

Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall

Oifig Riathóir na gCruinnithe,
Aras an Chontae,
Leifear.

6ú Bealtaine, 2025

Fógra Cruinnithe

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall ar siúl **De Máirt 13ú Bealtaine 2025, ag 11.30 r.n. in Ionad Serbhísí Pobail, Bhaile Dhún na nGall.**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS DÚN NA nGALL

A Chara,

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

Mise, le meas

Padraig O'Sirin
Riathóir Cruinnithe

Municipal District of Donegal

Office of Meetings Administrator,
County House,
Lifford.

6th May, 2025

NOTICE OF MEETING

The next Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal will be held on **Tuesday 13th May 2025 at 11.30 am in the Donegal Public Services Centre.**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL

Dear Councillor,

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

Yours sincerely,

Pauric Sheerin
Meetings Administrator

AGENDA

1. Consideration of Minutes of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 8th April 2025.
2. Consideration of Minutes of the Community Development Workshop held on 4th April 2025
3. Consideration of Minutes of the Housing Capital Workshop held on 11th April 2025
4. Deputation – Rossnowlagh Farmers Market
5. **Update Reports from Council Services:**
 - 5.1 Housing & Corporate Services
 - 5.2 Roads & Transportation
 - 5.3 Economic Development, Information Systems and Emergency Services
 - 5.4 Environment Services
 - 5.5 Community Development
 - 5.6 Planning Services

Motions

6. Cllr Jimmy Brogan
"I am calling on the Donegal Municipal District to contact Uisce Eireann as a matter of urgency to call for the upgrade of the mains water system and change the asbestos pipes in Gannew, Glencolmcille and in Teelin, Carrick, which are causing major disruption over a number of years".
7. **Date of Next Meeting(s) / Workshop(s)**
 - To be agreed

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL
HELD AT 11.30AM ON TUESDAY THE 11TH MARCH 2025 IN THE PETER
KENNEDY CHAMBER, DONEGAL PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE**

MDD/044/25 MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MDD/045/25 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Roads/Transportation
Ms. Mary Daly, Senior Staff Officer, Economic Development
Ms. Aideen Quinn, A/Executive Planner, Planning
Ms. Tara Quinn, Executive Architect, Housing Capital
Mr. Joe Ferry, Senior Executive Chemist, Environment Services
Ms. Caroline Britton, Staff Officer, Community Development
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services
Ms. Evelyn Sharpe, Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

MDD/046/25 APOLOGIES

Mr Garry Martin, Director Designate, Municipal District of Donegal

MDD/047/25 VOTES OF SYMPATHY

Votes of sympathy were passed in respect of the following:

- Frances Boyle, Driminin, Barnesmore
- Malachy Gallagher, Ballyshannon
- Brendan McGloin, Kinlough & Bundoran
- Eugene Hueston, father in law of James Kelly,
Lurganboy, Newtownbutler, Co Fermanagh

**MDD/048/25 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 11TH MARCH
2025**

On the proposal of Cllr Brogan, seconded by Cllr Naughton, the Minutes of the Municipal District of Donegal meeting held on the 11th March 2025 were adopted subject to an amendment put forward by Cllr Naughton, to the minute (MDD/038/25) to acknowledge the role and contribution that Sean Dunnion had made to the Council over the last 38½ years and expressed his disappointment that this level of experience and expertise was lost to the Council, as an organisation.

MDD/049/25 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ROADS WORKSHOP OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 1ST APRIL 2025

On the proposal of Cllr Naughton, seconded by Cllr Kennedy, the Minutes of the Roads Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 1st April 2025 were confirmed.

MDD/050/25 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE DEVELOPMENT FUND INITIATIVE WORKSHOP OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 4TH APRIL 2025

On the proposal of Cllr McMahon, seconded by Cllr Kennedy, the Minutes of the Development Fund Initiative Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 4th April 2025 were confirmed.

MDD/051/25 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

CORPORATE SERVICES

On behalf of management, staff and himself, Mr Sheerin welcomed Cllr Michael Boyle into his new role and thanked Senator Manus Boyle for his assistance during the time he spent in his role as a member of the Donegal MD.

Previous Meeting Follow Ups:

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

- Letters of sympathy: issued.
- Grant Scheme changes Workshop: A Special Plenary meeting is being organised, whereby a presentation will be given in relation to the new Grant Scheme and following that, local MD workshops will be arranged.
- Correspondence to Dept of Education & DESC Management Committee – issued and circulated to members.
- Correspondence to GAA – issued and circulated to members

Coiste na Gaeilge (2 No. Members)

On the proposal of Cllr Naughton, seconded by Cllr McMahon, it was agreed that **Cllr Brogan** would be one of the nominees to Coiste Na Gaeilge.

On the proposal of Cllr Brogan, seconded by Cllr Kennedy, it was agreed that **Cllr Boyle** would be the other nominee to Coiste Na Gaeilge.

Nomination to Bundoran Waterworld (1 No. Member)

It was agreed to defer this item to the May MD Meeting.

Donegal Town Mayor, Anna Gallagher

Cllr Brogan advised members that the new Donegal Town Mayor, Anna Gallagher was interested in meeting the members to introduce herself to them informally. It was agreed that the members will meet with Anna Gallagher on Thursday (10th April 2025) in advance of the 1pm Launch of the Big Donegal Clean Up at the Pier in Donegal Town which everyone will be attending.

Cllr Naughton congratulated Anna Gallagher and wished her the best in her 2 year term as Donegal Town Mayor.

Deputation – Rossnowlagh Farmers Market

Following a deputation request from the Rossnowlagh Farmers to meet and present to the Members, it was agreed the Rossnowlagh Farmers Market will present at the MD Meeting May 13th 2025.

Chiropodist – Ballyshannon Area

Cllr McMahon asked that the MD write to the HSE requesting they employ a chiropodist on a full time basis in Ballyshannon, as the current arrangement of one day per week is inadequate and it is unfair to expect older people to travel to Sligo for this service.

Mr Sheerin advised a similar letter was issued to the HSE in relation to this last year, but agreed to issue a letter to the HSE on this matter again.

HOUSING SERVICES

The reports circulated with the Agenda were noted and taken as read. Mr Sheerin advised the Housing Grant figures for 2025 have not been updated, as a new CRM is being developed to accommodate the changes in the new Housing Grant Scheme, so in the interim records are being managed manually.

Repair & Lease Scheme

Cllr Brogan suggested this scheme needs to be changed as it appears that there have been many applicants, but no one is successful.

Mr Sheerin acknowledged the uptake is low, citing factors such as expected minimal return for the first 10 years of the lease can be a deterrent. He confirmed there are currently 2 proposals with 6 units for consideration under the scheme.

Housing Stock – Fencing

Cllr McMahon suggested the Council consider using different materials in their fencing, as all the fencing appear to be rotting very quickly.

Mr Sheerin advised it has been agreed to erect a large number of fences in the aftermath of damage caused by Storm Éowyn for which procurement has been completed and the Council are in discussions with the contractor. This is the only planned programme in place, however there is a large list approved on the programme.

Defective Concrete Blocks (DCB)

Cllr Jordan queried if Donegal MD housing stock is affected by DCB and where we are in the Scheme.

Mr Sheerin advised that it is the Remediation Team who manage this scheme including the application for funding, and agreed as a follow up, to get information around the Donegal MD and funding envisaged for units with particular reference to ascertaining if all refurbishment costs are recoupable.

Cllr Boyle queried if it is possible to get a liaison officer on the DCB scheme, as a number of people have approach him requesting help with the paperwork, suggesting a workshop once a month to help them would suffice.

Mr Sheerin advised there is a 3rd party agency in the Inishowen/Letterkenny MD's, that assist with application to the private scheme office (DCB office based in Lifford). He suggested engaging with them to see if they've anything planned for the Donegal MD or if assistance can be given. Mr Sheerin agreed to follow up and revert to the members.

Housing Capital

Ms T Quinn referred to the circulated Housing Capital Report, taken as read.

Killybegs Housing Scheme

Cllr Kennedy asked for an update on Killybegs. Ms T Quinn advised the Council are still engaging with the QS and preliminary costings

have been done, which will be discussed with members at the Housing Capital Workshop to take place on Friday 11th April 2025.

MDD/052/25 ROADS / TRANSPORTATION SERVICES REPORT

Mr Sweeney referred to the circulated report taken as read. He advised some bitmac works are taking place earlier than planned due to the good weather, and some drainage works have been carried out.

Previous Meeting Follow Ups

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

Roads Workshop; took place 1st April 2025 with minutes to be confirmed at this MD meeting.

Link Road, Bundoran: agreed to attend Housing Capital Workshop planned to be held 11th April 2025

Diamond, Donegal Town

Cllr Brogan asked if there are plans to move one of the crossing points on the diamond closer to the Post office and resurface the others.

Mr Sweeney confirmed there are plans to provide a crossing point at the Post Office, and it is hoped with NTA approval, that the works can be carried out by the same contractor who provided the Active Travel works. Regarding the other crossing points, as part of the Local Area Plan for Donegal, there is a Local Transport plan being developed which will consider the bus stop, vehicle and pedestrian movement, so we are awaiting its conclusion before progressing any further with works on the diamond.

Abandoned Lorry, Bundoran

Cllr McMahon advised that a lorry was abandoned in Bundoran since 18th December 2024, which is causing a problem for people coming out of the residential unit nearby. He reported this to Gardai who don't know who owns the vehicle and the environment section have informed Cllr McMahon this is a roads issue. Cllr McMahon wants this vehicle removed.

Mr Sweeney advised he will speak to Cllr McMahon on this matter separately, to ascertain all the facts in relation to its location, obstruction etc and he will take a look at it.

Diamond, Killybegs

Cllr Kennedy advised in relation to the resurfacing works around the Diamond, Killybegs, there is damage to the Main Street road which

looks very tired in comparison to the rest of the town, and should be remedied before we get into the busy summer season.

Mr Sweeney advised that there are resurfacing works planned on the Main Street this year, so he will liaise with the Area Engineer to see what contractor is going to be doing the work and when they will be available to carry it out.

Lough Head, Killybegs

Cllr Kennedy asked that repairs to the wall at Lough Head (bridge), Killybegs are carried out as quickly as possible as it is very dangerous.

Mr Sweeney advised this will be done as soon as is possible.

Cassan Sound

Cllr Jordan referred to the takeover of roads at Cassan Sound and advised this needs to be added to the roads programme to get it surfaced.

Mr Sweeney advised that he had been holding off on this until such time as the dedication letters were received back on the taking in charge request for the high road in Kilcar. He also advised that there are a number of other roads that other Members have requested so he was hoping to do all of these in one batch.

Secret Waterfall, Largy

Cllr Boyle asked if there is anything planned in relation to the dangerous parking situation for visitors to the Secret Waterfall.

Mr Sweeney advised there is currently no plan for the Secret Waterfall but he is aware of an accident there.

Cllr Kennedy advised a local community group are working on plans for this area for the last number of years, but it will take some time to progress.

Traffic Management, Bruckless

Cllr Boyle asked if there is anything planned to deal with the traffic management issues in Bruckless.

Mr Sweeney advised the Council is working with the NTA around this, he has reviewed plans and provided them with feedback, so is awaiting the final designs.

Traffic Management, Dunkineely

Cllr Boyle asked if there is anything planned to deal with the traffic management issues in Dunkineely.

Mr Sweeney advised plans for traffic calming at Dunkineely national school are being progressed, a feasibility and options report has been developed and submitted to the TII. The TII then looked for some

additional information which was subsequently provided by the Council. The proposal is now back with them for consideration and hopefully approval. This is phase 2 of a 7 phase process, and subject to approval, the next stage being detailed design and progressing to part 8 approval.

Roundabout, Laghey

Cllr Naughton welcomed the €750,000 allocation for the roundabout at Laghey and asked for an update on its progress. He also enquired about the status of the low level lights on Tirchonail Street outside Donegal Castle.

Mr Sweeney advised that he will liaise with the Donegal National Road Design Office to get an update on the status of the proposed roundabout at Laghey and would relay their report on to the Members upon receipt. Mr Sweeney also advised that the last two lighting columns have been delivered and the Contractor is planning to install them next week, they then have to wait on the ESB to commission them.

MDD/053/25 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFORMATION SYSTEMS & EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT

Ms Daly referred to the circulated report, taken as read, highlighting items such as the Green Hydrogen regional stakeholder meeting that took place in Bulgaria, with the next meeting taking place in Donegal in July and the Donegal Tech Advocates group launch event 1st May in Letterkenny.

Ms Daly advised Donegal Tourism are seeking expressions of interest from tourism business to showcase their offering at the Balmoral Show and Donegal will host the TBEX- Europe event in September 2025.

Donegal Tourism Strategy

Ms Daly advised that the Donegal Tourism Strategy is progressing with further stakeholder engagement and workshops are almost complete.

Cllr Kennedy advised she has raised a query with Joy Browne in relation to the stated visitor numbers in Sliabh Liag, not believing them to be correct.

Ms Daly agreed to follow up on this and revert to Cllr Kennedy.

Minor Tourism Works Grant Scheme 2025

Ms Daly advised that the Minor Tourism Works Grant Scheme has opened for online applications and a workshop is being sought in May with members.

It was agreed to hold a workshop with members on 1st May 2025 at 12noon.

Craft Village, Donegal Town

Cllr Brogan asked if there are plans in progress to help get the two vacant units in the Donegal Craft Village occupied and open. He asked if the Craft Village could seek funding under the Minor Tourism Works Grant Scheme, under the Council Services allocation, as the occupants can't apply under the Community allocation because they are not the owners.

Cllr Brogan advised that the Mountcharles Men Shed were looking for things to do and fencing would be a perfect fit for their skillset. They would be able to provide the Council with fencing at a low cost and it would greatly benefit the Men's Shed as they've experienced a massive cut in their grant this year. Cllr Brogan asked that this is considered.

Cllr Naughton advised a workshop has taken place with Economic Development where the Craft Village issue was raised, noting his disappointment the minutes have not come before the MD members to confirm what was agreed. He sought clarification on where a €10,000 allocation to the Craft Village a number of years ago was spent, asking how much money has been invested in the Craft Village in the past number of years, adding that a plan needs to be put in place to protect properties like this.

Ms Daly agreed to follow up on points raised and revert to members.

Caravan and Camping, Mountcharles

Cllr Brogan acknowledged and welcomed the opening of the new campsite in Mountcharles 'Thelmount Camping', wishing it every success.

Cllr Jordan concurred with Cllr Brogan, adding that this will bring visitors to the area with will relieve congestion at the Donegal Town Pier. He added investment is needed in the area, of which there is very little available other than through the members own allocation, citing additional funding needs to be made available to help these businesses.

Cllr Naughton suggested those setting up camp sites should be exempt from development charges, as it takes a huge initial investment and a long time to make profit from it.

Ms Daly advised there is a Caravan & Camping Committee within the council, with a meeting scheduled the following day (9th April) and an external meeting (with campsite owners) the following week, where she agreed to bring up the issue of development fees.

Cllr McMahon asked if members could meet with the internal Committee and external group. Ms Daly to follow up and revert to members.

Roundabouts, Bundoran

Cllr McMahon asked if some information around the Art Pieces on the roundabouts and what they symbolise could be erected on the roundabouts.

Ms Daly agreed to follow up on this.

Island House Management, Killybegs – Workshop

P Sheerin referred to a request from Garry Martin for a workshop with the Members in relation to the role of the Donegal 2040 DAC in the future management of Island House, Killybegs. Dates proposed were not suitable for a number of Members and it was agreed to add this item to the Agenda of the Housing Capital Workshop being held on Friday 11th April and P Sheerin will follow up with G Martin for alternative proposed dates.

