

Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain

Oifig Riathóir na
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Aras an Chontae
Leifear
26ú Samhain 2025

FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain ar siúl Dé Mháirt 02ú Nollaig 2025,
ag 1.00 r.n. in ISP Carn Domhnach

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS INIS EOGHAIN

A Chara

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

Mise, le meas



**Una Cresswell
Riathóir Cruinnithe**

Municipal District of Inishowen

Office of Meetings Administrator
County House
Lifford
26th November 2025

NOTICE OF MEETING

A Meeting of the Municipal District of Inishowen will be held on Tuesday 02nd December 2025
at 1.00 p.m. in the Public Services Centre, Canrdonagh, Co. Donegal.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF INISHOWEN

Dear Councillor

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

Yours sincerely



**Una Cresswell
Meetings Administrator**

AGENDA

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the Inishowen Municipal District Budget 2025 Meeting held on 21st October 2025
2. Consideration of the Minutes of the October Meeting of the Inishowen Municipal District held on 21st October 2025
3. Planning
4. Community Development
5. Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services
6. Environment
7. Roads & Transportation
8. Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services
9. Correspondence

MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BUDGET 2026 HELD ON TUESDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2025 AT 12:00PM

Councillors Present:

Councillors Joy Beard, Fionán Bradley, Paul Canning (online), Terry Crossan, Albert Doherty, Ali Farren, Martin Farren, Martin McDermott.

Apologies: Councillor Jack Murray

Officials Present:

Richard Gibson, Head of Finance (online), Bryan Cannon, Director of Services, Roads and Transportation, Una Cresswell, Area Manager Housing & Corporate, Roads and Transportation, Dolores Lafferty, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate

Cathaoirleach of Inishowen Municipal District, Cllr Martin McDermott, welcomed everybody to the Budget 2025 'Teams Meeting' and handed over to Richard Gibson, Head of Finance to brief the members. It was acknowledged that comprehensive discussions had taken place in the recent Budget Workshop on the 02nd October 2025 and that many matters were considered and discussed on the day.

Richard Gibson outlined in a short presentation, the purpose of the meeting to the members which was to consider the Draft Budgetary Plan for the Municipal District of Inishowen for 2026. Accordingly, Richard Gibson reiterated to the members the purpose of the meeting and outlined the General Municipal Allocation background in summary as follows:

- The Local Government Reform Act 2014 and associated regulations require the allocation of a General Municipal Allocation (GMA) to each Municipal District as part of the annual revenue budget process.
- The purpose of a draft budgetary plan is to provide each municipal district with an opportunity to allocate its portion of the General Municipal Allocation according to its priorities.
- This does not replace the main, strategic, non-discretionary expenditure of the local authority, the spending of which will be prioritised by the members as part of the development of a schedule of municipal district works after the budget has been adopted.
- Regulations require that the draft budgetary plan shall set out the GMA and its proposed application for the forthcoming financial year.
- As in previous years, an allocation equivalent to €25,000 per elected member has been allocated as part of the GMA with its application specified as "Development Management – Strategic Development Fund" (Development Fund Initiative – DFI).
- Section 102 (4A) (c) and (d) of the Local Government Act provide that it is a reserved function of the members of a municipal district to adopt the draft budgetary plan with or without amendment. The regulations specifically state that there is no provision for the adjournment of the municipal district budget meeting.

Richard Gibson presented the challenges associated with the preparation of the 2026 Budget. He emphasised the financial impact of the recent retained firefighters' pay agreement, together with sustained cost increases across all service areas associated with inflation, which has increased by 23.1% over the past five years. Furthermore, he highlighted significant pressures relating to co-financing requirements on both the capital and revenue accounts, as well as escalating costs linked to landfill remediation.

The members raised a number of issues, and Richard Gibson provided clarification on the following matters -

- Emergency planning for extreme weather events affecting families impacted by defective concrete blocks
- Maintenance of Barrack Hill Town Park
- Funding - Greencastle Maritime Museum
- Continuity of ferry services
- Street sweeping arrangements
- Buncrana Leisure Centre
- Support for Tidy Towns groups
- Piers and harbours, including the role of Harbour Masters

Recommendation

It was recommended that in line with the requirements of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 and associated regulations that the Inishowen Municipal District adopts a provisional general municipal allocation in the amount of €225,000 at this time.

On the proposal of Cllr Terry Crossan, seconded by Cllr Ali Farren, it was agreed that the Inishowen Municipal District adopts a provisional general municipal allocation in the amount of €225,000.

The members collectively thanked Richard Gibson for his efforts in preparing the Budget.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Certified: _____
Cathaoirleach

Date: _____

Area Manager

Date: _____

MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 21st October 2025 at 2:00PM IN CARNDONAGH PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE

Councillors Present

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

Officials Present

Bryan Cannon, Director of Service Roads & Transportation, Una Cresswell, Area Manager, Housing & Corporate Services, Dolores Lafferty, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services, Michael McFadden, Senior Executive Engineer, Roads and Transportation, Eamon Mahon, Senior Executive Engineer, Housing Capital, Helen Farren, Development Officer, Community Development, Ryan Nolan, Executive Planner (online), Matthew Byrne, Waste Regulation Officer, Environment, Jim Doherty, I.S. Project leader, Information Systems.

25.47 Consideration of the Minutes of the Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District held on 9th September 2025

On the proposal of Cllr Martin Farren, seconded by Cllr Terry Crossan, the minutes of the Inishowen Municipal meeting held on 9th September 2025 were agreed.

25.48 Inishowen Municipal District Meeting

Cllr Fionán Bradley requested that the online system for the Inishowen Municipal District Meetings be upgraded due to the poor sound quality experienced when attending meetings online. Jim Doherty, I.S Project Leader advised that the Council are currently investigating the matter.

25.49 Deputation from John Farren – Ballyliffin Tourism Group

John Farren, representing Ballyliffin Tourism Group, addressed the members regarding the potential development of a 3,000-seater Auditorium and Conference Centre in Carndonagh. He informed the meeting that Carndonagh Traders Association had commissioned a Feasibility Study on the proposed project. John outlined the anticipated economic benefits such a development could bring to the area and requested the support of members for the initiative. He referred to similar centers in the Country and outlined the benefits in these areas. He suggested that eighty events could be held throughout the year, each attracting a minimum attendance of 1,000 participants, which could potentially generate revenue of approximately €8 million for the peninsula. He outlined that the event centre could be considered for any area within the Inishowen area.

A discussion took place in relation to the project and the members collectively agreed that the proposed development was very ambitious and could have huge potential for the area. They acknowledged the work carried out to date by all involved. The members agreed to support the project and suggested that the proposal be raised at Plenary Council.

The members collectively thanked John Farren for the deputation.

25.50 ENVIRONMENT

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

- Applications for the Community Climate Action Fund will open on 28th October 2025.
- Farm Plastic Collection will take place in Buncrana on 7th November and in Carndonagh on 8th November.

25.50.01 Coastal Erosion

Members requested that correspondence be issued to Minister Boxer Moran, seeking a meeting with the elected members of the Inishowen Municipal District to discuss coastal erosion.

25.50.02 Lady's Bay, Buncrana

Cllr Fionán Bradley expressed concerns regarding the water quality at Lady's Bay, Buncrana, noting that the beach is one of only two in the country with poor water quality. He queried whether the water tanks at Railway Road are currently operational and requested an update on this matter. Furthermore, he asked if a master plan exists should the water tanks fail to resolve the issue at Lady's Bay and asked for clarification on the next steps.

25.50.03 Lisfannon Heights

Cllr Fionán Bradley requested follow-up on Uisce Éireann's commitment to form a working group with Donegal County Council to resolve the sewerage issue at Lisfannon Heights. He requested that he be kept updated on the matter. Matthew Byrne agreed to follow up.

25.50.04 National Agricultural Inspection Programme (NAIP)

Cllr Albert Doherty queried the impact of the National Agricultural Inspection Programme (NAIP) on water quality in North Inishowen, noting recent boil water notices. He requested that members be kept updated. Matthew Byrne agreed to follow up.

25.51 PLANNING

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

25.51.01 Unfinished Housing Estates

Ryan Nolan referred to a vote by the members of the Inishowen Municipal District and the previous meeting where it was resolved that the planning application discussed in committee should now be formally considered under Section 34(6). Ryan Nolan advised that the planning application in question was now withdrawn. However, he outlined to members that a vote on the resolution under Section 34(6) would need to be agreed at plenary level, and at least three-quarters of all council members must vote in favour to grant planning permission.

Ryan Nolan advised that provisions exist for unfinished housing estates in urban areas, but not in rural areas. He noted this is a statutory compliance issue, not a discretionary decision. The matter is under internal review and will be addressed in future workshops. Cllr Terry Crossan requested an urgent workshop on the issue.

25.51.02 Tús Nua Project

Ryan Nolan advised members that Construction tenders are to be published for the main project in relation to Tús Nua Project as outlined in the report. Cllr Albert Doherty acknowledged the

update and welcomed the installation of public lighting at Back Lane. He requested that lighting also be provided at the Public Service car park and near the two funeral homes in the area. Ryan Nolan agreed to follow up.

25.51.03 Fruit of the Loom Site, Bunclrana

Cllr Joy Beard queried whether there are future plans to develop the former Fruit of the Loom site in Bunclrana, noting that current planning permission expires in 2025. Ryan Nolan advised he was not aware of any plans but undertook to keep Cllr Beard updated on any changes.

25.51.04 Bunclrana Town Team

Cllr Fionán Bradley advised that the Town Team Plan will be published shortly and a meeting will be scheduled in November. He advised that he will keep members updated.

25.51.05 Fort Dunree

Cllr Fionán Bradley expressed disappointment at An Bord Pleanála's refusal of planning permission for the Fort Dunree project and requested a workshop on the matter. Cllr Joy Beard supported this request, emphasising the need for a viable solution. She sought clarity on next steps and queried whether a new planning application would be required. Ryan Nolan advised that the matter is currently being reviewed and that a new planning application would have to be submitted.

25.51.06 Property Activation Program

Cllr Albert Doherty referred to the report which outlined that surveys commenced to identify and verify occupancy status of properties appearing vacant and contact made with some owners. The report outlined that this work would re-commence once staffing resources permit. Cllr Albert Doherty requested that this matter be resolved as a matter of urgency.

25.51.07 Planning Applications

Cllr Martin McDermott noted the high level of planning application refusals in the Inishowen Municipal District compared to other areas. He stated that the Development Plan should be reviewed to better facilitate rural development. He requested that planners engage with elected members, as they represent applicants, and called for a workshop to discuss planning concerns. Ryan Nolan agreed to bring concerns to relevant personnel and outlined that planners continue to engage with elected members on various planning issues.

25.52 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Helen Farren, Development Officer, Community Development presented the report, and it was taken as read.

25.52.01 Donegal Public Participation Network (Donegal PPN)

Helen Farren advised members that Donegal Public Participation Network (PPN) will host an event on funding opportunities at the Mount Errigal Hotel on 28 October.

25.52.02 Pride of Place Awards

Helen Farren advised that Barrack Hill Town Park has been nominated for the IPB Pride of Place Awards, an annual celebration recognising outstanding community development across Ireland. The awards ceremony will take place on Friday, 7 November 2025 at The Strand Hotel, Limerick City.

25.52.03 Inishowen Head

Following a previous request from Cllr Ali Farren for additional signage at Inishowen Head, Helen Farren advised that, after consultation with the Roads Service, it was confirmed that adequate signage is in place. The issue raised at the previous meeting related to driver behaviour.

25.52.04 Merville Shore Path

Cllr Martin Farren acknowledged the work completed to date on the Merville Shore Path and requested that the remaining works be finalised. He also asked that Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer, contact him directly regarding this matter.

25.52.05 Clár Programme

Cllr Albert Doherty requested that correspondence be issued to Minister Dara Calleary seeking an extension of the Clár Programme to include additional areas within the Inishowen Municipal District.

25.53 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Jim Doherty, I.S Project leader, presented the report, and it was taken as read. He highlighted the following to the members –

- **#lovedonegalday** – This event took place on 10th September 2025. The campaign has achieved a global reach of 109 million, extending to 146.7 million over the weekend.
- **Tip O’Neil Irish Diaspora Awards** – The Annual Tip O’Neil Irish Diaspora awards took place on 17th October 2025. The awardees were Danny Hutton, Vincent Keaveny and Sean and Eileen Donaghy.
- **Disrupt by the Sea Shark Tank** – this year’s event was held on 16th October 2025.
- **Donegal Tech Advocates event** - Donegal County Council, in collaboration with regional stakeholders, continues to promote Tech in Donegal both within the region and in the wider context. The focus of this initiative is to promote, grow, and empower the dynamic and innovative tech sector across the county. The Donegal Tech Advocates recently held an event featuring industry keynote speaker Andreea Wade. The event took place on the 25th of September 2025 at Kinnegar Brewery, Letterkenny, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. A total of 52 attendees participated in the event.
- **TBEX** – TBEX event took place in Donegal from 9th – 12th September 2025. The event, which attracted over 400 international travel creators, proved to be a significant success, delivering substantial benefits across economic, promotional, and strategic tourism sectors.
- **Donegal Tourism/Fáilte Ireland Business Clinics 2025** - Promotion for the collaborative business clinics with Fáilte Ireland is underway. Five clinics (one in each municipal district) will take place in the first two weeks of November.
- **Holiday World Shows 2026** - Donegal Tourism CLG has confirmed attendance at the Holiday World Show’s in both Belfast and Dublin to take place in January 2026.
- **National Woman’s Enterprise Week** – This event took place on October 16th in the Mount Errigal Hotel in Letterkenny. This is Ireland’s largest female enterprise event that promotes, encourages, and stimulates female entrepreneurship across Ireland.
- **INNOCAP NPA** - The final meeting and closing conference on “Building Capacity of Disruptive Technology in the Public Sector” will take place in Letterkenny on November 4th -5th where we will welcome partners from Iceland, Finland, Sweden and Galway.

- **Cybersecurity Awareness Month** - October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month and each October, we take the opportunity to highlight the importance of Cybersecurity Awareness Month, aligning with national and international efforts to promote digital safety. This month serves as a reminder that cybersecurity is a shared responsibility, one that extends beyond the IS Department to every individual in the organisation. Throughout October, our organisation will focus on raising awareness of cyber threats and how they impact both professional and personal environments, promoting best practices to help safeguard digital assets and sensitive information and educating staff on how to identify, prevent, and respond to suspicious activity.

25.53.01 TBEX

Cllr Joy Beard welcomed the positive impact of the TBEX Donegal 2025 event and asked how the Council could sustain this momentum. She highlighted the need for year-round tourism and queried whether any follow-up actions are planned following the success of TBEX.

25.53.02 Repowering Buncrana

Cllr Joy Beard referred to the report outlining plans to repurpose and extend the old Garda Barracks building to create bespoke office accommodation. She requested statistics on the Inishowen Innovation Hub in Buncrana to assess further demand in the area. Cllr Fionán Bradley, a member of the Hub's advisory board, advised that the Hub is currently at capacity and indicated that available information suggests further demand exists.

25.54 ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION

Michael McFadden, Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, and Transportation presented the report to the members, and it was taken as read. The members were provided with an update on the following –

- **Restoration and Improvement Works Programme** – substantially complete
- **Surface Dressing – Restoration Maintenance Programme** – Works at Magheranaul and Altashane are still outstanding and are restricted by weather conditions. It is likely that these works will be deferred to next year.
- **Drainage Provision Programme**
- **Low-Cost Safety Programme**
- **CIS Programme**

25.54.01 Surface Dressing – Restoration Maintenance Programme

Following an update from Michael McFadden on the Restoration Maintenance Programme, Cllr Martin McDermott expressed frustration that works at Magheranaul and Altashane may not be completed this year.

25.54.02 Malin Town

Michael McFadden advised that consultation is ongoing with representatives of the Tidy Towns Committee regarding the proposed one-way system in Malin Town. He confirmed that works are scheduled to commence in the near future. Cllrs Ali Farren and Martin McDermott requested that public consultation take place in relation to the proposed changes. Michael McFadden agreed to follow up.

25.54.03 Shroove Beach

Michael McFadden advised that correspondence has been issued to An Garda Síochána regarding road lining at Shroove Beach. He is awaiting a response and noted that, if favourable, the area team aims to carry out the lining works in the spring.

25.54.04 Meeting with An Garda Síochána

Cllr Martin Farren requested that a meeting be arranged between elected members and An Garda Síochána to discuss various issues within the Inishowen Municipal District. Cllr Ali Farren supported this request.

25.54.05 Bus Shelters

Michael McFadden advised members that requests for bus shelters are currently with the Road Design Office. Cllr Martin Farren informed the meeting that the NTA has allocated €500,000 for bus shelters and requested that a shelter be installed in Moville before the winter season.

25.54.06 Traffic Calming Measures

Cllr Albert Doherty expressed concern in relation to excess speed through Ballyliffin village.

Cllr Joy Beard raised the issue of antisocial 'diffing' in certain areas and requested that potential solutions be explored, such as the provision of a safe, controlled site. She asked that this matter be examined in greater detail.

25.54.08 Junction at Slab Road, Burt

Michael McFadden advised that comments raised at the previous Inishowen Municipal District meeting have been forwarded to the NRDO office.

25.54.09 Hedge Cutting

Michael McFadden advised that hedge cutting is the responsibility of landowners, though the Council may consider more difficult requests on a case-by-case basis.

25.54.10 Clar Corner

Cllr Martin Farren reiterated his previous request that a solution be found at Clar Corner and asked that appropriate funding be sourced.

