

Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall

Oifig Riarthóir na gCruinnithe,
Aras an Chontae,
Leifear.

1ú Aibreán, 2025

Fógra Cruinnithe

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall ar siúl **De Máirt 8ú Aibreán 2025, ag 11.30 r.n. in Ionad Serbhísí Pobail, Bhaile Dhún na nGall.**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS DÚN NA nGALL

A Chara,

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

Mise, le meas

Padraig O'Sirin
Riarthóir Cruinnithe

Municipal District of Donegal

Office of Meetings Administrator,
County House,
Lifford.

1st April, 2025

NOTICE OF MEETING

The next Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal will be held on **Tuesday 8th April 2025 at 11.30 am** in the **Donegal Public Services Centre.**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL

Dear Councillor,

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

Yours sincerely,

Pauric Sheerin
Meetings Administrator

AGENDA

1. Consideration of Minutes of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 11th March 2025.

2. Update Reports from Council Services:

- 2.1 Housing & Corporate Services
- 2.2 Roads & Transportation
- 2.3 Economic Development, Information Systems and Emergency Services
- 2.4 Environment Services
- 2.5 Community Development
- 2.6 Planning Services

3. Schedule of Municipal District Works 2025

Motions

4. Cllr Michéal Naughton

"I am calling on the Donegal MD to apply for funding for the upgrade of the Pier area and a Marina for Donegal Town".

Questions

5. Cllr Michéal Naughton

"How many applications have applied for Septic Tank grant in the Donegal MD? How many were inspected? And how many grants were paid out?"

6. Date of Next Meeting(s) / Workshop(s)

- MD Meeting on Tuesday the 13th May 2025 at 11.30 am in the Peter Kennedy Chamber (as per standing orders)

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL
HELD AT 11.30AM ON TUESDAY THE 11TH MARCH 2025 IN THE PETER
KENNEDY CHAMBER, DONEGAL PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE**

MDD/032/25 MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr Noel Jordan, Cathaoirleach
Cllr Niamh Kennedy
Cllr Michael McMahon
Cllr Jimmy Brogan
Cllr Michéal Naughton

MDD/033/25 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Roads/Transportation
Ms. Breid Neely, Senior Staff Officer, Information Systems
Ms. Aideen Quinn, A/Executive Planner, Planning
Ms. Tara Quinn, Executive Architect, Housing Capital
Ms. Suzanne Bogan, Environmental Awareness Officer,
Environment Section
Ms. Caroline Britton, Staff Officer, Community Development
Mr Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate
Services
Ms. Evelyn Sharpe, Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

MDD/034/25 APOLOGIES

Mr Garry Martin, Director Designate, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr Pauric Sheerin, Area Manager, Housing & Corporate Services

MDD/035/25 VOTES OF SYMPATHY

Mr E Monaghan extended sympathy to Cllr Noel Jordan on behalf of the staff of Donegal County Council, on the passing of his brother Alan Jordan, London and formerly Keelogs, Inver. The Members extended their sympathy to Cllr Noel Jordan on the passing of his brother Alan.

Votes of sympathy were passed in respect of the following:

- Owen Roe O'Neill, Ballyshannon, father of former Cllr Barry O'Neill
- Bridie (Owenie) McClafferty (nee Gallagher) of Fanmore, Falcarragh, mother of Cllr Michael McClafferty
- Charlie McDevitt, Churchtown, Kilcar
- Bernadette Travers, East End, Bundoran
- PJ Rooney, (Laghey Waste) Tullywee, Laghey,
- Margo Kelly (nee Quinn), West End, Bundoran
- Pat McGovern, Finnerville, Bundoran
- Christopher (Christy) McDaid, Dublin/Bundoran, brother of Bishop Emeritus Liam McDaid.
- Kathleen Carty, 11 Finner Avenue, Bundoran
- Geraldine Greene, 68 St Benildus Avenue, Ballyshannon
- Stephanie Greene, 72 St Benildus Avenue, Ballyshannon

MDD/036/25 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 11TH FEBRUARY 2025

On the proposal of Cllr Naughton, seconded by Cllr Brogan, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 11th February 2025 were confirmed.

MDD/037/25 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ROADS WORKSHOP OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 4TH MARCH 2025

On the proposal of Cllr McMahon, seconded by Cllr Naughton, the Minutes of the Roads Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 4th March 2025 were confirmed subject to an amendment to include the footpath at Pettigo National School.

MDD/038/25 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

CORPORATE SERVICES

Previous Meeting Follow Ups:

In relation to the follow ups from the last Municipal District Meeting, Mr Monaghan noted the following:

- Letters of sympathy: issued.
- Grant Scheme changes Workshop: A workshop for members will be arranged once a workshop for all Housing Area Managers has taken place.
- Correspondence to ESB : issued & circulated to Members.
- Correspondence to Donegal Education Centre – issued and response circulated to Members
- Section 183-Mountcharles: sent forward to Plenary Meeting.
- Letter of Congratulations to Senator Manus Boyle: issued and circulated to members.
- Correspondence to Uisce Éireann: issued and circulated to members.
- Nominations to Coiste NaGaeilge and Bundoran Waterworld: it was agreed by members to defer these items to the April MD meeting when the new Member (replacing Senator Manus Boyle) is present.
- Housing Capital Workshop: date to be agreed later on the agenda
- Derelict/ Dangerous Buildings: workshop date to be agreed later on the agenda.

Corporate Issues

Human Resources Issues: Cllr Naughton and Cllr McMahon raised issues regarding the Council's retention and recruitment of staff, which were noted.

Relocation of Donegal Education Support Centre (DESC)

Cllr Jordan advised the relocation date for removal of services from Donegal Town is fast approaching. He relayed his disappointment at the lack of engagement from the Department of Education and the Minister on this issue. He stated that despite requesting it, no business case for this relocation proposal has been provided, and urged that this process should be stalled until the business case is inspected and the issue fully investigated. He acknowledged the public outcry at the public meeting held 13th February 2025, but despite this, he believes this issue is still not being taken seriously.

Cllr Brogan reiterated the need for the AGM to be held soon to allow teachers and representatives to voice their concerns, as once the relocation date has passed, the decision will not be reversed. He advised that public representatives have been contacted and a further public meeting will be held on the issue, when they confirm their availability to attend.

Cllr Naughton agreed with previous speakers, advising that the AGM must happen by 31st March 2025 and stating nothing should happen regarding the relocation until an AGM is held, as the AGM will be the only opportunity to challenge this decision. He noted the date and venue of the AGM should be sought.

Cllr McMahon added his support to this issue, citing the staff and service users are being treated unfairly.

Cllr Kennedy concurred with all the previous speakers on this issue.

Mr Monaghan agreed to issue a further letter to the Department of Education, citing the members concerns.

Eircom & ESB contact

Cllr McMahon stated his concern over the difficulty of getting in contact with major stakeholders like Eircom & ESB in times of emergency, storm or out of hours and also the difficulty these stakeholders have in keeping the public informed, citing in the recent storm event, communication was very poor. He suggested there needs to be a direct line of communication to management of these bodies, so elected members can get in contact with them when needed.

Cllr Kennedy agreed, suggesting a specific phone number or email be setup on which public representatives can contact them directly.

Cllr Jordan referred to discussions held at the previous meeting and noted that Mr G Martin had confirmed a review is being undertaken at HQ on response to Storm Éowyn.

Rosstownagh Farmers Markets

Cllr Jordan read out a request from Rosstownagh Farmers Market to meet and present to the Members. The Members agreed to invite representatives from the Rosstownagh Farmers Market to attend a workshop, date to be confirmed with Rosstownagh Farmer's Market and members.

GAA Conference

Cllr Naughton acknowledged and thanked Sean Dunnion for being instrumental in bringing the hosting of the GAA Congress 2025 to Donegal Town, complimenting Liam Clancy and all the staff of the Abbey & Central Hotels also. He requested a letter of thanks be sent to the GAA recognising the efforts of Sean Dunnion and Mary Coughlan.

HOUSING SERVICES

The reports circulated with the Agenda were noted and taken as read.

Schedule of Municipal District Works (SMDW)

Mr Monaghan advised that due to a delay in funding notification from the Department, the Schedule of MD works are not available for this meeting. It was agreed with members to convene a MD Meeting on Tuesday 25th March 2025 at 9.30am to deal with the SMDW, in advance of the Plenary meeting being held 31st March 2025.

Housing Capital

Ms T Quinn referred to the circulated Housing Capital Report, taken as read.

It was agreed with members to hold a Housing Capital Workshop at Donegal PSC on Tuesday 1st April 2025, immediately following the Roads Workshop (scheduled for 10am)

Donegal Branch - Construction Industry Federation (CIF)

Cllr Naughton advised he had met with the Donegal Branch of the CIF and they raised issues in relation to Donegal County Council. He stated if it costs more for the Council to build houses themselves than it cost developers, there's something wrong. He advised the federation have sites in several towns and villages and could develop them immediately if the Council were to work with them. He noted the Council is not in the business of building houses and therefore need

to talk to people who are in that business and get more houses built as quickly as possible. He suggested representatives from the Donegal Branch of CIF should be invited to attend a workshop.

Ms T Quinn agreed to bring this matter to the attention of Housing Capital Management.

MDD/039/25 ROADS / TRANSPORTATION SERVICES REPORT

Mr Sweeney referred to the circulated report taken as read.

Previous Meeting Follow Ups

In relation to the follow ups from the last Municipal District Meeting, Mr Sweeney noted the following:

Roads Workshop: took place 4th March 2025.

Section 183 – Grant of Easements @ Railway Road: This grant of easement request has been forwarded to Roads Central for inclusion on the next Plenary Meeting agenda.

Section 189 – Change of Placename: Two new road name signs have been ordered and will be erected when delivered

Motion – Trees/Storm: The area roads office met with a Coillte representative on 14th February 2025 to discuss the issue of trees from Coillte owned forests falling on public roads and on power lines. The area office identified 14 locations of concern and have asked Coillte if these forests are Coillte owed and if so, to advise on what measures they are proposing to avoid more trees falling on public roads and on powerlines. The area office is currently waiting on a response from Coillte.

Bundoran 10 run

Cllr McMahon commended the Roads staff for their preparation of roads in Bundoran for the Bundoran 10mile run, citing the event was very successful with over 1700 taking part from all over the country.

Slip Road at Church Road, Bundoran

Cllr McMahon asked what is the status regarding the Council taking over the slip road at Church Road, Bundoran, noting lighting is required in the area for safety.

Mr Sweeney advised that this road is privately owned by the Church and they have requested for the Council to take this road in charge. To facilitate this request, the Council need to access the road and services to determine the condition of same and see what works are needed to ensure the road is suitable for public use. He noted that the road is not wide enough for 2 cars to pass, so consideration needs to be given to a one-way system if it is decided to proceed with the taking in charge process for this road. He advised that further

investigations around services along this road also need to be conducted.

Link Road – Drumacrin, Bundoran

Cllr McMahon queried if any progress was made regarding a link road to the new council houses under construction in Drumacrin, Bundoran.

Cllr Naughton noted talks around a possible 2nd phase of housing construction in that area and suggested this link road can be put on the agenda of the Housing Capital Workshop.

Mr Sweeney advised that the link road in question is marked on the Bundoran Local Area plan and any development will need to be mindful of the intended link. He advised that he would like to attend the Housing Capital workshop for this discussion.

Bridge at Lough Head, Killybegs

Cllr Kennedy queried where the funding for works on the Bridge at Lough Head, Killybegs was coming from.

Mr Sweeney confirmed these works are coming out of the Roads Maintenance budget as they are not major works and it will be left as it was previous.

R-267 Donegal Town Safe Routes to School System – Scoil Aodh Rua agus Nuala

Cllr Naughton queried if feedback from the recently held Public Consultation relating to the Safe Routes to School Project will be brought to the members.

Mr Sweeney confirmed that when the public consultation period closes, all submissions will be reviewed and the Planners will prepare a Part 8 Report. This will be brought back to the Members in the MD in the form of a workshop to seek agreement to progress it to the Plenary Meeting for a decision.

MDD/040/25 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFORMATION SYSTEMS & EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT

Ms Neely referred to the circulated report, taken as read, highlighting some of the events organised and meetings held by the Economic Development Team since the previous meeting including the Tourism seminar held as part of Local Enterprise Week. She advised the Tourism Strategy is close to completion and will be presented to MD members across the County and a simplified online application process for Festival & Events funding will open shortly.

LGFA Congress

Cllr Naughton acknowledged the success of the LGFA Conference held in Letterkenny 7th/8th March, stating there were 180 delegates, bringing 200-300 people to the County over the weekend. He said events such as these help to disprove the misconception that Donegal is too far away.

Cllr McMahon congratulated Cllr Naughton on his successful 4 year term as President of the LGFA.

Donegal Craft Village

Cllr Naughton asked that the proposed Feasibility Study is not carried out, and the money that it would have cost is invested into the Craft Village. He acknowledged the Craft Village falls under the Community Development Section of the Council, but feels it would be more suited to the Economic Development Section, as it bring business and tourism to the area.

Cllr Brogan agreed with Cllr Naughton regarding the feasibility/viability study, seeing no reason for it. He stated the Craft Village needs improvement works carried out and the 2 empty units occupied as a priority. He urged talks take place between the Council and the tenants in this regard.

Tourism – Scotland Market

Cllr Naughton stated that Northern Ireland and Scotland are vital to tourism in Donegal, citing the Scottish have close connections with Donegal and like to attend events held here etc, he queried if it would be worth considering a 'Donegal Day' in Scotland, and asked the Tourism Section to look into the Scottish Market.

MDD/041/25 ENVIRONMENT SERVICES REPORT

Ms Bogan referred to the circulated report, taken as read, and highlighted the Council's Climate Action Plan Implementation and Flood Relief Schemes updates. Ms Bogan advised that training has been provided to over 120 farmers under the National Agricultural Inspection Plan.

Follow up from Meeting 11th February 2025:

In relation to follow ups from the previous MD meeting, Ms Bogan stated the following:

Flood Relief Schemes – Pettigo: The flood Relief Unit manage the schemes that are named on the Flood Relief Management Plan, which Pettigo is not currently on and a response is awaited on whether it can be considered.

