

Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain

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1 Nollaig 2015

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Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain siúl Dé Mháirt 8 Nollaig 2015, **ag 1.00 r.n. in ISP Carn Domhnach.**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS INIS EOGHAIN

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort bheith i lathair ag an gcruinniú seo Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain. Tá Clar an Cruinnithe le seo.

Mise, le meas

Aideen Doherty

p.p. **Riarthóir Cruinnithe**

Municipal District of Inishowen

Office of Meetings Administrator
County House
Lifford
1st December 2015

NOTICE OF MEETING

A Meeting of the Municipal District of Inishowen will be held on Tuesday 8th December 2015 **at 1.00 p.m. in the Public Services Centre, Carndonagh.**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF INISHOWEN

Dear Councillor

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

Yours sincerely

Aideen Doherty

for **Liam Ward**

Meetings Administrator

AGENDA

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the Municipal District of Inishowen Meeting held on 13th October 2015
2. Consideration of the Minutes of the Municipal District of Inishowen Budget Meeting held on 5th November 2015
3. Presentation of Tidy Estates Certificates
4. Roads & Transportation
5. Housing & Corporate Services
6. Community, Enterprise & Cultural Services
7. Environment
8. Planning & Economic Development
9. Schedule of Meetings 2016

**MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING
HELD IN THE CHAMBER, CARNDONAGH PSC
ON THE 13th OCTOBER 2015**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllrs Paul Canning, Nicholas Crossan, Albert Doherty, Rena Donaghey, Martin Farren, Martin Mc Dermott, Bernard Mc Guinness, Jack Murray and John Ryan.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr John G. Mc Laughlin, Ms Lynda Mc Gavigan, Ms Aideen Doherty, Mr Seamus Hopkins, Ms Sharon Mc Morran, and Ms Marie Mulhern.

15.52 CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD ON 15th SEPTEMBER 2015

On the proposal of Cllr Bernard Mc Guinness, seconded by Cllr Martin Mc Dermott, the minutes of the Inishowen Municipal District meeting held on the 15th September 2015 were agreed.

15.53 HOUSING AND CORPORATE SERVICES

HOUSING

53.01 Update Report on Housing

Lynda Mc Gavigan presented the Housing Update Report to the members.

53.02 Housing Programme 2015

Further to the motion discussed at the Council meeting on Monday, Cllr Farren advised that the cost of building a property is expensive and called for a meeting with the executive, and suggested purchasing properties as opposed to building as there is a quicker turn around time. Cllr Farren also enquired as to how much of the 8 million budget has been allocated to Inishowen.

Cllr Mc Guinness reiterated the point and asked 'why are we still going to build when there are properties for sale at Donagh Park'. We should have the right to purchase instead of building. If the Council purchases the houses in Donagh Park more tenancies can be created.

Cllr Doherty suggested that value for money needs to be achieved, properties are being offered for sale at good rates.

Cllr Canning advised that if houses are built there could be a problem with the capacity of the current sewerage network.

John G Mc Laughlin advised that the housing programme provides for the purchase of properties, Community and Voluntary options and new builds.

The properties at Donagh Park can be looked at and the members updated. However cap's are laid down by the department. Cllr Donaghey was advised that the Council can purchase properties up to a point.

John G Mc Laughlin arranged a workshop with the Director and the Divisional Manager of Housing for the 21st October 2015 at 1pm in Carndonagh.

Cllr Mc Guinness advised that 30% of people that are offered a council house refuse. Cllr Donaghey iterated that most applicants want a council house,

Cllr Mc Dermott advised that housing applicants from rural areas are choosing urban areas as a preference on their housing application forms because that is the area in which the greater amount of housing is provided, as there is no rural social housing and suggested that priority should be given to the purchase of properties in rural areas.

Cllr Mc Dermott read from a letter he received from Alan Kelly, Minister for Environment, advising that it was up to the local authority to provide what ever combination of options available based on the housing need.

15.54 Deputation – Pastures New

William Mc Laughlin introduced his social farming project, Pastures New,

This is a unique project that runs perfectly with the HSE's new direction policy, which provides personal support services to adults with disabilities.

Research is widely available and the project has made a great difference to the participants.

There are endless possibilities for the development of the project and a business plan is in place. The project is backed by the HSE, Department of Agriculture and Donegal County Council.

The group requested the support of the Council to prioritize the project as an Interreg project. The members thanked William for the presentation, agreed to support the project and wished them every success.

15.55 Minutes Silence

On request of Cllr Donaghey the members observed a minutes silence in respect of Carrickmines tragedy. A book of condolences has been opened in the PSC. The members also extended their condolences to the family of Garda Tony Gordon. Cllr Doherty remembered the homeless man in his 30s who died on the streets of Dublin.

15.56 Planning

56.01 The Local Economic and Community Plan

Sinead Harkin presented the Local Economic and Community Plan. The purpose of the plan is to identify and implement action to promote and support the economic and community dimensions of the county over a 6 year period. It will be the agreed framework of activity for the county and it's not a funding programme. The role of the municipal district is to consider the draft plan and its consistency with the core strategy and objectives of the CDP 2012-2018, the border regional planning guidelines 2010 and that the community elements and the economic elements are consistent with each other.

The consultation phase included the statutory consultee's being notified, public consultation period and focus groups/meetings.

The 7 priority goals are

1. Promote Donegal as a connected place
2. To harness Donegal's natural and human capital
3. To value and develop our culture and creative resources
4. To promote sustainable, inclusive and healthy communities
5. To develop Donegal as a lead region for learning, research and innovation
6. To develop the Donegal brand
7. To promote entrepreneurship, investment and enterprise

Cllr Farren requested that Merville be included in the Tier 2 Towns, this was seconded by Cllr Mc Guinness. The current 2 tier towns in Inishowen are Buncrana and Carndonagh.

Cllr Doherty expressed the concern of Carndonagh Tidy Towns in relation to the abandoned building and the ownership of properties and enquired if there was a deadline to participation. Cllr Canning commended the work done.

Sinead Harkin agreed to bring the comment back.

On the proposal of Cllr Mc Dermott and seconded by Cllr Canning the draft plan was formally agreed.

56.02 Planning

Sharon Mc Morran presented the planning update report.

56.03 Planning Section

Cllr Farren advised that he was not happy with planning section leaving Carndonagh and suggested that someone from planning be located in the PSC full time and iterated that he is not happy with the response that he is getting when placing a call to Lifford.

56.04 Unauthorised Development

Cllr Doherty requested that an unauthorised update report be brought to the meetings. Cllr Ryan advised that there is a serious situation with commercial and unauthorised developments. Cllr Canning enquired if the European directive could be examined in relation to unauthorised waste recycling facilities, in that under a European directive, the only way of proceeding for permission to regularise the use would be to remove the building, take the site back to its original state and then submit a planning application for the development.

15.57 Community, Development & Enterprise

57.01 Update Report

Aideen Doherty presented the update report to the members.

57.02 Donegal Diaspora Website

For the period January to September 2015, there are 90 unique users to the website from 136 countries worldwide.

57.03 Tip O' Neill Irish Diaspora Award

The members were thanked for their participation in the programme.

57.04 Community Tourism Diaspora Initiative 2015

The funding drawdown process is ongoing. 55 of the 64 events have taken place. Event organisers are urged to return the necessary documents for funding draw down. Inishowen tourism is holding an event in November 2015, more detail will follow.

57.05 Playgrounds

The annual maintenance tender is to be advertised before the end of October 2015.

57.06 Buncrana School Campus

Donegal County Council is currently compiling the requested information and it will be sent to the Department over the next 2 – 3 weeks.

57.07 Public Participation Network (PPN)

PPN is providing links through which organisations from the community and voluntary sector have a voice on Council decision making bodies and structures. Cllr Doherty enquired as to the position in relation to nominating for the joint policing committee.

57.08 Donegal Gathering website and Facebook

Donegal gathering statistics show continuous increase of visits to the website in 2015 compared to last year.

57.09 Donegal Youth Council

Donegal Youth Council is running their 'Shake up Sports' initiative in Bunrana on the 20th October 2015.

