

# COMHAIRLE CHONTAE DHUN NA nGALL

Oifig Riarthóir na gCruinnithe  
Aras an Chontae  
Leifear  
14 Bealtaine 2024

## FÓGRA CRUINNITHE

### DO GACH BHALL DEN CHOMHAIRLE

A Chara,

Beidh Cruinniú de Chomhairle Contae Dhún na nGall ar siúl **Dé Luain, 20 Bealtaine 2024** ag **9.30 r.n in Áras an Chontae, Leifear.** Ta clár an chruinnithe leis seo. Seolfar nasc leictreonach chuig an chruinniú i gcomhfhreagras eile.

Beidh Clár Orduithe an Phríomh-Fheidhmeannaigh le feiceáil ag an chruinniú

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**Pádraig Ó Laifearthaigh**  
Riarthóir Cruinnithe

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## DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Office of Meetings Administrator  
County House  
Lifford  
14<sup>th</sup> May, 2024

### NOTICE OF MEETING

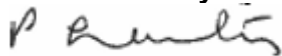
#### TO EACH MEMBER OF DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Dear Councillor,

A Meeting of Donegal County Council will be held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 at 9.30am in the County House, Lifford. The agenda for the meeting is attached. An online link to join the meeting will issue separately.

The Register of Chief Executive Orders will be available for inspection at the meeting.

Yours sincerely



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**Patsy Lafferty**  
Meetings Administrator

## AGENDA

1. **Confirmation of Minutes**
  - a) Confirmation of the Minutes of the March Meeting of Donegal County Council held on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March, 2024.
  - b) Confirmation of the Special Meeting of Donegal County Council held on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March, 2024.
  
2. **Disposal of Land – Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000(as amended)**
  - a) Notice under Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (As amended) and under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 (As amended) – to dispose of lands at Parkhill, Ballyshannon to Rossa O’Neill.
  - b) Notice under Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (As amended) and under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 (As amended) – to dispose of way of licence, lands at Lennon Fort, Dunaff, Clonmany to Michael Gill.
  - c) Notice under Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (As amended) and under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 (As amended) – to dispose of way of lease, lands at Altaghaderry, Killea to Lennon Fort, Dunaff, Clonmany to Killea Tidy Towns
  
3. **Taking of decision pursuant to the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (Part XI), and the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001**

To approve the carrying out of works with regard to the construction of 10 no. 2-storey social housing units complete with onsite Wastewater Treatment Plant, landscaped area, car parking and all associated site works including open space at Carn Road, Gleneely.
  
4. **Corporate**

To consider and approve the adoption of the Donegal County Council Annual Report 2023 in accordance with Section 221 of the Local Government Act, 2001.
  
5. **Housing**

To approve the new standard cost limits under the Housing Grant Scheme (Housing Adaptation Grant, Mobility Aids Grant and Housing Aid for Older People Grant).
  
6. **Environment**

To consider and approve the adoption of the Donegal County Council Annual Service Delivery Plan 2024, in accordance with Section 134 (a) of the Local Government Act, 2001.

7. **Finance**

To approve the actual gross expenditure figure of €192,882,022 as set out on Table 3, Page 3 when compared to the Revised Budget of €190,757,129. (Adopted Budget as amended by net increases in funding received for 2023) for all Divisions in accordance with Subsection 7 of Section 104 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended by the Local Government Reform Act 2014.

8. **Endorsement of Minutes**

To note minutes of the meeting of the Corporate Policy Group held on the 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2024.

9. **Attendance at Conference, Seminar or Event**

Authorisation of representation at a seminar, meeting or event under Section 142 (5) of Local Government Act, 2001, S.I. No. 668 of 2006, Local Government (Expenses of Local Authority Members) Regulations 2006, S.I. No. 37 of 2010, Guidelines given by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in relation to the Local Government Act, 2001 (Section 142) Regulations 2010, and the Local Government (Expenses of Local Authority Members) Regulations, 2001-2023 (as amended).

**Conferences**

- “The Future Northwest Conference to be held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 in the Teaching Centre, Ulster University, Derry.

## **MOTIONS**

### **INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

**Roads & Transportation**

10. **Cllr Paul Canning**

" I would ask this council to set up a working committee in preparation for the incoming council that will survey all the local primary schools in relation to road safety and put in place a plan similar to Newtowncunningham. Schools as an example that needs attention are Bridgend, Tooban, Muff, Carrigans and Whitecastle. This committee needs to have a road design member, an active travel member, the senior and local roads engineers, the road safety officer and at least two councillors from each MD".

