



Municipal District of Glenties

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3rd May 2023

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Annual General Meeting Municipal District of Glenties will be held on 9th May, 2023 **at 12 midday in the 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.

Yours sincerely

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Meetings Administrator



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FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniú Bliantúil de Ceantar Bardais Na Gleanntaí **in Ionad Seirbhísí an Chlocháin Léith** ar an 9ú Bealtaine 2023, ag a 12 meán lae.

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS NA GLEANNTAÍ

A Chara

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Mise, le meas

Micheál Rowsome
Riarthóir Cruinnithe

AGENDA

- 1) Election of Cathaoirleach.
- 2) Election of Leas-Chathaoirleach.
- 3) Date of Next Meetings



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AGENDA

1. Consideration of the Minutes of Glenties Municipal District Committee Meeting held on the 14TH March, 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 14th March 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr. Anthony Molloy (Cathaoirleach)
Cllr. Michael McClafferty (Leas Cathaoirleach)
Cllr. Marie Therese Gallagher
Clr. John Sheamais Ó Fearraigh
Clr. Micheal Cholm 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
Joseph Gallagher, Heritage Officer
John McCarron- Senior Executive Engineer, Water &
Environment
Sarah Nolan- A/Head of Tourism

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Noreen McGarvey

**OTHERS IN
ATTENDANCE:** Róise Ní Laifeartaigh - Aistriúcháin Comhuaineach

GMD 16/23

**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 February 2023 were confirmed.

GMD 17/23 **Report from Workshop**

Members noted the report from the Workshop held in Dungloe PSC on 28/02/2023 regarding a Masterplan for the development of the Magheroarty area.

GMD 18/23 **Schedule of Municipal District Works 2023**

On the proposal of Cllr. Gallagher, seconded by Cllr. Ó Fearraigh, the Glenties Municipal District Committee adopted the Schedule of Municipal District Works for the financial year 31st December 2023 as set out in the Schedules presented and circulated previously as required by Section 103A of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) and in line with requirements of Circular LG27/2014/FIN21/2014.

GMD 19/23 **Development Fund Initiative (DFI) 2023**

On the proposal of Cllr. Molloy, seconded by Cllr. Gallagher, Members approved the allocated funding in the sum of €120,000 as set out below which was previously considered at the Workshop on the 28th February 2023.

Applicant Group	Total by Group
Donegal Hospice	€2500
SULT Féile Cuideachta Faoi Theorainn Ráthaíochta	€5000
Tírchonail Commemoration Cmt	€2000
Amy McGarvey/Errigal Equestrial	€3750
Ards Mens Shed	€2500
Arranmore Country Fest	€2500
Awake Tourism	€2500
BOM St. Finian's NS	€2500
Bord na nÓg	€3500
Bród na Gaeltachta (Pobail le Chéile)	€4750
Burtonport Summer Festival	€2500
Ceol na gCruach	€2500
CLG An Chlochán Liath	€4750

Club Óige Rann na Feirste	€3500
Clubeo	€2500
Coiste Forbartha Dhobhair Teo	€2500
Coiste Forbartha Rann na Feirste	€5250
Comharchumann Forbartha Ghaoth Dobhair	€2500
Comharchumann Oileán Árainn Mhór CTR	€2500
Creelough Community Association	€5000
Creelough Community Enterprise Ltd	€2500
Derryveagh Boxing Club	€6000
Dolmen Leisure CLG	€7000
Donegal Music Trails	€3000
Donegal Playmatters CLG	€2500
Glenties Tidy Towns Committee	€2500
Ionad Cois Locha CLG	€5500
Kincasslagh Rowing Club	€2500
Lettermacaward Development Group	€3000
Loughross Point Rowing Club	€3000
Mary From Dungloe International Arts Festival	€6500
Rosses Anglers	€3000
Rosses Athletic Club	€2500
Sciobal na mBan - Gweedore Upstylers	€2500
St. Columbas Community Group	€3000
TOTAL	€120,000

GMD 20/23

Disposal of former Glenties Courthouse

On the proposal of Cllr. Molloy, seconded by Cllr. Gallagher, the Committee agreed to lease the former Courthouse at Mill Road, Glenties together with enclosed yard to the Brian Friel Trust CLG for a lease period of 99 years from the date of execution and subject to the conditions listed in the report from the property Management Section circulated at the meeting.

Economic Development, I.S and Emergency

The Committee noted the reports circulated with the agenda and presented by Sarah Nolan, A/Head of Tourism regarding the following Work Programmes:

- Economic Development Unit
- Tourism Marketing Unit
- Travel Gazers Bid Project
- Strategic Funding Unit
- Donegal Diaspora Unit
- Local Enterprise Office
- Emergency Services - Fire Service

The Committee welcomed the restoration of the Donegal/Glasgow route. The A/Head of Tourism updated the Committee regarding the selection of Donegal Tourism by Tourism Ireland to promote the County in Merchants Square, Glasgow at the St. Patrick's Family day.

Cllr. Molloy stressed the importance of supporting local festivals and highlighted the increasing pressures on provision of tourism accommodation.

Cllr. McClafferty requested the Council to liaise with Cork County Council to determine if a Cable Car service could be considered for Muckish Mountain.

Cllr. Michéal Cholm Mac Giolla Easbuig requested the Tourism Unit to convene a workshop to address issues negatively impacting on sustainable tourism in the context of social, economic and environmental conditions.

Cllr. Gallagher commended the work carried out by Barney McLaughlin in his role as Tourism Officer.

Environment

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

- Green Hub Pilot Initiative
- WEEE Collection Days
- Paint Re-Use Pilot Initiative
- Central Laboratory Public Engagement
- Septic Tanks - National Inspection Plan
- Regulated Private Drinking Water Supplies
- Rural Water Programme
- Glenties Flood Relief Scheme

Clr. Ó Fearraigh requested the Council to provide a recycling centre in Falcarragh and advised that Údarás na Gaeltachta are willing to provide a land for this purpose. Cllr. Ó Fearraigh also requested an update on his motion to revise the Septic Tank Registration Scheme for applicants who failed to register by the prescribed date of the 1st February 2013.

Cllr. McClafferty highlighted an increasing number of road safety incidents caused by deer crossing roadways and the Committee recommended that an invitation issue to the National Parks and Wildlife Service to attend an online meeting.

Cllr. McClafferty also requested the provision of a litter bin outside the Chinese Restaurant in Falcarragh.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig expressed frustration at the continuing water bursts in Meenanillar, Glasserchoo and Annagry and highlighted the necessity for significant infrastructural investment.

Cllr. Molloy raised ongoing issues pertaining to the Maghera Scheme.

Cllr. Gallagher queried if local communities could apply for funding (similar to the Clár Programme) to expedite the Rural Water Programme as many schemes are experiencing excessive delays.

Cllr. McClafferty criticised the Irish Water Communication System and outlined the necessity for urgent water pipe replacement in the Killult area.

Cllr. McClafferty also raised issues regarding blockages to a pump in Dunfanaghy and Port na Blagh sewer system upgrade requirements.

GMD 23/23

Planning

Members noted the reports circulated with the agenda regarding the following items:

- Development Application Statistics
- Enforcement cases
- Schedule of Planning Clinics
- Capital Projects Delivery Unit

Cllr. Gallagher requested a categorisation of 2022 planning applications.

Cllr. McClafferty referred to several young people emigrating because of their inability to obtain planning for development on their own lands due to the N56 planning restrictions & highlighted the devastating impact on local rural settlements.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig concurred with the sentiments expressed by Cllr. McClafferty and recommended that the Planning Service issue an invitation to the relevant Minister to meet with local Councillors and Planning staff.

Cllr. Gallagher supported this proposal.

23.2

Islands

In response to a recommendation from Cllr. Gallagher, the Area Planner undertook to liaise with the Central Planning Unit to request inclusion of a specific Islands Policy within the County Development

Plan. The Area Planner undertook to liaise with the Enforcement Section regarding a planning issue raised by Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig on Íochtar Island.

23.3

Rural Regeneration and Development Fund

Cllr. Gallagher requested the attendance of Paul Kelly at the next Municipal District Meeting to update the Committee on regeneration plans for the West of the County.

GMD 24/23

Community Development

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

- Community Development Projects
- Social Inclusion
- Donegal Participation Network
- Healthy Ireland
- Rural Development Programme / LEADER

The Committee requested updates regarding:

- Pobal Eascarrach Carparking (Cllr. Ó Fearraigh)
- Railway/Greenway (Cllr. Ó Fearraigh)
- Bonny Glen (Cllr. Molloy)
- Laconnel Walking Trail (Cllr. Molloy)
- Poll a tSnámh (Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig)
- Annagry Health Survey (Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig)
- Ardara Health Check and Masterplan (Cllr. Molloy)
- Community Recognition Fund (Cllr. Molloy)

Cllr. Gallagher commended (i) Cllr. Niamh Kennedy for the organisation of an International Women's Day Event on the 8th March in the Council Chamber and (2) Christina O Donnell for valuable social work with ethnic minorities.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested the attendance of representatives from the inter-cultural platform at a future Municipal District Meeting to highlight the growing threat faced by minorities. Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig also welcomed any initiatives that will increase female representation at political and Senior Management levels.

Cllr. McClafferty recommended the provision of funding for off duty schoolteachers, to provide services to assist Ukrainians with language barriers.

Cllr. Mc Clafferty also requested the Council to consider the provision of a cable car service at Muckish & Errigal mountains.

GMD 25/23

Roads and Transportation

25.1

Fintown Project

The Committee welcomed the update circulated with the agenda and presented by the Roads Manager in relation to the Active Travel Project at a cost in excess of €1m.

In response to a query from Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig, the Roads Manager advised of public consultation undertaken prior to commencement of works.

25.2

Bridge Programme 2023

The Roads Manager advised the Committee of the necessity to appoint a consultant to deal with complexities and specialist work including underwater surveys.

25.3

NRDO/Pavement Project

The Roads Manager informed the Committee of the tendering of 1.4 km of a pavement project in Creeslough.

25.4 **Greenway Project**

Members were advised that a Joint Workshop with Letterkenny Municipal District Members will be held online on the 24th March 2023 with the intention of going to public consultation the following week.

25.5 **Road Maintenance**

Members highlighted the following issues for the attention of the Road Service:

- Manhole maintenance in Oldtown, Falcarragh and Narin Road.
- Muckish Road and Loughros Point subsidence
- Road disrepair at Ballintemple
- Scenic viewing area / Disability Committee
- Takeover of Golf Club Road, Falcarragh
- Meenacladdy flooding
- Errigal and Meenaroy Road - Enhanced Investment

GMD 26/23 **Housing & Corporate**

26.1 **Progress Reports**

The Committee noted the Reports previously circulated in relation to Grants, Casual Vacancies, Loans, Housing Need and Tenant Purchase Scheme. Cllr. Ó Fearraigh requested an update on the low number of loan approvals.

26.2 **Clós Naomh Chonail**

The Acting Area Manager updated Members in relation to the status of ongoing door replacement works and the tendering of major groundwork project at this scheme.

