Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall

Oifig Riarthóir na gCruinnithe,
Aras an Chontae,
Leifear.

3ú Iúil, 2018

Fógra Cruinnithe

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall ar siúl **De Máirt 10ú Iúil, 2018, 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

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Municipal District of Donegal

Office of Meetings Administrator,
County House,
Lifford.

3rd July, 2018

NOTICE OF MEETING

The next Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal will be held on **Tuesday 10th July, 2018, 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

AGENDA

1. Consideration of Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 12th June, 2018.

2. Consideration of Minutes of Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 12th June, 2018.

3. Consideration of Minutes of Workshop (2nd) of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 12th June, 2018.

4. Consideration of Minutes of Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 22th June, 2018.

5. **Update Reports from Council Services:**
   - **5.1 Housing & Corporate Services**
   - **5.2 Roads / Transportation**
     - 5.2.1 Amendment to Roads Programme
   - **5.3 Planning & Economic Development**
   - **5.4 Community and Development**
     - 5.4.1 Measure 2 and 3
     - 5.4.2 Carrigart Downings Application 2017 Report
   - **5.5 Environment Services**

6. **Date of Next Meeting**

   MD Donegal Meeting at 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday the 11th September 2018

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD AT 11.30 A. M. ON TUESDAY THE 12TH JUNE 2018 IN THE PETER KENNEDY CHAMBER, DONEGAL PUBLIC SERVICES CENTRE, DONEGAL

MDD/072/18 MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr Tom Conaghan, Cathaoirleach
Cllr John Campbell
Cllr Niamh Kennedy
Cllr Michéal Naughton
Cllr Noel Jordan

MDD/073/18 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Garry Martin, Director Designate, Municipal District of Donegal
Ms. Bridie McBrearty, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Roads/Transportation
Mr. Barney McLaughlin, Administrative Officer, Community & Development
Ms. Collette Beattie, Assistant Planner, Planning & Economic Development
Ms. Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

MDD/074/18 APOLOGIES

Cllr Barry O'Neill
Ms. Ciara Condon, Executive Planner, Planning & Economic Development

MDD/075/18 OUTGOING CATHAOIRLEACH'S ADDRESS

Cllr Conaghan addressed the meeting thanking Members and Officials for the co-operation and assistance during his year as Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District. He stated thata lot of progress had been made and referred to areas such as ongoing developments in the District e.g. "Supermacs", the forthcoming new Library for Donegal Town, works undertaken on footpaths, junctions etc. and the demolition of the old Fire Station. He submitted that the recent meeting with Minister Shane Ross in Dail Eireann which he had chaired was very beneficial together with the meeting with Minister Moran. He also expressed his satisfaction that the Council had received approval to appoint a contractor to carry out the works on Tirconnell Bridge and requested the support of all concerned as these works will involve some temporary detours and disruption. He submitted it is great what the Council can achieve when everyone is working together. He congratulated Mr. Garry Martin on his assignment which now includes responsibility for Economic Development. He also paid tribute to Ms. Bridie McBrearty who is leaving Donegal County Council on promotion to Cavan County

Council submitting that it was Donegal's loss and Cavan's gain. He also thanked everyone for their help over the past 4 years. He then vacated the chair and asked Ms. B McBrearty to chair the meeting during the election of Cathaoirleach.

MDD/076/18 ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH

Ms. B McBrearty called for nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach. On the proposal of Cllr Campbell seconded by Cllr Jordan, Members agreed to elect Cllr Naughton to the position of Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Donegal or the coming year.

Cllr Naughton took the Chair. He thanked Members for electing him to the position of Cathaoirleach and complimented Cllr Conaghan for the manner in which he carried out the role in the past year. He stated he was honoured, over-whelmed and proud to be elected Cathaoirleach. He submitted he hoped for another successful year working for the people of the Municipal District from Bundoran to Glencolmcille with everyone working together in a united way to better the area. He wished the best of luck to Ms. B McBrearty on her promotion to Cavan County Council paying tribute to her great work for Donegal. He also submitted he looked forward to working with Mr. G Martin and concluded hoping for another successful year.

MDD/077/18 ELECTION OF LEAS-CATHAOIRLEACH

Cllr Naughton called for nominations for the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach. On the proposal of Cllr Jordan seconded by Cllr Campbell, Members agreed to elect Cllr Kennedy as Leas-Cathaoirleach for the Municipal District of Donegal for the coming year.

MDD/078/18 VOTES OF SYMPATHY

Votes of sympathy were passed in respect of the following recent deaths;-

The late Mr. Joey Murrin**,** (former Chief Executive of Killybegs Fisherman's Organisation) Chapel Lane**,**Killybegs

The late Mr. James Anthony McGroary, Meenataggart, Donegal

The late Mr. Sean Calleary former Fianna Fail TD and Minister of state from Co. Mayo.

MDD/079/18 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 8TH MAY 2018

On the proposal of Cllr Jordan, seconded by Cllr Campbell, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 8th May 2018 were confirmed.

MDD/080/18 HOUSING CORPORATE AND CULTURAL SERVICES REPORT

Housing Services

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

Members noted the update reports on Grants, Loans, and Casual Vacancies, Tenant Purchase Scheme, 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 Ms. B McBrearty. Members were also notified of progress since the reports had been prepared, including the return of the keys for the SI Cottage at Ballinacarrick, Ballintra. She also informed Members that one vacancy had since been let and that the repair works on 3 houses in Ballyshannon will be going to tender his week.

In relation to 4 particular houses on the Vacancy list she advised Members, as these were built in the 1970s they will require substantial works and that she is working with the Director to seek funding for two of these to be completed this year. She also informed Members that construction of houses is due to commence in Killybegs on the 18th June 2018 and also briefed Members in relation to Turnkey and Private Rented Inspections.

Cllr Kennedy welcomed the commencing of the construction of houses in Killybegs.

Tribute to Ms. B McBrearty

Noting that this Ms. B McBrearty's last MD meeting, Members paid tribute to Ms. B McBrearty and wished her Good Luck on her promotion to Cavan County Council and submitted that Donegal's loss was Cavan's gain. Members reflected the high regard in which Ms. B McBrearty is held and on the great diligent and dedicated service she has afforded Members and the Council.

Mr. G Martin also spoke on behalf of Management and Staff to pay tribute to Bridie on her promotion to Cavan County Council. He stated that Bridie had served County Donegal well both personally and professionally always demonstrating a great work ethic. He submitted when speaking with Directors from other counties, her name was often mentioned as a leading light nationally in the Housing area, which was a testament to her and the high regard in which she is held. He wished her every success in her new position in Cavan.

MDD/081/18 ROADS / TRANSPORTATION SERVICES REPORT

2018 Road Works Programme Status Report
Members noted the update report on the 2018 Road Works Programme circulated with the Agenda as presented by Mr. M Sweeney.

Proposed Amendment to 2018 Roadworks Programme
Mr. M Sweeney referred to the earlier workshop where he had briefed Members in relation to a proposed amendment to the Roadworks Programme 2018 i.e. to replace the Knader – Doobally (LS7785-2) road with the Killeen Road (LS7975-1) works in 2018 as Irish Water had indicated their intention to carryout pipeline replacement works along the Knader to Dobally road in 2019. On the proposal of Cllr Kennedy, seconded by Cllr Naughton, this was agreed.

2018 LIS Funding
Mr. M Sweeney informed Members that the 2018 funding for LIS's had been circulated and he was awaiting the Local Contributions and that same would be discussed at the next meeting.

Section 183 – proposed disposal of lands at Townparks, Ballyshannon to the Shiel Hospital Trust (Health Services Executive), Shiel Hospital, Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal
Mr. M Sweeney briefed Members in relation to the proposed Section 183 disposal of lands at Townparks, Ballyshannon to the Shiel Hospital Trust (Health Services Executive), Shiel Hospital, Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal as circulated with the Agenda. Following a short discussion, on the proposal of Cllr Kennedy, seconded by Cllr Conaghan, Members agreed that this matter proceed to the next Plenary Council meeting.

Request to Re-allocate funding from Finner Road to Ballyshannon Streets
Mr. Sweeney referred to the request at the previous meeting to re-allocate funding from Finner Road to Ballyshannon streets in the amount of €50,000.00 and advised that Castle Street is not part of the planned pipe replacement works by Irish Water in Ballyshannon. He submitted if this re-allocation is to occur it will need the agreement of Members shortly to allow time to tender the works.

Follow up Issues from previous meeting.
Mr. M Sweeney briefed Members in relation to follow ups from the previous meeting as circulated to Members by e-mail.

Safety works at St Catherine's School, Killybegs.
In response to a request for safety works at St. Catherine's School, Killybegs to be carried out before the school opens in September, Mr. M Sweeney informed Members if this can be achieved it will.

Drainage at Church Road Killybegs
In response to a request for an update from Cllr Kennedy in relation to drainage works at Killybegs, Mr. M Sweeney advised he would revert at a later date.

Safety Scheme, Dunkineely
In response to a request for an update on the safety scheme in Dunkineely, Mr. M Sweeney informed Members he follow up and advise in due course.

Request for a Car park in Dunkineely
Cllr Kennedy submitted that a car park is needed in Dunkineely to cater for e.g. tourism with St John's Point and the lack of parking at Castleview. In response to the request, Mr. M Sweeney undertook to examine options and to revert to Members.

Old Abbey Graveyard, Donegal Town
Cllr Jordan referred to the Old Abbey graveyard in Donegal Town. Advising that it was in a poor state of neglect being overgrown and that Japanese knotweed has started to grow in it. He added that this matter needed to be addressed given the large footfall in the area. Mr. M Sweeney informed Members that this matter would come under the Roads Directorate and that he would follow up.

Request for a letter to issue to Minister Shane Ross
Cllr Naughton requested that a letter issue on behalf of the Municipal District to thank Minister Shane Ross for receiving their recent delegation and to ask that he keeps Members informed of progress in relation to the matters raised with him. This was agreed.

MDD/082/18 PLANNING CONTROL REPORT

Planning Update Reports
Apologies were noted from Ms. Ciara Condon, Executive Planner, Planning & Economic Development. Ms. Collette Beattie was in attendance to represent the planning service. Members noted the planning reports as circulated with the agenda dealing with the following;-

- Development Applications
- Enforcement
- Planning Clinics – next one on 20th June 2018
- Central Planning Unit
  - County Development Plan Review Update
  - Local Area Plans
  - Letterkenny Local Area Plan
  - Hericoast Project
- Further Information

No queries were raised in respect of Planning.

MDD/083/18 COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT

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

1. Donegal Tourism
2. Bundoran Tourism Officer Update
3. Donegal Gathering Project
4. Donegal Youth Council
5. Rural Development Programme / LEADER
6. Pride of Place 2018
7. Marine Tourism & Marketing and Development Activity REport

No queries were raised in respect of Community & Development.

MDD/084/18 ENVIRONMENT SERVICES REPORT

Ms. Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer, Environment was in attendance to represent the service. Members noted the update report as presented by Ms. Bogan dealing with the following items;-

- Waste and Litter Management
  - Green Schools Awards - Donegal
  - 'Tidy Towns Improvement Grant 2018
  - ErrigalCollege – Overall Winners – "one good idea" SEAI Competition
  - Trash'n'Fashion
  - Local Agenda 21 – Environmental Partnership Fund 2018/2019
  - Dog Fouling Awareness Campaign
  - Farm Plastic Collections (IFFPG) - Donegal
  - Next Inishowen Clean-Up Day – Saturday 23rd June 2018
  - Litter & Waste Statistics
- Coastal Management
  - Blue Flag & Green Coast Beach Awards 2018
  - Clean Coasts Week 2018
  - New Wheel Chair for Marble Hill
  - Water Quality

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

Life Rings at Mountcharles
Cllr Jordan thanked the Environment Section for the provision of the Life Rings at Mountcharles Beach and asked if additional could be provided at the wee Pier in Mountcharles. Ms. S Bogan undertook to bring the request to the Coastal Officer.

Life Guards on Beaches
Cllr Naughton referred to the fact that Lifeguards on the beaches do not commence employment until July each year and that this was much too late in the year He requested that this be examined for 2019.

Cllr Kennedy also spoke in support of this request referring to the importance of tourism and the WAW. She advised that matters need to move more speedily in the Council with services delivered in a more streamlined and effective way to meet the tourism requirements.

Ms. Bogan advised Members she would bring the request back to headquarters for consideration.

Request from previous meeting for Irish Water Management to attend MD Donegal meetings.
Cllr Naughton referred to the motion passed at the last MD meeting requesting officials from Irish Water to attend this meeting and referred to the response back to Members. He considers this to be totally unsatisfactory and disrespectful. He advised that Irish Water Officials need to attend the MD meetings to deal with Water issues in the Districts.

MDD/085/18 Date of next meeting.

Members agreed the next **Municipal District meeting** would be held on **Tuesday the 10th July, 2018 commencing at 11.30 a.m.** as per Standing Orders.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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Area Manager	**Cathaoirleach**
Municipal District of Donegal	**Municipal District of Donegal**

Minutes of Workshop of Municipal District of Donegal held on Tuesday the 12th June 2018 in the Peter Kennedy Chamber, Donegal Public Services Centre, Donegal commencing at 10.00 am.

Members Present:
Cllr Tom Conaghan, Cathaoirleach
Cllr Niamh Kennedy
Cllr John Campbell
Cllr Micháel Naughton
Cllr Noel Jordan

Officials in Attendance:
Mr. Garry Martin, Director of Economic Development, 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 Christie, Senior Executive Planner, Central Planning Services
Mr. David Friel, Coastal Officer
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

Apologies
Cllr Barry O'Neill

1. Trading at Ballyshannon, Bundoran and Rossnowlagh
Mr. Paul Christie, Senior Executive Planner, Central Planning Unit briefed Members in relation to the legislation governing casual trading including the Casual Trading Bye-laws. He also briefed Members in relation to the exemptions and designated trading areas. He noted that the Central Planning Unit had not been in a position to review the bye-laws in recent years due to other requirements such as the County Development Plan and the Local Area Plans. He outlined the overlap that exists in the Casual Trading Bye-Laws and the Beach Bye-laws.

Mr. P Christie advised Members, that it was the intention of the Central Planning Unit to undertaken a review of the Casual Trading Bye-laws and designated trading sites as part of the work programme in 2019 if resources and Budget 2019 permit. This will involve extensive public consultation and reserved functions.

Mr. David Friel, Coastal Officer circulated and presented the Beach Bye-Laws to Members in detail.

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

In conclusion it was noted the intention is the Planning, Environment and Economic Development Directorates work together to review the Casual Trading and Beach bye-laws to seek to have a balanced, updated and properly resourced implementation plan.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr. Christie and Mr. Friel for attending.

2. Proposed amendment to 2018 Roadworks Programme

Mr. M Sweeney briefed Members in relation to a proposed amendment to the 2018 Roadworks Programme i.e. the replacement of the LS7785-2 with LS7975-1 as Irish water intend to replace pipeline along the Knader to Dobally road in 2019. It was noted that this matter will be for consideration at the MD meeting later in the day.

This concluded the business of the Workshop.

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Area Manager,	**Cathaoirleach,**
Municipal District of Donegal	**Municipal District of Donegal**

Minutes of Workshop of Municipal District of Donegal held on Tuesday the 12th June 2018 in the Peter Kennedy Chamber, Donegal Public Services Centre, Donegal commencing at 3.00 pm.

Members Present:

Cllr Micháel Naughton, Cathaoirleach
Cllr Niamh Kennedy
Cllr John Campbell
Cllr Noel Jordan
Cllr Tom Conaghan

Officials in Attendance:
Mr. Garry Martin, Director of Economic Development, 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. Joseph McTaggart, Chief Fire Officer
Mr. Kevin Mc Garvey, Assistant Chief Fire Officer

Apologies
Cllr Barry O'Neill

Report on Operation Review of Fire Cover: Ballyshannon and Bundoran – Final Report.
Mr. G Martin introduced Mr. Joseph McTaggart, Chief Fire Officer and Mr. Kevin McGarvey, Assistant Chief Fire Officer and gave a brief background on the project – a strategic review of the operational fire cover provided in the Ballyshannon and Bundoran Fire Station Areas.

Mr. McTaggart gave a detailed presentation to the members on the content of the report which was released on the 4th June 2018 by management consultants ORH. He noted that his recommendation, on foot of this report, was for a Station merger with the construction of a new station to the northern end of Bundoran which would house two pumping appliances, an aerial appliance and two jeeps.

The Cathaoirleach of the MD, Cllr. Naughton, acknowledged the work and detail contained in the report and suggested giving Members some time to read through the report to properly digest its contents, and further to arrange a follow-up workshop within a week or so to facilitate questions to the Chief Fire Officer on the content of the report. This was agreed by the Members of the MD.

Mr. K. McGarvey gave everyone present a copy of the report and a copy of the presentation that was given by the Chief Fire Officer.

Cllr. Campbell asked if an interactive map could be provided at the next meeting so that he could analyse the data better. Mr. McGarvey agreed to follow up.

Mr. G Martin asked Mr. M Sweeney to ensure that Cllr. O'Neill received a copy of the report and the CFO's presentation in advance of the follow-up workshop. Mr. M Sweeney agreed to follow up.

This concluded the business of the Workshop.

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Area Manager,	**Cathaoirleach,**
Municipal District of Donegal	**Municipal District of Donegal**

Minutes of Workshop of Municipal District of Donegal held on Tuesday the 22nd June 2018 in the Peter Kennedy Chamber, Donegal Public Services Centre, Donegal commencing at 10.00 am.

Members Present:

Cllr Micháel Naughton, Cathaoirleach
Cllr John Campbell
Cllr Noel Jordan
Cllr Barry O'Neill

Officials in Attendance:
Mr. Garry Martin, Director of Economic Development, Information Systems and Emergency Services
Mr. Joseph McTaggart, Chief Fire Officer
Mr. Kevin Mc Garvey, Assistant Chief Fire Officer
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services.

Apologies
Cllr Tom Conaghan
Cllr Niamh Kennedy
Ms. Bridie McBrearty, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal

Report on Operational Review of Fire Cover: Ballyshannon and Bundoran – Final Report.
The Cathaoirleach opened the workshop and thanked all for attending and invited the Director of Emergency to address the workshop.

Mr. G Martin, Director of Emergency Services referred to the previous workshop held on the 12th June 2018 at which the conclusion on the Report on Operational Review of Fire Cover: Ballyshannon & Bundoran – Final Report was presented to Members. He also referred to the recent discussion at the Annual General Meeting of the Plenary Council noting the matter will be further discussed at a Special Council meeting on Monday 25th June 2018. Members noted today's workshop was a follow up to the previous presentation and an opportunity for discussion/clarification for Members having had time to reviewing the detail presented. He then invited Mr. Mc Taggart, Chief Fire Officer to make the presentation to Members.

