

## SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Cruinniú Coiste na nOileáin	-	10.00
Municipal District Meeting	-	12.30



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## Municipal District of Glenties

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Dungloe

5<sup>th</sup> March, 2024

### NOTICE OF MEETING

The Municipal District of Glenties Meeting will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 at 12.30 p.m. in Dungloe Public Services Centre (following the Coiste na nOileán Meeting which commences at 10.00 a.m.).

### TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GLENTIES

Dear Councillor,

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

Yours Sincerely,

Michael Rowsome  
Meetings Administrator

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## Ceantar Bardais Na Gleanntaí

Oifig Riarthóir na  
gCruinnithe  
Ionad Seirbhísí  
Clochán Liath

5ú Márta, 2024

### FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Na Gleanntaí ar an Mháirt an 12ú Márta, 2024, ag 12.30 l.n. in Oifigí na Comhairle Condae ar an Chlochán Léith (tar éis cruinniú Coiste na nOileán, a tosaíonn ag 10.00 r.n.).

### DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS NA GLEANNTAÍ

A Chara

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

Mise, le meas

Micheál Rowsome  
Riarthóir Cruinnithe

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# AGENDA

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the Glenties Municipal District Meetings held on the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024.
2. Schedule of Municipal District Works 2024
3. Economic Development, I.S. & Emergency Services
4. Environment
5. Planning Services
6. Community Development
7. Roads Services
8. Housing & Corporate Services



The Members collectively referred to Cllr. McGarvey's warm personality, her kindness, commitment to the many voluntary organisations and committees that she was associated with as well as her dedication to her role as a member of the Council.

The Director and Area Management Team acknowledged the courtesy that Noreen extended to all staff and her pride on the occasion of the opening of the 3 group houses in Fairhill, Dungloe, that she was heavily involved in as Chairperson of the Parents and Friends Association.

GMD 03/24

### Deputation - Owencarrow Viaduct Commemoration

The Cathaoirleach welcomed a Deputation from the Commemoration Committee.

Committee Members in attendance were as follows.

- Eamonn McFadden, Glass Mountain Media & Journalist
- Majella McFadden, Community Links Hub, Creeslough
- Michael Doyle, Owencarrow Viaduct Committee
- Cathy Doyle, Owencarrow Viaduct Committee

Members were advised of Community Plans to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of a major tragedy at this location on the 30<sup>th</sup> of January, 1925, which resulted in the deaths of four locals.

The Deputation updated the meeting in relation to work in progress to develop a walking trail/pathway in proximity to the viaduct and the associated proposal for development for a Visitor's Heritage and Information Centre adjacent to The Log Cabin public house.

Members were advised of the following benefits:

- Promotion of local heritage and tourism
- Links with other local amenities i.e. Glenveagh & Muckish Walks
- Enhancement of Greenway Developments

The Deputation also highlighted the necessity for the Letterkenny Municipal District to collaborate in respect of any proposals on the other side of the Owencarrow River.

All Members of the Municipal District Committee

- (i) Commended the quality of the presentation
- (ii) Expressed support for potential projects
- (iii) Highlighted potential funding mechanisms

Cllr. McClafferty undertook to liaise with the Letterkenny Municipal District Cathaoirleach, to facilitate a further meeting in relation to this historic commemoration.

GMD 04/24

#### Confirmation of Minutes of Glenties Municipal District Committee Meetings

On the proposal of Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig seconded by Cllr. Molloy, the Minutes of the Municipal District Meetings held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November 2023 and the 9<sup>th</sup> of January 2024, were confirmed.

GMD 05/24

#### ENVIRONMENT

The Committee noted the Reports circulated with the agenda in relation to the following activities;

- New Deposit Return Scheme
- Brown Bin Collection Service
- National Food Waste Recycling Project
- Community Climate Action Fund
- Adoption of Climate Action Plan 2024 - 2029
- Glenties Flood Relief Scheme

Cllr. Molloy requested the Environment Service to investigate illegal dumping at Carrickatlieve and to consider the relocation of bring bank facilities in Glenties. Cllr McClafferty requested the provision of plastic and cardboard recycling facilities in Falcarragh.

## 5.1 Rural Water Programme

The Senior Executive Engineer informed the Committee that (i) the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage has recently announced the launch of the next cycle of the multi-annual Rural Water Programme covering the period 2024-2026. (ii) that the key change to the previous programme is a significant increase in the maximum grant available per house to €15,000 from €9,000. The Director referred to work in progress in respect of orphan schemes, where promoters are currently inactive.

Cllr Mac Giolla Easbuig referred to the importance of incorporating proposals for Tory Island and the Thorr area into future programmes.

Cllr Gallagher requested the Council to expedite the provision of a potable water supply in the Meenderryhirk area.

Cllr Molloy requested an update on proposals for a Rural Water Scheme at Maghera.

Cllr. Ó Fearraigh queried the availability of specialised contractors to maximise the benefits of the scheme.

## 5.2 Reinstatement Works

Cllr. McClafferty recommended the retention of monies allocated for reinstatement works following bursts to allow monitoring of the quality of works carried out.

Cllr Mac Giolla Easbuig requested reinstatement works in the Meenamara area.

## 5.3 Dog Fouling

Cllr. McClafferty outlined the necessity for enforcement action to address increased dog fouling on beaches, footpaths, and towns in conjunction with the provision of additional dog fouling bins.



#### 5.4 Public Conveniences

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested the replacement of the roof on the toilet at Carrickfinn.

Cllr. Molloy requested the Environment Service to liaise with the Rosses Anglers in relation to the provision of portaloos in Dungloe and the importance of public toilet provision at Maghera.

#### 5.5 Wastewater Treatment Plants

In response to queries from Cllr. Gallagher regarding ongoing issues in Dungloe and Glenties, the Senior Executive Engineer undertook to liaise with Uisce Eireann.

#### 5.6 Boardwalk Maintenance

Cllr. Gallagher requested the Environment Service to source a budget line for the maintenance and refurbishment of beach boardwalks and referred to improvements required in this regard in both Maghera and Mullaghderg.

The Senior Executive Engineer undertook to liaise with the Water Safety Development Officer in the context of minor tourism funding availability.

#### 5.7 Gola Water Supply

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig highlighted safety concerns in relation to the water supply pipe.

#### 5.8 Flooding

Cllr. McClafferty stressed the importance of communications with the OPW regarding flood mitigation works in rivers in the County.

## 5.9 Magheraroarty

In response to a query from Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig regarding the status of a Masterplan for the pier area, the Director referred to ongoing discussions with An Roinn, the Marine Service and the Regeneration Team in the context of the National Islands Strategy. Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested the inclusion of Údaras na Gaeltachta and local stakeholders in any proposed consultation.

### GMD 06/24 HOUSING ADMINISTRATION

The Committee noted the monthly reports previously circulated in relation to Grants, Casual Vacancies, Housing need, HAP, Long Term Lease, Tenant Purchase and Local Authority Loans.

### GMD 07/24 HOUSING CONSTRUCTION

The Senior Executive Engineer discussed the Report on Construction Schemes circulated with the agenda and updated Members regarding the status of the following;

- Chapel Road, Dungloe - tender extension to the 23/02/24
- Massiness, Creeslough
- Glenties Fire Station
- Gweedore Turnkey Scheme
- Fintown Land Acquisition - Environmental Surveys
- Annagry Turnkey Scheme

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig raised concerns regarding;

- (i) Provision of social housing on Arranmore and Tory
- (ii) Dependency on AHB Sector for social housing provision

- (iii) Increasing prevalence of AirBnB short-term lettings negatively impacting on the rental market
- (iv) Minimal progress of single dwelling acquisition/tenant-in-situ scheme
- (v) Provision of a group home in proposed Gweedore development.

### 7.1 Respond AHB

The Committee welcomed the ongoing discussion between the HSE, the Developer, the Council and the AHB regarding the provision of a group home in Falcarragh.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig welcomed the clarification from the Housing Manager regarding the ongoing work in Fairhill Lodge, Dungloe in the context of an increase in targeting of buildings undergoing refurbishment throughout the state and dissemination of inaccurate information by certain groups attempting to spread fear around the arrival of vulnerable people into the local communities. Cllr Gallagher referred to a number of deplorable incidents in the locality recently & the fear experienced by a long-term resident of Dungloe following an unsolicited interaction with an individual filming outside local accommodation centres.

The Committee were further advised by the Housing Manager that under the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme, all nominations for new housing units will be sought from the Local Authority housing list.

### 7.2 Ballyconnell Estate

Cllr. McClafferty requested the Council to liaise with Udaras na Gaeltachta regarding the status of the land and buildings at this location.

### 7.3 Affordable Housing

In response to a query from Cllr. Gallagher, the Housing Manager advised that the Council is considering the provision

of an Affordable Purchase Scheme to help people on moderate incomes to buy new homes at reduced prices. A survey in this regard is due to be carried out over an 8-week period to establish the level of interest and demand that exists for

affordable homes in the County. The survey will help the Council to formulate plans for future affordable housing in areas with the greatest housing need and where affordability is a problem.

#### **7.4 Healthy Age Friendly Homes**

Mairead Cranley, Age Friendly Regional Officer, introduced Emma Kennedy, Local Co-Ordinator of the Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme.

The Committee were updated regarding the aims of the programme to support older people to live in their own home with dignity and independence for as long as possible. The Programme provides a range of alternatives for older people who may otherwise transition into long-term residential care prematurely.

**GMD 08/24**

### **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION**

#### **8.1 2024 Bridge Programme**

On the proposal of Cllr. Gallagher seconded by Cllr. McClafferty, the Committee agreed the Bridge Strengthening Priority List for 2024, within the Glenties Municipal District

## 8.2 Bunbeg pontoons

The Committee welcomed funding and the appointment of a Contractor to manufacture and install pontoons at Bunbeg Pier.

## 8.3 Takeover of Island Roads

- ***Ref 1 - Arranmore Island – Lighthouse Road***

*The road in the townlands of Ballintra, Pluhoge & Leabrannagh Mtn and Lighthouse Lot, between the end of road L-9023-1 and the end of the bitmac surfacing, from grid reference 566,298E; 917,003N to grid reference 564,200E; 918,583N, a length of approximately 2,690m*

On the proposal of Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig seconded by Cllr. McClafferty, the Committee agreed the taking over of this road.

- ***Ref. 2 - Arranmore Island – Ring Road***

*The road in the townlands of Aphort, Illion & Ballintra, between the end of road L-3163-1 and the junction with road L-9023-1, from grid reference 565,066E; 914,477N to grid reference 566,395E; 916,923N, a length of approximately 4,700m*

On the proposal of Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig seconded by Cllr. McClafferty, the Committee agreed the taking over of this road.

- ***Ref 3 - Arranmore Island – Cloghcor Road***

*The road in the townland of Cloghcor, between the junction with road L-3103-1 and the end of the bitmac surfacing, from grid reference 568,360E; 914,509N to grid reference 568,742E; 914,459N, a length of approximately 390m*

On the proposal of Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig seconded by Cllr. McClafferty, the Committee agreed the taking over of this road.

- ***Ref 4 - Arranmore Island – Rannagh Pier Road***

*The road in the townland of Rannagh and Torries, between the junction with road L-3163-0 and the end of the bitmac surfacing, from grid reference 566,540E; 913,796N to grid reference 566,658E; 913,651N, a length of approximately 194m*

On the proposal of Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig seconded by Cllr. McClafferty, the Committee agreed the taking over of this road.

- ***Ref 5 - Arranmore Island – Mast Road***

*The road in the townland of Gortgarra, between the junction with road L-3123-1 and the end of the bitmac surfacing, from grid reference 567,771E; 915,238N to grid reference 567,661E; 915,109N, a length of approximately 181m*

On the proposal of Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig seconded by Cllr. McClafferty, the Committee agreed the taking over of this road.

- ***Ref 6 - Arranmore Island – Illion Road***

*The road in the townland of Illion, between the junction with road L-3143-1 and the junction with the Ballard to Illion Road (Ref 7 below), from grid reference 567,366E; 914,354N to grid reference 566,803E; 914,911N, a length of approximately 801m*

On the proposal of Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig seconded by Cllr. McClafferty, the Committee agreed the taking over of this road.

- **Ref 7 - Arranmore Island – Ballard Road to Illion Road**  
*The road in the townlands of Illion, Leabrannagh and Plughoge, between the junction with road L-9033-1 and the junction with Illion Road (Ref 6 above), from grid reference 566,909E; 915,170N to grid reference 567,258E; 914,432N, a length of approximately 1,354m*

On the proposal of Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig seconded by Cllr. McClafferty, the Committee agreed the taking over of this road.

- **Ref 8 - Arranmore Island – Leabrannagh Link Road**  
*The road in the townland of Leabrannagh, between the junction with road L-3143-1 and the junction with the Ballard to Illion Road (Ref 7 above), from grid reference 566,661E; 914,187N to grid reference 566,759E; 914,424N, a length of approximately 324m*

On the proposal of Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig seconded by Cllr. McClafferty, the Committee agreed the taking over of this road.

- **Ref 9 - Arranmore Island – Cemetery Road**  
*The road in the townland of Cloghcor, between the end of road L-3153-1 and the end of the bitmac surfacing, from grid reference 568,193E; 914,284N to grid reference 568,297E; 914,308N, a length of approximately 138m*

On the proposal of Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig seconded by Cllr. McClafferty, the Committee agreed the taking over of this road.

- **Ref 10 - Gola Island – Road linking 2 Piers**  
*The road in the townland of Gola Island, between the 2 piers, from grid reference 577,104E; 927,131N to grid reference 576,793E; 926,298N, a length of approximately 1,090m*

On the proposal of Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig seconded by Cllr. McClafferty, the Committee agreed the taking over of this road.

- ***Ref 11 - Tory Island – Lighthouse Road***

*The road in the townland of Tory Island, between the junction with road L-9013-1 and the end of the bitmac surfacing, from grid reference 585,246E; 946,318N to grid reference 584,180E; 947,180N, a length of approximately 1,515m*

On the proposal of Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig seconded by Cllr. McClafferty, the Committee agreed the taking over of this road.

- ***Ref 12 - Inishbofin Island – Main Road***

*The road in the townland of Inishbofin Island, between end of the bitmac surfacing at the old schoolhouse and the end of the bitmac surfacing on the north of the island, from grid reference 589,062E; 935,689N to grid reference 589,253E; 936,332N, a length of approximately 940m*

On the proposal of Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig seconded by Cllr. McClafferty, the Committee agreed the taking over of this road.

- ***Ref 13 - Inishbofin Island – Link Road***

*The road in the townland of Inishbofin Island, between the junction with the main road (Ref 12 above) and the end of the bitmac surfacing, from grid reference 589,442E; 936,033N to grid reference 589,606E; 936,353N, a length of approximately 423m*

On the proposal of Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig seconded by Cllr. McClafferty, the Committee agreed the taking over of this road.



#### 8.4 Capital NTA Update

- (a) Dunfanaghy Main Street - The Committee welcomed the appointment of Consultant Engineers.
- (b) Clady Bridge - The Committee expressed concern that the provision of traffic lights is being considered as a design option for a bridge crossing at this location & both Cllr Ó Fearraigh & Cllr Mac Giolla Easbuig stated their opposition to any such proposal.

#### 8.5 Proposed Roads Workshop

The Members unanimously agreed with the scheduling of a Roads Workshop at 10a.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> March in the Dungloe PSC.

#### 8.6 NRDO

The Roads Manager updated Members on the status of the N56 project between Glenties and Kilraine.

#### 8.7 Maintenance

Cllr Mac Giolla Easbuig highlighted the following issues.

- Flooding at Kincasslagh (McGarvey's Road)
- Flooding at Maghery and Ranafast (Carraig a' Choill)
  
- Survey for Cró na gCúigeadh Bridge
- Crolly Junction realignment
- Loughanure Road Crossing & raised manholes
- Drainage - Naomh Mhuire, Aphort School and Loughros Point
- Footpaths - Glassagh and Bunbeg (Screabán Road)
- Public Lighting - Dore and Dungloe (Mill Road)
- Guide Dog Signage - Kincasslagh
- Fintown Junction
- Road Maintenance - Drumlaghdruid, Cloughglass and Ranafast

Cllr. Ó Fearraigh requested a follow-up in respect of the following locations.

- Meenlaragh to Magheraroarty footpath
- Public Lighting - Knockastoller and at An Chrannóg
- Gaeltacht Roads Funding

Cllr Ó Fearraigh commended the work carried out on the Muckish Road by the Road Service.

Cllr McClafferty expressed appreciation to the Road Service for their response during recent adverse weather conditions. He also requested additional laybys behind Muckish from Calabber Bridge.

Cllr. Molloy Highlighted the following road issues.

- Ballinamore Bridge safety
- Bridges at Ard na nCapall, Glengesh, Altar & Maghera
- Knocklettragh damage due to timber extraction

Cllr. Gallagher requested the Road Service to consider the following concerns.

- Water pooling - Glen Road, Annagry and Doochary/Fintown Road
- Disability Access from Carrickfinn Airport Beach
- Falling trees - Crucknageeragh Road, Dungloe
- Keadue safety concerns

GMD 09/24

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### 9.1 DFI Workshop

On the proposal of Cllr. McClafferty seconded by Cllr. Gallagher, the Members agreed to schedule the DFI Workshop @ 3.00p.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March '24 in Dungloe Public Service Centre.

## 9.2 Monthly Reports

Members noted the Report circulated previously in relation to Community Development, Social Inclusion, LEADER, Youth Council and Walks & Trails.

GMD 10/24

### PLANNING

The Committee discussed the reports circulated with the agenda and presented by the Area Planner as follows.

