

Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall

Oifig Riarthóir na gCruinnithe,
Aras an Chontae,
Leifear.

4ú Nollaig, 2017

Fógra Cruinnithe

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall ar siúl **De Máirt 12ú Nollaig, 2017, ag 11.30 r.n. in Ionad Serbhísí Pobail, Bhaile Dhún na nGall.**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS DÚN NA nGALL

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort bheith i lathair ag an gcruinniú seo Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall. Tá Clar an Cruinnithe le seo.

Mise, le meas

Seosamh O'Piopla
p.p. Riarthóir Cruinnithe

Municipal District of Donegal

Office of Meetings Administrator,
County House,
Lifford.

4th December, 2017

NOTICE OF MEETING

The next Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal will be held on **Tuesday 12th December, 2017, at 11.30 a.m. in the Donegal Public Services Centre.**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL

Dear Councillor,

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

Yours sincerely,

for Joe Peoples
Meetings Administrator

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AGENDA

1. Consideration of Minutes of Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 3rd October, 2017.
2. Consideration of Minutes of Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 10th October, 2017.
3. Consideration of Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 10th October, 2017.
4. Consideration of Minutes of the Budget Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 24th October, 2017.
5. Consideration of Minutes of the Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 24th October, 2017.
6. Consideration of the Minutes of the Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 24th November 2017
7. **Update Reports from Council Services:**
 - 7.1 Housing & Corporate Services
 - 7.2 Roads / Transportation
 - 7.3 Planning & Economic Development
 - 7.4 Community and Development
 - 7.5 Environment Services

Motions

8. Cllr Niamh Kennedy
"That this Donegal MD proceed with a study on the potential of the Donegal Railway links by way of potential greenway from its original turnpoint at Killybegs follow the old line through to Donegal Town and onwards to Bundoran. Linking in with the Railway heritage groups in Donegal Town and Bundoran and the History and Heritage groups in Killybegs and Mountcharles. To progress on this highly scenic route along the Wild Atlantic Way."
9. Cllr Noel Jordan
"Following the recent visit by Minister Kevin boxer Moran to our county. I'm asking this municipal to make an application to the department for funding to clean the town section of the River Termon in Pettigo".
10. Correspondence received from Creevy National School – request for a deputation.

Questions

11. Cllr John Campbell
“To ask the Director of Water and Environment where there is an unlicensed discharge of wastewater to the environment, does this local authority have the powers to investigate and subsequently prosecute such offenses?”
12. Cllr John Campbell
“To ask the housing directorate, in relation to housing inspections carried out in 2017, can you provide a breakdown in tabular form of the following for the Donegal MD and comparison to countywide figures:
1) Total number of inspections.
2) Number of these inspections related to HAP tenancies.
3) Number of HAP related inspections that have taken place within the statutory 8 month timeframe.
4) Number of inspections of private rented dwellings?”
13. Cllr Niamh Kennedy
“How many properties have been submitted by the public to this MD for the Buy and Renew Initiative and how many have been considered successful giving reasons for both successful and unsuccessful?”
14. Cllr Niamh Kennedy
Can the environment section provide this MD with the list of existing sites for the bring banks, provide details of complaints from dumping at these sites, how many prosecutions there has been from this area, if there are any alternative sites identified?
15. **Date of Next Meeting/Workshop**
- MD Meeting at 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday the 9th January 2018

Minutes of Budget Workshop of Municipal District of Donegal held on Tuesday the 3rd October 2017 in the Peter Kennedy Chamber, Donegal Public Services Centre, Donegal commencing at 10.00am.

Members Present:

Cllr Tom Conaghan, Cathaoirleach
Cllr Niamh Kennedy
Cllr John Campbell
Cllr Micháel Naughton
Cllr Barry O'Neill

Officials in Attendance:

Mr. Garry Martin, Head of Finance & Director of Information Systems and Emergency Services
Ms. Bridie McBrearty, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

Apologies

Cllr Noel Jordan

1. Date for MD Donegal Budget meeting

Members noted the date for the MD Donegal Budget meeting which was agreed at the last MD - 10.00 am on Tuesday the 24th October 2017.

2. LPT allocation for 2018 and implications arising from decision of Council meeting of the 25th September 2017 on LPT rates for 2018

Mr. G Martin reiterated the Members decision at the Plenary Council meeting on 25th September 2017, not to vary the LPT and outlined in detail the implications of this decision.

He presented the difficulties to the Members in presenting a balanced budget for 2018 year given that there is a gap of around €9.0m. He advised that the Council continued to work gaining efficiencies and cost reduction measures but that additional income lines are limited despite maximisation of funding opportunities that may arise. He advised that it was inevitable that the Executive will have no option but to recommend an increase in the commercial rates (as the only option left to increase revenue) and to reduce expenditure in order to balance the Budget for 2018.

A number of comments/queries were dealt with at the workshop including in relation to the LPT and Commercial Rates and Rates Harmonisation.

3. Commercial Rates – 2018 Projections

Mr. Martin briefed Members in relation to the 2018 Commercial Rates projections for 2018. He submitted that the income for 2017 is coming

in at around €31m including Property Entry Level i.e. from new properties. He advised that while the Council continues to identify new properties for commercial rates and seeks new valuations where appropriate, there is not huge buoyancy for 2018 with an anticipated income of €31.4m for next year. He also advised as a number of new properties have been sent for valuation it is not possible to determine the nett value of these until the Valuation Office has carried out the valuations.

4. Small Business Grant Scheme – options for 2018

In relation to the Small Business Grant Scheme, Mr. G Martin advised Members that while the scheme has been useful for cash flow, it is an item of expenditure that is discretionary. A number of comments / queries in relation to the Small Business Grant were dealt with at the workshop.

5. Possible Approaches to Rates Vacancy for 2018 in line with Section 31(1) of the Local Government Reform Act 2014

Mr. G Martin referred to the rates that can be charged on vacant properties. He advised that this is not yet the approach in Donegal but that some other counties had commenced. The principle was that it was unfair to charge if it was considered that a business was not trading and the risk in charging was bad and doubtful debt. However it may prove beneficial to bring premises in centres of town back to life as residential properties. He advised that the matter would be further examined in the in the preparation of the draft Budget for 2018.

There was some discussion on the vacant site levy and Mr. Martin advised that he would examine the matter further but given the lead in time that it would not have any effect on the 2018 budget.

6. Proposed Approach to General Municipal Allocations for 2018

Mr. G Martin advised Members that the Executive is not in a position to allocate a preliminary amount for the General Municipal Allocations for 2018 at this stage, as this is discretionary expenditure. He confirmed that the amount allocated to the MD of Donegal in 2017 was €120,000.00 and as with all discretionary monies there will be reductions. Also increases in commercial rates will be required to balance the 2018 draft Budget.

A number of comments/queries in particular in relation to the Parking Charges were dealt with at the workshop.

7. Emerging Issues in preparation of 2018 Revenue Budget

Mr. G Martin briefed Members in relation to emerging issues for 2018 as follows:

- Unavailability of reserves in 2018

- Increased payroll costs
- Insurance costs – he advised Members that the Council will pursue the full costs from claimants, and it was important that this is known as it not fair on the Local Property Tax and Rates payers for such costs not to be pursued.
- Uncertainty of Brexit - Members were advised that both Donegal and Derry Councils are working close together with the support of Central Government. The importance of supporting works across the various sectors including the Wild Atlantic Way and EU Programmes could not be underestimated and the consequential need to keep reserves so that the Council can continue with its developmental work when co-funding opportunities arise was emphasised.

8. Proposed Approach to 3 Year Capital Budget Preparation 2018-2020 as required by Section 135 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended)

Mr. G Martin informed Members that the 3 Year Capital Programme would be brought to the November meeting of the Plenary Council and as in the past it would be an indicative programme and would include matters such as Tullan Strand and emphasised the need for the Council to continue to develop the County.

9. Discussions on MD priorities on 2018 Revenue Budget

Mr. G Martin referred to the workshop as being an opportunity to note Members priorities for the MD the following comments were made;- Cllr Kennedy referring to the importance of Tourism and the Wild Atlantic Way for the County requested that the environment budget be reviewed for this MD as she understood it had been reduced in 2017. She submitted that the roads and environment sections should work closer together on priority matters.

Other matters identified were hedge cutting, signage, public toilets in Ballyshannon, Donegal Town and new Toilets for Killybegs, maintain beaches, bottlebanks, road side littering, Sliabh League centre needs attention (weeds etc), laybays on the road from Kilcar to Sliabh League are needed.

Cllr Campbell submitted that the support to Tourism in the County is a priority. He also requested an update on Serviced Sites scheme and queried if this would be factored into the 3 Year Capital Programme. In response to same, Mr. G Martin informed Members that this is a priority area for the Chief Executive. He advised a number of options have been examined in each MD and would be hopeful of feedback from the Director of Housing & Corporate Services in due course.

Cllr O'Neill submitted that while Ballyshannon Leisure Centre, which is now reaching it's 20th anniversary, is diligently managed by a

voluntary committee, and vigorously marketed, it still requires support from the Council for 2018.

In response Mr. G Martin acknowledged that both the Ballyshannon Leisure Centre and Water World in Bundoran are run very well and submitted that it is in the Council's interest to support these voluntary companies.

Mr. G Martin also asked Members if they had any further submissions for him, to forward them so that they can be considered.

10. Tenant Purchase Scheme (2016)

In response to a query from Cllr Kennedy regarding the Tenant Purchase Scheme Ms. B McBrearty informed Members that the conditions of the scheme are set nationally and that the national review of the scheme is awaited. Monies available from the sale of houses are not available in the revenue budget.

11. LIS Scheme 2017 – MD Donegal

It was agreed that this item would be dealt with at a workshop at 10.30 am on Tuesday the 10th October 2017.

This concluded the business of the Workshop.

**Area Manager,
Municipal District of Donegal**

**Cathaoirleach,
Municipal District of Donegal**

Minutes of Workshop of Municipal District of Donegal held on Tuesday the 10th October 2017 in the Peter Kennedy Chamber, Donegal Public Services Centre, Donegal commencing at 10.00am.

Members Present:

Cllr Tom Conaghan, Cathaiorleach
Cllr Niamh Kennedy
Cllr John Campbell
Cllr Micháel Naughton
Cllr Barry O'Neill
Cllr Noel Jordan

Officials in Attendance:

Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services
Mr. Sean Canning, Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

Apologies

Mr. Garry Martin, Head of Finance & Director of Information Systems and Emergency Services
Ms. Bridie McBrearty, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal

1. LIS Scheme 2017 – MD Donegal

Mr. M Sweeney briefed Members in relation to the Local Improvements Scheme for 2017. It was noted that a total of €884,000 had been allocated to the County and of this an amount of €147,645 had been allocated to the Donegal Municipal District.

He outlined the method of prioritisation of the proposed programme for 2017 as advised by the Department of Rural & Community Development. He further advised that given the limited funding together with the number of applications received prioritisation was given to applications where it was known that persons living on the road had any special circumstances (hardship, elderly or disabled occupants) and required a usable access to their dwellings. Consideration had also to be given to schemes that were suitable to complete within the funding deadline and within allocated budget.

Members were also briefed in relation to total applications received, the number of applications that qualified, and the number for which further information was required. He confirmed that correspondence would be sent to all applicants to acknowledge receipt of their application. Applications that require further information will be contacted at a later date and will be asked to submit any outstanding information necessary to

determine whether or not they qualify. He advised that all qualified LIS applications would remain on a list in anticipation that funding would be allocated in future years for this purpose.

A lengthy discussion took place in relation to the Local Improvement Scheme and a number of comments / queries were dealt with at the workshop.

It was agreed that the information presented at the workshop would be circulated via e-mail to Members by Mr. M Sweeney. It was agreed that the Roads Section could proceed with the 8 Local Improvement Schemes in 2017 as detailed in the circulation to the workshop and as set out hereunder.

Donegal Municipal District					
2017 Local Improvement Scheme Priority List					
Area	Budget	Priority No	LIS No	Cost Estimate	Total
14	€54,198.80	1	170691	€15,870.00	€59,949.00
		2	170909	€35,604.00	
		3	170079	€8,475.00	
15	€42,050.79	1	170174	€23,345.00	€43,204.00
		2	170108	€19,859.00	
16	€15,885.85	1	170200	€14,375.00	€14,375.00
17	€35,509.56	1	170683	€14,590.00	€31,495.00
		2	170905	€16,905.00	
Total	€147,645.00			Total	€149,023.00

2. **Land Swap at the Mullins, Donegal Town – future Section 183**

Mr. M Sweeney briefed Members in relation to a proposed land swap at the Mullins, Donegal Town which has been tentatively agreed by the National Roads Office, and Donegal County

Council and Tommy and Nora Gallagher, to facilitate a possible extension to the roundabout at the Mullins and to facilitate the development ongoing at this location.

He outlined the reasons for the swap i.e. to create an 8m clear zone at the roundabout. He advised Members that he is unable to proceed with a Section 183 at this stage as the registration of the lands to Donegal County Council has not yet been completed by Land Registry but that once this is completed the matter will come before the Council. Following a short discussion, Members agreed to the proposal and to proceed with a Section 183 in due course.

3. Persons requesting return of disused lands purchased to facilitate roads works

Cllr O'Neill referred to a number of requests he had received in relation to return of disused lands that were purchased by CPO to facilitate roads works e.g. Ballyshannon Bypass and requested an update on same.

Mr. Sweeney informed Members that the Council and the National Roads Office have been in contact with Land Registry in an effort to complete the registration of lands to Donegal County Council as the Council cannot dispose of such lands until they are registered to Donegal County Council, however it has proved to be a lengthy process. Cllr O'Neill requested that the matter be pursued with Land Registry so as to facilitate disposals of disused lands.

4. Lights on Tirconnell Bridge, Donegal Town

Mr. M Sweeney provided an update on the request to have feature lighting included as part of the Tirconnell Bridge project. He advised that following receipt of a quotation for same from the Bridge Consultant for the design of the lights that the costs were prohibitive and that this is not going to be advanced as part of the scheme. However he advised the Council will examine other ways to advance the lighting up of the bridge.

This concluded the business of the Workshop.

**Area Manager,
Municipal District of Donegal**

**Cathaoirleach,
Municipal District of Donegal**

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD AT
11.30 A. M. ON TUESDAY THE 10TH OCTOBER 2017 IN THE PETER
KENNEDY CHAMBER, DONEGAL PUBLIC SERVICES CENTRE, DONEGAL**

MDD/123/17 MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr Tom Conaghan, Cathaoirleach
Cllr Noel Jordan
Cllr John Campbell
Cllr Niamh Kennedy
Cllr Barry O'Neill
Cllr Michéal Naughton

MDD/124/17 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Roads/Transportation
Mr. Barney McLaughlin, Administrative Officer, Community & Development
Mr. Gerard Kellett, Assistant Planner, Planning & Economic Development
Ms. Ciara Condon, Assistant Planner, Planning & Economic Development
Ms. Claire McCallan, EU and Strategic Policy Unit Manager, Planning & Economic Development
Ms. Fiona Kelly, Staff Officer, Environment
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services
Mr. Sean Canning, Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

MDD/125/17 APOLOGIES

Mr. Garry Martin, Director Designate, Municipal District of Donegal
Ms. Bridie McBrearty, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal

MDD/126/17 Votes of Sympathy

A Vote of sympathy was passed in respect of the recent death of:-

- the late Patrick Joseph Jordan, The Port, Inver cousin of Cllr Noel Jordan

MDD/128/17 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 1ST SEPTEMBER 2017.

On the proposal of Cllr Jordan, seconded by Cllr Kennedy, the Minutes of the Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 1st September 2017 were confirmed.

MDD/129/17 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 5TH SEPTEMBER, 2017

On the proposal of Cllr O'Neill, seconded by Cllr Campbell, the Minutes of the Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 5th September 2017 were confirmed.

MDD/130/17 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 12TH SEPTEMBER, 2017

On the proposal of Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr Jordan, the Minutes of the Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 12th September 2017 were confirmed.

MDD/131/17 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 12TH SEPTEMBER, 2017

Correction to Minutes

Cllr Kennedy noted that in relation to Minutes Ref: MDD/119/16 – the response to this question was received by Cllr Jordan and not Cllr Kennedy as incorrectly recorded in the minutes.

On the proposal of Cllr Kennedy, seconded by Cllr Jordan, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 12th September 2017 were confirmed subject to the above correction.

MDD/132/17 HOUSING CORPORATE AND CULTURAL SERVICES REPORT

Apologies were noted from Ms. Bridie McBrearty, Area Manager as she was unable to attend today's meeting.