Wall at Fintra Beach: The coastal officer is aware of sand moving with weather/wave action etc, so is waiting until the weather settles down before deciding a way forward.

Request for workshop with OPW: Suggested the Area Manager request this with the OPW

Manhole @ Health Centre, Pettigo: This is an Uisce Éireann matter

Sewage at Clara House: The Lab issued a letter to the developer, who has said this is rectified.

Issue at Drumrooske/Lough Eske: This is an Uisce Éireann matter.

Flood Relief Scheme – Pettigo

Cllr Naughton expressed his concern that there is nothing in the pipeline for Pettigo in relation to flood relief and queried what needs to happen to get this on the planned list of schemes.

Septic Tank Grant Scheme

Ms Bogan advised that access to a septic tank grant is available through three schemes, the Council has recommended an inspection plan of septic tanks for this year, with an annual progress report to be submitted to members in March.

Cllr Naughton noted the scheme has changed and it is no longer available for holiday homes or rental properties, which means some of the houses that are being brought back into circulation through the Croi Conaithe Grant Scheme will not be entitled to get Septic Tank funding. While he welcomed the increase in the Grant to €12,000, Cllr Naughton voiced his concern that rental properties are not entitled to this grant which he is not in agreement with and sought clarity on this from whoever is responsible for these grants.

Cllr Brogan asked that the recoupment process is streamlined, as it can take up to 3-4 months to get the inspection done and the payment processed.

Cllr Naughton queried how many septic tank inspections the Council have carried out and how many grants have been paid to date.

Ms Bogan agreed to relay these queries to HQ.

Electronic Waste/Electronic Equipment Recycling

Cllr McMahon asked if a day for collecting waste electric goods in Bundoran could be arranged, as it has been over 5 years since this was previously held. Ms Bogan advised this was organised last year, where 3 locations were picked based on previous years response. She agreed to contact the organisers and suggest Bundoran as a location for future collection days.

Dog Fouling in Public Areas

Cllr Kennedy asked if there is anything that can be done to encourage dog owners to clean up after their dogs in public areas, as she's received a number of complaints from wheelchair and pushchair users. The current system whereby if someone witnesses this, they must approach the dog owner and take them to court, is not going to work.

Cllr Jordan agreed with Cllr Kennedy, citing the need for more awareness, such as possibly starting a new awareness campaign against dog fouling and the impact it has on others, for example getting on the hands of wheelchair users etc. He asked the environment section to follow up on this.

Ms Bogan agreed to relay this suggestion to HQ

Public Toilets – Donegal Town

Cllr Naughton advised he is still waiting to be contacted to arrange a meeting to discuss the public toilets which he is unhappy about as he is anxious to get this issue resolved.

Public Toilets – Ballyshannon

Cllr Kennedy queried the status of the Public Toilets in Ballyshannon. Cllr McMahon advised this is currently out for tender, adding that there are public toilets available at the bus station between 7am and 9pm daily.

MDD/042/25 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING SERVICES

Community Development Report

Ms Britton referred to the circulated report, taken as read, highlighting items such as the Killybegs playground refurbishment complete and Bundoran wayfinding signage to be installed.

Development Fund Initiative (DFI) Workshop

A DFI workshop with Members was agreed to take place Friday 4th April 2025 at 9.30am

Community Trails Workshop.

A Community Trails workshop with Members was agreed to take place Tuesday 8th April 2025 at 10am

Community Recognition Fund

Cllr McMahon queried when the Community Recognition Fund would be paid out. Cllr Naughton advised announcements in that regard had been made today.

Murvagh Beach

Cllr Brogan advised that locals have met with representatives from Coilte and Parks & Wildlife regarding the plans to take away part of the forest along the front, to allow the dunes to rejuvenate, and he suggested that the Council should be involved and aware of what is happening there to ensure it is completed in a timely manner.

Donegal Town – Marina

Cllr Naughton suggested there should be a Marina at the Pier in Donegal Town, querying if this could be done through Community Development or if the Department of Marine should lead out on it.

Ms Britton agreed to relay this suggestion to HQ. Ms A Quinn noted this can be discussed at the workshop scheduled on 27th March 2025.

Planning Services Report

Ms A Quinn referred to the circulated Planning Report, taken as read,

Pre-Draft Consultation in relation to the New Area Plans

Ms A Quinn advised the three drop-in events arranged for new Area Plans were well attended and supported, and a workshop with members has been arranged with the Central planning Unit on 27th March to discuss the feedback.

MDD/043/25 Date of Next Meeting / Workshops

The following Workshops were agreed to be held at Donegal Public Services Centre:

Workshop	Date/Time
Schedule of MD Works	25 th March 2025 at 9.30am
Donegal MD Area Plans	27 th March 2025 at 2pm
Roads Workshop	1 st April 2025 at 10am
Housing Capital Workshop	1 st April 2025 following Roads Workshop
DFI Workshop	4 th April 2025 at 9.30am
Rural Programme Workshop	4 th April 2025 at 11am
Community Trails Workshop	8 th April 2025 at 10am
Regeneration & Development work Programme	1 st May 2025 at 10am

Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal on 11th March 2025

The next Municipal District of Donegal meeting will take place Tuesday 8th April 2025 at 11.30am in the Peter Kennedy Chamber (as per Standing Orders)

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Area Manager
Municipal District of Donegal

Cathaoirleach
Municipal District of Donegal



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

Municipal District of Donegal

8th April 2025

Housing & Corporate

REPORT

1. Casual Vacancies
2. Housing Grants
3. Housing Loans
4. TP Applications
5. HAP Tenancies
6. Household Need by Location
7. Housing Capital Report
8. Lease & Repair Scheme Summary

CASUAL VACANCIES

Area	BED	Dwelling Vacated	Comment
Dunkineely	2	Keys Returned 06/02/2025	Contractor on site
Bundoran	2	Keys Returned 05/02/2025	Contractor on site
Ballyshannon	2	Keys Returned 04/03/2025	Tender due 11/04/2025
Drimarone	3	Keys Returned 21/03/2025	Tender stage

HOUSING GRANTS

Position at 28th February 2025

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED \ INVALID	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HO	2024	172	142	17	4	9
HO	2025	32	11	1	12	6

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED \ INVALID	REAPPLIED UNDER HM GRANT	FURTHER INFO.	REF. TO OT	REF. To ENGINEER	PENDING
HD	2024	94	70	7	0	2	3	0	12
HD	2025	32	3	0	0	7	0	0	22

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED \ INVALID	REAPPLIED UNDER HD GRANT	REF. TO OT	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HM	2024	15	10	0	5	0	0	0
HM	2025	1	0	0	0	0	0	1

HOUSING LOANS

Position as at 28th March 2025

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	PENDING	Further information
Housing Loans	2024	8	1	2	5	0	0
Housing Loans	2025	0	0	0	0	0	0

Tenant Purchase Applications 2024 - 2025

Position as at 28th March 2025

	No. of Apps Received	Incomplete Returned	Open Applications	Refused/ Not Eligible	Offer letters Issued	Completed
2024	18	0	17	1	5	0
2025	3	0	3	0	0	0

HAP/PRD

HAP Tenancies	
Municipal District	Number
Donegal	187
Letterkenny	703
Glenties	102
Stranorlar	273
Inishowen	396
Sub Total	1661
Tenancies Closed	3337
Overall Total	4998

Updated 01/04/2025

HOUSING NEED BY LOCATION

Municipal District		Waiting List (Net Need)	Transfer List	Total Gross Need
Donegal		224	211	435
	Ballintra	10	4	14
	Ballyshannon	45	51	96
	Bruckless	5	2	7
	Bundoran	47	60	107
	Carrick	1	5	6
	Donegal	88	56	144
	Drimarone	1	1	2
	Dunkineely	1	4	5
	Frosses	1	0	1
	Glencolmcille	2	0	2
	Kilcar	2	1	3
	Killybegs	11	18	29
	Laghey	4	2	6
	Mountcharles	4	6	10
	Pettigo	2	1	3
	Total	224	211	435

Updated 01/04/2025

Housing Capital Update Report
Donegal Municipal District Meeting
8th April 2025

1. Social Housing Developments – Construction Schemes

Donegal County Council is currently progressing the following social housing developments within the Donegal Municipal District:

Location	Status	No. of Units
Construction Stage		
Drumacrin, Bundoran Phase 1	<p>Construction works progressing on site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundations, sub-structure blockwork & ground floor pre-cast concrete slabs complete to all units. • Super-structure blockwork 95% completed. • Roofing works 80% completed. • M&E First fix continuing. • Internal plastering works commenced • Service drainage (foul & Storm) complete to 39 units. • Watermain is 95% complete within site boundary. • Storm discharge works completed to outfall. 	42
Largymore, Kilcar (SI)	<p>Construction works ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site access road construction. • Superstructure blockwork completed. • Roof construction completed. • M&E First Fix completed. • External Render complete, Internal plastering completed • Wastewater Treatment Tank installation commenced • External site works ongoing. 	1
Design / Tender Stage		
Laghey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding submissions to be forwarded to Department of Housing by 31st March 2025 for Laghey for a total of 2 units. • The appointment of Architect led design team for the proposed development is being progressed in parallel. 	2

Radhairc Na Mhuirlin, Phase 2, Glencolmcille	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding submissions to be forwarded to Department of Housing by 31st March 2025 for Glencolmcille for a total of 5 units. The appointment of Architect led design team for the proposed development is being progressed in parallel. 	5
An Glasán, Phase 2, Kilcar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding submissions to be forwarded to Department of Housing by 31st March 2025 for Kilcar for a total of 5 units. The appointment of Architect led design team for the proposed development is being progressed in parallel. 	5
Preliminary Design Stage (No of units subject to change)		
New Row, Fintra Road, Killybegs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An application for funding for proposed development at Old Fintra Road, Killybegs is currently being prepared for 16 social housing units, taking cognisance of the site investigation findings. 	16
Total		71

2. House Acquisition and Buy and Renew Programme

Improvement works have now been completed on 2no. 3 bed properties in Donegal Town and the properties have now been allocated.

The Council is at contract stage for a Tenant-in-situ acquisition in Donegal Town.

3. Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition

The Council has a current county-wide turnkey acquisition process open, which will remain open until the 30th of September 2026. ETenders (reference RFT 2461070) refers, where all documentation and information can be obtained. Submissions are currently being accepted and must be made in accordance with the requirements of the procurement documentation.

Proposals are being accepted for 1, 2, 3 & 4 bedroom housing units in towns or villages throughout the county, on lands suitable for housing purposes.

Council staff are currently engaging with a number of Developers in the Donegal MD. Information and guidance are being provided on an individual basis to Developers to guide them through the process. This is a competitive tender process and therefore, specific details can only be shared upon receipt of a final tender.

AMPCO Builders Co. Ltd. has commenced works on site at Drumrooske, Donegal Town. The development will be completed in 2 phases with Phase 1 comprising 25 units and Phase 2 comprising 10 units. Recent photos of progress on-site are attached below.



4. Lands / Property for Social Housing Purposes

The Council is actively pursuing the acquisition of lands suitable for housing purposes, in towns and villages where there is currently not a social housing solution available. In the Donegal MD, the following provides an update:

- 1.** An offer to acquire lands in Ballyshannon has been agreed, subject to contract and availability of utility connections.
- 2.** Additional lands are being considered across Donegal MD and Members will be informed of same upon the Council progressing to make offers to acquire.

5. Workshop

Housing Capital will attend a workshop with Donegal MD Elected Members on Friday, 11th April 2025.

Repair & Lease Scheme Summary						
	Applications					
MD	Received	No. of Units	Awaiting assessment	Rejected	Progressing	Total
Inishowen	26	29	3	23	0	26
Donegal	19	46	0	19	0	19
Glenties	26	39	0	26	0	26
Letterkenny	37	62	10	27	0	37
Stranorlar	28	85	1	27	0	28
Total	136	261	14	122	0	136