- Statistics - development applications
- Enforcement cases
- Pre-planning Clinic Schedule
- Regeneration & Development Reports
- Capital Projects Delivery Unit

Cllr. Gallagher expressed disappointment that the Creeslough Village Plan and Community Regeneration Project is subject to a competitive funding process.

Cllr. Gallagher also expressed concerns at the potential adverse consequences of proposed policy within the County Development Plan and the increasing challenge to make decisions within statutory timelines.

Cllr McClafferty outlined the ongoing concerns regarding N56 policy and in particular, ongoing refusals on the grounds of adverse intensification of existing access points.

Cllr. Ó Fearraigh updated the Committee regarding a proposed development of a Heritage and Information Centre promoted by the Owencarrow Viaduct Commemoration Committee.

GMD 11/24

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, I.S. AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Committee welcomed the Reports circulated with the agenda and presented by the Local Enterprise Officer business advisor in relation to the following programmes;

- Economic development
- Local Enterprise Office
- Information Services
  
- Fire Services
- Civil Defence

Members were further updated in relation to (i)the Donegal tourism seminar to be held on the 6th of March 2024 & (ii) Shoulder Season Campaign to commence for four weeks on the 19th of February and (iii) the launch of the new Donegal tourism brochure 2024.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig reiterated previous requests for a tourism workshop with Members.

Cllr. McClafferty expressed frustration at the lack of supply of holiday accommodation and the consequent knock-on economic impact on the small towns and villages throughout the county.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING**



27<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**To: Each Elected Member**

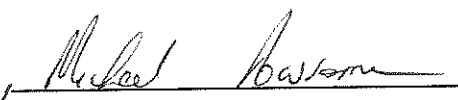
**Re: Schedule of Municipal District Works 2024**

Please find attached documentation in respect of the Schedule of Municipal District Works for 2024.

I also attach the Development Fund details in respect of 2024. This is for information purposes only, as the Development Funds do not form part of the Schedule of Municipal District Works.

The Schedule of Municipal District Works has been included on the agenda for the next Municipal District Meeting.

Yours sincerely,

  
Area Manager

## **Schedule of Municipal District Works (SMDW)**

### **1.0 Background**

1.1 Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 amends Section 103 of the Local Government Act 2001, inserting Section 103A (extract attached) prescribing the preparation of a Schedule of Municipal District Works in respect of maintenance and repair for each Municipal District.

1.2 Circular LG27/2014/Fin/21/2014 dated 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014, (copy attached) provides further detail in relation to the operational application of this function within the Municipal District.

### **2.0 Primary Issues of Consideration**

2.1 The Schedule of Municipal District Works sets out a plan of repair and maintenance work in each of the respective Municipal Districts, in respect of a number of local service areas. The requirement to prepare a Schedule of Municipal District Works first arose for the financial year 2015.

2.2 The preparation and adoption of the Schedule of Municipal District Works is mandatory. It is required to be prepared under the direction of the Chief Executive and requires consideration by the Municipal District and adoption by resolution, with or without amendment, by the members of each Municipal District.

2.3 A deadline date of the 31<sup>st</sup> of March is being applied for the adoption of this resolution in respect of 2024, as was the case in previous years (as per Circular LG27/2014/Fin/21/2014).

2.4 It was anticipated that further direction would be provided in the years following the introduction of the process, in relation to the form and content of the Schedule of Municipal District Works. However, the process remains the same as it was when it was first introduced.

2.5 The members must have due consideration to the adopted revenue budget (essentially requiring that the schedule as adopted, and the expenditure associated with that, must be within the parameters of the adopted Revenue budget for the County as a whole).

2.6 Should the Schedule not be adopted by the members, the Schedule of Municipal District Works reverts to the full council for the elected members' consideration and adoption with or without amendment, but in line with subsection 4 of Section 103A of the Act.

### **3.0 Rationale**

3.1 The principle of the SMDW is in line with stated objectives incorporated in various government policy documents associated with Local Government Reform.

3.2 It is expected that, as the concept matures, that the prospect of additional and wider ranges of activities may be considered for incorporation into the overall schedule.


#### **4.0 Practical Applications - 2024**

- 4.1 An approach has been taken to apply a certain number of works areas and to include areas of strategic importance at Municipal District level in the Schedule of Municipal District Works. In this context, various aspects of housing maintenance and repair; road maintenance and repair; beach management and maintenance; and litter management have been incorporated.
- 4.2 The schedule as presented to the Municipal District members does not report on, or represent, all aspects of local expenditure and as such it is expected that as the principle of the SMDW matures over subsequent years that further areas can be incorporated as required. It is proposed that this matter be kept under review by the Corporate Policy Group of the Council and their advice and direction be sought in relation to same.
- 4.3 It should be noted that in certain instances budgets are held locally e.g., roads maintenance areas, whilst others are held centrally e.g., beach management. The rationale and logic for same is specific to individual expenditure headings, but considerations relating to value for money, efficiency, synergies, and contingency capacity are all areas that are reflected in instances where budgets may be held centrally for the provision of services locally.

#### **5.0 Further Information**

- 5.1 Also included for your information is a schedule of the discretionary development funds that are available to members through the Development Fund Initiative (monies which were allocated as part of the budget 2024 allocation process). For 2024, the Development Fund Initiative has been increased by €185,000 to a total of €925,000. The increase provides for a total allocation equivalent to €25,000 per Elected Member for 2024.
- 5.2 Furthermore, a schedule is attached of available monies per electoral area in respect of the Members Development Funds. An amount of €8,000 is available for allocation by each individual elected member. This represents an increase of €1,650 per Elected Member for 2024.
- 5.3 The 'Public Lights & Minor Infrastructure Fund' was first adopted by the elected members as part of the 2020 Revenue Budget process. A sum of €203,500, equivalent to €5,500 per elected member, was adopted in 2020. This was increased to €259,000, equivalent to €7,000 per elected member, in the adopted Revenue Budget for 2021 and has been repeated in the Adopted Budgets for 2023 and 2024. This is included for information purposes in the Schedule of Municipal District Works for 2024. This provision will facilitate the allocation of funding to public lights and minor public infrastructure improvements, primarily on public roads and in housing estates, in accordance with the scheme agreed with the elected members.
- 5.4 Unspent capacity within Public Lights & Minor Infrastructure Scheme budgets for previous years has been reserved and retained for future use.
- 5.5 In 2021, a specific additional budget in the sum of €500,000 (€100,000 per MD) was provided for a Minor Tourism Works Scheme. This provision was repeated for 2022 and 2023 and is included in the adopted budget for 2024 also. This is included in Appendix 4, alongside the Development Funds allocations, for the information of elected members.

- 5.6 A specific additional budget in the sum of €100,000 (€20,000 per MD) was provided in the Adopted Budget for 2021 to support and stimulate the Pollinator Plan and biodiversity. This was repeated for 2022 and 2023 and is included in the Adopted Budget for 2024 also (see Appendix 4).
- 5.7 The Adopted Budget for 2022 included a provision in the sum of €350,000 to undertake upgrading and repair works to access infrastructure in housing estates (including back lanes). This allocation was repeated in 2023. It is repeated in 2024 under the title 'Housing Estate Maintenance'. €70,000 has been set aside per MD. This is included in Appendix 4 for the information of elected members.
- 6.0 Required**
- 6.1 In line with section 103A of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) that the members consider the Schedule of Municipal District Works as presented.
- 6.2 That the members resolve to adopt, with or without amendment (but within the parameters of the adopted Revenue budget), the schedule as presented and in line with the text of the draft resolution provided.



Richard Gibson FCCA,  
Director of Finance



## Extract from Local Government Act 2001 (as amended)

### Schedule of Municipal District Works 103A

- (1) As soon as may be following the adoption of the local authority budget, a schedule of proposed works of maintenance and repair to be carried out during the financial year in each municipal district shall be prepared under the direction of the chief executive, having regard to the availability of resources, in the manner, format and within the timescale that may be prescribed by regulations made by the Minister.
- (2) A schedule prepared for the purposes of subsection (1) shall be considered by the municipal district members concerned and be adopted by resolution, with or without amendment by it, within such time limit and in accordance with such conditions and requirements as may be prescribed by the regulations made by the Minister.
- (3) In making an amendment under subsection (2) the municipal district members shall have due regard to the local authority budget adopted in accordance with section 103(9).
- (4) If the schedule prepared for the purpose of subsection (1) is not adopted by the municipal district members in accordance with subsection (2) and any regulations made under that subsection, then the local authority concerned shall consider that schedule and by resolution adopt it with or without amendment (having due regard to the local authority budget adopted in accordance with section 103(9)) within such time limit as may be prescribed by the regulations made by the Minister.



Comhshaol, Pobal agus Rialtas Áitiúil  
Environment, Community and Local Government



LG 27/2014  
FIN 21/2014

31 December 2014

Dear Chief Executive,

### Schedule of Municipal District Works (SMDW)

#### Legislative provisions

1. Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 inserts a new section 103A in the Local Government Act 2001 providing that, following the adoption of the annual budget, a schedule of proposed works of maintenance and repair to be carried out during the financial year in each municipal district shall be prepared, for adoption by the municipal district<sup>1</sup> members. The SMDW is, in effect, a plan of works that prioritises and apportions the use, within each municipal district, of funding provided in the overall local authority revenue budget for particular purposes. In the case of local authority areas which do not have municipal districts, while the requirements in this circular relating to the SMDW *per se* do not apply, it is considered that it would be good practice to prepare a schedule of works in any event to identify where works will be prioritised in the local authority area during the year.
2. The relevant extract from the 2001 Act is attached in the Appendix to this circular. The main elements of this provision are as follows: -
  - Preparation and adoption of the SMDW is a mandatory requirement.
  - The SMDW must be prepared under the direction of the Chief Executive.
  - The SMDW is to be prepared as soon as may be following the adoption of the annual budget, for consideration and adoption by resolution, with or without amendment, by the municipal district members.
  - If not adopted by the municipal district members, the SMDW reverts to the full council for the elected members consideration and adoption, with or without amendment.

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<sup>1</sup> The term municipal district should be taken to include metropolitan districts and borough districts.

### **Policy Context**

3. By virtue of being adopted at district level, the SMDW represents an important enhancement of subsidiarity in local government. The provision is fundamentally important to the new system of governance at sub-county level, giving effect to measures set out in the *Government's Action Programme for Effective Local Government, Putting People First*, which indicated, in particular, that: -
- matters to be decided at municipal district level would include decisions in relation to local facilities and amenities and determination of priorities and programmes of works or services in the area, within global funding allocations decided by the overall county council /city and county council or the use of locally generated revenue (paragraph 6.5.2);
  - provision would be made for the adoption by members at municipal district level of programmes/plans setting out priorities for works, services or activities within their functional remit that are contained within, or specific to, the district and expenditure in respect of matters that are appropriate for decision locally, within the overall budgetary and policy framework (paragraph 6.5.9); and
  - wide discretion would be given to members at municipal district level insofar as priorities in matters decided at that level are concerned (paragraph 6.7.1).

The scope for widening the extent of reserved functions of elected members would be pursued fully and a number of new measures set out in the programme would add important new functions to the range of powers of elected members (paragraph 11.5.2); to this end, the adoption of the SMDW is among the most important new reserved functions introduced by the Reform Act 2014.

### **Guidance on preparation and adoption of SMDW**

4. The legislation provides that the Minister may make regulations outlining the manner, format, conditions, requirements and timescale for the preparation, consideration and adoption of the SMDW. Further consideration will be given to the possible need for regulations under section 103A of the 2001 Act. Pending the possible making of regulations, interim guidelines are being provided on the preparation, amendment and adoption of the SMDW for the year 2015, as follows: -
- (a) While the legislation provides that the SMDW be prepared as soon as may be following the adoption of the annual budget, it is considered reasonable, in the first year of its operation, to allow adoption of the SMDW by 31 March 2015, in order to allow for appropriate arrangements to be made and to afford members adequate time to familiarise themselves with this important new function. This will also enable account to be taken of more definitive details of Government maintenance grants for roads, housing, etc.
  - (b) The SMDW in respect of each municipal district should be formulated on the basis of the amount of funding provided for maintenance and repair in the annual budget of the local authority in respect of each relevant service division (e.g. housing, roads,

amenities, street cleaning, drainage work, burial ground maintenance, etc.), subject to any variations arising subsequent to adoption of the budget, for example, in relation to funding levels from State grants. Classification of items in the budget should largely determine what works and related expenditure are included in the SMDW but insofar as it may be necessary to make judgments in particular instances, it is considered that the term "maintenance" can include not only maintenance of the physical condition or fabric of items, but also more operational type matters such as grass cutting or tree pruning.

- (c) Within the level of funding available, details of the SMDW should be prepared on the basis of identified needs (taking account of relevant factors, for example, in the case of housing, age profile of stock) and priorities throughout the local authority area and taking due account of requirements in relation to standards and frequency of maintenance work. This should be informed by details of relevant requirements which were considered in the formulation of the overall local authority budget. It will also be relevant to have regard to the pattern of works and expenditure in previous years. It is emphasised that adoption of the SMDW *per se* cannot involve revision of the adopted budget.
- (d) It is essential to maximise return on investment by avoiding dilution of expenditure which could result from spreading allocations too thinly across the local authority and the constituent municipal districts each year. This could be minimised by taking a multi-annual approach where possible in the preparation of the SMDW.
- (e) Maximising value for money, overall effectiveness, and return from investment should also be a key objective in prioritising works and allocating available funding within each municipal district, along with the need to ensure appropriate balance in the allocation of resources as between urban and rural areas in the district. Apportionment of funding on a thematic basis within the district over the life of the council could help to this end. For example, specific housing estate(s) in one location could be prioritised for refurbishment in year one, with a commitment to undertake works in another area in subsequent years. Similarly, where an overall local authority maintenance programme is drawn up for a particular purpose (say windows and doors in local authority dwellings) which might need to extend over a number of years, the required works would be reflected in relevant annual SMDWs.
- (f) Any maintenance type functions, for example, grass cutting, planting or other maintenance of open spaces, that are carried out by means of specific purpose grants for such purposes to community groups such as tidy towns committees can be provided for, as appropriate, through the SMDW.
- (g) The GMA, which is a budgetary element providing funding for discretionary expenditure at municipal district level to be decided by the elected members in respect of each municipal district, is separate from the "strategic" budgetary funding for maintenance and repair, the utilisation of which is to be determined in the SMDW. However, it is open to the municipal district members to apply GMA funding to supplement maintenance and repair funding otherwise available in the overall budget.

- (h) It is suggested that the resolution for adoption of the SMDW be worded so as to be flexible enough to allow for possible emergencies or reallocation of funding from scheduled works that cannot, for some reason, proceed. Any such re-allocation of funding should, as always, be within the overall budgetary framework and could be notified to the members as part of the Monthly Management Report. Account should be taken of any such changes in the preparation of the following year's SMDW.
- (i) Section 134A of the 2001 Act provides that, in preparing the Service Delivery Plan, account shall be taken of any local authority plan, statement, strategy or any other document. Accordingly, the SMDW should, ideally, be prepared and adopted in advance of the annual Service Delivery Plan. If this is not feasible in the context of the time frame allowed for 2015, the preparation of the annual Service Delivery Plan should, at least, be informed by proposals for the SMDW.
5. The following conditions and requirements shall apply in relation to any amendments to the SMDW, as prepared under the direction of the chief executive, being considered by the municipal district members under section 103A (2) and (3) of the 2001 Act: -
- (a) Any proposed amendments to the SMDW must take account of
- the need to confine overall expenditure on works of maintenance within the total amount provided in the adopted local authority budget for such purposes;
  - actual requirements and priorities for relevant works within the district and prioritisation of the use of funding available to the district for particular purposes having regard to such requirements and priorities;
  - the most effective use of available resources;
  - requirements and priorities for funding in respect of works to which the SMDW relates during the entire term of office of the council so as to prevent dilution and ineffective use of funding by spreading it too thinly across the local authority/district each year;
  - other factors/criteria set out in these guidelines;
  - compliance with the regulations and guidelines regarding the performance of functions by municipal district members as provided in S.I. 231 of 2014 and circular LG10/2014, including the need for consistency with overall local authority policy and avoidance of duplication;
  - any views in relation to proposed amendments provided by the chief executive.
- (b) If the municipal district members decide not to adopt the SMDW or propose to make an amendment to the SMDW which would result in the total expenditure in respect of works included in the schedule in respect of a particular service division exceeding that envisaged in the schedule as prepared by the chief executive, the latter shall submit a report to the local authority indicating that the SMDW has not

been adopted in accordance with subsection (2) of section 103A and the local authority shall adopt the SMDW in accordance with subsection (4) of section 103A.