Housing Services

Progress reports on Grants, Loans, Casual Vacancies, and Social Housing Support Programme, Tenant Purchase Scheme 2016 and Housing Assistance Payments/Private Rented Inspections

Members noted the update reports on Grants, Loans, and Casual Vacancies, Tenant Purchase Scheme 2016, Housing Assistance Payments, Private Rented Inspections and Social Housing Support Programme, Housing Need in the MD and Leasing & Repair Scheme as circulated with the Agenda and presented by Mr. E Monaghan.

Ms. McBrearty also circulated and presented update reports on the qualified housing need in the MD and also in respect of the Repair and Lease Scheme and a number of comments/queries were dealt with at the meeting.

SHIP in Ballyshannon

Cllr O'Neill welcomed the works that have commenced at Erne Dale Heights through the Approved Housing Body and submitted that this is a great investment in Ballyshannon.

Private Rented Inspections

In response to a request from Cllr Campbell on the possibility of presenting numbers of Private Rented Inspections by Municipal District, Mr. E Monaghan informed Members this would be investigated for the next meeting.

Social Housing Bundoran

In response to a request for further informed from Cllr Naughton regarding the scheme houses proposed for the capital programme in Bundoran in terms of numbers etc. Mr. E Monaghan informed Members he would provide an update in due course.

Freedom of the County

In response for an update in relation to the request for the Freedom of the County as agreed at the last meeting, Mr. E Monaghan informed Members that this had been submitted to Headquarters for consideration at the Corporate Policy Group in accordance with agreed protocols and procedures.

Request for a Local Reception

Cllr O'Neill enquired about the possibility of holding a Local Reception for someone in this Municipal District and advised he would propose same if this was possible. In response to the query, Mr. E Monaghan informed Members that he understood there was no budget for such events but would clarify this matter and revert to Cllr O'Neill. He further advised Members that if there is a budget line for holding a Local Reception, then this could be dealt with via a motion submitted for the next meeting of the Municipal District. This was acceptable to Cllr O'Neill.

Request to invite representatives from the Health Services Executive to Special Meeting of the MD

Cllr O'Neill referred to ongoing issues in relation to the level of service at the Seaview Respite Centre in Mountcharles. He submitted that there are approximately 100 families who avail of this vital service and despite assurance that full services would return they have now been informed that the service is being reduced further to three days per week. He stated that this is not acceptable given the need for the service and requested that a letter be sent to the HSE requesting that they attend a special meeting with the

Municipal District Members to clarify the position in relation to the Centre in Mountcharles. This was seconded by Cllr. Kennedy.

Mr. E Monaghan undertook to write to the relevant HSE employee to request the meeting after receiving the contact details for the HSE employee from Cllr O'Neill following the meeting.

In response to a query from Cllr Kennedy regarding the lack of representatives from either the Donegal or Glenties Municipal Districts on the HSE West Health Forum, Mr. E Monaghan advised he understood nominations for this forum are dealt with at the first Meeting of the Council following an election.

MDD/133/17 ROADS / TRANSPORTATION SERVICES REPORT

2017 Road Works Programme Status Report

Members noted the update report on the 2017 Road Works Programme circulated with the Agenda as presented by Mr. M Sweeney.

Allocation for Storm Damage

Mr. M Sweeney informed Members that this District has been allocated an amount of €157,000.00 for storm damage repairs. Members will be briefed on the details in due course.

Follow up issues from previous meeting

Mr. M Sweeney briefed Members in relation to the follow ups from the previous meeting as circulated to Members via e-mail and a number of comments in relation to same were dealt with at the meeting.

A number of other comments / queries were dealt with as follows;-

St Johns Point

Cllr Kennedy paid tribute to the great work carried out by the Roads Section at St Johns Point, Dunkineely.

Flooding in Killybegs

Cllr Kennedy also commended the great work carried out by all in Killybegs during the recent flood. In response to a query from Cllr Kennedy if there was an estimate of the costs of the damage, Mr. M Sweeney informed Members that works are ongoing in relation to this. He also advised further follow up will be carried out with the Office of Public Works in terms of seeking advance works prior to the Seafram works being carried. He informed Members he understood this was the highest recorded rainfall in Killybegs.

In response to a query from Cllr Campbell, Mr. M Sweeney informed Members that RPS Consultants are the company that carry out work

for the OPW. He advised that the levels of rainfall recorded are being proofed against the models and he understands that the models have been highly accurate, noting that as well as heavy rainfall on this occasion, there was tidal flooding also.

Pedestrian Crossing Killybegs

In response to a request from Cllr Kennedy for the Pedestrian Crossing at Killybegs to be better light, Mr. M Sweeney confirmed that he would follow up on this matter.

Fintra Bridge

In response to a request for an update on Fintra Bridge from Cllr Campbell, Mr. M Sweeney informed Members that the Department have reverted to Roads Design with a short-list of options which have to be further designed, for the Department, prior to an option being finalised.

Request for a Bus Stop/Shelter in Donegal Road, Ballyshannon

In response to a request from Cllr O'Neill for Bus Eireann to provide a Bus Stop/Shelter in the Donegal Road, Ballyshannon, as discussed some years ago with Bus Eireann, Mr. M Sweeney undertook to write to Bus Eireann to follow up on the request.

Car Parking Charges, Ballyshannon

Cllr O'Neill again raised the issue of car parking in Ballyshannon submitting it had been two years since the District had voted to discontinue the charges in Ballyshannon. He asked that this matter be followed up as a priority.

In response to the request Mr. M Sweeney informed Members it had been intended that the review for charges would have been completed by July but that other work pressures had prevented this from being completed. He advised he would seek to get the information back to Roads Central so that the County wide review can be completed.

The Battery, Ballyshannon.

In response to a request from Cllr O'Neill for the Road surface at the Battery, Ballyshannon to be repaired, Mr. M Sweeney informed Members that some patching works would be carried out shortly and that Roads would seek to include surfacing works at this location in the 2018 programme.

MDD/134/17 PLANNING CONTROL REPORT

Planning Statistics

Mr. Gerard Kellett, Assistant Planner, Planning & Economic Development was in attendance to deal with planning matters. Members noted the planning statistics reports as circulated with the Agenda. No queries were raised for Mr. Kellett.

Mr. Kellett also introduced Ms. Ciara Condon, Assistant Planner, to Members. He informed Members that he is transferring to the Inishowen Municipal District and that Ms. Condon is assigned as the new Planner for this District. Members paid tribute to Mr. Kellett for his service to this MD. Members also welcomed Ms. Condon to the Donegal District.

Hericoast Presentation

Ms. Claire McCallan, EU and Strategic Policy Unit Manager, Planning & Economic Development, was in attendance to update Members on the Hericoast Project. Ms. McCallan made a detailed presentation to Members in relation to the project. She informed Members that the project in Donegal would be well placed to engage with other bodies to provide business models and could inform future funding applications. She confirmed that she would be in a position to provide more specific information to Members in February 2018.

A number of comments / queries were dealt with and in particular the following.

In response to a query from Cllr Kennedy if there had been engagement with community groups in this MD, Ms. McCallan informed Members that while some engagement had taken place, this part of the process is now commencing, and suggested any interested groups should engage with Ms. Aileen Quinn, Hericoast Project Officer in the first instance. Cllr Kennedy thanked Ms. McCallan for the presentation.

Cllr O'Neill thanked Ms. McCallan for her presentation and welcomed the international dimension to the project. He also enquired if now is the correct time for groups to engage with the project, submitting that the Mall Quay in Ballyshannon is an area that could greatly benefit. In response Ms. McCallan informed Members that while the Hericoast project is more strategic than at the level of individual schemes, engagement now may assist in gathering baseline information for future funding applications.

Cllr Jordan referred to a method of fishing unique to Inver called 'ring netting' and queried if the funding for facilities for such fishing could be delivered from the Hericoast Project. In response Ms. McCallan informed Members that it could not be but more research

can be done into this matter that could form the basis of a funding application into the future.

Members thanked Ms McCallan for her very informative presentation.

MDD/135/17 COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Members noted the Activity Report circulated with the Agenda and presented by Mr. B McLaughlin dealing with the following:

1. Community Facilities Scheme
2. Rural Development Programme/LEADER
3. Marine Tourism Report
4. Bundoran Tourism Officer Update
5. Development Hub Initiatives
6. Social Inclusion Week – 6th to 14th October 2017

Community Facilities Scheme

Mr. B McLaughlin briefed Members in relation to the Community Facilities Scheme and Members noted the funding of €12,900.00 to the groups selected and approved by the LCDC at their meeting of the 12th September 2017. Mr. B McLaughlin also requested the MD to approve the list. On the proposal of Cllr Kennedy seconded by Cllr Jordan the list as circulated with the agenda totalling €12,900.00 was agreed.

A number of other comments / queries were also dealt with at the meeting including an update on Sliabh League.

MDD/136/17 ENVIRONMENT SERVICES REPORT

Ms. Fiona Kelly, Staff Officer, Environment represented the service and presented the report circulated with the Agenda dealing with the following updates:

- Litter Statistics – September 2017
- Historic Tyre Stockpile Clean-up
- Anti-Dumping Initiative 2017 – Phase 1
- Meenaclady Clean-up
- Rebranding – Recycling Bring Banks
- Reuse Month – October 2017
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection 2017
- Coastal Management

A number of comments / queries were dealt with as follows:-

Seminar for Tidy Towns Committees in 2018

Ms. F Kelly referred to the request at the previous meeting for a seminar to be organised for Tidy Towns Committees in order to provide advice to these groups on adjudication and funding available from Donegal County Council. She informed Members it is intended to organise the seminar in early 2018. This was welcomed by Members.

Cllr Kennedy stressed the importance of the Seminar being organised in this Municipal District, given the number of Tidy Towns Committees in this area.

Life Rings on Beaches

In response to a request from Cllr Kennedy for the Life Rings on beaches to be maintained given that some of them are now covered in sand, Ms. F Kelly informed Members she would bring this to the attention of the Beach Manager for follow up.

Anti Dumping Initiative 2017

In response to a queries from Cllr Campbell if the funding provided for the Anti Dumping Initiative 2017 included disposal of the refuse and also if any offenders had been identified, Ms. F Kelly informed Members the funding does cover the disposal and also that a number of offenders had been identified and fines were issued. In response to a further query, Ms. F Kelly informed Members that it depends on the level of the evidence recovered at an illegal dumping site as to which legislation is used to pursue offenders but to date it has been the litter legislation.

Blue Flag Beaches

In response to a query from Cllr Campbell if the Council expects the blue flag to be restored on Lisfannon Beach which was lost in 2017, Ms. Kelly informed Members the Council is hopeful given the amount of works that have been carried out to deal with the water quality issue at this location.

Beach Clean ups

In response to a query from Cllr Jordan, Ms. F Kelly confirmed that the rubbish was collected from the Beach Clean ups.

Inver Beach

Cllr Jordan thanked the Council for providing the new life rings at Inver Beach.

He also thanked McMonagle Stone for donating the wall cappings for Inver and also thanked the Roads Service for agreeing to install the cappings.

Bring Banks in Ballyshannon

Cllr O'Neill referred to previous requests for the Council to find an alternative suitable location for the bring banks at Market Yard in Ballyshannon and submitted that additional banks are also required.

He asked that this be followed up as a matter of urgency given in particular that the Market Yard will be reconfigured with the pending new HSE development.

Public Conveniences in Ballyshannon

Cllr O'Neill made a lengthy submission in relation to the public conveniences in Ballyshannon with particular reference to upgrading and repair, need for toilets to be opened from 8.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. daily and sought Members agreement to prioritise the toilets for any funding that may become available in the MD for public conveniences. He thanked Mr. David Friel for facilitating a meeting following unwarranted criticisms and commended the caretaker on keeping the toilets cleaned thoroughly. Cllr Conaghan supported the comments from Cllr O'Neill.

Cllr Naughton also concurred with the comments from Cllr O'Neill in relation to the toilets in Ballyshannon and the request to prioritise same for funding in this MD.

Ms. F Kelly informed Members she would note their comments for the attention of the Headquarters Office.

MDD/137/17 DISCUSSION ON REQUEST EXPLORE AVENUE OF FUNDING TO ERECT A BOARDWALK FROM THE SMALL PIER TO THE BIG PIER AT MOUNTCHARLES

On the proposal of Cllr Jordan, seconded by Cllr Kennedy the following motion was adopted;-

"I am asking this municipal to explore avenues of seeking funding to erect a boardwalk from the small pier to the big pier in Mountcharles as it attracts thousands of walkers yearly".

Members were advised;-

"The Council shall endeavour to identify funding sources that may assist in the delivery of these types of marine infrastructure projects in the future."

In speaking to his motion, Cllr Jordan submitted that a lot walkers use this route, including for sponsored walks. He requested the Roads Section prepare a costing on the proposal and the Community & Development Division seek funding for same.

Cllr Kennedy formally seconded the motion and stated that she fully supported the motion. Cllr Conaghan submitted that this was a matter he had raised in the past.

Cllr Campbell submitted that the local community might be better placed to drive this project and source LEADER funding for same.

Mr. M Sweeney informed Members that the Roads Section would investigate the proposal submitting that there may be issues e.g. foreshore licences that may be required.

MDD/138/17 DISCUSSION ON REQUEST TO DISCUSS THE UP TO DATE POSITION IN RELATION TO BALLYSHANNON TOWN CLOCK

On the proposal of Cllr Naughton, seconded by Cllr O'Neill the following motion was adopted;-

"That this M.D. discusses the up to date position in relation to the repair of the town clock and the building in Ballyshannon".

Members were advised;-

"The Building remains in private ownership, and therefore as per previous discussions the Council has provided the owners with information on funds available to assist with repairs for the Clock from various sources at that time. This would still remain the position, with a private property."

In speaking to his motion, Cllr Naughton referred to Ballyshannon being Ireland's 'Oldest Town' and to the iconic status of the building which houses the town clock and of its presence in the town. He also referred to the stone which fell recently from this building and the dangers associated therewith.

Cllr O'Neill formally seconded the motion and made a lengthy submission in relation to the importance of the clock and this building to Ballyshannon. He also referred to the dangers associated with the recent stone that fell from the building. He submitted that the Council should engage with the owner of the building with a view to purchasing same and locating the library and other facilities e.g. a genealogy centre, in same, in the interests of heritage and conservation. He also stated that Erne Enterprise is willing to come on board in relation to this and that the Council should set up a working group to pursue his request. He submitted that he would continue to raise this matter at future MD meetings.

MEMBERS NOTED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:-

MDD/140/17 Update in relation to Social Housing in Bundoran

The following question was submitted by Cllr Naughton;-

"What is the update in relation to Social Housing in Bundoran?"

Cllr Naughton received a response from the Area Manager, Housing & Corporate Services in relation to the above.

MDD/141/17 Update in relation to the standard of drinking water in Ballyshanon

The following question was submitted by Cllr Naughton;-

“What is the update in relation to the standard of drinking water in Ballyshannon ?”

Cllr Naughton received a response from the Director of Service, Water & Environment in relation to the above.

MDD/142/17 Dates of next meetings and workshops

Members noted the MD **Budget Meeting** for the Municipal District of Donegal has been agreed to be held at **10.00 AM on Tuesday the 24th October 2017**.

Members also agreed the next **Municipal District meeting** would be held on **Tuesday the 12th December, 2017 commencing at 11.30 a.m.** as per Standing Orders.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Area Manager
Municipal District of Donegal

Cathaoirleach
Municipal District of Donegal

Minutes of Municipal District of Donegal Budget Meeting held at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday 24th October 2017 in the Peter Kennedy Chamber, Donegal Public Services Centre.

MDD/143/17

Members Present

Cllr Tom Conaghan, Cathaoirleach,
Cllr Noel Jordan
Cllr John Campbell
Cllr Niamh Kennedy
Cllr Barry O'Neill
Cllr Micháel Naughton

MDD/144/17

Officials in attendance

Garry Martin, Director of Finance, Information Systems and Emergency Services
Ms. Bridie McBrearty, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Municipal District of Donegal.

MDD/145/17

Draft Budgetary Plan for the Municipal District of Donegal for 2018

Mr. Garry Martin, Director of Finance, Information Systems and Emergency Services, advised Members the purpose of the meeting was to confirm and put on record the approach adopted in consideration of the Draft Budgetary Plan for the Municipal District of Donegal for 2018. He confirmed that it was a statutory meeting being held under Section 102 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) and associated regulations, including the Local Government (Financial & Audit Procedures) Regulations 2014 and the Local Government (Financial & Audit Procedures) (Amended) Regulations 2015 as previously discussed at the pre budget workshops. Members noted that the 2018 Plenary Budget workshop has been arranged for Friday the 3rd November 2017 in Lifford.