28/03/2025

**Donegal Municipal District
2025 Roadworks Programme
Status Report – 8th April 2025**

Donegal Municipal District

2025 Road Maintenance (Surface Dressing) Programme

2025 Regional & Local Road Surface Dressing Programme									
Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	RSS Area	Year	Length (m)	Width (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)	Status
1	L1915-1	Killymard - Winterhill	14	2025	1000	5	5000	€25,000.00	
2	L6445-2	Newtown - Ballydevitt Beg	14	2025	1000	4.2	4200	€21,000.00	
3	L6355-1	Drumkeegan (Old N56)	14	2025	1500	4.75	7125	€35,625.00	Started
4	L26152	Mountcharles cottages (Old N56)	14	2025	230	4.5	1035	€5,250.00	
5	L1675-1	Tullyvoos	14	2025	800	3.5	2800	€14,000.00	
6	L1665-1	Inver Church - Doorin Line	14	2025	300	5	1500	€7,566.00	
7	L16251	Ardaghey Glebe (Old N56 W Wards)	14	2025	300	5	1500	€7,566.00	
8	L5775-1	Lignaul	14	2025	1000	3.25	3250	€16,250.00	Started
9	L1375-4	Leagan Hill (Meenawullaghan)	14	2025	800	3.5	2800	€14,000.00	Started
10	L5695-1&2	Kilmacreddan - Brenter	14	2025	1300	3.2	4160	€20,800.00	Started
11	LP1445-2	Ballybodonnell - St Johns Point	14	2025	1500	3.75	5625	€28,200.00	
12	L5895-1	Ballymacahill - Drumnacarry (MI Gall)	14	2025	500	3.25	1625	€9,000.00	
13	L60351	Sallows (C Dunleavys)	14	2025	900	3.5	3150	€17,000.47	
								€221,257.47	
1	LS5035-1	Beefan	15	2025	1250	3.2	4000	€22,000.00	
2	LT10351	Cointe Cró, Glencolmille	15	2025	700	3	2100	€11,550.00	
3	P1075/LT1075	Meenacharvey	15	2025	1250	3.3	4125	€22,687.21	
4	LS5315-1	Cronasilla Meenboy	15	2025	1550	3.1	4805	€26,427.50	
5	LP1365-2	Tullintean	15	2025	1600	3.2	5120	€28,000.00	
6	LP1165-1	Derrylaghan - Cuskry	15	2025	1400	4.5	6300	€34,650.00	
7	LP1395-4	Croagh - Ardara Rd	15	2025	1600	4.2	6720	€36,960.00	
8	LP1315-1	Churchtown - Commons	15	2025	1000	4.5	4500	€24,750.00	
9	LP1025-2	Meenavean	15	2025	1050	5.2	5460	€30,198.00	
10	5225-2/LP12	Churchtown link/Towney	15	2025	350	4.2	1470	€8,000.00	
11	LS5485-1	Binroe to shore	15	2025	900	3.2	2880	€15,840.00	
12	LP1125-1	Meenaneary Rd	15	2025	600	5.2	3120	€17,500.00	
								€278,562.71	
1	R231 -2-3	Killinangel More	16	2025	1000	6.50	6500	€35,750.00	
2	L7775-2	Tullyhorkey	16	2025	400	3.60	1440	€13,000.00	
3	L7995-1	Rowentreehill	16	2025	500	3.60	1800	€9,000.00	
4	L7915-1	Newtown Road	16	2025	1800	4.20	7560	€37,800.00	
5	L7925-1	Ardfarn	16	2025	900	3.20	2880	€14,400.00	
6	L2225-2	Rath -Derries	16	2025	1325	3.60	4770	€23,724.00	
7	L7285-1	Poolnaranney-Ballyalla	16	2025	1200	3.30	3960	€19,800.00	
8	L2485-4	Knader	16	2025	1000	5.30	5300	€26,500.00	
9	7335-1	Glaskerragh-Tamur	16	2025	1000	3.20	3200	€16,000.00	
10	L7265-1	Ballymagroarty Scotch	16	2025	1200	3.80	4560	€22,800.00	
11	L2535-1	Higginstown	16	2025	750	4.60	3450	€17,250.00	
12	L2545-1	Manger	16	2025	1000	3.00	3000	€13,101.31	
								€249,125.31	
1	232/267	Pettigo rd and Tullyearl	17	2025			0	€35,136.00	
2	L18352	Galadoo	17	2025	1350	3.5	4725	€25,997.68	
3	L18353	Benson Hill	17	2025	1100	3.5	3850	€21,175.00	
4	L20952-1	Ballykilowen Carbons	17	2025	950	3.5	3325	€18,287.00	
5	L7035-1	Kilgoal Gospel hall	17	2025	1500	3.5	5250	€28,875.00	Started
6	L2185-3	Ballintra/Shannagh rd	17	2025	1200	4.5	5400	€29,700.00	
7	L6925-1	Lisnapaste Sean Gallagher rd	17	2025	1300	3.5	4550	€25,025.00	Started
8	L6945-1	Rath Garys Brae	17	2025	1000	3.5	3500	€19,250.00	Started
9	L21851	Ballynakillew mt Moor Lands	17	2025	1200	3.5	4200	€23,100.00	
10	L80351-1	Tievemore Coltons rd	17	2025	950	3.5	3325	€18,287.50	
11	L68152	Druminnardagh Maxwells rd	17	2025	600	3.5	2100	€11,550.00	Started
12	L2265-3	Crocknacunny Floods	17	2025	1200	3.75	4500	€24,750.00	
								€281,133.18	

€1,030,078.67

2025 Road Improvement Programme

No	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Eng Area	Year	Length (m)	Width (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)	Status
Draft 2025 Road Improvement Programme									
1	R262-3	Frosses - Glenties (Binbane)	14	2025	750	6	4500	€171,000.00	
2	L1515-2	Ardaghey - Ardara (Meenabradder)	14	2025	800	7	5600	€160,000.00	
3	L1845-3	Ballydevitt - Altadoo	14	2025	600	6	3600	€108,000.00	
4	L1375-3-4	Leagan - Croagh	14	2025	700	3.5	2450	€80,000.00	Started
5	L1615-2	Lettermore - Meentacor	14	2025	900	3	2700	€85,000.00	Started
6	LS6375	Edrim Glebe - Dromore upper (War)	14	2025	650	3.2	2080	€70,000.00	
7	L5975-1	Drumgorman	14	2025	850	3.5	2975	€70,000.00	
8	LT16251	Ardaghey OLD N56	14	2025	200	5.5	1100	€33,000.00	
9	L1685-4	Sallows - Letterfad	14	2025	1150	3.3	3795	€110,000.00	Started
10	L1485/2	Brenter - Tievedooly	14	2025	1500	3.3	4950	€106,000.00	Started
11	L5735/1	Meenawullaghan - Tievedooly	14	2025	750	3.3	2475	€58,129.17	Started
								€1,051,129.17	
1	R-263-7	Drumnafinnagle - Kilcar Jn	15	2025	450	8	3,600	€99,241.00	Started
2	R-263-2 & L-1355	Killybegs streets	15	2025	500	6	3,750	€150,000.00	
3	LP1345-2	Binroe - Ballyloughlan	15	2025	750	4	3,000	€110,000.00	Started
4	LT10354	Cashelhill (Picnic Area)	15	2025	400	3	1,200	€45,000.00	Started
5	LS5435-1	Drumanoo	15	2025	1000	3.5	3,500	€80,000.00	
6	LS5565-1	Gibbertstown town towards Calham	15	2025	900	3	2,700	€95,000.00	
7	LP1335-1	Carricknagore	15	2025	1000	4	4,000	€150,000.00	
8	LS5215-1&2	Derrylaghan	15	2025	900	3.5	3,150	€110,000.00	
9	LT10251	Creevin, Carrick	15	2025	750	3	2,250	€60,000.00	
10	LP1265-1	Glenlee roundabout - Drumbarity	15	2025	600	5.5	3,300	€110,000.00	Started
11	LS5555	Tullaghacullion (Salt Barn Rd)	15	2025	500	5	2,500	€86,430.25	
								€1,095,671.25	
1	R267	Bundoran	16	2025	187	10.00	1870	€80,000.00	
2	L2465-1	Ballyshannon	16	2025	280	7.50	2100	€80,000.00	
3	R231	Rossnowlagh	16	2025	400	8.5	3400	€118,853.05	
4	L7615-2	Garvanagh	16	2025	550	3.50	1925	€61,000.00	
5	L2335-4 to L	Derries	16	2025	1000	3.50	3500	€112,000.00	
6	L2365-1	Cashelard	16	2025	1100	6.20	6200	€136,400.00	
7	L7775-2	Tullyhorkey	16	2025	450	6.00	2700	€82,000.00	
8	L2535-2	Higginstown (Continuation of 2024	16	2025	500	5.00	2500	€80,000.00	
9	L7285-1	Ballyalla	16	2025	600	3.30	2880	€50,000.00	
10	L7335-1	Glaskerragh- Tamur	16	2025	1000	3.20	3200	€80,000.00	
11	R920	Clyhore	16	2025	200	7.00	1400	€53,786.00	
12	L7795-2	Corlea	16	2025	1325	3.50	4637.5	€102,000.00	
13	L2535-2	Higginstown (To flyover, continuati	16	2026	400	5.00	2000	€65,000.00	
14	L2565-1	Magheracarr	16	2026	400	5.00	2000	€0.00	
								€1,101,039.05	
1	232 -5-6	Pettogo Rd	17	2025	900	6	5400	€150,000.00	
2	R267 & L-1905-0	Donegal Streets	17	2025				€100,000.00	
3	L2165-1	N15 to Murvagh Crossroads	17	2025	950	6	5700	€172,000.00	
4	L6935-1	Knockbane	17	2025	850	3.5	2975	€59,500.00	
5	L6685-1	Aughlem-Straness	17	2025	1000	3.5	3500	€70,000.00	Started
6	L6665-1	Finnadoos-Drumadoney	17	2025	1000	3.5	3500	€70,000.00	
7	L2125-5	Kellys Bridge rd	17	2025	1000	3.5	3500	€70,000.00	
8	L6715-1	Drumbar-Drumgowan	17	2025	1000	3.5	3500	€70,000.00	Started
9	L8035-1	Tievemore to old PO	17	2025	950	3.5	3325	€66,500.00	Started
10	L8065-1	Lettercran Extension	17	2025	1200	3.5	4200	€84,000.00	Started
11	L6675	Drummenny Middle- Upper	17	2025	1200	3.5	4200	€84,000.00	Started
12	L6785-1	Drumlust	17	2025	1000	3.5	3500	€70,000.00	
13	L6895-1	Trummon East	17	2025	700	3.5	2450	€49,070.00	
14	L2175-1 & L7165-2	Bridgetown	17	2025	500	6.5	3250	€95,493.52	
								€1,210,563.52	
								€4,458,402.99	TOTAL

Donegal MD footpath repair & public lighting infill works

Footpath Works															
RSS Area	Location	Year 1 Budget 2018	Year 2 Budget 2019	Year 3 Budget 2020	Year 4 Budget 2022	Year 5 Budget 2024	Overall Total Budget	Spent to date Year 1 2018	Spent to date Year 2 2019	Spent to date Year 3 2020	Spent to date Year 4 2022	Spent to date Year 5 2024	Total spent to date	Remaining balance	Balance per RSS area
14	Mountcharles	€5,729.00	€16,600.00	€24,350.00			€46,679.00	€5,729.00	€17,515.99	€22,737.25			€45,982.24	€696.76	
	Dunkineely			€23,432.00			€23,432.00			€9,650.00			€9,650.00	€13,782.00	
	Frosses		€16,600.00	€23,432.00			€40,032.00		€2,759.75	€0.00			€2,759.75	€37,272.25	
	Ardaghey Area				€6,347.00	€33,426.00	€39,773.00				€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€39,773.00	€91,524.01
15	Killybegs	€15,568.00	€16,600.00	€50,000.00			€82,168.00	€15,575.78	€16,600.00	€51,817.02			€83,992.80	-€1,824.80	
	Kilcar			€3,200.00			€3,200.00			€2,958.60			€2,958.60	€241.40	
	Glencolumbkille		€8,300.00	€16,314.00			€24,614.00		€0.00	€0.00			€0.00	€24,614.00	
	Carrick		€8,300.00	€1,700.00			€10,000.00		€5,939.59	€1,772.90			€7,712.49	€2,287.51	
	Killybegs Area				€17,246.00	€33,426.00	€50,672.00				€14,894.81	€20,489.87	€35,384.68	€15,287.32	€40,605.43
16	Ballintra			€11,214.00			€11,214.00			€11,214.00			€11,214.00	€0.00	
	Ballyshannon	€95,224.00	€16,600.00	€35,000.00			€146,824.00	€95,987.00	€16,702.99	€35,204.00			€147,893.99	-€1,069.99	
	Bundoran		€16,600.00	€25,000.00			€41,600.00		€16,600.00	€25,000.00			€41,600.00	€0.00	
	Ballyshannon Area				€105,492.62	€33,426.00	€138,918.62				€74,380.00	€0.00	€74,380.00	€64,538.62	€63,468.63
17	Donegal Town	€32,897.00	€16,600.00	€47,214.00			€96,711.00	€24,048.08	€17,500.00	€23,367.99			€64,916.07	€31,794.93	
	Laghey		€8,300.00	€8,000.00			€16,300.00		€9,450.16	€0.00			€9,450.16	€6,849.84	
	Bridgetown			€6,000.00			€6,000.00			€19,788.65			€19,788.65	-€13,788.65	
	Pettigo		€8,300.00	€10,000.00			€18,300.00		€880.35	€0.00			€880.35	€17,419.65	
	Donegal Area				€36,424.34	€33,426.00	€69,850.34				€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€69,850.34	€112,126.11
Totals		€149,418.00	€132,800.00	€284,856.00	€165,509.96	€133,704.00	€866,287.96						€558,563.78	€307,724.18	

Public Lighting Infill Works						
Area	Location	Description	Total Cost	Status	Total Spent	Remaining balance
14	Drimark, Donegal Town	Infill lighting - 7 additional lights at Drimark on Local	€10,871.00	Completed	€27,662.46	-€541.46
	Mountcharles	Lower End Mountcharles –	€6,750.00	Completed		
	Mill Park Hotel, Doonan	Proposed lighting from Doonan Roundabout to	€9,500.00	Completed		
15	Kilcar	Lighting improvement	€10,650.00	Completed	€20,377.51	€8,997.49
	Killybegs	Old Fintra Rd near Glenlee	€18,725.00	Yet to commence		
16	Ballyshannon	Rossnowlagh Link Road.	€30,000.00	Completed	€25,864.00	€4,136.00
17	Killymard, Donegal Town	Extend existing public lighting past the school	€11,600.00	Completed	€26,025.48	€18,074.52
	Tirconnail Street & Castle Street, Donegal Town	Infill lighting needed along the public road at Tirconnail Street on local	€10,000.00	Started		
	Killymard, Donegal Town	Killymard Church to Drumrooske Housing	€22,500.00	Completed		
Total amount			€130,596.00		€99,929.45	€30,666.55

2025 Drainage Grant

RSS Area	Budget	No	Description of Works	Road No.	Estimated Cost €	Status
14	€58,503.00	1	Inver Village - Cottages Inver Village (Water Ponding causing Flooding damage to property)	L5805-1	€15,000.00	
		2	Coolshannon - Pipe roadside drain with 600mm S&S Pipes to prevent Flooding	LP1545-1	€20,000.00	
		3	Drumgun Drumark - Prevent Flooding onto N56 at Drumark	L6355-1	€23,503.00	
					€58,503.00	
15	€60,982.00	1	Carricknagore - install 175m of drainage to prevent future flooding	LP1335	€20,000.00	
		2	Gilbertstown - replace a number of road crossings and open outlets to prevent future flooding	LS5565-1	€20,000.00	
		3	Meenaneary Road, Carrick - replace a number of damaged road crossings	LP1125-1	€20,982.00	Completed
					€60,982.00	
16	€61,281.00	1	Cloughhore - 225mm x 100m LHS going towards Beleek, Cleaning gullys. Masonry arch bridge is clogged up.	R920	€12,000.00	
		2	Bishop Street - Check and repair existing, big flows, currently flooding, cracked pipes.	L2465-1	€25,000.00	
		3	Ballintra Ballymagroarty Scotch - New drainage and gullys.	L2175-1	€15,000.00	
		4	Moy Road - Various locations need addressed	L2525-2	€9,281.00	
					€61,281.00	
17	€67,376.00	1	Birchill/Cloughfin: Replace crossing with 900mm clean drains also	L-6551	€18,000.00	Completed
		2	Hill Rd: Extend existing pipe 80 mts and put in gulleys	L-2095-1	€10,000.00	Completed
		3	Tullyleague Mc Gintys Rd: drainage and outlets	L-6765-1	€8,000.00	Completed
		4	Grousehall: up size existing crossing to 450mm and drainage	L-8032-2-3	€10,000.00	
		5	Kilgoal drainage and laybys	L7015-1	€10,000.00	
		6	R267 Donegal Hospital	R267	€11,376.00	Completed
					€67,376.00	
	€248,142.00			Totals	€248,142.00	

Donegal MD Community Involvement Schemes 2025

Project Number	RSS Area	Road Number	Road Name	Length of work (m)	Total Area of work	Overall Cost of work	% LC	LC	WIL	Budget	Status
			To be agreed when funding is announced								

2025 LIS Priority List -

2025 Budget

DMD %

18.6715%

DMD Budget

Total								
RSS Area	Location	Percentage of budget	Budget	No	LIS No	Townland	Engineers cost estimate	Status
14	Ardaghey	44.73%						
						To be agreed when funding is announced		
15	Killybegs	27.64%						
16	Ballyshannon	9.82%						
17	Laghey	17.82%						
							Total	€0.00
							Budget	€0.00
							Balance	€0.00

Donegal Municipal District

Roads & Transportation Workshop

Date: 1st April 2025

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Donegal PSC - Council Chamber

Present: Cllr Noel Jordan, Cllr Michael Naughton, Cllr Michael McMahon,
Cllr Jimmy Brogan, Cllr Niamh Kennedy, Cllr Michael Boyle.
Rory'O'Sullivan (Central Technical Services).
Mark Sweeney (Area Roads Office).

