Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain

Oifig Riarthóir na gCruinnithe Aras an Chontae Leifear 27ú Samhain 2024

FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain ar siúl Dé Mháirt 03ú Nollaig 2024, 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 alkell **Una Cresswell** Riarthóir Cruinnithe **********************

Municipal District of Inishowen

Office of Meetings Administrator County House Lifford 27th November 2024

NOTICE OF MEETING

A Meeting of the Municipal District of Inishowen will be held on Tuesday 03rd December 2024 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

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AGENDA

- 1. Consideration of the Minutes of the Inishowen Municipal District Budget 2025 Meeting held on 24th October 2024
- 2. Consideration of the Minutes of the October Meeting of the Inishowen Municipal District held on 15th October 2024
- 3. Planning
- 4. Environment
- 5. Community Development
- 6. Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services
- 7. Roads & Transportation
- 8. Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services
- 9. Correspondence

MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BUDGET 2025 "MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING" HELD ON THURSDAY 24^{TH} OCTOBER 2024 AT 10.00AM

Councillors Present:

Councillors Joy Beard, Fionán Bradley, Paul Canning, Terry Crossan, Albert Doherty and Ali Farren.

Apologies: Councillors Martin Farren, Martin McDermott and Jack Murray

Officials Present:

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

Leas-Cathaoirleach of Inishowen Municipal District, Cllr Terry Crossan, 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 3rd October 2024 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 2025. 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.
- The Schedule of Municipal District works is a more detailed allocation of the budget for each of the Municipal Districts which is presented to Members in March each year.
- Regulations require that the draft budgetary plan shall set out the GMA and its proposed application for the forthcoming financial year.
- It is not practicable, in the context of the sequencing of budget processes, to allocate a final figure as part of the GMA, prior to the final plenary budget being adopted.
- It is only when the plenary budget is adopted that it can be known for certain what capacity exists within the Council's resources to allocate such funding.
- 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 outlined the challenge in relation to the Budget for 2025. He advised members that the figure for commercial rates income is still outstanding and outlined the increased costs due to inflation which has increase by 21.5% in last five years. There has been an increase in expenditure in energy, equipment, construction and IT software. Public lighting will increase by over 25% in 2025.

The increased costs incurred by leisure centres, theatres etc due to inflation will require a larger budget allocation to be provided to them by the Council. In addition, there is a significant demand for co-financing, particularly on the capital account. The ambitious capital programme means that the Council will need to borrow further in order to complete the various projects. Richard Gibson further advised that the target is to maintain the level of service for 2025 as has been provided for in 2024. He advised members that serious considerations should be given to increasing the budget in areas most affected by inflation such as parks and open spaces, road maintenance, footpaths, public realm infrastructure.

He outlined the difficult decision for members in relation to potentially increasing commercial rates and outlined the difficulties facing a number of businesses in Donegal

Recommendation

It was therefore 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 Paul Canning, 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 and thanked Richard for the presentation and work carried out to date.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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| Area Manager | Date: |

MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 15th OCTOBER 2024 AT 1.00 PM IN CARNDONAGH PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE

Councillors Present:

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

Officials Present:

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

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

24.52 Consideration of the Minutes of the Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District held on 03rd September 2024

Cllr Fionán Bradley highlighted a correction to minute 24.48.08 of 03rd September 2024. It should read Donegal County Council will host a meeting on 11th September 2024 from 3pm to 8pm.

On the proposal of Cllr Martin Farren, seconded by Cllr Terry Crossan, the minutes of the Inishowen Municipal District Meeting held on 03rd September were agreed.

24.53 PLANNING

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

24.53.01 National Parks & Wildlife Service

Ryan Nolan advised members that he has received no response to date from the National Parks & Wildlife Service following concerns raised at a previous Inishowen Municipal District meeting regarding the ongoing corncrake survey. It was agreed that a further reminder letter would be sent.

24.53.02 Taking in Charge of Private Residential Estates

The Taking in Charge team, as detailed in the Planning Report for the Inishowen Municipal District meeting, presented one estate, as listed below in the Inishowen Municipal District to Members and sought approval to complete the Taking in Charge process.

1 Lios na Greine, Burnfoot

The Planning Authority is satisfied that there is a need for a Public Right of Way over the estate roads and sought approval from Members to make an order to create these Rights of Way in accordance with Section 207 of the Planning & Development Act.

Approval was sought from Members, in accordance with Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act to initiate the procedures under Section 11 of the Roads Act to declare the roads within these estates to be public roads and thereby complete the Taking in Charge of the estates.

Lios Na Greine, Burnfoot

On the proposal of Cllr Jack Murray seconded by Cllr Fionán Bradley, it was 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 Lios Na Greine, Burnfoot as set out in the maps in the report, to enable it to proceed with the taking in charge of the estates.

On the proposal of Cllr Jack Murray seconded by Cllr Fionán Bradley, it was 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 Lios na Greine, Burnfoot 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.

24.53.03 Planning Applications- Inishowen MD

Cllr Paul Canning acknowledged the number of planning applications received for the Inishowen Municipal District as outlined in the planning report and thanked the planning team for their ongoing work and support. Cllr Albert Doherty concurred with these comments.

Cllr Albert Doherty referred to the number of invalid applications and asked if there was a pattern as to why these applications were invalid. Ryan Nolan advised that a planning application could be invalid for several reasons such as site notice location or an incomplete planning application.

24.53.04 Court House Building - Carndonagh

Cllr Albert Doherty requested that contact be made with the Court Service/OPW in relation to plans for the upkeep and future use of the Court House building in Carndonagh.

24.53.05 Foyle View Manor, Carrigans

Cllr Terry Crossan requested an update on the Taking in Charge of Foyle View Manor, Carrigans.

24.53.06 Buncrana Town Team

Cllr Fionán Bradley thanked Patricia McIntyre and her team for work that was carried out in establishing the Buncrana Town Team. Cllr Jack Murray concurred with these comments.

24.54 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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

- Love Donegal Day reached an audience of 90.3 million.
- North West City Region filming has taken place for a promotional video that will promote the range of golf available in the North West City Region.
- Night-Time Economy Buncrana Applications for seed funding for local groups and businesses to diversify the night-time economy in Buncrana will close on 10th October.

24.54.01 Night-Time Economy Buncrana

Cllr Fionán Bradley acknowledged the recent stakeholder engagement event which took place on 18th September which was well attended. He highlighted the closing date was very short to allow local groups to make applications for seed funding to diversify the night-time economy in Buncrana.

24.54.02 Tourism Marketing Unit Event

The Spanish Armada was welcomed into Killybegs on 19th September by Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Niamh Kennedy ahead of the commemoration weekend in Sligo. It was noted that there are several Armada groups in Donegal that work closely with Spanish Armada Ireland. Cllr Albert Doherty expressed his appreciation of the event and added that Greencastle and Tremone areas in Inishowen have strong links to the Spanish Armanda.

24.54.03 Energy Efficiency Grant

Cllr Albert Doherty referred to the Energy Efficiency Grant where businesses with less than fifty employees can avail of a new 75% grant support to a maximum of €10,000. He requested further details on how this grant would be administered.

24.54.04 Donegal Tourism

Cllr Martin McDermott requested that a meeting be arranged with Donegal Tourism, Fáilte Ireland and Go Visit Inishowen as soon as possible in order to plan for the upcoming tourist season. Cllrs Jack Murray and Martin Farren concurred with these comments.

24.54.05 North West City Region

Cllr Jack Murray queried which golf courses would be included in the promotional video of golf courses available in the North West City Region.

24.55 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 Improvement Programme 2024
- Restoration Maintenance Programme 2024
- Drainage Provision Programme 2024
- Low-Cost Safety Programme 2024
- Bridge Strengthening Programme 2024
- Lagg Road, Malin Head
- Coyle's/Beggar's Bridge

24.55.01 Road Lining

Michael McFadden advised members that a contractor will be appointed to carry out road lining in the Inishowen area.

24.55.02 Public Lighting

Michael McFadden advised that Public Lighting Contract is signed with Electric Skyline. He advised members that public can now report a fault at electricskyline.ie.

24.55.03 Restoration Improvement Programme (2025 – 2027)

Following on from a workshop held on 15th October 2024, it was proposed by Cllr Martin Farren and seconded by Cllr Terry Crossan that the 2025 – 2027 Restoration Improvement Programme be adopted.

24.55.04 Junction at Public Service Centre, Carndonagh

Michael McFadden advised members that funding was secured from the National Transport Authority to carry out improvement works at the Carndonagh roundabout in front of Public Service Centre. He advised members that works would include the installation of pedestrian speed table at each approach.

24.55.05 Traffic Calming Measures and Signage

Cllr Martin Farren requested an update on his request to have a traffic counter put in place at Clar corner, Moville. Michael McFadden agreed to follow up.

Cllr Martin Farren also requested traffic calming measures be put in place at the Crossroads at Greencastle Community Centre.

Cllr Martin Farren requested that a road crossing be installed at Centra, Moville to assist children from the local schools when crossing this area of the road.

Cllr Martin McDermott requested that appropriate signage be put in place on the Mountain Road coming into Carndonagh as there have being a number of incidents at this part of the road.

Cllr Paul Canning thanks the Roads Service for the provision of raised tables at Newtowncunningham, Killea, Carrigans and Bridgend. He outlined a requirement for a further raised table at Bridgend National School and in Carrigans village.

Cllr Paul Canning asked that appropriate measures/signage be put in place at Tooban National School.

Cllr Ali Farren raised concerns regarding a junction at Collon Road, Carndonagh and asked that appropriate measures be put in place in the area.

Cllr Albert Doherty requested that appropriate traffic calming measures be put in place at Cedar Grove, Cherry Avenue and Donagh Park, Carndonagh.

24.55.06 Scoil Treasa Naofa, Malin

Cllr Ali Farren requested that road crossing be put in place at Scoil Treasa Naofa, Malin and advised that the flashing amber lights also require attention. Cllr Albert Doherty Concurred with this request. Cllr Albert Doherty acknowledged the ongoing discussions with both the Roads and Housing Service regarding the possible provision of additional carparking facilities at the school.

24.55.07 Footpath

Cllr Paul Canning and Cllr Joy Beard requested that the footpath at Burt Chapel be extended.

24.55.08 Hedge Cutting

Cllr Martin Farren requested that hedge cutting take place along the Moville to Muff Road as was done in the past by the Council. Cllr Terry Crossan concurred with this request. Michael McFadden advised that hedge cutting is the responsibility of the landowner but agreed to follow up.

24.55.09 Cockhill Road, Buncrana

Cllr Fionán Bradly thanked the roads team for the resurfacing works that took place at Cockhill Road, Buncrana and queried when further reinstatement works would be completed along this road. Cllr Jack Murray concurred with this request. Michael McFadden outlined the need for settlement to take place prior to any reinstatement works being completed.

24.55.10 Francistown Junction

Cllr Martin McDermott referred to Francistown Junction as discussed at previous meetings. He stated that appropriate funding needs to be put in place to address this issue.

24.55.11 Millfield Crescent, Buncrana

Cllr Jack Murray referred to a fence along the river behind Millfield Crescent, Buncrana and requested that a gate be put in place to allow for conversation work at the river. This gate would be secured to ensure that children could not access the area. Michael McFadden agreed to liaise with the Inishowen Area Engineer for Housing.

24.55.12 Footpath at Knockamany

Cllr Martin McDermott requested an update on the provision of a footpath at Knockamany, Malin Head.

24.55.13 Piers and Harbours

Cllr Martin McDermott acknowledged the works that were carried out to the pier at Glengad. He requested that Harbour Masters be available for all piers in the Inishowen Municipal District as a matter of urgency. Cllr Terry Crossan and Cllr Ali Farren concurred with these comments. Cllr Ali Farren also requested that the electricity supply that was previously available at piers should be reinstated. Bryan Cannon noted the concerns raised in the meeting. He advised members that there are two Harbour Masters allocated for the County, one based in Burtonport and one based in Greencastle. He outlined the ongoing recruitment process for the provision of a Harbour Master in Greencastle and hoped that this position would be filled shortly. He outlined that direct labour is also used for the maintenance of the piers and harbours. Cllr Ali Farren queried if a rota could be put in place to ensure that all the piers and harbours are maintained by the Harbour Master. Concerns were raised that two Harbour Masters for the county was insufficient and members requested that senior management explore the option of providing further resources for the area.

24.55.14 Road Improvement Works

Cllr Terry Crossan requested that improvement works be carried out along the section of road between Carnamoyle to Barr's Quarry. Michael McFadden agreed to follow up.

24.55.15 Mill Bridge, Buncrana

Cllr Joy Beard requested an update regarding the Mill Bridge, Buncrana and requested that this matter be progressed as a matter of urgency. Cllr Jack Murray concurred with this request. Michael McFadden advised that this is part of the Inner Relief Road which is part of a strategic route and will require a significant budget.

24.55.16 Community Involvement Scheme

Cllr Terry Crossan advised that a Community Involvement Scheme (CIS) was approved at Drung Chapel and queried when this would be progressed. Michael McFadden agreed to follow up.

24.55.17 Aileach football Club

Cllr Paul Canning advised that the bridge at Aileach Football Club requires attention.

24.55.18 Donagh park, Carndonagh

Cllr Albert Doherty requested that the perimeter fencing at Donagh Park, Carndonagh requires attention.

24.55.19 Inishowen Head Walk

Cllr Jack Murray advised that the trail at the Inishowen Head Walk is in need of repair. Michael McFadden agreed to follow up with relevant personnel. Fiona Doherty, Development Officer, Community Development advised that funding may be available through the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme.

24.55.20 Accessible Carparking Space

Cllr Jack Murray requested an update regarding the provision of an accessible car parking space at junction between St Patrick's Road and Church Street, Buncrana.

24.56 ENVIRONMENT

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

- Climate Action Carndonagh Decarbonizing Zone.
- Climate Actions Work Fund Closing Sate for applications was 04th October 2024.
- First meeting of Donegal County Council's Climate Action Team was held on Thursday 19th September.

24.56.01 Bottle Bank - Moville

Cllr Martin Farren expressed his disappointment that works that were to be carried out at the bottle bank in Moville had not commenced and asked that the works be progressed immediately. Cllr Martin Farren requested that someone meet him at the location. Matthew Byrne agreed to follow up.

24.56.02 Ard na Guala Duibhe, Moville

Cllr Martin Farren highlighted ongoing issues with sewage at Ard na Guala Duibhe, Moville.

24.56.03 Dog Fouling

Cllr Martin Farren requested that dog fouling bags be restocked in the dispenser at Moville Green. Matthew Byrne advised that the dog fouling bags are ordered and outlined the difficulty in keeping these bags stocked at this particular location as the service was being abused.

24.56.04 Septic Tank Inspections

Cllr Paul Canning advised the meeting that he had received an update that the Council were not in a position to inspect septic tanks when requested by a member of the public due to lack of resources. He requested that additional resources be put in place as a matter of urgency in order that this issue be addressed. Cllr Albert Doherty concurred with these comments. Matthew Byrne agreed to follow up.

24.56.05 Climate Actions Work Fund

Cllr Albert Doherty referred to the Climate Actions Work Fund where the closing date for applications was 04th October 2024. He requested further details of applications received and further details in relation to the fund. Matthew Byrne agreed to follow up at the next Inishowen Municipal District Meeting.

24.56.06 Defective Concrete Blocks

Cllr Joy Beard referred to houses that were being remediated under the Defective Concrete Blocks Grant Scheme and queried if there were any guidelines available in relation to the disposal of the different household materials in an environmentally friendly way. She queried if the Council had any plans in place to recycle products.

24.56.07 Council Owned Land

Bryan Cannon agreed to follow up directly with Cllr Martin McDermott in relation to a query around persons residing on Council owned land without permission.

24.57 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Fiona Doherty, Development Officer, Community & Enterprise presented the report, and it was taken as read

24.57.01 Development Fund Initiative 2024 - Reallocation of Funding

It was proposed by ClIr Paul Canning and seconded by ClIr Terry Crossan that €5,000 originally allocated to the Newtowncunningham Focus Group under the 2024 Development Fund Initiative should be reallocated to Killea Tidy Towns.

24.57.02 Community Recognition Fund 2024

Fiona Doherty advised members that he closing date for receipt of applications for Community Recognition Fund is 3.30pm on Thursday 14th November 2024.

24.57.03 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme

Fiona Doherty updated members regarding the jetty in Bunagee, Culdaff. She outlined that the consultant is currently working on the design of the structure as outlined in the report.

24.57.04 Donegal Walks and Trails

Following a query raised by Cllr Albert Doherty at the previous Inishowen Municipal District meeting, Fiona Doherty advised that the Outdoor Recreational Development Officer engage with stakeholders and landowners regarding the Craigtown/Glenagannon walk.

Cllr Ali Farren requested that the walk in Malin Head be reinstated as it is currently in disrepair and asked that works be carried out prior to the tourist season. He asked that the Outdoor Recreational Development Officer investigate this area.

24.57.05 Moville Town and Village Renewal Project

Cllr Martin Farren thanked Fiona Doherty and the team of the work that was carried out at Moville Shore Path. He outlined the positive feedback from the public and stated that the shore path is accessible for everyone. He requested that some maintenance be carried out on the outdoor gym equipment.

24.57.06 Malin Head Visitor Management Plan

A meeting was held in Carndonagh Public Service Centre on Friday 06th September with the Senior Engineer, Executive Engineer and property owners regarding the Malin Head Visitor Plan. Cllr Albert Doherty queried how many property owners were in attendance.

Cllr Martin McDermott requested an update on the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan for the next Inishowen Municipal District Meeting.

24.57.07 Barrack Hill Town Park, Carndonagh

Cllr Albert Doherty acknowledged works on the provision of an accessible sheltered outdoor structure at Barrack Hill Town Park, Carndonagh. He requested that further resources be put in place to ensure that the area is maintained during the winter period as this is not the case at present. Michael McFadden agreed to follow up.

24.57.08 Clár Funding Scheme

Cllr Albert Doherty requested that a letter be issued from Inishowen Municipal District to Minister Heather Humphreys for the extension to the Clár areas in Inishowen. Cllr Terry Crossan concurred with this request.

24.57.09 Vacant Building - Carndonagh

Fiona Doherty advised that it is intended that a meeting will be held with all stakeholders in relation to the derelict Council building in Carndonagh.

24.50.10 Buncrana Golf Club, Buncrana

Cllr Jack Murray referred to his previous request regarding land that is currently leased by Buncrana Golf Club from Donegal County Council on an ongoing basis. Fiona Doherty and Michael McFadden agreed to follow up directly with Cllr Jack Murray.