Members were advised that it was a reserved function of the Member to either adopt the Draft Budget as presented with or without amendments and as provided in the legislation, (Section 102 (4A) (e) the Chief Executive "shall take account of any budgetary plan adopted...in preparing the draft local authority budget (in accordance with subsection (2))".

Mr. Martin also briefed Members in relation to the sequencing of decisions as currently set out in the legislation and reiterated the scale of the challenges in preparing the Draft Budget for 2018.

The following documents as circulated with the Agenda and presented by Mr. G Martin were noted by Members;-

1. Draft Budgetary Plan & General Municipal Allocation for 2018 – Donegal Municipal District
2. Draft Budgetary Plan 2018 – Donegal Municipal District

A number of comments / queries were dealt with at the meeting.

Following a discussion on the proposal of Cllr Kennedy, seconded by Cllr Naughton, the following resolution was put before Members;-

“That this Municipal District declines to adopt the draft Budgetary Plan for the Municipal District of Donegal in the amount of €12,000.00 for 2018 as circulated with the Agenda”.

On the proposal of Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr O’Neill an amendment to the above motion was put before the meeting as follows;- That this Municipal District adopts a draft Budgetary Plan for the Municipal District of Donegal in the amount of €120,000.00.

The amended motion was put to the meeting first and was lost in a vote with 2 for and 3 against.

The original motion;-

“That this Municipal District declines to adopt the Budgetary Plan for the Municipal District of Donegal in the amount of €12,000.00 for 2018 as circulated with the Agenda” was then agreed.

Mr. Martin thanked Members for their consideration of the Draft Budgetary Plan for 2018 for the Municipal of Donegal and noted that the Chief Executive would have regard to their decision in the preparation of the Draft Budget for 2018.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Area Manager
Municipal District of Donegal**

**Cathaoirleach
Municipal District of Donegal**

Minutes of Workshop of Municipal District of Donegal held on Tuesday the 24th October 2017 in the Peter Kennedy Chamber, Donegal Public Services Centre, Donegal commencing at 10.45am.

Members Present:

Cllr Tom Conaghan, Cathaiorleach
Cllr Niamh Kennedy
Cllr John Campbell
Cllr Micháel Naughton
Cllr Barry O'Neill
Cllr Noel Jordan

Officials in Attendance:

Mr. Garry Martin, Head of Finance & Director of Information Systems and Emergency Services
Ms. Bridie McBrearty, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Paul McGill, Area Manager,
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

1. Review of Polling Scheme for County Donegal

Mr. Paul McGill presented a report on the Review of the Polling Scheme for County Donegal and briefed Members in relation to same.

Following a discussion, it was agreed to examine the following;-

- Examine the possibility of moving the polling station at Lettercran Old School into Pettigo due to the small numbers voting at this station
- Examine the possibility of reducing number of polling stations in Ballyshannon from three to two and locating one of them in the Mercy Hall, Ballyshannon
- Consider changing the voters in Behy to Cashelard, Ballyshannon
- Discuss with Returning Officers if anomalies in the Polling Scheme can be addressed e.g., where Laghey is overlapping with Ballintra in terms of the Dail Constituency.

Members noted it is intended to bring the Draft Polling Scheme to the January 2018 meeting of the Plenary Council following which the Draft Polling Scheme would be published and available for inspection for a period of 5 weeks.

Members thanked Mr. McGill for attending.

2. Footpath/Public Light Programme

Mr. M Sweeney briefed Members in relation to the proposed footpath and public lighting (infill) programme. Following a discussion on the proposal of Cllr Jordan, seconded by Cllr Kennedy it was agreed to split the funding 90% to Footpath Replacement and 10 % to infill public lighting. Mr. M Sweeney informed Members he would proceed to draw up the Footpath Programme and bring it together with a list of proposed lighting infill to Members for consideration.

This concluded the business of the Workshop.

**Area Manager,
Municipal District of Donegal**

**Cathaoirleach,
Municipal District of Donegal**

Minutes of Workshop of Municipal District of Donegal held on Tuesday the 24th October 2017 in the Peter Kennedy Chamber, Donegal Public Services Centre, Donegal commencing at 10.45am.

Members Present:

Cllr Tom Conaghan, Cathaoirleach
Cllr Niamh Kennedy
Cllr John Campbell
Cllr Micháel Naughton
Cllr Barry O'Neill
Cllr Noel Jordan

Officials in Attendance:

Mr. Garry Martin, Head of Finance & Director of Information Systems and Emergency Services
Ms. Bridie McBrearty, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

1. Additional Allocation – Local Improvements Scheme 2017

Mr. M Sweeney briefed Members in relation to an additional allocation that is to come for Local Improvement Schemes for 2017. He informed Member he has not yet been notified of the amount of the allocation. Members were also advised that the prioritisation of schemes today is for this round of funding only with the intention of completing as many schemes as possible within the available funding.

Following a discussion the following priority lists were agreed for each of the engineering areas for the anticipated funding and also reserve lists were agreed. It was also agreed that when the funding amount has been confirmed, the priority list would be finalised and circulated to Members.

There was also a discussion in relation to public roads that are in a bad state of repair e.g. bog roads.

2. Contribution towards Christmas Lights, Donegal Town

Mr. M Sweeney briefed Members in relation to a request received from the Donegal Town Christmas Lights Committee which was forwarded to Members by e-mail. Following a discussion it was agreed that an amount of €6000.00 would be made as a contribution to the Christmas similar to last year. Also an additional possible once-off capital allocation of up to €4000.00 was agreed subject to it being used in order to try to reduce the energy costs associated with the Christmas lights e.g. low energy lights etc. It was agreed that payment of the capital monies to be done on a vouched basis that will demonstrate that this will drive down the overall costs. Members also suggested that the Lights Committee contact their electricity supplier with a view to negotiating a reduced electricity cost for the lights e.g. the most economic tariff.

3. Local Receptions

Apologies were noted from Ms. B McBrearty who had to leave the workshop owing to other work commitments in Letterkenny today. Mr. G Martin dealt with this item on her behalf. Mr. Martin briefed Members in relation to Local Receptions noting that the Municipal Districts had taken a variety of approaches to this. Some Districts had not held any receptions while others had some activity in this area. He advised that there is currently no budget line for same and that a reasonable approach should be taken so as to not alienate groups or individuals. In this regard he submitted that a policy on same should be formulated taking into account Members requirements and thereafter set aside a small budget.

A discussion on Local Receptions followed and the main points from the discussion were as follows;-

- Receptions should be held for rare occasions and for exceptional achievements only
- Members noted that some achievements may be more appropriate for a Civic Reception (HQ) depending on the significance of same.
- Consideration could be given to holding a short annual reception e.g. on the day of the Annual General Meeting of the District, where presentations could be made to groups or individuals over a number of different categories for example; Sports, Volunteering, Community.
- Members to consider setting aside a small budget contribution from the Members Development Fund Initiative for Local Receptions
- Members to feed in suggestions to Ms. B McBrearty or Mr. E Monaghan indicating their views on what might work best for this Municipal District for further discussion.

4. Civic Reception for Katie George Dunleavy

In response to a request for an update on the proposed Civic Reception for Katie George Dunleavy, Mr. G Martin informed Members this update would be requested from the Area Manager, Council Secretariat.

5. Chain of Office for Cathaoirleach of the MD

In response to a request from Cllr Kennedy for a 'Chain of Office' to be provided for the Cathaoirleach of the MD, Mr. Martin informed Members this is being followed up with the Director of Housing & Corporate Services for all Municipal Districts.

6. Leasing of Space in Donegal PSC

In response to a query from Cllr Naughton regarding some space that is being leased out in the Donegal PSC and if this could impact on the potential for a Planner to be re-located in the PSC, Mr. G Martin informed Members it would not and any requests in regard to planning would be dealt with by the planning service. He also advised that the Offices in the PSC are fully occupied except for the normal ebbs and flows in the building.

7. Refusal of Planning Permission for a Cinema in Donegal Town.

Members noted the status of the planning application for the provision of a proposed new cinema in Donegal Town and there was a short discussion in

relation to same. It was noted that the application has been refused by Donegal County Council and a number of comments were dealt with at the workshop, noting the forthcoming public meeting in the Abbey Hotel.

8. Request for a Workshop on Tuesday the 12th December 2017

Mr. M Sweeney advised Members he wished to request a workshop of the MD to discuss the footpath programme. It was agreed a workshop would be held at 10.00 am on the 12th December 2017 (immediately prior to the MD Meeting at 11.30 am).

This concluded the business of the Workshop.

**Area Manager,
Municipal District of Donegal**

**Cathaoirleach,
Municipal District of Donegal**

Municipal District of Donegal

Housing/Corporate Update for 12th December 2017

1. Casual Vacancies
2. Housing Grants
3. Housing Loans
4. TP Applications
5. Social Housing Support Programme
6. HAP Tenancies
7. Private Rented Inspections
8. Household Composition by MD & Area
9. Lease & Repair Scheme Summary
10. Child Protection awareness training for Members – date to be agreed (1 to 1 ½ hours in Jan or Feb 2018).
11. Schedule of Meetings for 2018

Location of Vacancy	Area	BED	Dwelling Vacated	Repairs Completed
SI Cottage at Ballinacarrick	BALLINTRA	3	24th March, 2013 (Tenant Deceased)	Possession order granted 25/6/2015
64 Forge Avenue	Ballintra	3	Tenant Deceased - Feb 2017	Schedule of works being finalised
60 St Benildus Avenue	BALLYSHANNON	2	Repossessed on 28/04/2010	Upgrade being examined with AHB
30 Cluain Barron	BALLYSHANNON	3	11 October 2013	Work Ongoing
6 Erne Street	Ballyshannon	2	16th January 2016	Upgrade being examined with AHB
16 Ernedale Heights	Ballyshannon	3	keys received 15/9/17	Tender being prepared
32 Lawne Park	Ballyshannon	3	13/07/2017	Referred for inspection
64 Forge Avenue	Ballintra	3	Tenant deceased - 06/01/2017	Referred for inspection
SI Tullintain	Bruckless	3	06 February 2017	Tender being prepared
22 St Theresa's Terrace	Bruckless	2	27th June 2017	Works ongoing
18 St Theresa's Tce	Bruckless	2	12/07/2017	Works ongoing
7 St Theresa's Terrace	Bruckless	3	2nd May 2017 - tenancy surrendered	Works ongoing
91 Slieve League Avenue	Carrick	2	06 May 2017	Works ongoing
444 O'Duignan Avenue	DONEGAL	3	14th November 2016	Works completed - Tenancy offered (3 refusals)
7 Railway Park	Donegal	3	19/06/2017 (keys handed back to office)	Schedule of works being finalised
7 O'Cleirigh Avenue	Donegal Town	1	Keys returned to office on 24/07/2017	Schedule of works being finalised
4 Pine trees	Drimarone	2	Tenant deceased	Work Ongoing
211 Castleview	Dunkineely	3	25/08/2017	Schedule of works being finalised
3 Coughlan Avenue	Frosses	1	Keys returned to office on 26/09/2017	Works ongoing
SI Legnawley Glebe, Croagh	Inver	2	4th October 2016 (tenant deceased)	Schedule of works being finalised
SI Lough Head	Killybegs	3	10 August 2016	Works completed 30/11/17
4 Pairc Rath an Aonaigh	Laghey	3	Keys returned to office on 22/09/2017	Referred for inspection
SI Gortward	Mountcharles	3	Tenant Deceased on 20/12/2016	Extension being finalised
9 St Patricks Terrace	Pettigo	3	2/2/2017 - tenancy surrendered	No suitable need
14 Termon Villas	Pettigo	1	Tenant deceased - 13/3/2017	No immediate need
2 Bircog	Pettigo	1	04/03/2016	Advertised for Choice-based letting
97 Emerald Drice	Killybegs	3	Purchased property Nov'17	Works ongoing

Position as at 1st December 2017

HOUSING GRANTS

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HO	2015	12	7	5	0	0
HO	2016	42	34	8	0	0
HO	2017	65	39	12	1	13

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	FURTHER INFO.	REFERRED TO OT	REFERRED TO ENGINEER	PENDING
HD	2015	34	14	17	0	0	0	3
HD	2016	41	16	22	1	0	0	2
HD	2017	53	8	20	4	1	0	20

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HM	2015	1	0	1	0	0
HM	2016	5	2	3	0	0
HM	2017	7	1	4	0	2

HOUSING LOANS

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	Undecided
Housing Loans	2016	2	1	1	0
Housing Loans	2017	1	1	0	0

Tenant Purchase Applications 2016/2017

Year	No. of Apps Received	Incomplete Returned	Open Applications	Refused/ Not Eligible	Offer letters Issued	Completed
2016	13	0	0	5	8	0
2017	6	0	0	0	5	1
Totals	19	0	0	5	13	1

SOCIAL HOUSING SUPPORT PROGRAMME

Position at 30th November 2017										
Scheme	2 bed	2 bed	3 bed	4 bed	Total	Status				
	apts (own door)	2 storey	2 storey	2 storey		Design	Planning	Tender	Under Con	Completed
Building Programme 2015 - 2017										
Donegal Town	8	8	6	2	24	24	01/07/2016	√		
Killybegs	2	3	4		9	9	29/01/2017	√		
Purchases 2017										
Bundoran			2		2					
Killybegs			1		1					
CAS 2016/2017										
2 Com Group Homes					2	Being built in conjunction with Donegal Town				
1 Com Group Home						Alternative site being examined				
CALF Approved										
Ermedale Heights Ballyshannon					11	Works ongoing				

HAP Tenancies	
Municipal District	Number
Donegal	178
Letterkenny	651
Glenties	137
Stranorlar	256
Inishowen	385
Sub Total	1607
Tenancies Closed	468
Overall Total	2075

Private Rented Dwellings Inspected at 30th November 2017 **1258**

Lease & Repair Scheme Summary

Applications						
MD	Received	No. of Units	Awaiting assessment	Rejected	Progressing	Total
Inishowen	12	15	12	0	0	12
Donegal	8	24	1	7	0	8
Glenties	7	7	3	4	0	7
Letterkenny	17	18	9	8	0	17
Stranorlar	6	20	6	0	0	6
Total	50	84	31	19	0	50
Updated 29/11/2017						

SCHEDULE OF MD MEETINGS 2018

MONTH	DATE
JANUARY	January, Tuesday 9 th
FEBRUARY	February, Tuesday 13 th
MARCH	March, Tuesday 13 th
APRIL	April, Tuesday 10 th
MAY	May, Tuesday 8 th
JUNE	June, Tuesday 12 th (AGM)
JULY	July, Tuesday 10 th
SEPTEMBER	September, Tuesday 11 th
OCTOBER	October, Tuesday 9 th
DECEMBER	December, Tuesday 11 th

Donegal Municipal District

2017 Restoration Maintenance - Regional Roads

No	Road No.	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Length (m)	Area (sq.m)	Estimated cost	Totals Per Eng Area	Status
1	R231-3	Rossnowiagh RD	Ballyshannon	700	4900	€26,630	€52,845	Completed
2	R233	Lough Derg Rd	Laghey	1250	6500	€35,490		Completed
3	R-262-2	Frosses - Gargrim (Patching)	Dunkineely	420	2520	€11,176		Completed
4	R-263-8	Cashling's Bridge - O' Haras Corner	Killybegs	600	3900	€17,550		Completed
5	R-263-16	Malinmore - Malinbeg	Killybegs	825	4537.5	€20,445		Completed
6	R-263-15	Malinmore - Doonalt	Killybegs	600	3300	€14,850		Completed
Restoration Maintenance Regional Road Budget							€126,140	