57.10 Donegal County Museum Events

As part of the Wainfest 2015, the museum is organising two events

- Tuesday 13th October 2015 – Children in the Workhouse
- Saturday 17th October 2015 – Scary Stories in the County Museum

57.11 New County Donegal Heritage Plan

Members were advised that 10% of the Strategic Development fund is being allocated for the new County Donegal heritage plan.

57.12 Tidy Towns

Cllr Donaghey congratulated the Bunrana and Letterkenny tidy towns committees on their success in the tidy towns competition. Cllr Farren concurred.

15/58 ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION

58.01 Update Report

Seamus Hopkins presented the update report on the roadwork's programme.

58.02 Road Safety issue at St Edney's School, Desertegney

A request will be sent to Road Design to investigate the options for this location.

58.03 Road Subsidence at the Lenamore Road, Muff

The location will be reviewed with Cllr Donaghey.

58.04 Provision of a footpath at the Big House, Ballymagan

A footpath at this location has not been included in the 4 year programme agreed with the members, however the issue will be reviewed with Cllr Donaghey.

58.05 Tarring of the road from Cockhill chapel to Hilltown

Area roads will review in context of the 2016 roads programme.

58.06 Vehicular access to Grianan Fort, Burt

The road will be reviewed in consultation with Cllr Doherty.

58.07 Directional signage to the Car Park, Carndonagh

Signage for vehicular traffic has been provided for the carpark. Additional signage for pedestrian traffic can be discussed with Cllr Doherty.

58.08 Safety measures at the Ballyloskey, Carndonagh

The road will be reviewed with Cllr Doherty.

58.09 Road crossing at Bridge Street, Carndonagh

Materials have been purchased to install a pedestrian island on the centre line of the road and to provide a barrier to tighten the turning radius at this junction. The work is to be completed this year.

58.10 Bridge span at Binnion, Clonmany

Area roads have visited the location with the Cllr Doherty to review this issue. The environment section will be requested to replace the signage.

58.11 Yield sign at the Binnion Road

A site visit was arranged with Cllr Doherty and additional signage has been ordered, area roads will be endeavouring to replace vandalised signage on an ongoing basis.

58.12 Car park at Malin Head School

Cllr Mc Dermott advised that there is water lying in the car park at the school.

58.13 Directional Signage to Carn from Derry

Directional signage has been designed and purchased. The erection of the signage is labour intensive and the signs will be erected when resources allow.

58.14 Bree, Malin Head

The road will be reviewed in the context of the 2016 roads programme.

58.15 Lagg beach

The location will be kept under review and the bollard will be moved as and when required.

58.16 Provision of bus shelters

It is intended to prepare a programme for the provision of bus shelter for presenting to the members at the December Municipal District meeting.

58.17 Bridge between Carrigans and St Johnston

The bridge has been surveyed by the road design bridge engineer and the most probable solution is to cast another concrete wall outside the existing wall to provide support. This is however complicated by what appears to be a sewer/septic tank discharging at this location. In the meantime area roads are reviewing the temporary edge protection at the location.

58.18 Footpath at Carrigans Village

The provision of a 250m footpath at Carrigans School has been included in the footpath programme for 2018.

58.19 Causeway Road, Buncrana

Cllr Crossan advised that the road coming into the roundabout from the Aghilly side is too straight and traffic is coming into the roundabout at speed. The location will be investigated in conjunction with Cllr Crossan.

58.20 Pedestrian crossing at red row, Buncrana

Area Roads will review this issue with Cllr Crossan.

58.21 Footpaths on the Ballymagan Road

A footpath at this location has been included in the 4 year programme agreed with the members.

58.22 School signs at Cockhill School

The issue will be forwarded to Road Design.

58.23 Gulley's at Main Street, Buncrana

Significant works have been scheduled at Main Street, Buncrana as part of the 4 year programme. The work will be prioritised in 2016.

58.24 Road markings at Umricam, Buncrana

Road design has prepared drawings detailing a review of the lining arrangements at this location. Area roads to review and implement when lining contractors are in the area.

58.25 Directional signs for Dunree

Additional signage has been ordered and this work is ongoing.

58.26 Glencrow Junction, Moville

A ghost island has been provided at this location as agreed during the road design visit to this location.

58.27 The Green, Moville

It is intended to continue to work in conjunction with FÁS in Moville and to discuss the surfacing of these paths in the Green as part of the 2016 programme of works.

58.28 Salt Supply

Sufficient salt is currently in stock with Carndonagh and Skeog. Additional deliveries are due within the next week and stocks will be maintained during the season.

58.29 Junction near Dillon's garage, Manorcunningham

NRDO have confirmed that they are currently finalising design with a view to getting a Task Order to a lining contractor for the N13 issued for this year's implementation. They hope to include localised improvements at this location.

58.30 Safety issue at the school at Cloontagh

It is intended to provide lining at this location when the lining contractors are next in the area.

58.31 Sponsorship of Roundabouts

It is intended to review improvements at the roundabouts as part of a parks plan for the Municipal District. Cllr Ryan advised that businesses are willing to sponsor the roundabouts.

58.32 Cycle path on the road from Muff to Quigley's Point

There is a separate funding channel for the funding of cycle paths. Area roads are to request that roads central consider including the hard shoulder of the R238 as part of any future cycle path funding applications.

58.33 Upgrading of the 3 roads around Inishowen

The issue has been raised with Roads central and there has been contact at a senior level with the Minister's office on progressing the matter.

58.34 Roads at Malin head and Urbelreagh

The road at Malin head was overlaid with DBM and surface dressed at the beginning of 2015. The Council's safety engineer has visited the location and her recommendations regarding traffic calming on the road have been implemented, these include horizontal traffic calming bars, "slow" and "slower" and solid centre lines.

The Bree Urbelreagh overlay project was deferred on advise from Water Capital section. This project will be completed once the water main works have completed.

Councillor queries

Cllr Crossan

1. The wall at Castlepark, Buncrana near the playing pitches needs repaired

Cllr Farren

1. Update on the provision of cat's eyes on the road from Muff to Moville
2. Stone wall jutting out at the Battery Brae, Greencastle

Cllr Ryan

1. Update on Rock Head, Burnfoot
2. Speeding on the secondary road, behind Leo's café in Burnfoot
3. Do we have any jurisdiction over speed limits

Cllr Canning

1. Is there a new policy on arrows off the national primary route
2. Flooding problem at the school at Newtown

Cllr Mc Guinness

1. Update on the take over of the 3 small roads
2. Provision of a footpath at the Bunagee Road
3. Drainage issue at the Beleighan road east
4. Relocation of the chip depot at Mc Sheffrey's Bridge
5. Screening of derelict sites
6. Tidy towns are looking for assistance with the riverside walk, Carn
7. Directional signs for heritage sites
8. Update on the provision of public lighting at Ballyloskey and the Annuagh to Clonmany road

Cllr Murray

1. Safety measures on the road from Killea to Newtown, car went off the road and into a garden
2. Relining of the entrance to the back of the houses beside the Vodafone shop on the main street, Bunrana. Gap needs to be widened.
3. Update on the Aghilly road

Cllr Donaghey

1. Westbrook and Millbridge could be kept on the agenda
2. Resurfacing of the Aghilly road
3. Road between the Rockey Town and Kearney's pass

Cllr Doherty

1. Footpath to the Foden grounds, Carndonagh
2. Limestone on the riverside walk beside O' Doherty's, Carndonagh
3. Dunegard, Mountain road

The members congratulated Lynda Mc Gavigan on her new post and wished her every success in her new position as Area Manager in the Stranorlar area. The members also welcome Aideen Doherty into her new position as Area Manager in Housing and Corporate in Carndonagh. John G. Mc Laughlin extended his congratulation and on behalf of the staff.

**Minutes of Inishowen Municipal District
Draft Budgetary Plan Meeting
Held on the 05th November 2015 at 3pm in the Council Chamber, Carndonagh
PSC.**

Members Present

Cllr Paul Canning, Nicholas Crossan, Albert Doherty, Rena Donaghey, Martin Farren, Martin Mc Dermott, Bernard Mc Guinness, Jack Murray and John Ryan.