26.3 Deep Energy Retrofitting Works

The Committee were updated in relation to the status of proposed works in Falcarragh (Ballina) and Annagry (Lochán Mhuire).

26.4 Housing Construction

The Acting Area Manager informed the Committee that the Council have procured a consultant to complete a preliminary Environmental prescreening report for potential social housing sites at Fintown, Burtonport, Arranmore and Lettermacaward.

Cllr. Ó Fearraigh requested an update on the proposed turnkey acquisition at Gweedore.

Cllr. Gallagher expressed disappointment that the Council had not progressed any Affordable Housing Schemes.

26.5 Approved Housing Bodies

The Acting Area Manager informed the Committee that the Ardara Sheltered Housing Association are working in conjunction with the Housing Agency to prepare a Capital Assistance Scheme application to the Council.

The Members were also advised of the imminent commencement of refurbishment works at Fairhill Lodge on behalf of Respond AHB.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig stated that an enquiry is necessary to investigate the provision of government funding on a second occasion to bring the ground floor dwellings into productive use.

26.6 Eviction Ban

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig strongly disagreed with the recent Government decision to lift the emergency stay on eviction notices with deferred tenancy terminations taking effect over a period from 1st April to 18th June 2023. He outlined difficulties experienced by

renters in attempts to source landlords willing to participate in the HAP Scheme, and also the exorbitant rents charged in the private sector.

Cllr. Mc Clafferty highlighted the current emergency housing situation in the County and the necessity for local families to relocate, because of the lack of available accommodation.

The Committee unanimously agreed to submit correspondence to the Minister for Housing regarding the impact of the recent lifting of the eviction ban.

26.7 **Public Service Centre**

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig recommended the Council to provide a 'changing places' facility in the Public Service Centre and to request the Council's Disability Officer to conduct a disability audit.

26.8 **Revision of Standing Orders**

On the proposal of Cllr. Molloy, seconded by Cllr. McClafferty, the Committee agreed that Ordinary meetings of the Glenties Municipal District shall be held on the second Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November and that the Budgetary meeting for the Municipal District will be held in October.

26.9 **Laochra Gael Programme**

The Committee unanimously commended the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Molloy following his recent appearance on Laochra Gael on TG4.

26.10 **Dara Fitzpatrick Award**

Cllr. Molloy congratulation Frances Griffin, Paramedic, following her presentation with the inaugural Dara Fitzpatrick Award in recognition of her bravery during the Creeslough tragedy.

This Concluded the Business of the Meeting



Municipal District of Glenties

09th May 2023

Community Development Division

CLÁR / AGENDA

1. Report on recent activity in the Community Development Division
 - 1.1 Community Development
 - 1.2 Social Inclusion
 - 1.3 Donegal Youth Council
 - 1.4 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 licence in conjunction with Dept. of Rural & Community Development & local community group.
Glenties T & V project	Enhancement of Streetscape Design & installation of interpretative information signs supported by directional signage	Town & Village Renewal Scheme	Works nearing completion
Maghery	<p>Installation of galvanized equipment storage cage, outdoor shower, street furniture and surfacing works at Maghery pier.</p> <p>Installation of camping pods, self catering kitchen, toilet / shower facilities, lighting and a beach wheelchair at Ionad an Mhachaire.</p> <p>Development of a loop walk / cycle route</p> <p>Installation of tourism information points/panels</p> <p>Development of website, promotion and branding materials</p>	Town & Village Renewal Scheme	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	Materials purchased under the age friendly funding have been received

Glenties Municipal District - Community Development

Project Location	Project Details	Funded Under	Current status
Ardara	Improvements to town: Improve seating along the Main St. & Front St. Provide fully wheelchair accessible picnic and resting tables in the Diamond Provide 2 bins along the Main St. and 1 no. bin along Front St. Provide additional landscaping and planting in the Diamond and Town Garden Provide 3 no. awnings at the Heritage Centre on Main St. Provide 4 no. semi mature trees The provision of a permanent tensile structure along the Riverside Walk in the centre of town providing shelter and the potential to host outdoor events. The preparation of a Health Check and a Masterplan to inform the sustainable development of Ardara and environs.	Town & Village Renewal Scheme Town & Village Renewal Scheme	Work has been completed Contractor on site and works ongoing
Railway Greenway at Muckish	Section of trail to be brought to greenway standard (Phase 1) (Phase 2 and phase 3)	ORIS	Works completed Engagement with local community ongoing. Reviewing the tenders received and preparing a tender report
Errigal	Pathway and environmental improvements	ORIS	Works will start again in mid-May for 6 weeks
Project Location	Project Details	Funded Under	Current status
Ran na Fast Loop Walk	Enhancement of a 3km loped walk around Lough Fadda	ORIS	Currently out for tender
Slí Na Finne (Bealacht na Gaeltachta) 2020	Existing trail maintenance	ORIS	Works Ongoing
Bealacht na Gaeltachta Maghera 2021	Resurfacing of steep section of trail	ORIS	Works completed

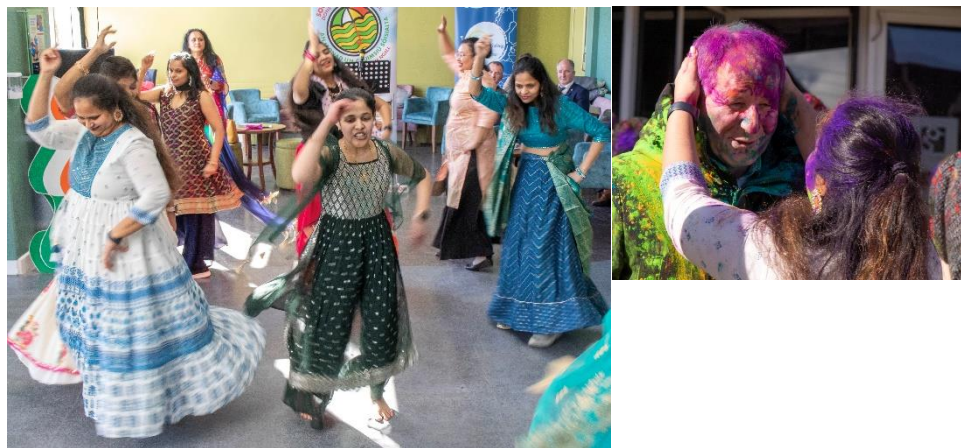
Kincasslagh Tower	Enhancement of existing trail	ORIS	Ongoing preparation of tender documents
Slí na Finne (Bealacht na Gaeltachta) 2022	Existing trail maintenance	ORIS	Ongoing preparation of tender documents
Maghery play facility	Nature based play facility	CLÁR	Ongoing preparation of tender documents
Arronmore, Community Gym	Enhancement of an indoor community gym	CLÁR	Works are ongoing
Gaidin na gCeadfai	Sensory Gardens bio stove Mug	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

Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 3 -inclusive of current status

One Donegal - Social Inclusion Week 2023, 25 March – 1 April
The Launch One Donegal Social Inclusion Week took place at the Festival of Colours. There was a fantastic atmosphere at An Grianan Theatre on Saturday, 25 March with the Festival of Colour Holi celebration.



The AGM of Donegal Older Persons Council took place in the Clanree Hotel, Letterkenny as part of One Donegal Social Inclusion Week.

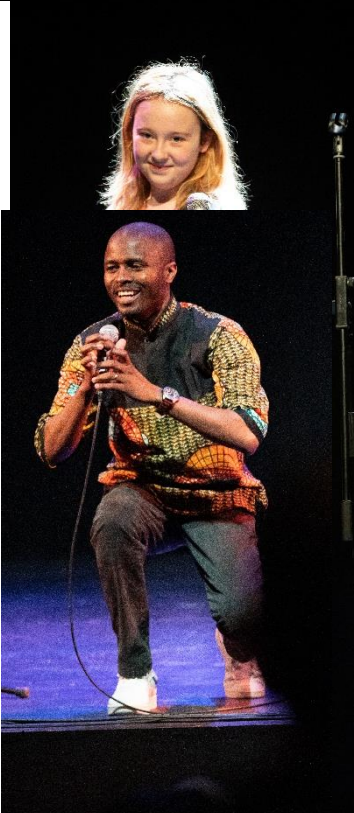
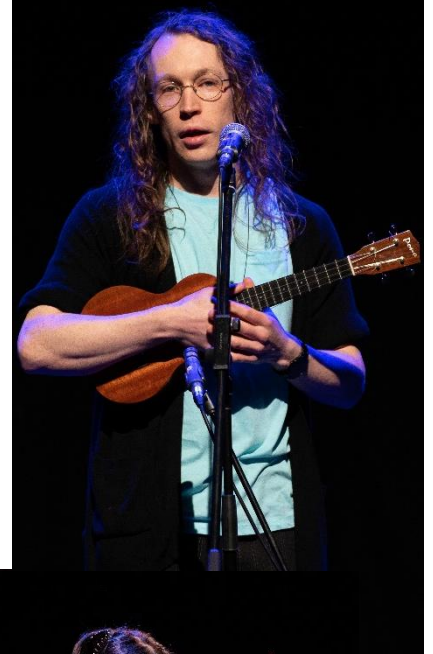


One Donegal Social Inclusion Week finished on Saturday afternoon 1 April on a high with the Diversity Showcase in An Grianan Theatre. One Donegal Social Inclusion Week was an action packed, educational, and insightful week with opportunities for community and voluntary groups, services, and educators from right across the County to showcase the work they do.


The Diversity Showcase, with 20 different acts was received very well by a full An Grianan Theatre auditorium. The talent, variety and diversity shown was outstanding. The Diversity Showcase gave us poems, songs, drama and dances from all over the world.



Picture Special below of some of the acts



<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>Africa Day 2023 Donegal County Council announced its plans for Africa Day 2023, which will include exhibition, workshops and family fun day to celebrate the occasion.</p> <p>On Saturday, 27 May at 12- 6pm, Donegal County Council in conjunction with Donegal Intercultural Platform will host a free family fun day at An Grianan Theatre Plaza, which will include drumming workshops, musical performances, a taste of African Food and kids games.</p> <p>Africa Day, which falls on Wednesday, 25th May, celebrates the richness of African cultures and the contribution of people of African descent to Irish life. Africa Day celebrations are organised by Irish Aid at the Department of Foreign Affairs in partnership with African embassies in Ireland and local authorities around the country.</p> <p>Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion Strategy The secretariate will meet in May to agree the Terms of Reference. All Stakeholders that have not submitted their Workplan has been followed up. The meetings on the individual Themes are pushed to June to explore where the gaps are in what is being done and what can be done.</p> <p>EU Belong Donegal as lead on work package 4(delivery of integration strategy) has been holding online meetings with the following 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.</p> <p>EU Belong project attend the recent YOUTHopia Future Fair which was aimed at young people and was thought provoking event covering a range of topics such as youth issues, skills and education, entrepreneurship, reconciliation, diversity and social inclusion.</p> <p>EU Belong will be having a stand at upcoming events such as the celebration of 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 upcoming PPN Plenary meeting.</p>
<p>Contact Person</p>	<p>Christina O'Donnell codonnell@donegalcoco.ie 0879192272</p> <p>Charles Sweeney charlesseaney@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Youth Council
File:	
Project Description/Activity	
Budget (if applicable)	
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p><u>Monthly Meetings:</u> Donegal Youth Council meet monthly as a full council and meet monthly in their Municipal District. Meeting can often take place in between these due to other projects or topics. The first meeting of the new Youth Council term was held on January 21st. Members of the Youth Council came together to meet in Letterkenny Library. On the day they were introduced to each other, came up with a group contract to work with each other, and were introduced to some of the many committees the Donegal Youth Council is involved with. On the day members from the Cruinniú na nÓg present to them and we now have members sit on this committee. Members also heard about the Donegal Road Safety Working Group, CYPSC and ETB. Members were selected to represent the Youth Council after the meeting.</p>  <p>On the 14th of February members met in Lifford CourtHouse. Members took part in team building activities, including escape rooms to get to know each other better. A discussion also took place with members around youth participation, importance of a Youth Council and how they can represent their peers within the council. A member from Donegal County Council spoke with members from the Donegal Youth Council in relation to the upcoming Youthopia event scheduled for April.</p>



During the March meeting members were consulted for the upcoming Heritage plan for Donegal County Council and also took part in educational workshops on Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco and Vaping run by the Drugs and Alcohol educational officer with Foróige.