Donegal Municipal District

2017 Restoration Maintenance - Local Roads

No	Road No.	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Length (m)	Area (sq.m)	Estimated cost	Totals Per Eng Area	Status	
1	LP2365-2	Carricknahorna	Ballyshannon	1600	5280	€21,120	€106,288	Completed	
2	LP2225-5	Rushen	Ballyshannon	1400	5120	€19,888		Completed	
3	LS7735-1	Legaltan	Ballyshannon	1600	4800	€19,200		Completed	
4	L S7075-2	Dromoske	Ballyshannon	1200	3600	€14,400		Completed	
5	LS7785-2	Knader-Doobally	Ballyshannon	1600	5120	€20,480		Completed	
6	LS7945-1	Ardfarna	Ballyshannon	800	2800	€11,200		Completed	
7	LP2195-2	Trummon East	Laghey	1000	5000	€21,800	€114,492	Completed	
8	LP2115-2	Golard	Laghey	1500	5250	€22,870		Completed	
9	LS7035-1	Kilgole	Laghey	800	2800	€12,200		Completed	
10	LS6845-1	Carrick East	Laghey	800	2800	€12,200		Completed	
11	L6625-1	Cambeagh	Laghey	800	2800	€12,200		Completed	
12	LS7165-2	Lisnapaste	Laghey	1000	5000	€21,800		Completed	
13	LS6945-1	Raw Hill	Laghey	700	2625	€11,422		Completed	
14	L-1025-2	Glenmalin - Malinmore	Killybegs	1,000	3250	€14,625	€95,720	Completed	
15	L-1315-1	Commons School - Corporation	Killybegs	1,000	4500	€20,250		Completed	
16	L-1335-1	5 Points - Carricknagore	Killybegs	400	1400	€6,300		Completed	
17	L-1265-2	Glenlee - Portnacross (Hubert Breslin)	Killybegs	1,000	3250	€14,625		Completed	
18	L-5065-1	Cloghan - Farranmacbride	Killybegs	1,000	3000	€13,500		Completed	
19	L-1175-1	Cladnageeragh Pier - Kilbeg	Killybegs	1,000	3000	€13,500		Completed	
20	L-1375-1	Tullinteane - Meengilcarry	Killybegs	955	2865	€12,920		Completed	
21	L-6135-1	Drumconnor (Tom Murray's)	Dunkineely	1,000	3000	€13,500		€106,905	Completed
22	L-1685-2	Roes - Drimarone	Dunkineely	600	2700	€12,150			Completed
23	L-1685-4	Letterbarrow (Soccer Field)	Dunkineely	1,000	3000	€13,500			Completed
24	L-1645-4	Mountcharles - Doorin Line (Patching)	Dunkineely	800	3200	€14,400	Completed		
25	L-6455-1	Heney's - Altidoo	Dunkineely	750	2437.5	€10,969	Completed		
26	L-1865-2	Ballydevitt - Haugh	Dunkineely	835	2922.5	€13,136	Completed		
27	L-5935-1	Creelvins - Doorin	Dunkineely	1,400	4200	€18,900	Completed		
28	L-1515-3/5	Ardaghey - Ardara Road (Patching)	Dunkineely	400	2300	€10,350	Completed		
Restoration Maintenance Local Road Budget							€423,405		

2016 Regional and Local Road Improvement Works

Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Works Type	Length (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)	Status
2017								
1	R-262-1	Ballybrollaghan - Frosses Village	Dunkineely	RR	420	2,500	€64,227	Completed
2	L-1425-3	St. John's Point - Ballyerderland	Dunkineely	RR	1,000	3,500	€36,750	Completed
3	L-1645-2/3	Raneely - Drumcoe	Dunkineely	RR	1,000	3,500	€36,750	Completed
4	L-1815-2/3	Drumkeelan - Drumnalost	Dunkineely	RR	1,000	3,500	€36,750	Completed
5	L-6425-2/1	Drumboarty - Meenacally	Dunkineely	RR	1,000	4,000	€44,000	Completed
6	L-1815-4/5	Drumboarty - Ardbane	Dunkineely	RR	1,000	3,500	€36,750	Completed
7	L-1855-1	Rossylongan - Ballyboyle	Dunkineely	RR	1,000	4,000	€40,000	Completed
8	L-1825-1	Meenawilderg - Meenataggart	Dunkineely	RR	1,000	3,500	€38,500	Completed
9	L-1825-3	Lackcrom - Ogherbeg	Dunkineely	RR	1,000	3,800	€35,000	Completed
10	L-1865-2	Ballydevitt - Haugh	Dunkineely	RR	1,200	4,320	€43,200	Completed
11	L-6345-1	Greenan	Dunkineely	RR	700	2,450	€29,400	Completed
12	L-64253	*Tullinagreena (Letterbox Road)	Dunkineely	RR	1,000	3,800	€38,000	Completed
13	L-1885-1	Beefpark	Dunkineely	RR	350	1,050	€25,000	Completed
14	L-5875	Doobin	Dunkineely	RR	300	900	€13,500	Completed
15	L-1615-1	Meenagran - Lettermore	Dunkineely	RR	320	975	€14,625	Completed
€532,452								
16	R-263-2	Killybegs Streets (Various locations)	Killybegs	RR			€70,000	Completed
17	R-263-7	Bavin - Kilcar	Killybegs	RR	280	1,960	€44,000	Completed
18	R-263-13	Lime Kiln - Glen	Killybegs	RR	400	2,800	€44,800	Completed
19	L-1375-2	Croagh - Meenagolan	Killybegs	RR	800	2,800	€44,800	Completed
20	L-1365-4	Tullinteane	Killybegs	RR	500	1,500	€24,000	Completed
21	L-1125-2	Carrick - Meenaneary	Killybegs	RR	600	4,200	€66,800	Completed
22	L-1195-1	Line Road Kilcar	Killybegs	RR	400	2,200	€35,000	Completed
23	L-5215-2	Churchtown, Kilcar	Killybegs	RR	800	2,560	€40,960	Completed
24	L-12151	Drumnafinnagle - Tawney	Killybegs	RR	550	1,760	€28,640	Completed
25	L-1265-4	Roshine Road	Killybegs	RR	200	1,400	€28,000	Completed
26	R-263-8	Cashling's Bridge - Ballymoon Jn.	Killybegs	RR	200	1,300	€26,000	Completed
27	R-230-2	Kilgoly Bridge - Glencolmcille Villa	Killybegs	RR	685	3,562	€67,740	Completed
28	L-5325-1	Croaghbeg	Killybegs	RR	675	2,025	€32,400	Completed
€553,140								
29	LS7285-1	Ballyalla	Ballyshannon	RR	800	2400	€30,000	Completed
30	LS7765-1	Behey	Ballyshannon	RR	1000	3000	€37,500	Completed
31	LT70751	Mullanacross	Ballyshannon	RR	900	2880	€37,500	Completed
32	LS75051	Rosscat	Ballyshannon	RR	1300	4290	€56,000	Completed
33	LS7555-1	Lurgan	Ballyshannon	RR	1250	3750	€52,500	Completed
34	R267	Bundoran Streets	Ballyshannon	RR	300	2400	€40,000	Completed
35	LP2175-1	Ballintra Streets	Ballyshannon	RR	300	2200	€45,000	Completed
36	R267	Ballyshannon Streets	Ballyshannon	RR	450	2600	€80,000	Completed
37	LS7615-2	*Tober	Ballyshannon	RR	1000	3200	€44,800	Completed
38	LS7075-1	Drumholme	Ballyshannon	RR	1000	3400	€45,500	Completed
39	LP - 2225-1	Ballydermott	Ballyshannon	RR	1000	3200	€41,500	Completed
40	R-231-3	Rossnowlough Road	Ballyshannon	RR	550	3500	€46,472	Completed
€556,772								
41	LS6625-1	Carnbeagh	Laghey	RR	1000	3500	€45,500	Completed
42	LS6915-2	Listnapaste/Shannagh	Laghey	RR	750	2800	€45,500	Completed
43	LP1945-3	Harveys Pt/Lough Eske	Laghey	RR	1000	5000	€65,000	Completed
44	R267-3	Donegal Streets	Laghey	RR	300	2400	€30,750	Completed
45	LT80351	Tievemore	Laghey	RR	800	2560	€35,660	Completed
46	R232	Pettigo Rd	Laghey	RR	300	1300	€73,000	Completed
47	LP2265-2	Crocknacunny	Laghey	RR	1200	4800	€67,200	Completed
48	LS7035-1	Kilgole	Laghey	RR	800	2800	€36,400	Completed
49	LP2115-1	Golard	Laghey	RR	1000	3200	€41,600	Completed
50	LT67652	Ardnagasson	Laghey	RR	800	2800	€36,400	Completed
51	LS7345-1	Glenmore	Laghey	RR	600	1750	€22,546	Completed
52	LS-6815-2	Finmore	Laghey	RR	800	2400	€32,000	Completed
53	LT18251	Edergole	Laghey	RR	1100	3850	€54,600	Completed
54	R-233-1	Pettigoe Streets	Laghey	RR	600	1750	€26,000	Completed
€612,156								
* Agreed changes to the restoration programme.						Total Budget	€2,254,520	

Donegal Municipal District

Clar Funding 2017 - Local Access Roads

Dunkineely Area 14

No	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area (14)	Estimated Cost of work (EURO)	Status
1	Private Road	St John's Point, Dunkineely.	Dunkineely	€72,000	Completed
				€72,000	

Killybegs Area 15

No	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area (15)	Estimated Cost of work (EURO)	Status
1	Private Road	Cladnageeragh Pier Road	Killybegs	€6,000	Completed
2	Private Road	Malinmore Slipway, Oughig	Killybegs	€20,520	Completed
				€26,520	
				€98,520	

Clar Funding 2017 - School Safety Works

Killybegs Area 15

No	Road Number	Description	Engineering Area (15)	Estimated Cost of work (EURO)	Status
1	R263	Footpath extension and crossing point to Kilcar National School	Killybegs	€ 22,000.00	Completed
2	R263	Infill section of new footpath in Glencolumbkille	Killybegs	€ 22,000.00	Works ongoing
				€ 44,000.00	

Ballyshannon Area 16

No	Road Number	Description	Engineering Area (16)	Estimated Cost of work (EURO)	Status
3	L-2175-1 & L-2355-1	Crossing point and associated signage to Robertsnon National School in Ballintra	Ballyshannon	€ 10,000.00	Completed
				€ 10,000.00	

Donegal Area 17

No	Road Number	Description	Engineering Area (17)	Estimated Cost of work (EURO)	Status
4	R232	Footpath extension and crossing point to the National School in Laghey	Donegal	€ 25,000.00	Completed
5	L-2185-1	Footpath extension and crossing point to St Eunans National School in Ballintra	Donegal	€ 22,000.00	Completed
				€ 47,000.00	
				Total amount	€ 101,000.00

Donegal Municipal District

LOW COST REMEDIAL WORKS

Low cost safety measures

Engineering Area	Location	Site Location	Road No	Budget (€)	Description of works	Status
17	Laghey	Lurganboy	R267 / L-6705	€30,000.00	Safety Improvement Works at Junction	Completed

NRA - HD 28 Works - Management of Skid Resistance

Engineering Area	Location	Site Location	Road No	Budget (€)	Description of works	Status

NRA - HD 15 Works - Network Safety Ranking

Engineering Area	Location	Site Location	Road No	Budget (€)	Description of works	Status
17	Laghey	Junction Improvement works at Laghey Junction.	R232	€65,000.00	Junction improvement works at Laghey on the Regional Road adjacent to the Recycling Centre.	Completed

OPW - Costal, Non-Costal & Flood Protection Works

No	Road Number	Description	Engineering Area	Length	Estimated Cost of work (EURO)	Status
1	N/A	Graveyard protection works at Inver Graveyard	14	50	€13,500	Completed

Donegal Municipal District					
Development Contribution Scheme Funded Capital Improvement Works 2017					
Programme of works					
Proposed works					
Engineering Area	Location	Road No	Description of works	Budget per Engineering Area	Status
14	Mountcharles	L-2615-1	Footpath repairs in Mountcharles	€11,250.00	Q1 2018
15	Carrick	R-263	Surfacing and ducting works outside the Church in Carrick	€11,250.00	Q1 2018
16	Ballyshannon	R-267	Footpath repair works at West Port Ballyshannon.	€11,250.00	Q1 2018
17	Pettigoe	R-232	Footpath repair works outside the Church in Pettigoe	€11,250.00	Completed
				€45,000.00	

Donegal Municipal District						
2017 Local Improvement Scheme Priority List						
Area	Budget	Priority No	LIS No	Cost Estimate	Total	Status
14	€54,198.80	1	170691	€15,870.00	€59,949.00	Completed
		2	170909	€35,604.00		Completed
		3	170079	€8,475.00		Completed
15	€42,050.79	1	170174	€23,345.00	€43,204.00	Completed
		2	170108	€19,859.00		Completed
16	€15,885.85	1	170200	€14,375.00	€14,375.00	Completed
17	€35,509.56	1	170683	€14,590.00	€31,495.00	Completed
		2	170905	€16,905.00		Completed
Total	€147,645.00			Total	€149,023.00	

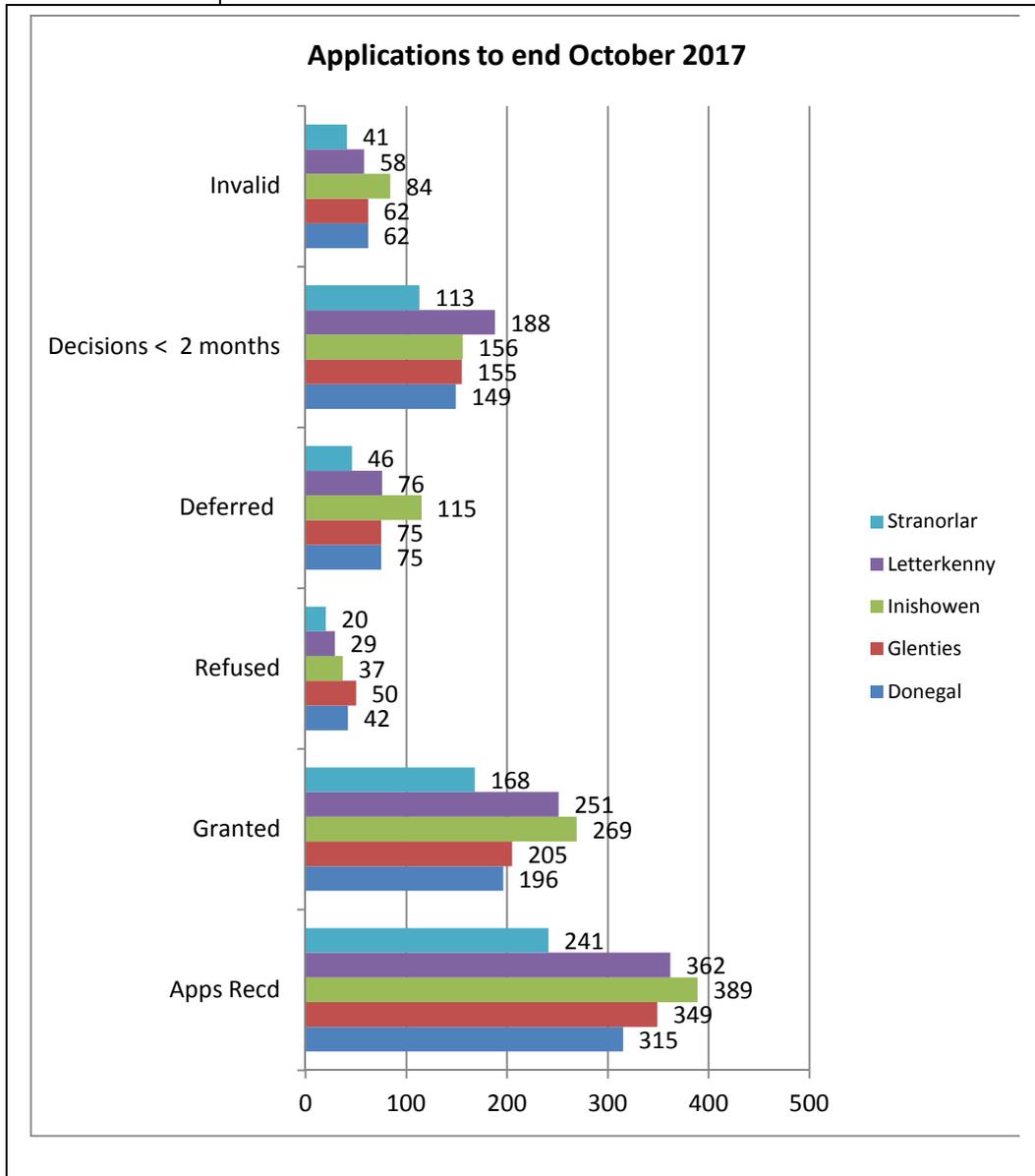
Donegal Municipal District - Flood Damage