Gorse Fire, Barnesmore Gap

Cllr Jordan commended the work of the fire and emergency services, all front-line services, the Council, Gardai and the community who did trojan work at Barnesmore Gap, in keeping the people and their properties safe. He stated the situation could have been a whole lot worse, had it not been for the great work of these crews throughout the night and into the early hours of Monday morning.

Cllr Naughton concurred with Cllr Jordan, adding that in times of need we acknowledge the importance of these services.

Cllr McMahon asked to be associated with the previous comments, advising that fire crews from Northern Ireland also provided assistance. He wished to acknowledge in a recent incident in Bundoran where a caravan went on fire, the Irvinestown Fire crew provided assistance,

Cllr Brogan agreed with previous members comments, acknowledging that this shows the importance of having local fire

stations manned, and any consideration of closing them is not the way forward, they need to remain open.

Cllr Boyle concurred with the previous speakers and supported the intent to keep local fire stations open.

Cllr Kennedy supported and concurred with previous comments made on this issue.

MDD/054/25 ENVIRONMENT SERVICES REPORT

Mr Ferry referred to the circulated report, taken as read, and highlighted the launch of the Clean Up campaign in the Donegal MD on Thursday, thanking all the community groups that cleaned the roadsides, supported by the Litter Team in providing materials etc.

Septic Tank Grants

Mr Ferry referred to the questions raised recently at Plenary Council and this MD in relation to Septic Tank Grants, and provided a presentation on the Grant Scheme, explaining the application process and eligibility criteria to qualify for the Grant. He advised there are three different schemes, and information on all three is available on the Council's website, including application and claim forms.

Mr Ferry explained the eligibility criteria for the schemes including the National Inspection Plan (2022-2026) drawn up by the EPA, dividing the county into three risk zones and priorities based on these zones etc. He noted the obligation on each Local Authority to complete an annual inspection plan and annual allocation for the scheme, citing due to staff shortages, 77 out of the planned 107 inspections had been carried out in 2024. He advised interviews are currently taking place to replace staff lost due to retirement, transferring to Uisce Éireann etc.

Cllr Naughton raised concern that only 14 grants have been allocated in the Donegal MD since 2014, stating that he knows several people who've applied but didn't get a septic tank inspection. Mr Ferry advised that unless applicants are in the priority catchments areas, they are not eligible for the grant, and therefore will not be inspected.

Cllr Naughton advised the majority of the 1200 recipients of the Croi Conaith grant are refurbishing rural isolated properties with septic tanks and raised concern that these people will not be entitled to this grant.

Cllr Kennedy advised that Cllr Martin Scanlon had raised this issue at the recent Plenary Council Meeting suggesting that when Croi Conaith properties are being inspected, the septic tank could be

checked at that stage, which would help to move the process on. Mr Ferry advised training is required to be able to carry out such inspections

In response to a query from Cllr Naughton on how many Grant applications are currently awaiting an inspection, Mr Ferry estimated there are 60 requests, however he noted the majority of them are in priority zone 3, advising that the EPA have instructed to carry out all inspections within zone 1 before moving to less priority zones. He advised the current programme is a 4 year programme ending in 2026 and can see no changes to the current criteria until the current programme ends and a new programme is being considered.

Cllr Brogan advised that even when successful, the paying out of the grant is very slow, citing an example where an applicant had to wait almost 12 months to receive the funding, and said this should not be the case. Mr Ferry advised that a recent replacement of a staff member will resolve this issue.

Bundoran Pumping Station

Cllr McMahon queried if the samples taken from the Bundoran pumping station overflow holding tank had its results determined. Mr Ferry was not aware of these samples but will follow up with Kevin McCloskey and revert back to Cllr McMahon.

Sewerage Odour at Drumrooske

Cllr Jordan advised he had previously reported an issue regarding an odour at O'Connor Avenue, Drumrooske which continues to be the case and asked that Mr Ferry would request Uisce Éireann to investigate this. Mr Ferry agreed to pass the request onto Uisce Éireann.

Fly Tipping

Cllr Jordan advised there is an increasing number of fly tipping incidents at Ardara, especially the viewing point at the top of Ardagh where there is a serious amount of rubbish being dumped. He advised by Coillte that they were going to install CCTV cameras on the forestry part however they have not yet done so. Cllr Jordan acknowledged that local residents carry out an annual clean-up which is expected to happen in the coming weeks, but asked if 'No Dumping' signs could be erected along the route between Ardagh to Ardara.

Cllr Brogan advised he is a member of that clean-up group and they took collected in excess of 300 bags of rubbish on that route last year, agreeing signs might help as a deterrent and noting it's a long stretch of road, including forestry which falls between two Municipal Districts.

Cllr McMahon stated he had requested a workshop to be arranged to discuss the litter problem, but it has not been arranged to date.

Dog Fouling

Cllr Jordan raised the issue of dog fouling, advising a campaign is required again to make dog owners conscious of the consequences of this on others, recommending a radio campaign to get the message out to the public.

Public Toilets, Donegal Town

Cllr Naughton advised he has met with Kevin McCloskey in relation to the toilets in Donegal Town, identifying work needed and stated Michael McGarvey has given commitment that the work will be done and funded.

Clothes Bank, Donegal Town

Cllr Naughton suggested the clothes bank located beside the public toilets in Donegal Town needs to be removed, adding the amount of litter thrown beside it is a disgrace, and it is an eyesore to the coffee shops and businesses nearby. He advised this is not a suitable location for a clothes bank and it needs to be moved as a matter of urgency.

MDD/055/25 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING SERVICES

Community Development Report

Ms Britton referred to the circulated report, taken as read, highlighting items such as the Town and Village Renewal Scheme application process will open 21st May 2025, the CLAR Scheme is currently open for expressions of Interest via the Council's website and closes 14th May 2025.

Killybegs Playground Refurbishment

Cllr Kennedy commended the fantastic work that was carried out to refurbish the playground in Killybegs, advising it has made a huge difference to the community and thanked John Deeney and those involved in the project. She noted there remains one snag to be rectified, regarding the gate not closing, but is confident it will be resolved shortly.

Rossylongan

Cllr Naughton noted funding was earmarked for pathways at Rossylongan however no work has commenced.

PeacePlus Funding

Cllr Naughton welcomed the PeacePlus funding of over €1million for Pettigo, acknowledging the work of Natasha and those who lead out in securing this funding. He stated that a workshop in relation to this development in Pettigo was to be held and queried what section of Donegal County Council will be responsible for it, Community Development or Economic Development. Ms Britton agreed to follow up and revert to Cllr Naughton on this.

Planning Services Report

Ms A Quinn referred to the circulated report, taken as read. She advised that workshops are planned regarding the Local Area Plans for the 3 towns identified. Ms A Quinn reminded the members of the upcoming Regeneration workshop scheduled for 1st May 2025 at 10am

MDD/056/25 SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS

Mr Sheerin referred to Appendix 3 of the Schedule of Municipal District Works – Roads MD Budget Distribution for 2025 (circulated with MD Meeting agenda), advising Richard Gibson, Director of Finance requested it be brought to members attention in advance of the upcoming Plenary Meeting.

On proposal of Cllr Kennedy, seconded by Cllr McMahon, members resolved that the Municipal District of Donegal hereby adopts for the financial year ended 31st December 2025, the Schedule of Municipal District Works as set out in the schedules presented at the Municipal District meeting of the 8th April 2025 as required by Section 103A of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) and in line with requirements of Circular LG27/2014/Fin21/2014.

MDD/057/25 REQUEST TO APPLY FOR FUNDING TO UPGRADE PIER AREA AND PROVIDE A MARINA FOR DONEGAL TOWN.

On proposal of Cllr Naughton, seconded by Cllr Kennedy, the following motion was adopted:

“I am calling on the Donegal MD to apply for funding for the upgrade of the Pier area and a Marina for Donegal Town”.

Members were given a response to the motion by the Bryan Cannon, Director of Roads and Transportation.

Cllr Naughton noted the motion was responded to by the Roads (Piers & Harbours) Section of the Council, and suggested this proposal could be directed to the Rural Regeneration Team for Town Centre Regeneration funding, adding that it would bring more tourism to the area. He suggested that this proposal should be added to the strategic plan for Donegal Town going forward.

MDD/058/25 REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON SEPTIC TANK GRANT APPLICATIONS, INSPECTIONS AND PAYMENTS.

The following question was submitted by Cllr Naughton: -

“How many applications have applied for Septic Tank grant in the Donegal MD? How many were inspected? And how many grants were paid out?”

Cllr Naughton received a response from the Joe Ferry, Senior Executive Chemist, Environment.

MDD/059/25 Date of Next Meeting / Workshops

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

Workshop	Date/Time
Regeneration & Development work Programme	1 st May 2025 at 10am
Minor Tourism Works Grant Workshop	1 st May 2025 at 12noon
Road Workshop	6 th May 2025 at 10am
Community Trails Workshop	6 th May 2025 at 12noon

The next Municipal District of Donegal meeting will take place Tuesday 13th May 2025 at 11.30am in the Peter Kennedy Chamber (as per Standing Orders)

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Area Manager
Municipal District of Donegal

Cathaoirleach
Municipal District of Donegal

Minutes of Community Development Workshop of Municipal District of Donegal held on Friday the 4th April 2025 in the Peter Kennedy Chamber, Donegal Public Services Centre, Donegal commencing at 11.00 a.m.

Members Present:

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

Officials in Attendance:

Mr Paddy Doherty, Divisional Manager, Community Development
Ms Claire McCallan, Architect in the Community, Community Development
Mr Tony Brogan, Administrative Officer, Community Development
Ms Caroline Britton, Community Development Officer, Community Development
Mr Daniel McChrystal, Senior Enterprise Development Officer, Economic Development

Apologies:

Mr James Kelly, Senior Executive Engineer, Community Development

Minutes

1. Rural Programmes

Ms McCallan and Mr Doherty provided the Members with a general overview of the Community Development Team, the various rural funding programmes and their timelines as well as outlining areas of focus within the Donegal MD. The Members welcomed the workshop and suggested possible future projects within the environs of Donegal Town, Bundoran and Glencolmcille. It was also noted that consideration should be given to restoring the bronze sculpture known as the 'Hawthorn Tree' and, thereafter, reinstate the public art piece, at a more central location.

The next 2025 Rural Funding Programme Workshops were scheduled for:-

- Monday, the 23rd June 2025 at 10am
- Monday, the 20th October 2025 at 2pm

2. Donegal Craft Village

Mr McChrystal from the Economic Development Section delivered a presentation on the Donegal Craft Village. Key areas covered included clarity on the roles within the Economic and the Community Development Sections, the current landscape, the annual income and expenditure and the significant investment required to carry out refurbishment works. In order to ascertain the current strengths and weaknesses of the craft village, it was suggested a feasibility study is conducted

that will address infrastructure requirements, economic viability, stakeholder engagement and implementation pathways.

A lengthy discussed ensued; the Members highlighted the benefits that the craft village brings to the locality and raised concerns in relation to the annual maintenance/running costs, and the cost implications of a feasibility study. The Members recommended the reopening of the two vacant units as a matter of urgency and stated that the decision to conduct a feasibility study could be revisited when all the nine units are occupied. The Members also recommended carrying out remedial works to the fence and the submission of a Minor Tourism Grant application for signage.

In light of the feedback received from the Members, it was agreed to obtain costings to bring the vacant units up to a leasable standard, and thereafter, a formal request will be made to Finance for the identification of a budget to carry out the refurbishment works.

3. Rossnowlagh Farmers Market

The Members agreed to receive a deputation from the Rossnowlagh Farmers Market to attend a forthcoming Donegal Municipal District meeting.

4. Community Trails Plan (CTP)

The Members were informed that the Community Trails Plan (CTP) Workshop scheduled to take place on Tuesday the 8th April 2025 at 10am has been cancelled.

It was agreed to reschedule the Workshop to Tuesday the 6th May 2025; the CTP Workshop will take place after the completion of the Roads Workshop, which is due to commence at 10am.

This concluded the business of the Workshop.

**Area Manager,
Municipal District of Donegal**

**Cathaoirleach,
Municipal District of Donegal**

Minutes of Housing Capital Workshop of Municipal District of Donegal held on Friday the 11th April 2025 in the Peter Kennedy Chamber, Donegal Public Services Centre, Donegal commencing at 10.00 a.m.

Members Present:

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

Officials in Attendance:

Mr. Pauric Sheerin, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. John Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Housing Capital
Mr. Jim Bonner, Senior Executive Engineer, Housing Capital
Ms. Claire Burke, Senior Executive Architect, Housing Capital
Ms. Margaret Doherty Executive Engineer, Housing Capital
Ms. Aideen Quinn, Executive Planner, Planning Services
Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Roads/Transportation
Mr. Paul Patton, Area Housing Engineer, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services
Ms. Evelyn Sharpe, Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

1. Island House, Killybegs 2040 Workshop:

It was agreed with members that a workshop in relation to Island House, Killybegs 2040 – A Town Regeneration Project will take place on Wednesday 7th May 2025 at 3pm in Donegal PSC.

2. Overview of Housing Capital Programme.

Cllr Jordan (Cathaoirleach) welcomed staff who were in attendance to brief Members on the work of the Housing Capital Office in relation to the Municipal District of Donegal. Mr Sheerin also welcomed Ms Aideen Quinn and Mr Mark Sweeney and thanked them for attending, as he felt their input would be very valuable in these discussions.

Housing Need

Mr Sheerin briefed members regarding the current housing need in towns and villages, providing further details regarding gross need, net need and regulations regarding areas of choice, which may be selected by an applicant for social housing.

Members were given a detailed update, from the Housing Capital Staff, on proposed housing construction, house purchases, Part V Housing, and land acquisition in relation to the follow locations in the District-;

- Bundoran
- Ballyshannon
- Pettigo

- Ballintra
- Laghey
- Donegal Town
- Mountcharles
- Frosses
- Dunkineely
- Bruckless
- Killybegs
- Kilcar
- Carrick
- Glencolmcille

Housing Acquisitions Allocation 2025

Mr Sheerin briefed members regarding the allocation from the Department, the challenges that faced the Council with this limited allocation and the revised guidelines in relation to acquisitions, as recently outlined in Circular 11/2025.

A number of detailed comments / queries were dealt with at the workshop. Members welcomed the ongoing works in this area and stressed the importance of pursuing all and any potential options to provide social housing in the Municipal District and in particular in the smaller villages/towns.

This concluded the business of the Workshop.

**Area Manager,
Municipal District of Donegal**

**Cathaoirleach,
Municipal District of Donegal**



14th April 2025

**Lisa McCorley
Rossnowlagh Farmers Market
The Tiny House,
Corkers Lane,
Rossnowlagh,
Donegal PO.,
Co. Donegal.**

Re: Request for Deputation from Rossnowlagh Farmers Market

Dear MsMcCorley,

I refer to previous correspondence, on behalf of the above group, in relation to your request that a deputation attend a meeting of the **Municipal District of Donegal**.

I wish to confirm that the Members have agreed to your request and will receive your deputation at their May meeting which will be held at **11.30am on Tuesday the 13th May 2025**, in the Peter Kennedy Chamber, Donegal Public Services Centre, Donegal Town.

In the meanwhile I set out hereunder, for your information, an extract from the Municipal District of Donegal Standing Orders in relation to the attendance of a deputation,

Deputations

- 55. The Municipal District members may by resolution decide to receive a deputation. Subject to the direction of the Cathaoirleach, up to a maximum of three (3) persons may speak on behalf of the deputation for not more than fifteen (15) minutes, unless permitted by the Cathaoirleach.**

Request for a deputation to be heard by the Municipal District members shall not be considered unless the subject matter to be raised be notified, in writing, on the motion of a Municipal District member, or direct application by the body concerned, is sent to the Meetings Administrator at least fourteen (14) clear days before the date of the meeting.