Heritage plan:

Youth Council members attended a Zoom call to do a consultation for the new Heritage plan with the Donegal County Council. Members gained information about what heritage is and the background around the plan. In the March monthly meeting, members consulted on the upcoming heritage plan. Members discussed heritage in general and then began discussing the things they would like kept for them and things they would like to keep for future generations. This was all collected by the consulted present on the day and this information will be produced for consideration for the next heritage plan. Members also discuss possible questions for surveys to be presented to young people to gain a wider view of what young people would like included in the next heritage plan.



CYPSC (Children, Young People Service Committee):

Members sit on the youth participation sub-committee of CYPSC and a past youth council member who co-chairs the committee is also supported by the coordinator of the Donegal Youth Council. Currently the committee is hoping to organise a best practice-youth participation event. Currently Pro. Laura Lundy and Dr Niall Muldoon, Ombudsman for Children are organised to speak at the event. Youth Members are currently looking at what they would like to include in the event. This is hoped to be a half day event run from morning to midday during the last week of May.

Donegal Road Safety Working Group (DRSWG):

Donegal Youth Council members along with coordinator attended monthly meetings with the Road Safety Working Group. Discussions have taken place in the recent meetings surrounding the issues of pedestrians not wearing high visibility vests and possible ways to encourage the wearing of these vests. DRSWG also launched the new Road Safety Plan 2022-2030.



Cruinniú na nÓg:

Members from the Donegal Cruinniú na nÓg attended the monthly meeting in January. From this 4 members joined the committee to help advise, plan and ensure the youth voice is heard throughout the process of planning for Cruinniú na nÓg 2023. Youth Council members have been consulted on surveys, open call and possible organisations to reach out to for expression of interest. Youth Council members along with committee members reviewed applications for Cruinniú na nÓg while also suggesting events that may be missing that young people would like to see. All applications have been reviewed and discussed with an equal partnership with all committee members including the Youth Council members. A plan of events is currently in the making for Cruinniú na nÓg day.

International Women's Day- Gender Reversal Council Meeting:

On International Women's Day two Youth Councillors attended the Donegal County Council Gender Reversal meeting. Both members spoke of some of the inequalities in sports such as higher membership fees for females in GAA. During the meeting a discussion took place in relation to the education of politics in schools. It was highlighted that there is a lack of secondary schools in Donegal that offer the option of politics as a subject for the Leaving Cert. During the meeting, a motion was passed to write to the Minister of Education to highlight this and make politics available as a subject in more secondary schools.



Youthopia:

Members met online with J.B from Donegal County Council on the upcoming Youthopia event taking place on the 27th of April. On the 14th J.B introduced the idea of what Youthopia is, the aim of the event and asked for advice on what to include, run and general what would young people like to see on the day.

Members discussed some possible ideas of workshops, stalls and possible speakers to include on the day. Members of the Youth Council met with J.B again over zoom on the 22nd of March where again members discussed these ideas but also how the agenda of the day should look, possible workshops and running of the day.

Members attended the event which was held on 27th of April. Members of the Youth Council supported the running of the day with registration, set up and being MC for the day. The event was a great success. Young people heard inspirational speakers on the opportunities in the North West and also got to ask questions on these. Workshops took place to provide advice and knowledge surrounding career guidance and entrepreneurship.



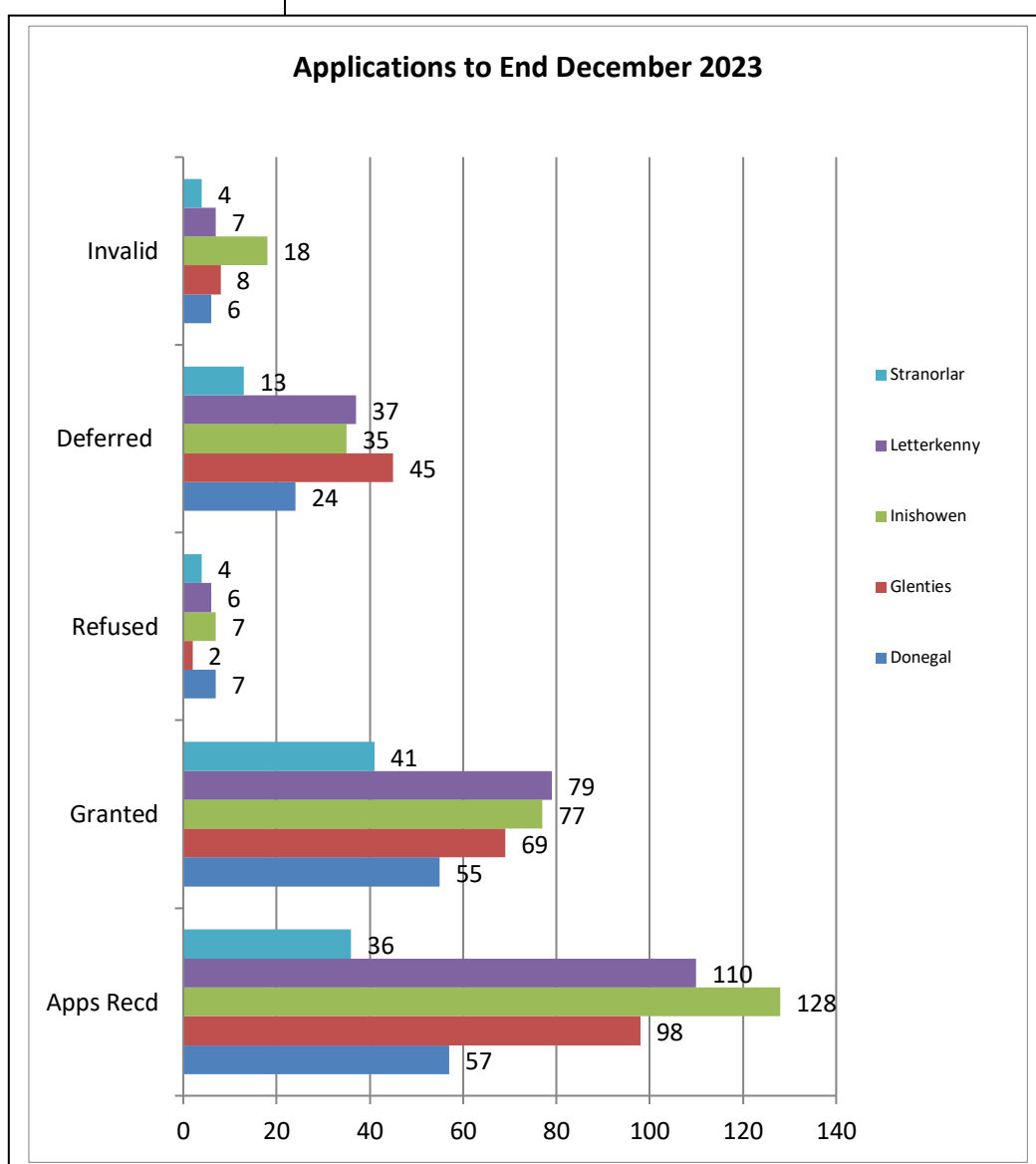
LGBTI+ Workshop:

On the 31st of March, Donegal Youth Council members took part in an LGBTQ+ informational workshop online with Shoutout as part of Social Inclusion Week with Donegal County Council. The workshop identified different languages used by people and the meaning behind some language. Discussion and information around support groups and networks available to people was part of this workshop. Members got the opportunity throughout to ask questions and discuss any of the material covered during the workshop.

Activity / Project Title	Rural Development Programme/LEADER
Project Description/Activity	Donegal Local Community and Development Committee are the Local Action Group for County Donegal, with responsibility for the LEADER/Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 & Transitional LEADER Programme 2021-2022
Budget (if applicable)	<p>€13,413,875 (Additional funding received 2019) <i>Note: Project costs €10,063,586, administration and animation costs €3,350,289</i> 1st April 2021 – 31st December 2022 €2,861,598 project costs €953,866 for Administration & Animation.</p>
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status * Delete irrelevant reporting period	<p>There are 4 Implementing Partners within the county; Donegal Local Development Company (DLDC), Inishowen Development Partnership (IDP), Údarás Na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán, who are rolling out the LEADER Transitional programme on behalf of the LAG (Local Action Group). The LEADER Transitional programme is effective from 1st April 2021 and runs until 31st December 2022. €45 million is allocated nationally for the Transitional Programme and €20 million from the EURI programme.</p> <p>62 projects in Donegal are now approved by Pobal under the Transitional & EURI programmes and Letters of Offer have issued/are pending, granting LEADER funding to a value of €2,861,598.</p>
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<p>The next LCDC/LAG meeting will be held on 31st May 2023. LDCs will continue to engage with promoters on the ground however no new projects will be developed as all funding awarded to the Donegal LAG under the Transitional LEADER programme and EURI programme has been allocated.</p> <p>Donegal County Council as Lead Financial Partner, in collaboration with our four implementing partners, Donegal Local Development Company, Inishowen Development Partnership, Údarás na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán are currently working together to develop our LEADER strategy which must be submitted no later than 14th July 2023. Preferred Consultants have been identified to support the development of the strategy and it is expected they will be in place by the beginning of May 2023.</p>
Contact Person	Ciaran Martin cmartin@donegalcoco.ie

Glenties MD Meeting
9th May 2023

Item	Update										
1 Development Applications											
(1) Statistics	<p>Glenties MD Totals Year to End March 2023</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Applications received</td> <td>98</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Granted</td> <td>69</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Refused</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Deferred</td> <td>45</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Invalid</td> <td>8</td> </tr> </table>	Applications received	98	Granted	69	Refused	2	Deferred	45	Invalid	8
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2	Enforcement		
		Glenties MD	To end of March 2023
		New Cases	6
		Closed Cases	1
		Outstanding cases on record since 2012	286
3	Notes & Monthly Schedule	<p>Pre planning clinics are on a telephone call only basis (ring 074 9153900) between 9.00am and 12.30pm on the dates outlined below.</p> <p>The pre planning clinic calls will be taken by the Executive Planners and shall be for substantial applications only.</p> <p><u>Planning Clinics 2023:</u> 18th May 2023 1st June 2023 15th June 2023 29th June 2023</p> <p>Please see website for further dates. http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/planningclinics/</p>	
4	Regeneration & Development Report	See Appendix A	
5	Building Control & Taking in Charge Report	See Appendix B	
6	Central Planning Unit Report	No Report	
7	Further Information <i>Click on web links to access information.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly List of applications and decisions: http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weeklyplanninglists/ • Planning service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service): planning@donegalcoco.ie • Planning Webpage: www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/ • Planning Application Online Query – planning reference number required: www.donegalcdb.ie/eplan/internetenquiry/rpt_querybysurforrecloc.asp <p>File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and when requesting planning searches: www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/fileretrieval/File%20Retrieval.pdf</p>	

Appendix A



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Regeneration & Development Team
Community Development & Planning Services

Report to May (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 further arrangements will also be made for a further workshop with Members to update on this evolving consultation and design process.

