



Municipal District of Glenties

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Dungloe

6th September, 2022

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Municipal District of Glenties Meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th September, 2022 at **12.00 noon, in Dungloe Public Services Section**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GLENTIES

Dear Councillor,

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

Yours Sincerely,

Michael Rowsome
Meetings Administrator



Ceantar Bardais Na Gleanntaí

Oifig Riarthóir na
gCruinnithe
Ionad Seirbhísí
Clochán Liath

6ú Meán Fómhair, 2022

FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Na Gleanntaí ar an **13ú Meán Fómhair 2022**, ag **12.00 Meán Lae**,
in Ionad Seirbhísí an Clocháin Léith

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS NA GLEANNTAÍ

A Chara

Iarrtar ort bheith i lathair ag an gcruinniú seo Ceantar Bardais na nGleanntaí. Tá Clár an Cruinnithe le seo.

Mise, le meas

Micheál Rowsome
Riarthóir Cruinnithe

Cuir freagra chuig: Ionad Seirbhísí Pobail, Bóthar Ghaoth Dobhair, An Clochán Liath, Contae Dhún na nGall F94 H4CF
Please reply to: Public Service Centre, Gweedore Road, Dungloe, Co. Donegal F94 H4CF

AGENDA

1. Consideration of the Minutes of Meeting held on 12th July '22
2. Community Development & Cultural Services
3. Economic Development, I.S. & Emergency Services
4. Planning
5. Environment
6. Roads & Transportation
7. Housing & Corporate Services

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF GLENTIES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE
held on Tory Island on 12th July 2022**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr. Anthony Molloy (Cathaoirleach)
Cllr. Michael McClafferty (Leas Cathaoirleach)
Cllr. Noreen McGarvey
Cllr. John Sheamais Ó Fearraigh
Cllr. Michéal Choilm Mac Giolla Easbuig

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Michael McGarvey -Director Water & Environment
Michael Rowsome - A/Area Manager, Housing & Corporate
Brendan McFadden-Area Manager, Roads
Jamie Gallagher-A/Exec. Engineer, Roads
Ciarán Martin - Senior Economic Development Officer
Stephen O'Brien - Graduate Planner
Mary Boyle - A/S.S.O. Housing/Corporate
Aistriúcháin Comhuaineach: Dónal Mac Giolla Chóill

Apologies: David Friel - Coastal Officer
Cllr. Marie Therese Gallagher

GMD 54/22

**Confirmation of Minutes of Glenties Municipal District
Committee meeting**

On the proposal of Cllr. McGarvey, seconded by Cllr. Ó Fearraigh, the minutes of the Municipal District meeting held on the 14th of June 2022 were confirmed.

GMD 55/22

ENVIRONMENT

55.1

Waste and Litter Management

The Committee noted the Reports from the Waste Awareness Officer circulated with the Agenda in relation to the following:

- Textiles Research Pilot Scheme
- Community Grants for Tidy Town/Community/Volunteer Groups
- National Campaigns

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested the provision of plastic and paper recycling facilities throughout the Municipal District and to also address the proliferation of rubbish bags dumped on roadsides.

Cllr. McClafferty expressed concern at the unavailability of binbags and the consequential negative impact on the environment.

55.2

Coastal Management

Members welcomed the Coastal Management Reports previously circulated in relation to:

- (i) Beach Wheelchair launch
- (ii) Stepdown Changing Place at Narin

The Committee commended the provision of this facility which is fully equipped with Braille identification signage, defibrillator and emergency contact information.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig recommended the provision of the Changing Places Model within all Public Service Centres.

55.3

Central Laboratory

Members discussed the report circulated with the Agenda in relation to:

- Agri-Environment Training Scheme (AETS)
- Septic Tank Inspection - EPA Annual Report
- Public Engagement Activities on Environmental matters such as water quality, septic tanks, private wells and food waste.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested an update on the operation of Waste Water disposal element of the Aire De Service Campervan Points at Maghery and Magheroarty. He also requested an update on the status of public toilet provision at both Magheroarty and Bunbeg Piers.

GMD 56/22

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Committee noted the report circulated with the Agenda and presented by the Senior Economic Development Officer in relation to the following:

- Economic Development Unit
- Tourism Marketing Unit
- Strategic Funding Unit
- Local Enterprise Office
- Fire Service

56.1

Campervans

In response to a query from Cllr. McGarvey regarding the lack of facilities and marketing of Campervans, the Senior Economic Development Officer advised the Committee that a Code of Conduct will be launched this week and will also be promoted across the County to ensure a positive experience for all stakeholders.

Cllr. McClafferty expressed dissatisfaction that the suggestions of elected representatives were dismissed by KPMG Future Analytics.

Cllr. Mc Clafferty also stated that electronic charging points for Campervans are not working in the Falcarragh area.

The Senior Economic Development Officer informed the Committee of the Second Phase of grant scheme funding to support an increase in the overnight accommodation options for those visiting the county in the caravan, camping, campervan and motorhome sector.

Cllr. Molloy requested the provision of a 'No overnight parking' signage at Narin.

56.2 **North West City Region**

The Senior Economic Development Officer advised Members that the Council is in partnership with Derry City and Strabane District Council on a number of key projects for stimulating inward investment in the region.

- Inward Investment Strategy
- Talent Solutions
- Communications

56.3 **Fire Service**

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested the provision of an enhanced fire service on Tory Island similar to the service available on the Mainland along with the payment of a retainer to Island fire fighting personnel.

56.4 **Co-Operatives**

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested a report regarding the status of work undertaken by the Council to promote Co-operatives since a motion in this regard was passed at Plenary Council.

56.5 **Tourism**

Cllr. Ó Fearraigh requested the Council to take advantage of European funding to develop lighthouses as recently discussed at a conference of peripheral Maritime regions.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested the Economic Development Unit to convene a meeting with Fáilte Ireland and the Department of Tourism to review the negative impact of tourism on housing.

GMD 57/22 **PLANNING**

The Graduate Planner presented reports circulated with the Agenda in relation to:

- Application Statistics to 31st May 2022
- Enforcement Cases to 31st May 2022
- Q2/Q3 Schedule of Planning Clinics

- Re-generation Reports
- Central Planning Unit Reports

The Members were also advised that the official opening of the Arranmore Island Shorefront Amenity Development will take place on 22nd July 2022.

The Committee expressed disappointment at the dismissal of their concerns and representations in respect of Windfarm Developments in the Gweebarra area.

The Committee also requested an update on their request for a meeting with the TII in relation to potential development exiting on to the N56.

GMD 58/22

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Members welcomed reports circulated with the Agenda regarding:

- Community Development Projects
- Rural Development Programme

Cllr. Molloy and Cllr. McGarvey congratulated all those involved with progression of the Errigal project.

Cllr. McGarvey commended the local Tidy Towns Committee and Men's Shed Group for their contribution to the success of the Dungloe River Walk project.

GMD 59/22

ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION

59.1

Roadworks Programme 2022

Members welcomed the update provided by the Area Roads Manager regarding the status of the Roadworks Programme.

59.2

Fintown Project

The Roads Manager updated the Committee on the status of various funding mechanisms and the deferral of 2022 Road Improvement monies to 2023.

59.3

Additional allocations

The Roads Manager informed the Committee of recent additional allocations as follows:

- NTA Meenmore €150,000
- NTA Dore to Lunniagh €225,000
- TII Glenties Footpaths €160,000
- Inishboffin Island €60,000

GMD 60/22

HOUSING

Members noted the following reports circulated with the Agenda and presented by the A/Area Manager:

- Status of Grants
- Status of Casual Vacancies
- Housing need
- HAP, RAS, LTL, Tenant Purchase and Loans
- Tidy Estate Report
- Housing Capital Report

Cllr. Ó Fearraigh welcomed the findings of an independent report exonerating Council staff from accusations of wrongdoings in relation to housing acquisition.

In response to a query from Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig, the A/Area Manager informed the Committee that the Council are in contact with Údarás na Gaeltachta regarding vacant properties in Gweedore.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING



Municipal District of Glenties

13 September 2022

Community Development Division

CLÁR / AGENDA

1. Report on recent activity in the Community Development Division
 - 1.1 Community Development
 - 1.2 Social Inclusion
 - 1.3 Rural Development Programme/LEADER
 - 1.4 Donegal Walks & Trails

Glenties Municipal District - Community Development

Project Location	Project Details	Funded Under	Current status
Digital Hub, Arranmore	To bring an underwater cable to Arranmore	Town & Village Renewal Scheme	Cable delivered and Council advancing application for foreshore licence in conjunction with Dept. of Rural & Community Development & local community group.
Glenties T & V project	Enhancement of Streetscape Design & installation of interpretative information signs supported by directional signage	Town & Village Renewal Scheme	Works nearing completion
Maghery	Installation of galvanized equipment storage cage, outdoor shower, street furniture and surfacing works at Maghery pier. Installation of camping pods, self catering kitchen, toilet / shower facilities, lighting and a beach wheelchair at Ionad an Mhachaire. Development of a loop walk / cycle route Installation of tourism information points/panels Development of website, promotion and branding materials	Town & Village Renewal Scheme	Works nearing completion
Dungloe AF Project	To improve the walkability of Dungloe providing safer and greater accessibility for all ages and abilities	Town & Village Renewal Scheme	Materials purchased under age friendly funding have been received

Activity / Project Title	Social Inclusion Unit	
<p>Progress to date within last reporting period- inclusive of current status and Project Targets for the next reporting period</p>	<p>One Donegal - Social Inclusion Week 2022 – 8 – 15 October The week provides an opportunity to highlight the various activities undertaken locally to involve and include everyone in our County. The programme of events provides an occasion to increase our awareness and understanding of inclusion and diversity in Donegal. This year the events during Social Inclusion Week will be a blend of online and in person.</p> <p>The launch of Social Inclusion Week will take place in Rossnakill hall, Fanad on Saturday 8 October at 10.30am and full programme of events is being developed and will be circulated to all.</p> <p>Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion Strategy The first secretariate meeting of the Migrant Integration Forum took place in August with a two-day workshop planned with the implementation group who will function as an implementation Group for the Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion Strategy.</p> <p>The workshops will explore the implementation methods that we are going to use to start the implementation of the actions that are indicated in the strategy.</p> <p>EU Belong EU-BELONG Project is an Intercultural Approach to Migrant Integration in Europe's Regions running from 3 January 2022 to 2 January 2025 for a duration of 36 months, budget €122,651.96 with the AER as lead applicant with Donegal County Council as one of 11 partners. EU-BELONG is co-funded by the European Commission through its Asylum, Migration, and Integration Fund (AMIF) Programme.</p> <p>EU-BELONG will be rolling out some Capacity Building online seminars to Donegal County Council Staff, Members of the PPN and Local Retailers. There will be a 3 Day Learning Labs with the implementation group of the Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion -A Strategy for County Donegal 2021-2026</p> <p>Donegal JPC Cybercrime Awareness will be raised during One Donegal Social inclusion week. The purpose is to highlight the steps people need to take to stay safe and secure online and to provide information and resources to guide people on how Cyber Awareness and to remind everyone of the role we all play in online safety and security.</p>	
<p>Contact Person</p>	<p>Christina O'Donnell codonnell@donegalcoco.ie 0879192272</p>	<p>Charles Sweeney charlesseeney@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity / Project Title	Rural Development Programme/LEADER
Activity / Project Description	Donegal Local Community and Development Committee are the Local Action Group for County Donegal, with responsibility for the LEADER/Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 & Transitional LEADER Programme 2021-2022
Budget Transitional Programme	€13,413,875 (Additional funding received 2019) <i>Note: Project costs €10,063,586, administration and animation costs €3,350,289</i> 1 st April 2021 – 31 st December 2022 €2,861,598 project costs € 953,866 for Administration & Animation.
Progress to date within the last two months-inclusive of current status	There are 4 Implementing Partners within the county; Donegal Local Development Company (DLDC), Inishowen Development Partnership (IDP), Údarás Na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán, who are rolling out the LEADER Transitional programme on behalf of the LAG (Local Action Group). The LEADER Transitional programme is effective from 1st April 2021 and runs until 31 st December 2022. €45 million is allocated nationally for the Transitional Programme and €20 million from the EURI programme. 38 projects in Donegal are now approved by Pobal under the Transitional & EURI programmes and Letters of Offer have issued/are pending, granting LEADER funding to a value of €1,971,609.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	The next LCDC/LAG meeting will be held on 12 th September 2022. Monthly Evaluation Committee meetings will continue to be held to progress projects to LCDC/LAG stage and the LDCs will continue to engage with promoters on the ground to develop and assess potential applications and to promote the Transitional LEADER programme.
Contact Person	Seamus Canning 074 9172597. seamusc@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Walks and Trails
File:	
Project Description/Activity	Maintenance, Development and Promotion of Walks & trails in Donegal including Cycle Routes and Greenways.
Budget (if applicable)	
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p><u>Muckish railway</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The contract works to date have been completed with a good successful completion and snagging all finished. <p><u>Glenmacannive</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to look at installation of counter unit to see what numbers are using the trail. (No Change until we can procure some counter units) <p><u>Kincaslugh Tower trail</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The announcement of ORIS 2022 measure 1 funding has been granted for the access trail to the Tower to the sum of €30,000 It is planned to have a meeting with the group in the coming week. <p><u>Cholm Cille Camino</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A recent online meet with some of the people involved on this trail has been positive in that they have completed a lot of work with little resources and wish now for the council to be more involved in helping to develop suitable app/ Audible links etc for all the connected locations / site ref St Cholm Cille No Change There has been no recent contact from this group assume they are progressing in background but haven't come back looking for any further assistance to date. <p><u>ORIS funds</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The announcement of funding awarded from the submitted applications to ORIS2022 there were three applications for the Glenties MD however the Glengesh trail was unsuccessful with Kincasslagh Tower trail and Sli Na Finne been awarded €30,000 simultaneously <p><u>Glenclomcille</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A recent meeting took place on site with the newly appointed contractor to carry out some remedial works on the Cholmcille tower trail that forms part of the Sli Cholmcille trail. Works will commence on 5th September.

Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supervision of works at Glencolmcille• Meet with Kincasslagh group
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Darryl Connor (Outdoor Recreational Development Officer) 0873613811 dconnor@donegalcoco.ie



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Donegal County Council

Municipal District of Glenties

Date: Tuesday 13th September 2022

Activity / Project Update:

Activity / Project Title	Burtonport Redevelopment Scheme – Phase 1																
Project Description/Activity	<p>The Burtonport Redevelopment Scheme – Phase 1 will develop an improved public realm space at the existing harbour area of Burtonport, Co. Donegal.</p> <p>The scheme will provide new road construction and revised landscape layout to the existing harbour area. All associated footways, kerbing, drainage, utilities, road markings, landscaping and accommodation works are included in the works. The project involved considerable demolition works as part of the site clearance and the site size is approximately 2 Hectares.</p> <p>The Burtonport Harbour Development – Phase 1 scheme is part of the larger Burtonport-Arranmore ‘Harbour to Island’ Regeneration Project, which has a total project value of €4,118,932. This Project was submitted to the second call of the RRDF for category 1 shovel ready capital projects in August 2019 and was awarded funding support of €3,089,199 under the RRDF in November 2019.</p> <p>The Project Brief and Procurement Strategy for the delivery of the project were approved by the Department of Rural and Community Development (RRDF) on the 19th June 2020 and the project was approved to proceed to construction.</p> <p>The proposed Project compromise of the following key components.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="592 1617 1485 1890"><thead><tr><th>No.</th><th>Description</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1</td><td>Site clearance</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Demolition</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>Bulk excavations and filling</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>Reinforced concrete works</td></tr><tr><td>5</td><td>Drainage and Services</td></tr><tr><td>6</td><td>Pavement Works</td></tr><tr><td>7</td><td>Landscaping</td></tr></tbody></table>	No.	Description	1	Site clearance	2	Demolition	3	Bulk excavations and filling	4	Reinforced concrete works	5	Drainage and Services	6	Pavement Works	7	Landscaping
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Budget	€1.1m										
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status	<p>Construction works are ongoing and are at an advanced stage, and it is anticipated that the project will be substantially complete by end of September 2022.</p> <p>Project elements and their status are listed below:</p> <p>Fishermans' Yard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Works complete and currently in use by Piers and Harbours <p>Lower Carpark</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complete and in use by the public. Lining to be completed by end of September <p>Footpaths/Paving</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Substantially complete; to be completed by end of September <p>Upper Carpark</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Substantially complete; to be completed by end of September. <p>Harbour Edge and Railing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Substantially complete; to be completed by end of September. <p>Roadway Pavement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No roadway pavement to be placed prior to Irish Water works in the area. Pavement to be reinstated following these works which is anticipated to be by year end or early Q1 of 2023. <p>Street Lighting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sockets and services are in place for the street lighting, however due to supply chain demands, the lighting columns are expected to be in place and commissioned by end of October 2022. 										
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	It is anticipated that the works will be substantially complete by the end of September 2022, with any outstanding fixings to be in place by the end of November 2022.										
Contact Person(s)	Ardal McDermott, A/ Senior Executive Engineer Brendan O'Donnell, A/ Senior Engineer										



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Municipal District of Glenties

Date: Tuesday 13th September 2022

Activity / Project Update:

Activity / Project Title	Burtonport Redevelopment Scheme – Phase 2
Project Description/Activity	<p>The Ailt an Chorráin (Burtonport) Harbour Redevelopment - Phase 2 Harbour Buildings Regeneration Project is a key component of the larger phased project known as the Ailt an Chorráin (Burtonport)/Oileán Árainn Mhór (Arranmore Island) 'Harbour to Island' Regeneration Project for the regeneration of Burtonport (Ailt an Chorráin) and Arranmore (Oileán Árainn Mhór).</p> <p>The 'Harbour to Island' Project was conceived on the basis that it would take place in two stages in order to accommodate the existing uses occupying the harbour space including the Harbour Master's office, ticket offices and the public toilets.</p> <p>Phase 1 of the Project was awarded funding under the Second Call for Category 1 Funding announced in November 2019. Phase 1 provides for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• At Ailt an Chorráin (Burtonport):- Transformation of the harbour infrastructure and environment through the demolition and removal of under-utilised, redundant or vacant buildings, to a new multi-user public realm space with modern transport infrastructure, public amenities and services and parking;• At Óilean Árainn Mhór (Arranmore Island):- Landmark shorefront recreation, outdoor amenity and local community inspired amphitheatre style event space including children's playground and car parking. <p>The works at Óilean Árainn Mhór (Arranmore Island) are now complete and works at Ailt an Chorráin commenced in January 2022 and are now in progress, with substantial completion anticipated for the end of September 2022.</p> <p>About the Project Phase 2 of the project proposes a new Ferry Terminal Building and Enterprise Building that present as an important physical element of the overall project and provide a valuable opportunity to introduce</p>

	<p>regenerative physical development, a diversification of uses and quality architecture to the marine and harbour environment. Broadly, the proposed development will provide for the construction of a Ferry Terminal Building which will house Donegal County Council office accommodation, a community meeting room, public facilities, ferry offices, waiting area and tourist desk facility and a separate Enterprise Building containing a number of small mixed-use units that will help create employment opportunities and stimulate entrepreneurship.</p>
Budget	€2.3m
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status	<p>MH Associates Ltd. are the lead architect for the scheme and have been approved by the DRDC to commence detail design.</p> <p>Detail design work is ongoing and stakeholders have been consulted in relation to final requirements.</p> <p>It is anticipated that contract documents will be completed by the end of 2022 with a contractor being appointed in Q1 2023 with construction completion by Q1 2024.</p>
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	It is anticipated that detailed design will be progressed to near completion with tender documents being produced by end of December 2022.
Contact Person(s)	Ardal McDermott, A/ Senior Executive Engineer Brendan O'Donnell, A/ Senior Engineer



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**Economic Development, Information Systems and
Emergency Services Directorate
Glenties Municipal District Report September 2022**

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1. Division: Economic Development

1.1 Economic Development Unit

Project / Activity Report

Title	Economic Development Unit
Countywide	<p>Property Solutions: The team is progressing 13 property solution opportunities across the county. This involves working closely with local business or inward investment opportunities to provide suitable property solutions including Council owned land or property as well as opportunities for acquisition.</p> <p>Donegal – Irelands DNA – Clothing Range: To drive further visibility of the Donegal Place Brand, a partnership has been agreed with O’Neills Sportswear to develop a range of Donegal branded clothing.</p> <p>The range launched in early August and includes t-shirts, polo-shirts, jackets and hoodies with a total range of 13 items across a range of sizes. Initially these are for sale through three sports retail outlets in Donegal; McElhinneys of Ballybofey, All Sports Donegal Town, and Michael Murphy Sports, Letterkenny. It is envisaged that more stockists will come on board following the initial launch and a request has been made to explore options for Irish language versions following an initial positive response to the range.</p> <p>Remote Working: The Remote Working Holiday campaign has received a fantastic response since launching on May 18th with over 300 sign-ups to date. Each of the 13 digital hubs across Donegal has received a number of requests from which to remote work and feedback from participants has been very positive. Cut off for new vouchers is 31st August with remote workers requested to use vouchers by end September. Sign-ups have included remote workers based across Ireland, the UK, US and even Australia.</p> <p>Killybegs Marine Cluster: The Economic Development Unit are working with key stakeholders to support the development of the Blue Economy, and to drive awareness about the opportunities presenting in new and emerging growth sectors. This involves working collaboratively with key</p>

stakeholders on the Killybegs Marine Cluster Enterprise Ireland, the Atlantic Technological University and the Local Enterprise Office.

Caravan, Camping and Campervan Study: Work is progressing on the implementation of recommendations as set out in above study for the future sustainable development of the Caravan, Camping and Campervan sector in the county in co-operation with the external and internal stakeholder groups. These include:

- **The Caravan, Camping, Campervan and Motorhome Facilities grant Scheme:** the grant scheme, targeting the Private Sector and Community and Voluntary sector has now been evaluated and grants awarded. The scheme is aimed at supporting an increase in the overnight accommodation options for those visiting the county from the sector

MD	Applications	Awarded	Total Awarded
Glenties	8	5	€53,500

- **Code of Conduct:** Donegal County Council have launched a Code of Conduct that was developed with key internal divisions and external stakeholders including Motorhome Ireland, Total Camping Ireland, Failte Ireland, Irish Caravan and Camping Council and Donegal Camping and Caravan Parks Association. The Code of Conduct is being promoted through key stakeholders and online.
- **Marketing:** The Tourism Unit have redeveloped the GoVisitDonegal website with a dedicated caravan, camping, campervan and motorhomes webpage for the sector. This section will include a map for visitors pinpointing accommodation, Aire de Services, recycling centres, dining out options etc.
- **Aire de Service review:** A review of the workings, ongoing issues and the management of existing Council owned Aire de Service units is underway.
- **Signage:** A working group to look at signage in the sector has been set up, to identify issues of concern including where camping/campervan use is an issue, to dissuade bad practice and encourage responsible camping/campervan usage. An audit of priority locations is ongoing.

InvestDonegal 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	113,431	4,026 (+229)
Twitter	162,000	2,148 (+40)
Instagram	31,900	2,361 (+154)
Facebook	68,059	1,644 (+11)
Donegal.ie	8.5K Web Users (4 weeks 23 July – 22 August)	
	9 News Items Published	
<u>North West City Region</u>		
<p>Donegal County Council continue to work in partnership with Derry City and Strabane District Council on a number of key projects for supporting and stimulating Inward Investment in the region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Inward Investment Strategy: both councils have worked with OCO Global to develop a three-year Investment strategy for the region. Follow up actions and potential funding options are being actioned on this, with a Joint Investment events currently being planned for later in 2022. ▪ Talent Solutions: both councils are working with Abodoo to develop a mapping platform to demonstrate the range of skills in the region to help attract FDI to the Northwest of Ireland. DCC and DSCDC are now seeking online survey feedback from both businesses and employees on current skills in the region as well as any future skills needs. Surveys can be completed at https://irelandnw.com/talentmap/ • Communications: The EDU continue to collaborate with DCSDC on promoting the North West City Region for investment and business opportunities including via LinkedIn and Twitter platforms. This work will tie into the Inward Investment Strategy in the coming year, with a current focus on the Talent Solutions survey. <p>You can follow respective LinkedIn and Twitter Platforms NorthWestCityRegionIreland</p>		

	<p>Atlantic Economic Corridor: Donegal County Council are working with Local Authority partners along the western coast to progress mutually beneficial projects and initiatives including Digital Hubs.</p> <p>The WDC is now commencing a pilot Digital AEC programme via a competitive call to work closely with a group of five hubs across the Western region focussing on the upskilling of the hub managers to enable them to advance the economic and community growth of their locality through the use of the 'Digital First Communities' framework. Donegal Hubs have been invited to participate.</p> <p>Concierge Service: The EDU are available to support existing businesses, potential business start-ups or businesses looking to relocate or wishing to expand and who need advice on accessing a wide range of Council services and supports. Please contact the EDU by email economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Ciaran Martin - ciaran.martin@donegalcoco.ie (086) 8261760</p> <p>Rosita Mahony – rosita.mahony@donegalcoco.ie (087) 2510128</p>

1.2 Tourism Marketing Unit

Project / Activity Report

Countywide	<p>Online & social media information – Go Visit Donegal</p> <p>Tourism Unit assisted the DCC Environment Section with the delivery of a digital campaign through the Go Visit Donegal social media platforms including Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn. This campaign just ended as of yesterday & has been delivered over the summer period from 18th July – 31st August (6 weeks). Final campaign metrics will be provided to the Environment Team.</p>
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Social media - Numbers overview for July & August

- We have gained 551 new followers on Facebook, 115 posts were shared over these 2 months, as well as Stories and Reels
- Instagram gained 246 new followers, over 100 Stories were shared during this period, as well as Posts and Reels
- Twitter gained 121 new followers, 92 posts were shared during that period
- LinkedIn gained 103 new followers, 35 posts were shared during that period

Trade Newsletter

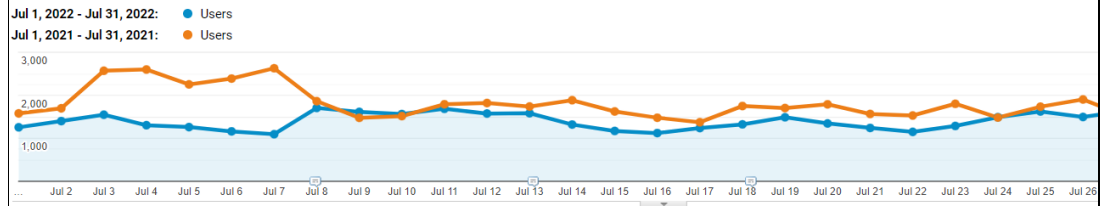
A monthly newsletter to the Trade went out at the beginning of July and August respectively & additional trade related correspondence has also been circulated with regards to the Cluster Event with East Antrim business and a call for submissions to attend the Holiday World Show 2023 in Dublin.