The deputation may only be questioned by Municipal District members but shall not be entitled to ask questions.

When the members of a deputation have addressed the meeting, they shall withdraw from the meeting.

The Municipal District members may, by resolution, decide to receive a deputation without notice, provided three quarters (rounded up) of the members present vote for the resolution.

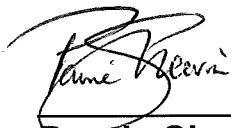
Please arrange to be in attendance on the morning of the 13th May 2025 at 11.15 am. Please also let me know the names of the three persons who will be speaking on behalf of the deputation.

If you have any documentation you wish to have circulated to Members in advance of the meeting, please forward same by e-mail to enda.monaghan@donegalcoco.ie on or before Friday the 9th May 2025 and this will be arranged.

If you have any queries in relation to this matter, please contact Enda Monaghan on 0749724401.

I look forward to seeing you on the day.

Yours sincerely,



**Pauric Sheerin,
Area Manager
Municipal District of Donegal
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Rossnowlagh Farmers Market

Local Enterprise. Community Connection. Rural Renewal.

Rossnowlagh Farmers Market is a weekly market launched in June 2024 to revitalise Rossnowlagh - a rural Donegal community rich in natural beauty but historically underserved by economic and civic infrastructure.

In less than a year, the market has transformed a once-underused seaside location into a thriving public space that brings together:

- Local growers, makers, and food producers
- Families, second-home owners, and tourists
- Artists, educators, and community organisers

It is more than a place to shop: it is a **social enterprise**, designed as a **community wealth building model** - keeping value local, supporting livelihoods, and strengthening social ties. Each week, between 50-100 (off-season) and 300-500 (summer season) visitors gather to shop, connect, and participate — turning seasonal tourism into sustained local economic activity and social engagement.

Who We Are

The market is founded and operated by a trio of local women with deep roots in Rossnowlagh and diverse professional expertise:

- Lisa McCorley – Economist with a focus on job creation, job quality & regional development.
- Faye Dinsmore – Organic farmer and experienced event organiser
- Jaime Leigh Meade – Grower and market operations lead

Together, we've built a not-for-profit model that supports small producers, delivers free community events, keeps economic value circulating locally, builds social and community ties.

What the Market Offers

- **An economic and social hub: A civic centre**
- Fresh, local, and sustainable food
- Handcrafted goods and artisan products
- Live music, children's activities, and educational workshops
- Inclusive, free-to-attend community events

Why It Matters

The Rossnowlagh Farmers Market is more than a market — it is:

- A hub for small enterprise in a place with no commercial centre
- A social gathering point in a community with no civic space

- A model of grassroots development in rural Ireland
- A way to retain value, not just attract it

With basic infrastructure, this proven initiative can grow into a more frequent, permanent, inclusive economic anchor.

COMPANIES ACT 2014 (AS AMENDED)

COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

CONSTITUTION

-of-

Rossnowlagh Community Events CLG

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

1. Name

The name of the Company is Rossnowlagh Community Events company limited by guarantee.

2. Company Type

The Company is a company limited by guarantee, registered under Part 18 of the Companies Act 2014.

3. Main Object

The main object for which the Company is established (the “Main Object”) is: To establish and operate a community farmers market for the benefit of local producers and consumers.

4. Subsidiary Objects

As objects incidental and ancillary to the attainment of the Main Object, the Company shall have the following subsidiary objects:

- To establish and operate a community farmers market for the benefit of local producers and consumers.
- To foster community engagement and social inclusion by serving as a hub for interaction, collaboration, and shared experiences.
- To organise and support a range of community-focused events that enhance social connection, celebrate local culture, and contribute to both social and economic development.
- To promote sustainable and locally sourced food and products.
- To provide a platform for local farmers and artisans to sell their products directly to the providing an opportunity to build community wealth and support local economic development.
- To educate the community on the benefits of consuming locally produced food and sustainable farming practices.

5. Powers

In addition to the powers conferred on it by law, the Company shall have the following powers, which are exclusively subsidiary and ancillary to the Main Object and which may only be exercised in promoting the Main Object. Any income generated by the exercise of these powers is to be applied to the promotion of the Main Object:

- 5.1 To organise and host local food festivals, farmers markets, and workshops on sustainable agriculture, and to solicit, procure, accept, and receive donations, gifts, and contributions for these purposes. This includes conducting lotteries in accordance with the law.
- 5.2 To undertake, accept, and administer, without remuneration, charitable trusts specifically focused on promoting sustainable agriculture and local sourcing education.
- 5.3 To establish, support, or aid in the establishment of associations, institutions, trusts, or funds that contribute to community engagement and education on the benefits of locally produced food and sustainable practices.
- 5.4 To collect and receive contributions or bequests to fund educational programs about local food benefits and sustainable farming techniques.
- 5.5 To apply for financial support from any authority whether governmental, local, or philanthropic or otherwise, for projects aimed at community and economic development through local farming and artisan markets.
- 5.6 To advocate for and promote legislation that supports sustainable farming and local markets at both local and national levels.
- 5.7 To employ individuals from the local community to manage and operate farmers markets and related community educational initiatives, enhancing local employment and economic growth.
- 5.8 To acquire, manage, and develop property intended for use as community gardens and market spaces, providing venues for local farmers and artisans.
- 5.9 To ensure proper insurance coverage for agricultural activities and public events, protecting against risks associated with running a community-focused market.
- 5.10 To engage in promotional activities to raise awareness about the advantages of local produce and crafts, including advertising in various media, and organising community events that highlight local talents and products.

- 5.11 To form partnerships with local businesses, nonprofits, and community organisations to broaden the impact of the market and foster a supportive network for local economic and environmental initiatives.
- 5.12 To establish connections with national and international bodies that promote similar objectives, facilitating knowledge exchange and cooperation to enhance the effectiveness of the market's activities.
- 5.13 To perform all other lawful actions thought necessary or conducive to the promotion of the Main Object, including engaging in trades or businesses that can operate in conjunction with or as ancillary to the primary activities of the Company.

6. Income and Property

- 6.1 The income and property of the Company shall be applied solely towards the promotion of Main Object(s) as set forth in this Constitution. No portion of the Company's income and property shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to members of the Company.
- 6.2 No Director shall be appointed to any office of the Company paid by salary or fees, or receive any remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth from the Company. However, nothing shall prevent any payment in good faith by the Company of:
- (a) reasonable and proper remuneration to any member or servant of the Company (not being a Director) for any services rendered to the Company;
 - (b) interest at a rate not exceeding 1% above the Euro Interbank Offered Rate (Euribor) per annum on money lent by Directors or other members of the Company to the Company;
 - (c) reasonable and proper rent for premises demised and let by any member of the Company (including any Director) to the Company;
 - (d) reasonable and proper out-of-pocket expenses incurred by any Director in connection with their attendance to any matter affecting the Company;
 - (e) fees, remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth to any company of which a Director may be a member holding not more than one hundredth part of the issued capital of such company.

- (f) Nothing shall prevent any payment by the Company to a person pursuant to an agreement entered into in compliance with section 89 of the Charities Act, 2009 (as for the time being amended, extended or replaced).

7. Additions, Alterations or Amendments

The Company must ensure that the Charities Regulator has a copy of its most recent Constitution. If it is proposed to make an amendment to the Constitution of the Company which requires the prior approval of the Charities Regulator, advance notice in writing of the proposed changes must be given to the Charities Regulator for approval, and the amendment shall not take effect until such approval is received.

8. Winding Up

If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Company there remains, after satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, it shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Company. Instead, such property shall be given or transferred to some other charitable institution or institutions having main objects similar to the main objects of the Company. The institution or institutions to which the property is to be given or transferred shall prohibit the distribution of their income and property among their members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Company under or by virtue of Clause 6 hereof. Members of the Company shall select the relevant institution or institutions at or before the time of dissolution, and if and so far as effect cannot be given to such provisions, then the property shall be given or transferred to some charitable object with the agreement of the Charities Regulator. Final accounts will be prepared and submitted that will include a section that identifies and values any assets transferred along with the details of the recipients and the terms of the transfer.

9. Limited Liability

The liability of the members is limited.

10. Undertaking to Contribute

Every member of the Company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Company, if the Company is wound up while he or she is a member or is wound up within one year after the date on which he or she ceases to be a member, for: (a) payment of the debts and liabilities of the Company contracted before he or she ceases to be a member, and the costs,

charges and expenses of winding up; and (b) the adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves, such amount as may be required, not exceeding €1.

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

PRELIMINARY

1. In these Articles, unless there is something in the subject or context inconsistent herewith:

The "**Act**" means the Companies Act, 2014.

The "**Company**" means the above named Company.

The "**Directors**" means the members for the time being of the board of directors of the Company and "Director" shall be construed accordingly.

The "**Secretary**" means any person appointed to perform the duties of the Secretary of the Company.

The "**Seal**" means the Common Seal of the Company.

Expressions referring to writing shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be construed as including reference to printing, lithography, photography and any other modes of representing or reproducing words in visible form.

MEMBERS

2. For the purposes of registration, the number of members of the Company is taken to be 2 but the Company may from time to time register an increase of members.
3. The members of the Company shall be (i) the subscribers to the Memorandum of Association and (ii) such other persons as the Directors shall from time to time admit to membership and as shall sign a written consent to become a member.

RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

4. Membership of the Company is not transferable and shall cease:-
 - (a) on the member's death or bankruptcy;

- (b) if the member resigns by serving notice in writing to the Directors of the Company at its registered office.

GENERAL MEETINGS

5. The Company shall hold a general meeting in every calendar year as its annual general meeting at such time and place as may be determined by the Directors and shall specify the meeting as such in the notices calling it provided that every annual general meeting except the first shall be held not more than fifteen months after the holding of the last preceding annual general meeting and that so long as the Company holds its first annual general meeting within eighteen months of the date of incorporation, it need not hold it in the year of its incorporation.
6. All general meetings other than annual general meetings shall be known as extraordinary general meetings.
7. Directors may, whenever they think fit, convene an extraordinary general meeting.
8. If, at any time, there are not sufficient directors capable of acting to form a quorum, any Director of the Company or any member of it may convene an extraordinary general meeting in the same manner as nearly as possible as that in which meetings may be convened by the Directors.
9. The Directors of the Company shall, on the requisition of one or more members holding, or together holding, at the date of the deposit of the requisition, not less than 10% of the total voting rights of all the members having, at the date of the deposit, the right to vote at general meetings of the Company, forthwith proceed duly to convene an extraordinary general meeting of the Company.
10. The requisition shall state the objects of the meeting and shall be signed by the requisitionists and deposited at the registered office of the Company and may consist of several documents in like form each signed by one or more requisitionists.
11. If the Directors do not within 21 days after the date of the deposit of the requisition proceed duly to convene a meeting to be held within 2 months after that date (the “**requisition date**”), the requisitionists, or any of them representing more than 50% of the total voting rights of all of them, may themselves convene a meeting but any meeting so convened shall not be held after the expiration of 3 months after the requisition date.

12. Any reasonable expenses incurred by the requisitionists by reason of the failure of directors duly to convene a meeting shall be repaid to the requisitionists by the company and any sum so repaid shall be retained by the company out of any sums due or to become due from the Company by way of fees or other remuneration in respect of their services to such of the Directors as were in default.
13. For the purposes of Articles 10 to 13, the Directors shall, in the case of a meeting at which a resolution is to be proposed as a special resolution, be deemed not to have duly convened a meeting if they do not give such notice of it as is required by Section 181 of the Act.
14. A meeting convened under Articles 10 or 12 shall be convened in the same manner as nearly as possible as that in which meetings are to be convened by directors.
15. The chairperson of the board of directors shall preside as chairperson at every general meeting of the Company, or if there is no such chairperson, or if he or she is not present within 15 minutes after the time appointed for the holding of the meeting or is unwilling to act, the directors present shall elect one of their number to be chairperson of the meeting.
16. If at any meeting no director is willing to act as chairperson or if no director is present within 15 minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the members present shall choose one of their number to be chairperson of the meeting.
17. The chairperson may, with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present and shall if so directed by the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place. However, no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place. When a meeting is adjourned for 30 days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of an original meeting but, subject to that, it shall not be necessary to give any notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.
18. Unless a poll is demanded in accordance with Article 38, at any general meeting:
 - (a) a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands;
 - and

- (b) a declaration by the chairperson that a resolution has, on a show of hands, been carried or carried unanimously, or by a particular majority, or lost, and an entry to that effect in the book containing the minutes of the proceedings of the Company shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against such resolution.
19. Where there is an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the chairperson of the meeting at which the show of hands takes place or at which the poll is demanded, shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.
20. Subject to section 193 of the Act (as modified by section 1208 of the Act) a resolution in writing signed by all the members of the Company for the time being entitled to attend and vote on such resolution at a general meeting (or being bodies corporate by their duly appointed representatives) shall be as valid and effective for all purposes as if the resolution had been passed at a general meeting of the Company duly convened and held and if described as a special resolution shall be deemed to be a special resolution within the meaning of the Act. Any such resolution in writing may consist of several documents in like form each signed by one or more members. It shall be deemed to have been passed at a meeting held on the date on which it was signed by the last member to sign, and, where the resolution states a date as being the date of his or her signature thereof by any member, this statement shall be prima facie evidence that it was signed by him or her on that date.

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS

21. A meeting of the Company, other than an adjourned meeting, shall be called:
- (a) in the case of the annual general meeting or an extraordinary general meeting for the passing of a special resolution, by not less than 21 days' notice;
 - (b) in the case of any other extraordinary general meeting, by not less than 7 days' notice.
22. A meeting of the Company shall, notwithstanding that it is called by shorter notice than that specified in Article 22, be deemed to have been duly called if it is so agreed by:
- (a) all the members entitled to attend and vote at the meeting; and

- (b) unless no statutory auditors of the Company stand appointed in consequence of the Company availing itself of the audit exemption, the statutory auditors of the Company.
23. Where notice of a meeting is given by posting it by ordinary prepaid post to the registered address of a member, then, for the purposes of any issue as to whether the correct period of notice for that meeting has been given, the giving of the notice shall be deemed to have been effected on the expiration of 24 hours following posting.
24. In determining whether the correct period of notice has been given by a notice of a meeting, neither the day on which the notice is served nor the day of the meeting for which it is given shall be counted.
25. The notice of a meeting shall specify:
- (a) the place, date and time of the meeting;
 - (b) the general nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting;
 - (c) in the case of a proposed special resolution, the text or substance of that proposed special resolution; and
 - (d) with reasonable prominence a statement that:
 - (i) a member entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint a proxy using the form set out in Section 184 of the Act or, where that is allowed, one or more proxies, to attend, speak and vote instead of him or her;
 - (ii) a proxy need not be a member;
 - (iii) the time by which the proxy must be received at the Company's registered office or some other place within the State as is specified in the statement for that purpose.
26. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of notice of a meeting by, any person entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate the proceedings at the meeting.

VOTES OF MEMBERS

27. Where a matter is being decided (whether on a show of hands or on a poll), every member present in person and every proxy shall have one vote, but so that no individual member shall have more than one vote.

28. No objection shall be raised to the qualification of any voter except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is given or tendered, and every vote not disallowed at such meeting shall be valid for all purposes. Any such objection made in due time shall be referred to the chairperson of the meeting, whose decision shall be final and conclusive.
29. Votes may be given either personally or by proxy. Where there is an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the chairperson of the meeting at which the show of hands takes place or at which the poll is demanded, shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.