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

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

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

The Detailed Design phase is now completing and it is intended to open a construction tender in May 2023 ahead of a projected commencement on site in

early Q3 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.

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 Humphreys 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, are now undertaking a 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 already undertaken, which will be presented in a Stage 1 Report entitled 'Milford TCF Plan Baseline Profile' to the Elected Members at a workshop targeted for early May 2023. This Report will then directly inform the Draft Milford Town Centre First Plan.

2.0 URBAN REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (URDF)

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

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

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

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

The Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy was officially launched on Monday 5th December 2022 in the Radisson Hotel, Letterkenny followed by a cross- directorate Letterkenny Public Information Event.

This concludes the project to prepare Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy which now transitions into project specific development and implementation. The project website and all published documents are available at www.letterkenny2040.ie

(ii) Acquisition of key town centre regeneration site.

The Donegal County Council (Letterkenny Strategic Urban Regeneration Site) CPO 2021 was confirmed in October 2022 and became operative in November 2022. Notices to Treat were served on 7th March 2023 followed by Notices to Enter served on 23rd March 2023 advising that the Council intends to enter on, take possession of and use the lands on or after 11th April 2023. The CPO will enable the delivery of Phase 1 development of the site as regards Alpha/Beta office accommodation and public realm infrastructure which was approved Part 8 planning consent at the Special Council meeting on 24th February 2022, detailed design of which is being led by the Councils Capital Projects Delivery Unit. Please refer to the MD update report provided by the Capital Projects Delivery Unit in this regard.

In addition, in collaboration with Housing, options are being explored as regards 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). Further updates will be brought to the Letterkenny-Milford MD in this regard as this work develops.

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

The Councils 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.

In line with the Public Spending Code, a Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy was submitted to DHLGH on 29th July 2022 for review and consideration. DHLGH approval to proceed was secured by letter dated 7th February 2023. A number of clarifications were sought on Monday 13th February 2023 and as a result, amended correspondence was received 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>Proceed to procurement of architect-led team for detailed design and site supervision</p> <p>This project will now hand-over to the Capital Projects Delivery Unit for progression of detailed design with feed-in from the Regeneration and Development Team.</p>
Sub-Project A: Cathedral Quarter Park and Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme	<p>Proceed acquisition processes for land required. Valuer appointed for refresh of a number of market valuations. Structural engineer appointed to carry out structure reports on a number of properties.</p> <p>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, inclusive of acquisitions, by the Regeneration and Development Team with feed-in from the Capital Projects Delivery Unit.</p>
Sub-project C: Revival of the Courthouse	<p>Proceed to procurement of consultancy services to prepare ‘Product identification/Visitor Experience Plan.’</p> <p>Initial engagement has been received from Letterkenny Tourism as regards an early stakeholder engagement to assist in informing the consultancy brief.</p> <p>This project will be led through the next stage by the Regeneration and Development Team. Once consultancy services are procured, a workshop with Letterkenny-Milford MD will be arranged.</p>
Sub-project D: Strategic acquisition to enable a Regional Transport Hub	<p>Proceed acquisition processes for land required.</p>

	This project will be led through the next stage by the Regeneration and Development Team.
Sub-Project E; Strategic acquisition to enable LK Green Connect	Proceed acquisition processes for land required This project will be led through the next stage by the Regeneration and Development Team.

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 has now been 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. 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
 Design development in respect of a future Part 8 proposed development for the ‘Cultural Corridor’ section of LK Green Connect is progressing and is at an advanced state of readiness. A presentation in this regard was made to Letterkenny MD workshop on 17th April 2023. Part 8 is being prepared with the support of Pasparakis Friel Architects appointed to provide Part 8 drawings while the Regeneration and Development Team manage and lead all other elements of the Part 8 process including review of design, specific development of High Road design elements, AA and EIA screening. This project will also provide for a long-term public realm scheme at the front of An Grianan Theatre taking account of ‘The Eat Out’ and for enhancements to the existing pathway and environment adjacent to the Boxing Club. The project also includes consultation with the Cultural Partners (An Grianan Theatre, the Regional Cultural Centre and Donegal County Museum) and other stakeholders including Letterkenny Tennis Club, the Boxing Club and a number of landowners. Target for publication of Part 8 is end of Q2 2023 however this is noted as dependant on ongoing stakeholder engagement.

2.5 2nd Phase of LK Green Connect
 Early design work using in-house resources commenced 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 Q3 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 Q3/4 of 2023 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 have been requested to undertake a simple review of the submission made. DHLGH indicate a target for announcement of allocations in May/June 2023. A summary of the submission and update was provided at the workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD held on 17th April 2023.

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.

Regeneration & Development Team
May 2023

Appendix B



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Municipal District of Glenties May 2023

Building Control & Taking in Charge
Community Development & Planning Services

REPORT

1. Building Control Activity
 - a. Commencement Notices
 - b. Disability Access Certificates
2. Taking in Charge of Private Residential Estates

Building Control Activity

a. Commencement Notices

In 2022, 556 Commencement notices were submitted, representing 531 new buildings and 155 building alterations or extensions. This compares with 565 Commencement notices in 2021 representing 634 new builds and 138 building alterations or extensions.

The number of "Opt-out" Commencement Notices submitted in 2022 was 312, more than 56% of the overall total submitted.

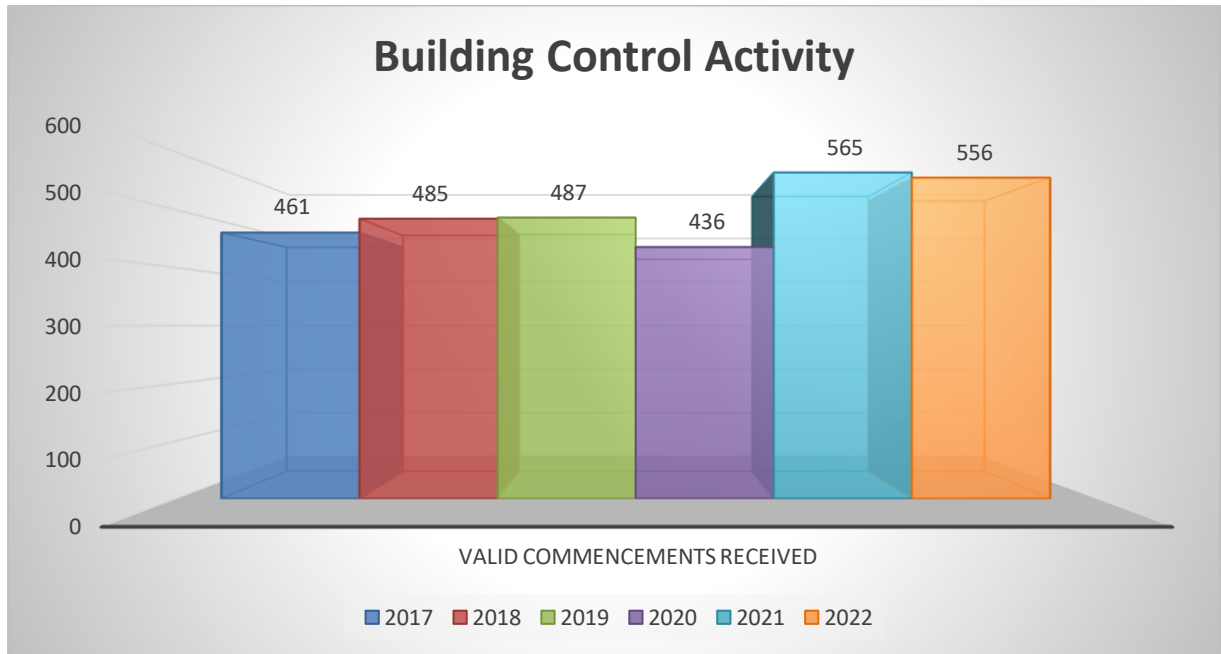
As reported previously, this consistent level of submission of these type of Commencement Notices remains a concern. Where these types of Commencement Notices are being used the owners have declared themselves to be competent to ensure that the works comply with the Building Regulations and are therefore taking on ALL the responsibility for ensuring compliance with the Regulations.

Annual figures:

Up to the end of March, there have been 120 Commencement Notices submitted in 2023, representing 105 new build projects and 31 building alterations or extension. This is down from 180 CNs in the same period in 2022 representing 171 new build projects.

As stated above, in 2022 there were 556 Commencement Notices received. These represented 686 building projects of which there were 531 new units. 120 of these are classified as "multi-unit developments." To date in 2023 there have been **NO** commencement notices for multi-unit developments.

As a comparison, in 2021 there were 565 Commencement Notices received representing 772 building projects and 634 new units, in 2020 there were 436 Commencement Notices representing 642 building projects and 510 new units and in 2019, there were 478 Commencement Notices, representing 620 building projects, while in 2018 there were 483 valid Commencement Notices, representing 608 new build units.



Summary of Valid Commencement Notices submitted in 2022

Types of Commencement Notices:

- i) Commencement Notice with Compliance Documentation: An Assigned Certifier is appointed to oversee the construction and to ensure that there is compliance with the Building Regulations.
- ii) Commencement Notice with Opt Out: This can be used for single dwellings only. The owner is given the option to “opt out” from the Certification Process. They are still legally obliged to comply with the Building Regulations. For this type of commencement notice, an assigned certifier is not appointed, and the owner must sign a declaration to ensure that the building is constructed in accordance with the relevant Building Regulations.

It needs to be stressed here that if this option is chosen, then the Owner is declaring that they are “Competent” and will ensure that the works comply with the Building Regulations. These are still subject to spot check inspections and must provide compliance documentation upon request.

- iii) Commencement Notice without Compliance Documentation: This is referred to as a Short Commencement Notice and requires minimal documentation. It cannot be used for:
- The construction of a new dwelling house.
 - An extension to a dwelling involving a total floor area greater than 40m².
 - Any works that require a fire certificate
- iv) 7 Day Notice: This type of notice is used, where a fire certificate has been applied for but has not yet been granted.