24.57.11 Workshop - Rural Programme Workshop

It was agreed that a Rural Programme Workshop would be held online on Monday 04th November at 9am.

24.57.12 Conservation Ranger

Cllr Albert Doherty highlighted that there are currently two vacancies for Conservation Ranger positions within the Inishowen area.

24.58 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES

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

24.58.01 Donegal Tourism Associate Members Committee

The members agreed that the following members would be nominated to the Donegal Tourism Associate Members Committee in the following rotation –

- Year one Cllr Martin McDermott
- Year two Cllr Ali Farren
- Year three Cllr Albert Doherty

24.58.02 Budget 2025

Una Cresswell advised members that the Budget Workshop will be held on Thursday 3rd October 2023 at 2pm and an online Budget meeting will be held on Thursday 24th October at 2pm.

24.58.03 Social Housing – Vacant Properties

Following a request form Cllr Fionán Bradley at the previous meeting, Una Cresswell outlined the different reasons why offers of tenancies are refused. She advised that there were a number of reasons such as location of property, size of dwelling and in certain cases, no reason was given.

She also advised members that the time it takes to reallocate vacant properties varies depending on the level of vacant house works required for each property.

24.58.04 Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability

Cllr Terry Crossan acknowledged the ongoing work in the administrating the Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability. Una Cresswell advised the meeting that the position of Clerk of Works for the Housing Service, Inishowen Municipal District is now filled.

24.58.05 Social Housing Developments – Construction Schemes

Following a query by Cllr Albert Doherty, Shaun Doherty advised members that the social housing developments at Carndonagh, Gleneely and Malin are currently awaiting final Departmental approval with the appointment of a contractor expected in November 2024 as outlined in the report.

24.58.06 Reception – Elite Dance Academy

Cllr Jack Murray outlined the recent success of Elite Dance Academy at the All-Ireland Hip-Hop & Crew Championships 2024 and proposed that a reception be organised by Inishowen Municipal District to acknowledge this success. Cllr Fionán Bradley seconded this request. Una Cresswell agreed to follow up.

24.58.07 Date of next meeting

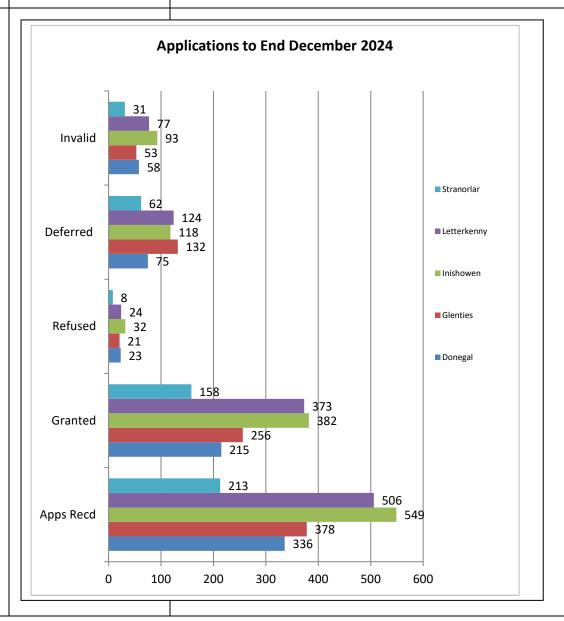
It was agreed that the date of the next meeting to be held on 03rd December at 1pm.

| This concluded the business of the meeting. | |
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Inishowen MD Meeting 3rd December 2024

| | Item | Update | |
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| 1 | Development Applications | | |
| | (1) Statistics | Inishowen MD Totals Year t | o End Oct 2024 |
| | | Applications received | 549 |
| | | Granted | 382 |
| | | Refused | 32 |
| | | Deferred | 118 |
| | | Invalid | 93 |
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| 2 | Enforcement | | |
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| | | Inishowen MD | To end Oct 2024 |
| | | New Cases | 54 |
| | | Closed Cases | 36 |
| | | Outstanding cases on | 323 |
| | | record since 2012 | |
| 3 | Notes & Monthly Schedule | Pre planning clinics are on basis (ring 074 9153900) be 12.30pm on the dates outli | etween 9.00am and |
| | | The pre planning clinic ca Executive Planners and sapplications only. Planning Clinics 2024: 7 th November 2024 21 st November 2024 5 th December 2024 19 th December 2024 Please see website for further http://www.donegalcoco.ie/seclinics/ | shall be for substantial er dates. |
| 4 | Casual Trading | <u>Citrics/</u> | |
| 5 | Regeneration & | See Appendix A | |
| | Development | Состиронажи | |
| 6 | Building Control & | See Appendix B | |
| | Taking in Charge | | |
| 7 | Central Planning | | |
| | Unit | | |
| 8 | Capital Projects | See Appendix C | |
| | Delivery Unit | | |
| 9 | Conservation | | |
| 10 | Further Information Click on web links to access information. | Weekly List of applications at http://www.donegalcoco.ie/seninglists/ Planning Service email (to be | ervices/planning/weeklyplan |
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| | | Planning Webpage: <u>www.donegalcoco.ie/service</u> | es/planning/ |
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Appendix A





Tionscadal Éireann Project Ireland 2040

Regeneration & Development Team Community Development and Planning Services

REPORT TO THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETINGS NOVEMBER 2024

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 | Туре | Value (includes DCC co- funding) | Current Status/Delivery |
|--|---|---|---|
| Back to Ballyshannon | Category 2 (2020) | €247,500 | Further screening to be arranged. Tender to procure topographical survey and structural survey underway. To be targeted for future Category 1 Funding |
| Ramelton Reimagined/Historic Town Centre | Category 2 Category 1 (2022) | €249,159 €7,949,868 | Project with CPDU for delivery. |
| Repowering Buncrana | Category 2 (3 rd Call) | | Property with CPDU for delivery. |
| Rathmullan (in partnership with | | | Part 8 approved February 2023. Unsuccessful for funding under Call 5 in May 2024. |

Community Development, Enterprise & Planning Service



| The Way Forward | | Options being explored to position |
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| Rathmullan CLG). Milford Town Centre First Plan | €100,000 | project for future funding opportunities. Town Centre First Plan launched November 2023 GM Design Associates preparing a statutory planning scheme for the lands at Lower Mount Marian. Engagement with stakeholders ongoing. DCC to progress other priority projects identified in the Plan. Projects to be targeted for future funding calls. |
| Glenties Town Centre First Plan | €30,000 | External consultancy services tendered. GM Design Associates appointed to assist with preparation of the Plan. First engagement with the Glenties Town Team taking place on the 6th November 2024. |
| Creeslough Village Plan and Community Regeneration Project (in association with the Creeslough Working Group, Creeslough Community Association and Arup). | | Village Plan launched 21st March 2024. Part 8 for Community Regeneration Project approved in September 2023. Project successfully awarded funding of €12.1m under Call 5 in May 2024 (total project value is €13.5m). Funding agreement received and returned to the Department in August 2024. Project with CPDU for delivery. |
| Moville Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan. | €24,500 | GM Design Associates appointed toprepare plan. Community drop-in event held on September 19, 2024. GM Design working to prepare a draft Plan for further consultation. Further workshop to be arranged with Members in due course. |
| Dungloe | €50,000 | Funding allocation under Town and Village Renewal to advance design and planning consent for public realm works at Main Stret, Dungloe. Tender being prepared to procure external design team. |

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| Creeslough Minor Tourism Works | €50,000 | Works being designed in-house and contractor to be procured. Works to be completed by year end 2024. |
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| Bundoran Regeneration Plan | €15,000 | • Early inception meetings in-house have been arranged. |
| Glenties Town Team | | • Town team established in August 2024 to represent the community in the preparation and delivery of the Glenties Town Centre First Plan. |
| Creeslough Town Team | €10,000 | Creeslough Town Team established and first meeting held on the 25th October 2024. Funding of €10,000 allocated from the DRCD to support town team capacity building. External consultancy services procured to deliver team capacity building training to the Town Team. |
| Buncrana Town Team | €10,000 | 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. |
| Ballybofey- Stranorlar Town Team | €10,000 | Discussion ongoing with BASICC with a view to establishing a Town Team to deliver the Ballybofey and Stranorlar Regeneration Strategy with support from the Regeneration Team. Funding of €10,000 allocated from the DRCD to support town team capacity building. |
| Moville Town Team | | Initial discussions ongoing to establish a Moville Town Team. |
| Milford Town Team | | Work to commence to establish a Town Team to deliver the Milford Town Centre First Plan with support from Donegal County Council. |



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 | | |
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| Call | Value of Project (includes DCC co- funding). | Projects and current Status/Delivery |
| Call 1 (approved September 2019) 3 Sub-Projects | €3m | Prepare Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy Completed 2022. Letterkenny Urban Regeneration site. DCC took possession of the former ESB site and adjacent lands through a CPO in 2023. Site to be developed for the Alpha/Beta Office accommodation, public realm and Housing. |
| | | 3 Public Realm/Linear Park Phase 1 Opened June 2023. |
| Call 2 (May 2020 and approved March 2021) 6 Sub Projects | €19.3m (€4.8m DCC co- funding) | Reimagine public space at Market Square. Project with CPDU for delivery. Cathedral Quarter Park and Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme 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. Tendering process undertaken and appointment of external design team imminent. |



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.

4. Revival of the Courthouse

- 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.
- 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.
- Funding of €199,969 allocated under THRIVE Strand 1 from the Northern and Western Regional Assembly.
- EPIC working on Interpretation and Business Plan.
- Community consultation event held on the 24th
 October 2024 to inform the community of the
 status of the project.

5. Strategic acquisition to enable a Regional Transport Hub

- Avison Young appointed to take forward all previous engagement and act on Councils behalf as regards further offers/ acquisitions/ CPO.
- Funding commitment secured from the NTA to enable the engagement of consultancy services to move the project forward to the next level as regards scale, scope, further engagement with transport providers and operational requirements.
- Consultation with Local Link ongoing in relation to private bus operators.
- Land acquisition offers to be made shortly.



| | | Strategic acquisition to enable LK Green Connect Part 8 in relation to the Cultural Corridor element of the project approved by Donegal County Council at the November 2023 Plenary meeting. In-house team has commenced steps to develop a Part 8 for Phase 2 (from constructed Phase 1 to Pearse Road). Valuation services of Avison Young being engaged in relation to phase 2 (from constructed Phase 1 to Pearse Road) and lands required for the Cultural Corridor element of the Scheme. All landowners engaged. Topographical survey well advanced. Tenders for AA/EIA screening opened but no response to advertisement – to reopen tender again. Tender advertised for external structural/civil engineering consultative services for site investigation services – closing date October 7, 2024. |
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| Call 3 (March 2023 and approved July 2023). | €4m | Revolving fund for acquisition costs of long-term vacant property or sites 46 properties on the programme and all owners have been engaged with. A number of properties already activated or being activated through the Croi Conaithe grant scheme and other schemes. Workshop held on 4th September 2024 to brief Members on the outputs to-date and next steps. Valuation Services engaged in relation to property valuations. Council to advance 12 properties for acquisition/CPO. Derelict Sites Register to be updated also. |
| "The Eat Out' Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Project | | Construction completed. Please refer to the report from Community Development who are delivering this project. |
| Letterkenny Cultural Corridor | | Part 8 approved November 2023. Valuation services of Avison Young being engaged in relation to lands required for the delivery of the Scheme. Services of Quantity Surveyor engaged to provide cost estimates for the scheme. To be targeted for future URDF funding call. |



| Youth/Community | Early engagements with Letterkenny Youth Club and Demonstrate Services Letterkenny Youth Club and |
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| focused project at | Donegal Youth Services have commenced. |
| Lower Main Street | • Avison Young appointed in Q4 2023 to take forward all previous engagement and act on Council's behalf as regards further offers/acquisitions/CPO. |
| | In tandem, targeted to carry out capacity testing of potential lands available to clarify viability of the project and to undertake further engagement with stakeholders. |

3.0 Croi Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme.

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

Table 3: Summary of Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Applications

| Applications Received | 971 |
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| Applications Finalised | 661 |
| Approved | 635 |
| • Deemed not eligible (eligibility criteria not met – vacancy/proposed works). | 26 |
| In progress (first technical inspection/awaiting information from applicant). | 260 |
| Withdrawn (by applicant) | 50 |
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| Grants paid | 69 |
| Value of Grants paid to applicants | €3.4m |

• To date, 43 drop in events have been held to promote the Scheme. Next round of drop in events provisionally planned for October 2024 and details will be circulated in advance.

Regeneration and Development Team. November 2024.



Appendix B



CAPITAL PROJECTS DELIVERY UNIT

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



| | Oral Hearing has been completed on the 10 th Sept. Awaiting decision from An Bord Pleanala. |
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| | Back Lane Tenders have assessed and lowest tender identified. Contractor will be appointed following confirmation to proceed from the Department. |
| Project Targets for the next Bi- monthly / quarterly reporting period | Works should be on going on the back lane. |
| Contact Person(s) | Hugh Trearty, Executive Engineer Ardal McDermott, Senior Executive Engineer |

| Activity / Project Title | Fort Dunree | |
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| Project Description/Activity | Donegal County Council (DCC) has been awarded grant funding of €9,251,000 for Fort Dunree, Co. Donegal under Fáilte Irelands, Capital investment scheme Platform for Growth – A Programme for Tourism Investment, Platform 1: Immersive Heritage and Cultural Attractions. | |
| | This will be supported by €3.2 million match funding committed by Donegal County Council providing a total Project value of €12.5 million investment. | |
| | The transformational tourism project at Fort Dunree is informed by a vision to reimagine the visitor experience at this spectacular Fort and Discovery Point along the Wild Atlantic Way. | |
| | The project will physically link the 3 unique elements of Fort Dunree: Lough Swilly below the Fort; the Promontory Fort and the High Fort (Redoubt). Along the visitor journey, immersive heritage and cultural touch-points will be provided with modern intervention view points and imaginative interpretive installations. The ambition is to reposition this defensive site to allow visitors to imagine its past and experience its beauty. | |
| | The proposed Project comprises of the following key components. High Fort: Works to improve existing High Fort High Guns: Restoration of the High Guns Lighthouse: Conservation & refurbishment works Northern Walkway: New projecting walkway Lower Fort Walkway: construction of new walkway & upgrade of access route and drawbridge. The Village: Conservation & upgrade of existing buildings to facilitate, welcome building, toilets, souvenir shop, café etc. Car Park: Provision of improved distribution roads & a new car parking facility | |



| | 8. Walkways & Watchtower: Upgrawatchtower conservation works9. Access Routes: Reparatory work steps. | | |
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| Budget | €12 5m | | |
| Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status | Following the An Bord Pleanála determination that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment is required for the project, the Part 8 planning application has been withdrawn and a new application was issued on the 1 st of August 2024 to An Bord Pleanála for assessment. The design team is currently working on Stage 2b (Detailed Design) and the development of the construction tender documentation. The Visitor Experience & Interpretation Consultant is continuing to develop the story of Fort Dunree to fit within the construction project. In addition, they are developing the branding strategy for the site. An updated cost plan has been received that is significantly higher than the funding award and engagement is ongoing with both Failte Ireland and the IDT to manage costs. The Project Programme has been updated as follows: | | |
| | Stage Start Date | | |
| | Stage 2a Scheme Design | Jun 2024 | Date Dec 2025 |
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| | | Jan 2024 | Jun 2026 |
| | Stage 2b Detailed Design ** Stage 3 Tender Action, Evaluation & Award | Jan 2024 Jul 2026 | Jun 2026 Dec 2026 |
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| | Stage 2b Detailed Design ** Stage 3 Tender Action, Evaluation & Award | Jul 2026 | Dec 2026 |
| | Stage 2b Detailed Design ** Stage 3 Tender Action, Evaluation & Award Stage 4 Construction Stage 5 Handover, Client Fit Out, | Jul 2026 Jan 2027 Oct 2028 | Dec 2026 Sept 2028 Aug 2029 |
| Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period | Stage 2b Detailed Design ** Stage 3 Tender Action, Evaluation & Award Stage 4 Construction Stage 5 Handover, Client Fit Out, training ** The duration of the ABP planning pro | Jul 2026 Jan 2027 Oct 2028 cess unknown an | Dec 2026 Sept 2028 Aug 2029 d estimated at |



| Activity / Project Title | Repowering Buncrana | | |
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| Project Description/Activity | The overall objective of the project is to repower Buncrana by regenerating and connecting the costal edge and historic town centre activating a competitive, attractive, connected, liveable, sustainable and high quality strategic urban gateway to Inishowen and the North West City Region and establishing Buncrana as the Place Standard for the North West region. The project centres on six key interventions: 1. A new iconic pedestrian bridge over the Mill River connecting the Inishowen Greenway Project and Amazing Grace Park to a transformed harbour/pier environment, 2. The creation of a high performance promenade and Shore Front Green including enhanced walkways, beach access, public realm & festival gathering space and development of a new bespoke public/civic shore green users building, 3. Enhanced connection between the new Shore Front Green environment and the Main Street and commercial core of the town with targeted public realm improvements, 4. Enhanced Shore Front walkway and promenade along the Fishing Green, with dramatic re-imaging of the Amazing Grace viewing point, 5. Onwards connection of the promenade to Swan Park, Buncrana Castle and Cockhill Road 6. The repurposing and extension of the old garda barracks building to create bespoke office accommodation. RRDF Category 2 Funding has been awarded to develop the project ready for a construction tender including securing all necessary statutory consents. | | |
| Budget | Total Funding €1,461,746.00 80% Funded by RRDF (€1,169,396) 20% Funded by DCC (€292,349) | | |
| Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status | A tender process is ongoing to appoint an Integrated Design Team to develop the project. The IDT will be appointed in November 2024 and design will commence thereafter. | | |
| Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period | Appoint Integrated Design Team and commence design. | | |
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Environment Report