25.54.11 Storm Amy

Cllrs Terry Crossan and Joy Beard acknowledged the work of the roads team in clearing roads within the Inishowen Municipal District following Storm Amy.

25.54.12 Footpath – Muff

Cllr Terry Crossan requested that the footpath outside the post office in Muff be cleared of accumulated wet leaves, as this pathway is predominantly used by older members of the community. Michael McFadden agreed to follow up.

25.54.13 Muff Village

Cllr Terry Crossan referred to a recent survey on vehicle speeds through Muff Village and requested an update on its findings. He further asked what potential measures could be considered to address this issue.

25.54.14 Tidy Towns/Street Sweeping

Cllr Joy Beard noted that the 'Billy Goat Sweeper' is scheduled to arrive in Buncrana in the coming days and expressed hope that it will prove effective. She requested that feedback be gathered from users regarding the machine's performance in clearing rubbish. Additionally, she proposed conducting a performance review after a three-month trial period. Cllr Fionán Bradley concurred with these comments and queried who would operate the machine.

Cllr Martin McDermott requested the provision of a 'Billy Goat Sweeper' for other areas within the Inishowen Municipal District.

25.54.15 Lisfannon Heights

Cllr Fionán Bradley highlighted that the road at Lisfannon Heights is in very poor condition and noted that residents have received conflicting information regarding the matter. He queried whether the road qualifies for the Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) and requested that a meeting be arranged between residents and the Council to explore possible solutions.

25.54.16 Flags/Bunting

Cllr Fionán Bradley requested an update on his previous query regarding the development of a policy on the display of flags. He noted that a tricolor flag has been hanging at Fahan for an extended period and is now in very poor condition, describing this as disrespectful. While stating that he has no objection to the erection of flags, he expressed concern about delays in their removal. He further queried whether the poles at the Buncrana roundabout could be replaced with proper flagpoles and that appropriate controls be introduced.

25.54.17 Public Lighting

Cllr Fionán Bradley requested that the Council make direct contact with Electric Skyline regarding the repair of the streetlight opposite the Plaza Ballroom, which has been out of service for some time.

Cllr Ali Farren highlighted that public lighting at St. Mary's National School, Malin Head requires attention, as well as three lights at Greencastle Pier. He noted that the issue appears to be related to cabling and confirmed that it has already been reported.

Cllr Albert Doherty stated that lighting at Barrack Hill also requires attention and asked who is responsible for the maintenance of this.

25.54.18 Wild Alpaca Way

Cllr Albert Doherty requested an update on parking facilities at Wild Alpaca Way.

25.54.19 Drainage Programme

Cllr Albert Doherty requested that the area at Woodside, Carndonagh be included in the drainage programme.

25.54.20 Low-Cost Safety Programme

Following a query raised by Cllr Albert Doherty regarding the location of Largabrack as referenced in the Low-Cost Safety Programme, Michael McFadden advised that this refers to the Mountain Road.

25.54.21 CIS programme

Cllr Paul Canning requested that a workshop will be organised in relation to CIS Programme.

25.54.22 Road Design

Cllr Martin McDermott queried whether a road design has been prepared for the Glentogher Road and the Drumfires/Clonmany road in the event that funding becomes available.

25.54.23 Glentogher Road

Following a query raised by Cllr Albert Doherty, Michael McFadden confirmed that works will be completed in the coming weeks and this will involve the removal of bollards.

25.54.24 Francistown Junction

Cllr Martin McDermott referred to Francistown Junction as discussed at previous meetings. He asked that this matter be followed up and progressed and a solution be found.

25.55 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES

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

25.55.01 Deputation Greencastle Harbours Users Group

Una Cresswell advised members that a request had been received from Greencastle Harbours Users Group for a deputation with members. It was agreed by the members that a deputation would take place at the next Inishowen Municipal District meeting on 02nd December 2025.

Cllr Albert Doherty suggested that the Greencastle Maritime Museum could also be included in this deputation. Una Cresswell agreed to follow up.

25.55.02 Buncrana – Council Services

Cllr Fionán Bradley expressed disappointment that cash office facilities are no longer available in Buncrana and requested that this decision be reviewed. He also queried when Council staff will be relocated to the Inishowen Innovation Hub in Buncrana and whether they will be available to assist the public.

25.55.03 Workshop/Meetings

It was agreed that the following workshops would be held on 02nd December:

- Machinery Yard Workshop
- Social Housing Remediation Team Workshop

Cllr Martin McDermott agreed to follow up directly with Michael McFadden in relation to a workshop for Carndonagh Tidy Towns.

25.55.04 Ard Na Guala Duibhe

Cllr Martin Farren acknowledged temporary remedial works taking place at Ard na Guala Duibhe housing estate due to defective concrete blocks. In his opinion that the vacant apartments within the estate should be demolished and replaced with houses. He expressed his frustration that appropriate funding is not yet in place to fully remediate social housing within the area. Cllr Albert Doherty concurred with these comments.

25.55.05 Enhanced Defective Concrete Block Scheme

Cllr Martin Farren requested that a letter should issue to Minister James Brown and Minister Charlie McConalogue requesting that funding for the Enhanced Defective Concrete Blocks Scheme be expedited and made available to the Council as required to ensure timely payments to applicants. Cllr Albert Doherty concurred with this request.

25.55.06 Tenant Purchase Scheme

Cllr Terry Crossan requested details on the number of tenant purchase applications completed in the past year. Cllr Martin McDermott expressed frustration at the slow progress of the scheme. Eamonn Mahon, Senior Executive Engineer advised members that coring will be carried out in the coming weeks; however, results may take several months to be returned.

25.55.07 Variation to County Development Plan

Cllr Paul Canning queried whether any engagement had taken place with the Social Housing Remediation Team regarding a variation to the County Development Plan. Eamonn Mahon agreed to consult with the relevant team.

25.55.08 Housing Supply

Following a query raised by Cllr Albert Doherty, Eamonn Mahon advised that the design of a housing scheme is based on the identified need at a particular time, which continues to evolve.

25.55.09 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting to be held on 02nd December 2025 at 1pm.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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Date: _____

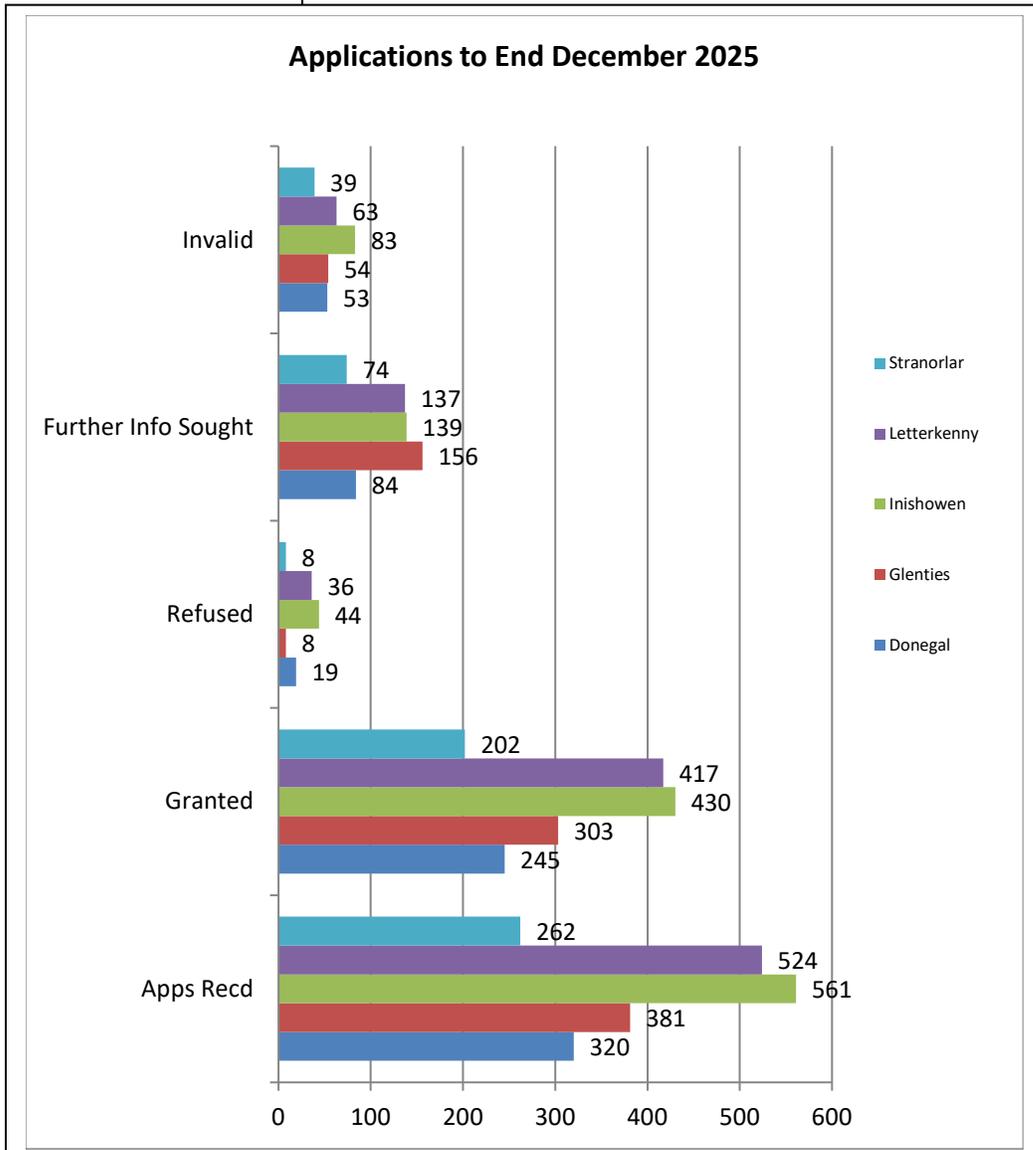
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Inishowen MD Meeting 2nd December, 2025

PLANNING REPORT

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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> 4th December, 2025 18th December, 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	See Appendix C								
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



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



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Regeneration & Development Team Community Development and Planning Services Q4 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. Application was not successful, and feedback awaited from the Department.
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 Funding. Work progressing to prepare project for planning consent.
Ramelton Re- imagined/Historic Town Centre	Category 2 Category 1 (2022)	€249,159 €7,949,868	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project with CPDU for delivery.
Burtonport Phase II	Category 1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Property with CPDU for delivery. Team supporting 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 supporting 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. • Application was not successful, and feedback awaited from the Department.
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. • Part 8 published with closing date for submission the 31st October 2025. • Application made in April 2025 under Town and Village Renewal for funding to acquire former Milford Hotel which was unsuccessful.
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. • Walkability Audit undertaken in December 2024. • Workshop with Members of the Glenties MD held on the 13th May 2025. • Public consultation event held on the 22nd May 2025. • Draft Plan presented for public consultation on the 12th September 2025. • Plan currently being finalized.
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. • Team supporting delivery through participation on Project Steering Group.
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.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop held with the Members of the Inishowen MD on the 26th June 2025 to agree the final Plan. • Launch of the Plan took place on the 18th September 2025.
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 appointment made and works commenced to prepare the project for planning consent.
Ardara		€50,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding allocation under Town and Village Renewal to advance design and planning consent for buildings in Ardara. • Tender package being prepared to procure external design team.
Creelough Minor Tourism Works		€50,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council to facilitate drawdown of funding for works now to be arranged through the CCA.
Bundoran Regeneration Plan		€15,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • External support services appointed and initial inception meeting with Elected Members to be arranged.
Buncrana Regeneration Plan		€40,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • External support services appointed and initial inception meeting with Elected Members to be arranged.
Lifford Regeneration Plan		€40,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • External support services appointed and initial inception meeting with Elected Members to be arranged.
Raphoe Heritage Led Plan		€60,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding secured from the Build Heritage Investment Fund in March 2025. • Paul Doherty Architects appointed to undertake the plan following a tender process. • Work progressing to prepare draft plan.
Downings Action Plan/Project Plan		Inhouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community consultation event held on the 10th July 2025. • Workshop to be arranged with the Members of the LMMD shortly on next steps.
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.
Creelough Town Team		€10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creelough 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.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • External consultancy services procured to deliver team capacity building training to the Town Team, which is now completed. • Team meeting monthly to deliver on the actions identified in the Creeslough Village Plan.
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. • Team meeting monthly to identify and deliver on the priority projects for the town. • Town Team Plan prepared and due to be launched in November 2025.
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. • Funding of €10,000 allocated from the DRCD to support projects identified by the Town Team. • Team meeting monthly to deliver on the actions identified in the Regeneration Strategy.
Moville Town Team			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inaugural Town Team meeting planned for mid-November 2025.
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.
Fál Carrach Town Team.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of public consultation event held in April, May and June to gauge interest in establishing a Town Team. • First meeting of the Fál Carrach Town Team held on the 10th July 2025. • Town Team working to prepare a Town Team Plan through public consultation and engagement.

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
<p>Call 1 (approved September 2019)</p> <p>3 Sub-Projects</p>	<p>€3m</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Prepare Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed 2022. 2 Letterkenny Urban Regeneration site. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCC took possession of the former ESB site and adjacent lands through a CPO in 2023. • Site to be developed for the Alpha/Beta Office accommodation, public realm and Housing. • Completed 2025. 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>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reimagine public space at Market Square. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project with CPDU for delivery. 2. Cathedral Quarter Park and Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme <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. • Current design stage: data/information gather via tender for survey (topo, Ground penetration survey, elevational survey, ground investigations) completed. • Design team working on overall designs.

- Public consultation events, including workshop with the Members, held on the 16th October 2025.

3. Renewal at Lower Main Street

- Valuations obtained and land acquisition offers made.
- Avison Young appointed to take forward all previous engagement and act on Council's behalf as regards further offers/acquisitions/CPO.
- Council to consider further offers and advance any acquisitions/CPOs.
- Re-engagement with Donegal Youth Services carried out December 2024 and capacity testing exercise at Devlin Hall and adjoining lands commenced January 2025 using in-house architectural resource but this work has now paused due to other priority work.
- Council to explore other options to re-commence this work.

4. Revival of the Courthouse

Visitor Experience Plan/Product identification and Business Plan

- EPIC Heritage Consulting Ltd appointed to prepare a Visitor Experience Plan/ Product Identification Plan and Business Plan for the development of a major visitor attraction at the Courthouse.
- Interpretation and Business Plan presented to Members of the LMMD in February 2025.
- Community consultation event held on the 18th February 2025.

Built Heritage Investment Scheme.

- Funding of €10,000 secured in March 2024 from the Built Heritage Investment Scheme for minor repair works and, with co-funding from Donegal County Council, these works have been completed.

THRIVE (EU) Funding.

- Funding of €199,969 allocated under THRIVE Strand 1 from the Northern and Western Regional Assembly for the purpose of engaging architect-led team to bring the project to Part 8 stage.
- Robin Lee, Architects, appointed as architect-led design team in January 2025.
- Workshop with Members of the LMMD held in February 2025.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apex Surveys appointed to undertake topographical and building surveys. • Greentrack consultants appointed to undertake AA and EIA Screening. • Public drop in event held on the 10th April 2025. • Workshop held with the Members of the LMMD on the 13th May 2025. • Part 8 published and approved at the May 2025 Plenary meeting. • THRIVE Strand 2 funding application submitted by the closing date of the 30th May 2025 including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Energy Audit complete - Do No Significant Harm Assessment and Report complete - Climate Proofing Assessment and report complete - Business Plan completing out at present - Bat Roosting and Activity Survey. • Funding of €7m allocated under THRIVE 2 in September 2025. • Project being handed over to CPDU for delivery. <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 leading to collaborative approach with key landowner. Agreement to undertake masterplan for the lands to determine potential for public/private collaboration. Tender being drafted at present. • Options for temporary bus hub being advanced in-house. <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.
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • External structural/civil engineering consultative services procured for site investigation services access sought to 3rd party lands.
Call 3 (March 2023 and approved July 2023).	€4m	<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. • Legal Services engaged in relation to property acquisitions. • Council to advance 10 properties for acquisition/CPO. • 4 properties added to the Derelict Sites Register.
“The Eat Out’ Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Project		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction completed.
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 commenced in January 2025 with engagement with relevant stakeholders. Exercise paused due to resource requirements across RRDF programme.

3.0 Croi Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme.

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

Table 3: Summary of Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Applications

Applications Received	1,423
Applications Approved	1042
Applications Deemed not eligible (eligibility criteria not met)	40
Application in progress (first technical inspection/awaiting information from applicant)	116
Applications withdrawn by applicant	156
Applications resubmitted by applicant	69
Applications Paid	355
Value of Applications Paid	€20.0m

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 have been 4 new additions to the Register this year so far. A review of the 18 properties that were on the Register for a number of years is completing and as a result, to date 6 properties have been removed from the Register as they do not meet the criteria for inclusion on the Registrar.

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. The Derelict Sites Policy and Procedures document was approved this year by the Elected Members at each MD level and by the Planning SPC.