Commencement Notices by Type in 2022				
Type	No. Of CNs	New Builds	Building Alterations /Extensions	Multi Dwelling
CN with Documentation	147	228	45	1 no. 5 unit, 1 no. 24 unit, 1 no. 7 unit, 1 no. 19 unit, 1 no. 11 unit, 1 no. 26 unit, 1 no. 10 unit, 1 no. 18 unit
7-day notice	33	18	15	
CN without Documentation	64	30	38	
CN with Opt-Out	312	255	57	
Total	556	531	155	

b. Disability Access Certificates (DAC):

A Disability Access Certificate (DAC) is a Certificate issued by the Building Control Authority and states that the works or building to which the application relates will, if constructed in accordance with the plans and specifications submitted, comply with the requirements of Part M of the Second Schedule to the Building Regulations 1997 - 2011.

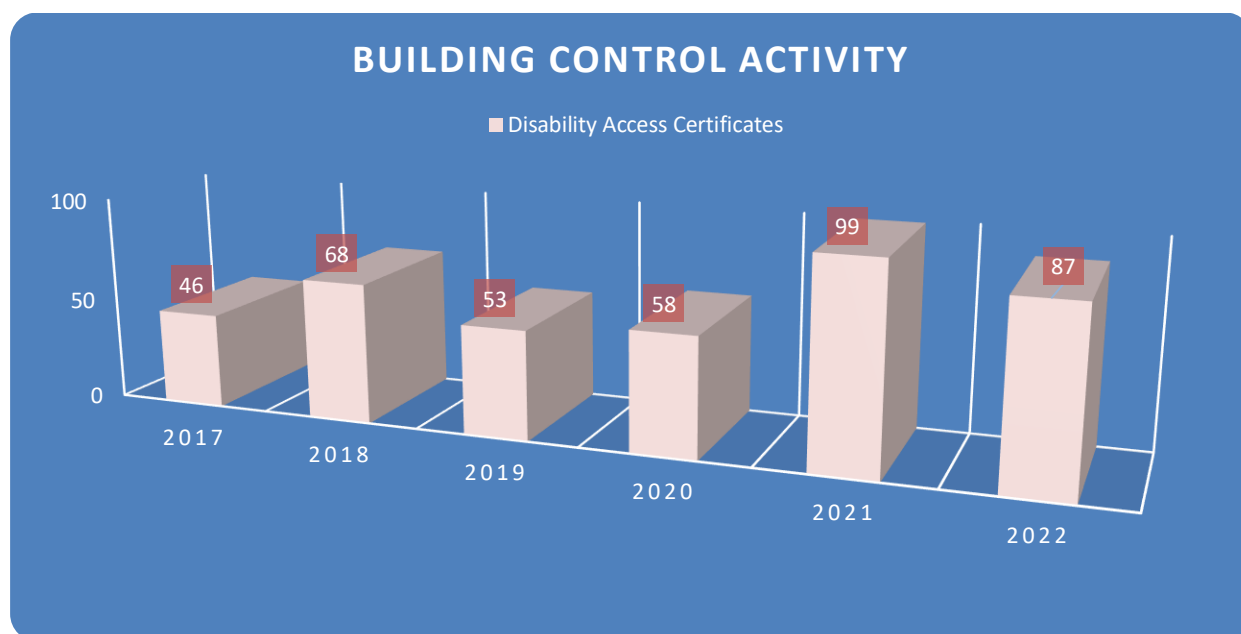
Except for houses and certain agricultural buildings, a DAC is generally required for all new buildings, including apartments and flats. A certificate is also required for material changes of use and certain alterations and extensions to buildings.

A building **may not** be opened, operated, or occupied or permitted to do so unless a DAC has been granted or pending determination of an appeals process.

The Building Control Authority is obliged to determine all DAC applications within 8 weeks of receipt unless an extension of time is agreed with the applicant.

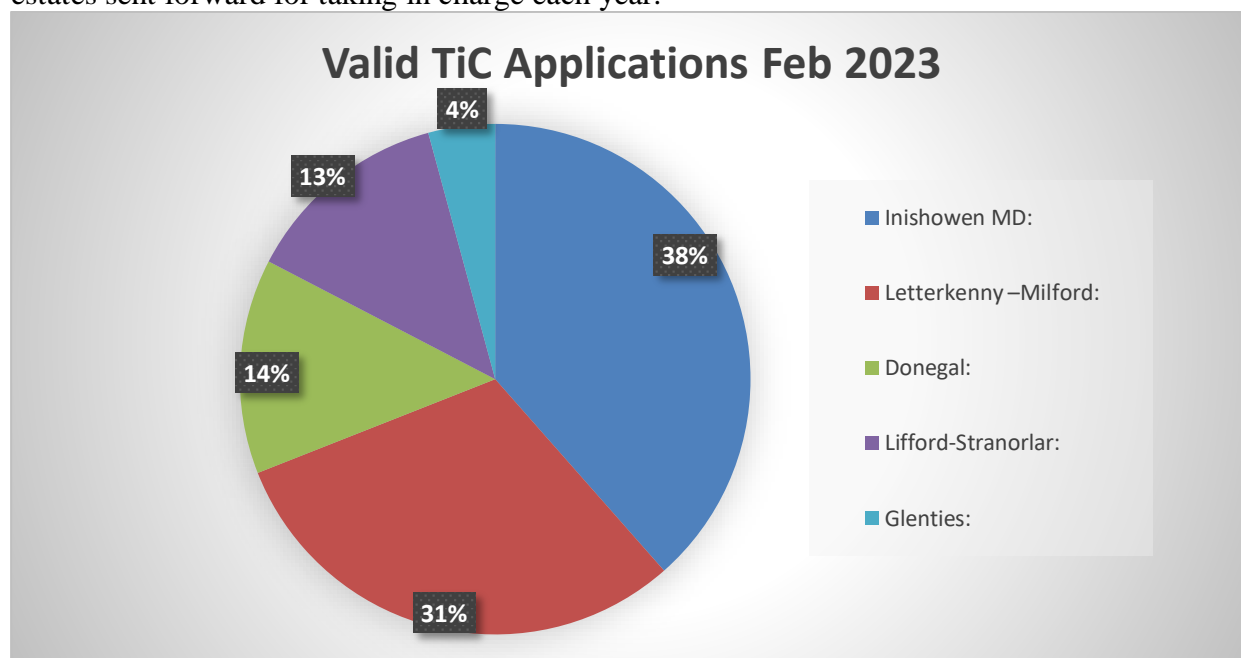
The Building Control Department received 87 DAC applications in 2022. This compares with 99 in 2021, 58 applications in 2020 and 53 in 2019.

So far in 2023, up until the end of March, there have been 23 DAC application compared with 15 applications in the same period in 2022.



Taking in Charge of Private Residential Estates.

There are currently 213 valid Taking in Charge applications for estates in the County and the Taking in Charge team are continuing to work to maximise the number of estates sent forward for taking in charge each year.



Of the 213 valid applications, 4% (9) relate to estates in the Glenties MD.

The Council has taken in charge 90 estates in the County since Nov 2019.

The Taking in Charge team is today presenting the following estate in the Municipal District to Members seeking approval to complete the Taking in Charge process:

- **Cnoc na Beithe (Birchill), Creeslough.**



*Planning & Development Act (2000 as amended) – Section 207
Roads Act, 1993 – Section 11
Planning and Development Act, (2000 as amended) – Section 180*

The Planning Authority for the Glenties Municipal District is seeking a resolution for the making of an **ORDER**, in accordance with Section 207 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended), for the creation of a public right of way over the estate roads within the housing estate **Cnoc na Beithe (Birchill), Cresslough** as set out in the attached maps, to enable it to proceed with the taking in charge of the estate.

Furthermore the Planning Authority for the Glenties Municipal District is seeking a resolution for the making of an **ORDER**, in accordance with Section 11(1) of the Roads Act 1993, that the roads within the housing estate **Cnoc na Beithe (Birchill), Cresslough** over which a public right-of-way will now exist, as shown on the attached map, are hereby declared to be public roads.

It is **noted** that consequent on the making of this Order, the Council is required to take in charge any sewers, watermains, or service connections and the public open spaces or car park within the attendant grounds of the development in accordance with Section 180(4)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

When water services infrastructure is taken in charge by a Planning Authority pursuant to section 180(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), the water services legislation provides that it will be subsequently transferred to Irish Water by Ministerial Order.

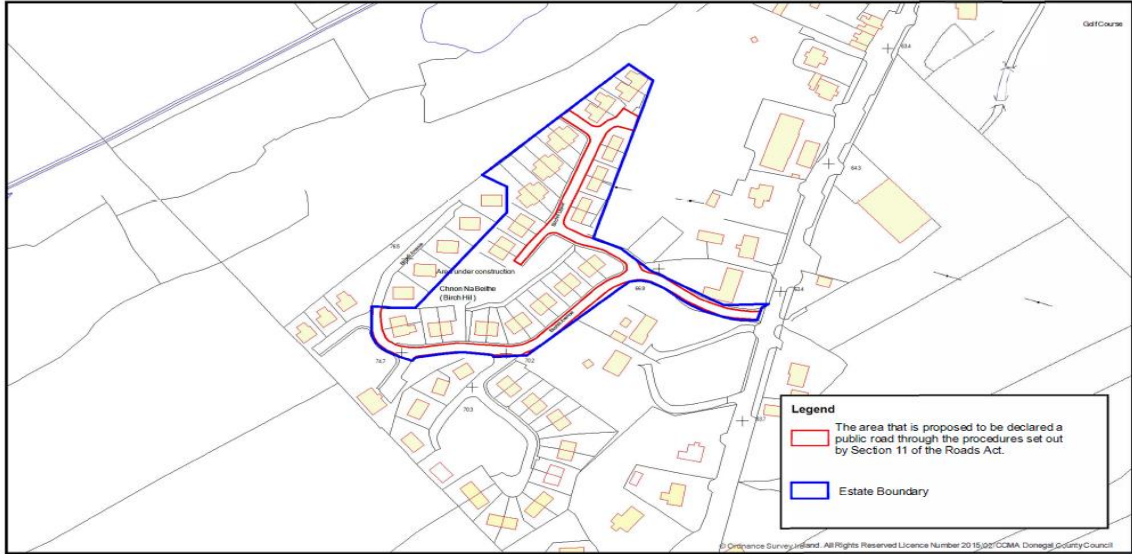
Section 11 of the Roads Act requires that the financial implications of the declaration as a public road be considered. The financial implications are not significant, with no specific issues within this estate being raised by the Area Roads Engineers.