Litter & Waste

Activity /
Project Title

Multi Agency work – 7th October 2024







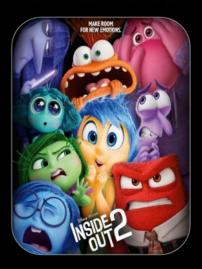
In September we teamed up with An Garda Síochána, colleagues from the Connacht Ulster Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authority and the National TFS Office to carry out vehicle checkpoints in a number of locations in the County. This work was carried out to track the movement of waste and help ensure that those involved in transporting waste held the valid waste collection permits and were complying with them. This work provides an opportunity to further build relations with our colleagues

| | in other agencies and sends a strong message to the public that the agencies are working together on the ground to tackle illegal waste activity. |
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| Activity / Project Title | Anti Dumping Initiative (ADI) Cinema Advert Campaign |
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| Description/A ctivity | Authorised waste collectors have a Waste Collection Permit which authorises them to collect specific waste types and this waste is then taken to authorised waste facilities. |
| | Unauthorised waste collection can lead to illegal dumping. Illegal dumping can impact negatively on the environment and the waste industry and it can incur significant clean up costs. It can also impact negatively on human health. |
| | If found guilty of giving waste to an unauthorised waste collector there can be significant legal implications and fines. |
| | The Anti Dumping initiative was developed in 2017 to work in partnership with local authorities and community organisations in identifying high risk or problem areas, developing appropriate enforcement responses and carrying out clean-up operations. It aims to reduce incidents of illegal dumping nationally by providing funding for projects aimed at tackling the problem, using a collaborative approach involving local authorities, communities and other State Agencies. |
| | Funding is made available through the Waste Enforcement Lead Authorities (WERLA's) to support the Anti Dumping initiative. The focus is usually on the four key areas listed below and project proposals are assessed based on their potential impact in these areas; |
| | Prevention Abatement Education and Enforcement |
| | Projects delivered in Donegal in the last few years have included; bikes for Africa, a household waste project, the production and distribution of pocket guides, paint reuse projects, reduced price bulky waste recycling days, resource to support targeted enforcement work and resources for community groups. |
| | In 2024 the Environment team secured €100,000+ to deliver projects throughout the County including a cinema advert campaign. Staff liaised with colleagues in Fingal County Council, Waterford City and County Council and the CU WERLA to successfully secure funding to run a cinema advert campaign to highlight the importance of using permitted waste collectors and to remind people that each and every one of us is responsible for our own waste. |
| | This cinema advert ran in the three main cinemas in Donegal (Letterkenny, Bundoran and Lifford) from 31 st May until the 26 th Sept 2024. Donegal County Council communications team supported the project by making the video available on the LA's comms platforms including UTube. |
| | The post analysis report from the cinema advert campaign showed that the video was played before 5 of the top 10 most popular movies of 2024 and the admissions exceeded the forecast. 124,000 was the estimated forecast to see the advert, and over 150,000 was the confirmed figure to see your video. |

YOUR AD APPEARED WITH 5 OF THE TOP 10 MOVIES TO DATE 2024 IN ROI

- 1. Inside Out 2
- 2. Despicable Me 4
- 3. Deadpool & Wolverine
- 4. Dune: Part II
- It Ends With Us
- 6. Anyone But You
- 7. Migration
- 8. Wonka
- 9. Kung Fu Panda 4
- 10.Beetlejuice Beetlejuice



SOME MOVIES YOUR AD EXHIBITED WITH









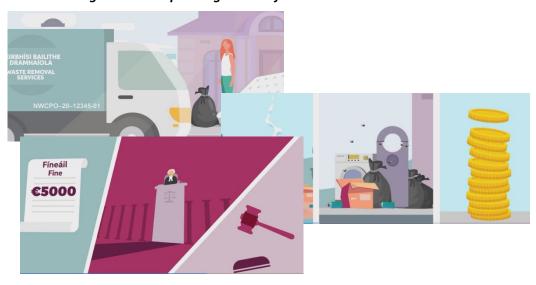








This is part of an umbrella communications campaign being delivered by the section under the theme of "Let's work together to keep Donegal beautiful".



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| Activity / | Household Haz waste project. |
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| Project Title | |
| Description/A ctivity | Funded by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications, the Regional Waste Planning Office and Donegal County Council teamed up to host a FREE Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, August 31st, from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm at Donegal County Council's Letterkenny Recycling Centre, Carnamuggagh, F92EW80. |
| | The event provided an opportunity for households to finally say goodbye to those potentially harmful products taking up space under your sink and in the shed. Some of the most common household hazardous products include oil-based paints, bleach, herbicides and aerosols. |
| | The collection day accepted household items that contain potentially harmful components. |
| | Household Chemicals: Disinfectants, detergents, bleach, oven cleaners, toilet bowl cleaners, and other potent cleaning agents. |
| | Personal Care Products: Nail polish, nail polish remover, aerosols, and other chemical-based cosmetic products. |
| | Garden Chemicals: Pesticides, herbicides, and other chemical treatments used in lawn and garden care. |
| | Paints and Solvents: Leftover paint (limit 10 cans/tubs per customer), varnishes, thinners, strippers, inks, glues, resins, and other solvent-based products. |
| | Automotive Products: Used motor oil, petrol, diesel, antifreeze, surface polish, and other automotive fluids. |
| | Note: Hazardous waste such as medicines and gas canisters could not be accepted. |
| | "Mishandled hazardous waste can be dangerous for our environment and our health," said Carol Sweetnam of the Regional Waste Management Planning Office . "The event is all about making it easy for householders to do the right thing and dispose of these materials safely." |
| | Commenting on the event, Matthew Byrne, Waste Regulations Officer at Donegal County Council said, "It's really important that hazardous products are not placed in the general waste bin." |
| | There were nearly 400 customers on the day and Donegal County Council were delighted to have been selected with only two other LA's in the ROI. |
| | • 63% travelled <5km |
| | • 11% travelled 5-10km |
| | • 12% travelled 10-20km |
| | • 11% travelled 20-50km |
| | 2% travelled >50km |

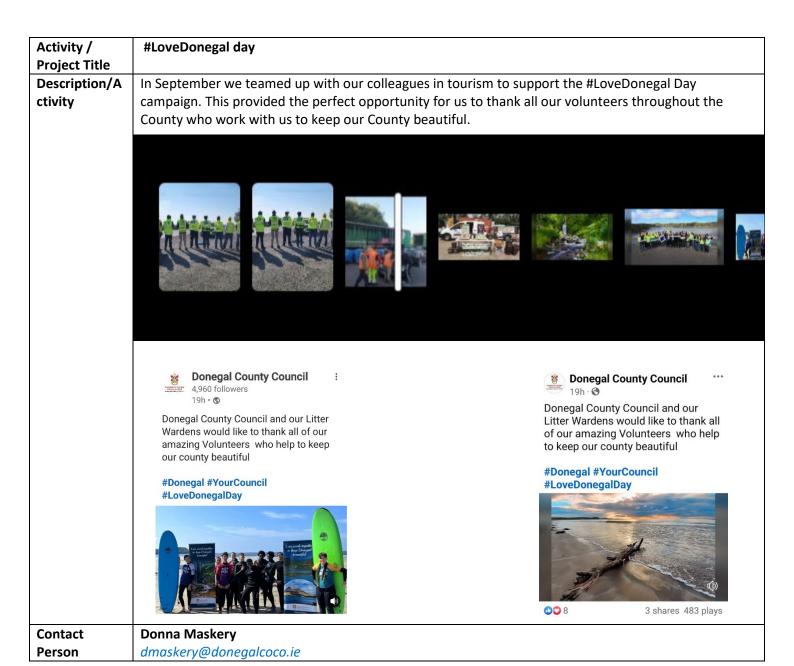






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| Litter and waste can pollute waterways and aquatic environments. In rivers plastic and organic litter can change the structure of river habitat, reduce the light level in the waters beneath the debris and even deplete the dissolved oxygen in the water. Plastic releases surface and internal contaminants when broken down by UV light and mechanical weathering such as wave action. This impacts negatively on aquatic plants and animals that rely on the river for food and shelter. Information from An Taisce shows that approx 10 million tonnes of litter end up in the worlds oceans and seas each year. The litter that we find on beaches is only 15% of the total amount of marine litter another 15% is floating in the water. There are many negative outcomes to both marine animals and humans such as entanglement, ingestion and spread of invasive species In 2024 the Environment team secured €100,000+ ADI funding to deliver projects throughout the County including a project that sees the env office team up with 'Wild & Free Adventure Co'. The Let's Keep Donegal beautiful Monster SUP project will enable the removal of litter and waste from difficult to reach places, reducing the negative impacts on the environment while also achieving |
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The Monster SUP and paddles purchased through this initiative can be used for clean ups all along the coastline, riverbanks and islands by schools and community groups and can be used by the litter and waste team as they undertake investigational work.

Clean ups will be linked with the 'Keep Donegal Beautiful' theme. By promoting this theme with community and school groups Donegal County Council aims to encourage positive waste management actions and gain respect for the environment. Waste and litter will be removed from difficult to reach areas, this will reduce pollution and the negative impacts of waste on vulnerable eco systems.

This is the first project of its type for the litter and waste team and the feedback from schools has been very positive. It is envisaged that this project will grow significantly with time.

The SUP can also be used to investigate complaints and gather evidence from areas that are only accessible by water.



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Activity / Project Title Description/A ctivity

Household door step surveys





In September we went door to door and provided pocket guides to over two hundred and forty households. The guide contains useful information about recycling and waste management services. It also contains information on waste prevention, kerbside collection, bring banks, recycling centres, waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE), home composting, how to dispose of an end of life vehicle, information on how to report illegal waste activities such as dumping and burning and

it also includes links to a range of useful websites such as mywaste.ie, repairmystuff.ie and stopfoodwaste.ie



Thirty seven people were interviewed as part of the project and the information gathered will be taken into consideration when planning future work.

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Irish Farm Film Producers Group (IFFPG) Farm plastic recycling days

Recycling centres were operated at 9 locations in the county this year. These events provide the perfect opportunity for farmers to disapose of silage wrap, fertiliser and feed bags, new and twine. More information can be found on Bring Centres | Irish Farm Film Producers Group CLG (farmplastics.ie)

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| Newtowncunningham, Clonleigh Co-op | Tues 3rd Sept |
| Buncrana, Inishowen Co-op (Hrs 8.30-4.30pm) | Fri 6th Sept |
| Carndonagh, Inishowen Co-op (Hrs 8-3pm) | Sat 7th Sept |
| Milford Mart | Thur & Fri 12th & 13th Sept |
| Ballybofey & Stranorlar Mart | Wed 18th Sept |
| Raphoe Mart | Fri 20th Sept |
| Ardara GAA (Hrs 9-3pm) | Tues 24th Sept |
| Ballyshannon Mart | Thur 26th Sept |
| Donegal Mart | Sat 28th Sept |

More than one thousand two hundred and ninety tonnes of material was collected through the recycling days in Donegal.



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Activity / Project Title Description/A ctivity

Outcomes from court





In September we shared information about a court case taken by our colleagues in Waterford City and County Council for the illegal disposal of waste by burning. A farmer was caught burning farm plastics, household and other wastes in his farmyard. He was fined €500 plus costs, including outstanding fire service charges of €3,950.

The information was shared on Donegal County Councils communications platforms to remind members of the public that the burning of domestic, industrial, agricultural and construction waste is an offence under the Waste Management Act and that failure to comply can result in a prosecution.

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LIFFORD FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME Briefing Note 17 – February 2024- October 2024

RPS issued the Scheme Climate Change Adaptation Plan (May 2024) and the Preliminary Buildability, Operations and Maintenance report (July 2024). The emerging Preferred Scheme for Lifford proposes new flood walls along the left bank of the Foyle; where the town backs onto the river.

These will be a mixture of bored pile walls (Bridge Street), set-back reinforced concrete walls where space is available with sheet pile foundations used where necessary. Walls can be finished in stone to provide consistency with existing structures. At the end of Station Road the flood defence will transition from walls to earthen embankment and follow the existing embankment line out along the Foyle, around the site of the proposed Riverine Community Park.

These embankments will be reconstructed where necessary to achieve an increased standard of protection. Past the Riverine Park a new embankment line will turn inland (west) and follow a minimal length path around the back of the Roughan as necessary to protect properties. A small section of earthen embankment is required just upstream of Lifford Bridge to prevent flooding into Lifford via the old customs / hospital sites.

A low height earthen embankment is proposed along the left bank of the Gaadoo / Lifford drain to protect properties in the Roughan area from flooding from this local drain. The Climate Change Adaptation Plan recommends that where possible the scheme defences should be constructed to a height to provide protection against the 1% Annual Exceedance Probability, Mid-Range Future Scenario event. In other words, a 1 in 100 year flood event with additional allowance for the climate change effects predicted for the future.

In some locations it may not be acceptable or desirable to provide the additional height required for future climate change now where it would block views out into the Foyle. Extensions to the height of the walls could be provided if and when necessary, provided the design of the walls and foundations can accommodate future extension.

To inform the Preliminary Buildability, Operations and Maintenance report, the project team procured accelerated ground investigation including a vertical borehole and multiple horizontal wall cores at Bridge Street to capture further detail about the condition of the structure retaining the road and footway above the riverbank at Bridge.

A contractor has been appointed to undertake further ground investigation (vertical boreholes) within the town where hard defences are planned to determine the stability of existing structures and to confirm or otherwise that the types of foundations and retaining wall structure proposed are suitable. RPS has also completed a LiDAR and high-resolution imagery survey of part of the earth retaining structure at Bridge Street. From this a detailed digital model has been generated.

The project team has taken proactive steps to collaborate with key stakeholders, including the Riverine Community Park, TEN-T, and Dfl's A5 Western Transport Corridor (WTC) and Strabane Flood Alleviation Scheme Project teams. Regular meetings are being held with the A5 WTC team including the engineering consultants WSP, Dfl Roads, the OPW, DCC and RPS. This collaborative effort aims to facilitate data sharing, identify synergies, assess potential cumulative impacts, and the identification of mitigation measures where possible from the Lifford Flood Relief Scheme (FRS) and the other projects.

The project team met with the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) in March as part of a pre-application process ahead of submitting the FRS proposals for Maritime Area Consent (MAC) under the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 (Act) The project team is planning to meet with the Lough's Agency to discuss the preferred option and the potential impact on the River Foyle. Ryan Hanley issued the final Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Report in July with responses to comments from the Steering Group. The latest Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening report was issued with responses to comments issued in July also. A Phase 2 underwater archaeological survey has also been completed (June 2024).

This years' Invasive Alien Plant Species treatment and management has been ongoing since the middle of July. This has mainly involved the treatment of Giant Hogweed. Himalayan Balsam and Japanese Knotweed will be treated in early October.

The contractor has been appointed to carry out treatment over the next three years which is intended to make the process more efficient. Briefing Note 17 – February 2024- October 2024 rpsgroup.com IBE1674 | Lifford FRS BN017 | F02 | October 2024 A report has been completed by Dedalus Architecture, a Conservation Architect appointed to the scheme, in May 2024 to highlight significant built heritage.

It is intended that this will inform further design development of the scheme. Next Steps Scheme Analysis and Development: RPS are working to finalise Stage I of the scheme. The draft Naturebased Solutions for Catchment Management Feasibility Study report is due to be issued shortly and RPS will then move to revising and finalising all of the Scheme Analysis and Development reports.

A Closing Public Consultation is due to be held on 28th November 2024 before issuing the draft Stage I Summary Report at the end of 2024. Environmental Assessment: Environmental scoping will continue along with further surveys, consultations and invasive species management.

The Natura Impact Statement (NIS) is currently being progressed following completion of AA screening. Once the preferred scheme is confirmed the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) for the scheme will be drafted. Projected Key Milestone Dates • Draft Stage I Summary Report – December 2024 • Completion of Environmental Assessments – June 2025 • Final Stage I Summary Report – June 2025

Ballybofey & Stranorlar Flood Relief Scheme-Briefing Note No.11

Progress Summary

Engineering Survey and Site Investigations:

A Geotechnical Assessment of the embankment near Jackson Hotel was carried out. Additional surveys for this area may be required once Ayesa review the results of the assessment.

Ayesa prepared a subsequent Ground Investigation Contact covering Ballybofey and Stranorlar as well as Ramelton Flood Relief Schemes collectively. Ayesa have drafted the scope and tender documents for this contract, and it will be issued for tender in due course by the Steering Group.

Hydrology and Hydraulics:

A number of internal meetings have been held between Donegal County Council and Arcadis to discuss historic modelling issues. These issues are nearing resolution but will require a finally round of calibration runs to ensure the model is performing within agreed tolerances. The hydraulics report is near completion but is dependent on close out of the model calibration.

Environmental Assessments:

Specialist environmental surveys, including noise & vibration, air quality and landscape & visual will be carried out once the possible flood measures are identified.

Ayesa attended site on 12/06/2024 to resurvey the spatial area of Invasive Alien Species which overlaps with potential scheme infrastructure. These areas have been treated for the last 3 years at least with some areas along

the River Finn now in the fourth year of treatment. The site survey app was updated with findings (photos, locations and spatial area) and issued to client so that treatment success can be monitored and demonstrated.

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

- Bats Survey
- Otter Survey
- Breeding Bird Survey

Natural Water Retention Measures:

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

Stakeholder and Third-Party Communications

Project Website

The project website is being updated on an ongoing basis. The February 2024 Newsletter and July 2024 Newsletter has been uploaded since the last Briefing Note in November 2023. A newsletter for November 2024 is being drafted by Ayesa.

Contracts

The targeted invasive alien species (IAS) treatment process for 2024 is completed. The Steering Group will consider options for ongoing treatment at targeted locations beyond the end of the current contract which expires in 2024 with the possibility of another multiyear contract likely.

Next Steps

- Hydraulic Modelling: Complete the review of the hydraulic modelling 2D build and issue revied report.
- Environmental Assessment: Continue with specialist surveys required by option development.
- Site Investigations: Contract tender documents to be issued to the market.
- Natural Water Retention Measures: Finalise and issue revision 01 of the report
- Option development: Once baseline hydraulic modelling has been finished and approved, option development of flood mitigation measures will commence.

Buncrana Flood Relief Scheme-Briefing Note No.11

Progress Summary

Hydrology and Hydraulics:

Ayesa have completed the hydrology report, and issued it to Donegal County Council and the OPW with comments now being considered by Ayesa. Ayesa have updated the hydraulic model following issues with the build. The internal model audit is now complete and the team are working their way through minor amendments. The hydraulics report is progressing and is near completion.

Environmental Assessments:

Specialist environmental surveys, including noise & vibration, air quality and landscape & visual will be carried out once the possible flood measures are identified.

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

- Bats Survey.
- Otter Survey
- Breeding Bird Survey

Natural Water Retention Measures (NWRM):

The Natural Water Retention Measures report was issued to Donegal County Council on the 04/04/2024. The report has been revised but will be finalised alongside the the options report.

