



Municipal District of Glenties

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Dungloe

31st January, 2023

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Municipal District of Glenties Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 14th February 2023 at 12 noon in Dungloe PSC.**

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

31ú Eanáir, 2023

FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Na Gleanntaí ar an Mháirt an 14ú Feabhra 2023, ag 12 a chlog meán Iae in Oifigí na Comhairle Condae ar an Chlochán Liath.

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

AGENDA

1. Consideration of the Minutes of Glenties Municipal District Committee Meeting held on the 10TH January, 2023.
2. Reports from Workshops held on 23rd January, 2023
3. Community Development
4. Planning Services
5. Environment
6. Economic Development, I.S. & Emergency Services
7. Roads Services
8. Housing & Corporate Services

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF GLENTIES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE**
held in Dungloe Public Services Centre on 10th January
2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr. Anthony Molloy (Cathaoirleach)
Cllr. Michael McClafferty (Leas Cathaoirleach)
Cllr. Noreen McGarvey
Cllr. Marie Therese Gallagher
Cllr. John Sheamais Ó Fearraigh
Cllr. Micheal Cholm Mac Giolla Easbuig (online)

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Michael McGarvey - Director Water & Environment
Michael Rowsome - A/Area Manager, Housing & Corporate
Brendan McFadden - S.E.E - Area Manager, Roads
Anne Marie McCole - Staff Officer, Community,
Development & Enterprise Division
Mary Boyle - A/Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate
Jim Boner - Senior Executive Engineer, Housing Capital
Siobhan McCaffery - Senior Executive Technician, Housing
Capital
Donna Callaghan - Executive Planner
Philip O'Kennedy LEO - Tourism Marketing Unit
John McCarron - Senior Executive Engineer, Water &
Environment

Aistriúcháin Comhuaineach: Dónal Mac Giolla Chóill

GMD 01/23

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

On the proposal of Cllr. Gallagher seconded by Cllr. McGarvey, the minutes of the Municipal District Meeting held on the 8th November 2022 were confirmed.

The Committee noted the reports circulated with the Agenda and presented by the SEE in relation to the following:

- Christmas Recycling Campaign
- New Bring Banks locations - Falcarragh Church carpark
- Litter fines and community clean-ups
- Coastal Management
- Climate Action Plan
- Glenties flood relief scheme progress report
- Air quality

2.1 Bring Banks

Cllr. Gallagher requested an update on the status of

- (i) Ongoing proposals for provision of a 24hr facility in Dungloe
- (ii) Identification of a new location for facilities in Lettermacaward
- (iii) Glenties facility

Cllr. McClafferty welcomed the location of a new brig Bank facility in Falcarragh Church carpark.

2.2 Litter Fines

Cllr. Ó Fearraigh commended the co-operation between the Council and Tidy Towns Committees in the success of the Community Clean-Up Campaign. He further stated that the number of fines issued were insufficient to address illegal dumping. Cllr. Ó Fearraigh also requested a breakdown on an MD basis of litter fines issued. Cllr. Molloy requested the Council to provide additional litter bins at Glengesh, Maghera Caves & Narin beach.

2.3 Board Walks

Cllr. Gallagher and Cllr. McGarvey outlined the necessity for a maintenance plan to address damage to the Mullaghderg Boardwalk.

2.4 Invasive Species

Cllr. Gallagher highlighted the increasing prevalence of Japanese Knotweed throughout the MD and particularly in Burtonport and requested the Council to implement a multi-annual programme to resolve concerns.

2.5 Dog Control & Licencing

Cllr. McClafferty informed the Committee of public health implications because of dog fouling and requested the Council to intensify enforcement urgently in conjunction with the Gardaí. Cllr. McGarvey referred to issues arising from uncontrolled dogs, particularly on Blue Flag Beaches.

2.6 Public Convenience

Cllr. Ó Fearraigh and Cllr. Micheal Cholm Mac Giolla Easbuig requested an update on the status of proposals for the provision of a toilet on Gola Island. Cllr. McClafferty requested the provision of public toilets in Dunfanaghy and Marble Hill on a permanent basis.

2.7 Water Supply

The Committee unanimously expressed their ongoing frustration with disruptions to water supply in large parts of the MD, Boil Water Notices, and major operational difficulties in various Water Treatment Plants. The Director responded to Members concerns pertaining to Irish Water and undertook to arrange a meeting with relevant officials as recommended by the Committee.

The committee also commended staff for their tireless work throughout the holiday period.

Cllr. Gallagher requested an update on the status of the Meenderryhirk Group Water Scheme.

2.8 Dungloe Sewer

Cllr. Micheal Cholm Mac Giolla Easbuig requested an update regarding reports of unpleasant odours in the vicinity of the Main Street, Dungloe.

GMD 03/23 HOUSING

3.1 Social Housing Developments

The Committee welcomed the attendance of the SEE and Senior Executive Technician from the Construction Service and discussed their report circulated with the agenda. The Committee were advised of positive developments in relation to;

- (i) Turnkey schemes in Gweedore and Creeslough
- (ii) Completion of investigative surveys at Chapel Road, Dungloe
- (iii) Progress with Masiness, Creeslough and Glenties (Fire Station) developments

3.2 The Committee unanimously requested the Council to urgently progress the acquisition of 7 no. completed Housing Units in Annagry considering the housing crisis within the County. Cllr. Micheal Cholm Mac Giolla Easbuig stated that the actual housing need is not reflected in official housing list statistics due to restrictive eligibility criteria.

Cllr. Gallagher also requested the Council to support affordable housing and service site initiatives.

Cllr. Ó Fearraigh requested an update on;

- (i) Status of proposals for Social Housing Provision in Falcarragh and
- (ii) Status of Udáras Housing in Fintown

Cllr. McGarvey asked the Council to also progress housing developments on the Udáras estate in Gaoth Dobhair.

The SEE informed the Committee that negotiations are ongoing with landowners to acquire suitable parcels of land and that 3 no. offers are under consideration by respective landowners.

3.3 Grants

Members welcomed the progress reports circulated with the Agenda and presented by the Acting Housing Manager in relation to grant payments of €1.074 million during 2022. Cllr. Gallagher commended all staff who are contributing to the success of the Grant Schemes.

3.4 Casual Vacancies

The Committee discussed the progress report circulated previously and welcomed work in progress to expedite availability of properties.

3.5 Social Housing Support - Income Eligibility Guidelines

The Acting Housing Manager informed the Committee that Social Housing assessment (No. 3) Regulations 2022 came into operation on 1st January 2023, increasing by €5000 each of the 3 bands of maximum income limits for eligibility for Social Housing. The Committee were also advised that the Council have scope to disregard short-term, temporary, or once off income and which is outside the regular pattern of a person's annual income.

3.6 Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme

The Acting Housing Manager informed the Committee that approval has been received for deep energy retrofitting works in Ballina Estate, Falcarragh (34) and Lochán Mhuire, Annagry (6) consisting of the following works:

- Installation of air to water heat pump
- Upgrade of windows

- Removal of solid fuel appliances/chimneys
- Electrical upgrades

Houses in Burtonport, Fintown and Doochary have also been prioritised under this programme if additional funding becomes available.

The Committee commended the success of the 2022 retrofit Programme and the upgrades on 25 houses in Annagry and Ardara at a cost of €715,000.

3.7 Grants

The Members welcomed recent upgrades in Cois Cuan, Derrybeg and a planned programme of door replacements in Clós Naomh Chonail, Glenties.

3.8 Vacant Properties/Investigations

The Members commended the Housing Service for investigating reports on the status of existing tenancies in several Social Housing Units. As a result of investigations carried out, properties in the locations hereunder will become available for reletting on completion of refurbishment works:

- 1 bed unit in Gweedore
- 1 bed unit in Creeslough
- 2 bed apartment in Dunfanaghy
- 2 bed house in Glenties
- 4 bed house in Dunfanaghy

Investigations are also continuing in respect other properties throughout the MD.

Cllr. Micheal Cholm Mac Giolla Easbuig stated he is aware of Social Housing Properties being let as Airbnb's and stated that this practice is totally unacceptable.

3.9 Monthly Reports

The Members noted the following reports circulated with the Agenda:

- Gross Housing Need
- HAP Scheme
- RAS & LTL Properties
- Housing Vacancies & Offers
- Tenant Purchase Applications
- Local Authority Loans

The Acting Housing Manager responded to Cllr. Ó Fearraigh's query regarding the minimal number of loans approved in 2022.

GMD 04/23 PLANNING

4.1 The Committee noted the reports circulated with the agenda regarding;

- Development Application statistics for period ending December 2022
- Enforcement cases
- Schedule of pre-planning clinics
- Urban & Rural Regeneration & development Projects.

Cllr. Micheal Cholm Mac Giolla Easbuig expressed concern that Planning restrictions are negatively impacting on the ability of locals to remain permanently on Islands and within the Gaeltacht.

Cllr. McClafferty and Cllr. Molloy expressed similar sentiments regarding difficulties experienced by applicants living in proximity to the N56.

Cllr. Gallagher recommended the immediate re-establishments of a working group to progress matters in this regard.

4.2 Island Masterplan

Cllr. Micheal Choilm Mac Giolla Easbuig expressed frustration at the absence of a response to his request for the development of a Masterplan for Magheraroarty and Arranmore.

4.3 Foreshore Licensing

Cllr. Ó Fearraigh highlighted delays in many Marine projects due to the Foreshore Licensing Application process.

4.4 Regeneration Strategies

Cllr. Gallagher requested the Council to expedite the next phase (detailed design) of the Dungloe regeneration Strategy and the roll out of similar regeneration strategies for other towns in the MD.

GMD 05/23

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

5.1 The Committee noted the reports circulated with the Agenda and presented by Philip O’Kennedy, LEO from the Tourism Marketing Unit regarding the following:

- Economic Development Unit
- Tourism Marketing Unit
- Strategy Funding Unit
- Local Enterprise Office
- Diaspora Unit
- Emergency Services
- Trail Gazer’s Bid Project

5.6 The Committee were provided with a further verbal update on:

- Moving West on TG4 programme following the lives of families who have moved or are in the process of moving to a new home along the Atlantic Coast.
- Donegal More to Life Video highlighting scenes of home, work, and life
- Holiday World Show 2023 from 27th - 29th January

- Ukraine Enterprise Crisis Scheme
- Donegal Enterprise Award celebrating the achievements of the Small Business Sector during 2022

Cllr. Ó Fearraigh emphasised the importance of the restoration of the Donegal/Glasgow air service.

Cllr. Gallagher recommended a joint meeting with Údarás na Gaeltachta and to invite the Director of Economic Development.

GMD 06/23

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

6.1

The Committee welcomed reports presented by the Community Development Staff Officer at the meeting in relation to the following:

- Community Development Projects
- Social Inclusion
- Rural Development Programme
- Healthy Ireland
- Donegal Walks and Trails
- Donegal Youth Council

The Members were advised of the scheduling of a Rural Funding Workshop for Friday 10th February 2023 at 10 a.m. in Dungloe PSC.

Cllr. Gallagher requested an update on proposals for the relocation of the town bus stop/shelter to the car park in Dungloe and requested relevant staff to liaise with Bus operators in this regard.

Cllr. McGarvey informed the meeting of fundraising efforts by the Burtonport Railway Walk Committee and requested the Council to liaise with this group.

Cllr. Ó Fearraigh requested a review of the DFI guidelines to increase flexibility for applicants to terms of permissible funding.

Cllr. Molloy requested an update on the Bonny Glen Trail.

Cllr. Micheal Cholm Mac Giolla Easbuig requested that an Invitation issue to the Ardara Heritage Group to attend the next MD meeting and also referred to outstanding issues relating to the provision of a new boat for Tory Islanders and also referred to a meeting organised to retain Foróige services in Dungloe.