GoVisitDonegal.com Website

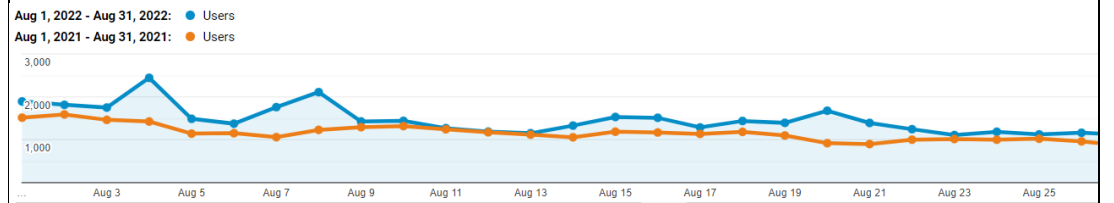
Year to Date Stats - 1st January 2022 until 31st August

	YTD	Performance vs in 20
Page Views	595,210	+31%
Users	206,331	+32%

Traffic website in July has been lower compared to the same period in 2021, which can be a reflection of people spending their holidays abroad this year.



Traffic website in August has been slightly up compared to the same period in 2021



Website views by country:

July				August			
Traffic came from 102 countries in total				Traffic came from 94 countries in total			
Top 10 countries:				Top 10 countries:			
Country	Users	% Users		Country	Users	% Users	
1. Ireland	21,759	53.96%	<div style="width: 53.96%;"></div>	1. Ireland	20,751	33.96%	<div style="width: 33.96%;"></div>
2. United Kingdom	13,865	34.38%	<div style="width: 34.38%;"></div>	2. United Kingdom	12,678	33.96%	<div style="width: 33.96%;"></div>
3. United States	1,964	4.87%	<div style="width: 4.87%;"></div>	3. United States	1,811	4.74%	<div style="width: 4.74%;"></div>
4. Germany	342	0.85%	<div style="width: 0.85%;"></div>	4. China	299	0.78%	<div style="width: 0.78%;"></div>
5. France	271	0.67%	<div style="width: 0.67%;"></div>	5. Russia	299	0.78%	<div style="width: 0.78%;"></div>
6. China	268	0.66%	<div style="width: 0.66%;"></div>	6. France	297	0.78%	<div style="width: 0.78%;"></div>
7. Canada	210	0.52%	<div style="width: 0.52%;"></div>	7. Germany	289	0.76%	<div style="width: 0.76%;"></div>
8. (not set)	194	0.48%	<div style="width: 0.48%;"></div>	8. Canada	196	0.51%	<div style="width: 0.51%;"></div>
9. Spain	165	0.41%	<div style="width: 0.41%;"></div>	9. Italy	189	0.49%	<div style="width: 0.49%;"></div>
10. Italy	163	0.40%	<div style="width: 0.40%;"></div>	10. Netherlands	180	0.47%	<div style="width: 0.47%;"></div>

Traffic came from **102 countries** in total

	<p>TIDE – Atlantic Network for Developing Historical Maritime Tourism</p> <p>Donegal County Council has developed three Virtual Reality experiences. All three experiences were launched in July by Cathaoirleach Cllr Liam Blaney – Napoleonic era – ‘The Storm, The Sea – The Saldanha’, the Spanish Armada experience – ‘Wrath of the Atlantic, Wrecks of the Armada’ & World War 1 - ‘Beware! Convoy Below!’ (joint North West Partner’s shared VR experience).</p> <p>The Display Units (tailor made) & VR experiences have been installed in three sites - Fanad Lighthouse, Fort Dunree & Inishowen Maritime Museum & Planetarium.</p> <p>A Virtual Reality experience 30 second video has been launched and promoted on websites & social media platforms. Promotional videos/social media clips which will include footage from the launches are scheduled for promotion end August.</p> <p>Information panels are procured and gone out to tender.</p> <p>The TIDE Capitalisation plan (to sustain & continue to develop the projects) to be finalised & implemented. The TIDE platform to include all historical maritime links to all 5 eras.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Barney Mc Laughlin Head of Tourism Unit barney.mclaughlin@donegalcoco.ie 074 9724465</p>

1.3 Strategic Funding Unit

Project / Activity Report

Title	Strategic Funding Unit – exploring EU and National Funding Opportunities that support the objectives set out in the Donegal County Council Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024
All MD’s	AER Summer Academy event in Donegal The Assembly of European Regions Summer Academy event took place in Donegal on the week of 29 th August 2022. The event is fully booked with over 150 delegates from 19 regions across Europe planning to

attend. Registration is now closed. There will be a plenary conference, workshops and excursions. Donegal County Council is co-hosting the event in partnership with Udarás na Gaeltachta and celebrates Ireland's 50th Anniversary of joining the EU and the European Year of Youth 2022. This event is also part funded via the Communicating Europe Initiative 2022 from the Department of Foreign Affairs. More details can be found on <https://donegal.ie/en/aer-summer-academy-2022>

Brexit Blue Economy Enterprise Support Scheme Now Open

The [Brexit Blue Economy Enterprise Support Scheme](#) is now open to businesses only within a 10km distance from the coast. It is 50% funded.

IFI Funding Application Successful

The Strategic Funding Unit team has been working with Donegal Sports Partnership on the EU funded URBACT project around active play in public spaces to promote health and well-being. Donegal Sports Partnership has successfully applied for funding under the International Fund for Ireland to deliver an innovative cross-border project to promote reconciliation through active community play initiatives. Over €115k has been awarded to DSP for this project, which will include three pilot areas, Donegal Town, Letterkenny and Derry City.

SFU Webinars 2022

Dates for the next series of SFU webinars taking place in 2022 have been confirmed as the 21st September and 23rd November.

Project Partnership & Development

There are several new EU project proposals being reviewed on a daily basis. The SFU is receiving invitations to join consortiums from a number of sources. These are being reviewed and sent to the relevant Directorates on an ongoing basis.

Other areas of work include:

- EU Funding Programme Reviews
- Participation in project scoping meetings with potential partners
- Participation in EU network meetings such as CPMR, AER etc.
- Funding Needs Analysis of Council Divisions
- Regular Strategic Funding Newsletters

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1.4 Project: Trail Gazers Bid

Project / Activity Report

Activity / Project Title	Trail Gazers Bid Project
Activity / Project Description	‘To quantify the return to the local economy for every euro invested in walks and recreational trail infrastructure ‘
Budget	€2.6 M
Progress to date within quarter* - inclusive of current status	<p>In 2018, Donegal County Councils Research & Policy Unit successfully led an application to the Atlantic Area Programme under objective 4.2 ‘Enhancing natural and cultural assets to stimulate economic development’.</p> <p>This transnational project is managed by the Research & Policy Unit (Lead Partner), working with 9 different partners located across Ireland, UK, France, Spain and Portugal.</p> <p>The project sets out to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quantify the impact of key strategic investments in walks and recreational trail infrastructure can have on stimulating rural communities, using sensors data, counters, surveys of users, businesses, communities etc. • Develop and trial a range of practical initiatives and interventions such as business to consumer initiatives, digital marketing tools etc to enhance the return. • Work with communities, businesses and other key stakeholders in the area to develop community plans and initiatives around the site. • Develop a range of community trail ambassadors to champion the sites as catalysts for the development of rural economies.

- Our site for research purposes is Inch Levels and post project completion it is likely that key learning and methodology can be applied to other sites in the county and region through an extensive capitalisation programme.

SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS

Website: www.trailgazers.eu

Facebook: www.facebook.com/TrailgazersB

Twitter: twitter.com/hashtag/TrailGazers

Instagram: www.instagram.com/trail.gazers

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/trailgazers>

#TrailGazers

PROGRESS

- Our last monthly communication and coordination meeting with all transnational partners was held on the 1st July 2022, these meetings are led by Donegal County Council and provide a great opportunity to ensuring that progress in delivering key project outputs remains on track.
- Following the formal launch of the Trails Forecasting Dashboard in Merthyr on Tuesday 21st June by the University of Ulster, data is continually being fed to this dashboard through continued footfall counting technology, data visualisations and footfall analysis enables the trail partners to monitor the trails and assists in trail management and will inform future trail development.
- In line with our development options arising from our stakeholder engagements, Informational Signage for key interest points around Inch Levels was on tender in June. This phase has now closed and a contractor has been appointed. This was key output from the Trail Gazers Project and will play an important role in creating more public awareness of the site.
- All partners are currently developing and populating their Community Trail Plans for each of our pilot sites, these plans will form an integral part of the legacy of the Trail Gazers project as they can be adapted by any trail going forward.
- The project closure will take place in Navarra between the 14th -16th September. This will offer DCC the opportunity to showcase the Inch Wild Fowl Reserve at the closure event.
- The Trail Gazers Project will be presented at the AER Summer Academy event and the Donegal Connect event in September.

Project Targets for the next quarterly* reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous uploading of information on project results to the Atlantic Area Website. • All Community Trail Plans to be uploaded to our website. • CTAP event for July and September. • Preparations for Navarra closure event 14th to 16th June. • Draft final report for the project including chapters on all the work packages will be worked on over the next number of weeks.
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1.5 Diaspora Unit

Project / Activity Report

Title	Donegal Diaspora Unit
Countywide	<p>Donegal Connect 2022</p> <p>Donegal Connect 2022 is a county-wide collaborative weekend event and aims to showcase the county to a wide and varied audience through a range of events from 22nd to 25th September. The programme is currently being finalised and further information can be found at www.donegal.ie/en/donegal-connect .A photocall will take place in early September in partnership with Failte Ireland and a formal launch scheduled for 22nd September in Letterkenny.</p> <p>Tip O’Neill Irish Diaspora Awards 2022</p> <p>The key anchor event is the Tip O’Neill Irish Diaspora Awards taking place at the Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana on Friday 23rd September. Tickets are now on sale via the Eventbrite link and are shared via our social media channels & newsletter.</p> <p>Donegal Diaspora Website</p> <p>A communications plan is currently underway on the use of the Diaspora website and associated social media channels. Donegal Diaspora social media statistics as of 19/08/2022 are as follows:</p> <p>LinkedIn – 971 (+18) connections</p>

	<p>Twitter – 3,879 (+16) followers</p> <p>Facebook – 5,552 (+52) followers</p> <p>Instagram – 222 (+16) followers</p> <p>Donegal Connections Newsletter</p> <p>The Donegal Connections newsletter returned in July with a positive response with a 44.3% open rate from over 1100 subscribers. The newsletter will be issued on a monthly basis.</p> <p>London Vintage Club Day</p> <p>A Diaspora delegation will travel to London for Vintage Club Day on September 4th at Tir Conaill Gaels. Packie Bonner will be in attendance as Donegal is promoted for Relocation, Remote Working and to showcase investment opportunities and the new Donegal DNA branded apparel.</p> <p>Diaspora Consultation</p> <p>The Diaspora Officer is currently working on plans for a consultation exercise to ascertain the views of the Diaspora and relevant organisations in relation to developing Diaspora connections/networks that will inform the future strategy.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Eoin Leonard</p> <p>Diaspora Officer</p> <p>Mobile: +353 (87) 360 5678</p> <p>E-mail: eleonard@donegalcoco.ie</p>

2. Division: Local Enterprise Office

Project / Activity Report

Activity / Project Title	The Local Enterprise Office (LEO)
Role and Remit	<p>The Local Enterprise Offices is positioned nationally as the “<i>First Stop Shop</i>” for anyone seeking information and support on starting or growing a business in Ireland. The Local Enterprise Office Donegal provides advice, information and support to those starting up or growing their business in Donegal. Grant is potentially available for businesses that meet the eligibility criteria. Further information available here - localenterprise.ie/donegal Contact number: 074-9160735</p>

Outline of Work	<p>General Overview – Highlights:</p> <p><u>Summary of August Outputs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant Aid – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 27 Businesses have been approved Grant Aid. ○ Value of total Grant Aid Approvals YTD is €628,655.47 ○ Next EVAC meeting will take place on 29th September • Trading Online Vouchers – 27 Businesses approved support to a value of €53,951.34 • Mentoring YTD – 90 Businesses have received this support • Training - 814 Business Attendees YTD. • Student Enterprise Programme – 790 Donegal students participated in 10 schools. Promotion of programme in schools begins in September for this academic year. <p><u>Upcoming Programmes:</u></p> <p>Ambition</p> <p>Ambition is a pre-accelerator programme of Local Enterprise Office Donegal. The programme focuses on early-stage female entrepreneurs and promotes the skills and resilience needed to develop globally scalable ventures, attract investment and create jobs. LEO Donegal has appointed Alinea to bring ideas from concept to pitch, following in the footsteps of local role models such as Gillian Doyle (Cerebreon), Larissa Feeney (Accountancy Online) and Sharon McDaid (Silver</p>
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Birch Gallery). Up to twelve business ideas are selected to receive mentoring and support through a series of workshops.