**Environment**

11. **Cllr Albert Doherty**

"That DCC share the 2024 actions planned and ensure their early implementation for the protection of the county's coastal resources and the provision and restoration of safe and proper access to the county's beaches".

12. Cathaoirleach's Business.

13. Chief Executive's Management Report.

## **QUESTIONS**

### **INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

#### **Roads & Transportation**

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Can I request the amount of schools that have applied for the Active Travel Scheme, where they are located and how advanced is their development?

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Can I have a breakdown of how much money was spent on individual piers in the county over the last two years?

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Will Donegal County Council ensure provision of remedial road repair attention and assistance to the County's "Hill Roads" especially where the harvesting of turbary and winter fuel is a necessary annual family pursuit?

#### **Housing**

17. Cllr Albert Doherty

Will the Council outline in each municipal area in the county,

- the number of social housing approved applicants
- the number of households in receipt of HAP
- the number of applicants approved for transfer
- the number of council houses currently awaiting refurbishment?

**MINUTES OF MAY MEETING OF DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON 20TH  
MAY, 2024 IN THE COUNTY HOUSE, LIFFORD**

- C/131/24     **MEMBERS PRESENT**  
Cllrs M. Harley, Cathaoirleach, K Bradley, C. Brogan, B Carr, T. Conaghan, D. Coyle, G. Crawford, N. Crossan, T Crossan, A. Doherty, L Doherty, R. Donaghey, D.M Kelly, N Kennedy, M Mc Clafferty, P. McGowan, J McGuinness, G. Mc Monagle, M Naughton, and J O'Donnell.  
*Online:* Cllrs P Canning, G Doherty, N Jordan, J Kavanagh, M McBride, M McDermott, M McMahon, A Molloy, J Murray, JS O' Fearraigh, and B Sweeny.
- C/132/24     **OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE**  
John G McLaughlin, Chief Executive, Patsy Lafferty, Director of Housing & Corporate/Meetings Administrator, Bryan Cannon, Director of Roads & Transportation, Richard Gibson, Director of Finance, Liam Ward, Director of Community Development & Planning Services, Garry Martin, Director of Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services, Michael McGarvey, Director of Water & Environment, Eunan Quinn, Senior Planner, Frances Friel, Communications Officer, Seán O' Daimhin, Rannóg na Gaeilge, Róise Ní Laifeartaigh, Rannóg na Gaeilge, Anne Marie Crawford, Staff Officer.
- C/133/24     **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH MEETING OF  
DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 25<sup>TH</sup> OF MARCH, 2024**  
On the proposal of Cllr Donaghey, seconded by Cllr N Crossan, the minutes of the March Meeting of Donegal County Council held on the 25th of March, 2024 were adopted.
- C/134/24     **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF  
DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 27<sup>TH</sup> OF MARCH, 2024**  
On the proposal of Cllr Donaghey, seconded by Cllr McClafferty the minutes of the Special Meeting of Donegal County Council held on the 27th of March, 2024 were adopted.
- C/135/24     **DISPOSAL OF LANDS AT PARKHILL, BALLYSHANNON TO ROSSA  
O'NEILL**  
Members considered the report circulated with the agenda in relation to the above.  
  
On the proposal of Cllr Sweeny, seconded by Cllr Conaghan, it was resolved to disposal of lands at Parkhill, Ballyshannon to Rossa O'Neill in accordance with the provisions of Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, (as amended).
- C/136/24     **DISPOSAL OF WAY OF LICENCE, LANDS AT LENNON FORT,  
DUNAFF, CLONMANY TO MICHAEL GILL.**  
Members considered the report circulated with the agenda in relation to the above.

On the proposal of Cllr A Doherty, seconded by Cllr Donaghey, it was resolved to disposal of way of licence, lands at Lennon Fort, Dunaff, Clonmany to Michael Gill in accordance with the provisions of Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, (as amended).

C/137/24

**DISPOSAL OF WAY OF LEASE, LANDS AT ALTAGHADERRY, KILLEA TO KILLEA TIDY TOWNS**

On the proposal of Cllr Donaghey, seconded by Cllr T Crossan it was resolved to dispose of way of lease, lands at Altaghaderry, Killea to Killea Tidy Towns in accordance with the provisions of Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, (as amended).

C/138/24

**TO APPROVE THE CARRYING OUT OF WORKS WITH REGARD TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF 10 NO. 2 STOREY SOCIAL HOUSING UNITS AT CARN ROAD, GLENEELY.**

Members considered the report circulated with the agenda in relation to the above.