- (c) Pending a decision on the adoption of the SMDW by the municipal district members or the local authority, as the case may be, works or services may be undertaken in accordance with the schedule as prepared by the chief executive. Failure to adopt, or delay in adoption of, the SMDW in respect of a particular district by the municipal district members or the local authority, as the case may be, will not affect the validity of the SMDW adopted by the municipal district or the local authority, as the case may be, in respect of another district in the local authority area. Accordingly, where the SMDW has been adopted by the members for a particular municipal district, it cannot be revisited by the plenary Council even in the event that the SMDW for another district is referred back to it because of failure of the members for that district to adopt.
  - (d) In the event of a decision by the municipal district members or the local authority, as the case may be, not to adopt the SMDW or to make an amendment to the SMDW which would result in the total expenditure in respect of works included in the schedule exceeding that envisaged in the schedule as prepared by the chief executive, only such works or services to which the SMDW relates as are considered by the chief executive to be essential shall be undertaken pending the adoption of the SMDW within the level of expenditure envisaged in the schedule as prepared by the chief executive.
6. Specific procedures (beyond the requirements in the legislation) or a definitive format for the SMDW, are not being prescribed at this time. The procedures and structures already applied by most authorities for non-statutory agreement of annual road works programmes at area committee level should provide a relevant analogy and a template that can be adapted for the statutory SMDW process. It is understood that some authorities intend to have non-statutory consultations with the municipal district members on the SMDW early in 2015, which could be helpful in advance of formal adoption. It should also be noted that it is a matter for the executive to determine the most appropriate and effective operational and organisational arrangements to implement the measures decided by the municipal district members in the adoption of the SMDW.
7. A copy of this circular, which is available on the SharePoint system, should be given to each elected member. In view of its importance to their role at municipal district level, all necessary support should be provided to the members in the performance of their functions in relation to the schedule of municipal district works.

Any queries on this matter relating to finance aspects can be made to Emma.Reeves@environ.ie, or relating to municipal district functions generally to Brendan Buggy or Michael Murphy at 01-8882826 or 01-8882162, respectively or, by e-mail at Brendan.buggy@environ.ie or [Michael.murphy@environ.ie](mailto:Michael.murphy@environ.ie).

Yours sincerely,

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Local Government Finance Section

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**To each local authority Chief Executive**

**Appendix 1 – Housing Maintenance and Housing Estate Management 2024**

	<b>Overall Adopted €</b>	<b>Non-Discretionary Payroll / Overheads €</b>	<b>Discretionary €</b>
Housing Maintenance – Inishowen MD	690,055	120,319	573,299
Housing Maintenance – Donegal MD	512,328	131,154	383,961
Housing Maintenance – Glenties MD	529,295	59,883	461,147
Housing Maintenance – Letterkenny-Milford MD	1,034,084	294,037	797,185
Housing Maintenance – Lifford-Stranorlar MD	600,030	62,928	543,030
<b>Subtotal for Area Maintenance:</b>	<b>3,365,792</b>	<b>668,321</b>	<b>2,758,622</b>
<b>HQ Maintenance</b>	<b>1,866,385</b>		
<b>Total Maintenance</b>	<b>5,232,177</b>		
Insurance	387,116		
Loan Charges	0		
Local Property Tax Payments	522,000		
Contingency for Capital Balances (Housing Programme)	66,000		
<b>Subtotal Other</b>	<b>975,116</b>		
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>6,207,293</b>		

Routine Maintenance Budget allocated on a per house basis equally across all areas.

Housing Estate Management – Inishowen MD	11,117		
Housing Estate Management – Donegal MD	7,821		
Housing Estate Management – Glenties MD	8,471		
Housing Estate Management – Letterkenny-Milford MD	15,641		
Housing Estate Management – Lifford-Stranorlar MD	9,700		
<b>Total Estate Management</b>	<b>52,750</b>	As per Budget Book (A0401)	



## Appendix 2 – Environmental Services 2024

Description	Adopted Budget 2024	Budget Adjustments	Revised Budget 2024	Payroll	Loan Charges	Others	Total	Balance	Inishowen	Donegal	Glenties	Letterkenny-Milford	Lifford-Stranorlar	County/Centre	Total
<b>Water &amp; Environment</b>															
Litter Control - Clean Up Campaign	140,100		140,100				0	140,100	25,400	20,550	26,900	46,700	20,550	0	140,100
Tidy Towns Fund	155,000		155,000				0	155,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	5,000	155,000
Maintenance of Beaches	245,900		245,900				0	245,900	36,700	90,400	46,200	24,500	0	48,100	245,900
<b>Totals</b>	<b>541,000</b>		<b>541,000</b>				<b>0</b>	<b>541,000</b>	<b>92,100</b>	<b>140,950</b>	<b>103,100</b>	<b>101,200</b>	<b>50,550</b>	<b>53,100</b>	<b>541,000</b>

### Background

It is proposed that Clean-Ups and Beach Maintenance will be centrally managed to give maximum flexibility to respond to priorities in a countywide context. Examples where this is relevant include instances of large-scale dumping potentially being more prevalent in one area than another, and similarly with unexpected maintenance/repair work at individual beaches. As a consequence, it is difficult to suggest that an MD has discretion for the expenditure. However, indicative expenditure is clearly provided on an area-by-area basis as set out in the schedule circulated. The basis of allocation will be kept under review.

A specific and discretionary allocation of €30,000 per Municipal District has been included in the adopted budget 2024 to assist tidy towns groups (as shown above). This represents an increase of €10,000 per MD for 2024. In addition to this, an amount of €5,000 has been set aside centrally for the purpose of running a countywide tidy-towns competition.



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**Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services Directorate**

**Master Municipal District Report March 2024**

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## 1. Economic Development

### 1.1. Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location / Further Info	Point of Contact
25 <sup>th</sup> April 24	Scottish Diaspora Event showcasing Donegal Tweed and Local Businesses	Event organised in conjunction with ETB, LEO and Irish Consulate Service in Edinburgh to develop connections between Donegal and Scottish Tweed and strengthen connections with Donegal and Irish diaspora in Scotland.	Daniel McChrystal – <a href="mailto:dmcchrystal@donegalcoco.ie">dmcchrystal@donegalcoco.ie</a>
6 <sup>th</sup> March 24	Donegal Tourism Seminar	Harvey's Point, focusing on sustainable tourism as part of Local Enterprise Week.	Sarah Nolan – <a href="mailto:sarahnolan@donegalcoco.ie">sarahnolan@donegalcoco.ie</a>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed of Each Month	Innovation Campfire	<p>Hosted by Alpha Innovation - this series provides employees and entrepreneurs an opportunity to take a moment out of their busy days to see the world through a different lens. Over the coming months, our 10-minute sessions will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Showcase inspiring innovation stories from around the world.</li> <li>● Learn from the experiments, tests, fails, quick wins, and big successes of others.</li> <li>● Enable participants to be part of a growing community of like-minded individuals.</li> <li>● Allow participants to shape future sessions by volunteering to tell a story they are passionate about.</li> </ul> <p>You can watch back by visiting <a href="https://www.alphainnovation.eu">ALPHA Innovation   Innovation Campfire — ALPHAInnovation.eu</a></p>	Kevin Sexton - <a href="mailto:kevinsexton@alphainnovation.eu">kevinsexton@alphainnovation.eu</a>

### 1.2 Economic Development Unit

## Marketing & Campaigns Updates

### #MoveToDonegal Campaign

Donegal will feature in an upcoming TG4 series 'Move West' telling the story of people who have made the move to Donegal in recent years and the impact that this has had on their lives, their business and their career and family lives. It will also showcase the services and supports available including the network of co-working spaces and excellent broadband connectivity that allows people to work from home.

### InvestDonegal Communications Update

Latest key stats for the InvestDonegal LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram and web accounts are as follows;

Impressions (last 28 days)		Total Followers
Linked In	14,994	5,041
Twitter	9,486	3,480
Instagram	2,033	4,237
Facebook	5,347	2,084
Donegal.ie	3.9K Web Users	

5 News Items Published.

### Business Concierge Service

The Councils Economic Development Division provides a Business Concierge Service for businesses looking at access Council Services and supports. This service can be accessed by emailing [economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie](mailto:economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie).

## Donegal 2040 DAC

### Board and Corporate Governance

The new enhanced board of Donegal 2040 DAC is now in place and work is progressing in relation to a range of areas including putting in place mechanisms to ensure good corporate governance and establishing a clear strategic framework for Donegal 2040 DAC.

### Update on Projects:

#### Alpha Innovation Centre and Beta Business Centre

Current Status: Main construction contract to go to tender in February 2024, with construction expected to commence on site in Q4 2024. Enabling works / Demolition works to commence on site by Q1, 2024. Estimated project completion date: Q1 2026.

#### Remote Working Hub Carrigart:

Status: In operation. Annual management agreement in place.

Details: One storey building with 18 Hot Desks in an open space floor plan. Meeting room, private phone booths, kitchen facilities and bicycle parking.

**Operation & Management of Island House, Killybegs (Post Construction)**

Current Status: Under Construction. Estimated Completion Date: July 2024

Marketing Campaign: to commence Q1 2024.

**Operation & Management of Burtonport Enterprise Centre (Post Construction)**

Current Status: Contractor appointment. Construction to commence Q1 2024.

Current Estimated Completion date: Q1 2025.

**Operation & Management of The Ritz, Ballybofey (Post Construction)**

Current Status: Detailed design.

Current Estimated Completion Date of overall The Seed Project: Q1 2026.

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**Inward Investment Activity**

**North West City Region**

**Golden Bridges and the US Trade Mission**

Continuing to follow up and engage with connections established via the Golden Bridges Trade and Investment mission to US in November including potential collaborations with the Alpha Innovation Centre and potential delegation visit to Donegal in April. Plans for 2024 are underway collaboration with partners and stakeholders in Donegal and the wider North West City Region.

**The NWCR Inward Investment Strategy**

Continuing to progress the NWCR Inward Investment Strategy working in collaboration with Derry City and Strabane District Council including the development of digital and non-digital promotional material including videos and building on online social media and website platforms.

**Service Land Initiative at The Commons, Lifford**

Planning application for enabling infrastructure has been approved An Bord Pleanála and detailed designs are complete. The EDU is engaging with various potential site users including Social Housing, Community Health, Recreation and businesses and it is expected that enabling infrastructure will be complete by Q4 2024.

**Disposal of Council owned Land to support Economic Development**

The team are dealing with several requests for disposal of lands for economic development in Ballyshannon, Letterkenny and Buncrana.

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## 1.2: Tourism Marketing Unit

### Project Activity

#### **New Tourism Brochure 2024**

The new Donegal Tourism 2024 brochure was unveiled at the Holiday World Show. The brochure will be promoted on [govisitdonegal.com](http://govisitdonegal.com) and social media channels, the content will be used over the summer months as part of ongoing marketing. The brochure will also be distributed to attractions and airports servicing the region. With the environment and sustainability in mind, a limited amount of printed promotional material with QR codes for the brochure will also be distributed to tourism businesses to make it easy for visitors to access information on what to see and do once they arrive.

#### **Shoulder Season Campaign Spring 2024**

Donegal Tourism will recommence its shoulder season campaign on Monday 19th February for a four-week period. The aim of this campaign is to drive incremental visitors to our county in the non-peak period. This campaign enjoyed phenomenal success during Oct/Nov 2023. The spring campaign will use the same tone as the previous campaign and will feature a 5-day competition prize to Donegal.

#### **Donegal Tourism Seminar 2024**

This year's Donegal Tourism Seminar will take place on Wednesday 6th March, in Harvey's Point, as part of Enterprise Week. The theme this year will be 'Tourism Tomorrow – Crafting a Greener Future for Donegal', tourism is all about proactive collaboration and this will be an ideal opportunity for everyone working in the industry in Donegal to meet, network and collaborate. Tourism that takes full account of its current and future economic, social, and environmental impacts, addressing the needs of visitors, the industry, the environment, and host communities is vitally important. There will be a host of excellent speakers, sharing knowledge and practical steps to help us all craft a greener future for Donegal.

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

**Dungloe to Glenties Cycleway** – Donegal Tourism continue to participate in the newly formed working group to organise and market an official opening and to promote the 25km cycleway going forward in the first quarter of 2024. A production company is currently working to produce marketing materials for this event.

### **TOURBO Project**

Progression into the second phase of the Interreg European TOURBO project, led by Seville Chamber of Commerce, is ongoing which will support small and medium sized tourism businesses with green and digital transformation. The next Interregional Meeting is 8<sup>th</sup> April to 12<sup>th</sup> April. For more information visit <https://www.interregeurope.eu/tourbo>

### **Sustainable Arctic and Peripheral Biking Tourism Project**

SUB (Sustainable Arctic and Peripheral Biking Tourism Project) is progressing into phase two and will provide businesses supporting sustainable tourism biking with an opportunity to learn from various good practice approaches across Europe. The next Interregional Meeting is in the Faroe Islands from the 19<sup>th</sup> March to the 21<sup>st</sup> March.

### **Supporting the development of Golf Tourism**

Donegal Golf Cluster met on Wed 31<sup>st</sup> January and 15 of the 17 golf clubs in the county were represented. Plans for 2024 and 2025 were discussed and it was agreed to host a networking event between clubs and hotels in Donegal in April with the aim of building stronger connections between the two. The next Donegal Golf Cluster meeting will be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> May in the Ballybofey and Stranorlar Golf Club.

### **Donegal 550**

Donegal Tourism is part of the Steering Group looking at celebrating Donegal Town 550 in 2024. A calendar of events is currently being collated and a final weekend of celebrations taking place in the fourth quarter of 2024.

### **GoVisitDonegal.com Website**

**2024 (Jan 1 – Jan 28)** - Users 18K- Page Views 45K.

Festival and Events is the most viewed page – views 3.2K

#### **Online & Social Media Updates – Go Visit Donegal**

**Facebook:** Facebook had a reach of 285.3K. Alexa show me heaven, Bloody Foreland, was the highest reaching post.

**Instagram:** Instagram had a reach of 102.4K.

**LinkedIn:** 1,466 followers. 86 new followers in the last 28 days. Page views increased by 49.3% and unique visits up 82.2%.

**Twitter:** 3K impressions over the last 28 days.

**TikTok:** TikTok has 98 followers, an increase of 40 new followers.

### **Donegal Tourism CLG**

Donegal Tourism CLG and the Associated Members Committee continue to enable meaningful engagement, co-ordination and collaboration of key stakeholders in the tourism sector in Donegal.

The next board meeting is scheduled for February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Grant Schemes**

#### **Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme**

2023 MTWGS projects are underway. The team will continue to liaise with all applicants to ensure the smooth drawdown of funds in a timely manner. The 2024 application form is being prepared with the aim of having this available in early March.

#### **Regional Festival & Events Grant Scheme**

County Donegal has been allocated funding of €49,750 under the 2024 regional festivals and events grant scheme. The application process for the 2024 funding is currently live with a closing date for submissions of February 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **Bundoran**

#### **Marketing**

- 2024 Marketing Plan is being put in place and the Tourism Officer will attend Failte Ireland's domestic plan launch online on February 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Continuing to update blogs and content on website on a weekly basis.
- Compilation and distribution of monthly email newsletter.
- Bundoran 10 has reached 2000 sign ups.
- Plans for St Patrick's Day are in progress.

#### **Bundoran Tourist Office**

- Tourist Office open 4 days a week (Tue-Sun).
- Currently one TÚS employee working.

#### **Website & Social Media**

- **Website:** 1st Jan – 31st Jan 2024, Users 11.5K, - Page Views 25.7K.
- **Facebook:** Facebook reach was up by 119.1% in January 2024 v December 2023.
- **Instagram:** Reach down by 20.4% in January 2024 v December 2023.



**Waterworld**

Marketing plan for 2024 is being implemented. Tickets on sale for the 2024 season on Monday March 4<sup>th</sup>.

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**1.4: Strategic Funding Unit**

**Strategic Funding Unit** – Exploring EU and National Funding Opportunities that support the objectives set out in the **Donegal County Council Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024**

**PEACE Plus**

SEUPB has provided a new timetable of calls for applications to the PEACEPLUS Programme for 2021-2027 on their website. Please visit: <https://www.seupb.eu/funding/current-funding-opportunities>

**ICC – Intelligent Cities Challenge**

Donegal County Council is a partner along with Derry City and Strabane District Council on the EU funded Intelligent Cities Challenge project led by ERNACT. This project looks at working with experts from Europe and local SME's to develop LGD's (Local Green Deals), which are commitments to support the transition towards carbon neutrality.

**NPA Funded Target Circular Project**

Donegal County Council is an associate partner on the Target Circular project led by MTU (Munster Technological University), the Hincks Centre for Entrepreneurship Excellence. This is an EU funded project under Interreg NPA called 'Target Circular – Supporting SMEs to Success'. Target Circular aims to improve the service that business support organisations offer client SME's with the aim of increasing their chances of business success with the circular economy as a focus. The project is comprised of 7 Partners and 2 Associate Partners from Ireland, Finland, Norway, Sweden and Iceland – all actively engaged in supporting businesses. The lead partner plans to host an information event in Donegal in Q4 of 2024.

**CPMR General Assembly**

Donegal County Council will continue its membership of the CPMR in 2024. Atlantic Arc Commission Hub meetings will be held on 31 January & 1st February 2024 incorporating meetings of the Fisheries & Aquaculture Working Group and the Atlantic Tourism & Culture Working Group.

**AER Youth Regional Network (YRN)**

Peter McNelis, a youth representative from Ardara, Donegal has been selected as part of AER's YRN delegation to the LevelUp! event at the European Parliament, organised by the European Youth Forum (YFJ), on 12-13 April. 1,200 participants are expected, with many youth organisations across Europe being represented. The YFJ received 3,000+ applications, but thanks to our partnership with AER, Donegal will be well represented with Peter attending on behalf of the YRN network.

**AER Summer Academy 2024**

DCC hosted the Summer Academy in Donegal in 2022 in partnership with Udarás na Gaeltachta. The next Summer Academy youth focused event will take place in Norway in August 2024. There will be an opportunity for Donegal County Council to send 2 delegates to this event, 1 youth and 1 adult and host a workshop at the event, which is expected to bring over 150 people from across EU member states and beyond.