GMD 07/23

ROADS

7.1 Fintown Village Project

Members welcomed the report from Road Design circulated previously and the presentation from the Roads Manager in relation to the status of works in Fintown:

7.2 TII Allocation

The Members welcomed the recent allocation in the sum of €44,000 for the provision of a controlled pedestrian crossing on the Carnmore Road.

7.3 Road Workshops

The Members agreed to schedule two workshops on the 10th February (12 noon) and 28th February (10 a.m.).

7.4 Gritting Programme

The Members commended difficult work undertaken by Road staff during recent adverse weather conditions and also assistance provided to bereaved families to facilitate wakes.

Cllr. McGarvey highlighted dangerous conditions in the vicinity of Churches, Hospitals and Graveyards arising from severe weather. Cllr. Gallagher recommended the availability of a local emergency gritting budget.

7.5 L.I.S/Private Roads

Cllr. Ó Fearraigh commented on recent statistics outlining the high failure rate at Derrybeg Car testing Centre. Cllr. Ó Fearraigh further requested increased investment in the non-publicly funded road network and the necessity to introduce an alternative scheme to the LIS Programme due to the restrictive eligibility criteria of the latter.

7.6 Public Lighting

In response to queries from the Committee regarding public lighting repair requirements on Chapel Rd, Dungloe, the Roads Engineer undertook to liaise with the Public Lighting Engineer.

7.7 Graveyard Car Parks

Cllr. Molloy requested the Roads Service to consider improvements to Ballinacarrick Graveyard.

Cllr. Gallagher requested the Council to develop a policy pertaining to the upkeep of graveyards.

7.8 Roads Maintenance Issues

The Committee highlighted the following issues for the attention of the Roads Service:

- (i) Fence repair at Kincasslagh picnic area
- (ii) Pothole repair at back of Errigal Road
- (iii) Quay Road footpath
- (iv) Cycling/Walking Trail from Dungloe to Maghery
- (v) Crossing to Playing Field from Glenties Secondary School
- (vi) St. Peters Tce Flooding
- (vii) Meenbanad Bridge, Ranafast School, Tubberkeen Crossroads

7.9

Condolences

Cllr. Ó Fearraigh expressed sympathy to Cllr. McClafferty, Cllr. McGarvey and also Seamús Ó Domhnaill (former Councillor) following recent family bereavements.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

**REPORT FROM WORKSHOP OF
GLENTIES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE
HELD IN DUNGLOE PSC ON 23RD JANUARY 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr Anthony Molloy Cathaoirleach
Cllr. Michael McClafferty
Cllr. Noreen McGarvey
Cllr. John Sheamais Ó Fearraigh
Cllr. Micheal Cholm Mac Giolla Easbuig
Cllr. Marie Theresa Gallagher

IONAD COIS LOCHA CLG: Paul Roarty
Dermot Gallagher
Erin Gormley

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Michael Rowsome, A/Area Manager, Housing & Corporate Section
Anne Marie McCole, Staff Officer, Community Development
Mary Boyle, A/Snr. Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Section

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Clíona Ní Ghallachóir-Aistriúcháin Comhuaineach

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Molloy, welcomed the Ionad Cois Locha Committee to the Workshop.

Ionad Cois Locha Development

The Ionad Cois Locha Development made a presentation to the Members outlining a brief historical background, current initiatives including employment of a new Manager and ambitions to create a new Masterplan for the Development of the Dunlewey lakeside centre.

Members were updated regarding the negative impact of prolonged closures during the Covid pandemic.

The Deputation informed the Committee that the Masterplan will illustrate potential benefits to Dunlewey, increasing employment and enhancing the cultural, musical and Gaeltacht heritage of the surrounding area.

In order to develop the Ionad Cois Locha Centre, major funding will be required, and the deputation requested the assistance of the Members in this regard. The Members commended the quality of the Presentation, the ambition of Ionad Cois Locha Clg., and highlighted different streams of funding to assist the Centre's development.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE WORKSHOP

**REPORT FROM HOUSING WORKSHOP OF
GLENTIES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE
HELD IN DUNGLOE PSC ON 23RD JANUARY 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cllr Anthony Molloy Cathaoirleach
Cllr. Michael McClafferty
Cllr. Noreen McGarvey
Cllr. John Sheamais Ó Fearraigh
Cllr. Micheal Cholm Mac Giolla Easbuig
Cllr. Marie Theresa Gallagher

G.A.P. COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Paula Harvey
Louise Breslin O'Brien
Alison Gallagher (on behalf of Teague
McFadden)
Conor White

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Clíona Ní Ghallachóir-Aistriúcháin Comhuaineach

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Molloy, welcomed the G.A.P. Committee to the Workshop.

G.A.P.

The Donegal G.A.P. (Glenties, Ardara, Portnoo) Heritage & History Group made a detailed presentation to the Committee regarding the following;

- Establishment of Group in 2016 to research, develop, protect and promote the built, natural and cultural legacies of the area

- Inclusion in the Heritage Councils "Adopt a Monument Ireland" Scheme with Doon Fort the only western stone fort monument in Ireland situated on an island
- Ambition to bring the monument, it's landscape setting and other monuments in the vicinity from the periphery into the heart of the community
- Funding secured during the period from 2016 to date for vital restoration works
- Promotion of Doon Fort as a significant western stone fort on the Wild Atlantic Way
- Constraints on development and access to site

Members commended the efforts of the group to preserve and develop a vital national monument for future generations and undertook to support G.A.P. with their future endeavours.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE WORKSHOP



Municipal District of Glenties

14th February 2023

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 Donegal Youth Council

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 license 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, all the outstanding procurement issues have been resolved and the street furniture will be installed in Q1 of 2023
Maghery	<p>Installation of galvanized equipment storage cage, outdoor shower, street furniture and surfacing works at Maghery pier.</p> <p>Installation of camping pods, self catering kitchen, toilet / shower facilities, lighting and a beach wheelchair at Ionad an Mhachaire.</p> <p>Development of a loop walk / cycle route</p> <p>Installation of tourism information points/panels</p> <p>Development of website, promotion and branding materials</p>	Town & Village Renewal Scheme	This work is complete.
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

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Project Location	Project Details	Funded Under	Current status
Ardara	<p>Improvements to town: Improve seating along the Main St. & Front St. Provide fully wheelchair accessible picnic and resting tables in the Diamond Provide 2 bins along the Main St. and 1 no. bin along Front St. Provide additional landscaping and planting in the Diamond and Town Garden Provide 3 no. awnings at the Heritage Centre on Main St. Provide 4 no. semi mature trees The provision of a permanent tensile structure along the Riverside Walk in the centre of town providing shelter and the potential to host outdoor events. The preparation of a Health Check and a Masterplan to inform the sustainable development of Ardara and environs.</p>	<p>Town & Village Renewal Scheme</p> <p>Town & Village Renewal Scheme</p>	Work has been completed.
Railway Greenway at Muckish	<p>Section of trail to be brought to greenway standard (Phase 1)</p> <p>(Phase 2 and phase 3)</p>	ORIS	Engagement with local community ongoing. Establishing scope of works & preparation of contract documents underway
Maghery	Slí na Rossan surfacing of section	ORIS	Work is complete
Errigal	Pathway and environmental improvements	ORIS	The path is now complete, and the carpark works and fencing are outstanding

Gairdin na gCeadfai, Falcarragh	Sensory Garden and picnic area	CLÁR 2022	Initial Meeting with the group has taken place.
Rosses Park, Dungloe	Community Riverside Walk	CLÁR 2022	Initial Meeting with the group has taken place.
Pearse Park, Ardara	All weather multi Use Games Area MUGA	CLÁR 2022	Initial Meeting with the group has taken place.
Aranmore	Aranmore Gym	CLÁR 2022	Initial Meeting with the group is planned for next week.
Pobal Eascarrach	Additional carparking	CLÁR 2022	Work being undertaken by Roads Section

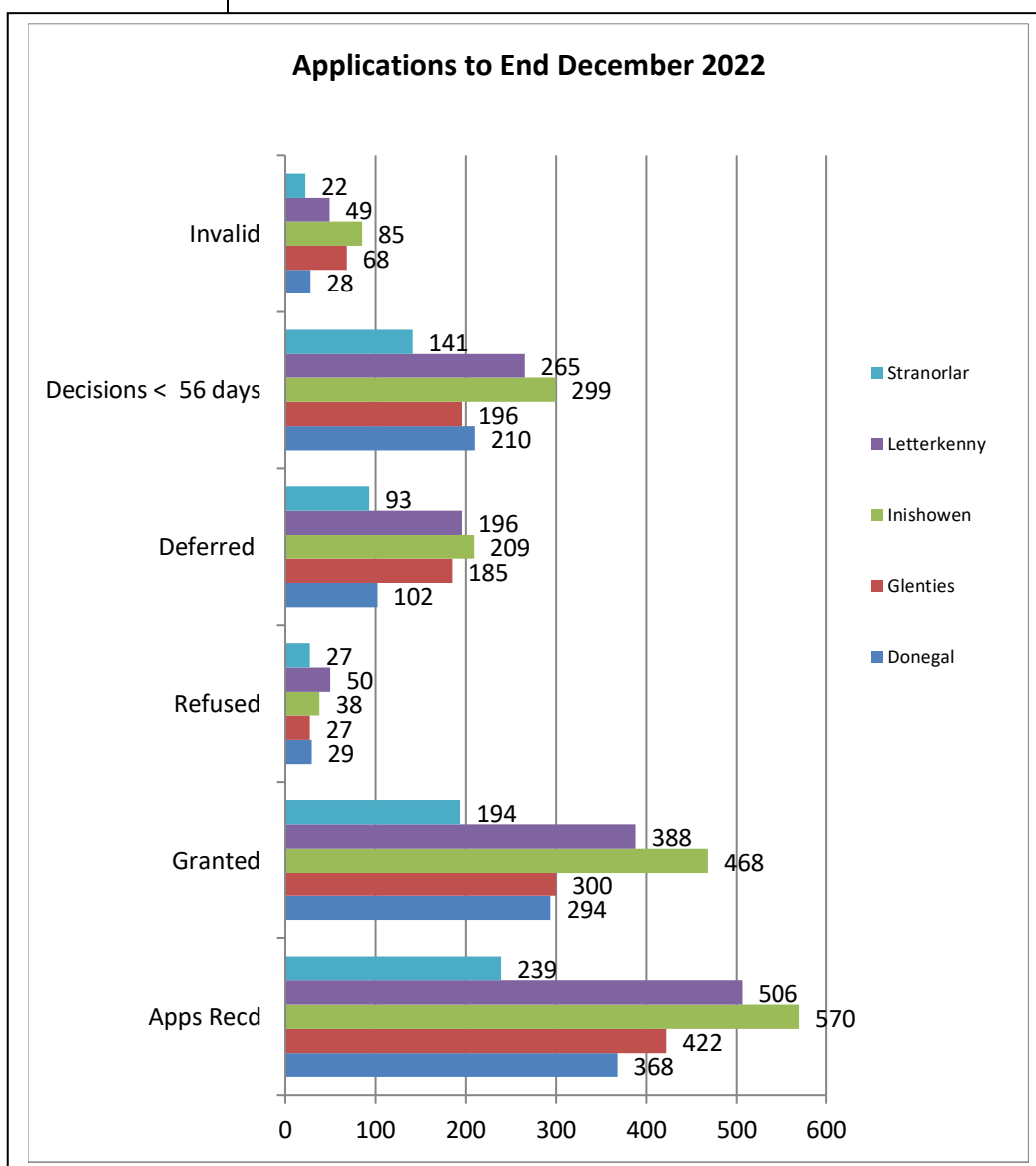
Activity / Project Title	Social Inclusion Unit
<p>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 3 -inclusive of current status</p>	<p>One Donegal - Social Inclusion Week 2023, 25 March – 1 April The week provides an opportunity to highlight the various activities undertaken locally to involve and 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>We are currently working on the programme of events for this week.</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>Africa Day 2023 Donegal will celebrate Africa Day 2023 on 27 May in Letterkenny. Africa Day represents an opportunity to acknowledge a diverse, and important group of people from 50 African countries, who enrich and make a valuable contribution to Irish society. Funding is applied for from Irish Aid at the Department of Foreign Affairs which will allow for events of art and culture, music, literature, business, food and community development to mark Africa Day in Donegal.</p> <p>We will be working closely with Intercultural Platform to develop and deliver Donegal's Africa day. Planning events of art and culture, music, literature, business, food and community development to mark Africa Day in Donegal.</p> <p>Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion Strategy Three Learning lab workshops took place exploring the deliverables of the strategy. At a Secretariat meeting it was decided to move forward with the development of a workplan for 2023. The workplan will be presented to the implementation group by mid-February at the next full implementation group meeting.</p> <p>EU Belong EU-BELONG Project enters its second year of a 3 year project. Donegal County Council is one of 11 partners in the EU-BELONG project co-funded by the European Commission through its Asylum, Migration, and Integration Fund (AMIF) Programme.</p> <p>Donegal County Council are currently delivering capacity building training on Public Sector Duty with the LA staff with the aim for it to be rolled out to all staff in the organisation. 3 pilot projects will be developed from the Black and Minority Ethnic Strategy actions.</p>
<p>Contact Person</p>	<p>Christina O'Donnell codonnell@donegalcoco.ie 0879192272</p> <p>Charles Sweeney charlesseeney@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity / Project Title File:	Donegal Youth Council
Project Description/Activity	
Budget (if applicable)	
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of the current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>The Donegal Youth Council AGM was held on the 22nd of November in the Radisson Blu hotel in Letterkenny. This year has seen a return to a face-to-face event with 109 young people present on the day representing their schools and youth services from all over Donegal. Before the event, a survey was sent out to schools and youth organisations with a list of topics they feel are most affecting the young people of Donegal. From this survey, the top six were chosen to go forward as the topics to be discussed on the day. The top six topics voted for were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mental Health ● Social Media/ Body Image ● Alcohol, drugs, tobacco and vaping ● LGBTI+ ● Equality ● Nutrition and Physical Health <p>These six topics were discussed at round tables where each table related to one of the topics. Young people were randomly assigned to 3 tables with set time at each and afterward given free time to go to any table topic they would like to add their opinion and ideas on. At each table young people were asked to voice their opinion on the issues within the topic, what needs to change, and how these changes could come about. After the discussions, young people were asked to vote for the top 3 topics they would like the Donegal Youth Council to work on in the next coming year. The 3 topics voted for were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco, and vaping ● Mental Health ● Social Media/Body Image <p><u>First Meeting:</u> The first meeting of the new Youth Council term was held on January 21st. Members of the Youth Council came together to meet in Letterkenny Library. On the day they were introduced to each other, came up with a group contract to work with each other, and were introduced to some of the many committees the Donegal Youth Council is involved with. On the day members from the Cruinniú na nÓg present to them and we now have members sit on this committee. Members also heard about the Donegal Road</p>