On the proposal of Cllr A Doherty, seconded by Cllr McGuinness, the carrying out of works with regard to the construction of 10 No. 2 storey social housing units complete with onsite Wastewater Treatment Plant, landscaped area, car parking and all associated site works including open space at Carn Road, Gleneely was approved, in accordance with Part XI of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001(as amended).

C/139/24

**ADOPTION OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2023**

Members considered the report circulated with the agenda in relation to the above.

On the proposal of Cllr McMonagle, seconded by Cllr McClafferty it was resolved to adopt the Donegal County Council Annual Report 2023 in accordance with Section 211 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended).

C/140/24

**TO APPROVE THE NEW STANDARD COST LIMITS UNDER THE HOUSING GRANT SCHEME**

Members considered the report circulated with the agenda in relation to the above.

On the proposal of Cllr Donaghey, seconded by Cllr Coyle it was resolved to approve the new standard cost limits under the Housing Grant Scheme (Housing Adaptation Grant, Mobility Aids Grant and Housing Aid for Older People Grant).

C/141/24

**TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL ANNUAL SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN 2024**

Members considered the report circulated with the agenda in relation to the above.

On the proposal of Cllr McClafferty, seconded by Cllr McMonagle it was resolved to adopt the Donegal County Council Annual Service Delivery Plan 2024, in accordance with Section 134 (a) of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended).

C/142/24

**TO APPROVE THE ACTUAL GROSS EXPENDITURE FIGURE OF €192,882,022**

Members considered the report circulated with the agenda in relation to the above. Mr Richard Gibson, Director of Finance gave an overview of the report which outlined the overall outturn figures for 2023. There was, he confirmed, a net improvement (surplus) of €1,151,999 for the year ended 31st December 2023. This, he added, had the effect of improving the accumulated revenue deficit (General Reserve) from €4,895,529 at the end of 2020 to €3,743,530 at the end of 2023.

It was noted that the revised budget total for 2023 was €190,757,129 resulting in a total net increase of €15,201,222.

Additional grant monies, he advised, had enabled increased expenditure in a number of areas.

Overall, he confirmed that revenue and capital expenditure had amounted to €342 million for the financial year 2023 and that over the lifetime of the current council €1.4 billion had been expended in total representing a 50% increase on the total spent in the previous five years.

Members thanked Director of Finance and his team for their professionalism and hard work.

Cllr Mc Clafferty enquired as to how the €500,000 designated for public conveniences would be allocated and outlined the necessity of having a dedicated listing for the relevant maintenance and capital works. He noted that there were ongoing issues particularly at a number of beaches. He alluded also to the fact that maintenance would be an issue once the facilities were in place.

Cllr Mc Gowan said that he hoped that the new public toilets as provided for under the new Town Centre Plan for Ballybofey/Stranorlar would be adequately maintained. He also expressed concern that East Donegal was once again being overlooked and that there seemed to be a reluctance to promote this area of the county. This was something, he said, that the new Council could follow up on.

Cllr Mc Monagle acknowledged the level of investment that was being ploughed into the county and noted that this was also due to the drive and strategies put in place by members who should be proud of what had been achieved.

The Cathaoirleach said that this was a good news story and was down to hard work and a number of tough decisions taken over the past number of years. He thanked the Director of Finance and his team together with the previous Head of Finance for their input and guidance.

On the proposal of Cllr McMonagle, seconded by Cllr Crawford it was resolved to approve the actual gross expenditure figure of €192,882,022 as set out on Table 3, Page 3 when compared to the Revised Budget of €190,757,129. (Adopted Budget as amended by net increases in funding received for 2023) for all Divisions in accordance with Subsection 7 of Section 104 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended by the Local Government Reform Act 2014.

C/143/24 **TO NOTE MINUTES OF THE CORPORATE POLICY GROUP HELD ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF MARCH, 2024**

Members noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group held on the 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2024.

C/144/24 **ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE, SEMINAR OR EVENT**

Having noted authorisation of representation at a seminar, meeting or event under Section 142 (5) of Local Government Act, 2001, S.I. No. 668 of 2006, Local Government (Expenses of Local Authority Members) Regulations 2006, S.I. No. 37 of 2010, Guidelines given by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in relation to the Local Government Act, 2001 (Section 142) Regulations 2010, and the Local Government (Expenses of Local Authority Members) Regulations, 2014 (as amended). On the proposal of Cllr McMonagle, seconded by Cllr McGowan, it was resolved to authorise any member, if he/she so wished, to attend the following conferences/ events, subject to the normal procedures:

- i. Individual members not exceeding their annual budget for attendance at conferences.
- ii. Payment of expenses for attendance to be conditional on the member furnishing documentary evidence of attendance.
- i. Submission of a Conference Report.