APPENDIX B



**Comhairle Contae
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Donegal County Council

CAPITAL PROJECTS DELIVERY UNIT

Community Development and Planning Services

Report to Inishowen Municipal District Members: **November 2025**

Activity / Project Title	Tús Nua Project
Project Description/Activity	<p>The Tús Nua Project is a transformative town centre regeneration project in Carndonagh.</p> <p>The project elements are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alteration of the former Leprechaun Bar to create a new through access and public amenities including a changing places facility, • Restoration, alteration and extension of a former Department Store and associated outbuildings to the rear providing for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. a new Digital Fabrication Laboratory (FabLab) and co-working Hub (CoLabora), office space, ii. a Social Space for Young People and Teenagers iii. a community Kitchen, iv. Communal storage, and v. A public realm courtyard with sensory garden. • Creation of a new Pedestrian Street and public realm park between Pound Street/Bank Place and the Supervalu Retail Complex, • The restoration and alteration of a stone outbuilding to a Creative Makers Hub for creative and craft industries; • New demountable canopy feature(s) in the existing Diamond area civic space; • New public realm improvements on Back Lane connecting the Diamond to the Town Car Park and Bridge Street; • Acquisition of a town centre site (The Mart) which will enable separate progression of a town centre housing development by the Councils Housing Capital Team at an estimated value of €5-5.5m.
Budget	€ 9.6m
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p>CPO has been approved by An Bord Pleanála and DCC have taken ownership of the lands.</p> <p>Back Lane works are substantially complete.</p> <p>Detailed design and associated tender documents are complete. Decision Gate 2 approval to proceed to tender has been granted from DRCD.</p> <p>Construction tenders have been published.</p>
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<p>Construction tenders to be returned for the main project and assessment commenced.</p> <p>Back Lane construction works to be complete.</p>

Contact Person(s)	Hugh Trearty, Executive Engineer Ardal McDermott, Senior Executive Engineer
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Activity / Project Title	Fort Dunree
Project Description/Activity	<p>Donegal County Council (DCC) has been awarded grant funding of €9,251,000 for Fort Dunree, Co. Donegal under Fáilte Irelands, Capital investment scheme Platform for Growth – A Programme for Tourism Investment, Platform 1: Immersive Heritage and Cultural Attractions.</p> <p>This will be supported by €3.2 million match funding committed by Donegal County Council providing a total Project value of €12.5 million investment.</p> <p>The transformational tourism project at Fort Dunree is informed by a vision to reimagine the visitor experience at this spectacular Fort and Discovery Point along the Wild Atlantic Way.</p> <p>The project will physically link the 3 unique elements of Fort Dunree: Lough Swilly below the Fort; the Promontory Fort and the High Fort (Redoubt). Along the visitor journey, immersive heritage and cultural touch-points will be provided with modern intervention view points and imaginative interpretive installations. The ambition is to reposition this defensive site to allow visitors to imagine its past and experience its beauty.</p> <p>The proposed Project comprises of the following key components.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. High Fort: Works to improve existing High Fort 2. High Guns: Restoration of the High Guns 3. Lighthouse: Conservation & refurbishment works 4. Northern Walkway: New projecting walkway 5. Lower Fort Walkway: construction of new walkway & upgrade of access route and drawbridge. 6. The Village: Conservation & upgrade of existing buildings to facilitate, welcome building, toilets, souvenir shop, café etc. 7. Car Park: Provision of improved distribution roads & a new car parking facility 8. Walkways & Watchtower: Upgraded and new walkways and watchtower conservation works 9. Access Routes: Reparatory works to existing pathways and steps.
Budget	€12.5m
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p>An Coimisiún Pleanála refused permission for the development On 25th July 2025.</p> <p>The Project Team are reviewing options to determine the best way to proceed with the project.</p>

Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	Review of implications of ACP refusal and engage with project funders to determine next steps.
Contact Person(s)	Patrick Brennan, Project Manager Shane Sweeney, Senior Executive Engineer Paddy Mullen, Senior Engineer

Activity / Project Title	Repowering Buncrana
Project Description/Activity	<p>The overall objective of the project is to repower Buncrana by regenerating and connecting the costal edge and historic town centre activating a competitive, attractive, connected, liveable, sustainable and high quality strategic urban gateway to Inishowen and the North West City Region and establishing Buncrana as the Place Standard for the North West region.</p> <p>The project centres on six key interventions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A new iconic pedestrian bridge over the Mill River connecting the Inishowen Greenway Project and Amazing Grace Park to a transformed harbour/pier environment, 2. The creation of a high performance promenade and Shore Front Green including enhanced walkways, beach access, public realm & festival gathering space and development of a new bespoke public/civic shore green users building, 3. Enhanced connection between the new Shore Front Green environment and the Main Street and commercial core of the town with targeted public realm improvements, 4. Enhanced Shore Front walkway and promenade along the Fishing Green, with dramatic re-imaging of the Amazing Grace viewing point, 5. Onwards connection of the promenade to Swan Park, Buncrana Castle and Cockhill Road 6. The repurposing and extension of the old garda barracks building to create bespoke office accommodation. <p>RRDF Category 2 Funding has been awarded to develop the project ready for a construction tender including securing all necessary statutory consents.</p> <p>Robin Lee Architecture has been appointed to provide Integrated Design Team Services necessary for the delivery of the project.</p>
Budget	Total Funding €1,461,746.00 80% Funded by RRDF (€1,169,396) 20% Funded by DCC (€292,349)
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<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</p>	<p>Developed design has been completed for the old garda barracks and a Part 8 planning process has commenced for this element. Detailed design has commenced.</p> <p>Design is progressing for all other elements. A Maritime Area Consent is needed for this work (12 months) followed by an application to An Coimisiún Pleanála (12 -18 months).</p>
<p>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</p>	<p>The design process will continue for all elements of the project.</p> <p>Close out the Part 8 planning process for the Garda Barracks and develop detailed design and tender documents for this element of the project.</p>
<p>Contact Person(s)</p>	<p>Shane Sweeney, Senior Executive Engineer Paddy Mullen, Senior Engineer</p>

APPENDIX C



**Comhairle Contae
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Donegal County Council

Municipal District of Inishowen November 2025

Building Control & Taking in Charge
Community Development & Planning Services

REPORT

1. Building Control Activity
 - A. Commencement Notices
 - B. Disability Access Certificates
2. Taking in Charge of Private Residential Estates

Building Control Activity

A. Commencement Notices

So far in 2025, up until the end of October, 733 Commencement Notices have been submitted in respect of 844 new buildings and 185 building alterations or extensions. This compares with 738 Commencement Notices in the same period in 2024 which related to 1,131 new buildings and 201 building alterations or extensions.

During 2024, the Development Charges waivers led to a significant increase in the number of Commencement Notices submitted.

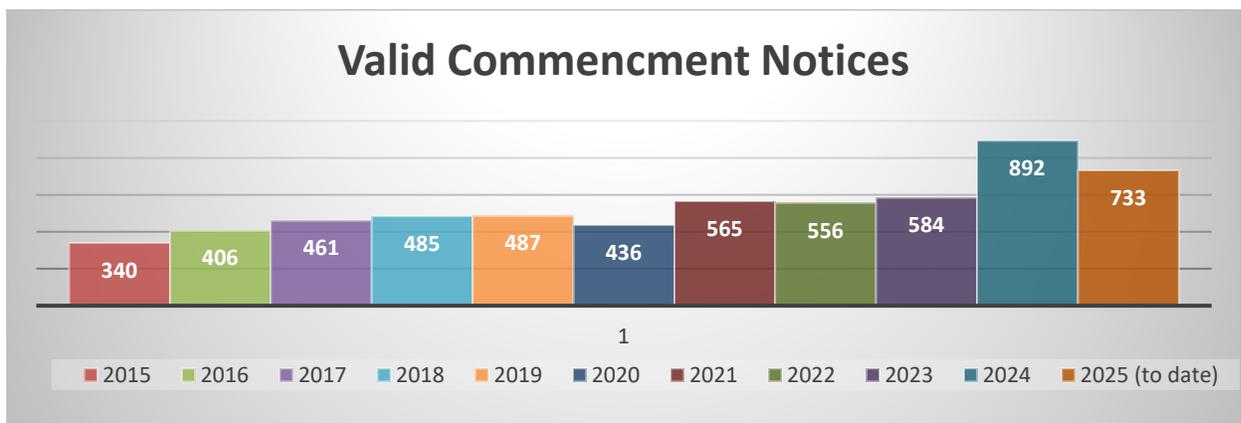
Overall, in 2024, 892 valid Commencement Notices were submitted, representing 1,306 new buildings, and 202 building alterations/extensions. Of these there were 28 estate or multi-unit developments with a total of 528 units in these 28 developments.

In 2023, 583 Commencement notices were submitted, representing 616 new buildings and 167 building alterations or extensions.

Of the 733 submitted so far this year, 371 have been "Opt-Out" Notices relating to 293 new one-off houses and 78 extensions or alterations.

The number of "Opt-out" Commencement Notices submitted in 2024 was 488, 55% of the overall total submitted while in 2023 there were 299 "Opt-out" Commencement Notices, 52% of the overall total submitted.

As reported previously, this consistent level of submission of these type of Commencement Notices remains a concern. Where these types of Commencement Notice are being used, [the owners have declared themselves to be competent](#) to ensure that the works comply with the Building Regulations and are therefore taking on **ALL** the responsibility for ensuring compliance with the Regulations.



Types of Commencement Notices:

- i) Commencement Notice with Compliance Documentation: An Assigned Certifier is appointed to oversee the construction and to ensure that there is compliance with the Building Regulations.
- ii) Commencement Notice with Opt Out: This can be used for single dwellings only. The owner is given the option to “opt out” from the Certification Process. They are still legally obliged to comply with the Building Regulations. For this type of commencement notice, an assigned certifier is not appointed, and the owner must sign a declaration to ensure that the building is constructed in accordance with the relevant Building Regulations.

It needs to be stressed here that if this option is chosen, then the Owner is declaring that they are “Competent” and will ensure that the works comply with the Building Regulations. These are still subject to spot check inspections and must provide compliance documentation upon request.

- iii) Commencement Notice without Compliance Documentation: This is referred to as a Short Commencement Notice and requires minimal documentation. It cannot be used for:
 - The construction of a new dwelling house.
 - An extension to a dwelling involving a total floor area greater than 40m².
 - Any works that require a fire certificate
- iv) 7 Day Notice: This type of notice is used, where a fire certificate has been applied for but has not yet been granted.

2025- Jan 1st to October 31st			
Type	No. Of CNs	New Builds	Building Alterations/Extensions
CN with Documentation	231	459	55
7 day notice	35	22	13
CN without Documentation	96	70	39
CN with Opt Out	371	293	78
Total	733	844	185

B. Disability Access Certificates (DAC):

A Disability Access Certificate (DAC) is a Certificate issued by the Building Control Authority and states that the works or building to which the application relates will, if constructed in accordance with the plans and specifications submitted, comply with the requirements of Part M of the Second Schedule to the Building Regulations.

Except for houses and certain agricultural buildings, a DAC is generally required for all new buildings, including apartments and flats. A certificate is also required for material changes of use and certain alterations and extensions to buildings.

A building **may not** be opened, operated, or occupied or permitted to do so unless a DAC has been granted or pending determination of an appeals process. The Building Control Authority is obliged to determine all DAC applications within 8 weeks of receipt unless an extension of time is agreed with the applicant.

The Building Control Department received 85 DAC applications in 2024 which compares with 96 applications in 2023, 87 DAC applications in 2022, 99 applications in 2021, 58 applications in 2020 and 53 in 2019.

So far in 2025, up until the end of October, we have received 91 DAC applications which compares with 78 in the same period last year.



Taking in Charge of Private Residential Estates.

The Taking in Charge team is today presenting the following estate in the Municipal District to Members, seeking approval to complete the Taking in Charge process:

- Ashgrove Manor, Killea

Where it is proposed to Declare a road to be a Public Road under Section 11 of the Roads Act, Members are obliged, under subsection (1)(b)(ii), to consider the financial implications for the Authority of the proposed declaration.

The financial implications of Taking in Charge this estate are not significant, with no specific issues within this estate being raised by the Area Roads Engineers and any concerns, relevant to the planning conditions for the estates, have been addressed.

Planning & Development Act (2000 as amended) – Section 207
Roads Act, 1993 – Section 11
Planning and Development Act, (2000 as amended) – Section 180

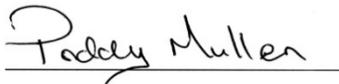
The Planning Authority for the Inishowen Municipal District is seeking a resolution for the making of an **ORDER**, in accordance with Section 207 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended), for the creation of a public right of way over the estate roads within the housing estate **Ashgrove Manor, Killea** as set out in the attached maps, to enable it to proceed with the taking in charge of the estate.

Furthermore, the Planning Authority for the Inishowen Municipal District is seeking a resolution for the making of an **ORDER**, in accordance with Section 11(1) of the Roads Act 1993, that the roads within the housing estate **Ashgrove Manor, Killea** over which a public right-of-way will now exist, as shown on the attached map, are hereby declared to be a public road.

It is **noted** that consequent on the making of this Order, the Council is required to take in charge any sewers, watermains, or service connections and the public open spaces or car park within the attendant grounds of the development in accordance with Section 180(4)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

When water services infrastructure is taken in charge by a planning authority pursuant to section 180(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), the water services legislation provides that it will be subsequently transferred to Irish Water by Ministerial Order.

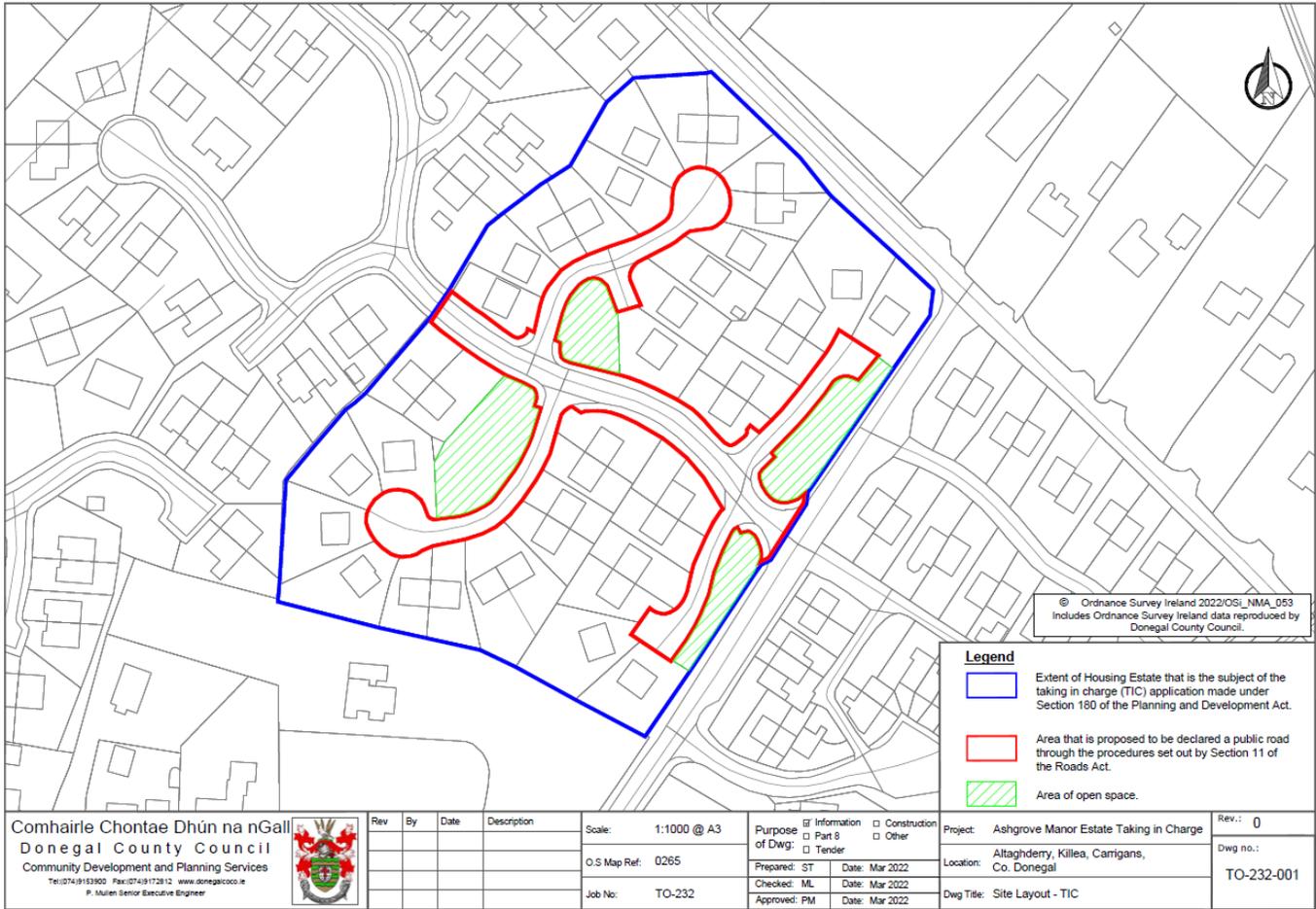
Section 11 of the Roads Act requires that the financial implications of the declaration as a public road be considered. The financial implications are not significant, with no specific issues within this estate being raised by the Area Roads Engineers.