Who is eligible?

The Ambition programme is open to:

- Any Female Founder or Co-Founder
- Residents of County Donegal or anyone part of the Donegal Diaspora within Ireland or worldwide
- With a concept for a new product or services across any sector with a particular focus on technology and digital solutions
- Global scalability potential
- A team (preferably more than one person)
- Should be at the pre-seed investment stage
- With a commitment to grow a business from Donegal,

Further Info:

<https://www.localenterprise.ie/Donegal/Training-Events/Ambition-Female-Pre-Accelerator/>

DEADLINE for applications 7th September

Scale-X Blue Economy

Scale-X Blue Economy is an 11-week Accelerator Programme which is targeted at start up entrepreneurs with the potential for fast growth in the Blue Economy i.e. the Marine engineering, marine research, marine energy, value added fish processing sectors. The programme focuses on giving you a deep understanding of the metrics that can drive your success, the skills to build financial models that stand up to investor scrutiny, and industry engagement and mentorship that give you valuable insights to adapt your business model to create the perfect fit.

Who is eligible?

- Any founder(s) with ambitions to grow their business globally.
- Any founder(s) with the potential for fast growth in the marine engineering, marine research, marine energy or value added fish processing sectors
- A potential spin-out from an existing firm or third level institution
- A commitment to grow your business from Donegal, no matter where in the world you live right now.

- The programme is open to residents of County Donegal

Further Info:

<https://www.localenterprise.ie/Donegal/Training-Events/SCALE-XBLUE/>

The programme will begin in September 2022

Ongoing Programmes:

Digital Start YTD - 9 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support

The objective of the pilot of Digital Start is to help businesses prepare and implement a plan for the adoption of digital tools and techniques across the business.

Digitalisation supports competitiveness, productivity, and value creation, it covers five main areas:

1. Data processing and analysis (i.e. gathering customer trends, values insights)
2. Cloud computing (i.e. moving software/data to the cloud for accessibility)
3. Cybersecurity (i.e. protecting records, information, IP and data from attacks)
4. Internet of Things (software/technology connectivity)
5. Industry 4.0 (i.e. process automation in manufacturing facilities and utilisation of AI)

Digital Start provides strategic intervention for businesses to work for FREE with third party consultants worth up to €4,500 to:

- assist them identify where they are on their digital business journey,
- develop a digital adaptation plan based on their identified need,
- implement their digital adaptation plan.

Green for Micro YTD - 7 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support

This is a FREE programme that helps small businesses take the first step towards becoming more sustainable, giving them access to a green consultant worth up to €2,500 who'll show them the small changes that can have a big impact on their company.

Developing a 'greener' policy can offer many benefits to business, including:

- Increased cost savings
- Improved resource efficiency (for example: using less energy, water, and materials)
- Reduced environmental footprint and greenhouse gas emissions
- Opportunities for higher and additional value on products and services
- Increased access to customers, improved corporate image and reputation.
- Increased resilience to climate change impacts

Lean For Micro YTD - 12 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support

LEAN provides strategic intervention for businesses to work with third party consultants worth up to €4,500 (Client contribution €200). It is designed to encourage clients to adopt Lean business principles in their organisations to increase performance and competitiveness. Lean is for all companies, regardless of sector – it is not just for manufacturing companies.

Lean tools and techniques address competitiveness issues within their businesses by building the capability of their people to identify problems, improve operations and create a more innovative organisation. In a nutshell, Lean is about doing things quicker, better and saving costs. Lean strives to remove waste and to continually improve a company.

Ongoing Cluster Development Programmes:

Food Coast Donegal

The Food Coast Donegal is an initiative facilitated by the LEO to support, celebrate and grow the Donegal Food Sector.

- 40 certified members.
- Just under 200 network members.

Current activities:

- Food Coast Strategy Review close to completion and should be finalised by October.
- Food Coast Donegal working with Donegal Town Community Chamber-Savour The Flavour Festival to promote Donegal food and drink sector.
- The festival will take place from the 26th to the 28th of August.
- Assisting a group from Scotland with their itinerary etc, visiting Donegal in September on a food tourism learning journey, to learn from the success of The Food Coast Donegal and indeed local businesses.

- Blas na hEireann – The Irish Food Awards 7 Donegal Producers in the final, winners will be announced on the 30 Sept-01 Oct.
- In the planning stage of taking a group of Donegal food producers to St Joseph's University in Philadelphia for a week to attend lectures and field trips. The visit is proposed to take place this winter.

Creative Coast Donegal

Creative Coast Donegal aim is to support the building of a strong creative and digital economy in Donegal with businesses that are robust, confident, financially viable, and collaboration-friendly, all impacting positively the local economy in terms of job creation, as well as being pro-active and competitive on an international stage.

There are currently 201 members of the Creative Coast Donegal network. These members are creative business owners throughout Donegal from various sectors within the Creative industry. We are organising a number of events in the coming months to support these members and provide them with the skills to grow their businesses.

The LEO Donegal is working with a consulting firm Consortia to develop a 3 year action plan to develop the sector that will be launched in November.

Throughout September, we have organised pilot Creative Network Meetings for the Design and Craft sectors in Donegal. These network meetings have been created based on the feedback directly from the creatives themselves identified in the Creative Coast Donegal Skills Audit Insight report. The meetings will provide an opportunity for the creatives to network with one another and learn from industry experts in Ireland, who will focus on presenting key business skills that will empower creative entrepreneurs to grow their businesses.

In November, Creative Coast Donegal will host a conference that will celebrate the strength and heritage of the Fashion & Textile industry of the northwest region. In collaboration with Strabane City Derry City Council, the event will take place in Letterkenny and Derry on the 18th & 19th of November. There will be various high-profile speakers from within the creative industry in Ireland facilitating workshops, delivering 1:1 training, and presenting keynote addresses in an effort to increase ambition, build skills, and inspire the creative community in the Northwest.

Donegal Engineering Cluster


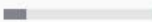




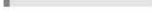






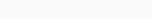

The ambition of the ***Donegal Engineering Cluster*** is to expand, strengthen and enhance the existing engineering group in Donegal by,


	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Facilitating inter-firm knowledge sharing and enhance learning. •Increasing market knowledge within the cluster. •Identifying new opportunities for the sector in the county through co-operation and collaboration among cluster partners, •Enhancing the skills and innovation capabilities of the engineering firms through training, peer learning and management development, •Enhancing the attractiveness of the sector as a potential source for future employment opportunities and business start-ups. •Developing collaborative opportunities into meaningful outcomes and outputs for cluster members. •Promoting the cluster as a centre of engineering excellence both nationally and internationally <p>The LEO Donegal will support this by the appointment of a full-time executive (on three year contract). This appointment will start in September 2022</p> <p><u>Upcoming Activities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start Your Own Business Programme – starts on 13th September – evening course – online. Book here • Small Business Accounts Programme – starts on 6th September – evening course – online. Book here • Food Starter Programme – starts on 19th September – online. Book here • Trading Online Information Session – 14th September - Book here • Business Information Session & Grant Aid workshop –Next one is 30th September at 10am – online. Information & Booking here • Food Photography & Styling Workshop – 12th September - Book here <p><u>Donegal Stories:</u> Website highlighting the businesses of Donegal that have been supported by the LEO. https://donegalstories.ie/</p>
<p>Contact Person</p>	<p>Grace Korbel, Acting Head of Enterprise</p> <p>Local Enterprise Office</p> <p>074 9160735</p> <p>grace.korbel@leo.donegalcoco.ie</p>

3. Division: IS Services

Project / Activity Report: Public WiFi Stats on WiFi4EU Network

Glenties MD

Name	Model	# Clients	Usage	% Usage
Dungloe O'Donnells Pharma	MR70	1398	663.48 GB	 45.14%
Ostan Loch Altan	MR70	1202	226.74 GB	 15.43%
Maghery Comm Centre	MR70	474	153.31 GB	 10.43%
Mulhers Corner Bar	MR70	1641	95.41 GB	 6.49%
Dolmen Centre Kilclooney	MR70	378	66.67 GB	 4.54%
Falcarragh Centra	MR70	1033	63.28 GB	 4.31%
Croly Distillery	MR70	516	59.21 GB	 4.03%
Anagary Pharmacy	MR70	306	36.95 GB	 2.51%
Ardara The Corner Bar	MR70	1808	34.85 GB	 2.37%
Garrett O'Donnell Pharma	MR70	1335	30.43 GB	 2.07%
Dunlewey Community Centre	MR70	763	18.23 GB	 1.24%
Glenties Market Hall	MR70	1038	11.01 GB	 0.75%
Falcaragh Comm Center	MR70	193	6.21 GB	 0.42%
An tSean Bheairic	MR70	105	3.38 GB	 0.23%
Dungloe PSC	MR70	174	576.8 MB	 0.04%

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Client stats

TOTAL UNIQUE CLIENTS 6575	AVERAGE # OF CLIENTS PER DAY 255	AVERAGE USAGE PER CLIENT 228.9MB
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Clients per day



4. Division: Emergency Services: Fire Service

5. Activity	Number of: (June)*		Total for year	
<u>Fire Service Operations</u>				
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	48		402	
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	51		436	
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	7		37	
<u>Operational Activity Breakdown June 2022</u>				
	Turnouts		Incidents in County	
	Fires	Special Services	Fires	Special Services
Donegal Fire Service	26	23	20	21
Northern Ireland Fire Service	5	2	5	2
Sub Total	31	25	25	23
Total	56		48	
<u>Fire Prevention</u>				

Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	10	59
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	13	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from Applicant / Agent:	51	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	9	57
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	2	3
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	1	2
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	10	24
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	10	41
Fire Safety Complaints received:	2	7
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	0	5
During Performance Inspections carried out:	3	3
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	1	79

* Current data only available up to end of June 2022.