Mr. McTaggart gave a detailed presentation to the members on the content of the report which was released on the 4th June 2018 by management consultants ORH with additional information.

The presentation dealt with the following;-

- Background
- Staff & Management Engagement
- Appointment of Management Consultant
- Underpinning Principles
- Key Deliverables of Review by ORH
- Datasets
- Methodology
- Planning for the Future
- Premises Risk Analysis & Impact Assessment
- Structure of Report
- Key Findings
- Results of Options
- Analysis
- Future Options for Fire Cover in Ballyshannon and Bundoran
- Other Influencing Factors (Professional Judgement)
- Recommendation
- Optimum Site Location for Merged Station.

He noted that his recommendation, on foot of this report, was for a Station merger with the construction of a new station to the northern end of Bundoran which would house two pumping appliances, an aerial appliance and two jeeps.

Mr. Martin also noted that the Council has to present a business case to the Department to support the replacement of the Ballyshannon / Bundoran Fire Stations.

A lengthy discussion took place in relation to the details presented and several comments / queries were dealt with at the workshop.

Members noted that the matter will be discussed again at the forthcoming Plenary Council meeting on Monday the 25th June 2018.

This concluded the business of the Workshop.

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Area Manager,	**Cathaoirleach,**
Municipal District of Donegal	**Municipal District of Donegal**

Municipal District of Donegal

Housing/Corporate Update for 10th July 2018

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

Location of Vacancy	Area	BED	Dwelling Vacated	Repairs Completed
SI Cottage at Ballinacarrick	BALLINTRA	3	24th March, 2013 (Tenant Deceased)	Referred for inspection
64 Forge Avenue	Ballintra	3	Tenant Deceased - Feb 2017	Schedule of works being finalised
28 Forge Avenue	Ballintra	1	Keys returned 09/05/2018	Referred for inspection
60 St Benildus Avenue	BALLYSHANNON	2	Repossessed on 28/04/2010	Tender July 2018
6 Erne Street	Ballyshannon	2	16th January 2016	Tender July 2018
11 Lawne Park	Ballyshannon	3	21/12/2017	Schedule of works to be prepared
16 Ernedale Heights	Ballyshannon	3	keys received 15/9/17	Tender July 2018
26 Lawne Park	Ballyshannon	3	Tenant Deceased - Mar 2018	Referred for inspection
32 Lawne Park	Ballyshannon	3	13/07/2017	Referred for inspection
64 Lawne Park	Ballyshannon	3	30/04/2018	Referred for inspection
16 St Theresa's Terrace	Bruckless	2	16/04/2018	Referred for inspection
7 Clos Naomh Columba	Carrick	3	Keys returned 26/04/2018	Referred for inspection
259 St Josephs Avenue	Donegal	3	13/03/2018	Referred for inspection
7 O'Cleirigh Avenue	Donegal Town	1	Keys returned to office on 24/07/2017	Works started
28 Millrace Crescent	Donegal Town	3	Keys returned to office by post on 28/12/2017	Referred for inspection
453 O'Duignan Ave	Donegal	2	Tenant deceased - keys returned 28/06/2018	Referred for inspection
211 Castleview	Dunkineely	3	25/08/2017	Schedule of works being finalised
216 Castleview	Dunkineely	3	15/12/2017	Schedule of works to be prepared
SI Legnawley Glebe, Croagh	Inver	2	4th October 2016 (tenant deceased)	Works near completion
28 St Cummins Hill	Killybegs	3	15/02/2018	Works near completion
54 St Cummins Hill	Killybegs	1	20/03/2018	Referred for inspection
4 Pairc Rath an Aonaigh	Laghey	3	Keys returned to office on 22/09/2017	Schedule of works being finalised
SI Gortward	Mountcharles	3	Tenant Deceased on 20/12/2016	Extension ready for tender
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

Position as at 29th June 2018

HOUSING GRANTS

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HO	2017	70	60	10	0	0
HO	2018	41	18	7	0	16

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	FURTHER INFO.	REF. TO OT	REF. To ENGINEER	PENDING
HD	2017	57	23	20	2	1	0	11
HD	2018	30	2	9	0	4	0	15

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HM	2017	7	1	4	0	2
HM	2018	0	0	0	0	0

HOUSING LOANS

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	Undecided	
Housing Loans	2017	1	1	0	0	
Housing Loans	2018	9	0	3	6	

Tenant Purchase Applications 2017 - 2018

Year	No. of Apps Received	Incomplete Returned	Open Applications	Refused/ Not Eligible	Offer letters Issued	Completed
2017	7	0	0	0	7	2
2018	7	0	2	1	5	2

SOCIAL HOUSING SUPPORT PROGRAMME

Position at 29th June 2018

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	Jun-18		
Killybegs	2	3	4		9	9	29/01/2017	Feb-18	18th June	
Purchases 2018			1	2	3					
CAS 2016/2017										
2 Com Group Homes					2			Jun-18		
1 Com Group Home							Alternative site being examined			
CALF Approved										
Ernedale Heights Ballyshannon					11		Works ongoing			Jun-18

HAP Tenancies

Municipal District	**Number**
Donegal	203
Letterkenny	673
Glenties	146
Stranorlar	268
Inishowen	409
Sub Total	1699
Tenancies Closed	723
Overall Total	**2422**

Private Rented Dwelling Inspections at 29th June 2018 **1590**

Housing Need by Location

Municipal District		Waiting	Transfer	Total
Donegal		153	179	332
	Ballintra	3	5	8
	Ballyshannon	30	34	64
	Bruckless	3	4	7
	Bundoran	28	36	64
	Carrick	1	2	3
	Donegal	59	65	124
	Drimarone	2	1	3
	Dunkineely	4	2	6
	Frosses	2	1	3
	Glencolmcille	2	0	2
	Inver	1	1	2
	Killybegs	8	14	22
	Laghey	4	6	10
	Mountcharles	5	7	12
	Pettigo	1	1	2
	Total	153	179	332

As at 29/06/2018

Lease & Repair Scheme Summary

	Applications					
MD	**Received**	**No. of Units**	**Awaiting assessment**	**Rejected**	**Progressing**	**Total**
Inishowen	15	18	1	14	0	**15**
Donegal	9	25	0	9	0	**9**
Glenties	11	11	2	9	0	**11**
Letterkenny	17	18	8	9	0	**17**
Stranorlar	8	22	5	3	0	**8**
Total	**60**	**94**	**16**	**44**	**0**	**60**

Updated 27/06/2018

Donegal Municipal District

2018 Roadworks Programme

Status Report - 10th July 2018

Donegal Municipal District

2018 Regional & Local Road Restoration Maintenance Programme

Regional Roads Restoration Maintenance - Budget €147,714

No	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Works Type	Year	Length (m)	Width (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)	Status
1	R	R-263-16	Malinmore - Malinbeg	Killybegs	S/D	2018	750	5	3,797	€20,883	Completed
2	R	R-230 - 4	Braidge	Killybegs	S/D	2018	590	4	2,655	€14,600	Completed
3	R	R-230-7	Crove	Killybegs	S/D	2018	800	6	4,800	€26,400	Completed
4	R	R262/5	Frosses - Glenties	Dunkineely	S/D	2018	500	6	2,750	€13,088	
5	R	R231-3	Rossnowlagh Rd	Ballyshannon	S/D	2018	900	7	6,300	€31,184	Started
6	R	R233	Lough Derg Rd	Laghey	S/D	2018	1,000	5	5,200	€26,000	Started
7	R	R232	Pettigo Rd	Laghey	S/D	2018	500	6	3,000	€15,559	Started
									Total Amount	€147,714	

Local Roads Restoration Maintenance - Budget €495,818

No	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Works Type	Year	Length (m)	Width (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)	Status
1	L	LP -1185-3	Ballymoon	Killybegs	S/D	2018	1,000	4	4,000	€18,000	Started
2	LP	LP-1085-1	Cappagh - Rinnakill	Killybegs	S/D	2018	750	4	2,667	€12,000	Completed
3	LS	LP- 1315-3	Stragar	Killybegs	S/D	2018	1,000	4	4,000	€18,000	
4	LS	LP- 1395	Meenabrock/ Calhame 2 Patches	Killybegs	S/D	2018	850	5	4,442	€19,990	
5	LP	L-5195-1	Cuskry Glebe	Killybegs	S/D	2018	1,000	4	4,000	€18,000	Completed
6	LS	L-1015-2	Meenacross	Killybegs	S/D	2018	1,000	3	3,000	€13,500	Started
7	LS	L-1015-4	Stranagartan - Straboy	Killybegs	S/D	2018	800	4	2,800	€12,600	Started
8	LP	1535 / 3	Drumfinn	Dunkineely	S/D	2018	1,380	3	4,140	€18,630	
9	LP	1435/1	Dunkineely - St Johns Point (Dr Wood	Dunkineely	S/D	2018	870	4	3,480	€15,660	Started
10	LP	1685/2 & 16	Drimarone Chapel - Roes Bridge	Dunkineely	S/D	2018	1,650	4	5,775	€25,900	Started
11	LP	1845/2	Dummies Bridge - Altadoo	Dunkineely	S/D	2018	1,000	5	5,000	€22,500	
12	LS	6445/2	Ballydevitt - Newtown	Dunkineely	S/D	2018	1,000	4	4,000	€18,000	
13	LS	6605/1	Doonan	Dunkineely	S/D	2018	730	4	2,555	€11,498	
14	LP	1875/1	Salthill (Temples)	Dunkineely	S/D	2018	750	4	3,000	€13,000	
15	LS	LS7725-2	Skeegys	Ballyshannon	S/D	2018	1,200	4	4,200	€18,900	Completed
16	LS	LS7835-2	Derrykillew	Ballyshannon	S/D	2018	1,600	3	4,800	€21,600	Completed
17	LP	P2485-3	Mullins	Ballyshannon	S/D	2018	1,550	4	6,200	€27,900	Completed
18	LS	LS7975-1	Killeen	Ballyshannon	S/D	2018	1,100	4	3,850	€17,325	Started
19	LS	LS7975-1	*Killeen	Ballyshannon	S/D	2018	1,100	4	5,760	€25,920	Started
20	LS	LS7745-1	Tullymore	Ballyshannon	S/D	2018	800	4	2,800	€12,821	Completed
21	LP	LP2095-3	Copany	Laghey	S/D	2018	1,000	4	4,000	€18,000	Completed
22	LS	LS8035-2	Grousehall	Laghey	S/D	2018	1,300	4	4,550	€20,475	Started
23	LS	LS6745-1	Drummenny Middle	Laghey	S/D	2018	600	4	2,100	€9,450	Completed
24	LS	LS6795-1	Drumnahowl	Laghey	S/D	2018	1,100	4	3,850	€17,325	Completed
25	LP	LP2125-2	Laghey Barr	Laghey	S/D	2018	1,100	4	4,400	€19,800	Completed
26	LS	LS7165-2	Lisnapaste	Laghey	S/D	2018	1,000	5	5,000	€22,500	Completed
27	LT	LT22655	Crocknacunny	Laghey	S/D	2018	1,000	4	3,500	€15,750	Started
28	LT	LT20851	Clarcarricknicknagun	Laghey	S/D	2018	600	4	2,400	€10,774	Completed
									Total Amount	€495,818	

* Agreed change to Roadworks Programme

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2018 Agreed Restoration Improvement Programme

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Regional Roads

No	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Length (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)	Status
1	R	R-262-2	Frosses Village - Gargrim	14 - Dunkineely	600	3,600	€77,000	
2	R	R-263-2	Killybegs Streets (Various locations)	15 - Killybegs			€60,000	Started
3	R	R-263-14	Glencolmcille Streets	15 - Killybegs	500	3,000	€38,000	Completed
4	R	R-263-9	Cuskery-Bogagh Road (patch)	15 - Killybegs	70	500	€12,500	Completed
5	R	R-263-11	Meenaveen Junction (patch)	15 - Killybegs	80	640	€12,000	Started
6	R	R230- 6	Meeaneary	15 - Killybegs	450	2,700	€60,500	Completed
7	R	R363- 4	Kill height, Larghy	15 - Killybegs	300	1,800	€32,018	Started
8	R	R267-6	Bundoran Rd	16 - Ballyshannon	280	2520	€50,400	
9	R	R267	Ballyshannon Streets	16 - Ballyshannon	500	3000	€80,000	Started
10	R	R267	Ballyshannon Street Patches	16 - Ballyshannon			€15,000	Completed
11	R	R920-1	Beleek Bridge	16 - Ballyshannon	65	481	€9,620	Completed
12	R	R231	Rossnowlagh RD	16 - Ballyshannon	350	2100	€42,000	Completed
13	R	R267	Bundoran Streets	16 - Ballyshannon			€40,000	
14	R	R232-7	Pettigoe Rd	17 - Laghey	500	4000	€111,580	Completed
15	R	R232	Pettigoe Rd Patches	17 - Laghey	500	3000	€80,000	Completed
16	R	R267	Donegal Streets	17 - Laghey	75	525	€10,500	
17	LT	TBC	Drumcoagh (I Corrigan)	17 - Laghey	900	3150	€40,948	Completed

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Local Roads

No	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Length (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)	Status
1	LP	L-1425-2/3/4	St. John's Point	14 - Dunkineely	160	600	€47,890	Started
2	LP	L-1915-1	Ogherbeg - Gortlosky / Winterhill	14 - Dunkineely	1,000	3,800	€45,600	
3	LP	L-1815-4&5	Ardbane - Drumboarty	14 - Dunkineely	1,200	4,200	€50,000	Completed
4	LS	L-6385-1/2	Drumkeelan - Dromore (Mick Griffin	14 - Dunkineely	1000	3,000	€40,900	Completed
5	LS	L-6445-1	Ballydevitt - Newtown	14 - Dunkineely	1,000	3,500	€42,000	Started
6	LP	L-1845-4	Doonan - Ballydevitt Junction	14 - Dunkineely	880	5,456	€80,000	Started
7	LP	L-1625-1	Cranny Road - Bonnyglen	14 - Dunkineely	1,000	3,200	€40,000	Started
8	LS	L-5935-2/3	Mullaboys- Gortaward	14 - Dunkineely	1,000	3,500	€40,000	
9	LP	L-1885-1	Glen Mt Charles - Hall Demense	14 - Dunkineely	800	4,000	€48,000	
10	LS	L-6015/1	Sallows - Disert	14 - Dunkineely	1,200	4,200	€50,000	Completed
11	LP	L-1715/1	Letterbarrow C/R - Drimarone chape	14 - Dunkineely	820	3280	€35,000	Started
12	LS	L-6435-1	Tullinagreena - Orbeg (Jn The Farme	14 - Dunkineely	850	4,800	€32,000	Completed
13	LP	LP-1025-2	Meenaveen - Malinmore	15 - Killybegs	700	3,500	€65,000	
14	LP	L-1325-1	Commons - Dohertys Road	15 - Killybegs	700	3,150	€50,400	Completed
15	LS	L-5325-1	Croaghbeg	15 - Killybegs	675	2,025	€32,400	Completed
16	LS	L-5285-1	Ballymoon - Crowanrudda	15 - Killybegs	600	1,800	€28,800	Started
17	LS	L-5185-1	Straleel - Stranakirk	15 - Killybegs	2,000	6,000	€58,000	Started
18	LP	L-1205-1	Fintra Beach Road	15 - Killybegs	300	1,350	€25,000	Started
19	LP	L-1265-4	Roshine Road	15 - Killybegs	300	1,800	€28,800	Started
20	LP	L-1195-1	Line Road Kilcar	15 - Killybegs	200	1,200	€22,000	Completed
21	LP	L-1365-4	Tullinteane	15 - Killybegs	500	1,500	€24,000	Completed
22	LS	L-5535-1	Castlereagh	15 - Killybegs	700	2,100	€33,600	Completed
23	LP	L-1085-1	Ranakill Teelin	15 - Killybegs	750	2,625	€32,000	Completed
24	LP	L-1315-1	Commons road	15 - Killybegs	1,000	4,500	€40,000	Completed
25	LP	LP2515-1	Magheracar	16 - Ballyshannon	1000	3000	€42,000	Completed
26	LS	LS7515-1	Ardeelan	16 - Ballyshannon	800	2800	€37,800	Completed
27	LS	LS79251	Ardfarn	16 - Ballyshannon	900	2700	€36,450	Completed
28	LP	LP2225-1	Ballydermott	16 - Ballyshannon	1000	3000	€40,500	
29	LS	LS7725-1	Ballymacaward	16 - Ballyshannon	1500	4500	€69,750	Completed
30	LS	LS7475-1	Ballinacarrick	16 - Ballyshannon	800	2400	€33,600	Completed
31	LP	LP2385-1	Creevy	16 - Ballyshannon	800	3200	€41,600	Completed
32	LP	L2555-1	The Battery	16 - Ballyshannon	220	880	€17,600	
33	LS	LS7245-1	Glasbolie	16 - Ballyshannon	1300	4290	€60,060	Completed
34	LS	LS7445-1	Ballinacarrick_Bradlieve	16 - Ballyshannon	1000	3200	€41,847	
35	LP	LP1955-2	Lough Eske Demesne	17 - Laghey	500	2500	€32,500	Started
36	LS	LS6865-1	Raneany East	17 - Laghey	1100	3575	€46,475	Completed
37	LT	LT18353	Bensons Hill	17 - Laghey	800	2600	€33,800	Completed
38	LS	LS6865-2	Trumman East	17 - Laghey	1000	3500	€45,500	Completed
39	LS	LS7325-1	Rath Mt	17 - Laghey	1450	5075	€60,900	Completed
40	LS	LS6795-1	Drumnahowl	17 - Laghey	1000	3500	€45,500	Completed
41	LT	LT22653	Carn Graveyard	17 - Laghey	800	2800	€36,400	Completed
42	LP	LP2265-2	Crocknacunny	17 - Laghey	1300	5200	€67,600	Started
43	LS	L-6695-1	Lurganboy	17 - Laghey	800	5600	€112,000	Completed
							€2,665,338	

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Development Contribution Scheme Funded Capital Improvement Works

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**	**Q4 2018**
15	Carrick	R-263	Surfacing and ducting works outside the Church in Carrick	**€11,250.00**	**Completed**
16	Ballyshannon	R-267	Footpath repair works at West Port Ballyshannon.	**€11,250.00**	**Completed**
17	Pettigoe	R-232	Footpath repair works outside the Church in Pettigoe	**€11,250.00**	**Completed**
				€45,000.00	