PROXIES

30. A member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at a meeting of the Company shall be entitled to appoint another person (whether a member or not) as his or her proxy to attend and vote instead of him or her. A proxy so appointed shall have the same right as the member to speak at the meeting and to vote on a show of hands and on a poll.
31. The instrument appointing a proxy (the **“Instrument of Proxy”**) shall be in writing –
- (a) under the hand of the appointer or of his or her attorney duly authorised in writing; or
 - (b) if the appointer is a body corporate, either under seal of the body corporate or under the hand of an officer or attorney of it duly authorised in writing.
32. The Instrument of Proxy and the power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed or a notarially certified copy of that power or authority, shall be deposited at the registered office of the Company or at such other place within the State as is specified for that purpose in the notice convening the meeting, and shall be deposited not later than the following time:-
- (a) 48 hours before the time for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote; or
 - (b) in the case of a poll, 48 hours before the time appointed for the taking of the poll.
33. The depositing of the Instrument of Proxy may, rather than its being effected by sending or delivering the instrument, be effected by communicating the instrument to the Company by electronic means (as defined in section 2 of the Act) and this Article likewise applies to the depositing of anything else referred to in the preceding Article.

34. An instrument appointing a proxy shall be in the following form or a form as near to it as circumstances permit –

Rosstownlough Community Events(the “**Company**”)

[Name of member] (the “**Member**”) of [Address of Member] being a member of the Company hereby appoint/s [name and address of proxy] or failing him or her [name and address of alternative proxy] as the proxy of the Member to attend, speak and vote for the Member on behalf of the Member at the (annual or extraordinary, as the case may be) general meeting of the Company to be held on the [date of meeting] and at any adjournment of the meeting.

The proxy is to vote as follows:-

Voting instructions to proxy

(Choice to be marked with an “X”)

Number or description of resolution:	In Favour	Abstain	Against
1.			
2.			
3.			

Unless otherwise instructed, the proxy will vote as he or she thinks fit.

Signature of Member:

Dated [date]:

VOTING ON A POLL

35. At a meeting, a poll may be demanded in relation to a matter (whether before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands in relation to it).

36. A demand for a poll may be made by:

(a) the chairperson of the meeting;

- (b) at least three members present in person or by proxy;
 - (c) any member or members present in person or by proxy and representing not less than 10% of the total voting rights of all the members of the Company concerned having the right to vote at the meeting.
37. A demand for such a poll may be withdrawn by the person or persons who have made the demand. Subject to Article 39, if a poll is demanded it shall be taken in such manner as the chairperson of the meeting directs, and the result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution, in relation to the matter concerned, of the meeting at which the poll was demanded.
38. A poll demanded regarding the election of a chairperson or on a question of adjournment shall be taken forthwith.
39. A poll demanded on any other question shall be taken at such time as the chairperson of the meeting directs, and any business other than that on which a poll is demanded may be proceeded with pending the taking of the poll.
40. The instrument appointing a proxy to vote at a meeting of the Company shall be deemed also to confer authority to demand or join in demanding a poll, and for the purposes of Articles 37 and 38, a demand by a person as proxy for a member shall be the same as a demand by the member.
41. On a poll taken at a meeting of the Company or a meeting of any class of members of the Company, a member, whether present in person or by proxy, entitled to more than one vote need not, if he or she votes:-
- (a) use all his or her votes; or
 - (b) cast all the votes he or she uses in the same way.

DIRECTORS

42. The number of the Directors shall be not less than three (3) and unless and until determined by the Company in general meeting, not more than five (5). The first Directors shall be the persons named in the statement delivered to the Registrar of Companies pursuant to Section 22 of the Act.
43. No remuneration shall be payable under any circumstances to any of the Directors in respect of his services as Director, or on any Committee of the Directors to which the

Directors may delegate powers under Article 64. The Directors may be paid all travelling, hotel and other expenses properly incurred by them in attending and returning from meetings of the Directors or any committee of the Directors or general meetings of the Company or otherwise in connection with the business of the Company.

44. The business of the Company shall be managed by the Directors, who may pay all expenses incurred in promoting and registering the Company, and may exercise all such powers of the Company as are not, by the Act or by these Articles required to be exercised by the Company in general meeting, subject nevertheless to the provisions of the Act and of these Articles and to such directions, not being inconsistent with the aforesaid provisions, as the Company in general meeting may (by special resolution) give. No such direction given by the Company in general meeting shall invalidate any prior act of the Directors which would have been valid if that direction had not been given.
45. Without prejudice to Section 40 of the Act, the Directors may delegate any of their powers to such person or persons as they think fit, including committees; any such committee shall, in the exercise of the powers so delegated, conform to any regulations that may be imposed on it by the Directors.
46. All cheques, promissory notes, drafts, bills of exchange and other negotiable instruments, and all receipts for moneys paid to the Company shall be signed, drawn, accepted, endorsed or otherwise executed as the case may be, by such person or persons and in such manner as the Directors shall from time to time by resolution determine.
47. The Company shall cause minutes to be entered in books kept for the purpose:-
- (a) of all appointments of officers made by the Directors;
 - (b) of the names of the Directors present at each meeting of the Directors and of any committee of the Directors;
 - (c) of all resolutions and proceedings at all meetings of the Company and, of the Directors and of committees of the Directors.

POWERS OF ATTORNEY

48. The Company may empower any person, either generally or in respect of any specified matters, as its attorney, to execute deeds or do any other matter on its behalf in any place whether inside or outside the State. A deed signed by such attorney on behalf of

the Company shall bind the Company and have the same effect as if it were under its common seal.

DISQUALIFICATION OF DIRECTORS

49. In addition to the circumstances set out in section 148(2) of the Act, the office of Director shall be vacated if a Director ceases to be qualified for the position of charity trustee under section 55 of the Charities Act, 2009.

ROTATION OF DIRECTORS

50. At the first Annual General Meeting of the Company, all the Directors shall retire from office and at the Annual General Meeting in every subsequent year, one-third of the Directors for the time being, or, if their number is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest one-third, shall retire from office.
51. The Directors to retire in every year shall be those who have been longest in office since their last election, but as between persons who became Directors on the same day, those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree amongst themselves) be determined by lot.
52. A retiring Director shall be eligible for re-election.
53. The Company, at a meeting at which a Director retires in manner aforesaid, may fill the vacated office by electing a person thereto, and in default of the Company doing so, the retiring Director shall, if offering himself for re-election, be deemed to have been re-elected, unless:
- (a) at such meeting it is expressly resolved not to fill such vacated office; or
 - (b) a resolution for the re-election of such Director has been put to the meeting and lost.
54. No person other than a Director retiring at the meeting shall, unless recommended by the Directors, be eligible for election to the office of Director at any general meeting unless, not less than three nor more than twenty one days before the date appointed for the meeting, there has been left at the Company's registered office (a) notice in writing, signed by a member duly qualified to attend and vote at the meeting for which such notice is given, of his intention to propose such a person for election, and (b) notice in writing signed by the person concerned of his willingness to be elected.

55. The Company may from time to time by ordinary resolution increase or reduce the number of Directors and may also determine in what rotation the increased or reduced number is to go out of office.
56. The Company may by ordinary resolution of which extended notice has been given in accordance with section 146 of the Act remove any Director before the expiration of his period of office, notwithstanding anything in these articles or in any agreement between the Company and such director. Such removal shall be without prejudice to any claim such director may have for damages for breach of any contract of service between him and the Company.
57. The Company may by ordinary resolution appoint another person in place of a Director removed from office under Article 57. Without prejudice to the powers of the Directors under Article 59, the Company in general meeting may appoint any person to be a Director, either to fill a casual vacancy or as an additional Director.
58. The Directors may at any time appoint any person to be a Director of the Company, either to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the existing Directors, but so that the total number of Directors of the Company shall not at any time exceed the number, if any, provided for in these Articles. Any Director so appointed shall hold office only until the next annual general meeting and shall then be eligible for re-election.

PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS

59. The Directors may meet together for the dispatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as they think fit. Questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes. In case of equality of votes the chairperson shall have a second or casting vote. A Director may, and the Secretary on the requisition of a Director shall, at any time summon a meeting of the Directors. If the Directors so resolve it shall not be necessary to give notice of a meeting of Directors to any Director who, being resident in the State, is for the time being absent from the State.
60. The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the Directors may be fixed by the Directors, and unless so fixed shall be two (2).
61. The continuing Directors may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their number but, if and so long as their number is reduced below the number fixed by or pursuant to the Act as the necessary quorum of Directors, the continuing Directors or director may act

for the purpose of increasing the number of Directors to that number or of summoning a general meeting of the Company, but for no other purpose.

62. If at any meeting the chairperson is not present within 15 minutes after the time appointed for holding it, the Directors present may choose one of their number to be chairperson of the meeting.
63. The Directors may delegate any of its powers to Committees consisting of such member or members of the Directors and such other persons as they think fit, and any Committee so formed shall, in the exercise of the powers so delegated, conform to any regulations imposed on it by the Directors.
64. The Directors may appoint the chairperson of any Committee; if no such chairperson is elected, or if at any meeting of a Committee the chairperson is not present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding it, the members of the committee present may choose one of their number to be chairperson of the meeting.
65. A committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper. Questions arising at any meeting of a committee shall be determined by a majority of votes of the members of the committee present, and when there is an equality of votes, the chairperson shall have a second or casting vote.
66. All acts done by any meeting of the Directors or by any person acting as a member of the Directors or any Committee shall, notwithstanding that it be afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any such person acting as aforesaid, or that he or any of the Directors was disqualified, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed.
67. A resolution in writing, signed by all the Directors for the time being entitled to receive notice of a meeting of the Directors, shall be as valid as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Directors duly convened and held. Any such resolution in writing may consist of several documents in the like form, each signed by one or more of the Directors and for all purposes shall take effect from the time when it was signed by the last director.
68. A meeting of the Directors or of a committee established by the Directors may consist of a conference between some or all of the Directors or, as the case may be, members of the committee who are not all in one place, but each of whom is able (directly or by means of telephonic, video or other electronic communication) to speak to each of the others and to be heard by each of the others and – (a) a Director or member of the

committee taking part in such a conference shall be deemed to be present in person at the meeting and shall be entitled to vote and be counted in a quorum accordingly; and (b) such a meeting shall be deemed to take place – (i) where the largest group of those participating in the conference is assembled; (ii) if there is no such group, where the chairperson of the meeting then is; (iii) if neither sub-paragraph (i) or (ii) applies, in such location as the meeting itself decides.

SECRETARY

69. The Secretary shall be appointed by the Directors for such term and at such remuneration and upon such conditions as they may think fit; and any Secretary so appointed may be removed by them.
70. A provision of the Act or these Articles requiring or authorising a thing to be done by or to a Director and the Secretary shall not be satisfied by its being done by or to the same person acting both as Director and as, or in place of, the Secretary.

SEAL

71. The seal shall be used only by the authority of the Directors or of a committee of Directors authorised by the Directors in that behalf, and every instrument to which the seal shall be affixed shall be: (a) signed by a Director of it or by some other person appointed for the purpose by its Directors or by a foregoing committee of them; and (b) be countersigned by the Secretary or by a second Director of it or by some other person appointed for the purpose by its Directors or by a foregoing committee of them.

ACCOUNTS

72. The Directors shall cause adequate accounting records to be kept. Adequate accounting records shall be deemed to have been maintained if they comply with Section 282(1) to 282(3) of the Act and explain the Company's transactions and facilitate the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the Company.
73. The accounting records shall be kept at the registered office or, subject to Section 283 of the Act, at such other place as the Directors think fit, and shall at all reasonable times be open to the inspection of the officers of the Company and by other persons entitled pursuant to the Act.

74. The Directors shall from time to time determine whether and to what extent and at what times and places and under what conditions or regulations the financial statements and accounting records of the Company or any of them shall be open to the inspection of its members not being Directors. No member (not being a Director) shall have any right of inspecting any financial statement or accounting record of the Company except as conferred by statute, this Constitution or authorised by the Directors or by the Company in general meeting.
75. The Directors shall in accordance with the Act cause to be prepared and to be laid before the annual general meeting of the Company the statutory financial statements of the Company, the Directors' report in relation to it and the statutory auditor's report on those financial statements and Directors' report as are required by the Act to be prepared and laid before the annual general meeting of the Company.
76. A copy of the statutory financial statements of the Company, the Directors' report in relation to it and that statutory auditor's report on those financial statements and Directors' report shall, not less than twenty-one (21) days before the date of the annual general meeting, be sent to every person entitled under Section 338(1) of the Act to receive them.

AUDIT

77. Auditors shall be appointed, and their duties regulated in accordance with Chapters 18 and 19 of Part 6 of the Act.

NOTICES

78. A notice may be given by the Company to any member either personally or by sending it by post or electronic means (as defined in section 2(1) of the Act) to the member at his or her registered address or email address (or, if not so registered, then to the address or email address of the member last known to the Company). Section 218(5) of the Act shall apply.

We, the several persons whose names and addresses are subscribed, wish to be formed into a company in pursuance of this constitution.

Names and Descriptions of Subscribers		
Faye Dinsmore	Company Director	

Lisa McCorley	Company Director	

Names, Addresses and Descriptions of Subscribers

Dated this day of 2024

Witness to the above signatures:

Name:

Title:

Address:



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

Municipal District of Donegal

13th May 2025

Housing & Corporate

REPORT

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CASUAL VACANCIES

Area	BED	Dwelling Vacated	Comment
Dunkineely	2	Keys Returned 06/02/2025	Ready for letting
Bundoran	2	Keys Returned 05/02/2025	Ready for letting
Ballyshannon	2	Keys Returned 04/03/2025	To be completed next week
Drimarone	3	Keys Returned 21/03/2025	Contractor being appointed
Bundoran	1	Keys Returned 17/04/2025	Tender being prepared
Killybegs	1	Keys Returned 02/05/2025	to be inspected

HOUSING GRANTS

Position as at 1st May 2025

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED\INVALID	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HO	2024	172	147	15	3	7
HO	2025	62	15	3	36	8

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED\INVALID	REAPPLIED UNDER HM GRANT	FURTHER INFO.	REF. TO OT	REF. To ENGINEER	PENDING
HD	2024	93	78	8	0	0	3	0	4
HD	2025	51	13	1	0	29	0	2	6

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED\INVALID	REAPPLIED UNDER HD GRANT	REF. TO OT	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HM	2024	14	9	0	5	0	0	0
HM	2025	4	0	0	0	0	4	0

HOUSING LOANS

Position as at 2nd May 2025 2025

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

Tenant Purchase Applications 2024 - 2025

Position as at 2nd May 2025

	No. of Apps Received	Incomplete Returned	Open Applications	Refused/ Not Eligible	Offer letters Issued	Completed
2024	18	0	17	1	5	0
2025	4	0	4	0	0	0

HAP/PRD

HAP Tenancies	
Municipal District	Number
Donegal	196
Letterkenny	704
Glenties	104
Stranorlar	270
Inishowen	396
Sub Total	1670
Tenancies Closed	3368
Overall Total	5038

Updated 06/05/2025

HOUSING NEED BY LOCATION

Municipal District		Waiting List (Net Need)	Transfer List	Total Gross Need
Donegal		231	212	443
	Ballintra	10	3	13
	Ballyshannon	49	52	101
	Bruckless	5	2	7
	Bundoran	47	61	108
	Carrick	1	5	6
	Donegal	91	55	146
	Drumahaire	1	1	2
	Dunkineely	1	4	5
	Frosses	1	0	1
	Glencolumbkille	2	0	2
	Kilcar	2	1	3
	Killybegs	11	18	29
	Laghey	4	2	6
	Mountcharles	4	7	11
	Pettigo	2	1	3
	Total	231	212	443