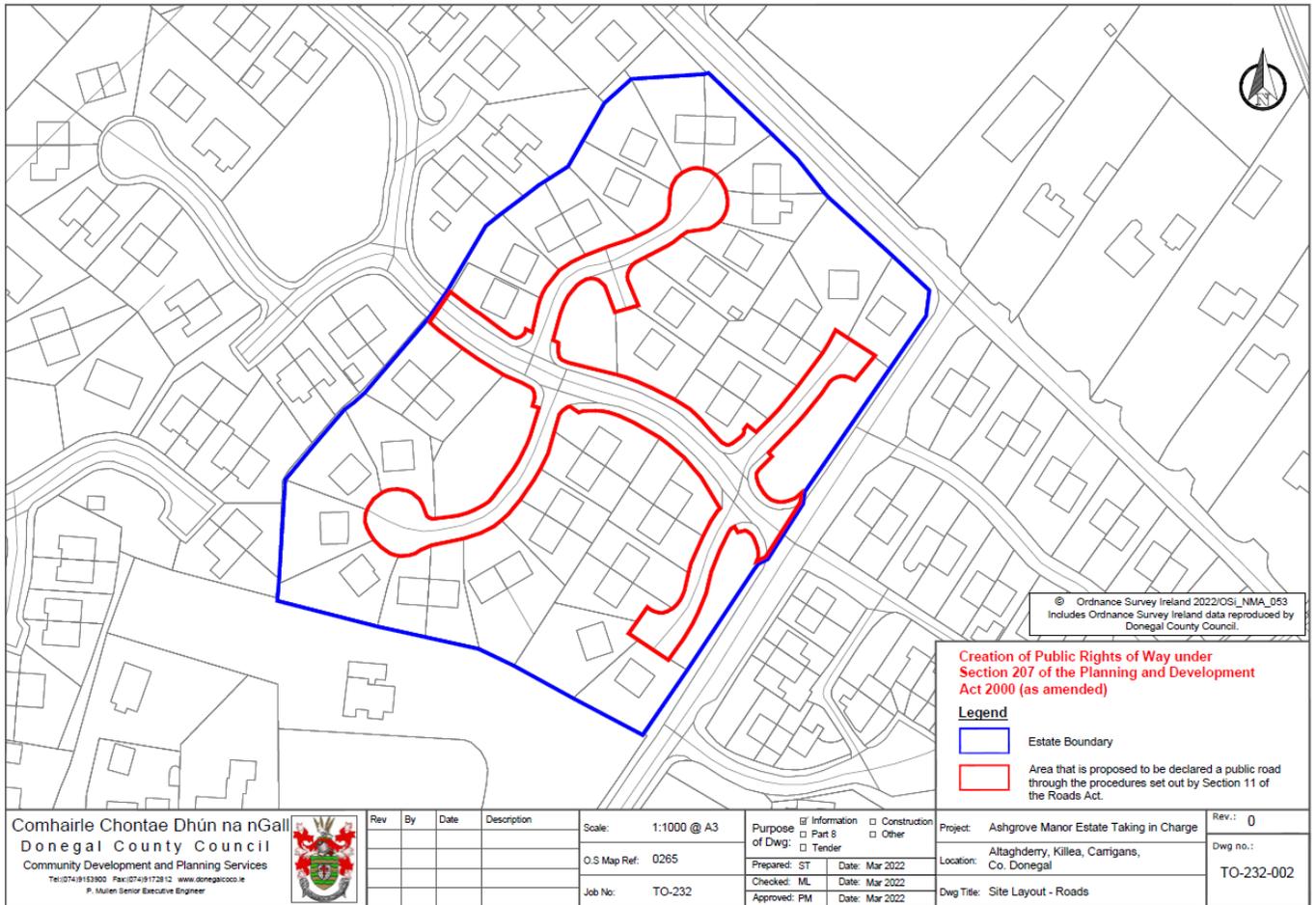


Paddy Mullen
A/Senior Engineer
Community & Planning Services

On the proposal of Councillor _____ seconded by Councillor _____ it is **resolved** that the Council **make an Order** in accordance with Section 207 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) for the creation of a public right of way over the estate roads within the housing estate **Ashgrove Manor, Killea** as set out in the attached maps, to enable it to proceed with the taking in charge of the estates.

On the proposal of Councillor _____ seconded by Councillor _____ it is **resolved** that the Council **make an Order** in accordance with Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act, 1993 to declare the estate roads within the housing estate **Ashgrove Manor, Killea** to be a public road and **note** the consequential provisions contained in Section 180(4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) whereby this Council will also take in charge the water services infrastructure and the public open spaces or car park within the attendant grounds of the development and will subsequently transfer the water services within the estate to Irish Water.





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 Part 5 Other
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Project: Ashgrove Manor Estate Taking in Charge
 Location: Allagherry, Killea, Carrigans, Co. Donegal
 Dwg Title: Site Layout - Roads

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Community Development Division
Municipal District of Inishowen**

on

02nd December 2025

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Activity/Project Title	Community Development Officer Report
<p>Progress to date within the last two months</p>	<p>Pride of Place Awards 2025</p>  <p>Carndonagh’s Barrack Hill Town Park Steering Committee has been honoured at the IPB Pride of Place Awards, held in Limerick on November 7th, 2025. The committee secured runner-up in the Community Wellbeing Initiative category, recognising its commitment to recreation, biodiversity, and community engagement. Judges praised the group’s inclusivity and ambitious plans for the future, calling it “a very impressive wellbeing project.” The Pride of Place Awards, sponsored by IPB Insurance and delivered by Co-operation Ireland, celebrate outstanding community initiatives across the island of Ireland. This year’s event brought together over 400 volunteers and community leaders.</p> <p>Green Flag Community Awards</p>   <p>Barrack Hill Town Park, managed by Donegal Co. Co. has been honoured with a 2025 Green Flag Community Award, recognising it as one of Ireland’s best-managed community green</p>

	spaces. The park was also highly commended in the national Pollinator Plan Awards , celebrating its commitment to supporting biodiversity and creating pollinator-friendly habitats. These achievements highlight the dedication of the local community and council to maintaining high environmental standards and promoting sustainability, biodiversity, and public enjoyment in Carndonagh’s cherished green space.
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Activity / Project Title	Malin Head Visitor Management Plan
Activity / Project Description	<u>Malin Head Access & Amenity Improvement Project.</u> Phase 1 of the project includes the delivery of major works at Malin Head to create the ‘Must See’ visitor attraction. This also includes the provision of additional car parking close to Banba’s Crown and the implementation of traffic management arrangements.
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Visitor Management Plan for Malin Head Signature Discovery Point Project</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donegal County Council following consultation with Failte Ireland has completed the tendering competition for the procurement of multi-disciplinary services for the delivery of a visitor management plan for Malin Head Signatory point. • Keys and Monaghan Architects together with Cooney Architects have been appointed to Design the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan and Concept design. • Keys and Monaghan Architects together with Cooney Architects, a multi-disciplinary team have been appointed to provide a Visitor Management Plan and concept design for Malin Head. • There were four successful Stakeholder Engagement workshops held on the 8th May in Malin Head Community Centre, 9th May McGrory’s Hotel Culdaff, Tuesday 14th May in the Colgan Hall, Carndonagh and Malin Village Hall on the 15th May with over 310 people in attendance over the four evenings. • Donegal Council remains committed, in partnership with Failte Ireland and with the support of the local community, to deliver on the ambitious objectives within the draft Malin Head Visitor Management Plan. • Phase 1 of the project includes the delivery of major works at Malin Head to create the ‘Must See’ visitor attraction. This also includes the provision of additional car parking close to Banba’s

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	<p>Crown and the implementation of traffic management arrangements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To proceed with this, the Council must acquire the necessary lands upon which the development is to proceed. • A workshop took place on the 28th November 2023 • The Community Development directorate are working on a roadmap/timeline for the advancement of the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan. This will be circulated to the Elected Members by the end of January. This commitment was provided by Mr. Liam Ward, Director of Service at the workshop meeting held on the 28th of November 2023. • Mr. Liam Ward, Director of Service circulated a report on Wednesday 31st January 2024 outlining a roadmap with timelines to deliver the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan. • Mr. Liam Ward, Director of Service circulated an update to the Elected Members on Friday 9th August in relation to the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan. James Kelly, Senior Engineer and John Deeney, Executive Engineer will be available in the Carrdonagh PSC Chamber on Friday 6th September from 9am to 4pm to discuss the project with property owners. • A workshop meeting is taken place with the Director of Service, Divisional Manager, Senior Executive Engineer, and Executive Engineer on Tuesday 3rd December at 11.30 am prior to the Inishowen Municipal District Meeting. • Workshop took place 03rd December 2024. As discussed, further updates will be made available in due course.
<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</p>	<p>The Community Development Division of the Council continues to meet monthly with the design team on progressing the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan Project. A further update is due shortly.</p>
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Activity / Project Title	An Grianán of Aileach Fort
Project Description/Activity	Development /Improvement of Visitor facilities/Conservation Plan
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status	<p style="text-align: center;">Historical background</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting took place on Tuesday 7th February 2017 with Mr. Frank Shalvey and Mr. Eoghan Moyla, senior OPW officials, Fáilte Ireland, Council Officials and various stakeholders. Mr. Shalvey agreed to initiate the process for a Conservation and Management Plan of the entire site. The timeframe for completion of the plan is early 2018. The Council will work in collaboration with the OPW, Fáilte Ireland and the stakeholders in relation to the development of the site. The Office of Public Works have given a commitment to commission a Conservation and Management Plan. This is on the way to being achieved currently and this will set out the options for the future management of the Grianán an Aileach site. • In June 2019, the OPW officially appointed Blackwood Associates Architects to provide a Conservation and Management plan. • Alice Bentley of Blackwood Associate Architects, Claire Cotter, Archaeologist, Jackie Hunt, Ecologist and Michelle O’ Dea from the Office of Public Works attended a workshop meeting regarding the Conservation and Management report with the Members on Monday 18th November 2019. Contributions from the Councillors was documented by the consultations and will be addressed in the plan. • A copy of the completed Conservation and Management plan was circulated to the Elected Members in January 2021. • This plan sets out the implementation strategy and Action Plan for the conservation and protection of the monument. • The OPW have indicated that the list of Actions contained in the plan will guide the way forward for servicing the tourism potential of the site achieved collaboratively with the OPW and other partners and official agencies such as Donegal County Council and Fáilte Ireland • The Elected Members have sought a virtual meeting with the OPW regarding the report and this request has been made to the body. • The OPW officials will meet with the Elected Members and relevant Council officials at the site later in the Summer when health restrictions permit to discuss any issues associated with the site and the Conservation and Management plan. • A meeting with the Office of Public works and the Elected Members has again been requested regarding the Conservation and Management plan. A response has not yet been received. • A request by the Members to meet with the OPW and Fáilte Ireland regarding enhancing the visitor experience at An Grianán of Aileach was issued. • A positive response was received from OPW to Fáilte Ireland with suggested dates for a meeting to follow. • The Area Roads Manager and Development Officer met with Fáilte Ireland & the OPW with the objective to improve the visitor experience at the site.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Memorandum of Understanding document is been signed highlighting the Council, OPW and Fáilte Irelands shared ambition to significantly enhance the visitor experience of Grianán of Aileach through the successful execution of the various site management actions highlighted within the Conservation Management Plan for the Grianán of Aileach and also contained within the Inishowen Peninsula Destination Experience Development Plan (DEDP). The document will serve as a basis to establish a workshop meeting date with the Elected Members, Fáilte Ireland, Council Officials and the OPW. • The Office of Public works is responsible for An Grianán of Aileach monument. Donegal County Council have agreed in principle to agree a Memorandum of Understanding with the OPW and Fáilte Ireland. • Donegal County Council are committed to working in collaboration with all Agencies & Stakeholders to meet the objectives of Fáilte Irelands Inishowen Peninsula Destination Experience Development Plan (DEDP) with the shared ambition to enhance the visitor experience in line with the successful execution of the various site management actions highlighted within the OPWs Conservation and Management Plan for the site. • Fáilte Ireland have appointed the services of a consultant to improve the Visitor Experience at An Grianán Of Aileach. Engagement with the Elected Members will take place in that regard. • The Sláintecare Community Development Officer and the Area Manager, Roads and Transportation continue to engage collaboratively on a Tri-agency approach with Fáilte Ireland and the OPW to form a sustainable management and visitor experience stakeholder group to meet the objectives of Fáilte Irelands Inishowen Peninsula Destination Experience Development Plan (DEDP) with the shared ambition to enhance the visitor experience, including signage, Interpretation and Orientation requirements, in line with the successful execution of the various site management actions highlighted within the OPWs Conservation and Management plan for An Grianán of Aileach. • Fáilte Ireland have appointed the services of Mirador Media consultants to improve the Visitor Experience at An Grianán of Aileach monument. • We continue to engage and collaborate with Fáilte Ireland to meet the objectives and shared ambition to enhance the visitor experience including signage, Interpretation and Orientation requirements. • Fáilte Ireland will provide more information on a draft Interpretative proposal by the consultants at the meeting with the Elected Members on Tuesday 25th February. • Fáilte Ireland recently presented a draft Interpretative proposal for An Grianán of Aileach to the Elected Members.
<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</p>	<p align="center">An Grianán of Aileach Monument</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Grianan of Aileach is identified as an Action to be developed as a 'Hero Experience' within Fáilte Irelands 'Inishowen Destination and Visitor Experience Development Plan' to Review elements of the visitor experience, including signage and Interpretative requirements https://www.failteireland.ie/Failtelreland/media/WebsiteStructure/Documents/Wild%20Atlantic%20Way/inishowen-experience-development-plan-summary.pdf

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fáilte Ireland presented an update and a draft Interpretation proposal conducted by the Consultant Mirador to the Elected Members on the 25th February 2025.• Donegal County Council will continue to work collaboratively lead out by Fáilte Ireland and the OPW to form a sustainable management and visitor experience stakeholder group. https://www.failteireland.ie/Regional-experience-brands/Wild-Atlantic-Way/Wild-Atlantic-Way-experience-development/Inishowen-Destination-and-Experience-Develop/New-News.aspx
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Activity / Project Title	Playground Maintenance
<p>Project Description/Activity</p>	<p>List of Playgrounds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culdaff Playground • Moville Playground • Buncrana Festival Park Playground • Clós Phádraig Playground • Barrack Hill Playground • Cill Bhríde MUGA • Ballyliffin Playground • Manorcunningham Playground • Killea Playground
<p>Budget <i>(if applicable)</i></p>	
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Annual safety inspections for the maintenance of all DCC playgrounds will take place in January 2025 with the maintenance works tender to follow from this. • The Annual safety inspections for the maintenance of all DCC playgrounds currently underway, with the maintenance works tender to follow from this. • Playground maintenance tender assessment underway to appoint a contractor for 2025 repairs. • Playground maintenance tender assessment complete and repairs underway. • Damage was done to the Festival Park playground fence in Buncrana, with a vehicle driving into the playground. Area Roads cleared the damage and erected temporary fencing to secure the playground. Quotes are being sought to carry out permanent repairs. • Playground maintenance repairs carried out as required. • Repairs to the wheelchair roundabout and ground level trampoline in Barrack Hill Town Park playground are scheduled for September
<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground maintenance repairs carried out as required.
<p>Contact Person</p>	<p>John Deeney, Executive Engineer, 087 7197619</p>

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<u>Newtowncunningham PEACE Plus</u>	
Description	Development of a new community playground, Multi-use games Area (MUGA), sensory garden and shelter in Newtowncunningham.
Progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site survey complete. • Draft designs in progress.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress designs and consult with community group.
Contact Person	John Deeney, Executive Engineer, 087 7197619



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

<p>Activity / Project Title File:</p>	<p>Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) project Development Measure for a pontoon at the existing jetty in Bunagee, Culdaff</p> <p>€55,555 for Project Development</p>
<p>Project Description/Activity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation work for Jetty at Bunagee, Culdaff
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting took place with the Culdaff Development Association and Donegal County Council’s Executive Engineer and Development Officer. • The next steps were discussed and the way forward to deliver the project agreed. • Tenders are being prepared for Appropriate Assessment and all relevant documentation and reports necessary to deliver the capital works. • A Consultant is to be appointed to carry out an Appropriate Assessment. • The relevant documentation to deliver the capital design of the project element has been prepared. • The Tender documents for a design are completed and will issue this week for a consultant to design the project. • The consultants ‘Greentrack’ have been appointed to carry out an ecology screening report. • A consultant is now appointed and has commenced the design process. • The consultant is currently working on the design of the structure and completed at the end of this year. • The Engineers recently meet with the consultants ‘Greentrack’ on site regarding the design. • The Initial meeting with the Community Group • Consultant Appointed • The consultant is currently working on the design of the structure. • The initial draft design report has been issued to the DCC. • The Ecology report is being finalised • Site Investigation boreholes scheduled for December 2025
<p>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</p>	<p>Works to be fully complete in Q4 2025</p>
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Moville Shore Path – ORIS

Activity / Project Title	2022 ORIS Measure 2 – Moville Shore Path
Project Description/Activity	Upgrade of the coastal walk in Moville
Budget (if applicable)	€222,000
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</p> <p>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The initial phase of construction, installing the concrete footpaths Steps and handrails is now complete. • The conservation Report on the Liam McCormack Shelter Houses is complete. • The Second construction phase is now substantially completed • There are information panels and snagging to be finished.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of Information panels will be completed within the next month.
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CLAR 2024

<p>Activity / Project Title</p> <p>CARPARK SURFACING</p>	<p><u>Culdaff FC CLAR Measure 1 2024</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial meetings with the Group• Provisional letter of offer to be issued in February 2025.• Project currently out for tender• Tenders have been returned and are currently being evaluated.• Tender process complete, formal letter of offer issued. <p>The project is due to be completed – March 2026</p> <p>Contact: Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer</p>
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<p>Project Title</p> <p>CARPARK SURFACING</p>	<p><u>GLENGAD FC CLÁR PROJECT 2024</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial meetings with the Group• Provisional letter of offer to be issued in February 2025.• Project currently out for tender• Tenders have been returned and are currently being evaluated.• The project tenders have been returned <p>The project is due to be completed – March 2026</p> <p>Contact: Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer</p>
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Public Participation Network Donegal