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2017 Local Improvement Scheme Priority List

Tranche 2 Funding

Area	Budget	Priority No	LIS No	Cost Estimate	Total	Local Contribution paid	Status
		1	170261	€23,241.50		No	N/A
		2	170250	€23,874.00		Yes	Started
		3	170264	€23,747.50		Yes	Completed
		4	170005	€17,744.50		Yes	Started
		5	170654	€23,598.00		Yes	Completed
14	€178,964.09	6	170184	€49,450.00	€161,655.50	Yes	Started
		1	170327	€11,854.00		Yes	Completed
		2	170873	€17,250.00		No	N/A
		3	170185	€11,500.00		Yes	Started
		4	170699	€11,270.00		Yes	Completed
		5	171041	€40,250.00		Yes	Completed
15	€138,851.45	6	170647	€25,875.00	€117,999.00	Yes	Completed
		1	170899	€11,500.00		Yes	Completed
		2	170897	€15,226.00		Yes	Started
16	€52,454.99	3	170204	€20,700.00	€47,426.00	Yes	Started
		1	170878	€32,099.38		Yes	Completed
		2	170661	€13,652.80		Yes	Completed
17	€117,252.33	3	170411	€54,337.50	€100,089.68	Yes	Completed
Total	€487,522.86			Total	€427,170.18		

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2018 Local Improvement Scheme Priority List

Area	Budget	Priority No	LIS No	Cost Estimate	Total	Local Contribution paid	Status
		1	170112	€9,487.50		Yes - 07.06.18	Not yet started
		2	170113	€8,763.50		Yes - 31.05.18	Not yet started
		3	170669	€13,972.50		Yes - 08.06.18	Not yet started
		4	180132	€13,110.00		Yes - 30.05.18	Not yet started
		5	170843	€9,660.00		Yes - 07.06.18	Not yet started
		6	170855	€9,579.50		Yes - 08.06.18	Not yet started
14		7	180023	€5,830.50	€70,403.50	No	
		1	170876	€20,700.00		No	
		2	170908	€20,700.00		Yes - 13.06.18	Not yet started
15		3	170016	€31,050.00	€72,450.00	Yes - 31.05.18	Not yet started
		1	170270	€3,450.00		Yes - 07.06.18	Completed
16		2	171351	€11,776.00	€15,226.00	Yes - 06.06.18	Not yet started
		1	170656	€14,590.00		Yes - 08.06.18	Not yet started
		2	170412	€17,077.50		Yes - 25.06.18	Not yet started
17		3	170402	€8,753.80	€40,421.30	Yes - 13.06.18	Not yet started
Total	€173,820.92			Total	€198,500.80	including local contributions)	

Funding to repair flood damage sustained from rainfall event 22nd/ 23rd August 2017

Local Authority: Donegal County Council

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		Contract
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	€23,000.00	Completed
Local	L7195-1	Donegal EA	16	Crookahanny	Road Flooded -Rutted	Wetmix, double surface dress and drainage	700m	3m	€35,000.00		Started
Local	L2295-1	Donegal EA	16	Rossnowlagh Upper	Road flooded, Surface damage and Potholes	Raise and resurface 2 sections of road. Upgrade drainage	130m	5.5m	€22,000.00	€57,000.00	
Local	L-6775-1	Donegal EA	17	Drumlast	50m of road edge collapsed into drain	Place road drainage and crossing	60m		€9,000.00		Completed
Local	L-18353	Donegal EA	17	Benson Hill	Road Flooded/potholes and rutting	Stone, and surface dress	750m	3.5m	€39,500.00		Completed
Local	L-18352	Donegal EA	17	Goladoo	Side of road washed away	Pipe drain and reconstruct road/verge	20m	3.5m	€6,000.00		Completed
Local	L-80652	Donegal EA	17	Lettercran	Road Flooded/potholes and rutting	Stone, and surface dress	300m	3.5m	€15,750.00		Completed
Local		Donegal EA	17	Corracrump	Road edge washed away	Drainage along road edge and reinstate verge	300m		€9,000.00		
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	€92,150.00	
										€172,150.00	

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2018 LOW COST REMEDIAL WORKS

Low cost safety measures

Engineering Area	Location	Site Location	Road No	Budget (€)	Description of works	Status
14	Killybegs	Donegal Road, Killybegs	R263	€30,000.00	Safety Improvement Works outside St Catherines Vocational School	Not started
16	Ballyshannon	Assaroe Road & Allingham Road	R267 & R926	€30,000.00	Upgrade of pedestrian crossings at the Bridge End roundabout.	Not started

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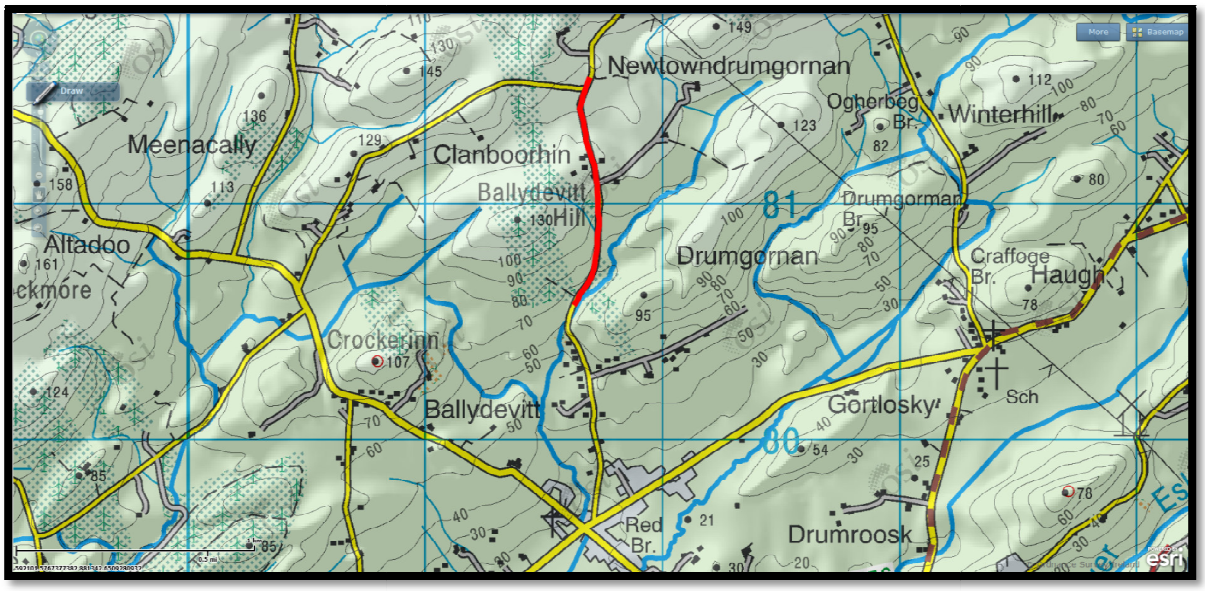
Proposed list of projects to be funded from the 2018 Drainage Grant

County Budget €647,000.00

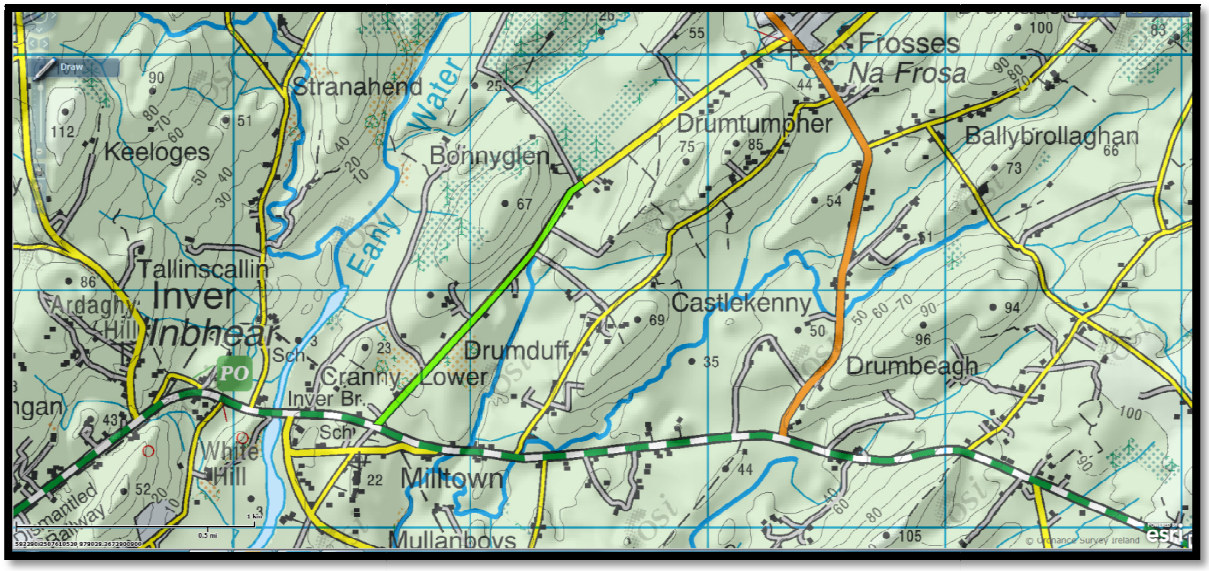
Donegal MD Budget €139,410.00

Area	% of Budget	Budget	Type of Works	Estimated Cost €	Status
14	23.58%	€32,867.80	LP-1845-4 - Doonan Road Install large diameter drain and roaad crossing to alleviate flooding problems.	€32,867.80	Completed
			R236-2 - Five Points to Holly Bush. Upgrade existing drainage to alleviate existing flooding issue.	€10,000.00	
			L-1095-2 - Carrick National School - Install new drainage network to address local flooding issue.	€7,000.00	
			L-1045-1 - Sliabh Liag Road - Install new drainage network to address local flooding issue.	€5,000.00	
15	24.58%	€34,260.59	L-1315-2 - Church Road Killybegs - Upgrade existing drainage network to alleviate existing flooding issue	€12,260.59	
16	24.70%	€34,428.44	R231 - Coolmore - Install new drainage network to alleviate existing flooding.	€15,000.00	
			R231 - Ardeelan - Install new drainage network to alleviate existing flooding.	€7,500.00	
			L-7245-1 - Glasbolie - Install new drainage network to alleviate existing flooding.	€11,928.44	
17	27.15%	€37,853.16	L-8035-3 - Grousehall - Install new roadside drain to alleviate existing flooding.	€8,000.00	Completed
			R267 - Temples Corner - Install new culverts to alleviate existing flooding problems	€29,853.16	Completed
			TOTAL	€139,410.00	

Proposed amendment to 2018 Roadwork's Programme



Ballydevitt – Newtown Road (LS-6445-2) Highlighted in Red



Cranny Road L-1625-1 Highlighted in Green

Proposal

Remove the LS-6445-2 Ballydevittt – Newtown Road from the 2018 Local Road Maintenance (RM) Programme and replace it with the L-1625-1 Cranny Road.

Reason:

Irish Water have indicated their intentions to lay a new watermain along the Newtown Road from its junction at the Ballydevitt crossroads to the existing pumping station at Newtowndrumgorman.

Community, Enterprise & Planning Service

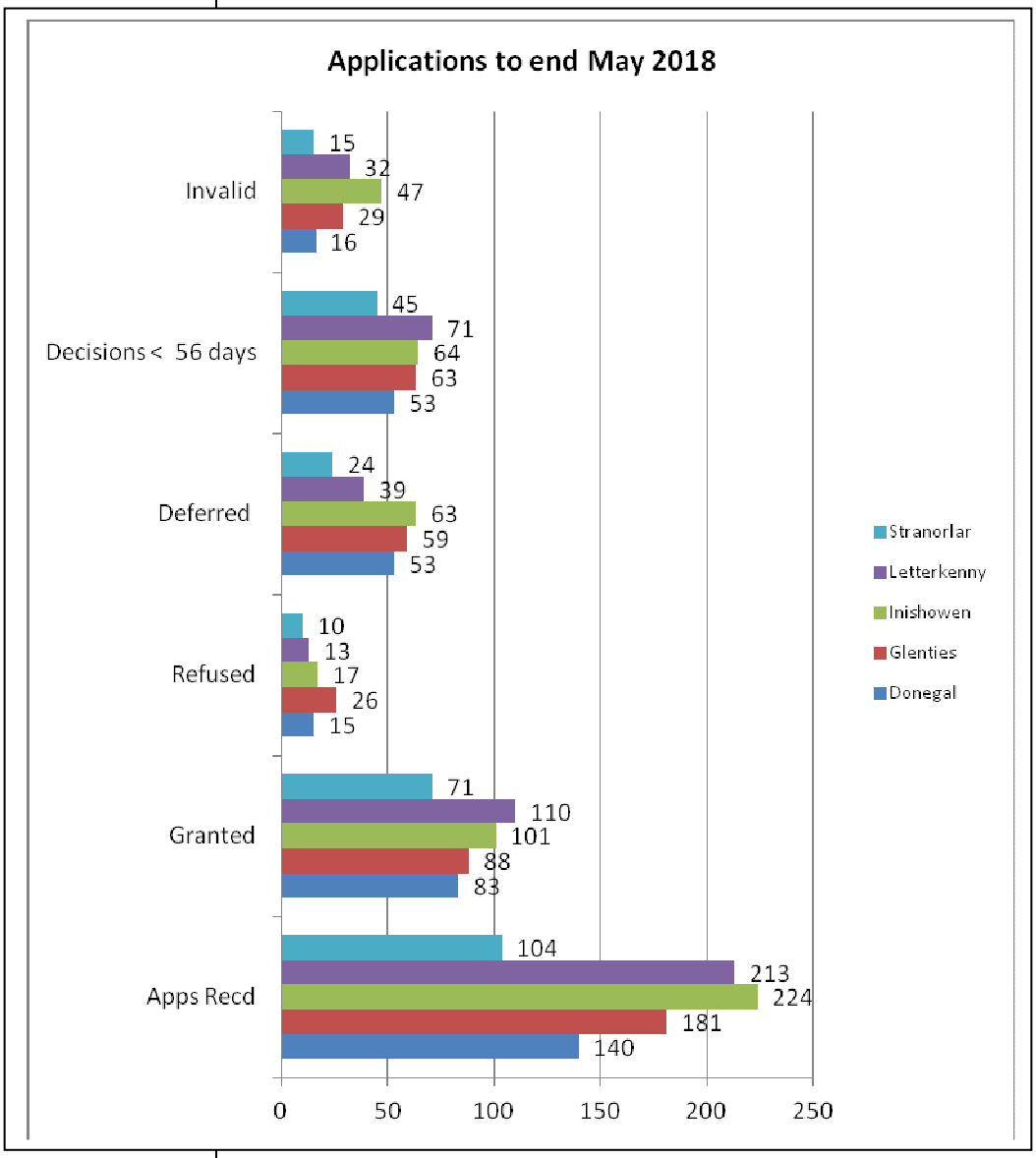
Planning Services Report

Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall
Donegal County Council

Donegal MD Meeting
10th July 2018

	Item	Update
1	**Development Applications**	
	(1) Statistics	County Totals Year to End May 2018:

Applications received	**862**
Granted	**453**
Refused	**81**
Deferred	**238**
Decided in under 2 months	**296**
Invalid	**139**



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• No August Clinic</td></tr>
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<tr><td></td><td>(1) County Development Plan Review Update</td><td>1. At their Special Plenary Council meeting of 9th May, 2018, Members resolved to make (adopt) the County Donegal Development Plan, 2018-2024, having completed their Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment respectively.
2. The new County Donegal Development Plan, 2018-2024 became <u>operative on Tuesday 5th June, 2018.</u>
3. As of 5th June, 2018, the three Development Plans of the former Town Council (and Environs) areas are no longer operative (ie. the Buncrana and Environs Development Plan, 2014-2020; the Bundoran and Environs Development Plan, 2009-2015 [As Varied]; and the Letterkenny and Environs Development Plan, 2009-2015 (As Varied) as each town is provided for within the new County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024.</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td>(2) Local Area Plans</td><td>Seven Strategic Towns Local Area Plan [for An Clochán Liath (Dungloe); Ballybofey-Stranorlar; Ballyshannon; Bridgend; Carndonagh; Donegal Town; and Killybegs

1. The Draft Plan was published on 24th November, 2017 with the public consultation period running until 24th January, 2018.
2. The Chief Executive's Report (CE Report) on the consultation period outcomes was submitted to Members on 23rd February, 2018.
3. Following a round of MD workshops (excluding Letterkenny MD) the CE's Report was considered at the Plenary Council meeting on 26th March, 2018. At the meeting, it was agreed to proceed to the next stage of the process this being the publication of 118 Proposed Material Alterations, together with a Environmental Report Addendum and Natura Impact Report Addendum.</td></tr>
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		4. The Proposed Material Alterations, together with the Environmental Report Addendum and Natura Impact Report Addendum arrangements were published for public consultation on 11th May 2018 with the consultation period running until 7th June 2018. 5. The Chief Executive's Report on the submissions in relation to the proposed Material Alterations is being prepared and it is anticipated that it will be submitted to Members no later than 5th July, 2018 for consideration. Arrangements are being made for MD workshops to facilitate discussion on the Chief Executive's Report followed by consideration at the Plenary Council meeting of 23rd July, 2018 with a view to adopting the Plan. Once adopted, the Plan will become operative 4 weeks later.
	(3) Letterkenny Local Area Plan	The initial period of open consultation to inform the Plan has now been closed out (on 29th June). The consultation exercises included the following: • 2 business community workshops (approximately 60 attendees). • 1 community, social and cultural sector workshop (approximately 30 attendees). • Queens University student presentation on Letterkenny local planning and urban design. • Local Enterprise Office gathering. • Local consultation meeting with group of Main Street businesses. • Local consultation meeting with LYIT Executive Board. • Local consultation meeting with grouping of the larger employers. • A number of one-to-ones meetings as requested. • Promotion of an online town centre related questionnaire, thus far resulting in 150 completions (at 28th June) and open until 4th July. • Receipt of individual written submissions. Although the connections made thus far are widespread, there are a number of other groups/ sectors that either have yet to be engaged or have come forward during the initial consultation period as groups who wish to participate further. Arrangements are therefore being made to set workshop/ meeting dates for September to facilitate this further consultation. This includes: ▪ The Youth Council and Age Friendly Forum ▪ LYIT students.