** Provisional Figures.

During Performance Inspections

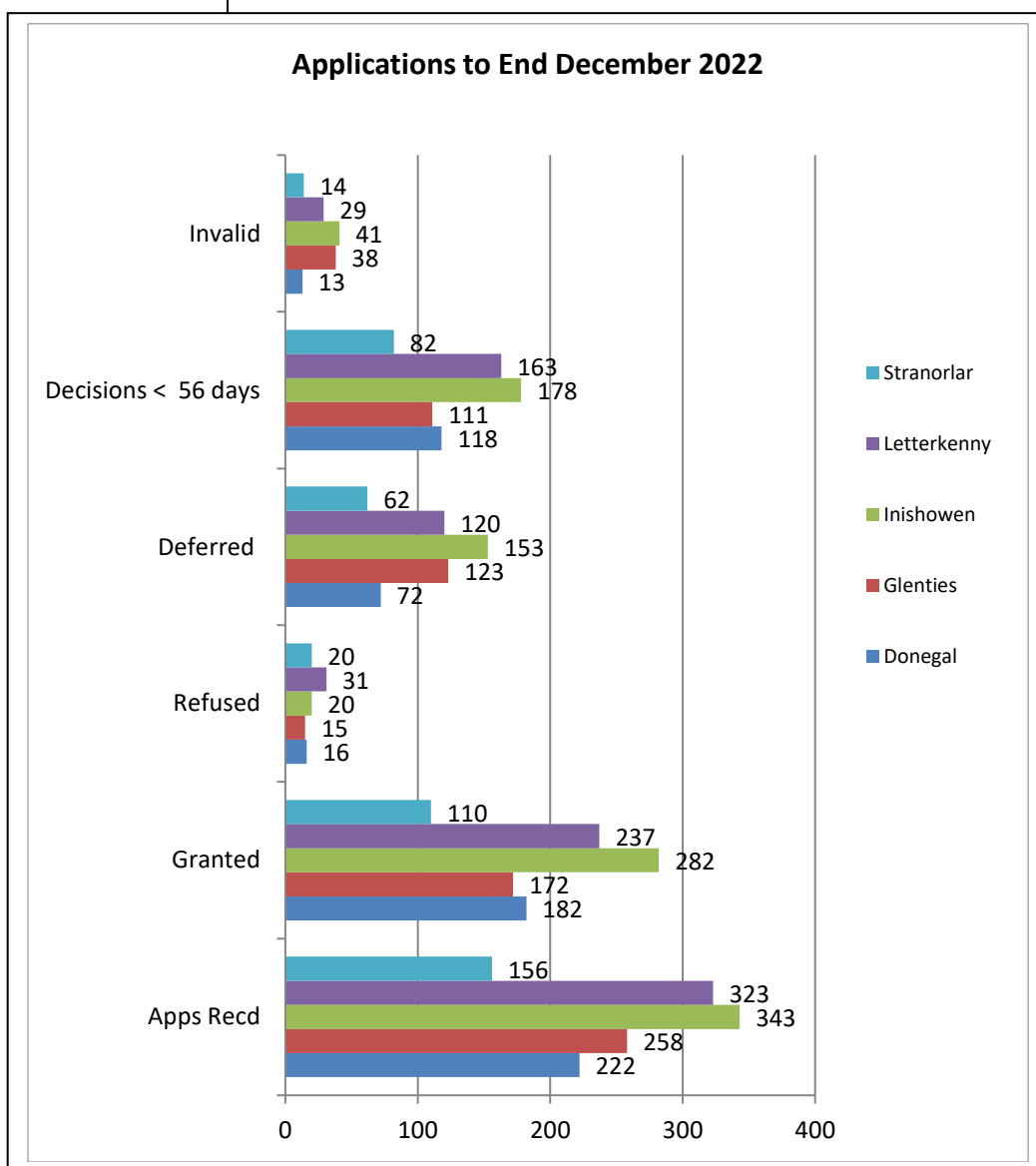
3 No. During Performance Inspections carried out at Sea Sessions Festival, Bundoran.

Fire Safety Awareness

Letterkenny Fire Brigade attended a fun day at O'Donnell Park, Letterkenny, which included distribution of fire safety awareness leaflets and speaking with members of the public.

Glenties MD Meeting
13th September 2022

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3	Notes & Monthly Schedule	<p>Pre planning clinics are on a telephone call only basis (ring 074 9153900) between 9.00am and 12.30pm on the dates outlined below.</p> <p>The pre planning clinic calls will be taken by the Executive Planners and shall be for substantial applications only.</p> <p>Planning Clinics 2022: 22nd September 2022 6th October 2022 20th October 2022 3rd November 2022</p> <p>Please see website for further dates. http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/planningclinics/</p>								
4	Regeneration Report	See Appendix A								
5	Central Planning Unit	No Report								
6	Building Control & Taking in Charge	No Report								
7	Further Information <i>Click on web links to access information.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly List of applications and decisions: http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weeklyplanninglists/ Planning service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service): planning@donegalcoco.ie Planning Webpage: www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/ Planning Application Online Query – planning reference number required: www.donegalcdb.ie/eplan/internetenquiry/rpt_querybysurforrecloc.asp <p>File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and when requesting planning searches: www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/file_retrieval/File%20Retrieval.pdf</p>								

Appendix A



**Comhairle Contae
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Donegal County Council



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2040

Regeneration & Development Team
Community Development & Planning Services

September (2022)

Municipal District Meetings

Report to Elected Members

1.0 RURAL REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (RRDF)

1.1 EXISTING APPROVED CATEGORY 1 RRDF PROJECTS (2019)

1.1.1 Killybegs 2040 – A Town Centre Regeneration Project **Value: €4.84m**

This project proceeded to tender in February 2022 and closed on 1st April 2022. The tender assessment and evaluation was completed and a tender report submitted to the DRCD on 4th May 2022 for: (i) Decision Gate 3 Approval to appoint the preferred tenderer and to proceed to site, and (ii) enhanced funding to deliver the project.

Confirmation of enhanced funding to deliver the project, and Decision Gate 3 approval to appoint the successful contractor and proceed to site was received on 28th July 2022. This project now has a revised total value of €5.4m. The capital project will be delivered by McDermott & Treaty Construction Ltd (MDT).

The process of project handover to the Councils new Capital Project Delivery Unit (CPDU) has also commenced in anticipation of imminent progression to site. CPDU will manage the construction and handover stage of the project. In advance of same the following arrangements to update the Elected Members and the general public have been made:

- 12pm - Tuesday 6th September 2022. Members will be updated on this project, the delivery arrangements and associated timelines at a scheduled workshop of the Donegal Municipal District;
- 3-7pm - Thursday 8th September 2022. An open public information event will be held in the Tara Hotel, Killybegs to update the general public on the project, the delivery arrangements and associated

timelines. This will be a drop in event, project information will be on display and relevant Council staff will be present to facilitate queries and clarifications etc.

1.1.2 **Burtonport and Aranmore Island – Harbour to Island Regeneration** **Value: €4.1m**

Aranmore Island:

This element of the project is now complete and the Forbairt Taitneamhachtaí Cois Cladaigh Oileán Árainn Mhór (Arranmore Island Shorefront Amenity Development) was officially opened by the Minister for Rural & Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD on Friday 22nd July 2022 in the presence of Leas-Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council Cllr. Michael Naughton and representatives of Comharchumann Oileán Árainn Mhór CTR.



(L to R) John G. McLaughlin, Chief Executive Donegal County Council, Minister Charlie McConalogue TD, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Minister Heather Humphries TD, Department of Rural and Community Development, Bainisteoir of Comharchumann Oileán Árainn Mhór CTR, Nóirín Uí Mhaoldomhnaigh, Leas- Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council Cllr. Micheal Naughton, Cathaoirleach of the Glenties Municipal District Cllr. Anthony Molloy at the official opening of the Arranmore Island Shorefront Amenity Development.

The performance space has already been used on many occasions, including as a part of the Earigall Arts Festival and hosted its inaugural concert after the official opening when Clann Mhic Ruairí, Green Island & Special guests entertained everyone present.

Burtonport Harbour

The Phase 1 redevelopment of Burtonport Harbour has now commenced. These works are being delivered by the successful contractor McDermott & Treaty Construction Ltd and are already progressing well towards substantial completion.

The process of project handover to the Councils new Capital Project Delivery Unit (CPDU) is now complete in respect of this project. CPDU will now manage the completion of construction and handover stages of the project.

1.2 **EXISTING APPROVED CATEGORY 2 RRDF PROJECTS (2020)**

1.2.1 **Back to Ballyshannon** – A transformational project to re-energise, re-imagine and sustain the social, cultural, historical, physical and economic fabric of Ballyshannon’s historic town centre.

Value: €247,500. (RRDF funding approved €185,625)

Update: The Team continues to work towards (i) progressing an acquisition interest in Ballyshannon Town Centre, and (ii) the publication of a planning scheme, so as to develop this project as a shovel ready capital project targeted for future Category 1 RRDF funding. Steady progress continues to be made through complex reporting and appraisals in relation to: the environment & ecology, archaeology and structural investigation and which will inform the next steps in the acquisition process and the planning consent pathway.

Members will be provided with a detailed progress update at workshop in September. The Regeneration & Development will make separate arrangements for same in due course.

1.2.2 **Ramelton Historic Town Centre** – A Restorative & Transformational Public Realm Scheme.

Value: €249,159 (RRDF funding approved €186,869)

Update: A Part 8 planning scheme for this project was published on Tuesday 1st February 2022 and a Chief Executives Report on the proposed development was brought before the Elected Members at a Plenary Meeting of the Council on Wednesday 6th April, 2022 and it was decided to proceed with the development as proposed.

The Regeneration and Development Team subsequently completed the submission of a Category 1 capital funding application to the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund for the capital delivery of this project by the 12noon deadline on Friday 29th April, 2022. The submitted project has a total project value of €7,949,868 and is now under assessment. Meanwhile, work continues to advance on the Detailed Design of Project together with preparation of a completed Tender Package, which is scheduled for completion by the end of September of this year.

1.3 **THIRD CALL FOR CATEGORY 1 PROJECTS (SHOVEL READY) UNDER THE RURAL REGENERATION & DEVELOPMENT FUND (RRDF)**

1.3.1. **Ballybofey & Stranorlar** - The ‘SEED’ project – A sustainable, green regeneration project to

Strengthen, Engage, Enable and Deliver transformational change in Ballybofey-Stranorlar.

Value: €9,756,969.

Due diligence has been completed on this project and the formal Funding Agreement received and confirmed. The Project Brief and Procurement Strategy have been submitted to the DRCD for this project and for Decision Gate 2 (Pretender) approval. These documents are presently under consideration and on receipt of approval this project will proceed to tender. It is anticipated that the capital works element of this project will commence in Q3 of 2022.

1.3.2. Burtonport (Harbour to Island) Regeneration

Value: €2.3m

Due diligence has been completed on this project and the formal Funding Agreement received and confirmed. This project is at an advanced stage of readiness given that consultancy services were previously procured using Councils own resources. On 20th April, 2022 a Project Brief and Procurement Strategy were submitted to the DRCD for Decision Gate 2 Approval to recommence consultancy services to complete detailed design and proceed to tender stage in advance of construction. Approval to proceed was subsequently received on 3rd May 2022 and the services of MH Associates have recently been re-engaged to complete the detailed design phase and subsequently progress to tender stage.

The process of project handover to the Councils new Capital Project Delivery Unit (CPDU) is completing in respect of this project. CPDU will manage the completion of the detailed design, construction and handover stages of the project and arrangements will be made to update Members in due course and once handover is complete.

1.3.3. Carndonagh Tús Nua Regeneration Project

Value: €9,542,852

Due diligence has been completed on this project and the formal Funding Agreement received and confirmed. The Project Brief and Procurement Strategy for this project was submitted to the DRCD for Decision Gate 2 and Pre-Tender approval on 8th August 2022. Decision Gate 2 approval was subsequently received for this project on 11th August 2022. Arrangements are now being made with the Capital Projects Delivery Unit to progress this project to tender stage. It is anticipated that the capital works element of this project will commence in Q3 of 2022.

1.4 THIRD CALL FOR CATEGORY 2 PROJECTS UNDER THE RURAL REGENERATION & DEVELOPMENT FUND (RRDF)

On 6th January 2022 the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys announced that €1.17m had been awarded under the Third Call for

Category 2 Projects of the RRDF for the “Repowering Buncrana” regeneration Project.

Due diligence has been completed on this project and a formal letter of Offer together with an associated Funding Agreement was received on 10th May 2022. The Funding Agreement was subsequently accepted and formally returned to the Department on 18th May 2022. The project will now progress to procurement of the required consultancy services before commencement of the planning and statutory consents stages of this project enabled by the funding award. A successful public information event in respect of this project was held in the Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana on Monday 23rd May, 2022.

1.5 FOURTH CALL FOR CATEGORY 1 PROJECTS (SHOVEL READY) UNDER THE RURAL REGENERATION & DEVELOPMENT FUND (RRDF)

On 17th December 2021 the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD announced the fourth call for Category 1 applications to the €1 Billion Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF).

The closing date for the receipt of proposals was 12 noon on Friday 29th April 2022.

As described at Point 1.2.2. above the Ramelton Re-Imagined regeneration project, with a value of €7,949,868 was submitted under this call and is now under assessment.

1.6 REGENERATION STRATEGIES & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT WORK

The Regeneration & Development Team had undertaken with Members to progress Regeneration Strategies in a number of Tier 2 Strategic Towns as a part of our work programme. This work has been progressing through in house resources and capacities together with consultancy services. An update on this area of the work programme is provided hereinunder:

1.6.1 Ramelton Action Plan

The Ramelton Action Plan was formally launched on 3rd July 2020.

The Plan can be viewed at the following link:

<http://www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/rameltonactionplan/Ramelton%20Action%20Plan.pdf>

1.6.2 Killybegs Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan

The Killybegs Regeneration Strategy was formally launched on 6th July 2021 and is available at <https://bit.ly/KillybegsRegStrat>. It has also been

circulated across Donegal County Council Directorates and to key stakeholders.

The Strategy was commissioned by the Killybegs Regeneration Group in conjunction with Donegal County Council and was funded by BIM, FLAG with match funding by Donegal County Council. Its delivery was led by Pasparakis Friel Architects with the support and input of the Council's Community Development Section and the Regeneration and Development Team.