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 801 registered organisations. Donegal MD 163, Glenties MD 183, Inishowen MD 144, Letterkenny MD 219, Stranorlar MD 92. Donegal PPN have 62 Representatives on 24 different Committees and Boards.</p> <p>PPN National Conference This year's Conference will be held in Trim, Co Meath on the 16th & 17th October</p> <p>Donegal PPN Plenary Event Donegal PPN's second Plenary event in 2025 will take place on 28th October from 6.30pm – 8.30pm in The Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny. The theme is 'Funding Opportunities' with Speakers, Stands, Music & Food. Great Informative & Networking Event.</p> <p>Donegal Giving Free Event is being held on 6th November in An Grianan Theatre, Letterkenny. All Welcome. Registration Necessary</p> <p>Donegal Local Community Safety Partnership Donegal PPN have sent forward 10 PPN Representative names to DLCSP administration for Departmental approval. The first Partnership meeting is scheduled for November.</p>
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	<p>Secretariat Meeting - 23rd October, Letterkenny PSC Secretariat Sub-Group Meeting - 9th October, RCC National PPN Meeting - 10th November in Trinity House, Dublin NW Regional PPN Meeting - 4th December, Roscommon PPN Linkage Group Meetings - November PPN Representative Network Meeting – November</p>
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Activity / Project Title File:	Social Inclusion Unit
Project Description/Activ ity	The role of the Social Inclusion Unit is to raise awareness about inclusion and poverty and to deliver inclusive services and resources, achieved through the involvement of Council in multi-agency structures, projects and initiatives.
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status	<p>Age Friendly Programme The development of the local Age Friendly Programme to support older people in the community is part of the multi stakeholder response to populations ageing. The Programme works closely with the Older Persons Council and their Executive ensuring active participation in local projects and collaborating on delivery.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Programme Manager is responsible for co-ordinating all age friendly activity with partners of the Alliance, including progressing projects & initiatives. ▪ The well attended annual Older Persons Council AGM took place at the Clanree Hotel, Letterkenny on 15th October 2025 with an expression of interest for the new OPE executive, surveys and facilitated discussions. Keynote was provided by Dr Aine Keating and Aenghus Kennedy, Nature NorthWest, along with activities by Donegal Sports Partnership. There were 29 information stands will be attendance. ▪ The content of Age Friendly Strategy to deliver the multi-agency strategy in conjunction with all Alliance stakeholders and the Older Persons Council is currently being finalised. <p>Pride of Place Competition - in its 23rd year the prestigious competition involves local authorities from across the island of Ireland, nominated groups making a significant impact in enhancing their communities through collective effort. Deele Anglers has been entered into the Climate Action & Biodiversity category, while Barrack Hill, Carndonagh is competing in the Community Wellbeing Initiative category. The gala award event took place in Limerick on November 7th, 2025.</p> <p>Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) - Implementation Group meeting held on 17 October focussed on collaboration by all stakeholders to complete all outstanding tasks of the plan to 2026. A mid-year review report will be prepared and delivered in February and a facilitated workshop held for all stakeholder for monitoring and evaluation of the plan.</p> <p>Social Inclusion Unit attended a number of events including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donegal Traveller's Project and the Donegal Intercultural Platform - Participated in a Residential Event on Diversity and Decision-Making and Creative Minorities on 2 October to

promote interculturalism anti-racism and leadership in Donegal

- The European Anti-Poverty Network by EAPN Ireland, with those experiencing poverty from the Traveller, ROMA, BME communities, held in Letterkenny Public Library 13 October, with a view to prepare a poverty profile for Donegal in 2026.



Older Persons Council AGM, October 15th

- Ireland and Integration - The EU as a Catalyst for Change & Local Authorities as drivers of Civic Engagement, organised and hosted by the DCC Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT), held on Friday 14th November 2025 in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny. The event examined the transformation that has occurred from when Ireland was a place that people emigrated from to one that people now immigrate to. The conference explored what inward migration has contributed to Ireland and how Local Authorities can be drivers of Civic Engagement for all refugees and migrants.
- Diwali celebrations organized by the Indian Community Centre, Letterkenny. The event took place at An Grianán Theatre, Letterkenny on Saturday 15th November. An occasion to celebrate with the Indian community in Donegal, Indian culture and traditions through art, music, dance and food.
- Social Analysis & Community Work Practice Workshops, held in Inishowen Development Partnership, Buncrana on Tuesday 18th November. Workshop covered an understanding of community work values & principles, issues of inequality & social justice; who is most affected; into to key concepts of power, prejudice, racism, globalisation; challenges of misinformation.
- Donegal Travellers Project – Decision-Maker Dialogue, held In the Regional Cultural Centre (RCC), Letterkenny on Friday

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	<p>28 November, Discussing diversity and decision-making spaces. A live panel discussion with Senator Eileen Flynn, Shane O'Curry, Director of Irish Network Against Racism (INAR) & Dr. Jennifer Okeke, Chairperson National Women's Council of Ireland & Anti-Trafficking coordinator with Immigrant Council of Ireland.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DCC Social Inclusion funded and supported Palestine Culture Night, held in the Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny on Saturday 29 November. A cultural night to recognise the United National International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People and celebrate Palestinian culture, traditions & heritage and contribution of the community in Donegal, through music, arts, spoken word, and food.
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Activity / Project Title	Donegal Youth Council
<p>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 3 -inclusive of current status</p>	<p><u>AGM 2025:</u> This year's AGM took place in The Clanree Hotel, Letterkenny, on Thursday, 6th November. 131 young people from all over the county came together and discuss the issues of Vaping, School/Exam Stress and Bullying. There were also informational stands on the day from organisations and agencies.</p> <p>On the day members launch information videos on vaping and their booklet- The Study and College Toolkit. The toolkit covers the following-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study tips/techniques- This section will look at the different types of learners and tips on how these learns can study more efficiently • Chosen courses- help young people decide what colleges, courses or apprenticeships • Application- tips on how to fill out CAO or UCAS • Grants- tips and information on possible grants- Susie • Supports 



Education for Sustainable Development (ESD):

Two members of the Youth Council attended the National Stakeholder Forum on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) on Wednesday, 29th October at Maynooth University. On the day, members discussed the issue of public transport and the lack of infrastructure to be a major issue in creating a greener environment/option for people.

Seanad na nÓg:

Two members of the Donegal Youth Council attended Seanad na nÓg. On Friday, the 14th of November. While the day was cut short due to the weather, members were delighted to represent the voice of young people from Donegal at the event.



Local Community Development Committee:

On the 12th of November, two members of the Donegal Youth Council presented at the LCDC November meeting on their work. It was a great opportunity for members to promote their toolkit and vaping videos. Members received great feedback on their work on the topics.

	<p><u>See Her Elected:</u> Donegal Youth Council members supported the See Her Elected event held in the Errigal Hotel on the 10th of November. During the event, young people discussed ways to increase the number of females involved in politics and the importance of this. Young people came up with many ideas on the day while also identifying the barriers to overcome.</p> 
<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly 1 reporting period</p>	<p><u>AGM 2025 report:</u> A report from the discussions held at the 2025 AGM will be compiled and circulated to the relevant stakeholders such as schools and youth organisations.</p> <p><u>Promotion of Toolkit:</u> Members of Donegal Youth Council will work to promote the Study and College Toolkit to make it available and accessible to young people across Donegal.</p>
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Activity / Project Title	PEACEPLUS Programme 2022-2027
	PEACEPLUS Programme 2022-2027 Investment Area 1.1 – Co-designed Local PEACEPLUS Action Plans (AP)
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>
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 • 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. • Received Letter of offer from the SEUPB, October 24. • Official Launch took place on Wednesday 5th February 2025 with press & social media. • Issued PEACEPLUS newsletter June 2025 • Crowley’s DFK contracted Oct 25 to carry out the management verification process of Donegal AP.
Theme 1 Capital-6 (CRT)	<p>Published Tenders</p> <p>RFT 6759910 to develop phase 1 of the Drumboe Woods Park project Closing date 24th November 2025</p> <p>Capital Delivery</p>

	<p>3 Engineers assigned to project manage capital delivery With Projects commencing 2026</p>
<p>Themes 2 & 3 Programme -26 (TPC &BRCI)</p>	<p>Published Tenders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RFT 7009320 – <i>New Friends, New Relationships</i> Location: Lifford & Stranorlar Municipal District Programme: Youth PEACEPLUS Status: Tender re-issued November 2025 Closing Date: 15 December 2025 <p>Tender & Programme Status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPACE Countywide Peace Programme Tender: Specification finalised – December 2025 • Programmes Contracted: 23 • Pending: 1 at signing stage <p>Launched Programmes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 launched and currently in delivery phase. <p>3 scheduled for launch in December 2025.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared Heritage- 3rd December 2025 An Grianan Hotel – Burt. • Connect to citizenship & Respectful Relations- 11am 8th December 2025, Spencer House, High Road, Letterkenny F92V8XC <div data-bbox="502 1176 1082 1556" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Power of Visibility Launch</p> <div data-bbox="502 1635 1098 2049" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Food Equality Initiative</p>

	 <p>Peacebuilding through Sport Launch</p>
<p>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</p>	<p>Planned Actions Q1 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turn Up the Volume Launch – 16 January 2026 (TBC) • Complete Opening Events & Publish 2nd Edition of DCC Newsletter • Host PEACEPLUS Information Day – Q2 2026 <p>Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain High Standards of Financial Management & Reporting • Incorporate Monitoring and Evaluation processes to ensure compliance and performance tracking. <p>The Internal and EU Audit Unit within the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation has successfully completed an audit of progress to date.</p> <p>The audit outcome was rated as highly commendable, reflecting the excellent standards achieved.</p>
<p>Contact Person</p>	<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>

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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>Following the November LAG meeting we now have a total of 55 projects approved totalling €2,126,321.16</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. There will also be targeted calls in 2026 towards specific sub-themes.</p> <p>Members can access further information on the overall programme and get contact details for interested groups, businesses 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>



**Comhairle Contae
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Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services Directorate

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

1. Economic Development

1.1. Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location / Further Info	Point of Contact
4th March 2026	Donegal Tourism Connect Seminar	The annual Tourism Seminar is scheduled for 4 March 2026. Donegal County Council Tourism Unit will collaborate again this year with Fáilte Ireland to host the annual tourism networking seminar. More details to follow.	Joy Browne Tourism Manager Joybrowne@donegalcoco.ie
24th Nov – 19th Dec	#buydonegal	#BuyDonegal is an annual initiative designed to support and promote local Donegal businesses. The campaign encourages locals, the diaspora, and visitors to shop Donegal-made products and services, bolstering the county's economy while showcasing the creativity and quality of its enterprises	Mairead Carlin Senior Economic Development Officer mcarlin@donegalcoco.ie
10th December	From Donegal to Glasgow – Shared Futures, Shared Stories	The Diaspora Team will be hosting a promotional event in collaboration with Glasgow City Council and the Irish consulate in Scotland in Glasgow City Chambers to promote Donegal – Scottish relations	Daniel McChrystal Senior Economic Development Officer Dmcchrystal@donegalcoco.ie

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	11,660	5,886
Twitter	2,050	3,308
Instagram	11,700	6,539
Facebook	4,600	2,300
Donegal.ie	6K Web Users	

3 News Items Published.

Oct 22nd – Nov 19th, 2025

Green Hydra:

The second regional stakeholder event was hosted on the 30th of September in ATU Colab Letterkenny. With representatives from Energy Co-operatives Ireland, Kinia and the Scottish Government in Ireland presenting on their work in the field with discussions on common ground and future collaborations. A member of the Economic Development Team attended the world Hydrogen technologies convention 2025 in Dublin from the 21st - 23rd of October. The convention provided an opportunity to make new connections in the Hydrogen industry as well as promote the opportunities presented by Donegal around renewable energies. The event resulted in many new connections with follow up meetings and discussions ongoing. Members of the EDU and ETB will be attending the international study meeting in Lublin, Poland on the 16th and 17th of December.

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

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

Blue Economy Working Group Update:

Blue BioEconomy event, BIM in collaboration with Donegal County Council

Bayview Hotel, Killybegs- 20th October 2025

BIM, in collaboration with Donegal County Council, hosted a workshop in Killybegs on 20 October to explore future opportunities for the seafood sector in the blue bioeconomy.

Sea the future: Blue Bioeconomy for growth proved to be a thought-provoking event for the 120 delegates in attendance. The aim of the workshop was to offer a balance of cutting-edge research and commercial insights on the blue bioeconomy. In focus was the potential to transform available underutilised marine resources into higher value ingredients for the emerging bio stimulant, petfood and human consumption markets. The day's presentations included a spotlight on commercial success stories, as well as featuring current research in the area, and accessible pre-commercial scale up facilities available to the sector through Teagasc's Aimbio-funded facility. The suite of associated aligned soft supports also available to seafood companies from various state agencies was also highlighted. These will be further enhanced in future plans to ensure opportunities are further de-risked and scaled appropriately prior to investment.

A vital component of the event was the interactive session at the end of the presentations, designed to capture the perspectives of seafood producers and processors. This dialogue focused on future opportunities and the type of aligned state supports needed to advance the sector. Feedback from this session—and the wider event—will guide The Northwest Blue Economy Group, comprising Donegal County Council, BIM, LEOs, Marine Institute, ATU, and Killybegs Cluster to evolve enhanced aligned supports, with the potential to progress a pre-commercial innovation facility to enable strategic growth of the blue bio economy.



North West City Region Trade Mission 10th-14th November

A high-level, cross-border delegation from the North West of Ireland undertook a significant trade and investment mission to Philadelphia, Boston, and New York, as part of a concerted effort to promote the region and strengthen transatlantic ties. The week culminated with the prestigious Golden Bridges Conference, which, for seventeen years, has strengthened and accelerated transatlantic connections between Boston and the North West .



BuyDonegal is an annual initiative designed to support and promote local Donegal businesses. The campaign encourages locals, the diaspora, and visitors to shop Donegal-made products and services, bolstering the county's economy while showcasing the creativity and quality of its enterprises

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

Donegal 2040 DAC

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

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: 2028, subject to funding.

Temporary premises in Letterkenny town centre have been identified for leasing subject to contract, to be used as an Innovation Hub until the main building is constructed.

Alpha Innovation Programme delivery update

Donegal's performance highlights its growing reputation as an innovation hub, actively shaping Ireland's AI future.

Lead2Grow

Lead2Grow – Empowering Business Leaders to lead better, grow faster, and think bigger. Local SMEs from *Donegal, Derry/Londonderry* and *Strabane* have just returned from *New York* where they took part in an intensive leadership programme at *IESE Business School* — one of the world’s top-ranked institutions.

What did participants do?

Over focused days in New York they explored:

- Strategy models for scaling
- Leadership, culture, and delegation
- Building senior leadership capacity

What happens now?

ALPHA will deliver in-person follow-up workshops in *Donegal* and *Derry/Londonderry* across Dec 2025 and Jan–Mar 2026, helping each company embed what they learned and turn plans into action. *Lead2Grow* is designed to reduce founder overload, build stronger teams, and help *North-West* businesses grow with confidence at home and internationally.

To express an interest email:

Community@alphainnovation.eu

Remote Working Hub Carrigart:

Status: In operation. Annual management agreement in place.

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

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

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

Operation & Management of Burtonport Enterprise Centre (Post Construction)

Current Status: Under Construction. Current Estimated Completion date: Q2 2026.

Section 183 approved at Plenary Council meeting 26th May. Lease docs being prepared to handover to Donegal 2040 for management post construction.

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

Current Status: Tender Construction stage. Current Estimated Completion date: Q3 2027.

Olivia Gallen, General Manager, Donegal 2040

info@donegal2040.ie 087 2589071

17th November 2025

Service Land Initiative at The Commons, Lifford



Construction of enabling infrastructure works for the Multi Use Park located at the Common Lands Lifford is scheduled for completion by Q1 2026. The EDU is engaging with various potential site users including Social Housing, Community Health, Recreation and Businesses.

Two industrial use sites are available at a size of approximately six acres each. Anyone interested in the purchase of a site please contact Daniel McChrystal, Senior Economic Development Officer.

Disposal of Council owned Land to support Economic Development: The EDU continues to deal with several requests for disposal of lands for economic development throughout Donegal.

Contact Persons

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1.3 Tourism Unit

Tourism Marketing, Promotion and Project Activity
Tourism Events
<p>TBEX This report provides a summary of the outcomes and benefits of hosting the TBEX Europe conference in County Donegal from the 9 to 12 September 2025. The event, which attracted over 400 international travel creators, proved to be a significant success, delivering substantial benefits across economic, promotional, and strategic tourism sectors. The conference, which coincided with our annual Love Donegal Day, has successfully elevated Donegal's global profile and laid a strong foundation for future tourism growth. There were 30 fully booked prebex tours that took place on 9th and 10th September visiting locations in every Municipal District such as Sliabh Liag, Fanad Head, Wild Alpaca Way, Crolly Distillery, Oideas Gael, Glen Folk Village, Glenveagh, Rossnowlagh, Donegal Town, Ballyshannon, Ardara Distillery among many others. There was evening events hosted at Rockhill House Estate, Wild Ireland and Oakfield Park. The success of TBEX was made possible by strong collaboration across the county. TBEX received significant support from tourism businesses, transport companies, Chambers of Commerce and local communities. Organisations such as the LEO Food Coast, Udarás na Gaeltachta, Fáilte Ireland along with other counties such as Leitrim and Sligo, some of which hosted their own fam trips.</p> <p><i>Direct Economic Benefits</i></p> <p>The presence of over 400 attendees from across the globe, staying for an average of four days, injected a significant economic stimulus directly into the local economy. This direct impact included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Accommodation: A survey done on all attendees showed the average bed nights in Letterkenny and surrounding areas to be 9 days.· Local Spending: Increased spending on dining, retail, and local services.· Transportation: Utilisation of local transport, including bus tours for pre-bex tours, familiarisation trips and local taxis. <p>The conference also provided a platform for local tourism businesses to network directly with key industry influencers, fostering potential for future partnerships and business generation.</p> <p><i>Long-Term Promotional Value</i></p> <p>The most significant benefit of the TBEX conference is its immeasurable promotional value. By hosting the world's largest gathering of travel creators, Donegal has secured unparalleled global exposure. The key outcomes include:</p>

· **Global Reach:** Content creators with a combined audience of millions have produced and shared blog posts, videos, social media content, and photographs showcasing Donegal's unique attractions. This reach is a testament to the power of influencer marketing and far exceeds what traditional advertising campaigns could achieve. The conference has had a hugely positive knock-on effect and one we are monitoring over the coming months, not only for the economic spin-off during the conference but the lasting online presence. From the 5th to 20th Sept Tbex Donegal got 5.1 million mentions on Go Visit Donegal alone, this does not take in the 770 stories we have shared to-date (source Brand Mentions).