	<p>Safety Working Group, CYPSC and ETB. Members were selected to represent the Youth Council after the meeting.</p> <p><u>Municipal District meetings:</u> Meetings were held on zoom during the weeks of the 23rd and 30th of January. This was an opportunity for young people to meet members in their local areas and have a discussion on issues or topics that came up during their campaigns.</p> <p><u>Cruinniú na nÓg:</u> Youth Council members had their first Cruinniú meeting on the 3rd of February. The “Voice of the Child” survey has been created and has been sent out by Cruinniú. Members will discuss the best way to ensure young people get the opportunity to fill out these surveys. The next meeting will be on the 17th of February.</p> <p><u>Mind your Melon:</u> A review meeting took place with Mind Your Melon Committee members on the 27th of January. During the meeting, a review of all activities and programs held in the 2022 term was discussed. Activities and programs have been identified to run in the upcoming year with a refocus on the festival idea- to run events over a time period and progress on the website to be made. Overall, the program of events was held a success for Mind Your Melon with still some of the events to take place early this year.</p>
<p>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</p>	<p><u>Next meeting:</u> The next meeting will be held on 14th of February with the main focus being on team building and communications as a group. It is hoped from this a Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be elected during the March meeting.</p> <p><u>Progress on topics:</u> Contact has been made by the coordinator in regards to possible workshops to be conducted in relation to the 3 main topics for voted for in the AGM. An informative workshop surrounding drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and vaping is hoped to take place with Foroige Project Worker on Drugs Education & Prevention Programme. It is also planned to have workshops with Jigsaw surrounding the topics of Mental Health and Social Media/Body Image topics. Members of the Donegal Youth Council will continue to sit on committees and be supported by the coordinator. In the absence of a young person the coordinator will represent the Youth Council members and feed back to the Youth Council.</p>
<p>Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i></p>	<p>Michael McDevitt michaelmcdevitt@foroige.ie 086 603 7067</p>

Glenties MD Meeting
14th February 2023

Item	Update												
1 Development Applications													
(1) Statistics	<p>Glenties MD Totals Year to End December 2022</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Applications received</td> <td>422</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Granted</td> <td>300</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Refused</td> <td>27</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Deferred</td> <td>185</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Decided in under 2 months</td> <td>196</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Invalid</td> <td>68</td> </tr> </table>	Applications received	422	Granted	300	Refused	27	Deferred	185	Decided in under 2 months	196	Invalid	68
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Appendix A



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Regeneration & Development Team
Community Development & Planning Services

Report to February (2023) Municipal District Meetings

1.0 RURAL REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (RRDF)

1.1 EXISTING APPROVED CATEGORY 2 RRDF PROJECTS (2020)

1.1.1 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: Acquisition of the key regeneration site in Market Yard was completed by year end 2022. The Team now continues to work towards 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.

Further the public consultation period on the draft plans held in October-November 2022, the Team is continuing to engage with key stakeholders in relation to the feedback received. This includes the local Business Chamber, ESB and Bus Eireann. Good progress is being made in this regard and further arrangements will also be made for a further workshop with Members to update on this evolving consultation and design process.

1.1.2 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.

Detailed design and a tender package is now being completed by the successful consultant BDP.

The Regeneration and Development Team 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 had a total project value of €7,949,868.

On 10th November 2022 the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys announced that €6.3m had been awarded under the Fourth Call for Category 1 Projects of the RRDF for the “Ramelton Re-Imagined” regeneration Project. This represents a full award of the RRDF funding sought. Work is now continuing to complete the Detailed Design and preparation of a Tender Package for this project, together with arrangements for handover to the Capital Project Delivery Unit for onward delivery.

1.2.2 **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.

The Elected Members of the Inishowen Municipal District were updated on the status of this project at workshop on Friday 27th January 2023. It is now intended to progress this project to tender in Q1 of 2023.

1.3 **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.

On 10th November 2022 the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys announced that €6.3m had been awarded under the Fourth Call for Category 1 Projects of the RRDF for the “Ramelton Re-Imagined” regeneration Project. Work will now continue to complete the Detailed Design and preparation of a Tender Package for this project, together with arrangements for handover to the Capital Project Delivery Unit for implementation on site.

1.4 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:

1.4.2 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 and is available at [Donegal County Council \(donegalcoco.ie\)](http://Donegal County Council (donegalcoco.ie))

1.4.3 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. 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.

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

The An Clochán Liath (Dungloe) Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan was formally published, launched and circulated to Members in September 2022. The Strategy & Action Plan, and associated Town Centre Masterplan, is available to view/download online at www.donegalcoco.ie and at Council offices. 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.

1.4.5 Rathmullan RRDF Project Development work

A formal Part 8 planning scheme for this project was published on Thursday 24th November 2022. The project plans and particulars were available for inspection at County House, Lifford; Letterkenny Public Services Centre; Milford Public Services Centre and online at: www.donegalcoco.ie until Tuesday 3rd January 2022. Submissions or observations were required to be made in writing on or before 4:30pm on Wednesday 18th January 2022.

The project is a partnership with Rathmullan The Way Forward CLG. It is intended at the time of writing to bring this Part 8 before the Special Meeting of the Council on 13th February 2023 for consideration by Members and if successful to then position the project for application to future calls of the Rural Regeneration & Development Fund (RRDF) for category 1 (capital) projects.

The Members of the Letterkenny-Milford Municipal District will be updated on this project at workshop on Tuesday 7th February 2023.

1.4.6 Milford Town Centre First Plan

In late 2021 the Department of Rural and Community Development sought nominations for towns to be considered as part of the 1st Phase of the Town Centre Masterplan Initiative. Minister Heather Humphries TD subsequently announced that Milford was successful in securing €100,000 under the call. The Regeneration & Development Team is now leading on the delivery of a Town Centre First Masterplan for the Town.

In Q4 of 2022 tenders were sought for Architect Led Full Integrated Design Team, PSDP and Masterplanning Consultancy Services to prepare a Town Centre First Plan for Milford together with a statutory planning consent scheme for a selected priority project or projects which will emerge from the Town Centre First Plan. The date for the receipt of tenders closed on 7th December 2022 at 5pm.

One tender was received and the tender evaluation process is completed. At the time of writing arrangements are being made to formalize the award and launch arrangements for this project and to commence the first stage of public consultation exercises and engagements. It is anticipated that this will occur across the early weeks of February 2023.

Members of the Letterkenny-Milford MD were fully updated on this project at the workshop on Tuesday 17th January 2023.

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.

Note: Please refer to Capital Project Delivery Unit MD reporting for update as regards the public realm sub-project.

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

The Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy was officially launched on Monday 5th December 2022. This concludes the project to prepare Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy which now transitions into project specific development and implementation. The project website and all published documents are available at www.letterkenny2040.ie.

(ii) Acquisition of key town centre regeneration site.

The Donegal County Council (Letterkenny Strategic Urban Regeneration Site) CPO 2021 became operative on Tuesday 15th November 2022. Steps are at present being taken to serve Notices to Treat as soon as possible following an ongoing legal review of same. This will be followed by service of Notices to Enter without delay enabling Donegal County Council to take possession of the lands and enable the delivery of Phase 1 (Alpha/Beta) of the Strategic Urban Regeneration Site which was approved Part 8 planning consent at the Special Council meeting on 24th February 2022.

In addition, in collaboration with Housing, options are being explored as regards the business model for 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.

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

The Council's successful application to URDF Call 2, continues to progress through funding approval steps required under the Public Spending Code. This application entitled 'Letterkenny 2040 (Phase 1) 'Re-energise and Connect the Historic Town Centre' secured a provisional allocation of €13.6m match 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 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.

In relation to requisite funding approval processes under the Public Spending Code, a **Preliminary Business Case was submitted to DHLGH in March 2022 and was approved 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.*’ It also secured approval for funding uplift to take account of estimated increases as a result of inflation leading to total project value of €19.3m.

The current status of the project is that a Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy was submitted to DHLGH on 29th July 2022 and remains under review and consideration by DHLGH. A verbal update obtained from DHLGH on Friday 3rd February 2023 confirmed that the next approval stage (Decision Gate 2) is imminent. Subject to receipt of DHLGH correspondence to that effect, this will secure pre-tender approval and approval to proceed. Thereafter each project will advance at varying paces dependent on nature, scale and complexity. The Regeneration & Development Team continue to engage on a regular basis with DHLGH to secure this approval stage as a critical and priority action.

A FUNDING APPROVAL PROCESS



Alongside the above activity, a number of steps are being taken to develop each sub-project further in so far as can be achieved in advance of pre-tender approval. The table below sets out this activity. In terms of next steps for 2023, priority will be placed on advancement of acquisition interests although this will also be dependent on pre-tender approval.