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## 2. Local Enterprise Office

### **Summary of January 2024 Outputs/Events:**

**Grant Aid (M1)** –The first EVAC meeting for 2024 is taking place on 1st February 2024.

**Trading Online Vouchers** – YTD: 2 applications for Trading Online Vouchers received.

**Mentoring 2024** – YTD: 14 Applications for mentoring have been received.

**Training** – YTD: 63 Attendees on 5 Courses held.

**Digital Start** – YTD: 3 applications received.

**Green for Business** – YTD: 1 application received.

**Energy Efficiency Grants** - YTD: 0 applications received.

**Lean For Business** – YTD: 0 applications received.

### **Start Your Own Business Programme 2024**

The Start Your Own Business Programme recommenced on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024, and was fully booked. This is the first of 7 Programmes scheduled to take place during 2024. The February programme is starting on 6<sup>th</sup> February and is fully booked.

### **Upcoming Events/Programmes:**

#### **Lean, Green & Digital for Business Information Sessions**

Information Sessions for Lean, Green and Digital productivity supports are taking place in January and early February to raise awareness and encourage take up. Businesses can sign-up for these free events through the Local Enterprise Office website: <https://www.localenterprise.ie/donegal>

#### **European Enterprise Network (EEN)**

An online event, "Access to Finance – How a Microfinance loan can help your business" was held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024, with 36 businesses in attendance.

LEO Donegal, on behalf of the LEO network and the Enterprise Europe Network in Ireland, will be delivering 6 Brokerage Events in 2024/2025 aimed at connecting SMEs with international buyers. The first two events of the programme taking place are as follows:

- "Meet the Buyer – Food and Nutrition" 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024, at the Merits Innovation Think Space in Naas County Kildare.
- "Meet the Buyer – Construction, Engineering, & Sustainable Energy" 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at Mount Lucas, County Offaly.

#### **Food Coast Donegal**

The first Restaurant/Chef and Producer Cluster meetings for 2024 were held at the LEO offices on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

**Donegal Engineering Network**

Engineering Profitnet meeting and information workshop will take place at the Radisson Hotel, Letterkenny on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

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

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### 3. Information Services

#### **Information Services (IS)**

##### **National Broadband Plan Fibre Network**

Both the Letterkenny and Creeslough deployment areas are complete and actively connecting customers. This deployment area covers 6,006 premises or 18% of the Intervention Area.

Network build is in progress in the 3 deployment areas of Bunbeg, Tamney and St. Johnston totalling 7,679 premises or 23% of the IA. Surveying is complete in the Bundoran, Ballyshannon, Fintown, Merville, Carndonagh, Tory Island and Buncrana deployment areas covering 9,433 premises or 28% of the IA.

10,027 premises in the deployment areas of Donegal, Kilcar, Ardara, Pettigo, Arranmore and Ballybofey/Stranorlar are at survey pending stage.

NBI are planning to accelerate the rollout to the two main Islands of Tory and Arranmore. To keep informed of the rollout plan in Donegal we encourage people to register their interest with;  
<https://www.nbi.ie>

Up to date information for each Deployment Area in Donegal is available at <https://www.nbi.ie/reps>

##### **Other Fibre Networks**

OpenEir are actively deploying fibre in some towns and villages, but no deployment plan is available due to commercial sensitivities. They are active in Lifford, Dungloe, Milford and Raphoe.

##### **Link to Map of Digital Hubs in the County**

<https://donegal.maps.arcgis.com/apps/View/index.html?appid=5d17160136374274b4791afccb84446f>

#### 4. Emergency Services

##### 4.1 – Fire Service

#### Fire Service Monthly MD Report (March)

Activity	Number of: (January) <sup>1</sup>	Total for year		
<b><u>Fire Service Operations</u></b>				
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	71	71		
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	81	81		
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	13	13		
<b><u>Operational Activity Breakdown January 2024</u></b>				
	Turnouts		Incidents in County	
	Fires	Special Services	Fires	Special Services
Donegal Fire Service	39	42	27	33
Northern Ireland Fire Service	6	7	4	7
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>94</b>		<b>71</b>	
<b><u>Fire Prevention</u></b>				
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	21	21		
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	23	N/A		
Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from Applicant / Agent:	79	N/A		

Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	7	7
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	5	5
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	0	0
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	0	0
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	10	10
Fire Safety Complaints received:	2	2
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	2	2
During Performance Inspections carried out:	0	0
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	0	0

1. Current data is only available up to the end of January 2024.

#### 4.3 Civil Defence

Project / Activity report			
Non Emergency Response Activity	Number	Total (2023)	Volunteer Man – Hours
Patient Transfers to Primary Care Centres	1	1	7hrs
Assisting the Irish Blood Transfusion Services with admin and social spacing at blood donor clinics in, Letterkenny, Donegal Town, Buncrana, Ballybofey and Carndonagh	61	61	610hrs

Patient Transfers to Sligo, Dublin, Hospitals Cardiology interventions.	2	2	36hrs
<b>Supported Agencies;</b> Irish Blood Transfusion Service, ALONE, HSE, and MS Society			
<b>Major Emergency Management</b>			
As part of the MEM structure, Civil Defence continues to support the Principal Response Agencies (PRAs) when the need arises. Already in January of this year, Civil Defence AFS units has been placed on standby to assist with Storm Isha and Strom Joclyn.			
<b>Health Service Executive: Severe Weather Events:</b>			
During severe weather events, such as snow, frost and icy conditions, Civil Defence provides transport support to the HSE and National Ambulance Service with their 4x4 vehicles. In January of this year, Civil Defence provided transport services to the HSE Home Care Support Teams from 17 <sup>th</sup> January – 20 <sup>th</sup> January inclusive. This service allows the Home Care Support workers to continue their twice daily care of the vulnerable in the community, during the severe weather.			
<b>Civil Defence Officers Association Conference:</b>			
The 3-day National Civil Defence Officers Association Conference was held in Farnham Estate, Cavan on 7th, 8th and 9th November. In attendance was, 234 delegates, over the course of the event, 33 traders exhibited their latest equipment for potential future Civil Defence use.			
<b>Funding</b>			
<b>Funding Type</b>			<b>Amount</b>
The Civil Defence Branch secured funding under the Dormant Accounts Fund to purchase a Swift Water Flood Response Crew Cab Van			€36,000
Income from Non-Community Support Charges			€6,200.00
<b>Community Engagement</b>			
<b>Non-Emergency Community Support</b>			
Ambulance and Medical cover have been provided to 35 Community Events in 2023. Over the course of these events, volunteers provided 1240 volunteer manhours supporting their communities.			
<b>Community Training</b>			
Civil Defence in partnership with the Raphoe Diocesan Society, delivered their Cardiac First Responder (CFR) and Defibrillator Programme to 16 parishioners to have them in a state of preparedness to use their Defibrillators in the various churches around the parish, should the need arise. CPR Training was also delivered to members of Naomh Colmcille, Sean MacCumhalls and Convoy GAA Clubs as part of the Irish			



Heart Foundation, Save a Life campaign, which raises awareness of the importance of good CPR in the chain of survival for persons suffering a heart attack in the community.


<b>Training</b>	
<b>Training Activities</b>	<b>Delivered to No. of Volunteers</b>
Weekly Auxiliary Fire Fighting (Flood Response and Wild Land Fire training)	16
Emergency First Responder Medical (EFR) Training	7
Refresher Emergency First Responder Training continued monthly for certified EFR's.	18
A successful PHECC Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course was held by the Civil Defence College during the first and second quarter of the year with a 100% pass rate for the participating students, providing the service with an additional 1 EMTs	1
Swift Water and Life Jacket Competency refresher training was delivered	23
Induction training was delivered to 2 new recruits	2
Radio Communications L1, Introductory Training and L2 - Network Operator	15



ENVIRONMENT MD REPORT – March 2024

CLIMATE ACTION

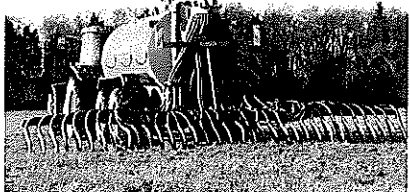
<p><b>Activity / Project Title</b></p>	<p><b>Adoption of the Donegal County Council Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029</b></p>
<p><b>Project Description/ Activity</b></p>	<div data-bbox="336 763 991 875" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Donegal County Council’s Climate Action Plan 2024 – 2029 was adopted at a Special meeting of the Council on 21st February 2024. This milestone has been reached ahead of the Ministerial deadline of 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024 in accordance with the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act, 2021.</p> <p>The Plan sets out how Donegal County Council will take climate action by improving energy efficiency, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and embedding climate resilience across the organisation. It also addresses how the Council will adopt a broader leadership role in the county by supporting local communities, businesses and other stakeholders to take climate action.</p> <p>Under the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2021, all local authorities are required to prepare a Climate Action Plan. The Plan, which contains 139 actions across six themes, was adopted following public and stakeholder consultation, gathering of scientific data, collaboration with the Climate Action Regional Office and deliberations by the Elected Representatives and Staff of Donegal County Council over the past 12 months.</p> <p>The Plan’s vision is that Donegal will be climate resilient, biodiversity rich, environmentally sustainable and carbon neutral by the end of 2050.</p> <p>The Climate Action Plan will be published no later than 22nd March 2024 and will be available on the council website. Associated environmental reports will also be circulated to statutory bodies.</p>
<p><b>Contact Person</b></p>	<p>Lorraine Arbuckle, Climate Action Co-ordinator <a href="mailto:larbuckle@Donegalcoco.ie">larbuckle@Donegalcoco.ie</a></p>

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Community Climate Action Fund – Closing Date 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024</b>
<b>Project Description/ Activity</b>	 <p>Reminders have been posted on social media and circulated to members of the PPN of the closing date for applications under the Community Climate Action Fund.</p> <p>Donegal County Council opened the application process for the Community Climate Action Fund on 29<sup>th</sup> December 2023, closing 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024. A series of webinars and in-person events were held in each MD throughout January 2024 to provide information on the fund to community groups and members of the public.</p> <p>The Community Climate Action Programme (CCAP) is a new programme to support small and large, rural and urban communities to take climate action at a local level. Donegal County Council in association with the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC), will provide funding to local communities for projects that promote community climate action.</p> <p>The objective of the CCAP is to build low carbon, sustainable communities, which will, in turn contribute to the national climate and energy targets.</p> <p>There are two strands of funding available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strand 1: focuses on direct climate action building low carbon communities</li> <li>• Strand 1A: focuses on cross-border projects in partnership with communities and organisations in Northern Ireland.</li> </ul>

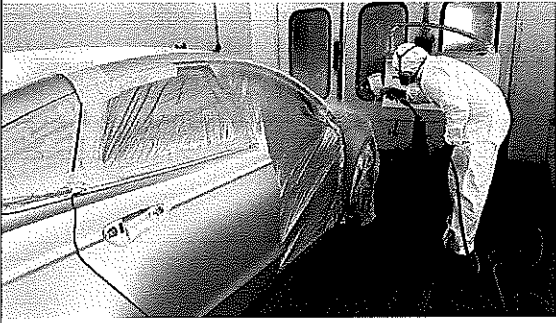
	<p><b>About the CCAP</b>  This funding is part of the Community Climate Action Programme, which supports projects and initiatives that facilitate climate action within local communities. The fund is open to not-for-profit community groups and clubs.</p> <p>The CCAP can fund 100% of all eligible costs for the project and there are three project sizes eligible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small scale projects &lt; €20,000</li> <li>• Medium scale projects €20,000 to €50,000</li> <li>• Large scale projects €50,000 to €100,000</li> </ul> <p>Projects must deliver a direct positive impact on climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and/or helping communities adapt to the consequences of climate change.</p> <p>The 5 themes of the programme are as follows with some examples of projects that may be applied for:</p> <p><b>Theme 1: Community &amp; Energy</b>  LED community lighting, small renewable energy projects (solar / hydro / wind), rainwater harvesting, retrofitting community buildings (windows &amp; doors, insulation, LED lighting, heat pumps)</p> <p><b>Theme 2: Sustainable Travel</b>  Cycle parking / racks, improving cycle way access, safe and active routes to schools, eCargo bikes, bike repair hubs</p> <p><b>Theme 3: Food and waste</b>  Community composting facilities, community gardens / allotments, community fridges</p> <p><b>Theme 4: Shopping and recycling</b>  Swap shops, water filling stations, single use plastics elimination, musical instrument reuse, paint recycling, toy library</p> <p><b>Theme 5: Local climate and environmental action</b>  Climate resilience - measures to reduce harmful effects of extreme climate events such as planted mounds to slow flood water, constructed storm water wetlands. Mini forests, dispersed orchards (fruit trees), community gardens, roof gardens, pollinator projects</p> <p>For more information on the fund visit: <a href="https://www.donegalcoco.ie/">https://www.donegalcoco.ie/</a></p>
<p><b>Contact Person</b></p>	<p>Fiona Kelly, Community Climate Action Officer  <a href="mailto:climateactionfund@donegalcoco.ie">climateactionfund@donegalcoco.ie</a></p>

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Global Action Plan – Climate Heroes Community Challenge 15<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b>
<b>Project Description/ Activity</b>	<p>From 15th to 26th April 2024, community groups and organisations will compete to reduce their carbon footprint by the largest amount. Leading up to the competition, a series of online workshops will explore the themes from a variety of angles, equipping and empowering you to lead change.</p> <p><b>What is it?</b></p> <p>Climate Heroes is team-based climate challenge. Together with other members of your community, you will learn about and take simple actions on the drivers of climate change.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investigate and challenge the forces driving climate change</li> <li>• Join with allies and compete to reduce carbon emission</li> <li>• Capture your actions using powerful technology</li> </ul> <p>Best of all, this competition is fun, engaging, and habit-forming - and fully free to community groups and organisations in Ireland.</p> <p><b>What's involved?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Register at the link below</li> <li>• Join an orientation session to learn more about the platform and competition</li> <li>• Attend optional workshops to frame climate actions through a global lens, and meet others committed to the cause</li> <li>• Log climate friendly actions during the two week challenge, and encourage your team to do the same.</li> <li>• Reflect, debrief, and pat yourself on the back</li> </ul> <p>For more information and to register your team visit <a href="https://www.climateheroes.ie/en-ie/challenge">https://www.climateheroes.ie/en-ie/challenge</a></p>
<b>Contact Person</b>	Suzanne Bogan, Climate Action Officer <a href="mailto:sbogan@donegalcoco.ie">sbogan@donegalcoco.ie</a>

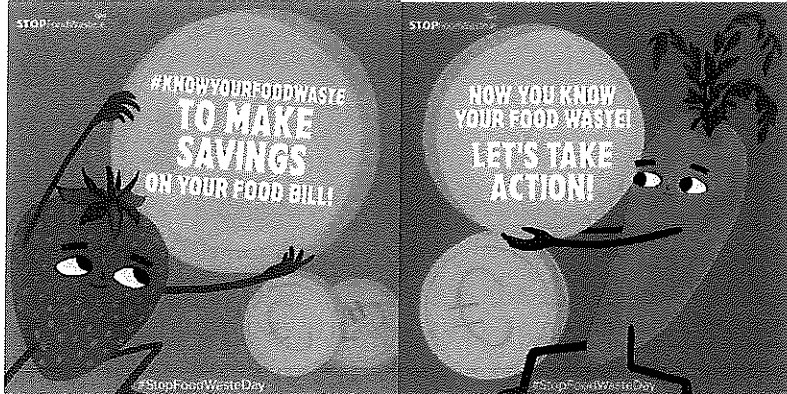
**CENTRAL LABORATORY**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Water Quality - Agriculture</b>
<b>Description/ Activity</b>	<p><b>Farm Inspections</b>          The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has developed a local authority <b>National Agricultural Inspection Programme (NAIP)</b> to help maintain or bring about an improvement in natural water quality in Ireland by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• developing a national risk-based inspection plan.</li> <li>• creating greater awareness of the impact of agricultural activities on natural water quality in Ireland.</li> <li>• bringing about a consistent approach to the enforcement of the Good Agricultural Practice for Protection of Waters (GAP) Regulations, reporting of issues / non-compliances found during inspections and the application of dissuasive sanctions and/or prosecutions.</li> <li>• collecting and analysing more data on the level of compliance issues and follow-up actions.</li> <li>• collecting and analysing more information on improvement measures implemented on farms and the effectiveness of those measures.</li> </ul> <p>As part of the NAIP, the EPA has determined the minimum number of farms to be inspected by each local authority for 2024 and 2025 and Donegal County Council is directed to undertake initial (first time) GAP inspections on a minimum of <b>147</b> farms in its functional area between 1st January 2024 and 31st December 2024.</p> <p>Dedicated resources are being provided in 2024 to local authorities, including Donegal County Council, by the DHLGH to undertake these increased numbers of farm inspections.</p> <p><b>Slurry Spreading</b>          Donegal County Council would like to remind farmers &amp; contractors to follow good agricultural practice for the land spreading of slurry - pay attention to the weather forecast &amp; don't apply slurry or digestate to land which is waterlogged, flooded, likely to flood or if rain is forecast within 48 hours. Avoid spreading within 5 metres of any drain or 25 metres from a well, spring or borehole used for drinking water. All pig slurry must be applied using low emission slurry spreading equipment.</p> 
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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Septic tanks - National Inspection Plan</b>
<b>Description/ Activity</b>	<p>The septic tank inspection programme for 2024 has been compiled on a risk-rating basis and has recently commenced, with 108 inspections across the county planned for this year. All homeowners are asked to check the condition of their systems and organise for basic maintenance &amp; desludging to be carried out.</p> <p>All homeowners whose Septic tanks have failed a Council Inspection are now eligible for the grant funding to repair faulty systems, provided it is their primary place of residence.</p> <p>If you live in a <i>High Status Objective Catchment (HSOC)</i> or in a <i>Priority Action Area (PAA)</i> you may also be eligible for grant aid to repair or replace a defective system – further details on this and how to maintain your wastewater treatment system are on the Council website <a href="https://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/environment/pollutioncontrol/water%20pollution/domesticwastewatertreatmentsystems/">https://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/environment/pollutioncontrol/water%20pollution/domesticwastewatertreatmentsystems/</a></p>
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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Public Service Announcements (PSA's)</b>
<b>Description/ Activity</b>	<p><b>Running on local radio stations in March – Deco paints Regulations</b></p> <p>It's the time of year when poor driving conditions are causing accidents, but did you know that a scratched wing or dent repair which needs a respray can only be done legally by a certified operator who holds a valid <i>Certificate of Approval</i> from Donegal Co. Council ?</p>  <p>The bodyshop or garage must display a valid certificate, proving they have been inspected and meet the requirements of the Decopaints legislation, Best Practice Guidelines for Vehicle Refinishing and the Air Pollution Act. For an up to date list of certified operators check the Council's website, or phone us at 9153900.</p>
<b>Contact Person</b>	<p><b>Joe Ferry</b>  <a href="mailto:joe.ferry@donegalcoco.ie">joe.ferry@donegalcoco.ie</a></p>

