



Ceantar Bardais Na Gleanntaí

Oifig Riarthóir na
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Ionad Seirbhísí
Clochán Liath

4ú Eanáir, 2023

FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Na Gleanntaí ar an **10ú Eanáir 2023**, ag **12.00 Meán Lae**, in **Ionad Seirbhísí an Clocháin Léith**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS NA GLEANNTAÍ

A Chara

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

Mise, le meas

Micheál Rowsome
Riarthóir Cruinnithe

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Municipal District of Glenties

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Dungloe

4th January, 2023

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Municipal District of Glenties Meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th January, 2023 at **12.00 noon, in Dungloe Public Services Section**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GLENTIES

Dear Councillor,

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

Yours Sincerely,



Michael Rowsome
Meetings Administrator

AGENDA

1. Consideration of the Minutes of Glenties Municipal District Committee Meeting held on the 8th November, 2022.
2. Environment
3. Planning Services
4. Economic Development, I.S. & Emergency Services
5. Community Development
6. Roads Services
7. Housing & Corporate Services

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF GLENTIES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE**
held in Dungloe Public Services Centre on 8th November 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr. Anthony Molloy (Cathaoirleach)
Cllr. Michael McClafferty (Leas Cathaoirleach)
Cllr. Marie Therese Gallagher
Cllr. Noreen McGarvey
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
Braid Neely - SSO, IS
Kevin McCloskey - A/Water Safety Development Officer
Jim Boner - Senior Executive Engineer, Housing Capital
Tara Quinn - Executive Architect
Donna Callaghan - Executive Planner
Barney Mc Laughlin - Head of Tourism Marketing Unit

Aistriúcháin Comhuaineach: Dónal Mac Giolla Chóill

GMD 70/22

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

On the proposal of Cllr. Ó Fearraigh seconded by Cllr. Gallagher the minutes of the Municipal District meeting held on the (i) 13th of September 2022 and (ii) Budget Meeting held on 28th October 2022 were confirmed.

GMD 71/22 **BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Members noted the report from the Budgetary Workshop held on 7th October 2022.

GMD 72/22 **TIDY ESTATES**

Members welcomed Cathal Boyle (St. Peter's Terrace), Mary Walsh and Teresa Bonner (Fairhill) to the meeting.

The Committee commended and congratulated the representatives of the winning schemes in the 2022 Best Kept Housing Estates Competition:

Category 1	1-20 houses	Fairhill Estate, Dungloe
Category 2	21-50 houses	St. Peter's Terrace, Dungloe
Category 3	51+ houses	Ballina Estate, Falcarragh

GMD 73/22 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTORATE**

73.1

The Committee noted the reports circulated with the Agenda and presented by Barney McLaughlin, Head of Tourism Marketing Unit regarding the following:

- Economic Development Unit
- Tourism Marketing Unit
- Strategic Funding Unit
- Local Enterprise Office
- Diaspora Unit
- Emergency Services
- Trail Gazers Bid Project

The Committee were provided with a further verbal update on:

- Caravan and camping study
- Killybegs Marine Cluster
- Buy Donegal
- North West City Region Inward Investment Strategy

73.2 **Donegal 2040 Strategic Development Designated Activity Company**

On the proposal of Cllr. Gallagher and seconded by Cllr. Ó Fearraigh the Glenties Municipal District Committee selected Cllr. McClafferty to serve as a Director on the above board. Cllr. McGarvey undertook to deputise on any occasion that Cllr. McClafferty is unable to attend.

73.3 **Diaspora Awards**

Cllr. Molloy congratulated the various winners of the Tipp O'Neill awards including Kathleen Sheerin in recognition of her contribution to the work of the Donegal Association in Dublin.

Cllr. McGarvey congratulated Packie Bonner on receipt of his award as Donegal Person of the Year and Dungloe Tidy Towns on receipt of a SuperValu award.

73.4 **New Tourism Strategy**

In response to queries from Cllr. Gallagher regarding lack of progress with recommended projects, the Head of Tourism advised that the 'Glens of Donegal' and 'Seven Wonders of the County' will be incorporated into a new tourism strategy.

Cllr. Ó Fearraigh outlined the importance of attendance of Donegal representatives at holiday shows to attract and promote tourism and visitors to the County.

Cllr. McClafferty requested the Council to expedite the provision of Campervan facilities.

73.5

Economic Development

Cllr. Gallagher highlighted the lack of progress with the development of a Leisure Centre in Portnoo and expressed concern at the lack of investment into the Glenties Municipal District. Cllr. Gallagher stressed the importance of sourcing funding to advance the regeneration of more towns.

Cllr. Molloy informed the meeting of proposal to develop a thatching school in Portnoo and requested the Council to provide any assistance that will enhance this development.

In response to a query from Cllr. McGarvey, the Head of Tourism informed the Committee that officials in Donegal Airport are progressing attempts to restore Glasgow-Donegal flight services.

73.6

Emergency Services

Cllr. Ó Fearraigh highlighted the increasing population and tourists on Tory Island and requested the provision of appropriate fire fighting equipment similar to that available on the mainland.

The Committee commended the efforts and involvement of the Fire Service in the aftermath of the Creeslough tragedy.

GMD 74/22

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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

74.1

Walks and Trails

Cllr. McGarvey welcomed Kincasslagh Tower Trail funding and requested the provision of directional signage to Muckish from Falcarragh.

Cllr. McClafferty recommended (i) the development of an app to promote Muckish and local facilities, (ii) provision of toilets and electric bike stands at Muckish and (iii) increased parking at Muckish.

Cllr. Ó Fearraigh requested an update on (i) status of trail linkages to Burtonport and (ii) reason for failure of Glengesh application.

74.2

Ardara Heritage Group

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig informed the Committee of exciting plans for the preservation of Doon Fort. Cllr Molloy undertook to invite Paula Harvey, Archaeologist to make a presentation to the Municipal District.

GMD 75/22

PLANNING

The Committee noted the reports circulated with the Agenda regarding:

- Development Application Statistics for period ending September 2022.
- Enforcement Cases.
- Schedule of Pre-planning clinics
- Urban and Rural Regeneration and Development Projects.

GMD 76/22

ENVIRONMENT

The Committee noted the reports from the Environment Service circulated with the Agenda and presented by Kevin McCloskey on:

- School bikes - Africa Campaign
- 'Reuse Month'
- Household food waste
- Waste Collection Permits
- Waste facilities
- Certification of Registration
- Water quality, oil pollution, petrol vapour recovery requirements and bathing season review.
- Solid fuels Regulation 2022
- Rural Water Programme
- Coastal Management

76.1

Bottle Banks

The Committee requested updates on the status of proposals to provide bottle banks in Lettermacaward, Falcarragh and Gweedore.

Cllr. Gallagher requested a report on locations of bottle bank facilities in the Municipal District.

Cllr. McClafferty recommended that a dedicated officer be assigned to the supervision and maintenance of Bottle Bank facilities.

76.2

Public Conveniences

Cllr. Gallagher requested a report on the location and availability of public conveniences in the Municipal District.

76.3 **Dunfanaghy Pier**

Cllr. McClafferty highlighted the necessity for safety works at the above location and in particular the provision of a safety railing and lighting.

GMD 77/22 **ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION**

77.1 **Roadworks Programme 2022**

The Roads Manager updated the Committee on the status of the 2022 Roadworks Programme and responded to Members queries in this regard. The Committee expressed appreciation for the excellent standard and volume of roadworks undertaken in the Municipal District.

77.2 **Carnmore Road, Dungloe**

The Roads Manager advised that a Feasibility Options Report has been submitted to the TII.

77.3 **Takeover of Roads**

On proposal of Cllr. Gallagher, seconded by Cllr. McClafferty the Committee recommended that the Council initiate the takeover process and proceed to public consultation in respect of 'funded' Island Roads.

Cllr. McGarvey requested an update on the status of the takeover of the Glen Road, Dungloe.

77.4 **Recent Allocations**

The Roads Manager informed the Committee of recent allocations in relation to Roadworks in the Ranafast and Dunfanaghy areas.