Stakeholder and Third-Party Communications

Project Website

The project website is being updated on an ongoing basis. The February 2024 Newsletter and July 2024 Newsletter has been uploaded since the last Briefing Note in November 2023. A newsletter for November 2024 is being drafted by Ayesa.

Contracts

The targeted invasive alien species (IAS) treatment process for 2024 is completed. The Steering Group will consider options for ongoing treatment at targeted locations beyond the end of the current contract which expires in 2024 with the possibility of another multiyear contract likely.

Next Steps

- **Hydraulic Modelling:** completion of the hydraulics report.
- Environmental Assessment: Continue with specialist surveys required by option development.
- Natural Water Retention Measures: Finalise the report
- **Option development:** Once baseline hydraulic modelling has been finished and approved, option development of flood mitigation measures will commence.

Ramelton Flood Relief Scheme-Briefing Note No.11

Progress Summary

Engineering Survey and Site Investigations:

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

Ayesa have prepared a Ground Investigation Contract for Ramelton and the Ballybofey and Stranorlar Flood Relief Schemes collectively. Ayesa have drafted the scope and tender documents for this contract which will be issued to the marketplace by the Steering Group following review.

Hydrology and Hydraulics:

Ayesa have issued the hydrology report on 12/03/2024 and the latest revision of the hydraulics report on 20/08/2024.

Environmental Assessments:

Specialist environmental surveys, including noise & vibration, air quality and landscape & visual will be carried out once the possible flood measures are identified.

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

- Bats Survey.
- Otter Survey
- Breeding Bird Survey

Natural Water Retention Measures (NWRM):

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

Stakeholder and Third-Party Communications

Project Website

The project website is being updated on an ongoing basis. The February 2024 Newsletter and July 2024 Newsletter has been uploaded since the last Briefing Note in November 2023. A newsletter for November 2024 is being drafted by Ayesa.

Contracts

The targeted invasive alien species (IAS) treatment process for 2024 is completed. The Steering Group will consider options for ongoing treatment at targeted locations beyond the end of the current contract which expires in 2024 with the possibility of another multiyear contract likely.

Next Steps

- Hydraulic Modelling: Update and finalise report taking account of comments received.
- Environmental Assessment: Continue with specialist surveys required by option development.
- Site Investigations: Contract tender documents to be issued to the market.
- Natural Water Retention Measures: Finalise and issue second revision of the report
- **Option development:** Option development of flood mitigation measures has commenced and will include considerations from review of the Conservation Engineering Assessment of The Quay and Shore Road walls in Ramelton.

Community Development and Planning Directorate Community Development Division Municipal District of Inishowen



Meeting 1 pm on Tuesday 3rd December 2024

- 1. Malin Head Visitor Management Plan
- 2. An Grianán of Aileach Fort
- 3. Friar Hegarty Walk project.
- 4. Playground Maintenance
- 5. Donegal Walks and Trails
- 6. Buncrana School Campus
- 7. 2021 Town and Village Renewal Newtoncunningham Completed
- 8. 2021 Town and Village Renewal funding Moville Completed
- 9. 2021 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) project Development Measure for a pontoon at the existing jetty in Bunagee
- 10.2021 Clár funding for Killea Community Park Community Pod
- 11. 2022 Town and Village Renewal funding Barrack Hill Town Park
- 12. Moville Shore Path Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme
- 13. Rural Development Programme/LEADER
- 14.2023 Clár funding for Malin GAA, Carrowmenagh and Gleneely Colts.
- 15. PEACEPLUS Programme 2022 to 2027
- 16. Social Inclusion Unit
- 17. Donegal Public Participation Network (Donegal PPN)
- 18. Review of items delivered by Community development 2017 to 2024

Municipal District: Inishowen Activity / Project Update: October 2024

| Activity / Project Title | Malin Head Visitor Management Plan |
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| Activity / Project Description | Malin Head Access & Amenity Improvement Project. 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 | Visitor Management Plan for Malin Head Signature Discovery Point |
| within the last two | Project |
| | Donegal County Council following consultation with Failte |
| months/quarter* - inclusive of current | Ireland has completed the tendering competition for the |
| status | procurement of multi-disciplinary services for the delivery of a |
| Status | visitor management plan for Malin Head Signatory point. |
| | Keys and Monaghan Architects together with Cooney Architects |
| * Delete irrelevant | have been appointed to Design the Malin Head Visitor |
| reporting period | Management Plan and Concept design. |
| reporting period | 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 |
| | McGrorys Hotel Culdaff, Tuesday 14 th May in the Colgan Hall, Carndonagh and Malin Village hall on the 15 th May with over 310 people in attendance over the four evenings. |
| | Donegal Council remains committed, in partnership with Failte Ireland and with the support of the local community, to deliver on the ambitious objectives within the draft Malin Head Visitor Management Plan. |
| | Phase 1 of the project includes the delivery of major works at Malin Head to create the 'Must See' visitor attraction. This also includes the provision of additional car parking close to Banba's Crown and the implementation of traffic management arrangements. |
| | • To proceed with this, the Council must acquire the necessary lands upon which the development is to proceed. |
| | A workshop took place on the 28th November 2023 The Community Development directorate are working on a roadmap/timeline for the advancement of the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan. This will be circulated to the Elected Members by the end of January. This commitment was provided by Mr. Liam Ward, Director of Service at the workshop meeting held on the 28^{th 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 |
| | Carndonagh PSC Chamber on Friday 6 th September from 9am to 4pm to discuss the project with property owners. |
| | December 2024 update |
| Project Targets for the | A workshop meeting is taken place with the |
| next bi- | Director of Service, Divisional Manager, Senior |
| monthly/quarterly* | Executive Engineer and Executive Engineer on |
| reporting period | Tuesday 3 rd December at 11.30 am prior to the |
| | Inishowen Municipal District Meeting. |
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| Contact Person | James Kelly, A/Senior Executive Engineer Mobile number 087 2236923 |



Activity / Project Update:

| Project Targets for the |
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| next bi- |
| monthly/quarterly* |
| reporting period |

An Grianán of Aileach Fort

December 2024

The 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 Grianan of Aileach.

| Contact Person | Fiona Doherty, Development Officer, |
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| | Community Development & Planning and |
| | Michael McFadden, Manager, Roads and |
| | Transportation, Inishowen MD. |



Municipal District: Inishowen Activity / Project Update December 2024

| Activity / Project Opdate Activity / Project Title | 2023 Community Recognition Fund Buncrana |
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| File: | Friar Hegarty/ Buncrana Coastal Walk Enhancement and Artwork Project € 80,000 Community Recognition fund and funding Contribution from Cultural Services |
| Project Description/Activity Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status | Friar Hegarty Public Artwork Enhancement of the walk/trail Accessible seating Trail Head/Interpretation panels/maps Improved Accessible Access to the 2 no. Archaeological sites and relevant study/plans Capital/drainage improvements The work is been scoped out and will be tendered in the 1st quarter of 2024. Site assessments have taken place along with a few meetings on site with relevant parties and Councillors. The final scope of agreed works will be contained in next month's report. A Two Stage Open Competition through which an artist will be invited to create a suitable public artwork in response to Friar Hegarty's story and deliver the commission. |
| Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period | Two Stage Open Artwork Competition A Two Stage Open Art Competition was advertised on Tuesday 2nd April, 2024. Artists were invited to create a suitable public artwork in response to Friar Hegarty's story and deliver the commission. There was 13 no applications submitted under the 1st Stage Public Commission deadline of Monday 29th April 2024. A Selection Panel has been set up and will meet next week to consider and shortlist up to 5 Artists to go forward to Stage Two of the Artwork competition. The shortlisted Artists will present their final design to the selection panel in July 2024. The successful Artist will be chosen thereafter. Engagement with Landowner has taken place. Tender documents are being prepared for the project together with all appropriate studies and reports. Five shortlisted Artists will present their final design. An Artist has been selected and will be officially appointed soon. An Ecologist and Archaeologist has also been appointed. Capital work Tender documents are being prepared for the project together with all appropriate studies and reports. Enhancement of the walk Capital/drainage improvements. Accessible seating Trail Head/Interpretation panels/maps Improved access to the 2 no. Archaeological sites, Friar Hegarty's Grave and the Porthaw Holy Well and Celtic cross |

| Contact Details | A Contractor has been appointed to carry out the following work. Enhancement of the walk Capital/drainage improvements. Accessible seating Install Trail Head/Interpretation panels. Improved access to the 2 no. Archaeological sites, Friar Hegarty's Grave and the Porthaw Holy Well and Celtic cross Fiona Doherty, Development Officer,087 367895 Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer, 087 6202947 |
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| | Interpretation of the story of Fr Hegarty The local schools in the town are involved in the history and story telling of Fr Hegarty. Capital work. A contractor has been appointed to carry out the following work. |
| | Public Artwork The Commissioned Artist Rory Harron is working on the figurative statue of Fr Hegarty, and it is anticipated that the artwork will be completed at the end of the year. An Ecology and Archaeologist assessment has been completed. |
| | and Artwork Project December 2024 update |
| | An Ecologist and Archaeologist have carried out a scoping exercise on the project site An Ecologist and Archaeologist have carried out a scoping exercise on the project site Friar Hegarty/ Buncrana Coastal Walk Enhancement |
| | The Artist has been appointed and the Public Artwork will be completed at the end of the year |

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<u>Municipal District: Inishowen – December 2024</u>

| Activity / Project Title | PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE 2022/23 |
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| Project Description/Activity | List of Playgrounds Culdaff Playground Moville Playground Buncrana Festival Park Playground Clós Phádraig Playground Barrack Hill Playground Cill Bhríde MUGA Ballyliffin Playground Manorcunningham Playground Killea Playground |
| Budget (if applicable) Progress to date within the last quarter-inclusive of current status | €6,444.79 incl. VAT The funding works associated with Ballyliffin playpark phase 1 is completed. Annual maintenance of playgrounds, annual ROSPA inspection reports completed with necessary repairs identified. Proposed successful playground maintenance contractor identified appointed. Repairs have been identified and a tender competition has been published to secure a playground maintenance contractor for 2024. Tender submissions are due back in February. 2024 Playground maintenance contractor appointed. Ballyliffin Playground Refurbishment Phase 2 Designs have been prepared to replace several items of playground equipment at the Ballyliffin playground which are approaching the end of their serviceable life. Works have been tendered and a contractor has been identified to undertake the works. Pre-contract meeting held with the contractor. Contractor to confirm proposed works programme. Expected works to be undertaken in Q4 2023/Q1 2024 with the playground closed for 4/5 weeks. Works are completed and the playground is open Festival Park Playground (Buncrana) A local community group are working under the guidance of the playground Engineer to install a wheelchair swing and other inclusive equipment |
| Project Targets for the next bi- monthly/quarterly* reporting period * Delete irrelevant reporting period | PLAYGROUNDS December 2024 The Annual ROSPA inspections for the maintenance of all DCC playgrounds was completed in November. Repairs have been identified and a tender competition has been published to secure a playground maintenance contractor. Tender submissions are due back in February. Tender assessment complete and contracts to appoint maintenance contractor issued. Playground maintenance for 2024 underway |
| Contact Person | John Deeney, Executive Engineer, 087 7197619 |



Municipal District: Inishowen

| Activity / Project Update Not Activity / Project Title | Donegal Walks and Trails |
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| Project | Maintenance, development, and promotion of walks & |
| Description/Activity | trails in Donegal including cycle routes and Greenways. |
| Progress to date within | ORIS Projects |
| the last quarter - | A recent site visit with Northwest Community Development has |
| inclusive of current | shown the successful completion of the Extension of Leenan |
| status | Coastal trail, Urris, Clonmany to the value of €29,700 with very |
| | visible evidence of the trail been well used. The Stragill bridge |
| | works are at the final stages of completion with the culvert now |
| | been installed and the surface on park are to be rolled and |
| | general site clear up. |
| | Shara gore Multi access wetland trail has been completed to the |
| | value of €29,750 |
| | Inishowen Head We hope to have a review of the trail by the |
| | end of 2023 with vision of carrying out improvement work in 2024 |
| | to reduce surface water erosion of the trail. |
| | ORIS 2024 applications We have completed 7 no application |
| * Delete irrelevant reporting | for the Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure scheme Measure 1 |
| period | max of €30,000.00 each.The expressions of interest obtained |
| | from the local group, North West Community Development |
| | proposed "Old Carn road" |
| | The second application that will apply to the Inishowen District is |
| | the marketing and promotion of trails for the county in which it is |
| | proposed to market two trails in each of the five Municipal |
| | districts. Recently a whistle-stop tour with Failte Ireland |
| | representatives to Inishowen give them an insight to what is been offered by the trails to be marketed / promoted in tandem with |
| | the current development plan recently completed for the |
| | peninsula. |
| Project Targets for the | <u>December update</u> |
| next Bi-monthly / | Proposed Trail at Scoil Naomh Colmcille |
| quarterly reporting | - |
| period | Glenagannon School, Rodeen, Carndonagh |
| Politica | The Walks and Trails Officer, Daryl O' Connor will meet |
| | soon with Cllr Albert Doherty, and all stakeholders including |
| | Donegal County Council staff with regards to Cllr Doherty's |
| | proposal. |
| | <u>Funded Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure scheme</u> |
| | <u>Projects.</u> The Old Carn Road - this Project will be |
| | completed at the end of the year. |
| | Butlers Glen Trail -Tender Documents are been prepared |
| | for improvement works to link the Dorris Russo and Mamore Gap trails. Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure |
| | scheme 2024 |
| | The Council are preparing a list of proposals for each |
| | Municipal District. Please contact me Darryl Connor at the |
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| | number below with regards to the establishment of new |
| | walks or Trails or the enhancement or extension to existing |
| | walks and Trials in Inishowen. |
| Contact Person | Darryl Connor, Outdoor Recreational Development |
| | Officer |



| Activity / Project Update | |
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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 *Delete irrelevant reporting period | Work has been on-going over the past few years and Donegal County Council are currently reviewing additional sites in Buncrana environs on behalf of the Department of Education and skills. Given the sensitive nature of such discussions, in relation to land acquisition, it has been agreed with the Department of Education and Skills that any further requests for updates or progress reports would be handled directly by the Department. Donegal County Council are working on behalf of the Department of Education and Skills in securing the preferred identified site for the Buncrana School Campus. The Compulsory Purchase Order process was instigated on the 4th December 2020. Public notices were published in the local newspapers. Copies of the Public Notice and maps relating to the CPO was available for inspection at the Public Services Centre in Carndonagh, the Buncrana office and DCC headquarters in Lifford. The 'Notice to Treat' was issued in December, 2021 to the parties with an interest in the site proposed for the Buncrana School Campus. It is intended that the 'Notice to Enter' will be issued at the end of January. This will allow the Department of Education & Skills |
| | access to the land to carry out surveys, site investigations, etc. Work is ongoing to progress the acquisition of the land |
| | December 2024 Donegal County Council continue to assist The Department of Education and Skills with the technical elements of the project and this work is on-going. The CPO is concluded. An Arbitrator has been appointed to determine the compensation due to the parties with an interest in the land. DCC and the Department of Education are currently preparing for the arbitration hearing and are awaiting a date for same. The Department of Education have commenced works on progressing the delivery of the school Campus design. |
| Contact person | Eamon Boyle, Executive Engineer, 087 178 8623 eamonb@donegalcoco.ie |

Newtoncunningham Town and Village funded 2021 and Master plan for the village funded, completed October 2024.



Newtoncunningham Community Youth Space

<u>Moville Town and Village Renewal Project funded 2022 at Bath Green, Moville completed September 2024</u>





Moville Town and Village Renewal Project funded 2022 at Bath Green, Moville, completed 2024



Moville Shorewalk ORRIS funded



Municipal District: Inishowen

Activity / Project Update No.4 December 2024

| Activity / Project Title File: | Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) project Development Measure for a pontoon at the existing jetty in Bunagee, Culdaff |
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| | €50,000 for Project Development |
| Project Description/Activity | Preparation work for Jetty at Bunagee, Culdaff |
| Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status | A meeting took place with the Culdaff Development Association and Donegal County Council's Executive Engineer and Development Officer. The next steps were discussed and the way forward to deliver the project agreed. Tenders are being prepared for Appropriate Assessment and all relevant documentation and reports necessary to deliver the capital works. A Consultant is to be appointed to carry out an Appropriate Assessment. The relevant documentation to deliver the capital |
| * Delete irrelevant reporting period | design of the project element is 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. |
| Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period | December 2024 Update 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. |
| Contact Person | Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer |
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| Ashinib. / Dusis at Hadaha | Municipal District: Inishowen |
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| Activity / Project Update | December 2024 |
| Activity / Project Title File: | 2022 Killea Clár funded project. Funding Allocation of €50,000 from the Department on 25th February, 2022 Match funding €2,500 by Donegal County Council and €2,500 from Killea Tidy Towns |
| Project Description/Activity | To install a Community Pod providing a meeting space and ancillary services for the community sited within the Killea Community Park |
| Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status | The Minister for Rural and Community Development aannounced the funding allocation under the 2022 Clár programme. John Deeney, Executive Engineer has met with the committee and provided technical guidance and outlined the pathway forward to advance the project. The Project is being led by the Killea Tidy Towns community group with guidance and support from the Executive Engineer within Community Development. A Provisional letter of offer has been issued to the group. The Group are to prepare documents to seek quotations from a contractor to undertake the proposed construction works. Works underway on site for the construction of the new Community Hub |
| Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period | The new community Hub in Killea is completed. |





Contact Person

John Deeney, Executive Engineer,



Municipal District: Inishowen

Activity / Project Update: December 2024

| Activity / Project Title File 622/P&ED/422 (8) | 2022 Town & Village Renewal Scheme, Barrack Hill Town Park, Carndonagh An Accessible sheltered outdoor structure/ space for all the community cited within Barrack Hill Town Park |
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| Project Description/Activity | |
| Budget (if applicable) | €121,230 |
| Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status * Delete irrelevant reporting period | A Preliminary meeting has taken place with the group to scope out the deliverables. The Department issued the 'Letter of Funding Offer' in March. A recent meeting has now taken place finalising the desired design and details of the project. The Department issued the letter of funding offer to Donegal County Council in March 2023 The Community Development Officer and Engineers have engaged with the Barrack Hill Town Park Committee and agreed the final design and details with the group. Tender documents will then be prepared and advertised on e-tenders. The Barrack Hill Town Park Committee have been issued a letter of offer and work under the guidance of the Engineers to deliver the project. A recent meeting took place with the group and a design has been agreed for progression The tenders have been returned and currently being reviewed. A contractor will be appointed next month. A contractor is appointed and will commence work on the site in the next few weeks. Work commenced on site. Ducts for bringing water and power from Community Gardens centre to the new structure laid and ground made good. Site removal works complete and foundations shuttered and ready to be poured. Delivery of timber for structure middle of week beginning 7th October with part assemble in contractor yard before delivery to site. Work to be completed at the end of the year |

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

The Accessible sheltered outdoor structure/ space for all the community is almost completed, see images below.