1.6.3 Ballybofey-Stranorlar Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan

The Ballybofey-Stranorlar Regeneration Strategy was endorsed by the Committee of BASICC, as project partners, on 7th February 2022 and subsequently endorsed by the Stranorlar-Lifford MD on 25th May 2022. The Strategy was launched 27th May 2022 by means of press release and is currently being circulated across Donegal County Council Directorates and to key stakeholders. The Strategy is available at [Donegal County Council \(donegalcoco.ie\)](http://donegalcoco.ie)

1.6.4 Ballyshannon Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan

The Ballyshannon Town Centre Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan was formally published, launched and circulated to Members on the 20th April 2022. The Strategy & Action Plan, and associated Town Centre Masterplan, is available to view/download online at www.donegalcoco.ie and at Council offices. It will also be circulated across Donegal County Council Directorates and to key stakeholders. The Strategy was commissioned and funded by Donegal County Council and its delivery was led by GM Design Associates with the support and input of the Council's Regeneration and Development Team.

1.6.5 An Clochán Liath (Dungloe) Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan

The Draft an Clochán Liath (Dungloe) Town Centre Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan was made available for public consultation from Tuesday 5th April until Tuesday 3rd May 2022. A drop-in public consultation event also took place on Thursday 14th April from 2.00pm to 7.00pm at the Shopping Arcade, Main Street, Dungloe. In addition to the comments received and discussed during the drop-in event a total of 12 no. written submissions from members of the public were received.

A short report on the submissions has been completed and was considered at a workshop of the Glenties MD on Tuesday 19th July 2022 and at which Members endorsed the final Strategy and Action Plan subject to agreed amendments. Arrangements are now being made for final publication, launch and circulation across Donegal County Council Directorates and statutory bodies and community organisations and it is anticipated that this will take place at, or in advance of, the September Municipal District Meeting.

1.6.6 Rathmullan RRDF Project Development work

Work to complete the Draft Design & Design Report for this project is advancing, and targeted stakeholder group consultations took place in December 2021. This primarily included key internal Council services, external statutory bodies and a cross-section of community interests in Rathmullan identified by 'The Way Forward' group. A presentation on the Draft Design Report for this project was made to the Elected Members at a scheduled workshop on 2nd June 2022 in advance of an informal public consultation event which took place later the same day from 3pm to 8pm in the St. Vincent de Paul Centre, Rathmullan. The closing date for observations on the draft designs was 16th June, 2022. The submission responses together with the Draft Design & Design Reports are presently being evaluated with a view to progressing a statutory planning scheme for the Project in Q3 of 2022.

2.0 URBAN REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (URDF)

2.1 Existing approved URDF project in Letterkenny (application submitted 2018; final approval to proceed received September 2019)

This first application secured €1.9m in URDF monies, match funded by €600,000 for three sub-projects, the detail and progress of which is set out below:

(i) Preparation of a Regeneration Strategy for Letterkenny Town Centre.

The 3rd and final phase of consultation on the Letterkenny Regeneration Strategy opened on 20th May 2022 and closed on 6th June 2022 relating to Design Concepts for 11 key regeneration sites. In response, 52 online surveys were completed and 9 direct email submissions were received. The consultation period also included a public drop-in event on Tuesday 31st May 2022 in Dillons Hotel which was attended by circa 40 people.

The consultancy team, led by The Paul Hogarth Company presented the findings of the 3rd phase of consultation together with Draft Design Guidelines (Work Area 3), Draft Public Spaces and Linkages Action Plan (Work Area 4) and a Lower Main Street exemplar to a workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD on 8th July 2022 wherein Members endorsed the finalization and publication of the Regeneration Strategy thus the project reaching a significant milestone.

The consultancy team are currently working on the final write up and to bring together all strands of the project brief including Work Area 5 in respect of branding.

Plans are being formulated for a formal launch event which is expected to be held toward early October 2022. The services of AV Brown branding consultants, as part of the multi-disciplinary team are being engaged to create a video to inform the launch and to communicate the project effectively to the public, investors, visitors and funders. Members will be updated directly as the arrangements develop in relation to the launch event of the final Regeneration Strategy.

(ii) Acquisition of key town centre regeneration site.

Work to progress interests in the key regeneration site approved by DHLGH for acquisition continues with intent. The Donegal County Council (Letterkenny Strategic Urban Regeneration Site) CPO 2021 was published on 4th November 2021. It was subsequently submitted to An Bord Pleanala for confirmation on 8th November 2021. The period for the making of objections to the CPO expired on 20th December 2021 and a single objection was received by An Bord Pleanala to this CPO. The next step is the fixing of date for oral hearing by An Bord Pleanala with the case now identified as a ‘Priority.’

Alongside acquisition, Phase 1 development of the site was approved at a Special Meeting of Donegal County Council on 24th February 2022. The proposed development includes for the demolition of former ESB buildings and the development of circa 60,500sqft business, enterprise and innovation space (Alpha/Beta) supported by access linkages and public realm. This project is now being progressed by the Capital Projects Team to its next stage of detailed design with input from the Regeneration and Development Team in relation to review of tender documents and participation in Steering Group and Design Team Review meetings.

Alongside the Part 8 proposed development, discussions are ongoing internally in relation to options for the business model as regards the residential component of the Concept Masterplan relating to the remainder of the strategic site (Phase 2). Further updates will be brought to the Letterkenny-Milford MD in this regard as this work develops.

(iii) Public realm in the area of the Public Services Centre and Joe Bonnar Rd

Members turned the sod on 3rd June 2022 on the project to construct public realm in the area of the Public Services Centre and Joe Bonnar Road. ACS Civils LTD have been appointed and commenced on site on the week beginning 6th June 2022 with a build period in the region of 6 months. The development will deliver high quality walking, cycling and public realm infrastructure in the town centre. It forms the 1st phase of the wider planned network known as ‘LK Green Connect’ that will ultimately connect across a series of town centre destinations.

2.2 Successful application to the Urban Regeneration & Development Fund (May 2020)

On Friday 12th March 2021 Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O’Brien TD announced that a provisional allocation of €13.6m has been awarded under the URDF application Letterkenny 2040 (Phase 1) ‘Re-energise and Connect the Historic Town Centre’ supported by match funding committed by the Council in the sum of €4.5m.

Specifically this new investment will help to advance five projects to varying stages of as follows:

- The further enhancement of the Cathedral Quarter
- The re-purposing of the Courthouse
- Strategic land assembly towards:
 - Regeneration of Lower Main Street
 - Advancement of a Regional Transport Hub
 - Enhancement of ‘LK Green Connect,’ walking, cycling and parkland infrastructure.

The project continues to progress through funding approval steps required under the Public Spending Code. In this regard, a Preliminary Business Case (PBC) was submitted to DHLGH in March 2022 and for review and approval. This was followed by submission of Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy on 29th July 2022.

The current status of the project is that the Preliminary Business Case secured approval of DHLGH on 11th August 2022. This represents approval under Decision Gate 1 in the project life cycle and ‘*approval in principle to Donegal County Council to proceed to Design, Planning & Procurement Strategy.*’ As outlined, a Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy has already been submitted to DHLGH on 29th July 2022 and is therefore actively under review and consideration by DHLGH.

Approval of Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy will lead to approval to proceed to tendering inclusive of satisfactory completion of the Final Business Case and thereafter each project will advance at varying paces dependent on nature, scale and complexity.

Alongside the above activity, a number of steps are being taken to develop each sub-project further. The table below sets out this activity.

Sub-project	Immediate next steps
A: The Cathedral Quarter-Making a Creative District	See breakdown for each of the 3 elements
Creative Hub and Urban Parkland	Site-specific design concept via LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy commission is now complete following a 3 rd phase of consultation and was endorsed at a workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD on 8 th July

Sub-project	Immediate next steps
	<p>2022.</p> <p>The Design Concept will inform the design process to prepare Part 8 proposed development or application to An Bord Pleanála, as appropriate, via procurement of architect led design and supervision team following pre-tender and tender approval by DHLGH.</p> <p>Engagement has been undertaken with Fáilte Ireland's 'Tourism Office Network Team' and Letterkenny Chamber of Commerce in relation to the tourist office element of this project.</p> <p>Design concept is also informing acquisition processes. Landowner consultation RE acquisition pathways has already significantly progressed.</p> <p>It is intended to commence topographical survey from September 2022 onwards where landowners have given permission to do so.</p>
Market Square	<p>A Part 8 proposed development in respect of 'Letterkenny 2040-Reimagined Market Square' was published on 21st July 2022 for public inspection until 19th August 2022. Submissions and observations may be made by 4.30pm on 5th September 2022, after which a Chief Executives Report will be prepared and submitted for Members consideration at the scheduled plenary Council meeting on 26th September 2022.</p> <p>NOTE: This results in procurement of architect led design and supervision team for detailed design stage onwards rather than designs services for planning consent onwards</p>
Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme	<p>This project will be packaged with 'Creative Hub and Urban Parkland' as regards Architect-led design and supervision team following receipt of pre-tender approval by DHLGH.</p> <p>Part 8 is already secured through the works of Roads & Transportation and will be reviewed as part of the overall design process package with specific consideration to accessibility/threshold treatment.</p> <p>It is noted that Irish Water are currently progressing works to replace an existing watermain on Church lane as a critical piece of infrastructure upgrade in advance of the URDF project progressing to site which is estimated as Q4 2024 and subject to a number of dependencies and unknowns.</p>
B: Strategic acquisition in Lower Main Street	<p>Site-specific design concepts for a number of Lower Main Street locations via LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy commission are now complete following a 3rd phase of consultation and were endorsed at a workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD on 8th July 2022.</p> <p>Landowner consultation RE acquisition pathways has commenced.</p> <p>Further engagement with Donegal Youth Service and Letterkenny Youth Club on future project development has also commenced.</p>
C: Revival at the Courthouse	<p>Draft terms of reference are currently being prepared for consultancy services to undertake a 'Product Identification/Visitor Experience Plan' to define the nature of proposed tourist attraction. The Draft Terms of Reference include for engagement with Members at MD level and are being informed by ongoing consultation with Fáilte Ireland inclusive of 'Attractions Team' and 'Tourism Office Network' team. The target is to complete the preparation of the Terms of Reference in advance of and in readiness of approval to proceed to tendering by DHLGH in order to fast track this stage as soon as possible.</p>

Sub-project	Immediate next steps
	<p>The 'Product Identification/Visitor Experience Plan' will include for consideration of concept options and identification of the preferred story to be told, analysis of potential markets, competitor analysis, best practice examples, preliminary pricing, preliminary revenue projections, operational model (public or private).</p>
<p>Sub-Project D: Enabling a Regional Transport Hub</p>	<p>Preferred location for future Regional Transport Hub has emerged through the LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy process in the Pearse Road area. A Design Concept in respect of a future Transport Hub and its integration with LK Green Connect walking and cycling infrastructure and a new civic space is now complete following a 3rd phase of consultation and was endorsed at a workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD on 8th July 2022. This work has assisted in connecting with potential landowners affected.</p> <p>The Design Concept will inform acquisition processes and land owner consultation will now formally commence.</p> <p>Positive engagement with Bus Eireann was held at a meeting on 31st March 2022 with commitment for further engagement and communication following ,consideration within Bus Eireann corporate structures. Further follow up communication to Bus Eireann issued on 20th May 2022 to share the emerging design concept launched for public consultation and to seek further engagement. This communication was renewed on 23rd August 2022 seeking a further engagement as a priority.</p>
<p>Sub- project E: LK Green Connect</p>	<p>Through the LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy commission, a Design Concept in respect of LK Green Connect is now complete following a 3rd phase of consultation and was endorsed at a workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD on 8th July 2022. The Design Concept integrates LK Green Connect with an urban wetland concept, future transport hub and new civic space. The Design Concept will inform engagement with landowners to progress the acquisition interests supported under URDF as regards LK Green Connect.</p> <p>In addition, it is targeted to progress a Part 8 proposed development using in-house resources in respect of LK Green Connect walking and cycling infrastructure to link Phase 1 (currently under construction) to Pearse Road and therefore to secure Phase 2 to shovel ready status. The timeline for Part 8 is yet to be confirmed and is subject to availability of staff resources across both URDF and RRDF programmes.</p> <p>Publication of a Part 8 proposed development in respect of the 'Cultural Corridor' section of LK Green Connect is targeted for Q4 of 2022. Pasparakis Friel Architects have been appointed in this regard to provide Part 8 drawings while the Regeneration and Development manage and lead all other elements of the Part 8 process including AA and EIA screening. This also includes consultation with the Cultural Partners (An Grianan Theatre, the Regional Cultural Centre and Donegal County Museum).</p> <p>Engagement with landowners has commenced as regards land acquisition interests necessary for the Cultural Corridor section of LK Green Connect and as supported under URDF and will be further advanced with greater certainty following Part 8 publication.</p>

2.3 Future URDF call for applications

Although there is no confirmed date available for a 3rd call for URDF applications, an announcement is anticipated as early as Q4 2022/Q1 2023 and following an ongoing review of funding commitments/ project costs currently being undertaken by DHLGH. Consideration is being given to the options in this regard including the further sequencing of investment to deliver on the LK 2040 ambition particularly in relation to the advancement of a Regional Transport Hub, associated accessibility infrastructure and capital projects at Lower Main Street. It is proposed to scope the options with Members of Letterkenny-Milford MD as part of a future MD workshop.