In response to queries from the Committee, the Roads Manager advised of difficulties in sourcing NTA funding in respect of projects outside of speed limits.

77.5 **Speed Limit Review**

Members were advised that a Workshop is scheduled for 10 a.m. on 22nd November 2022.

77.6 **Miscellaneous Roads Issues**

- Cllr. McGarvey requested the Council to address tar disposals in Doochary and the Roads Manager advised that he is liaising with the Environment Service to secure funding for removal.
- Cllr. Gallagher recommended the provision of the following infrastructure (a) footpath to Burtonport Pier, (b) restoration of public lighting on Main Street, Dungloe and (c) provision of road crossing in proximity to Sweeney's Hotel, Dungloe.
- Cllr. Molloy requested the provision of a footpath at Back Road, Ardara.
- Cllr. Ó Fearraigh asked the Council to increase parking bays in the Falcarragh area.

77.7 **Section 183 - Land Disposal**

On the proposal of Cllr. Gallagher, seconded by Cllr. McGarvey the Committee agreed to dispose of a small parcel of land (149.88 m²) to Eileen McLoone. The land was originally required by the Council as part of the N56, Lettermacaward to Kilraine CPO 2011.

77.8

L.I.S.

On the proposal of Cllr. McClafferty, seconded by Cllr. Ó Fearraigh, the Committee agreed to prioritise Rinclevin, Dunfanaghy L.I.S. on the Falcarragh RSS list.

GMD 78/22

HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES

78.1

Members welcomed the reports circulated previously in relation to the following items:

- Progress report - Grants
- Progress report - Casual Vacancies
- Housing Need
- HAP,RAS, LTL Schemes
- Tenancies and offers
- Tenant Purchase Scheme
- Local Authority Loans

Cllr. Gallagher stated that the Housing List is not reflective of actual need and Cllr. Molloy expressed concern that the threshold for income eligibility is too low.

78.2

Section 183 - Disposal

On the proposal of Cllr. Molloy, seconded by Cllr. Ó Fearraigh, the Committee recommended the disposal of a site at Meenavalley, Ardara contained in Folio No. 81390F (.22 hectares).

78.3

Housing Construction

The Committee welcomed Jim Boner and Tara Quinn to the meeting and they responded to Members queries regarding the following issues:

- Udarás houses in Fintown
- Connors field, Quay Road, Dungloe
- Status of development proposals in Gweedore, Falcarragh, Annagry and Glenties Fire Station
- Chapel Road, Dungloe
- Kilclooney, Portnoo

The Housing Construction Engineer informed the Committee that the Council are in negotiation with Landowners to increase the Landbank in 13 towns and settlements within the Municipal District. He also undertook to issue Members with details of the structure of the Housing Capital Unit.

Cllr. Gallagher recommended the adoption of a 5 to 10 year housing development plan to expedite the provision of urgently required social housing in the County.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING



ENVIRONMENT REPORT – January '23

WASTE AND LITTER MANAGEMENT

Christmas Campaigns

**Activity /
Project Title**

**Project
Description/
Activity**

The Council has been encouraging householders to recycle as much as possible over the festive season. Christmas is a time where we have a lot of excess packaging, all plastic packaging including soft plastics can now be placed into your **household recycling bin**, together with paper and card and tins and cans, just remember to keep them clean, dry and loose.

Householders are also encouraged to use the local **Recycling Centres**, the centres accept a wide range of materials for recycling including all electronic or electrical goods free of charge. For more information all materials that are accepted, charges and opening hours visit www.donegalcoco.ie.

This time of year can be a busy time for the **bring bank network** for the recycling of glass and cans, if a bank is full please do not leave material at the banks but return at another time.

	<p>Make preventing food waste a New Year's resolution! Check out www.stopfoodwaste.ie for amazing leftover recipes for the festive season and fantastic tips of reducing your food waste. Remember to use your Food Waste Bin for any food waste left if you are in a Food Waste Bin area.</p> <p>The Council has carried out an advertising campaign in local newspapers with the Greenpiece, radio advertising with Ocean Fm, Highland Radio, social media campaign covering promotion of the recycling centres, household recycling bins, food waste prevention, WEEE recycling and Christmas Tree Recycling. We also carried out digital advertising with local online news sites.</p>
<p>Contact Person</p>	<p>Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer sbogan@donegalcoco.ie</p>

<p>Activity / Project Title</p>	<p>New Bring Bank Location – Falcarragh Church Car-Park</p>	
<p>Project Description/ Activity</p>		<p>New bring banks have been located in the Church Carpark Falcarragh.</p> <p>Donegal County Council wishes to thank all involved in helping to facilitate this.</p>
<p>Contact Person</p>	<p>John McCandless JMcCandless@donegalcoco.ie</p>	

Activity /
Project Title

2023 Recycle your "Natural" Christmas Tree for Free!
6th – 28th January 2023

Project
Description/
Activity

Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall
Donegal County Council

RECYCLE
YOUR "NATURAL"
Christmas Tree
FOR FREE THIS JANUARY
(Friday 6th January – Saturday 28th January 2023)

6th – 28th
January
2023

DOMESTIC TREES ONLY

LOCATION	SITE
CARNDONAGH	Carndonagh Recycling Centre
BUNCRANA	Nailors Row Car Park, Bunrana
MOVILLE	Council Chip Depot
NEWTOWNCUNNINGHAM	Council Chip Depot
LETTERKENNY	Letterkenny Recycling Centre
LIFFORD	Council Machinery Yard
MILFORD	Milford Recycling Centre
GLENTIES	Council Yard, Gortnamucklagh
DUNGLOE	Dungloe Recycling Centre
BUNBEG	Council Chip Yard, Coshclady
FALCARRAGH	Killult Quarry
STRANORLAR	Stranorlar Recycling Centre
KILLYBEGS	Council Yard, Bridge Street
LAGHEY	Laghey Recycling Centre
BALLYSHANNON	Council Yard, The Rock
BUNDORAN	Sea Front Car Park

OPENING TIMES

Council Yards Monday – Thursday 9.00am – 4.00pm Friday 9.00am – 3.00pm	Laghey Recycling Centre Thursday 10.30am – 5pm (Lunch 12.30pm – 1.15pm) Friday 8.30am – 5pm (Lunch 12.30pm – 1.15pm) Saturday 8.30am–2.30pm	Milford Recycling Centre Wednesday & Friday 8.30am – 5pm Saturday 8.30am – 2.30pm
Carndonagh Recycling Centre Monday, Wednesday, Saturday 8.30am – 4.30pm	Letterkenny Recycling Centre Tuesday - Friday 8.30am – 5pm Saturday 8.30am–2.30pm	Stranorlar Recycling Centre Tuesday 8.30am – 5pm (Lunch 12.30pm – 1.15pm) Thursday 8.30am – 5pm (Lunch 12.30pm – 1.15pm) Saturday 8.30am – 2.30pm
Dungloe Recycling Centre Tuesday 10.30 – 5pm Thursday 10.30am – 5pm Friday 8.30am – 5pm Saturday 8.30am – 2.30pm		

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE TREES OUTSIDE COUNCIL PREMISES AFTER THE SPECIFIED TIMES!
TREES LEFT AT SITES NOT LISTED ABOVE WILL BE CONSIDERED ILLEGAL DUMPING.**

www.donegalcoco.ie


There are 16 locations throughout the County where you can bring your "Natural" Christmas Tree for recycling free of charge from the 6th – 28th January 2023. Please ensure all decorations are removed. Trees will be collected and mulched and some of the trees will be reused by the Loughs Agency for soft engineering projects along the Deele River.