Sub-project	Immediate next steps
A: The Cathedral Quarter-	See breakdown for each of the 3 elements

Sub-project	Immediate next steps
<p>Making a Creative District</p> <p>Creative Hub and Urban Parkland</p>	<p>Site-specific design concept via LKY 2040 Regeneration Strategy commission is now complete and forms part of the final publication launched 5th December 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 including formal processes to secure acquisition by agreement in relation to particular land/ property. Further progression is dependant on receipt of pre-tender approval by DHLGH.</p> <p>It is intended to commence topographical survey where landowners have given permission to do so.</p>
<p>Market Square</p>	<p>Donegal County Council approved a Part 8 proposed development in respect of 'Letterkenny 2040-Reimagined Market Square' at a Special Council meeting on 26th October 2022.</p> <p>The next step in the delivery of the project is dependent on receipt of pre-tender approval by DHLGH and will involve the procurement of an architect-led design team to progress Detailed Design stage, followed by procurement of Construction Contractor.</p> <p>Following receipt of pre-tender approval, this project will handover to the Capital Projects Delivery Unit with continued feed in from the Regeneration & Development Team as regards the design elements of the development.</p>
<p>Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme</p>	<p>This project will be packaged with the 'Creative Hub and Urban Parkland' as regards Architect-led design and supervision team and is dependent on receipt of pre-tender approval by DHLGH.</p> <p>Part 8 is already secured through the work of Roads & Transportation and will be reviewed as part of the overall design process package with specific consideration to accessibility/threshold treatment.</p>
<p>B: Strategic acquisition in Lower Main Street</p>	<p>Site-specific design concepts for a number of Lower Main Street locations via LKY 2040 Regeneration Strategy commission are now complete and form part of the final publication launched on 5th December 2022.</p> <p>Landowner consultation RE acquisition pathways has commenced including formal processes to secure acquisition by agreement in relation to particular land/ property. Further progression is dependant on receipt of pre-tender approval by DHLGH.</p> <p>Further engagement with Donegal Youth Service and Letterkenny Youth Club on future project development has also commenced inclusive of a meeting to agree collaboration in principle followed by site walk-around. The onward design of the project to Part 8 stage forms part of the future work programme of the Regeneration and Development Team to be advanced in Q3/Q4 of 2023 and subject to</p>

Sub-project	Immediate next steps
	<p>resources.</p> <p>In addition, the Regeneration Team is collaborating with Housing Design as regards a social housing scheme at Lower Main Street.</p>
C: Revival at the Courthouse	<p>Draft terms of reference are currently being prepared and reviewed for consultancy services to undertake a 'Product Identification/Visitor Experience Plan' to define the nature of proposed tourist attraction. The opening of tendering process in this regard is dependent on receipt of pre-tender approval by DHLGH.</p> <p>The Draft Terms of Reference include for engagement with Members at MD level and are being informed by ongoing consultation with Failte 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> <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>
Sub-Project D: Enabling a Regional Transport Hub	<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 and forms part of the LKY 2040 Regeneration Strategy launched on 5th December 2022. This work has assisted in connecting with potential landowners affected.</p> <p>The Design Concept will inform acquisition processes and landowner consultation will now formally commence. Further progression is dependent on receipt of pre-tender approval by DHLGH.</p> <p>The Team continue to work to engage with Bus Eireann following an initial meeting in March 2022 and informal engagement in December 2022. In addition, steps are being taken to collaborate with NTA in this regard and to consider the potential funding mechanism that may be available to take the project beyond a land acquisition stage as per the provisional URDF allocation and to move into design stages.</p>
Sub- project E: LK Green Connect	<p>Through the LKY 2040 Regeneration Strategy commission, a Design Concept in respect of LK Green Connect is now complete. 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 acquisition interests supported under URDF as regards LK Green Connect.</p> <p>In addition, further phases of LK Green Connect will be advanced as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Early design work using in-house resources has commenced (January 2023) on Part 8 proposed development in respect of Phase 2 to link LK Green Connect walking and cycling infrastructure at Phase 1 (currently under construction) to Pearse Road. This would in due course secure Phase 2 to shovel ready status. Given the early stage in the design process, the timeline for publication of the Part 8 is yet to be confirmed and is subject to capacity of staff resources across

Sub-project	Immediate next steps
	<p>both URDF and RRDF programmes. The preferred scenario is to publish a part 8 by Q3 2023. Workshops at MD level will be arranged as this project develops.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Publication of a Part 8 proposed development in respect of the 'Cultural Corridor' section of LK Green Connect is progressing and is at an advanced state of readiness for presentation to Letterkenny MD workshop in February/March 2023. Part 8 is being prepared with the support of Pasparakis Friel Architects appointed to provide Part 8 drawings while the Regeneration and Development Team will manage and lead all other elements of the Part 8 process including AA and EIA screening and Roads related elements of the project. This also includes consultation with the Cultural Partners (An Grianan Theatre, the Regional Cultural Centre and Donegal County Museum) and will provide for a long-term public realm scheme at the front of An Grianan Theatre and also for enhancements to the Boxing Club lane. In parallel, focussed efforts are being made as regards lease agreement in relation to Letterkenny Tennis Club which is targeted to be closed out prior to publication of Part 8 proposed development. 3. 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 and following receipt of pre-tender approval by DHLGH.

2.3 URDF Call 3 launched

On Monday 30th January 2023, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien TD, published the new Vacant Homes Action Plan and also launched a new €150 million funding available under the URDF for local authorities to tackle vacancy and dereliction to support the plan.

Limited information is currently available in relation to the parameters and terms of Call 3 and further information is expected at Regional workshops and at an online plenary workshop for Local Authority staff on 15th February 2023. The information known to date in relation to the scheme is outlined below:

- Not a traditional URDF call or a competitive process as per previous calls.
- 3rd round to operate as a dedicated revolving fund to tackle long term vacant and derelict buildings and sites
- Allocations will be determined following regional workshops
- Eligibility criteria and parameters will be determined following engagement with local authority sector
- **Fund will cover (i) acquisition costs and (ii) any civil or design works which may be required to de-risk or improve the site/building to make it more attractive for reuse, development by others or onward sale.**
- Fund will replenish with proceeds received from end use/user
- **3rd call should not be seen as another social/affordable housing programme.** It is intended to address vacant/derelict buildings that

are problematic but which may not be viable for social housing schemes

- Where LA has identified a site or building for social/affordable housing, funding should be sought using existing funding programmes run by the Departments Housing Divisions.
- The revolving fund should only be used for a social/affordable housing projects where it was not originally earmarked for such use but where that ultimately becomes the preferred use.
- 4th call will be made available later in 2023 focused on pipeline projects that have emerged from masterplanning exercises carried out under calls 1 and 2 and to support settlements that have not yet received the level of funding required for their status under NPF.

The next steps are that 3 appendices must be completed and returned by Friday 10th March. Thereafter regional workshops will be organized during late March/ early April 2023. The requested information to be returned to URDF by 10th March is:

1. Updates on call 1 and 2 funded projects
2. Details on the number and type of long term and/or derelict buildings/sites in LK which may be suitable for activation under the revolving fund. Provide yield in residential numbers. Submit the value of revolving fund that should be considered.
3. Review previous staffing submission.

Following regional workshops, DHLGH advise that Local Authorities will be notified on final eligibility criteria, reporting requirements and funding allocation in Q2 2023.

Following the online plenary meeting, it is proposed to explore the potential of Call 3 further with Members by means of MD workshop.

2.4 ‘The Eat Out’ Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Project, Letterkenny

A Chief Executives Report in relation to the consultation process on the ‘Eat Out,’ Letterkenny was considered at the Plenary Council meeting on 28th November 2022 at which time Donegal County Council decided to approve the proposed development in accordance with plans and particulars published 15th September 2022.

This project is being progressed to site by Community Development with a significant level of input from the Regeneration & Development Team continuing. The Paul Hogarth Company has been appointed to progress the next stage of Detailed Design leading to delivery on site. A site meeting to commence this stage took place in Monday 23rd January 2023. Target timeline for completion of this project is end of Q2 2023.

2.5 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
February 2023

Appendix B



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CAPITAL PROJECTS DELIVERY UNIT

Community Development and Planning Services

Report to Glenties Municipal District Members: February 2023

Activity / Project Title	Burtonport Redevelopment Scheme – Phase 1																
<p>Project Description/Activity</p>	<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="632 1756 1538 2033"> <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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	8	Fencing
	9	Installation of street lighting
	10	Installation of street furniture
	11	Creation of car parking areas
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, with street lighting being the only outstanding element required for substantial completion.</p> <p>The lighting poles are in place and awaiting delivery of the lighting unit.</p> <p>It is anticipated that these will be in place and operational by the end of February 2023.</p>	
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<p>It is anticipated that the works will be substantially complete by the end of February 2023.</p>	
Contact Person(s)	Ardal McDermott, A/ Senior Executive Engineer	

Appendix C

Activity / Project Title	Burtonport Redevelopment Scheme – Phase 2
<p>Project Description/Activity</p>	<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 Árinn Mhór (Arranmore Island) 'Harbour to Island' Regeneration Project for the regeneration of Burtonport (Ailt an Chorráin) and Arranmore (Oileán Árinn 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 Árinn 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 Árinn 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</p> <p>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 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>
<p>Budget</p>	<p>€2.3m</p>
<p>Progress to date within</p>	<p>MH Associates Ltd. are the lead architect for the scheme and have</p>



the last quarter - inclusive of current status	<p>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	<p>It is anticipated that detailed design will be progressed to completion with tender documents being produced by end of December 2022.</p>
Contact Person(s)	<p>Ardal McDermott, A/ Senior Executive Engineer Brendan O'Donnell, A/ Senior Engineer</p>



ENVIRONMENT REPORT – February ‘23

WASTE AND LITTER MANAGEMENT

<p>Activity / Project Title</p>	<p>Businesses in Donegal Town to join the “Green Hub” pilot initiative from Donegal County Council and MyWaste.</p>
<p>Project Description/Activity</p>	<div data-bbox="690 714 1144 892" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Donegal Town has been selected as one of 6 pilot towns nationally and the only one in County Donegal to become a “Green Hub”. This is a pilot initiative delivered by MyWaste and Donegal County Council.</p> <p>The Council is collaborating with the Donegal ETB, the Donegal Local Enterprise Office with support from the Donegal Community Chamber and the Donegal Town Business Focus group.</p> <p>The pilot aims to help businesses to maximise the segregation of the business waste and have a positive engagement with staff by utilising the MyWaste Business resources available from https://www.mywaste.ie/business/. These resources are available to order free of charge and include information posters, information stickers for bins, video animations and testimonials.</p> <p>Over the 6 next months, Donegal County Council will work with local businesses and organisations to incorporate the use of these resources into their business. The Council is collaborating with the Donegal ETB and the Donegal LEO office both of which have a number of programmes and courses available for businesses.</p> <p>Donegal Town Green Hub Pilot Launch - Save the Date: A breakfast launch of this initiative will take place on 28th February 8.00am – 9.30am in The Abbey Hotel, Donegal Town.</p> <p>We look forward to working with local businesses and organisations on making this exciting initiative a success.</p>
<p>Contact Person</p>	<p>Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer sbogan@donegalcoco.ie</p>

WATER QUALITY

Activity / Project Title	Public Service Announcements (PSA's)
Description/ Activity	<p>Donegal County Council would like to remind farmers to follow good agricultural practice for the land spreading of slurry from the 1st February. Farmers & contractors should pay attention to the weather forecast & not apply slurry or digestate to land which is waterlogged, flooded, likely to flood or if rain is forecast within 48 hours. Avoid spreading within 5 metres of any drain or 25 metres from a well, spring or borehole used for drinking water. As of this year, all pig slurry must be applied using low emission slurry spreading equipment.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Joe Ferry joe.ferry@donegalcoco.ie</p>