Officials in Attendance

Mr John G. Mc Laughlin, Mr Garry Martin, Ms Aideen Doherty, Mr Seamus Hopkins, and Ms Marie Mulhern.

Apologies

MINUTES

Cllr Donaghey opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Garry Martin advised that this is a statutory budget meeting to discuss the draft budgetary plan for 2016. In order to clarify the situation he advised that the executive is wholly satisfied that the budgetary process is in line with the legislative process and this has been confirmed independently via legal advice. The process is in line with section 102 of the Local Government Act 2001.

There is no prescribed format in the legislation and it's the executive interpretation of the procedure outlined in circular 05/2014 – section 2, page 5. The template may be customised as appropriate.

The Council is happy to use the discretionary form and the draft budget plan is presented in is the discretionary form.

He indicated that it is premature to attempt to know what the intentions of members are or what priorities will be set, prior to the plenary budget meeting. The budget will be presented on the 18th November 2015 and at that stage amendments can be made. The budgetary process does follow the requirements as set out in the legislation.

The members have the right to amend the draft budget plan as they see fit and the only limiting factor is the finance available.

It's a reserved function of the members and it's not outside the scope of the members to amend the plan, however the current position is the most realistic and practical solution available.

Cllr Murray advised that it is good to have the situation clarified and asked if there was a problem with the legislative process. He suggested that "would it not make more sense to have the plenary budget meeting then the municipal district meeting". Garry Martin advised that that would make sense and the current process is impractical, if not impossible, when we don't know what we are prioritising.

Cllr Mc Dermott suggested that the employment of a gardener for the Barrack Hill should come out of the main council budget and not form part of the strategic funds. Cllr Mc Guinness concurred. Garry Martin agreed to look at alternative options for funding.

Cllr Canning enquired about funding for Inch Level project.

Cllr Mc Dermott suggested that funding should be given to the smaller towns, to level the playing field, in the context of the tidy towns.

Cllr Canning enquired if the budget figure was the same as last year or are there any add on's and how is the budget distributed.

Garry Martin advised that the budget book is built on last years figures, with consideration given to any additional areas and outputs. The income and expenditure is reviewed and broken down into service areas. It's only when it comes down to the final allocation that the specific projects are looked at.

The strategic development fund is apportioned by the number of members per municipal district, the total budget is €740,000 with €180,000 for Inishowen.

Funding is allocated based on the services areas, for example, the fire stations, it's per location of station and budget is not divided per municipal district. It's important to note that the total cost of pensions has to be covered by the Council in the budget. The level of discretionary spending is very limited.

Cllr Canning enquired if the pensions for the water service are being passed on to Irish Water. Garry Martin advised that the issue has been raised and the position needs to be clarified.

Cllr Farren enquired if the strategic development fund and the members development fund would be the same this year.

Cllr Farren supported the funding for a gardener for the Barrack Hill. He enquired if funding/support could be made available for the clean up of the Moville area. Funding of the tidy towns should be included in the main budget.

Garry Martin advised that perhaps the Bundoran model could be looked at, using a blend of Tús Scheme, Tidy towns and the Council, also incorporating the Gateway scheme.

Cllr Farren enquired if anything could be done about the Class K stamp, it's not a budget issue but it would be good to have it clarified.

Cllr Murray enquired if funding could be provided for

- Community assisted schemes.
- Single street lighting
- Funding for footpaths to be provided from the County wide budget.
- Grianan an Aileach to be looked at as an area for tourism development.

Garry Martin advised that this could fit into a European funded project.

Cllr Doherty supporting the funding for the Barrack Hill, Carndonagh.

In relation to appendix 3 – Is €100,000 to be filled in there and the rest left blank. Could areas be missed?

Cllr Doherty enquired as to how the council can compliment the funding, that is the CEDRA funding of €250,000 for Inishowen and Leader funding.

Will the Council be seeking funding under EU opportunities?

Cllr Doherty enquired

- About the funding of Cockhill Bridge and if it could be prioritised for funding.
- Enquired if the St Louis trip will be funded centrally
- Funding for LIS instead of slicing off the top
- Funding of public conveniences – Irish Water, the council is responsible for the funding of the public convenience
- North West Region - The region needs to be given priority.

Garry Martin advised that the local property tax is there as well as various funding initiatives. The department has advised the council as to what funding is available from the local property tax for 2016, €22,720,760, the same figure as for 2015.

Cllr Mc Guinness

- clarification as to what the municipal district can and cant do
- Need to ensure that housing roads etc, that Inishowen is getting the same funding as the other areas.
- Tourism should be a county wide issue, will Malin Head be prioritised the same as Slieve League
- Ferry should be funded under a 5 year programme
- Funding for Barrack Hill, Carn

Cllr Crossan concurred with Cllr Mc Guinness and

- Enquired as what can be done to save money for a rainy day
- Provision of a Gardener in Bunrana
- Are we making any head way with the collection of rates
- Cost of postage
- Community composting for grass cuttings

Cllr Farren

- Provision of a planner in Inishowen for 1 day a week

Cllr Ryan

- Provision of extra staff for Planning

Cllr Mc Guinness

- Who is dealing with Community and Enterprise at the moment for the Inishowen area
- What can be done at budget time to improve the service
- Comparison of staffing levels in the services in the other municipal areas
- Who does what in PSC's, corresponding numbers

Cllr Donaghey

- Update on the ferry
- Funding for Swan Park and Carn Park
- Funding to tidy towns
- Funding for St Louis trip
- Funding for the Tip O' Neill
- Extra funding for the adaptation grants for the elderly
- Bunrana leisure centre
- More use needs to be made of the Bunrana Town Council office
- Carbon monoxide detectors for the fire service
- Increase in the number of blue flag beaches
- Adequate funding for gritting
- Public lighting
- Purchase of land for social housing
- Allocation of funding for the two tier towns
- That all water customers in Inishowen are provided for before the water from the Fullerton Polan Dam goes to Letterkenny

Garry Martin advised that efforts are ongoing to create efficiencies across the Council and this will continue. Measures are in place to deal with the collection of outstanding rates including

the legal process. The town council's rates will increase this year and county council rates will reduce as part of the harmonisation process. In relation to staffing, a work force plan is in place and decisions regarding staffing will be updated at plenary level. The 3 year capital plan for 2016 – 2018 will be considered, with a meeting being held at the end of November 2015. Demands for additional monies have been noted and this will be fed back to the centre. The community composting issue will be forwarded to the environment section.

It's a formal requirement to adopt the draft budgetary plan with or without amendments. On the proposal of Cllr Mc Dermott and seconded by Cllr Farren the draft budgetary plan was adopted unanimously with the following amendments

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- That provision is made for adequate Planning resources in the Carndonagh PSC.
- and that provision is made for adequate Community and Enterprise resources in the Carndonagh PSC.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF INISHOWEN MEETING

08TH DECEMBER 2015

ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION

AGENDA

1. ROADS PROGRAMME UPDATE FOR THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
2. FOLLOW UPS FROM THE 13TH OCTOBER 2015 MEETING
3. SPEED LIMIT ASSESSMENT REVIEW UPDATE

Municipal District of Inishowen Meeting

HOUSING REPORT

8th December 2015

- Progress Reports
 - Grants
 - Loans
 - Casual Vacancies

- 2. Report on New Tenant Purchase Scheme for Existing Local Authority Houses

Inishowen Municipal District

Housing Grants Report at 30th November 2015

Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ WITHDRAWN	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2013	31	9	16	0	6
2014	36	24	7	3	2
2015	55	22	6	17	10

Mobility Aids Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ WITHDRAWN	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2013	2	1	0	0	1
2014	4	2	1	0	1
2015	3	2	0	1	0

Housing Aid for Older People Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ WITHDRAWN	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2013	18	13	5	0	0
2014	21	13	8	0	0
2015	20	15	1	3	1

Housing Loan Report at 30th November 2015

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED / CANCELLED	UNDECIDED
Standard Loans	2013	0	0	0	1
	2014	5	1	4	0
	2015	0	0	0	0