**WASTE AND LITTER MANAGEMENT**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1<sup>st</sup> March 2024</b>  <b>Stop Food Waste Day 2024</b>  #KnowYourFoodWaste 2024</p>
<b>Project Description/ Activity</b>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday, March 1st is National Stop Food Waste Day, and this year, we're asking: <i>"Do you know which foods you waste the most?"</i></p> <p><b>The Stop Food Waste Challenge</b></p> <p>We're challenging you to track your food waste for one week to pinpoint which types of food you waste the most. If we know how much we waste, we can see where we can make savings on our next food bill.</p> <p><b>To record what food you're throwing out, you could:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep a pen and notepad near your food waste bin to jot down each discarded item.</li> <li>• Use your phone's notes app to record what you waste.</li> <li>• Try our <a href="#">Weekly Food Waste Recording Sheet</a> to log what's going into your food waste bin.</li> </ul> <p>During the challenge, try to involve everyone in your household in recording wasted food, or appoint a 'Food Waste Tracker'—whatever works best for you!</p> <p>At the end of the week, tally up your results to identify which food types you wasted the most. By being aware of what you waste, you can pinpoint where you can cut back on your food expenses and take action!</p> <p><b>What We Know:</b></p> <p>The average Irish household can save around €700 a year by reducing food waste. In the most recent national food waste attitudes survey, commissioned by the EPA, four food types were identified as being wasted most often in Ireland:</p>



- Leftovers (43% of people said this is the food they waste the most)
- Bread (41% of people said this)
- Fruit (39%)
- Vegetables (38%)

If you find yourself wasting any of these food types, or perhaps all four, don't worry—you're not alone! The good news is, there are simple steps we can all take to curb food waste:

***Buy less, store better, eat it, or freeze it.***

#### **How You Can Take Action:**

After participating in the Stop Food Waste Challenge, you'll Know Your Food Waste. The next step is knowing how to reduce it. Here are some ideas to help you get started:

#### **Leftovers— Plan to use your Leftovers!**

- If you don't feel like eating the same meal 2 days in a row, put a date on it for lunch next week and pop in freezer.
- Still have half a portion of last night's curry leftover? Pop it in a lunchbox with pitta bread to take it to the office!

#### **Bread – Freeze It and Enjoy!**

- Freeze any excess bread to use in the future. Learn how to make the most of your bread.
- No need to toss stale bread—check out Jamie Oliver's top tips to prevent bread waste.

#### **Fruit – Store Better and Enjoy!**

- Did you know? A peeled banana can be stored in the fridge for a few hours but will last longer if wrapped in aluminium foil.
- Only wash berries when you are about to use them. Most types can be kept for a few days in the fridge. Keep an eye on them and quickly remove any berries that are going bad.

#### **VEGETABLES (Buy Less – Eat It)**

- You can buy potatoes singly or in different package sizes. A large bag of spuds is only good value if they are eaten. More about potatoes.
- Tired-looking and floppy veggies are still nutritious and can make a yummy meal. Try SafeFood's Vegetable Provencal recipe.
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	<p><b>Will You Take the Stop Food Waste Day Challenge?</b></p> <p>Whether you're joining in the seven-day challenge starting on Stop Food Waste Day on March 1st or taking it on at your own pace, we want to hear about your experience!</p> <p>Share your results on social media using the hashtag #KnowYourFoodWaste and tagging @stopfoodwaste.ie</p>
<b>Contact Person</b>	<b>Environment Office 074 9153900</b>

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Big Donegal Clean-Up Campaign 2024</b>
<b>Project Description/ Activity</b>	<p>Preparations are underway for the annual Big Donegal Clean-Up. Groups, Schools or individuals are encouraged to start thinking about a date for their "Big Donegal Clean-Up" for 2024. Donegal County Council will provide equipment such as litter pickers, bags, gloves, Hi Vis vests and arrange for the collection of the gathered litter afterwards.</p> <p>Groups should also register with An Taisce's National Spring Clean campaign in April and be part of the national campaign <a href="https://nationalspringclean.org/">https://nationalspringclean.org/</a></p>
<b>Contact Person</b>	<b>Environment Office 074 9153900</b>

## GLENTIES FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

### Progress Summary

The Project Team is currently seeking to identify the Preferred Option for Glenties in conjunction with the Steering Group. Hard defences, increased channel conveyance and natural flood/ catchment management measures are the measures which are currently being assessed.

The Steering Group has appointed RPS to undertake a further study to scope out a pilot project which trials Nature based Solutions to multiple issues in the Stracashel catchment including the potential to mitigate flood risk.

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

### Next Steps

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

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

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

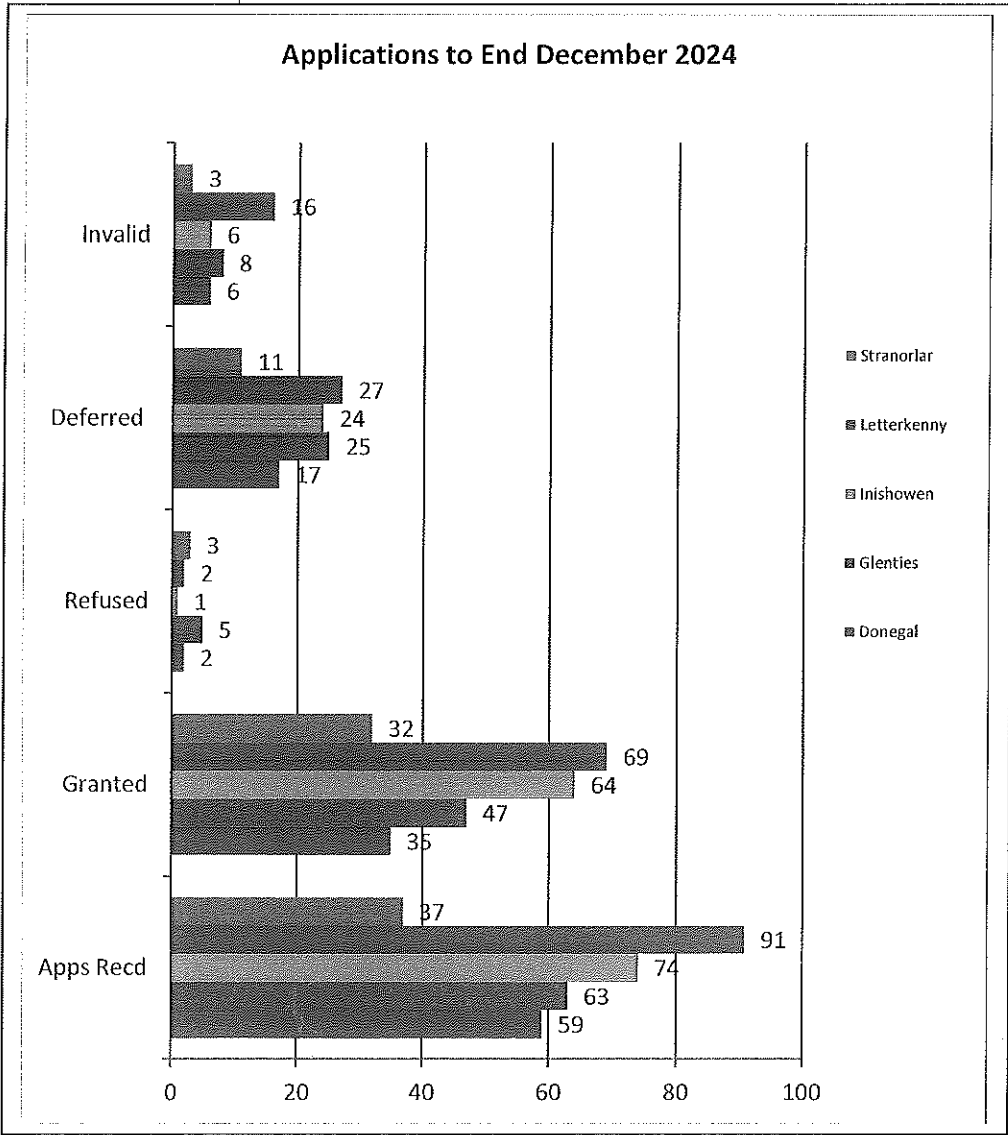
### Projected Key Milestone Dates

- Options Development Report – March 2024
- Public Information Day – April 2024
- Completion of Environmental Impact Assessment Report – February 2025
- Completion of Natura Impact Statement – February 2025

There has been an extension of eleven months to the Stage I programme for Glenties. This is due to the addition of the Glenties Nature-based Solutions Pilot Study to the programme.

**Glenties MD Meeting  
 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Item	Update										
<b>1 Development Applications</b>											
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3	Notes & Monthly Schedule	<p>Pre planning clinics are on a telephone call only basis (ring 074 9153900) between 9.00am and 12.30pm on the dates outlined below.</p> <p>The pre planning clinic calls will be taken by the Executive Planners and shall be for substantial applications only.</p> <p>Planning Clinics 2024:                  14<sup>th</sup> March 2024                  28<sup>th</sup> March 2024                  11<sup>th</sup> April 2024                  25<sup>th</sup> April 2024  <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/planningclinics/">http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/planningclinics/</a></p>								
4	Casual Trading									
5	Regeneration & Development	See Appendix A								
6	Conservation									
7	Building Control & Taking in Charge									
8	Capital Projects Delivery Unit									
9	Central Planning Unit	See Appendix B								
10	Further Information <i>Click on web links to access information.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly List of applications and decisions:  <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weeklyplanninglists/">http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weeklyplanninglists/</a></li> <li>• Planning Service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service): <a href="mailto:planning@donegalcoco.ie">planning@donegalcoco.ie</a></li> <li>• Planning Webpage:  <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/">www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/</a></li> <li>• Planning Application Online Query –  <a href="https://www.eplanning.ie/DonegalCC/SearchTypes">https://www.eplanning.ie/DonegalCC/SearchTypes</a></li> <li>• File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and planning search requests:  <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/file_retrieval/File%20Retrieval.pdf">www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/file_retrieval/File%20Retrieval.pdf</a></li> </ul>								

## APPENDIX A

# Regeneration & Development Team Community Development and Planning Services

### REPORT TO THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETINGS MARCH 2024.

#### 1.0 Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF)

Funding is provided from the Department of Rural and Community Development and calls for application to the Fund are sought under two categories. **Category 1** relates to projects with all necessary planning and other consents in place and which are ready to proceed, i.e shovel ready. **Category 2** projects are those which require further development to become ready for Category 1 status.

#### 1.1 Summary update of Projects

Table 1 below provides a summary update on the current status and delivery of projects under the RRDF.

**Table 1: Rural Regeneration and Development Fund Projects**

Project	Type	Value (includes DCC co- funding)	Current Status/Delivery
Back to Ballyshannon	Category 2 (2020)	€247,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site acquisition completed.</li> <li>Team working towards the publication of a planning scheme.</li> <li>To be targeted for future Category 1 Funding</li> </ul>
Ramelton Re-imagined/Historic Town Centre	Category 2	€249,159	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Part 8 approved April 2022</li> <li>Construction tender to open in Q1 2024.</li> </ul>
	Category 1 (2022)	€7,949,868	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Handover to CPDU imminent.</li> <li>Estimate to commence on site in Q2 2024 (through the CPDU).</li> </ul>

Repowering Buncrana	Category 2 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Call)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sale agreed on former Garda Barracks property.</li> <li>• Tender for consultants to be advertised shortly to include public consultation and publication of a planning scheme.</li> <li>• To be targeted for future Category 1 Funding.</li> </ul>
Rathmullan (in partnership with The Way Forward Rathmullan CLG).			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Part 8 approved February 2023.</li> <li>• Submitted for funding under the Call 5 on the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024.</li> </ul>
Milford Town Centre First Plan		€100,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town Centre First Plan launched November 2023</li> <li>• GM Design Associates preparing a statutory planning scheme for the lands at Lower Mount Marian (including further public consultation) to be completed by Q2 2024.</li> <li>• DCC to progress other priority projects identified in the Plan.</li> <li>• Projects to be targeted for future funding calls.</li> </ul>
Glenties Town Centre First Plan		€30,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding announced 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024.</li> <li>• Workshop to be arranged with MD Members shortly.</li> </ul>
Creelough Village Plan and Community Regeneration Project (in association with the Creelough Working Group, Creelough Community Association and Arup).			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Village Plan to be launched in early 2024 (prepared by Arup on a pro bono basis).</li> <li>• Part 8 for Community Regeneration Project approved in September 2023.</li> <li>• Submitted for funding under Call 5 on the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024.</li> </ul>
Moville Health Check and Regeneration Plan		€24,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workshop held with Inishowen MD Members 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024.</li> <li>• Appointment of consultants imminent.</li> </ul>
Bundoran Regeneration Plan		€15,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be programmed into work programme for 2024.</li> </ul>

## 2.0 Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF).

Funding is provided from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for towns with a population in excess of 10,000 which includes Letterkenny in this County, with calls for application to the Fund sought under two categories.

**Category 1** relates to projects with all necessary planning and other consents in place and which are ready to proceed, i.e shovel ready. **Category 2** projects are those which require further development to become ready for Category 1 status.

### 2.1 Summary update of Projects

**Table 2** below provides a summary update on the current status and delivery of projects under the URDF.

**Table 2: Urban Regeneration and Development Fund Projects**

Call	Value of Project (includes DCC co-funding).	Projects and current Status/Delivery
<p><b>Call 1</b> (approved September 2019)</p> <p>3 Sub-Projects</p>	€3m	<p><b>1 Prepare Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed 2022.</li> </ul> <p><b>2 Letterkenny Urban Regeneration site.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DCC took possession of the former ESB site and adjacent lands through a CPO in 2023.</li> <li>Site to be developed for the Alpha/Beta Office accommodation, public realm and Housing.</li> </ul> <p><b>3 Public Realm/Linear Park Phase 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opened June 2023.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Call 2</b> (May 2020 and approved March 2021)</p> <p>6 Sub Projects</p>	€19.3m (€4.8m DCC co-funding)	<p><b>1. Reimagine public space at Market Square.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please refer to report from the Capital Projects Delivery Unit Report who are delivering this project.</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Cathedral Quarter Park and Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme</b></p>





		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Valuations obtained and land acquisition offers made.</li> <li>• Avison Young appointed in Q4 2023 to take forward all previous engagement and act on Council's behalf as regards further offers/acquisitions/CPO.</li> <li>• Council to consider further offers and advance any acquisitions/CPOs.</li> <li>• Proceed to procurement of architect-led team for all design stages (planning consent, detailed design and site supervision) – procurement process to open as soon as possible.</li> </ul> <p><b>3. Renewal at Lower Main Street</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Valuations obtained and land acquisition offers made.</li> <li>• Avison Young appointed in Q4 2023 to take forward all previous engagement and act on Council's behalf as regards further offers/acquisitions/CPO.</li> <li>• Council to consider further offers and advance any acquisitions/CPOs.</li> </ul> <p><b>4. Revival of the Courthouse</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EPIC Heritage Consulting Ltd appointed to prepare a Visitor Experience Plan/ Product Identification Plan and Business Plan for the development of a major visitor attraction at the Courthouse.</li> <li>• Application submitted to the Built Heritage Investment Scheme for minor repair works December 2023.</li> <li>• 3 Visitor Experience concepts at consumer testing phase.</li> </ul> <p><b>5. Strategic acquisition to enable a Regional Transport Hub</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avison Young appointed to take forward all previous engagement and act on Councils behalf as regards further offers/ acquisitions/ CPO.</li> <li>• Funding commitment secured from the NTA to enable the engagement of consultancy services to move the project forward to the next level as regards scale, scope, further engagement with transport providers and operational requirements.</li> </ul>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft tender package sent to the NTA in December 2023 for feed-in prior to opening of a procurement process.</li> <li>• Consultation with Local Link ongoing in relation to private bus operators.</li> </ul> <p><b>6. Strategic acquisition to enable LK Green Connect</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Part 8 in relation to the Cultural Corridor element of the project approved by Donegal County Council at the November 2023 Plenary meeting.</li> <li>• In-house team has commenced steps to develop a Part 8 for Phase 2 (from constructed Phase 1 to Pearse Road).</li> <li>• Valuation services of Avison Young being engaged in relation to phase 2 (from constructed Phase 1 to Pearse Road) and lands required for the Cultural Corridor element of the Scheme.</li> </ul>
Call 3 (March 2023 and approved July 2023).	€4m	<p>Revolving fund for acquisition costs of long-term vacant property or sites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Majority of property owners have been identified and meetings to take place over the next few weeks.</li> </ul>
"The Eat Out' Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Project		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At construction stage.</li> <li>• Please refer to the report from Community Development who are delivering this project.</li> </ul>
Letterkenny Cultural Corridor		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Part 8 approved November 2023.</li> <li>• Valuation services of Avison Young being engaged in relation to lands required for the delivery of the Scheme.</li> <li>• Services of Quantity Surveyor being engaged to provide cost estimates for the scheme.</li> <li>• To be targeted for future URDF funding call.</li> </ul>
Youth/Community focused project at Lower Main Street		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early engagements with Letterkenny Youth Club and Donegal Youth Services have commenced.</li> <li>• Avison Young appointed in Q4 2023 to take forward all previous engagement and act on Council's behalf as regards further offers/acquisitions/CPO.</li> <li>• In tandem, targeted to carry out capacity testing of potential lands available to clarify viability of the project and to undertake further engagement with stakeholders- NB</li> </ul>



		this is subject to availability of in-house architectural resources.
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### 3.0 Croi Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme.