**Conferences**

"The Future Northwest Conference to be held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024 in the Teaching Centre, Ulster University, Derry.

C/145/24 **WORKING COMMITTEE TO SURVEY ALL LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN RELATION TO ROAD SAFETY**

On the proposal of Cllr Canning, seconded by Cllr Crawford it was resolved to adopt the following motion.

*" I would ask this council to set up a working committee in preparation for the incoming council that will survey all the local primary schools in relation to road safety and put in place a plan similar to Newtowncunningham. Schools as an example that needs attention are Bridgend, Tooban, Muff, Carrigans and Whitecastle. This committee*



*needs to have a road design member, an active travel member, the senior and local roads engineers, the road safety officer and at least two councillors from each MD”.*

He received a response from the Director of Roads & Transportation in relation to the above.

Cllr Canning said that a significant body of work had been carried out in Newtowncunningham but that schools in Bridgend, Tooban, Muff, Carrigans and Whitecastle and numerous others county-wide needed to get access to the Safe Routes to School Programme. With the increased emphasis on Active Travel, and more and more children walking to school, it was acknowledged, that there was a need to have a dedicated plan in place going forward.

It was important, he added, that the composition of the working group was determined, and proposals brought to the Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee for progression by the incoming Council. He complimented all involved with the school in Newtowncunningham, and thanked the First Active Team for their contribution.

Cllr Crawford seconding the motion said that the programme added to the safety of children and other road users and thus encouraged all schools to apply. He cited the need for some form of intervention at Murlog National School where there were ongoing concerns in relation to speeding.

There was no opposition to the motion.

Mr Bryan Cannon, Director Roads & Transportation said it was important that more encouragement was given to the use of Active Travel and thanked Cllr Canning for his comments in relation to the staff involved. The Safe Routes to School Programme, had, he confirmed significant benefits for the wider community and was delivered in collaboration with both stakeholders. Public road infrastructure alone, he said, was only one part of the solution to road safety concerns especially at schools. Changes were needed, he said in terms of driver behaviour, the mode of transport used, speed limits outside schools etc.

He encouraged schools who wished to participate in the “Safe Routes to School Programme” to contact An Taisce. He informed Cllr Canning that his proposal could be considered further by the Roads & Transportation SPC.

**2024 ACTIONS PLANNED FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE COUNTY'S COASTAL RESOURCES AND THE PROVISION AND RESTORATION OF SAFE AND PROPER ACCESS TO OUR BEACHES.**

On the proposal of Cllr, A Doherty, seconded by Cllr T Crossan it was resolved to adopt the following motion.

*"That DCC share the 2024 actions planned and ensure their early implementation for the protection of the county's coastal resources and the provision and restoration of safe and proper access to the county's beaches".*

He received a response from the Director of Water & Environment in relation to the above.

Cllr Doherty welcomed the response and said that safety and access to our beaches was a county-wide issue and was of particular concern in the in the Inishowen Municipal District. He was, he said, pleased to hear that a beach wheelchair was in situ at all the 12 Blue Flag locations. He noted also that repairs to the various boardwalks had been completed. There was acknowledgement also of the fact that the Council had received a LAMA Gold Star National Award for beach accessibility and the development of a masterplan for the county's Blue Flag beaches.

He queried the status of the Coastal Erosion study commenced in 2019, in Inishowen and asked that a similar initiative to the Protection and Coastal Erosion Programme be put in place in Inishowen. Early and immediate action, he contended, was needed in 2024 at beaches in Inishowen.

The Inishowen MD members, he said, had in early May received correspondence from Ballyliffen Golf Club in relation to issues at Pollan Beach and requesting the results of the monitoring regime at Pollan and Lagg beaches as outlined in the CERM report. The need to keep local communities informed had also been highlighted, he added. He alluded to the fact that there had been reference in Pádraig O' Donovan's report for urgent site inspections at Ballyliffen and Lagg by Donegal County Council staff and the designated consultants. The findings of same and associated recommendations were now being sought, he added.

Works were urgently required at the beaches mentioned, he advised, and that whilst considerable improvements had been carried out to date there was much left to do.