Road Class	Road Number	Municipal District	Engineering Area	Road Name and / or Townland Name	Description of Flood Damage	Description of Proposed Repair Works	Length	Width	Estimated Cost	Engineering Area Totals	Status
Local	L1865-25	Donegal EA	14	Ballydevitt-Haugh	Damage cause to bridge abutment	Bridge repair, Lower the river bed downstream of bridge	5m		€20,000.00	€23,000.00	Q1 2018
Local	L6335	Donegal EA	14	Eglish Bridge	Landslide up stream has closed the mouth of Bridge. Unclear at this stage if damage has been caused to Bridge	Clear blockages & inspect bridge			€3,000.00		Completed
Local	L7195-1	Donegal EA	16	Crookahanny	Road Flooded -Rutted	Wetmix, double surface dress and drainage	700m	3m	€35,000.00	€57,000.00	Q1 2018
Local	L2295-1	Donegal EA	16	Rossnowlough Upper	Road flooded, Surface damage and Potholes	Raise and resurface 2 sections of road. Upgrade drainage	130m	5.5m	€22,000.00		Q1 2018
Local	L-6775-1	Donegal EA	17	Drumlust	50m of road edge collapsed into drain	Place road drainage and crossing	60m		€9,000.00	€92,150.00	Q1 2018
Local	L-18353	Donegal EA	17	Benson Hill	Road Flooded/potholes and rutting	Stone, and surface dress	750m	3.5m	€39,500.00		Q1 2018
Local	L-18352	Donegal EA	17	Goladoo	Side of road washed away	Pipe drain and reconstruct road/verge	20m	3.5m	€6,000.00		Q1 2018
Local	L-80652	Donegal EA	17	Lettercran	Road Flooded/potholes and rutting	Stone, and surface dress	300m	3.5m	€15,750.00		Q1 2018
Local		Donegal EA	17	Corracrump	Road edge washed away	Drainage along road edge and reinstate verge	300m		€9,000.00		Q1 2018
Local	L-2035-1	Donegal EA	17	Legacurry	Road flooded due to undersized road crossing and surface washed away	Reinstate road stone and surface dress, upsize road crossing	150m	3.5m	€12,900.00		Q1 2018
										€172,150.00	



Donegal MD Meeting
12th December 2017

Item	Update
1 Development Applications	
(1) Statistics	County Totals Year to end October 2017:
	Applications received 1656
	Granted 1089
	Refused 178
	Deferred 387
	Decided in under 2 months 761
	Invalid 207





Planning Services Report

2	Enforcement	
		MD
		New Cases 8
		Closed Cases 7
		Total no of cases since 2012 141
3	Central Planning Unit	
	(1) County Development Plan review	<p>Following the consultation period on the Draft Plan, Members' were furnished with the Chief Executive's report on the public consultation process on 20th October, 2017. A Plenary Workshop has been arranged for 6th November, 2017, and a further workshop has been provisionally arranged for 21st November, 2017. The matter will be considered formally by the Council at the scheduled Plenary Council meeting of 27th November, 2017 at which Members will be required to decide on the next steps in the process. The options are either (Scenario 1) to decide to make or amend the Plan; or (Scenario 2), where any agreed amendments are considered to be material alterations, proceed to issue those amendments for a further period of public consultation in accordance with the requirements of the Planning & Development Acts, and to determine if Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment are required to be carried out as respects one or more than one proposed material alteration in accordance with statutory requirements also. Should the latter scenario transpire, as seems likely, the projected remaining timeframe would be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. publish statutory notices in mid-December, 2017; 2. undertake SEA and AA as required; 3. publish material alterations for public consultation at end of January/start of February, 2018 for a minimum period of not less than 4 weeks. 4. submission of Chief executive's report on Material Alterations public consultation before end of March, 2018; 5. Adoption target of mid-May, 2018.
	(2) Local Area Plans	<p>Seven Strategic Towns Local Area Plan [for An Clochán Liath (Dungloe); Ballybofey-Stranorlar; Ballyshannon; Bridgend; Carndonagh; Donegal Town; and Killybegs</p> <p>At the September Plenary Council meeting (adjourned to Monday 2nd October, 2017), Members agreed to proceed to publish a Draft Plan in mid-November, 2017. The likely timetable is now as follows, subject to confirmation:</p>



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		<p>1. Publish Draft Plan on 24th November, 2017; 2. Consultation period to run to 17th January, 2018. 3. Submission of Chief Executive's Report by mid-February, 2018; 4. Council consideration of report at scheduled Plenary Council meeting at end of March, 2018.</p>
	(3) Proposed Additions to Record of Protected Structures	No further update.
	(4) Conservation Grant Schemes	<p><u>Built Heritage at Risk Scheme</u> 9 no. applications were approved with a total funding of €72,320. All 9 projects have been completed with 7 applicants paid and the remaining 2 applicants are in the process of completing the necessary paperwork in order to allow payments to be released.</p> <p><u>Structures at Risk Fund</u> 2 no. applications were approved with a total funding of €59,000. On project has been completed and the applicant paid. The grant-aided works at the remaining project have been completed and the paperwork is being prepared to pay the applicant.</p> <p>In summary, all funding awarded by the Department for both these grants schemes in Donegal has been utilised to a sum of €131,320.</p>
	(5) Hericoast Project	A meeting was held with key stakeholders on 14 th July with positive feedback from all involved. A round of MD meetings was undertaken in September and October with Members welcoming the creation of a short film on Donegal for the project and the “Coastal Experience in Donegal” crowd sourcing WebApp. A workshop in Molise, Italy was attended by the Hericoast team in October, 2017. Work is continuing towards an action plan and the workshop to be held in Donegal 24 th – 27 th April 2018 (venue to be decided pending the outcome of a tender process).
5	Notes & Monthly Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13th December 2017
6	Further Information <i>Click on web links to access</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly List of applications and decisions: http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weeklyplanninglists/ Planning service email (to be used in correspondence)



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<p><i>information.</i></p>	<p>with the planning service): planning@donegalcoco.ie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning Webpage: www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/• Planning Application Online Query – planning reference number required: www.donegalcdb.ie/eplan/internetenquiry/rpt_querybysurforrecloc.asp• File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and when requesting planning searches: www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/fileretrieval/File%20Retrieval.pdf
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Municipal District of Donegal

12th December 2017

Community, & Development Division

REPORT

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3. Rural Development Programme/LEADER
4. Donegal Gathering website and Facebook
5. Tourism Sectoral Forum
6. Marine Tourism Marketing & Development
7. Donegal Town – Development Hub
CEDRA Funded – Donegal Atlantic Coastal Trail
Communications – Cool Route Project
Implementation of the Interpretative Strategy – Sliabh Liag
8. Donegal Tourism
9. Bundoran Tourism Officer Update
10. Donegal Walks and Trails
11. Public Participation Network (PPN)
12. IPB Pride Of Place
13. One Donegal – Social Inclusion Week 2017



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

Municipal District:

Activity / Project Update- December 2017

Activity / Project Title	Rural Development Programme/LEADER
Activity / Project Description	Donegal Local Community and Development Committee are the Local Action Group for County Donegal, with responsibility for the LEADER/Rural Development Programme 2014-2020
Budget	€12,857,056
Progress to date within the last two months-inclusive of current status	There are 4 Implementing Partners within the county; Donegal Local Development Company (DLDC), Inishowen Development Partnership (IDP), Údarás Na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán, who are rolling out the LEADER programme on behalf of the LAG (Local Action Group). There has been significant progress on the programme within the last few months following some changes to the operating rules of the programme. 51 projects in Donegal are now approved by Pobal and Letters of Offer have issued granting LEADER funding to a value of €1.2m
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	The next LCDC/LAG meeting will be held on December 19 th , with further projects coming forward for approval. Monthly Evaluation Committee meetings are also being held in order to progress projects to LCDC/LAG stage.
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Eimear Mc Dermott, 074 9153900 emcdermott@donegalcoco.ie



Activity / Project Update – November 2017

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Gathering website and Facebook www.donealgathering.com												
Project Description/Activity	Donegal Gathering is a key initiative of the Donegal Diaspora project bringing together young and old, from near and far, for a truly unique experience. The Donegal Gathering calendar is packed with amazing exhibitions, fun festivals, cracking concerts and sporting events taking place in Donegal.												
Budget (if applicable)	€506.76 – Facebook summer advertising campaign running from 19 th June until 30 th September. The aim of this campaign is to increase the numbers of 'Likes' on the Facebook page and promote Festivals & Events in the summer time.												
Progress to date within the last two months - inclusive of current status	<p>All Time Stats (since 2012):</p> <p>Website Views: 678,968 Users: 300,714</p> <p>Website Views – Q3 2017 – up 62% on 2016:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="587 1196 1129 1299"> <tr> <td>July</td> <td>31,722 (up 12%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>August</td> <td>33,130 (up 90%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>September</td> <td>22,548 (up 180%)</td> </tr> </table> <p>Users – Q3 2017 – (up 43% on 2016):</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="587 1395 1129 1498"> <tr> <td>July</td> <td>12,925 (up 12%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>August</td> <td>14,041 (up 57%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>September</td> <td>7,360 (up 87%)</td> </tr> </table> <p>Facebook Campaign Results</p> <p>Page Likes: 1,198 Reach: 59,751 Advert impressions: 107,1547</p>  <p>Figure 1: Page Likes during the campaign</p>	July	31,722 (up 12%)	August	33,130 (up 90%)	September	22,548 (up 180%)	July	12,925 (up 12%)	August	14,041 (up 57%)	September	7,360 (up 87%)
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Current Status

LAMA Awards

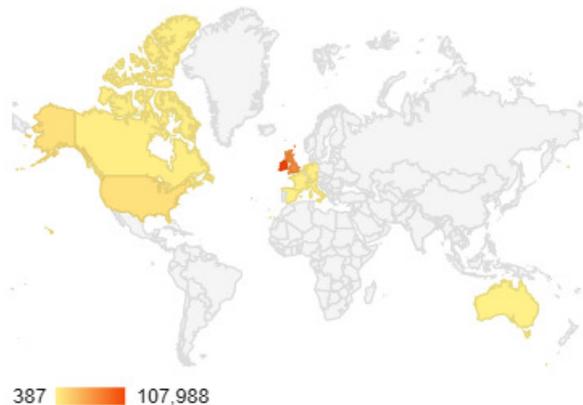
Donegal Gathering project has been nominated for the All Ireland Community & Council Awards in the "Best Connected Council (Communication & Digital Marketing)" category. The application form has been submitted earlier this month. The award ceremony will take place in Croke Park, Dublin on the 3rd February 2018.



Website Stats

Website Views – Year to Date	190,585
Users – Year to Date	83,855

Top Views by Country in 2017 (Website visited from 122 countries)



Country	Views
 Ireland	107,988
 United Kingdom	62,623
 United States	9,883
 Canada	1,813
 Germany	1,553
 France	898
 Australia	696
 Netherlands	593
 Spain	554
 Italy	387

	Social Media Follow – Year to Date: 4,984 Facebook Likes 2,576 Twitter Followers
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	Website performance Q4 2017 End of year report
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**Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall**
Donegal County Council

Municipal District: Countywide

Activity / Project Update – November 2017

Activity / Project Title	Tourism Sectoral Forum
Project Description/Activity	Donegal County Council's Tourism Sectoral Forum comprises of representatives from Donegal County Council, Donegal Tourism Ltd, Fáilte Ireland, LYIT, NPWS, Údaras na Gaeltachta, tourism trade representatives and various tourism sectoral interest groups.
Budget (if applicable)	N/A
Progress to date within the last two months -inclusive of current status	<p>The last meeting took place on Thursday, 21st September 2017 hosted at Amharclann, Ghaath Dobhair; attended by 15 Members. Apologies received from further 13 Members.</p> <p><u>Topics discussed/activities included:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Holiday World Show 2018 – confirmation- National Signage Regulations- Sectoral Updates- Tour of Amharclann
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	Update from the meeting scheduled for 30 th November 2017
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Iga Lawne, Community Tourism Officer Tourism Unit, Donegal County Council E: igalawne@donegalcoco.ie / T: 074-9724475



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Donegal

Marine Tourism
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Electoral Area: Donegal

Marine Tourism Marketing & Development Activity Report

Activity / Project Title	Marine Tourism Marketing & Development
Project Description/Activity	The Marine Tourism Marketing & Development Officer co-ordinates several projects including Malin Waters, Capiten, Cool Route, WAOH (Wildsea Atlantic Ocean Heritage), ISLE tourism project, CEDRA, Wildsea Europe in addition to a number of maritime events and other development activities.
Budget (if applicable)	N/A – Multiple Budgets from Various Projects
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 4 - inclusive of current status	<p>Cool Route A meeting of the Cool Route partnership took place in Glasgow in October 2017. Donegal County Council is responsible for the communications element of this project and presented a report on progress detailing ongoing content updates on the website and social media platforms plus e-mail marketing newsletters. Derry City and Strabane District Council are developing a new online system to promote sailing along the Cool Route and Donegal County Council are providing technical support with the development of this system and providing information about Donegal for use on this new online platform.</p> <p>ISLE Tourism Project The ISLE Tourism project has now been funded as a follow up to this project. The ISLE Tourism Project, led by Donegal County Council and partner Udáras na Gaeltachta has been successfully funded by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine under the CEDRA (Commission for the Economic Development of Rural Areas) programme. The training element of this project is underway at the School of Tourism in Killybegs with over 40 applicants to the course, which will run from September 2017 – May 2018. Course participants come from a variety of locations around Donegal with an island and coastal tourism focus.</p> <p>There are four elements to this project as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The training course – A Certificate in Local and Regional Guiding course with specific island and coastal tourism elements including sustainable tourism has commenced at LYIT School of Tourism and will run until May 2018. 31 students are enrolled on this course. Field trips to the islands will take place in the Spring of 2018• A Tourism Impact Study – A tourism impact study has been commissioned and a consultancy agency has been appointed to carry out this work. This Tourism Impact Study will provide clarity on the demands of the tourism product being offered while recommending ways of conserving the environment of the island and coastal areas. The aim of carrying out a tourism impact study is to achieve the following:

- To produce a detailed report that will be of benefit in the conservation of the natural resources of our island and coastal areas of Donegal for the benefit of the present and future generations;
- To make recommendations on sustainable tourism that will in the future bring sustainable social and economic development to the local island and coastal communities; and
- To produce a report that highlights best practice in the development of tourism in such a way that it will have a minimum negative environmental impact on our island and coastal areas but a maximum positive impact on island and coastal community well being and economic growth.
- To look at island and coastal requirements in terms of infrastructure and facilities that are needed to meet the needs of increasing visitor numbers.
- **Signage for islands** (focus on protecting habitats/species) – content for use on the signage for islands highlighting local species and habitats that need protecting e.g. nesting birds is in development.
- **Counters** – A company has been appointed to install Visitor Monitoring Equipment on five of the islands and this company is working with the Paths & Trails office to install the equipment that will allow for visitor numbers to the islands to be recorded, providing vital data on visitor numbers.

Donegal Maritime Trail Map Illustration

A new illustrated map of the Donegal Maritime Trail has been produced highlighting elements such as our marine species, shipwrecks, islands, Northern Lights, key attractions and much more.

CAPITEN

Donegal County Council recently attended the launch of this project and a technical committee meeting in Rennes, France on 9th and 10th November 2017. The CAPITEN project has been successfully funded via the Atlantic Area Programme. Donegal County Council is a key partner in this project, which is led by the Brittany Tourist Board in France and includes partners from a number of other EU countries. This project has several work packages, including a work package which will seek to provide supports for maritime themed events in Donegal.

WHOA (Wildsea Atlantic Ocean Heritage Route)

The WHOA project has secured funding. This is the follow up project to Wildsea Europe and will utilise the existing www.wildsea.eu website to grow this in the future. The "WAOH Route: A Dive into Adventure" is the first, European, Sustainable Diving Route and network connecting world-class diving sites from the extreme south in Portugal and Spain to the far north, encompassing Ireland and UK, which embody common European shared values & heritage. The Route will promote Europe's 5000 km of Atlantic, nautical coastline as a unique, transnational tourism itinerary and destination for divers & eco-tourists alike.

The Route will:

- Consist of world-class "flagship" diving sites and destinations that will encourage, create and unite synergy between water sports and Europe's unique, Atlantic marine heritage of landscapes, wildlife and habitats in combination with a range of maritime cultural heritage. It will enhance synergy of nautical sports (diving & snorkelling and kayaking – with over 25 million users

worldwide) with upcoming marine eco-tourism opportunities. It will notably promote synergy with Europe's renowned maritime archaeology, museums, underwater tourism and gastronomy at the seaside, leading to an innovative offer of new, transnational products.