The Croi Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme opened for applications in July 2022 and **Table 3** below provides further details of the applications received to-date.

**Table 3: Summary of Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Applications**

<b>Applications Received</b>	<b>606</b>
<b>Applications Finalised</b>	<b>393</b>
• Approved	373
• Deemed not eligible (eligibility criteria not met – vacancy/proposed works).	20
<b>In progress (first technical inspection/awaiting information from applicant).</b>	<b>196</b>
<b>Withdrawn (by applicant)</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Properties Refurbished</b>	<b>9</b>
Grants Recouped	6
Requests for grant recoupment (in progress)	3

- Further Drop in events being held for three weeks, week beginning the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

### 4.0 Compulsory Purchase Order Activation Fund/Survey of Vacant Properties

In April 2023, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage launched the CPO Activation Programme for the activation of vacant and derelict properties.

The main steps of the programme include:

- Step 1:** Identification of vacant and derelict properties
- Step 2:** Identification of and engagement with owners.
- Step 3:** Communication with owners regarding the supports available.
- Step 4:** Consideration of options available to owners and DCC.

The Council have undertaken Step 1 to identify vacant and derelict properties through the GEO Directory. This survey has been undertaken in the towns listed in **Table 4** below and will be carried out in further towns over the coming months:



**Table 4: Towns Surveyed under the CPO Activation Fund**

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

The identification of property owners and engagement has commenced (Steps 2 and 3) and is ongoing. **Table 5** provides the current update which will be further updated as we progress Steps 2 and 3 in all towns.

**Table 5: Delivery of CPO Activation Fund (to date).**

<b>Total Properties surveyed to date (Step 1)</b>	<b>1,723</b>
Properties identified as being Vacant	890
Properties identified as being Derelict	63
Properties not vacant	770
<b>Owner Identification/Engagement (Steps 2 and 3) in the following Towns:</b>	
<b>Ballybofey/Stranorlar</b>	<b>77</b>
<b>Carndonagh</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Lifford</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Malin</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Total (to date)</b>	<b>167</b>
<b>Outcome/Responses (from Steps 2 and 3)</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Letter issued	88
Hold/Monitor (e.g property for sale)	21
Closed out	12
Ongoing (e.g. investigations)	46
<b>Total</b>	<b>167</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Letter issued	15

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## APPENDIX B

### Central Planning Unit

Central Planning Unit	
<p><i>(1.) Draft County Development Plan 2024-2030</i></p>	<p>At the Special Plenary Council meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 (adjourned to 12<sup>th</sup> Feb.) Members agreed to the publication of an extensive range of Proposed Material Alterations for public consultation.</p> <p>The public consultation will run between 8<sup>th</sup> March and 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 and will be widely publicised on social media, in addition to the statutory public notice requirements.</p> <p>A Chief Executive's Report on submissions received during this consultation period will be submitted to Members in early May. It is then anticipated that the Report will be considered at a Special Plenary Meeting of the Council in mid-May at which Members will be asked to make the final plan with or without further minor modifications.</p>
<p><i>(2.) Residential Zoned Land Tax</i></p>	<p>As required by national legislation, this Authority's Draft Map for 2025 was published for public consultation on 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2024. The consultation is being publicised on radio and on social media in addition to the statutory public notice requirements.</p> <p>The public consultation for this year of the RZLT is in two phases:</p> <p>1 ) Submissions regarding either the inclusion or exclusion from the final map, or the date on which a site first satisfied the relevant criteria.</p> <p>Any persons make such submissions, and the closing date is <b>1<sup>st</sup> April, 2024</b>. For these cases, the Authority must make its decisions by no later than 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2024. A right of appeal to An Bord Pleanála is available.</p> <p>2 ) Submissions from owners of land requesting a variation of the zoning of such land.</p> <p>Only owners of such land can make such submissions, and the closing date is <b>31<sup>st</sup> May, 2024</b>. For these cases, the Authority must make its decisions by no later than 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2024.</p>



<p>(3.) <i>Letterkenny Plan and Local Transport PLan</i></p>	<p>The Plan was adopted on 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 and became operative on 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2024, save for the six zoning items referenced in the Minister's Draft Direction.</p> <p>As required under the Planning and Development Act, the Chief Executive's Report on the public consultation on the Minister's Draft Direction was forwarded to the OPR, Minister and Elected Members on 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2024. The Authority awaits the Minister's final decisions on this matter.</p>
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**Municipal District of Glenties**

**12<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

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**Community Development Division**

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**CLÁR / AGENDA**

1. 2023 DFI Minutes of Workshop Glenties MD 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024
2. Report on recent activity in the Community Development Division
  - 2.1 Community Development
  - 2.2 Social Inclusion
  - 2.3 Rural Development Programme/LEADER
  - 2.4 Donegal Public Participation Network
  - 2.5 Donegal Walks & Trails

## Development Fund Initiative 2024

**Minutes of the Glenties Municipal District Development Fund Initiative Workshop held in  
Dungloe PSC on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024 @3pm.**

**In Attendance:**

Cllr. Michael McClafferty, Cllr. Anthony Molloy, Cllr. Marie Therese Gallagher, Cllr. Míchéal Choilm Mac Giolla Easbuig, Cllr. John Sheamais Ó Fearraigh

Tony Brogan, Administrative Officer, Community Development Division.

Ann Marie McCole, Staff Officer, Community Development Division.

Ann Marie Collum, Assistant Staff Officer, Community Development Division.

The Members considered the applications received for the 2024 Glenties Municipal District Development Fund Initiative and allocated funding as set out in the table below:

Applicant/Group	Amount
Creelough Community Association	€ 5,000
Donegal Sheepdog Irish National 2024	€ 3,000
SULT Féile Cuideachta faoi Theorainn Rátháíochta	€ 5,000
Club Rothaíochta Chú Uladh	€ 2,500
Scoil Náisiúnta Glasáin	€ 2,500
An Machaire Le Cheile	€ 2,500
Arranmore County Fest	€ 2,500
Ballymore National School	€ 2,500
Banna Cheoil Cloich Cheann Fhaola (Cloughaneely Junior Band)	€ 3,500
Burtonport Summer Festival	€ 2,500
Ceol Na gCruach	€ 2,500
CLG An Clochán Liath	€ 15,000
CLG Chloich Cheann Fhaola	€ 5,000
CLG Naomh Micheál	€ 2,500
Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eirenn Cloughaneely	€ 3,500
Comharchumann Forbartha & Fostaíochta Árainn Mhór	€ 2,500
Comhlacht An Halla Mhór	€ 2,500
Dolmen Leisure Company LBG	€ 2,500
Donegal Famine Heritage Centre LTD	€ 2,500
Dunfanaghy FC	€ 2,500
Errigal Equestrian	€ 2,500
Gaoth Dobhair Aontaithe FC	€ 7,500
Glenties Community Action Group	€ 2,500
Gweedore Celtic	€ 2,500
Holy Trinity National School	€ 2,500
Karl Doherty T/A An Teach Ceoil	€ 2,500
Loughros Point Rowing Club	€ 2,500
Meenacross Comhaltas Ceoltóirí (Donegal Fleadh 2024)	€ 2,500
Methoolist Church, Ardara	€ 2,500
Mullaghdubh Community Centre Seanscoil	€ 20,000



Na Rossa CLG	€	2,500
Naomh Conaill GAA Club	€	2,500
Pobail le Chéile CPD CLG - Cloughaneely Community Awards Celebration	€	5,000
Rosess Anglers Association	€	2,500
St Columbas Community Group	€	2,500
The Mary From Dungloe International Arts Festival	€	10,000
Tidy Towns Committee Glenties	€	2,500
Togra Fiontar & Cultúr Uladh CTR	€	2,500
<b>Total Allocated</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>150,000</b>

## Glenties Municipal District - Community Development

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Errigal Mountain – pathway and environmental improvements
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	
<p><b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b></p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p><b>Works consist of:</b></p> <p>3.4km path from the Errigal carpark to the summit of Errigal Mountain including pitching and gravel path.</p> <p><b>Current Status:</b></p> <p>The work is now complete</p>
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	
<b>Contact Person (to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</b>	Brian Keogh, Tel: 074-9172569 E-mail: bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie

## Glenties Municipal District - Community Development

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Muckish Railway Walk
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>	<p><b>Works consist of:</b></p> <p>Carpark construction &amp; Greenway construction from the carpark along the old railway line to tie into the previously completed Greenway.</p> <p><b>Current Status:</b></p> <p>The construction work on site is currently ongoing, working to a 20-week programme due to be complete in January 2024. This work is now completed, and the next phase is currently being designed.</p>
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	Project is now complete
<b>Contact Person (to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</b>	Brian Keogh, Tel: 074-9172569 E-mail: bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie

## Glenties Municipal District - Community Development

Activity / Project Title	2022 Clár Scheme
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An Clochán Liath: Outdoor lighting servicing an existing riverside walkway.</li> <li>• Cill Uilta, An Fál Carrach: Gairdín na gCeadfaí - Sensory garden with wheelchair access, outdoor tea / coffee making facilities &amp; bio stove gug.</li> <li>• Maghery: Enhancement of existing community outdoor play facility with an emphasis on nature-based play.</li> <li>• Pobal Eascarrach – Ballina Resource Centre</li> <li>• Ardara MUGA</li> </ul>
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	Funded by: Department of Rural and Community Development Donegal County Council / Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An Clochán Liath: €50,000.00</li> <li>• Cill Uilta, An Fál Carrach: €50,000.00</li> <li>• Maghery: €50,000.</li> <li>• Pobal Eascarrach, Ballina Resource Centre: €45,000</li> <li>• Ardara: €50,0000</li> </ul>
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An Clochán Liath: Outdoor lighting servicing an existing riverside walkway. Work is now complete.</li> <li>• Cill Uilta, An Fál Carrach: Gairdín na gCeadfaí - Sensory garden with wheelchair access, outdoor tea / coffee making facilities &amp; bio stove gug - works are ongoing and are almost complete.</li> <li>• Maghery: Enhancement of existing of community outdoor play facility with an emphasis on nature-based play is complete.</li> <li>• Pobal Eascarrach – Ballina Resource Centre – Carparking is complete.</li> <li>• Ardara GAA MUGA – Tender process is complete, and works are currently ongoing.</li> </ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	All works should be completed by the end of Q1 2024.
<b>Contact Person (to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</b>	Brian Keogh, Tel: 074-9172569 E-mail: bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie

## Glenties Municipal District - Community Development

Activity / Project Title	2023 Clár Scheme
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rosbeg, Portnoo Men Shed</li> <li>• CLG Chloich Cheann Fhaola Stand</li> <li>• Edeninfagh Parish Hall</li> <li>• Lettermacaward Green area</li> <li>• Loch an Inbhir Walkway</li> </ul>
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	<p>Funded by: Department of Rural and Community Development Donegal County Council / Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rosbeg, Portnoo Men Shed €50,000</li> <li>• CLG Chloich Cheann Fhaola Stand €50,000</li> <li>• Edeninfagh Parish Hall €50,000</li> <li>• Lettermacaward Green area €50,000</li> <li>• Loch an Inbhir Walkway €50,000</li> </ul>
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p>Initial meetings ongoing with Groups to discuss the process and way forward.</p>

## Glenties Municipal District - Community Development

<b>Activity / Project Title File:</b>	<b>2022 Town &amp; Village Renewal Scheme – Dungloe</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Provision of age friendly seating in Dungloe, construction of a new bus drop off/pick area off the main street adjacent to the public car park, public realm works to the area adjacent to the public toilets to include new paving and seating, construction of an small area for outdoor performances beside the two public car parks.
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€ 121,905 Department of Rural and Community Development
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	Letter of Acceptance issued. Contractor starting on site Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Project Targets for the next quarterly reporting period</b>	Works ongoing.
<b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	Adrian Duffy / John Deeney Tel: 087 452 3698 / 074-9172568 E-mail: <a href="mailto:aduffy@donegalcoco.ie">aduffy@donegalcoco.ie</a> / <a href="mailto:jdeeney@donegalcoco.ie">jdeeney@donegalcoco.ie</a>

## Glenties Municipal District - Community Development

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>PLAYGROUNDS 2024</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<p><b>Annual maintenance of Playgrounds</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Arranmore Island Playground</li> <li>2. Arranmore Island Shore Playground</li> <li>3. Tory Island Playground</li> <li>4. Dolmen Centre Playground &amp; MUGA</li> <li>5. Glenties Playground</li> <li>6. St Mary's Close Playground</li> <li>7. Cois Cuain Playground</li> <li>8. Burtonport SHS Playground</li> <li>9. Ballina Playground</li> <li>10. Ardara Playground</li> <li>11. Clós Naonh Chonaill Playground</li> <li>12. Dungloe Foreshore Playground</li> <li>13. Creslough SHS Playground</li> </ol>
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	Works funded by Donegal County Council.
<p><b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b></p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>1. Works consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance repairs to Council owned/maintained playgrounds.</li> </ul> <p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently seeking tender submissions from suitable contractors for the 2024 playground maintenance programme.</li> <li>• Tender Assessment complete.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b></p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appointment of playground maintenance contractor.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Contact Person</b> (to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</p>	<p>John Deeney Tel: 074-9172568 E-mail: jdeeney@donegalcoco.ie</p>

## Glenties Municipal District - Community Development

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Tory Island Playground Refurbishment</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Refurbishment of the existing Tory Island playground maintained by Donegal County Council.
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	Works funded by Donegal County Council and the Department of Rural and Community Development
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Playground contractor appointed after procurement exercise and works commenced on site on the 28<sup>th</sup> August 2023.</li> <li>• Works near completed on site, working with Contractor to address few remaining snag items.</li> <li>• Works are now substantially complete.</li> <li>• Working through snag items with contractor.</li> </ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b> <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have snag items addressed.</li> </ul>
<b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	John Deeney Tel: 074-9172568 E-mail: <a href="mailto:jdeeney@donegalcoco.ie">jdeeney@donegalcoco.ie</a>



## Glenties Municipal District - Community Development

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Arranmore Island Playground Fence Refurbishment</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Replacement of the existing damaged boundary fence around the Arranmore Island playground maintained by Donegal County Council.
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	Works funded by Donegal County Council and the Department of Rural and Community Development
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the process of appointing a contractor to undertake to fence replacement works.</li> <li>• Playground currently closed to the public for health &amp; safety.</li> <li>• Sought quotations from contractors to repair the fence, working with the Dept of Rural and Community who have provided a grant towards the repairs to confirm the fence specification.</li> <li>• Have to retender project due to Dept of Rural and Community Development required specifications. Documents prepared for publishing in January 2024.</li> <li>• Published tender documents for a contractor to undertake fence replacement works.</li> <li>• Tender submissions received.</li> </ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b> <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessment of tender submissions.</li> </ul>
<b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	John Deeney Tel: 074-9172568 E-mail: jdeeney@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	Social Inclusion Unit
<p><b>Progress to date and current status</b></p>	<p><b>EU Belong</b></p> <p>Donegal County Council will be host to EU Belong Transnational Knowledge Sharing Event in Letterkenny on 19 – 21 March on Intercultural Integration: A Shared Journey towards Equality and Belonging.</p> <p>The EU-Belong knowledge sharing event is co-organised by the AER and Donegal County Council. It will gather international experts, regional politicians and civil servants, professionals and volunteers engaged in creating intercultural societies , to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Learn in detail about the policies and practices employed in Donegal for intercultural integration.</li> <li>● Meet peers working on similar challenges in different regions across Europe.</li> <li>● Engage in mutual learning, get inspired by each other’s experiences and insights, create sounding boards, spaces for reflexivity and continuously improve policies and practices.</li> <li>● Showcase regional initiatives.</li> <li>● Highlight the principles of interculturalism and their translation in real life.</li> </ul> <p>Donegal as lead on work package 4(delivery of integration strategy) with deliverable 4.1 and 4.2 almost complete and 4.3 to be completed by April. 2 Pilot project initiatives delivering actions from the Black and Ethnic Minority Strategy will commence in Jan 2024 lead by Donegal Intercultural Platform and Inishowen Development Partnership. EU Belong project continues to attend online knowledge sharing events.</p> <p><b>One Donegal - Social Inclusion Week 2024, 17 March – 23 March</b></p> <p>Launch of One Donegal Social Inclusion Week 2024 programme will take place on 5 March at 10am in the Regional Culture Centre.</p> <p>The week provides an opportunity to highlight the various activities undertaken locally to involve and include everyone in our County. The programme of events provides an occasion to increase our awareness and understanding of inclusion and diversity in Donegal. We are currently working on the programme of events for this week with invites to all groups to hold events.</p>