· **Authentic Storytelling:** The pre-conference familiarisation pre-bex trips, which included activities such as historical tours, sea adventures, and cultural workshops (including guitar-making and Irish language sessions), allowed creators to capture authentic, first-hand experiences. This content is more compelling and trustworthy to prospective travellers than standard marketing materials.

· **Showcasing Diverse Assets:** The event provided a dedicated spotlight on Donegal's rich and diverse tourism offering, including its dramatic coastline, vibrant cultural heritage, and world-class hospitality, reinforcing its position as a "must-visit" destination.

Strategic Tourism Impact

Hosting TBEX aligns with and actively supports Donegal's long-term tourism strategy. The event has:

· **Endorsed Donegal as a Premier Destination:** The decision by TBEX to host its conference in Donegal is a strong endorsement of the county's reputation, building on accolades like the Lonely Planet award.

· **Collaboration:** The event brought together various stakeholders—Donegal County Council, Donegal Tourism CLG, local businesses, and community groups—to deliver a world-class experience, strengthening a collaborative approach to tourism development.

· **Created a Legacy of Content:** The body of work created by the attendees will continue to promote Donegal for years to come, providing a lasting digital asset that will attract future visitors.

Conclusion

The TBEX Europe conference in September 2025 was an outstanding success for County Donegal. Beyond the direct economic injection, the event delivered an invaluable marketing return on investment, securing global promotional exposure and positioning the county as a leading international tourism destination. The Council's Tourism Unit will leverage this success by continuing to engage with the travel creator community and using the created content to inform future marketing campaigns, ensuring a lasting return on this significant investment.

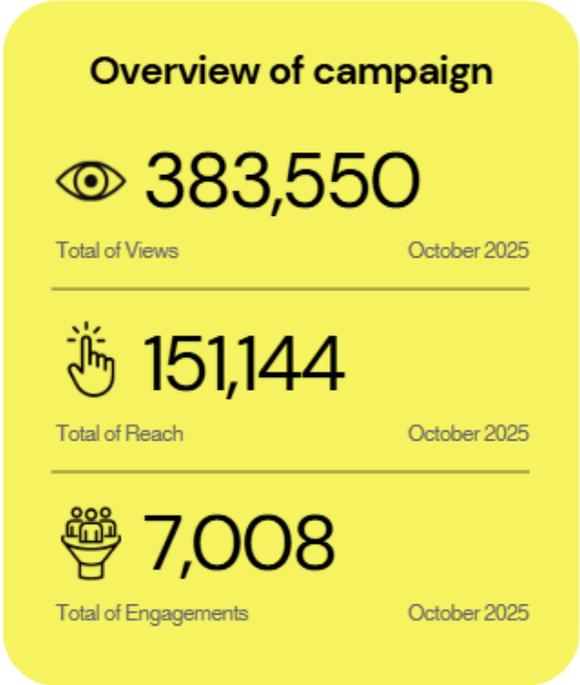


Spanish Armada - Killybegs warmly welcomed distinguished guests from Spain on Thursday 18th September, marking the start of a weekend of events commemorating the Spanish Armada. The visit, which precedes a larger commemoration in County Sligo, honours the deep and tragic history shared between Ireland and Spain. The arrival ceremony took place on the Killybegs pier, where local officials and residents gathered. The event was a poignant reminder of the 1588 tragedy, in which a storm-battered Spanish fleet was scattered, with many ships wrecking along the rugged Donegal coast. Councillor Jimmy Brogan, Leas Cathaoirleach of the Donegal Municipal District, reflected on the shared history and enduring friendship between the two nations.



Marketing & Promotional Activity

Autumn Campaign 2025: The shoulder season marketing campaign, in collaboration with the Irish Hotels Federation (Donegal Branch) concluded on Friday October 31st. The campaign was well received by consumers and by the tourism trade alike with plenty of views and engagement.



Source: Meta Business Suite/Google Analytics

Walking Ambassador videos: A series of walking and hiking videos went live from the 1st of November produced in conjunction with the Donegal County Council trails office. The campaign is being rolled out across social media with a "hero" video as well as 10 individual videos hosted by ten Donegal ambassadors including mountaineer Jason Black, singer Mairead Ni Mhaonaigh, chef Brian McDermott and athlete Samantha Barr. These are being shared on the Go Visit Donegal Facebook account and are also all available on the Go Visit Donegal YouTube channel - and collectively on the Go Visit Donegal website [here](#). There is also paid advertising on Meta and Google as well as activity on the Go Visit Donegal Instagram account. The campaign will run for the month of November.



Some of the shots of walking ambassadors that are being included in the Instagram carousels as part of the Walking Campaign

Donegal Tourism Brochure 2026: The brochure is currently being revised and updated for 2026 with refreshed images and additional pages.

Take Off Magazine 2026: The Tourism Unit delivered a two-page bi-lingual advertisement in the Donegal Airport Take Off Magazine 2026 promoting the county and linking to Govisitdonegal.com

DÚN NA NGALL DONEGAL



Faol chéilt ar chósta Iarthuaisceart na hÉireann atá Dún na nGall. Is ann atá draíocht nach bhfaighfidh in aon áit eile - is ann a mbíonn an nádúr, an cultúr agus an eacnamaíocht fite fuaite go turasta las chéile.

Tucked away on Ireland's northwest coast, Donegal offers a rare kind of magic — a place where nature, culture, and adventure weave seamlessly together.

Celebrated globally by Lonely Planet as one of the world's top destinations and hailed by National Geographic as the "Coolest Place on the Planet," Donegal is a land that captivates the imagination.

Here, along the breathtaking Wild Atlantic Way, endless beaches stretch into the horizon, rugged cliffs tower above the sea, and hidden trails invite exploration. Home to the Sliabh Liag cliffs — the tallest sea cliffs in Europe — and Ireland's longest coastline, Donegal is a dream for hikers, surfers, kayakers, and wanderers alike.

Yet the landscape is only part of the story. Donegal is the beating heart of Ireland's Gaeltacht, where the Irish language is not only spoken but lived daily. Visitors can immerse themselves in authentic traditions, from Irish music to craft workshops and storytelling sessions that connect past and present.

The county's towns and villages — from the historic streets of Donegal Town to the coastal charm of Bunrattin — offer a warm welcome, artisan shops, and lively music sessions that capture the true soul of Ireland. Step into a traditional pub and you'll find that every night feels like a festival of sound.

History whispers from every stone, from the stately beauty of Glenveagh Castle in its national park surroundings, to the romantic ruins of Doon Castle and the ancient monastic settlements scattered across the county. Donegal's heritage is tangible, inviting visitors to walk in the footsteps of chieftains, saints, and scholars.

Food and drink are part of the adventure too. Taste the Atlantic on a plate with freshly caught seafood, savour cheeses made in mountain farms, and discover craft spirits from award-winning distilleries, where the essence of Donegal's wild character is bottled for the world to enjoy.

Donegal isn't just a place you visit — it's a place you feel. With its stirring scenery, rich culture, and friendly spirit, it remains a true hidden jewel of Ireland, ready to be discovered again and again.

**Cuir tús le do thuras ag
Start your journey at
www.govisitdonegal.com**

6 THINGS YOU MUST DO IN DONEGAL

- ### 1. Malin Head

IRELAND'S MOST NORTHERLY POINT
Catch a cloudless evening and you may be enchanted by a night sky display of the **Aurora Borealis**, the Northern Lights. The celestial light show, with its ghostly wispy rays of dancing colours has been seen hanging like a fluorescent curtain over Malin Head — what better reason to go than to witness this astonishing sight.



Malin Head
- ### 2. Grianán of Aileach

AWAKEN YOUR MYSTICAL SPIRIT
Perched 800 ft. above sea level on a spectacular hilltop, the Grianán of Aileach fort is a former home of the Irish High Kings. The origins of this circular site are believed to date from **around 1700 BC**.



Grianán of Aileach
- ### 3. Sliabh Liag

DRINK IN SOME OF THE BEST VIEWS IN EUROPE
A narrow road twists steeply up from Teelin to the dramatic Sliabh Liag cliffs and mountains. From the viewing point, you look across one of the **finest panoramas in Europe** that will set your heart racing.



Sliabh Liag
- ### 4. Fanad Head

SEE THE LIGHT AT FANAD LIGHTHOUSE!
Golden sandy beaches and rolling farmland threaded by narrow roads set the scene in the secluded Fanad peninsula squeezed in between Lough Swilly and Mulroy Bay and leading to spectacular Fanad Head where you can take a tour and climb to the **top of the lighthouse**.



Fanad Head
- ### 5. Donegal Islands

A GET AWAY FROM IT ALL
Donegal's islands offer something special: a get away from it all, a feeling of being **somewhere unlike anywhere else in the world**. The inhabited islands have ferry services from various ports on mainland Donegal and some of the small craft operators will take passengers to the uninhabited islands.



Donegal Islands
- ### 6. Oakfield Park

DISCOVER OAKFIELD PARK – DONEGAL'S HIDDEN GEM!
Escape to Oakfield Park, a breathtaking estate near Raphoe. Stroll through stunning gardens, explore scenic trails, and ride Ireland's longest miniature railway. Perfect for family days out, romantic walks, or relaxing escapes. **Visit today and experience nature at its finest!**



Oakfield Park

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Caravan and Camping Sector: During the summer months the Tourism Unit has promoted the campers 'code of conduct' across social media encouraging visitors to use official campsites. Donegal County Council Tourism Unit will convene both the internal and external Caravan and Camping sector working group meetings 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.

Night-Time Economy Buncrana – Buncrana's 'Samhain By The Swilly' programme was a great success with eight funded events delivered. As part of the programme the NTE Halloween 'Parade of the Púca' was well attended with an estimated 1000 spectators and 160 parade participants in the parade. We are in the process of drafting a contribution to NTA for the hackney licence process review, with other departments on behalf of Donegal County Council.



GoVisitDonegal.com Website, Social Media and E-mail Marketing Update

Go Visit Donegal Website Redevelopment: The development of the new website continues with a test version of the website now live for the team to add content to. Content addition is underway as well as other testing to ensure that the website is fully operational when it goes live in the new year.

Online & Social Media Updates – Go Visit Donegal October 2025

	USERS	REACH	VIEWS	FOLLOWERS
Website	38,569	N/A	49,614	N/A
Facebook	N/A	106,561	286,574	61,905
Instagram	N/A	48,642	275,462	32,736
LinkedIn	N/A	7,058	N/A	2,313

Consumer Newsletter: The consumer newsletter continues to be published monthly around the 1st of the month.

Strategy Implementation

Donegal County Council Tourism Strategy: The Donegal County Council Tourism Strategy was adopted at the Special Plenary Council meeting on 30 June. It is now in the final stages of graphic design, and a launch event will be planned for Autumn 2025. The Tourism Unit is also in the process of setting up a Donegal County Council Tourism Strategy Implementation Group who will work collaboratively on a

cross-directorate basis to implement the actions set out in the strategy.

Age Friendly/Disability Strategy: the Tourism Unit continues to engage in relation to the Age Friendly and Disability Strategy initiatives to work collaboratively to ensure the tourism businesses in the county are moving forward with Age Friendly and Accessibility improvements.

Tourism Industry Engagement

Tourism Industry Newsletter: The monthly tourism industry newsletter continues to be published around the middle of the month giving tourism businesses a synopsis of tourism related news in the county as well as grant/funding opportunities and details of various promotional opportunities available via Go Visit Donegal and partners.

Donegal Tourism/Fáilte Ireland Business Clinics 2025: 13 clinics were held across the county in the first two weeks of November with a variety of new tourism businesses being discussed and potential operators being given advice on supports available from both Donegal County Council and Fáilte Ireland as well as the next steps. Each meeting was followed up with an action plan outlining the next actions to be completed by the operator. They will then be followed up at a later date.

Donegal Tourism/Fáilte Ireland Tourism Seminar 2026: There is strong positive feedback to initial registrations for the annual Tourism Connect Seminar which will happen in Jackson's Hotel, Ballybofey on Wednesday March 4th 2026. The keynote speaker will be Renowned tourism thought leader, author, and destination development expert Doug Lansky. Doug has advised destinations around the world on how to innovate, attract visitors, and build sustainable success. The MC on the day will be Donegal's own Andrea Gilligan, best known as host of Lunchtime Live on Newstalk and regular contributor to Ireland AM on Virgin Media Television. Calls for registrations went out to previous attendees via the Fáilte Ireland "Converve" meeting platform and via the Donegal Tourism business newsletter.

Tourism Concierge Service: The Tourism Unit continues to provide the Tourism Concierge Service to guide and offer information to those seeking information on tourism in Donegal e.g. tour operators and travel agencies.

Donegal Tourism Board and Associate Members Network: The Donegal Tourism CLG Board of Directors and Associate Members Committee met in September 2025. A new Associate Members Committee has been formed for a 2-year period. It is possible for businesses to join the Associate Members Network at any time to avail of opportunities to promote at trade shows, receive the trade newsletter and attend events such as the Tourism Seminar.

Holiday World Shows 2026

Donegal Tourism CLG are preparing to attend the Holiday World Show's in both Belfast and Dublin to take place in January 2026. Thirteen tourism businesses have confirmed their interest in attending both locations this year. More information will be provided in due course.

Website: Ahead of the launch of the new website there is engagement with listings owners across the county to advise them that the website is being updated and encouraging them to update their listings

with current information and images. Select businesses in various sectors are also being contacted in relation to provision of high-quality imagery that can be used on the new website.

EU Projects – Tourism

TOURBO: TOURBO funded under Interreg Europe presents an innovative response to a key EU priority: empowering public authorities and MSMEs to develop twin transition strategies—advancing both digital and green transformation—to drive regional economic development. Donegal hosted 25 attendees visiting Fanad Lighthouse and experienced presentations from Oideas Gael, ATU and Fáilte Ireland around best practice sustainable tourism initiatives.



Sustainable Arctic & Peripheral Biking Tourism Project (SUB): Funded under the Atlantic Area Programme, the latest SUB interregional meeting took place in Iceland from 15th – 18th September 2025. Donegal County Council was represented by Eoin McHugh and partnered by Damian McDermott and Brian Reid from NRDO. Brian Reid presented to stakeholders from across Iceland, Sweden, Finland and the Faroe Islands on the current status and progress of Greenways and active travels routes in Donegal.

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 4 with Donegal County Council taking the Communications and Marketing lead on this project. In October 2025 Donegal County Council were represented by Sarah Nolan and Eoin McHugh at the latest study visit to Lugo, Spain. Study visits included trips to La Térmica Cultura in Ponferrada and Vilela, Navia de Suarna, Presentations from Asociación Ser - Casa Quindós on the regeneration and revitalization of the rural areas and another from RedCIT on the demographic challenges faced in the northwest of Spain.

Tourism Grant Schemes

Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme: This funding call closed on 9th April. 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. Letters of Offers have been sent to all successful applicants to proceed with their project.

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. Deadline for festival grant drawdown is the 28th November 2026. All festivals and events were 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**

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

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

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

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

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2. Local Enterprise Office

December 2025			
KPI Performance			
Donegal	Metric 2025	Outturn Year to date (end Oct)	% Of Annual Target achieved 2025
Financial Support Packages	42	35	83%
Training	1050	970	92%
Start Your Own Business Training	105	167	159%
Mentoring	345	282	82%
Research Development & Innovation	1	0	0%
Lean	15	18	120%
Green	18	30	166%
Energy Efficiency Grant	18	24	133%
Digital for Business	15	45	300%
Trading Online Voucher		38	
Grow Digital Voucher	6	8	133%
Micro Finance Ireland Loan Applications	13	13	100%
Client Transfers	5	2	40%
Quarterly Grant Payment Performance Metric			
Donegal			Target
	Cumulative (end Sept 25)	87%	80%

Grant Aid – A total of 35 businesses have received approval for grant aid to support Start Up, Business Expansion and Market Explorer totaling €653,631.27. Grant Aid towards capital machinery, staff and professional support is available to businesses who are Manufacturing/Adding Value or Services trading internationally. The next EVAC is to be held on 25th November 2025 with 6 funding applications under consideration for a grant award of €141,715.

Trading Online Voucher: 38 approvals to the value of €81,235.33 have been approved this year to support businesses to trade online. The Scheme is now closed to new applications and has been replaced with the Digital for Business and Grow Digital schemes.