- Focus on 1) reducing the impact of tourism seasonality by broadening the range of cross-cutting water based products and industries (diving & snorkelling; kayaking; whale watching) which can be appreciated throughout the year and linking it with Europe's natural & cultural heritage; 2) reducing the environmental impact of coastal tourism, and 3) coordinating marketing efforts in support of Europe's fastest growing maritime industry: nautical sports.
- Provide nautical & marine ecotourism SMEs with cross-marketing opportunities to facilitate their access to international markets, supporting transnational collaboration and resulting in a unique diversification of the nautical tourism offer. These SMEs will increase leverage and the transformation of mature "sun & beach" destinations and inspire new models for emerging, coastal destinations.
- Encourage best environmental practice and responsible tourism through capacity building, guidelines and tools to ensure long-term sustainability.
- Complement and support European Heritage Days and Label and link together Europe's unique coastal & marine UNESCO World Heritage Sites and biosphere Reserves, Council of Europe's nautical themed Cultural Heritage routes, important marine protected areas and EU Special Areas of Conservation. It will contribute to the Action Plan for a Maritime Strategy in the Atlantic.

FLAG North Marine Projects

The BIM (Bord Iascaigh Mhara) FLAG North marine and coastal communities programme confirmed that it will deliver €468,000 in investment across 31 distinctive marine projects for Donegal. There will be further funding available for 2018, but those interested in submitting a project for next year are encouraged to send in the application before the end of 2017 to allow for fast decisions and project kick offs in early 2018.

Sliabh Liag

A significant increase in queries from independent visitors and tour operators via www.sliabhliag.com has been noted. The Marine Tourism Officer responds to all queries and continues to maintain the Sliabh Liag website and social media platforms.

Fanad Lighthouse

The Marine Tourism Officer developed the www.fanadlighthouse.com website, a wordpress platform and is currently working with the new IT contact at Fanad Lighthouse to assist with the transfer of the website over to the lighthouse and training for staff on updating and creating content for the website.

MalinWaters

Welcome Anchorages 2018

The 2018 edition of Welcome Anchorages will feature the new small craft harbour in Killybegs on its front cover. This publication will also feature an editorial piece on sailing in the North West. This publication is distributed in the UK, Northern Ireland and the North West.

	<p>Sail Scotland 2018 MalinWaters will feature in the Sail Scotland 2018 publication to promote sailing in the North West to Scottish sailors. This publication will be distributed at all major international boat shows. There will also be a digital campaign with Sail Scotland for 2018 and a fresh new design for the magazine.</p> <p>Event Sponsorship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For 2017 MalinWaters has provided financial sponsorship and marketing support for 14 marine themed events across the MalinWaters regions to a total of €15,000. Support has been provided for a number of maritime events in the three regions including Donegal i.e. Inishowen Sea Symposium, Moville Boat Club Foyle Week, All Ireland Rowing Championships, Rathmullan Blessing of the Boats, Hooked, Laurentic Conference and NORA (Northwest Offshore Racing Association). <p>Social Media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MalinWaters has 973 followers on Twitter - https://twitter.com/sailmalinwaters A Facebook Advertising campaign has been running over recent months and MalinWaters has 14,197 likes on Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/MalinWaters <p>YouTube</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our 7 regional videos promoting MalinWaters on YouTube have now had over 365,000 views combined. <p>Digital Campaign</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Google Ad Words campaign has for July and August 2017 has delivered an increase of 93.70% in traffic to the website compared with the same period in 2016. Display advertising is ongoing across a number of target audience platforms including Yachting and Boating World, Practical Boat Owner and Yachting Monthly. Content updates on the MalinWaters website are ongoing including the addition of new marine business listings, new blogs, updated ferry information and events. <p>Killybegs.ie The Killybegs.ie website has been updated with details of all the cruise ships visiting in 2018 including information on the visit of the Queen Victoria and the Queen Elizabeth. For more information visit www.killybegs.ie</p>
<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarter 1 2018 reporting period</p>	<p>Cool Route Procurement is underway for the production of a new video showcasing the Cool Route. Paid advertising on social media and Google Ad Words campaign is planned for Q1 in 2018. A meeting of the partnership will take place in Cork in March 2018 to finalise the project and discuss future plans for commercialisation and the online information system.</p> <p>CAPITEN Donegal County Council is required to produce a marketing plan with specific elements relating to event management as the first piece of work in this project. This work will commence in January 2018. Donegal County Council will also be investigating options for event support and product innovation as part of this project.</p> <p>Marine Tourism Seminar A Marine Tourism Seminar will take place on the 8th March 2018. The venue and agenda will be confirmed in due course.</p>

WILDSEA Europe Project

Work is ongoing on the continued recruitment of experience providers in Donegal to get listed on Wildsea.eu. Webinars and online one to one training sessions continue to assist them in making the most of their listings and the online booking engine. Marketing activities to promote the www.wildsea.eu website platform are ongoing.

MalinWaters Marketing Activity

Further activities to promote the MalinWaters brand across a range of marketing platforms including e-mail, display, PPC, content, SEO and more will be ongoing in Q1 of 2018. More detailed reports will be available on the results of the marketing activity.

Cruise in Company

Discussions are underway via the MalinWaters and Cool Route partner consortiums about the potential of developing new cruise in company sailing events to increase interest and participation in the sailing sector.

Clipper 2018

Work is also underway to plan for a collaborative cross-border approach to preparations for Clipper 2018.

Sliabh Liag Project

Work will continue on updating the content on the Sliabh Liag website. The TripAdvisor, Facebook and Twitter pages will continue to be maintained by Donegal County Council Tourism Unit.

Marine Tourism Newsletter

Further updates will be sent out to over 200 marine tourism contacts via the e-mail newsletter.

CEDRA

Marketing activity in relation to Donegal's Atlantic Coastal Trail will be prepared for promotion of the region as part of the 2017 marketing campaigns from Donegal Tourism Ltd.

ISLE Tourism Project

Counters will be installed on the five islands as per the proposal set out for this project. A Tourism Impact study will be carried out including stakeholder engagement with island representatives. Signage will be produced and installed on the islands in 2018. The training course is underway and field trips to the islands will take place in 2018.

Cruise Tourism

Collaboration on cruise tourism as part of the MalinWaters consortium will be further developed including production of a new cruise tourism brochure for use online and offline to promote the regions as excellent cruise tourism destinations.

Donegal County Council Tourism Unit is working with Visit Derry on the potential to develop a familiarisation trip for cruise operators interested in adding both regions to their cruise itineraries in the future.

Blueway Opportunities

The possibility of creating sections of 'Blueway' in Donegal along our coastline is being investigated.

Boot Düsseldorf Trade Show

	<p>A Donegal Tourism promotional stand has been booked at Boot Düsseldorf for January 2018. This is a major marine tourism trade show that takes place in Germany over a 9 day period annually. Tourism providers from the marine sector in Donegal will also be attending. Preparations for this event are ongoing.</p> <p>This is an excellent opportunity to exhibit at a major trade show in Europe. There are many advantages such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 250,000 visitors from 92 countries • 18 themed areas • 1800 exhibitors from 65 countries • This is the leading trade fair of nautical business • Inspiration for the whole watersports industry • World's largest marketplace for sail boats & motor boats • Top-level product presentations • Trade and private visitors from all areas of watersports • Very high visitor satisfaction – supply and staging strike a chord with visitors • More than 2,000 accredited journalists from 42 countries, around 5,000 articles in print and online media, and more than 350 radio and TV reports annually <p>SeaFest 2018 Donegal County Council Tourism Unit will be exhibiting at SeaFest 2018.</p> <p>Donegal Tourism Marketing Plan 2018 The marine tourism section of the Donegal Tourism Marketing Plan 2018 will be completed in Q4.</p> <p>WHOA (Wildsea Atlantic Ocean Heritage Route) The launch of this project will take place in Spain in February 2018 and more information on project plans will be made available at that time. This project will provide funding to continue the work of www.wildsea.eu and further develop the website to include diving.</p> <p>Flag North Funding Flag North funding is open for applications.</p>
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Municipal District: Donegal _____

Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Donegal Town – Development Hub2. CEDRA Funded – Donegal Atlantic Coastal Trail3. Communications – Cool Route Project4. Implementation of the Interpretative Strategy – Sliabh Liag
Project Description/Activity	<p>Donegal Town Hub - The broad elements to this Development Hub are Enterprise Development, Retail Strategy and Tourism</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Donegal’s Atlantic Coastal Trail is promoting the further development of tourism along the coast of Donegal on the Wild Atlantic Way is funded under the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine Commission for the Economic Development of Rural Areas scheme (CEDRA), Donegal County Council and Údarás na Gaeltachta.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Cool Route Project</p> <p>Donegal County Council attended a Cool Route Project Partners meeting in October in Glasgow Caledonian University, hosted by project partner GCU.</p> <p>The Cool Route Project – Cruising Oceans on Latitudes above 51 Degrees North – investigates all aspects of the potential to establish a yacht cruising route along the western offshore areas of the Northern Periphery Area, stretching from Co. Cork in the South of Ireland, to the UK (Northern Ireland and Western Scotland) and onwards to the Faroe Islands and Norway. As an ecotourism product, exploiting the natural resources of the area in a manner that is sustainable and environmentally viable; this sea route will be marketed</p>

internationally and will have a common branding, booking and information system.

Speaking about the meeting Cool Route Project Manager, Dr. Breda Kenny, Cork Institute of Technology, said she that it was a highly successful meeting of the Steering Committee. Dr. Kenny further stated that Derry and Strabane District Council provided an update on the GIS based information and booking system for the route to the committee. The purpose of this booking platform, is to link local enterprises to their local ports, providing information to marine tourists on what's available in the port locality, by way of food and drink, entertainment, things to do and see and places to visit.

The Cool Route Project is now calling on enterprises and businesses to register on the Cool Route. The self-registration process is free, fast and simple to complete in a few minutes (www.sailcoolroute.eu) and includes automatic mapping of your location, details of your products and services and a direct link to your own business or community website.

The gathering of partners in Glasgow also included a stakeholders meeting for local enterprises along the route, who will be the main beneficiaries of the selected stops.

Over the coming months, before the completion of the project, Cool Route will further engage with SME's along the route and in particular the agreed selected stopovers to maximise the potential for local businesses in each unique region. The primary objective of the Cool Route project is to bring new business opportunities to a wide range of small enterprises that provide quality goods and services. The Cool Route Information and Booking System provides a direct link between your community and enterprises and the visiting vessels.

For more information on the Cool Route Project, its reports and findings please check out our website on www.sailcoolroute.eu

The Cool Route Project is funded by the Interreg VB Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme. You can follow the project on <https://www.facebook.com/eucolroute> and Twitter [#eucolroute](https://twitter.com/eucolroute)

Sliabh Liag – Interpretative Strategy – the explicit intentions of Donegal County Council are that this strategy would:

- Develop Sliabh Liag as a flagship tourism destination along the Wild Atlantic Way.
 - To protect and promote the natural and built environment at Sliabh Liag.
 - To improve the visitors experience at Sliabh Liag, encouraging visitors to stay longer at Sliabh Liag and its hinterland.
 - The internal interpretation is nearly complete in the visitor centre and the external 'Story Stones' are currently being crafted by the stonemasons. These will be installed on the mountain over the next few weeks.
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Budget (if applicable)

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Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period

Donegal Town

- Continue to support the work of Donegal Community Chamber in relation to their 'A Little Taste of Christmas' on 26th November
- Continue to work alongside Donegal Town Business Focus Group on its retail

strategy

- Donegal Craft Village

CEDRA

- Continue to engage with the participants from the first and second course and organise events to showcase their businesses

Cool Route

- Continue to work on various aspects of communications centred around the project – Website, Social Media, Newsletters, YouTube Channel, Partner communication

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Page tips

Michael McLoone likes Abbey Arts Centre's photo.

John Travers commented on Drama League of Ireland's photo.

Karla Gallagher commented on Lovin Dublin's post.

Molly Reynolds likes Donegal County Council's post.

Brian McDaid added a new photo. "Ladies looking well in today's Donegal People's Press. Pic by Brian McDaid"

Marie Reynolds > Patricia Omsalley "Happy Birthday Trisha"

Kathleen O'Neill likes ZUBA Boutique's post.

Edel Carlin Rosanio and Siobhan Govorov are now friends.

Marion Fitzgerald Doberty commented on her own post.

Peter Mullaney commented on Donegal Woman's post.

Colin Gillen likes Cafe Fleur's post.

Mark Fearon likes Mohamed Itani's photo.

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Electoral Area: Countywide

Activity / Project Update – December 2017

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Tourism
Project Description/Activity	The Marketing aspects of Donegal Tourism / Go Visit Donegal
Budget (if applicable)	N/A
Progress to date within the last 2 months- inclusive of current status	<p>The 5th Donegal Tourism Seminar took place on Thursday 26th October 2017 in Harvey's Point.</p> <p>210 people registered for the event which was a significant increase from the Spring Seminar where 130 registered.</p> <p>Guest speakers on the day included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Michael Collins, owner of Travel Media• Greg Fry, Social/Digital Expert• Joan Crawford, Fáilte Ireland• Matthew Jackson, National Geographic Traveller UK• The General Manager from the Shandon Hotel, Carolynne Harrison was a guest speaker at the event and enlightened the crowd of the success of opening in the shoulder season and provided tips to other tourism providers on how to do this.

This seminar proved to be an excellent platform of learning for a wide and varied combination of experience providers.

Workshop

Based on feedback from previous years, the tourism unit recognized the excellent opportunity of having such large numbers of the tourism sector in Donegal present and a facilitated networking workshop was hosted in the afternoon where providers got the opportunity to network with other like-minded local businesses interested in tourism.

This platform of constructive networking and engagement was a huge success and the tourism unit is using the feedback from this workshop to shape marketing activities into 2018.

All present agreed that tourism in Donegal is preparing to move to another level in 2018, following on from a positive year in 2017.

Translation and Print of Tourism Strategy

The Donegal Tourism Strategy 2017 – 2020 that was developed by the tourism unit has been translated into Irish and 500 copies of this strategy has been printed.

These are available in the PSC around the county and provide a vision for tourism development in the county in line with the strategic development

2018 Marketing Plan

The 2018 marketing plan has been developed by the tourism unit. This plan will build on the work that has been done in 2017 and will focus on promoting Donegal, locally, Nationally and indeed Internationally with the intention of making Donegal the number 1 place to visit when visiting

Ireland.

Donegal Tourism has taken out substantial advertising with the Fáilte Ireland Golf Guide 2018

The 2018 Fáilte Ireland Official Golf Guide is for the international promotion of Irish golf tourism and associated companies.

30,000 Fáilte Ireland Golf Guides are distributed to all Tourism Ireland Offices around the world and at key national and international trade and travel shows, national and international golf events including The 2017 PGA Merchandise Show, IGTOA, IGTM, WTM, The Irish Open, BMW PGA Championship at Wentworth, as well as all the large golf events and travel shows in England, Wales, Scotland, Scandinavia, Germany, France, Italy, China, USA and Canada.

A digital version of the Fáilte Ireland Golf Guide is also produced and hosted on the Fáilte Ireland and Tourism Ireland website throughout the entire year. In addition to this, the digital version is also sent out to the entire Golf Digest Global Network for digital hosting with a global audience of 96 million unique users!

This is a wonderful opportunity for Donegal Tourism with the Irish Open coming to Donegal this year.

Dundrum Shopping Centre Promotion

Donegal Tourism is hosting a two day promotional stand in Dundrum Shopping Centre, Dublin on the Friday 15th and Saturday 16th December. We feel that this endeavour will provide us with an excellent opportunity to reach a very large and diverse domestic audience in the lead up to Christmas.

	<p>Dundrum Town Centre is Ireland's premier retail destination boasting the highest footfall in the country.</p> <p>Exposure to such an audience guarantees very obvious promotional value to any business. While the stand will operate under the umbrella of Donegal Tourism, promoting the county in its entirety, The tourism unit will be taking four businesses as part of this promotion.</p> <p>Go Visit Donegal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing management of www.govisitdonegal.com and social media channels. • Ongoing updating of website with news blogs
<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donegal Tourism will be promoting Donegal in Glasgow at Celtic Connections in January • County Donegal will be extensively promoted over the last two weekends in January at the Holiday World Shows in Belfast and Dublin reaching an audience of 60,000.
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Municipal District: Donegal

Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	Bundoran Tourism Officer Update
Project Description	Promotional Activities – November 2017
Current Activities	<p><u>Membership of Discover Bundoran Tourism Partnership</u></p> <p>Some new members have agreed to join. New member sales pitch sent out to current "Non-Members" of Discover Bundoran.</p> <p><u>Discover Bundoran brochure</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning has commenced for next year's brochure which will be delivered in the first week of January 2018. Businesses supplying new copy and images and listing option sent out to businesses for directory. Brochure to be launched on January 8th 2018. <p><u>Marketing of Bundoran</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marketing and promotions ongoing.• Promoting next event – Christmas activities.• Autumn/Winter newsletter sent out. Christmas newsletter to follow at start of December.• Competitions run for member attractions and current competition for tickets to Nathan Carter concert on Dec 9th.• Marketing and Social media vision for 2018 written. <p><u>Events for 2017</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Successful Halloween Pumpkin Carving and Pumpkin Parade event took place on October 31st.• Logistical and promotional assistance to Irish Surfing for the hosting of the Celtic Cup surfing competition 17th – 19th November.• Planning ahead for 2018 events. Still in discussions with event organisers to ensure events are placed evenly across the year. <p><u>Discover Bundoran website and social media</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ongoing management of www.discoverbundoran.com and social media channels.• Daily posting of content on Facebook page. Social media vision created as part of overall marketing plan for 2018.• Ongoing updating of website with news blogs, photo galleries and event/gig guide listings. New clickable slider banner feature on homepage.• Website consistently seeing an increased number of visitors and page views. (67.3k visitors v 60.5k Jan–Nov 2017 v 2016) 156.1k v 154.8k page views Jan–Nov 2017 v 2016)• Slow growth on the Discover Bundoran facebook page but growth continues weekly.