		▪ Health sector ▪ Education sector (primary and secondary level) ▪ Irish water ▪ Office of Public Works ▪ IDA and Enterprise Ireland ▪ Lower Main Street grouping. ▪ Employees within the larger employers. In tandem with making arrangements for the above noted additional consultations, the next steps are that a report is being prepared to collate the outputs of the range of consultation exercises. The report will identify the key emerging themes and recommend the strategic direction of the Plan. **Members are therefore requested to agree a workshop date for September in order to consider this report.**
	(4) Hericoast Project	Work is continuing on the Hericoast project towards the finalization of an Action Plan in September 2018. The Actions it is proposed to include are: (i) The development of Guidelines for the re-use of vacant and dilapidated historic buildings in the context of a policy framework for the sustainable development of heritage structures with particular reference to the historic defensive architecture of Lough Swilly: (ii) Systematic collation of heritage information to provide an objective evidence-based approach to heritage using Lough Swilly as a pilot area. (iii) Alana Green, Executive Planner/Project Lead made a presentation at the Marinescape Forum in Burgas, Bulgaria in June detailing the Action Plan. This was well received with Good Practices from Donegal informing the Action Plans of several of the European partner countries. The Public Participation Network Good Practice from Hericoast has been validated by the Interreg Policy Learning Platform and uploaded to the Interreg platform for dissemination at a European level. Expert opinion noted “The practice represents an interesting example of a way to structure and facilitate community involvement from interest groups and individuals…It could serve as inspiration to other regions”. The project will conclude with a high level political dissemination event in November 2019.

5	**Conservation Officer**	
	(1) Additions to Record of Protected Structures	At the April 2018 Donegal Municipal District meeting Members approved 4 structures to go out to public consultation. The consultation process ends Friday 6th July, 2018. At the time of writing this report (27th June 2018) 1 submission has been received. A final report will be compiled for Members detailing any submissions/observations received during the consultation period as well as any Ministerial comments. The final decision on whether to add the proposed additions onto the Record of Protected Structures will be made by Donegal Municipal District at the September 2018 meeting.
	(2) Conservation Grant Scheme	The Minister has allocated €109,000 funding to Donegal County Council under two different grant schemes for investment in the built heritage of Donegal. In total 10 projects (amounting to €50,000) under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2018 and 3 projects (amounting to €59,000) under the Structures at Risk Fund 2018 have been approved. All projects are progressing and are due to commence in the coming weeks.
6	**Further Information** *Click on web links to access information.*	• Weekly List of applications and decisions: http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weeklyplanninglists/ • Planning service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service): planning@donegalcoco.ie • Planning Webpage: www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/ • Planning Application Online Query – planning reference number required: www.donegalcdb.ie/eplan/internetenquiry/rpt_querybysurforrecloc.asp • 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

Donegal County Council
Community & Development Division
Community, Enterprise & Planning Directorate

Municipal District of Donegal

10th July 2018

Community & Development Division

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Donegal County Council

Donegal Marine Tourism
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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 MalinWaters, 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 2 - inclusive of current status	**WAOH Project Launch** • A survey of local stakeholders has been developed to help us identify initiatives and actions undertaken at destinations along the WAOH! Route to address social, economic and environmental sustainability. The results of this survey will help us to work towards providing better supports for businesses along the route and to prepare for the 'Business 2 Sea' conference in Porto, Portugal in November where a stakeholder workshop will be held to further discuss the WAOH project with an opportunity to invite local stakeholders to attend and network with SME's in partner regions that are running similar businesses. • Procurement of new video and other content for the promotion of the WAOH route is underway with an RFT on E-tenders and a deadline for submissions on 6th July 2018. The successful company will develop new videos promoting marine activities on the route and also blogs, press releases and other social media content to give extended outreach of the WAOH route to target audiences. • Terms of Reference for the WAOH route Marketing Plan are in development in Donegal County Council who will have responsibility for producing the Marketing Plan for the entire route. • Data mapping activities have now been completed by Donegal County Council. • A number of WAOH project Information sessions have taken place in Donegal to inform stakeholders about the project.

CAPITEN

- A meeting of the CAPITEN project partners took place in Portugal on 21st and 22nd June where extensive discussion took place in relation to the project.
- Donegal County Council has responsibility for co-ordinating work package 5 – the Atlantic Tour Event which is focused on supporting existing maritime events. Discussions are underway as to how events will be supported and developing an application process for event organisers who wish to apply for supports. More details of this will be available in September. It is envisaged that supports will be available for events towards the latter part of 2018 and into 2019 – 2020.
- A company in Donegal has been appointed to develop Marketing and Communications Plan for work package five of the 'Atlantic Destination Maritime Festivals and Events' element of the CAPITEN project. The resulting plan will also include a template for best practice of promotional activities that can be used by festival and event organisers to deliver better results.
- A survey has been sent out to partners to gather information on festivals and events that they wish to support as part of the CAPITEN project.
- A new CAPITEN website is in development by the lead partner with more information on the project.

Wildsea Europe

Donegal County Council has committed to continue to remain in the Wildsea Europe network. SME's listed on the website www.wildsea.eu have reported receiving a good volume of bookings for their businesses so it is important to continue to provide training and support for SME's and to continue to support the marketing activities to increase traffic and bookings on the website.

New partners have now joined the network including Forum Oceano (Portugal), Visit Cornwall, the WCA (World Cetacean Alliance). The WAOH project which has been recently launched is the follow up to Wildsea Europe and will provide more EU funding to further develop the network.

ISLE Tourism Project

- There will be new signage produced for four of the Donegal Islands, with potential to develop more later depending on budgets. The signage is being procured but it is envisaged that it will be galvinised steel with a lectern style to withstand weather conditions. The design on them will be in map format incorporating some information about protecting local species such as the corncrake. The maps will be multi-lingual and they will be able to be replaced in the future should new designs be required and without replacing the entire sign.

- An illustrator is developing new maps for each of the five islands outlined in the project. These maps will include key points of interest, walking trails etc. and will highlight some of the key species on the islands. These can then be used for the signage and possible production of tear off maps of the islands that can be provided to local businesses.
- The Guiding course running at LYIT School of Tourism has concluded with graduation planned for November 2018.
- The Tourism Impact Study has now been completed and is due to be translated into Irish and will be made available in Q4.

Monty Halls Campaign
World adventurer Monty Halls visited Donegal from 26th May to 6th June. Monty, his family and film crew toured the county extensively gathering various types of film footage including VR, drone and 360 footage. They are currently editing this footage and it will be released from the end of July and promoted across various online channels on social media. Footage will also be used on the new Govisitdonegal.com website which is currently in development. The goal is to promote the County as a family friendly adventure destination. Monty also did an article for Take Off magazine. Support from local businesses and the community has been phenomenal and this would not have been possible without them.

MalinWaters
A number of maritime festivals and events in Donegal have received funding support via MalinWaters. A Marketing Plan for the coming months has been agreed with partners and will cover a range of activities such as social media, e-mail marketing, Google Ad Words, print advertising and much more. There will also be a MalinWaters promotional stand at the Foyle Maritime Festival in Derry-Londonderry during the event, promoting MalinWaters and some of the other marine tourism projects along with County Donegal and other partner regions.

Rathmullan – The Way Forward
The Marine Tourism Officer is working with Rathmullan – The Way Forward and has developed a Terms of Reference document for the development of Rathmullan as a tourism destination. Promotional materials are being provided for the new Rathmullan Information Hub and a new entry for the Cool Route cruise tourism brochure about Rathmullan has been developed.

Donegal Maritime Map
A new illustrated Donegal maritime map has been developed and will be printed and distributed at the SeaFest event in Galway and other events in the future. The map covers the entire county and details some of the top marine tourism

	experiences and locations.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarter 3 2018 reporting period	**WAOH Project** • A social media trip will be organised and delivered by Donegal County Council. • A survey of local stakeholders will be carried out. • Preparations for the stakeholder workshop in Porto in November are underway. • A Marketing Plan for the WAOH route is in development by Donegal County Council. • Work is underway to further develop the website www.wildsea.eu • In 2019 there will be opportunities to promote the regions at maritime themed trade shows internationally. **ISLE Tourism Project** • Once the illustrated maps are developed, they will be made into signage for some of the islands. • Graduation of the students who completed the Local and Regional Guiding Course at LYIT will take place in November 2018 where an event to provide information about the overall project will also be planned for the same time. **MalinWaters Marketing Activity** • Marketing activity is ongoing to promote www.malinwaters.com across a variety of marketing channels. 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 Q3 and Q4 of 2018. More detailed reports will be available on the results of the marketing activity. **CAPITEN** • The results of the partner survey will be assessed to determine what type of events take place in their partner regions. • Donegal County Council will also be responsible for the delivery of a number of supports for maritime festivals and events. Currently the partners are working together to decide on a format and application process for event support. • Further work on the Marketing and Communications Plan will be carried out. • The next project meeting takes place in December 2018. **WAOH Project** Donegal County Council is responsible for a number of elements of the WAOH project as follows and will be working on these in coming months: • Development of video and other content. • Development of a Marketing Plan for the route.

	• A social media/familiarisation trip. • Further development of the Wildsea.eu website. • Information workshops. • Participation at targeted trade shows with opportunities for local SME's to participate. • A stakeholder workshop in Porto, Portugal is planned for November 2018. **Cruise Tourism** Research into the economic impact of cruise tourism. A brochure promoting cruise tourism in various locations in County Donegal will be developed. The Queen Elizabeth cruise ship will visit Killybegs on 20th July 2018. **Marine Tourism Newsletter** Further updates will be sent out to over 200 marine tourism contacts via the e-mail newsletter. **Blueway Opportunities** The possibility of creating sections of 'Blueway' in Donegal along our coastline is being investigated. Donegal County Council has been liaising with Waterways Ireland in relation to the development of Blueways. **SeaFest 2018** Donegal County Council Tourism Unit will be exhibiting at SeaFest 2018. This is an excellent opportunity to promote Donegal to both the domestic and international market and to encourage visitors to travel to the North West over more commonly travelled routes to the south of Ireland. SeaFest 2017 attracted over 100k visitors and over 800 brochures, maps and other promotional materials were distributed at the event. A competition running at the stand in 2017 helped gather over 600 new contacts for the marketing e-mail database.
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Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	Bundoran Tourism Officer Update
Project Description	Promotional Activities – June 2018
Current Activities	Membership of Discover Bundoran Tourism Partnership • Ongoing invoicing of members and collection of fees. Discover Bundoran brochure • Remaining copies of brochure stock continues to be distributed to attractions in the wider area. Photos being taken during good weather for consideration for next year's brochure. Marketing of Bundoran • Marketing and social media vision for 2018 continuing to be implemented. • Weeklong Radio promotion on Dublin's Q102 (11th-15th June) • Assisted crew from Monty Halls TV show. • Preparing two page Irish News spread with trade members. • Newsletter for July sent out • Promotion of upcoming street party and car show events Other: • Working on viewing platform at Fairy Bridges • Facilitating ongoing meetings of Discover Ballyshannon brand. • Coordinating economic survey of Bundoran to get a breakdown of visitor numbers, nationalities etc. Events for 2017/2018 • Assisted planning for Soapbox Race. • Assisted promotion efforts for Sea Sessions. • Planning underway for Street Party and Car Show in July. Discover Bundoran website and social media • Ongoing management of www.discoverbundoran.com and social media channels. • Regular posting of content and video on Facebook page. Currently spotlighting daily each of the Discover Bundoran members. • Consistent scheduling of photo content on Instagram daily. • Regular Friday "What's on" video produced and delivered on Facebook/Twitter/You Tube continues. This appears at 11am each Friday. • Ongoing updating of website with news blogs, photo galleries and event/gig guide listings. • Discover Bundoran facebook page and other social media channels continues to grow weekly.

	Marketing of Bundoran Waterworld & Bundoran Seaweed Baths • Marketing plan for 2018 season being implemented • Coordinating copy for summer advertising campaigns. • Charity Partners cheque presentation PR Management and Staffing of Bundoran Tourist Office • 2 x TUS employees, 1 x volunteer. • Office open 7 days per week. • Weekly visitor numbers increasing each week with a large variety of international visitors noted.
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Activity / Project Update- June 2018

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	€12,913,873 *Note: Project costs €9,685,406, administration and animation costs €3,228,467*
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). 81 projects in Donegal are now approved by Pobal and Letters of Offer have issued/are pending granting LEADER funding to a value of €3m. Donegal has the highest approved project spend nationally for the LEADER programme to date.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	The next LCDC/LAG meeting will be held on 16th July 2018, with further projects coming forward for approval. Monthly Evaluation Committee meetings are also being held in order to progress projects to LCDC/LAG stage and the development companies continue to engage with promoters on the ground to develop and assess potential applications and to promote the LEADER programme.
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Activity / Project Update: July 2018

Activity / Project Title	**2016 T&V - Ballyshannon**
Project Description/Activity	1. Enhancement of Bridgend Roundabout 2. Provision of Guidance document for Traditional Shopfronts and Colour Scheme for Ballyshannon Streets.
Budget *(if applicable)*	€76,000 – Department of Arts, Heritage & Gaeltacht Affairs €13,110 – Own Resources
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status ** Delete irrelevant reporting period*	1. Ballyshannon works consists of: ➢ Paving ➢ Kerbing ➢ Street furniture, litter bins, interpretative panels ➢ Pedestrian crossing points – lining and bollards, tactile paving ➢ Landscaping of roundabout and surrounding area ➢ Enhancement of roundabout and approach islands Public art centre piece to reflect WAW <u>Current Status:</u> • Deladrus Architects are currently developing the Design Guide & colour pallette for Ballyshannon Main Street. • Mc Cafferty Contracts have commenced works in Ballyshannon.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	• Design Guide to be completed by May 2018 • Construction works due to be completed
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Activity / Project Update: July 2018

Activity / Project Title	**T&V 2017 - Dunkineely**
Project Description/Activity	3. Commission of L.A. Plan, Health Check and refurbishment of Dunkineely Community Centre
Budget *(if applicable)*	€100,000 – Department of Arts, Heritage & Gaeltacht Affairs € 25,000 – Own Resources
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status ** Delete irrelevant reporting period*	Current Status: • Approval obtained from Department. • Letter of Offer Issued to Community Group. • Meetings / discussions taking place with Dunkineely Community Ltd • Dunkineely Community Ltd are currently in the process of procuring a consultant to manage the project on their behalf. • Advance grant payment of 20% issued.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	• All works to be complete by 31st December 2018
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Activity / Project Update: July 2018

Activity / Project Title	**T&V 2017 - Kilcar**
Project Description/Activity	4. Development of a Gaeltacht Digital Hub
Budget *(if applicable)*	€42,000 – Department of Arts, Heritage & Gaeltacht Affairs €10,500 – Own Resources
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status ** Delete irrelevant reporting period*	Current Status: • Approval obtained from Department. • Letter of Offer issued to Community Group. • Meetings / discussions taking place with Fionntarlann Cill Chartha • Fionntarlann Cill Chartha are finalising the detail of the project and procuring contractors / suppliers to undertake the work. • Advance Grant Payment of 20% issued.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	All works due to be complete by 31st December 2018
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Activity / Project Update: July 2018

Activity / Project Title	**T&V 2017 - Mountcharles**
Project Description/Activity	5. Enhancement of the Streetscape.
Budget *(if applicable)*	€100,000 – Department of Arts, Heritage & Gaeltacht Affairs € 25,000 – Own Resources
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status ** Delete irrelevant reporting period*	Current Status: • Approval obtained from Department. • Letter of Offer Issued to Community Group. • Meetings / discussions taking place with Mountcharles Community • Mountcharles Community Group currently in the process of procuring a consultant to manage the project on their behalf.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	All works due to be complete by 31st December 2018.
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Activity / Project Update Donegal July 2018

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 *(if applicable)*	
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 1 - inclusive of current status	Funding has been approved in January under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure scheme Measure 2 for the Ballyshannon Cycle Loops where **€17,500** will be spent on maps and new signage to bring the two cycle hubs up to the correct standard. This work is now being procured with a contractor expected to be appointed in conjunction with the contract to erect new Euro-velo signage from Donegal Town to Bundoran as part of the **Atlantic on Bike project** where the Donegal Cycleway will be promoted as part of the Euro-Velo 1 route from the border at Bridgend following the coastal route round to Bundoran. Two spurs have been included from Ballyshannon to Belleek and Donegal Town to Ballybofey. We are proposing to install some bicycle stands in some of the key towns along this route. A training seminar for European Cycle Federation (ECF) inspectors was be held in Letterkenny on week beginning Monday 23rd April. Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure scheme 2017 has funded map boards for **Bealacht na Gaeltachta €9,600** and the extension of the **Muirlinn river walk at Glencolmcille €8,000.** Work is ongoing at Muirlinn and the new map boards for Sli Cholmcille should be erected by July at Glencolmcille, Ardara and Carrick. 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. Path Repair works was also carried out at Slieve League And is now completed. At a recent workshop held in Lifford on Monday 25th June it was agreed to submit applications to the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2018 which has a closing date of 6th July for Measure 1 projects An application for €7,500 has been made to upgrade the Glencolmcille Looped Walks. The closing date for measure 2 and measure 3 projects is Friday 27th July 2018. 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 Beleek trail. 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. New brochures and maps are also being developed. An on-line presence for walks and trails will form part of the new go visit Donegal web site in conjunction with Donegal County Council's site. Ongoing consultation with agencies including Roinn na Gaeltachta, Udaras na Gaeltachta, National Parks & Wildlife Services, Donegal Tourism and Donegal Local development Committee.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarter 3 reporting period	Explore funding options for Ballyshannon to Belleek walk. Upgrade of the Cholmcille Looped walks Continuation of maintenance programme where damage to the existing routes can be repaired.
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Donegal County Council
Letterkenny Municipal District Roads Office

Proposed Cycleway/Walkway/Greenway between Carrigart and Downings- Report for 'Outdoor Recreation 2017' funding application

Letterkenny Roads Office **May 2017**

Proposed Cycleway/Walkway/Greenway between Carrigart and Downings.

Introduction.