Updated 06/05/2025

Repair & Lease Scheme Summary						
	Applications					
MD	Received	No. of Units	Awaiting assessment	Rejected	Progressing	Total
Inishowen	27	30	2	25	0	27
Donegal	19	46	0	19	0	19
Glenties	27	40	1	26	0	27
Letterkenny	38	63	11	27	0	38
Stranorlar	28	85	1	27	0	28
Total	139	264	15	124	0	139

06/05/2025

Housing Capital Update Report
Donegal Municipal District Meeting
13th May 2025

1. Social Housing Developments – Construction Schemes

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

Location	Status	No. of Units
Construction Stage		
Drumacrin, Bundoran Phase 1	Construction works progressing on site. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundations, sub-structure blockwork & ground floor pre-cast concrete slabs complete to all units. • Super-structure blockwork 95% completed. • Roofing works 85% completed. • M&E First fix continuing. • External and Internal plastering works continuing • Service drainage (foul & Storm) complete to 39 units. • Watermain is 95% complete within site boundary. • Storm discharge works completed to outfall. 	42
Largymore, Kilcar (SI)	Construction works ongoing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site access road construction. • Superstructure blockwork completed. • Roof construction completed. • M&E 2nd Fix commenced. • External and internal plastering completed • Base coat of paint works complete • Installation of kitchen units 90% complete • Installation of drainage and wastewater treatment system complete • External site works ongoing. 	1
Design / Tender Stage		
Laghey	The development of 2no. apartments has planning approval and is being progressed through detailed design stage with an Architect led Design Team.	2
Radhairc Na Mhuirlin, Phase 2, Glencolmcille	The development of 5 units at Radhairc Na Mhuirlin, has planning approval and is being progressing through detailed design stage with an Architect Led Design Team.	5
An Glasán, Phase 2, Kilcar	The development of 5 units at An Glásán, has planning approval and is being progressing through detailed design stage with an Architect Led Design Team.	5
Preliminary Design Stage (No of units subject to change)		
New Row, Fintra Road, Killybegs	The completion of a detailed ground investigation has enabled the design to be finalised for 18 social housing units at Old Fintra Road, Killybegs, subject to Departmental approval.	18
Total		73



Photo 1: Drumacrin, Bundoran



Photo 2: Largymore, Kilcar SI

2. House Acquisition and Buy and Renew Programme

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

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

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

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

3. Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition

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

Proposals are being accepted for 1, 2, 3 & 4 bedroom housing units in towns or villages throughout the county, on lands suitable for housing purposes.

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

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



5. Lands / Property for Social Housing Purposes

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

1. Following engagement with utility providers and the extents of utility upgrades and extensions required to service a potential development, the offer to acquire lands in Ballyshannon has been formally withdrawn.
2. Additional lands are being considered across Donegal MD and Members will be informed of same upon the Council progressing to make offers to acquire.

**Donegal Municipal District
2025 Roadworks Programme
Status Report – 13th May 2025**

Donegal Municipal District

2025 Road Maintenance (Surface Dressing) Programme

2025 Regional & Local Road Surface Dressing Programme									
Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	RSS Area	Year	Length (m)	Width (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)	Status
1	L1915-1	Killymard - Winterhill	14	2025	1000	5	5000	€25,000.00	
2	L6445-2	Newtown - Ballydevitt Beg	14	2025	1000	4.2	4200	€21,000.00	
3	L6355-1	Drumkeegan (Old N56)	14	2025	1500	4.75	7125	€35,625.00	Started
4	L26152	Mountcharles cottages (Old N56)	14	2025	230	4.5	1035	€5,250.00	
5	L1675-1	Tullyvoos	14	2025	800	3.5	2800	€14,000.00	
6	L1665-1	Inver Church - Doorin Line	14	2025	300	5	1500	€7,566.00	
7	L16251	Ardaghey Glebe (Old N56 W Wards)	14	2025	300	5	1500	€7,566.00	
8	L5775-1	Lignaul	14	2025	1000	3.25	3250	€16,250.00	Started
9	L1375-4	Leagan Hill (Meenawullaghan)	14	2025	800	3.5	2800	€14,000.00	Started
10	L5695-1&2	Kilmacreddan - Brenter	14	2025	1300	3.2	4160	€20,800.00	Started
11	LP1445-2	Ballyboddonnell - St Johns Point	14	2025	1500	3.75	5625	€28,200.00	
12	L5895-1	Ballymacahill - Drumnacarry (M Gall)	14	2025	500	3.25	1625	€9,000.00	
13	L60351	Sallows (C Dunleavys)	14	2025	900	3.5	3150	€17,000.47	
								€221,257.47	
1	L55035-1	Beefan	15	2025	1250	3.2	4000	€22,000.00	
2	LT10351	Cointe Cró, Glencolmille	15	2025	700	3	2100	€11,550.00	
3	P1075/LT107	Meenacharvey	15	2025	1250	3.3	4125	€22,687.21	
4	L55315-1	Cronasilla Meenboy	15	2025	1550	3.1	4805	€26,427.50	
5	IP1365-2	Tullintean	15	2025	1600	3.2	5120	€28,000.00	
6	IP1165-1	Derrylaghan - Cuskry	15	2025	1400	4.5	6300	€34,650.00	
7	IP1395-4	Croagh - Ardara Rd	15	2025	1600	4.2	6720	€36,960.00	
8	IP1315-1	Churchtown - Commons	15	2025	1000	4.5	4500	€24,750.00	
9	IP1025-2	Meenavean	15	2025	1050	5.2	5460	€30,198.00	
10	S225-2/IP12	Churchtown link/Towney	15	2025	350	4.2	1470	€8,000.00	
11	L55485-1	Binroe to shore	15	2025	900	3.2	2880	€15,840.00	
12	IP1125-1	Meenaneary Rd	15	2025	600	5.2	3120	€17,500.00	
								€278,562.71	
1	R231-2-3	Killinangel More	16	2025	1000	6.50	6500	€35,750.00	
2	L7775-2	Tullyhorkey	16	2025	400	3.60	1440	€13,000.00	
3	L7995-1	Rowentreehill	16	2025	500	3.60	1800	€9,000.00	
4	L7915-1	Newtown Road	16	2025	1800	4.20	7560	€37,800.00	
5	L7925-1	Ardfern	16	2025	900	3.20	2880	€14,400.00	
6	L2225-2	Rath-Deeries	16	2025	1325	3.60	4770	€23,724.00	Started
7	L7285-1	Poolnaranry-Ballyalla	16	2025	1200	3.30	3960	€19,800.00	Started
8	L2485-4	Knader	16	2025	1000	5.30	5300	€26,500.00	
9	7335-1	Glaskerragh-Tamur	16	2025	1000	3.20	3200	€16,000.00	Started
10	L7265-1	Ballymagroarty Scotch	16	2025	1200	3.80	4560	€22,800.00	Started
11	L2535-1	Higginstown	16	2025	750	4.60	3450	€17,250.00	
12	L2545-1	Manger	16	2025	1000	3.00	3000	€13,101.31	
								€249,125.31	
1	232/267	Pettigo rd and Tullyearl	17	2025			0	€35,136.00	
2	L18352	Galadoo	17	2025	1350	3.5	4725	€25,997.68	
3	L18353	Benson Hill	17	2025	1100	3.5	3850	€21,175.00	
4	L20952-1	Ballykilowen Carbons	17	2025	950	3.5	3325	€18,287.00	
5	L7035-1	Kilgoal Gospel hall	17	2025	1500	3.5	5250	€28,875.00	Started
6	L2185-3	Ballintra/Shannagh rd	17	2025	1200	4.5	5400	€29,700.00	
7	L6925-1	Lisnapaste Sean Gallagher rd	17	2025	1300	3.5	4550	€25,025.00	Started
8	L6945-1	Rath Garys Brae	17	2025	1000	3.5	3500	€19,250.00	Started
9	L21851	Ballynakillew mt Moor Lands	17	2025	1200	3.5	4200	€23,100.00	
10	L80351-1	Tievermore Coltons rd	17	2025	950	3.5	3325	€18,287.50	
11	L68152	Druminardagh Maxwells rd	17	2025	600	3.5	2100	€11,550.00	Started
12	L2265-3	Crocknacunny Floods	17	2025	1200	3.75	4500	€24,750.00	
								€281,133.18	

€1,030,078.67

2025 Road Improvement Programme

No	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Eng Area	Year	Length (m)	Width (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)	Status
Draft 2025 Road Improvement Programme									
1	R262-3	Frosses - Glenties (Binbane)	14	2025	750	6	4500	€171,000.00	
2	L1515-2	Ardaghey - Ardara (Meenabradder	14	2025	800	7	5600	€160,000.00	
3	L1845-3	Ballydevitt - Altadoo	14	2025	600	6	3600	€108,000.00	
4	L1375-3-4	Leagan - Croagh	14	2025	700	3.5	2450	€80,000.00	Started
5	L1615-2	Lettermore - Meentacor	14	2025	900	3	2700	€85,000.00	Started
6	L56375	Edrim Glebe - Dromore upper (War	14	2025	650	3.2	2080	€70,000.00	
7	L5975-1	Drumgorman	14	2025	850	3.5	2975	€70,000.00	
8	LT16251	Ardaghey OLD N56	14	2025	200	5.5	1100	€33,000.00	
9	L1685-4	Sallows - Letterfad	14	2025	1150	3.3	3795	€110,000.00	Started
10	L1485/2	Breuter - Tieveooley	14	2025	1500	3.3	4950	€106,000.00	Started
11	L5735/1	Meenawullaghan - Tieveooley	14	2025	750	3.3	2475	€58,129.17	Started
								€1,051,129.17	
1	R-263-7	Drumnafinnagle - Kilcar Jn	15	2025	450	8	3,600	€99,241.00	Started
2	R-263-2 & L-1355	Killybegs streets	15	2025	500	6	3,750	€150,000.00	
3	LP1345-2	Binroe - Ballyloughlan	15	2025	750	4	3,000	€110,000.00	Started
4	LT10354	Cashelhill (Picnic Area)	15	2025	400	3	1,200	€45,000.00	Started
5	L55435-1	Drumanoo	15	2025	1000	3.5	3,500	€80,000.00	
6	L55565-1	Gibbertstown town towards Calham	15	2025	900	3	2,700	€95,000.00	
7	LP1335-1	Carricknagore	15	2025	1000	4	4,000	€150,000.00	
8	L55215-1&2	Derrylaghan	15	2025	900	3.5	3,150	€110,000.00	
9	LT10251	Creevin, Carrick	15	2025	750	3	2,250	€60,000.00	
10	LP1265-1	Glenlee roundabout - Drumbarity	15	2025	600	5.5	3,300	€110,000.00	Started
11	L55555	Tullaghacullion (Salt Barn Rd)	15	2025	500	5	2,500	€86,430.25	
								€1,095,671.25	
1	R267	Bundoran	16	2025	187	10.00	1870	€80,000.00	
2	L2465-1	Ballyshannon	16	2025	280	7.50	2100	€80,000.00	
3	R231	Rosstownlagh	16	2025	400	8.5	3400	€118,853.05	
4	L7615-2	Garvanagh	16	2025	550	3.50	1925	€61,000.00	Started
5	L2335-4 to L	Derries	16	2025	1000	3.50	3500	€112,000.00	
6	L2365-1	Cashelard	16	2025	1100	6.20	6200	€136,400.00	Completed
7	L7775-2	Tullyhorkey	16	2025	450	6.00	2700	€82,000.00	
8	L2535-2	Higginstown (Continuation of 2024	16	2025	500	5.00	2500	€80,000.00	Started
9	L7285-1	Ballyalla	16	2025	600	3.30	2880	€50,000.00	Started
10	L7335-1	Glaskerragh- Tamur	16	2025	1000	3.20	3200	€80,000.00	Started
11	R920	Clyhore	16	2025	200	7.00	1400	€53,786.00	Started
12	L7795-2	Corlea	16	2025	1325	3.50	4637.5	€102,000.00	Started
13	L2535-2	Higginstown (To flyover, continuati	16	2026	400	5.00	2000	€65,000.00	Started
14	L2565-1	Magheras	16	2026	400	5.00	2000	€0.00	
								€1,101,039.05	
1	232-5-6	Pettogo Rd	17	2025	900	6	5400	€150,000.00	
2	R267 & L-1905-0	Donegal Streets	17	2025				€100,000.00	
3	L2165-1	N15 to Murvagh Crossroads	17	2025	950	6	5700	€172,000.00	Started
4	L6935-1	Knockbane	17	2025	850	3.5	2975	€59,500.00	Started
5	L6685-1	Aughlem-Straness	17	2025	1000	3.5	3500	€70,000.00	Completed
6	L6665-1	Finnadoos-Drumadoney	17	2025	1000	3.5	3500	€70,000.00	Started
7	L2125-5	Kellys Bridge rd	17	2025	1000	3.5	3500	€70,000.00	Completed
8	L6715-1	Drumbar-Drumgowan	17	2025	1000	3.5	3500	€70,000.00	Completed
9	L8035-1	Tievemore to old PO	17	2025	950	3.5	3325	€66,500.00	Started
10	L8065-1	Lettercran Extension	17	2025	1200	3.5	4200	€84,000.00	Completed
11	L6675	Drummeny Middle- Upper	17	2025	1200	3.5	4200	€84,000.00	Started
12	L6785-1	Drumlast	17	2025	1000	3.5	3500	€70,000.00	
13	L6895-1	Trummon East	17	2025	700	3.5	2450	€49,070.00	Completed
	L2175-1 & L7165-2	Bridgetown	17	2025	500	6.5	3250	€95,493.52	
								€1,210,563.52	
								€4,458,402.99	TOTAL

Donegal MD footpath repair & public lighting infill works

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

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

2025 Drainage Grant

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

Donegal MD Community Involvement Schemes 2025

Project Number	RSS Area	Road Number	Road Name	Length of work (m)	Total Area of work	Overall Cost of work	% LC	LC	WIL	Budget	Status
			To be agreed when funding is announced								

Donegal MD
2025 LIS Priority List -

2025 Budget

DMD % 18.6715%

DMD Budget €191,166.00

Total							
RIS Area	Location	Percentage of budget	Budget	No	LIS No	Townland	Engineers cost estimate
14	Ardaghey	43.08%	€82,354.31	1	170182	Sallows	€11,200.00
				2	170823	Letterbarrow	€18,000.00
				3	170666	Keelogs	€28,160.00
				4	170822	Drumlineary	€19,246.00
				5	210024	Stonepark, Mountcharles	€8,060.00
15	Killybegs	28.85%	€55,151.39	6	170672	Dachtan	€40,000.00
16	Ballyshannon	10.28%	€19,651.86	7	180139	Ednagor, Ballyshannon	€38,000.00
17	Laghey	17.79%	€34,008.43	8	170514	Cashelenny	€28,500.00
			€191,166.00				
Total							€191,166.00
Budget							€191,166.00
Balance							€0.00

Donegal Municipal District

Roads & Transportation Workshop

Date: 29th April 2025

Time: 15:00pm

Venue: On-Line

Present: Cllr Noel Jordan, Cllr Michael Naughton, Cllr Michael McMahon,
Cllr Jimmy Brogan, Cllr Niamh Kennedy, Cllr Michael Boyle.
Mark Sweeney (Area Roads Office).

Topic discussed:

1. 2025 LIS priority list

The Members were presented with a complete list of Local Improvement Schemes (LIS) and were asked to agree a priority list of works for the 2025 funding.