	<p><u>Marketing of Bundoran Waterworld & Bundoran Seaweed Baths</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marketing plan written and ready to be presented to marketing sub committee for approval before presentation to board. <p><u>Management and Staffing of Bundoran Tourist Office</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Office open 6 days per week.• Office still busy with foreign guests even into November. One volunteer staff member, one TUS employee and new TUS employee to start on November 27th.
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Municipal District: Donegal

Activity / Project Update Donegal September 2017

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Walks and Trails
Project Description/Activity	Maintenance, development and promotion of walks & trails in Donegal including cycle routes and Greenways.
Budget <i>(if applicable)</i>	
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 4 - inclusive of current status	<p>Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure scheme 2017 has funded map boards for Bealach na Gaeltachta €9,600 and the extension of the Muirinn river walk at Glencolmcille €8,000.</p> <p>We are also finalising the routes for proposed local walks in and around Kilcar with the support of DFI Funds. Materials have since been delivered and works on the erection of the posts and walking signs has commenced.</p> <p>The Hiking Europe project is nearing completion but it is proposed to continue the theme of the project offering support to the service providers to attract hiking holidays in Donegal.</p> <p>New road books have been developed and feature walking routes in South Donegal including Carrick, Kilcar, Glencolmcille and Ardara. This can be viewed at www.hikingeurope.net</p> <p>Repair works was also carried out at Slieve League where the wooden fencing was upgraded at the viewing area.</p> <p>A meeting between Fermanagh Omagh District Council and the Trails Office has agreed to seek funding to progress a feasibility study on the proposed Ballyshannon to Belleek trail.</p> <p>The upgrading of the existing walks and trails to an acceptable standard to meet the requirements of the National Trails Office including the two Colmcille loops.</p> <p>Ongoing consultation with agencies including Roinn na Gaeltachta, Udaras na Gaeltachta, National Parks & Wildlife Services, Donegal Tourism and Donegal Local development Committee.</p>
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarter 4 reporting period	<p>Completion of the first phase of the Kilcar local walks.</p> <p>Explore funding options for Ballyshannon to Belleek walk.</p> <p>Look at the potential for a walk at Killybegs towards Fintra Bridge</p> <p>Continuation of maintenance programme where damage to the existing routes can be repaired.</p>
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Municipal District: Countywide

Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	Public Participation Network (PPN)
Project Description/Activity	Link through which organisations from the community & voluntary sector have a voice on Council decision making bodies and other structures
Budget (if applicable)	€80,000.00 per annum
Progress to date within the last two months inclusive of current status	<p>PPN membership now stands at 487 registered organisations with 52 representatives on 15 different committees and structures</p> <p>The PPN secretariat continues to meet on a monthly basis to coordinate the functioning of the PPN in conjunction with the resource worker</p> <p>The ninth edition of the Newsletter was circulated to the groups in November and will continue on a monthly basis. An Event template has been forwarded to the groups to complete and return if they want their events to be included in the Newsletter.</p> <p>All of the Municipal District meetings have taken place. The Plenary is scheduled for 23rd November. The Environment, Social Inclusion, Community & Voluntary, Fishing & Aquaculture have had their Linkage group meetings and the Older Person Linkage Groups is on the 28th November. PPN representatives report back to their nominating body and they are occasions to share information relevant to the group.</p> <p>Three of the PPN Linkage groups had excellent events during Social Inclusion Week: 11th October –Community Alert/JPC/RSA 12th October –Community & Voluntary 14th October –Environment</p> <p>The PPN Website has been updated and can be viewed at www.donegalppn.com</p>
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	Plenary Meeting: 23 rd November, 2017 Social Inclusion Workshop – 27 th November, 2017 Older Persons Linkage Group – 28 th November, 2017 Regional PPN Set Up Meeting-6 th December, 2017 Intercultural Training -12 th December, 2017 Next PPN Secretariat Meeting – 14 December, 2017 Environment Linkage Group Meeting- 17 th January, 2018 Social Inclusion Linkage Group Meeting- 23 rd January, 2018 11am Fishing & Aquaculture Linkage Group Meeting-23 rd January, 7pm
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Municipal District: _____

Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	IPB Pride Of Place
Project Description/Activity	
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status	<p>On Friday the 13th October in the Letterkenny PSC, Donegal County Council hosted the Pride of Place local celebration award ceremony. The Chief Executive, Seamus Neely and the Cathaoirleach, Cllr Gerry McMonagle welcomed, the five community groups and their supporters elected members and staff to the celebration.</p> <p>The Pride of Place Competition is hosted by Cooperation Ireland under a Donegal County Council Programme which highlights the commitment to supporting active community groups who undertake initiatives to improve their communities and regions. Groups from all over the county applied to Donegal County Council for this competition, followed on by an interview process where each entrant showed the hard work carried out by their community but unfortunately a maximum of five categories could go through.</p> <p>The fives groups nominated by Donegal County Council were adjudicated by two Pride of Place Judges for the National awards competition. The Chief Executive congratulated all five committees on winning the local competition and wished them well in the National Competition which Donegal County Council will be hosting in partnership with IPB Insurance and Cooperation Ireland on the 2nd of December in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny.</p> <p>Five groups nominated by Donegal County Council for the 2017 Pride of Place Awards and received their certificate were:</p>

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Population "0 – 300" Category - Ray Community Centre



"Community Based Youth Initiative" category – Club Óige Chríost Rí



"Creative Place Initiative" category – Comharchumann Forbartha Ghaoth Dobhair



“Communities Reaching Out Initiative” category – Letterkenny Youth and Family Service (LYFS)



“Islands and Coastal Communities” category – Comharchumann Thoraí Teo

Each of the groups gave the Judges a very warm Donegal welcome during their visit back in June and July of this year. The groups gave a presentation of the work done to date at the local award ceremony on Friday and as an appreciation for the hard work carried out by each committee in their community Donegal County Council presented all five groups with a framed certificate which they can hang with pride for the place they have created within their community.

Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period

Coordinate and finalise national award ceremony to be held in Letterkenny on Saturday 2 December.

Send out invites to the gala award ceremony.
This will be a ticketed event.

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Donegal County Council

Municipal District: _____

Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	One Donegal – Social Inclusion Week 2017
Project Description/Activity	
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p>One Donegal - Social Inclusion Week 2017 took place this year from 6 to 14 October. This annual programme of events aims to highlight the very positive work being done not only by Donegal County Council but also by the other statutory and community organisations operating in Donegal to raise awareness of social inclusion related issues in the county.</p> <p>This year's programme was officially launched by Cathaoirleach Cllr Gerry McMonagle in the Letterkenny Public Services Centre on Tuesday 3 October at 12.30pm.</p> <p>Social Inclusion Week also coincided with World Mental Health week and to mark this, the 'Connecting for Life Donegal' conference took place in Ionad Naomh Padraig, Dobhar, on Friday 6 October. The conference is a joint initiative with the HSE and will see a number of guest speakers, including Eamon McGee who will share his own experience with mental health issues. Following the conference the delegates were invited to attend the moving and thought provoking Launch of Lived Lost Lives Exhibition, hosted by Donegal County Council Cultural Arts Service in Áislann Ghaoth Dobhair.</p> <p>Other events that took place during the week included Once Upon a Library Time hosted by the Donegal County Council Library Service; Sports Ability Taster - Donegal Sports Partnership; Workshop for the Unemployed 'Time for Me - DLDC CLG; English Conversation Workshop – Donegal Intercultural Platform; International Rural Women's Day Celebrations- Donegal Women's Network.</p>

Social Inclusion Week Launch



Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period
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Municipal District: Donegal

Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	RAPID Capital Grant Scheme																		
Project Description/Activity	Donegal LCDC received a fund of €64,500 for the RAPID Capital Grant Scheme. This Scheme was for disadvantaged Urban Centres (towns with a population in excess of 1000 as per 2016 Census).																		
Budget (if applicable)	€12,900.00																		
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 3 - inclusive of current status	<p>Four towns in Donegal MD met the Population Requirement:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ballyshannon • Donegal • Bundoran • Killybegs <p>The LCDC agreed at their meeting on 3rd November that these monies should be divided equally between each Municipal District. They further agreed that there should be a maximum of two grants awarded per MD with a minimum Grant Allocation of €5,000. Six eligible applications were received from Community Groups in Donegal Municipal District by the closing date of 24th November.</p> <p>At their meeting on the 3rd November, the LCDC appointed a Sub Committee to assess the applications received. The Sub Committee met on 27th November to consider all applications. A scoring scheme for applications was agreed as follows:-</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>• Need</td> <td style="text-align: right;">20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Community Impact</td> <td style="text-align: right;">20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Additionality</td> <td style="text-align: right;">20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Sustainability</td> <td style="text-align: right;">20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Alignment to LECP</td> <td style="text-align: right;">20</td> </tr> </table> <p>The Sub Committee assessed all applications based on the agreed scoring scheme and decided to award grant funding as follows:-</p> <p>Donegal MD</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Applicant</th> <th style="text-align: right;">Funding Allocated</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Killybegs Regeneration Group</td> <td style="text-align: right;">€7,900.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ballyshannon/Bundoran First Responders</td> <td style="text-align: right;">€5,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">€12,900.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	• Need	20	• Community Impact	20	• Additionality	20	• Sustainability	20	• Alignment to LECP	20	Applicant	Funding Allocated	Killybegs Regeneration Group	€7,900.00	Ballyshannon/Bundoran First Responders	€5,000.00		€12,900.00
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	<p>At their meeting on 3rd November, Members of the LCDC pre-approved the decision of the Sub Committee to award of grants under the RAPID Capital Grant Scheme to these groups. All monies awarded must be paid to the successful groups by 31st December 2017. Successful Groups must submit proof of expenditure by year end 2018.</p> <p>Members of Donegal Municipal District are requested to approve the award of grants as set out above.</p>
<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly 1 reporting period</p>	
<p>Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i></p>	<p>Kathleen Browne Community & Enterprise, Lifford kmcgowan@donegalcoco.ie/ 074 9172231</p>



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

ENVIRONMENT REPORT – NOVEMBER 2017

Municipal District: All

Coastal Management

Activity / Project Title	Green Coast Workshops
Project Description/Activity	Workshops were held with Green Coast groups, and Taisce and DCCs Coastal Officer in October. These workshops were held in Dooley, Port Arthur and Falcarragh and addressed many issues affecting the groups local beaches and areas of concern. The workshops allowed development plans be drafted and works planned for the 2018 season including; improved services, waste management, access, signage, etc. It was agreed that this was a valuable method of having the local coastal community and stakeholders concerns and needs addressed.
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	David Friel 087 7801596

Activity / Project Title	Lettermacaward Traffic Signage
Project Description/Activity	To improve the traffic management plan in Lettermacaward, following recent representations, road signage has been improved, particularly to the Dooley Green Coast Beach.
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	David Friel 087 7801596

Activity / Project Title	Funding awarded for OPW erosion studies funding
Project Description/Activity	<p><u>Carrickfinn</u> DCC has been awarded €76,500 funding for a Coastal Erosion Risk Management Study of the Carrickfinn Peninsula. DCC shall now proceed with the study and accept the Minor Flood Mitigation Works & Coastal Protection Scheme fund.</p> <p><u>Portnoo</u> DCC has been awarded €76,500 funding for a Gweebarra Bay Coastal Flood and Erosion Risk Management Study. We are very grateful for this funding and propose to tender this work in a package with that study funded for the Carrickfinn Peninsula.</p>
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	David Friel 087 7801596

Activity / Project Title	Beach Access Repairs
Project Description/Activity	Beach Infrastructure Repairs
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p>Access work repairs to Magherawarden Beach, Portsalon, via the golf course are underway. This work follows the collapse of the access infrastructure which had left the access unsafe. The €48,000 Clar funded works - with €12,000 DCC match funding - began on October 20th and are scheduled to be completed by November 20th.</p> <p>Repairs to the boardwalk steps and ramps are also underway at Rossnowlagh Beach. This work was necessary after recent vandalism left the access unsafe at great inconvenience to visitors.</p>
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	David Friel 087 7801596

Activity / Project Title	Rathmullan Public Convenience and Changing Rooms
Project Description/Activity	<p>Work is progressing steadily at Rathmullan of the development of the Public Convenience and Changing Rooms. There had been an initial delay due to the discovery and subsequent assessment of original stone construction works which were of archaeological interest.</p> 
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone</i>	David Friel 087 7801596

Activity / Project Title	Dead Whales, dolphins, seals, etc
Project Description/Activity	<p>Following recent storms, there has been an increase in the number of dead sea mammals being washed up around the Donegal coast. DCC would advise the public not to approach or touch these animals as, in a state of decay, they may be a health hazard or disease risk. Anyone aware of any such strandings should be reported on 074 9153900 for DCC to investigate and respond.</p>
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	David Friel 087 7801596

Activity / Project Title	Ocean Hero Awards
Project Description/Activity	<p>The An Taisce Ocean Hero Awards were held in Dublin on Tuesday November 21st. The presence of marine litter in our oceans is a global concern that requires action. Adequate measures are needed to address the impacts of litter in the marine environment both at sea and on land whereby public awareness and community action plays a vital role.</p> <p>Donegal was very well represented this year with Northwest Mountaineering Club (Dunfanaghy area) and Keep Cruit Clean's attending and deservedly shortlisted for awards. Huge congratulations go to Creevy Co-op who took home Beach Clean of the Year award.</p> <p>Creevy Co-op carried out a clean-up of the 10 mile coastal walk from Ballyshannon to Creevy in Donegal for World Oceans Day during Clean Coasts Week in 2017. There was a fantastic turn out of diverse volunteers who worked in small groups to tackle marine litter. A huge volume of litter was lifted from the scrub, beach and rocky shore of the walk. Not only was this a great clean up but also a huge amount of effort and co-operation was needed to make it such a success. Castle Adventure Farm provided the group with access across their farmland as well as refreshments afterwards. Several volunteers picked up litter from many collection points with a lot of organizing to get the maximum spread of volunteers and follow-ups to make sure everyone's litter was collected.</p> <p>Again, Donegal County Council wishes to congratulate the groups which were acknowledged and awarded in Dublin. We wish to again acknowledge the efforts of all the volunteers helping us maintain our coastline and beaches.</p>
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	David Friel 087 7801596

Activity/Project Title	Magherawarden Car Park
Project Description/Activity	<p>Improvement works at the Magherawarden Beach car park have now been completed. The existing damaged fence was removed along with litter and materials dumped along its length. New fencing was installed. This new chestnut paling fencing will reduce pressure on the surrounding dunes and allow them an opportunity to recover. The drainage of the car park was also improved.</p> <p>This work was necessary to;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Decrease damage to dune system by having one dedicated access path to the beach. 2. Maintain Blue Flag status of beach. 3. Steer beach users away from alternative beach access paths through dunes. <div data-bbox="652 855 1409 1964" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Picture 1. Old damaged fence at the carpark.</p>



Picture 2. Newly installed fencing at the beach access.



Picture 3. New fence at car park/dunes border and restricting beach access to main path via notice boards.