The locations are advertised in local papers and can be found on the Council's website <https://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/environment/christmas/>

Contact
Person

Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer
sbogan@donegalcoco.ie

Activity/ Project Title	Litter Fines – Jan to Nov 2022
Project Description/ Activity	<p>Litter Fines Issued: 48 Litter Fines Paid: 22 Court Prosecutions: 5 Court Prosecutions Pending: 6</p> <p>Community Clean ups: 672</p>
Contact Person	John McCandless Jmccandless@donegalcoco.ie

Activity/ Project Title	Environment Section – Social Media
Project Description/ Activity	<p>Various environmental information and awareness videos have been produced by the Environment Section for the Council Social Media Sites this year including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeping Donegal Tidy – Scenic Donegal • Be a responsible dog owner – dog fouling • Disposing of Green Waste • Bring banks • Bonfires • Buncrana Tidy Towns – Keep Buncrana Tidy • Bee Hive video – footage from Beehive at LK PSC • Low smoke coal awareness • Man in the Van <p>Also, a volunteer recruitment video was produced for Letterkenny Tidy towns and a video on Free composting days in Donegal.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
Contact Person	John McCandless Jmccandless@donegalcoco.ie

COASTAL MANAGEMENT

<p>Activity / Project Title</p>	<p align="center">Beach Lifeguards</p>
<p>Project Description/ Activity</p>	<p>In 2022, it was difficult to recruit enough Beach Lifeguards to work on all the Blue Flag Beaches. Therefore, as part of a recruitment plan we have created a poster (below) to advertise Beach Lifeguard jobs with Donegal County Council.</p> <p>The poster will be sent to all Career Guidance teachers in all the secondary schools, third level colleges, leisure centres, swimming/sports clubs in the county and surrounding area.</p> <div data-bbox="545 625 1268 1654" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>There is 50% funding support for training of potential beach lifeguards in Donegal under the Brexit Blue Economy Enterprise Development Scheme, which is being managed by Bord Iascaigh Mhara (BIM) and the seven Fisheries Local Action Groups (FLAGs).</p>
<p>Contact Person</p>	<p>Kevin McCloskey, Beach Lifeguard Supervisor kmccloskey@donegalcoco.ie</p>

CLIMATE ACTION

Activity / Project Title	Local Authority Climate Action Plan
Project Description/ Activity	<p>Local Authorities have a particularly important role in the delivery of both climate mitigation and adaptation. This is reflected in the provisions of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act, 2021, which requires each Local Authority to prepare a Local Authority Climate Action Plan (LA CAP), specifying the mitigation and the adaptation measures to be adopted by the Local Authority.</p> <p>Local Authorities will have 12 months to complete their individual plans, LA CAPs will be updated once every 5 years.</p> <p>The Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications recently approved a Business Case which sets out the resources and measures that each Local Authority will need to have in place to allow them to develop and implement the LA CAPs.</p> <p>The <i>Delivering Effective Climate Action 2030, Local Authority Strategy for delivering on the Climate Action Charter and Climate Action Plan (DECA 2030)</i> identifies resources and measures to support the completion and reporting on clearly defined actions for each LA CAP. Each Climate Action Team will be supported by a Climate Action Steering Group, which comprises of the heads of the various local authority directorates, providing a governance framework to manage and monitor implementation. Specifically, the additional specialist resource requirements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Action Coordinator – Responsible for managing the Climate Action resources and overseeing the implementation of climate action (mitigation + adaptation). Together with the Local Authority Climate Action Steering Group, they will also be responsible for overseeing the implementation of the adaptation strategy. • Climate Action Officer – Responsible for managing the internal change, building climate action awareness and readiness across the local authority and providing support to the Coordinator. • Climate Action Community Officer – The Climate Action Community Officer will provide long-term engagement with communities to facilitate participation in climate action, understand the local risks and opportunities and assist in the implementation of local climate action plans and initiatives.
Contact Person	Seamus Hopkins shopkins@donegalcoco.ie

GLENTIES FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

Briefing Note 8 – November 2022

Progress Summary

The Project Team is currently seeking to identify the Preferred Option for Glenties in conjunction with the Steering Group ahead of a proposed Public Information Day in the new year.

The Project Team have largely completed all of the Stage I data collection, hydrological and hydraulic analysis. Having defined the areas of flood risk, the hydraulic model was then used to test the effectiveness of various types of flood relief options. This body of work has enabled the team to narrow down the list of potential scheme options and assess those that are technically feasible against a range of other factors including cost, benefit, environmental and social impact.

We are now refining the preferred option as outlined below.

Development of Preferred Option

Various flood risk management options were considered and modelled to evaluate the most effective scheme for Glenties. All types of potential measures have been looked at in detail, including but not limited to those in the North Western Flood Risk Management Plan (www.floodinfo.ie). This is important to ensure all possibilities are considered and based on best available data so that a robust preferred option is identified.

A number of options have been subject to a costing exercise to determine the whole life cost across the design life. The team are currently refining these costs based on the best available current market data.

A property economic damage assessment is complete for the Glenties FRS and a Benefit Cost Ratio (BCR) has been determined for the identified options.

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

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

Public Information Day

The Project Team will hold a Public Information Day once the next steps for Glenties have been identified. The purpose of the Public Information Day is to let the public know how the information they provided to us at the Opening Public Consultation (9th November 2021 – 21st December 2021) has been used to help define the preferred option for flood risk management.

Environmental Assessment

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

Specialist fisheries and FPM surveys have been undertaken. Habitat mapping and protected species surveys have been completed which will inform the environmental assessment of the project. Further specialist surveys may be required next year.

Note that a new newsletter will be posted on the scheme website this quarter, see:

<https://countydonesgalfrs.ie/glentiesfrs/index.php/news/>

Next Steps

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

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

Environmental Assessment: Screening for Appropriate Assessment, Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening and, where necessary, the development of the Natura Impact Statement and Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EAIR) will be undertaken on confirmation of the preferred option.

Public Information Day: A public information day is planned for early 2023.

Projected Key Milestone Dates

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

The Stage I programme has been extended by approximately one and a half (1.5) months due to increasing complexity in the analysis.

AIR QUALITY

Activity /
Project Title

Solid Fuel Regulations 2022

Project
Description/
Activity



Burning smoky fuels releases invisible toxins that damage our health. It increases air pollution, which can trigger asthma and lead to serious illness. So make sure you only use low smoke fuels. And remember to clean and maintain chimneys and heating appliances at least once a year.