The funding available to the DMS this year is €191,166.00 and detailed below are a list of the schemes that were prioritised.

This programme is to be formally agreed at the DMD meeting scheduled for 13th May 2025.

2025 LIS Funding - List of prioritised schemes

Ref_No	Date Received	ADDRESS	Work Area	Amount
170672	08/09/2017	Dachtan	15	€40,000.00
180139	13/03/2018	Ednagor, Ballyshannon	16	€38,000.00
170182	06/09/2017	Sallows	14	€11,200.00
170823	08/09/2017	Letterbarrow	14	€18,000.00
170666	08/09/2017	Keelogs	14	€28,160.00
170822	08/09/2017	Drumineary	14	€19,246.00
210024	29/06/2021	Stonepark, Mountcharles	14	€8,060.00
170514	08/09/2017	Cashelenny	17	€28,500.00

Amount €191,166.00

Budget €191,166.00

Balance €0.00

The members also agreed that the following list of LIS schemes will be prioritised for the next round of funding when it becomes available.

Ref_No	Date Received	ADDRESS	Work Area	Amount
1708610	8/9/17	Ballysaggart	14	€32,900
180024	7/3/18	Eglish	14	€31,680
170684	8/9/17	Ballyloughan	15	€33,000
170822	8/9/17	Drumineary	14	€18,361

Minutes compiled by:

Mark Sweeney
A/SEE Roads & Transportation Office,
Donegal Municipal District.



Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall
Donegal County Council

Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services Directorate

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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
1st May 2025	Donegal Tech Advocates Event	The next Donegal Tech Advocates event, will be held on May 1 st at Letterkenny PSC from 8:30am – 10:30am. This event is an excellent opportunity for businesses across Donegal within the tech sector to knowledge-share, collaborate, and network with others in the industry and key individuals who can assist with business development supports and advice.	Elaine Whoriskey - Economic Development Officer Ewhoriskey@donegalcoco.ie 087 1603942
14th to 17th May 2025	156 th Balmoral Show	The 156th Balmoral Show will take place from Wednesday 14th May to Saturday 17th May 2025 at the Eikon Exhibition Centre, Lisburn. Donegal Tourism will be promoting the tourism offering of the county and distributing brochures at the show along with representatives from the tourism sector from each Municipal District.	Joy Browne Tourism Manager 0870619360 Joybrowne@donegalcoco.ie

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
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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	2,797	5,621
Twitter	1,542	3,362
Instagram	1,157	5,589
Facebook	8,143	2,242
Donegal.ie	4.3K Web Users	

7 News Items Published.

March 18th -14th April 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. The next Donegal Tech Advocates event of 2025 will take place in Letterkenny PSC on May 1st.

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.

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

Donegal 2040 DAC

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

Update on Projects:

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

ALPHA Host Skillnet Innovation Exchange Preview in Advance of Donegal Launch: ALPHA Innovation, in collaboration with Inishowen Innovation, Platform 94 held a lunchtime briefing showcasing the opportunities and benefits of the Skillnet Innovation Exchange for North West businesses as part of Local Enterprise Week.

The briefing took place in-person at the Inishowen Innovation Centre, Buncrana and demonstrated how the opportunity connects large corporations with smaller companies. This aims to remove the barriers for smaller providers who often find it difficult to get in front of large organisations. Thanks to this innovation marketplace, local businesses are invited to speak directly with key decision-makers within these large corporations and win contracts at the end of the process.

Challenges have been published by companies such as Ryanair, Elvery Sports & AXA Insurance, with 25 deals done to date. The event was a preview for a Donegal launch which will take place in the coming months.

Startup Bootcamp Kicking off in Letterkenny from March to June:

15 entrepreneurially minded individuals have successfully won a place on ALPHA Innovation's [2025 Startup Bootcamp](#) programme

ALPHA Innovation's Bootcamp 2025 Programme kicks off in CoLab, Letterkenny on Saturday 29th of March and will bring a cohort of founders, co-founders and volunteers through 8 in-person workshops, where they test the commercial viability of their business ideas. An open call for applications was announced in March, with the numbers subsequently filtered during a competitive process.

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.

This year, ALPHA invited applications from volunteers to shadow founders. Once again, highly skilled individuals are traveling from as far away as Dublin to share their domain expertise. The cohort includes project managers, software developers, designers, lecturers, engineers, and a local GP. The group are developing startups in areas such as Design, Engineering, Sustainability, Green Regulation, Compliance technology, and MedTech.

Attending each Saturday, founders iterate templates developed by ALPHA for quickly iterating problem framing, value proposition statements, and problem-solution fit based on peer-to-peer feedback.

They next move into a phase that adds additional layers of evidence and determines whether their market opportunity is sufficiently large and worth addressing in the first place. Additional modules include routes to market, experiments & testing, and a range of important metrics startups need to be aware of to build a financially viable business model.

The cohort is also conducting Customer Development interviews and will uncover deeper insights and trends from the market about the problem they are tackling. At this point, they often experience a pivot to a more compelling opportunity around this stage as fresh evidence surfaces.

The programme will culminate with 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.

Workshop arranged with the Donegal MD 7th May regarding Section 183

Operation & Management of Burtonport Enterprise Centre (Post Construction)

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

Workshop arranged with the Glenties MD 13th May regarding Section 183

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

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

Olivia Gallen,
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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
<p>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.</p> <p>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</p>
<p>Contact Persons</p> <p>Daniel Mc Chrystal – Senior Economic Development Officer dmcchrystal@doneglcoco.ie 087 614 7496</p> <p>Mairead Carlin – Senior Economic Development Officer mcarlin@donegal.coco.ie</p>

1.2: Tourism Marketing Unit

Project Activity
<p>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.</p>
<p>Balmoral Show 2025: The 156th Balmoral Show will take place from Wednesday 14th May to Saturday 17th May 2025 at the Eikon Exhibition Centre, Lisburn. Donegal Tourism will be promoting the tourism offering of the county and distributing brochures at the show along with representatives from the tourism sector from each Municipal District. To date 15 businesses from across County Donegal have expressed an interest in attending. Over 110k people attend Balmoral Show and this provides an excellent opportunity to promote Donegal to the domestic and Northern Ireland markets.</p>
<p>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. Donegal Tourism will run 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'.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>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. We have identified a Walking Ambassador for several walks to capture insights and experiences. Filming is scheduled to commence on the 28th April with final videos due June.</p>
<p>Donegal Golf Brochure: The brochure has been distributed to golf clubs across the county and the launch will take place on Friday May 9th. The brochure is also available as a digital download from https://www.govisitdonegal.com/brochures-and-maps</p>
<p>Go Visit Donegal Website: Development of the new Go Visit Donegal website is continuing and is currently at the design stage. Content creation is also being worked on concurrently.</p>
<p>Trade Newsletter: A monthly newsletter continues to be distributed by email to tourism and hospitality trade members in the county outlining various updates and news relevant to them.</p>
<p>Donegal Tourism Associate Members Network: Expressions of interest have been sought for representatives from across the tourism sector to join the Donegal Tourism Associate Members Network.</p>

Upon joining, members will have access to a range of benefits including opportunities to take part in trade shows, training and funding supports information, networking events and much more. Elections will take place in May for the Donegal Tourism Associate Members Committee.

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 will be presented to the ED, IS and Emergency Services SPC on 8th 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 a future Plenary Council meeting.

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

TOURBO: Tourism Staff, alongside Donegal Airport's Managing Director Eilís Docherty attended the 4th Interregional TOURBO meeting in Lesvos, Greece from the 10th to the 14th of February. This proved a great opportunity for the TOURBO Partner Consortium to share updates on Policy Improvements and project finance management. Several Project Partners have chosen to adopt Fáilte Ireland's Carbon Calculator, and LEO's Green for Business initiative. It is proposed that Donegal will host our TOURBO Partner meeting at the end of September 2025.

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. Joy Browne and Elaine Whoriskey attended the 4th partner trip to Florence, Italy on the 25th & 26th March with the key focus of this trip being "Community cooperatives and technologies on collaborative economy with a focus on digital nomads". 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 @ Árainn Mhór – MODAM.

Night-Time Economy Buncrana - The procurement process for a delivery agent to manage the second phase of the Night-Time Economy Grant Scheme is in the assessment stage. Expressions of Interest forms have been sent to stakeholders to invite them to be members of the NTE Steering Group. Applications closed on 14th April. NTE applied for the first stage of the 'Home of Halloween' Fáilte Ireland grant scheme, this application has proceeded to the second stage. NTE Action Plan is under review.

GoVisitDonegal.com Website & Social Stats Update

Online & Social Media Updates – Go Visit Donegal March 2025

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

Website: Users 27,716 Up 16% MOM Views 65,077 Up 45% MOM

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

Facebook: Reach: 63,699 Up 87% MOM Views: 91,211 Up 127% MOM

Instagram: Reach: 16,166 Up 126% MOM Views: 79,620 Up 2487% MOM

LinkedIn: Reach: 4,511 Imps, 253 Reactions, 2,107 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. Workshops being arranged for each MD.

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. Applications will be scored and applicants notified of the results in due course. 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**

ICC – Intelligent Cities Challenge: Donegal County Council is a partner along with Derry City and Strabane District Council on the EU funded Intelligent Cities Challenge project led by ERNACT. As one of 64 cities and city regions across Europe, Ireland's North-West City Region is actively participating in the European Commission's Intelligent Cities Challenge 2.0 initiative (ICC). This project requires a Local Green Deal (LGD), aimed at creating tangible actions for change through strategic public-private partnerships. These partnerships bring together businesses, local authorities, and communities to drive sustainable initiatives forward.

Networks: The SFU continues to participate in key networks such as the CPMR (Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions) and the AER (Assembly of European Regions), alongside ongoing engagement with the IREO (Irish Regions European Office). As our new team progresses, we are actively researching and highlighting funding opportunities across various sectors within DCC. Our approach involves identifying funding, partnerships, and collaborative projects that align with our objectives and the corporate plan of DCC.

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.

Contact Person

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2. Local Enterprise Office

May 2025 (figures provided @ 31st March 2025)

Grant Aid (M1) – The first EVAC meeting of 2025 took place on 25th February 2025. 6 Donegal businesses were approved Feasibility, Start Up and Expansion grants totaling €139,742.50 which allowed them to employ staff, invest in machinery, and/or invest in research and development. The next EVAC is taking place on 29th April 2025.

Trading Online Vouchers: 30 approvals to the value of €63,779 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: 53 business applicants have been approved up to 12 hours expert mentoring in 2025 to date.

Training: 575 attendees have participated in 17 Courses held year to date.

Digital For Business: 5 applications were approved to a value of €16,605.

Green For Micro/Green for Business/Green Start: 7 applicants approved for these sustainability supports to a value of €15,498.

Energy Efficiency Grants: 1 applicant approved for this support to a value of €10,000.

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

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 due to take place from March-May 2025.

Scála Business Accelerator Programme: An 11-week Accelerator Programme aimed at scale-up entrepreneurs, with the potential for fast growth is due to commence on April 30th.

Start Your Own Business Programmes (SYOB): The Start Your Own Business Programme commenced in January and so far, 3 SYOB courses have been held, all of which were fully booked (72 attendees to date). The next course is starting on 6th May 2025, and places are currently available.

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. During April, a virtual clinic took place on April 11th with an in-person session on April 25th in the Inishowen Innovation Hub (the ii) Buncrana.

The Food Academy programme supports and develops small food and drink producers through the journey from start up to getting their products ready and on shelves in SuperValu stores. The programme consist of 10 half day workshops and the closing date for applications was 4th April 2025.

The Food Starter Programme is commencing on September 19th and will be advertised shortly. 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.

Student Enterprise Programme The deadline for the Student Enterprise Programme National Final was the 8th of April. Our county winners, at Senior, Intermediate & Junior categories, have been diligently preparing their business plans with the expert guidance of mentor, Emma Boylan. This year, the National Final will be held in Mullingar on Thursday, the 8th of May, where the most enterprising students from across the country will showcase their businesses and compete for the top awards in each category. The event is a celebration of innovation, creativity, and entrepreneurial spirit among second-level students nationwide. We wish all our young entrepreneurs the very best of luck as they prepare to represent Donegal on the national stage.

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.

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

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3. Information Services

Information Services (IS)

ESRI Ireland Customer Success Awards

Our Local Election 2024 Hub site was awarded the Judges Choice at the recent ESRI Ireland Customer Success Awards, April 10th. The awards are a recognition of GIS excellence across both the public and private sectors. The Election hub was a one stop shop of election information for both the candidates and the public. It included resources for candidates including nominations forms, deadlines, guidance etc and information for the public on polling day such as where's my polling station map, Candidate's dashboard, real-time results during the counts and post-election results analysis etc.



Visit of the LGMA Chief Information Officer

The Chief Information Officer with the LGMA, Mr. Sabahat Khan, together with members of his team, met with the Chief Executive and Directors recently to present the objectives of the national digital strategy ([Digital Local Government: Working for Everyone](#)) and to hear about the current priorities and challenges facing Donegal County Council. A follow up meeting with the Information Systems Division focused on insights into current ICT projects and their alignment with the national strategy.



Microsoft Briefing

Members of the Information Systems Division participated in an interactive briefing session with Microsoft recently to explore the range of capabilities offered within the Microsoft Suite of products. This afforded an opportunity to look at a range of software tools to meet various business challenges including communications, data storage, and cybersecurity. The Division engages with Microsoft through the LGMA led Enterprise agreement.

COPOWER Project

Objective: The COPOWER project aims to develop a community-based Virtual Power Plant (cVPP) and a viable business model to support it in five communities across Finland, Iceland, Ireland, and the Faroe Islands.

Donegal County Council represents Ireland and has chosen the site of a former army barracks, Lifford to pilot the coordination of Solar PV, Battery Storage, and other Distributed Energy Resources (DERs) using virtual power plant technology. This will provide real-time information on energy resource usage, maximize renewable energy onsite, and optimize the use of available DERs.

Project Scope and Timeline:

- **Key Milestone 1:** Completed implementation by June 2025.
- **Key Milestone 2:** Final reporting and presentation by March 2026.
- **Forecasting:** On electricity, solar, battery, and weather.
- **Liaison:** With other pilot participants.

This project aims to enhance energy efficiency and sustainability through innovative technology and community collaboration.

If successful, this pilot project could serve as a model for other council-owned buildings in Donegal. By using renewable energy more effectively, the project aims to help the council meet Ireland's climate targets and reduce pressure on the national electricity grid.