CASUAL VACANCY INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

DWELLING	BED	VACANT FROM	DETAILS
29 Hawthorn Hill, Newtowncunningham	3	Jul-15	Offered and accepted
489 Colehill, Newtowncunningham	3	Jun-15	Vacant
32 Bun na Mine, Bridgend	2	Jul-15	Vacant
12 The Meadows, Buncrana	4	Jul-15	Vacant
18 Sliabh Sneacht, Buncrana	2	Jul-15	Vacant
48 Cloncool Park, Buncrana	4	Jul-15	Vacant
14 Heather Park, Buncrana	3	Nov-15	Vacant
28 Abbey Park Manorcunningham	3	Sep-15	Under Repair
15 Radharc na Trá Bréige Malin	2	Oct-15	Under Repair
42B Dun na nIarlai Buncrana	2	Aug-15	Under Repair
21 Crana View, Buncrana, Lifford	3	Oct-15	Under Repair
6 Dun Na nIarlai, Buncrana	3	Oct-15	Under Repair
7 An Teampall Maol	2	Nov-15	Under Repair
57 Ard Ban, Muff, Co Donegal	3	Nov-15	Under Repair
80 Millfield crescent, Buncrana	3	Nov-15	Under Repair
5A Cluain Mhuire, Buncrana		Nov-15	Under Repair
17 Foyleview Crescent, Moville	2	Nov-15	Under Repair
25 Knockalla Drive, Buncrana	1	Nov-15	Under Repair
29 Gaddyduff	2	Nov-15	Under Repair
32 Convent Road, Carnodnagh	3	Nov-15	To be repaired
14 Radharc na Trabreige, Malin	2	Nov-15	To be repaired
219 St Pauls Park Greencastle	1	Nov-15	To be repaired

STOCK MOVEMENT REPORT

Total Stock	Offers of accommodation made from 1/01/2015 to 01/12/2015	Tenancies created from 01/01/2015 to 01/12/2015	Tenancies terminated from 01/01/2015 to 01/12/2015	Current vacancies
1052	56	37	42	7 0.6% of total MD stock

New Tenant Purchase Scheme for Existing Local Authority Houses

By Circular letter dated 17th of November 2015, the Council has been advised of the introduction of a new Tenant Purchase Scheme for Existing Local Authority Houses on 1st of January 2016.

The Scheme will operate under Part 3 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014 under an incremental purchase model which involves discounts for purchasers linked to household income and a discount – related Charge on the property that reduces to nil over a period, unless the house is resold or the purchaser fails to comply with conditions of the sale. Where the tenant purchaser resells the property before the end of the Charge period, he or she is required to pay back to the Housing Authority a portion of any profits arising from the sale.

While there are a broad range of terms and conditions, some of the notable ones relate to tenant eligibility to purchase and the types of dwellings which may be sold.

Under the Scheme houses may only be sold to a tenant who has been in receipt of social housing support for a minimum period of one year and the tenant must have a minimum reckonable income of at least €15,000 per annum. In calculating the reckonable income, this relates primarily to income from employment including self-employment. Income from social welfare payments (including pensions) by the Department of Social Protection can be taken into account, but only where these payments constitute a secondary source of income i.e. a social welfare payment to a tenant in receipt of income from employment is reckonable income.

Tenants who are in arrears of rent will not be eligible to purchase under the scheme until such time as the arrears are paid or rescheduling arrangements are entered into and complied with by the tenant.

In relation to dwellings that may be sold, there are a number of exclusions including dwellings designated under the existing Incremental Purchase Scheme (in the initial five year period from the date of allocation of the dwelling), apartments and maisonettes/duplex units, houses designed for occupation by elderly persons and dwellings acquired through Part V of the Planning & Development Act in private estates.

The purchase price of the dwelling is calculated as the greater of the market value of the house or half the estimated cost to the Council of providing a replacement dwelling to current standards. In calculating the purchase price, allowance is made for any improvements carried out by the tenant but only where the tenant received the prior approval of the Council to carry out those improvements. An allowance is also made where the site of the dwelling was provided by the tenant to the council at a nominal sum.

A discount of 60% of the purchase price is available where the reckonable tenant income is between €15,000 and €20,000. The level of discount is reduced to 50% where the reckonable income is between €20,001 and €29,999 and to 40% where the income is equal to or exceeds €30,000.

Dwellings are sold in fee simple through a form of combined Transfer and Charging Order following the payment of the purchase monies (discounted purchase price). Where the tenant wishes to avail of a local authority mortgage, they will have to comply with the terms and conditions of the credit policy as provided for by regulations.

On the sale of the dwelling under the Scheme, the Council will place an Incremental Purchase Charge on the dwelling equivalent to the discount granted to the tenant of the purchase price. Thus if the

Council gives a 50% discount to the purchaser, the Incremental Purchase Charge will be 50% of the value of the house and this charge will remain for 25 years.

If a tenant disposes of the dwelling during the Charge period (varies from 20 to 30 years depending on the level of discount) the tenant will have to pay back a portion of the market value on the sale to the Council.

Unlike previous tenant purchase schemes, as the new scheme is a national scheme with the terms and conditions set down in part 3 of the 2014 Act and prescribed by the Minister in Regulations, there is no requirement under the legislation for the elected council members to make a tenant purchase scheme to give effect to the scheme.

An explanatory leaflet is in the process of being prepared by the Department and which will be available for local authorities to issue to all tenants in the New Year.



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Municipal District of Inishowen

8th December 2015

Community & Development Division

REPORT

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Activity / Project Update: December 2015

Activity / Project Title	PLAYGROUNDS
Project Description/Activity	Annual maintenance of Playgrounds <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Culdaff• Merville• Chlos Phadraig, Carndonagh• Ballyliffin• Mannorcunningham SHS• Barrack Hill Town park & Outdoor Fitness Equipment• Festival Park, Buncrana• Carndonagh Mini - Pitch
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	1. Works consists of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Replacement of broken equipment• Replace worn safety tiles and remove trip hazards• Grease all equipment that contains bushes, bearings, shackles, etc. <p><u>Current Status:</u> Rospa Inspections and identification of necessary repairs have been carried out.</p> <p>Tender requests have issued on 12th November, 2015 with a closing date of 12 midday on 27th November, 2015.</p>
Project Targets for reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual Maintenance Tender to be assessed and awarded before end of December 2015.
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Activity / Project Update: December 2015

Activity / Project Title	CLÓS PHADRAIG PLAYGROUND, CARNDONAGH
Project Description/Activity	Supply and installation of Bound Rubber Mulch surface at Clós Phadraig Playground.
Budget	€4996.61 incl. VAT
Progress to date	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tender requests issued and received from three competent contractors.• Contractor appointed and Letter of Acceptance issued on 10th November, 2015 with works due to commence December, 2015. <p><u>Current Status:</u> Works to commence December 2015</p>
Project Targets for the next reporting period	* Works to commence December 2015 and to be completed before end of January 2016.
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Activity / Project Update: December 2015

Activity / Project Title	Buncrana School Campus
Project Description/Activity	Assisting the Department of Education & Skills in identifying a suitable site in the Buncrana Environs to accommodate a three school campus ideally measuring between 15 – 20 acres.
Budget	As per Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Education & Skills and CCMA.
Progress to date	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Six sites have been identified for assessment and site visits have taken place with Personnel from the Department of Education & Skills on the 12th May, 2015.• Further information request received from Department of Education & Skills in relation to sites.• Donegal County Council has completed site assessments on identified sites and information has been furnished to the Department.• Donegal County Council has compiled additional information and sent it to Department of Education & Skills on 9/11/2015.
Project Targets for the next reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Subject to confirmation from the Department of Education & Skills of their preferred suitable sites, instruction to seek valuations and contact with local landowners will be initiated.
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Municipal District: All

Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Diaspora Project
Project Description/Activity	Local Diaspora Toolkit launched
Progress to date -inclusive of current status	<p>Minister for Diaspora Affairs, Mr. Jimmy Deenihan T.D, launched the Local Diaspora Toolkit. (18/11/15)</p> <p>The Local Diaspora Toolkit is a practical guide for Local Authorities and local and community groups to assist in the development of strategies for local diaspora engagement. It recognises that Irish people have a keen sense of attachment to their place of origin and builds on the objectives of Global Irish – Ireland’s Diaspora Policy which seeks to facilitate a wide range of activity at national and local level designed to develop two-way diaspora engagement.</p> <p>Commissioned by Minister Deenihan and developed by Professor Liam Kennedy and Dr. Madeleine Lyes of the UCD Clinton Institute, the Toolkit seeks to develop the potential for communities and counties in Ireland to reach out to their own local diaspora’s. It will facilitate the building of new relationships with the Irish abroad to benefit local and regional development.</p> <p>A clear leadership role for local authorities is identified and the Toolkit gives guidance for the development of strategies at county and local level. It profiles some of the best and most successful initiatives already underway throughout the country and identifies common elements for success.</p> <p>Donegal Diaspora project is highlighted as an example of good practise and a presentation on the project at the launch was very well received. The launch was attended by department officials, councils, chambers of commerce, local enterprise offices and community organisations from around the country.</p> <p>http://www.taoiseach.gov.ie/eng/News/Government_Press_Releases/Local_Diaspora_Toolkit.pdf</p>
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Activity/ Update

1. Activity Description	IPB Pride of Place Awards 2015
2. Activities	<p>Four Donegal initiatives qualified for the National Pride of Place Awards 2015 taking place in Ennis on 14th November 2015.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Killybegs Community Council: A lot of development and initiatives in & around the town, e.g., The Niall Mór Centre, The Carpet Factory, The Mens Shed, Mooneys Boat Building Yard , The LYIT Catering College, the Community Hospital, work on large fishing vessels at the main pier. There is great & evident community involvement in the Tidy Towns (floral displays all around the town, painted derelict buildings on the main street, maintenance of old churches and graveyards kept. Campaigns were organised to keep the local community hospital and the Catering College in the town and succeeded. Tidal Wave Energy research in progress. Making the most of the Wild Atlantic Way - succeeded to have signage relocated in the town and marina being developed at present. Great awareness of funding and development resources. A vibrant, interesting and go-ahead town to live in and to visit. <p>Coiste Pobal na gCealla Beaga: Coiste pobail an bhaile gníomhach i ngach gné den bhaile agus port an-ghníomhach le tionscnaimh éagsúla ar fud an bhaile mar Ionad Niall mór, Ionad Oidhreachta na gCairpéadaí, Oibreacha ar na loing mhóra san phort, monarcáin báid Mooneys, Coláiste Lónadóireachta an LYIT, Ospidéal Pobail, slachta baile agus go leor eile. Cur chun cinn na Gaeilge tábhachtach don cheantar agus ag comhoibriú le ceantracha comharsanachta mar Gleann Cholmcille, An Charraig, Teileann, Sl Liaig, Ard an Rátha srl. Ag úsáid agus ag obair le Failte Éireann ar Shlí an Atlantaigh Fhiáin. Airdeallach ar fhoinsí forbartha agus airgeadais ábhartha chun an baile a choinneáil mar bhaile turasóireachta, oidhreachta, oideasuil, tionscadála, poirt agus áit mhaith le cónaí ann don phobal ar fad.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gortahork Community Council: Micí Mac Gabhann's House/Heritage Centre a great heritage & tourism attraction; various developments developed at pier area since last year, e.g., the paving, walkways, seating, tables and walks adjacent to the area of Magheraroarty. Various activities take place in the Community Centre, e.g., the Gael Linn Coláiste Gaeilge which is attended by approx 800 people during the Summer and 300 at Easter; the Youth Club who have a 10 year lease on the Youth Centre upstairs, which was designed by them, i.e., a disabled access was put in place following last year's adjudication, the interior design and furnishings was chosen by the Youth and it is utilised and kept by them all the time; There is a ladies committee and a mens committee and various activities such as local crafting, visits to other suchlike projects, quizzes, classes such as computer literacy, language, keep-fit classes etc. A lot of fundraising is carried out in fun/interesting ways. Developments taking place in association with the Wild Atlantic Way. An all-inclusive society exists in the Magheraroarty area and it is a great place to visit and to live in. <p>Coiste Pobail Ghort a'Choice: Coiste gníomhach a thaispeánann díogras agus meas ar a gceantar, ar a dteanga agus ar a bpobal go mór. Go leor imeachtaí ar siúl do gach aois agus cúraim a thabhairt do gach duine. An Coláiste Gaeilge a reachtáil ag an Cháisc agus i rith an tSamhraidh; Club Óige gníomhach agus</p>

páirteach in go leor imeachtaí san cheantar, san chontae agus go náisiúnta agus á n-ionad féin le háiseanna riachtanach acu chun cruinniú ann; Turais speisialta i rith na bliana do dhaoine chun cuairt ar thionscnaimh agus áiteacha eile; Cúrsaí spóirt do gach aois; Ionad Oidhreachta Mhicí Mac Gabhann athoscailte, bainistithe agus suim mhór ann; Fáilte roimh thurasóirí agus cuairteoirí i gcónaí; Limistéar an chéidh cóirithe agus glanta ar fad; Siúlóidí eagsúla san cheantar. An coiste ag obair le heagrais nar an Comhairle Contae, Údarás na Gaeltachta, ETB, Foras na Gaeilge, Gael Linn, DLDC agus go leor eile agus ní ligeann said a dhath thart. Ag obair ar an Shlí an Atlantaigh Fhiain go mór. Seo áit mhaith le cónaí ann agus chun cuairt air am ar bith.

- **The Workhouse, Dunfanaghy:** Developed considerably over the past 10 years as a tourist, children’s activities, heritage, community and cultural centre. Local walks have been developed by the centre in the Dunfanaghy and Horn Head area and guided nature walks are in demand. The Tidy Towns committee operate from the centre and are very much involved in various festivals such as the annual Dunfanaghy Jazz & Blues, Errigal Arts, St Patrick’s Day, Halloween and other seasonal activities throughout the year. The playground has been a great addition to the Workhouse. There is a restaurant and craft shop in the building and the centre is utilised by locals & visitors throughout the year. It is a hub of activity and visited by tourists more and more recently. The Wild Atlantic Way has showcased the various activities to draw tourists/visitors to the town regarding eateries, singing pubs, surfing, horseriding, walks, beaches etc.

Teach na mBocht Dhun Fionnachaidh: Ionad shaibhir i saol an phobail san cheantar. Ionad oidhreachta, cultúrtha, turasóireachta, dúlra agus pobail go mór é. Fáilte roimh an phobal agus cuairteoirí. Ionad súgartha den scoth agus áiseanna ar fáil mar bialann, ríomhaireacht, cúrsaí éagsúla (cniotáil, dúlra, stair agus cúraim páistí le míchumais), club leabhair agus ionad cruinnithe. Ag obair le feiltí éagsúla san cheantar (Feile an Earagail. Jazz & Blues, La fheile Phádraig, Imeachtaí Shamhna) agus le heagrais eile. Eolach ar eagrais forbnartha agus airgeadais.

- **The Sliabh Sneacht Centre, Drumfries:** A Diaspora, Cultural, Tourism and Heritage centre, officially opened in 2014 by Tip O’Neill’s son, Tommy, from Boston. It hosts concerts, meetings, indoor sports, classes of various kinds, e.g., robotics, dancing, computer literacy, etc. It houses the Tip O’Neill Suite where the O’Neill family and interested parties have donated photographs, paintings and other memorabilia to the centre. It also houses a genealogy centre for the area. A wedding took place in the centre in August that attracted a lot of media attention. The North West cycling club use the centre as their point of starting & finishing. The Sliabh Sneacht walk has been developed by the community organisers and toilet & shower facilities are provided for their use. The local school uses the facilities. The organisation uses the Wild Atlantic Way to promote all their facilities and welcomes everyone to use and visit their wonderful facilities.