2022 Town & Village Renewal Scheme, Barrack Hill

The Multi-functional Accessible sheltered outdoor unit for all the community cited within Barrack Hill Town Park is almost completed, see images below.





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December 2024

<u>Municipal District: Inishowen</u> Activity / Project Update

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| | Activity / Project Title | Moville Shore Path Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme €200,000 | |
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| | Project | Upgrade and Enhancement of a portion of Moville shore walk | |
| | Description/Activity | Capital Works | |
| | | Interpretation work /seating | |
| | Progress to date within the last | Progress to date The Project is at Design Stage establishing the scope. | |
| | quarter -inclusive | The work will be tendered in the 1st quarter of 2024 | |
| | of current status | A site meeting took place with the Tidy Towns Committee and Community Development staff, | |
| | 1 | The tendering work has been finalised and the work will be tendered after consultation with other internal directorates. | |
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| | | It is anticipated that the capital work will commence in April 2024. The Tender documents are currently being assessed | |
| | 1 | for all works associated with the project. A contractor will be | |
| | | appointed next month. | |
| | 1 | A Contractor has commenced work on the site. The project work will be completed in Q4 of 2024. | |
| | 1 | The initial phase of construction, installing the concrete | |
| | | footpaths Steps and handrails is now complete. | |
| | * Delete irrelevant reporting period | The conservation Report on the Liam McCormack Shelter | |
| | | Houses is complete. | |
| | | The tender documents for the remaining works are being prepared. | |
| | | The Interpretation content and design is been agreed and | |
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December 2024 Update

- The restoration capital works to the pathway is completed (see image below)
- The Concrete steps and handrail completed.
- The history and heritage Interpretation content is agreed and to be completed.
- The remaining works have been tendered.



finalised.

| Contact Person | Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer & Fiona Doherty, Development |
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| | Officer |



Municipal District: Countywide

| Activity / Project Title | Rural Development Programme/LEADER 2023-2027 | |
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| Project | Donegal LCDC are the Local Action Group for County Donega | |
| Description/Activity | with responsibility for the LEADER/RDP Programme 2014-2020 & | |
| | Transitional LEADER Programme 2021-2022 and the New | |
| | LEADER programme 2023-2027. | |
| Budget (if applicable) | €13,413,875 (Additional funding received 2019) | |
| | Note: Project costs €10,063,586, administration and animation | |
| | costs €3,350,289. 1st April 2021 – 31st December 2022 | |
| | €2,861,598 project costs. €953,866 for Administration & Animation. | |
| | €10.4m for RDP/LEADER 2023-2027 | |
| Progress to date within | Implementing Partners within the county; Donegal Local | |
| the last quarter - | Development CLG (DLDC), Inishowen Development Partnership | |
| inclusive of current | (IDP), Údarás Na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán, are closing | |
| status | out and completing the LEADER Transitional programme on behalf | |
| | of the LAG. | |
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| | The New LEADER Programme 2023-2027 is now 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 | |
| * Delete irrelevant | period. All IPs have also recently signed a protocol with Donegal | |
| reporting period | LEO setting out how the partners will work to avoid overlap on | |
| | enterprise projects. | |
| Project Targets for the | LDCs will continue to engage with promoters on the ground to finish | |
| next Bi-monthly / | out outstanding projects from LEADER/RDP Programme 2014- | |
| quarterly reporting period | 2020 & Transitional LEADER Programme 2021-2022. | |
| period | | |
| | The Implementing Partners are also signing off on a collective | |
| | Terms of Reference for all Evaluation Committees, at the October | |
| | LCDC. | |
| | Members can access further information on the programme at | |
| | https://www.donegalcoco.ie/community/leader/ | |
| Contact Person | Ciaran Martin cmartin@donegalcoco.ie | |
| | Administrative Officer, Community Development division. | |
| | Donegal County Council | |



CLAR 2023

| Activity / Project Title Disabled Toilet and | Malin GAA CLAR Measure 1 2023 |
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| kitchen upgrade | Initial meetings with the Group Provisional letter of offer issued. Project currently out for tender The construction works are ongoing. |
| | The project is due to be completed in December 2024 Contact: Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer |

| Project Title | CARROWMENAGH CLÁR PROJECT 2023 | |
|--|---|--|
| External insulation and windows for the Community Centre | Initial meetings with the Group Provisional letter of offer issued. The project is currently out for tender. The construction works are ongoing. | |
| | The project is due to be complete December 2024 | |
| | Contact: Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer | |

| Project Title | GLENEELY COLTS FC CLÁR PROJECT 2023 | |
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| CARPARK SURFACING | Initial meetings with the Group Provisional letter of offer issued. The project is currently out for tender. The construction works are ongoing. The project is due to be complete December 2024 Contact: Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer | |



CLAR 2024

| Activity / Project Title | CLAR Measure 1 |
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| Culdaff Football Grounds Resurfacing | Funding recently announced |
| | Culdaff Football Grounds Resurface and kerb the existing car park €50,000 |
| | |

| Project Title | Glengad Football Grounds – CLAR 2024 |
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| Glengad Football grounds | €50,000 recently awarded |
| Resurface and Kerb existing car park | |



Project Update PEACEPLUS Dec 2024

| Activity / Project Title | PEACEPLUS Programme 2022-2027 Investment Area 1.1 – Co-designed Local PEACEPLUS Action Plans | |
|------------------------------------|--|--|
| File: Project Description/Activity | The financial allocation awarded to Donegal County Council is €7,635,396.00 which will be allocated across the three core themes as follows: 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 | |
| Progress to date | rountywide programmes and five MD focused) PEACEPLUS Call The SEUPB opened for submission of PEACEPLUS Plans on 14th June 2023, with a closing period of June 2024. • Co-design Process (Stage1-3) Carried out throughout | |
| | each Electoral Area during 2023. Application Submitted to the SEUPB on 8th of February 2024. Plan approved at SEUPB Steering Committee on 17th June of 2024. Funding Application for PEACEPLUS Programme – 1.1 Local Area Action Plan for Donegal application Letter received 20th of June 2024. Outlining pre-Commencement & project Implementation Conditions. Press & social media: 24th June 2024, Funding Announcement & Overview of program released. Pre-tendering Workshops & Final Information session. (September 24) | |
| | PEACEPLUS Programme 2022-2027 Investment Area 1.1 – Co-designed Local PEACEPLUS Action Plans | |

Published Tenders

Ref 4579793, Peacebuilding Through the Environment PEACEPLUS Countywide Programme.

Ref 4572505, Respectful Relations Countywide Youth PEACEPLUS Programme.

Ref 4561747, Connect to Citizenship Countywide PEACEPLUS Programme.

Ref 4505382, Crossroads Countywide Youth PEACEPLUS Programme.

Ref 4496055, Peace Building through Sport Countywide PEACEPLUS Programme.

Ref 4583550, Power of Visibility Civic Participation and Socia Inclusion Countywide PEACEPLUS Programme

Ref 4590682, Inclusion Not Isolation Wellbeing PEACEPLUS Programme within the Inishowen Municipal District.

Ref 4588621, Good Neighbours Capacity Building PEACEPLUS Programme within the Donegal Municipal District.

Ref 4593640, Cultural Connections PEACEPLUS Programme within the Glenties Municipal District.

Ref 4611601, Ethical and Shared Remembering PEACEPLU Programme within the Letterkenny Municipal District.

Ref 4602509, Champions of the Environment PEACEPLUS Programme Lifford-Stranorlar Municipal District.

PEACEPLUS Programme 2022-2027 Investment Area 1.1 – Co-designed Local PEACEPLUS Action Plans





Activity / Project Update All MDs December 2024

| Activity / Project Update | All WIDS December 2024 | |
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| Activity / Project | Social Inclusion Unit | |
| Title | | |
| File: | | |
| Project | The role of the Social Inclusion Unit is to raise awareness about inclusion | |
| Description/Activity | 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 | Donegal Youth Council Elections 2024 Donegal County Council operat | |
| within the last | strategic partnership and works on a cross agency collaborative basis with | |
| quarter -inclusive of | • , | |
| current status | the Health Service Executive, the Department of Children, Equality, | |
| | Disability, Integration and Youth to continue to support the development | |
| | of Donegal Youth Council. The Donegal Youth Council elections are taking | |
| | places across secondary schools in the county, offering a unique platform | |
| | for young people to engage with democracy. By participation Donegal's | |
| | youth gain invaluable insight into how proportional representation works, | |
| | enhancing their understanding of democratic systems and to develop | |
| | important civic skills while contributing to their communities. The | |
| | elections will conclude at the end of November and the Annual General | |
| | Meeting (AGM) takes place on the 28th November where the newly | |
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| | elected members will come together with the outgoing Youth Council to | |
| | officially transition leadership and reflect on their contributions. | |
| | 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. The annual | |
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| | OPC AGM took place at Ionad Naomh Padraig, Dore on 2 nd October with | |
| | Jim McGuinness and Mairéad Ní Mhaonaigh provided inspirational | |
| | interviews along with talks on Healthy Homes, Patient Advocacy, the Age | |
| | Friendly Programme in Donegal, and Ceol agus Craic with our Age Friendly | |
| | Ambassador Moya Brennan. There were 20 information stands on the | |
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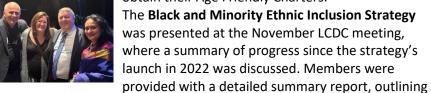
new Age

Friendly Strategy is underway with a consultant now appointed to deliver the multi-agency strategy in conjunction with all Alliance stakeholders and the Older Persons Council. A survey disseminated at the AGM will determine older persons priorities. The new Older Persons Executive Board will be put in place in November. The Healthy Islands Initiative concluded on Arranmore on 11th October Islands through community engagement for sustainable healthy initiatives, focussing on physical activity and healthy eating. There were 19 service providers and talks and interactive sessions from on food and nutrition, legal issues, community & Housing supports, wellbeing, physical activity and crime prevention



The Age Friendly Business Recognition Programme in conjunction with Local Enterprise Office and Letterkenny Chamber of Commerce place on 1st October, targeting the retail sector in Letterkenny. This initiative is planned to roll out to other towns and sectors in 2025, where businesses will then

obtain their Age Friendly Charters.



key achievements and ongoing efforts to advance inclusion within the region.On 15 November, stakeholders convened to review the work accomplished under the strategy so far. During this meeting, participants agreed on the timeline for monitoring and evaluation reporting, with a follow-up session planned for February 2024 to assess further progress and refine objectives. EU Belong The Supporting Pathways to **Employment** initiative, a subgroup of the BME Strategy funded by the EU Belong project, continues to make strides. The group is preparing to release an information flyer in December, aimed at raising awareness and supporting employment opportunities for individuals from minority ethnic backgrounds.In collaboration with the European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), representatives joined a meeting hosted by the **Donegal Travellers Project**. The gathering provided an opportunity to showcase the work being carried out in Donegal and to share insights into local efforts to combat racism and promote inclusion. Diwali Festival The team also participated in the Diwali Festival, a vibrant celebration of Indian culture, held in An Grianan Theatre on 16 November. The event featured traditional music, dance, and cuisine, creating an inclusive space for cultural exchange and community engagement. Attending this festival underscored the importance of celebrating diversity and strengthening connections between different

| | cultural groups in the region. United Nations' International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian PeopleFinally, preparations are underway for the United Nations' International Day of Solidarity with the | |
|-----------------|---|---|
| | Palestinian People, scheduled for Saturday, 30 November, at the Regional Cultural Centre. This event will celebrate Palestinian culture and music, offering a platform to highlight diversity and promote understanding of Palestinian heritage within Donegal. | |
| Contact Persons | Christina O'Donnell codonnell@donegalcoco.ie | Rosita Mahony rmahony@donegalcoco.ie |



Activity / Project Update ,November/December 2024

| Activity / Project Title | Donegal Public Participation Network (Donegal PPN) | |
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| 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) | €120,700 per annum | |
| Progress to date within the last two months inclusive of current status PPN membership now stands at 756 registered Donegal MD 153, Glenties MD 173, Inishowen MD 13 MD 205, Stranorlar MD 88. Donegal PPN have 62 Repr. 24 different Committees and Boards. | | |
| | National PPN Conference The National PPN Conference took place in Limerick City in October. Donegal PPN Plenary Event Donegal PPN's second Plenary took place on the 7 th November in the Radisson Hotel in Letterkenny. There were 22 PPN Group & Stakeholders Stands with five Speakers – Adele Mcelhinney, ETB. Karen McCormick, Self-Directed Supports. Julie Corry, DCC Biodiversity Officer. Sharmila Kamat, Letterkenny Indian Community, Fergus McGrory, Crime Prevention Officer and music from Ukrainian Voice in Donegal. These events provide great information and are an invaluable networking opportunity for all. PPN Representatives Donegal PPN's nomination request for SPC & Secretariat Representatives has closed with elections pending. The various Committees will commence in the New Year Training for Quarters 3/4 Representative & Secretariat Training Workshops – Date TBD | |
| Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period | National PPN Meeting – 2 nd December in Trinity House, Dublin Secretariat Meeting – 11 th December, Letterkenny Regional PPN Meeting – 13 th December, Sligo | |
| Contact Person (to include telephone number & e-mail address) | Mary Clyde / Annette McGrenra 074 9153900 donegalppn@donegalcoco.ie | |

Review of Items delivered by Community Development in Inishowen from 2017 to 2024

2017 Newtoncunningham Town and Village Renewal project



Tourism Kiosk to assist in the promotion of the town and local sites, encourage tourists and individuals to spend more time in the area and assist with the economic advancement of the village.

2017 Ballyliffin Town and Village Renewal Scheme





Village Streetscape Improvements, underground ducting of ESB poles in the village, Decorative Lighting, Visitor App, Picnic Viewing Point at Pollan Beach



2018 - Place Based Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Branding seminar in collaboration with Lancaster University.

<u>Dubai Duty Free Irish Open Ballyliffin – July 2018</u>



Rory McIlroy action shot.







Presentation to Rory McIlroy by Donegal County Council



Dubai Duty Free Irish Open - Donegal County Council's presence



Best Dressed window and building competition

Chambers Ireland Award 2019. Hosting the DDF Irish Open — `a place Mobilised'





Chambers Ireland Award 2019 –Outstanding Initiative through the Municipal District category



Pride of Place Judging, Carndonagh Traders, Winners 2023

2018 Buncrana Town and Village Renewal fund and 2020 T&V Accelerated Round 2 response to Covid -19 fund



Refurbishment of the Tourist office, refiguration of layout workspace, ventilation, new website, newly built accessible toilet facilities,



2019 Killea Town & Village Renewal — Installation of Carpark Infrastructure to serve the playground, Church, School, residents, businesses and visitors to the village.

<u>Barrack Hill Town Park, Carndonagh – 2021 funded Sláintecare Healthy</u> <u>Communities Enhancement Programme</u> –



The refurbished playground and activity grounds with former climbing wall upgraded. The Barrack Hill Town Park Playground and Activity

Moville - Sláintecare Healthy Communities Enhancement Programme



Portaleen Viewing Point - Clár funded in 2021

Transformation of a former layby - An outdoor community recreational space, carpark, landscaping, Interpretation/orientation, seating and picnic benches overlooking Portaleen pier on the Wild Atlantic



Bi-lingual interpretative/orientation/mapping information panel

Fáilte go ceantar dúchais s'againne — ó dhaltaí scoile Ghleann Gad - Is áit álaimn le cónaí am á clieann Gad. Tá fás tagtha air le roinnt blianta anuas, agus tá siopa nicos má agus bácisú úr ann anois. - Tá stair fhada loingseoireachta ag Gleann Gad, a nascann é le himeachtaí móra stairiúla amhall Armáid na Spáinne. - Deirtear grup é an chiail atá le hinis Trá Thall/ Thuathall in aice láimhe gur oileán é a bhfuil trá ar an taobh thall nó tuathall de. Bhíodh daoine ina gcónaí ar an oileáin tráth, agus bhí teach scoile, roilig, teach solais agus fhiche teach ann. - Le linn an Dara Cogadh Domhanda, thuairteáil eileán troda isteach i gCreig Dhubh os cionn pháire phelle Ghleann Gad. - Thig leat Contae Aontroma a fheiceáil ó Ghleann Gad. - Thig leat Contae Aontroma a fheiceáil ó Ghleann Gad. - Thig leat Contae Aontroma a fheiceáil ó Ghleann Gad. - Thig leat Contae Aontroma a fheiceáil ó Ghleann Gad. - Thig leat Contae Aontroma a fheiceáil ó Ghleann Gad. - Thig leat Contae Aontroma a fheiceáil ó Ghleann Gad. - Thig leat Contae Aontroma a fheiceáil o Ghleann Gad. - Thig leat Contae Aontroma a fheiceáil o Ghleann Gad. - Thig leat Contae Aontroma a fheiceáil o Ghleann Gad. - Thig leat Contae Aontroma a fheiceáil o Ghleann Gad. - Thig leat Contae Aontroma a fheiceáil o Ghleann Gad. - Thig leat Contae Aontroma a fheiceáil o Ghleann Gad. - Thig leat Contae Aontroma a fheiceáil o Ghleann Gad. - The a Geolae of the Ghleann Gad. - Thig leat Contae Aontroma a fheiceáil o Ghleann Gad. - Thig leat Contae Aontroma a fheiceáil o Ghleann Gad. - Thig leat Contae Aontroma a fheiceáil o Ghleann Gad. - Thig leat Contae Aontroma a fheiceáil o Ghleann Gad. - Thig leat Contae Aontroma a fheiceáil o Ghleann Gad. - Thig leat Contae Aontroma a fheiceáil o Ghleann Gad. - Thig leat Contae Aontroma a fheiceáil o Ghleann Gad. - Thig leat Contae Aontroma a fheiceáil o Ghleann Gad. - Thig leat Contae Aontroma a fheiceáil o Ghleann Gad. - Thig leat Contae Aontroma a fheiceáil o Ghleann Gad. - Thig leat Contae Aontroma a fheiceáil u Ghleann Gad. -

Scoil Cholmcille, Glengad history and heritage Artwork



Official Opening Portaleen Viewing Point



<u>Burnfoot Streetscape Enhancement programme – Town & Village Renewal</u> <u>Funding 2021</u>



Burnfoot Bi-lingual Entrance signage, history & heritage.