	<p><b>Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion Strategy</b></p> <p>There was a well-attended February meeting of the Implementation team where co-chairs Fadl Mustapha of Donegal Youth Service and Anna Scully of Donegal Travellers project were elected. We are currently finalising the collation of the work completed in 2023 to add to the Monitoring and evaluation report.</p>	
<b>Contact Person</b>	<p>Christina O'Donnell  <a href="mailto:codonnell@donegalcoco.ie">codonnell@donegalcoco.ie</a>  0879192272</p>	<p>Charles Sweeney  <a href="mailto:charlesseaney@donegalcoco.ie">charlesseaney@donegalcoco.ie</a></p>

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Rural Development Programme/LEADER</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Donegal LCDC are the Local Action Group for County Donegal, with responsibility for the LEADER/RDP Programme 2014-2020 & Transitional LEADER Programme 2021-2022
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€13,413,875 (Additional funding received 2019) <i>Note: Project costs €10,063,586, administration and animation costs €3,350,289. 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022</i> €2,861,598 project costs. €953,866 for Administration & Animation.
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	Implementing Partners within the county; Donegal Local Development Company (DLDC), Inishowen Development Partnership (IDP), Údarás Na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán, are rolling out the LEADER Transitional programme on behalf of the LAG (Local Action Group). The LEADER Transitional programme is effective from 1st April 2021 and runs until 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022. €45 million is allocated nationally for the Transitional Programme and €20 million from the EURI programme. 62 projects in Donegal are now approved by Pobal under the Transitional & EURI programmes and Letters of Offer have issued/are pending, granting LEADER funding to a value of €2,861,598.
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	All funding awarded to the Donegal LAG under the Transitional LEADER programme and EURI programme has been allocated but LDCs will continue to engage with promoters on the ground regarding any potential underspend or decommitments.  Contract agreements have been signed on behalf of the Donegal LCDC, Donegal County Council and local Implementing Partners to deliver the New LEADER programme in 2024 and an initial Implementation Team meeting to develop Application forms and EOIs has been held.
<b>Contact Person</b>	Ciaran Martin <a href="mailto:cmartin@donegalcoco.ie">cmartin@donegalcoco.ie</a>

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	Donegal Public Participation Network (Donegal PPN)
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Link through which organisations from the Community & Voluntary, Social Inclusion & Environment Sectors have a voice on Council decision making bodies and other structures. Networking, Information & Capacity Building for Community Groups
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€115,000.00 per annum
<b>Progress to date within the last two months inclusive of current status</b>	<p>PPN membership now stands at 722 registered organisations. Donegal MD 144, Glenties MD 164, Inishowen MD 133, Letterkenny MD 198, Stranorlar MD 83. The PPN have 62 Representatives on 24 different Committees and Boards.</p> <p><b>Donegal PPN Strategic Plan</b> Donegal PPN Strategic Plan will be launched at the Plenary Event on 9<sup>th</sup> May.</p> <p><b>Donegal PPN Social Inclusion Week Events- March</b> <b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup></b> – 11.00am Online Chair Yoga 4.30pm Online Social Media Training, 6.30pm First Aid for Older Persons <b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup></b> – 12.00 noon Online Chair Yoga, 2.00pm Awareness 4.30pm Online Social Media Training</p> <p><b>Donegal PPN Environment Pillar</b> Event 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2024. Further Information will follow.</p> <p><b>Training for Quarters 1/2</b> Property Marking Training – 27<sup>th</sup> March – Three Sessions Basic Book- keeping for Community Groups in each MD April 9/10/11/15/16 Writing Funding Applications &amp; Evaluation May 13/14/28</p>
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b>	<p>Secretariat Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> March Linkage Group Meetings Environment – Online 6<sup>th</sup> March C&amp;V and SI – April/May PPN AGM/Plenary 9<sup>th</sup> May &amp; 7<sup>th</sup> November Regional PPN Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> April in Galway PPN National Conference 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> October in Limerick</p>
<b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	<p>Mary Clyde / Annette McGrenra 074 9153900 <a href="mailto:donegalppn@donegalcoco.ie">donegalppn@donegalcoco.ie</a></p>

<b>Activity / Project Title File:</b>	<b>Donegal Walks and Trails</b>				
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Maintenance, development, and promotion of walks & trails in Donegal including cycle routes and Greenways.				
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	<table> <tr> <td>ORIS 2021 - Kincasslagh Tower</td> <td>€20,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ORIS 2022 - Slí na Finne</td> <td>€30,000.00</td> </tr> </table>	ORIS 2021 - Kincasslagh Tower	€20,000.00	ORIS 2022 - Slí na Finne	€30,000.00
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<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Award contractor with Kincasslagh Tower Trail arrange pre-start meeting</li> </ul>				
<b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	Darryl Connor (Outdoor Recreational Development Officer) 08736138111 dconnor@donegalcoco.ie				



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**GLENTIES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT  
MEETING  
12<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Roads & Transportation Agenda**

- 1. Follow up to Issues raised at last MD Meeting.  
Report has / will issue in advance of the MD Meeting to the Member that raised the query. If more than One Member raised the same query then the response is issued to All Members.**
  
- 2. Workshop dated 04<sup>th</sup> March 2024. A Proposer and Seconder requested for the following attached Programmes:-**
  - **Restoration Improvement Programme 2024 - €3,789,220,**
  - **Restoration Maintenance programme 2024 - €1,046,472,**
  - **Drainage programme 2024 - €232,132,**
  - **CIS 2024 - €170,018,**
  - **Bridge Parapet Programme 2024 – 2026, (this programme can be added to on an ongoing basis and progress updates will be given annually),**
  - **New Footpath and Public Lighting Programme 2024- 2025.**



Draft - 2024 Restoration Improvement (RI) Programme - Falcarragh RSS Area						
Ref	Road ID	Description	Treatment	Length (m)	Width (m)	Total Cost
2024-1	R-251-14	Back of Errigal Road - Continuation of previous Bitmac Scheme near Sandy Lake back towards Dunlewey (Townland of Altan)	Bitmac + SMA	750	7.5	€225,000
2024-2	R-256-2	Muckish Road - Continuation of 2023 Scheme towards Termon direction	Bitmac + SMA	400	5.0	€80,000
2024-3	R-245-26	Carrigat Road - Continuation of 2023 Scheme towards Carrigart	Bitmac + SMA	400	5.5	€90,000
2024-4	L-1103-2	Cashnagor Road - Cashel na nGor NS towards N56 at Fanaboy Grotto	Bitmac + SD	500	4.0	€60,000
2024-5	L-1032-1	Ballynass to Drumatinney Road - Worst Section (PCC Road Jct towards Drumatinney Beach)	Bitmac + SD	600	4.5	€80,000
2024-6	L-5183-1	Ray Crossroads - From N56 Crossroads to Y Junction	Bitmac + SD	400	6.0	€85,000
2024-7	L-3213-1	Hornhead Road - From N56 to meet 2023 scheme	Bitmac + SD	400	6.0	€95,000
2024-8	L-3233-1	Cottage Road, Dunfanaghy - From Clara Meadows Estate entrance to Finvola Park Estate Entrance	Bitmac + SD	450	4.5	€80,000
2024-9	L-1282-1	Kildarragh Road - Continuation of 2023 Scheme towards Filter House	Bitmac + SD	550	4.5	€80,000
2024-10	L-1262-3	Kilmacloe Road - Continuation of 2023 Scheme towards Muckish Road	Bitmac + SD	550	4.0	€72,305
					<b>Total</b>	<b>€947,305</b>

Draft - 2024 Restoration Improvement (RI) Programme - Gweedore RSS Area						
Ref	Road ID	Description	Treatment	Length (m)	Width (m)	Total Cost
2024-1	R-259-5	Burtonport towards Keadeue - From Burtonport Pier Rd Jct towards Keadeue	Bitmac & SMA	500	6.0	€120,000
2024-2	R-266-1	Carrickfinn Airport Road - From Entrance to Airport to Junction	Bitmac & SMA	400	6.0	€95,000
2024-3	R257-13	Knockastollar - section either side of previous safety scheme at bend	Bitmac & SMA	450	7.0	€125,000
2024-4	R-257-6	Meenlaragh - continuation from 2023 scheme towards Meenacлады NS	Bitmac & SMA	400	5.2	€75,000
2024-5	L-1433-1	Drumnacart Road - Continuation from 2023 Scheme towards Annagry	Bitmac & SD	500	4.0	€60,000
2024-6	L-1413-2	Main Ranafast Road - Continuation of 2023 works from Aislann to Grotto	Bitmac & SD	450	5.0	€80,000
2024-7	L-1383-1	Industrial Estate Road - From R257 Jct towards roundabout	Bitmac & SD	400	6.5	€105,000
2024-8	L-1233-1	Stramackilmartin Road starting opposite Pobail Scoil Gaoth Dobhair and heading on loop back to Old derrybeg Hall	Bitmac & SD	900	3.5	€97,305
2024-9	L-1193-1	Glen/Corveen Road - Continuation of 2023 scheme heading toward Derryconner	Bitmac & SD	600	5.0	€90,000
2024-10	L-1233-1	Brinalack Road - Continuation of 2021 Bitmac Scheme towards Friels Bridge	Bitmac & SD	700	5.0	€100,000
					<b>Total</b>	<b>€947,305</b>

DRAFT-2024 Restoration Improvement (RI) Programme - Dungloe RSS Area						
Ref	Road ID	Description	Treatment	Length (m)	Width (m)	Total Cost
2024-1	R252-17	Doochary to Dungloe from 2023 works	Bitmac & SMA	615	6.5	€159,900
2024-2	R259-4	Burtonport towards Dungloe from 2023 Works	Bitmac & SMA	625	6.6	€144,375
2024-3	R250-18	Fintown Speed limit towards Ballinamore	Bitmac & SMA	615	6.5	€139,913
2024-4	R252-16	Doochary Village	Bitmac & SD	650	7.5	€170,625
2024-5	L.1783-1	Lettermacaward towards Doochary from 2023 works	Bitmac & SD	540	4.0	€64,567
2024-6	L2033-1	Lough Muck - Fintown junction towards 2023 Works	Bitmac & SD	780	3.3	€76,655
2024-7	L1713-2	Quay Road Towards Tobberkeen (Maghera) from 2023 Works	Bitmac & SD	750	5.0	€112,500
2024-8	L1523	Pole Road from Treatment Plant	Bitmac & SD	810	3.3	€78,770
					<b>Total</b>	<b>€947,305</b>

DRAFT - 2024 Restoration Improvement (RI) Programme - Ardara RSS Area						
Ref	Road ID	Description	Treatment	Length (m)	Width (m)	Total Cost
2024-1	R250-23	Station Road towards Strathboy from 2023 works	Bitmac + SMA	500	6.5	€130,000
2024-2	R261-4	Kilcooney towards Portnoo from 2023 Works	Bitmac + SMA	500	5.5	€96,250
2024-3	R230	Glengesh Road From 2023 Works	Bitmac + SMA	500	5.5	€96,575
2024-4	R261-6	Casheigoland Towards Naran from 2023 Works	Bitmac + SMA	500	6.0	€105,000
2024-5 New	R262-7	Killraine - Frosses Road from Border	Bitmac + SMA	550	6.0	€133,755
2024-6	L2863-2	(Ardaghey Road) - Meenfinadea towards Ardara from 2023 Works	Bitmac + SD	400	6.0	€72,000
2024-7	L2563-2	Maas link towards Ardara from 2023 works	Bitmac + SD	500	4.0	€60,000
2024-8	L2843-1	Maghera Road (2023 Flood Damage Phase 1)	Bitmac + SD	500	5.0	€75,000
2024-9	L2723-1	Meenralla towards N56 from 2023 Works	Bitmac + SD	0	3.5	€0
2024-10	L2883-4	Larnaseeragh towards Leamagowra	Bitmac + SD	500	3.3	€48,750
2024-11	L2743-2	Glencoagh towards Frosses Road from 2021 Works	Bitmac + SD	410	3.3	€39,975
2024-10	L2562-2	Loughmilla/Meehanigan from 2026 Works towards Strathboy	Bitmac + SD	0	3.3	€0
2024-11	L2623-1	Meagh to Ardaraighes	Bitmac + SD	0	3.3	€0
2024-9 New	L2813-3	Loughros Point Road - between Crannogbui School and Shanaghan Lake	Bitmac + SD	600	5.0	€90,000
					<b>Total</b>	<b>€947,305</b>

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**Falcarragh RSS Area**

2024 Restoration Maintenance (Surface Dressing) Programme - Falcarragh RSS Area							
Ref No.	Road ID	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Total Cost	Description of Location	
2023-1	R-251-11	Glenveagh / Muckish Road	500	7.0	€ 21,000.00	Area at Slashers where Velocity Patcher carried out substantial repair works in 2023	
					€ 21,000.00		
2023-2	L-1113-2	Ballintemple RI 2023	700	3.5	€ 12,250.00	2023 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed	
2023-3	L-3263-2	Murroe RI 2023	950	3.5	€ 16,625.00	2023 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed	
2023-4	L-1282-1	Kildarragh RI 2023	600	3.5	€ 10,500.00	2023 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed	
2023-5	L-5262-1	Owencarrow RI 2023	600	4.0	€ 12,000.00	2023 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed	
2023-6	L-1123-2	Cashehnagor RI 2023	600	3.5	€ 10,500.00	2023 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed	
2023-7	L-3213-1	Hornhead RI 2023	550	4.0	€ 11,000.00	2023 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed	
2023-8	L-1282-4	Muckish Sand & Gravel RI 2022	750	3.5	€ 13,125.00	2022 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed	
2023-9	L-13321	Greenary	900	3.5	€ 17,325.00	Near Owencarrow bridge - Full Length of Road	
2023-10	L-52221	Castledoe	1000	3.5	€ 19,250.00	Opposite Doe Castle Entrance for full length of County road	
2023-11	L-5232-1	Rooskey Road	900	3.5	€ 17,325.00	From previous scheme back towards N56	
2023-12	L-32831	Roshine	450	3.5	€ 8,662.50	Full Length of Road	
2023-13	L-32634	Drumlest Lough	900	3.5	€ 17,325.00	Off N56 in Fawnmore - Full Length of Road	
2023-14	L-5133-1	Sculch / Derryreel Rd	1200	3.5	€ 23,100.00	Top of Sculch road leading back to Derryreel	
2023-17	L-10731	Clonbarra Lane	500	3.5	€ 9,625.00	New County Road - Full Length of Road	

2023-16	L-11132	Tullaghbegley Irish	1000	3.5	€ 19,250.00	End Part of last years Irish Water scheme
2023-15	L-5223-4	Dunlewey	1200	3.5	€ 22,755.75	From McGeedys Bar up the head heading back to Gortahork
					€ 240,618.25	

Total =	€ 261,618.25
BUDGET	€ 261,618.25

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**Gweedore RSS Area**

2024 Restoration Maintenance (Surface Dressing) Programme - Gweedore RSS Area							
Ref No.	Road ID	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Total Cost	Description of location	
					€ 0.00		
2024-1	L-1493-1	Arians RI 2023	650	3.5	€ 11,375.00	2023 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed	
2024-2	L-1213-1	Corveen RI 2023	450	5	€ 11,250.00	2023 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed	
2024-3	L-1173-1	Derryconner RI 2023	450	5	€ 11,250.00	2023 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed	
2024-4	L-5363-1 & L-53631	Lunniagh RI 2023	1100	3.5	€ 19,250.00	2023 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed (including full length of link road)	
2024-5	L-1413-1	Renafast RI 2023	700	6	€ 21,000.00	2023 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed	
2024-6	L-1613-3	Meenamarragh RI 2023	700	3.5	€ 12,250.00	2023 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed	
2024-7	L-1463-1	Cruit Island RI 2023	450	5	€ 11,250.00	2023 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed	
2024-8	L-1433-1	Drummacart RI 2023	500	4	€ 10,000.00	2023 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed	
2024-9	L-53231	Carrickmagarvey	700	3.5	€ 13,475.00	Road to the beach - Full length of county road	
2024-10	L-5353-1	Cotteen	600	3.5	€ 11,550.00	Road Opposite Teach Mhics - Full Length of Road	
2024-11	L-13731	Meenanillar Link Road	550	3.5	€ 10,587.50	New County Road between Meenanillar Road and Carrickataskin Road - Full Length of Road	
2024-12	L-1593-2	Croly Water Treatment Plant Road	1200	3.5	€ 23,100.00	From end of previous Scheme to Lough Keel	
2024-13	L-	Cronaguiggy	1000	3.5	€ 19,250.00	Continuation of 2023 Scheme to Road End	

2024-14	L-1563-5	Torr (WAAR) Route	1200	3.5	€ 23,100.00	Steep Incline including length either side
2024-15	L-1423-1	Mullaghdoe Sotch	950	3.5	€ 18,280.75	Road opposite Airport road - Full length of Road
2024-16	L-1513-2	Arlands	800	3.5	€ 15,400.00	Beach Road - Full Length of Road
2024-17	L-5943-1	Kentucky	1000	3.5	€ 19,250.00	Road opposite Burtonport Pier Rd Jct
					<b>€ 261,618.25</b>	

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**DRAFT**      **Dungloe RSS Area**

