100	2025	2025	Train Arrives 16 - 27 June
Buncrana Rural Total						13,064			
Newtown	Inish South	R	265-8	Redbridge	SD	750	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	R	265-7	Monreagh	SD	680	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	LP	1811-1	Glackmore	SD	920	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	LP	1911-2	Drunskellan	SD	1,160	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	LP	2021-2	Adee to polock	SD	1,620	2025	2025	complete in July
Newtown	Inish South	LS	5014-2	Dunduff	SD	1,400	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	LS	8241-1	Bohuillion	SD	946	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	LS	8421-1	Garshooey	SD	1,400	Complete	Complete	
Newtown Total						8,876			
IMD TOTAL						52,418			

Adopted Drainage Provision Programme 2024

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

Low Cost Safety Programme 2025

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

Bridge Strengthening Programme 2025

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

Adopted CIS Programme 2025

RSS	Engineer	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name	Works Type	Length or work (m)	Budget 2025	Start	Finish
Carndonagh	Kevin Lake	LP	L-1081	Ref 503 Barrack Street Malin	G P	200	€80,000	2025	2025
Moville	Kevin Lake	LP	L-1411	Ref 436 Viewing Area at Crockanonion	G P	1,400	€26,888	2025	2025
Moville	Kevin Lake	LP	L-5771-1	Ref 455 Hollymount link	G	950	€28,000	2025	2025
North Inishowen							€134,888		
Buncrana	Stephen Glackin	LS	L-7641-1	Ref 537 Barrs Pit Road	P	517	€84,000	2025	2025
Newtown	Stephen Glackin	LS	L-8381-1	Ref 522 Jamie Rankin	P	217	€25,387	2025	2025
Newtown	Stephen Glackin	LS	L-8381-1	Ref 524 John Rankin	P	128	€14,976	2025	2025
Newtown	Stephen Glackin	LS	L-2161-1	Ref 541 Kildrum Killea	G P	40	€10,525	2025	2025
South Inishowen							€134,888		
IMD TOTAL							€269,776		



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HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

Municipal District of Inishowen

01st July 2025

Corporate Services

- Consider Date for Workshop – Parking Bye-Laws

Housing Service

- Progress Reports

Summary of Casual Vacancies Inishowen MD as 01 st July 2025	
Properties Refurbished and at Offer Stage	0
Properties being refurbished	8
Properties to be refurbished	3

Summary of DCC Housing Offers and Tenancies

Offers issued from 01/01/2025	Offers refused from 01/01/2025	Tenancies created from 01/01/2025
42	15	27

Summary of DCC Nominations to AHBs

Area	AHB	Nominated	Vacancy	Allocated
Buncrana	SVP	1	1	1
Muff	Warren View	6	2	1
Newtowncunningham	Trinity Court	2	2	1

Inishowen MD Housing Waiting List	
Gross Number of Approved Applicants on Social Housing Waiting List	688
Applicants currently accommodated with HAP assistance but who have remained on the Council Social Housing list	392
Tenants currently accommodated in Council Social Housing and who are approved for a Transfer	51
Net Social Housing Waiting List	245

Gross Need - by approved bedrooms - July 2025

Municipal District		1	2	3	4	5	Total
Inishowen	Ballyliffin	0	4	4	2	0	10
	Bridgend	2	16	6	1	0	25
	Buncrana	19	173	68	14	0	274
	Burnfoot	1	5	5	0	0	11
	Burt	1	5	3	0	0	9
	Carndonagh	15	72	48	5	0	140
	Carrigans	2	8	5	0	0	15
	Clonmany	0	10	11	1	0	22
	Culdaff	0	7	5	0	0	12
	Fahan	1	2	0	0	0	3
	Gleneely	0	5	4	0	0	9
	Glengad	0	3	1	0	0	4
	Greencastle	2	10	5	0	0	17
	Inch	0	0	1	0	0	1
	Killea	0	4	2	1	0	7
	Malin	1	4	9	0	0	14
	Malin Head	0	2	1	0	0	3
	Moville	7	17	13	1	0	38
	Muff	4	18	9	1	0	32
	Newtowncunningham	3	26	7	1	1	38
	Redcastle	1	1	2	0	0	4
Total		59	392	209	27	1	688

Housing Grants Report at 25th June 2025

Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2023	79	56	3	13	7	0
2024	79	72	1	3	1	2
2025	45	18	0	6	9	12

Mobility Aids Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2023	41	30	0	10	1	0
2024	23	16	0	5	1	1
2025	4	2	0	1	0	1

Housing Aid for Older People Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2023	175	159	7	9	0	0
2024	222	199	5	12	3	3
2025	125	75	1	14	18	17