Apologies:

Topic discussed:

1. Urban Speed Limit Review 2025
2. Specific Grant Projects
3. 2025 Community Involvement Schemes
4. Housing Estate Funding
5. Agree date for another workshop to brief the Members on the Part 8 report for the Scouil Aodh Rua agus Nuala Safe Routes to School project.

1. Urban Speed Limit Review 2025

The Members were briefed on the legislation and phased implementation of speed limit review and were advised that the next phase of the implementation plan is focused on urban speed limits and the introduction of 30kph speed limit zones within the core urban areas.

The Members were shown maps of each of the urban areas within the Municipal District that were marked up with the proposed 30kph speed limit zones and were in general agreement with what was being proposed but did comment on some locations. These comments were noted and will be added to any comments submitted by the public during the public consultation process.

The briefing also advised on the next steps of the process which included another discussion with the Members on all the submissions received in

advance of finalising the proposed draft Bye-Laws that will then be brought to the plenary Council for adoption.

2. Specific Grant Projects

The members were briefed on the status of the prioritised schemes selected throughout the County for specific grant funding. In the DMD 26 schemes were identified and 8 were prioritised in 2020. Some of these projects qualified for specific grant funding and some projects didn't, some projects were advanced using other sources of funding and this was detailed on the information presented.

As funding being provided for specific grant projects is limited the MD have been asked to prioritise their top two schemes and when one scheme is delivered and closed out another scheme can then be added. This equates to 10 schemes are being progressed in the County at any given time.

With a new plenary Council approved in June 2024, it is felt that it is now appropriate to review the specific grant program and for elected members to identify and agree a total of 10 projects in the County for consideration for the next five year period, (2025 – 2029).

In the Donegal MD the Members have prioritised Glenmore Bridge and Halls Junction as their top two priorities and are happy to continue with these.

It was also agreed that a separate workshop would be held to review the previously list of projects and to categorise them under the various funding headings and to consider any new projects.

3. The 2025 Community Involvement Schemes

The members were presented with a list of the current community involvement scheme applications and were advised that the DMD has received an allocation of €225,211.00 in 2025.

The Members agreed to consider this list and will agree the priority list at the next DMD workshop.

4. 2025 Housing Estate Funding

The members were advised that the DMD has received an allocation of €70,000.00 for housing estate funding which can be used for the following:

- Upgrading back lanes.
- Footpath construction or improvements.
- The provision or upgrading of public lighting.

- Riad resurfacing works.

The Members asked if the following items could be priced in advance of agreeing what works are to be undertaken at the next DMD workshop.

- Back lane at Coughlin Avenue, Frosses
- Back lane at Slieve League Avenue, Carrick
- Back lane at O'Duignan Avenue, Donegal town
- Back lane at O'Maolchonaire Avenue, Donegal Town
- Footpath at O'Duignan Avenue, Donegal Town, side of houses
- Public light at An Lagan Gorm, Laghey

5. Agree date for DMD workshop in May 2025

The Members agreed that the next DMD workshop will be held on Tuesday 6th May 2025 at 10:00am in the Council Chamber in the Donegal PSC. The following items will be discussed at this meeting:

- Brief to the Members on the Part 8 report for the Scoil Aodh Rua agus Nuala Safe Routes to School project.
- Discuss and agree the 2025 CIS list
- Discuss and agree the 2025 Housing Estate funding works to be undertaken.

Minutes compiled by:

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Donegal Municipal District.



Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall
Donegal County Council

Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services Directorate

Master Municipal District Report April 2025

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1. Economic Development

1.1. Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location / Further Info	Point of Contact
2nd Wed of each month	Innovation Campfire	Hosted by Alpha Innovation - Our 15-minute sessions showcase inspiring innovation stories from around the world; learn from the experiments, tests, fails, quick wins, and big successes of others; enable participants to be part of a growing community of like-minded individuals; and allow participants to shape future sessions by volunteering to tell a story they are passionate about. You can watch back by visiting ALPHA Innovation Innovation Campfire — ALPHAInnovation.eu	Kevin Sexton - kevinsexton@alphainnovation.eu
1st May 2025	Donegal Tech Advocates Event	The next Donegal Tech Advocates event, which will be held on May 1 st at Letterkenny PSC from 8:30am – 10:30am. This event is an excellent opportunity for businesses across Donegal within the tech sector to knowledge-share, collaborate, and network with others in the industry and key individuals who can assist with business development supports and advice.	Elaine Whoriskey - Economic Development Officer Ewhoriskey@donegalcoco.ie 087 1603942
14th to 17th May 2025		The 156th Balmoral Show will take place from Wednesday 14th May to Saturday 17th May 2025 at the Eikon Exhibition Centre, Lisburn. Donegal Tourism will be promoting the tourism offering of the county and distributing brochures at the show along with representatives from the tourism sector from each Municipal District.	Joy Browne Tourism Manager 0870619360 Joybrowne@donegalcoco.ie

1.2 Economic Development Unit

Marketing & Campaigns Updates

Invest Donegal Communications Update

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

Impressions (last 28 days)		Total Followers 3,373 Followers
Linked In	13,419	5,594
Twitter	4,087	3,373
Instagram	2066	5,489
Facebook	8,884	2,239
Donegal.ie	4.3K Web Users	

10 News Items Published.

February 19th – March 18th 2025.

Inward Investment Brochure: The Economic Development team are currently progressing work to develop a new brochure promoting the value proposition for inward investment in County Donegal and highlighting County Donegal as a great place to live, work, study and do business. This brochure will be available in print and digital format.

Inward Investment/Relocation Marketing Campaign: Donegal County Council is working with marketing agency BigO on a new marketing campaign promoting Donegal as a great place to live, work, study, invest and do business. The campaign will include a new hero video, short videos/reels, social media and website promotion of County Donegal. This campaign will be a follow-on campaign building upon the success of the previous #MovetoDonegal relocation campaign.

Donegal Tech Advocates: Donegal County Council, in collaboration with regional stakeholders, developed and launched the Donegal Tech Advocates group in April 2024. The focus of this group is to promote, grow and empower the dynamic and innovative tech sector across the county. The next Donegal Tech Advocates event of 2025 will take place in Letterkenny PSC on May 1st.

Green Hydra: Donegal County Council will attend the second international study visit and Green Hydra Conference of the Interreg Europe Green Hydra project held in Sofia, Bulgaria on the 26th and 27th of March. The aim of this visit is to continue to explore the potential of developing green hydrogen projects in Donegal and the wider region as part of the INterreg Europe project. Participating in these learning visits with international partners allows for learning of best practice and development of relationships to better advance projects in Donegal.

Donegal County Council will host the third International Study Visit and Green Hydra conference in Donegal Town on 2nd and 3rd of July 2025.

On 24th of March the Economic Development team launched its first Green Hydra project newsletter, designed to keep members informed and engaged with the latest developments in Green Hydrogen and renewable energies as well as sharing key resources, developments and insights for the Sector

Blue Economy Working Group: The Blue Economy Working Group is a dedicated group made up of several regional and national stakeholders who are focused on the sustainable use of ocean resources for economic growth and prosperity within this growing and dynamic sector for County Donegal. The members and representatives came together on the morning of February 25th, 2025, at the picturesque location of Harvey's Point Hotel in Donegal Town for their first workshop to discuss the challenges and opportunities facing this sector, and what initiatives can be implemented and put in place to mitigate risks.

Over 30 delegates from 17 organisations including Donegal ETB, Donegal County Council, Bord Iascaigh Mara (BIM), Killybegs Marine Cluster, Cillulta, Donegal LEO, The Inishowen Innovation Hub, North West Regional Skills Forum, Údarás na Gaeltachta and the Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine, as well as representatives of the business community, Killybegs Marine Cluster including MMG Ocean attended this event with interactive and engaging discussions and ideas coming from each group including several key themes such as fish utilisation, talent retention and attraction, driving innovation and how agencies can continue to support business development and research & development to empower the blue economy for future sustainable growth.

On the 18th of March the Economic Development Team launched their first Blue Economy Newsletter Unit designed to keep members informed and engaged with the latest developments in the blue economy, sharing key resources and insights for the Sector

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

Donegal 2040 DAC

Board and Corporate Governance: The Board of Donegal 2040 DAC is continuing to meet on a regular basis to progress a range of areas including the below.

Update on Projects:

ALPHA Innovation is an initiative of Donegal 2040 DAC, supported by Donegal County Council's Economic Development Unit and Enterprise Ireland. It was set up to accelerate and enable ambitious individuals, SME businesses, startups & scaleups to innovate and build globally ambitious ventures across the county.

ALPHA Host Skillnet Innovation Exchange Preview in Advance of Donegal Launch: ALPHA Innovation, in collaboration with Inishowen Innovation, Platform 94 held a lunchtime briefing showcasing the opportunities and benefits of the Skillnet Innovation Exchange for North West businesses as part of Local Enterprise Week.

The briefing took place in-person at the Inishowen Innovation Centre, Buncrana and demonstrated how the opportunity connects large corporations with smaller companies. This aims to remove the barriers for smaller providers who often find it difficult to get in front of large organisations. Thanks to this

innovation marketplace, local businesses are invited to speak directly with key decision-makers within these large corporations and win contracts at the end of the process.

Challenges have been published by companies such as Ryanair, Elvery Sports & AXA Insurance, with 25 deals done to date. The event was a preview for a Donegal launch which will take place in the coming months.

Startup Bootcamp Kicking off in Letterkenny from March to June: ALPHA Innovation's Bootcamp 2025 Programme kicks off in CoLab, Letterkenny on Saturday 29th of March and will bring a cohort of founders, co-founders and volunteers through 8 in-person workshops, where they test the commercial viability of their business ideas.

The third edition will run until June and take place on Saturday mornings, to accommodate those working full-time. The programme is FREE for applicants aiming to set up and grow their venture from Donegal.

Throughout the 8 workshops, mentors and coaches cover areas designed to get new businesses in front of customers quickly including: problem framing; customer development techniques; crafting a compelling value proposition; developing a customer deck; and pitch practice. They will also receive expert advice, feedback and support through online check-ins along the way. The programme culminates in a public showcase day (week beginning 9 June), where participants present their propositions to target customers, peers, champions and advocates.

If you would like to join our showcase of businesses, email community@alphainnovation.eu

Alpha Innovation Centre and Beta Business Centre

Current Status: Enabling works / Demolition works on site completed. Main construction contract to be tendered. Estimated project completion date: Q4 2026, subject to funding.

Remote Working Hub Carrigart:

Status: In operation. Annual management agreement in place.

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

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

Current Status: Under Construction. Estimated Completion Date: Q2 2025.

Marketing Campaign: to commence Q2 2025.

Operation & Management of Burtonport Enterprise Centre (Post Construction)

Current Status: Under Construction. Current Estimated Completion date: Q4 2025.

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

Current Status: Detailed design. Current Estimated Completion date: Q3 2027.

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March 2025
Inward Investment Activity
<p>North West City Region</p> <p>Promoting the NWCR: A new brochure and video highlighting the value proposition of the NWCR were produced for the 2024 NWCR US Trade Mission and promoted throughout the week. Link to video on YouTube</p> <p>The North West City Region is promoted online via the website www.irelandnw.com and social media on LinkedIn and X on a regular basis and in collaboration with Derry City and Strabane District Council. NWCR on LinkedIn has 798 followers. NWCR on X (formerly Twitter @NwIreland) has 248 followers. Website: www.irelandnw.com</p>
Service Land Initiative at The Commons, Lifford
<p>Enabling infrastructure works began in November 2024 and it is expected that the enabling infrastructure will be complete by Q3/Q4 2025. The EDU is engaging with various potential site users including Social Housing, Community Health, Recreation and Businesses.</p> <p>Disposal of Council owned Land to support Economic Development: The team is dealing with several requests for disposal of lands for economic development throughout Donegal</p>
<p>Contact Persons</p> <p>Daniel Mc Chrystal – Senior Economic Development Officer dmcchrystal@doneglcoco.ie 087 614 7496</p>

1.2: Tourism Marketing Unit

Project Activity

TBEX: Donegal Tourism will host TBEX - Europe (Travel Blog Exchange) in September 2025. 3 representatives from TBEX visited Donegal in January 2025 and were delighted with all aspects of the planning process. This conference is the largest gathering for the travel blogging, influencer, and content creator community. This event will bring approximately 500 content creators to our destination, where they will take part in four days of intense meetings, conferences, workshops, and networking activities. The conference will be preceded by tours all over Donegal and followed by post-tours across Ireland's regions. Donegal Tourism aims to take full advantage of this exceptional opportunity to showcase Donegal's distinctive assets on the international stage. Many partnership and sponsorship opportunities now exist, any potential partner can contact Mary Daly, Donegal Tourism directly.