2024 Restoration Maintenance (Surface Dressing) Programme - Dungloe RSS Area							
Ref No.	Road ID	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Total Cost	Description of location	
2024-1	R252-17	Corkscrew, Doochary	1200	7.5	€ 54,000.00	From Doochary Village towards Dungloe	
2024-2	R257-16	Drimaneany	1500	6.5	€ 58,500.00	Drimaneany from Eir Mast towards Doochary	
2024-3	R254-8	Loughbarra	1200	4.5	€ 32,400.00	From the dipping Tank at lake towards Doochary	
					<b>€ 144,900.00</b>		
2024-4	L1743-1	Diamond	3400	3.5	€ 53,550.00	2023 TI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed	
2024-5	L-2033-1	Lough Muck	1000	3	€ 13,500.00	2023 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed	
2023-6	L-2023-2	Knockleitreach	1300	3	€ 17,550.00	2023 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed	
2024-7	L-1783-3	Derryjaconnell	500	4	€ 9,000.00	2023 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed	
2024-8	L-1723-1	Tubberkeen	500	4.5	€ 10,125.00	2023 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed	
2024-9	L-6183-2	Magherameelan	960	3	€ 12,993.00	2022 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed	
					<b>€ 116,718.00</b>		

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Glenties RSS Area

2024 Restoration Maintenance (Surface Dressing) Programme - Glenties RSS Area							
Ref No.	Road ID	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Total Cost	Description of location	
2024-1	R253	Glen Road from Ghost House towards Glenties	1380	6	€ 49,668.00	From 2023 RI towards Ghost House	
2024-2	R261	Narary/Portnoo from N56 at Maas	1000	6	€ 36,000.00	2023 RI Bitmac Scheme and other SD Sections - Not Surface Dressed	
					<b>€ 85,668.00</b>		
2024-3	L-2563-2	Maas Link	1300	5	€ 32,500.00	2023 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed	
2024-4	L-7923-1	Moagh	1100	3.5	€ 19,250.00	2023 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed	
2024-5	L-2863-2	Ardaghey Road	850	6.3	€ 26,775.00	2023 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed	
2024-6	L-2843-5	Maghera	600	5	€ 15,000.00	2023 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed	
2024-7	L-2843-5	Granny	1000	3	€ 15,000.00	2023 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed	
2024-8	L-2873-1	Wood Road	900	4	€ 18,000.00	2023 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed	
2024-9	L-2523-1	Gortnasillagh/Letterilly Scenic Route	1300	3.5	€ 22,750.00	2023 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed	
2023-10	L-2583-1	Loughcrillan	550	3.3	€ 9,075.00	2023 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed	
2023-11	L2743-1	Gortnacart	1100	3.2	€ 17,600.00	2021 RI Bitmac Scheme - Not Surface Dressed	
					<b>€ 175,950.00</b>		

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**Appendix 6 Drainage Grant- 2024**

**Summary of Projects to be funded from the 2024 Drainage Grant**

Type of Works	Number of Locations	Estimated Cost-€
<b>Gweedore RSS Area</b>		
General Drainage Upgrades	2024 RM / RI Programme	€19,033.00
Road Crossing and Drainage Improvemnets (Rockbreaking required)	L-5343-1 Port Arthur	€13,000.00
Road Crossing and Drainage Improvements Works	L-1613-3 Loughanure to Meenamarragh Road	€13,000.00
General Drainage Improvement Works	R259-11 Mullaghduff (Kincasslagh side of Naomh Mhuire Footpath Pitch)	€13,000.00
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>€58,033.00</b>
<b>Falcarragh RSS Area</b>		
General Drainage Upgrades	2024 RM / RI Programme	€19,033.00
Replacement Road Crossing	L-12723 Cionmass (Off Marblehill Beach Road)	€13,000.00
Upsizing existing drainage pipes	L-1093-1 Killult Road	€13,000.00
General Drainage Improvements	L-1633-1 Old Dunlewey Road	€13,000.00
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>€58,033.00</b>

<b>Dungloe RSS Area</b>			
General Drainage Upgrades	2024 RM / RI Programme		€18,000.00
Remove Water ponding on Road	L1563 out from Little Bridge		€18,000.00
Remove Water ponding on Road	R252 Doochary		€12,013.00
General Drainage Upgrades	Various Local Roads in Fintown area, Maghera & Dooley		€10,020.00
	<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>€58,033.00</b>
<b>Ardara RSS Area</b>			
General Drainage Upgrades	2024 RM / RI Programme		€20,000.00
Remove Water ponding on Road	L-2813-1 Loughros Point		€5,500.00
Support carriageway to prevent collapse	L-7953-1 Glenconwall		€10,000.00
General Drainage/Road crossings/Outlets	L-2843-5 Maghera		€8,579.50
General Drainage Upgrades	R230 Glengesh Road & R253-7 Glen Road		€13,953.50
	<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>€58,033.00</b>
	<b>GMD TOTAL</b>		<b>€232,132</b>

**FORM :- List of Regional and Local Roads Projects to be funded fro 2024 Community Involvement Scheme Grant**

Notes:

- 1 Projects should be listed in order of priority
- 2 Completed Excel form to be returned as an email attachment to roads@ltdn@bt.com
- 3 Road Number: as listed in Road Schedule (must use the 'Mapcode' type numbering system L1234-5, L1P1234-5 etc). **MUST** use the old County Road numbering system (R1123 etc).
- 4 Road Number: as listed in Road Schedule (must use the 'Mapcode' type numbering system L1234-5, L1P1234-5 etc). **MUST** use the old County Road numbering system (R1123 etc).
- 5 Include Townland name(s) to facilitate identification of scheme location
- 6 Works Type: General (G), Drainage (D) and Pavement Works (P-PP, P-SP, P-SD, P-RP)
- 7 Include 'before' PSCI data (rating between 1 & 10) in Part B of form. 'After' rating to be included in Part C at end of year

County: \_\_\_\_\_

CLIENTS/MS - SUMMARY	
FALCARRAGH/ISS	
SWEDDRE/ISS	

PART A - General													
Project Number	Road Class	Road Number	RSS Area	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Promotor	Length of Work (m)	Total Area of Work (sqm)	Overall Estimate Cost (€000) (EURO)	% of local authority contribution	Community Monetary Contribution	Value of Community Work	Funding Allocation Sought by Council (EURO)	Brief Description of works involved including nature of non-monetary contribution
520	S	L244-3	24404	Commemorative Bumble	Chesapeake Community Club - Pw. Warf	550	270	€ 67,405.00	23%	0%	€ 17,500.00	€ 70,000.00	Road Strengthening & Resurfacing Works, Lanes varying from 6m to 7m wide
496	LT	52031	Parsonage	Parsonage	Donaghadee	250	250	€ 98,550.00	27%	0%	€ 17,500.00	€ 16,000.00	Road Strengthening and Resurfacing Works, Drainage, lighting and retaining walls along part of road
497	LT	L2773	Slipways	Drumless Carr, Ardara	Avala Traffic - Stephen McGeil	200	175	€ 27,700.00	30%	0%	€ 7,500.00	€ 30,000.00	Road Strengthening and Resurfacing Works, Drainage, retaining walls and lighting along part of road
										3924 Budget Total	€	170,000.00	

**BRIDGE PARAPET REPAIR PRIORITY LIST 2024**

Priority	Bridge Name / Location	RSS Area
1	L-1443-2 Meenbanned Bridge (next to Paddy Nellys Bar) - Parapet wall repair works	Gweedore RSS Area
2	L-1015-5 – Largybrack at Border – Parapet wall replacement works	Glenties RSS Area
3	L-52222 Duntally Woods Bridge - Parapet wall repair works	Falcarragh RSS Area
4	L-6003 -1 – Sheskinarone Road, just off N56 – Parapet wall replacement works	Dungloe RSS Area
5	L-1173-2 Glasserchoo Bridge on the Glen / Corveen road to Derryconner - Parapet wall replacement works	Gweedore RSS Area
6	R261-1- Tullycleave, main route between Ardara and Naran/Portnoo - Parapet wall repair works	Glenties RSS Area
7	R-256-5 Bridge on Muckish Road near Dunmore Lane - Parapet wall repair works	Falcarragh RSS Area
8	R252-19 – Oughtmeen between Dungloe and Doochary – Parapet Wall repair works	Dungloe RSS Area
9	L-1163-1 Curransport Bridge at Curransport Pier - Parapet wall replacement works	Gweedore RSS Area
10	R261-1 – Beagh, main route between Ardara and Naran/Portnoo - Parapet wall repair works	Glenties RSS Area
11	L-5212-1 Magheraroarty, Creeslough, just off the N56 - Parapet wall repair works	Falcarragh RSS Area
12	R252-16 – Main Bridge in Doochary Village – Parapet wall repair works	Dungloe RSS Area
13	R257-3 Magheraroarty Road Derryconner/Ardsbeg boundary on the shore front - Parapet wall repair works	Gweedore RSS Area
14	L-2483 Granny/Maghera – Parapet wall replacement Works.	Glenties RSS Area
15	L-5282-1 Killoughcarron, Creeslough - Parapet wall replacement works	Falcarragh RSS Area

## FOOTPATH & PUBLIC LIGHTING PRIORITY LIST 2024 - 2025

Priority	Location	RSS Area
1.	L-1783 -5 - Doochary Village towards Chapel Footpath widening and Upgrade works	Dungloe RSS Area
2.	L-1383-3 Derrybeg Industrial Road – Repairs to damaged kerbs and footpath	Gweedore RSS Area
3.	N56 - Dungloe PSC Office towards Garden Centre – Footpath Surface repair and associated works	Dungloe RSS Area
4.	L-3213-1 Hornhead Road – Repairs to existing Footpath	Falcarragh RSS Area
5.	L-1583 – 1 - Chapel Road, Dungloe from town towards Schools- Footpath Surface repair and associated works	Dungloe RSS Area
6.	L-1613-2 Glen Road, Loughanure at National School – New Public Lighting	Gweedore RSS Area
7.	L-7553-1 - Naran Portnoo – Infill Footpath from Annoras towards public carpark at beach.	Glenties RSS Area
8.	R-256-6 Muckish Road Falcarragh – Repairs to existing footpath	Falcarragh RSS Area
9.	L-15432-1 - Fairhill Hill, Backlane – Infill Footpath	Dungloe RSS Area
10.	R-259-12 Meenaleck towards Crolly – Repairs to existing footpath	Gweedore RSS Area
11.	N56 - Lettermacaward – Infill Lighting	Dungloe RSS Area
12.	R-257-11 Lunnagh to Old Derrybeg Hall – Repair of patches along footpath from Public Lighting Installations	Gweedore RSS Area

# **Housing & Corporate Agenda**

**For Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

- 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 05/03/2024

<b>Housing Aid for Older People Grants</b>						
<i>Year</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Cancelled/ Refused</i>	<i>Applicant Further Info</i>	<i>Referred to Eng</i>	<i>Pending</i>
2023	150	118	24	3	5	8
2024	25	8	5	0	12	12

<b>Housing Adaptation Grants</b>							
<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	118	81	23	1	9	4	14
2024	20	2	6	0	10	2	5

<b>Mobility Aids Grants</b>							
<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>
2024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Total number of grants paid in 2023 in the Glenties MD – 195 in sum of €1.076million**

05/03/2024

<b>Glenties MD</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Beds</b>	<b>Vacant From</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Annagry				
	An t-Ardan Rua	3 bed	01/02/2024	Tenders currently being assessed
Arranmore				
	Leabgarrow	2 bed	11/01/2024	Quotations sought
Doochary				
	Radharc an tSeipeal	2 bed	10/11/2023	Complete
Dunfanaghy				
	Eadan Mor	3 bed	12/12/2023	Contractor on site
Dungloe				
	Ard Mor	2 bed	01/02/2024	Tenders currently being assessed
Falcarragh				
	Ballina	3 bed	23/08/2023	Currently being assessed
	Ballina	3 bed	15/01/2024	Quotations sought

### 3. HOUSING NEED AS AT 05/03/2024

#### Gross Need - by approved bedrooms

Municipal District	1	2	3	4	5	Total
<b>Glenties Annagry</b>	0	11	5	3	0	<b>19</b>
<b>Ardara</b>	4	12	1	1	0	<b>18</b>
<b>Arranmore</b>	0	1	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Bunbeg</b>	0	0	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Burtonport</b>	0	4	1	1	0	<b>6</b>
<b>Creeslough</b>	0	15	2	2	0	<b>19</b>
<b>Crolly</b>	0	1	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Derrybeg</b>	0	4	0	0	0	<b>4</b>
<b>Dunfanaghy</b>	1	12	1	0	0	<b>14</b>
<b>Dungloe</b>	4	35	7	2	1	<b>49</b>
<b>Falcarragh</b>	1	28	4	0	0	<b>33</b>
<b>Fintown</b>	0	0	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Glenties</b>	1	6	2	2	0	<b>11</b>
<b>Gortahork</b>	1	5	0	0	1	<b>7</b>
<b>GWEEDORE</b>	1	16	8	1	0	<b>26</b>
<b>Kincasslagh</b>	0	1	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Lettermacaward</b>	0	0	0	1	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Loughanure</b>	0	3	0	0	0	<b>3</b>
<b>Magheroarty</b>	0	2	0	0	0	<b>2</b>
<b>Portnoo</b>	0	0	2	1	0	<b>3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>220</b>

### 4. HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENT (HAP) SCHEME

As at 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2024, the Glenties Municipal District is providing Social Housing Support in the form of the Housing Assistance Payment to 86 families/individuals. 26 of these families/individuals are in receipt of HAP only.

### 5. NUMBER OF RAS PROPERTIES

As of the 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2024, the Glenties Municipal District is providing Social Housing Support in the form of:

- Rental Accommodation Scheme to 11 families/individuals.
- Rent supplement to 79 couples/individuals.

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

## 6. NUMBER OF LTL PROPERTIES

As of the 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2024, the Glenties Municipal District is providing Social Housing Support in the form of the Long Term Lease Properties to 18 families/individuals.

## 7. HOUSING VACANCIES AND OFFERS

Reasons for Vacancies between 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2024 to 29 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2024				
Transfers	Surrenders	Death of Tenant	Other	Total
1	3	1	1	6

Number of Housing Offers issued between 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2024 to 29 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2024		
Number of Offers issued	Offers Accepted	Offers Refused
1	1	

## 8. TENANT PURCHASE

Glenties Municipal District	
Total number of applications since Scheme started:	144
Total number of valid applications received:	114
Number of valid applications in 2024 to date:	4
Total number of houses sold to date:	28

## 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 2024	Number of Loans Approved in 2024
44	5	1	1

**Housing Capital Update Report  
Glenties Municipal District Meeting  
12 March 2024**

**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
<b>Design / Tender Stage</b>		
Chapel Road, Dungloe	The closing date for receipt of tenders for contractors was 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 with 6 no Tenderers returned.  Tender evaluation has commenced.  Following completion of Tender evaluation, an application will be submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for approval to appoint a contractor.	43
Masiness, Creelough	Engagement is ongoing with adjoining landowners in relation to boundary treatment. Detailed design will be progressed, subject to agreements with landowners being finalised in advance of proceeding to tender.  An advertisement was placed on eTenders on 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 for consultants to tender for the provision services to facilitate the construction of the proposed development.	3
Glenties (Fire Station)	Engagement is ongoing with adjoining landowners in relation to boundary treatment. Once agreements have been finalised the detailed design can be completed for the project to progress to tender.	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>49</b>

**2. Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition**

Donegal County Council is accepting submissions from Developers to deliver turnkey social housing units under the new turnkey acquisition process. This is a county-wide process and proposals can be made for any town or village throughout the county, on lands suitable for housing purposes.

The Council is seeking developers to make submissions for 1, 2, 3 & 4 bedroom housing units and a minimum of 5 units is required. Proposals can include completed units for consideration by the Council.

This process has been advertised on eTenders (reference RFT 2461070), where all documentation and information can be obtained. Submissions must be made in strict accordance with the requirements of the procurement documentation and the deadline for submission is 16.30 on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2026.

Information events on the new process were held during February 2024 with the Glenties MD event taking place on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February 2024. The events were well attended with significant levels of interest received during the events. Further engagement with Developers is very much welcomed and can be initiated by emailing [housingcapital@donegalcoco.ie](mailto:housingcapital@donegalcoco.ie)

The following provides an update in relation to the ongoing turnkey processes:

- A proposal for 29 housing units at Gweedore has Department approval and is at contract stage. Works are expected to commence on site in Q2 2024, subject to the signing of contracts.
- A proposal to construct 11 no. social housing units on lands in Creeslough has planning permission and Uisce Eireann approval. Department Approval has also been obtained. The Council is working with the Developer seeking final agreement on costs and programme delivery. The proposal remains subject to contract.

### **3. Lands / Property for Social Housing Purposes**

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 Council has made offers to acquire lands for social housing and are sale agreed subject to contract in Fintown and Falcarragh. An offer to acquire land in Gweedore has also been made.

The site at Fintown is subject to contract and planning approval and the site in Falcarragh is subject to contract and confirmation of utility connections.

As part of the process of acquiring land, the team liaises and consults on a cross-directorate basis with other Council services in carrying out due diligence in respect of each acquisition and considers the following: zoning, easements for connections to utilities and vision lines, Uisce Eireann connection agreements, footpath connectivity to town centre, flood risk assessment and surface water discharge point with capacity and easements.

A number of land parcels have and are being considered in Annagry (1 Plot), Ardara (4 plots), Glenties (5 Plots), Kilclooney (1 Plot), Dungloe (2 plots), Burtonport (1 Plot), Arranmore Island (2 Plot), Gweedore (2 Plots), Falcarragh (2 Plots), Dunfanaghy(1 Plot) and Doochary (2 Plot).