Activity / Project Title	Septic tanks - National Inspection Plan
Description/ Activity	<p>The septic tank inspection programme for 2023 will commence shortly, with 107 inspections across the county planned for this year. All homeowners are asked to check the condition of their systems and organise for basic maintenance & desludging to be carried out.</p> <p>Septic tanks registered prior to the date as set down in the regulations, (1st February 2013) are eligible for the grant funding to repair faulty systems.</p> <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 – Glashagh Lower catchment in March/April • Inishowen MD –Crana catchment in March • Donegal MD – Mountcharles catchment in February • Glenties MD – Gweedore area in April/May
Contact Person	<p>Joe Ferry joe.ferry@donegalcoco.ie</p>



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Donegal County Council

Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services Directorate

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1. Division: Economic Development

1.1 Economic Development Unit

Project / Activity Report

Title	Economic Development Unit
Countywide	<p>Relocation Marketing Campaign: A relocation marketing campaign to attract talent nationally and from overseas will kick off w/c Jan 30th supported by two showreel videos and testimonials from those who have relocated, to encourage people to #MoveToDonegal. This campaign includes a videos aimed showcasing Donegal as the ideal place for a work-life balance an career opportunities, with press feature testimonials on those who have made the move to Donegal including Niamh Mc Laughlin (Donegal Women’s GAA), Iain Miller (Unique Ascent), Jacqueline Glackin (Author), Shaun Murrin (Engineer). All informaiton on the campaign including these elements are available on: https://donegal.ie/move</p> <p>The Economic Development Unit would be delighted if the Councillors could support the campaign by liking and sharing the video and content we are sharing across social media.</p> <p>Property Solutions: The team is progressing 12 property solution opportunities across the county. These are queries relating to the purchase of council owned lands for Economic Development purposes.</p> <p>Caravan, Camping and Campervan Study: recommendations from the Caravan, Camping and Campervan study are being implemented along with internal and external stakeholders. This includes a review of Aire de Service locations, grant support for overnight facilities and the updating of marketing information for the sector. Partners are currently reviewing work completed in 2022 and planning for 2023.</p> <p>Remote Working Strategy: The first Donegal Hubs Forum meeting took place in 2023 online on the 18th of January with a new Cathaoirleach Míchéal Ó Duibhir from Gteic@Gaoth Dobhair.</p>

#BuyDonegal 2022: #BuyDonegal 2022 has concluded supporting over 350 businesses to showcase Donegal business to a global audience. The campaign reached 7.5 million across social media with 97% of businesses, who provided campaign feedback, stated a willingness to participate in a future such campaign.

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	57,300	4,481 (+58)
Twitter	12,242	2,697 (+255)
Instagram	4,551	3,718 (+58)
Facebook	154,189	1,833 (+28)
Donegal.ie	3.6K Web Users (4 weeks 29 Dec – 26 Jan)	

4 News Items Published

Shared Island: Donegal County Council were awarded funding for a series of new innovative projects under the Irish Government's Shared Island Local Authority Development Funding Scheme and will be working in partnership with Derry City and Strabane District Council and Fermanagh and Omagh District Council in the coming year. The Economic Development Unit will be leading out on four projects and are currently scoping requirements for feasibility assessment and governance structures, in preparation for procurement of consultants in early 2023.

- **The North West Regulatory Tech Cluster project** is a proposal to develop an all-island national institute in Regulatory Technology ('RegTech') in the North West. DCC will work with Derry City and Strabane District Council, Catalyst, ATU and other partners to develop campuses in both Letterkenny and Derry. A project manager for two Shared Island projects (Slí Cholmcille and RegTech) was appointed on 5th December 2022 to drive the process forward. An industry engagement took place on 1 February to help shape the project with 31 participants.

- **Innovation Plaza** to develop cross-border enterprise opportunities in sectors such as renewable energy, advanced manufacturing & engineering and agri-food. Initial project scoping has been carried out which will lead into preparation for procurement of consultants in early February 2023.
- **Regenerative Tourism** involving engagement with the region's place, past and people, seeking to attract high-yield environmentally conscious visitors. DCC are working with Fermanagh and Omagh District Council. The project scoping requirements for feasibility assessment and governance structures are currently underway in preparation for procurement of consultants in early February 2023.
- **Slí Cholmcille Project** is a proposed 250 km pilgrimage route linking key Colmcille related sites across Donegal and Derry, with the ambition to link across NI to Scotland. DCC will work with Derry City & Strabane District Council and Slí Cholmcille CLG to undertake the feasibility assessment which will include route development, identification of capital investment, costings and designs as well as an economic appraisal and business case

North West City Region: 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.

- **Inward Investment Strategy:** both councils are finalising the development of pitch propositions focusing on key investment sectors. These propositions will form the basis of future promotion of the region for inward investment and will articulate the competitive strengths and opportunities in the region.
- **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. Both Councils are currently working with key stakeholders to identify how best to target employers and employees to engage with online surveys.
- **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. Both Councils conducted joint communications to promote the Investment Event held in Dublin and are working as part of the proposition development for future events.

	<p>You can follow respective LinkedIn and Twitter Platforms : @NorthWestCityRegionIreland</p> <p>Atlantic Economic Corridor: The Donegal County Council are working with Local Authority partners along the western coast to progress mutually beneficial projects and initiatives around economic development.</p> <p>The EDU are currently working with the WDC to ensure complementarity between the Councils Relocation Campaign and the WDCs “More to Life” campaign, which are both promoting Donegal as a relocation option for the diaspora and those interested in moving to the Western Seaboard.</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 including broadband connectivity. 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>

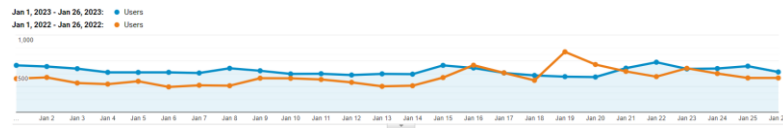
1.2 Tourism Marketing Unit

Project / Activity Report

Countywide	<p>Online & social media updates – Go Visit Donegal</p> <p>End of Year Stats Report for the govisitdonegal.com website and social media is being prepared. Information will be provided at the next MD meeting.</p> <p>Year to Date Stats - 1st January until 2023</p> <p>Social media performs strongly in January across all our social platforms.</p> <p>Website traffic 1st – 26th January vs the same period in 2022</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="462 1743 1442 1902"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>YTD</th> <th>Performance vs same period in 2022</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Page Views</td> <td>34,264</td> <td>+18.8%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Users</td> <td>13,000</td> <td>+19.3%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		YTD	Performance vs same period in 2022	Page Views	34,264	+18.8%	Users	13,000	+19.3%
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Currently we are encouraging potential visitors to start planning their holiday and choose Donegal as their unforgettable destination in 2023.

Website views by country: (Traffic came from 92 countries in total)

Top 10 Countries (1st-26th January 2023):

Country	Users	% Users
1. Ireland	5,511	42.14%
2. United Kingdom	4,209	32.19%
3. United States	1,502	11.49%
4. China	266	2.03%
5. Germany	198	1.51%
6. Canada	189	1.45%
7. Australia	159	1.22%
8. (not set)	126	0.96%
9. France	125	0.96%
10. Netherlands	104	0.80%

Tourism Brochure 2023: A new 64 page, A5 tourism brochure has been designed for 2023. 10,000 copies of this brochure have been printed and will be distributed across the county. The brochures will be distributed to several tourism partners including Donegal, Derry, Belfast and Ireland West airports, tourist offices in the North West, ferry ports and main tourist attractions/visitor centres across the county.

A flipbook has been created on the govisitdonegal.com website. Brochures are a very valuable tool and allows for easy demonstrations of the county and its visitor attractions.

Holiday World 2023: Donegal's wealth of tourist attractions has been brought to the attention of thousands of people who visited the Holiday World Shows in the RDS in Dublin from the 27th to 29th January. Donegal Tourism hosted a 'Donegal Street' of stands.

Over 20 tourism sector representatives attended the show to promote their respective areas. The stand was well designed with professional imagery of

our most iconic attractions such as Sliabh Liag, Fanad Lighthouse and Malin Head.

Having a wide variety of representatives from across the county ensured that visitors could find the information they needed about specific areas with local knowledge and expertise on hand to advise.

TBEX: Patti Hosking from TBEX in the USA visited Donegal in December with a view to Donegal being a potential host to this worldwide conference (online content creators/bloggers/influencers) in Donegal.

As a result of a successful assessment of the counties amenities a formal bid is not being compiled and a decision will be reached in the coming months.

Donegal Airport Marketing Collaboration: The Tourism Unit continues to support Donegal Airport to promote the Go Visit Donegal brand through an advertising campaign at the airport. This campaign will run from January – December 2023 and include:

- An online banner on the Donegal airport website creating brand awareness and generating click-throughs to the website govisitdonegal.com.
- 2no. 4m x 1m lightboxes. (One in waiting area and another luggage claim) for 12 months.

Tourism Seminar: The annual Donegal tourism seminar will be held on Thursday, March 30, location TBC.

This year's seminar theme is 'Emerging Trends and Opportunities in Tourism'. This industry event is a unique opportunity to come together, learn, and network. Key speakers are currently being secured and a save the date has been distributed to tourism trade throughout the county.

TIDE Project: A six-month extension has been awarded on the project with additional outputs to continue to develop the experiences which includes models of the ship Saldanha.

Information panels for sites at Fanad, Dunree and Greencastle were installed in December.


	<p>Donegal Tourism Marketing Campaign: Donegal County Council invited suitably qualified service providers, through etenders, to tender for the design, development and delivery of a marketing campaign for Spring and Autumn 2023.</p> <p>The tender is currently advertised on the etenders platform from 4th January 2023 – 3rd February 2023. A successful company will be appointed in the coming weeks.</p> <p>North West City Region: The tourism unit continue to collaborate with DCSDC on promoting the North West City Region. Staff from both council areas are working to deliver a targeted tourism marketing campaign.</p> <p>A Spring marketing campaign is in planning to promote and position the North West Region of Derry ~ Londonderry and Donegal as a ‘must-see’ short break destination of choice for the domestic market of NI and ROI during 2023.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Sarah Nolan Acting Head of Tourism sarahnolan@donegalcoco.ie 087 2691977</p>

1.3 1.3 Trail Gazers Bid Project

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* -	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>inclusive of current status</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. <p>SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS</p> <p>Website: www.trailgazers.eu</p> <p>Facebook: www.facebook.com/TrailgazersB</p> <p>Twitter: twitter.com/hashtag/TrailGazers</p> <p>Instagram: www.instagram.com/trail.gazers</p> <p>https://www.linkedin.com/company/trailgazers</p> <p>#TrailGazers</p> <p>PROGRESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work has commenced on Trail Gazers final project reporting and claim (project end date for administration purposes 31st March 2023). • Trail Gazers is delighted to have been successful with a Slaintecare Application (end of December) in order to carry out some of the
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	<p>recommendations raised following our accessibility audit. Procurement will commence shortly to address some of the issues raised.</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trail Gazers Toolkit – The Legacy has now been completed and will be available on our website for any groups or organisations to use in relation to their trails. This toolkit can be adapted to inform policy makers with a framework that identifies the required levels of investment, programming and management required to assist trails to become more economically and socially driven, thus increasing and attracting more visitors to trails.
<p>Project Targets for the next quarterly* reporting period</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch Project Toolkit. Final project claim and reports. Final infrastructural works to be carried out under our Slaintecare application.
<p>Contact Person</p>	<p>Mary McBride</p> <p>marymcbride@donegalcoco.ie</p>