Mentoring: 282 business applicants have been approved up to 12 hours expert mentoring in 2025.

Training: 970 business attendees have participated in 44 courses held year to date.

Digital For Business: 45 applications were approved to a value of €124,487.50 for a free expert digital consultant to assist in analysing the existing digital systems in the business, to identify potential gaps and explore the opportunities to meet their business needs.

Grow Digital Voucher: 8 applications were approved to value of €27,959. Grants of up to €5,000 to invest in software and training/IT configuration is available.

Green For Micro/Green for Business/Green Start: 30 applicants approved for these sustainability supports to a value of €66,420. This is a programme that helps small businesses take the first step towards becoming more sustainable, giving access to a green consultant who will complete a sustainability audit of the business and show what small changes can have a big impact.

Energy Efficiency Grants: 24 applicants approved for this support to a value of €193,387.37. The Energy Efficiency Grant supports the investment in technologies and equipment with 75% of eligible costs from a minimum grant of €750 to a maximum of €10,000. The aim of the scheme is to reduce the impact of enterprises on the environment and help them operate in a sustainable manner.

Lean For Business: 18 applicants approved to a value of €81,000. This is a free support and businesses can avail of up to 4.4 days of expert advice to improve the operational efficiency of their businesses



Comet Textile Printers have completed the Lean for Business Programme in 2025.

Start Your Own Business Programme: The final Start Your Own Business online course for 2025 commenced on 4th November. In addition, a second in-person Start Your Business Bootcamp took place

on 14th November in the The Silver Tassie Hotel, Letterkenny. Up to the end of October 2025, a total of 167 have attended both the online and in-person training courses.

The next available online course will take place on 6th January 2026. The online course happens twice weekly over 4 weeks and it is a great way for anyone hoping to set up a new business to learn all about what they will need to get up and running.

Get Exporting Programme: A new Get Exporting Programme is launching in Q1 2026. Get Exporting is for Irish manufacturing and internationally traded services companies looking to succeed in international markets. Companies must have less than €10,000 in export sales per annum in Northern Ireland or any other international market to apply. <https://www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/supports/get-exporting>

In advance of the launch in 2026, Enterprise Ireland are hosting 3 webinars in November.

Webinar	Date	Topic
1	19 th November 2025	Choosing the Right Path: Channel Strategy and Routes to Market
2	21st November 2025	Lead Generation for New Exporters: Finding Your First International Customers
3	25th November 2025	Pitch Perfect: Researching and Crafting a Compelling Value Proposition for International Buyers



Donegal Profit Net Engineering Network The ProfitNet Engineering meetings are continuing monthly with a total of 14 members in this cohort. Three new companies have joined the network. The network will continue to focus on shared learning and support, innovation as well as business and operational improvements.

The Food Starter Programme commenced on September 19th. The programme comprises 4 half day training events and 6 people attended from Donegal. The programme designed to help those with a food idea, or those at an early stage of starting up a food or drink manufacturing business. The objective of the programme is to provide the participants with a base knowledge of what is involved in setting up their food business. Plans are underway for the scheduling of the Food Starter Programme for 2026.

Ambition – Women Entrepreneurs Management Development Programme The Ambition Programme 2025 started on September 2nd and is in its final weeks now with fourteen Donegal based entrepreneurs showcasing their businesses on December 9th in Harvey's Point Hotel, Donegal. The entrepreneurs have received expert training and mentorship on a wide range of business disciplines as well as professional and personal development.

LEO Business Supports Clinic: The Clinics take place twice per month – on-line and in-person at locations throughout the county. As well as learning about LEO supports, all attendees will get the opportunity for one-to-one business advice. In November a virtual clinic was held on November 14th with an in-person session taking place on November 28th in Stranorlar.

Enterprise Europe Network Local Enterprise Office Donegal, on behalf of the Local Enterprise Network, is partnered with Enterprise Ireland, Dublin Chamber, and Cork Chamber, to deliver Enterprise Europe Network services to Irish organisations. The previous iteration of the programme saw significant achievements in the areas of international partnerships, digitalisation, and sustainability. Highlights include the successful delivery of 29 regional events, 8 international missions, and the development of structured client pathways through tailored action plans and cooperation profiles.

LEO Donegal, as part of the EEN Ireland Consortium, has begun their work planning activities for the new 2025 – 2028 programme period, including international missions and brokerage events, national and regional events, and facilitating international business partnering services through EENs international network of 450+ support organisations.

The 2024 Enterprise Europe Network Annual Conference, "Boosting the Potential of European SMEs," brought Network members and partners to Budapest, Hungary, for three days of learning, networking, and collaboration. The Annual Conference this year is taking place in Aalborg in Denmark from 26-28 November 2025.

GIFT project: The Local Enterprise Office Donegal is acting as a project partner in the GIFT project, an Interreg NPA project funded by the EU. The GIFT project promotes the use of EU Geographical Indications (GIs) for food, non-food and tourism sectors in Northern areas. Other partners in the project

are University of Helsinki Ruralia Institute, Icelandic Lamb and the Ministry of Agriculture, Self-Sufficiency, Energy and Environment Greenland.

A kick-off seminar for the project took place in Kuopio, Finland on November 11th. The seminar included presentations and panel discussions from agencies such as the European Commission, EU Intellectual Property Office and private businesses from the NPA region.

Kieran Molloy from Molloy & Sons spoke at the event representing the Donegal Tweed Association. The Donegal Tweed Association is due to pilot the project to gain Protected Geographical Indication (PGI) status for Donegal tweed.

Lead2Grow New York- November 10th & 11th 2025

13 businesses including 8 from Donegal participated in a exciting new pilot programme designed to help businesses in the North West with the skills, insights, and strategies to scale their businesses. Delivered in partnership with **IESE Business School, New York**, one of the world's top-ranked institutions, the Lead2Grow is programme brought together businesses from **Donegal and Derry & Strabane** to learn from world-class academics and industry experts. Lead2Grow coincided with **Golden Bridges 2025 in Boston**, reflecting a strong collaboration between **Donegal County Council** and **Derry City & Strabane District Council**.

The 8 businesses who travelled from Donegal were Niche Specialist Staffing Partners Ltd., Silver Strand Rope Works Ltd, Seabound Engineering Ltd, Welditz Engineering Ltd., KSK Rathmor Engineering & Recruitment Ltd., O'Reilly Sports Ltd, Cruckglass Ltd (Living Green) and GILLCON GROUP Ltd. 6 of the businesses participating are clients of the LEO, 1 is an Enterprise Ireland client (Welditz Ltd) and 1 Udaras client (GILLCON Ltd) .

Donegal Enterprise Awards

The Donegal Enterprise Awards will take place on Friday 5th December 2025 in Rockhill House at 11:30am. Organised by the Local Enterprise Office, the awards - **celebrate the achievements of Donegal's small business sector over the past year**. The awards recognise and celebrate the success stories of small business owners from all over the county.



Contact Person

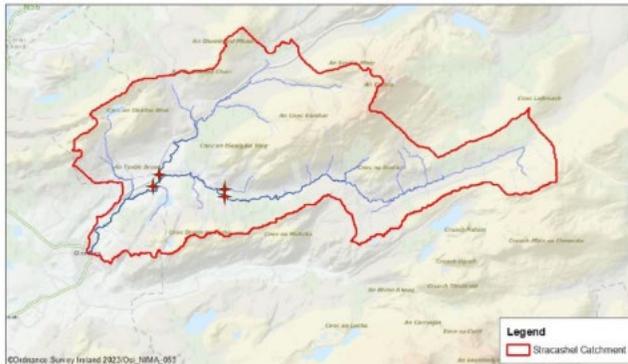
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3. Information Systems

Information Services (IS)

EU Projects: INNOCAP NPA



The INNOCAP project is now reaching a conclusion following a successful collaboration between Information Systems and the Water & Environment Directorate internally and as part of the wider partnership on the project involving partners: ERNACT, University of Galway (Ireland), University of Helsinki – Ruralia Institute (Finland), SASS (Iceland), and Örnsköldsvik Municipality (Sweden).



Glenties
Water & Sewerage
Company
Glenties
Donegal

IoT sensors have been implemented on a pilot basis to monitor water levels in the river catchment flowing into Glenties town. These sensors will provide real-time data on water levels, to aid understanding on how the river reacts to weather events.



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Data collected is going to be used to test the efficacy of nature-based solutions (NBS) and assess if they improve the river's response.

Cybersecurity at this time of year



Common Cyber Threats

Phishing scams, credential stuffing, and fake retailer websites target users during peak shopping season.

Cautious Email and Link Handling

Always verify emails and URLs before clicking, especially related to shopping or delivery notifications.

Account Security Measures

Use strong passwords and enable multi-factor authentication to secure accounts from unauthorised access.

Council Devices

Don't use your Council device for shopping. Stay vigilant when using your personal devices.

Report Suspicious Activity

Report any suspicious emails or activity immediately.

Winter Maintenance Dashboard

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) supporting location-based data insights



Check out the [Winter](#)

[Maintenance Programme](#) for up to date information.

Delivered by Information Systems in collaboration with the Roads & Transportation Directorate

ComReg – Open Data Map Hub – Broadband Statistics



For map-based views on Broadband and Gigabit Broadband with capability to drill down for detailed perspectives, please visit the [Open Data Map Hub](#)



Broadband Statistics - County Level

Application to show Coverage and Take - Up of FTTP and Cable Broadband ("Gigabit Broadband") by County

Launch Application



Gigabit Broadband - CSO Geographies

Application to show Coverage and Take - Up of Gigabit Broadband by various CSO administrative geographies.

Launch Application

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4. Emergency Services

4.1 – Fire Service

Fire Service Monthly MD Report (December)

Activity	Number of: (October) ¹			Total for year	
<u>Fire Service Operations</u>					
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	65			830	
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	89			1120	
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	2			2	
<u>Operational Activity Breakdown October 2025</u>					
	Turnouts			Incidents in County	
	Fires	Special Services	Standby	Fires	Special Services
Donegal Fire Service	-	-	-	-	-
Northern Ireland Fire Service	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-			-	
<u>Fire Prevention</u>					
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	9			161	
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	78			N/A	
Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by the	53			N/A	

Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from the Applicant / Agent:		
Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	9	112
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	1	14
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	3	10
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	6	19
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	15	146
Fire Safety Complaints received:	2	17
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	2	16
During Performance Inspections carried out:	0	0
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	29 ²	174

1. **Provisional data provided due to the West Region Communication Centres' transition to the National Mobilisation and Communications System.**
2. **Information not available due to the West Region Communication Centres' transition to the National Mobilisation and Communications System.**
3. **As part of its community fire safety programme, Donegal Fire Authority delivered a total of 21 No. fire safety talks/presentations and completed 8 No. Home Fire Safety Visits.**

ROADS & TRANSPORTATION UPDATE



Inishowen Municipal District

2nd of December 2025

Adopted Restoration Maintenance Programme 2025

RSS	Engineer	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name	Works Type	Length or work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	L	L-1371	Ballybrack Upper	SD	1,500	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	L	L-6431	Carnagarve Hill Road	SD	1,510	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	L	L-1131	Culdaff Glebe	SD	2,310	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	L	L-11111	Carthage	SD	1,550	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	L	L-5931	Glackadrummon	SD	1,600	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	L	L-5921	Redford Glebe	SD	600	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	L	L-12615	Freehold	SD	2,150	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	L	L-6271	Ballyargus	SD	1,400	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	R	R-241	Lower Road Greencastle	SD	1530	Complete	Complete	
Moville Total						14,150			
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L1272-1	Magherard/Hillhead	SD	1,500	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-5171-1	Meeting House to Ballagh	SD	2,400	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-5171-1	Clorney to Quarry Road	SD	350	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-5761-1	Hollymount	SD	2,165	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-5031-1	Moss Road Malin Head	SD	986	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-10113-0	Ardmalin	SD	1,300	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-10414-0	Tully	SD	1,100	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-10711/L-5141-1	Ballanahona	SD	1,480	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L-1511-1	Tullagh Road	SD	2,500	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LT	L-6841-1	Roosky	SD	900	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LT	L-52311-0	Magheranaul	SD	647	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L-1091-3	Isle road	SD	1,000	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L-1171-2	Altashane	SD	1,240	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh Total						16,328			
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	LP	L1731-1 to LL1731-6	Meena Hanish	SD	3,400	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	LP	1841-2	Moss Cottages Inch	SD	1,600	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	LP	1841-4	Watery Road Inch	SD	1,000	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	LS	L6211-1	White Castle School Road	SD	1,252	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	LT	16911-3	Meenaward	SD	2,300	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	LT	68712-2	Owenark	SD	1,374	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	LT	68712-3	Glassmullan	SD	1,100	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural Total						13,064			
Newtown	Inish South	R	265-8	Redbridge	SD	750	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	R	265-7	Monreagh	SD	680	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	LP	1811-1	Glackmore	SD	920	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	LP	1911-2	Drunskellan	SD	1,160	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	LP	2021-2	Adee to polock	SD	1,620	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	LS	5014-2	Dunduff	SD	1,400	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	LS	8241-1	Bohuillion	SD	946	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	LS	8421-1	Garshoey	SD	1,400	Complete	Complete	
Newtown Total						8,876			
IMD TOTAL						52,418			

Adopted Drainage Provision Programme 2024

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

Low Cost Safety Programme 2025

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

Bridge Strengthening Programme 2025

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

Adopted CIS Programme 2025

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



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

HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

Municipal District of Inishowen

02nd December 2025

Corporate Services

- Deputation from Greencastle Harbour Users Group
- Consider Disposal of Land at Ture, Muff
- Consider Proposal to renew lease of office accommodation at Carndonagh Public Service Centre to Teagasc
- Consider Schedule of Meetings for 2026
- Workshops scheduled 09th December 2025
 1. *An Garda Síochána – 10:00*
 2. *ACT Consultants – Buncrana Regeneration Plan – 12:00*

Housing Service

- Progress Reports



Property Management Section
for and on behalf of the
Roads and Transportation Service
Donegal County Council
Lifford
Co Donegal
24th October 2025

To: EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL

Notice under Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 - Proposal to dispose of a plot of land at Ture, Muff, Co. Donegal.

Dear Councillor,

Notice is hereby given that Donegal County Council Roads and Transportation Services propose to dispose of a plot of land at Ture, Muff to the adjoining property owners, Mr & Mrs Gerard and Glenda McCallion, Sallygardens, Aught Road, Muff.

In early 2025, correspondence was received from Mr. McCallion who expressed an interest in purchasing plot 'A', outlined in red on the attached map and contained within folio DL81619F from Donegal County Council.

Donegal County Councils Roads and Transportation Service have advised that they have no objection to this disposal. Furthermore, the Greenways Project Team have also advised that the lands are outside the Emerging Preferred Route Corridor for the proposed Three Trees to Carndonagh Greenway and therefore also have no objection to the disposal.

It is now proposed to dispose of the land to Mr & Mrs Gerard and Glenda McCallion subject to the following conditions:

1. Land measuring 0.074 hectares to be transferred at a cost of €3,500 (market value) to Mr & Mrs Gerard and Glenda McCallion.
2. The purchaser being responsible for the preparation of the Land Registry Compliant map, payment of land registration fees and payment of stamp duty.
3. The purchaser being responsible for all costs associated with the disposal.
4. The approval of the Local Council Services.
5. The approval of the Members of the Council.
6. The existing roadside fence line to remain as is.
7. That access to the verge is granted for maintenance.
8. Donegal Council to retain absolute ownership of the road.



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The plot comprising 0.074 hectares proposed for disposal to Mr & Mrs Gerard and Glenda McCallion, Sallygardens, Aught Road, Muff, Co. Donegal is marked plot 'A', outlined in RED and hatched in GREY on the attached map and forms Folio DL81619F Property Number 1, Plan Number 34.

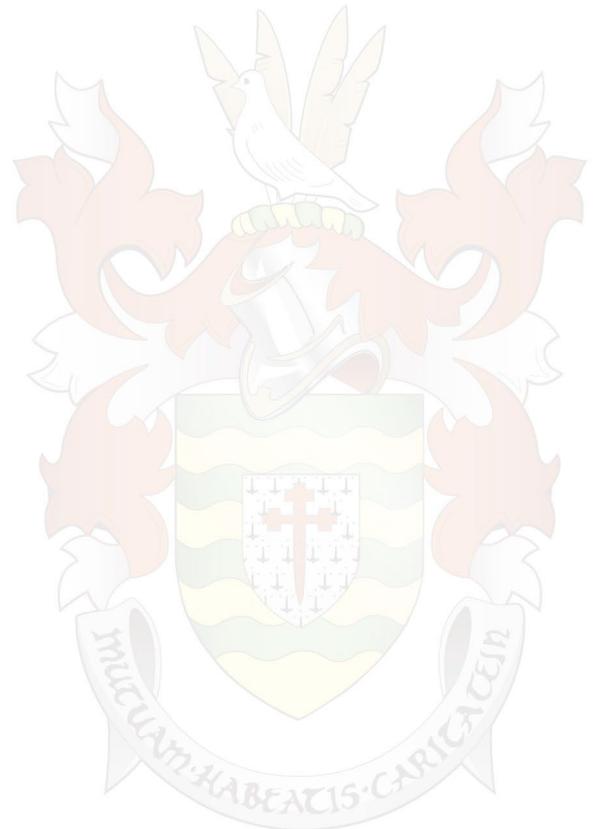
The matter is now being brought before the Inishowen Municipal District Members for approval prior to the issue of contracts to the purchasers / Formal Notice under Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 to the full Council.