Before and after images Burnfoot





Before and after images – Burnfoot

Dunree Fort Platform for Growth Fund





€12.5m funding application 2021

<u>Moville Town and Village Renewal Project funded 2022 at Bath Green, Moville</u>

Enhancement of existing Outdoor Recreational Amenities Moville Health Check and Regeneration Plan for Moville





Newtoncunningham Town and Village Community Youth space funded 2021 and Master plan for the village – completed July 2024



Newtoncunningham Community Youth Space

2022 Clár funded Community Pod in Killea Completed October 2024







Selection of Projects/items Completed by Community Development in

Inishowen from 2017 to 2024

| 2017 | Newtoncunningham | Town & Village | Renewal Tourism | Kiosk funded 2017 |
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- 2017 Ballyliffin Town and Village Renewal Scheme funded 2017
- 2018 Buncrana Town and Village Renewal Scheme Tourist office funded 2018
- 2018 Seminar 2018 -Place Based entrepreneurship, innovation, and Branding
- 2018 Dubai Duty Free Irish Open
- 2018 Muff Town and Village Renewal funded in 2018
- 2019 Clonmany Town and Village Renewal Project funded in 2019
- 2019 Killea Town and Village Renewal Project funded in 2019
- 2020 Portaleen Viewing Platform Clár funded Programme funded in 2020
- 2020 Buncrana T&V Accelerated measure Covid -19 Tourist office funded in 2020
- Dunree Lighthouse Heritage funding for Conservation plan produced 2020
- 2020 Carrigans T&V Covid Accelerated measure funded 2020
- 2021 Culdaff Clár funded, outdoor gym, new playground equipment funded 2021
- 2021 Burnfoot Town and Village Streetscape Enhancement scheme funded 2021
- 2021 Burnfoot Bi-lingual entrance signage, minor tourism fund in 2022
- 2021 Moville playground Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme funded 2021
- 2021 Barrack Hill Town Park Sláintecare Healthy Communities Enhancement Programme. –funded 2021
- 2021 Newtoncunningham Town and Village Renewal funded 2021
- 2021 Moville Town and Village Renewal funding funded 2021
- 2021 Killea Clár funding for Community Pod funded 2021
- 2021 Desertegney Clár funding funded 2021
- 2022 Moville Clár funding Outdoor Gym at Bath Green funded 20220

Funded Projects will be completed next month.

- 2021 Culdaff Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) project Design for Jetty/pontoon at Culdaff estuary funded 2021
- 2022 Carndonagh Town and Village Renewal project Barrack Hill Town Park, Carndonagh — will be completed at the end of November funded 2022
- 2022 Moville ORRIS funding for Shore Walk Interpretative work to be completed by the end of the year funded 2022

Malin GAA 2023 Clár Funding – to be completed by the end of this year funded 2023

Carrowmenagh 2023 Clar project – to be completed by end of 2024 funded 2023

Gleneely Colts FC 2023 Clár funding – to be completed by the end of this year funded 2023

Buncrana Community Recognition Funded 2023 - Fr Hegarty Project to be completed at the end of 2024

Culdaff Soccer Club and Glengad Soccer Club - Clár funded this year — work to commence in 2025



Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services Directorate

Master Municipal District Report December 2024

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1. Economic Development

1.1. Upcoming Events

| Date | Event | Location / Further Info | Point of Contact |
|---|---|---|--|
| 29 th November 2024 – 20 th December 2024 | #BuyDonegal / #CeannaighDúnnan naGall | We're excited to announce that #BuyDonegal / #CeannaighDúnnanGall is returning for 2024, launching this year on November 25 th , the campaign will run for 4 weeks showcasing the wide range of incredible businesses we have across all sectors throughout the county. See more details: https://donegal.ie/buydonegal | Elaine Whoriskey - Economic Development Officer Ewhoriskey@donegal coco.ie 087 1603942 |
| 28 th November 2024 | Donegal Tech Advocates Event | The next Donegal Tech Advocates event, which will be held on November 28 th at Optum, Letterkenny. from 8:30am – 10:30am. This event is an excellent opportunity for businesses across Donegal within the tech sector to knowledge-share, collaborate, and network with others in the industry and key individuals who can assist with business development support's and advice. | Elaine Whoriskey - Economic Development Officer Ewhoriskey@donegal coco.ie 087 1603942 |
| 2 nd Wed of each month | Innovation Campfire | Next Innovation Campfire Series is on Wed Nov 13 at 13:30 Hosted by Alpha Innovation - Our 15-minute sessions showcase inspiring innovation stories from around the world; learn from the experiments, tests, fails, quick wins, and big successes of others; enable participants to be part of a growing community of like-minded individuals; and allow participants to shape future sessions by volunteering to tell a story they are passionate about. You can watch back by visiting ALPHA Innovation Innovation Campfire — ALPHAInnovation.eu | Kevin Sexton - kevinsexton@alphain novation.eu |

1.2 Economic Development Unit

Marketing & Campaigns Updates

Invest Donegal Communications Update

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

| Impressions | (last 28 days) | Total Followers |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Linked In | 12,913 | 5,498 (+17) |
| Twitter | 3.9k | 3,434 (+41) |
| Instagram | 24.9k | 5,134 (+82) |
| Facebook | 17k | 2,220 (+20) |
| Donegal.ie | 5.4K Web Users | |
| 6 News Item | s Published | |

25th Oct 2024 – 15th November 2024

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

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

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

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

Green Hydra: The Green Hydra project, funded under the INTERREG Europe, focuses the development of green hydrogen as a renewable energy source and kicked off in April 2024. The scope of this project is to improve national, regional or local policies for involving SME's across the whole hydrogen value chain. The first in person partner Steering Committee meeting took place in Ravenna, Italy on 18th and 19th September and this included a capacity building workshop focused on 'Understanding the green

hydrogen value chain', a study visit to Marina di Ravenna Energy and Sea Research Centre and SAPIR port terminal to see how other regions are working with green hydrogen as a renewable energy source. A Regional Multistakeholder Group is being formed in Donegal under the auspices of the Donegal Blue Economy Working Group and the first event/meet up will take place in early 2025.

Donegal Blue Economy Working group has been established with representatives from a range of relevant agencies and stakeholders to focus on how to best to maximise the potential of the blue economy for Donegal. The next meeting of this group will take place in early 2025 and will identify 3 core areas of focus in the coming period.

Donegal County Council Agricultural Committee: The first meeting of the Donegal County Council Agricultural Committee was held on 9th October 2024 with a further meeting with the Minister for Agriculture Food and the Marine held on 1st November to discuss and highlight issues of concern for County Donegal.

Donegal County Council Fisheries Committee: The first meeting of the new Donegal County Council Fisheries Committee took place on the 11th of October with a further meeting held on the 1st of November in Lifford Council Chamber with the Minister for Agriculture Food and the Marine Charlie McConalogue to highlight and discuss Fisheries issues relating to County Donegal.

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

Donegal 2040 DAC

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

Update on Projects

Alpha Innovation Centre and Beta Business Centre

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

Remote Working Hub Carrigart:

Status: In operation. Annual management agreement in place.

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

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

Current Status: Under Construction. Estimated Completion Date: Dec 2024.

Marketing Campaign: to commence Q4 2024.

Operation & Management of Burtonport Enterprise Centre (Post Construction)

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

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

Current Status: Detailed design.

Current Estimated Completion date: Q4 2027.

Olivia Gallen, General Manager, Donegal 2040 info@donegal2040.ie 087 2589071

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

Donegal businesses take part in Go-To-Market Lab in Boston: The Pathfinder Program is a Go-To-Market export-focussed program designed for Innovation-driven entrepreneurs (IDEs). The program which took place 12 - 14 November, a North West City Region initiative jointly led by Donegal County Council (Local Enterprise Office) and Derry City and Strabane District Council. ALPHA Innovation designed pre and post-programme modules to maximise the business' time in-market.

Donegal companies that participated included: Forward Emphasis International (CEO Paula Kennedy Garcia & Chairperson Fiona Burns) showcased their latest innovation, Eleet; DigiFood NPD (CEO Sean Gilbride) and Teambase (Business Development Exec Paul Boyle). The companies were joined by Derry & Strabane businesses ChallengeCurve & Kippie. Having returned to Ireland, ALPHA will conduct debriefing and mentoring sessions with businesses drafting plans for leveraging the US industry contacts they have established.

Campfire series tells curated stories from around the world designed to inspire action in leaders and an innovation-friendly mindset within their teams: Episode 13 broadcasts live on Wed 11 Dec at 13:30. Each month, ALPHA's Innovation Campfire series tells stories about the innovation successes and fails that have allowed well-known global brands to survive and thrive. Our monthly 20-minute sessions:

- Encourage entrepreneurs to take their heads out of the day-to-day
- Gives an overview of what innovation is and the techniques businesses use
- Showcase inspiring stories from around the world
- Highlight experiments, fails, quick wins, and big successes of others
- Enable participants to join a growing community of like-minded individuals

Kevin Sexton Head of Innovation, Alpha Innovation kevinsexton@alphainnovation.eu

Inward Investment Activity

North West City Region

US Trade Mission 2024 & Golden Bridges: The US Trade Mission took place from 11th to 15th November 2024 and was a very successful trade mission that incorporated both meetings and events showcasing the North West City Region. This year's North West City Region delegation included representatives from both Donegal County Council and Derry City and Strabane District Council, with both the Mayor of Derry City and Strabane District Council, Cllr. Lillian Seenoi Barr and Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council, Cllr. Niamh Kennedy attending along with Chief Executives, John G. McLaughlin and John Kelpie, Directors of Service and Heads of Departments and Kevin Sexton of Alpha Innovation. Representatives from the North West Tertiary Education Cluster along with representatives from Udarás na Gaeltachta also attended. The objective is to raise the profile of the North West City Region in the US and promote the region's value proposition for inward investment and deliver the Pathfinder II programme supporting businesses who wish to scale into the US market.

US Trade Mission Activities 2024:

- On 11th November, the delegation attended a welcome reception at the Donegal Philadelphia
 Association Diaspora Centre where there was an opportunity to build relationships with the
 Diaspora and raise awareness of the value proposition of the NWCR from an economic
 development perspective.
- Organised through our membership of the IABCN (Irish American Business Chamber and Network) in Philadelphia the delegation attended a reception at Philadelphia City Hall hosted by Mayor Parker's Chief of Staff, Pierre-Olivier on 12th November. This was an opportunity to strengthen the economic relations between Philadelphia and the NWCR.
- A visit to Project HOME, an initiative of Sister Mary Scullion took place on 12th November. This
 project looks at housing, employment, medical care and education for those who are homeless.
- The delegation travelled to Villanova University on 12th November, where the Mayor and Cathaoirleach took part in a panel discussion on 'women in leadership' moderated by Professor of Politics, Cera Murtagh. This was followed by a meeting with Dr. Anthony Green, MedTech/Innovation expert at Benjamin Franklin Technology Centre.
- On Wednesday 13th November, the delegation travelled to Boston and attended a State House reception hosted by Senator Nick Collins where they discussed opportunities to collaborate with the NWCR. A visit to JFK library followed.
- On Thursday 14th November, the delegation participated in a NWCR business breakfast
 discussion moderated by Invest NI Chair, John Healy and co-hosted by the Irish Consulate and
 British Consulate offices in Boston. This was followed by a 'Speaker Series' event hosted by the
 Irish Consul General, Sighle Fitzgerald. This included a discussion with the Mayor and
 Cathaoirleach moderated by Mary Murphy, Irish Institute, Boston College covering a range of
 topics highlighting the benefits of investing in the NWCR.
- On the afternoon of 14th November, the Mayor/Cathaoirleach, Chief Executives and Directors of Service met with Governor Maura Healey at the State House to discuss the NWCR in terms of FDI, Diaspora, key sectors and to discuss collaboration opportunities between the US and the NWCR.
- The NWCR Irish Consulate evening reception and presentation of the Golden Bridges Awards took place on 14th November.

- The annual Golden Bridges Conference took place on 15th November 2024, and this included several panel discussions on the economic opportunities in the NWCR.
- Pathfinder II is a programme designed to support businesses who wish to enter the US market. It is as a result of collaborative partnership between Donegal County Council and Derry City & Strabane District Council under the North West Strategic Trade and Investment Programme 2024. 6 businesses participated in Pathfinder II in 2024.

Promoting the NWCR: A new brochure and video highlighting the value proposition of the NWCR were produced for this year's NWCR US Trade Mission and promoted throughout the week. Link to <u>video on YouTube</u>

The North West City Region is promoted online via the website www.irelandnw.com and social media on LinkedIn and X on a regular basis and in collaboration with Derry City and Strabane District Council. NWCR on LinkedIn has 798 followers.

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

Website: <u>www.irelandnw.com</u>

Service Land Initiative at The Commons, Lifford

Enabling Infrastructure works have commenced at the land at Lifford Common with an official "Turning of the Sod" ceremony taking place on Monday 25th November. The site once developed will feature:

- The development of 60 social housing units which will address the critical need for housing in the area and improve the quality of life for local families.
- A state-of-the-art playing field will be developed, enhancing local amenities and recreational facilities supporting Donegal's €16 million Riverine Project, announced recently.
- 12 acres of the site are designated for economic development. The Council is already engaging with businesses interested in expanding to Lifford, promising new employment opportunities for the region, and boosting Economic Development for the county.
- Plans are also being advanced with the HSE for a transformational community facility, ensuring long-term benefits and healthcare access for residents.

The EDU is engaging with various potential site users including Social Housing, Community Health, Recreation and businesses.

It is expected that enabling infrastructure will be complete by end of Q2 2025.

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1.2: Tourism Marketing Unit

Project Activity

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

World Travel Market: Donegal Tourism was delighted with the opportunity to connect with industry leaders at the World Travel Market in London. The team met with key partners like Lonely Planet, Tourism Ireland, Fáilte Ireland, Tourism Northern Ireland, Visit Derry, Visit Belfast, Causeway Coastal Route, TBEX, as well as numerous international media and agencies. They used this event to share the many partnership and sponsorship opportunities available for TBEX Donegal 2025.

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

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

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

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

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

Donegal Golf Brochure: Preparation ongoing for the publication of the new Donegal Golf Brochure which will feature all 17 golf clubs in the county. It is planned to launch this brochure in January 2025.

Golf Promotion Plan for 2025: Following the recent golf cluster meeting in Ballybofey/Stranorlar Golf Club a plan for the promotion of golf in the county for 2025 is being drawn up. This will include various initiatives and opportunities/collaborations between Donegal Tourism/Failte Ireland/Tourism Ireland and golf providers. Golfing in Donegal has been featured in the Travelinc Memo through Tourism Ireland New Zealand which is currently available - https://www.travelmemo.co.nz/memos/20241115.pdf

Ireland

Teeing off in Donegal

County Donegal, located along Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way, offers some of the most picturesque and challenging golf courses in the world.

Known for its rugged coastline and breathtaking landscapes, Donegal blends natural beauty with expertly designed courses.

The county boasts a variety of both links and parkland courses, catering to players of all skill levels. Iconic links courses like Ballyliffin and Donegal Golf Club offer a true test of skill, shaped by the Atlantic winds and dunes. For those seeking a different experience, Donegal's scenic parkland courses, set amidst hills and woodlands, provide a peaceful escape.

Whether clients are navigating the windswept coastal fairways like Cruit Island, Bundoran, Narin/Portnoo or Greencastle, or enjoying the lush inland



greens in Letterkenny or Ballybofey/ Stranorlar, golfing in Donegal promises an unforgettable experience, where each round is framed by stunning views and a sense of adventure.

It is recommended to play a round with a local and then enjoy the famous Donegal hospitality from locally sourced food and drink to top class accommodation.

govisitdonegal.com/things-to-do/ activities/golfing info@govisitdonegal.com

Self-guided trails at your own pace

Clients can experience Ireland's breathtaking landscapes on their own terms with Hilltoptreks' self-guided walking tours through the country's most iconic trails.

The Wicklow Way, stretching 130km through the "Garden of Ireland," offers a blend of forest trails, glacial valleys and historical sites.



For coastal explorers, the Dingle Way presents a journey along the Wild Atlantic Way with seascapes, beaches and villages steeped in history, music and culture.

The Kerry Way is one of Ireland's longest walking routes, circling the scenic Iveragh Peninsula with sweeping views of lakes, mountains and rugged coastlines.

What sets these tours apart is Hilltoptreks' knowledge of the routes and the support to allow visitors to fully embrace the Irish countryside while enjoying the flexibility and independence that self-guided adventures offer.

hilltoptreks.com/self-guidedwalks-in-ireland



Best of the Northwest Golf Collaboration: Work continues with our colleagues in Derry City/Strabane District Council as the project comes to an end – a digital campaign will go live in January to promote the Best of the North West.

Tourism Seminar 2025: Plans are underway for the annual Tourism Seminar for 2025 which will be jointly hosted by Donegal County Council and Failte Ireland. The event will also act as a networking event for the tourism trade in the county and will take place during Enterprise Week 2025.

Night-Time Economy (NTE) Buncrana: The **'Buncrana By Night'** programme of events in October was well attended. A programme of events was compiled to display everything that was funded through NTE in October, 26 grants were issued to local businesses and organisations along with additional grants for creative Halloween window displays. The events delivered included, heritage walks, comedy nights, Halloween parade, art classes, wellness classes, music events, pumpkin patch, haunted house, darts competitions and many more. Nearly all the events delivered were at full capacity.

NTE Buncrana is a part of the national NTE anti-social behaviour campaign 'Safe & Sound'. This campaign will take place in the Buncrana, wider Inishowen and Letterkenny areas in December.

The public survey closed with 360+ respondents and this will help form part of the NTE Action Plan for Buncrana. The NTE Steering Group will be established in January.

TOURBO: As TOURBO Semester 4 progresses, the new Tourism Strategy (2025-2030) is being forwarded as Donegal County Council's 'Policy Instrument.' The 'Good Practices' of TOURBO's Project Partners are being reviewed by DCC's TOURBO Team with a view to identifying potential frameworks that may be of

benefit in the Tourism Strategy, in line with TOURBO's overarching objectives. It is agreed that Donegal will host our TOURBO Partner meeting in Autumn 2025.