1.4 Strategic Funding Unit

Project / Activity Report

<p>Title</p>	<p>Strategic Funding Unit – exploring EU and National Funding Opportunities that support the objectives set out in the Donegal County Council Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024</p>
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<p>Countywide</p>	<p>SFU Webinars & E-mail Newsletter: The SFU is working on a communications plan for 2023, which will incorporate a series of webinars and a monthly e-mail newsletter sharing information on EU and National funding opportunities.</p> <p>TOURBO Tourism Project Success: SFU in collaboration with the Tourism Unit has been successful in joining an Interreg Europe transnational consortium led by Seville Chamber of Commerce, to deliver the TOURBO project which will boost the transition pathway of MSMEs (Micro Small & Medium Size Enterprises) in tourism with green and digital transformation known as the ‘Twin Transition’. The project will include analysis of the tourism sector in terms of green and digital skills/capabilities, training for MSME’s, pilot actions such as new technology trials and knowledge/expertise exchanges.</p> <p>SFU and Local Authority Funding Strategy 2023: The SFU is working with the <i>North West Regional Assembly</i> on developing a Local Authority Funding Strategy 2023 as a guide to maximising opportunities arising from the current EU funding programme period of 2021 – 2027.</p> <p>YOUTHopia- Generating Perspectives for Cohesion: Following the launch of the "YOUTHopia- Generating Perspectives for Cohesion" project, Donegal County Council will be working on a proposal to host a ‘future fair’, an event showcasing the opportunities in the North West for young people including skills and education, employment and entrepreneurship. The European Year of Skills will be 2023. This project will also include a 4-day training workshop in June 2023 where young people can participate in a training programme in media and communication skills delivered by international media agency Café Babel.</p> <p>Enterprise Week 2023 – YOUTHopia Webinar: As part of the YOUTHopia project, the SFU will be hosting a webinar in March 2023 as part of Enterprise Week themed around youth opportunities in the North West City Region in terms of skills and education, employment and entrepreneurship promoting the area as an innovative ecosystem where young people have opportunities to forge fulfilling careers and lifestyles.</p>
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	<p>Exploration of EU Funding Opportunities with the North West Tertiary Education Cluster (NWTEC): The SFU continues to liaise with representatives of the NWTEC to discuss potential collaboration on EU funding opportunities including engagement in the YOUTHopia project in 2023.</p> <p>FLAG Board: The SFU will represent the Council on the FLAG Board. A meeting is planned for Friday 27th January to assess project applications under the Brexit Blue Economy Enterprise Development Scheme.</p> <p>Project Partnership & Development: The SFU is exploring a number of project opportunities under the Atlantic Area Programme and is liaising with Council staff and other potential partners on project concepts related to air quality, green infrastructure, fishing sector ecosystem innovation and tourism.</p> <p>Other areas of work include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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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1.5 Donegal Diaspora Unit

Project / Activity Report

Title	Donegal Diaspora Unit
Countywide	<p>Tip O’Neill Irish Diaspora Awards 2023: A consultation exercise with the O’Neill family has been completed for the Tip O’Neill Irish Diaspora Awards 2023. A provisional date of 16th September 2023 has been agreed upon, with procurement to commence in early 2023. The first Tip O’Neill Committee Meeting of 2023 is scheduled for Friday, 3rd February.</p>

	<p>Donegal Connect 2023 / 2024: Plans for 2023 have already commenced and dates are hoped to be agreed upon, in conjunction with the Tip O’Neill Irish Diaspora Awards, over the coming weeks. A funding application for the Global Irish Festival Series 2024 is also due for submission in Q1 2023.</p> <p>Donegal Diaspora Website / Social Media: A communications plan on the use of the Diaspora website and associated Diaspora social media channels is currently taking place. <i>Donegal Diaspora social media statistics as of 30/01/2023 are as follows:</i></p> <p>LinkedIn – 1,138 (up 15) connections</p> <p>Twitter – 4,009 (up 1) followers</p> <p>Facebook – 5,535 (down 215) followers (due to Bot removal)</p> <p>Instagram – 270 (up 8) followers</p> <p>Scottish Diaspora: A meeting was held between the Diaspora Officer, Packie Bonner and the Tourism Ireland representative in Scotland in January 2023 with the aim of establishing a strong Diaspora network within key Scottish cities such as Glasgow, Edinburgh and Dundee. Further meetings are scheduled for planned collaborations in 2023.</p> <p>Relocation Campaign: The Relocation Campaign ‘Donegal is Calling’ was launched on January 30th. There is a strong focus on encouraging members of our Diaspora to consider a return home to Donegal, whilst also encouraging others considering relocation here. Leveraging existing Diaspora networks will be key for disseminating messaging. The campaign is scheduled to run until May 2023.</p>
<p>Contact Person</p>	<p>Eoin Leonard Diaspora Officer Mobile: +353 (87) 360 5678 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.</p> <p>Further information available here - localenterprise.ie/donegal</p> <p>Contact number: 074-9160735</p>

Outline of Work	<p>General Overview – Highlights:</p> <p><u>Summary of January 2023 Outputs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant Aid – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Next EVAC meeting taking place on 23/2/2023 • Trading Online Vouchers – 3 Businesses approved support to a value of €6,698 • Mentoring YTD – 4 Businesses have received this support • Training – 34 Business Attendees YTD. • Student Enterprise Programme – The latest programme began in September for this academic year. 769 Donegal students are participating in 15 schools. <p><u>Upcoming Programmes:</u></p> <p>Scale-X Accelerator</p> <p>Scale-X Accelerator is an 11-week Accelerator Programme which is targeted at start up entrepreneurs with the potential for fast. 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.</p> <p>Who is eligible?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any founder(s) with ambitions to grow their business globally.
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- 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-X/>

The programme is **FREE** and will begin in April 2023.

National Enterprise Awards

Silver Strand Ropes, based in Moville, was chosen prior to Christmas to represent Donegal at the National Enterprise Awards to be held in the Mansion House in Dublin on 1st June, 2023. The National Enterprise Awards is a national competition open to any LEO that has availed of Measure 1 / other grant aid supports or completed a LEAN programme in 2022.

Award categories include the following:

- **Export**
- **Innovation**
- **Start-Up**
- **One to Watch**
- **Green & Sustainability**

Enterprise Week

The 2023 Enterprise Week is taking place on 6th to 10th March and this year the theme is “Be Inspired” with events taking place throughout the County. Enterprise Week will be officially launched on 17th February, 2023.

Ongoing Programmes:

Digital Start

YTD – 4 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 and 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

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 will show them small changes that can have a big impact on their company.

Developing a 'greener' policy can offer many benefits to businesses, 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

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:

- The Food Coast Strategy Review is close to completion and should be finalised in February.
- 10 Donegal food and drink producers are travelling on 19th February, 2023, to St Joseph's University in Philadelphia for a week long programme in Food Marketing where they will have the opportunity to attend executive lectures and field trips.

Creative Coast Donegal

Creative Coast Donegal's 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 on the local economy in terms of job creation, as well as being pro-active and competitive on an international stage.

There are currently 204 members of the Creative Coast Donegal network. These members are creative business owners throughout Donegal from various sectors within the Creative industry.

The LEO Donegal and external consultants are in the final stages of developing a 3-year action plan for the creative industry in Donegal.

Donegal Engineering Cluster

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

- 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.

The Donegal Engineering Cluster Executive, Maura Toner, who was appointed in September, 2022, on a 3-year contract, is continuing to

engage with engineers and other stakeholders to assess the opportunities for the sector and their current challenges. A needs analysis which will be circulated in the coming weeks.

Upcoming Activities:

- 4 week Start Your Own Business Programme – Online – 7th February
- Trading Online Voucher Workshop – 8th February
- Information Session Scale X Accelerator programme - 8th February

All bookings can be made here:

<https://www.localenterprise.ie/Donegal/Training-Events/Online-Bookings/>

Donegal Stories: Website highlighting the businesses of Donegal that have been supported by the LEO. <https://donegalstories.ie/>

Emergency Humanitarian Scheme to Small Businesses affected by the Explosion in Creeslough.

The local Enterprise Office continues to support the Red Cross with the scheme to provide Emergency Humanitarian Support to Small Businesses affected by the Explosion in Creeslough. The Scheme closed for applications on 13 January 2023.

This scheme provides an ex-gratia emergency humanitarian support contribution towards business losses as a result of the explosion in Creeslough on 7th October and the subsequent road closure. The scheme targeted at small businesses (up to 20 employees) and will have two stages:

1. The first stage provided a single once-off contribution towards the damage or other losses of up to a maximum of €5,000.
2. For the businesses which incurred significant losses above €5,000, the second stage will provide a means to seek further support.

However, this will be a more lengthy process requiring a more detailed assessment. The total level of support available for both stages combined will generally not exceed €20,000. However, claims in excess of the overall cap will be considered exceptionally on a case-by-case basis, subject to availability of overall budget for the scheme.

	To date, 22 businesses have received €96,740 in support under the first stage of the Scheme. 6 Businesses have also sought support under the second stage of the Scheme and these applications will be evaluated over the coming weeks.
Contact Person	Brenda Hegarty, Head of Enterprise Local Enterprise Office 074 9160735 Brenda.Hegarty@leo.donegalcoco.ie

3. Emergency Services: Fire Service

Project / Activity Report

Fire Service Monthly MD Report (December)

Activity	Number of: (December)*		Total for year	
<u>Fire Service Operations</u>				
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	87		827	
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	98		935	
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	12		93	
<u>Operational Activity Breakdown December 2022</u>	Turnouts		Incidents in County	
	Fires	Special Services	Fires	Special Services
Donegal Fire Service	49	49	38	39
Northern Ireland Fire Service	5	7	3	7

Sub Total	54	56	41	46
Total	110		87	
<u>Fire Prevention</u>				
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	6		173	
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	46		N/A	
Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from Applicant / Agent:	63		N/A	
Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	9		116	
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	0		9	
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	0		3	
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	5		50	
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	7		204	
Fire Safety Complaints received:	4		23	
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	3		19	
During Performance Inspections carried out:	0		4	
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	0		79	

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

**GLENTIES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
MEETING
14th February 2023**

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. Discuss and Adopt Programmes evolving from Workshop 1 dated 10th February including:-**
 - Restoration Improvement 2023**
 - Restoration Maintenance 2023**
 - Community Involvement Schemes 2023**
 - Drainage Programme 2023.**

AGREED - 2023 Restoration Improvement (RI) Programme - Falcarragh RSS Area - Feb 2023

Ref	Road ID	Description	Treatment	Length (m)	Width (m)	Total Cost
2023-1	R-251-14	Back of Errigal Road - Continuation of 2022 Scheme in Townland of Devlin	Bitmac + SMA	750	7.0	€205,000.00
2023-2	R-256-3	Muckish Road - Continuation of 2022 Scheme towards Termon direction	Bitmac + SMA	400	5.0	€75,000.00
2023-3	R-245-26	Carrigart Road - From N56 Jct towards Carrigart	Bitmac + SMA	400	5.5	€80,000.00
2023-4	L-1123-2	Cashnagor Road - from Baltoney Road to Cashel Na nGor NS	Bitmac + SD	550	3.5	€50,000.00
2023-5	L-1113-2	Ballintemple Road - Continuation of 2022 Scheme towards Sroughan Jct	Bitmac + SD	700	4.0	€75,000.00
2023-6	L-3263-2 & 1	Murroe Road - Continuation from 2022 Scheme to meet previous Purt Scheme	Bitmac + SD	1000	4.0	€100,000.00
2023-7	L-3213-1	Hornhead Road - From N56 Junction towards Hornhead	Bitmac + SD	400	6.0	€60,000.00
2023-8	L-1282-1	Kildarragh Road - Continuation of 2022 Scheme towards Filter House	Bitmac + SD	650	4.5	€78,581.00
2023-9	L-1262-3	Kilmacloo Road - Continuation of 2022 Scheme towards Muckish Road	Bitmac + SD	600	4.0	€65,000.00
2023-10	L-1332-1	Owencarrow Road - From N56 Drumnaraw Crossroads to met 2020 RI Scheme (Mesh Required)	Bitmac + SD	600	5.0	€85,000.00
					Total	€873,581

Agreed - 2023 Restoration Improvement (RI) Programme - Gweedore RSS Area - Feb 2023