2.4 Other


The Regeneration and Development Team continue to engage in other regeneration related work areas and support other sections of Donegal County Council as required and across a number of other activities.

**Regeneration & Development Team
September 2022.**



ENVIRONMENT MD REPORT – September '22

WASTE AND LITTER MANAGEMENT

Activity / Project Title	Summer Greenpiece '22
<p>Project Description/ Activity</p>	<p>Advertorial with information on recycling, litter campaigns, beach information, water safety etc. The pages featured in local papers.</p>  <p>The advertorial features several sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall header with the council logo and 'mywaste' branding. Play your part in Keeping Donegal Beautiful with scenic photos of Donegal. Donegal Secures 14 Blue Flag & 4 Green Flag Coast Awards section highlighting Donegal's high ranking in Blue Flag beaches. Plan ahead. Reduce waste. section with tips like 'Talk to your accommodation provider about local waste services' and 'Reduce food waste by planning ahead'. Leave it as you expect to find it! slogan: 'Never leave waste or litter behind on your visit. Bin it or bring it home!'. Donegal Recycling Centres map and list of services, including Bryson Recycling and various recycling free of charge items like glass, cans, and aerosols. Recycling Charge Applies table listing items like paper, cardboard, paint, and household waste with their respective charges. Water Safety section with the slogan 'ALWAYS SWIM BETWEEN THE FLAGS' and 'NO RED/YELLOW FLAG, NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY'. BEACH WHEELCHAIRS section mentioning 8 Donegal beaches now have beach wheelchairs available. BEACH CONTACTS list for Rathmullan, Downings, Carrickfinn, and Marblehill. Love This Place section with the slogan 'Protect our vital sand dunes'. </p>
<p>Contact Person</p>	<p>Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer sbogan@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity / Project Title

Holidaying in Donegal Summer Campaign

Project Description/ Activity

Have a wonderful time in **Donegal!** *Bíodh am ar dóigh agat i nDún na nGall*

Play your part in Keeping Donegal Beautiful *Déan do pháirt le Dún na nGall a choinneáil gleoite galánta*

<p>Plan ahead.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk to your accommodation provider about local waste services. • Use local recycling centres for waste and recycling services. • Recycle glass and cans at local bring banks. 	<p>Reduce waste.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce food waste by planning ahead. • Use reusable items where possible. • Avoid single-use items. 	<p>Déan planáil roimh ré</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labhair le lucht an íostáin faoi sheirbhísí áitúla bruscair • Úsáid ionaid áitúla athchúrsála fá choinne seirbhísí dramhaíola agus athchúrsála • Athchúrsáil do chuld gloiní agus cannaí ag ionaid 'fág anseo' 	<p>Laghdaiigh do bruscar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laghdaiigh an cur amú bia trí phleanáil chun tosaigh • Úsáid earraí in-athúsáidte nuair is féidir • Seachain earraí aon úsáide.
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Leave it as you expect to find it! *Fág an láthair mar ba mhaith leat féin í a fháil!*
 Never leave waste or litter behind on your visit. *Ná fág dramhaíl ná bruscar i do dhiaidí choice le linn cuairte.*
 Bin it or bring it home! *Cuir sa bhosca bruscair é nó beir abhaile leat é!*

For more information visit

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Over the summer months the Council has been running a campaign aimed at those holidaying in the County, asking them to plan ahead and make themselves familiar with waste and recycling services that are available. Posters have been printed and distributed to local shops etc. A social media campaign delivered through the Council’s Tourism Section and the Council’s Communications office ran throughout July and August 2022.

Plan ahead.
Reduce waste.
Leave it as you expect to find it!

Have a wonderful time in Donegal!

Play your part in Keeping Donegal Beautiful



This initiative was funded under the Anti-Dumping Initiative 2022.

**Contact
Person**

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Activity / Project Title	<p align="center">Household Waste Management Survey</p>
Project Description /Activity	<div data-bbox="483 254 1349 863" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>During August households in Letterkenny, Buncrana, Ballybofey, Donegal Town and Glenties were visited and given the opportunity to take part in a survey gathering information about recycling and waste management practices and opinions.</p> <p>Donegal County Council partnered with VOICE Ireland, an environmental charity, who went door to door to find out how residents of Donegal manage their waste and each household participating in the survey was provided with an information brochure, a pocket guide full of useful information for managing household waste and recycling and useful tips on how to save money by avoiding food waste.</p> <p>This project has been funded through the Anti-Dumping Initiative (ADI) which encourages a multi-faceted approach to tackling the problems associated with illegal dumping incorporating enforcement, public awareness and education.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer sbogan@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity / Project Title	Paint Reuse Pilot project at Letterkenny Recycling Centre
Description /Activity	<div data-bbox="630 212 1182 627" data-label="Image"> </div> <p data-bbox="769 667 1044 701" style="text-align: center;">“CHOOSE TO REUSE”</p> <p data-bbox="407 728 1406 762" style="text-align: center;">Are you in need of a little bit of paint for your house or community project?</p> <p data-bbox="297 789 1515 877">A Paint Reuse Scheme has been launched at Letterkenny Recycling Centre by Bryson Recycling where paint is available free of charge to householders and community organisations.</p> <p data-bbox="297 963 1503 1283">Bryson Recycling operate six Recycling Centres on behalf of Donegal County Council. They started accepting paint at their sites in February 2022 and since then have filled over 120 large bins with what they have collected and are keen to redistribute suitable paints as a useful resource within the local community. As a social enterprise, Bryson are keen to look at innovative ways to promote reuse and recycling and also to engage and work with the local communities in the areas where they operate.</p> <p data-bbox="297 1369 1511 1749">Connie Gallagher, General Manager at Bryson Recycling said “We are delighted to launch this new scheme that will see the paint we collect going to good use. When we receive paint our specially trained staff will screen it and set aside any that is suitable for reuse in the dedicated container at our Letterkenny site. The paint is available now for community groups and individuals to collect, free of charge, to use in projects to improve their local area or for their own personal use. We would encourage anyone who needs paint to visit our site to see what is available”.</p> <p data-bbox="297 1835 1495 1923">Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer at Donegal Council said “Most households have partly filled pots of paint hiding in the loft or garage. When it’s time for a clear out, paint can</p>

	<p>be taken to any of our six Recycling Centres across County Donegal. Paint suitable for reuse can be redistributed to the public and local communities. This is a fantastic example of the Circular Economy at work. The Paint Reuse scheme is currently only operating at the Letterkenny site but we hope to extend this out to further areas later in the year.”</p> <p>For more information on Recycling Centres in Donegal please visit www.brysonrecycling.org .</p> <p>For tips on reducing waste paint please visit https://www.facebook.com/MyWasteIreland/videos/749840002905245/</p>
Contact Person	Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer sbogan@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	Refill.ie at the Irish Legends presented by The McGinley Foundation
Description /Activity	<p>Refill.ie provided free refills of water to visitors to the Irish Legends Golf Tournament in The Rosapenna, Downings in August 2022. The aim was to reduce waste and in particular plastic waste.</p> <div data-bbox="480 390 1333 800" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>The Council’s Environment Section had been working with the Tournament organisers on waste reduction initiatives and the diversion of waste for recycling.</p> <div data-bbox="652 1010 1159 1717" data-label="Image"> </div>
Contact Person	<p>Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer sbogan@donegalcoco.ie</p>

COASTAL MANAGEMENT

Activity / Project Title	Big Beach Clean 2022
Project Description/ Activity	<div data-bbox="743 426 1118 800" data-label="Image"></div> <p>The Big Beach Clean will take place between 16th to the 18th of September.</p> <p>The Big Beach Clean is an annual call to action as part of the International Coastal Cleanup (ICC), operated internationally by Ocean Conservancy. This call to action invites communities and volunteers around the country to remove litter from around the Irish coast after the end of the bathing season.</p> <p>This initiative is also an opportunity for volunteers to get involved in a worldwide citizen science project, which entails collecting the amount and types of litter on Irish beaches and filling in Clean Coasts' Marine Litter Data Cards. This will help heighten awareness about the issue of marine litter serving as an indicator of the magnitude of the problem and help shape future policies and campaigns.</p> <p>Registration are open to all residents of Ireland, no matter how far from the coast they are based. Statistics show that the number one cause of marine litter is litter dropped in towns and cities.</p> <p>Getting involved in the Big Beach Clean is a way for residents of non-coastal counties to help prevent litter entering our waterways and seas by holding a clean-up no matter where they are in the country and tackling the problem at source.</p> <p>Register on-line at: https://cleancoasts.org</p>

CENTRAL LABORATORY

Activity / Project Title	Septic tank Inspections
Description/ Activity	<p>The next round of inspections will be carried out in September in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letterkenny MD – Cranford & Woodlands areas • Inishowen MD – Roosky catchment • Stranorlar MD – Deelee catchment around Ballindrait • Glenties MD – Gweebarra catchment - Doochary area <p>Home owners are advised to inspect their tanks, organise for it to be desludged by a permitted contractor if it hasn't been done for a number of years and carry out any basic maintenance or remedial works to ensure it is not giving rise to water pollution or a public health nuisance.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Joe Ferry joe.ferry@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity / Project Title	Environment Section - Public Information Message for Farmers
Description/ Activity	<p>The following public information message will be aired on local radio stations in September:</p> <p><i>“As the silage making season reaches an end for another year, Donegal County Council would like to remind farmers of the need to check that all silage effluent is collected in a properly sealed storage tank, as it is the worst source of water pollution on the farm. When spreading slurry, Farmers & contractors should pay particular attention to the weather forecast & not apply slurry to land which is waterlogged, flooded, likely to flood or if rain is forecast within 48 hours. Play your part in keeping Donegal clean and green”.</i></p>
Contact Person	<p>Joe Ferry joe.ferry@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity / Project Title	Agri-Environmental Training for Farmers
Description/ Activity	<p>Donegal County Council’s Central Laboratory team were invited to speak at a number of Agri-Environmental Training events for farmers over recent months. Our presentations focussed on Best Practice and Safe Disposal of Spent Sheep Dip and its potential impact on river water quality.</p>
	

GLENTIES FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

Briefing Note 7 – August 2022

Progress Summary

The project team have collected all available data relating to past flood events, the local environment, river catchments, topography, culverts, rainfall and river flow. This data has been analysed extensively and used to produce a detailed computer model of the Owenea, Stracashel and Gortnamucklagh Rivers, existing defences and floodplains in the area. The model has been calibrated against past flood events, most notably August 2017, to ensure it is correctly simulating and mapping flood risk in the area. A range of design flood events have been tested in the model to cover all eventualities including the risk of more severe flooding due to climate change.

A short-list of flood risk management measures has been assessed in the model to evaluate the most effective options for the scheme area. The short-list is inclusive of, but not limited to those in the North Western Flood Risk Management Plan (www.floodinfo.ie).

Following shortlisting RPS are looking at combinations of measures to form viable options for the FRS. Shortlisted measures include hard defences, property level protection and Nature based Catchment Management.

Each option is currently being subjected to a costing exercise to determine the whole life cost across the design life. The team are currently refining these costs based on the best available current market data.

A property economic damage assessment is nearing completion for the Glenties FRS. This provides estimates of the monetary impacts/ damages caused by flooding, from which the potential benefits of the flood scheme can be calculated across its design life. The ratio of whole life cost against monetary benefit determines economic viability and score (Benefit Cost Ratio) which informs selection of the preferred option.

A Multi-Criteria Analysis is currently being undertaken to assess the performance of each option against a range of technical, environmental, social and economic factors. This also informs the selection of the preferred option and ensures that benefits beyond economic viability are considered.

A collaborative workshop was held on 9th June 2022 to get feedback on the options. The workshop was attended by the Glenties FRS Steering Group and other relevant public sector stakeholders.

RPS is developing the Stage I Options report and the Nature based Catchment Measures report to assist the Steering group in determining the next steps for the project.

The RPS Environmental team have provided input to the multi-criteria analysis for the options considered, particularly given the sensitivities associated with the Stracashel and Owenea Rivers, which are important as salmonid and Freshwater Pearl Mussel (FPM) rivers.

Specialist fisheries and FPM surveys have been undertaken. Habitat mapping and protected species surveys have been completed which will inform the environmental assessment of the project. Further specialist surveys may be required to fully assess the emerging preferred option once this has been identified.

Note that a new newsletter will be posted on the scheme website this quarter, see: <https://countydonegalfrs.ie/glentiesfrs/index.php/news/>

Next Steps

Surveys: The detailed surveys have been completed and final data has been provided to the Project Team. RPS are currently looking at further surveys to inform the preliminary design of a scheme, including ground investigation and services.

Hydrological and Hydraulic Analysis: Hydrological analysis is complete and RPS are in the process of finalising the hydraulic analysis.

Scheme Analysis and Development: RPS are working to identify the preferred option in conjunction with the Steering Group. RPS are developing Scheme Analysis and Development reporting including supplementary reporting on the application of nature based catchment measures, buildability, operation and maintenance and climate change adaptation.