Downings is a seaside village located on the Rossguill Peninsula in North Donegal. With superb beaches and views across Sheephaven Bay, it has become a major tourist destination providing various water sports, deep sea angling, golfing, and walking opportunities for both locals and holiday makers alike.
Carrigart is a small village located 3.5km south of Downings and in itself enjoys a busy tourist season, being both itself a popular destination and also because of it's proximity to the many beaches of nearby Downings, and the Rossguill and Fanad Peninsulas. Downings is the starting and finishing point for the North Atlantic Drive and from Downings to Carrigart is an integral part of the Wild Atlantic Way signed tourism route. Recent figures indicate that the Wild Atlantic Way is an ever increasingly popular holiday destination, and the development of a Cycleway/Walkway/Greenway between Carrigart and Downings will represent a major attraction for the further development of tourism in the area and county.
Both villages have close connections from a business and community aspect. They are linked by the R248, which is a Regional road running between the picturesque sand dunes and undeveloped landscape that makes Carrigart and Downings such a popular and attractive location.

Fig 1, R248 Carrigart to Downings.

The R248 is a road of approx. 5.5m cross-section with no Walkway, and the concept of a Cycleway/Walkway/Greenway linking the two towns, has been developed, to further enhance the existing links between Carrigart and Downings and to provide a safer environment for the many pedestrians and cyclists who currently use this route.

The Irish Government policy entitled ‘Smarter Travel: A Sustainable Transport Future’ which runs from 2009 to 2020 identifies certain key goals and objectives to be met in order to introduce a national sustainable transport network. A National Cycle Policy (NCP) was implemented to run alongside the main ‘Smarter Travel: A Sustainable Transport future’ document. The NCP mission states that it wants to ‘create a strong cycling culture in Ireland’ while also ‘encouraging

recreational cycling'. The NCP also outlines the importance of the National Cycle Network in attracting overseas tourists.

This report was developed by the Letterkenny MDL Roads Office for submission as part of the application for funding under the 'Realising our Rural Potential – Action Plan for Rural Development, Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2017.

Schedule of proposed works.

Working in close conjunction and in collaboration with the local community and through the community groups such as Downings Tidy Towns, Meevagh Development Association, Carrigart Development Association and Moving Meevagh Forward, the proposed works will involve the construction of an approximately 3m wide walkway and cyclepath adjacent to or where appropriate off , the R248.

The specification of the construction works and the materials to be used, are as specified in the TII publication "Rural Cycle Scheme Design, DN-GEO-03047, April 2014" with cognisance of the recommendations included in "Strategy for the Future Development of Greenways, Public Consultation Paper May 2017" published by the Dept of Transport, Tourism and Sport.

The topography of the Carrigart/ Downings location is flat, making it an ideal location for the citing of a Cycleway/Walkway/Greenway, and there are no issues in respect of vertical or horizontal alignment. Final design of the two road crossings in accordance with Chapter 7 of the above TII specification is currently being developed by the Donegal County Council Road Design Department.

The completed Appropriate Assessment has identified a number of native species that are of interest and unique to this area. It is envisaged that at appropriate locations along the Cycleway/Walkway/Greenway that interpretative signage will be erected to highlight the fauna and flora (marram grasses, petalworts, sand dunes etc.) unique to the area.

The proposed location for the Cycleway/Walkway/Greenway, is on the right hand side of the R248 when travelling in the Carrigart to Downings direction, commencing at the junction of the R248/R245 in the townland of Umlagh, (location shown A on the map below) and switching to the left hand side at an appropriate location after the Ballyohagan bridge, (location shown B), and remaining on the left hand side through the junctions with the L1042 and the L1032, (junction for Island Roy), in the townland of Ballyoghagan, eventually tying into the existing Walkway at Downings at the location shown C on the attached map in the townland of Magherabeg.

Appendix 1 contains the designed Drgs for the Cycleway/Walkway/Greenway, as progressed through the Part 8 Planning process.

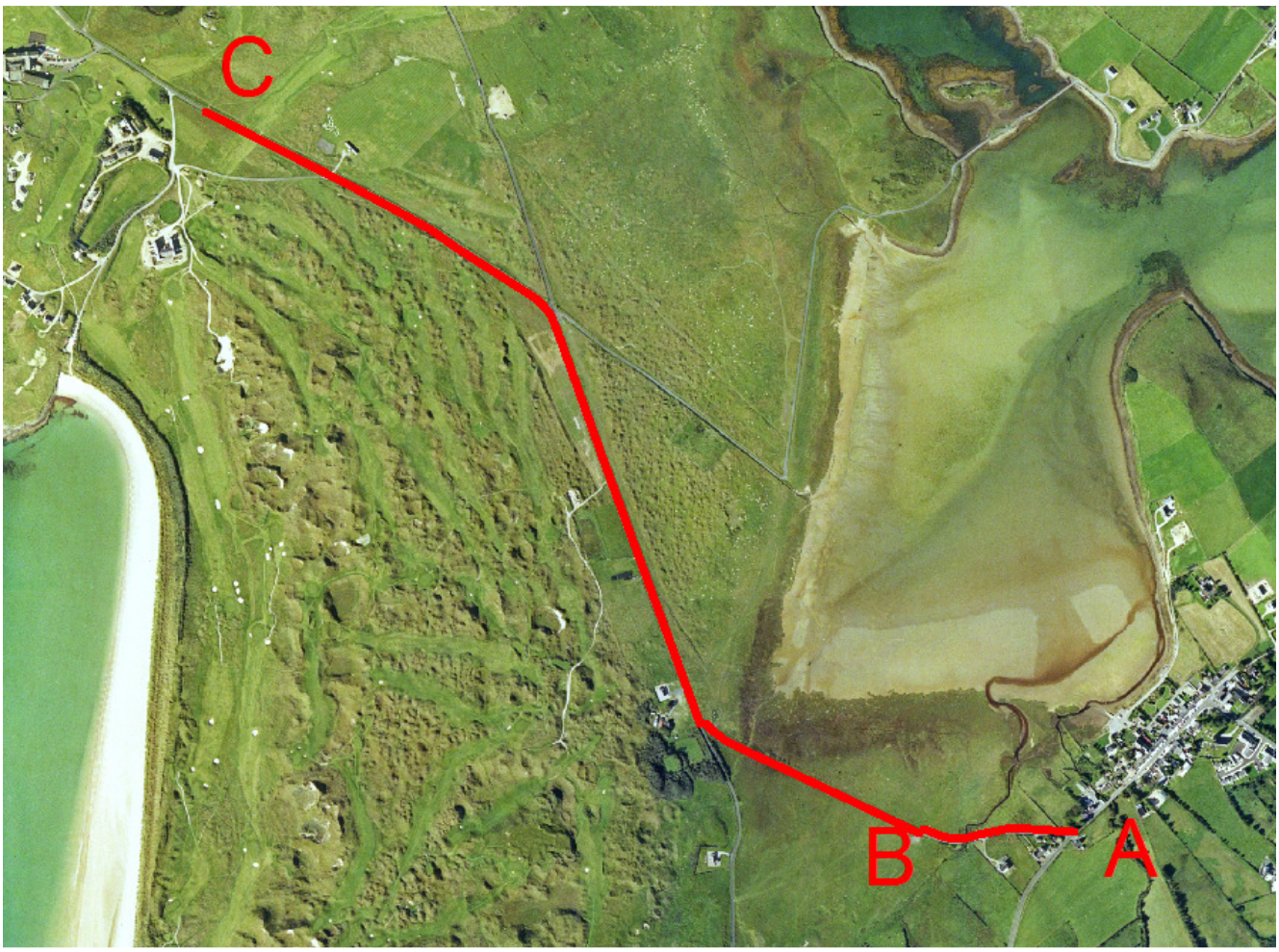

Fig 2. Map showing proposed route of the Cycleway/Walkway/Greenway.

Final design of the proposed Cycleway/Walkway/Greenway and required drainage, by the Road Design section of the Donegal County Council, takes into account the findings of the recently complete Appropriate Assessment to ensure that the impact on the environment are minimal.

The proposed Cycleway/Walkway/Greenway will have a minimum width of approx. 3m with appropriate markings and signage, indicating the 'shared' nature of the path. The proposed finish is an SMA in locations and fine grit finish similar to that shown in Fig.3 below, in accordance with the TII specifications.

Fig 3 Typical smooth grit surface Cycleway/Walkway/Greenway

Land Ownership/Permission.

Property Registration Authority of Ireland (PRAI) records indicate that the proposed line of the Cycleway/Walkway/Greenway cuts through 3 different land Folios, one of which has a number of registered owners (commonage).
The Donegal County Council in working with local partner agencies, and stakeholder groups have received welcomed encouragement from affected landowners, for the construction of the Cycleway/Walkway/Greenway, and the Council are currently formalising by means of Deeds of Transfer or Dedication, required permissions prior to commencement of the works.

EIS Requirement.

Given that the proposed location of the Cycleway/Walkway/Greenway is partly (approx 2/3) within an SAC (Special Area of Conservation) and an NHA(Natural Heritage Area), the Donegal County Council has procured an Appropriate Assessment for the purposes of feeding into the Part 8 planning process for the construction of the Cycleway/Walkway/Greenway. The findings of the Appropriate Assessment have subsequently been used to tailor the final design of the proposed Cycleway/Walkway/Greenway, and the species identified in the Appropriate Assessment will for the basis for the design of the proposed interpretative signage.

Budget Estimate.

As per the table below, an approximate estimate for the construction of the Cycleway/Walkway/Greenway is of the order of €293k, although this could be reduced should competitive tendering drive down the estimated linear rate for the construction of the Cycleway/Walkway/Greenway. Representations from local Councillors and indications from local community representatives, have indicated that parts of the work may be carried out under a Community Employment Scheme where appropriate, with other parts being carried out by Council direct labour and/or contractors.

Carrigart - Downings Cycleway/Walkway/Greenway - Cost estimate

No	Item description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Amount
1	Construct 3m wide Walkway	2332	m	€110	€256,520
2	Drainage	1	item	€5,000	€5,000
3	Legal fees /Deeds of Transfer/Dedications	1	item	€3,000	€3,000
5	Fencing	2332	m	€12	€27,984
6	Interpretative and Regulatory signage	1	item	€900	€900
			TOTAL	**€**	**293,404**

Evidence of the necessity of the Cycleway/Walkway/Greenway

Research in the tourism visitor market in Donegal shows that visitor numbers are increasing significantly following the introduction of the WAW. The OPW have reported that; in the Grianán of Aileach, they recorded 107,000 visitors in 2015, with 97,847 to June alone in 2016, in Donegal Castle, they recorded 47,000 visitors in 2015 with 20,000 to June alone in 2016 mainly from the US, Ireland , UK and Germany. Glenveagh Park have reported visitor figures of 175,797 in 2016 and 74,858 to June alone in 2016. Fanad Lighthouse have recorded high visitor figures this year to date, despite having only recently opened to the public, and predict an annual visitor expectation of 60,000 (Commissioners of Irish Lights).
As is documented above in relation to nearby tourist attractions, the success of the Wild Atlantic Way has meant that the number of visitors to the towns of Carrigart and Downings has grown significantly, and Failte Ireland figures from a "Holidaymaker Study" of the North-West in 2012, indicate that 49% of holiday makers to Donegal/Sligo cited, Hiking/Hillwalking, with a further 7% citing Cycling/Mountain Biking as what they did during their stay in Donegal/Sligo.

With the many tourist amenities in the area, the provision of this Cycleway/Walkway/Greenway, would enable the possibility of marketing both towns as a walking/cycling 'Package' that is even more attractive that the individual parts. It is intended that the Cycleway/Walkway/Greenway, will become a major part of the tourist marketing for the Rosguill peninsula, featuring on the website www.govisitdonegal.com which is the county website for visiting Donegal. This website attracts visitors from across the globe interested in visiting Donegal with recorded page views of 70,000 in July 2016 alone.

The Cycleway/Walkway/Greenway being on the Wild Atlantic Way, means from a National Websites perspective, it will capitalise on this, by promotion on the various websites listed below.
This suite of consumer websites will showcase the Cycleway/Walkway/Greenway to over 20 million consumers in the domestic and international markets.

- Discoverireland.ie and app (domestic market)
- Ireland.com (overseas visitors)
- www.wildatlanticway.com and app

In addition to the tourist potential of the Carrigart/Downings Cycleway/Walkway/Greenway, local anecdotal evidence suggests that there is a strong and ever increasing culture of walking within the local indigenous community, where the walk between Carrigart and Downings is becoming increasingly popular due to the unspoilt beauty of the route and the flatness of the topography. These pedestrians are currently required to walk on the R245 Regional Road with no footpaths in place

The benefits to tourism and local benefit, make this a most worthwhile and desirable project.

Appendix 1

Part 8 Drgs. of proposed Carrigart/Downings, Cycleway/Walkway/Greenway

CARRIGART to DOWNINGS
PROPOSED FOOTWAY/CYCLEPATH

Preliminary Design

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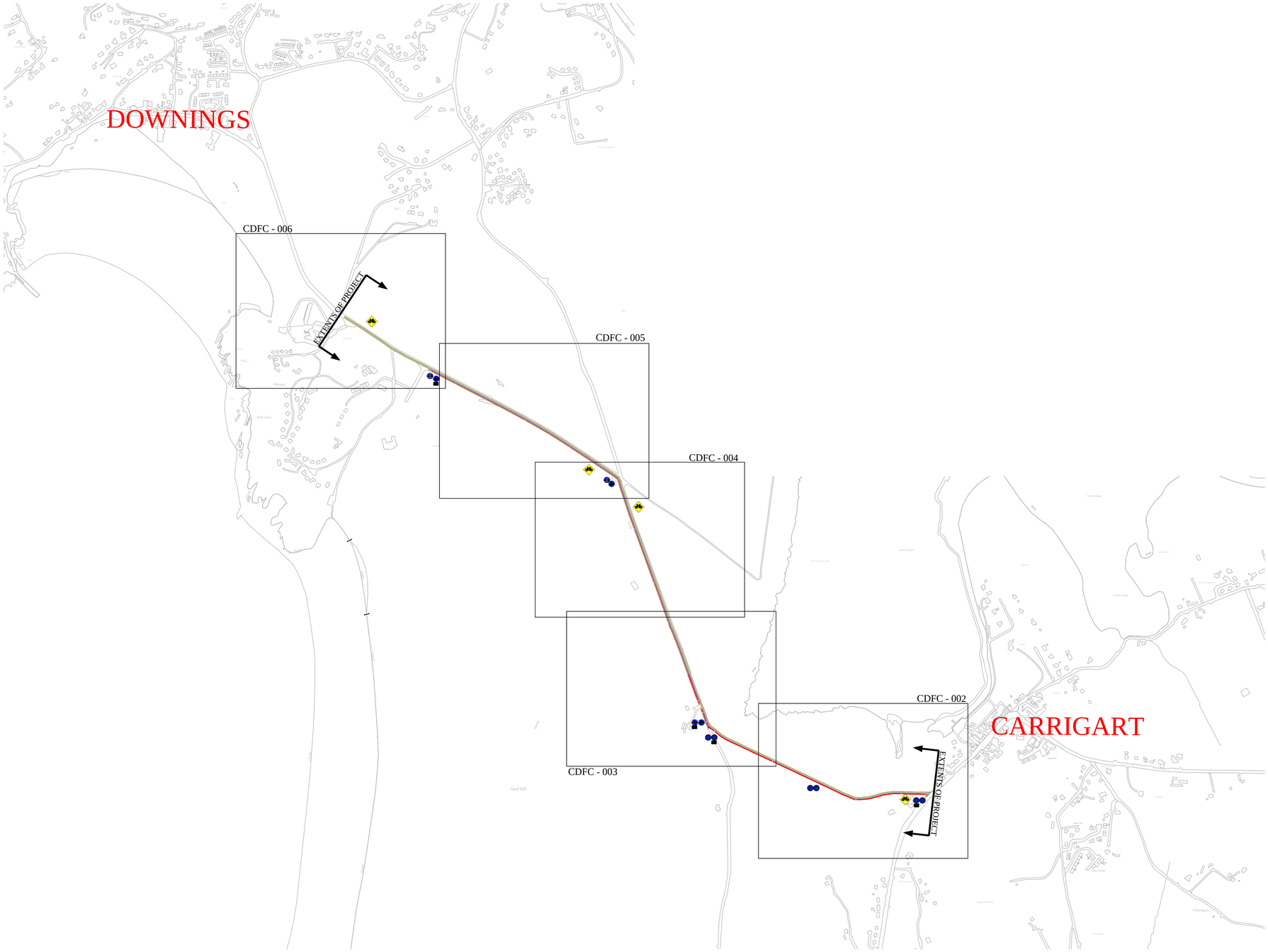

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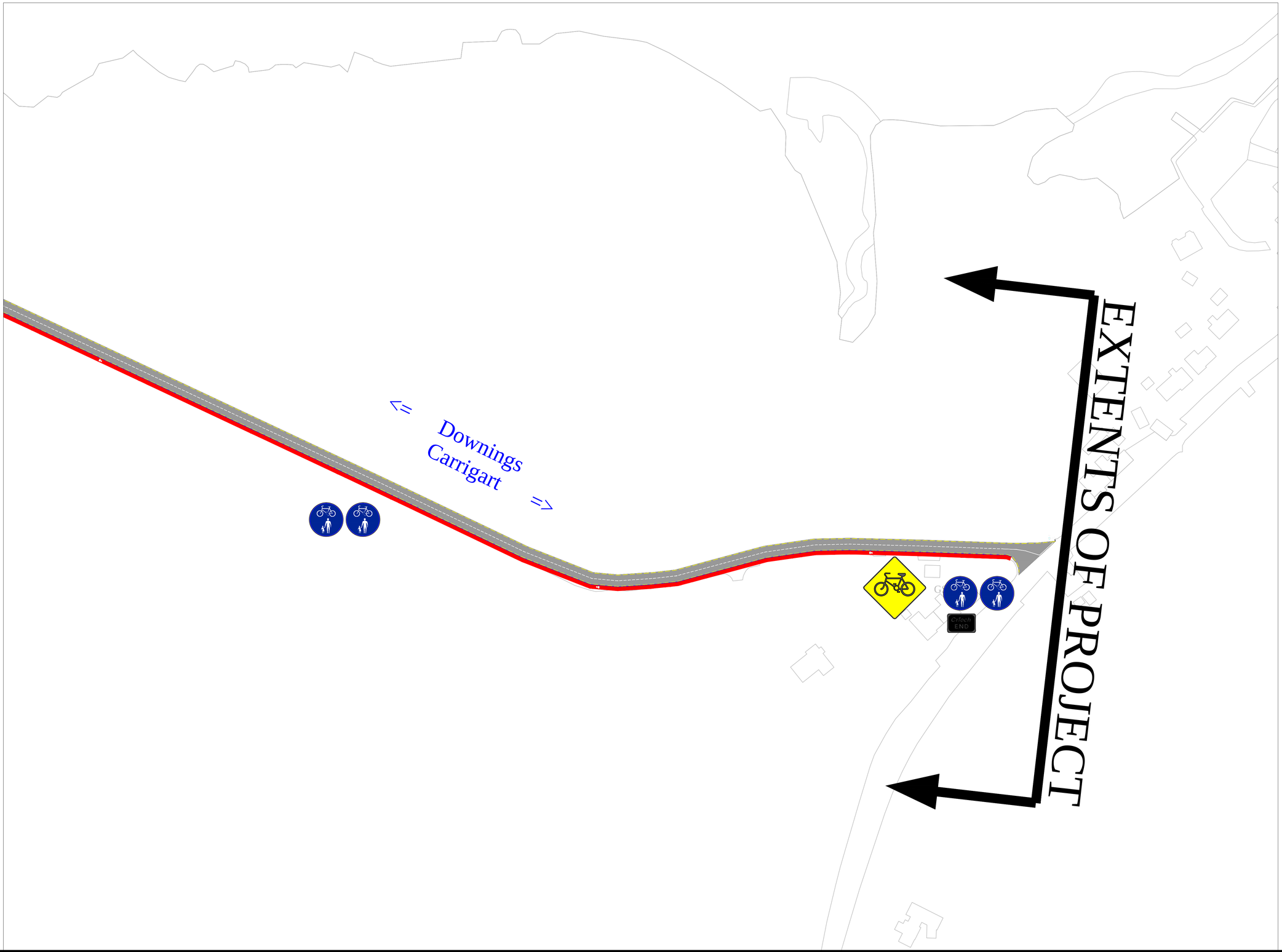