Litter and Waste Enforcement

Activity / Project Title	Litter Statistics – November 2017
Project Description/Activity	<p>Litter Fines: 55 issued (9 of these were issued to Northern Ireland) 23 have been paid. (41% collection rate)</p> <p>Environmental Complaints: 1057 – 913 (87%) for waste/litter.</p> <p>Community Clean-ups: 136 community clean-ups were recorded on GeoPal. This figure is from March 2017. This figure does not include any clean ups before that date.</p>
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Kevin McMenamin Environment T: 074-09172268

Environmental Awareness

Activity / Project Update:

Activity / Project Title	‘Adopt A Road’ Grant Scheme 2017
Project Description/Activity	<p>Funding of €17,500 has been allocated under the Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Awareness Grant Scheme from the Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment towards the annual ‘Adopt A Road’ Scheme 2017.</p> <p>Funding is awarded to local Tidy Towns/voluntary groups that carry out a minimum number of four voluntary community clean-ups on identified stretch of road or roads from 1st June 2017 – 31st May 2018.</p> <p>Each group is also required to carry out at least one anti-litter awareness activity in the local community. The closing date for receipt of applications was Friday 3rd November. Applications are currently being processed and payments will be awarded as</p>

	soon as possible.
Contact Person (to include telephone number & e-mail address)	Fiona Kelly, Water & Environment 074-9172283 fionakelly@donegalcococo.ie

Activity / Project Title	Recycling Ambassador Programme
Project Description/Activity	<p>The Recycling Ambassador Programme is a nationwide campaign funded by the DCCAE which aims to explain changes to household waste management charges and also to address best practice for household waste segregation including the issue of contamination of the mixed dry recyclable stream.</p> <p>On behalf of the DCCAE the programme will be overseen by the 3 regional waste management offices and delivered by environmental NGO VOICE.</p> <p>The Recycling Ambassador programme is essentially a “Train the Trainer” initiative training citizens to become more knowledgeable on current recycling practice and to impart their knowledge within the wider community. The programme will be designed and rolled out in conjunction with the IWMA (Irish Waste Management Association) whose members collect 71% of the total Irish market and Repak who are funding a significant part of the project.</p> <p>The first Recycling Ambassador Programme events being organised in Donegal are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PPN Linkage Group, Donegal Centre of Independent Living in Ballymacool Letterkenny on 8th November at 8pm. 2. Letterkenny Institute of Technology as part of their Energy Awareness Day on 23rd November, 2017 from 12-2pm.
Contact Person (to include telephone number & e-mail address)	Fiona Kelly, Water & Environment 074-9172283 fionakelly@donegalcococo.ie

Activity / Project Title	Halloween Bonfires - Press release and feature on the DCC website to promote the responsible management of waste at Halloween
Project Description/Activity	Appendix I – Press Release
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Fiona Kelly, Water & Environment 074-9172283 fionakelly@donegalcococo.ie

Appendix I

24 October 2017

Press Release

Public urged to have a safe and enjoyable Halloween

In the lead up to Halloween, Donegal County Council is taking the opportunity to remind the public to have a safe and enjoyable Halloween.

“Halloween can be a lot of fun especially for our children and young people and while we want everyone to have an enjoyable and safe time, it is the time of year when we ask the community to remember that bonfires can cause serious damage and injuries both to our environment and to our health while illegal fireworks continue to present a serious danger” says Donegal County Council’s Litter Warden Brian McBrearty.

Brian McBrearty believes that the strong message sent out by the Council including the Donegal Fire Service over the last few years has resulted in a decrease in the number of bonfires and this he says is due to the continued support that the Council receives from communities across Donegal.

Bonfires were often built close to houses and other property and were the cause of serious damage and injuries particularly where the burning of highly combustible materials was taking place.

“For the last number of years we have sent out a strong message about the dangers of bonfires not only in terms of community safety but also in terms of the environmental damage that bonfires can cause and we are pleased to see that the number of bonfires has significantly decreased in the last number of years” says Brian McBrearty.

“This is in no small way due to the great support that we have received from communities right across Donegal. Traditionally wood and straw were used on bonfires but in recent times materials such as tyres, mattresses, furniture, plastics, metal and so on have been burned on bonfires. This type of activity is illegal. It is also an offence to supply waste materials to parties collecting for ‘Bonfire Night’.”

“The burning of waste such as rubber, aerosols, plastics, foam, mattresses, couches and household waste material in bonfires is very damaging to our health and environment. When waste materials are burned on a bonfire harmful dioxins are created and released into the air that we breathe.”

“While the number of bonfires has decreased we will be continuing to monitor locations where waste materials have been supplied as bonfire material in the past and we are undertaking an audit of certain businesses to ensure that there is compliance under the relevant legislation and to ensure that waste materials are not supplied for burning on bonfires”.

Fireworks are illegal in Ireland

It is illegal to possess fireworks in Ireland that may have been legally purchased outside the country. Illegal fireworks may not be manufactured to the appropriate safety standards and can ignite prematurely causing serious injury to the user or to others in the vicinity particularly children.

Members of the public are asked not to buy, use or supply fireworks and parents are requested to monitor their children and make sure they do not play with fireworks including bangers. Every year children end up tragically injured and often scarred for life after using illegal fireworks.

Tips for a safe Halloween:

- Parents, businesses and householders should not provide any materials for bonfires.
- Do not leave material lying around that may be taken for use in a bonfire; many garage or garden shed items such as petrol, white spirits, diesel, aerosols, batteries, tins of paint, bottles and tyres are especially dangerous if set on fire.
- Do not facilitate illegal bonfires or firework displays on or near your home or property.
- Explain the dangers of illegal bonfires and fireworks to children and teenagers.
- Keep pets indoors on Halloween night – they are sensitive to noise.
- Respect the work of the Emergency Services, Council Staff and the Gardaí.
- Contact the Fire Service by calling 999 or 112 if you see a bonfire being lit close to buildings, trees, overhead cables, underground services or car parking areas.



Donegal Municipal District - 12th December 2017 Motions

Agenda Item No.8

Office Ref:DLMD-2017-27004

Submitted By: Clr. Niamh Kennedy**Assigned To:** Community and Enterprise

Motion "That this Donegal MD proceed with a study on the potential of the Donegal Railway links by way of potential greenway from its original turnpoint at Killybegs follow the old line through to Donegal Town and onwards to Bundoran. Linking in with the Railway heritage groups in Donegal Town and Bundoran and the History and Heritage groups in Killybegs and Mountcharles. To progress on this highly scenic route along the Wild Atlantic Way."

Signed Off By: Paddy Doherty

Response: Donegal County Council is working with a number of agencies and community groups to progress Greenway Development in the county and on a cross border basis. Funding has been secured through the Interreg VA programme under the Sustainable Transport measure to develop three cross border routes one of which is Strabane / Lifford. A project team has been appointed and are carrying out the initial land negotiations and design work. The other two routes in this project are Derry to Muff and Derry to Buncrana. A number of studies have been complete including Letterkenny to Burtonport (feasibility study), Carrigart to Downings (Appropriate assessment) and Buncrana to Carndonagh (Ecological Study). We are also working closely with Ballybofey and Stranorlar Integrated Communities committee to progress a feasibility study for Greenway development from Ballybofey to Donegal Town and the BASIC committee will lead this targeting LEADER funding to progress it. The routes suggested between Killybegs, Donegal Town and Bundoran are now proposed to be included in the current draft County Development Plan as part of the responses to submissions received and on foot of this motion. A funding source will need to be identified for this proposed study with a view to getting the preparatory work carried out in early 2018. A submission was made recently on behalf of Donegal County Council to the National Greenways Strategy public consultation and included all suggested and proposed routes in Donegal and it is anticipated that when the National Greenways Strategy is finalised and published there will be a funding call in 2018.

Agenda Item No.9

Office Ref:DLMD-2017-27007

Submitted By: Clr. Noel Andrew Jordan**Assigned To:** Roads and Transportation

Motion "Following the recent visit by Minister Kevin boxer Moran to our county. I'm asking this municipal to make an application to the department for funding to clean the town section of the River Termon in Pettigo"

Signed Off By: MARK SWEENEY

Response: It is a condition of the OPW Minor Flood Mitigation Works scheme that Local Authorities accept ongoing maintenance responsibility for any works funded under the scheme. The position at present is that Local Authorities have no responsibility or authority to maintain watercourses, other than where they affect public infrastructure, e.g. at a road bridge and it is not proposed to take on such responsibility on an ad-hoc manner for specific locations. As such the Roads Department tend to only engage with this scheme for works that would benefit public roads. I have referred a query to the Environment Directorate to see if they deal with these types of applications and I will revert as soon as I get a response.



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26/10/2017

Bridie McBrearty,
Corporate Area Manager,
Donegal County Council,
Drumlonagher,
Donegal Town,
Co. Donegal



Dear Ms McBrearty,

We, the Green-Schools committee of Creevy National School, Ballyshannon, would like to request for our committee members to make a short presentation at a Donegal Municipal District Council meeting on the topic of road safety at our school.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Yours sincerely,

Éadaoin Finnegan
Éadaoin Finnegan

M. Clancy
Micheal Clancy

Dara McGloin
Dara McGloin

Orla Gallagher
Orla Gallagher

Michaela G
Michaela Gavigan

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Anton Reynolds

A.M. Grory
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E. Whoriskey
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S. Gavigan
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P. Clarke
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Green-Schools Committee of Creevy NS



Príomhoide: Aoibheann Kelly

Leas Phríomhoide: Geraldine Thomas

8th November 2017

Green Schools Committee of Creevy NS,
S. N. Br. Mícheál Ó Cléirigh,
Creevy National School,
Creevy,
Ballyshannon,
Donegal P.O.,
Co. Donegal.

**Re: Request for Deputation from Green Schools Committee of
Creevy National School**

A Chairde,

I refer to your correspondence received in this office on 31st October 2017, on behalf of the above group, in relation to your request that a deputation attend a meeting of the **Municipal District of Donegal**.

The procedure that I am required to follow upon receipt of such requests is to put this request to the Members at their next meeting. I confirm that I will put this request to the Members at their next meeting, which will take place on the 12th December 2017 and advise you of their response.

In the meanwhile I set out hereunder, for your information, an extract from the Municipal District of Donegal Standing Orders in relation to the attendance of a deputation,

Deputations

55. **The Municipal District members may by resolution decide to receive a deputation. Subject to the direction of the Cathaoirleach, up to a maximum of three (3) persons may speak on behalf of the deputation for not more than fifteen (15) minutes, unless permitted by the Cathaoirleach.**

Request for a deputation to be heard by the Municipal District members shall not be considered unless the subject matter to be raised be notified, in writing, on the motion of a Municipal District member, or direct application by the body concerned, is sent to the Meetings Administrator at least fourteen (14) clear days before the date of the meeting.

The deputation may only be questioned by Municipal District members but shall not be entitled to ask questions.

When the members of a deputation have addressed the meeting, they shall withdraw from the meeting.

The Municipal District members may, by resolution, decide to receive a deputation without notice, provided three quarters (rounded up) of the members present vote for the resolution.

I will contact you after the meeting in December 2017.

Yours sincerely,

**Bridie McBrearty,
Area Manager
Municipal District of Donegal
/em**



Donegal Municipal District - 12th December 2017 Questions

Agenda Item No.11

Office Ref:DLMD-2017-27001

Submitted By: Clr. John Campbell**Assigned To:** Water and Environment**Question** "To ask the Director of Water and Environment where there is an unlicensed discharge of wastewater to the environment, does this local authority have the powers to investigate and subsequently prosecute such offenses?"**Signed Off By:** Michael McGarvey**Response:** Local Authorities, including Donegal Co. Council, are authorised to investigate & pursue the discharge of polluting matter to waters under Section 3 of the Water Pollution Act 1977 (& 1990 as amended), and any discharges which may be deemed a public health nuisance may be investigated & pursued through the courts under the Public Health Act 1878. Enforcement notices may be issued under both Acts requiring those responsible for the discharge to remedy the situation within a given timeframe. Where the appropriate remedial measures are not taken, those responsible may be pursued through the courts under either or both Acts. Trade effluent discharges may be granted a licence under Section 4 of the Water Pollution Act, which puts in place strict controls with regard to the quality of such effluent. Michael McGarvey Director of Water and Environmental Services

Agenda Item No.12

Office Ref:DLMD-2017-27003

Submitted By: Clr. John Campbell**Assigned To:** Housing and Building**Question** "To ask the housing directorate, in relation to housing inspections carried out in 2017, can you provide a breakdown in tabular form of the following for the Donegal MD and comparison to countywide figures: 1) Total number of inspections. 2) Number of these inspections related to HAP tenancies. 3) Number of HAP related inspections that have taken place within the statutory 8 month timeframe. 4) Number of inspections of private rented dwellings."**Signed Off By:** Bridie McBrearty**Response:** The Council is currently using the HAP CRM for recording of inspections. This is not a dynamic tool so therefore the information is recorded on the system manually and is therefore subject to error. In addition to the above the new PRD Regulations were introduced from 1st July, 2017 and it was necessary to suspend processing of inspections for a 6 week period to allow for documentation to be revised and additional training of staff. Delays resulted therefore in inspections being carried out and every effort is being made to catch up. The total number of inspections due from 1/1/2017 to 31/12/17 was 665. 430 of these are at different stages in the process with 235 remaining to be arranged. The breakdown is contained in the attached table. To date all inspections related to HAP tenancies. A number of inspections of property owned by AHBs will also be completed in each MD by the end of the year. It is not possible to provide information as to inspections carried out within the 8 month timeframe given the constraints highlighted above with the current system. Members should be aware that the Housing Department is working with the IS Department to address this matter to have a system for the Private Rented Dwellings inspections developed which will meet all the requirements of a PRD Inspections regime including data requirements. early in the new year.

Agenda Item No.13

Office Ref:DLMD-2017-27005

Submitted By: Clr. Niamh Kennedy**Assigned To:** Housing and Capital**Question** "How many properties have been submitted by the public to this MD for the Buy and Renew Initiative and how many have been considered successful giving reasons for both successful and unsuccessful ?"**Signed Off By:** Joe Peoples**Response:** The 'Buy and Renew' initiative was introduced earlier in the year. The focus of the Scheme is to be concentrated on older stock as part of tackling dereliction and improving streetscapes in towns/urban areas. Each MDs was asked to identify potential properties (in areas of need) which would meet this criteria for consideration under the scheme. In Donegal MD potential properties were identified in Ballyshannon, Ballintra, Bundoran, Mountcharles and Killybegs. All submissions are currently being evaluated in the Architects Office in conjunction with the MD staff to assess the potential of the properties with a view to purchasing them in the coming year..

Agenda Item No.14

Office Ref:DLMD-2017-27006

Submitted By: Cllr. Niamh Kennedy

Assigned To: Water and Environment

Question "Can the environment section provide this MD with the list of existing sites for the bring banks, provide details of complaints from dumping at these sites, how many prosecutions there has been from this area, if there are any alternative sites identified?"

Signed Off By: Michael McGarvey

Response: Response to request for details of complaints at bring banks in Donegal MD from Cllr Niamh Kennedy. PDF document attached.

Number of Inspection Due in 2017: 665

	Yet to be Inspected	Total
Donegal	2	2
Letterkenny	87	87
Inishowen	79	79
Glenties	17	17
Stranorlar	50	50
	235	235

Response regarding Bottle Bank sites in Donegal MD

Q1. Can the environment section provide this MD with the list of existing sites for the bring banks?

Response 1:

Location	Address	No. of Banks
Ballyshannon	Car Park, Market Yard	7
Bundoran	Seafront Car Park	5
Bundoran	SuperValu Town Council Car Park	4
Bundoran	Breslins Londis West End	4
Carrick	Lay-by, Line Road	4
Donegal Town	Donegal County Council Public Service Centre, Drumlonagher	16
Dunkineely	Community Centre Car Park	4
Glencolumbcille	Layby on the Carrick Road	4
Kilcar	Urlar Factory Car Park	5
Killybegs	Council Car Park, Shore Road	8
Laghey	Laghey Civic Amenity Site	5
Mountcharles	Forge road	4
Pettigo	Beside Public Toilets, Opposite Parish Hall	4
Rossnowlagh	Beach Car Park	4

Q2. If there are any alternative sites identified?

Response 2:

A review of suitable / alternative locations for Bottle Bank sites in Donegal Town and Ballyshannon has been ongoing during 2017. As yet no suitable sites have been identified due to Health & Safety and service/access issues. A risk assessment will be carried out should any other sites be identified by the MD.

Q3. Provide details of complaints from dumping at these sites

Response 3:

There were 20 complaints received to date in 2017 with regard to Bottle Bank sites in the Donegal MD area. 5 related to banks the required servicing and 15 for illegal dumping.

Q4. How many prosecutions there has been from this area?

Response 4:

CCTV and additional signage has been deployed as required to address issues at sites as they arise. Each site is inspected and cleaned on a regular basis by Litter Wardens and the Mobile Litter Unit. Environment staff are currently reviewing CCTV footage recorded, to date, in 2017 and fines will be issued if the identity of the person (s) responsible for the illegal dumping is available. Prosecution for any offences may follow if necessary.

Michael McGarvey

Director of Water & Environmental Services