Ionad Sliabh Sneacht, Droim Fraoich, Bun Cranncha: Ionad nuathógtha chun freastal ar an phobal agus ar chuairoteoirí agus ar thurasóirí. Ionad Diaspóra, oidhreachta agus cultúrtha. Oscailte le bliain anois, ta go leor ar siul san Ionad mar cúrsaí a reachtail ann mar robotaci, damhsa, spóirt; Seomraí cruinnithe ar cíós leis an ETB agus HSE chun cúrsaí slainte, ríomhaireacht srl a reachtail; Ionad Ginealas lonnaithe ann; Rothaíocht an North Pole (ceangailte le grúpaí rothaiocht in Albain, Sasain, san Tuiscart agus i nÉirinn; Áiseanna leithris & cithfholcadáin ar fáil do aclaí; Siúlóidís SI Sneacht forbairte; Áiseanna leitreach/uisce do champail taobh amuigh den Ionad; Ceolchoirmeacha,; freastal ar thórraimh, bainsí beaga agus ócáidí cóisir. Ceangailte le Slí an Atlantaigh Fhiáin.

Buiséad/Budget	€6,000 (Contae)
Teagmhálaí Contact Person	Caitlín Uí Chochláin 087 9084888



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Municipal District: Donegal

General Maritime Activity

Activity / Project Title	Marine Tourism Marketing & Development
Project Description/Activity	The Marine Tourism Marketing & Development Plan covers a range of locations, activities and projects.
Progress to date	<p>Cool Route Meeting A meeting of the Cool Route partner delegates took place on 27th and 28th October in the Abbey Hotel, Donegal Town (more details available in the Cool Route report).</p> <p>WILDSEA Europe Meeting A meeting of the WILDSEA Europe project delegates took place on 8th and 9th October in the Clanree Hotel, Letterkenny. Delegates from Spain, Italy, Croatia, Northern Ireland and Donegal were in attendance. The meeting coincided with the Donegal Tourism Ltd 'Connecting the Wild Atlantic Way Tourism Conference'. Project delegates had the opportunity to network with local project stakeholders at the conference and were also given a tour of the county including Malin Head with the guidance of Emmett Johnston from National Parks and Wildlife. Opportunities to develop Malin Head as a world class marine national park were discussed. A list of 15 stakeholders/tourism businesses has been compiled and these businesses will be contacted in due course to engage them with the project.</p> <p>Poll an tSnamh A feasibility study has been completed on the old swimming pool in Rannafast. The feasibility study found no issues in terms of the Natura Impact Statement for the site. The feasibility study details a proposed marine leisure facility in the area including pontoons and the development of the old swimming pool. Further funding from the EU or another source will be required in order for works to commence. Failte Ireland and Údarás na Gaeltachta have both provided letters of support for this project.</p> <p>Gaeltacht Meeting The Marine Tourism Marketing & Development Officer recently met with a group of 30 tourism businesses in Gweedore and delivered a presentation on opportunities to promote their business. Ongoing support is being provided to these businesses to help them get listed on MalinWaters.com and Govisitdonegal.com. Some of these businesses are now stakeholders in other European projects.</p> <p>Killybegs Tourism The new website is continuing to perform for tourism in Killybegs and the Killybegs tourism Facebook page has over 880 likes to date. The</p>

flags and town map were a welcomed addition to the town in particular for the arrival of cruise ships. Donegal County Council is in discussion with Cruise Ireland the marketing body for cruise tourism in international markets about membership with the aim of increasing cruise tourism into 2016 and beyond.

Marine Infrastructure

Greencastle, Teelin and Mountcharles pier pontoons were put in place but have been removed from the waters for protection from storm damage during winter months. They will return in the Spring. The new pontoon is in place at Bunagee Harbour and will now be featured in the Welcome Anchorages publication in 2016.

Sliabh Liag Branding and Website Development

The Sliabh Liag Facebook page is growing from strength to strength with over 4963 likes on the page. The Facebook page has been set up at www.facebook.com/sliabhliagexperience The website www.sliabhliag.com is now live and has already received several thousand visitors. A number of promotional materials have been developed including a brochure, flyer, nomadic stand, pop-ups and online banners that will be used in the future promotion of Sliabh Liag.

Fanad Lighthouse

The Fanad Lighthouse Facebook page is performing well. <https://www.facebook.com/fanadlighthouse> and has over 1574 likes. A new manager has been appointed to Fanad Lighthouse and will begin work in December 2015 at which point training will be provided by Donegal Tourism Ltd for the new manager on the booking engine and website CMS. The website can be viewed at www.fanadlighthouse.com

World Boat Angling Championships

The World Boat Angling Championships took place in Bundoran and Mullaghmore in September 2015 and MalinWaters provided sponsorship and other support such as digital marketing. 22 teams of 5-8 anglers from all over the world took part in this week long event.

Crana Fest 2015

The Crana Fest 2015 kayaking event took place in October 2015 in Bunrana with sponsorship from MalinWaters. The event was very well attended with competitors taking part from Ireland, Scotland the UK and further afield. The event was organised by Merville based company Inish Adventures. The event continues to grow year on year.

All Ireland Rowing Championships 2016

A new website has been development to promote rowing and the All Ireland Championships in Donegal www.donegalbayrowingclub.com The website features a blog, social media integration, e-mail marketing options etc. Training will be provided to the rowing club members so that they can update the Wordpress CMS system themselves.

Tides of Time Project

The final Atlantic Area Programme manual has not been published however the project is still being developed. A list of over 15 interested partners in this project has been compiled. The proposed Atlantic Area Programme project called 'Tides of Time' is in circulation to potential partners around Europe including Sail West partners. Expressions of interest have been received and the EU Unit are

<p>Project Targets for the next reporting period</p>	<p>working to determine the best project partners to form consortium. This project incorporates both education and tourism in the development of a marine touring route of locations where marine events of historic significance took place such as the Spanish Armada, World Wars etc. Donegal has a huge amount of shipwrecks. This project seeks to educate, to conserve and enhance locations of historic importance and to promote the coast a location of marine heritage and history. It is likely that the call for submission of applications will now take place in January 2016.</p> <p>NEA 3 Project Donegal County Council is working with the council in Brittany on NEA 3 an Atlantic Area project. Applications will be submitted for consideration in Q1 of 2016. Donegal County Council has specified the areas of interest to them as part of this project that would provide the best benefits for Donegal. The project is based on the development of three centres of excellence including tourism, waste and seaside sports, industry & trade services and pleasure boating, ports development. The project seeks to develop a 'Destination Atlantic' to promote marine tourism activities on the Atlantic coastlines. Donegal County Council has made suggestions as to a new name for the project as requested by Brittany County Council.</p> <p>Sail West The new Sail West Marketing Plan has been completed and is currently under review pending approval from partners. (A full update is available in the Sail West report).</p> <p>WILDSEA Europe Project Following the recent meeting in Donegal, it has been agreed that Donegal County Council will be responsible for the video production element of the project. Procurement for this video production element will take place in Q4 of 2015 with a view to completing the video in the Spring of 2016. Partners are providing footage from every region along the route. Procurement for the new website has been completed and a company in Spain appointed by lead Spanish partners. The website will be in English initially with translation expected later. It is due for launch in the Spring of 2016. This website will feature and promote the 15 tourism business stakeholders in Donegal.</p> <p>FEDETON It was announced that the next meeting of the FEDETON delegation would take place in County Donegal. Discussions are currently underway in terms of the organisation of this event, which is expected to take place in February 2016. The exact date and venue have yet to be confirmed.</p> <p>Sliabh Liag Project Work will commence on updating the content on the Sliabh Liag website. The Facebook and Twitter pages will continue to be maintained by Donegal Tourism Ltd. The TripAdvisor page will also be managed here.</p> <p>Arranmore Island Website Work has commenced on the new website for Arranmore Island with an expected completion date in December 2015. The island community groups are working to develop content, a new CMS has been installed and the website is being converted to a mobile responsive design.</p> <p>Fanad Lighthouse Developments</p>
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	<p>The new Fanad Lighthouse manager will be provided with training by Donegal Tourism Ltd on the new website CMS, booking engine and donation system with a view to handing over the management of these systems. The Facebook page and website will continue to be updated and managed by Donegal Tourism Ltd until January 2016. Bookings have been received for the Christmas period and this is when the lighthouse is expected to open pending no complications. The official launch date has yet to be confirmed.</p> <p>All Ireland Rowing Championships 2016 Work is ongoing with Donegal Bay Rowing Club to develop promotional materials for the event next year. Also, discussions are taking place regarding the Maritime Festival that will take place to compliment the rowing championships that same weekend.</p> <p>Venture 16 The Venture 16 World Powerboat Championships are coming to Killybegs in the summer of 2016. Donegal Tourism Ltd and Donegal County Council are engaged in discussions with community groups around creating an event.</p>
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Sail West Activity