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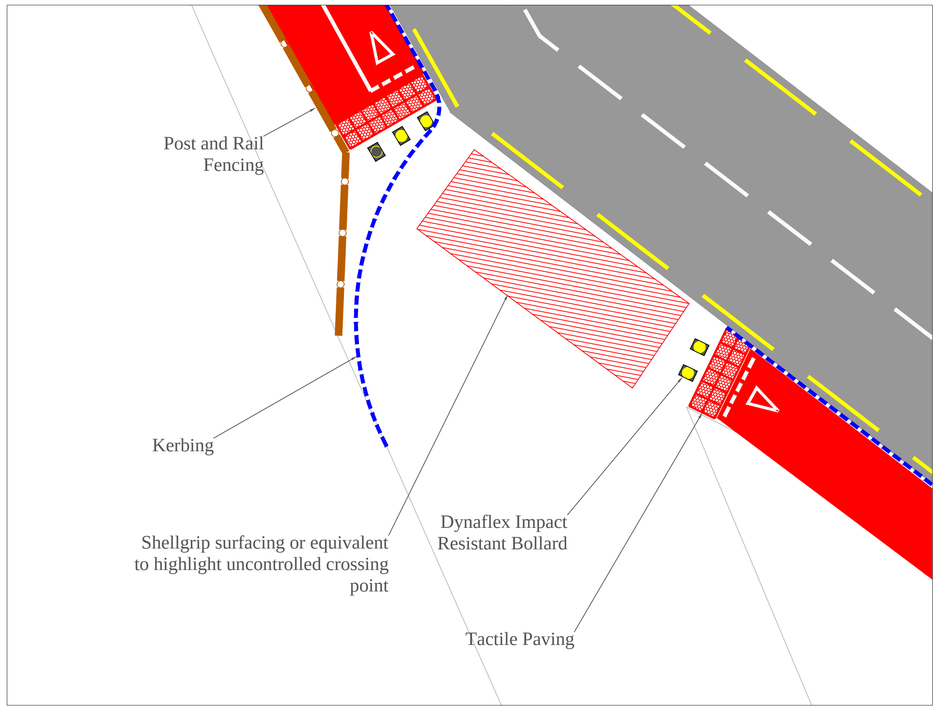

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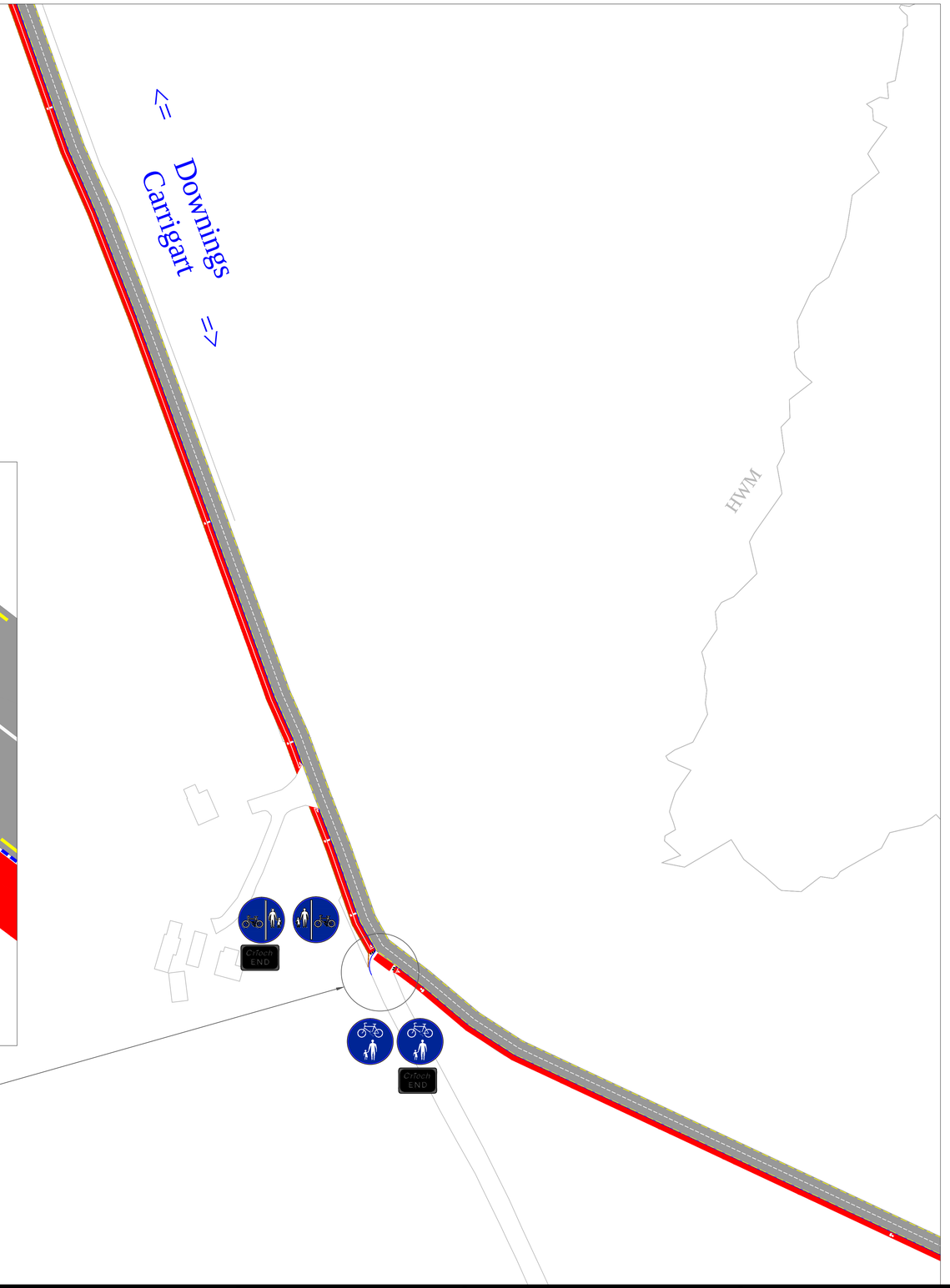

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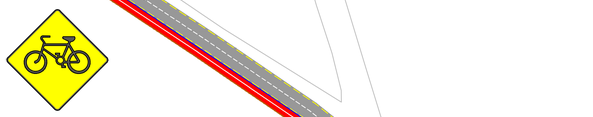

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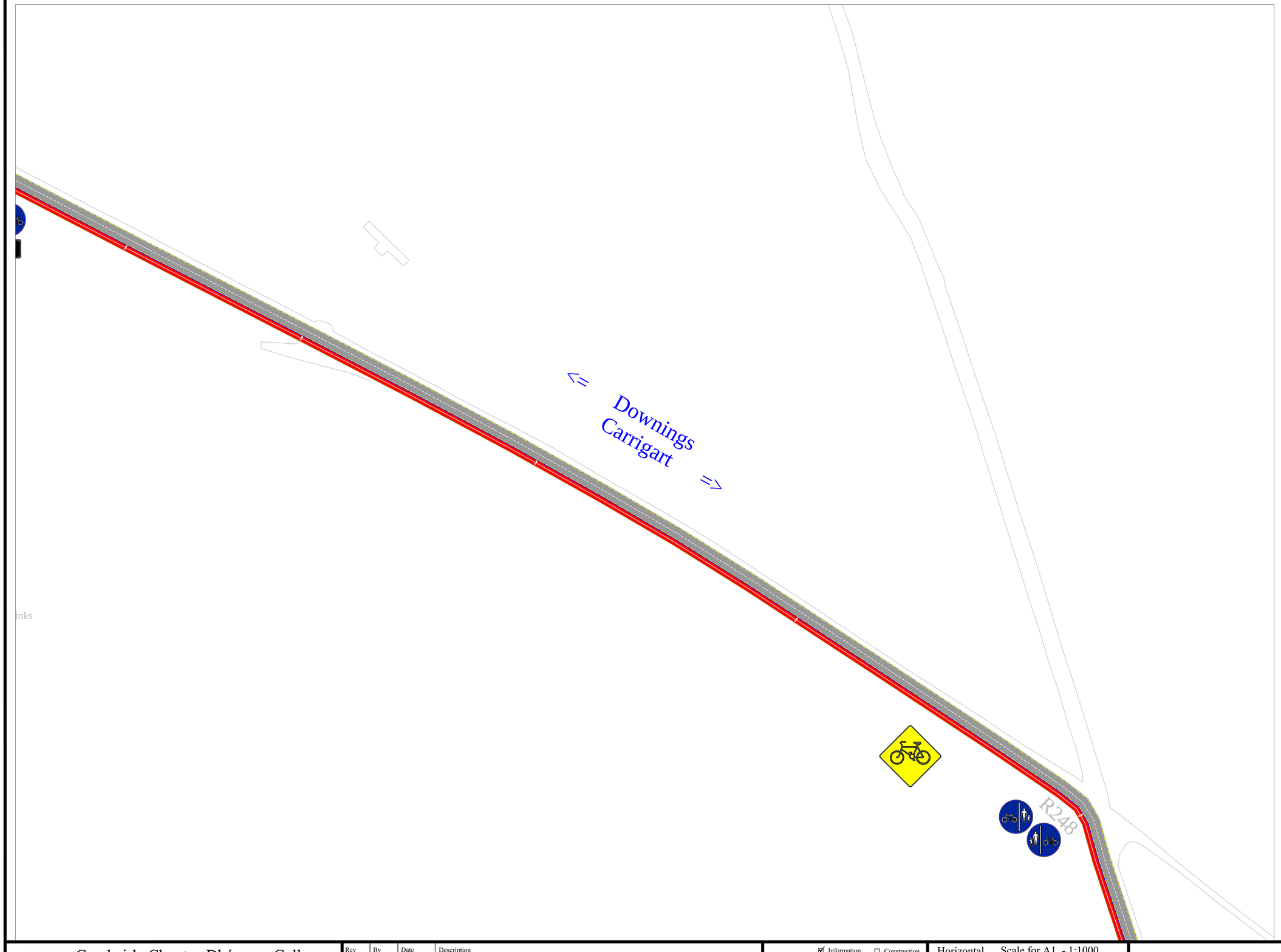

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EXTENTS OF PROJECT

Downings
Carrigart

Car Park

Golf Course

Fanad Cave

Cave of
Two Doors

Maslack

HWM

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Crioch
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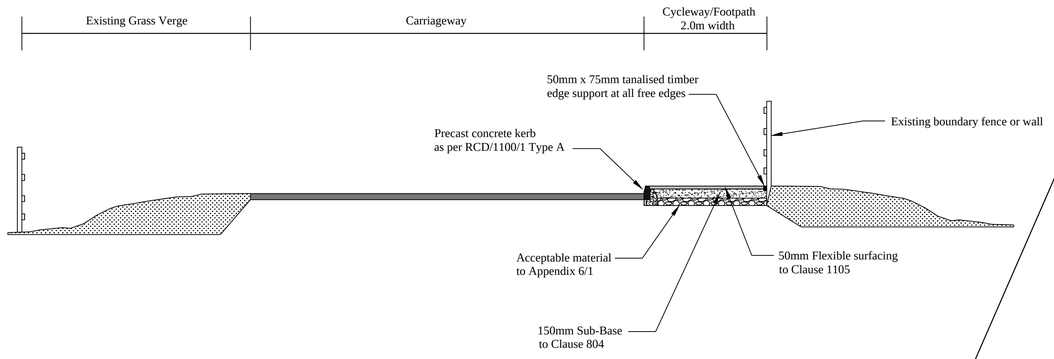

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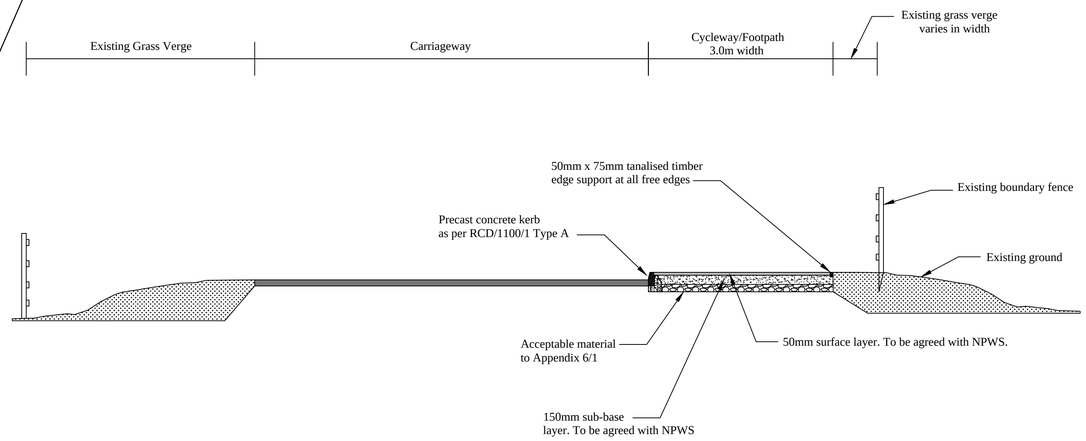
where proposed footway/cyclepath is constructed in the existing hard shoulder



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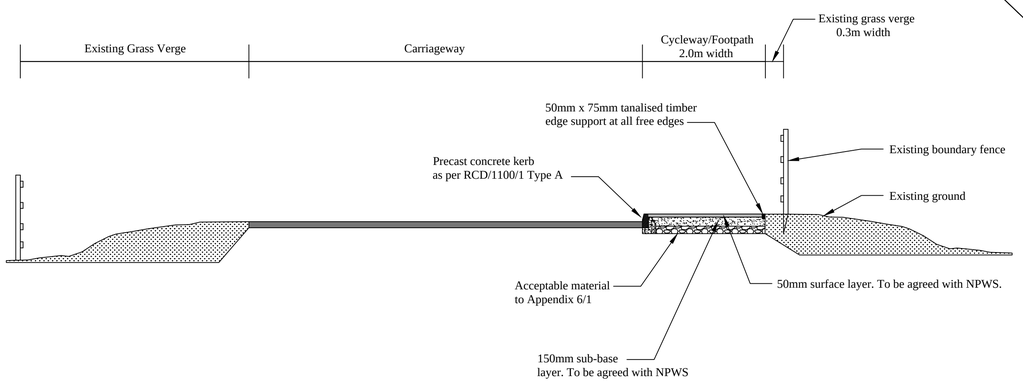
where proposed footway/cyclepath is constructed in the existing grass verge >3.0m



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where proposed footway/cyclepath is constructed in the existing grass verge <2.3m

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Project: Carrigart to Downings Footway/Cycle Path

Location: Letterkenny Electoral Area

Dwg Title: Preliminary Design - Typical Cross Section

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Measure 2 x 4 projects

1. Glenties Alter Trail

Tidy Towns Committee, Glenties

From The Rock steps on Main Street, Glenties at Garda Barracks for 3 km. Also goes through the Rock estate. The bell tower for the church adjacent to the Rock estate dates back to 1800. Work will include Signage, booklet, viewing areas, planting, drainage.

1.	Four viewing areas with picnic benches and associated works	10,000
2.	Signage	10,000
3.	Booklets	2,000
4.	Replace mature trees	5,000
5.	Replace fencing	3,000
6.	Identify and create bee/butterfly friendly areas	3,000
7.	Plant native hedging	3,000
8.	Drainage, hardcore and readymix and soil for planting	2,000
TOTAL		**€38,000**

No permissions necessary. Personnel – volunteers, CE scheme, Tidy Towns committee

This walk will help Glenties to contribute to the All Ireland Pollinator Plan 2015 – 2020. The trail follows an area of natural beauty and we hope next year to get the local TY students to conduct a survey of the flora and fauna in the area.

In 2018 the eyes of the world will be on Glenties: National Geographic Magazine has already named Donegal as the 'coolest place on the planet' to visit this year; the Wild Atlantic way is increasing visitor numbers each year; next year will see the 60th anniversary of the town's first success – in the competition's first year - in the Tidy Towns competition, and last but not least, the Brian Friel family home will be restored and work on a cultural centre will be underway. This will make Glenties as significant a cultural centre as Sligo is for WB Yeats or Bellaghy for Seamus Heaney.

The local business community have invested as heavily as they can: the new service station on the Narin Road won industry awards in its first year of opening; the Highlands Hotel has been refurbished and upgraded; the Limelight has reopened, and we have excellent restaurants and B&Bs. But no major work has been carried out in the town since 2000, and it requires a significant level of funding. The walking trails are one of the town's major natural assets, adding value to the initiatives and plans described above.

2. Ballyliffin Mass Rock Trail

Ballyliffin Rural Enterprises Ltd

A walking trail will be developed at Mullagh, Ballyliffin, Co Donegal (see map below). It will be a loop trail starting and finishing at the minor road in Mullagh and at a proposed parking area adjacent to an existing helicopter hangar/landing pad. The route will extend first to an old Mass Rock and then continue on to re-join the outward route around 0.5km from the start/finish. An additional spur to a view point higher up the hills below Binion is also proposed. Some existing trails/tracks are used and some new path construction will be required.