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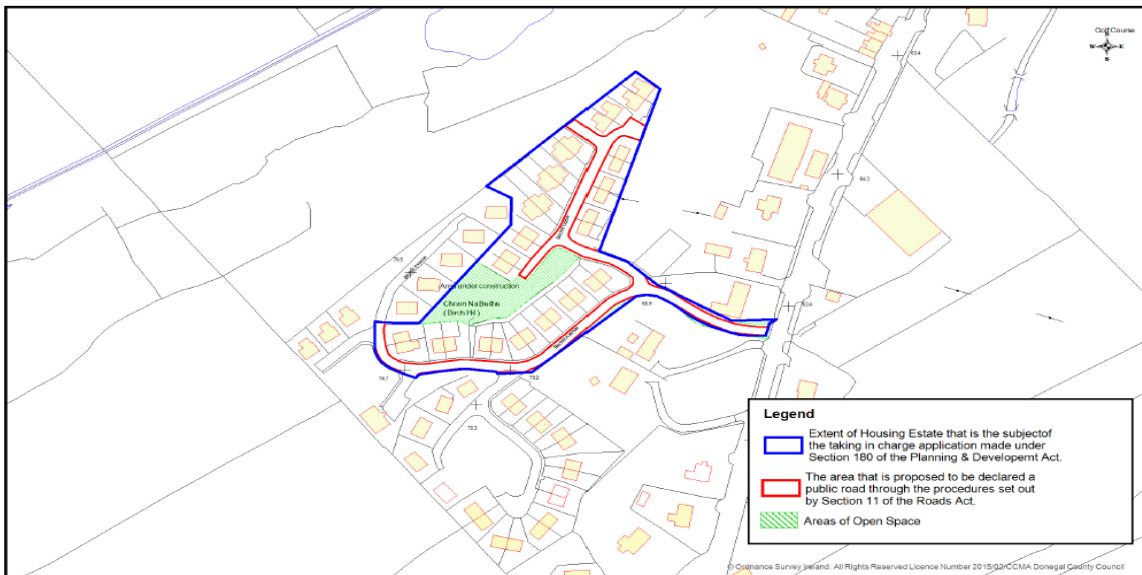
Paddy Mullen
Senior Executive Engineer
Community & Planning Services

On the proposal of Councillor _____ seconded by Councillor _____ it is **resolved** that the Council **make an order** in accordance with Section 207 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) for the creation of a public right of way over the estate roads within the housing estate **Cnoc na Beithe (Birchill), Cresslough** as set out in the attached maps, to enable it to proceed with the taking in charge of the estate.

On the proposal of Councillor _____ seconded by Councillor _____ it is **resolved** that the Council **make an order** in accordance with Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act, 1993 to declare the estate roads within the housing estate **Cnoc na Beithe (Birchill), Cresslough** to be public roads and **note** the consequential provisions contained in Section 180(4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) whereby this Council will also take in charge the water services infrastructure and the public open spaces or car park within the attendant grounds of the development and will subsequently transfer the water services within the estate to Irish Water.



Creation of public rights of way under S.207 of the Planning & Development Act 2000-2015
 Estate Name: **CNOC NA BEITHE (BIRCHILL)** Address: **CREESLOUGH**



Application for taking in charge of Housing Estate
 Estate Name: **CNOC NA BEITHE (BIRCHILL)** Address: **CREESLOUGH**



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CAPITAL PROJECTS DELIVERY UNIT

Community Development and Planning Services

Report to Glenties Municipal District Members: May 2023

Burtonport Redevelopment Scheme – Art element

We are seeking to setup a committee, to be made up of 2 councillors from the Glenties MD and representatives from Burtonport local interest groups, to facilitate decision making on the Art element of this capital project.

Agenda Item: We are seeking nominations for 2 councillors to form part of this committee.

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>

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Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status	<p>Construction works are ongoing and are at an advanced stage, with street lighting being the only outstanding element required for substantial completion.</p> <p>The lighting poles are in place and awaiting delivery of the lighting units.</p>																										
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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 Árainn Mhór (Arranmore Island) 'Harbour to Island' Regeneration Project for the regeneration of Burtonport (Ailt an Chorráin) and Arranmore (Oileán Árainn Mhór).</p> <p>The 'Harbour to Island' Project was conceived on the basis that it would take place in two stages in order to accommodate the existing uses occupying the harbour space including the Harbour Master's office, ticket offices and the public toilets.</p> <p>Phase 1 of the Project was awarded funding under the Second Call for Category 1 Funding announced in November 2019. Phase 1 provides for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At Ailt an Chorráin (Burtonport):- Transformation of the harbour


	<p>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;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At Óilean Árainn Mhór (Arranmore Island):- Landmark shorefront recreation, outdoor amenity and local community inspired amphitheatre style event space including children’s playground and car parking. <p>The works at Óilean Árainn Mhór (Arranmore Island) are now complete and works at Ailt an Chorráin commenced in January 2022 and are now in progress, with substantial completion anticipated for the end of September 2022.</p> <p>About the Project Phase 2 of the project proposes a new Ferry Terminal Building and Enterprise Building that present as an important physical element of the overall project and provide a valuable opportunity to introduce regenerative physical development, a diversification of uses and quality architecture to the marine and harbour environment. Broadly, the proposed development will provide for the construction of a Ferry Terminal Building which will house Donegal County Council office accommodation, a community meeting room, public facilities, ferry offices, waiting area and tourist desk facility and a separate Enterprise Building containing a number of small mixed-use units that will help create employment opportunities and stimulate entrepreneurship.</p>
Budget	€2.3m
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status	Tender documents are complete with cost estimates issued to the RRDF Department for approval to proceed to tender of a construction contractor.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	It is anticipated that the construction tender will be advertised.
Contact Person(s)	Ardal McDermott, A/Senior Executive Engineer





ENVIRONMENT MD REPORT – May '23

WASTE AND LITTER MANAGEMENT

Activity / Project Title	Anti-Dumping Initiative 2023
Project Description/ Activity	<div data-bbox="722 655 1104 871" data-label="Image"></div> <p>This year, the environment section have applied for funding of over €100,000 under the Anti-Dumping initiative for a range of projects from community environmental projects to the purchase of clean-up materials and equipment. Funding is due to be announced in mid-May.</p> <p>In 2022, the Environment section of Donegal County Council secured €133,618.23 to deliver a range of projects throughout the county. Projects included community clean ups, environmental awareness campaigns, resources to support community groups, bulky goods collections, reduced price recycling events, paint reuse scheme and a household waste awareness project that was delivered to 500 households county-wide.</p> <p>The Anti-Dumping initiative (ADI) was developed to support a multi-faceted approach to tackling illegal dumping incorporating enforcement, public awareness and education. The initiative is co-ordinated through the Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authorities (WERLAs) and €15 million has been provided to date which has supported the completion of 1500 projects across all 31 local authorities and the removal of over 18,000 tonnes of waste from our landscape.</p> <p>The Environment team would like to thank everyone who took part in projects in 2022 and look forward to working with individuals and groups again this year as we work collaboratively to keep Donegal beautiful.</p>
Contact Person	Matthew Byrne, Waste Regulation Officer. MBYRNE@DONEGALCOCO.IE

Activity / Project Title	Network for Irelands Environmental Compliance & Enforcement (NIECE) - 'Sharing Experiences in Waste Enforcement'
Project Description/ Activity	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>On the 29th and 30th April, 2023 delegates from all over Ireland directly involved in environmental legislation and in particular waste enforcement came together for an event organised by the Network for Irelands Environmental Compliance and Enforcement (NIECE) in conjunction with the Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authorities (WERLAs).</p> <p>The event “Sharing Our Experiences in Waste Enforcement” was held in the Mullingar Park Hotel, Westmeath and was attended by more than 120 delegates from 42 organisations. Workshops were divided into five sessions with opportunities for discussion, knowledge transfer and networking.</p> <p>Donegal County Council presented at this event along with speakers from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the WERLAs, the National TransFrontier Shipment Office (NTFSO) and local authorities throughout Ireland. Detailed presentations were provided on a diverse range of case studies and the sessions were chaired by representatives from the EPA, WERLAs and the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC).</p> <p>The shared learning and experiences from this event are extremely valuable as we work together to strengthen waste enforcement nationally.</p>
Contact Person	Matthew Byrne, Waste Regulation Officer. MBYRNE@DONEGALCOCO.IE

Activity / Project Title	Solid Fuel Enforcement Activities
Project Description/ Activity	Inspections at coal merchants were held over the month of April in Cresslough, Inver and Letterkenny. More engagements and passing on of information regarding the New Solid Fuel Regulations will be held during the month of May.
Contact Person	Matthew Byrne, Waste Regulation Officer. MBYRNE@DONEGALCOCO.IE

Activity / Project Title	<p style="text-align: center;">Donegal Recycling Centres @ Lahey, Stranorlar, Dungloe, Letterkenny, Milford & Carndonagh</p>
Project Description/ Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Bikes Africa appeal – suitable bikes are still being accepted on a year-round basis. • Credit/Debit Card Payment accepted at all sites. • Paint Collection available at all sites - €1 for 5ltr tin. In 2022, over 38,000kgs of waste paint was collected across the 6 Recycling Centres. • Paint Reuse currently available at 4 sites, Letterkenny, Carndonagh, Stranorlar & Dungloe. In 2022, over 400kgs of suitable paint was re-distributed to the local community. Local community groups and the general public are welcome to come along and take a look to see what is available. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div>
	<p>Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer sbogan@donegalcoco.ie</p>

**Activity /
Project Title**

**Food Waste Recycling Week
5th – 11th June 2023**

**Project
Description/
Activity**

National 'Food Waste Recycling Week' will take place from the 5th -11th June 2023.



The Council is planning to run some local events to celebrate this week and will be distributing starter packs for households on food waste reduction and recycling. Keep an eye out on the Council's social media pages and local press for more details.

Optum Letterkenny – Promoting Food Waste Recycling



Well done to Optum's Sustainability Team who recently hosted the 'My Waste - Food Waste Recycling' display provided by Donegal County Council as part of their Earth Week activities. The display helped to engage staff on the importance of food waste segregation.

**Contact
Person**

Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer
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**Activity /
Project Title**

Big Donegal Clean-Up in full swing!

**Project
Description/
Activity**

A big thank you to all the groups and individuals taking part in local clean-ups throughout Donegal. The impact of these clean-ups is there for all to see. Each volunteer is having a positive impact on their local environment and influences those around them. Remember the Council will continue to support clean-ups all year around - just get in touch.

Environment team members Martin Roarty, Brendan McBride and Noel O'Donnell provided support to Kerrykeel NS school's recent clean-up and delivered an engaging talk to the pupils.



Kerrykeel NS recent clean-up and talk





Swilly Hikers recent clean-up



Scoil Naomh Treasa, Tiernasligo N.S, Urris, Clonmany staff and pupils playing their part in a clean-up around their school.