Housing Capital Update Report Inishowen Municipal District Meeting

01st July 2025

1. Social Housing Developments – Construction Schemes

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

Location	Status	No. of Units
Construction Stage		
Rockytown, Phase 2	Contractor appointed in December 2024 with construction period of 24months. • Site establishment works completed • Earthworks and drainage work commenced onsite. • Eastern and western boundary retaining wall complete. Internal retaining wall structures are ongoing. • Importation of stone fill material and excavation of foundations is ongoing.	54
Detailed Design / Tender Stage		
Barrack Hill, Carndonagh	All dwellings are at subfloor level, and timber frame kits for nine houses have been erected. Roofing works and mechanical and electrical 1 st fix have started on three units.	21
Carn Road, Gleneely	All dwellings are now at subfloor level. Retaining walls, mainline drainage, and road construction are underway. Timber frame kits are scheduled for delivery in early July 2025.	10
Malin, Radharc na Tra Breige, (Ph 4)	All dwellings are now at subfloor level. Mainline drainage and estate road construction are underway. Timber frame kits are scheduled for a revised delivery in July 2025.	9
SI at Kinnea, Clonmany	Contractor appointed and works commenced on site on 30 th June 2025.	1
SI at Ballyliffin	Contractor appointed and works commenced on site on 30 th June 2025.	1
SI at Dunaff, Clonmany	Contractor appointed and works due to commenced on 14 th July 2025.	1
Ballyhaskey, Newtowncunningham	Archaeological surveys have been completed, no issues to report. External consultants have commenced works on tender documents for this project, with an expected tender commencement date in August.	40
Total		137



Photo 1 - Progress photograph at Rockytown Phase 1



Photo 2 - Progress photograph at Rockytown Phase 1

2. House Acquisitions & SHIP Renewal

- 2.1 The Council has completed on the acquisition of the former Garda Station at Malin and is now undertaking improvement works to the property which will take approximately 7 months. Internal demolition works are now completed. An extension of the property is being constructed to provide 2 no. dwellings. The completion date for this project remains the end of October 2025.
- 2.2 The Council is also progressing the acquisitions of 2 properties at Moville. These adjacent properties will require significant improvement works, following completion of the contract stage. Departmental funding approval has been received for this project. The properties are at conveyancing stage.

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.

4. Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition

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

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

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

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

5. Lands / Property for Social Housing Purposes

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

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

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

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

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

From: Minister Browne's Office <ministerbrowne-housing@corr.cloud.gov.ie>

Sent: 11 June 2025 10:41

To: DCCINFO <info@Donegalcoco.ie>

Subject: HPLG-MBO-01264-2025

Oifig an Aire

Office of the Minister

11th June 2025

RE: HPLG-MBO-01264-2025

Dear Ms. Cresswell,

I have been asked by Mr. James Browne, TD, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to refer to your correspondence of 19th March 2025 regarding Social Housing and the Defective Concrete Blocks (DCB) Grant scheme.

The Remediation of Dwellings Damaged by the Use of Defective Concrete Blocks Act 2022 (the Act) commenced on 22 June 2023 which contains the enhanced grant scheme and adopted the related Regulations on 29 June 2023.

The Act also provides for the Defective Concrete Blocks (DCB) Social Homes Scheme. This is a scheme for the purpose of enabling a designated local authority or an Approved Housing Body (AHB) with dwellings located in a designated local authority area to remedy damage caused to dwellings, owned by the local authority/AHB, by the use of defective concrete blocks in their construction.

Section 36 of the Act provides that social homes will receive the same remediation options as those covered under the Enhanced Defective Concrete Blocks Grant Scheme for private housing, and the same grant cap, grant rates and damage threshold requirements, along with access to ancillary grants.

A draft Scheme has been prepared by the Department. In terms of content, it is based on the current Enhanced Scheme with appropriate amendments where necessary to reflect the slightly different nature of social housing. The fundamental terms and conditions regarding eligibility and grant rates are the same as the private scheme. This is in keeping with the provisions of the Act.

The draft DCB Social Homes Scheme constitutes the framework for the application of the provisions contained in the Act. It is informed by feedback the Department has received from The Irish Council for Social Housing (ICSH) regarding AHB units where there are concerns about the impact of defective concrete blocks. The Department has also had engagement with the five designated counties under the Act - Donegal, Mayo, Limerick, Clare and Sligo - regarding their affected housing stock.

It is the intention to launch the DCB Social Homes Scheme in the near future.

I trust this information is of some assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Jack Savage

Private Secretary

From: Minister Browne's Office <ministerbrowne-housing@corr.cloud.gov.ie>

Sent: 11 June 2025 12:35

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Subject: HPLG-MBO-01507-2025

Oifig an Aire

Office of the Minister

11th June 2025

RE: HPLG-MBO-01507-2025

Dear Ms. Cresswell,

I refer to your correspondence dated the 29th April last in relation to the allocation for Donegal County Council under the Social Housing Second Hand Acquisitions Programme for 2025.

For 2025, my Department has committed to providing substantial financial support to local authorities to acquire second-hand properties for priority categories of need including tenants-in-situ who have been in receipt of supports under HAP or RAS and who had received a Notice of Termination. My Department continues to work with local authorities to ensure that any challenging housing circumstances can be addressed, and thus the Tenant in Situ scheme will remain an option during 2025 whereby no other solutions exist.

The €325 million allocation I announced on the 31 March 2025 has been made available to our local authorities for their social housing second-hand acquisitions activity in 2025, with individual allocations for the local authorities being notified to them on 1 April 2025. Donegal County Council have been given a capital funding allocation of €2 million for their acquisitions activity this year. In calculating the capital funding allocation, my Department has taken metrics such as spend and delivery in previous years and the Summary of Social Housing Assessments into account to ensure each local authority is adequately funded.

This is part of almost €2 billion in total which is supporting local authorities and approved housing bodies to deliver new social homes in 2025. Our main emphasis, and that of the Local Authorities also, remains and should continue to remain on constructing new homes and that unquestionably, is the correct approach.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Jack Savage

Private Secretary