The main trail is approximately 1.8 kilometres in length from start to finish, with approximately 1.3 kms of that distance walked only once (i.e. approximately 0.5km is 'shared' between the outward and return journey.

There is the potential for an additional spur of approximately 0.5 km in one direction.

The proposed works are within the North Inishowen Special Area of Conservation (SAC). The proposal has undergone an Appropriate Assessment (Natura Impact Statement for the construction of a mass rock path, Ballyliffin, Co. Donegal by Dr Flo Renou Wilson of Earthy Matters Environmental Consultants) and have been found to be appropriate for the site.

The proposed project is to develop a sustainable trail approximately 2.3km in length from start to finish and will be constructed using existing old trails and bog roads with a small portion to be constructed on natural habitats.

The works will involve the provision of a walking path ranging from 0.8 to 1.2m in width, which depending on its location will be made either via re-surfacing existing tracks, building new aggregate trail, erection of a bog bridge (with fully stapled surface) and, in certain cases to avoid wetter areas, the use of Eco-grid. Locally sourced rock/gravel will be used and compacted to give a final cambered surface on aggregate sections.

There will be no unauthorised motorised traffic on the path and authorised vehicles will only access either existing lanes or the bog road.

Kissing gates will be erected at all possible entrances.

No dogs will be allowed on the path.

There will be no extraction of material within the SAC boundaries.

The development also involves the construction of a wooden viewing area (1m high and 10m x 15m square with a handrail on three sides) at the exact site location known as the Mass Rock.

A car park is also to be constructed at the entrance of the lane at Ardagh to accommodate 8-10
cars.

Some fencing will be replaced along the route and redundant or abandoned fences will be removed.

A number of signs and waymarkers will be erected on the route.

Proposed works are:

Work Element		Cost € (Exc. VAT)
Construction of 1,8 kms of walking trail (mixed surface comprising aggregate, timber and Ecogrid)		67 300
Construction of viewing platforms		12 500
Construction of car park		5000
Mapboards and Interpretation		4000
Waymarking and signage		2500
Replacement fencing		2200
Gates		2500
Project Management		5600
TOTAL ex VAT		€101 600
VAT @ 23%		€23 368
TOTAL inc. VAT		**€124 968**

3. Great Arch Access Fanad

Donegal County Council

Develop a trail to access the Great Sea Arch at Pollet Fanad Head Co. Donegal.

Land – owner consent has been given to develop a new trail from the county road down through some fields to the beach to view the Great Sea Arch. Work will include development of a car park, path clearance, drainage,some fencing and board walk / bridging with interpretative and directional signage.

Board walk : €17,500

Fencing: €20,500

Gates: €5, 500

Trail Head: €2,000

Labour: €30,000

Car Park €35,500

Total: €111,000

This sea arch is hidden from public view and walkers need to access down to the beach to view it properly. Local tourist providers are anxious that it would be accessible and Donegal County Council have negotiated with local land-owners to provide a route for a walking trail to provide safe access.

Fencing and board walk / bridging is required to access over soft ground / drains.

A small car park is to be developed adjacent to the county road.

4. Letterkenny to Burtonport Old Railway Walk

Donegal County Council

Taking the old railway corridor from Creeslough to Burtonport Co. Donegal it is proposed to continue development works from Meenderry at Falcaragh towards Cashel na gCor railway station and also from Meenbanad back towards Loughanure. It is further proposed to appoint external expertise (funded by match contribution from Donegal County Council) to simultaneously prepare the entire section for further funding to develop the route into a Greenway as part of the proposed Letterkenny to Burtonport Greenway following on from the recently completed feasibility study funded by Donegal County Council and Udaras na Gaeltachta through DonegalTourism.

Executive Summary – Feasibility Study

Since 2011, over 200km of long distance greenways have been developed in the Republic, with an additional 2,000km of potential routes identified across 13 corridors. The government has invested over €30m in the development of these routes which have yielded huge benefits in terms of local travel, health and the economy via increased domestic and overseas tourism.

This document aims to provide the basis of a strategic and co-ordinated plan for the development of a linear greenway in the corridor of the disused Burtonport Extension of the Lough Swilly and Londonderry Railway, in turn forming part of a network of greenways in the North West.

In addition to a general feasibility assessment of the line, a further examination of the route was undertaken on a section by section basis to highlight alternative alignments, potential engineering interventions and cost indications.

The exercise concluded that the majority of the line (approx. 65%) is usable from a technical stand point, with about 14% of the line already developed as local walking route.

The main challenge and risk to the delivery of the proposed greenway is landownership. The vast majority of the line is in private ownership. Although there have been examples of successful negotiation, impediments and sections where landowners are unaware of the project still exist.

According to the cost benefit analysis run by Sustrans Research and Monitoring Unit as part of this study, a fully realised, traffic free route sees a 173% increase in cycling and an 89% increase in walking trips (the average increase seen across similar interventions of this type that Sustrans have monitored) above estimated baseline usage. The estimated tourism-related economic benefit of the proposed route is **€26,657,065** over the 30 year appraisal period.

Viable funding opportunities are available, however, the land and planning issues must be resolved in advance of applications. A dedicated resource and sustained investment from the Council will be required so that these issues can addressed as soon as possible.

A phased approach to the development of the greenway is recommended; delivering sections based on available land and connecting existing routes in the first instance

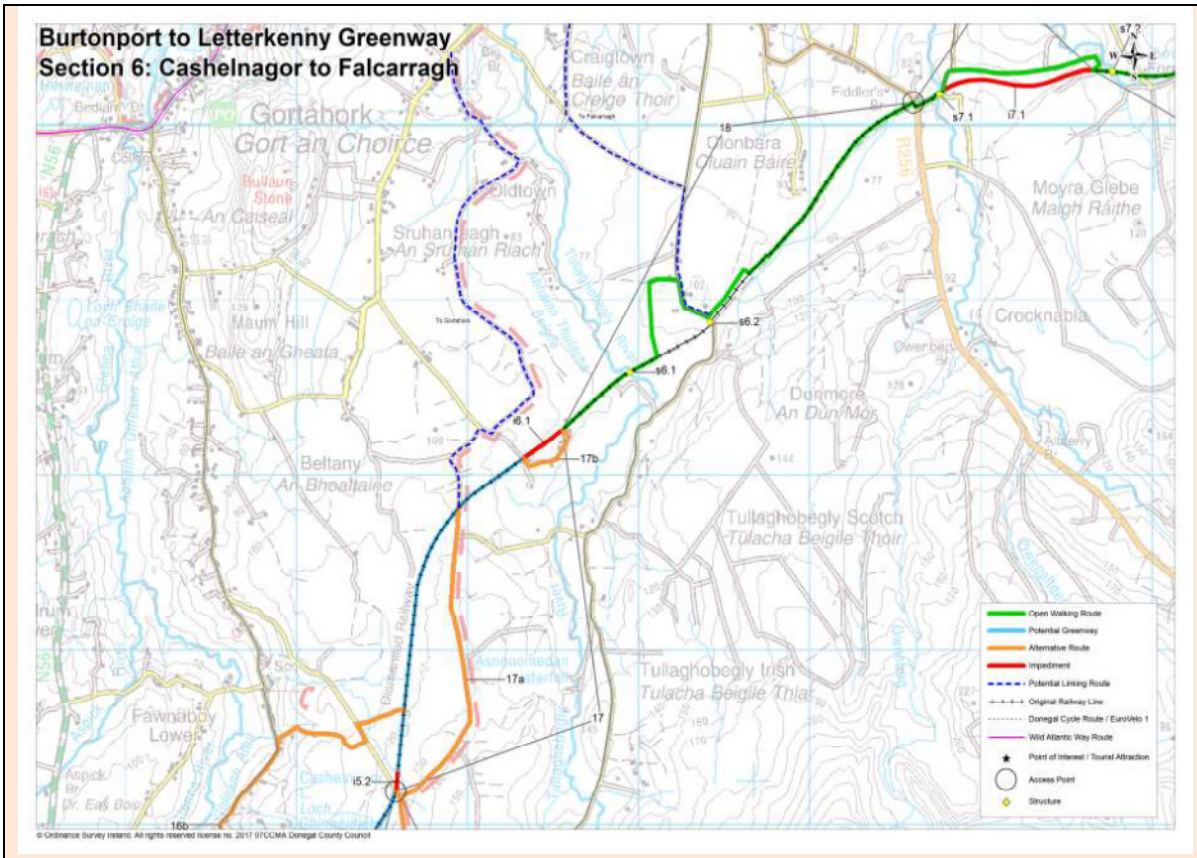
while more problematic areas are delivered as outstanding land and planning issues are resolved.

Total cost of project:	**€150,000**
Match Funding if any:	€ 30,000
Amount being sought under this application	€120,000

Schedule of proposed works

Please provide a detailed description of proposed works including locations, materials to be used, breakdown of costs, personnel or resources to be utilised. Particular emphasis should be placed on proposed works in designated areas, such as Special Areas of Conservation (SAC), Special Protection Areas (SPA), etc. bearing in mind any necessary appropriate assessments/approvals/planning permissions etc. that may need to be obtained, together with permission from the relevant agencies/landowners, are in place prior to any works commencing.

Materials:	€75,000
Labour:	€25,000
Equipment & Interpretative:	€20,000
Total:	**€120,000 plus €30,000 Local contribution**



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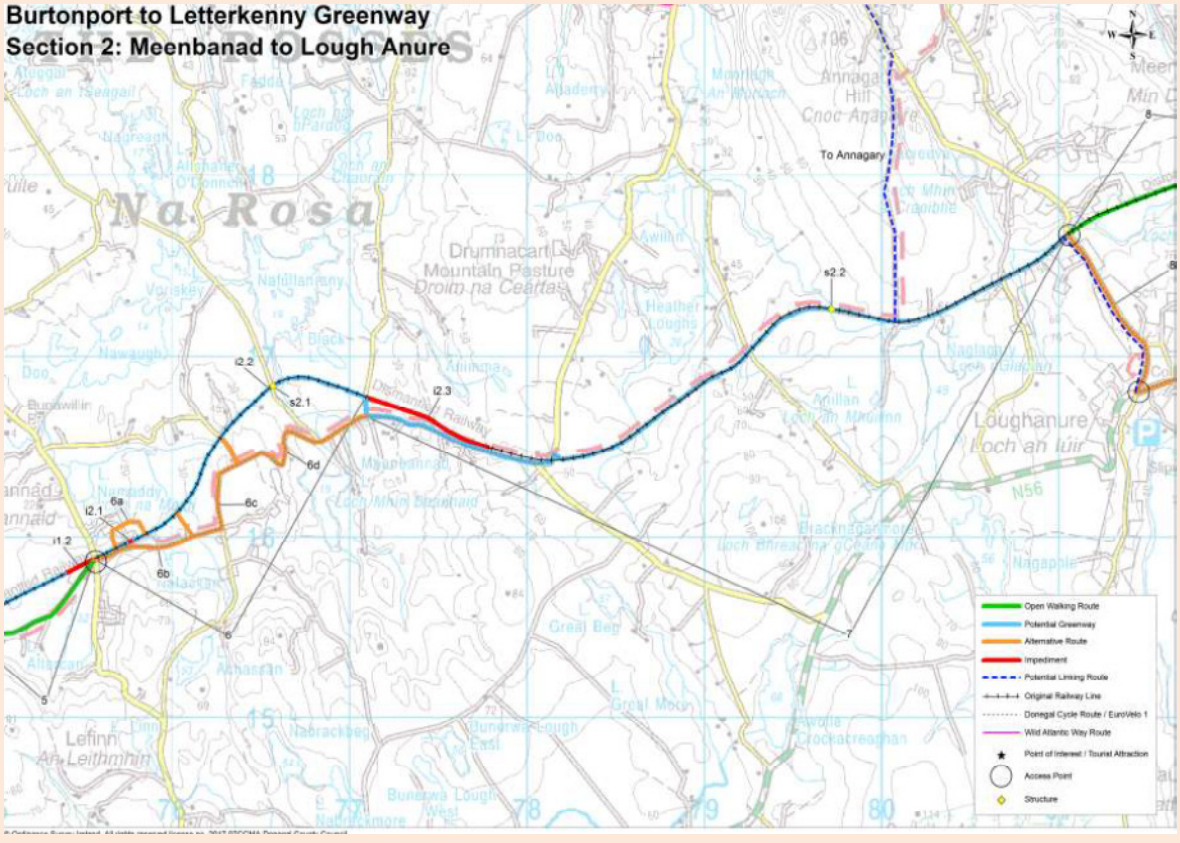

Sections 6 and 7 to be completed on this part of the route from the funding.

Measure 3 x 1 project

1. Carigart to Downings Greenway

Donegal County Council

Upon completion, the Cycleway/Walkway/Greenway is likely to become a major tourist attraction linking both towns and bringing to the peninsula the added attraction of becoming a ‘link’ that makes Downings/Carrigart a value added tourist attraction for a whole new market of walkers and cyclists. This in turn will initiate follow up hostelry and bicycle hire companies that follow, as is evident in towns such as Westport .

Research in the tourism visitor market in Donegal shows that visitor numbers are increasing significantly following the introduction of the WAW, with many focused on ‘outdoor/activity’ type holidays. This facility will enable ‘packages’ to be tailored for all ages and levels of fitness with respect to walking and cycling, where local hotels and B&B’s can arrange for dropoff and pickup of tourists at different stages of the 2.5km route.

It is envisaged that for the duration of the construction of the Cycleway/Walkway, the equivalent of 4 full time employment positions will be provided.

Total cost of project:	€293,404
Match Funding if any:	€58,680
Amount being sought under this application	€234,723

Schedule of proposed works.

Working in close conjunction and in collaboration with the local community and through the community groups such as Downings Tidy Towns, Meevagh Development Association, Carrigart Development Association and Moving Meevagh Forward, the proposed works will involve the construction of an approximately 3m wide walkway and cyclepath adjacent to or where appropriate off , the R248.

The specification of the construction works and the materials to be used, are as specified in the TII publication "Rural Cycle Scheme Design, DN-GEO-03047, April 2014" with cognisance of the recommendations included in "Strategy for the Future Development of Greenways, Public Consultation Paper May 2017" published by the Dept of Transport, Tourism and Sport.

The topography of the Carrigart/ Downings location is flat, making it an ideal location for the citing of a Cycleway/Walkway/Greenway, and there are no issues in respect of vertical or horizontal alignment. Final design of the two road crossings in accordance with Chapter 7 of the above TII specification is currently being developed by the Donegal County Council Road Design Department.

The completed Appropriate Assessment has identified a number of native species that are of interest and unique to this area. It is envisaged that at appropriate locations along the Cycleway/Walkway/Greenway that interpretative signage will be erected to highlight the fauna and flora (marram grasses, petalworts, sand dunes etc.) unique to the area.

The proposed location for the Cycleway/Walkway/Greenway, is on the right hand side of the R248 when travelling in the Carrigart to Downings direction, commencing at the junction of the R248/R245 in the townland of Umlagh, (location shown A on the map below) and switching to the left hand side at an appropriate location after the Ballyohagan bridge, (location shown B), and remaining on the left hand side through the junctions with the L1042 and the L1032, (junction for Island Roy), in the townland of Ballyoghagan, eventually tying into the existing Walkway at Downings at the location shown C on the attached map in the townland of Magherabeg.

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ENVIRONMENT MD REPORT – July 2018

WASTE AND LITTER MANAGEMENT

Municipal District: All

Activity / Project Title	**WEEE Collection Days 2018**
Project Description/ Activity	A promotion of Household Electrical Appliance Recycling is scheduled during the month of August to increase take back of electrical and electronic goods at Recycling Centres and at retail outlets. The following **Free Electrical Recycling Days** have also been scheduled at the following locations: 11th August — Falcarragh, Fawnmore (Opposite Cassidys Quarry) 18th August — Carrigart, Chapel Car Park 25th August — Buncrana, Nailors Row 1st September — Killybegs, Shore Road Car Park
Contact Person	Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer suzannebogan@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	**Regional Illegal Dumping Awareness Campaign** **(Appendix I & II)**
Project Description/ Activity	A Regional Illegal Dumping Awareness Campaign has been produced to support the Anti Dumping Initiative campaign currently being undertaken by local authorities across the region. The awareness campaign will run over the summer and consists of radio and press ads, press releases, social media imagery, print ready material and a display.
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Activity / Project Title	**Recycling Bring Banks**
Project Description/ Activity	• Inishowen - Bottle Banks prioritised for re-branding ahead of Irish Open. • Castlefin - Site identified for Banks, engaging with Community group. • Leitirmacaward – working with community group to retain banks at current location. • Newtowncunningham – new site secured at Airsoft. To install fencing and plinth in due course. • Derrybeg – engaging with owner to agree future of bottle banks site. • Donegal Town – contacting owner of new development in front of Donegal PSC to discuss locating bottle banks at the site long term. Need to secure a second location in the town. CCTV in place. • Ballyshannon - reviewing the location of the banks. CCTV in place to monitor illegal waste disposal. • Leitirmacaward – textile bank relocated to Gallaghers XL Shop
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Activity / Project Title	**Recycling Centres**
Project Description/ Activity	• Signage – replacement of existing road signage with compliant signage underway in agreement with Roads engineers in Letterkenny, Dungloe and Milford. • Opening hours extended at Letterkenny Recycling Centre. • Dungloe Recycling Centre open for an additional day (Tuesday) for June, July and August.
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Activity / Project Title	**Climate Change**
Project Description/ Activity	• **Draft Climate Change Adaptation Strategy** under development. • Regional Climate Action Office Team being recruited by Mayo County Council. This office will guide and provide assistance to DCC in the further development of the strategy.
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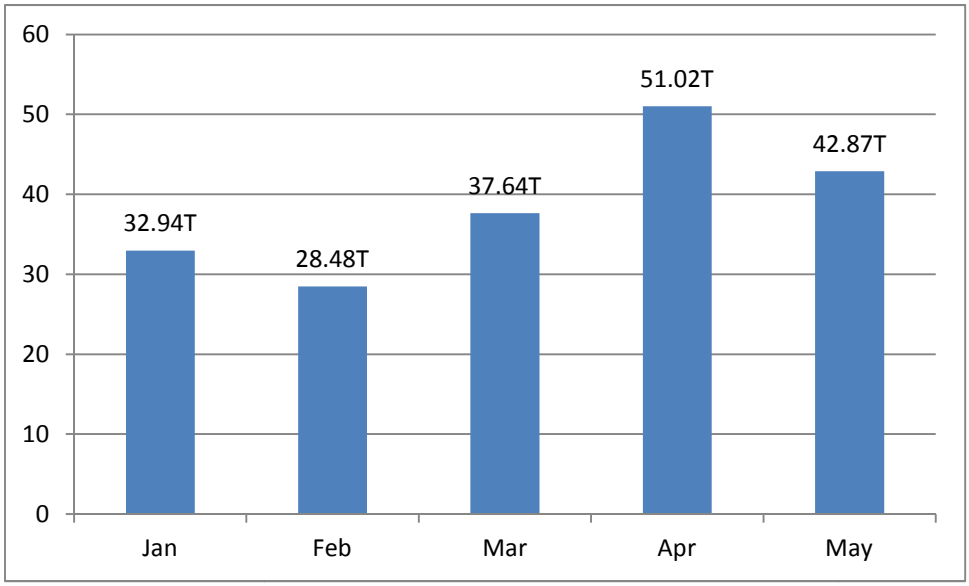
Stats for the Environment on Litter and Waste from the 01/01/2018 – 31/05/2018