Find out more at gov.ie/CleanAir



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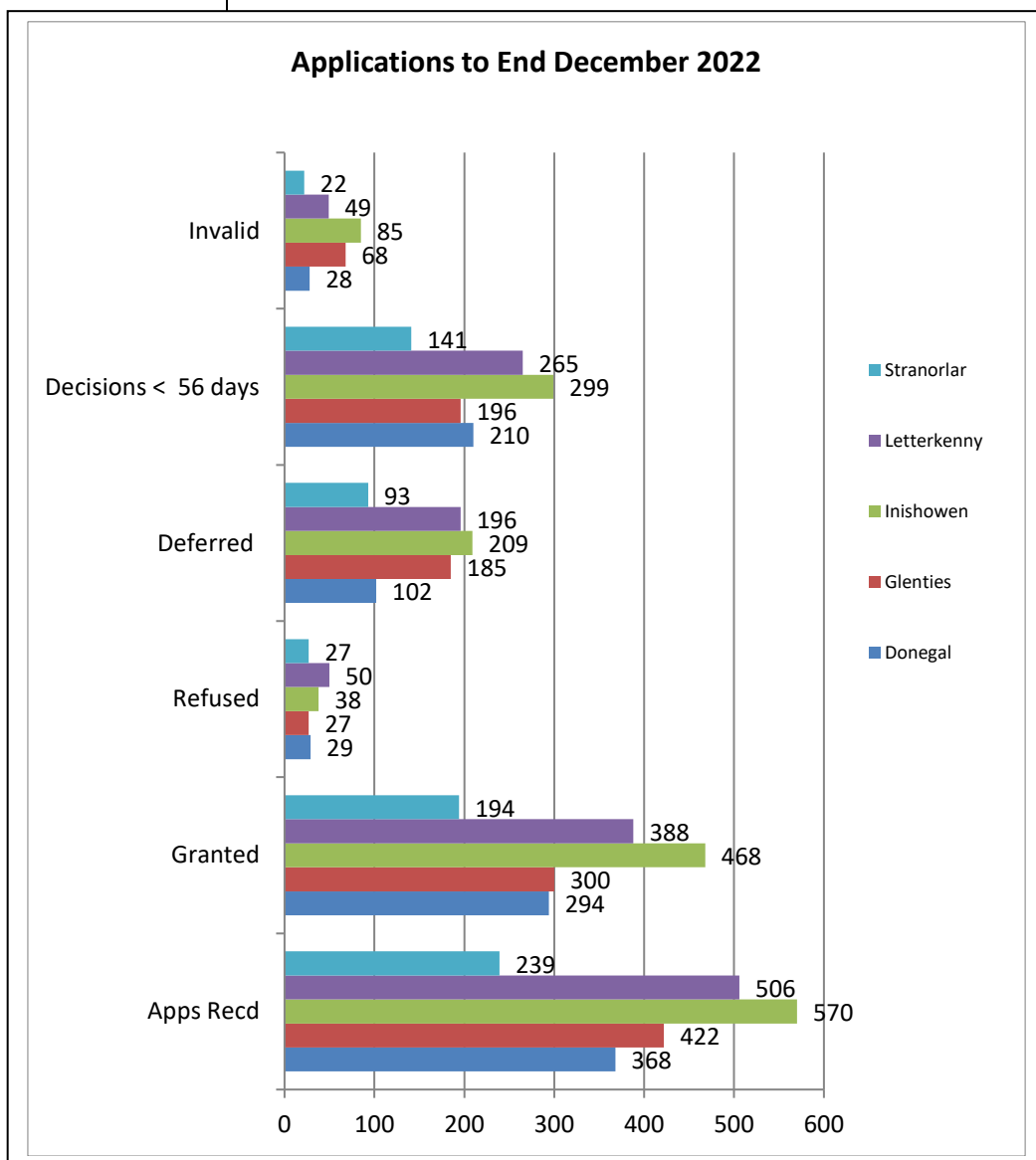
	<p>To improve air quality and reduce the associated health impacts, it is important to reduce the emissions into our air that is produced from domestic burning of solid fuels. This is what the new solid fuel regulations are designed to do, by ensuring that only higher quality and less polluting fuels will be legally available for sale.</p> <p>Burning solid fuels is a significant cause of poor air quality and is a factor in some 1,300 premature deaths in Ireland every year, according to the European Environment Agency. This demonstrates the extent to which the choices we make when heating our homes can impact on our own health and the communities in which we live.</p> <p>Donegal County Council will be raising awareness of these new regulations among householders and the commercial sector in the coming months. The Department have also produced a survey for householders to complete and this will be promoted on the Council's social media pages. For more information visit www.gov.ie/cleanair</p>
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Activity / Project Title	Petrol Vapour Recovery Requirements
Description/ Activity	<p>Donegal County Council would like to remind Petrol Station owners/operators that they are obliged to ensure that their facility is so designed and operated in accordance with the Third Schedule of Air Pollution Act 1987 - Petroleum Vapour Emissions Regulations 1997 (S.I. No. 375 of 1997) and the European Union (Stage II Petrol Vapour Recovery during Refuelling of Motor Vehicles at Service Stations) Regulations 2011.</p> <p>The objective of these regulations is to reduce emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOC) into the atmosphere from vehicle re-fuelling activities at service stations, in order to reduce the adverse impact of VOC on human health and the environment.</p> <p>Under the 1997 regulations, all petrol service stations <u>must</u> have installed a Stage 1b Petrol Vapour Recovery system in place, (for accepting bulk petrol deliveries).</p> <p>The 2011 Regulations provide that new service stations which meet either of the following two criteria will be required to be equipped with Stage II Petrol Vapour Recovery (PVR II) systems to recover Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) during refuelling of vehicles, (ie – new pump dispensers for filling a vehicle’s petrol tank):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • throughput >100m³ (or 100,000 litres) and situated under living or working quarters • throughput >500m³ (or 500,000 litres) <p>The Regulations also provide that existing service stations are required to install PVR II systems when undergoing their next major refurbishment after 1 January, 2012 if they meet either of the above two criteria.</p> <p>In addition, the Directive requires that service stations with a throughput >3,000m³ (or 3,000,000 litres) were required to install PVR II technology by 31st December, 2018 at the latest (or sooner if undergoing a major refurbishment before that date).</p> <p>To meet the requirements of the regulations, a Service Station owner/operator is obliged to appoint an approved assessor who will carry out tests on their petrol station and submit a report and fee to Donegal County Council. If the Council is satisfied with the report it will issue a certificate of compliance with the above acts. Certificates of compliance last a maximum of three years, and need renewal on expiry. A copy certificates of compliance must be kept available for inspection at the relevant service station</p>
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Glenties MD Meeting
10th January 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

January (2023) Municipal District Meetings Report to Elected Members

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: The Team continues to work towards (i) completion of the acquisition interest in Ballyshannon Town Centre, and (ii) the publication of a planning scheme, so as to develop this project as a shovel ready capital project targeted for future Category 1 RRDF funding.

Members were provided with a detailed progress update on the draft project plans at workshop on 27th September 2022.

As agreed the Regeneration & Development Team then opened a period of public consultation on the draft plans for the project on Tuesday 25th October 2022 with a drop-in event in St Anne’s Hall, Ballyshannon from 3-8pm. The event was very well attended on the night. Draft plans remained available for viewing at www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/regenerationprojects with submissions to be made before 4:30pm on Tuesday 15th November 2022. A total of 105no. submissions were received and the Team is now examining the feedback and the necessary arrangements for further engagement. Arrangements will also be made for a further workshop with Members to update them on the feedback from the public consultation 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 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 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. A successful public information event in respect of this project was held in the Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana on Monday 23rd May, 2022.

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.

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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.

1.6. Rathmullan RRDF Project Development work

A presentation on the Draft Design Report for this project was made to the Elected Members at a scheduled workshop on 2nd June 2022 in advance of an informal public consultation event which took place later the same day from 3pm to 8pm in the St. Vincent de Paul Centre, Rathmullan.

In accordance with the information note provided to Members, a formal Part 8 planning scheme for this project was published on Thursday 24th November 2022. The project plans and particulars are 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 maybe made in writing on or before 4:30pm on Wednesday 18th January 2022.

The project is a partnership with Rathmullan The Way Forward CLG.

For further information contact the Regeneration & Development Team at: regeneration@donegalcoco.ie or on 0749153900.

1.7. 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.

The tender to procure 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, opened on eTenders on 28th October 2022 and closed on the 7th December 2022.

The tender assessment process is now underway and it is anticipated that the successful consultancy service(s) will be appointed, and the project will be formally launched at the beginning of January 2023 with a scheduled completion date of mid-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 in the Radisson Hotel, Letterkenny attended by circa 100 guests including Minister McConalogue. This concludes the project which now transitions into project specific development and implementation.

The launch was followed by a cross- directorate Letterkenny Public Information Event where the public were invited to drop into the Radisson Hotel any time between 2pm-8pm to hear about the regeneration programme and also about other Council activities and services in Letterkenny. Staff from Housing, NRDO, Roads Central, Economic Development, Planning, Regeneration & Development, Community Development and Water, Environment & Emergency Services were in attendance throughout 2pm-8pm and available to talk to people about the various projects set out below. Circa 100 people attended the Public Information Event.

- Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy and programme.
- The Urban Adventure Park at the Bernard McGlinchey Town Park.
- ‘The Eat Out’ Outdoor Dining Project at An Grianán Theatre.
- Housing grants, Repair & Lease Scheme & Croí Cónaithe Fund.
- Letterkenny Active Travel Projects, the N56 Four Lane Road Project and the TEN-T Priority Route Improvement Project, Donegal.
- Business supports, Buy Donegal 2022, Donegal clothing range & Alpha/Beta Enterprise Centres Project.
- Waste management & recycling.
- The programme for the forthcoming publication of the Draft Letterkenny Plan and Local Transport Plan.

(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 will be taken in January 2023 to serve Notices to Treat and then to Enter 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 of as follows:

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

In relation to requisite funding approval processes, a Preliminary Business Case (PBC) was submitted to DHLGH in March 2022 for review and approval. This was followed by submission of Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy on 29th July 2022.

The current status of the project is that the Preliminary Business Case secured approval of DHLGH on 11th August 2022. This represents approval under Decision Gate 1 in the project life cycle and '*approval in principle to Donegal County Council to proceed to Design, Planning & Procurement Strategy.*' 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.

As outlined, a **Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy has already been submitted to DHLGH on 29th July 2022 and is therefore actively under review and consideration by DHLGH.** A meeting with DHLGH officials took place on 5th December 2022 which confirmed that that review and consideration is ongoing.

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

A FUNDING APPROVAL PROCESS



Alongside the above activity, a number of steps are being taken to develop each sub-project further. The table below sets out this activity. In terms of next steps for 2023, priority will be placed on advancement of acquisition interests.

Sub-project	Immediate next steps
A: The Cathedral Quarter-Making a Creative District	See breakdown for each of the 3 elements
Creative Hub and Urban Parkland	<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. 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>
Market Square	<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.</p>

Sub-project	Immediate next steps
<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.</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 Q2 of 2023 and subject to resources.</p> <p>In addition, the Regeneration Team is collaborating with Housing Design as regards a social housing scheme at Lower Main Street.</p>
<p>C: Revival at the Courthouse</p>	<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>
<p>Sub-Project D: Enabling a Regional Transport Hub</p>	<p>Preferred location for future Regional Transport Hub has emerged through the LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy process in the Pearse Road area. A Design Concept in respect of a future Transport Hub and its integration with LK Green Connect walking and cycling infrastructure and a new civic space is now complete 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 land owner consultation will now formally commence and is dependent on receipt of pre-tender approval by DHLGH.</p> <p>The Team continue to work to engage with Bus Eireann following an</p>

Sub-project	Immediate next steps
	initial meeting in March 2022.
<p>Sub- project E: LK Green Connect</p>	<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, it is targeted to progress a Part 8 proposed development using in-house resources in respect of LK Green Connect walking and cycling infrastructure to link Phase 1 (currently under construction) to Pearse Road and therefore to secure Phase 2 to shovel ready status. The timeline for Part 8 is yet to be confirmed and is subject to availability of staff resources across both URDF and RRDF programmes. The preferred scenario is to commence this in-house design work in Q1 2023.</p> <p>Publication of a Part 8 proposed development in respect of the 'Cultural Corridor' section of LK Green Connect is advancing and will be in a state of readiness in January 2023 for presentation to Letterkenny MD workshop thereafter. 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.</p> <p>Pasparakis Friel Architects has been appointed to assist in relation to Part 8 preparation for the Cultural Corridor, specifically 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. 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.</p> <p>Engagement with landowners has commenced as regards land acquisition interests necessary for the Cultural Corridor section of LK Green Connect and as supported under URDF and will be further advanced with greater certainty following Part 8 publication and following receipt of pre-tender approval by DHLGH.</p>

2.3 Future URDF call for applications

Although there is no confirmed date available for a 3rd call for URDF applications, a communication from DHLGH is anticipated before year end 2022/as early as Q1 2023. It is understood that the focus will be on reducing vacancy and supporting residential development.

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 will now hand over to Community Development. The Regeneration & Development Team continue to work with the Community Development section to explore options to progress the next stage of Detailed Design to deliver the project on site.

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
January 2023**

Appendix B



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CAPITAL PROJECTS DELIVERY UNIT

Community Development and Planning Services

Report to Glenties Municipal District Members: January 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 1535 2031"> <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. It was anticipated that the project would be substantially complete by end of September 2022, however the contractor has been requested to complete additional improvement works with substantial completion anticipated the end of October 2022.</p> <p>Project elements and their status are listed below:</p> <p>Fishermans' Yard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Works complete and currently in use by Piers and Harbours <p>Lower Carpark</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complete and in use by the public. <p>Footpaths/Paving</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Substantially complete; to be completed by end of December <p>Upper Carpark</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Substantially complete and operational; Fencing to be completed by end of December. <p>Harbour Edge and Railing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Substantially complete. <p>Roadway Pavement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pavements to be placed prior to Irish Water works in the area. Pavement to be reinstated following these works which is anticipated to be by year end or early Q1 of 2023. <p>Street Lighting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sockets and services are in place for the street lighting, however due to supply chain demands, the lighting columns are expected to be in place and commissioned by end of December 2022. 	
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	It is anticipated that the works will be substantially complete by the end of December 2022.	
Contact Person(s)	Ardal McDermott, A/ Senior Executive Engineer Brendan O'Donnell, A/ Senior Engineer	

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 Árainn Mhór (Arranmore Island) ‘Harbour to Island’ Regeneration Project for the regeneration of Burtonport (Ailt an Chorráin) and Arranmore (Oileán Árainn Mhór).</p> <p>The ‘Harbour to Island’ Project was conceived on the basis that it would take place in two stages in order to accommodate the existing uses occupying the harbour space including the Harbour Master’s office, ticket offices and the public toilets.</p> <p>Phase 1 of the Project was awarded funding under the Second Call for Category 1 Funding announced in November 2019. Phase 1 provides for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At Ailt an Chorráin (Burtonport):- Transformation of the harbour infrastructure and environment through the demolition and removal of under-utilised, redundant or vacant buildings, to a new multi-user public realm space with modern transport infrastructure, public amenities and services and parking; • At Óilean Árainn Mhór (Arranmore Island):- Landmark shorefront recreation, outdoor amenity and local community inspired amphitheatre style event space including children’s playground and car parking. <p>The works at Óilean Árainn Mhór (Arranmore Island) are now complete and works at Ailt an Chorráin commenced in January 2022 and are now in progress, with substantial completion anticipated for the end of September 2022.</p> <p>About the Project Phase 2 of the project proposes a new Ferry Terminal Building and Enterprise Building that present as an important physical element of the overall project and provide a valuable opportunity to introduce 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 the last quarter - inclusive of current status</p>	<p>MH Associates Ltd. are the lead architect for the scheme and have been approved by the DRDC to commence detail design.</p> <p>Detail design work is ongoing and stakeholders have been consulted in relation to final requirements.</p> <p>It is anticipated that contract documents will be completed by the end</p>



	of 2022 with a contractor being appointed in Q1 2023 with construction completion by Q1 2024.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	It is anticipated that detailed design will be progressed to completion with tender documents being produced by end of December 2022.
Contact Person(s)	Ardal McDermott, A/ Senior Executive Engineer Brendan O'Donnell, A/ Senior Engineer



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1. Division: Economic Development

1.1 Economic Development Unit

Project / Activity Report

Title	Economic Development Unit
Countywide	<p>Property Solutions: The team is progressing 13 property solution opportunities across the county. These are queries relating to the purchase of council owned lands for Economic Development purposes.</p> <p>Killybegs Marine Cluster: Work with the Killybegs Marine Cluster is ongoing and the group recently supported a new pilot schools programme via the Alpha Innovation Centre and a publicity campaign highlighting opportunities in the blue economy.</p> <p>Caravan, Camping and Campervan Study: recommendations from the Caravan, Camping and Campervan study being implemented along with internal and external stakeholders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Caravan, Camping, Campervan and Motorhome Facilities grant Scheme: the grant scheme, targeting the Private Sector and Community and Voluntary sector has now been evaluated and grants awarded. Letters of Offer are currently with successful applicants and the Council are working to determine project schedules for drawdown, with consideration given to increasing costs and pressures on local business.• Marketing: A dedicated caravan, camping, campervan and motorhomes webpage has been developed on govisitdonegal.com. The EDU are reviewing this work in partnership with the Tourism Unit. <p>#BuyDonegal 2022</p> <p>#BuyDonegal is continuing to drive traction, locally, nationally and internationally with over 350 businesses participating in the 2022 edition. To date (Dec 15th) the campaign has reached over 5m people on social media.</p> <p>Relocation Marketing Campaign</p> <p>Following a tender process, a marketing agency, bigO Creative, has been appointed to develop a relocation marketing campaign to attract talent</p>

nationally and from overseas, while showcasing Donegal as a desirable location to live and build a career. The campaign will roll-out in Q1 2023.

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	28,900	4,410 (+56)
Twitter	25,300	2,442 (+31)
Instagram	5,254	3,660 (+163)
Facebook	30,040	1,805 (+63)
Donegal.ie	5.6K Web Users (4 weeks 16 November – 14 December)	
	18 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 three 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.
- **Innovation Plaza** to develop cross-border enterprise opportunities in sectors such as renewable energy, advanced manufacturing & engineering and agri-food.

- **Regenerative Tourism** involving engagement with the region's place, past and people, seeking to attract high-yield environmentally conscious visitors.

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 have worked with OCO Global to develop a three-year Investment strategy for the region. Follow up actions and potential funding options have been developed on this with pitch propositions currently being finalised in partnership with OCO Global, focusing on key investment sectors.
- **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.
- **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.

You can follow respective LinkedIn and Twitter Platforms :
@NorthWestCityRegionIreland

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.

There are 2 Donegal based projects due for launch in 2023.

- **Moving West on TG4** –The show, which is produced by Dundara Television in association with The Western Development Commission puts a spotlight on the Atlantic Seaboard counties. Throughout the series the show follows the lives of individuals and families who have moved or are in the process of moving to a new home along the Atlantic coast. The episode on Donegal will be shown on 1st February.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donegal More to Life Video – A stunning new video will shows scenes of home, work and life up and down the West of Ireland – and declares: “This is more than just a place. This is a way of life. It’s where work/life balance flourishes. This is the West of Ireland, where there is more to life.” The video for Donegal is due to release in January 2023. Date TBC. <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>
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1.2 Tourism Marketing Unit:

Project/Activity Report

Outline of Work	<p>Marketing Updates Holiday World Show 2023</p> <p>This event is taking place in RDS, Dublin from Fri, 27th – Sun, 29th January 2023 and is the first post-Covid Show since 2020. It is anticipated that the show will attract an audience of 70,000 over the weekend.</p> <p>There will be 16 individual booths and 18 businesses will be attending the show under the Donegal Tourism brand.</p> <p>The Tourism Unit is liaising with the show organisers in relation to PR in advance of the show and securing prizes for the show competition. Details are available on the Show website: www.holidayworldshow.com</p> <p>Production of Tourism Brochure 2023</p> <p>The A4 Tourism Brochure has been developed every year by the Tourism Unit since 2017. It is widely recognised as a valuable resource. The brochure allows for easy demonstrations of the county and its visitor attractions.</p>
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The Tourism Unit is currently revamping the Tourism Brochure which will be ready for mid-January 2023. With the environment and sustainability in mind, a condensed A5 printed brochure will be developed with QR codes linking to the website which will link the readers to the www.govisitdonegal.com website for more information. A viewable and printable PDF version will also be available.

TBEX FAM Trip

A representative from TBEX (Travel Bloggers Exchange) visited **from the USA in early December to examine the facilities within the county to host this major tourism conference.** TBEX is the world's largest conference and networking event for online travel journalists and travel industry companies. Its previous conferences have generated 16.2 million monitored blogs and tweets.

The conference has the potential to bring over 550 delegates from across the globe to Donegal and it is an excellent opportunity for the tourism industry in the county to engage with the world's most influential travel bloggers and leading digital content creators.

#BuyDonegal 2022 Campaign

The Tourism Unit is supporting the Economic Development Team during the #BuyDonegal campaign. Tourism offers are listed on the govisitdonegal.com website. Week 4 of the campaign is focused on tourism and service providers and will be led by the tourism team. Accommodation offers have been promoted throughout the week.

In addition, a social media competition ran on Facebook from Nov 30th – Dec 5th attracting large numbers to the Go Visit Donegal Facebook page and highlighting the #BuyDonegal campaign.

Ireland in Music – Season 3

Donegal County Council continues to support the 'Ireland in Music' TV show which offers a huge international exposure in key markets overseas. Filming for series 3 began in September 2022, with broadcasting to commence in the first quarter of 2023.

Further PR will follow once dates are confirmed.

Filming locations in Donegal include:

- Drumboe Woods, Ballybofey.
- Amphitheatre, Árainn Mhór.

International Distribution

- 9 Europe-wide screenings via European Broadcasting Union.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3-year licensing deal with SBS Australia to broadcast and feature on IIM on the SBS On-Demand platform, viewed by 2.86million Australians each year. - IIM received a primetime slot on RTE1, RTE+1 and remains on the RTE Player for 1year. - Major partnership with USPBS member, WNET, who have broadcast IIM 57 times across New York, New Jersey and Long Island. - Social impressions: 1,507,482+ - TV viewership to date: Ireland 136k+ / USA 411k+ / Australia 38k+ <p>Christmas Lights Switch On 2022</p> <p>The tourism unit has been sharing images of the Christmas lights switch on and Christmas events happening throughout the county, promoting towns & villages to the wider audience.</p> <p>TIDE – Atlantic Network for Developing Historical Maritime Tourism</p> <p>Donegal County Council has developed three virtual reality experiences. All three experiences have been launched – Napoleonic era – ‘The Storm, The Sea – The Saldanha’, the Spanish Armada experience – ‘Wrath of the Atlantic, Wrecks of the Armada’ & World War 1 era - ‘Beware! Convoy Below!’ with promotional videos promoting all experiences.</p> <p>All experiences are continually promoted on websites & social media platforms. Information panels for sites to be installed in December.</p> <p>The collation content for the platform is ongoing. A six-month extension has been awarded with additional outputs to continue to develop the experiences. Claim 6 was audited and inspected by First Level Controller in early December.</p>
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1.3 Strategic Funding Unit:

Project/Activity Report

Title	Strategic Funding Unit – exploring EU and National Funding Opportunities that support the objectives set out in the Donegal County Council Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024
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All MD's	<p>SFU Webinars</p> <p>The SFU has delivered 10 webinars to date focused on EU funding opportunities and project development support. These webinars are available to view on YouTube.</p> <p>SFU E-mail Newsletter</p> <p>The SFU has distributed 13 e-mail newsletters in 2022 to both internal staff and external contacts with information on funding opportunities, project development supports and events.</p> <p>SFU and Local Authority Funding Strategy 2023</p> <p>A Strategic Funding Unit Strategy was developed in 2020 and this strategy will come to an end in 2022. The SFU is now working with the <i>North West Regional Assembly</i> on developing a Local Authority Funding Strategy following consultation with the SMT. This new NWRA Local Authority Funding Strategy will include an action plan for the coming years in relation to maximising opportunities arising from the current EU funding programme period of 2021 – 2027.</p> <p>YOUTHopia- Generating Perspectives for Cohesion</p> <p>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>Exploration of EU Funding Opportunities with the North West Tertiary Education Cluster (NWTEC)</p> <p>The SFU has met with representatives of the NWTEC to discuss potential collaboration on EU funding opportunities including engagement in the YOUTHopia project in 2023. NWTEC is comprised of the four main Educational Institutions in the region, and includes Atlantic Technological University (ATU), Donegal Education & Training</p>
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	<p>Board (DETB), Ulster University (U.U) and North West Regional College (NWRC). Further engagement is planned for 2023.</p> <p>URBACT & IFI Project</p> <p>Following the success of the URBACT playful paradigm project, Donegal Sports Partnership has been successful in securing funding via the International Fund for Ireland for a cross-border active play project. Working in collaboration with Donegal County Council and local stakeholders, this project will be piloted in Donegal Town, Letterkenny and Derry.</p> <p>Project Partnership & Development</p> <p>There are several new EU project proposals being reviewed on a daily basis. The SFU is receiving invitations to join consortiums from a number of sources. These are being reviewed and sent to the relevant Directorates on an ongoing basis.</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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1.4 Donegal Diaspora Unit:

Project/Activity Report

Title	Donegal Diaspora Unit
Countywide	Donegal Connect 2023 / 2024

Plans for 2023 have already commenced and dates are hoped to be agreed upon, before the end of the year with a funding application for the Global Irish Festival Series 2024 also due for submission.

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.

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 with further updates to follow. *Donegal Diaspora social media statistics as of 16/12/2022 are as follows:*

LinkedIn – 1,123 (up 25) connections

Twitter – 4,008 (up 19) followers

Facebook – 5,750 (up 29) followers

Instagram – 262 (up 9) followers

#BuyDonegal

From 5th – 9th December #BuyDonegal had a Diaspora themed week. with giveaway prizes from Magee 1866, Donegal Rapeseed Oil, Jacinta Callaghan Art amongst others.

Scottish Diaspora

A meeting was held between the Diaspora Officer and Donegal County Council Ambassador Packie Bonner with the aim of establishing a strong Diaspora network within key Scottish cities such as Glasgow, Edinburgh and Dundee. Further meetings will take place in 2023 with Tourism Ireland also to be involved.

Diaspora Consultation

The Diaspora Officer is currently working on plans for a consultation exercise to ascertain the views of the Diaspora and other relevant

	organisations in relation to ongoing work to develop Diaspora connections/networks that will inform the future strategy.
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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 October Outputs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant Aid – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 35 Businesses have been approved Grant Aid. ○ Value of total Grant Aid Approvals YTD is €795,360.40 • Trading Online Vouchers – 44 Businesses approved support to a value of €88,828.34 • Mentoring YTD – 152 Businesses have received this support • Training – 1,434 Business Attendees YTD.
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- Student Enterprise Programme – The latest programme began in September for this academic year. 769 Donegal students are participating in 15 schools.

Upcoming Programmes:

Ukraine Enterprise Crisis Scheme

Enterprise Ireland is working with the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment to help Irish businesses manage and mitigate the economic impact of the current crisis in Ukraine.

The Ukraine Enterprise Crisis Scheme is a €200 million fund to assist viable but vulnerable firms in manufacturing and internationally traded services. It is aimed at businesses experiencing significant difficulty as a result of increased energy costs.

The Scheme offers two streams of support to manufacturing and Internationally Traded Services companies.

Stream 1 is a liquidity measure that will help viable manufacturing and Internationally Traded Services companies experiencing trading difficulties. The overall aid under this measure will not exceed €500,000 and will typically be provided on a co-funded basis. The minimum aid award is €20,000.

Enterprise Ireland, IDA Ireland, Údarás Na Gaeltachta and the Local Enterprise Office are the approved granting authorities for Stream 1.

Stream 2 will provide aid for additional costs due to exceptionally severe increases in natural gas and electricity prices experienced by energy-intensive businesses. The aid will be in the form of direct grants and the overall aid per undertaking will not exceed 30% of the eligible costs up to a maximum of €2 million. The minimum aid award is €20,000. Applicants will be required to demonstrate measures undertaken or planned to improve energy efficiency.

For both Streams applicants must submit an energy efficiency plan, ratified by senior management of the company.

Companies should contact Enterprise Ireland (EI) via the website: www.enterprise-ireland.com/ECS. The EI Hub team will do some initial checks to make sure companies can avail of the scheme. If validated as eligible, the companies are emailed an Application pack and an EI Development Advisor or their equivalent in the LEO are notified.

Subject to the normal assessment criteria, the applications are then evaluated and decided by the relevant authority.

Currently the Streams have two different closing dates. **Stream 1 is open until the 1st December 2022**, though this will likely be extended into the New Year and **Stream 2 is open until 31st March 2023**.

To date, information packs for Stream 1 & 2 have been issued to one firm in Donegal. Information sessions will be taking place in the New Year to provide the opportunity for companies in Donegal to learn more about the scheme's qualifying criteria and how to apply.

Scale-X Blue Economy

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

Who is eligible?

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

Further Info:

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

The programme will begin in April 2023.

Donegal Enterprise Awards

The Awards celebrate the achievements of Donegal's small business sector over the past year. The awards recognise and celebrate the success stories of small business owners from all over the county. The following awards were announced and presented at the County Donegal Final of the competition, held on Friday 2nd December 2022.

Award Categories – Overall Prize Fund €14,000

- Best Established Award (over 18months trading) – Prize Fund €3000 – Silver Strand Ropes, Patrick McLaughlin, Moville.
- Best Established Award Runner-Up (over 18months trading) – Prize Fund €1000 – Irish Gap Year, Ryan Allen, Bundoran.
- Best Start Up Award (less than 18months trading) – Prize Fund €2000 – Bon Appetit, Eugene Gallen, Killygordon.
- Best Start Up Award Runner-Up (less than 18months trading) – Prize Fund €1000 – North Fox facilities services Ltd, Clonmany.
- Best Donegal Enterprise Export Award – Prize Fund €1000 – Niche Specialist Staffing, Gareth My Glynn, Bridgend.
- Best Donegal Enterprise Innovation Award – Prize Fund €1000 – Ample – Caroline Friel, Inishowen.
- Best Donegal Enterprise Green Award - Prize Fund €1000 – Donegal Bees – Thomas Ellis, Glencolcille.
- Best Donegal Enterprise Digital award - Prize Fund €1000 – Caitlin NicGabhan, Bunbeg.
- The Food Coast – Enterprise Award - Prize Fund €1000 – Little Mammias, Jon Geary, Donegal Town.
- The Creative Coast – Enterprise Award – Prize Fund €1000 – Molloy & Son, Kieran Molly, Ardara.
- Donegal Engineering Cluster - Enterprise Award - Prize Fund €1000 – Diorite, Ian Mason, Bunrana.

Ongoing Programmes:

Digital Start

YTD - 23 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support worth €99,000

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

YTD - 9 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support worth €19,926

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

YTD - 16 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support worth €65,975.50

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 early in the New Year.
- In the planning stage of taking a group of Donegal food producers to St Joseph's University in Philadelphia for a week to attend lectures and field trips. The visit is scheduled to take place in March 2023, to coincide with St Patrick's day, and 20 businesses are due to take part.

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.

Throughout September & October, Creative Coast Donegal delivered 7 pilot Creative Network Meetings for the Design and Craft sectors in four locations throughout the county. These network meetings were created based on the feedback directly from the creatives themselves and informed by the Creative Coast Donegal Skills Audit Insight report. Around 80 people attended the in-person meetings, which provided an opportunity for the creatives to network with one another and learn from industry experts in Ireland. These experts delivered masterclasses on a range of different skills such as social media strategy, financial management, brand development, etc.

The meetings have now moved to an online format and we have seen greater numbers of people in attendance. Feedback from both the in-person and virtual events has been positive. Three more online meetings are happening during November/December, concluding the pilot stage of the creative network meetings. Friel Consulting will

provide a report in early December that will include recommendations on how the network should proceed.

In November, Creative Coast Donegal hosted the 'Yarns' conference – a celebration of the strength and heritage of the Fashion & Textile industry of the Northwest region. In collaboration with Strabane City & Derry City Council, the event took place in Letterkenny and Derry on the 18th & 19th of November. Various high-profile speakers from within the creative industry in Ireland, including Sonya Lennon, Paula Hughes, Aisling Farinella, and Deirdre McQuillan, facilitated workshops, delivered 1:1 training, and presented keynote addresses, to increase ambition, build skills, and inspire the creative community in the northwest.

Yarns was very well received by all who attended and received widespread social media coverage. Creative Coast Donegal is currently collecting written feedback from each of the attendees which will inform the development of similar events in the future.