Balmoral Show 2025: The 156th Balmoral Show will take place from Wednesday 14th May to Saturday 17th May 2025 at the Eikon Exhibition Centre, Lisburn. Donegal Tourism will be promoting the tourism offering of the county and distributing brochures at the show along with representatives from the tourism sector from each Municipal District. To date 15 businesses from across County Donegal have expressed an interest in attending. Over 110k people attend Balmoral Show and this provides an excellent opportunity to promote Donegal to the domestic and Northern Ireland markets.

Meitheal 2025: The Tourism Manager will be attending Meitheal 2025 from 31st March to 2nd April 2025. 19 businesses from Donegal are also expected to attend. Meitheal is Fáilte Ireland's flagship trade event, which is organised in conjunction with Tourism Ireland to enable Irish tourism businesses to sell the best of Ireland to top international tourism buyers.

GAA Congress: The National GAA Congress was held in February 2025 in Donegal Town with delegates attending from all over the country. Donegal Tourism assisted the local organising committee with provision of brochures and information at stand at the event all weekend.

Donegal Town Diamond - New ESB Transformer Wraps: Donegal County Council Tourism Unit worked collaboratively with ESB networks to create new wraps for the ESB transformers on the Diamond depicting illustrations of Donegal Town and surrounds along with the tourism offering in the wider county. The wraps feature a QR code which links to the [Govisitdonegal.com](https://www.govisitdonegal.com) website.

Caravan and Camping Sector: Donegal County Council Tourism Unit convened both internal and external Caravan and Camping sector working group meetings in January and discussed issues for the forthcoming year. The next meetings will take place in April 2025 and will include further discussion around continued implementation of the recommendations set out in the KPMG study on the sector and plans for marketing activities to drive the messaging around the campers 'code of conduct' and responsible campervanning.

Age Friendly/Disability Strategy/Caravan and Camping Committees: Donegal Tourism continues to participate in these groups to see where the Tourism Industry in the county can learn from consultation and collaboration.

Paths and Trails Promotion: Donegal County Council Tourism Unit is working collaboratively with the Outdoor Recreation team on production of new videos that will be used to promote various paths and trails in the county. Filming is scheduled for late April with final videos due June.

Donegal Golf Brochure: The brochure has now been printed and will be distributed to golf courses and tourist offices around the county. Launch date to be confirmed.

Best of the Northwest Golf Collaboration: Work continues with our colleagues in Derry City/Strabane District Council as the project comes to an end – 9 media from Ireland, UK and Spain came for a three-day familiarisation trip organised as part of the initiative spending a night in Derry (playing City of Derry Golf Club, Strabane Golf Club and Portstewart Golf Club) and also a night in Donegal (playing Greencastle Golf Club, Dunfanaghy Golf Club and Portsalon Golf Club). The FAM trip took place from Monday 10th to Wednesday 12th March. Pictured below some of the media with members of Greencastle Golf Club.



St Patrick's Festival Event, Glasgow: Shane Smyth from the tourism team attended the Tourism Ireland event as part of Glasgow's St Patrick's Day celebrations on Saturday 8th March in Merchant Square in the city. This event gave the opportunity to spread the word about Donegal, distribute the new brochure and talk with many of the Donegal diaspora living in Glasgow. Pictured below with the Lord Provost of Glasgow Jacqueline McLaren, Caroline Mulligan (Tourism Ireland) and Jerry O'Donovan Consul General (Consulate General of Ireland, Edinburgh)



Tourism Connect Seminar 2025: The event took place as part of Local Enterprise Week on Wednesday March 5th in the Mount Errigal Hotel in Letterkenny and was a joint organisation of Donegal Tourism CLG (DCC) and Fáilte Ireland. Over 200 people attended the event with 88 businesses setting up over 300 Business to Business meetings. Broadcaster Richard Curran hosted the event and was also the keynote speaker. Feedback has been positive from tourism businesses across the county. Pictured below the Donegal Tourism team with the Fáilte Ireland team, broadcaster Richard Curran and Chief Executive Donegal County Council John G McLaughlin.



Go Visit Donegal Website: Development of the new Go Visit Donegal website is continuing and is currently at the design stage. Content creation is also being worked on concurrently.

Trade Newsletter: A monthly newsletter continues to be distributed by email to tourism and hospitality trade members in the county outlining various updates and news relevant to them.

Donegal Tourism Associate Members Network: Expressions of interest are currently being sought for representatives from across the tourism sector to join the Donegal Tourism Associate Members Network. Upon joining, members will have access to a range of benefits including opportunities to take part in

trade shows, training and funding supports information, networking events and much more. Elections for the Donegal Tourism Associate Members Committee will be commencing in April.

Donegal Tourism/Fáilte Ireland Business Clinics 2025: Donegal County Council Tourism Unit and Fáilte Ireland plan to collaborate on hosting tourism business clinics in Q4 of 2025. There will be one business clinic held in each Municipal District. This will provide the tourism sector with an opportunity to meet both teams and learn more about supports available. More details will be provided soon.

Donegal Tourism Strategy 2025 – 2030: Donegal County Council Tourism Unit is currently progressing further stakeholder engagement on the Donegal Tourism Strategy 2025 – 2030. Workshops are ongoing with elected members in each Municipal District. After the workshops and engagement with other stakeholders, the strategy will be updated to reflect further feedback received with a view to having the strategy adopted at a future Plenary Council meeting.

Consumer Newsletter: Newsletter in progress to be distributed to a consumer audience.

Night-Time Economy (NTE) Buncrana: NTE development ongoing, preparations are underway to release a second phase Night-Time Economy Grant Scheme for Buncrana. Expression of Interest Forms will be sent out this month to people invite applications to be on the NTE Steering Group. NTE Action Plan is currently under review.

TOURBO: Tourism Staff, alongside Donegal Airport's Managing Director Eilís Docherty attended the 4th Interregional TOURBO meeting in Lesvos, Greece from the 10th to the 14th February. This proved a great opportunity for the TOURBO Partner Consortium to share updates on Policy Improvements and project finance management. A number of Project Partners have chosen to adopt Fáilte Ireland's Carbon Calculator, and LEO's Green for Business initiative. It is proposed that Donegal will host our TOURBO Partner meeting at the end of September 2025.

Sustainable Arctic & Peripheral Biking Tourism Project (SUB): Two Donegal businesses involved in the biking Tourism sector travelled to the Finland Peer-to-Peer programme, with a view to fostering collaboration with international biking tourism businesses. The next Peer-to-Peer programme will be hosted by Donegal at the end of March and will see eleven Finnish, Swedish, Icelandic and Faroese businesses explore the Road Biking offering of Donegal. Now halfway through the workshop series, a SUB workshop took place on Tuesday, 4th February in Harvey's Point, Lough Eske. Donegal will host the SUB Partner Consortium from the 28th – 30th April. Planning has also begun on the projects voucher scheme which will see a number of local businesses awarded funds to address the operational efficiency of their respective businesses.

EDIN: The EDIN project, funded in partnership with INTERREG Europe, focuses on the improvement of the relevant policies to attract Digital Nomads to Donegal. The program is now in Semester 2 with Donegal County Council taking the Communications and Marketing lead on this. Joy Browne and Elaine Whoriskey will attend the 4th partner trip to Florence, Italy on the 25th & 26th March with the key focus of this trip being "Community cooperatives and technologies on collaborative economy with a focus on digital nomads". On the 24th & 25th June 2025 Donegal County Council will host a study visit of other project partners to the county, this 2 day visit will be based around the Dungloe area, with site visits planned to gteic @ Gaoth Dobhair & gteic @ Árainn Mhór – MODAM.

GoVisitDonegal.com Website & Social Stats Update
<p>Online & Social Media Updates – Go Visit Donegal Feb 2025 Since March 1st socials are managed internally. Website- Users 19,179 - Page Views 55,908 Facebook: Reach: 34,059 Views: 40,238 Instagram: Reach: 1,318, Views: 2,702 LinkedIn: Reach: 4,867 Imps, 162 Reactions, 2,075 Followers TikTok: Followers: 1,456</p>
<p>Donegal Tourism CLG: The Donegal Tourism CLG Board and Associate Committee meetings took place on the 6th February 2025 in The Central Hotel, Donegal Town. The next meetings of the and Board and Associate Committee will take place on 7th May 2025 in the Inishowen MD. Elections for the Associates committee are due to take place in April/May 2025.</p>
Grant Schemes
<p>Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme: This funding call is now open. The 2025 application process is now online and opened on 13th March and will be closing on 3rd April. Elected members received an email with details on 13th March. This funding is for Council or Community led projects with an allocation of 100,000 per Municipal District.</p> <p>Fáilte Ireland Regional Festival & Events Grant Scheme: €49,750 has been awarded to Donegal County Council under the 2025 Fáilte Ireland Regional Festival Funding Scheme. The application process for this scheme was completed online and is now closed. Applications will be scored and applicants notified of the results in due course. All festivals and events will be listed and promoted on Govisitdonegal.com</p>
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1.4: Strategic Funding Unit

Strategic Funding Unit – Exploring EU and National Funding Opportunities that support the objectives set out in the Donegal County Council Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024
<p>ICC – Intelligent Cities Challenge: Donegal County Council is a partner along with Derry City and Strabane District Council on the EU funded Intelligent Cities Challenge project led by ERNACT. As one of 64 cities and city regions across Europe, Ireland’s North-West City Region is actively participating in the European Commission's Intelligent Cities Challenge 2.0 initiative (ICC). This project requires a Local Green Deal (LGD), aimed at creating tangible actions for change through strategic public-private partnerships. These partnerships bring together businesses, local authorities, and communities to drive sustainable initiatives</p>

forward.

Networks: The SFU continues to participate in key networks such as the CPMR (Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions) and the AER (Assembly of European Regions), alongside ongoing engagement with the IREO (Irish Regions European Office). As our new team progresses, we are actively researching and highlighting funding opportunities across various sectors within DCC. Our approach involves identifying funding, partnerships, and collaborative projects that align with our objectives and the corporate plan of DCC.

Dedicated Intranet Page: The Strategic Funding Unit has launched a dedicated intranet page within the Staff Hub to enhance our capacity to secure external funding opportunities. This resource-rich page includes:

- A Funding Needs Analysis form designed to identify relevant opportunities for projects.
- An option to request a meeting with the Strategic Funding Unit team for personalized guidance.
- Up-to-date information on active funding calls that align with our strategic goals.
- Details about upcoming webinars and events that may be of interest to staff.

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2. Local Enterprise Office

April 2025 (figures provided @ 28th February 2025)

Grant Aid (M1) – The first EVAC meeting of 2025 took place on 25th February 2025. 6 Donegal businesses were approved grants totaling €139,742.50.

Trading Online Vouchers: 10 approvals to the value of €25,000.00

Mentoring: 36 business applicants approved up to 12 hours expert mentoring.

Training: 221 Attendees on 7 Courses held.

Digital For Business: 5 application approved for this support to a value of €16,605.

Green For Micro/Green for Business/Green Start: 6 applicants approved for these supports to a value of €13,284

Energy Efficiency Grants: 1 applicant approved for this support to a value of €10,000.

Lean For Business: 3 applicant approved for this support to a value of €13,500

Start Your Own Business Programmes: 47 attendees on January SYOB.

Local Enterprise Week 2025: Local Enterprise Week took place this year between 3rd March – 7th March 2025. The theme for the week was “Believe”. 21 events were held by a range of affiliate agencies and bodies covering numerous topics of interest to businesses including leadership, building networks, artificial intelligence, innovation and much more!

The Local Enterprise Office hosted three events this year including the opening event, a visit to engineering business, Welditz Ltd, and the inaugural "Made in Donegal" Business Summit and Showcase held on Friday 7th March. A total of 314 attended these 3 events. The “Made In Donegal” event was MC'd by Donegal native and TV broadcaster, Ciara Doherty, and featured local business and sports leaders. Following the Summit, the Showcase highlighted Donegal's top artisan food and craft producers. The general public were able to attend in the evening and had the chance to sample, explore, and support local entrepreneurs.



Export Development Programme: 5 LEO clients have undertaken an export readiness exercise with Full Circle Consultancy and are now engaging in a programme to identify suitable markets for export. Three of the five clients have completed their mentoring with Full Circle Consultancy and will decide on their export plans for 2025, with market visits and buyer meetings being planned.

Get Exporting Programme: 2 Donegal businesses are due to attend the final workshops of Stage 2 of the *Get Exporting* Accelerator Programme. This stage, which consists of four half-day workshops, started on January 29th 2025. The programme is designed for LEO clients with limited export sales who wish to develop strategies for entering international markets.

Enterprise Europe Network (EEN): The first of the final two EEN missions planned for the first half of 2025 took place from 11th to 13th March in Manchester in conjunction with the Local Enterprise Office Carlow and Innovate UK where a delegation of Irish companies went on a sector wide market visit. The mission was organised for companies to further explore collaborations and develop business ties with businesses and organisations from the United Kingdom. Plans are now underway for the second mission in May 2025 to Vienna for the International B2B Software Days 2025. The event primarily targets companies and R&D institutions looking for technological, research and business cooperations.

Scála Business Accelerator Programme: An 11-week Accelerator Programme aimed at scale-up entrepreneurs, with the potential for fast growth is due to commence on April 30th, subject to recruitment of suitable candidates. An information session is taking place on Wednesday March 26th in advance and members are requested to inform any entrepreneurs interest in scaling their business, to apply for this programme. For more info visit - <https://www.localenterprise.ie/Donegal/Training-Events/Scala/>

Start Your Own Business Programmes: The Start Your Own Business courses commenced in January and so far 3 SYOB courses have been held, all of which were fully booked. Following a break for Easter, the next course is starting on 6th May 2025, and places are currently available.

LEO Business Supports Clinic: The Clinics take place twice per month – on-line and in-person at locations throughout the county. As well as learning about LEO supports, all attendees will get the opportunity for one-to-one business advice. The next clinic will take place in-person on Friday March 28th in Stranorlar.