Cllr Crossan supporting the motion said that there were ongoing issues in terms of illegal camping and referenced in particular issues at the Five

Finger Strand. He called on the Environment Section to take heed and address same in a timely fashion.

There was no opposition to the motion.

Mr Michael Mc Garvey, Director Water & Environment said that he would be happy to follow-up on the issues raised by Ballyliffen Golf Club. Recommendations from the various studies mentioned were, he said, being actioned and discussed with the OPW. He paid tribute to the staff involved and said that a number of staff were actively involved in progressing these matters.

Cllr Doherty concluding asked that members be kept updated in relation to the proposed meetings and that a timeline for any planned works in the areas mentioned was provided. Alluding to the reply, he asked also that consideration be given to commencing the bathing season on the 1<sup>st</sup> May as opposed to the dedicated timeline of the 1<sup>st</sup> June.

C/147/24

### **CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS**

#### *Votes of Sympathy*

A vote of sympathy was extended to the following:

- Stephen Glackin, Housing, Inishowen on the death of his mother, Frances.
- Ardal Mc Dermott, Capital Projects Delivery Unit, on the death of his mother, Geraldine.
- Bridgeene Caulfield, Corporate Services, Lifford on the death of her sister, Rosemary Carabine.
- Anna Murphy, Income Collection, on the death of her mother, Anne.
- David Cotter, Corporate Services, Dungloe on the death of his wife, Una.

#### *Congratulations*

Congratulations was extended to Cllr Marie Therese Gallagher on the birth of her baby.

#### *Allegations of Corruption.*

The Cathaoirleach made reference at this juncture to the comments made by Cllr Mac Giolla Easbuig at the Budget Meeting in November 2021, where he insinuated that there was ongoing corruption involving council staff and the elected members. He noted that Cllr Mac Giolla Easbuig had been given several opportunities to retract these remarks and to date had failed to do so. He said that he hoped the incoming council would not be subjected to remarks of this nature. Member's, he contended, worked long hours and for the betterment of their communities and thus deserved an apology.

Members highlighted the fact that such allegations cast a cloud over the whole Council and detracted from the good work that had been carried out. It was acknowledged that a good working relationship existed between members and staff and that such interactions were always carried out in an honest and courteous manner. They expressed concern that an apology had not been forthcoming.

Concern was expressed that the allegations were harmful also to the memory of those councillors who had passed away while in office.

Tributes were paid also to Cllrs Tom Conaghan, Nicholas Crossan, Liam Doherty, Rena Donaghey, and Marie T Gallagher who would not be contesting the 2024 local elections. Members thanked them for their hard work, dedicated service, and outstanding contribution to their local communities.

There was acknowledgement also of the elected members who had passed away over the lifetime of the council. These included Cllr Manus Kelly, Cllr Bernard Mc Guinness, and Cllr Noreen Mc Garvey.

It was noted that there had been many ups and downs over the past five years with numerous challenges to be overcome. The tragedy in Creeslough was, they confirmed a particularly dark period for the county.

The fair and balanced manner in which the Cathaoirleach and the Leas-Cathaoirleach had carried out their duties was also applauded and there was general agreement that the cross-party working arrangements had been effective and beneficial.

Cllr Naughton proposed, seconded by Cllr Mc Gowan that a concerted effort be made to manage the traffic lights at Mc Grory's Brae in light of the large numbers expected to attend the Donegal, Tyrone Gaelic Football match in Ballybofey on the 25<sup>th</sup> May.

Cllr Coyle asked that at least one full induction day be provided for new members following the 2024 local elections.

Cllrs T Conaghan, N Crossan, L Doherty and R Donaghey thanked members for their comments. They acknowledged the support and assistance provided by management and staff over the years and said that it had been an honour and a privilege to serve the people of Donegal.

Cllr O' Fearraigh thanked Mr Seán O' Daimhin, Oifigeach na Gaeilge for his longstanding commitment to the development of the Irish language and the service provided by Rannóg na Gaeilge at council meetings. He wished him well on his impending retirement.

The Chief Executive advised of the following:

- That in relation to the comments made at the November 2021 Budget Meeting, several letters had issued to the councillor concerned and that a response had not been received to date.
- He said that he would follow up with the Roads Division in relation to the utilisation of manual controls at Mc Groy's Brae.
- It would be possible to formalise the induction process for new councillors as requested.