Activity / Project Title	'Sail West' project promoting the MalinWaters brand.
Project Description/Activity	<p>The Sail West project aims to develop marine tourism within the shared maritime regions of North West Ireland, Northern Ireland and Western Scotland. The project is funded by the EU INTERREG IVA programme. Led by DCC the project commenced in 2010 and good progress was made in the initial few years. The project will now continue following the completion of INTERREG funding through the valued financial and advisory support of the existing partners.</p>
Progress to date	<p>Marine Blast App Ian Huirell creator of the Marine Blast app recently came to Donegal to attend the Cool Route meeting where he gave a presentation about the app during the local stakeholder workshop and offered local</p>

businesses the opportunity to get listed. The marinas, pontoons and coastal attractions of Donegal have now been listed on the popular Marine Blast app for iPhones. The app previously only featured the UK and Scotland but now lists Donegal and Sligo, plus Northern Ireland as part of the MalinWaters, Sail West project. This app is free to download and is hugely popular with the sailing community. It is available for iPhone and will soon be available on Android.

MalinWaters.com Website Statistics

Q3 has seen over 130% increase in traffic to MalinWaters.com with the new mobile responsive design, increasingly traffic is coming from mobile devices. New content developed in the next phase plus the marketing campaigns early next year will further increase traffic with over 100k visitors expected to view the website in 2016.

Yachting Life Advert

An advert was placed in the September/October 2015 issue of Yachting Life magazine. This issue was chosen as it is distributed at two major sailing events – The Scotland Boat Show and The Southampton Boat Show with an additional 20,000 copies circulated on top of the regular print quantities for this purpose.

Marketing Plan

The MalinWaters Marketing Plan for 2016 has been completed and is currently being reviewed by partners. The marketing plan contains a detailed digital marketing strategy which will see the deployment of the latest digital tactics to increase MalinWaters brand awareness and increase business for tourism partners in the regions.

MalinWaters Video Production

The new MalinWaters video continues to get views YouTube. The link to the video is <https://youtu.be/tqsYexmDGJk>

MalinWaters Website Development

Functionality updates have now been completed on MalinWaters.com, new completely mobile friendly CMS system installed, updates to backend CMS for SEO and future proofing complete. Front end design remains the same, functionality on the backend of the website has been revamped and future proofed.

Facebook Paid Advertising Campaign

Several paid Facebook advertising campaigns have been completed with a selection of promotional banners used in conjunction with Facebook news feed advertising to reach a specific target audience. Facebook adverts in French and German languages have been launched to target markets in the local language. The Facebook page now has over 6.3k likes and continues to grow.

Sail Scotland Campaign

MalinWaters banners are now live on SailScotland.co.uk. There are also several new blog posts dedicated to promoting MalinWaters now published on SailScotland.co.uk. These blog posts have been shared on Sail Scotland's Facebook and Twitter pages with a combined reach of over 30k of a targeted marine tourism audience.

MalinWaters Map Reprint

The new map has been printed and was distributed at promotional events, marinas and harbours throughout the MalinWaters regions.

Chelsea Magazine Company Ltd

The display advertising campaign including MPU and leaderboard is

	<p>complete on Classic Boat, Sailing Today and Yachts and Yachting with a combined audience of over 67k web, 49k e-mail subscribers and 142k social media followers. The campaign also incorporated an e-mail marketing element with MalinWaters newsletters being distributed across the network.</p> <p>Sailing Today Campaign A new online and print campaign for 2016 has been agreed with Sail Scotland to promote MalinWaters. This will include a two page spread in the Sail Scotland publication, e-mail, social media and banner advertising campaigns.</p> <p>Google Ad Words Campaign The Google Ad Words campaign completed at the end of March 2015 drove over 10k visits to MalinWaters.com. Another Google Ad words campaign is planned for 2016.</p> <p>MalinWaters Design Creatives and Video Production A professional suite of over 20 banner adverts, Facebook covers and YouTube/Twitter background imagery have been designed to promote MalinWaters and represent each region equally. These will continue to be used across all marketing channels in 2016.</p> <p>E-mail Marketing E-mail Marketing is ongoing with a MalinWaters dedicated e-mail sent out to over 700 subscribers in which County Donegal is promoted along with the partner regions. The subscribe tab that has been added to the MalinWaters Facebook page continues to gather additional subscriptions via social media.</p> <p>Time Inc E-mail Campaign Time Inc 3rd Party e-mail campaign completed with 7 emails sent, 3 solus varieties, over 162k reach. The e-mails were sent to Practical Boat Owner, Yachting Monthly, Yachting World, Motorboat and Yachting, YBW.com. Another campaign for 2016 is in development.</p>
<p>Project Targets for the next reporting period</p>	<p>Partnership Agreement 2016 Due to the success of the project, partners have agreed to continue to support MalinWaters and to remain in the partnership by contributing themselves financially to the project with a view to applying for future EU funding and participating in other projects. This agreement will be reviewed on an annual basis. Údarás na Gaeltachta has now joined the Sail West project as a full partner for the first time.</p> <p>Marketing Plan 2016 The Marketing Plan for 2016 has been completed with new campaigns planned for the coming year. Partners have been encouraged to contribute to this plan and make suggestions for campaigns in their particular regions.</p> <p>Website Content Updates Website content updating is ongoing. More itineraries to include Bunagee have been planned. Content updates include areas such as the events section, itineraries, the blog etc. Details of marinas, activity providers etc. also need to be updated.</p> <p>Q4 Project Targets Continued promotion of MalinWaters as a marine tourism destination to niche target markets.</p> <p>Social Media</p>

	<p>Continued updating and development of the social media channels.</p> <p>E-mail Marketing In Q4 we will continue the MalinWaters e-mail marketing campaign with regular newsletters sent out to subscribers.</p> <p>Meeting with Partners A meeting with Sail West partners will be arranged for early 2016 in order to plan marketing activity for next year.</p> <p>Cool Route Engagement In April 2016 a stakeholder workshop is being organised as part of the Cool Route project in Scotland, it is expected that Sail West partners will be invited in order to discuss future opportunities to collaborate.</p> <p>Strategic Events Calls for 2016 A survey of proposals for strategic events will be sent out to all Sail West partners and known event organisers requesting the submission of proposals for 2016 events. All proposals will be reviewed and agreed upon by all partners before confirmation of sponsorship for events.</p>
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Cool Route Activity

Activity / Project Title	'Cool Route' Cruising Oceans on Latitudes above 51^o North
Project Description/Activity	<p>In March 2015 Cork Institute of Technology were notified that they were successful in their bid for INTEREG VB funding under the Northern Periphery & Arctic programme 2014-2020.</p> <p>Donegal County Council is a project partner on the Cool Route project. Other project partners include Glasgow Caledonian University, Royal Cork Yacht Club, Derry City Council, Port Authority Torshavn Faroe Islands, Blue Seas Marinas Scotland, Western Norway Research Institute and associated partners Donegal Tourism, the Irish Cruising Club and Sail Scotland.</p>