Sustainable Artic & Peripheral Biking Tourism Project: The SUB Workshop series kicked off last week in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny. For this workshop, under the theme of 'Networks and Clusters' in Donegal's Biking Tourism Sector, we welcomed Anna O'Connor (Mayo Tourism, Great Western Greenways Project), Brian Reid (NRDO, Donegal County Council) and Rónán Gallagher (Wee Greenway Initiative) as guest speakers. Notable engagement and positive feedback were received from the biking tourism operators in attendance. The next workshop, on the subject of 'Entrepreneurial Skills' will take place in Sweeney's Hotel, Dungloe, on Tuesday 3rd December. Registration for this workshop is live on the Donegal Tourism CLG's social media. Planning is also underway for the SUB Peer-to-Peer programme and Partner Meeting which Donegal will host next March and April.

GoVisitDonegal.com Website

Go Visit Donegal Website: Site redesign in progress reviewing most utilised content on current site to better user interface. This includes the cleaning of databases and compilation of comprehensive trade business listings to ensure full coverage of the county.

Registration on the website by all trade will be encouraged.

2024 (Oct 20 – Nov 18) - Users 27.5K- Page Views 56K

Your Wild Atlantic Way starts here is the most viewed page – views 13K Festivals and Events is the second most viewed page – views 4.3K

Online & Social Media Updates – Go Visit Donegal Oct 20 – Nov 18, 2024

Facebook: Facebook had a reach of 160.2K. **Instagram:** Instagram had a reach of 296K.

LinkedIn: 2,024 followers. 39 new followers in the last 30 days. 8,455K Impressions.

X: 456 impressions over the last 7 days.

TikTok: TikTok has 1454 followers.

Donegal Tourism CLG: The associates committee met on November12th in the Silver Tassie Hotel Letterkenny. The next meeting is scheduled for January 21st in the Donegal MD.

The next board meeting is scheduled for December 17th in Dungloe.

Grant Schemes

Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme: Successful projects under the 2024 scheme have been notified. Funding for this scheme must be drawn down by June 30th, 2025.

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

Regional Festival & Events Grant Scheme: €49,750 was awarded to 33 festivals/events under the 2024 Fáilte Ireland regional festival funding scheme. The tourism team are following up with each of the festival groups in relation to drawing down the funding.

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1.3: Strategic Funding Unit

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

ICC – Intelligent Cities Challenge

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

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2. Local Enterprise Office

November 2024 (Year to Date Supports)

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

- 50 Businesses have been approved Grant Aid
- The total value of Grant Aid Approvals is €1,057,387.97.
- The next EVAC meeting is taking place on 25th February, 2025.

Trading Online Vouchers: 59 TOVs approved this year totalling €125,353.05.

Mentoring: 389 business applicants approved up to 12 hours expert mentoring.

Training: 1495 Attendees on 71 Courses held.

Digital Start: 10 applications approved for this support to a value of €40,284.

Green for Business/Green For Micro: 39 applicants approved for these supports to a value of

€86,346.

Energy Efficiency Grants: 7 applicants approved for this support to a value of €50,000. **Lean For Business**: 22 applicants approved for this support to a value of €100,000.

Trading Online Voucher (TOV): scheme will <u>close permanently</u> on the 13th December 2024. Applications submitted on or before this date will be processed as normal. The final TOV workshop for LEO Donegal will take place on Wednesday 4th December via Zoom. Moving forward, businesses looking for digital supports will be directed to the <u>Digital For Business</u> and <u>Grow Digital</u> schemes.

Donegal Enterprise Awards: The annual Enterprise Awards will take place on Friday December 6th at Rockhill House from 11.30am to celebrate the best in Donegal business during 2024. Six businesses have been shortlisted for the awards. Invites have been issued to all Elected Members.

Energy Efficiency Grant: The current closing date for the Energy Efficiency Grant is 20th December 2024. Businesses who have completed a Green for Business programme or SEAI Energy Audit, with less than 50 employees, can avail of the grant.

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

Get Exporting Programme: At least three Donegal businesses have been selected to progress to Stage 2 of the *Get Exporting* Accelerator Programme. This stage, which consists of four half-day workshops, will run from October 2024 to January 2025. The programme is designed for LEO clients with limited export sales who wish to develop strategies for entering international markets.

Enterprise Europe Network (EEN): Representatives from LEO Donegal recently attended The Enterprise Europe Network Annual Conference 2024 which was held in Budapest, Hungary from the 6th-8th November. This year's event, titled "Boosting the potential of European SMEs", saw over 750 Network members and partners from 55 countries, gather for three days of expert insights and collaboration, involving 160 speakers, in what was a highly successful event.

Start Your Own Business Training Programme: The next Start Your Own Business Programme will commence on Tuesday 7th January, 2025.

LEO Business Supports Clinic: Takes place twice per month – on-line and in-person at locations throughout the county. As well as learning of LEO supports, all attendees will get the opportunity for one-to-one business advice. The next clinic is an in-person event and is taking place on Friday 22nd November, 2024 in the Inishowen Innovation centre in Buncrana.

To book a place at any of the aforementioned events go to Online Bookings - Donegal (localenterprise.ie)

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3. Information Services

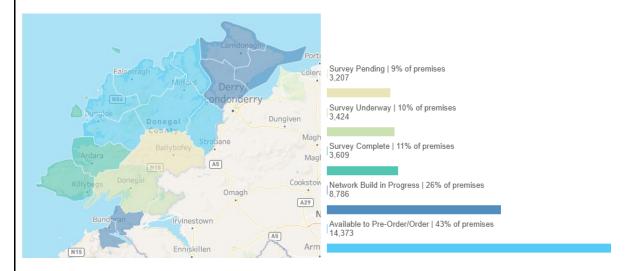
Information Services (IS)

National Broadband Plan

The rollout of the NBP continues in County Donegal. This is a government investment of €128m into the telecommunications infrastructure in the county, bringing fibre broadband to every premises in the Intervention Area.

The Letterkenny, Creeslough, Termon, St. Johnston, Bunbeg, Fintown and small Island deployment areas are complete and actively connecting customers.

These deployment areas cover 14,373 premises or 43% of the Intervention Area. Network build is in progress in the 5 deployment areas of Carndonagh, Buncrana, Moville, Bundoran, Ballyshannon, totalling 8,786 premises or 26% of the IA. Surveying is complete in the Ardara, Killybegs, Arranmore & Tory Island deployment areas covering 3,609 premises or 11% of the IA. Surveying is now underway in the Donegal and Pettigo Deployment areas of 3,424 premises, or 10% of the IA. 3,207 premises, or 9% of the IA, in the deployment area of Ballybofey/Stranorlar are at survey pending stage. NBI are currently planning Active Equipment Module builds on the islands to connect to the mainland. To keep informed of the rollout plan in Donegal we encourage people to register their interest with; https://www.nbi.ie



Winter Maintenance Programme

As the winter maintenance programme has started and the first frosts and snows of the season have fallen, our winter dashboard highlights the roads to be gritted every evening. Register with www,mapalerter.ie/donegal to receive weather related alerts.

https://donegal.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/989516ab92554f10ae6b3b7338e80063

EU Projects:

The Interreg funded **CIVITEC** project met in Jaén, Spain for its 2^{nd} project meeting on $6^{th} - 7^{th}$ November. Civitec is about making the democratic process more participatory, inclusive and responsive by enhancing citizen involvement through new digital tools and processes. Donegal County Council presented 2 case studies on using GIS tool to encourage online participation.



The Interreg funded **ENAIBLER** project met in San Sebastian Spain on 13th – 14th November

The study visit gave an opportunity to delve into the latest advancements in AI technology and it's impact on various sectors by bringing together experts, researchers, and industry leaders to explore the transformative power of artificial intelligence and advocate for responsible AI practices.



T&S V7 Pilot

Donegal County Council participated as pilot site for the recent T&S (travel and subsistence) V7 upgrade with LGMA. Key elements of the T&S V7 is the additional categorisation of vehicle types and receipts to facilitate SEAI reporting along with enhanced processing features.

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4. Emergency Services

4.1 – Fire Service

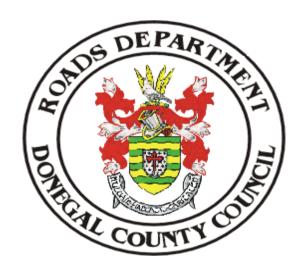
Fire Service Monthly MD Report (December)

| Activity | | per of: ober)¹ | Total for year | | |
|---|-------|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|--|
| Fire Service Operations | | | | | |
| Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**: | 8 | 37 | 6 | 83 | |
| Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**: | 9 |)7 | 7: | 97 | |
| Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**: | 1 | .0 | 1 | 00 | |
| | | | | | |
| Operational Activity Breakdown October 2024 | Turr | nouts | | ents in unty | |
| | Fires | Special Service s | Fires | Special Service s | |
| Donegal Fire Service | 39 | 58 | 29 | 46 | |
| Northern Ireland Fire Service | 6 | 4 | 6 | 6 | |
| Sub Total | 45 | 62 | 35 | 52 | |
| Total | 1 | 07 | 87 | | |
| | | | | | |
| Fire Prevention | | | | | |
| Fire Safety Certificate applications received: | 1 | .2 | 166 | | |
| Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed: | 2 | .6 | N | /A | |

| Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by the Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from the Applicant / Agent: | 63 | N/A |
|--|-----------------|-----|
| Fire Safety Certificate decisions made: | 14 | 136 |
| Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received: | 1 | 10 |
| Dangerous Substance Licences issued: | 1 | 5 |
| Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875: | 5 | 39 |
| Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007): | 6 | 194 |
| Fire Safety Complaints received: | 0 | 20 |
| Fire Safety Complaints dealt with: | 0 | 20 |
| During Performance Inspections carried out: | 0 | 0 |
| Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered: | 10 ² | 102 |
| | | |

- 1. Current data is only available up to the end of October 2024.
- 2. As part of its community fire safety programme, Donegal Fire Service facilitated fire station open days in Bundoran, Gweedore and Milford Fire Stations. Glencolmcille, Killybegs & Letterkenny Fire Brigades, along with the voluntary brigade on Arranmore, provided fire safety presentations/information stands at various events throughout the County whilst 2 No. home fire safety visits were also completed.

ROADS & TRANSPORTATION UPDATE



Inishowen Municipal District

03rd December 2024

Draft Restoration Improvement Programme 2024

| RSS | Engineer | Road Class | Road Name | Works Type | Length or work (m) | Start | Finish | Notes |
|---------------------|------------------|---------------|--|------------|--------------------|----------|----------|--|
| Moville | Inish North | LS | Carrowmenagh Middle Rd | SR | 2,100 | Complete | Complete | Direct labour |
| Moville | Inish North | R | Noones Br to Mt Scurge | RR | 1,100 | Complete | Complete | Contract WM |
| Moville | Inish North | L | Ballymacarthur | SR | 1,000 | Complete | Complete | |
| Moville | Inish North | L | Logues Br to R240 | SR | 750 | Complete | Complete | |
| Moville | Inish North | R | Muff St (Ph2) | RR | 600 | Complete | Complete | |
| Moville | Inish North | LP | Culineen/Crucknanonia | SR | 2000 | Complete | Complete | Contract NS |
| Moville | Inish North | LP | Illies (Ph2) | SR | 1500 | Complete | Complete | Direct labour |
| Moville Total 2024 | | | | | 10,350 | | | |
| Carn | Inish North | R | Carn Mountain | RR | 800 | Complete | Complete | awaiting contractor |
| Carn | Inish North | LP | Pound St/Old Co-oP | RR | 600 | Complete | Complete | contractor on site |
| Carn | Inish North | R | R238 Collin | RR | 1,000 | Complete | Complete | |
| Carn | Inish North | LS | Cashel Carn | SR | 2,280 | Complete | Complete | |
| Carn | Inish North | LS | Norrira (Flanagans) | SR | 600 | Complete | Complete | |
| Carn | Inish North | LP | R244 to McDevitts | SR | 650 | Complete | Complete | |
| Carn | Inish North | R | R244 Carrowmore | RR | 1,000 | Complete | Complete | |
| Carn | Inish North | LP | R238 Jn to Redford | SR | 1,700 | Complete | Complete | |
| Carn | Inish North | LS | Drenagh Road | SR | 2,000 | Complete | Complete | |
| Carn | Inish North | R | Lagg at Quigleys | RR | 600 | Complete | Complete | awaiting contractor |
| Carn | Inish North | LS | Drimsdale to R244 | SR | 800 | Complete | Complete | |
| Carn Total 2024 | | | | | 12,530 | | | |
| Buncrana | Inish South | L | Annaslee to Crislakeel Rd | RR | 2,100 | Complete | Complete | |
| Buncrana | Inish South | R | Straid Rd - Corner Cash to Waterfall | RR | 1,000 | Complete | Complete | |
| Buncrana | Inish South | L | Cloontagh School Rd from R238 Bridge | RR | 1,000 | Complete | Complete | |
| Buncrana | Inish South | L | Tullydish to bottom of Scalp (ph 1) | SR | 1,600 | Complete | Complete | |
| Buncrana | Inish South | L | Gaddyduff Brae Clonmany | SR | 800 | Complete | Complete | |
| Buncrana | Inish South | R | Cockhill Road | SR | 651 | Complete | Complete | |
| Buncrana | Inish South | L | Tonduff (above sand Rd) Dunree | SR | 1,100 | Complete | Complete | |
| Buncrana | Inish South | L | St. Patricks Road | SR | 180 | Complete | Complete | |
| Buncrana | Inish South | L | Hill Head Road | SR | 470 | Complete | Complete | |
| Buncrana Total 2024 | crana Total 2024 | | | | 10,801 | | | |
| Newtown | Inish South | L | Newtown Main Streets | RR | 1,700 | Complete | Complete | Contract WM 95% Substantially Complete |
| Newtown | Inish South | L | McCombs Roads | RR | 1,000 | Complete | Complete | Prepped and ready 16th September DL |
| Newtown | Inish South | L | Kesh Ends (Logan Recycling) to Newtown Village | SR | 900 | Complete | Complete | Contract WM done |
| Newtown | Inish South | L | Kildrum Lower Ph 1 | SR | 1,100 | Complete | Complete | Prepped and ready 16th September DL |
| Newtown | Inish South | L | Garshooey to Kildrum Lower Final Ph | SR | 300 | Complete | Complete | Prepped and ready 16th September DL |
| Newtown Total 2024 | | | | | 5,800 | | | |
| IMD TOTAL | | | | | | | | |

Draft Restoration Maintenance Programme 2024

| RSS | Engineer | Road Class | Road Number | Road Name | Works Type | Length or work (m) | Start | Finish | Notes |
|----------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|-------------------------------|------------|--------------------|----------|----------|-------|
| Moville | Inish North | LT | L72811 | Spinks Glackmore | SD | 1,600 | Complete | Complete | |
| Moville | Inish North | LS | L7721-1 | Lisnagra | SD | 1,500 | Complete | Complete | |
| Moville | Inish North | LT | L18913 | Kilderry Lane | SD | 600 | Complete | Complete | |
| Moville | Inish North | LP | L1341-3 | Tiryrone Ph1 | SD | 1,000 | Complete | Complete | |
| Moville | Inish North | LP | L1361-1 | Glenagivney | SD | 2,000 | Complete | Complete | |
| Moville | Inish North | LS | L13916 | Mc Coles Drung | SD | 400 | Complete | Complete | |
| Moville | Inish North | R | R238-38 | Noones Br/Mt Scurge | SD | 1,000 | Complete | Complete | |
| Moville | Inish North | LS | L7731-1 | Mullanaghy | SD | 800 | Complete | Complete | |
| Moville | Inish North | LP | L1371-3 | Drumaweer | SD | 1,300 | Complete | Complete | ? |
| Moville | Inish North | LP | L1411-1/2 | Crucknanonia | SD | 1,500 | Complete | Complete | |
| Moville | Inish North | L | No Number | Grove Cottages | SD | 390 | Complete | Complete | |
| Moville | Inish North | LT | L13211 | Drumley Lough Rd | SD | 850 | Complete | Complete | |
| Moville Total | | | | | | 12,940 | | | |
| Carndonagh | Inish North | R | R242-2 | Lagg Rd Malin | SD | 2,000 | Complete | Complete | |
| Carndonagh | Inish North | LP | L1011-1 | X Rds MH/Port Ronan X Rds | SD | 1,000 | Complete | Complete | |
| Carndonagh | Inish North | LP | L1211-1/2 | Tirernaleague/Corvish | SD | 1,500 | Complete | Complete | |
| Carndonagh | Inish North | LP | L1081-2 | Urbelreagh | SD | 2,200 | Complete | Complete | |
| Carndonagh | Inish North | LT | L51611 | Killen Mast Rd done | SD | 690 | Complete | Complete | |
| Carndonagh | Inish North | LS | L5051-1 | Culort/Ballygorman | SD | 1,700 | Complete | Complete | |
| Carndonagh | Inish North | LT | L10311-0 | Cahirs Hill Rd | SD | 600 | Complete | Complete | |
| Carndonagh | Inish North | LS | L5811-1 | Gortyarn/Hill Hd | SD | 1,100 | Complete | Complete | |
| Carndonagh | Inish North | LP | L1391-4 | Lough Inn | SD | 1,900 | Complete | Complete | |
| Carndonagh | Inish North | LP | L1081-3 | Urbelreagh 2 | SD | 1,000 | Complete | Complete | |
| Carndonagh | Inish North | LT | L57811 and 12 | Foxhole/Buildings Rd | SD | 1,900 | Complete | Complete | |
| Carndonagh | Inish North | LP | L1301-2 | Drumagessan | SD | 2,000 | Complete | Complete | |
| Carndonagh Total | | | | | | 17,590 | | | |
| Buncrana Rural | Inish South | L | L 17214 | Big Hill | SD | 1,475 | Complete | Complete | |
| Buncrana Rural | Inish South | L | L 7061 | Upper Kinngeo | SD | 1,700 | Complete | Complete | |
| Buncrana Rural | Inish South | L | L 6981 | Upper Liafin | SD | 1300 | Complete | Complete | |
| Buncrana Rural | Inish South | L | L 6921 | Upper Sharagore | SD | 760 | Complete | Complete | |
| Buncrana Rural | Inish South | L | L 6941 | Blackland | SD | 780 | Complete | Complete | |
| Buncrana Rural | Inish South | L | L 1831 | Church Brae | SD | 1,200 | Complete | Complete | |
| Buncrana Rural | Inish South | L | L1831 | Boosom | SD | 1,200 | Complete | Complete | |
| Buncrana Rural | Inish South | L | L7321 /L7331 | Rooskey | SD | 3,500 | Complete | Complete | |
| Buncrana Rural | Inish South | L | L 5441 | Culcross coal yard to Annagh | SD | 1,150 | Complete | Complete | |
| Buncrana Rural | Inish South | L | L1161 | Upper Annagh to Culcross road | SD | 2,200 | Complete | Complete | |
| Buncrana Rural | Inish South | L | L16112 | Adderville | SD | 2,400 | Complete | Complete | |
| Buncrana Rural Total | | | | | | 17,665 | | | |
| Newtown | Inish South | L | L 7491-2 | Brigg to Strachack | SD | 1750 | Complete | Complete | |
| Newtown | Inish South | L | L2041-2 | Moyle Road | SD | 1720 | Complete | Complete | |
| Newtown | Inish South | L | L8271-2 | Creve road Upper | SD | 1000 | Complete | Complete | |
| Newtown | Inish South | L | L8261-2 | Jack Porters road | SD | 1450 | Complete | Complete | |
| Newtown | Inish South | L | L 8111-1 | Hardys to Millbay Inch Island | SD | 1300 | Complete | Complete | |
| Newtown | Inish South | L | L1881-1 | Bray Roads Phase 2 | SD | 1650 | Complete | Complete | |
| Newtown | Inish South | L | L7961-1 | Glebe Road Burt | SD | 850 | Complete | Complete | |
| | | | | 0.000 1.000 0.010 | | | | | |
| Newtown Total | | | | | | 9,720 | | | |