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4. Emergency Services

4.1 – Fire Service

Fire Service Monthly MD Report (May)


Activity	Number of: (March) ¹			Total for year	
<u>Fire Service Operations</u>					
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	73			209	
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades) **:	91			247	
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS)) **:	9			30	
<u>Operational Activity Breakdown March 2025</u>	Turnouts			Incidents in County	
	Fires	Special Services	Standby	Fires	Special Services
Donegal Fire Service	50	40	1	33	34
Northern Ireland Fire Service	4	5	-	3	3
Sub Total	54	45	1	36	37
Total	100			73	
<u>Fire Prevention</u>					
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	6			31	
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	25			N/A	
Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by the Fire Officer and waiting for Further	58			N/A	

Information from the Applicant / Agent:		
Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	12	28
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	5	6
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	0	2
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	3	5
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	4	17
Fire Safety Complaints received:	5	7
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	4	7
During Performance Inspections carried out:	0	0
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	5 ²	12



1. **Current data is only available up to the end of March 2025.**
2. **As part of its community fire safety programme, Stranorlar Fire Brigade, Falcarragh Fire Brigade & Buncrana Fire Brigade delivered 4 no. fire safety presentations and Letterkenny Fire Brigade also completed 1 no. home fire safety visit.**




ENVIRONMENT REPORT – May 2025

Activity / Project Title	Public Service Announcements (PSA's) - Running on local radio stations in May	
Description/ Activity	<p>Septic tanks - National Inspection Plan</p> <p>Donegal Co. Council are carrying out septic tank inspections across the county and would like to remind homeowners to check the condition of their wastewater treatment systems, for signs of sewage overflows, blockages, pools of effluent on lawns or in nearby ditches and streams. Direct all soiled water from sinks, showers, dishwashers & washing machines to the septic tank, but not rain water, and if it hasn't been emptied for the last few years, please get it cleaned out by a permitted contractor who will dispose of it properly. Further details on how to protect your health and environment are on our website.</p>	
Contact Person	<p>Joe Ferry joe.ferry@donegalcoco.ie</p>	

Activity / Project Title	Licence to Discharge Trade Effluent	
Description/ Activity	<p>In advance of the summer tourist season, Donegal County Council will be conducting a survey of wastewater treatment provision in businesses offering tourist accommodation</p> <p>Any business such as a hotel, caravan or camping park, or Guest House discharging domestic sewage in volume greater than 5 cubic metres in any period of 24 hours to an aquifer 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.</p>	 <p>Other trade effluents which require a discharge licence include effluents arising from quarries, cement product manufacturers, fish processors, smolt farms, and various industrial & manufacturing companies.</p> <p>If a company discharges a trade effluent, they are legally obliged to hold a licence.</p> <p>Further information and application forms are available on the Council website at:</p> <p>https://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/environment/pollutioncontrol/water%20pollution/#EffluentDischargeLicences</p>
Contact Person	<p>Joe Ferry joe.ferry@donegalcoco.ie</p>	

Activity / Project Title	Bathing Waters 2025 season
Description/ Activity	<p>The 2025 Bathing Season will commence officially on the 1st June and the Council's Central Lab will be carrying out pre-season sampling at designated bathing waters from late May.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> <p><i>Figure 1. Turbulent Day Sampling Kilahoe</i> <i>Figure 2. Brighter Side of Life - Dooley Beach</i></p> <p>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.</p>
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Activity / Project Title	National Agricultural Inspection Plan
Description/ Activity	<p>Donegal County Council are carrying out farm inspections under the Good Agricultural Practice Regulations, focusing on areas of the county where agriculture has been linked to poor water quality. The target number of first-time inspections for 2025 is 215.</p> <p>These inspections focus on farmyards, slurry & soiled water storage capacity, fertiliser use and minimisation of soiled water. Farmers received advance notice through the post giving at least a week to prepare for the inspection, and a final report was issued after completion. The main issues continue to centre around collection and holding of farm effluent and the control of soiled water in farmyards.</p> <p>For the summer months, the focus of inspections will be on sheep farms, with the disposal of spent dip a key area for attention, given the severe impacts on water quality in some upland catchments.</p> 
Contact Person	Patrick Gallagher

Activity / Project Title	Big Donegal Clean-Up Campaign 2025
Project Description/ Activity	<p>The launch for the 2025 Big Donegal Clean-Up campaign took place on a beautiful sunny day at the pier in Donegal town where more than 70 people came together in a celebration of collaboration and community.</p> <p>The Environment team of Donegal County Council who organised the event would like to thank everyone who took part with an extra special thank you to the Transition Year students from the Abbey Vocational School and their teachers Seamus Maguire, Emer O'Mahoney and Michelle Gallagher. The students demonstrated exceptional behaviour on the day. They were involved in every aspect from set up to clean up and their positive involvement was acknowledged by all in attendance.</p> <p>Jono Griffin from Wild & Free Adventure Co helped the students on a Monster SUP to remove waste from the water and over half a tonne was gathered from around the pier. The students were a credit to their parents and teachers on the day and a refreshing representation of the next generation.</p> <p>Get involved This campaign sees the Council supporting individuals, groups, businesses and organisations in arranging their own clean-ups. The Council provides bags, gloves and litter pickers while also taking care of the collection of rubbish once it has been bagged.</p> <p>The Council is also planning to promote clean-ups on its social media pages. You can share your photos via the following sites:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Twitter @DonegalCouncil 2. Facebook @donegalcoco <p>To sign up for this year's Big Donegal Clean-Up call 074 91 53900, call to your local Council office or visit www.donegalcoco.ie.</p> <p>Donegal County Council will provide equipment such as litter pickers, bags, gloves, Hi Vis vests and arrange for the collection of the gathered litter afterwards.</p> <p>Groups should also register with An Taisce's National Spring Clean campaign in April and be part of the national campaign https://nationalspringclean.org/</p>
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Municipal District of Donegal

13th May 2025

1. Playgrounds 2025

- a. Annual Maintenance of Playgrounds

2. Faite Ireland Platforms for Growth & Destination Towns

- a. Bundoran Destination Towns
- b. Platforms for Growth Tullan Strand

3. Rural Programmes

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| a. Largy Coastal Walk | ORIS - PMM |
| b. Rossylongan | ORIS – M2 |
| c. Laghey Sensory Garden | CLAR – M1 |
| d. Glenlee Forest Trail | CLAR – M1 |
| e. Aodh Ruadh Park, Ballyshannon | CLAR – M1 |
| f. Meenaneary Community Centre | CLAR – M1 |
| g. Teelin Community Centre | CLAR – M1 |
| h. Laghey Parish Hall & Playground | T&V |

4. Leader

5. PEACEPLUS Programme 2022-2027

6. Social Inclusion

7. Donegal PPN



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Municipal District: Donegal

Activity / Project Update: May 2025

Activity / Project Title	Playgrounds 2025
Project Description/Activity	<p>Annual maintenance of Playgrounds</p> <p>Works consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replacement of broken and damaged equipment. • Carry out repairs to safety surfaces.
Budget (if applicable)	
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual safety inspections complete. • Tender assessment underway for maintenance contractor. • Repairs are underway and will continue throughout 2025.
<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue playground repair works as required.
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Activity / Project Title	Bundoran Destination Towns (Fáilte Ireland Co-Funded)
Project Description/Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of artwork on the three approach roundabouts to Bundoran; Tullaghan/Drumacrin/Finner • Installation of wayfinding signage throughout Bundoran • Streetscape improvement works to; Central Lane/Renisan's Lane/Meehan's Lane
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Architect appointed to delivery the project. • Part 8 Planning secured for the wayfinding signage and streetscape improvement works. • Tender documents/detailed designs being prepared for the wayfinding signage and streetscape improvement works. • Artist selected for the roundabout artwork, contract documents being completed. • Artist contract documents completed and issued, site meeting held with Artist and his engineer to discuss the works. • Consultation ongoing with TII regarding approval for Artwork on the N15 roundabouts. • Part 8 Planning Application for the installation of artwork on the Tullaghan, Drumacrin & Finner roundabouts opened to public consultation on the 15th September. • Reviewing detailed designs for the wayfinding signage and streetscape works. • Part 8 planning for the earwork on the Tullaghan, Drumacrin and Finner roundabouts secured at the November 2023 Council meeting. Review meeting held with Artist's design team to commence fabrication of artwork in January 2024. • Reviewing project cost estimates to keep within available budget. • Artwork installed on the Tullaghan roundabout, Drumacrin roundabout and Finner roundabout. • Tender documents published for a contractor to undertake the wayfinding signage and streetscape works. • Assessment of tender submissions complete. • Undertaking a value engineering exercise to bring project inline with available budget. • Contactor appointed and works have commenced. • Works programmed to be completed March 2025. • Public realm works to the three laneways is complete and raised table crossings on Main Street and Atlantic Way complete. • Final design of wayfinding signage underway.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Majority of works planned have been completed, wayfinding signage to be installed early May.
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Activity / Project Update: May 2025

Activity / Project Title	Platforms for Growth Tullan Strand Funded by Fáilte Ireland
Project Description/Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of a Facility Centre for Water Based Activities at Tullan Strand in Bundoran along with improved access to Tullan Strand Beach.
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cross departmental meetings being held with different sections of the Council to fully understand project requirements and future maintenance requirements. Draft tender documents prepared to seek a Consultant to develop site specific designs and secure planning permission. Discussions with local stakeholders and landowners. Meeting held with local stakeholders from Bundoran. Tender documents were published on etenders seeking a professional design team. Submissions received and tender assessment process underway. Consultant identified to undertake the project and scoping of survey works underway. Discussions held with landowners regarding access. Surveys are underway and design works progressing.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue surveys and design work in preparation a planning application to An Bord Pleanála Q2 2025.
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Activity / Project Update: May 2025

Activity / Project Title	Fintra to Largy Coastal Walk
Project Description/Activity	Rural Programmes Project Management Measure
Budget (if applicable)	€ 50,000
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial meeting has taken place with the community group and the landowners. • The draft brief to procure the consultant engineer is ongoing. • The Design Team are investigating the feasibility of the various potential trails. • The project was tendered on the E-tender platform and the tender report is currently being finalised. • The Consultant has been appointed and the initial design work has commenced. • The project is ongoing and on schedule to finished for the end of the year. • A draft report has been Submitted to the DCC for review and will be shared with the community group in the coming weeks. • The ecology report has identified endangers species habitat along the proposed route that will require further studies to be done. • A further meeting with the consultant engineers and the ecologist has occurred in mid-January 2025. • A meeting with the landowners is scheduled for 10th of February. • There were sixteen landowners met in April 2025 to discuss the potential walk.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	The Project will be finished by the end of Q3 2025
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Activity / Project Update: May 2025

Activity / Project Title	Rossylongan ORIS 2024 Measure 2
Project Description/Activity	Upgrade of Paths & Trials in the Rossylongan Forest Park.
Budget (if applicable)	€222,000
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial meeting with Community Group took place in December 2024. • DCC will commence preparing tender documents for this project in January 2025. • DCC intend to put this project out to tender in May 2025
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	This project should be completed by the end of Q4 2025
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Activity / Project Update: May 2025

Activity / Project Title	CLÁR 2023 Measure 1
Project Description/Activity	Laghey Parish Hall Sensory Garden
Budget (if applicable)	€ 55,555
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial meetings with Community Group have taken place. Provisional letter of offer has issued. • The procurement process to appoint an Architect has taken place and is appointed. • The Architect is now finalising the design and preparing tender documents to procure a contractor. • The Contractor is now appointed. • Work has commenced on site. • This project is in its final stages and almost complete.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	This project should be completed by the end of Q2 2025
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Activity / Project Update: May 2025

Activity / Project Title	CLÁR 2023 Measure 1
Project Description/Activity	Glenlee Forest Trail, Killybegs
Budget (if applicable)	€ 55,555
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial meetings with Community group and Coillte has happen. Provisional letter of offer has issued. • Coillte are currently designing the new trail. • This work is almost completed and will be fully completed by mid-May.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	Works to be completed in Q2 of 2025
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Activity / Project Update: May 2025

Activity / Project Title	CLÁR 2024 Measure 1
Project Description/Activity	Aodh Ruadh Park Ballyshannon, Refurbish Spectator Stand
Budget (if applicable)	€ 55,555
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial meetings with the Community group have taken place in December 2024. Provisional Letter of Offer was sent to the Group in January 2025. The procurement is ongoing.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	Procurement to happen in the next 3 months
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Activity / Project Update: May 2025

Activity / Project Title	CLÁR 2024 Measure 1
Project Description/Activity	Meenaneary Community Centre upgrade to electrical systems
Budget (if applicable)	€ 55,555
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial meetings with the Community group have taken place in December 2024. Provisional Letter of Offer has been sent to the Group in January 2025. The procurement is ongoing.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	Procurement to happen in the next 3 months
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Activity / Project Update: May 2025

Activity / Project Title	CLÁR 2024 Measure 1
Project Description/Activity	Teelin Community Centre Thermal Upgrade
Budget (if applicable)	€ 55,555
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial meetings with the Community group have taken place in December 2024. Provisional Letter of Offer has been sent to the Group in January 2025. The procurement is ongoing.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	Procurement to happen in the next 3 months
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Activity / Project Update: May 2025

Activity / Project Title	Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2023
Project Description/Activity	Laghey Parish Hall Extension & Playground
Budget (if applicable)	€ 263,500
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial meetings with Community Group have taken place in recent weeks. • A brief to procure an Architect is being prepared. • Further meetings have taken place with the group focused on playgrounds designs and the scope.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	Procurement to happen in the next 3 months
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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 <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p>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.</p> <p>As of end of March 2025, a total of 19 LEADER projects have been approved by the LAG totalling €570,399.07.</p>
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<p>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.</p> <p>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/</p>
Contact Person	<p>Ciaran Martin cmartin@donegalcoco.ie Administrative Officer, Community Development Division, Donegal County Council</p>



Activity / Project Title	PEACEPLUS Programme 2022-2027 Investment Area 1.1 – Co-designed Local PEACEPLUS Action Plans
Project Description/Activity	<p>The financial allocation awarded to Donegal County Council is €7,635,396.00 which will be allocated across the three core themes as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Local community regeneration and transformation (Six infrastructure investments countywide) 2. Thriving and peaceful communities (Eight countywide programmes and five MD focused) 3. Building respect for all cultural identities (Eight countywide programmes and five MD focused) <p>PEACEPLUS Call The SEUPB opened for submission of PEACEPLUS Plans on 14th June 2023, with a closing period of June 2024.</p>
Partnership	<p>Partnership Meetings to date :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 23rd Sept 2022 Introductory Meeting 2. 30th Nov 2022 3. 31st Jan 2023 4. 21st February 2023 5. 22nd March 2023 6. 25th April 2023 7. 28th June 2023 8. 6th Sept 2023 9. 23rd October 2023 10. 22nd November 2023 11. 1st Oct 2024 12. 19th Feb 2025
Progress to date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-design Process (Stage1-3) Carried out throughout each Electoral Area during 2023 detailed in the application . • Application Submitted to the SEUPB on 8th of February 2024. • Plan approved at SEUPB Steering Committee on 17th June of 2024. • Funding Application for PEACEPLUS Programme – 1.1 Local Area Action Plan for Donegal application Letter received 20th of June 2024. Outlining pre-commencement & project implementation conditions. • Press & social media: 24th June 2024, Funding Announcement & Overview of program released. • Pre-tendering Workshops & Final Co Design Information Session held September 24. • Received Letter of offer from the SEUPB, October 24. • Commencement of Procurement Process for Programmes under themes 2 & 3 Oct 24 with sign posting to EtendersNI. • Attended SEUPB Workshop- Dungannon Oct 24.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented Donegal's Plan to Derry City & Strabane's District Councils Partnership Committee December 24. • Evaluation Committee convened on the 19th of January 25. • Official Launch took place on Wednesday 5th February 2025 with press & social media. • The Members of the PEACEPLUS Partnership ratified 20 tenders under themes 2&3 on the 19th of February 25. • Approved successful & unsuccessful letters issued Feb/March 25. • OPG Issued Mini-Competition for the provision of Audit Services for Donegal County Council has been published to the Framework Members on the 24th of March 25.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	Q2 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation Committee to convene beginning of April 25 • Host Pre-Contract meetings & sign contracts Mid-April 25 • Complete tender Process of 24 out of 26 Programmes under Themes 2& 3 Q2 2025 • Commencement of 6 Capital Project Under Theme 1 Q2 2025 • Commence Delivery of 24 Programmes under Themes 2& 3 Q2 2025 • Issue Donegal's Spring 25 Newsletter -April 25
Contact Person	<p>Pauline Smyth: peace@donegalcoco.ie</p> <p>Programme details can be found on our PEACEPLUS Council Web Pg: https://www.donegalcoco.ie/community/peaceplus/co-designedlocalactionplanoverview/</p>



	<p>Social Inclusion Unit</p>
<p>Progress to date and current status</p>	<p>One Donegal – Social Inclusion Week 2025</p> <p>One Donegal Social Inclusion Week was a resounding success, with an impressive 134 events held across the county. This vibrant week-long celebration aimed to promote inclusion, connection, and community spirit, reaching people of all ages and backgrounds.</p> <p>A key highlight of the week was the emphasis on showcasing events and activities that are available throughout the year, not just during Social Inclusion Week. These include walking groups, men’s sheds, women’s circles, creative workshops, and cultural meetups. Many of these events provided a welcoming gateway for new members to get involved in their local communities, while also encouraging previous participants to re-engage and reconnect with familiar faces.</p>  <p>The week served as a powerful reminder of the importance of ongoing social opportunities in combating isolation and fostering a sense of belonging. Feedback from participants highlighted the joy of making new friends, discovering local resources, and rekindling old connections.</p> <p>Donegal Social Inclusion Week not only celebrated community but also strengthened it—leaving a lasting impact that will be felt well beyond the week itself.</p> <p>EU Belong</p> <p>The EU Belong project was an initiative focused on promoting regional integration, social inclusion, and the sharing of best practices among European regions. It aimed to strengthen partnerships, foster collaboration, and encourage sustainable development across local communities. The final conference a Regional Approach for an Intercultural Europe Strasbourg, 25-26 March 2025 was attended by Cathaoirleach Niamh Kennedy, Paddy Doherty Divisional Manager Community Development and Christina O'Donnell Project Manager of EU Belong. We engaged with representatives from various regions, exchanging insights and contributing to discussions on regional development.</p> <p>During the conference, one of the key moments occurred at the meeting in the Council of Europe, where EU Belong partners acknowledged the efforts of Donegal County Council in fostering regional collaboration. It was inspiring to hear the positive feedback from</p>

other regions, particularly regarding Donegal's leadership in supporting the development of strong partnerships and its role in guiding other regions.