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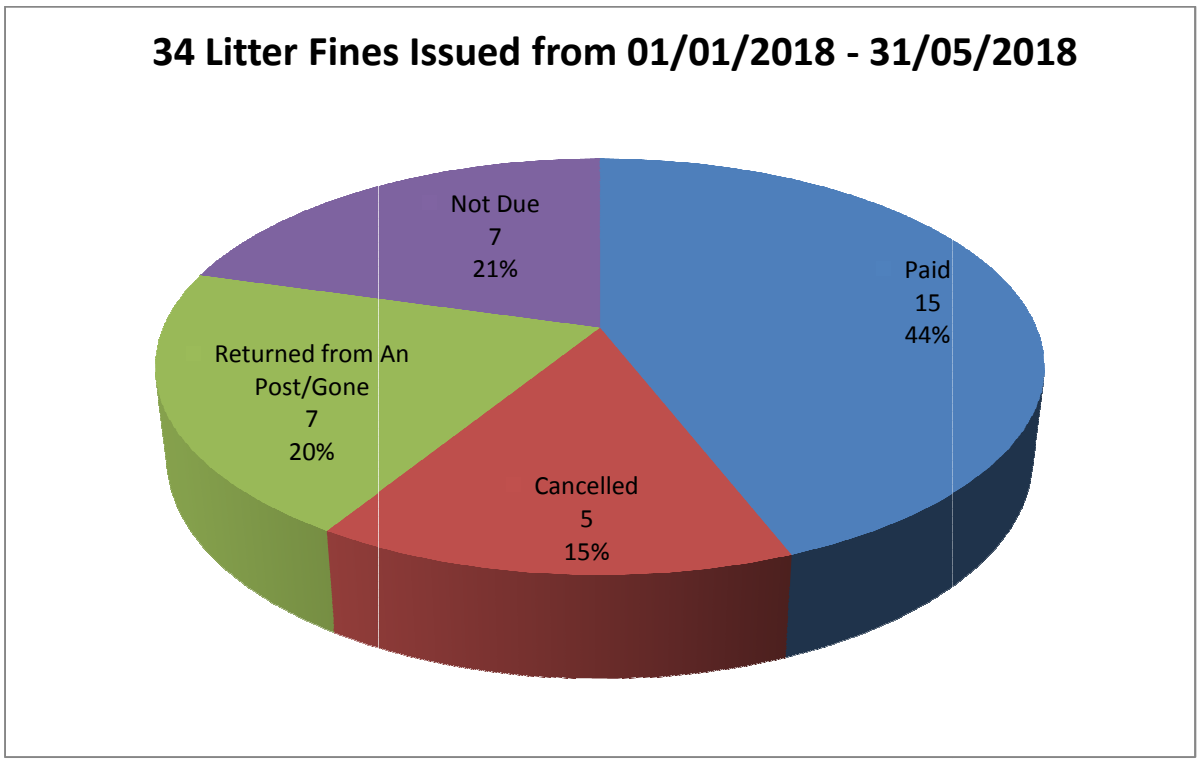

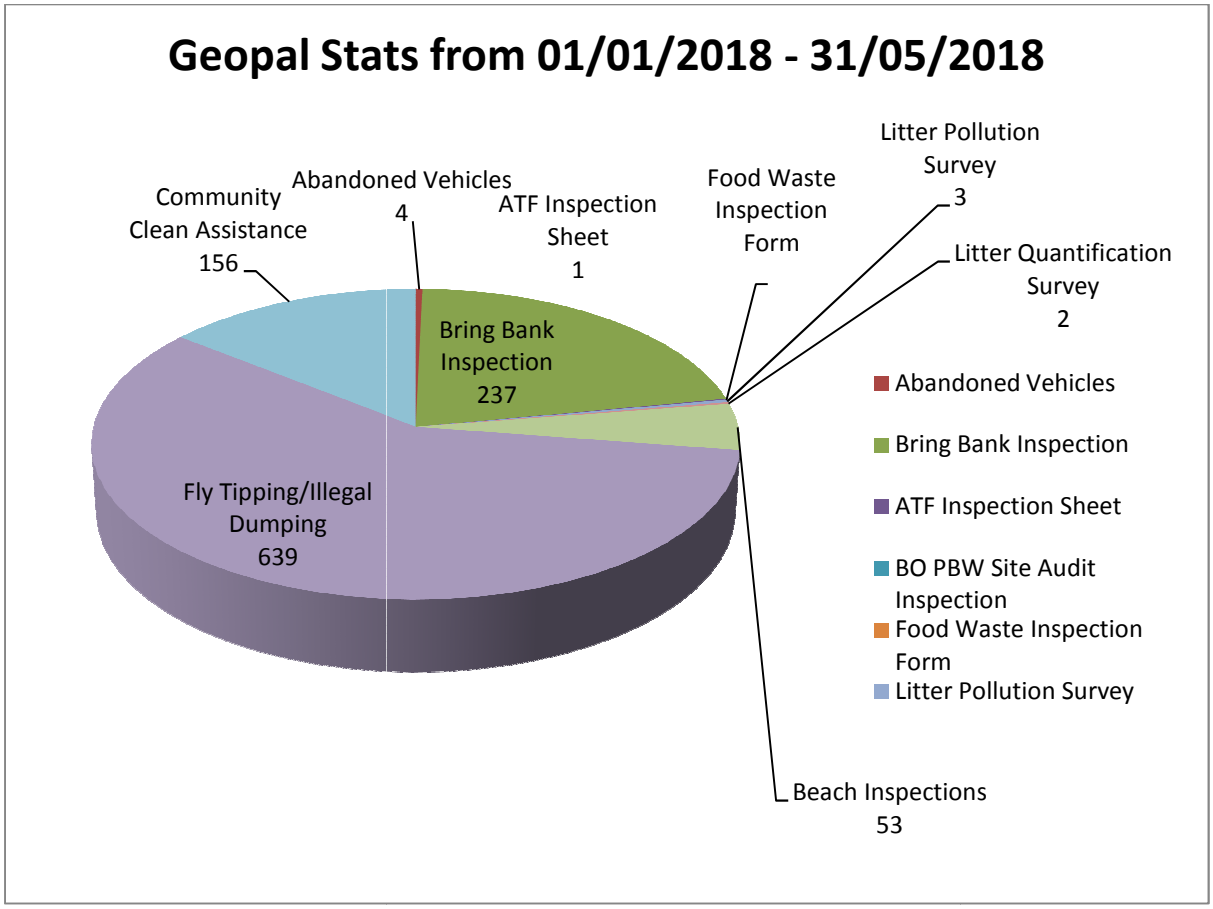

2018 Enforcement Actions and Complaints - End of May 2018

Local Authority	Total Waste and Litter Complaints	Total Waste Enforcement Actions , includes Warning Letters, Section 14 and 55 Notices, Section 56 and 57 Actions, FPN's	Total Litter FPNs	Total Prosecutions currently before the Courts
Donegal County Council	432	49	34	0
TOTAL	**432**	**49**	**34**	**0**

270 open CRM complaints.

COASTAL MANAGMENT

Activity / Project Title	**Public Conveniences**
Project Description/ Activity	Further improvement works at the public conveniences in Dungloe are progressing. It is planned to address this work with approved contractors in collaboration with our Housing Directorate. The Ballyshannon Regeneration Group has forwarded a submission for consideration under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme, 2018. This comprehensive proposal for renovation of the Ballshannon Public Conveniences will now be assessed for eligibility under the scheme. The seasonal provision of portaloo toilets at a number of locations around the County is now in place. The service is primarily required for the summer season (May 31st to September 30th) at beach and coastal locations. The locations where a service is required include;

Location	Portaloos	Disabled portaloos
Surf club Rossnowlagh	3	-
Downings Pier	2	-
Port na Blagh Pier	1	-
Fintra Beach	2	1
Magheragallon Pier	2	-
Teelin Pier	2	-
Fanad Head	1	1
Lisfannon Beach	2	-
Main Car Park Rossnowlagh	3	1
Muckross Head	2	-
Killahooey Beach car Park	2	-
Dooey Beach Car Park	2	-
Carrickfinn Beach Car Park	2	-
Murvagh Beach Car Park	2	-
Portathur Beach Car Park	1	-
Shrove Beach Car Park	2	-
Malin Beg Beach Car Park	2	-
Tramore Beach, Downings	1	-
Culdaff Beach Car Park	2	-

The new permanent public conveniences in Malin Head and Rathmullan were opened ahead of the season resulting in the portaloo services at these locations being removed. These new facilities are very welcome.

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New Public Conveniences in Malin Head.

New Public Conveniences, Changing Rooms and Information Hub, Rathmullan.

Activity / Project Title	**Community Toilet Scheme**
Project Description/ Activity	A Community Toilet scheme is being advanced to increase the number of toilet facilities available to members of the public by working in partnership with local businesses across the county. These toilets would provide additional facilities to those council facilities already available. The initiative ensures that clean, safe and easily accessible toilets are available to the public at no cost. Participating businesses are paid an annual fee by Donegal County Council based on the facilities they have available. Businesses providing separate facilities for male, female, disabled and baby changing would receive a higher rate of payment than a business which provides just one unisex toilet. Whilst businesses must make their toilet facilities available to members of the public, they retain the right to refuse entry to any person(s) who would normally be refused entry to the premises. Businesses in the Community Toilet Scheme are required to display a window sticker, provided by Donegal County Council, indicating that they are participating in the scheme and the level of facilities available. They must also have Public Liability Insurance.
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Activity / Project Title	**Coastal/Water Safety**
Project Description/ Activity	As per Irish Water Safety directions, 41 Beach Lifeguards are now appointed to patrol 14 beaches, as shown in Table 1 below. To meet the requirements of the specified full time Lifeguard cover, over 40 full time working Lifeguards are employed to provide the service, including cover.
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	Beach	**Full Time Lifeguard Service**	**Dates of Cover During Bathing Season**
1	Bundoran	3 Lifeguards, 7 days/week	June 1st to end of August. W/e cover in Sept until Sept 9th.
2	Carrickfinn	2 Lifeguards, 7 days/week	June 30th to August 31st
3	Culdaff	2 Lifeguards, 7 days/week	June 30th to August 31st
4	Downings	3 Lifeguards, 7 days/week	June 30th to August 31st
5	Fintra	2 Lifeguards, 7 days/week	June 30th to August 31st
6	Killahoey	2 Lifeguards, 7 days/week	June 30th to August 31st
7	Lisfannon	2 Lifeguards, 7 days/week	June 30th to August 31st
8	Marble Hill	2 Lifeguards, 7 days/week	June 30th to August 31st
9	Murvagh	2 Lifeguards, 7 days/week	June 30th to August 31st
10	Narin/Portnoo	2 Lifeguards, 7 days/week	June 30th to August 31st
11	Portsalon	2 Lifeguards, 7 days/week	June 30th to August 31st
12	Rathmullan	2 Lifeguards, 7 days/week	June 30th to August 31st
13	Rossnowlagh	6 Lifeguards, 7 days/week	w/e cover in June (starting June 1st). Full cover July & Aug. W/e cover in Sept until Sept 9th.
14	Stroove	2 Lifeguards, 7 days/week	June 30th to August 31st

Table 1. Beach Lifeguard service allocation per required beach.

Activity / Project Title	**Beach Wheelchairs**
Project Description/ Activity	A new beach wheelchair was unveiled at Marble Hill thanks to the generosity of the Órla Memorial fund. This Marble Hill wheelchair, in association with the Shandon Hotel, brings the total number of beach wheelchairs in the county to four, including Rathmullan, Carrickfinn and Downings.
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Activity / Project Title	**Beach Maintenance**
Project Description/ Activity	Beach maintenance works is now in full flow for the Bathing Season. Waste bins, signage, flags, portaloos, Lifeguard Stations, etc, are all now, once again, in place across our beaches. Mobile Litter Units, Litter Wardens, Lifeguard Supervisor and Coastal Officer are servicing and maintaining all the required services, 7 days a week. Beach Lifeguard Induction takes place over two days (June 28th and 29th) in the Training Centre Stranorlar. Again this event will see the participation of the Coastguard helicopter crew, landing in the athletics grounds, Stranorlar. This year Rossnowlagh Beach will again have a dedicated team member collecting litter, monitoring traffic and assisting the Lifeguards with land based responsibilities. This student placement is a welcome addition to this beach which can enjoy very high visitor numbers.
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Activity / Project Title	**Clean Coasts Week**
Project Description/ Activity	Clean Coasts Week took place from 1st to 10th June 2018 with 20 groups participating around the Donegal coastline. Once again exceptional work has been carried out by communities in Donegal to protect our beaches, seas and marine life during the event. Among the groups that took part in cleanups around the coast was Marine Harvest who collected nearly 2 tonnes of marine litter from 7 locations around the county as part of their global cleanup efforts. Other events included free Yoga on the Beach at Blue Flag beach, Rossnowlagh which saw participants not only enjoy a yoga session in a beautiful beach setting but give back with a #2minutebeachclean. The list of Cleanups is as follows;
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Group Name	Location of Beach Clean
Marine Harvest	Kindrum
Marine Harvest	Rinmore
Marine Harvest	Inver
Marine Harvest	Lough Derg, Pettigo
Marine Harvest	Millstone
Marine Harvest	Glinsk
Marine Harvest	Scraggy Bay
Northwest Coastal Clean Ups	Tullaghan
Cli-mates	Ladys bay Buncrana
Rossnowlagh Ramblers	Rossnowlagh Beach Co. Donegal
Iasc na Mara sc	Thrupenny pool Bundoran
24th donegal scout group	Killahoey
Learning Pool	Lisfannon / Faun
Dunfanaghy Tidy Towns	Dunfanaghy
11nth Donegal Beaver scouts	Ladies Bay Buncrana
Killybegs Tidy Towns	Fintra, Killybegs and Benroe shoreline
Arranmore	Arranmore Island
Kilcar tidy town	Muckross
scoil Cholmcille Green Schools Committee	Marble Hill , Donegal
Friends of Rossnowlagh	Rossnowlagh Beach

APPENDIX I

Press Release

Issued: 27th June 2018

It's Not In our Nature – Is it in Yours? Let's tackle illegal dumping!

A new anti-dumping awareness campaign ***It's Not in Our Nature – Is it in Yours*** for the Connacht Ulster Waste Region was launched last Friday by the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment Denis Naughten TD. The aim of the campaign is to further create awareness on the issues around illegal dumping, as significant funding has been made available this year to tackle the issue by the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment. This year a total of €600,000 will be spent by local authorities across the Connacht Ulster Waste Region to clean up sites containing illegally dumped material.

The new regional awareness campaign will support extensive clean-ups undertaken by local authorities throughout the nine local authority areas in the region– Cavan, Donegal, Galway City and County, Leitrim, Mayo, Monaghan, Roscommon and Sligo.

Donegal County Council has been allocated €69,119.00 and a schedule of clean ups will take place over the summer months in areas which have been highlighted as black-spots including Single Street Bundoran, sections of the River Finn, Atlashane, Brinlack, Bloodyforeland and Raws Upper, Castlefin. This campaign is a proactive step to further support the work being undertaken by Donegal County Council and is being delivered in partnership with the Regional Waste Authorities. Last Friday at the campaign launch Minister Naughten said 'I very much welcome the regional campaign which will further support this year's Anti-Dumping Initiative framework. Not only will a wide range of clean-up projects led by local authorities take place, in addition, some Local Authorities have also sought funding for overt and covert surveillance equipment and drone technology to target dumpers. The aim is to reduce illegal dumping by providing funding for projects tackling the problem and to develop an integrated and effective combined approach with local authorities, communities and other state agencies'. 'I am also delighted to announce that my Department has provided €61,500 for 22 mattress amnesty events which will take place across the region during the summer months', said Minister Naughten.

The importance of a clean green environment is critical in terms of making our region a better place in which to live, work and do business.

'Our overall aim is to eliminate unsightly illegal dumps and further protect our environment both in rural and urban settings as well as engaging with the public to ensure that areas remain clean once clean-ups have taken place', said Sean Scott, Regional Waste Enforcement Co-ordinator. 'Significant costs are associated with cleaning up illegally dumped waste and there is an onus on all citizens to dispose of waste in the correct manner. I also welcome the Minister's support for a mattress amnesty. Householders should contact their Local Authority for details of mattress amnesty events that are taking place' said Mr. Scott.

Members of the public are being called upon to continue to play their part by ensuring to dispose of waste responsibly using a permitted service and to take the time to report sightings of illegal dumping to the local authority or through the Environmental Protection Agencies reporting app SEE IT, SAY IT at www.epa.ie/enforcement/report/seeit/.

'We're very grateful to all the very responsible householders and community minded people who do the right thing – who dispose of their waste correctly using authorised waste collectors, the extensive network of bring banks and the Recycling Centres located throughout the region. However, there is still a cohort of people who are irresponsible in disposing of their waste which ultimately results in small and large scale illegal dumps and to those individuals we appeal to cease this activity" said Michael McGarvey Director of Service, Water and Environment, Donegal County Council.

‘Householders are being alerted to the fact that they are obliged to provide evidence of where they dispose of their waste and can be held responsible and fined for illegal dumping. Householders should retain receipts as proof,’ said Matthew Byrne Waste Regulations Officer with the Environment Section of Donegal County Council.

For further information please contact the Environment Section, Donegal County Council on 0749153900 or info@donegalcoco.ie

APPENDIX II