Student Enterprise Programme: The county final took place in the Silver Tassie Hotel on 12th March with schools from all over the county represented and 47 students showcasing their business ideas. There were 14 prizes in total with Loretto Convent Letterkenny coming out on top, winning the senior category with Deborah Diaz’s business idea, Deborah’s Customised Gifts. The standard this year was excellent, and all entrants should be commended for their work. The winners will now go on to represent Donegal in the national competition on 8th May.

To book a place at any of the aforementioned events go to [Online Bookings - Donegal \(localenterprise.ie\)](https://localenterprise.ie)

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3. Information Services

Information Services (IS)

Online submission tool

A highly reputable online submission tool was procured late 2023 to allow for the development of online form processes for the organisation. Most recent grant campaigns published are as follows:

- Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme 2025 - Community Led Projects
- Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme 2025 - Council Service Led Projects
- Donegal Regional Festivals & Participative Events Funding – 2025
- Donegal Culture & Creativity Project Awards Scheme 2025
- Local Enhancement Programme 2025: Current Funding
- Local Enhancement Programme 2025: Capital Funding (Small and Large grants)
- Development Fund Initiative 2025

Defective Concrete Blocks: Ancillary rate changes announced last quarter 2024 have been implemented along with the facility to apply for advanced ancillary payments. Development is now focused on a review of the extension of time functionality.

Network, infrastructure & Security: Network upgrades ongoing this month to some of the key outlying offices to improve connectivity - Letterkenny Fire Station, Rosemount Library, Buncrana Outreach office.

The second phase of a security solution which was implemented last year is midway, which will further enhance our existing stringent security perimeter.

Cybersecurity – monitoring, prevention and mitigation measures ongoing, almost 300 alerts and incidents recorded and mitigated against in the 30-day period up to 20 March.

EU projects: Daragh McDonough, IS Project Leader presented on EU funding opportunities in the ICT themes for the LGMA Smart Communities conference in the LGMA on 12th March
Our Local Government Election hub has been shortlisted for an award with ESRI Ireland in the community engagement theme.

The 2nd Partner meeting of the Civitech project took place in Viimsi, Estonia on Feb10-14 exploring the Estonian digital journey and civic engagement tools.

National Broadband Plan: The NBI Broadband Rollout continues apace with:

- 52% premises available to order
- 23% Premises Network build in progress
- 24% Premises Survey complete (Network Design)

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4. Emergency Services

4.1 – Fire Service

Fire Service Monthly MD Report (April)


Activity	Number of: (February) ¹		Total for year	
<u>Fire Service Operations</u>				
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	48		136	
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	59		156	
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	9		21	
<u>Operational Activity Breakdown February 2025</u>	Turnouts		Incidents in County	
	Fires	Special Services	Fires	Special Services
Donegal Fire Service	26	33	20	20
Northern Ireland Fire Service	1	8	1	7
Sub Total	27	41	21	27
Total	68		48	
<u>Fire Prevention</u>				
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	16		25	
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	31		N/A	
Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by the Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from the Applicant / Agent:	62		N/A	
Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	11		16	
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	1		1	

Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	2	2
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	2	2
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	6	13
Fire Safety Complaints received:	1	2
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	2	3
During Performance Inspections carried out:	0	0
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	4	7

1. **Current data is only available up to the end of February 2025.**
2. **As part of its community fire safety programme, Letterkenny Fire Brigade & Donegal Town Fire Brigade delivered 3 no. fire safety presentations and Letterkenny Fire Brigade also completed 1 no. home fire safety visit.**


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CLIMATE ACTION

Activity / Project Title	Climate Action Plan Implementation
Project Description/ Activity	<p>Reporting on progress made during 2024 in relation to DCC's Climate Action Plan has been reported to the LGMA and CARO in line with national deadlines and Key Performance Indicators.</p> <p>Donegal County Council's first annual Progress Report on the Climate Action Plan will be submitted to Elected Members at end of March 2025.</p> <p>The Council's Climate Action Team had their 2nd meeting on the 13th March 2025. A number of updates were given by the Climate Action Unit and services and positive discussion around mainstreaming climate action took place.</p>  <p>The slide titled 'LACAP Implementation' features the Donegal County Council logo and the text 'GNÍOMHÚ AR SON NA HAERÁIDE CLIMATE ACTION'. It displays a stack of 'CLIMATE ACTION PLAN' documents, a scenic image of a mountain and lake, and a green hexagon with '2024 2029'. Logos for 'Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall Donegal County Council' and 'CARO' are at the bottom.</p>
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Activity / Project Title	Decarbonising Zones – Falcarragh / Gortahork
Project Description/ Activity	<p>Project/Activity: Launch of EU Pathways 2 Resilience Project</p>  <p>Pictured: DCC Climate Action Coordinator and Community Climate Action Officer with the P2R team and stakeholders</p> <p>Donegal County Council, in partnership with Cill Ulta, are participating in the EU @Pathways 2 Resilience Programme, supported by the EU Horizon Europe Fund and the EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change. We are one of 40 regions across Europe taking part in this new and exciting initiative. By taking part, our aim is to look at how we can build Rural Biobased Resilience in the An Fálcarrach / Gort an Choirce area, supported by a Northwest Bioeconomy Hub (www.nwbioeconomyhub.ie).</p> <p>Donegal County Council Climate Action Team are pleased to embark on this exploration of biobased climate resilience as part of our commitment to the An Fálcarrach / Gort an Choirce Decarbonising Zone within our Climate Action Plan 2024 – 2029.</p> <p>A sunny Donegal backdrop set the stage for our first @Pathways2Resilience workshop in Gortahork on 14th March. Focussing on the uses and applications of making biochar from green waste and re-using on local farms, the delegates from bio-research and innovation backgrounds provided valuable insights to scaling-up, challenges, and how such techniques can fit into a wider, locally driven circular bioeconomy.</p> <p>We are grateful to @Tipperary County Council (fellow P2R participants) and @Climate-KIC for attending and providing other regional and national perspectives.</p>

	<p>Our next workshops will focus on the wider community in An Fálcarrach / Gort an Choirce including local citizens, farms and businesses to explore possible climate resilience actions and how a strong local bioeconomy can provide resilience against some of the impacts faced due to climate change, such as soil degradation, flood risk, drought and economic losses.</p> <p>We are also pleased to welcome Accelerating Change Together (ACT) to the Pathways 2 Resilience team. Experts and likeminded thinkers on Green Transition in the Natural and Built Environment, ACT will be helping us on our Regional Resilience Journey, building a shared vision for the area and designing real, local actions that we can collectively take. For more information see website – www.pathways2resilience.eu . A further update for Elected Members will be arranged in the coming months.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Suzanne Bogan, Climate Action Officer sbogan@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity / Project Title	Decarbonising Zones – Carndonagh
Project Description/ Activity	<p>Project/Activity: Intelligent Cities Challenge – Local Green Deal in Carndonagh, Closing Conference, Brussels, 5th and 6th March 2025.</p>  <p>Pictured: Suzanne Bogan, DCC Climate Action Officer, Kevin Moore KPM Soils, Adam Goodall, Derry City & Strabane District Council, Claire Moore KPM Soils, Cathaoirleach Cllr Niamh Kennedy and Saverio Romeo, ICC Lead Expert.</p> <p>Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council Cllr Niamh Kennedy and Suzanne Bogan, Climate Action Officer represented Donegal County Council as part of the North West City Region's Local Green Deal Team together with local business KPM Soils, and representatives from Derry City & Strabane District Council at the #IntelligentCitiesChallenge Final Conference in Brussels.</p> <p>Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cathaoirleach Cllr Niamh Kennedy's participation in the ICC Mayors Business Forum • Presenting the 2 local green deals developed in the North West Ireland City Region: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 'Grow Eat Compost Repeat' – A circular economy initiative by Donegal County Council & KPM Soils

ii. 'Strabane Positive Energy District' – Advancing clean energy solutions in Strabane

- Engaging with 250+ city leaders, businesses, and EU representatives to showcase our region's commitment to a sustainable future.

This was a fantastic opportunity to put the North West Ireland City Region on the European stage as a leader in green innovation and digital transformation.




Pictured: Claire Moore from KPM Soils presenting on the Local Green Deal.

Contact Person

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Activity / Project Title	Funding of €15,000 for Donegal Community Climate Engagement Projects
Project Description/ Activity	<div data-bbox="647 349 699 416" data-label="Image"></div> <div data-bbox="710 365 852 398" data-label="Text"> <p>Rialtas na hÉireann Government of Ireland</p> </div> <div data-bbox="715 508 1121 779" data-label="Section-Header"> <h1>CLIMATE ACTIONS WORK</h1> </div> <div data-bbox="647 875 904 954" data-label="Text"> <p>For information and resources go to gov.ie/climateactionswork</p> </div> <div data-bbox="925 315 1295 990" data-label="Image"></div> <p>Three Donegal organisations have been successful in being awarded a combined €15,000 under the National Climate Actions Work - Engagement Fund.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spraoi agus Sport, Carndonagh received €10,000 for their Biodiversity Action Championships project. • Barrack Hill Town Park and Greencastle Community Development were each awarded €2,500 for climate and sustainability awareness campaigns. <p>The funding will support groups or organisations working to bring people together and share information on climate action. The fund is focused on climate engagement, awareness and communications - helping communities to reach new audiences in their locality. It will also provide opportunities for community groups to promote their work and spread the message of community-led climate action.</p> <p>The funding is part of a national allocation of half a million euros, shared among 96 projects.</p> <p>For further information: Climate Actions Work – Community Climate Engagement Fund</p>
Contact Person	<p>Fiona Kelly, Community Climate Action Officer FionaKelly@Donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity / Project Title	'Tourism Connect Event' – Climate Action Information Stand
Project Description/ Activity	 <p>Pictured: Fiona Kelly, Community Climate Action Officer and Niamh Monaghan at the Climate Action and Environment Information Stand at the Tourism Connect Event.</p> <p>The Climate Action Unit hosted an Information Stand at the inaugural 'Tourism Connect Event' held in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny on Wednesday 5th March.</p> <p>Over 100 Donegal tourism businesses attended event that was organised in collaboration with Fáilte Ireland, Donegal County Council and Donegal Tourism.</p> <p>This was a wonderful opportunity to engage with members of the tourism industry to provide information on the DCC Climate Action Plan and resources available to support tourism businesses to reduce costs, improve efficiency and lower their environment impact.</p> <p>For further information: Fáilte Ireland – Climate Action Programme</p>
Contact Person	Fiona Kelly, Community Climate Action Officer FionaKelly@Donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	Public Service Announcements (PSA's) on local radio in April – Waste
Description/Activity	 <p>“Donegal County Council would like to remind residents that each and every one of us is responsible for making sure the waste materials we generate is dealt with in an environmentally friendly way. Dumping waste can contaminate land, pollute watercourses, encourage vermin, spread invasive species and impact on human health. It is also a visual blight on our beautiful countryside. Unauthorised waste activity such as dumping and burning of waste is illegal and can lead to fines, court appearances and in some cases a criminal conviction. We all have a part to play, so let's work together to keep Donegal beautiful”.</p>
Activity / Project Title	National Meeting on Solid Fuels
Description/Activity	<p>Donegal County Council hosted a national meeting of the Solid Fuels Implementation Group on Wednesday 2nd April 2025 in Jackson's Hotel, Ballybofey.</p> <p>This conference focused on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing work in Donegal County Council on airquality monitoring • Donegal County Council enforcement work on Solid Fuels including testing of coal products • Dublin Region Solid Fuel Compliance Analysis • EPA update on the Solid Fuel Register • Sulphur Testing in Northern Ireland • Update on market surveillance from the Department of Environment & Climate Change
Contact Person	<p>Joe Ferry joe.ferry@donegalcoco.ie</p>



Municipal District of Donegal

8th April 2025

1. Playgrounds 2025

- a. Annual Maintenance of Playgrounds
- b. Killybegs Playground Refurbishment

2. Faite Ireland Platforms for Growth & Destination Towns

- a. Bundoran Destination Towns
- b. Platforms for Growth Tullan Strand

3. Rural Programmes

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| a. Largy Coastal Walk | ORIS - PMM |
| b. Rosssylongan | ORIS – M2 |
| c. Laghey Sensory Garden | CLAR – M1 |
| d. Glenlee Forest Trail | CLAR – M1 |
| e. Aodh Ruadh Park, Ballyshannon | CLAR – M1 |
| f. Meenaneary Community Centre | CLAR – M1 |
| g. Teelin Community Centre | CLAR – M1 |
| h. Laghey Parish Hall & Playground | T&V |

4. Social Inclusion Update



Activity / Project Update: April 2025

Activity / Project Title	Playgrounds 2025
Project Description/Activity	Annual maintenance of Playgrounds Works consists of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Replacement of broken and damaged equipment.• Carry out repairs to safety surfaces.
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual safety inspections complete.• Tender assessment underway for maintenance contractor.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appointment of maintenance contractor.
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Activity / Project Title	Killybegs Playgrounds Refurbishment
Project Description/Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refurbishment of the Killybegs Playgrounds, funded through the Community Recognition Fund and Donegal Co Co.
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial meeting with community groups to discuss the project and their vision for the playgrounds. Donegal Co Co technical staff undertaking detailed surveys of each playground. Surveys complete. Initial design works in progress to develop plans for the playgrounds. Design proposals were shared with the Killybegs Community Council who got feedback from the local community. Minor design amendments are being made to address feedback. Design and tender documents ready to publish, awaiting confirmation from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine before issuing tender documents due to land lease conditions. Meetings held with the Killybegs Harbour Master to get their approval before publishing tender. Tender documents published to secure a playground contractor. Assessment of tenders in progress. Contractor appointment in progress and playground equipment has been ordered. Contractor appointed and play equipment have been delivered to their yard for the project. Refurbishment works have commenced. Refurbishment works complete and playground open to the public.
<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minor snags to be addressed by contractor.
<p>Contact Person (to include telephone number & e-mail address)</p>	<p>John Deeney Tel: 074-9172568 E-mail: jdeeney@donegalcoco.ie</p>