Ref	Road ID	Description	Treatment	Length (m)	Width (m)	Total Cost
2023-1	R-257-10	Derrybeg to Glasagh Road - Complete middle section between both 2022 schemes	Bitmac & SMA	1000	6.5	€ 215,000.00
2023-2	R-257-6	Meenlaragh - continuation from 2022 scheme towards Meenaclady NS	Bitmac & SMA	400	5.2	€ 78,000.00
2023-3	L-1493-1	Arlans - Continuation of 2022 Scheme loop back towards the R259	Bitmac & SD	700	3.5	€ 69,081.00
2023-4	L-1393-2	Cruit Island Road from Regional Road Jct towards Cruit Bridge	Bitmac & SD	650	4.5	€ 76,500.00
2023-5	L-1433-1	Drumnacart Road - Continuation from 2021 Scheme towards Annagry	Bitmac & SD	600	4.0	€ 64,000.00
2023-6	L-1613-3	Loughanure to Meenamarragh Road - Continuation of 2022 scheme towards Meenamarragh Jct	Bitmac & SD	550	4.0	€ 56,000.00
2023-7	L-1413-1	Main Ranafast Road - Continuation of 2022 works towards white cross jct and onwards into Ranafast Village	Bitmac & SD	900	6.0	€ 175,000.00
2023-8	L-1193-1	Glen/Corveen Road - Continuation of 2021 scheme heading towards Derryconner	Bitmac & SD	550	5.0	€ 70,000.00
2023-9	L-1173-1	Derryconner continuation of 2023 and ending at Glasserchoo Jct	Bitmac & SD	550	5.0	€ 70,000.00
					Total	€873,581
		NOTE 1: Should additional funding be allocated, Stramackilmartin Road will commence in 2023. Following this, works to remove a number of slunks on the R259 Burtonport Jct towards Keadue scheme will be completed in advance of the 2024 overlay scheme.				
Reserve / 2024	L-1233-1	Stramackilmartin Road starting opposite Pobail Scoil Gaoth Dobhair and heading on loop back to Old derrybeg Hall (See Note 1)	Bitmac & SD			
Reserve / 2024	R-259-5	Burtonport Jct towards Keadue	Bitmac & SMA			

AGREED - 2023 Restoration Improvemnet (RI) Programme - Dungloe RSS Area - Feb 2023

Ref	Road ID	Description	Treatment	Length (m)	Width (m)	Total Cost
2023-1	R252-18	Doochary to Dungloe from 2022 works	Bitmac & SMA	600	6.5	€137,270
2023-2	R257-5	Burtonport towards Dungloe from 2022 Works	Bitmac & SMA	335	6.0	€70,350
2023-3	R250-21	Shallogans at Factory	Bitmac & SMA	450	6.5	€102,375
2023-4	R250-18	Fintown Village (Phase 2)	Bitmac & SMA	1100	6.6	€251,186
2023-5	L2023-1	Knockleitrach - Main Road from 2022 works	Bitmac & SD	550	4.0	€55,000
2023-6	L1723-1	Dungloe Towards Maghery on Quay Road from 2022 Works	Bitmac & SD	800	3.3	€65,250
2023-7	L6183-2	Magherameelan (Phase 2)	Bitmac & SD	690	3.3	€56,088
2023-8	L1783-3	Lettermacaward towards Doochary from 2022 works	Bitmac & SD	670	4.0	€67,000
2022-9	L2033-1	Loch Muck - Fintown	Bitmac & SD	850	3.3	€69,063
					Total	€873,581

AGREED - 2023 Restoration Improvement (RI) Programme - Ardara RSS Area - Feb 2023

Ref	Road ID	Description	Treatment	Length (m)	Width (m)	Total Cost
2023-1	R261-6	Cashelgoland Towards Naran from 2022 Works	Bitmac + SMA	650	6.0	€136,500
2023-2	R261-4	Kilcooney towards Portnoo from 2022 Works	Bitmac + SMA	650	5.5	€125,125
2023-3	R250-23	Station Road towards Strathboy from 2022 works	Bitmac + SMA	600	6.5	€136,250
2023-4	R230	Glengesh Road from 2020 Works	Bitmac + SMA	600	5.0	€105,000
2023-5	L2863-2	(Ardaghey Rd) - Meentinadea towards Ardara from 2022 Works	Bitmac + SD	650	6.0	€97,500
2023-6	L2523-2	Scenic Route towards N56 ay Mulnamina	Bitmac + SD	500	3.5	€43,750
2023-7	L2563-2	Maas link towards Ardara 2 Sections from 2022 works	Bitmac + SD	650	4.0	€65,000
2023-8	L-2583-1	Loughcrillan/Meenlorgan from 2020 works towards Strathboy	Bitmac + SD	635	3.3	€53,206
2023-9	L2843-1	Maghera Road towards N56 (Phase 2) from 2022 Works	Bitmac + SD	500	5.0	€62,500
2023-10	L-7923-1	Moagh to Ardlougher	Bitmac + SD	600	3.3	€48,750
					Total	€873,581

DRAFT**Falcarragh RSS Area**

2023 Restoration Mainenace (Surface Dressing) Programme - Falcarragh RSS Area						
Ref No.	Road ID	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Total Cost	Description of location
2023-1	R - 251 - 11	Glenveagh	350	7	€ 13,475.00	On the Termon Approach to Dunlewey Village
					€ 13,475.00	
2023-2	L-1033-2	Ballyconnell RI 2022	600	3.5	€ 10,500.00	2022 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed
2023-3	L-5193-1	Meenderry RI 2022	1000	3.5	€ 15,750.00	2022 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed
2023-4	L-1113-2	Ballintemple RI 2022	1000	3.5	€ 15,750.00	2022 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed
2023-5	L-5133-2	Derryreel RI 2022	950	3.5	€ 14,962.50	2022 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed
2023-6	L-3263-2	Murroe RI 2022	750	4	€ 15,000.00	2022 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed
2023-7	L-7083-1	Hornhead CIS 2022	800	3.5	€ 12,600.00	2022 CIS Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed
2023-8	L-1282-1	Kildarragh RI 2022	750	4	€ 13,500.00	2022 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed
2023-9	L-1262-3	Kilmacloo RI 2022	500	4.5	€ 11,250.00	2022 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed
2023-10	L-5262-1	Drumnaraw RI 2022	820	3.5	€ 14,350.00	2022 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed
2023-11	L-52222-0	Duntally Woods Road	1150	3.5	€ 20,125.00	From N56 at Old Post Office to R245 Carrigart Road
2023-12	L-5232-1	Rooskey Road	900	3.5	€ 15,750.00	From the junction onto the Kilmacloo Road back to the Junction down to the Craig Road (start of 2022 RM Scheme)
2023-13	L-1262-1	Glack / Glassan Road	800	3.5	€ 14,000.00	Continuation of the 2021 RM project Muckish Road side for 800m
2023-14	L-51822	Derryharriff Glebe	400	3.5	€ 7,000.00	Full length of 2020 CIS - Surface Dressing failed
2023-15	L-1272-2	Rockhill Road towards Shandon	1300	3.5	€ 22,750.00	From N56 at Portnablagh towards the Shandon Hotel

2023-16	L-7083-1	Hornhead	550	3.5	€ 9,625.00	Left at the Top of Hill - start of Cul De Sac road
2023-17	L-5143-1 & 2	Derryreel	950	3.5	€ 16,458.50	From the Top of the Maam towards Filter House
2023-18	L-11131-0	Tullaghobegley Irish	800	3.5	€ 14,000.00	Irish Water Rehabilitation Scheme Road
			14370		€ 243,371.00	

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2023-19	L-1282-4	Muckish Sand & Gravel RI 2022	750	3.5	€ 13,125.00	2022 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed
2023-20	L-12821	Muckish Mountain CIS 2021	1900	3	€ 28,500.00	2021 CIS Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed

DRAFT**Gweedore RSS Area**

2023 Restoration Mainenance (Surface Dressing) Programme - Gweedore RSS Area						
Ref No.	Road ID	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Total Cost	Description of location
					€ 0.00	
2023-1	L-1493-1	Arlans RI 2022	900	3.5	€ 14,175.00	2022 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed
2023-2	L-5513-1	Mullaghderg Beach Road CIS 2022	750	3.5	€ 13,125.00	2022 CIS Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed
2023-3	L-5713-1	Meenderrynasloe RI 2022	550	3.5	€ 9,625.00	2022 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed
2023-5	L-5583-2	Annagry RI 2022	300	3.5	€ 5,250.00	2022 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed
2023-4	L-1413-1	Ranafast RI 2021 & 2022	1000	6	€ 27,000.00	2021 & 2022 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed
2023-6	L-1613-3	Loughanure to Meenamaragh RI 2022	700	3.5	€ 12,250.00	2022 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed
2023-7	L-1293-3	Magheragallon CIS 2022	250	3.5	€ 4,375.00	2022 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed
2022-8	L-5953-1, L-59531 & L-59532	Keadue	2500	3.5	€ 39,296.00	3 Road in Keadue near Keadue NS - Block Yard Road and Loop back around to Regional Road including to end of road in both links
2022-9	L-5783-1	Mountain Pasture Road	1000	3.5	€ 17,500.00	Continuation of previous RM scheme
2022-10	L-	Cronaguggy	1000	3.5	€ 17,500.00	From the start of road inwards to the Midpoint of the road - number of sharp crests to be removed as part of the works
2022-11	L-15931-0	Meencorwick	1500	3.5	€ 26,250.00	First road on Right just before start of Lough Keel on the Main Crolly Water Treatment Road to T junction
2022-12	L-5723-1	Brinalack Chapel towards Glasagh	900	3.5	€ 15,750.00	From the Junction opposite Brinalack Chapel back towards the next Y junction

2022-13	L-5313-1	Bunaninver School to end of road	600	3.5	€ 10,500.00	From Bunaninver School to end of road (Straight ahead)
2022-14	L-1143-1	Derryconner to Ardsbeg Grotto	1500	4.5	€ 33,750.00	Derryconner National School to Grotto on Regional rd jct
2022-15	L-1133-1	Meenlaragh Cottages road	600	3.5	€ 10,500.00	Full length of road
					€ 256,846.00	

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DRAFT**Dungloe RSS Area**

2023 Restoration Mainenace (Surface Dressing) Programme - Dungloe RSS Area						
Ref No.	Road ID	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Total Cost	Description of location
2023-1	R259-2/3	Dungloe - Burtonport	2000	6.5	€ 71,500.00	From 2022 NTA Footpath works towards Burtonport
2023-2	R250-21	Shallogans	1200	6.5	€ 42,900.00	From 2023 RI towards Lough Errig Junction
					€ 114,400.00	
2023-3	L-6173-1	Maghery - Cleendra	800	3.5	€ 14,000.00	2022 C&E Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed
2023-4	L-6173-2	Falmore	800	3.25	€ 13,000.00	2022 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed
2023-5	L-6193-1	Magherameelan	1600	3	€ 24,000.00	2022 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed
2023-6	L-6813-1	Meengoland	1120	3	€ 16,800.00	2022 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed
2023-7	L-2023-1	Knockleitreach	1557.65	3.5	€ 27,258.88	2022 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed
2023-1	L-6003-2	Sheskinarone	750	3.25	€ 12,187.12	2022 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed
2023-9	L-1783-4	Derrylaconnell	800	4	€ 16,000.00	2022 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed
2023-10	L-6103-1	Meenbanad	1280	3	€ 19,200.00	From Junction towards Leffin (Coll's)
					€ 142,446.00	