Kilmacrennan Tidy Towns recent clean-up

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**GLENTIES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
MEETING
09th May 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 (Issues raised at the March Meeting were responded to at the meeting).**

- 2. Fintown Project – Update attached.**

- 3. Bunbeg Footbridge – Update attached.**

- 4. NRDO N56 Projects – Update attached.**

- 5. Road Works Programme – Verbal Update**

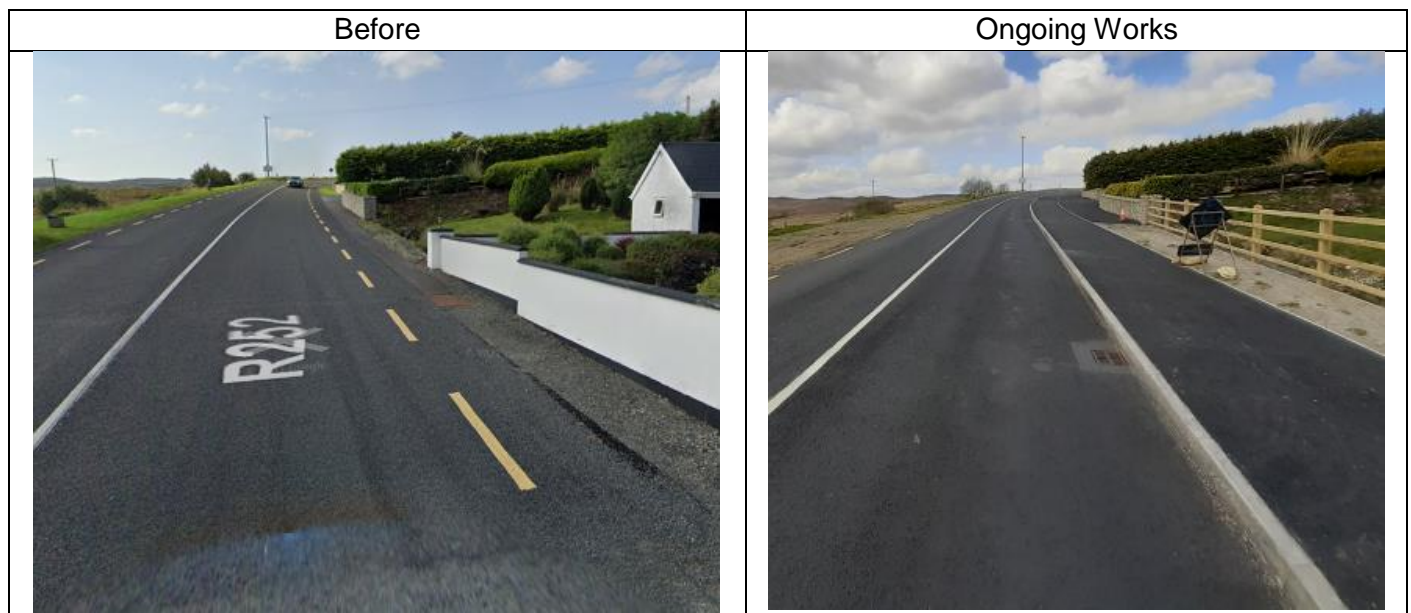
- 6. AOB**

Baile na Finne Pedestrian Linkages and Road Infrastructure Improvement Project : Update April 2023

The active travel project in Baile na Finne Part VIII planning was approved by Plenary Council in January 2021. The scheme aims to provide permeability for its pedestrians through the provision of continuity and upgrade of footpaths (minimum of 2/5m wide), crossing opportunities, carparking facilities and installation of LED route lighting, to promote modal shift as part of the Council's strategy to meet its climate action targets. The scheme will also seek to improve road surface providing comfort to all road users providing a smooth road pavement with a consistent cross section.

Baile na Finne has an AADT of 3000 vehicles, with a speed limit of 60kph. As part of the design stage, a traffic study was completed to quantify the speeding issues within the village, as concerns were raised by the local community at the consultation stage. The measured average speed was 56kph, however the 85th percentile speed is 69kph with some vehicles reaching speeds up to 126kph within the speed limit zone.

The proposed works will improve safety for all road users within the village by improving the geometric alignment, junction layout, vision lines and through the introduction of traffic calming measures. The traffic calming measures proposed implement a reduction in road carriageway width and consistency of cross section, in accordance with DMURS (the design standard for urban streets), to reduce speed and indeed overtaking within the village.



Funding has been provided to delivery this project through a variety of different allocations and sources and particular thanks is extended to both the GMD Roads Team and the GMD Elected Members for the ongoing support in relation to this.

- NTA Active Travel
- Roads Grant
- Climate Adaptation
- Public lighting
- Roads Footpaths 2022
- DOT LCA 2022

The Contractor (H Harkin Plant Hire Limited/Churchill Stone Ltd Consortium Group) was appointed in October 2022 and works will be completed in June 2023. The Contractor is progressing well, delivering the scheme in accordance with the contract requirements and communicating effectively with local residents. The original contract sum was of the order of €1M, however the Council has continued to apply through various funding applications increasing the total available budget to circa €1.2M.

As with most civil engineering works contracts, this project has had to address unforeseeable ground conditions, adverse weather conditions and complex underground services infrastructure, which required both Council and the Contractor to work closely under the contract provision to ensure that the final project is built in accordance with planning conditions, design standards and best practice guidelines to ensure a fit for purpose and high-quality outcome within the budget available.



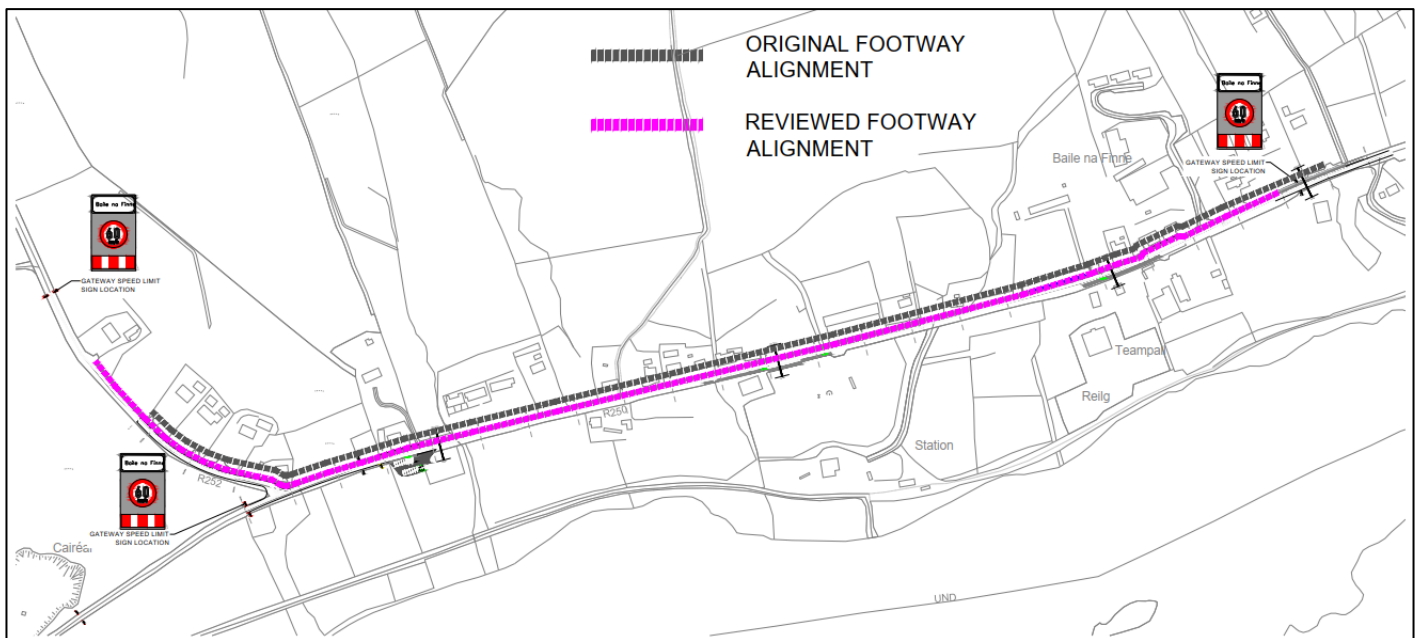
It is clear from local feedback that the contractor has endeavoured to reduced disruption to passing and local traffic and to the local businesses and residents alike, while producing a high quality of workmanship and engaging well with the Council to address the challenges faced.



The Council has also reviewed the outputs from the project and following representation from the school children in the village, some of the budget has been reassigned to provide a cycle/scooter parking facilities in support of the active travel element of the project. This will also assist the school with its ongoing and excellent work with Green-Schools on achieving its various Green Flags and in particular the Green Flag for Travel. Green-Schools is Ireland's leading environmental management and award programme, working with primary and secondary schools across the country. The Travel theme is funded by the Department of Transport and supported by the National Transport Authority. The aim of the theme is to increase the number of students walking, cycling, scooting, using public transport or carpooling on the way to school.

The scheme now includes the installation of a new drainage network throughout the village to help alleviate the flooding issues previous experienced in the village.

With a budget limit of €1.2 M, the project extents will be restricted to within the new proposed speed limits, resulting in minor amendments to the contract output length. The active travel element of the project will connect to the last 2 houses within the speed limit beyond the school (Ballybofey side).



The scheme has been extremely well received with both the Contractor and Council receiving positive feedback from the local community.

“It is a very welcome project planned and carried out by Donegal County Council. It should greatly improve the character and overall look of the village. The two-metre footpath is fabulous and extends beyond two metres in some cases to improve adjoining properties which was especially welcome. Very importantly drainage has been upgraded to deal with surface water of which we get our fair share.

When the project is completed we will be left with a much narrower but hopefully safer road for all users, which is the intention driving this substantial investment. The staff of both the council and contractors are to be commended for all they have done throughout the project to minimize disruptions for residents and road users as they carry out work to a very high standard, in what was until now, not the best of weather. I think we have been so fortunate to have had this investment in our much-loved little village. Many thanks and appreciation to all concerned.”

Mr Michael McGeehan, McGeehans Buses, Baile na Finne

"The newly resurfaced road and traffic calming measures through Fintown is a welcomed sight. Being here for over a year, it's reckless the speed that some folks drive through here. We have kids walking to school, and many other folks walking here. Since the shops and petrol station have closed, people must have forgotten that it's still an actual village. Hopefully, the new footpaths, and the new road will remind drivers of that."

Mr Chad Lefler, Yer Man's Coffee Cove

"The scheme will improve the look of the village when it is completed with new footpaths and the new layout will also reduce traffic speed throughout improving the safety of all pedestrians in the village as well as at the front of the school where the new parking system will make it easier and safer for the children to get on and off the buses and cars. Overall, it will be a great benefit to the people of the village."

Mr Seaghán Mac Laifeartaigh, Principal, SN Cholmcille Naofa, Baile na Finne

"Thanks so much for providing a place for me to park by scooter. I cant wait till it goes in, I have been practicing every day so I am ready to "scoot" to school when I have somewhere to park up. My Mammy is happy because it is much safer now with the new footpath."

Master Tiernan McGill, National School Student and resident of Baile na Finne



Progress Report – May 2023

Project Title: Clady Footbridge, Bunbeg, Co. Donegal

Document Title: Progress Report – May 2023

Prepared By: Mark McGloin, Executive Engineer, Road Design

1) Project Background

The existing Clady Bridge is a road bridge that is located on the R257 Regional Road approximately 100m south of Bunbeg Crossroads. The carriageway width across the bridge is approximately 6.2m. There are no pedestrian facilities across the bridge and therefore pedestrians are required to walk within the carriageway in order to cross the Clady River. Donegal County Council proposes to build a footbridge suitable for pedestrian and cycle traffic the road bridge is a single span masonry arch structure, with a span of approximately 11.0m and a rise of 4.5m.