Drainage Provision Programme 2024

| Overseer | Engineer | Location | Description of Works | Start | Finish | Notes |
|------------------|-------------|--|---|----------|----------|--|
| Moville | Inish North | R238 at Noones Bridge | 200m of road edge protection & signage | Complete | Complete | Road edge collapsing into sheuch |
| Moville | Inish North | R238 at Bayview | 100m of 300 dia pipes & road crossings | Complete | Complete | Ongoing water on road and flooding |
| Moville | Inish North | Illies Road LP1731 | 2no 600m diam crossings & head walls | Complete | Complete | 600 dia crossings requred at 2 locations |
| Moville | Inish North | Whitehill Rd LS7721 | 50m of 375 dia pipe & replace road crossings | Complete | Complete | Ongoing flooding problems |
| Moville | Inish North | Clanilly School Rd LP1821 | 180m of 450 dia pipes & road crossing | Complete | Complete | Ongoing flooding problems |
| Moville | Inish North | New Road Shroove LS6541 | 70mm of 375 dia pipes & road crossing | Complete | Complete | Flooding problem |
| Moville | Inish North | LP1451 Post Denis Barrs | Rockbreaking & 80 m of 300 dia pipes | Complete | Complete | Flooding problem |
| Moville Total | | | | | | |
| Carndonagh | Inish North | Drumcarbit Road LS5261 | 150m of 300 dia pipes and road crossing, gullies & manholes | Complete | Complete | Ongoing drainage problem |
| Carndonagh | Inish North | R238 Drumville (at Henry John Henry's) | 70m of 300 dia pipes, manhole & gabions | Complete | Complete | road collapsing into sheuch |
| Carndonagh | Inish North | LP1071 at Ballynahona, Glengad | 20m of deep gabions & 300 dia pipes | Complete | Complete | road side collapse |
| Carndonagh | Inish North | R240 at The Mullins (at Charlie Devlins) | 80m of 600 dia pipes, manholes & Headwalls | Complete | Complete | ongoing flooding problem |
| Carndonagh | Inish North | Carrowreagh Rd LP 1391 to River (at Bussies) | 250m of 600 dia pipe, road crossing & manholes | Complete | Complete | ongoing flooding problem |
| Carndonagh | Inish North | LP1071 Culkeeny (at Anthony McColgan) | 20m of deep gabions & 300 dia pipe | Complete | Complete | roadside collapse |
| Carndonagh Total | 1 | | | | | |
| Buncrana | Inish South | Sharagore Praish | 122 metre of 450mm pipe@ €112.00 per metre No2 gullies | Complete | Complete | |
| Buncrana | Inish South | Tullydish | 120 metre of 300 mm pipe, No 3 Gullies and No1 Manhole @ €104.73 per m | Complete | Complete | complete drainage works from 2023 |
| Buncrana | Inish South | Annaslee | 144 metre of 300mm pipe No 4 Gullies and No1 Manhole @ €110 per metre | Complete | Complete | |
| Buncrana | Inish South | Crislamore | 120metre of 450mm pipe @ € 115.23per metre and Manhole | Complete | Complete | |
| Buncrana | Inish South | Monreagh Burnfoot | 72 metre of 300 mm pipe, No 3 Gullies and No1 Manhole @ €104.73 per metre | Complete | Complete | |
| Buncrana | Inish South | Coolcross | 60 metre of 300mm pipe and No1 Manhole @ €102.35 per metre | Complete | Complete | blocked drains |
| Buncrana | Inish South | Green road | 120metre of 300mm pipe @ € 86.75 per metre | Complete | Complete | protect side of narrow road road |
| Buncrana | Inish South | Umrycam | 12m road crossing 600mm pipe | Complete | Complete | |
| Buncrana | Inish South | Hill Head Road Buncrana | 50m of 450mm pipe, filled and surface dressed | Complete | Complete | |
| Buncrana Total | | | | | | |
| Newtown | Inish South | Bellstown L-20201 | Extend Bridge at junction to Grainan of Aileach | Complete | Complete | to improve access for larger vehicles and prevent flooding |
| Newtown | Inish South | Bray Road L- 881-1 | 120m of 300mm pipe 3 gullies and 1 Manhloe | Complete | Complete | to protect side of public road |
| Newtown | Inish South | Birdstown to Muff Reg | 4 no. gullies required with associated works | Complete | Complete | surface water on carriage way |
| Newtown | Inish South | Inch island L-7531-4 | 110m of 300mm pipe to preserve side of public road | Complete | Complete | to protect side of public road |
| Newtown | Inish South | Watery Road L-1841-4 | 180m of 300mm pipe, 4 gullies and 2 Manholes | Complete | Complete | to protect side of public road |
| Newtown Total | | | | | | |
| Grand Total | | | | | | |

| RSS | Engineer | Road Class | Road Number | Road Name | Works Type | Length or | Budget 2024 | | Start | Finish | Notes |
|-----------------|-------------|------------|----------------|---|------------|-----------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|---------|
| Moville | Inish North | RR | R-238-41 | Moville Celtic Football Club | RR | 300 | €14,000 | €14,000 | Complete | Complete | Ongoing |
| Moville | Inish North | LS | LT 13915 | Quigleys Point Community Centre / Drung | RR | 174 | €24,880 | €38,880 | Complete | Complete | Ongoing |
| Moville | Inish North | LS | L-6081,L-60813 | Meenletterbale Greencastle Road | RR | 1,000 | €11,483 | €50,363 | Complete | Complete | |
| Carndonagh | Inish North | RR | R-244 | Road to Carn GAA | FP | 200 | €60,000 | €110,363 | Complete | Complete | Ongoing |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| North Inishowen | | | | | | | €110,363 | €110,363 | | | |
| Buncrana Rural | Inish South | LS | L-5036 | Lisowen Green | FP | 60 | €47,363 | €47,363 | Complete | Complete | |
| Newtown | Inish South | LS | L-2051 | Newtown Trucks | D | 95 | €55,000 | €102,363 | Complete | Complete | |
| Buncrana Rural | Inish South | LS | L-6761 | Letter Clonmany | FP | 40 | €8,000 | €110,363 | Complete | Complete | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |

Low Cost Safety Programme 2024

| Overseer | Engineer | Road Class | | Location | Description of Works | Length of work (m) | Start | Finish | Notes |
|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|---|---------------------------|--------------------|----------|----------|---|
| B Moyne | Jim McLaughlin | | R238 | Three Trees Tromaty, Quigleys Point | VRS installation contract | 1400 | Complete | 2025 | VRS contractor conpleted on site pending 2025 funding. |
| Moville Total | | | | | | 1,400 | | | |
| James Gill | Kevin Lake | R | R238 | Lisfannon | Junction realignment | 150 | Complete | Complete | Junction realignment, Signs delivered and ready for insstallation |
| Buncrana Tota | al | | | | | 150 | | | |
| Paddy Mc Laughlin | Jim McLaughlin | R/L | LP1411/R224/R238/ | Gleneely | Junction realignment | 30 | Complete | Complete | ongoing |
| Candonagh To | tal | | | | | 0 | | | |

Bridge Strengthening Programme 2024

| Area | Engineer | Road Class | Bridge Number | Location | Description of Works | Length of work (m) | Start | Finish | Notes |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|------------|------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------|--|------------------|
| 2023 Bridge | e Strengthening | Programme | (Discretionary) |) | | | | | |
| Newtown | Road Design | LS-8261-2 | 2570 | Corncamble | Strengthening | 6 | Complete | Complete | contract |
| Buncrana | Road Design | LP1641/2 | 175 | Old Mountain | Strengthening | 6 | Complete | Complete | contract started |
| Buncrana | Road Design | R-244-5 | 2069 | Magheraboy | Strengthening | 2 | Complete | Complete | |
| Buncrana | | 1 | | <u> </u> | i i | 2 | | ' | |
| | Road Design | LP1111/1 | 117 | Portaleen | Strengthening | 2 | Complete | Complete | |
| 2023 Specific Improvement Grants | | | | | | | | | |
| Moville | Area Roads | R240 | DLR240-011 | Coyles/Beggars Bridge | Widening/realignment | 20 | Complete | 2025 | Ongoing |



HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

Municipal District of Inishowen

03rd December 2024

Corporate Services

- Deputation from Angela Tourish at 1.15pm
- Consider request for Civic Reception at Plenary Council for Ulster Junior Football Champions, Naomh Padraig Uisce Chaoin
- Consider Schedule of Meetings for 2025
- Consider Date for Workshop on Casual Trading Bye Laws Central Planning Unit

Housing Service

Progress Reports

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Proposed Schedule of Inishowen MD Meetings for 2025

14th January 2025

25th February 2025

8th April 2025

20th May 2025

1st July 2025

9th September 2025

21st October 2025

2nd December 2025

Yours sincerely

Una Gugheu.
Una Cresswell

Area Manager

Housing & Corporate

| Summary of Casual Vacancies Inishowen MD as 03 rd December 2024 | |
|--|---|
| Properties Refurbished and at Offer Stage | 2 |
| Properties being refurbished | 7 |
| Properties to be refurbished | 4 |
| | |

Summary of DCC Housing Offers and Tenancies

| Offers issued from | Offers | Tenancies created from |
|--------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| 01/01/2024 | refused from | 01/01/2024 |
| | 01/01/2024 | |
| 44 | 12 | 32 |

Summary of DCC Nominations to AHBs

| Area | AHB | Nominated | Vacancy | Allocated |
|------------|------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| Carndonagh | SVP | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| Buncrana | SVP | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Moville | Apex | 16 | 4 | 4 |

| Inishowen MD Housing Waiting List | | | | |
|--|-----|--|--|--|
| January 2024 | | | | |
| Gross Number of Approved Applicants on | | | | |
| Social Housing Waiting List | 674 | | | |
| Applicants currently accommodated with HAP | | | | |
| assistance but who have remained on the Council | | | | |
| Social Housing list | 409 | | | |
| Tenants currently accommodated in Council Social | | | | |
| Housing and who are approved for a Transfer | 47 | | | |
| | · | | | |
| Net Social Housing Waiting List | 218 | | | |

Gross Need - by approved bedrooms - December 2024

| Muncipal Dis | trict | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Total |
|---------------------|-------------------|----|-----|-----|----|---|---|-------|
| Inishowen | Ballyliffin | 0 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| | Bridgend | 0 | 15 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 21 |
| | Buncrana | 15 | 173 | 72 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 275 |
| | Burnfoot | 1 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 |
| | Burt | 1 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| | Carndonagh | 15 | 70 | 50 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 140 |
| | Carrigans | 2 | 8 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 |
| | Clonmany | 1 | 9 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 23 |
| | Culdaff | 0 | 7 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| | Fahan | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | Gleneely | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| | Glengad | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| | Greencastle | 1 | 9 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| | Inch | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | Killea | 0 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| | Malin | 1 | 3 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 |
| | Malin Head | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | Moville | 6 | 15 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 31 |
| | Muff | 1 | 20 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 31 |
| | Newtowncunningham | 5 | 25 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 38 |
| | Redcastle | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Total | | 51 | 386 | 209 | 27 | 1 | 0 | 674 |

Housing Grants Report at 25th November 2024

Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability

| YEAR | TOTAL RECEIVED | APPROVED | REFUSED | WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID | FURTHER INFO. | PENDING |
|------|-------------------|----------|---------|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------|
| 2022 | 68 | 59 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| 2023 | 79 | 55 | 3 | 12 | 9 | 0 |
| 2024 | 75 | 46 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 23 |

Mobility Aids Grant

| YEAR | TOTAL RECEIVED | APPROVED | REFUSED | WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID | FURTHER INFO. | PENDING |
|------|-------------------|----------|---------|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------|
| 2022 | 42 | 28 | 1 | 12 | 1 | 0 |
| 2023 | 41 | 30 | 0 | 10 | 1 | 0 |
| 2024 | 20 | 12 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 2 |

Housing Aid for Older People Grant

| YEAR | TOTAL RECEIVED | APPROVED | REFUSED | WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID | FURTHER INFO. | PENDING |
|------|-------------------|----------|---------|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------|
| 2022 | 126 | 114 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| 2023 | 175 | 158 | 7 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| 2024 | 197 | 128 | 3 | 14 | 6 | 46 |

Housing Capital Update Report Inishowen Municipal District Meeting

03rd December 2024

1. Social Housing Developments – Construction Schemes

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

| Location | Status | No. of Units | | | | | |
|--|---|--------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Construction Stage | | | | | | | |
| Crana Crescent, Buncrana | Construction works are programmed to complete in December 2024. External works to housing units 95% complete. Paving and landscaping works completed. Internal 2nd fix works M&E, Carpentry and decorating 80% completed. Completion and Handover schedule for December 2024. | 16 | | | | | |
| | Detailed Design / Tender Stage | | | | | | |
| | Construction works advertised on eTenders and OJEU (Official Journal of the European Union) for 54no. social housing units and all associated site development works with a closing date of 28 th August 2024. | | | | | | |
| Rockytown, Phase 2 | Tender assessment is finalised and Letter of Intent to successful Contractor has been issued. | 54 | | | | | |
| | Department Submission to appoint Contractor issued week beginning 25 th November 2024. | | | | | | |
| Barrack Hill, Carndonagh | Dept Stage 4 approval to award the contract was received on 23 rd October. The contractor appointment will take place in December 2024. Works on site are proposed to commence in January 2025. | 21 | | | | | |
| Carn Road, Gleneely | Dept Stage 4 approval to award the contract was received on 24 th October. The contractor appointment will take place in December 2024. Works on site are proposed to commence in January 2025. | 10 | | | | | |
| Malin, Radharc na Tra Breige, (Ph 4) | Dept Stage 4 approval to award the contract was received on 23 rd October. The contractor appointment will take place in December 2024. Works on site are proposed to commence in January 2025. | 9 | | | | | |
| Former Garda Station & Residence Malin (SHIP Renewal) | Project progressing, Part 8 approved at the September 2024 plenary meeting. The tender evaluation is complete; Departmental approval has been sought in November 2024. The contractor is to be appointed following receipt of Departmental approval. | 2 | | | | | |
| Total | | 112 | | | | | |

2. Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition

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

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

Council staff continue to engage with Developers in Inishowen MD in relation to this turnkey process with significant interest received. As this is a competitive tender process, specific details can only be shared upon receipt of a final tender.

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 Irish Water requirements and final departmental approval.

3. SI Dwellings

The Council is progressing with the delivery of 2 no. SI dwellings in Inishowen Municipal District:

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

These projects are progressing, and single-stage approval has been individually sought for these projects. The Part 8 reports for these two dwellings were approved on the 25th of November 2024 at plenary Council meeting.

4. House Acquisitions

- a) The Council has completed on the acquisition of the former Garda Station at Malin. (see table on page 1 for detail on works to be undertaken).
- b) The Council closed on the acquisition of a property in Buncrana in recent weeks. Essential works will then be procured and carried out to the property.
- c) A further 2 tenant-in-situ house acquisitions are at contract stage in Moville.

5. Lands / Property for Social Housing Purposes

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

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

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

Acquisition of a site at Newtowncunningham has been completed with potential for 20+ housing units. The Council has currently an offer accepted (subject to contract) for lands in Moville (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.

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Subject: DRCD-MO-01248-2024

Our Ref: DRCD-MO-01248-2024

Dear Ms Cresswell,

Thank you for your further correspondence of 31st October 2024 on behalf of the members of Inishowen Municipal District of Donegal County Council with regard to the CLÁR programme.

As you aware, the CLÁR Programme provides funding under a number of different measures for small-scale infrastructural projects in designated rural areas that have experienced significant levels of depopulation over a defined period.

The areas originally selected for inclusion in the programme in 2001 were those which suffered the greatest population decline from 1926 to 1996. The average population loss in the original CLÁR areas over the period 1926 to 1996 was 50%.

In 2006, an analysis of the 2002 Census data was carried out by Maynooth University and the programme was extended to include areas with an average population loss of 35% between 1926 and 2002.

A national review of CLÁR areas was subsequently undertaken in 2021 using the 2016 Census of Population data, reviewing the most recent changes in population patterns throughout the country. From the review it is clear that many areas have seen population growth in the relevant period rather than decline, and indeed the most recent census data published by the Central Statistics Office points to population growth across all counties since 2016.

The details of the review are being considered by the Department. In addition, the implications of the latest Census data would need to be evaluated before any decisions are made in relation to changing areas throughout Ireland which will be designated as eligible for CLÁR.

There has been no further update in relation to CLÁR areas in recent months.

I hope this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Éamonn Mc Cormack Éamonn Mc Cormack Programme Manager to Heather Humphreys T.D. Minister for Rural and Community Development

An Roinn Forbartha, Tuaithe agus Pobail Department of Rural and Community Development

Response and Update re Carndonagh Courthouse from the Courts Service 31ST October 2024

It is intended that a decision on the future of Carndonagh as a venue will be considered as part of a long-term accommodation strategy.