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DRAFT**Glenties RSS Area**

2023 Restoration Mainenance (Surface Dressing) Programme - Glenties RSS Area						
Ref No.	Road ID	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Total Cost	Description of location
2023-1	R253	Glen Road towards Ghost House	1200	6	€ 39,600.00	From 2022 RM towards Ghost House
					€ 39,600.00	
2023-2	L-2563-2	Maas Link	2100	4.3	€ 45,150.00	2022-21 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed
2023-3	L-2843-4	Crockuna to Border & Meentindea	1000	5	€ 25,000.00	2022-21 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed
2023-4	L-2863-2	Ardaghey Road	750	6.3	€ 23,625.00	2022 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed
2023-5	L-2843-5	Maghera	800	5	€ 20,000.00	2022 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed
2023-6	L-2643-1	Tullyard Road	1000	3.6	€ 18,000.00	2022 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed
2023-7	L-2883-4	Owentesnagh	650	4.5	€ 14,625.00	2022 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed
2023-8	L-2983-1	Cokermore	550	4	€ 11,000.00	Continuation from 2022 RM at Granny
2023-9	L6373-1	Cleengort from Gweebarra to Derryloaghan	1790	3.2	€ 28,640.00	from Gweebarra to Derryloaghan
2023-10	L-2583-1	Loughcrillan	1550	4	€ 31,206.00	Continuation from 2022 RM at Granny
					€ 217,246.00	

€ 256,846.00**€ 256,846.00**

FORM : - List of Regional and Local Roads Projects to be funded fro 2021 Community Involvement Scheme Grant

Notes:

- 1 Projects should be listed in order of priority
- 2 Completed Excel form to be returned as an email attachment to roadsdivision@dtas.ie
- 3 Road Class: enter **R, LP, LS** or **LT** as appropriate (for Regional Road, Local Primary Road, Local Secondary Road or Local Tertiary Road)
- 4 Road Number: as listed in Road Schedule (**must** use the 'Maproad' type numbering system [L1234-5, LP1234-5 etc]. **Must not** use the old County Road numbering system [CR123 etc]).
- 5 Include Townland name(s) to facilitate identification of scheme location
- 6 Works Type: General (G), Drainage (D) and Pavement Works (P-RP, P-SR, P-SO, P-RR)
- 7 Include 'before' PSCI data [rating between 1 &10] in Part B of form. 'After' rating to be included in Part C at end of year

County: _____

PART A - General											
(1) Project Number	(3) Road Class	(4) Road Number	(5) Road Name and/or Townland Name	Length of work (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Overall Estimated Cost of work (EURO)	% of local community contribution	Community Monetary Contribution	Value of Community Work	Funding Allocation Sought by Council (EURO)	Brief Description of works involved including nature of non-monetary contribution
120	LS	L-8033-1	Aighe, Glenties	1100	4000	€ 120,000.00	30%	0%	€ 36,000.00	€ 84,000.00	Drainage, SO & SSD. Drainage, verging and clearing centre of road part of NMC
450	LT	L-15932	Meencorwick	1100	3850	€ 96,250.00	30%	0%	€ 28,875.00	€ 67,375.00	Drainage, SO & SSD. Drainage, verging and clearing centre of road part of NMC
446	LT	L-52322	Garvary Mountain Road, Creeslough	900	3150	€ 78,750.00	30%	0%	€ 23,625.00	€ 55,125.00	Drainage, SO & SSD. Drainage, verging and clearing centre of road part of NMC
GMD TOTAL BUDGET										€ 206,500.00	

Appendix 6 Drainage Grant- 2023

Council

Summary of Projects to be funded from the 2023 Drainage Grant

Type of Works	Number of Locations	Estimated Cost €
Gweedore RSS Area		
General Drainage Upgrades	2023 RM / RI Programme	€20,000.00
Road Crossings, Additional Gullies and General Drainage Improvements	L-1293-1 Strand Road Bunbeg	€11,552.75
General Drainage Improvement Works	L-1613-3 Loughanure to Meenamarragh Road	€11,552.75
Support carriageway to prevent collapse	L-1613-2 Glen Road, Loughanure to Annagry	€20,000.00
	Sub Total	€63,105.50
Falcarragh RSS Area		
General Drainage Upgrades	2023 RM / RI Programme	€20,000.00
Road Crossing Extension to prevent edge cracking and General Drainage Improvements	R256-4 Muckish Road	€20,000.00
Road Crossing and General Drainage Improvements	L-12721-2 Knocknafaugher Road Upper	€11,552.75
Road Crossing and General Drainage Improvements	L-1322-1 Ards Road Lower	€11,552.75
	Sub Total	€63,105.50

Dungloe RSS Area		
General Drainage Upgrades	2023 RM / RI Programme	€20,000.00
Remove Water ponding on Road	R254	€20,000.00
Remove Water ponding on Road	R250	€10,000.00
General Drainage Upgrades	Various Local Roads in Meenmore, Brocagh, Maghery & Lettermacaward	€13,901.50
	Sub Total	€63,901.50
Ardara RSS Area		
General Drainage Upgrades	2023 RM / RI Programme	€20,000.00
Remove Water ponding on Road	R262 Killraine Junction towards Drumnacrosh	€5,500.00
Support carriageway to prevent collapse	L-2843 Brackey Bridge-Maghera, Ardara	€10,000.00
General Drainage/Road crossings/Outlets	L2013-2, L2723-1 - Meenvale, Meenchallow	€8,000.00
General Drainage Upgrades	L2783-Granny and R230 Glengesh Road	€20,401.50
	Sub Total	€63,901.50
	GMD TOTAL	€254,014

Housing & Corporate Agenda

For Meeting on 14th February 2023

- Progress Report - Grants
- Progress Report - Casual Vacancies
- Housing Need
- HAP
- RAS
- LTL Properties
- Tenancies and Offers
- Tenant Purchase
- Local Authority Loans
- Section 183

1. PROGRESS REPORT - GRANTS AT 01/02/2023

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	140	113	13	5	9	14
2023	9	0	0	6	3	9

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>
2022	90	44	9	10	13	14	37
2023	8	0	0	5	0	3	8

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>
2022	25	14	8	3	0	0	3
2023	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

2. PROGRESS REPORT – CASUAL VACANCIES @ 31/01/2023

Glenties MD	Address	Beds	Vacant From	Current Status
Ardara				
	Drumaghey Park	1 bed	31/01/2023	Currently being assessed
Arranmore				
	Leabgarrow	2 bed	15/12/2022	Contractor appointed
Burtonport				
	Altan	3 bed	26/10/2022	Contractor appointed
Doochary				
	Droim a’Droichead	2 bed	09/09/2022	Currently being assessed
Dunfanaghy				
	Radharc an Locha	2 bed flat	04/01/2023	Contact on site
	Cnoc na Gaoithe, Crocknageeha	4 bed	13/01/2023	Currently being assessed
Glenties				
	Ard McGill	1 bed	03/11/2022	Currently being assessed
	Clos Naomh Chonaill	3 bed	07/11/2022	Contractor appointed
	Clos Naomh Chonaill	2 bed	05/12/2022	Contractor appointed
Lettermacaward				
	Ascaill Bhríde	2 bed	24/11/2022	Contractor on site
Loughanure				
	Radharc an Iuir	2 bed flat	06/07/2022	Contractor appointed

3. HOUSING NEED

Gross Need - by approved bedrooms

Municipal District	1	2	3	4	Total	
Glenties	Annagry	0	14	2	2	18
	Ardara	3	14	2	1	20
	Arranmore	0	1	0	0	1
	Bunbeg	0	0	1	0	1
	Burtonport	0	4	0	2	6
	Creeslough	0	12	1	3	16
	Derrybeg	0	4	0	0	4
	Doochary	0	1	0	0	1
	Dunfanaghy	3	9	1	0	13
	Dungloe	16	27	5	2	50
	Falcarragh	1	30	0	0	31
	Fintown	1	0	0	1	2
	Glenties	1	8	2	1	12
	Gortahork	1	5	0	1	7
	Gweedore	2	16	4	0	22
	Lettermacaward	0	0	0	1	1
	Loughanure	0	3	0	0	3
	Magheroarty	0	2	0	0	2
Kincasslagh	0	1	0	0	1	
Total	28	151	18	14	211	

4. HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENT (HAP) SCHEME

As at 31st January 2023, the Glenties Municipal District is providing Social Housing Support in the form of the Housing Assistance Payment to 86 families/individuals. 9 of these families/individuals are in receipt of HAP only.

5. NUMBER OF RAS PROPERTIES

As of the 31st January 2023, 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 January 2023, 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 between 1 st Jan 2023 to 31 st Jan 2023				
Transfers	Surrenders	Death of Tenant	Other	Total
0	2	1	0	3

Number of Housing Offers issued between 1 st Jan 2023 to 31 st Jan 2023		
Number of Offers issued	Offers Accepted	Offers Refused
4	3	1

8. TENANT PURCHASE

Number of applications received since Scheme commenced:	113
Total number of valid applications:	86
Valid applications received in January 2023:	3
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	9	2

10. SECTION 183



Date: 14th February 2023
To: Each Member of the Municipal District of Glenties
Re.: Disposal of Site at Meenavalley Ardara

This site & derelict former SI house is contained in Folio No. 81390F (0.22 hectares) and is located at Meenavalley, Ardara. There is an absence of any housing demand in the area due to the remoteness of the location & no other Council service has expressed an interest in utilising the site.

The former SI was initially tenanted in the 1950's and the last appointed tenant in 2007 occupied a demountable dwelling on this site until he transferred to scheme housing in 2020. The disposal of this site was discussed on the Housing Agenda during the Municipal District of Glenties Committee meeting held on the 8th of November 2022 & Members recommended disposal of this property.

Expressions of interest were sought from 4 no. Auctioneers/Estate Agents to act on behalf of the Council for disposal of this site.

The selection process to appoint a selling agent to advertise and sell the property was completed on the 30th November 2022. Following a bidding process, the highest offer received was in the sum of €43,000.

It is recommended that the site at Meenavalley , Ardara be sold in the sum of €43,000 and it is also recommended that the formal process in relation to the disposal of the site vis á vis the issue of notice to each Member of the Council with subsequent consideration by the Plenary Council be commenced.

Yours sincerely

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**Housing Capital Update Report
Glenties Municipal District Meeting
February 2023**

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	Completed. Properties now let.	4
SI at Loughanure	Completed. Property now let.	1
SI at Annagry	Completed. Property now let.	1
Design Stage		
Chapel Road, Dungloe	Ground Investigation work ongoing but delayed due to weather conditions in January. Following completion of the full design package (with input from appointed Consultants) approval will be sought from the Department in advance of tendering in April 2023.	45
Design Stage		
Masiness, Creeslough	Single Stage Approval was received from the Department on 3 rd February 2023. Part 8 planning application lodged 14 th January 2023.	3
Creeslough	Single Stage Approval was received from the Department on 3 rd February 2023.	11
Glenties (Fire Station)	Preliminary design stage complete. Proposal has been reviewed by Roads and Planning. Design to be amended to incorporate off street parking.	3
Total		68

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.

A proposal for a 29-unit turnkey acquisition at Gweedore has obtained planning permission and Irish Water Agreement. The Council sought an updated submission from the Developer which was received by the deadline date of 25th November 2022. The Council has since completed an assessment of the updated submission and has made a submission to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage seeking funding approval. The department's decision is currently awaited.

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.

In tandem with the construction programme outlined in Section 1 above, the Council is actively pursuing the acquisition of lands suitable for housing purposes, in towns and villages where there is currently not a social housing solution available. The acquisition of 2.91 acres of land at Dunfanaghy with potential for 30 houses is currently at conveyance stage.

In addition to the current expression of interest advertisement on the Councils' website for parcels of land, derelict sites / buildings with the potential to deliver social housing, the Council is also separately identifying parcels of land with social housing potential in areas of need.

A number of suitable parcels of land have been identified across the Glenties MD and engagement / negotiations are ongoing directly with landowners / agents, to acquire these lands. In this regard the Council has already made 3 offers which are under consideration by the respective landowners.