The bridge spans the Clady River which rises in the Derryveagh mountains and flows westwards through Lough Nacung and outfalls into the estuary of the Gweedore River. The Clady River and Clady Bridge are within the Fawnboy Bog / Lough Nacung SAC and pNHA (Site Code 000140). Freshwater Pearl Mussels are one of the qualifying interests for this site and are known to be present in the vicinity of the bridge.

Donegal County Council propose to build a new footbridge adjacent to and upstream of Clady bridge which will provide a safe dedicated river crossing for pedestrian and cycle traffic crossing the Clady River. The footbridge shall comply with the requirements of TII DMRB, DMURS and the national cycle manual. The new footbridge shall be a minimum of 3m wide. Due to the presence of FWPM within the watercourse the bridge supports shall be sited at least 5m away from the river's edge it is therefore envisioned that the bridge will have a total length of around 35m with a main span in excess of 20m. The new footbridge shall link into the existing pedestrian infrastructure, to the south of the bridge where there is no existing footway a new footway shall be extended to a suitable location where a safe uncontrolled crossing can be provided to the existing footway on the western side of the road. Robust environmental protection measures shall be employed throughout the contract to ensure the water quality the Clady River is maintained at all times.

2) Project Particulars

Contract Name: Clady Footbridge, Bunbeg

Consultant Engineer: Roughan & O'Donovan Consulting Engineers

Main Contractor: to be appointed

3) Project Funding

The project will be funded under the NTA ACTIVE TRAVEL Programme

4) Works Completed to Date

The project is currently at *Phase 3 – Preliminary Design* of the NTA project approval process. The following works have been completed to date:

- Completion of topographical survey of the site and surrounds.
- Preparation of preliminary safety and health plan.
- Completion of ground/geotechnical investigations.
- Section 50 permission from OPW obtained.
- Freshwater Pearl Mussel review completed.
- Liaison with utility providers and statutory bodies complete.
- Sketch scheme designs completed.

5) Progression of Project

The consultant is currently reviewing the findings of the geotechnical/ground investigations and considering how the findings will impact on the bridge structure and foundations. Upon completion of this review, the consultant shall, in conjunction with Donegal County Council, finalise a preferred design option for the bridge structure and layout.

The consultant shall then further develop the details and layout of the preferred bridge option and prepare a report for submission to the NTA for their review and approval to progress the project. The approval of the NTA will be required to progress the project beyond this point. We await the outcome of the NTA review and their direction on how the project will proceed.



**An Roinn Iompair
Turasóireachta agus Spóirt**

**Department of Transport,
Tourism and Sport**



**Bonneagar Iompair Éireann
Transport Infrastructure Ireland**

Donegal National Roads Office

Report to Glenties Municipal District

April 2023



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

John McLaughlin, BE,
Director of Roads and Transportation



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

Major & Minor Roads Projects

Progress April 2023

1. N56 Kilkenny Letterilly

The snag with the road surface south of the Maas Junction is still being monitored.

2. N56 Dungloe to Cloghbolie

We are now in the process of closing out this scheme. Final Snags are being addressed and funding has been allocated to the MD for local roads remedial works

3. N56 Letterilly to Glenties (Kilraine) Phase 1

Construction is now substantially complete. The Contractor Wills Bros. Ltd. Will be addressing snags during Q2 and Q3. We are in discussions with TII regarding funding for local road remedial works.

4. N56 Letterilly to Glenties (Kilraine) Phase 2

Tender Documentation was completed by DNRO design Staff in early 2023. The Tender Documentation was subject to a Peer Review by an external Consultant which is also complete and we are now making some amendments recommended by that Consultant. We will shortly seek approval from TII to publish the Tender. We hope to be on site in Q3 this year.

5. N56 Dungle to Glenties – Land Acquisition

Close out of the remaining Land Acquisitions is still ongoing as there are some conveyancing issues arising.

6 N56 Falcarragh Gortahork

A Strategic Assessment report has been approved by TII closing out Phase 0 of this scheme. We will now proceed with Phase 1 and procurement of Consultants to take the project forward through Phase 2 Options Assessment.

Fergus Towey, SEE

Pavement Asset Repair and Renewal (PARR)

A Contractor has now been appointed for the N56 Creeslough to Cashelmore Pavement Strengthening and Associated Minor Civil Works Contract 2023. The proposed works, which are currently programmed to commence onsite in early May, will involve road pavement strengthening, via inlay and overlay of the existing carriageway, new road lining and studs, drainage and all associated ancillary works, on a 1.6km section of the N56, immediately north of Creeslough village. The works have an initial construction programme of approximately 10 weeks to complete.

Garrett Doherty, SEE

Housing & Corporate Agenda

For Meeting on 9th May 2023

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

1. PROGRESS REPORT - GRANTS AT 02/05/2023

Housing Aid for Older People Grants						
<i>Year</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Cancelled/ Refused</i>	<i>Applicant Further Info</i>	<i>Referred to Eng</i>	<i>Pending</i>
2022	140	120	19	0	1	1
2023	37	13	13	0	11	11

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	88	57	19	0	5	7	12
2023	40	15	8	0	13	4	17

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	1	0	1	0	0	0	0

2. PROGRESS REPORT – CASUAL VACANCIES @ 02/05/2023

Glenties MD	Address	Beds	Vacant From	Current Status
Ardara				
	Drumaghey Park	1 bed	31/01/2023	Contractor on site
	Drumaghey Park	2 bed	20/04/2023	Ready for tender
Burtonport				
	Altan	3 bed	26/10/2022	To be offered
Doochary				
	Droim a'Droichead	2 bed	09/09/2022	Tendered
Dungloe				
	Fairhill	3 bed	09/02/2023	Contractor on site
Glenties				
	Ard McGill	1 bed	03/11/2022	Tendered
	Clos Naomh Chonaill	2 bed	03/02/2023	Contractor on site
Lettermacaward				
	Ascaill Bhride	3 bed	31/03/2023	Ready for tender

3. HOUSING NEED

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
	GWEEDORE	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 2nd May 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 2nd May 2023, the Glenties Municipal District is providing Social Housing Support in the form of the Rental Accommodation Scheme to 57 families/individuals.

6. NUMBER OF LTL PROPERTIES

As of the 2nd May 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 28 th Feb 2023				
Transfers	Surrenders	Death of Tenant	Other	Total
0	4	3	0	7

Number of Housing Offers issued between 1 st Jan 2023 to 28 th Feb 2023		
Number of Offers issued	Offers Accepted	Offers Refused
10	9	1

8. TENANT PURCHASE

Number of applications received since Scheme commenced:	117
Total number of valid applications:	90
Valid applications received in 2023:	7
Total number of houses sold under the Scheme to date:	19

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

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

1. Social Housing Developments – Construction Schemes

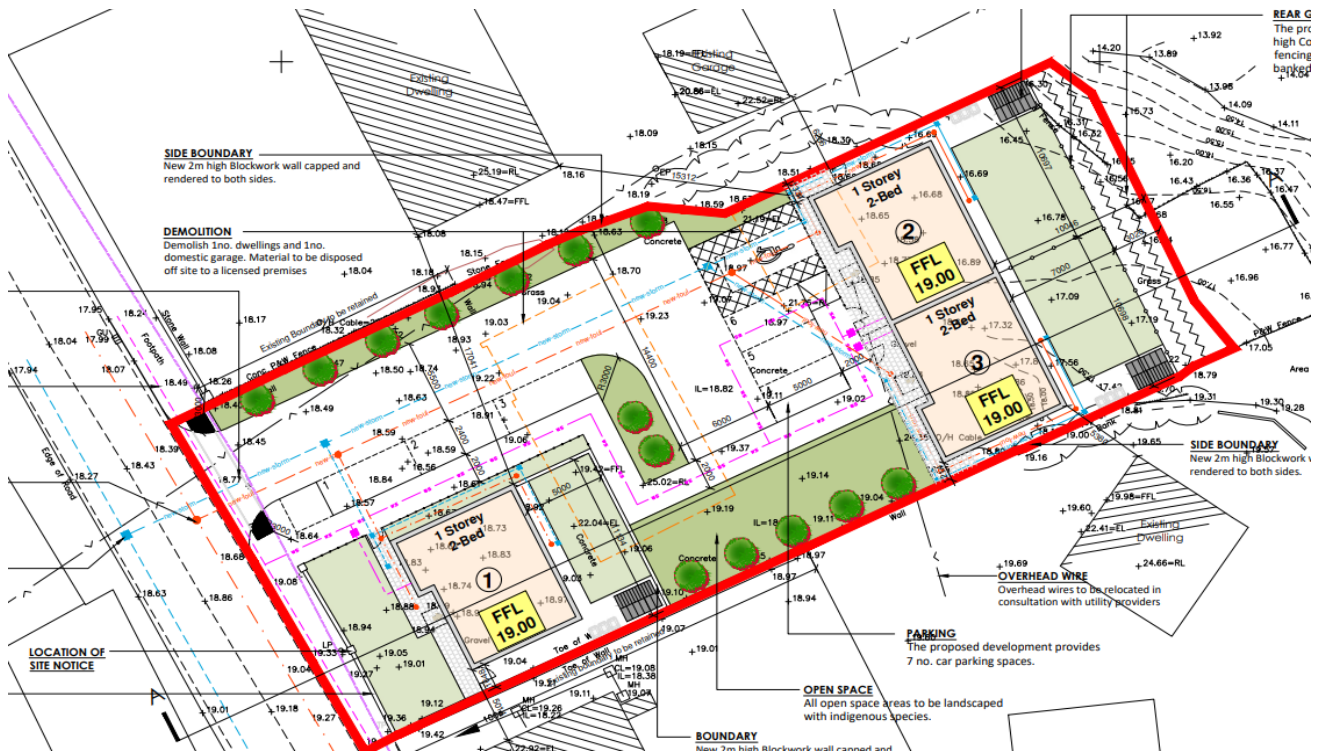
Donegal County Council is currently progressing the following proposed social housing development in the Glenties Municipal District:

Location	Status	No. of Units
Completed		
Dunfanaghy	Completed. Properties now let.	4
SI at Loughanure	Completed. Property now let.	1
SI at Annagry	Completed. Property now let.	1
Design / Tender Stage		
Chapel Road, Dungloe	Preparing the full design package in consultation with appointed consultants. Approval to be sought from the Department June 2023 in advance of commencing the tendering process for the main works contractor. Please see image 1 below, of proposed site layout plan.	45
Masiness, Creeslough	Tenders for Consultant services received, awaiting appointment. Anticipated commencement date is Qtr. 3. Please see image 2 below, of proposed site layout plan	3
Glenties (Fire Station)	The Part 8 application for the Glenties Fire station commenced on 9th March 2023. The Part 8 will come before the Plenary Council for consideration on the 29th of May 2023.	3
Total		57

Image 1: - Site Layout Plan for 45 units at Chapel Rd, Dungloe



Image 2 – Proposed Site Layout Plan for 3 no units at Masiness, Creeslough



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 and reach final agreement on costs in advance of proceeding to final tender stage. Members will be kept informed of progress on this proposal.

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 3 offers which are under consideration by the respective landowners.