C/148/24

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MANAGEMENT REPORT.**

Members considered the report circulated with the agenda in relation to the above and noted the following:

**1. Community Development & Planning Services**

A. Community Development

- (i) *Town & Village Programme 2023*
- (ii) *Community Recognition Fund 2024*

B. Regeneration & Development

- (i) *Rural Regeneration & Development Fund (RRDF)*
- (ii) *Urban Regeneration & Development Fund (URDF)*
- (iii) *Croi Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme*
- (iv) *Compulsory Purchase Order Activation Fund / Survey of Vacant Properties*

C. Planning Services

- (i) *Letterkenny Plan and Local Transport Plan*

**2. Water and Environment**

A. Climate Action

- (i) *Donegal County Council Climate Action Plan 2024 – 2029*
- (ii) *Community Climate Action Fund*
- (iii) *Beaches & Dunes for Climate Adaptation – Donegal Training Dates*

B. Environment

- (i) *Waste Enforcement Personnel Present at National Conference*
- (ii) *Internal Environment Networking Event*
- (iii) *National Food Waste Recycling Project*
- (iv) *National Food Waste Recycling Week 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024*
- (v) *School Bikes Africa*

C. Defective Concrete Blocks - Update

### **3. Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services**

- A. Housing Municipal Districts
  - i. Best Kept Council Housing Scheme 2024 Competition*
  - ii. Affordable Housing Scheme*
  
- B. Cultural Services
  - (i) Creative Ireland*
  - (ii) Library Service*
  - (iii) Arts Service*
  - (iv) Regional Cultural Centre*
  - (v) Museum Service*
  - (vi) Archives Service*
  - (vii) Heritage Office*
  - (viii) Biodiversity Office*

### **4. Economic Development, I.S. & Emergency Services**

- A. Economic Development
  - i. Wonder of Weave Showcase, Edinburgh, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024*
  - ii. Donegal Jobs Fair, London Irish Centre, London, 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024*
  - iii. ALPHA Innovation's Startup Bootcamp 2024 in May & June*
  - iv. Donegal Tourism – Meet the Team Event*
  - v. Donegal Tourism Shoulder Season Campaign Spring 2024*
  - vi. Supporting the Development of Golf Tourism*

### **5. Roads & Transportation**

- A. Roads Areas – May 2024
- B. National Roads Office – May 2024
- C. Piers and Harbours
- D. Speed Limit Review 2024

The Chief Executive paid tribute to the retiring members and extended best wishes to those contesting the forthcoming local elections. He acknowledged the positive attitude that now prevailed in the chamber and said that a good structure was now in place assisted by the Cathaoirleach of the Day.

He informed Cllr Coyle that various questions raised by the Department in relation to the TEN-T Business Plan had been returned by the requested deadline and that it was hoped that the Plan would go to Cabinet before the summer break.

A member of the Environment team would, he advised, get back to Cllr McClafferty regarding maintenance issues with public conveniences.

Cllr Albert Doherty enquired as to who was responsible for the provision of commercial vehicle road worthiness test centres and their location. On the

proposal of Cllr, A Doherty, seconded by Cllr Donaghey it was resolved to write to the relevant authorities requesting the siting of a test centre in the Inishowen Municipal District.

C/149/24 **HOW MANY SCHOOLS APPLIED FOR THE ACTIVE TRAVEL SCHEME**

Cllr Canning submitted the following question:

*Can I request the amount of schools that have applied for the Active Travel Scheme, where they are located and how advanced is their development?*

He received a response from the Director of Roads & Transportation in relation to the above.

C/150/24 **HOW MUCH MONEY WAS SPENT ON INDIVIDUAL PIERS IN DONEGAL OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS**

Cllr Canning submitted the following question:

*Can I have a breakdown of how much money was spent on individual piers in the county over the last two years?*

He received a response from the Director of Roads & Transportation in relation to the above.

C/151/24 **REMEDIAL ROAD REPAIR - ATTENTION AND ASSISTANCE FOR THE COUNTY'S HILL ROADS**

Cllr A Doherty submitted the following question:

*Will Donegal County Council ensure provision of remedial road repair attention and assistance to the County's "Hill Roads" especially where the harvesting of turbary and winter fuel is a necessary annual family pursuit?*

He received a response from the Director of Roads & Transportation in relation to the above.

C/152/24 **SOCIAL HOUSING STATISTICS**

Cllr A Doherty submitted the following question:

*Will the Council outline in each municipal area in the county,*

- the number of social housing approved applicants*
- the number of households in receipt of HAP*
- the number of applicants approved for transfer*
- the number of council houses currently awaiting refurbishment.*

He received a response from the Director of Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services in relation to the above.

This concluded the business of the meeting.