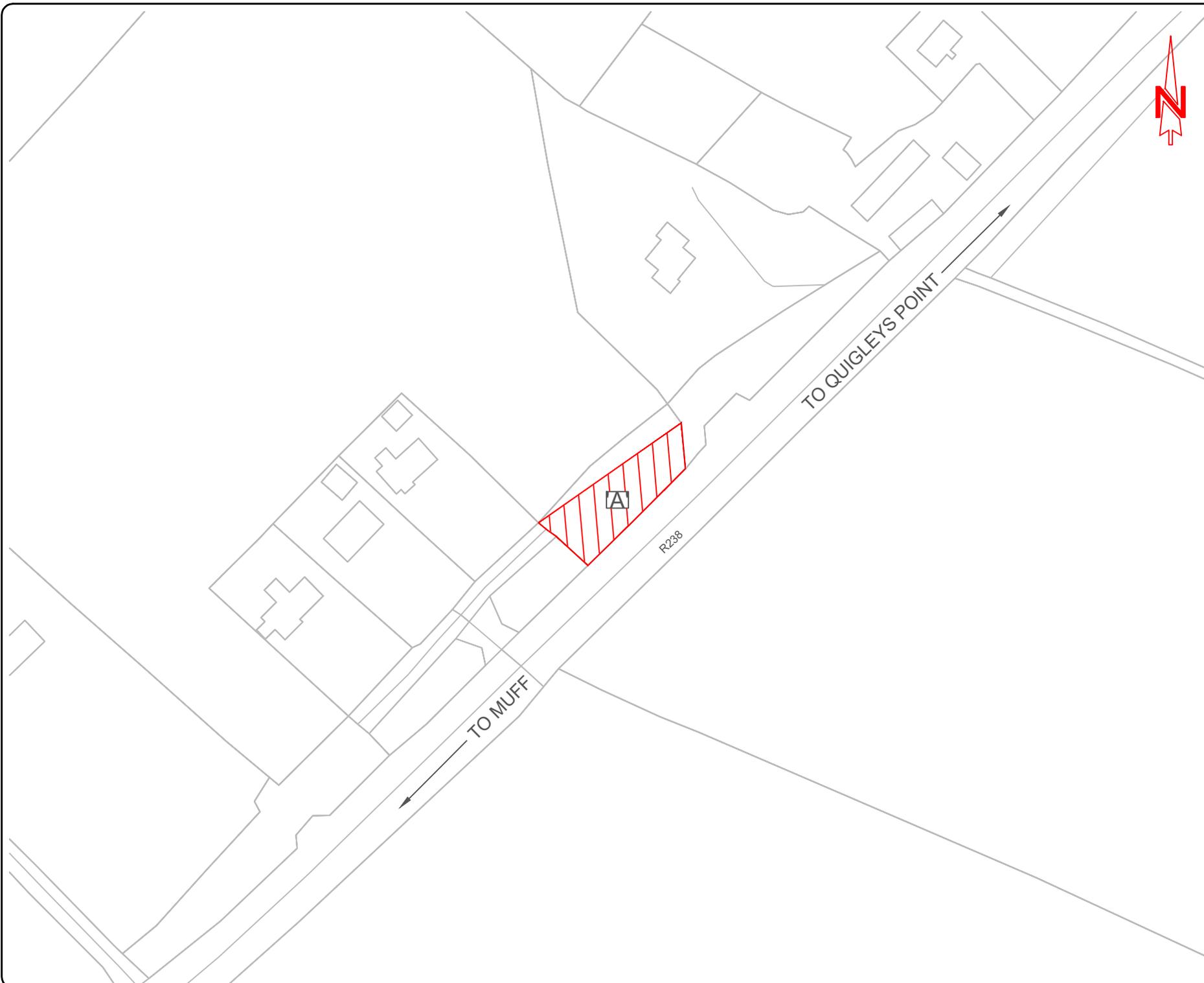
Yours sincerely,

E. Reid.

Eleanor Reid.
Senior Staff Officer
Property Management Section

Encl: Map showing plot of land owned by Donegal County Council.





Plot Number	Area (ha)	Area (ac)
PLOT A - outlined in red	0.074	0.182

LEGEND

Rev.	Description	Drawn	Checked	Date

Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall
Donegal County Council
 Property Management,
 Finance Section,
 The Old Barracks,
 Lifford,
 Co. Donegal.
 Telephone: 074 91 53900
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Property Reference
 PM550 - Land @ Ture, Muff

Drawing Title
 Proposed land to be transferred through
 Disposal to Gerard and Glenda McCallion

Drawn by :SMCB	Date :September 2025
Checked by :ER	Date :September 2025
Approved by :ER	Date :September 2025

Scales : NTS @ A4

Drawing No. : PM550.MCC.TFMAP001	Revision R001
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Property Management Section,
Finance,
The Barracks,
Lifford.

26th November, 2025.

To: **EACH MEMBER OF THE CARNDONAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

Notice under Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 – Proposal to renew lease of office accommodation at Carndonagh Public Service Centre to Teagasc.

Dear Councillor,

Notice is hereby given that Donegal County Council proposes to renew the lease of office accommodation at the Public Service Centre in Carndonagh Public Services Centre, Malin Road, Carndonagh as follows:

- It is proposed to lease the office accommodation to Teagasc for a period of 5 years, commencing on 1st January 2024.
- The office accommodation consists of approximately 52 sq. metres and is located on the first floor of Carndonagh Public Services Centre, as outlined by means of a thick black line on the attached drawing.
- The tenants will have shared access to the common areas of the Public Services Centre.

The proposed lease is subject to the following conditions;

It is now proposed to proceed to lease the office accommodation subject to the following conditions:

1. An annual rent of €6,050.
2. An associated facilities management charge of €8,800 per annum.
3. The approval of the Members of the Council.

The matter is now being brought before the Municipal District Members for approval prior to the issue of the lease to the Tenant and Formal Notice under

Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 to the full Council.

Yours sincerely,

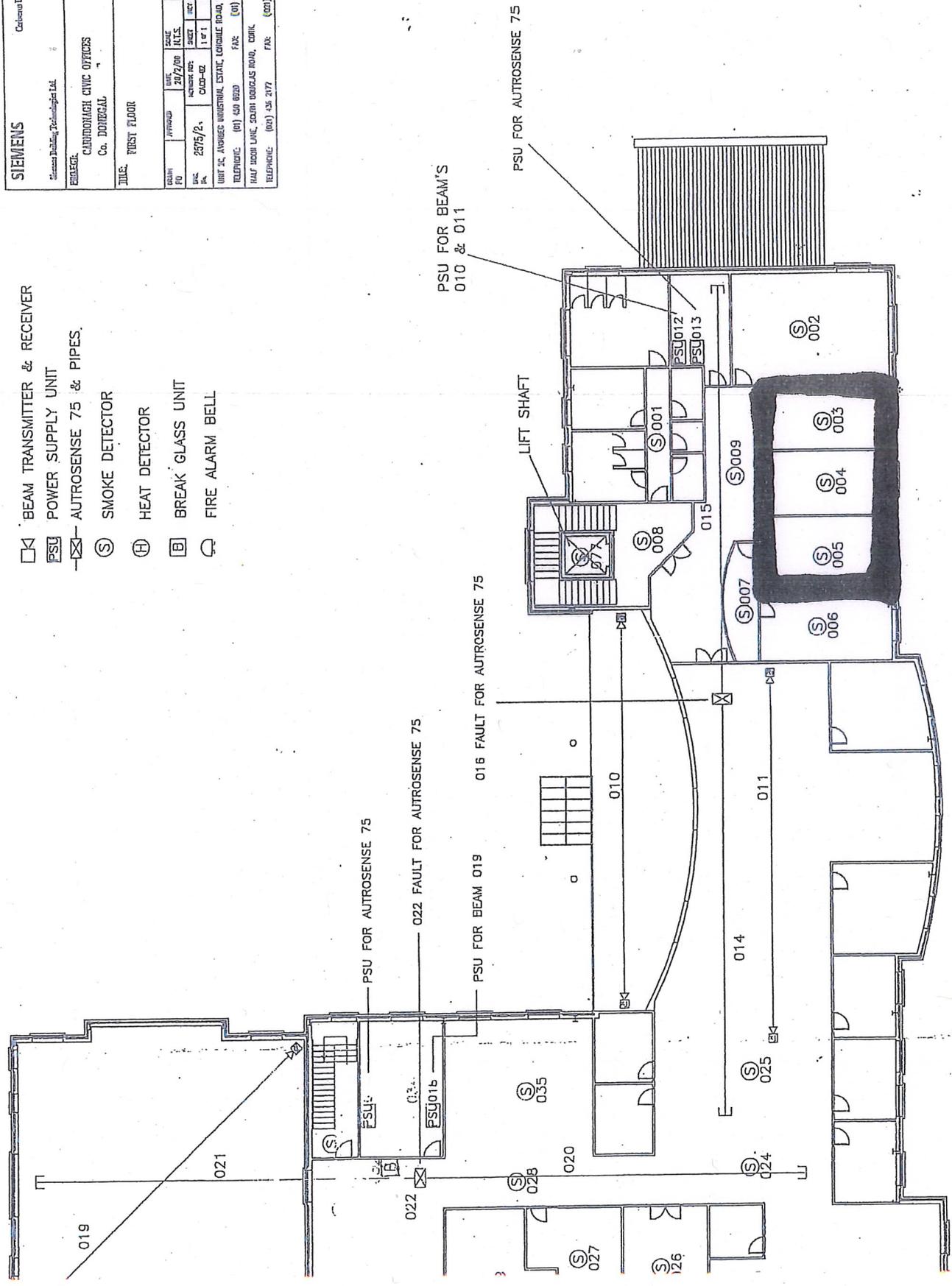
Eleanor Reid

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Senior Staff Officer.

Encl: Drawing showing accommodation proposed to be leased.

SIEMENS		Customer Details	
Siemens Building Technologies Ltd.		8	
PROJECT: CARDIFF CIVIC OFFICES			
Co. DORTMUND			
FLOOR: FIRST FLOOR			
DATE	APP'D	DATE	SCALE
20/2/00		20/2/00	1:1
SHEET	NO.	SHEET	NO.
2575/2	000-02	1 of 1	
UNIT 25, AVONING INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, LORVILLE ROAD, DUBLIN 12			
TELEPHONE: (01) 490 0920		FAX: (01) 450 0922	
UNIT 25, AVONING INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, LORVILLE ROAD, DUBLIN 12		TELEPHONE: (003) 432 2177	
FAX: (003) 432 2177		FAX: (003) 432 2177	

- ☒ BEAM TRANSMITTER & RECEIVER
- ☒ PSU POWER SUPPLY UNIT
- ☒ AUTROSENSE 75 & PIPES,
- Ⓢ SMOKE DETECTOR
- Ⓢ HEAT DETECTOR
- Ⓢ BREAK GLASS UNIT
- Ⓢ FIRE ALARM BELL



PSU FOR BEAM'S
010 & 011

PSU FOR AUTROSENSE 75

PSU FOR AUTROSENSE 75

022 FAULT FOR AUTROSENSE 75

PSU FOR BEAM 019

016 FAULT FOR AUTROSENSE 75

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02nd December 2025

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Proposed Schedule of Inishowen MD Meetings for 2026

13th January 2026

03rd March 2026

14th April 2026

26th May 2026

07th July 2026

08th September 2026

20th October 2026

01st December 2026

Yours sincerely

Una Cresswell
Area Manager
Housing & Corporate

Summary of Casual Vacancies Inishowen MD as 02 nd December 2025	
Properties Refurbished and at Offer Stage	2
Properties being refurbished	5
Properties to be refurbished	4

Summary of DCC Housing Offers and Tenancies

Offers issued from 01/01/2025	Offers refused from 01/01/2025	Tenancies created from 01/01/2025
56	16	40

Summary of DCC Nominations to AHBs

Area	AHB	Nominated	Vacancy	Allocated
Buncrana	SVP	1	1	1
Muff	Warren View	11	4	4
Newtowncunningham	Trinity Court	2	2	1

Inishowen MD Housing Waiting List	
Gross Number of Approved Applicants on Social Housing Waiting List	688
Applicants currently accommodated with HAP assistance but who have remained on the Council Social Housing list	398
Tenants currently accommodated in Council Social Housing and who are approved for a Transfer	52
Net Social Housing Waiting List	238

Gross Need - by approved bedrooms – December 2025

Municipal District		1	2	3	4	5	Total
Inishowen	Ballyliffin	0	8	4	2	0	14
	Bridgend	3	14	5	1	0	23
	Buncrana	17	168	73	13	0	271
	Burnfoot	1	5	4	0	0	10
	Burt	1	4	2	0	0	7
	Carndonagh	14	71	49	3	0	137
	Carrigans	2	10	5	0	0	17
	Clonmany	0	11	13	1	0	25
	Culdaff	0	8	5	0	0	13
	Fahan	1	2	0	0	0	3
	Gleneely	0	6	5	0	0	11
	Glengad	0	2	1	0	0	3
	Greencastle	3	11	5	0	0	19
	Inch	0	0	1	0	0	1
	Killea	0	3	3	1	0	7
	Malin	1	5	10	0	0	16
	Malin Head	0	1	1	0	0	2
	Moville	8	18	13	1	0	40
	Muff	4	16	10	0	0	30
	Newtowncunningham	3	25	6	1	1	36
Redcastle	0	1	2	0	0	3	
Total		58	389	217	23	1	688

Housing Grants Report at 25th November 2025

Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2023	79	56	4	13	6	0
2024	79	73	1	2	2	1
2025	82	39	2	11	11	19

Mobility Aids Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2023	41	28	0	12	1	0
2024	23	16	0	7	0	0
2025	8	4	0	2	0	2

Housing Aid for Older People Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2023	175	159	7	9	0	0
2024	222	200	5	12	4	1
2025	225	159	4	15	16	31

Housing Capital Update Report Inishowen Municipal District Meeting

02nd December 2025

1. Social Housing Developments – Construction Schemes

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

Location	Status	No. of Units
Construction Stage		
Rockytown, Phase 2	<p>Contractor appointed in December 2024 with a construction period of 24months.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site establishment works complete. Eastern and western boundary retaining wall complete. Internal retaining wall structures are ongoing. Piling works to 20 units complete. Foundations excavated and mud mat installed for 54 units. Foundation completed to 47 units. RC substructures complete to 47 units. Ground floor slabs complete to 31 units. Superstructure commenced to 8 no units. Trunk sewer and storm 80% complete. Install of electrical services ongoing. 	54
Barrack Hill, Carndonagh	All timber frame kits have been erected. Roofing works are complete for 21 units. External render to 12 units is complete, while mechanical and electrical 1 st and 2 nd fix have started on 15 units. Mainline drainage and watermains are 90% complete.	21
Carn Road, Gleneely	Retaining walls, mainline drainage, and road construction are 90% complete. Timber frame kits were erected for all 10 units. Blockwork has commenced on 2 units. 1 st fix plumbing and electrical have commenced on 6 units.	10
Malin, Radharc na Tra Breige, (Ph 4)	Roofs complete to 9 units. Blockwork is complete for all units. External render to 3 units. Mechanical and electrical 1 st fix commenced on 6 units. Mainline drainage is complete while construction of the estate road is underway.	9
SI at Kinnea, Clonmany	The roof is complete. 1 st fix plumbing and electrical have commenced; groundworks WWTP 80% complete.	1
SI at Ballyliffin	The roof is complete. 1 st fix plumbing and electrical have commenced; groundworks WWTP 80% complete.	1
SI at Dunaff, Clonmany	Foundations installed, blockwork at the wall plate level. Roof trusses to commence end of November.	1
Detailed Design / Tender Stage		
Ballyhaskey, Newtowncunningham	Archaeological surveys are complete. Tender documents are being considered for contract award. Applications have been made for connection to Uisce Eireann and ESB Networks.	40
Total		137

Rockytown Phase 2 Progress Photo



2. House Acquisitions & SHIP Renewal

- 2.1 The Council has completed the works to the Garda Station at Malin. This project now comprises 2 no. 3-bedroom semi-detached units, ready for allocation.
- 2.2 The Council is also progressing the acquisitions of 2 properties at Moville. These adjacent properties will require significant improvement works, following completion of the contract stage. Departmental funding approval has been received for this project. The properties are at conveyancing stage.

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.

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

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

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

4. Lands / Property for Social Housing Purposes

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

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

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

A further offer to acquire lands at Moville has been accepted (subject to contract and Uisce Eireann Connection Agreement and requirements) with the potential for 30 housing units.

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

From: Ministers Office <minister-drcd@corr.cloud.gov.ie>
Sent: 19 November 2025 18:42
To: UNA CRESSWELL (CARNDONAGH) <UCRESSWELL@Donegalcoco.ie>
Subject: DRCD-MO-00668-2025

Ms. Una Cresswell
Area Manager
Inishowen Municipal District
Donegal County Council
Public Service Centre
Malin Road
Carndonagh
Co Donegal

Our Ref: DRCD-MO-00668-2025

Dear Ms Cresswell

Thank you for your email on behalf of Inishowen Municipal District regarding the inclusion of additional areas in to the CLÁR scheme.

The CLÁR Programme provides funding under a number of different measures for small-scale infrastructural projects in designated rural areas.

The Programme for Government, makes a commitment to carry out a comprehensive review of the eligibility criteria of CLÁR within 6 months. This review has been concluded. The contents of the review are being considered and any changes to flow from the review will be implemented before the next iteration of the programme is launched next year.

I hope this is of some assistance to you.

Yours sincerely
Éamonn Mc Cormack
Éamonn Mc Cormack
Programme Manager to Dara Calleary T.D.
Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht