



DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS NA GLEANNTAÍ –

11ú Iúil, 2023

Céardlann - uiríll comhaltaí - 10.30 r.n.

Cruinniú Ceantar Bardais na nGleanntaí - 11.00 r.n.

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Micheál Rowsome


Riarthóir Cruinnithe



SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS – 11th July, 2023

Workshop – Members Representations	-	10.30 A.M.
Municipal District Meeting	-	11.00 A.M.

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Michael Rowsome

Meetings Administrator



Ceantar Bardais Na Gleanntaí

Oifig Riarthóir na
gCruinnithe
Ionad Seirbhísí
Clochán Liath

5ú Iúil, 2023

FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Na Gleanntaí ar an 11ú Iúil 2023, ag 11.00 i.n. in Oifigí na Comhairle Condae ar an Chlochán Léith.

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A Chara

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

Mise, le meas

PP Micheál Rowsome
Riarthóir Cruinnithe



Municipal District of Glenties

Office of Meetings
Administrator
Public Service Centre
Dungloe

5th July, 2023

NOTICE OF MEETING


The Municipal District of Glenties Meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th July, 2023 at 11.00 a.m. in
Dungloe Public Services Centre.

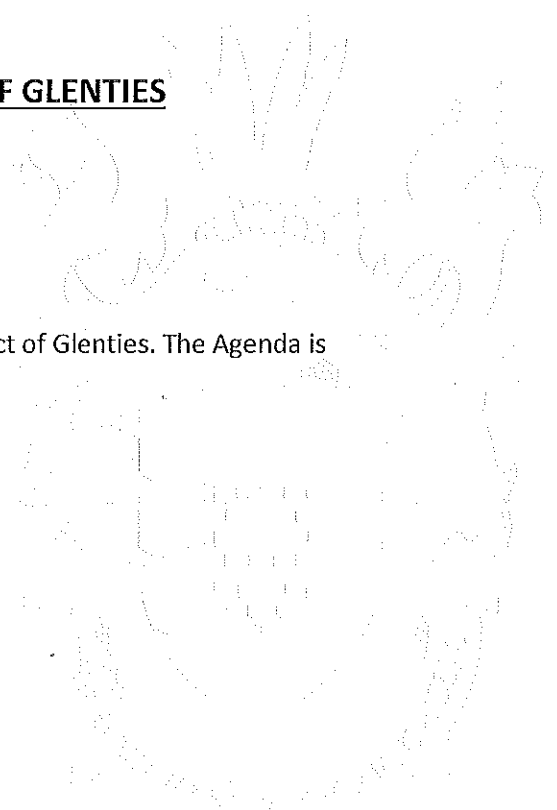
TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GLENTIES

Dear Councillor,

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

Yours Sincerely,

PP 
Michael Rowsome
Meetings Administrator



AGENDA

1. Consideration of the Minutes of Glenties Municipal District Committee Meeting held on the 9th May 2023.
2. Community Development
3. Planning Services
4. Environment
5. Economic Development, I.S. & Emergency Service
6. Roads Service
7. Housing & Corporate Services

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF GLENTIES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE**
held in Dungloe Public Services Centre on 9th May 2023

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

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
Mary Boyle - A/Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate
Sineád McClafferty, -Executive Planner
Rosita Mahony - Senior Staff Officer
John McCarron- Senior Executive Engineer, Water &
Environment
Jim Boner - Senior Executive Engineer, Housing Capital
Paul Kelly - Senior Executive Planner

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Clíona Ní Ghallachóir, Aistriúcháin Comhuaineach

GMD 29/23

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

On the proposal of Cllr. Gallagher seconded by Cllr. Ó Fearraigh, the minutes of the Municipal District Meeting held on the 14th March 2023 were confirmed.

Community Development

Members discussed reports presented by the Community Development Staff Officer in relation to the following:

- Community Development Projects
- Social Inclusion
- Youth Council
- Rural Development Programme

Cllr. Ó Fearraigh queried if the public could still access the path up Errigal mountain during the proposed six week work programme. Cllr. Ó Fearraigh also queried the status of the car park in Ballina, Falcarragh. The Community Development Staff Officer advised that she would refer both items back to the technical team for an update.

Cllr. Gallagher commended the Social Inclusion Unit and the quality of events organised over the last few months and gave a special mention to Mairead Cranley in Age Friendly section.

Cllr. Gallagher raised concerns regarding the upkeep of Leitir Green for the summer months. Cllr. Gallagher also queried the money allocated to the two river walks in Dungloe and suggested that a pedestrian bridge might enhance the landscape and connect the two areas.

The Community Development Staff Officer agreed to refer these matters back to the technical team.

Cllr. Mc Garvey expressed her concern regarding the very complicated forms for Clár funding & commended the CD staff officer for her assistance to community groups.

Cllr. Gallagher stressed the importance of preparatory work in relation to submission of larger projects for Leader funding consideration.

GMD 31/23

PLANNING

31.1 Members noted the reports circulated with the agenda and presented by the area Planner regarding development applications, enforcement & pre planning clinics.

31.2 **Cnoc na Beithe (Birchill) Creeslough**

On the proposal of Cllr McClafferty, seconded by Cllr Ó Fearraigh, the Municipal District of Glenties resolved that the Council make an order in accordance with (i) Section 207 of the Planning & Development Act 2000(as amended) for the creation of a public right of way over estate roads within this housing estate as set out in the maps attached to the agenda to enable it to proceed with the taking in charge of the estate.

(ii) Section 11(1) of the Roads Act 1993 to declare the estate roads within the housing estate to be public roads and note the consequential provisions contained in section 180 (4) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) whereby the Council will also take in charge the water services infrastructure and the public open spaces or car park within the attendant grounds of the development and will subsequently transfer the water services within the estate to Uisce Éireann.

31.3 **Burtonport Redevelopment Scheme**

On the proposal of Cllr Ó Fearraigh, seconded by Cllr Molloy, the Committee unanimously agreed to the nomination of Cllr Gallagher & Cllr McGarvey to sit on a Committee of local interest groups to facilitate decision making on the Art element of this capital project. Cllr McGarvey commended the Marine service for their assistance with provision of lighting on Burtonport Pier.

31.4 **N56 Restrictions**

Cllr. McClafferty requested that a meeting be arranged with the TII to discuss ongoing issues stalling developments along this route.

31.5 **Commencement Notices**

The Area Planner responded to queries from Cllr. Gallagher regarding building control activity & particularly the commencement notice element of the report circulated previously.

31.6 **Urban / Rural Regeneration & Development Funding**

The Senior Executive Planner updated Members on the status of countywide projects as per the report circulated with the agenda. The Committee were provided with additional detail in relation to the Burtonport/Arranmore project & potential regeneration plans for Creeslough & Dungloe. Members were advised of the recent appointments of the Town Regeneration & Vacant Homes Officers & restructuring of the Regeneration & Development Team to reflect the increased workload arising from vacancy, dereliction & Town Centre work programmes.

Cllr. Gallagher commended the trojan work throughout the County and stressed the need for positive discrimination & additional funding for West Donegal to overcome deprivation in the region. Cllr. Molloy concurred with these sentiments.

Cllr. Ó Fearraigh commended the ongoing work programmes in Creeslough.

Cllr. McGarvey raised issues pertaining to the ongoing delay in obtaining a Foreshore Licence which was in turn holding up the progress with the Burtonport Sea Wall & sewerage infrastructural developments.

GMD 32/23

ENVIRONMENT

The Senior Executive Engineer discussed the reports circulated with the agenda from the Waste Regulation and Awareness officers regarding;

- Anti Dumping Initiative 2023
- Network Environmental compliance & enforcement

- Solid Fuel enforcement
- Recycling Centres
- Food Waste Recycling
- Big Donegal Clean Up

In response to a query from Cllr Gallagher regarding the absence of necessary funding to adequately improve water quality in Meenderryhirk, Dungloe, the Director advised that an announcement of a multi annual water programme is awaited.

Cllr Molloy raised issues regarding necessity for provision of lifebuoys at Narin & Rosbeg, illegal dumping at Meentinadea crossroads, Maghera group scheme, requirement for bins and repair of seating in Glengesh.

Cllr McGarvey requested the Council to address illegal dumping of tar/building material in Doochary & the Roads Engineer informed the Committee that he is liaising with the Environment Service to procure a budget to remove same.

Cllr McClafferty similarly raised issues of dumped tar in a private car parking area in Dunfanaghy & also highlighted continuing problems arising from dog fouling & absence of a protective wall in Dunfanaghy.

The Senior Executive Engineer undertook to revert to Cllr. Gallagher regarding the method of measurement of landfill capacity.

GMD 33/23

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Economic Development Senior Staff Officer updated the Committee in respect of the following issues outlined in the Report circulated with the agenda:

- Europe Day Conference - 9th May - Mount Errigal Hotel
- Business Support Service for startups
- Fáilte Ireland Festival funding
- Minor Tourism related works - Workshop

Cllr. Gallagher referred to a meeting of the LECP and a focus on job and youth retention and the importance of integration of all agencies involved in an economic strategy for the region. Cllr. Gallagher highlighted the importance of a focused economic strategy considering both decreasing educational attainment and population in West Donegal.

She also referred to a recently released Fáilte Ireland report regarding the impact on the service sector due to declining availability of bed numbers.

Cllr. Ó Fearraigh welcomed the restoration of the flight services to Glasgow and requested revised scheduling arrangements to accommodate additional passengers.

GMD 34/23

ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION

The Area Manager for Roads updated the Members in respect of the following:

- Fintown Project
- Bunbeg footbridge
- NRDO N56 Projects
- Roadworks Programme

The Members highlighted the following issues throughout the Municipal District:

- Cycleway from Glenties to Dungloe and provision of toilet facilities.
- Issues arising from Road closures.
- Safety issues relating to Loughanure village, Glenties Comprehensive School and Maas.
- Quay Road/Crucknageeragh footpath
- Leitirmacaward Graveyard
- Drainage/tidal issues at Narin and Portnoo.
- Damage to Purl Road and Meenbanad lake area.

GMD 35/23

HOUSING & CORPORATE

35.1

Workshop

The Committee agreed to schedule Workshops on the 20th June 2023 in relation to Minor Tourism Works and to also receive a Deputation from Inis Bó Finne Development Group, with times to be agreed at a later date.

35.2

Housing Construction

The Committee welcomed the Report previously circulated and presented by the Housing Senior Executive Engineer who updated Members in respect of the following developments:

- Chapel Road, Dungloe (45 units)
- Massinass, Creeslough (3 units)
- Glenties Fire Station (3 units)
- Bunbeg (29 units)
- Creeslough (11 units)

The Senior Executive Engineer advised Members that a land acquisition due diligence process is underway in respect of 15 settlements in the Municipal District and that 3 offers are under consideration by landowners.

35.3

Progress Reports

Members welcomed Reports circulated with the agenda and presented by the A/Area Manager for Housing in respect of the following:

- Grants
- Casual Vacancies
- Housing Need
- HAP/RAS/LTL
- Clós Naomh Chonail groundwork contract
- Deep Energy Retrofitting Programme

Cllr. Ó Fearraigh stressed the importance of provision of emergency housing solutions for homeless presentations.

Cllr. Molloy highlighted the importance of progressing outstanding remedial works to upgrade Ard Connell and ArdPatrick Housing Schemes.

Cllr. Gallagher expressed disappointment at the absence of Affordable Housing Schemes in Donegal, lack of clarification regarding Rent a Room Scheme for Social Housing tenants and deficiency of adequate parking in the design of housing schemes.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF GLENTIES MUNICIPAL
DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD IN DUNGLOE PSC ON 9th MAY 2023

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

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Michael McGarvey - Director of Water & Environment
Service
Michael Rowsome - A/Area Manager, Corporate &
Housing
Brendan Mc Fadden - Area Manager, Roads &
Transportation
John McCarron - SEE, Water & Environment
Rosita Mahoney - SSO, Community Development
Jim Boner - SEE, Housing Capital
Paul Kelly - Senior Executive Planner
Sinead McClafferty - Area Planner
Mary Boyle - A/SSO, Housing & Corporate
Anne Marie McCole - Community Development Staff
Officer

GMD 27/23

27.1

Outgoing Cathaoirleach's address

The outgoing Cathaoirleach Cllr. Molloy expressed his gratitude to his colleagues and the Executive of the Municipal District and highlighted several positive events during the year:

- Turning of sod on Mount Errigal
- Arranmore Regeneration
- Official opening of Changing Places facility in Nairn
- Launch of Thatching School at Dolmen Centre

- Official opening of extension at Scoil Mhuire, Creeslough

Cllr. Molloy paid a warm tribute to all those who assisted in the aftermath of Creeslough Tragedy, in particular Fr. Duffy.

The Director and the Committee commended the outgoing Cathaoirleach for his constructive approach throughout the year and the empathy that he displayed in the aftermath of the Creeslough tragedy.

27.2

Election of Cathaoirleach

Cllr. Molloy invited nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig referred to an agreement at Plenary Council level which he hoped would be honoured by the Committee. A lengthy debate ensued regarding this matter & after a period of time, on the proposal of Cllr. Gallagher, seconded by Cllr. McGarvey the meeting was adjourned.

On resumption of the meeting Cllr. Molloy repeated his request for nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach of the Glenties Municipal District.

Cllr. Gallagher proposed the nomination of Cllr. McClafferty for Cathaoirleach and Cllr. Molloy seconded the nomination.

Cllr. McGarvey proposed the nomination of Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig for Cathaoirleach and Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig seconded this nomination.

A recorded vote was then taken with Cllr McGarvey & Cllr MacGiolla Easbuig supporting the nomination of Cllr MacGiolla Easbuig & Cllr Molloy, Cllr Gallagher, Cllr Ó Fearraigh & Cllr McClafferty supporting the nomination of Cllr. McClafferty.

Cllr McClafferty was declared Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Glenties.

The Committee congratulated Cllr. McClafferty on his election as Cathaoirleach and wished him well in his new role in the coming year.

GMD 28/23

Election of Leas Cathaoirleach

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig declined to accept a nomination for this position.

On the proposal of Cllr. Gallagher, seconded by Cllr. Molloy, Members nominated Cllr. McGarvey for the position of Leas Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District & Cllr. McGarvey was then declared Leas Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Glenties.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Certified: _____
Cathaoirleach: _____
Date: _____

Minutes of the 2023 Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme workshop for the Glenties MD – Held on Tuesday 20th June at 1pm – Chamber Room, Dungloe PSC

Elected Members in attendance

Cllr Marie Therese Gallagher
 Cllr John Shéamus Ó Fearraigh
 Cllr Michael McClafferty
 Cllr Noreen McGarvey
 Cllr Michael Cholm Mac Giolla Easbuig
 Cllr Anthony Molloy

Council Officials in attendance:

Marion Callaghan, A/Assistant Staff Officer, Tourism Unit
 Margaret Sweeney, Clerical Officer, Tourism Unit
 Paul Kelly, Senior Executive Planner, Regeneration and Development Team
 Johnny Nelis, Executive Architect, Regeneration and Development Team

Minutes

Cathaoirleach McClafferty welcomed all to the Workshop.

Marion Callaghan advised members of the funding available i.e. €50,000 for Community led applications and €50,000 for Council led applications.

Marion Callaghan informed members of the Council Services and Community Groups who submitted applications. She provided an overview of each application, including a project summary, cost of project, funding required and estimated completion date.

Members discussed the applications in detail and the following was agreed:

Community Led Applications	
Group name & Project title	Funding agreed
Loughanure Anglers Association - Disabled Equipment	€4,700
Cumann Forbartha - Na Dúchoraidh, Doochary Development Group Tidy Towns - Iolar firéan Na Dúchoraidh	€3,000
Ionad Cois Locha CLG - Accessibility to playground and pontoon	€4,700
Muckish Development Group- Signage for Muckich Loop Walks	€4,700
St. Connells Museum & Heritage Group- Museum re opening	€4,700
An Machaire Le Cheile - Pedestrian Access to Tra Eile Beach	€4,700
Togra Fiontar & Cutúr Uladh CTR - Siúlóid Cnoc na Naomh	€4,700
Pobal Eascarragh Teoranta - Gort naGréine	€4,700
Glenties Tidy Towns Committee - Town signage & comprehensive visitor information system	€4,700
Narin Portnoo Tidy Towns - Tourism Facilities Development	€4,700
Coiste Forbartha Chnoc Fola - Meenaclady upgrade of existing area	€4,700
Funding allocated to Community groups	€50,000

Council Services Applications	
Council service & Project title	Funding agreed
W&E- Narin Beach Access	€16,000
Water & Environment - Carrickfinn All Accessible Eco Loo	€14,000
Community Development & Planning - Completion of Corn cutter monument at Creeslough	€6,667
Community Development & Planning - The Chapel & Village Centre Creeslough	€6,667
Community Development & Planning - The Garden Creeslough	€6,666
Funding allocated to Council services	€50,000

Total funding allocated €100,000

The allocation of funding to the Creeslough projects was proposed by Cllr Marie Therese Gallagher and seconded by Cllr Michael McClafferty.

The remainder of the funding was proposed by Cllr Michael Cholm Mac Giolla Easbuig and seconded by Cllr Anthony Molloy.

The members were informed their recommendations would be brought forward for adoption at the next MD meeting, Tuesday 11th July



Municipal District of Glenties

11th July 2023

Community Development Division

CLÁR / AGENDA


1. Report on recent activity in the Community Development Division
 - 1.1 Community Development
 - 1.2 Social Inclusion
 - 1.3 Age Friendly
 - 1.4 PEACEPLUS Programme 2022-2027
 - 1.5 Healthy Ireland
 - 1.6 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
Maghery	Installation of galvanized equipment storage cage, outdoor shower, street furniture and surfacing works at Maghery pier. Installation of camping pods, self-catering kitchen, toilet / shower facilities, lighting and a beach wheelchair at Ionad an Mhachaire. Development of a loop walk / cycle route Installation of tourism information points/panels Development of website, promotion and branding materials	Town & Village Renewal Scheme	Works are completed
Dungloe AF Project	To improve the walkability of Dungloe providing safer and greater accessibility for all ages and abilities	Town & Village Renewal Scheme	Engagement with local community group ongoing and hope to post tender by end of July latest

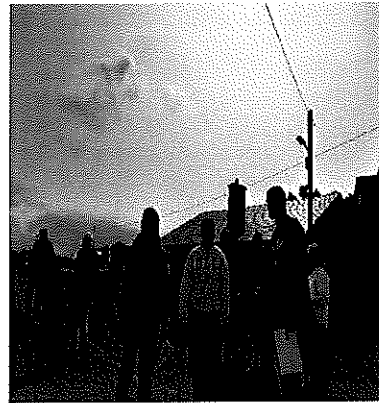
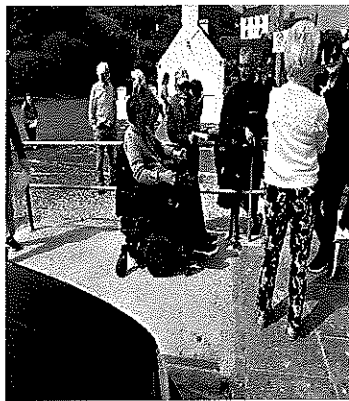
Glenties Municipal District - Community Development

Project Location	Project Details	Funded Under	Current status
Ranafast Loop Walk	Enhancement of a 3km looped walk around Lough Fadda	ORIS	Currently out for tender
Slí Na Finne (Bealach na Gaeltachta) 2020	Existing trail maintenance	ORIS	Works completed
Maghery (Bealach na Gaeltachta) 2021	Resurfacing of steep section of trail	ORIS	Works completed
Kincasslagh Tower	Enhancement of existing trail	ORIS	Ongoing preparation of tender documents
Slí na Finne (Bealach na Gaeltachta) 2022	Existing trail maintenance	ORIS	Ongoing preparation of tender documents
Maghery play facility	Nature based play facility	CLÁR	Works are ongoing
Arranmore Community Gym	Enhancement of an indoor community gym	CLÁR	Works are ongoing
Gairdín na gCeadfaí Killult	Sensory Gardens bio stove gug	CLÁR	Works are ongoing
Rosses Park Community Walk, Dungloe	River Walk	CLÁR	Works are ongoing
Pobal Eascarrach – Ballina Resource Centre	Carparking	CLÁR	Works are ongoing

Activity / Project Title	Social Inclusion Unit
<p>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 3 -inclusive of current status</p>	<p>Africa Day 2023</p> <p>On Saturday, May 27, Donegal County Council and Donegal Intercultural Platform jointly presented a special Africa Day celebration at the Regional Cultural Centre and An Grianán Theatre, Letterkenny. All events were FREE of Charge, and it was well attended and enjoyed by all.</p> <p>The celebration opened at 12.00 noon with a series of exhibitions, discussions, and drumming workshop. In An Grianán Theatre we had a facilitated session by Vuyiswa Mqwebedu on Africa – The continent where information on their culture was shared. Thoiba Ahmed of Sudan talked about how the crisis in Sudan at present, she spoke of the safety of her family and friends. Balume Armstrong Dube and Nihal El Fodil hosted workshops on African Inclusion and This is Africa.</p> 

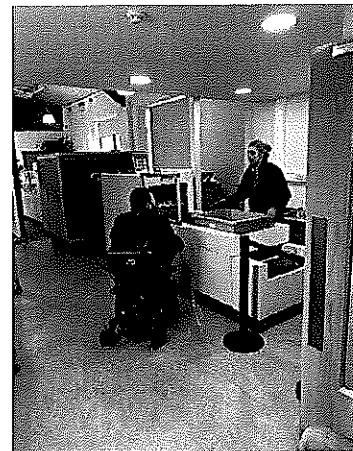
	<p>The afternoon seen a colourful Family Fun Day taking over the An Grianán Theatre Plaza from 2.00pm to 5.00pm, with FREE African food tasting – from Burrito Loco restaurant – Children’s Games, traditional and contemporary Dance displays, Arts and Crafts, Face Painting, and Hair Braiding, as well as Music from all corners of Africa with DJ Taka Tha and Nyaka Chana and her Band. Nyaka originally from Zimbabwe, now living in Newcastle, County Down, gave a mix of music and song from various parts of Africa plus some Irish tunes – there was African drums and uilleann pipes in their line-up.</p> <p>Throughout the day approximately 1000 people were in attendance with 700 servings of Food produced. DLDC and IDP worked closely with us to encourage people from all over Donegal to attend.</p> <p>Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion Strategy</p> <p>There was a well-attended June meeting of the Implementation team who agreed the Terms of Reference for the Strategy. All Stakeholders are now engaged and a Workplan has been developed. The June meeting focused on Theme One – Valuing people, building community and Theme Five - Achieving outcomes, providing opportunities. Next steps are an evaluation of the first 6 months to be commenced in July. Themes Two, Three and Four will be reviewed at September meeting.</p> <p>EU Belong</p> <p>Donegal as lead on work package 4(delivery of integration strategy) has been working on the following deliverable;</p> <p>4.1 Regulations & TOR of the Multi – Stakeholder Platform – we produced a template document for each Region to adopt to their own and implement in their region.</p> <p>4.2 Workplan for the multi-stakeholder co-design process – we produced a Toolkit for the Co-Design of an Intercultural Strategy and a workplan template which each region is to complete and submit.</p> <p>4.3 Document of the Intercultural integration strategy – we are currently working on supporting our project partners Emilia-Romagna of Italy, Leipzig of Germany, Catalonia of Spain, Timis of Romania, Arad of Romania, Navarra of Spain, Salzburg of Austria, Pomerania of Poland, and Poznan of Poland to achieve this deliverable.</p> <p>EU Belong project attended Europe Day and Ireland's 50th Anniversary of joining the EU, highlighting Ireland's membership of the European Union over the last 50 years and the Public Participation Network Plenary meeting.</p> <p>EU Belong project attended a knowledge sharing event in Pomerania in Poland in June where the work was shared of what work the region are undertaking in relation to integration and inclusion.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Christina O’Donnell codonnell@donegalcoco.ie 0879192272</p> <p>Charles Sweeney charlesseeney@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity / Project Title	Age Friendly
File:	
Project Description/Activity	Age Friendly Programme
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p><u>Age Friendly Strategy</u></p> <p>The Social Inclusion Unit have recently completed a consultation process for the new Age Friendly Strategy which will be launched in October.</p> <p>The Age Friendly Cities and Countries Programme is active in all 31 Local Authority areas, aiming to make Ireland a truly great place in which to grow old. The programme is built on the recognition of the valuable role that older people can and should play in shaping their communities for the better by asking them to participate in the decision-making process and being responsive to their suggestions.</p> <p>The Donegal Age Friendly Programme commenced in 2013 and the third Age Friendly Strategy is currently being prepared. The programme is implemented through the Social Inclusion Unit of Donegal County Council and is overseen by a multi-agency Alliance that includes participants from the partners who provide services to older people and is chaired by the Chief Executive of Donegal County Council.</p> <p>The vision of Donegal Age Friendly Alliance is that the county becomes a wonderful place for us to live and to grow older.</p> <p>As a nation we are living longer healthier lives, it is expected the population aged 65 or over will rise to 1.4 million people by 2041, the challenges faced by individuals and by society magnify as we get older, the Age Friendly process assists us in dealing with those challenges by being an enabler for policy implementation and a vehicle for lasting change.</p> <p><u>Age Friendly Beach</u></p> <p>Narin beach has been selected as the beach to be developed as the national pilot for an Age Friendly beach, following the current process it is anticipate that Narin beach will receive status as the first Age Friendly beach in the country. A walkability audit was carried out on the 22nd of May 2023 involving participants from Age Friendly Ireland, Donegal Age Friendly and Access sections, Donegal Older Persons Council, and the local community. The walkability report has been drafted and is due to be considered by the steering committee in the coming weeks</p>



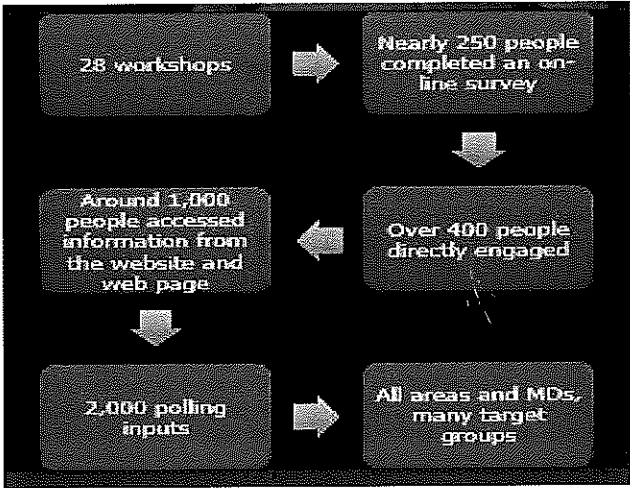
Age Friendly Airport

Donegal Airport are undertaking a process, facilitated by the Donegal Age Friendly programme, which will result in the achievement of Age Friendly status for the airport, a walkability audit was carried out at Donegal Airport on the 14th March 2023 and the report is due to be considered by the steering committee shortly




Contact Person
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number & e-mail address)*

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Activity / Project Title File:	PEACEPLUS Programme 2022-2027
Project Description/Activity	<p>Donegal County has an indicative allocation from the PEACEPLUS programme of €7.6m. The SEUPB has indicated three important themes, including:</p> <p>Local community regeneration and transformation, including changing how people use their local area, lasting improvements, prioritising the most marginalised and vulnerable, reflecting shared heritage, and how potential capital investment can facilitate sustained cross community interaction and make a lasting contribution to peacebuilding.</p> <p>Thriving and peaceful communities including cross community collaboration, positive change in communities, high levels of wellbeing, and lasting contributions to peace building.</p> <p>Celebrating cultures and diversity including increasing understanding and respect for all cultural identities, involving minority communities, involving those with issues arising from the conflict, and support to the most marginalised.</p> <p>PEACEPLUS Call</p> <p>The SEUPB opened for submission of PEACEPLUS Plans on 14th June meaning the PEACEPLUS Plan must be submitted by 14th December 2023. SEUPB may, once submitted, take around four months to assess it. On this timeline it may be spring/early summer 2024 before the Partnership can move forward to tender/appointment.</p>
Budget	<p>Under Theme 1 Investment Area 1.1 Co-designed Local Community PEACEPLUS Action Plans have been allocated €110m, Donegal County Council has been awarded an indicative allocation of €7,635,396.:</p>
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p>Public Consultation (Stage 1 Consultation) throughout the Electoral Areas was carried out during February to April, with (Stage 2 Consultation) carried out throughout May & June 2023.</p>  <pre> graph TD A[28 workshops] --> B[Nearly 250 people completed an on-line survey] B --> C[Over 400 people directly engaged] C --> D[Around 1,000 people accessed information from the website and web page] D --> E[2,000 polling inputs] E --> F[All areas and MDs, many target groups] </pre>

	<p>To satisfy all criteria for a Co-designed consultation Process, DCC engaged with communities & key Stakeholders as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produced a Indicative Report & Analysis of Stage 1 Engagement Process • Held a series of Stage 2 consultation workshops across all the municipal areas May- June 2023. • Social media promotion of events as a mechanism for people to feed into the process. • Organisations and individuals who engaged with our Stage 1 series of workshops, and others who have not previously engaged had an opportunity to input into the development process by submitting a Concept Form. The form will help the PEACEPLUS Partnership to create a longlist of concept ideas that might fit with the funding opportunity under PEACEPLUS Theme 1.1. <p>Overall, 81 concept forms were submitted by 19th June 2023.</p>
<p>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</p>	<p>July-Sept: Partnership approves approach, administration, and programmes July-Sep: Phase 3 workshops developing concepts with communities to the stage of being Peace Plan ready – will use the submitted concept ideas as the basis Oct: Peace Plan submitted – assessed by SEUPB – Partnership will tender if approved – spring 2024 or later.</p> <div data-bbox="587 922 1369 1422" style="text-align: center;"> <p>NEXT STEPS</p> <hr/> </div>
<p>Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i></p>	<p>Pauline Smyth: peace@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Programme	Healthy Ireland Fund
Project Description/Activity	<p>Healthy Ireland</p> <p>The objective of the Healthy Ireland Fund 2023 – 2025 is to improve the health and wellbeing of people of all ages and abilities living in Ireland through the implementation of the Healthy Ireland Strategic Action Plan 2021-2025.</p>
Budget	€198,122.42 Round 4 Funding
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>Healthy Ireland Round 4</p> <p>The Healthy Ireland Round 4 Programme (HIF 2023-2025) represents a more evidenced-based outcomes led approach, with a longer 3-year timeframe. The grant period for Round 4 will run from 1 June 2022 to 31 December 2025, with the outcomes led approach to be delivered from 2023-2025.</p> <p>Playground Passport</p>  <p>Donegal County Council launched a free convenient, pocket-sized guide to playgrounds across Donegal in June 2023.</p> <p>Studies show that play has an important role in the development of children’s creative, social and emotional skills and allows children to build resilience, be independent and to learn how to make decisions on their own to achieve results. The Donegal Playground Passport contains a map of Donegal with forty playgrounds numbered and listed across the five Municipal Districts. Each playground is accompanied by a QR code and GPS coordinates that will take you straight to the swings and slides! The guide also includes details of some of the free or low-cost activities in the nearby area for those looking to extend their day out.</p> <p>In promoting activity-friendly environments like playgrounds, Donegal County Council is helping empower people and communities to encourage children to be more physically active, which is a significant contributor to their health and overall wellbeing.</p> <p>The Playground Passports was distributed to all primary schools, local libraries, tourism offices and family resource centres throughout the County over the last number of weeks and is available in English and as Gaelige.</p>

Staff Walking Challenge



Pictured Seated (L-R): Donegal County Council Chief Executive, Mr. John G McLaughlin, Overall Winning Team – Mayo for Sam - Sean Reid, Eileen McLaughlin, Tony Browne and Healthy Ireland Coordinator, Margaret Fitzgerald. **Back Row (L-R):** Health and Wellbeing Team, Marie Murphy, John McCandless, Mary Frances Doherty, Bernadette Glenn, Dominic Morris, Kathy Gallagher, Health and Wellbeing Team, Declan McKernan, Marie Kerr, Tanya Kee and Sinead McGlynn. Photo Clive Wasson.

In keeping with Donegal County Council's Health and Wellbeing Plan and following on from the success of last year's pilot workplace walking challenge, Donegal County Council Chief Executive, Mr. John G McLaughlin launched the Walk and Talk Staff Walking Challenge in April this year. The campaign was rolled out over a four-week period, through the Staff Health and Wellbeing Office in conjunction with Healthy Donegal, to encourage staff to get more physically active and promote healthy habits.

Donegal County Council, through our Health and Wellbeing team are committed to expanding the range of services and health and wellbeing supports available to staff through both well-established organisational supports and new pathways.

Over the four-week challenge, teams collectively walked over 11,000km - the equivalent of walking from Malin to Mizen and back ten times - with staff feedback saying that the fun competitive event created an ideal environment to encourage staff to get out and get moving!

The winners were announced at a presentation held on Monday 26th June. Prizes, which had a health and wellbeing theme, were all from local Donegal businesses and were awarded by Donegal County Council Chief Executive, Mr. McLaughlin.

Civic Dollars

Following on from the successful launch of the [Civic Dollars](#) project in May this year, Donegal County Council in collaboration with the wide network of world-class digital remote working hubs located across the county and Healthy Ireland launched the 2023 Working Holiday campaign in Gteic@CarraigAirt on Tuesday, 13th of June.

The campaign will run until the end of October and will aim to provide opportunities for people to enjoy everything that Donegal has to offer, spend more time with family and friends whilst also availing of the chance to experience the dynamic and inclusive communities within the digital hubs in Donegal without compromising their time or their work.

Along with a free day pass to work in a participating hub, participants will also have the opportunity to engage with Healthy Ireland's '[Civic Dollars](#)' initiative which aims to improve the mental and physical health of participants, assist them in integrating with their communities and supporting local business.



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Speaking at the launch of the campaign at Gteic@CarraigAirt, Cathaoirleach of the Letterkenny-Milford Municipal District Cllr. Dónal Mandy Kelly explained the importance of remote working to Donegal "As remote working surged in popularity, Donegal became a pioneer in this field. We've transformed the landscape to meet the needs of remote workers and employers".

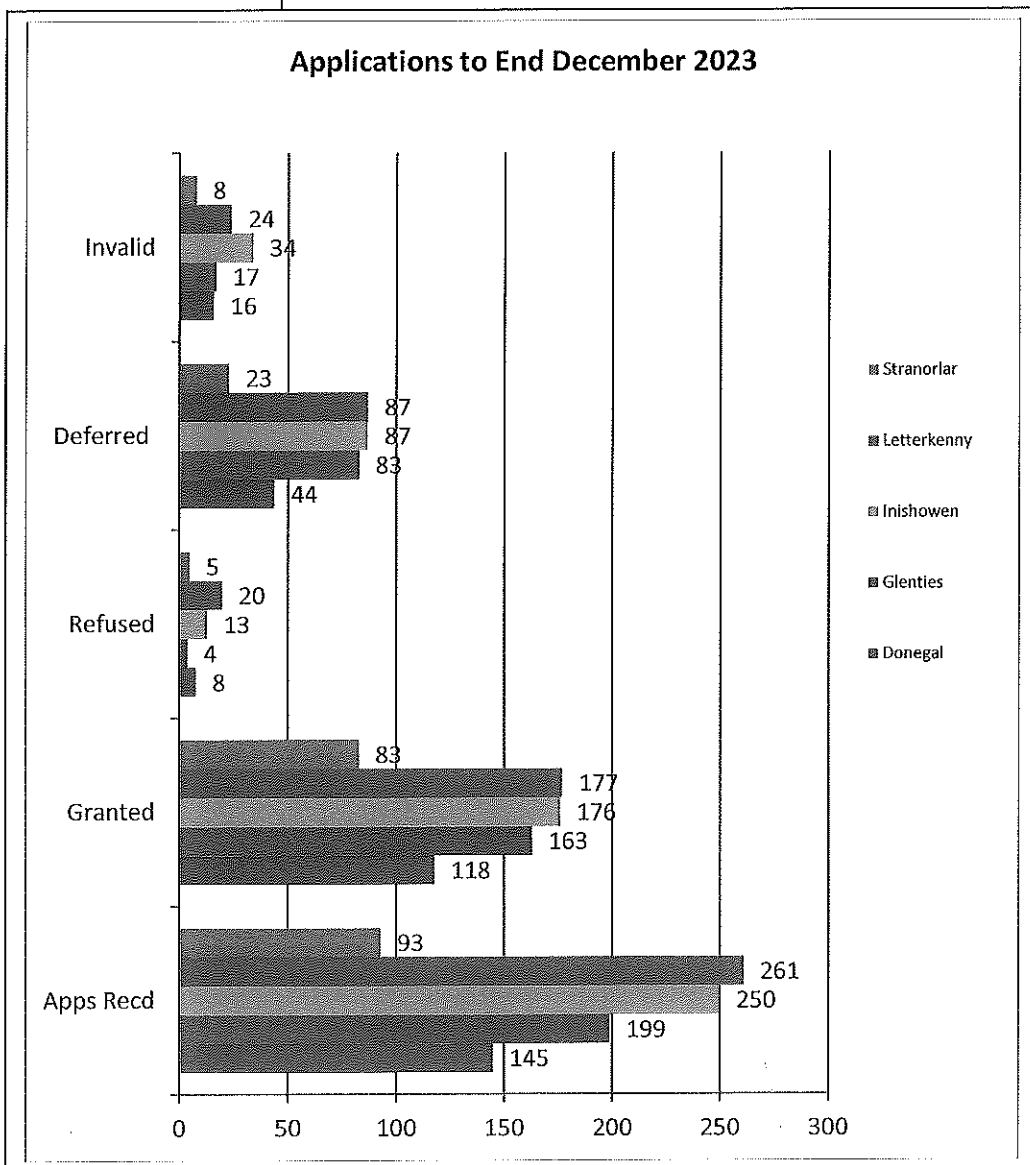
Margaret Fitzgerald, Healthy Ireland Coordinator for Donegal County Council detailed the '[Civic Dollars](#)' initiative launched in May, 2023 and will run to November 2023. "A healthy population is essential to allow people to live their lives to their full potential, to create the right environment to sustain jobs and to look after the most vulnerable people in society. The Civic Dollars initiative aims to provide people with an incentive and support to improve their mental health,

	<p>increase their physical activity levels, and encourage engagement with local community groups and support for the local business community.</p> <p>Download the Civic Dollars App here</p> <p>Follow Healthy Donegal on http://www.donegalcoco.ie/community/healthydonegal https://www.facebook.com/HealthyDonegal https://www.instagram.com/healthy_donegal/ https://twitter.com/HealthyDonegal https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwcqNcNTWBCaRiEFGgSkOnA</p>
Contact Person	<p>Margaret Fitzgerald, Healthy Donegal Coordinator 074 9172562 mfitzgerald@donegalcoco.ie</p>



Glenties MD Meeting
11th July, 2023

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<p>4 Regeneration & Development Report</p>	<p>See Appendix A</p>								
<p>5 Building Control & Taking in Charge Report</p>	<p>No Report</p>								
<p>6 Central Planning Unit Report</p>	<p>No Report</p>								
<p>7 Further Information <i>Click on web links to access information.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly List of applications and decisions: http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weeklyplanninglists/ • Planning Service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service): planning@donegalcoco.ie • Planning Webpage: www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/ • Planning Application Online Query – https://www.eplanning.ie/DonegalCC/SearchTypes • File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and planning search requests: www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/fileretrieval/File%20Retrieval.pdf 								



**Regeneration & Development Team
Community Development & Planning Services**

APPENDIX A

Report to July (2023) Municipal District Meetings

1.0 RURAL REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (RRDF)

1.1 EXISTING APPROVED CATEGORY 2 RRDF PROJECTS (2020)

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

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

Update: Acquisition of the key regeneration site in Market Yard was completed by year end 2022. The Team now continues to work towards the publication of a planning scheme, so as to develop this project as a shovel ready capital project targeted for future Category 1 RRDF funding.

Further to the public consultation period on the draft plans held in October-November 2022, the Team is continuing to engage with key stakeholders in relation to the feedback received. This includes the local Business Chamber, ESB and Bus Éireann. Good progress is being made in this regard and arrangements have been made for a workshop with Members on July 13th to update them on this evolving consultation and design process.

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

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

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

The Detailed Design phase is now completing and it is intended to open a construction tender in June 2023 ahead of a projected commencement on site in early Q4 of 2023. The Team will continue to update and advise Members



on progress and key milestones as this project moves towards commencement on site. The process of project handover to the Council's Capital Project Delivery Unit (CPDU) has also commenced in anticipation of imminent progression to site. CPDU will manage the construction and handover stage of the project.

The Regeneration and Development Team completed the submission of a Category 1 capital funding application to the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund for the capital delivery of this project by the 12noon deadline on Friday 29th April 2022. The submitted project had a total project value of €7,949,868.

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

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

On 6th January 2022 the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys announced that €1.17m had been awarded under the Third Call for Category 2 Projects of the RRDF for the "Repowering Buncrana" regeneration Project.

Due diligence has been completed on this project and a formal letter of Offer together with an associated Funding Agreement was received on 10th May 2022. The Funding Agreement was subsequently accepted and formally returned to the Department on 18th May 2022. The project will now progress to procurement of the required consultancy services before commencement of the planning and statutory consents stages of this project enabled by the funding award.

The Elected Members of the Inishowen Municipal District were updated on the status of this project at workshop on Friday 27th January 2023. It is now intended to progress this project to tender in Q2 of 2023 and in this regard the project was submitted to the DRCD for Decision Gate 2 Pre-Tender Approval on Monday 20th March, 2023. Decision Gate 2 approval was subsequently received on 3rd April, 2023 and this project is therefore now approved to proceed to tender. Preparations are continuing in this regard.

A sale agreed position has also now been reached in respect of the town centre acquisition interest enabled by this project. The property concerned is the former Garda Barracks at St. Orans Rd, Buncrana. The Council's legal services have now been instructed to close out and complete this acquisition. The property will be



redeveloped as an economic development proposition as a part of this project with a forward view towards job creation and inward investment.

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

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

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

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

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

1.4 **Rathmullan RRDF Project Development work**

A formal Part 8 planning scheme for this project was published on Thursday 24th November 2022. Submissions or observations were required to be made in writing on or before 4:30pm on Wednesday 18th January 2023. A Chief Executives Report on the proposed development was brought before the Elected Members for consideration at a Special Meeting of the Council on 13th February 2023 when Members decided to proceed with the development as proposed.

Work will now continue to position the project for application to future calls of the Rural Regeneration & Development Fund (RRDF) for category 1 (capital) projects. The next stage in project development work concerns the preparation of a Business Case.

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

1.5 **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.



GM Design Associates Ltd were appointed as the successful consultancy service to deliver the Town Centre First Plan for Milford on Tuesday 14th February 2023 and the project commenced with the first stage of Public Consultation which took place over a period of 3 weeks beginning on Thursday 16th February and concluding on Thursday 9th March 2023. The first stage consultation process involved a number of targeted workshops, including a project workshop with Elected Members which took place on Tuesday 14th February 2023, as well as a cross-directorate workshop, a community stakeholder group workshop and workshops with students attending the two local secondary schools. A very successful Public Consultation Event was also held on Wednesday 22nd February which was attended by c.120 no. participants.

The public engagement also centered on the launch of a dedicated project website, facebook page and twitter page, and provided for responses via an online resident's survey, a business survey, a feedback form for individual submissions as well as a kids' page. On the whole there has been a hugely positive response to the public engagement with 227 no. online surveys completed with a further 128 no. survey responses from the secondary school pupils, 355 no. in total. There were also 16 no. comment sheets submitted, 3 no. written submissions and 2 no. email submissions as well as 86 no. kids' responses.

The consultants, GM Design Associates Limited, have now completed the process of collating, recording and interpreting the findings and results of the public and stakeholder engagement together with the conclusions of the baseline analysis of the town centre including the SCOT analysis, and have finalised the Stage 1 Report entitled 'Milford TCF Plan Baseline Profile', which was presented to the Elected Members at a Workshop on the 5th of May 2023. This Report has directly informed the Draft Milford Town Centre First Plan, the preparation of which is now nearing completion, with Public Consultation on the Draft TCF Plan programmed to take place from the 10th of July to the 4th of August 2023. The Draft TCF Plan will be presented to the Elected Members of the Letterkenny-Milford MD at a Workshop on the 6th of July 2023 to secure endorsement to consult on the Draft Plan.

1.6 Creeslough Village Plan and Community Regeneration Project

Donegal County Council, the Creeslough Working Group and the Creeslough Community Association supported by Arup launched a public consultation process to prepare a Village Plan and community regeneration project for the Creeslough Community. The first stage of public consultation ran between Thursday 4th May, 2023 and Thursday 25th May, 2023 and included the following events:

- Launch of the project website:
<https://creesloughvillageplan.commonplace.is/> on Thursday 4th May, 2023;
- A Senior Citizens Workshop in Creeslough Day Centre from 12noon to 1pm on **Wednesday 10th May, 2023;**



- A public information event from 2pm to 8pm on **Thursday 11th May 2023** in Massinass Hall, Creeslough, and,
- Workshops with National, Gaelscoil and Secondary schools across **Wednesday 10th May to Friday 12th May 2023**.

These events were extremely well attended, with over 180 persons attending the drop in event in Massinass Hall. Work is continuing to examine the feedback being received and to prepare a Draft Village Plan and community regeneration project for further consultation in towards the end of June 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. Sub-project A, preparation of Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy is now complete and available at www.letterkenny2040.ie.

Sub-project B, CPO in respect of the Letterkenny 2040 Strategic Urban Regeneration Site, significantly progressed having served Notices to Treat and Enter in March and April 2023. On 8th May 2023, Donegal County Council took possession of the CPO lands required to enable the delivery of Phase 1 development of the site as regards Alpha/Beta office accommodation and public realm infrastructure. Acquisition by agreement of remaining property on Port Road to enable Phase 2 is on target to be closed out in early July 2023.

In addition, a Recommendation has been prepared to progress the business case for an Affordable Housing Scheme in respect of the residential component of the Concept Masterplan relating to the remainder of the strategic site (Phase 2). As a result, this part of the site will transfer to Housing colleagues with alignment and input from both the Regeneration and Development Team and the Capital Projects Delivery Unit. Further updates will be brought to the Letterkenny-Milford MD in this regard as this work develops.

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

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

The Council's successful application to URDF Call 2, entitled 'Letterkenny 2040 (Phase 1): To Re-energize and Connect the Historic Town Centre' secured a provisional allocation for total project cost of €18.1m (comprising



€13.6m URDF support together with match funding committed by the Council in the sum of €4.5m). Total project uplift was secured at Decision Gate 1 in relation to Preliminary Business Case to take account of inflation resulting in total project cost of €19.3m (comprising €14.5m URDF support and €4.8m match funding by Donegal County Council). Project costs will remain under review at each stage of project development and as the approval gateways under the Public Spending Code are navigated.

The project will advance five sub-projects to varying stages as follows:

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

As required by the Public Spending Code, following submission of a Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy, DHLGH approval to proceed was secured on 7th March 2023. DHLGH advise that each sub- project will now progress on its own timeline including the preparation of individual Final Business Cases prior to appointment of construction contractor.

Accordingly, steps are being taken to proceed with each sub-project as set out in the following table.

Next steps set out in letter of approval to proceed.

Sub-project	Nature of DHLGH approval
Sub-project A: Market Square element	<p>1. Proceed to procurement of architect-led team for detailed design and site supervision</p> <p>The following actions have been commenced/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The project has been handed over to the Capital Projects Delivery Unit (CPDU) for progression of detailed design with feed-in from the Regeneration and Development Team. Further updates will be provided by CPDU.
Sub-Project A: Cathedral Quarter Park and Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme	<p>1. Proceed acquisition processes for land required. The following actions have been commenced/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refreshed valuations received as regards several market valuations to inform potential acquisitions by agreement. Progression in relation to offers on a number of properties ongoing at present.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structural Engineering Report being prepared to inform 1 no. acquisition involving a building. • Clarifications sought on a number of properties in relation to land ownership. • Tender package for Valuation Services opened on 22nd June 2023 for land acquisition/CPO. Closing date for tender submission is 21st July 2023. • High level legal appraisal with Councils solicitor completed on 9th June 2023. <p>1. Proceed to procurement of architect-led team for all design stages (planning consent, detailed design & site supervision)</p> <p>This project will be led through the next stage of design and consultancy services by the Regeneration and Development Team with feed-in from the Capital Projects Delivery Unit. The following actions have been commenced/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Draft tender for architect-led team under preparation and review for opening of procurement process as soon as possible.
<p>Sub-project C: Revival of the Courthouse</p>	<p>1. Proceed to procurement of consultancy services to prepare ‘Product identification/Visitor Experience Plan.’</p> <p>Participation of the Regeneration & Development Team and other Council services in a workshop organized by Letterkenny Tourism on 12th May 2023. This was a useful engagement and positive connection with key stakeholders in the town.</p> <p>This project will be led through the next stage by the Regeneration and Development Team and will involve multiple workshops at MD level. The following actions have been commenced/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tender package for Creative Consultancy Services opened on 22nd June 2023 in respect of ‘Revival at the Courthouse’ for the preparation of a Visitor Experience Plan/ Product Identification Plan and Business Plan for the development of a major visitor attraction at the Courthouse. Closing date for tender submission is 21st July 2023 with



	targeted launch in September 2023.
<p>Sub-project D: Strategic acquisition to enable a Regional Transport Hub</p>	<p>1. Proceed acquisition processes for land required.</p> <p>This project will be led through the next stage by the Regeneration and Development Team. The following actions have been commenced/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Formal engagement with landowner commenced by means of a meeting on 18th May 2023. • Tender package for Valuation Services opened on 22nd June 2023 for land acquisition/CPO. Closing date for tender submission is 21st July 2023. • High level legal appraisal with Councils solicitor completed on 9th June 2023. • Meeting with NTA arranged for 10th July 2023 in relation to transportation in Letterkenny inclusive of the Regional Transport Hub project.
<p>Sub-Project E; Strategic acquisition to enable LK Green Connect</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proceed acquisition processes for land required <p>This project will be led through the next stage by the Regeneration and Development Team. Progress on acquisition is to some degree dependent on capacity to progress Part 8 for phase 2 of LK Green Connect. Notwithstanding, the following actions have been commenced/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Formal engagement with a number of landowners commenced. ▪ Tender package for Valuation Services in relation to the Cultural Corridor element opened on 22nd June 2023 for land acquisition/CPO. Closing date for tender submission is 21st July 2023. Activation of acquisition steps in relation to phase 2 (from constructed Phase 1 to Pearse Road) is dependent on progress on the Part 8 to inform the extent of lands required. ▪ High level legal appraisal with Councils solicitor completed on 9th June 2023.



2.3 **‘The Eat Out’ Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Project, Letterkenny**

‘The Eat Out’ Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Project at the public space to the front of An Grianan Theatre secured Part 8 planning consent at the plenary Council meeting in November 2022. Detailed design of this project enabled in the context of the further development of the concept contained in the Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy via the appointment of The Paul Hogarth Company and O’Connor Cronin Sutton Engineers is well advanced. The Regeneration Team now provide support and input into the detailed design process which is led by Community Development with a target for opening of tender for construction contractor imminently.

2.4 **Letterkenny Cultural Corridor**

Following a presentation to Letterkenny MD workshop on 17th April 2023, the design development in respect of Part 8 proposed development for the ‘Cultural Corridor’ section of LK Green Connect is progressing and is at an advanced state of readiness.

As outlined in email communication to Members on 29th June 2023, a meeting with Letterkenny Tennis Club on 27th June 2023 successfully provided an access solution to the Tennis Club grounds and secured agreement to proceed with the part 8. It is proposed that this access solution will form part of the wider Cultural Corridor Part 8 along with some additional enhancements to the façade of the clubhouse for signage/ supergraphics to improve the visibility of the club. In addition, and as suggested by Members, the Part 8 includes for enhancements to the pedestrian lane from the Boxing Club to Ramelton Road (exiting at Robinson Estate Agents) by way of surfacing, lighting, signage and drainage improvements. There remain some further landowner engagements which are being progressed in advance of the timelines set out below.

The following dates are now targeted for publication of Part 8 including avoidance of the August holiday period for public consultation:

- Publish Part 8: Tuesday 5th September 2023
- Part 8 on public display: 5th September- 3rd October 2023
- Statutory period for submissions: 4th October – 18th October 2023
- Prepare Chief Executives Report and MD workshop: 19th October-31st October
- Council meeting to consider approval or otherwise: 27th November 2023

2.5 **2nd Phase of LK Green Connect**

Early design work using in-house resources commenced initially in January 2023 on Part 8 proposed development for Phase 2 of LK Green Connect to link walking and cycling infrastructure at Phase 1 (currently under construction) to Pearse Road. This would, in due course secure Phase 2 to shovel ready status. Given the early stage in the design process, the timeline for publication of the Part 8 is yet to be confirmed and is subject to capacity of staff resources across both URDF and RRDF programmes. The preferred



scenario is to publish a part 8 by year end 2023. Workshops at MD level will be arranged as this project develops.

2.6 Youth/Community focused project at Lower Main Street

Early engagements with Letterkenny Youth Club and Donegal Youth Service have commenced to further explore the potential for a youth/community focused project at Lower Main Street as envisaged within the Design Concepts contained in the Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy and relating to a number of Councils acquisition interests under URDF Call 2 successful application. In this regard, a partnership in principle has been agreed. Following progress on relevant land acquisition under the Councils URDF Call 2 project, it is targeted to commence design processes as regards a future capital scheme at this location. Timeline for commencement of design work is likely to be Q4 of 2023 at the earliest and is highly dependent on capacity of in-house resources. Updates will be provided to Members on ongoing basis.

2.7 Collaboration with Housing Section of Donegal County Council

Collaborative working arrangements have been established with the Housing Section of Donegal County Council to explore and develop social/affordable housing schemes on key regeneration sites within the town centre generally and, more specifically at Lower Main Street and at Phase 2 of the Strategic Urban Regeneration Site located between Pearse Road and Ramelton Road. Members will be updated as this work progresses.

2.8 URDF Call 3

Minister O'Brien launched URDF Call 3 on 30th January 2023 alongside the launch of the Governments Vacant Homes Action Plan. URDF Call 3 focusses on enabling Local Authorities to tackle long-term vacancy and dereliction in Letterkenny town centre and on the acceleration of residential development. The programme will provide a rolling fund to Local Authorities to enable acquisition and design and civil works that may be required to de-risk property to make it more attractive for onward sale. A workshop with Letterkenny-Milford MD took place on 27th February 2023 to explore the Councils submission which was thereafter submitted to DHLGH on 10th March 2023. Members of the team attended a workshop for Local Authorities organized by DHLGH on 31st March 2023 following which all Local Authorities submitted a simple review of the submission made. A summary of the submission and update was provided at the workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD held on 17th April 2023 and sought in the order of at least €5m to tackle the vacancy/dereliction challenges in Letterkenny. Announcement on allocations now awaited.

2.9 Other

The Regeneration and Development Team continue to engage in other regeneration related work areas in Letterkenny and support other sections of Donegal County Council as required and across several other activities. Specifically, the team will participate in a Roads-led consultation event in the Radisson Hotel on 12th July, 2pm-8pm.



3.0 CROI CONAITHE VACANT PROPERTY REFURBISHMENT GRANT SCHEME

The Council administers the Croi Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme on behalf of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The grant schemes, which came into operation in July 2022, provides grants to property owners to refurbish properties that have been vacant for two years or more for use as their principle private residence or to be made available for rent. The level of grant funding available is €50,000 or €70,000 if the property is derelict. To date, the Council have processed 164 applications with 71 applications decided; 2 withdrawn and 91 at further information or inspection stage.

4.0 COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER ACTIVATION FUND

In April 2023, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage launched the CPO Activation Programme for the activation of vacant and derelict properties. The main steps of the programme include:

Step 1: Identification of vacant and derelict properties

Step 2: Identification of and engagement with owners.

Step 3: Communication regarding the various schemes and measures in place to support bringing the property back into use, and

Step 4: Where owners of vacant and derelict properties cannot be identified or where they are unwilling to engage, use of available legislative powers to compulsory purchase or acquire such properties. The acquired properties may subsequently be used for social housing, made available for sale on the open market or used for other purposes.

The Council are currently undertaking Step 1 to identify vacant and derelict properties through the GEO Directory. This survey is being undertaken in the following towns but will be rolled out to other towns:

Municipal District	Towns		
Letterkenny-Milford MD	Ramelton	Carrigart	Rathmullan
Donegal MD	Donegal Town	Ballyshannon	Bundoran
Glenties MD	Dungloe	Ardara	Faclarragh
Inishowen MD	Carndonagh	Buncrana	Moville
Lifford-Stranorlar MD	Ballybofey-Stranorlar	Lifford	Raphoe

Once the surveys have been completed, our team will commence step 2 to identify and engage with owners. The Members will be kept up to date as we progress through the work programme.

**Regeneration & Development Team
July 2023**



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CAPITAL PROJECTS DELIVERY UNIT

Community Development and Planning Services

Report to Glenties Municipal District Members: July 2023

Activity / Project Title	Burtonport Redevelopment Scheme – Phase 1																								
Project Description/Activity	<p>The Burtonport Redevelopment Scheme – Phase 1 will develop an improved public realm space at the existing harbour area of Burtonport, Co. Donegal.</p> <p>The scheme will provide new road construction and revised landscape layout to the existing harbour area. All associated footways, kerbing, drainage, utilities, road markings, landscaping and accommodation works are included in the works. The project involved considerable demolition works as part of the site clearance and the site size is approximately 2 Hectares.</p> <p>The Burtonport Harbour Development – Phase 1 scheme is part of the larger Burtonport-Arranmore ‘Harbour to Island’ Regeneration Project, which has a total project value of €4,118,932. This Project was submitted to the second call of the RRDF for category 1 shovel ready capital projects in August 2019 and was awarded funding support of €3,089,199 under the RRDF in November 2019.</p> <p>The Project Brief and Procurement Strategy for the delivery of the project were approved by the Department of Rural and Community Development (RRDF) on the 19th June 2020 and the project was approved to proceed to construction.</p> <p>The proposed Project compromise of the following key components.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="485 1559 1353 2000"><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><tr><td>8</td><td>Fencing</td></tr><tr><td>9</td><td>Installation of street lighting</td></tr><tr><td>10</td><td>Installation of street furniture</td></tr><tr><td>11</td><td>Creation of car parking areas</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	8	Fencing	9	Installation of street lighting	10	Installation of street furniture	11	Creation of car parking areas
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Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status	Works are now substantially complete with snagging to be dealt with during the defects liability period.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	Works complete.
Contact Person(s)	Ardal McDermott, A/ Senior Executive Engineer

Activity / Project Title	Burtonport Redevelopment Scheme – Phase 2
Project Description/Activity	<p>The Ailt an Chorráin (Burtonport) Harbour Redevelopment - Phase 2 Harbour Buildings Regeneration Project is a key component of the larger phased project known as the Ailt an Chorráin (Burtonport)/Oileán Árann Mhór (Arranmore Island) 'Harbour to Island' Regeneration Project for the regeneration of Burtonport (Ailt an Chorráin) and Arranmore (Oileán Árann 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 Árann 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 Árann Mhór (Arranmore Island) are now complete and works at Ailt an Chorráin commenced in January 2022 and are now in progress, with substantial completion anticipated for the end of September 2022.</p> <p>About the Project</p> <p>Phase 2 of the project proposes a new Ferry Terminal Building and Enterprise Building that present as an important physical element of the overall project and provide a valuable opportunity to introduce regenerative physical development, a diversification of uses and quality architecture to the marine and harbour environment. Broadly, the proposed development will provide for the construction of a Ferry Terminal Building which will house Donegal County Council office accommodation, a community meeting room, public facilities, ferry offices, waiting area and tourist desk facility and a separate Enterprise Building containing a number of small mixed-use units that will help create employment opportunities and stimulate entrepreneurship.</p>


Budget	€2.3m
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status	The RRDF Department have given approval to proceed to tender of a construction contractor. Tender documents currently being prepared for advertising.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	Construction tender will be advertised.
Contact Person(s)	Ardal McDermott, A/Senior Executive Engineer



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ENVIRONMENT MD REPORT – July '23

WASTE AND LITTER MANAGEMENT

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Green Schools Awards 2023 – ‘Celebrating 25 years of Green Schools’
Project Description/ Activity	<p>The annual Donegal Green Schools Awards was held on the Radisson Blu Hotel in Letterkenny on Tuesday 9th May.</p> <p>A large gathering of pupils and teachers were welcomed to the awards ceremony in what was a great day of celebration. Green Schools is celebrating 25 years of the programme this year with Donegal schools being involved in the programme from the beginning.</p> 

Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council, Cllr Liam Blaney congratulated all the schools on their wonderful achievements and said, "Over the last 25 years, the Green Schools programme has been instrumental in encouraging & educating our children and young people on the importance of sustainability and protecting our environment. The programme has empowered our young generation to make sustainable choices and take action to protect our planet, and I am heartened to see the impact they have made. Through Green Schools, students have learned about waste reduction, energy & water conservation and biodiversity protection and much more. The practices they have implemented in their schools and communities has reduced their carbon footprint and encouraged others to do the same".

In Donegal there are 176 schools registered with the programme. Donegal County Council play a very important role in the implementation of the programme within the County. "Donegal County Council is committed to the Green Schools programme as the benefits are tremendous not only are we educating our pupils for the future but the positive environmental impacts each school is making cannot be underestimated" said Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer, Donegal County Council.

Green-Schools (known internationally as Eco-Schools) is an environmental education programme and awards scheme developed by FEE (the Foundation for Environmental Education) and co-ordinated in Ireland by the Environmental Education Unit of An Taisce- The National Trust for Ireland.

Donegal Stats:

Schools receiving their Green Flag were recognised under the following themes:

- Litter & Waste - 4 schools
- Water - 4 schools
- Travel - 4 schools
- Biodiversity - 4 schools
- Global Citizenship Litter & Waste - 4 schools
- Global Citizenship Energy - 6 schools
- Global Citizenship Marine - 5 schools
- Global Citizenship Travel - 6 schools
- Global Citizenship Food & Biodiversity - 3 schools

**Contact
Person**

Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer
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Activity / Project Title	<p align="center">Food Waste Recycling Week 5th – 11th June 2023</p>
Project Description/ Activity	<div style="text-align: center;"> <p>National Food Waste Recycling Week June 5th - 11th</p> <p>FREE COMPOST GIVEAWAY</p> </div>  <div style="text-align: center; background-color: #333; color: white; padding: 10px; border-radius: 10px;"> <p>JUNE 6TH Letterkenny Recycling Centre - 10am - 12pm Dungloe Recycling Centre - 2pm - 4pm</p> <p>JUNE 7TH Carndonagh Recycling Centre - 10am - 12pm Milford Recycling Centre - 2pm - 4pm</p> <p>JUNE 8TH Laghey Recycling Centre - 10:30am - 12:30pm Stranorlar Recycling Centre - 2pm - 4pm</p> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Get a FREE food waste starter pack</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Donegal County Council</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Bryson Recycling</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>EnviroGrind</p> </div> </div>
Contact Person	<p>Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer sbogan@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Half Price Bulky Goods Events

Activity / Project Title

Project Description/ Activity

Donegal County Council - Two Week Promotion

HALF PRICE ON BULKY GOODS

LETTERKENNY / LAGHEY / DUNGLOE RECYCLING CENTRES

From 13th June - 24th June

In association with Bryson Recycling ONLY DURING SITE OPENING TIMES

OPENING TIMES

	Letterkenny	Laghey	Dungloe
Monday	Closed	Closed	Closed
Tuesday	8.30am - 5pm	Closed	10.30am - 5pm
Wednesday	8.30am - 5pm	Closed	Closed
Thursday	8.30am - 5pm	10.30am - 5pm (Closed for lunch 12.30pm-1.15pm)	10.30am - 5pm
Friday	8.30am - 5pm	8.30am - 5pm (Closed for lunch 12.30pm-1.15pm)	8.30am - 5pm
Saturday	8.30am - 2.30pm	8.30am - 2.30pm	8.30am - 2.30pm

1/2 PRICE BULKY ITEMS

MATTRESSES

Single WAS €15 NOW €7
 Double mattress WAS €25 NOW €12
 King size mattress WAS €30 NOW €15

SOFA

3 piece suite sofa WAS €70 NOW €35 *depending on weight may cost more.*

CARPET

WAS €25 NOW €12 *depending on size/weight may cost more.*

WOOD

WAS €0.40/kg NOW 0.20/kg

OTHER BULKY WASTE

Charged by weight WAS €0.50/kg NOW €0.25/kg
 Other bulky items may include toilets, sinks, shower trays, shower doors, large outdoor toys, tiles, small amounts of rubble etc.



GUIDELINES:

- Card Payments are now available at all the Recycling centres.
- Peak times are between 11am and 2pm, expect queues.
- Bring assistance with you to unload Bulky items.
- Campaign will run only during opening times for the 2 week period.



Contact Person

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CLIMATE ACTION

Activity / Project Title	Local Authority Climate Action Plan
Project Description/ Activity	<p>Under the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021, each local authority is required to prepare a local authority Climate Action Plan for its respective administrative area.</p> <p>The plans will be consistent with the most recent approved National Climate Action Plan and National Adaptation Framework and are being developed over the next 12 months.</p> <p>Once adopted by the local councils, each plan will be valid for five years and is subject to update at least every five years. The plans will help local authorities to address, in an integrated way, the mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions and climate change adaptation and strengthen the alignment between national climate policy and the delivery of effective local climate action.</p> <p>Local engagement and collaboration will play a vital role in the drafting of successful plans, ensuring stakeholders are involved in climate decisions that affect them.</p> <p>Elected Members have been updated at the Climate Action and Environment SPC and will be updated at future MD Meetings.</p>
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WATER SERVICES

Activity / Project Title	Signing of Master Cooperation Agreement (MCA) between Donegal County Council and Uisce Éireann
Project Description/ Activity	<p>Donegal County Council entered into a Service Level Agreement (SLA) dated the 1st January 2014 with Irish Water under the provisions of Section 31 of the Water Services (No. 2) Act, 2013.</p> <p>The SLA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) detailed the services that Donegal County Council would provide to Irish Water (Uisce Éireann since 1st January 2023) in support of the Water Services Functions; (ii) detailed the relationship between Irish Water and Donegal County Council with respect to such services; and (iii) is due to expire on 1st January 2026. <p>The Government Policy Paper – “Uisce Éireann – Towards a National, Publicly-owned, Regulated, Water Services Utility” dated 23 February 2021 and the Workplace Relations Commission document “Framework For the Future Delivery of Water Services” dated June 2022 provide for a new agreement to replace the existing SLA. It has been agreed between the Local Authority Sector and Uisce Éireann that the SLA is to be terminated and replaced by this MCA.</p> <p>The purpose of the MCA is to provide for Uisce Éireann to have full accountability for Water Services Functions and for Uisce Éireann to have the necessary Management and Direction of Local Authority Water Services Staff.</p> <p>The MCA is based on the final draft agreed at National level through the Water Services Transition Office on behalf of the Local Authority Sector and Uisce Éireann.</p> <p>All thirty-one local authorities signed the respective MCAs on the 5th May 2023.</p> <p>The Chief Executive, the Director of Water and Environment and the Water Services management team met with Water Services staff on the 3rd May 2023. The options open to staff wishing to remain with Donegal County Council were discussed. We have engaged with Unions and with staff locally over the past few years about these emerging changes and will continue to do so over the coming weeks and months ahead.</p> <p>Further updates will be provided to Elected Members at future MD Meetings.</p>

GLENTIES FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

Briefing Note 10 – May 2023

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, which is planned for July 2023.

Hard defences, increased channel conveyance and natural flood/ catchment management measures are the measures which are currently being assessed.

The RPS Environmental team have now completed specialist surveys, habitat mapping and protected species surveys. This has informed the option assessment process. Further specialist surveys may be required subject to the selection of a Preferred Option.

Next Steps

Hydraulic Analysis: RPS are in the process of finalising the hydraulic reporting.

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 July 2023.

Projected Key Milestone Dates

- Options Development Report – May 2023
- Public Information Day – July 2023
- Completion of Environmental Impact Assessment Report – January 2024
- Completion of Natura Impact Statement – October 2023
- Ongoing management of invasive species in line with the management plan

There has been an extension of one month to the Stage I programme for Glenties. This is due to a delay in the completion and issue of the Scheme Analysis and Development phase reporting.

The Public Information Day has been delayed by two months as RPS and the Steering Group explore further the potential for Nature-based Catchment Management; the potential project partners and the wider objectives of such a scheme.



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Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services Directorate

Glenties Municipal District Report July 2023

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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 a number of 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 Steering Group: The Economic Development Unit continues to support the development of the Marine Cluster with a view to enhancing business development opportunities for businesses in the sector not just in Killybegs but across the county. Recent activity includes the Innovation Cadet programmes hosted by the Alpha Innovation Team, St Catherines Vocational School and the Cluster to introduce young people to innovation and opportunities in the Marine Sector.</p> <p>Caravan, Camping and Campervan Study: The actions set out in the KPMG study are being implemented. Renewed promotion of the Campers Code and a targeted marketing campaign for the sector are planned for Summer 2023. New signage is in development. Of the grant scheme, 9 letters of offer have been issued, which will create an additional 140 spaces once projects are delivered. A review of the existing camping service points is in progress.</p> <p>Remote Working: The 2023 Remote Working Holiday campaign launched on June 13th at gteic@CarraigAirt. This campaign is in collaboration with Donegal Hubs Forum and Healthy Ireland's initiative 'Civic Dollars' encouraging social inclusion, mental and physical wellbeing, and supporting local businesses.</p> <p>The focus of the Working Holiday campaign is on promoting the wide network of Digital Hubs across the county and showcasing the unique offering Donegal has for a work-life balance without compromise. Details of the campaign are available at: https://donegal.ie/workhold</p> <p>Relocation Marketing Campaign: A relocation marketing campaign to attract talent nationally and from overseas continues to roll out, supported</p>

by two showreel videos and testimonials from those who have relocated, to encourage people to #MoveToDonegal. So far it has reached over 3 million across all social media platforms and received over 65 relocation enquiries.

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	25,459	4,773 (+39)
Twitter	18.5k	2,898 (+18)
Instagram	2,170	3,926(+29)
Facebook	6,589	1,925 (+6)
Donegal.ie	3.3K Web Users (4 weeks 23 May – 19 June)	

8 News Items Published in last month

Shared Island: Work continuing on Shared Island funded projects as follows:

North West RegTech Initiative is a proposal to develop an all-island national institute in Regulatory Technology in the North West with partners DCSDC, Catalyst and ATU. Work is underway by the appointed consultants for the Scoping/Feasibility Study and Business Case/Economic Appraisal (Stratagem Partners) for completion in September 2023. A high-profile conference is also planned for Autumn 2023.

Innovation Plaza to develop cross-border food innovation campuses in Ballyshannon and Irvinestown in partnership with FODC. Tender evaluation has taken place and Venture International has been identified as the winning tender. An inception meeting has taken place and scoping work is underway.

Regenerative Tourism involving engagement with the region's place, past and people, seeking to attract high-yield environmentally conscious visitors. DCC is leading the project with project partners FODC. Toposophy Ltd have been appointed to undertake a feasibility study to develop a cross border

regenerative tourism project. Key stakeholder engagement, destination audit and benchmarking is ongoing.

Slí Cholmcille Project is a proposed 250 km pilgrimage route linking key Colmcille related sites across Donegal and Derry, with the ambition to link across NI to Scotland. DCC is leading feasibility assessment with partners DCSDC and Slí Cholmcille CLG. Work is underway by the appointed consultants for the Scoping Study, Business Case/Economic Appraisal and Design Toolkit (Outdoor Recreation NI) for completion in September 2023. A wider stakeholder engagement event on 22 June 2023 will be followed by local engagement along the proposed route as well as cross-border animation.

North West City Region: Donegal County Council and Derry City and Strabane District Council on a number of key projects for supporting and stimulating Inward Investment in the region as follows:

- **Collaborative NWCR Events**
 - Irish Embassy Event in London - October 2023
 - Golden Bridges, USA - November 2023
- **Inward Investment Strategy:** pitch propositions, factsheets and a marketing plan, a promotional video and the final branding for the North West City Region focusing on key investment sectors will be completed in June.
- **Irelandnw.com Website:** An audit and revamp of the NWCR website is in progress to reflect the new marketing and branding collateral.
- **Talent Solutions:** Abodoo are finalising the talent mapping dashboard for the NWCR, which will be linked to and incorporated as part of the revamp of the website.
- **Communications:** The EDU continues to collaborate with DCSDC on promoting the North West City Region for investment and business opportunities across multiple platforms including irelandnw.com and via LinkedIn and Twitter platforms. You can follow respective LinkedIn and Twitter
Platforms: @NorthWestCityRegionIreland

Atlantic Economic Corridor: The Donegal County Council is working with Local Authority partners along the western coast to progress mutually beneficial projects and initiatives around economic development. The various Councils are currently working with the WDC to develop an AEC

	<p>Strategy for the seaboard counties that will promote economic development and investment.</p> <p>Concierge Service: The Concierge Service provides support to those interested in doing business in Donegal. The EDU team is planning a social media campaign to promote it over the coming months. The contact email for this service is economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie</p>
Contact Person	<p>Daniel Mc Chrystal – dmcchrystal@donegalcoco.ie</p> <p>Joy Browne - joybrowne@donegalcoco.ie (087) 0619360</p>

1.2: Tourism Marketing Unit

Project / Activity Report

Countywide	<p>Online & social media updates</p> <p>Online marketing</p> <p>Ongoing work by Tourism Unit managing social media profiles: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn.</p> <p>Management of Festivals & Events and updates of content submitted by festival providers, the calendar of events can be viewed on:</p> <p>https://www.govisitdonegal.com/festivals-and-events</p> <p>Regular maintenance and management of the govisitdonegal.com website and the Tourism Hub</p> <p>Progress</p> <p>In the month of June:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Facebook for the govisitdonegal.com reach was 130K, up 7.3%. ● Increase of 6% on Facebook and 21% on Instagram. ● Twitter insights impressions were up 21% (288) and link click was up 25%.
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Marketing Updates

Caravan & Camping Campaign 2023

An inhouse campaign has been delivered through the tourism unit on the Go Visit Donegal platforms.

This campaign seeks to promote Caravan and Camping facilities in the county and to raise awareness of the Code of Conduct.

The campaign is running on Facebook/Instagram (Meta), Twitter and LinkedIn.

Goal – maximizing reach / impressions / website click through.

Duration: 7th June – 21st July 2023

Target market: ROI, NI (+GB/mainland Europe)

Donegal Airport & Go Visit Donegal Campaign 2023

This inhouse campaign is to raise awareness of the flight service from Glasgow to Donegal, to promote accessibility and increase traffic on the route.

The advertisement is running on Facebook/Instagram (Meta) and on Google Ads – Display Ads.

Duration: 15 June – 31 July 2023

Goal: Click through traffic to www.donegalairport.ie

Target Audience: Scotland, particularly Glasgow and Edinburgh

Marketing Updates

Sea Sessions Competition 2023

This campaign ran in conjunction with Sea Sessions who have an official partnership with 2fm.

The Donegal Tourism trade provided 20 complementary competition prizes in return for promotion during this 2fm radio competition for one

week. Benefits also include receiving a database of entrants for future advertising.

This campaign delivered clear and compelling reasons to visit the county. A database of 1,200 was gathered from this promotion

Tourism Brochures for Hotels in Donegal

The Tourism Unit have provided the 2023 Donegal Tourism brochure for each hotel room in Donegal.

The 44-page brochure, under the Go Visit Donegal brand provides information on the wide range of activities both land and water based that are available throughout the county. It also provides itineraries for exploration of the wider county and surrounding areas. This will encourage the tourists to explore the county and extend their stay.

Chicago/Milwaukee 2023

Donegal County Council representatives will attend the Milwaukee Irish Fest in the USA this August as part of its ongoing promotional activities to promote the county.

The Milwaukee Irish Fest is widely recognised as the largest celebration of Irish music and culture in the United States. The four-day festival is held in August each year on the shores of Lake Michigan. It showcases more than 100 entertainment acts on 17 stages and features the sounds, tastes, and culture of Ireland. It is attended by over 100,000 people.

Irish Fest provides a fantastic platform for Donegal to showcase the diversity of our heritage and culture to prospective American visitors.

In addition to the festival, Donegal will host an event in Chicago on 16th August with several Donegal businesses. The Tourism Team is working with Tourism Ireland to invite several America's major tour operators providing them with first-hand information about Donegal.

This will be an ideal opportunity for Donegal Tourism and the trade to promote, network, and connect with potential visitors/tour operators and our Diaspora.

Tourism Development

Minor Tourism Related Grant Scheme

Funding for the MTRWGS applications closed on May 29th.

76 applications were received in total from all MDs. 41 from community groups and 35 from council services.

The breakdown for MD is as follows:

MD	Community group	Council led	TOTAL
Glenties	11	13	24

Workshops with the members from Donegal; Glenties and Letterkenny/Milford MDs have taken place.

A workshop with the members from the Inishowen MD is scheduled for June 28th; and a workshop for Lifford/Stranorlar MD is scheduled for July 18th.

TOURBO Project

The Tourism Unit has successfully commenced an Interreg Europe consortium, led by Seville Chamber of Commerce to deliver the TOURBO project, which will boost the transition pathway of MSMEs (Micro Small & Medium Size Enterprises) in tourism with green and digital transformation known as the 'Twin Transition'.

The project includes an analysis of the tourism sector in terms of green and digital skills/capabilities, training for MSME's, pilot actions such as new technology trials and knowledge/expertise collaboration.

Social Media

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/tourbo>

<https://www.facebook.com/InterregTOURBO>

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/tourbo-interreg-europe-190758280/>

<https://www.instagram.com/interregeutourbo/>

Progress:

- The project commenced in March 2023.
- The initial meeting took place in Seville in June with seven European Partners.
- Donegal stakeholders have been selected.
- The Tourism Unit is working on a communications plan for 2023, which will incorporate a series of surveys, meetings with stakeholders, and a press release to promote the project to tourism businesses.

Dungloe to Glenties Cycleway: Donegal Tourism is involved in a working group which was formed to organise and market an official opening and to promote the 25km cycleway going forward. The group will meet again in July.

Tides Project: Donegal County Council is currently in the process of writing up a Terms of Reference to tender for a Marketing/PR Campaign to promote the three pilot VR sites and to launch the two new models of the Saldanha.

Donegal 550: Donegal Tourism is part of the Steering Group looking at celebrating Donegal Town 550 in 2024. A logo has now been agreed and available for circulation to all groups, individuals and associations, a press release will be circulated in the next few weeks by Donegal Chamber inviting groups to participate.

Age Friendly/Disability Strategy: Donegal Tourism continues to participate in both groups to see where the Tourism Industry in the county can learn from consultation.

Project Targets for the next quarterly* reporting period

- Milwaukee/Chicago – planning events.
- Sign Agreement with Tbx Conference.
- Tides Project ongoing development of two models of the Saldanha ship for display in two locations/launch and marketing of these sites.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Merchandise Order for Donegal Tourism (festivals).
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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
Countywide	<p>PEACE Plus</p> <p>The SFU will be hosting a Peace Plus webinar in July 2023 to inform members and staff in relation to the 6 themes and 22 investment areas under the Peace Plus programme. The SFU is currently working with Alpha Innovation on a potential concept note focused on the Innovation Challenge Fund under PEACE Plus. Funding calls are now open for the following investment areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investment Area 1.1 - Co-Designed Local Authority PEACEPLUS Action Plans (deadline Thursday 14th December 2023). • Investment Area 1.4 - Re-Imaging Communities (deadline Thursday 7th September 2023). • Investment Area 3.1 - Shared Learning Together Education Programme (deadline Thursday 7th September 2023). • Investment Area 3.2 - Quality and Impact Body for the PEACE PLUS Youth Programme (deadline Thursday 7th September 2023). • Investment Area 3.2 - PEACEPLUS Youth Programme (deadline Thursday 10th August 2023). • Investment Area 3.3 - Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing (deadline Tuesday 12th September 2023). • Investment Area 4.3 - Victims and Survivors (deadline Thursday 7th September 2023). • Investment Area 5.5 - Geothermal Energy Demonstration Programme (deadline Tuesday 12th September 2023). <p>Assembly of European Regions General Assembly</p>

The SFU representative will be attending the AER General Assembly on 28th to 30th June. At this meeting topics such as sustainable tourism, renewable energy, the future of work and funding opportunities from Cohesion Policy. There will also be a meeting of the YOUTHopia project partners and the Summer Academy Organising Committee.

CPMR Transport Working Group

Representatives from the Roads section and NRDO attended a meeting of the CPMR Transport Working Group on 22nd June to discuss the Technical Paper prepared by the CPMR for the European Commission dedicated to the TEN-T Regulation.

Atlantic Stakeholders Platform Conference 2023

The Atlantic Stakeholders Platform Conference 2023 and the CPMR Atlantic Strategy Committee meeting will take place in Porto on 18th October 2023. This event will focus on the sustainable development of the Blue Economy and the implementation of the Atlantic Action Plan 2.0. Irish Government Minister Charlie McConalogue, Minister of Agriculture, Food and the Marine will be in attendance.

Interreg Europe

Two new project applications have been submitted under the Interreg Europe programme, one called 'Green Hydra' which focuses on the use of green hydrogen for renewable energy and the other called 'EDIN' focused on promoting the region to Digital Nomads. These applications are currently being assessed and news on the outcome will be available in Autumn 2023.

Project Partnership & Development

The SFU is exploring a number of project opportunities under the Atlantic Area Programme and is liaising with Council staff and other potential partners on project concepts related to air quality, green infrastructure, fishing sector ecosystem innovation and tourism.

Other areas of work include:

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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular Strategic Funding Newsletters
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1.4: Donegal Diaspora Unit

Project / Activity Report

Title	Donegal Diaspora Unit
Countywide	<p>Tip O'Neill Irish Diaspora Awards 2023</p> <p>The award ceremony will take place on Saturday, 16th September, 2023 at the Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana. A press release is expected to issue within 10 days to announce the 2023 awardees. All other elements of the process are progressing.</p> <p>Donegal Connect 2023 / 2024</p> <p>It is expected that Donegal Connect will take place from 14th - 17th September which a strong focus on Innovation & Diaspora Engagement. A funding application for the Global Irish Festival Series 2024 is also due for submission in the near future, we are awaiting correspondence from Fáilte Ireland.</p> <p>Donegal Diaspora Website / Social Media</p> <p>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. <i>Donegal Diaspora social media statistics as of 22/06/2023 are as follows:</i></p> <p>LinkedIn – 1,211 (up 8) connections</p> <p>Twitter – 4,040 (up 3) followers</p> <p>Facebook – 5,620 (up 1) follower</p>

	<p>Instagram – 303 (up 4) followers</p> <p>London Events</p> <p>A contingent from Donegal County Council will attend the London Irish Vintage Club Day event on September 3rd. The Diaspora Officer is also working with the London Irish Centre to organise a Donegal-themed ‘In Conversation with’ event to take place potentially on September 4th. Further updates to follow.</p> <p>Scottish Diaspora</p> <p>A further meeting of the wider Scottish Diaspora group is scheduled for 26th June. Heritage Officer for Donegal County Council Joseph Gallagher will present to the group on the Donegal Emigrant Working lives in Scotland project. Further engagement with Donegal County Council Ambassador Packie Bonner is ongoing to maximise his role in the context of promoting our Economic Development work within the United Kingdom.</p>
<p>Contact Person</p>	<p>Eoin Leonard - Diaspora Officer Mobile: +353 (87) 360 5678 E-mail: eleonard@donegalcoco.ie</p>

2 Division: Donegal Local Enterprise Office

Project / Activity Report

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

<p>Outline of Work</p>	<p>General Overview – Highlights:</p> <p><u>Summary of June 2023 Outputs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant Aid – Business Expansion & Priming (Start Up) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 27 Businesses have been approved Grant Aid. ○ Value of total Grant Aid Approvals YTD is €269,360 ○ Next EVAC meeting will take place on 6th July, 2023. <p>Trading Online Vouchers – 32 Businesses approved support to a value of €69,037.</p> <p>Mentoring YTD – 150 Businesses have received this support</p> <p>Training – 907 Business Attendees at 51 Events YTD.</p> <p>LEO Donegal is continuing its assistance in the evaluation of Phase II supports for affected businesses under the Red Cross Business Assistance for Creeslough scheme.</p> <p>Silver Strand Rope Works, based in Moville, were winners at the 23rd National Enterprise Awards. Supported by Local Enterprise Office, Donegal, the company was crowned Regional Winners for the Northwest.</p> <p>Scale-X, the 11-week Accelerator Programme, aimed at start-up entrepreneurs with the potential for fast growth will conclude on Wednesday June 28th. This has been a very successful programme with 13 participating businesses. A new Scale-X programme will be commencing in September. An information session is taking place on Wednesday July 26th</p> <p>The Food Coast Strategy Review has been completed and the new strategy was launched at Castle Grove Country House Hotel, on the 30th May. 66 attended on the day.</p> <p>Two webinars for Donegal businesses took place on 13th & 20th June on the new etenders platform. The webinars provided practical tips on how to successfully operate the new system. A total of 19 attended the 2 events.</p>
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So far this year, 84 registered for 5 on-line Start Your Own Business programmes. In addition, in May a one day SYOB Bootcamp was held in the Silver Tassie Hotel, Letterkenny, and was attended by 13 participants. A second one day Bootcamp is scheduled (subject to demand) for Saturday 15th July in The Clanree Hotel, Letterkenny.

An information session on the Ambition programme took place on 15th June, 2023.

The next in-person Business Information Session will take place on Friday June 30th in the new Inishowen Innovation Centre in Buncrana.

A Business Cost Saving Advice Clinic took place in late May in the Mount Errigal Hotel. The event was well attended with 38 registered at the event on the day.

Donegal Engineering Network exhibited at the ATU Mechanical & Electronic Engineering Expo at the Letterkenny Campus on the 24th May. This was a great opportunity to network with business and students as well as learn about the exciting innovations in the sector.

A new Energy Efficiency Grant was recently launched which supports the investment in technologies and equipment identified in a Green for Micro Report, Green Start Report or a SEAI Energy Audit with 50% of eligible costs up to a maximum grant of €5,000.

The Local Enterprise Office Donegal was delighted to sponsor the Enterprise Awards in ATU Donegal fashion showcase for the collection with most commercial potential. Andreza Segovia won the award for her clothing collection designed for sensory development, practical comfort and independence.

With the growing focus on AI, an introductory session was held remotely on Tuesday June 27th to provide insight to the opportunities presented by Artificial Intelligence for Donegal businesses. 52 registered to attend the session.

Upcoming Programmes:

Scale-X

A new Scale-X programme will commence on September 4th with applications now open. The new Scale-X programme will involve collaboration with Leitrim and Sligo LEOs.

Members are requested to inform any entrepreneurs interest in scaling their business, to apply for Scale-X.

Ambition

Ambition is an exciting pre-accelerator programme which focuses on female entrepreneurs and promotes the skills and resilience needed to develop globally scalable ventures, attract investment and create jobs.

We are looking for innovative new business ideas amongst Donegal's early-stage female entrepreneurs. Up to twelve businesses will be selected to participate in twelve half-day workshops. These will be chosen based on criteria including: the scale of ambition, the size of the problem to be solved, early market understanding, a clear competitive advantage, feasible business model and strength and diversity of the team.

Teams must be available to participate on all programme days. At the end of the programme showcase, a Judging Panel comprising leading entrepreneurs, executives and investors, will evaluate progress.

The programme will run from September 2023 to December 2023.

Ongoing Programmes:

Scale-X Accelerator

Scale-X the 11-week Accelerator Programme aimed at start-up entrepreneurs with the potential for fast growth will conclude on Wednesday June 28th. There are a total of 13 participants across a diverse group of businesses, sectors and entrepreneurs. At the final event each business will present their business pitch idea to a judging panel.

Digital Start

YTD – 30 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support

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

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 – 4 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support

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

The recently launched Energy Efficiency Grant supports the investment in technologies and equipment identified in a Green for Micro Report, Green Start Report or a SEAI Energy Audit with 50% of eligible costs up to a maximum grant of €5,000.

The aim of the scheme is to reduce the impact of enterprises on the environment thereby increasing the agility and resilience of these businesses.

For more information click on the link below:

[What is the Energy Efficiency Grant? - Local Enterprise Office](#)

Lean For Micro

YTD – 11 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support

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

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 2023-2026 was launched at Castle Grove Country House Hotel, on the 30th of May attended by 66. As national food journalists were in attendance, we used this as an opportunity to showcase excellent Donegal food and drinks produce. The large audience heard from 2 panels of Donegal producers about the opportunities growing a food/drinks business in the county. Domini Kemp, Food Writer and Chef gave a presentation about Food Trends and James Burke provided an overview of the new strategy.
- Donegal lamb promotion was successfully launched in April and will continue over the coming months
- There has been a successful collaboration between two Donegal Food producers, Little Mamma's Gelato and The Milk Bar, who met at the Donegal Enterprise Awards last December.
- ATU Higher Diploma in Food Business & Product Innovation Level 8 programme - LEO Donegal and Food Coast Donegal has sponsored three food businesses from the county to participate and feedback is very positive.
- Super Valu Food Academy - two Donegal food producers have been selected to progress – Cindy Adamek of Coco Milis, an artisan chocolatier from Burtonport and Aoibhin O'Dea of Cacao Aoibhin from Bunbeg.

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.

LEO Donegal submitted an application to Creative Ireland for funding to deliver the IMMERSE project, a collaboration between Donegal County Council, Eirmersive, Connected Hubs, Regional Enterprise Offices (MidWest/NorthWest/West), CREW, Údarás na Gaeltachta and the Western Development Commission. The project, a multi-agency, pan-regional proposition across the Atlantic Innovation region, will focus on the Content Creation Sector.

Funding of €68,000 was awarded from the Creative Communities Action Fund, and responsibility has been assigned to the Western Development Commission to handle project operations. The Western Development Commission will submit a draft report to LEO Donegal in late November 2023, prior to final submission to Creative Ireland.

The LEO Donegal and external consultants are developing a 3-year action plan for the creative industry in Donegal and expect to have it finalised in the coming weeks.

Donegal Engineering Network

- The ambition of the *Donegal Engineering Network* is to expand, strengthen and enhance the existing engineering group in Donegal.
- A range of Good Practice visits, Exhibition Visits and collaborations with other cluster/network facilitators on reciprocal events are being scheduled for later this year.
- Monthly workshops are facilitated with the topics selected by the Engineers. Recent topics covered included HR and ISO certification. In May, we lead a delegation of Engineers on a LEAN good practice visit to Kirchhoff-Automotive in Letterkenny. Later in June, we will visit Inishowen Engineering to view their extended facilities.

Enterprise Europe Network

- The Enterprise Europe Network Ireland helps Irish businesses to innovate and grow internationally and is delivered by a partnership between Enterprise Ireland, Cork Chamber of Commerce, Dublin

	<p>Chamber of Commerce with Donegal County Council leading out on behalf of the Local Enterprise Office.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services offered through the EEN help businesses to grow through tailored support, new business and technology partnerships, commercial opportunities, licensing deals, and partners searches for EU funded R&D. The services are tailored to SMEs but are also available to all other businesses, universities and research centres. • Internationally, the Network is active in more than 60 countries worldwide bringing together 3,000 experts from more than 600 member organisations. EEN is the largest support network for SMEs and combine international business expertise with local knowledge to help you take your innovation into new markets. • Two meet the buyer events will take place later in 2023 with EENginex catering for the engineering sector and Food eirEEN for the food sector. 6 Donegal companies are engaged in EEN services to support them in both sourcing and selling internationally. • Further information is available from Eileen Kelly, Enterprise Europe Network Coordinator eileen.kelly@leo.donegalcoco.ie <p><u>Upcoming Activities:</u></p> <p>Other activities taking place in July are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trading Online Voucher Workshop – 12th July, 2023 • Start Your Own Business One Day Bootcamp – 15th July, 2023. <p>All bookings can be made here:</p> <p>https://www.localenterprise.ie/Donegal/Training-Events/Online-Bookings/</p> <p><u>Donegal Stories:</u></p> <p>Website highlighting the businesses of Donegal that have been supported by the LEO. https://donegalstories.ie/</p>
<p>Contact Person</p>	<p>Brenda Hegarty, Head of Enterprise Local Enterprise Office 074 9160735 Brenda.Hegarty@leo.donegalcoco.ie</p>

3 Emergency Services - Fire Services

Project / Activity Report

Activity	Number of: (May)*		Total for year	
<u>Fire Service Operations</u>				
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	69		305	
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	89		363	
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	3		30	
<u>Operational Activity Breakdown May 2023</u>				
	Turnouts		Incidents in County	
	Fires	Special Services	Fires	Special Services
Donegal Fire Service	55	33	42	23
Northern Ireland Fire Service	1	2	1	2
Sub Total	56	35	43	25
Total	91		68	
<u>Fire Prevention</u>				
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	14		76	
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	27		N/A	

Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from Applicant / Agent:	56	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	14	94
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	0	7
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	0	0
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	3	12
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	20	65
Fire Safety Complaints received:	2	17
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	2	11
During Performance Inspections carried out:	0	0
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	54⁺	54

* Current data only available up to end of May 2023.

+ As part of its community fire safety programme, Donegal Fire Service delivers the Primary Schools Programme (PSP) each year to 3rd year classes in the County's primary schools. The programme was delivered in person to 54 schools in May 2023.

4: Information Systems:

Heather Humpreys Minister for Rural and Community Development visited the County on 6-8 June as part of a two-day visit to a number of projects funded by her Department. During this visit, the Minister launched the gTeic Digital Working Hub in Malinbeg, funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development Connected Hubs scheme, Donegal County Council and Údarás na Gaeltachta. The Minister remarked that Malinbeg is “possible the most scenic Connected Hub in the Country”.

The hub which is located in the Seán Scoil in Malinbeg is home to one of the 12 broadband connection points in Donegal. This project is building on the existing mobile phone and WiFi connectivity at An Sean Scoil Malinbeg refurbishing the building and creating a coworking space with hot desks and office space on the upper floor- providing 3 office spaces and 8-9 hotdesking spaces and support facilities. The Minister officially launched the Broadband Connection Points Network also.

The other Broadband Connection Points are located in the following areas across Donegal:

1. Malin Head,
2. Fort Dunree,
3. Ray Community Centre,
4. Cranford Community Centre,
5. Glenveagh National Park,
6. Errigal Training Centre, Falcarragh,
7. Comharchumann Oileáin Thoraí,
8. Amharclann Gaoth Dhobhair,
9. Malin Beg Sean Scoil,
10. Sliabh Liag Ranger Station,
11. Leghowney Community Hall
12. and Meenreagh Hostel.

The BCP network will supply clubs and community centres with good quality broadband.

5: Appendix 1: Minor Tourism Related Scheme Workshop Minutes.

5.1: Minor Tourism Works Grant Scheme 2023 – Glenties Municipal District

Following a workshop with elected members of Glenties Municipal District on 20 June 2023, it was recommended that the following projects be awarded funding under this scheme:

Community Led Applications

Group name & Project title	Funding agreed
Loughanure Anglers Association - Disabled Equipment	€4,700
Cumann Forbartha - Na Dúchoraidh, Doochary Development Group Tidy Towns - Iolar firéan Na Dúchoraidh	€3,000
Ionad Cois Locha CLG - Accessibility to playground and pontoon	€4,700
Muckish Development Group- Signage for Muckich Loop Walks	€4,700
St. Connells Museum & Heritage Group- Museum re opening	€4,700
An Machaire Le Cheile - Pedestrian Access to Tra Eile Beach	€4,700
Togra Fiontar & Cutúr Uladh CTR - Siúlóid Cnoc na Naomh	€4,700
Pobal Eascarragh Teoranta - Gort naGréine	€4,700
Glenties Tidy Towns Committee - Town signage & comprehensive visitor information system	€4,700
Narin Portnoo Tidy Towns - Tourism Facilities Development	€4,700
Coiste Forbartha Chnoc Fola - Meenaclady upgrade of existing area	€4,700
Funding allocated to Community groups	€50,000

Council Services Applications	
Council service & Project title	Funding agreed
W&E- Narin Beach Access	€16,000
Water & Environment - Carrickfinn All Accessible Eco Loo	€14,000
Community Development & Planning - Completion of Corn cutter monument at Creeslough	€6,667
Community Development & Planning - The Chapel & Village Centre Creeslough	€6,667
Community Development & Planning - The Garden Creeslough	€6,666
Funding allocated to Council services	€50,000

It is requested that these recommendations be agreed at the next Glenties MD meeting on Tuesday 11th July 2023.

**GLENTIES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
MEETING
11th July 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. Glenties Comprehensive School ‘Crossing Points’
 - Draft Design for discussion / adoption**

- 3. Fintown Project – Verbal Update.**

- 4. Bunbeg Footbridge – Verbal Update.**

- 5. Carnmore Road – Verbal Update**

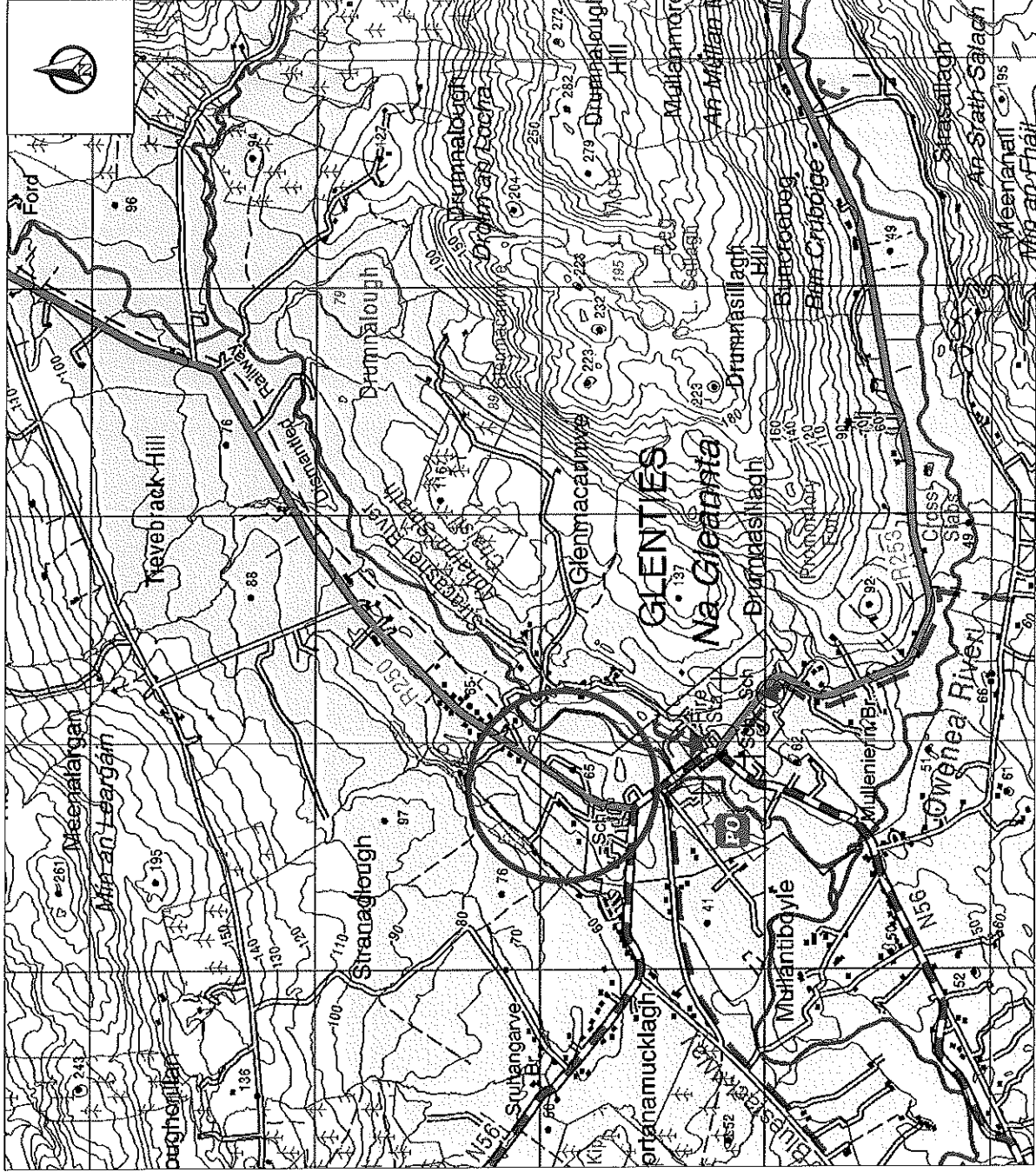
- 6. N56 Doe – Creeslough Project – Verbal Update.**

- 7. Road Works Programme – Verbal Update**

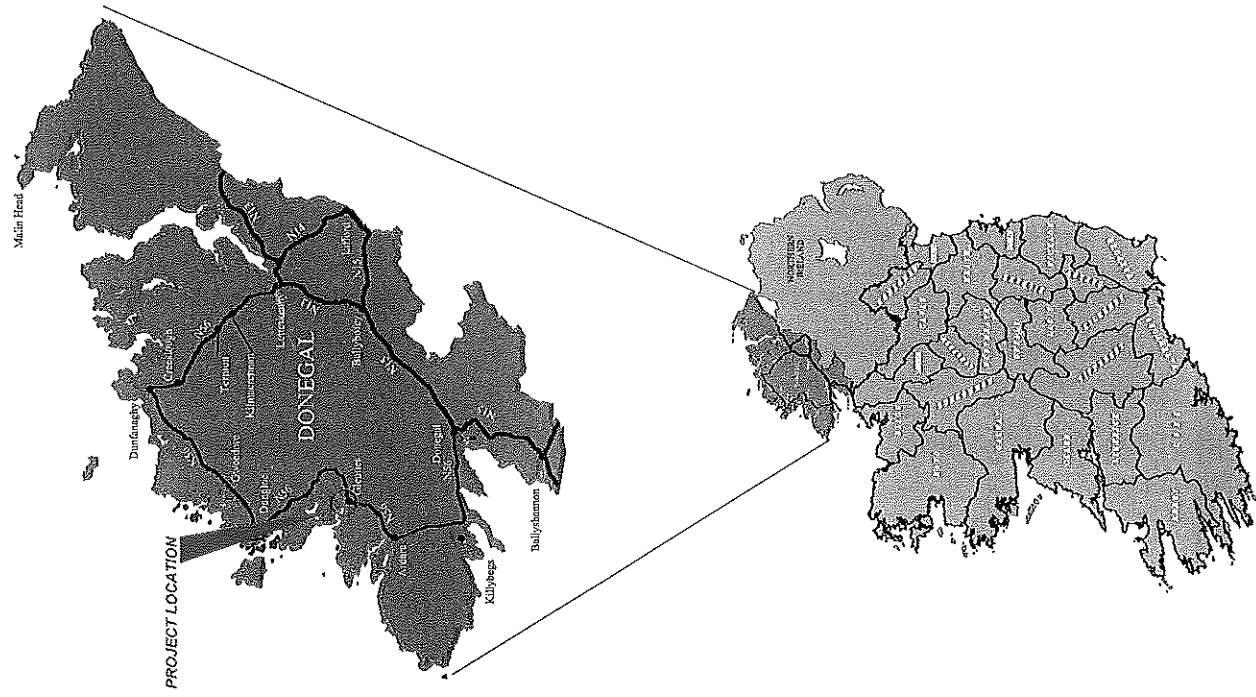
- 8. AOB**



GLENTIES COMP SCHOOL PEDESTRIAN CROSSING
(PRELIMINARY DESIGN)



Scheme Location (Not To Scale)



Comhairle Chontae Dhúin na nGall Donegal Council Roads & Transportation Services <small>For more information visit our website www.donegal.ie</small>	Rev: By: Date:	Description:	Purpose of Drawings <input type="checkbox"/> Information <input type="checkbox"/> GPS <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use <input type="checkbox"/> Plan 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Survey Design <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Tender Issue <input type="checkbox"/> As Built <input type="checkbox"/> Other Prepared: MC Date: May 2023 Checked: MC Date: May 2023 Approved: Date:	Scales: As Shown @ A1 Vertical Scale: N/A File no: DL-21-0027	Project: Glenties Comp School Pedestrian Crossing Location: Glenties Municipal District Drawn: Preliminary Design - Project Location	Rev: --- Drawing no.: 0000-002
	File no: 0000-002					

Housing & Corporate Agenda

For Meeting on 11th July 2023

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

1. PROGRESS REPORT - GRANTS AT 30/06/2023

Housing Aid for Older People Grants						
<i>Year</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Cancelled/ Refused</i>	<i>Applicant Further Info</i>	<i>Referred to Eng</i>	<i>Pending</i>
2023	62	41	11	0	10	10

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	87	57	20	0	3	7	10
2023	57	25	12	0	16	4	20

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>
2023	2	0	1	0	1	0	1

2. PROGRESS REPORT – CASUAL VACANCIES @ 30/06/2023

Glenties MD	Address	Beds	Vacant From	Current Status
Ardara				
	Drumaghey Park	2 bed	20/04/2023	Tenders currently being assessed
Arranmore				
	Leabgarrow	2 bed	01/06/2023	Currently being assessed to compile tender documents
Burtonport				
	Altan	2 bed	08/06/2023	Tenders currently being assessed
Creelough				
	Muckish Terrace	1 bed	26/05/2023	Currently awaiting quotations for works required to the property
Doochary				
	Droim a'Droichead	2 bed	09/09/2022	Contractor on site
Dunfanaghy				
	Eadan Mor	3 bed LTL	19/06/2023	Currently being assessed to determine works required
Glenties				
	Ard McGill	1 bed	03/11/2022	Contractor on site
	Ard McGill	1 bed	15/06/2023	Currently being assessed to determine works required
	Clos Naomh Chonail	2 bed	03/02/2023	Complete
Lettermacaward				
	Ascaill Bhríde	3 bed	31/03/2023	Tenders currently being assessed

3. HOUSING NEED AS AT 30/06/2023

Gross Need - by approved bedrooms

Municipal District	0	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Glenties							
Annagry	0	0	13	4	3	0	20
Ardara	0	3	17	1	1	0	22
Bunbeg	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Burtonport	0	0	5	1	1	0	7
Creeslough	0	0	11	2	2	0	15
Crolly	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Derrybeg	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
Doochary	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Dunfanaghy	0	3	12	2	0	0	17
Dungloe	7	9	31	7	2	0	56
Falcarragh	0	1	30	3	0	0	34
Fintown	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
Glenties	1	0	6	2	1	0	10
Gortahork	0	1	6	0	0	1	8
GWEEORE	0	2	15	5	0	0	22
Kincasslagh	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Lettermacaward	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Loughanure	0	0	2	1	0	0	3
Magheroarty	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Total	8	20	156	29	12	1	226

4. HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENT (HAP) SCHEME

As at 30th June 2023, the Glenties Municipal District is providing Social Housing Support in the form of the Housing Assistance Payment to 91 families/individuals. 9 of these families/individuals are in receipt of HAP only.

5. NUMBER OF RAS PROPERTIES

As of the 30th June 2023, the Glenties Municipal District is providing Social Housing Support in the form of:

- Rental Accommodation Scheme to 9 families/individuals.
- Rent supplement to 78 couples/individuals.

Glenties Municipal District also pays a management and maintenance subsidy for 49 units.

6. NUMBER OF LTL PROPERTIES

As of the 30th June 2023, the Glenties Municipal District is providing Social Housing Support in the form of the Long Term Lease Properties to 19 families/individuals.

7. HOUSING VACANCIES AND OFFERS

Reasons for Vacancies between 1 st Jan 2023 to 30 th June 2023				
Transfers	Surrenders	Death of Tenant	Other	Total
1	6	5	0	12

Number of Housing Offers issued between 1 st Jan 2023 to 30 th June 2023		
Number of Offers issued	Offers Accepted	Offers Refused
14	13	1

8. TENANT PURCHASE

Number of applications received since Scheme commenced:	119
Total number of valid applications:	92
Valid applications received in 2023:	12
Total number of houses sold under the Scheme to date:	20

9. LOCAL AUTHORITY LOANS

Total number of Loan applications (RIHL) received from 2018-2023	Number of Loans Approved from 2018-2023	Total number of new Loan applications (LAHL) in 2023	Number of Loans Approved in 2023
43	5	0	0

10. Section 183

Donegal County Council proposes to sell the site containing a derelict former S.I. house at Meenavalley, Ardara, Co Donegal.

The site was placed on the open market during the period from November 2022 to January 2023 and the potential buyer who submitted the final accepted offer (€43k) subsequently did not proceed with the purchase. The site was placed on the open market again during the period from 6 March 2023 to 31 May 2023 & a final offer of €45,000 has been received.

11. Deep Energy Retrofitting Programme 2023

Tirconaill Contracts Ltd are carrying out works at Ballina, Falcarragh (34 properties) after completion of deep energy retrofitting works at Lochan Mhuire Annagry (6 properties) with an 8 week timescale for completion. Total value of works carried out on completion will be in excess of €1.1 million.

The works include:

- Removal of all solid fuel appliances from the properties (OFCH , Stoves, Ranges, etc)
- Installation of Air to Water Heat Pump
- Installation of Triple Glazed Windows where necessary to achieve a minimum Building Energy Rating (BER) of B2.
- All other associated works required to accommodate the above.

The Housing Engineer, Eamon Boyle & Clerk of Works, Paul O Donnell have visited the estate & are in regular attendance on the estate throughout the contract to respond to any queries from residents.

Housing Capital Update Report Glenties Municipal District Meeting July 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
Design / Tender Stage		
Chapel Road, Dungloe	Preparing the full design package in consultation with appointed consultants. Approval to be sought from the Department in July 2023 in advance of commencing the tendering process for the main works contractor.	45
Masiness, Creeslough	Tenders for Consultant services received and currently being assessed. Site investigation works are ongoing	3
Glenties (Fire Station)	Part 8 application granted at the Plenary Council meeting on 29 th May 2023. Site investigation work ongoing.	3
Total		51

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.

The Council has obtained Stage 3 approval from the Department of Housing for the proposed turnkey acquisition at Gweedore. This proposal is for a total of 29 social housing units. The Council is currently working with the Developer to review detailed drawings and specifications. Revised costings have now been agreed with the Developer, which are subject of departmental approval. Upon receipt of same, the project can move to final tender stage.

2. Emergency Housing Response to Creeslough

As part of the Council's overall response to support the community of Creeslough following the devastating explosion which occurred in October 2022, a housing response has been identified. The Council is working with Developer Charles Roarty to provide 11 no. social housing units on lands in Creeslough. Planning permission and Irish Water approval have been obtained. Approval from the Department of Housing has also been sought and obtained via the single stage approval process. Housing Capital is now working with the Developer seeking final agreement on costs and to review detailed drawings and specifications. The proposal remains subject to contract.

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 offers for 7 sites across the MD. Subject to contract, one offer has been accepted.