Activity / Project Update: April 2025

Activity / Project Title	Bundoran Destination Towns (Fáilte Ireland Co-Funded)
Project Description/Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of artwork on the three approach roundabouts to Bundoran; Tullaghan/Drumacrin/Finner • Installation of wayfinding signage throughout Bundoran • Streetscape improvement works to; Central Lane/Renisan's Lane/Meehan's Lane
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Architect appointed to delivery the project. • Part 8 Planning secured for the wayfinding signage and streetscape improvement works. • Tender documents/detailed designs being prepared for the wayfinding signage and streetscape improvement works. • Artist selected for the roundabout artwork, contract documents being completed. • Artist contract documents completed and issued, site meeting held with Artist and his engineer to discuss the works. • Consultation ongoing with TII regarding approval for Artwork on the N15 roundabouts. • Part 8 Planning Application for the installation of artwork on the Tullaghan, Drumacrin & Finner roundabouts opened to public consultation on the 15th September. • Reviewing detailed designs for the wayfinding signage and streetscape works. • Part 8 planning for the artwork on the Tullaghan, Drumacrin and Finner roundabouts secured at the November 2023 Council meeting. Review meeting held with Artist's design team to commence fabrication of artwork in January 2024. • Reviewing project cost estimates to keep within available budget. • Artwork installed on the Tullaghan roundabout, Drumacrin roundabout and Finner roundabout. • Tender documents published for a contractor to undertake the wayfinding signage and streetscape works. • Assessment of tender submissions complete. • Undertaking a value engineering exercise to bring project inline with available budget. • Contactor appointed and works have commenced. • Works programmed to be completed March 2025. • Public realm works to the three laneways is complete and raised table crossings on Main Street and Atlantic Way complete. • Final design of wayfinding signage underway.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Majority of works planned have been completed, wayfinding signage to be installed in due course.
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Activity / Project Title	Platforms for Growth Tullan Strand Funded by Fáilte Ireland
Project Description/Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of a Facility Centre for Water Based Activities at Tullan Strand in Bundoran along with improved access to Tullan Strand Beach.
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross departmental meetings being held with different sections of the Council to fully understand project requirements and future maintenance requirements. • Draft tender documents prepared to seek a Consultant to develop site specific designs and secure planning permission. • Discussions with local stakeholders and landowners. • Meeting held with local stakeholders from Bundoran. • Tender documents were published on etenders seeking a professional design team. • Submissions received and tender assessment process underway. • Consultant identified to undertake the project and scoping of survey works underway. • Discussions held with landowners regarding access. • Surveys are underway and design works progressing.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue surveys and design work in preparation a planning application to An Bord Pleanála Q2 2025.
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Activity / Project Title	Fintra to Largy Coastal Walk
Project Description/Activity	Rural Programmes Project Management Measure
Budget (if applicable)	€ 50,000
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial meeting has taken place with the community group and the landowners. The draft brief to procure the consultant engineer is ongoing. The Design Team are investigating the feasibility of the various potential trails. The project was tendered on the E-tender platform and the tender report is currently being finalised. The Consultant has been appointed and the initial design work has commenced. The project is ongoing and on schedule to finished for the end of the year. A draft report has been Submitted to the DCC for review and will be shared with the community group in the coming weeks. The ecology report has identified endangers species habitat along the proposed route that will require further studies to be done. A further meeting with the consultant engineers and the ecologist has occurred in mid-January 2025. A meeting with the landowners is scheduled for 10th of February. Further meeting with landowners is scheduled
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	The Project will be finished by the end of Q3 2025
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Activity / Project Title	Rossylongan ORIS 2024 Measure 2
Project Description/Activity	Upgrade of Paths & Trials in the Rossylongan Forest Park.
Budget (if applicable)	€222,000
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial meeting with Community Group took place in December 2024.• DCC will commence preparing tender documents for this project in January 2025.• DCC intend to put this project out to tender in March/April 2025
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	This project should be completed by the end of Q4 2025
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Dhún na nGall**
Donegal County Council

Activity / Project Update: April 2025

Activity / Project Title	CLÁR 2023 Measure 1
Project Description/Activity	Laghey Parish Hall Sensory Garden
Budget (if applicable)	€ 55,555
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial meetings with Community Group have taken place. Provisional letter of offer has issued. • The procurement process to appoint an Architect has taken place and is appointed. • The Architect is now finalising the design and preparing tender documents to procure a contractor. • The Contractor is now appointed. • Work has commenced on site.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	This project should be completed by the end of Q1 2025
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Donegal County Council

Activity / Project Update: April 2025

Activity / Project Title	CLÁR 2023 Measure 1
Project Description/Activity	Glenlee Forest Trail, Killybegs
Budget (if applicable)	€ 55,555
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial meetings with Community group and Coillte has happen. Provisional letter of offer has issued. • Coillte are currently designing the new trail. • The works has started on this project
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	Works to be completed in Q3 of 2025
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Brian Keogh Tel: 074-9172568 E-mail: bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie



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Donegal County Council

Activity / Project Update: April 2025

Activity / Project Title	CLÁR 2024 Measure 1
Project Description/Activity	Aodh Ruadh Park Ballyshannon, Refurbish Spectator Stand
Budget (if applicable)	€ 55,555
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial meetings with the Community group have taken place in December 2024. Provisional Letter of Offer was sent to the Group in January 2025.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	Procurement to happen in the next 3 months
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Donegal County Council

Activity / Project Update: April 2025

Activity / Project Title	CLÁR 2024 Measure 1
Project Description/Activity	Meenaneary Community Centre upgrade to electrical systems
Budget (if applicable)	€ 55,555
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial meetings with the Community group have taken place in December 2024. Provisional Letter of Offer has been sent to the Group in January 2025.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	Procurement to happen in the next 3 months
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Activity / Project Update: April 2025

Activity / Project Title	CLÁR 2024 Measure 1
Project Description/Activity	Teelin Community Centre Thermal Upgrade
Budget (if applicable)	€ 55,555
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial meetings with the Community group have taken place in December 2024. Provisional Letter of Offer has been sent to the Group in January 2025.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	Procurement to happen in the next 3 months
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Donegal County Council

Activity / Project Update: April 2025

Activity / Project Title	Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2023
Project Description/Activity	Laghey Parish Hall Extension & Playground
Budget (if applicable)	€ 263,500
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial meetings with Community Group have taken place in recent weeks.• A brief to procure an Architect is being prepared.• Further meetings have taken place with the group focused on playgrounds designs and the scope.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	Procurement to happen in the next 3 months
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Brian Keogh Tel: 074-9172568 E-mail: bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie



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

Municipal District: ALL

Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	Social Inclusion Unit
Progress to date and current status	<p>One Donegal – Social Inclusion Week 2025</p> <p>Planning is progressing for One Donegal – Social Inclusion Week 2025, which will run from 28 March to 5 April 2025. This annual initiative continues to serve as an important platform for highlighting and promoting the many efforts taking place across Donegal to build a more inclusive and welcoming community.</p> <p>The week provides an opportunity to celebrate diversity, raise awareness of social inclusion issues, and showcase the work being done by community groups, statutory agencies, and local organisations. The next steps in the lead-up to Social Inclusion Week include promoting the initiative across a range of platforms, supporting participating groups in their planning.</p> <p>One Donegal – Social Inclusion Week 2025 will officially launch on 28 March at 7.00pm in An Grianán Theatre. All are welcome to attend and support the start of what promises to be a vibrant and inspiring week of community events and engagement.</p> <p>EU Belong</p> <p>As part of Donegal County Council's ongoing engagement with EU Belong project, a delegation will attend the final conference in Strasbourg. This project has supported local approaches to integration and intercultural belonging, and the final event will provide an opportunity to share Donegal's progress, learn from other participating regions, and strengthen future collaboration across Europe.</p>
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Development Fund Initiative 2025

Minutes of the Donegal Municipal District Development Fund Initiative Workshop held on Friday 4th April 2025 in Donegal PSC @9.30am.

In Attendance:

Cllr. Noel Jordan, Cllr. Niamh Kennedy, Cllr. Michael Naughton, Cllr. Michael McMahon, Cllr. Jimmy Brogan, Cllr. Michael Boyle.

Paddy Doherty, Divisional Manager, Community Development Division.

Tony Brogan, Administrative Officer, Community Development Division.

Caroline Britton, Development Officer, Community Development Division.

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

The Members considered the applications received for the 2025 Donegal Municipal District Development Fund Initiative and allocated funding as set out in the table below:

Applicant/Group	Amount
Donegal Hospice CLG	€ 1,100
Irish Wheelchair Association	€ 1,600
SULT Féile Cuideachta faoi Theorainn Ráthaíochta	€ 1,250
Women's Collective Ireland-Donegal	€ 400
Áislann Chill Chartha CLG	€ 2,500
Allingham Arts Association	€ 2,500
Aodh Ruadh GAA Club	€ 3,500
Association for the Development of Pettigo & Tullyhommon CLG (ADoPT)	€ 2,500
Ballintra Laghey Foroige youth club	€ 2,500
Ballintra/Laghey Senior Citizens	€ 2,500
Ballyshannon Annual Show CLG (Ballyshannon Agricultural Show)	€ 2,500
Ballyshannon Brass and Reed Band	€ 2,500
Ballyshannon Folk and Traditional Music Festival	€ 3,000
Ballyshannon Musical Society	€ 2,500
Bluestack Special Needs Foundation CLG	€ 3,000
Bundoran Community Development CLG	€ 2,500
CLG Naomh Brid	€ 2,500
CLG Naomh Columba	€ 2,500
CLG Naomh Naille GAA agus LGFA	€ 2,500
CLG Naomh Ultan	€ 3,000
Coiste Forbartha na Carraige	€ 3,500
Comhairle Paroiste Cill Chartha	€ 2,500
Creevy Activity Hub CLG	€ 3,000
Cully Hall Committee	€ 2,500
Darren Mc Hugh T/A Thelmount Camping	€ 3,500

Donegal Town Men's Shed	€ 2,500
Donegal Town Rugby Football Club	€ 4,000
Donegal Voices	€ 2,500
Drimarone Development CLG	€ 2,500
Drumholme Men's Shed	€ 2,500
Dun Cionnaola Music and Cultural Project	€ 4,500
Dunkineely Community Centre Association	€ 2,500
Dunkineely Community CLG (DCL)	€ 2,500
Encór Tír Chonaill	€ 3,000
Féile Ghleanncholmcill Cuideachta Faoi Theorainn Ráthaíochta	€ 2,500
Four Masters Gaa	€ 2,500
Gaelscoil na gCeithre Máistrí	€ 3,500
Kilcar Kayaking	€ 2,500
Kilcar Parish Council (Kilcar Christmas Lights)	€ 3,000
Killybegs Community Council	€ 3,500
Killybegs Community Kitchen	€ 2,500
Killybegs Information Centre CLG	€ 3,500
Laghey Parish Church (COI)	€ 2,500
Lough Eske Heritage and Community Group	€ 3,000
Mícheál Ó Cléirigh School	€ 2,500
Naionra Mhuire Chill Chartha teo	€ 2,500
Realt na Mara GAA Club	€ 4,500
Rossnowlagh Farmers Market	€ 2,500
St Eunans NS, Laghey	€ 5,400
St Peters Church, Killaghtee	€ 2,500
St. Naul's National School	€ 3,000
The Forge Family Resource Centre Pettigo CLG	€ 3,000
The Friends of Rossylongan Forest	€ 2,500
Townawilly Community Centre CLG	€ 4,250
	€ 150,000

This concluded the business of the Workshop.

Area Manager
Municipal District of Donegal

Cathaoirleach
Municipal District of Donegal

Donegal MD Meeting 8th April 2025

PLANNING REPORT

	Item	Update											
1	Development Applications												
	(1) Statistics	<div>Donegal MD Totals Year to End February2025</div> <table><tr><td>Applications received</td><td>43</td></tr><tr><td>Granted</td><td>44</td></tr><tr><td>Refused</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>Deferred</td><td>18</td></tr><tr><td>Invalid</td><td>5</td></tr></table>		Applications received	43	Granted	44	Refused	3	Deferred	18	Invalid	5
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Applications to End December 2025

Category	Stranorlar	Letterkenny	Inishowen	Glenties	Donegal
Invalid	1	6	12	10	5
Deferred	13	42	27	29	18
Refused	2	7	7	3	3
Granted	32	77	89	53	44
Apps Recd	47	60	79	66	43

2	Enforcement		
		Donegal MD	To end Feb 2025
		New Cases	5
		Closed Cases	3
		Outstanding cases on record since 2012	250
3	Notes & Monthly Schedule	<p>Planning advice clinics are on an appointment only basis. The appointments will be facilitated by the planners between 9.00am and 12.30pm on the dates outlined below and shall be for substantial applications only (multiple developments and/or significant economic developments). Please contact 074 9153900 to speak with the relevant planner and request an appointment.</p> <p><u>Planning Clinics 2025</u></p> <p>10th April, 2025 24th April, 2025 8th May, 2025 22nd May, 2025</p> <p>Please see website for further dates. Planning Advice Clinics Donegal County Council</p>	
4	Casual Trading		
5	Regeneration & Development	See Appendix A	
6	Building Control & Taking in Charge		
7	Central Planning Unit		
8	Capital Projects Delivery Unit	See Appendix B	
9	Conservation		
10	Further Information <i>Click on web links to access information.</i>	<p>Weekly List of applications and decisions: Weekly Lists Donegal County Council</p> <p>Planning Service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service): planning@donegalcoco.ie</p> <p>Planning Webpage: Planning Donegal County Council</p> <p>Planning Application Online Query – Search a Planning Application Donegal County Council</p> <p>File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and planning search requests: fillable-file-retrieval-planning-application-number-search-request-form.pdf</p>	

APPENDIX A

Regeneration & Development Team Community Development and Planning Services

REPORT TO THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETINGS Q1 2025

1.0 Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF)

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

1.1 Summary update of Projects

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

Table 1: Rural Regeneration and Development Fund Projects

Project	Type	Value (includes DCC co- funding)	Current Status/Delivery
RRDF Funding Call 4 – Category 2 – Project Development Measure	Category 2		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Preparing to make funding application for projects identified in both Rathmullan and Dungloe by the closing date of the 14th March 2025.
Back to Ballyshannon	Category 2 (2020)	€247,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Further screening to be arranged.Tender to procure topographical survey and structural survey underway.To be targeted for future Category 1 FundingWorkshop held with the Members of the Donegal MD on the 16th January 2025.
Ramelton Re- imagined/Historic Town Centre	Category 2 Category 1 (2022)	€249,159 €7,949,868	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Project with CPDU for delivery.