	<p>The project merges all aspects of the practical logistics and business potential to establish a bi-directional yacht cruising route along the offshore areas of the Northern Periphery Area, stretching from the South of Ireland, to the UK (Northern Ireland and Western Scotland) on onwards to Norway.</p> <p>As an eco-tourism product, exploiting the natural resources of the zone in a manner that is sustainable and environmentally viable; this new sea route will be marketed internationally and will have a common branding, booking and information system.</p> <p>The objective of the project is to produce a <i>Business and Marketing Plan</i>, together with a Commercialisation Plan, together with and accompanied by a <i>Logistical Study and Practical Guide</i> for potential entrepreneurs in the NPA zone, for the establishment of small mooring, berthing and ancillary facilities-such as shower blocks and laundry facilities for cruising yachts in remote NPA coastal areas; providing new market opportunities in sectors such as Tourism and Catering, Craft Production, Food, Marine and General Engineering Services, for remote local communities, mainly during the months of mid-April to mid-October.</p> <p>These opportunities will importantly also promote economic activity and interaction between communities across the programme area. During the project Donegal County Council and Donegal Tourism will lead on work package 2, which is external project communications and product dissemination which will look at the development of a project website and logo and develop a social media communications strategy. The project kicked off with a partner meeting in Cork in April 2015 and we can look forward to the positive contribution this project will make to yachting tourism to the County and the NW. The project is managed by Joy Harron, Marine Tourism Marketing and Development Officer with Donegal Tourism Ltd with assistance from Claire Gallagher, Donegal County Council.</p>
Budget	Total of €1.26 Million Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme Funding for all partners.
Progress to date	<p>Project Meeting Hosted in Donegal Cool Route delegates recently met in Donegal Town from 27th – 28th October. This visit to Donegal included a partner meeting and also a stakeholder workshop. Each partner was required to present an update on their individual project work packages. Donegal County Council/Donegal Tourism Ltd representative Joy Harron presented an update on work package 2 – communications and dissemination of information. A stakeholder workshop was held on day 2 with local tourism businesses, sailing clubs etc. invited to attend. The workshop was very positive and it was important to engage with and get feedback from local stakeholders. The next meeting is due to take place in Glasgow in April 2016.</p> <p>Publicity Press release and photos of the project meeting in Donegal have</p>

<p>Project Targets for the next reporting period</p>	<p>been circulated to media in Donegal as well as all national and relevant international media outlets e.g. Irish Times and Irish Examiner.</p> <p>Social Media Donegal County Council/Donegal Tourism Ltd have set up all the social media channels for the Cool Route project as follows: Facebook: www.facebook.com/eucoolroute Twitter: www.twitter.com/eucoolroute Please like and follow Cool Route online to keep up to date with project activities and progress.</p> <p>LinkedIn A closed Cool Route group has been set up on LinkedIn where project partners can discuss and share ideas.</p> <p>Mail Chimp – E-mail Marketing An e-mail marketing account with Mail Chimp has been setup and project partners details imported. Mail Chimp has also been installed on the new website to begin gathering consumer e-mail addresses for future e-mail marketing purposes.</p> <p>Cool Route Website The new Cool Route website is now live at www.sailcoolroute.eu</p> <p>Next Meeting The next project meeting will take place in Glasgow in April 2016.</p> <p>Cool Route Conference Call A Cool Route conference call is scheduled for 1st December 2015 between all partners in order to discuss project progress. This call will be to discuss the meeting in Donegal this October.</p> <p>Social Media Post regular project updates on Facebook and Twitter will be ongoing.</p> <p>Cool Route Website Further updates on project progress, news stories and activities associated with the project will be updated on the website.</p> <p>Design Creatives Procurement will take place to appoint a digital agency to design a suite of creatives relating to project Cool Route.</p> <p>Promotional Materials To procure for a range of promotional materials about the Cool Route project that can be used both offline and online including a brochure, pull up stands and posters.</p> <p>Project Presentation To create a project presentation in PowerPoint outlining the project objectives for use by all partners.</p> <p>Photography</p>
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Donegal County Council/Donegal Tourism Ltd have responsibility for photography relating to the project. Dropbox is continuously used to start to build up an image bank of project photos.

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Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	Community Tourism Diaspora Initiative 2015
Project Description/Activity	The key objective of the Fund is to provide support to local and community event organisers and activities / projects that will harness diaspora links for the benefit of local and community tourism. The Fund is being administered by your local city / county council.
Budget	€ 32,223.00
Progress to date	<p>Funding draw-down process is coming to its final stage; Post-Event Reports from the festival organisers should be submitted before Christmas.</p> <p>Via E-mail to: iga@countydonegaltourism.com</p> <p>OR by Post:</p> <p>Tourism Community Support FAO: Iga Lawne Donegal PSC Drumlonagher Donegal Town F94 DK6C</p> <p>5 events are due to take place in December.</p>
Project Targets for the next reporting period	<p>Anticipated completion of the project incl. processing payments – early January 2016*.</p> <p>*Timely completion of the project is subject to submissions of required documentation by the event organisers.</p>
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Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Gathering website and Facebook www.donegalgathering.com
Project Description/Activity	Donegal Gathering is a key initiative of the Donegal Diaspora project bringing together young and old, from near and far, for a truly unique experience. The Donegal Gathering calendar is packed with amazing exhibitions, fun festivals, cracking concerts and sporting events taking place in Donegal.
Progress to date within the last two months-inclusive of current status	<p>Donegal Gathering website</p> <p>Donegal Gathering statistics show continuous increase of visits to the website in 2015 compare to last year.</p> <p>Total website views since January 2015: 133,530 Total Visitors since January 2015: 67,003 (total website views in 2015 have exceeded the website views in 2013 and 2014)</p> <p>Monthly website views 2014 vs 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sept:- 2014: 4,020 / 2015: 9,302 (+131%) • Oct:- 2014: 5,059 / 2015: 9,416 (+86%) • Nov:- 2014: 2,466 / 2015: approx. 4,000 (approx.+62%) <p>Website views - Q1-Q3 of 2014 vs Q1-Q3 of 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan-Mar:- 2014: 14,107 / 2015: 25,859 (+83%) • Apr-Jun:- 2014: 18,373 / 2015: 42,880 (+133%) • Jul-Sept:- 2014: 24,708 / 2015: 52,199 (+111%) <p>Monthly number of visitors 2014 vs 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sept:- 2014: 2,169 / 2015: 4,985 (+130%) • Oct:- 2014: 2,401 / 2015: 4,472 (+86%) • Nov:- 2014: 1,321 / 2015: approx. 2,000 (approx.+51%) <p>Visitors to the website - Q1-Q3 of 2014 vs Q1-Q3 of 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan-Mar:- 2014: 6,298 / 2015: 12,134 (+92%) • Apr-Jun:- 2014: 8,806 / 2015: 23,544 (+167%) • Jul-Sept:- 2014: 12,574 / 2015: 25,211 (+100%)
Project Targets for the next reporting period	Website stats update for Q4 2015 & 2015 All Year Stats
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Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	Public Participation Network (PPN)
Project Description/Activity	Link through with organisations from the community & voluntary sector to have a voice on Council decision making bodies and structures
Progress to date	Four levels of PPN: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• County Plenary – Now 430 registered members• Municipal District PPN• Secretariat – 19 member organising committee of the PPN. Had their seventh meeting on November 3rd• Linkage Groups. There are 8 of these specific interest sub groups<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social Inclusion – Held their 4th meeting on the 17th November. Two reps to North West Regional Drugs & Alcohol task force to be nominated from this group.• Tourism – Held first meeting on the 17th September- elected 2 community reps onto Tourism Forum• Environment – Held first meeting on 29th September. Second meeting due to take place the 24th November• Heritage – Held first meeting on 10th September, elected 2 reps onto Heritage Forum• Community Safety & Joint Policing – Held first meeting on 15th September – elected the 7 community reps onto Joint Policing Committee• Older Persons Forum – Held first meeting on the 15th October. Reps from older persons forum to attend a National Older Persons Council Convention in Fingal on the 19th and 20th November. Reps from the forum will also attend a HSE quality improvement division listening meeting on the 23rd November in LK PSC.• Fishing and Aquaculture – First meeting of this group due to held in early December. Representation on SPCs to be provided from this group

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community & Voluntary – In the process of being established <p>Newsletter - First PPN newsletter was launched in October. Gave update on progress of the PPN since inception and the committee seats that have been filled by the PPN</p>
<p>Project Targets for the next reporting period</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County plenary AGM to be held. Executive planning body of the secretariat to be set up to coordinate the AGM • Hold first meeting of fishing & aquaculture linkage group, • Community & Voluntary linkage group to be set up. Community & Voluntary reps on the LCDC and SPCs will report to this group
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