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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Promoting the cluster as a centre of engineering excellence both nationally and internationally. <p>Maura Toner commenced as Donegal Engineering Cluster Executive in September, 2022, on a 3-year contract, and is currently engaging with engineers and other stakeholders to assess the opportunities for the sector and their current challenges.</p> <p><u>Upcoming Activities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Start Your Own Business Programme – 10th January• Trading Online Voucher Workshop – 11th January <p><u>All bookings can be made here:</u></p> <p>https://www.localenterprise.ie/Donegal/Training-Events/Online-Bookings/</p> <p><u>Donegal Stories:</u> Website highlighting the businesses of Donegal that have been supported by the LEO. https://donegalstories.ie/</p>
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3. Division: Emergency Services - Fire Service

Activity	Number of: (November)*		Total for year	
<u>Fire Service Operations</u>				
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	87		740	
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	93		825	
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	9		81	
<u>Operational Activity Breakdown November 2022</u>				
	Turnouts		Incidents in County	
	Fires	Special Services	Fires	Special Services
Donegal Fire Service	36	57	29	48
Northern Ireland Fire Service	4	5	3	7
Sub Total	40	62	32	55
Total	102		87	
<u>Fire Prevention</u>				
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	21		174	
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	38		N/A	
Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from Applicant / Agent:	62		N/A	
Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	6		107	

Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	1	9
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	0	3
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	2	45
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	18	197
Fire Safety Complaints received:	2	19
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	2	16
During Performance Inspections carried out:	0	4
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	0	79

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



Municipal District of Glenties

10th January 2023

Community Development Division

CLÁR / AGENDA

1. Report on recent activity in the Community Development Division
 - 1.1 Community Development
 - 1.2 Rural Development Programme/LEADER

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	Installation of galvanized equipment storage cage, outdoor shower, street furniture and surfacing works at Maghery pier. Installation of camping pods, self catering kitchen, toilet / shower facilities, lighting and a beach wheelchair at Ionad an Mhachaire. Development of a loop walk / cycle route Installation of tourism information points/panels Development of website, promotion and branding materials	Town & Village Renewal Scheme	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

Glenties Municipal District - Community Development

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 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) (Phase 2 and phase 3)</p>	ORIS	<p>Engagement with local community ongoing. Establishing scope of works & preparation of contract documents underway</p>
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



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

Municipal District: Countywide

Activity / Project Update- January 2023

Activity / Project Title	Rural Development Programme/LEADER
Activity / Project Description	Donegal Local Community and Development Committee are the Local Action Group for County Donegal, with responsibility for the LEADER/Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 & Transitional LEADER Programme 2021-2022
Budget	€13,413,875 (Additional funding received 2019) <i>Note: Project costs €10,063,586, administration and animation costs €3,350,289</i>
Transitional Programme	1 st April 2021 – 31 st December 2022 €2,861,598 project costs € 953,866 for Administration & Animation.
Progress to date within the last two months-inclusive of current status	There are 4 Implementing Partners within the county; Donegal Local Development Company (DLDC), Inishowen Development Partnership (IDP), Údarás Na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán, who are rolling out the LEADER Transitional programme on behalf of the LAG (Local Action Group). The LEADER Transitional programme is effective from 1st April 2021 and runs until 31 st December 2022. €45 million is allocated nationally for the Transitional Programme and €20 million from the EURI programme. 62 projects in Donegal are now approved by Pobal under the Transitional & EURI programmes and Letters of Offer have issued/are pending, granting LEADER funding to a value of €2,861,598.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	The next LCDC/LAG meeting will be held on 15 th February 2023. LDCs will continue to engage with promoters on the ground however no new projects will be developed as all funding awarded to the Donegal LAG under the Transitional LEADER programme and EURI programme has been allocated. Donegal LCDC has submitted an expression of interest to DRCD to be the LAG for the new LEADER Programme 2023-2027.
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**GLENTIES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
MEETING
10th January 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. Fintown Village Project – Update from Road Design attached.**

- 3. Agree 2 dates for Roads Workshops during February to discuss, review and agree 2023 Road Works Programmes.**

UPDATE ON FINTOWN PROJECT FROM ROAD DESIGN

04TH JANUARY 2023

The contract is due to be completed by the end of April with junction improvement surfacing works to be completed by 20th January 2023.

Footpath, kerbing and drainage works are due to be completed by the end of March 2023 and the mainline resurfacing works by the end of April 2023.

We are due to have a meeting with the contractor after the junction surfacing works are complete and review the construction programme.

Senior Executive Engineer
Road Design.

Housing & Corporate Agenda

For Meeting on 10th January 2023

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

1. PROGRESS REPORT - GRANTS AT 31/12/2022

Housing Aid for Older People Grants						
<i>Year</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Cancelled/ Refused</i>	<i>Applicant Further Info</i>	<i>Referred to Eng</i>	<i>Pending</i>
2022	141	106	19	0	16	16
2023	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	37	20	1	26	6	33
2023	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	11	0	0	0	0
2023	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Payments – Glenties MD

Grant payments in the sum of **€1,074,447.21** in respect of 188 no. applications were made during 2022.

2. PROGRESS REPORT – CASUAL VACANCIES @ 31/12/2022

Glenties MD	Address	Beds	Vacant From	Current Status
Arranmore				
	Leabgarrow	2 bed	15/12/2022	Currently being assessed
Burtonport				
	Altan	3 bed	26/10/2022	Currently being assessed
Creelough				
	Ard Cois Locha	2 bed	25/11/2022	Contractor on site. Complete by mid January
	Ard Cois Locha	2 bed	21/10/2022	Contractor on site. Complete by mid January
Doochary				
	Droim a'Droichead	2 bed	09/09/2022	Currently being assessed
Falcarragh				
	Ballina	3 bed	12/07/2021	Offered & Refused & offered again
Glenties				
	Clos Naomh Chonaill	3 bed	08/07/2022	Offered & Refused & offered again
	Ard McGill	1 bed	03/11/2022	Currently being assessed
	Clos Naomh Chonaill	3 bed	07/11/2022	Quotations due in mid January
	Clos Naomh Chonaill	2 bed	05/12/2022	Quotations due in mid January
Lettermacaward				
	Ascaill Bhríde	2 bed	24/11/2022	Contractor appointed. Works due to be complete by end of January
Loughanure				
	Radharc an Iuir	2 bed flat	06/07/2022	Quotations due in mid January

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

5. NUMBER OF RAS PROPERTIES

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

6. NUMBER OF LTL PROPERTIES

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

7. HOUSING VACANCIES AND OFFERS

Reasons for Vacancies between 01/01/2022 to 31/12/2022				
Transfers	Surrenders	Death of Tenant	Other	Total
10	9	6	1	26

Number of Housing Offers issued between 01/01/2022 to 31/12/2022		
Number of Offers issued	Offers Accepted	Offers Refused
41	33	7

1 offer issued in late December 2022 but no reply yet

8. TENANT PURCHASE

Number of applications received since Scheme commenced:	110
Total number of valid applications:	83
Valid applications received in 2022:	19
Number of Offer Letters issued in 2022:	2
Total number of houses sold under the Scheme to date:	19

9. LOCAL AUTHORITY LOANS

Total number of Loan applications (RIHL) received from 2018-2021	Number of Loans Approved from 2018-2021	Total number of new Loan applications (LAHL) in 2022	Number of Loans Approved in 2022
34	5	9	2

Housing Capital Update Report Glenties Municipal District Meeting January 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	<p>The Civil and Structural Engineer and the Mechanical and Electrical Engineering consultants have been appointed.</p> <p>Asbestos survey and Archaeological survey completed. Fire Safety Certs and Disability Access Certs have been lodged</p> <p>Ground Investigation Trial Holes completed. Boreholes due to commence on 12th January.</p> <p>Following completion of the full design package (with input from Consultants above) approval will be sought from the Department in advance of tendering in March 2023.</p>	45
Design Stage		
Masiness, Creeslough	Application lodged with Department on 20 th December 2022. Part 8 Planning application will be advertised in January 2023.	3
Glenties (Fire Station)	Concept/preliminary design stage.	3
Total		57

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.

A submission seeking funding approval for a 11-unit turnkey acquisition at Creeslough was submitted to the Department in December 2022.

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.