In addition to the EU Belong conference, Cathaoirleach Niamh Kennedy also had the honour of attending the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, where she signed, on behalf of Donegal, to become a member of the Intercultural Regions Network. This is an exciting next step forward, as the network will allow us to continue building connections and collaborating on initiatives related to intercultural integration and inclusion. The Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) will continue to play an active role in this network, furthering our commitment to intercultural dialogue and cooperation.

EU Belong final conference reinforced the positive impact of Donegal's work in regional development and intercultural cooperation. It was inspiring to see our efforts recognised by our European partners.



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Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Pobail Dhún na nGall Public Participation Network Donegal

Activity / Project Update

April/May 2025

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Public Participation Network (Donegal PPN)
Project Description/Activity	Link through which organisations from the Community & Voluntary, Social Inclusion & Environment Sectors have a voice on Council decision making bodies and other structures. Networking, Information & Capacity Building for Community Groups.
Budget (if applicable)	€135,500 per annum
Progress to date within the last two months inclusive of current status	<p>PPN membership now stands at 782 registered organisations. Donegal MD 157, Glenties MD 177, Inishowen MD 144, Letterkenny MD 213, Stranorlar MD 91. Donegal PPN have 62 Representatives on 24 different Committees and Boards.</p> <p>Donegal PPN Plenary Event Donegal PPN's first Plenary event in 2025 will take place on 29th April in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny at 6.30pm. The theme is 'Funding Opportunities & Advice'</p> <p>Donegal PPN Training</p> <p>Funding Workshops Donegal PPN's third Funding Workshop takes place in the 5 Municipal District in May. The theme is 'Evaluation & Reporting'</p> <p>Stranorlar MD – Finn Valley FRC – 1st May Letterkenny/Milford MD – Gallowglas CC, Milford – 6th May Donegal MD – Donegal FRC - 12th May Inishowen MD – Moville FRC – 13th May Glenties MD – Creeslough Hub – 14th May</p> <p>Donegal PPN in partnership with Irvine Training Public Speaking Workshop for Community Groups Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny on 22nd May at 1.30pm All Welcome - Register Mclyde@donegalcoco.ie</p> <p>Donegal PPN in Partnership with The Central Statistics Office Donegal Census Roadshow In Letterkenny Public Services Centre 15th May at 11.00am All Welcome - Register Mclyde@donegalcoco.ie</p> <p>The aim of the roadshow is to inform and educate on the following:</p>

	<p>The changes to Census 2027, when the option to complete the form online will be introduced for the first time</p> <p>Insights into the 2022 Census results</p> <p>A demonstration on how to harness Census data on the CSO website</p> <p>All Welcome - Register Mclyde@donegalcoco.ie</p> <p>North West Regional PPN Network meet with Minister Dara Calleary in Ballina, Co Mayo on 9th May</p>
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	<p>Secretariat Meeting – 22nd May, Letterkenny PSC</p> <p>National PPN Meeting – 9th June in Trinity House, Dublin</p> <p>Regional PPN Meeting – 9th May, Ballina, Co Mayo</p> <p>PPN Linkage Group Meetings – June & November</p>
Contact Person (to include telephone number & e-mail address)	<p>Mary Clyde / Annette McGrenra</p> <p>074 9153900</p> <p>donegalppn@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Donegal MD Meeting 13th May 2025

PLANNING REPORT

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		Donegal MD	To end April 2025
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3	Notes & Monthly Schedule	<p>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.</p> <p><u>Planning Clinics 2025</u> 8th May, 2025 22nd May, 2025 5th June, 2025 19th June, 2025</p> <p>Please see website for further dates. Planning Advice Clinics Donegal County Council</p>	
4	Casual Trading		
5	Regeneration & Development	See Appendix A	
6	Building Control & Taking in Charge		
7	Central Planning Unit		
8	Capital Projects Delivery Unit	See Appendix B	
9	Conservation		
10	Further Information <i>Click on web links to access information.</i>	<p>Weekly List of applications and decisions: Weekly Lists Donegal County Council</p> <p>Planning Service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service): planning@donegalcoco.ie</p> <p>Planning Webpage: Planning Donegal County Council</p> <p>Planning Application Online Query – Search a Planning Application Donegal County Council</p> <p>File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and planning search requests: fillable-file-retrieval-planning-application-number-search-request-form.pdf</p>	

APPENDIX A

Regeneration & Development Team Community Development and Planning Services

REPORT TO THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETINGS Q2 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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">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 FundingWorkshop held with the Members of the Donegal MD on the 16th January 2025.
Ramelton Re- imagined/Historic Town Centre	Category 2	€249,159	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Project with CPDU for delivery.

	Category 1 (2022)	€7,949,868	
Burtonport Phase II	Category 1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property with CPDU for delivery. • Team support delivery through participation on Project Steering Group.
Repowering Buncrana	Category 2 (3 rd Call)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property with CPDU for delivery. • Team support delivery through participation on Project Steering Group.
Rathmullan (in partnership with The Way Forward Rathmullan CLG).			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 8 approved February 2023. • Unsuccessful for funding under Call 5 in May 2024. • Project submitted for RRDF Category 2 Funding Call that closed on the 14th March 2025.
Milford Town Centre First Plan		€100,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Centre First Plan launched November 2023 • GM Design Associates preparing a statutory planning scheme for the lands at Lower Mount Marian. • Engagement with stakeholders ongoing. • DCC to progress other priority projects identified in the Plan. • Projects to be targeted for future funding calls.
Glenties Town Centre First Plan		€30,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GM Design Associates appointed to assist with preparation of the Plan. • Engagement with the Glenties Town Team ongoing. • Work ongoing to prepare the Plan. • Walkability Audit undertaken in December 2024.

Creeslough Village Plan and Community Regeneration Project (in association with the Creeslough Working Group, Creeslough Community Association and Arup).			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village Plan launched 21st March 2024. • Part 8 for Community Regeneration Project approved in September 2023. • Project successfully awarded funding of €12.1m under Call 5 in May 2024 (total project value is €13.5m). • GM Designs appointed in March 2025 to prepare detailed designs. • Project with CPDU for delivery.
Moville Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan.		€24,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Thereafter, workshop will be arranged with the MD Members to agree the final Plan.
Dungloe		€50,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding allocation under Town and Village Renewal to advance design and planning consent for public realm works at Main Stret, Dungloe. • Tender issued to procure external design team. • Tender assessment currently underway.
Creeslough Minor Tourism Works		€50,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works being designed in-house and contractor to be procured.
Bundoran Regeneration Plan		€15,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tender to be issued imminently to procure external support to prepare the Plan.
Downings Action Plan/Project Plan		Inhouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial preliminary meeting held inhouse to identify planned projects and/or funded projects.

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

Falcarragh Town Team.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial discussions ongoing to establish a Falcarragh Town Team and public consultation event to be held on the 30th April 2025.
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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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed 2022. 2 Letterkenny Urban Regeneration site. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DCC took possession of the former ESB site and adjacent lands through a CPO in 2023. Site to be developed for the Alpha/Beta Office accommodation, public realm and Housing. Discussion on land compensation costs ongoing.
		3 Public Realm/Linear Park Phase 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opened June 2023.

<p>Call 2 (May 2020 and approved March 2021)</p> <p>6 Sub Projects</p>	<p>€19.3m (€4.8m DCC co-funding)</p>	<p>1. Reimagine public space at Market Square.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project with CPDU for delivery. <p>2. Cathedral Quarter Park and Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition of strategic site fronting Church Lane completed and now in possession of Donegal County Council. • 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. <p>3. Renewal at Lower Main Street</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valuations obtained and land acquisition offers made. • Avison Young appointed to take forward all previous engagement and act on Council's behalf as regards further offers/acquisitions/CPO. • Council to consider further offers and advance any acquisitions/CPOs. • Re-engagement with Donegal Youth Services carried out December 2024 and capacity testing exercise at Devlin Hall and adjoining lands commenced January 2025 using in-house architectural resource.
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		<p>4. Revival of the Courthouse Visitor Experience Plan/Product identification and Business Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPIC Heritage Consulting Ltd appointed to prepare a Visitor Experience Plan/Product Identification Plan and Business Plan for the development of a major visitor attraction at the Courthouse. • Interpretation and Business Plan presented to Members of the LMMD in February 2025. • Community consultation event held on the 18th February 2025. <p>Built Heritage Investment Scheme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding of €10,000 secured in March 2024 from the Built Heritage Investment Scheme for minor repair works and, with co-funding from Donegal County Council, these works have been completed. <p>THRIVE (EU) Funding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding of €199,969 allocated under THRIVE Strand 1 from the Northern and Western Regional Assembly for the purpose of engaging architect-led team to bring the project to Part 8 stage. • 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. • Part 8 published and for consideration at the May 2025 Plenary meeting. • Public drop in event held on the 10th April 2025. • Workshop planned with the Members of the LMMD on the 13th May 2025.
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		<p>5. Strategic acquisition to enable a Regional Transport Hub</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avison Young appointed to take forward all previous engagement and act on Councils behalf as regards further offers/ acquisitions/ CPO. • Consultation with Local Link ongoing in relation to private bus operators and short term solution. • Land acquisition offers made in December 2024. <p>6. Strategic acquisition to enable LK Green Connect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 8 in relation to the Cultural Corridor element of the project approved by Donegal County Council at the November 2023 Plenary meeting. • In-house team has commenced steps to develop a Part 8 for Phase 2 (from constructed Phase 1 to Pearse Road). • Valuation services of Avison Young being engaged in relation to phase 2 (from constructed Phase 1 to Pearse Road) and lands required for the Cultural Corridor element of the Scheme. • All landowners engaged. • Engagement ongoing with relevant stakeholders. • Topographical survey completed. • Tenders for AA/EIA screening opened but no response to advertisement – to reopen tender again. • External structural/civil engineering consultative services procured for site investigation services and these works completed.
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Call 3 (March 2023 and approved July 2023).	€4m	<p>Revolving fund for acquisition costs of long-term vacant property or sites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 46 properties on the programme and all owners have been engaged with. • 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.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council to advance 12 properties for acquisition/CPO. • Several properties added to the Derelict Sites Register.
"The Eat Out' Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Project		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction completed. • Please refer to the report from Community Development who are delivering this project.
Letterkenny Cultural Corridor		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 8 approved November 2023. • Valuation services of Avison Young being engaged in relation to lands required for the delivery of the Scheme. • Services of Quantity Surveyor engaged to provide cost estimates for the scheme and work completed. • To be targeted for future URDF funding call.
Youth/Community focused project at Lower Main Street		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early engagements with Letterkenny Youth Club and Donegal Youth Services have commenced. • Avison Young appointed in Q4 2023 to take forward all previous engagement and act on Council's behalf as regards further offers/acquisitions/CPO. • Capacity testing of potential lands available has commenced with engagement ongoing with relevant stakeholders.

3.0 Croi Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme.

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

Table 3: Summary of Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Applications

Applications Received	1,116
Applications Finalised	847
• Approved	815
• Deemed not eligible (eligibility criteria not met – vacancy/proposed works).	32
In progress (first technical inspection/awaiting information from applicant).	117
Withdrawn (by applicant)	152
Grants paid	139
Value of Grants paid to applicants	€7.4m

- To date, 51 drop in events have been held to promote the Scheme.

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 21 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. As a first step, 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 has been developed which sets out the obligations and legislative procedures to be followed in respect of derelict sites and compulsory acquisitions and sets out the Council's priority programme for making additions to the Derelict Sites Register. It is intended to present the Derelict Sites Policy and Procedures to the Elected Members for their consideration at MD level soon.

Regeneration and Development Team.

April 2025.

APPENDIX B

CAPITAL PROJECTS DELIVERY UNIT

Community Development and Planning Services
Report to Donegal Municipal District Members: April 2025

Activity / Project Title	Killybegs 2040
Project Description/Activity	<p>Killybegs 2040 is a transformative town centre regeneration project which forms part of the longer-term regeneration strategy.</p> <p>The project elements are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The change of use, extension and modification of Island House (currently an existing derelict and vacant building) to provide a tourist information and reception centre, digital hub, public conveniences, café space, and all associated site development works. An extension is proposed at first and second floor levels and will include a glass viewing area. • Provision for a 1000 sq m civic space and alterations to road layout and car parking arrangements, including footpaths, open paved areas, planting, landscaping, public seating etc. The improved car parking and road layout will improve access to both Island House and the Civic Space to support overall regeneration plans. • Acquisition of key regeneration sites for the future delivery of appropriately located additional car parking and linkages between Main Street and Shore Road.
Budget	€5.4m
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status	<p>Island House is substantially complete with internal finishes and second fix works being completed.</p> <p>Public Realm is substantially complete with outstanding paving works to be completed in early May.</p> <p>The 'Coal Yard' temporary car park for the project is operational.</p>
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<p>Island House remaining works to be completed, with snagging works ongoing.</p> <p>Public Realm remaining works to be completed, with snagging works ongoing.</p>
Contact Person(s)	<p>Michael Quigley, Executive Engineer Ardal McDermott, Senior Executive Engineer</p>



Donegal Municipal District - 13th May 2025 Motions

Agenda Item No.6

Office Ref:DLMD-2025-05001

Submitted By: Cllr Jimmy Brogan

Assigned To: Corporate

Motion "I am calling on the Donegal Municipal District to contact Uisce Eireann as a matter of urgency to call for the upgrade of the mains water system and change the asbestos pipes in Gannew, Glencolmcille and in Teelin, Carrick, which are causing major disruption over a number of years."

Signed Off By: PAURIC SHEERIN

Response: Subject to this motion being adopted by the Members of the Donegal Municipal District, arrangements will be made to write to Uisce Eireann with the detail of the adopted motion.