Environmental Assessment: Screening for Appropriate Assessment, EIA Screening and development of the Natura Impact Statement will commence in the next quarter.

Public Information Day: A public information day is planned for December 2022 to present the preferred Scheme Option.

Planning Application: A further statutory public consultation will be held early next year as part of the planning process. Following this documentation for the scheme will be prepared and submitted for planning later in 2023.

Projected Key Milestone Dates

- Identification of Preferred Option – September 2022
- Closing (Stage I) Public Consultation – December 2022
- Completion of Environmental Impact Assessment Report – March 2023
- Ongoing management of invasive species in line with the management plan

**GLENTIES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
MEETING
13th September 2022**

Roads & Transportation Agenda

- 1. Follow up to Issues raised at last MD Meeting.
Report has / will issue in advance of the MD Meeting to the Member that raised the query. If more than One Member raised the same query then the response is issued to All Members.**
- 2. Road Works Programme 2022 – Verbal Update.**
- 3. Clady /Bunbeg Footbridge Update**
- 4. Fintown Project – Update**
- 5. NRDO – Update**
- 6. Recent Additional Allocation – Update.**
- 7. Pollinator / Biodiversity Allocation – Update.**

Item 3 : CLADY/BUNBEG FOOTBRIDGE UPDATE

As the Members are aware, Donegal County Council have received an NTA allocation for this project.

A Consultant has been engaged and a preliminary options report has been completed. This report is currently being reviewed by the Bridges Team within Road Design.

The ground investigation requirements have been identified and Land Agreement/approval is currently underway in relation to this.

4. Fintown Project – Update

Tenders for the above Project were receipted on Monday 5th September. Tender assessment and reporting process have commenced, and it is hoped that the successful Contractor will be appointed towards mid/late September.

The Low-Cost Accident element of the works have been identified as a priority and is included in Phase 1 of the delivery Programme i.e. Q4 2022.

Surface works of Fintown Village is contained in the latter stages of the Delivery Programme and these works are envisaged for Spring 2023.



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Donegal National Roads Office

Report to Glenties Municipal District

September 2022



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dhun na nGall*

Donegal County Council,
County House,
Lifford,
Co. Donegal

John McLaughlin, BE,
Director of Roads and Transportation



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

Major & Minor Roads Projects

Progress September 2022

1. N56 Kilkenny Letterilly

Works are now completed save for a snag with the road surface south of the Maas Junction.

2. N56 Dungloe to Cloghbolie

Construction is now Substantially Complete. BAM are completing final works and snages. Barry Transportation are supervising the Works on behalf of Donegal County Council. The NRO is in discussions with TII regarding funding for remedial works to the local network.

3. N56 Letterilly to Glenties (Kilraine)

Construction is ongoing by Wills Bros. Ltd. Roughan & O'Donovan are supervising the Works on behalf of Donegal County Council. Progress is good to date moving towards 80% complete

4. N56 Dungle to Glenties - Land Acquisition

Close out of the remaining Land Acquisitions is still ongoing and should be closed out in 2022 save for any conveyancing issues arising.

5. N56 Falcarragh Gortahork

A first allocation has been received from TII for a Scheme to improve the N56 between Falcarragh and Gortahork. NRO will begin the process of looking at the feasibility of such a scheme during 2022.

Fergus Towey, SEE

Pavement Asset Repair and Renewal (PARR)

The N56 Crolly to Meenacung Pavement Strengthening and Associated Minor Civil Works Contract 2022 has now been substantially completed onsite. The Contract is now in the Maintenance and Defects phase, the Contractor is currently working through a defects and snags list.

Garrett Doherty, SEE

UPDATE ON POLLINATOR/BIODIVERSITY BUDGET 2022
SEPTEMBER 2022

Dear Member,

I refer to our meeting earlier in the year where we broadly agreed the approach for the above Budget – basically work with a small number of Community Groups and trial several Pilot approaches.

Since this, I have worked with the following Groups:

- Dungloe Tidy Towns
- Dunlewey Group
- Falcarragh Tidy Towns
- Glenties Tidy Towns

I have summarised below progress to date.

Falcarragh Tidy Towns: A small area was identified, at the Tullaghbegly Bridge on the N56 approach to the Town. Topsoil was imported and appropriate seed was planted by the Road Service. I consider the result as a success as can be seen in Photograph 1 below.



Photo 1: Falcarragh

Dunlewey Group: Financial support was provided to this Group and the works conducted/organised by the Group. The seed used was the same mix as in Falcarragh. I would also deem this trial as a success and have included Photo 2 below.



Photo 2: Dunlewey

Dungloe Tidy Towns: Financial support was provided to this Group to cover materials, including Wildflower Seeds. Different Seed types were used in various locations. I have yet to analyse the results, however an initial inspection looks promising.

In addition to the above in Dungloe, the Roads Service planted seed on blanket bog near the newly created viewing area at the Lake in Dungloe. This seed mix was specifically for Peat – I have viewed recently, and I would have expected more colour. In this regard, I have discussed with the seed supplier who intends to visit shortly and provide feedback. This approach will hopefully allow us to either modify the seed type / mix or modify the planting method.

Glenties Tidy Town Group : There is a small outstanding commitment with the Glenties Tidy Towns that I intend to close out on during September.

The next step is to plant a few small trial plots during September / October and monitor success over the Winter Months. These plots will be included in our ongoing NTA Footpath Projects. This will hopefully determine which planting season provides the best result.

The above trials using different seed mixes on different soil types with variable exposure will assist in the decision making towards delivery of larger areas during 2023.

Brendan McFadden
6th September 2022.

Housing & Corporate Agenda

For Meeting on 13th September 2022

- Progress Report - Grants
- Progress Report - Casual Vacancies
- Housing Need
- HAP
- RAS
- LTL Properties
- Tenancies and Offers
- Tenant Purchase
- Local Authority Loans

1. PROGRESS REPORT - GRANTS AT 02/09/2022

Housing Aid for Older People Grants						
<i>Year</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Cancelled/ Refused</i>	<i>Applicant Further Info</i>	<i>Referred to Eng</i>	<i>Pending</i>
2022	93	59	12	0	22	22

Housing Adaptation Grants							
<i>Year</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Cancelled/ Refused</i>	<i>Applicant Further Info</i>	<i>Referred to Eng</i>	<i>Referred to OT</i>	<i>Pending</i>
2021	74	54	18	1	1	0	2
2022	61	26	19	0	9	7	16

Mobility Aids Grants							
<i>Year</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Cancelled/ Refused</i>	<i>Applicant Further Info</i>	<i>Referred to Eng</i>	<i>Referred to OT</i>	<i>Pending</i>
2021	43	27	15	0	0	1	1
2022	25	13	9	0	2	1	3

. PROGRESS REPORT – CASUAL VACANCIES @ 31/08/2022

Glenties MD	Address	Beds	Vacant From	Current Status
Annagry				
	Clos Naomh Duigh	2 bed	16/02/2022	On site
Creelough				
	Ard Cois Locha	2 bed	18/08/2022	To be tendered
Dungloe				
	Ard Mor	3 bed	06/07/2022	To be tendered
Falcarragh				
	Ballina	3 bed	12/07/2021	Contractor appointed
	Ballina	3 bed	21/06/2022	To be tendered
Fintown				
	Shallogans	3 bed	08/03/2022	Complete and ready for letting
Glenties				
	Clos Naomh Chonail	3 bed	08/07/2022	Tenders being assessed
Loughanure				
	Radharc an Iuir	2 bed	16/06/2022	Contractor appointed
	Radharc an Iuir	2 bed flat	06/07/2022	Currently being assessed

3. HOUSING NEED

Gross Need - by approved bedrooms

Municipal District	1	2	3	4	Total	
Glenties	Annagry	1	7	1	1	10
	Ardara	3	14	1	1	19
	Arranmore	0	1	0	0	1
	Bunbeg	0	0	1	0	1
	Burtonport	0	6	0	1	7
	Creelagh	0	6	2	3	11
	Derrybeg	0	3	1	0	4
	Doochary	0	0	1	0	1
	Dunfanaghy	2	14	3	0	19
	Dungloe	10	27	6	2	45
	Falcarragh	2	24	2	0	28
	Fintown	1	3	1	0	5
	Glenties	0	7	5	3	15
	Gortahork	1	8	1	1	11
	Gweedore	2	16	4	1	23
	Lettermacaward	0	0	1	0	1
	Loughanure	1	3	0	0	4
	Magheroarty	0	2	0	0	2
Tory Island	0	1	0	0	1	
Total	23	142	30	13	208	

4. HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENT (HAP) SCHEME

As at 31st August 2022, the Glenties Municipal District is providing Social Housing Support in the form of the Housing Assistance Payment to 100 families/individuals. 9 of these families/individuals are in receipt of HAP only.

5. NUMBER OF RAS PROPERTIES

As of the 31st August 2022, the Glenties Municipal District is providing Social Housing Support in the form of the Rental Accommodation Scheme to 57 families/individuals.

6. NUMBER OF LTL PROPERTIES

As of the 31st August, 2022, the Glenties Municipal District is providing Social Housing Support in the form of the Long Term Lease Properties to 19 families/individuals.

7. HOUSING VACANCIES AND OFFERS

Reasons for Vacancies since 01-Jan-2022				
Transfers	Surrenders	Death of Tenant	Other	Total
7	6	3	1	17

Number of Housing Offers issued since 01-Jan-2022		
Number of Offers issued	Offers Accepted	Offers Refused
24	21	3

8. TENANT PURCHASE

Number of applications received since Scheme commenced:	102
Total number of valid applications:	79
Valid applications received since 01-January-2022:	15
Number of Offer Letters issued since 01-January-2022:	2
Total number of houses sold under the Scheme to date:	19

9. LOCAL AUTHORITY LOANS

Total number of Loan applications (RIHL) received from 2018-2021	Number of Loans Approved from 2018-2021	Total number of new Loan applications (LAHL) in 2022	Number of Loans Approved in 2022
34	5	7	2

10. Budget Workshop & Budget Meeting

The Head of Finance proposes to hold either online or in- person depending on the wishes of Members the following meetings;

- Budget Workshop on Friday the 7th October at 10am
- Budget Meeting Friday 28th of October at 10.00am

Housing Capital Update Report Glenties Municipal District Meeting September 2022

1. Social Housing Developments – Construction Schemes

Donegal County Council is currently progressing the following proposed social housing development in the Glenties Municipal District:

Location	Status	No. of Units
Construction Stage		
Dunfanaghy	Substantially complete at end of August 2022. Snagging process currently being completed. Properties to be let in coming weeks.	4
SI at Loughanure	Completed. Property being let to tenants.	1
SI at Annagry	Completed. Property being let to tenants.	1
Design Stage		
Chapel Road, Dungloe	<p>Detailed Design / Tender / Fire Cert and Disabled Access Certification preparation ongoing.</p> <p>Site clearance works to commence imminently. Archaeologist has been appointed to carry out investigation works consisting of the excavation of archaeological trenches on site which will be carried out in September 2022.</p> <p>Asbestos survey has been tendered for the existing dwellings.</p> <p>Quantity Surveying Consultant has been appointed. The Civil and Structural Engineer and the Mechanical and Electrical Engineering consultants have been tendered and their appointments are underway. Following completion of the detailed design of their respective specialisms, Stage 3 approval will be sought from the Department and the project will be tendered in Quarter 1 2023.</p>	45
Total		51

In tandem with the above construction programme, 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. The acquisition of 2.91 acres of land at Dunfanaghy with potential for 30 houses is progressing and is currently at conveyance stage.

2. Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition

Donegal County Council's turnkey acquisition process is continuing throughout the county. This competitive dialogue procurement process will result in a major capital investment in social housing and initial projects have now completed. This is a very effective mechanism enabling the Council to feed into the design of the proposal to ensure that the end product is suitable for the needs of social housing tenants. Proposals are subject to meeting the requirements of the procurement process, planning, departmental approval and contract.

In order to safeguard the nature of the process and bearing in mind the commercial sensitivities of the process as well as the extent of the approvals required, the Council will continue to provide Elected Members with detailed information of the proposals upon receipt of final departmental approval (i.e. stage 4). Notwithstanding this approval, proposals are subject to contract.

The turnkey development at Falcarragh has been completed by Developers Michael & Linda Whoriskey. A total of 12 no. units have been acquired containing 8 no. three bedroom units and 4 no. two bedroom units.

Council officials are continuing to dialogue with Developers with regard a valid proposal for Gweedore. Dialogue meetings have taken place with the developer and final tender costs are awaited in advance of a submission to the Department for approval. Members will be fully informed of same upon receipt of final departmental approval.

3. Lands / Property for Social Housing Purposes

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

There is an open advertisement on the Council's website for expressions of interest for parcels of land, derelict sites / buildings with the potential to deliver social housing. A significant response has been received. A number of suitable parcels of land have been identified and the Council is progressing to conveyance stage on a number of land acquisitions.