Burtonport Phase II	Category 1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property with CPDU for delivery. • Team support delivery through participation on Project Steering Group.
Repowering Buncrana	Category 2 (3 rd Call)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property with CPDU for delivery. • Team support delivery through participation on Project Steering Group.
Rathmullan (in partnership with The Way Forward Rathmullan CLG).			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 8 approved February 2023. • Unsuccessful for funding under Call 5 in May 2024. • Project to be submitted for RRDF Category 2 Funding Call that is currently open (closing date 14th March 2025).
Milford Town Centre First Plan		€100,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Centre First Plan launched November 2023 • GM Design Associates preparing a statutory planning scheme for the lands at Lower Mount Marian. • Engagement with stakeholders ongoing. • DCC to progress other priority projects identified in the Plan. • Projects to be targeted for future funding calls.
Glenties Town Centre First Plan		€30,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GM Design Associates appointed to assist with preparation of the Plan. • Engagement with the Glenties Town Team ongoing. • Work ongoing to prepare the Plan. • Walkability Audit undertaken in December 2024.

Creeslough Village Plan and Community Regeneration Project (in association with the Creeslough Working Group, Creeslough Community Association and Arup).			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village Plan launched 21st March 2024. • Part 8 for Community Regeneration Project approved in September 2023. • Project successfully awarded funding of €12.1m under Call 5 in May 2024 (total project value is €13.5m). • Funding agreement received and returned to the Department in August 2024. • Appointment of integrated design team imminent. • Project with CPDU for delivery.
Moville Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan.		€24,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GM Design Associates appointed to assist to prepare Plan. • First community drop-in event held on September 19, 2024. • GM Design working to prepare a draft Plan for further consultation. • Further workshop to be arranged with Members in due course.
Dungloe		€50,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding allocation under Town and Village Renewal to advance design and planning consent for public realm works at Main Stret, Dungloe. • Tender issued to procure external design team.
Creeslough Minor Tourism Works		€50,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works being designed in-house and contractor to be procured.
Bundoran Regeneration Plan		€15,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scope of project and budget availability being identified.
Downings Action Plan/Project Plan		Inhouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial preliminary meeting held inhouse to identify planned projects and/or funded projects.
Glenties Town Team			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town team established in August 2024 to represent the community in the preparation and delivery of the Glenties Town Centre First Plan.

Creeslough Town Team		€10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creeslough Town Team established and first meeting held on the 25th October 2024. • Funding of €10,000 allocated from the DRCD to support town team capacity building. • External consultancy services procured to deliver team capacity building training to the Town Team, which is nearing completion.
Buncrana Town Team		€10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocation of €10,000 from the DRCD to support the establishment of a Buncrana Town Team. • Town Team established in September 2024. • External consultancy services procured to deliver team capacity building training to the Town Team, which is nearing completion.
Ballybofey-Stranorlar Town Team		€10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion ongoing with BASICC with a view to establishing a Town Team to deliver the Ballybofey and Stranorlar Regeneration
			<p>Strategy with support from the Regeneration Team.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding of €10,000 allocated from the DRCD to support projects identified by the Town Team.
Moville Town Team			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial discussions ongoing to establish a Moville Town Team.
Milford Town Team			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work to commence to establish a Town Team to deliver the Milford Town Centre First Plan with support from Donegal County Council.
Falcarragh Town Team.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial discussions ongoing to establish a Falcarragh Town Team and public consultation event to be held in March/April 2025.

2.0 Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF).

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

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

2.1 Summary update of Projects

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

Table 2: Urban Regeneration and Development Fund Projects

Call	Value of Project (includes DCC co-funding).	Projects and current Status/Delivery
Call 1 (approved September 2019) 3 Sub-Projects	€3m	1 Prepare Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none">Completed 2022. 2 Letterkenny Urban Regeneration site. <ul style="list-style-type: none">DCC took possession of the former ESB site and adjacent lands through a CPO in 2023.Site to be developed for the Alpha/Beta Office accommodation, public realm and Housing.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Discussion on land compensation costs ongoing. 3 Public Realm/Linear Park Phase 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Opened June 2023.

<p>Call 2 (May 2020 and approved March 2021)</p> <p>6 Sub Projects</p>	<p>€19.3m (€4.8m DCC co-funding)</p>	<p>1. Reimagine public space at Market Square.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project with CPDU for delivery. <p>2. Cathedral Quarter Park and Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition of strategic site fronting Church Lane completed and now in possession of Donegal County Council. • Avison Young appointed to take forward all previous engagement and act on Council's behalf as regards further offers/acquisitions/CPO. • Council to consider further offers and advance any acquisitions/CPOs. • Hall Black Douglas appointed as architect-led design team in January 2025. • AAB Group Accountants appointed to prepare a Scoping/Feasibility Study and Business Plan in respect of the Creative Enterprise Hub element of the project and these services commenced in January 2025. • Workshop held with Members of the LMMD in February 2025. <p>3. Renewal at Lower Main Street</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valuations obtained and land acquisition offers made. • Avison Young appointed to take forward all previous engagement and act on Council's behalf as regards further offers/acquisitions/CPO. • Council to consider further offers and advance any acquisitions/CPOs. • Re-engagement with Donegal Youth Services carried out December 2024 and capacity testing exercise at Devlin Hall and adjoining lands commenced January 2025 using in-house architectural resource.
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		<p>4. Revival of the Courthouse Visitor Experience Plan/Product identification and Business Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPIC Heritage Consulting Ltd appointed to prepare a Visitor Experience Plan/Product Identification Plan and Business Plan for the development of a major visitor attraction at the Courthouse. • Interpretation and Business Plan presented to Members of the LMMD in February 2025. • Community consultation event held on the 18th February 2025. <p>Built Heritage Investment Scheme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding of €10,000 secured in March 2024 from the Built Heritage Investment Scheme for minor repair works and, with co-funding from Donegal County Council, these works have been completed. <p>THRIVE (EU) Funding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding of €199,969 allocated under THRIVE Strand 1 from the Northern and Western Regional Assembly for the purpose of engaging architect-led team to bring the project to Part 8 stage. • Robin Lee, Architects, appointed as architect-led design team in January 2025. • Workshop with Members of the LMMD held in February 2025. • Apex Surveys appointed to undertake topographical and building surveys. • Greentrack consultants appointed to undertake AA and EIA Screening. • Preparing to make THRIVE Strand 2 funding application by the closing date of the 30th May 2025. • Targeting to have Part 8 available for consideration at the May 2025 Plenary meeting.
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		<p>5. Strategic acquisition to enable a Regional Transport Hub</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avison Young appointed to take forward all previous engagement and act on Councils behalf as regards further offers/ acquisitions/ CPO. • Consultation with Local Link ongoing in relation to private bus operators and short term solution. • Land acquisition offers made in December 2024. <p>6. Strategic acquisition to enable LK Green Connect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 8 in relation to the Cultural Corridor element of the project approved by Donegal County Council at the November 2023 Plenary meeting. • In-house team has commenced steps to develop a Part 8 for Phase 2 (from constructed Phase 1 to Pearse Road). • Valuation services of Avison Young being engaged in relation to phase 2 (from constructed Phase 1 to Pearse Road) and lands required for the Cultural Corridor element of the Scheme. • All landowners engaged. • Engagement ongoing with relevant stakeholders. • Topographical survey completed. • Tenders for AA/EIA screening opened but no response to advertisement – to reopen tender again. • External structural/civil engineering consultative services procured for site investigation services and these works completed.
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Call 3 (March 2023 and approved July 2023).	€4m	<p>Revolving fund for acquisition costs of long-term vacant property or sites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 46 properties on the programme and all owners have been engaged with. • Several properties already activated or being activated through the Croi Conaithe grant scheme and other schemes. • Several properties currently for sale and these are being monitored. • Workshop held on 4th September 2024 to brief Members on the outputs to-date and next steps.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valuation Services engaged in relation to property valuations. • Council to advance 12 properties for acquisition/CPO. • Several properties added to the Derelict Sites Register.
"The Eat Out' Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Project		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction completed. • Please refer to the report from Community Development who are delivering this project.
Letterkenny Cultural Corridor		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 8 approved November 2023. • Valuation services of Avison Young being engaged in relation to lands required for the delivery of the Scheme. • Services of Quantity Surveyor engaged to provide cost estimates for the scheme and work completed. • To be targeted for future URDF funding call.
Youth/Community focused project at Lower Main Street		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early engagements with Letterkenny Youth Club and Donegal Youth Services have commenced. • Avison Young appointed in Q4 2023 to take forward all previous engagement and act on Council's behalf as regards further offers/acquisitions/CPO. • Capacity testing of potential lands available has commenced with engagement ongoing with relevant stakeholders.

3.0 Croi Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme.

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

Table 3: Summary of Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Applications

Applications Received	1,066
Applications Finalised	781
• Approved	751
• Deemed not eligible (eligibility criteria not met – vacancy/proposed works).	30
In progress (first technical inspection/awaiting information from applicant).	128
Withdrawn (by applicant)	157
Grants paid	121
Value of Grants paid to applicants	€6.5m

- To date, 51 drop in events have been held to promote the Scheme.

4.0 Addressing Vacancy and Dereliction

4.1 Property Activation Program

This initiative was launched in April 2023 with targets set for Local Authorities to bring properties back into use. Surveys commenced to identify and verify occupancy status of properties appearing vacant and contact made with some owners. This work will re-commence once staffing resources permit and options will be explored to establish funding source to acquire identified properties. The acquired properties may subsequently be used for social housing, made available for sale on the open market or used for other purposes e.g. community use.

2023 Target:

To activate 350 properties and commence CPO in 6 cases. This has been achieved.

2024 Target:

To activate 300 properties and commence CPO in 6 cases. This has been achieved.

2025 Target:

Awaited from the DHLGH.

4.2 Derelict Sites Register

The update and upkeep of the Derelict Sites Register falls within the remit of the Regeneration and Development Team since last year. There are currently 21 properties on the Derelict Sites Register, which includes 18 properties that have been on the register for a number of years and 3 new properties that were added to the Register in the last few weeks. As a first step, all the existing 18 properties are being reviewed to ascertain if each property continues to meet the criteria for inclusion on the Register. In addition, a Derelict Sites Policy and Procedures has been developed which sets out the obligations and legislative procedures to be followed in respect of derelict sites and compulsory acquisitions and sets out the Council's priority programme for making additions to the Derelict Sites Register. It is intended to present the Derelict Sites Policy and Procedures to the Elected Members for their consideration at MD level soon.

**Regeneration and Development Team.
February 2025.**

APPENDIX B



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

CAPITAL PROJECTS DELIVERY UNIT Community Development and Planning Services

Report to Donegal Municipal District Members: April 2025

Activity / Project Title	Killybegs 2040
Project Description/Activity	<p>Killybegs 2040 is a transformative town centre regeneration project which forms part of the longer-term regeneration strategy.</p> <p>The project elements are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The change of use, extension and modification of Island House (currently an existing derelict and vacant building) to provide a tourist information and reception centre, digital hub, public conveniences, café space, and all associated site development works. An extension is proposed at first and second floor levels and will include a glass viewing area.• Provision for a 1000 sq m civic space and alterations to road layout and car parking arrangements, including footpaths, open paved areas, planting, landscaping, public seating etc. The improved car parking and road layout will improve access to both Island House and the Civic Space to support overall regeneration plans.• Acquisition of key regeneration sites for the future delivery of appropriately located additional car parking and linkages between Main Street and Shore Road.
Budget	€5.4m
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status	<p>Island House is substantially complete with internal finishes and second fix works being completed.</p> <p>Public Realm is substantially complete with outstanding paving and railing works to be completed in April.</p> <p>The 'Coal Yard' temporary car park for the project is operational.</p>

Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<p>Island House remaining works to be completed, with snagging works ongoing.</p> <p>Public Realm remaining works to be completed, with snagging works ongoing.</p>
Contact Person(s)	<p>Michael Quigley, Executive Engineer</p> <p>Ardal McDermott, Senior Executive Engineer</p>

1st April 2025

To: Each Elected Member

Re: Schedule of Municipal District Works 2025

Please find attached documentation in respect of the Schedule of Municipal District Works for 2025.

I also attach the Development Fund details in respect of 2025. This is for information purposes only, as the Development Funds do not form part of the Schedule of Municipal District Works.

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

Yours sincerely,

Area Manager

Schedule of Municipal District Works (SMDW)

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 amends Section 103 of the Local Government Act 2001, inserting Section 103A (extract attached) prescribing the preparation of a Schedule of Municipal District Works in respect of maintenance and repair for each Municipal District.
- 1.2 Circular LG27/2014/Fin/21/2014 dated 31st December 2014, (copy attached) provides further detail in relation to the operational application of this function within the Municipal District.

2.0 Primary Issues of Consideration

- 2.1 The Schedule of Municipal District Works sets out a plan of repair and maintenance work in each of the respective Municipal Districts, in respect of a number of local service areas. The requirement to prepare a Schedule of Municipal District Works first arose for the financial year 2015.
- 2.2 The preparation and adoption of the Schedule of Municipal District Works is mandatory. It is required to be prepared under the direction of the Chief Executive and requires consideration by the Municipal District and adoption by resolution, with or without amendment, by the members of each Municipal District.
- 2.3 In previous years, the Schedule of Municipal District Works was tabled at the March MD Meetings. However, this was not possible in 2025 owing to the timing of certain allocations under the Roads Programme for 2025.
- 2.4 It was anticipated that further direction would be provided in the years following the introduction of the process, in relation to the form and content of the Schedule of Municipal District Works. However, the process remains the same as it was when it was first introduced.
- 2.5 The members must have due consideration to the adopted revenue budget (essentially requiring that the schedule as adopted, and the expenditure associated with that, must be within the parameters of the adopted Revenue budget for the County as a whole).
- 2.6 Should the Schedule not be adopted by the members, the Schedule of Municipal District Works reverts to the full council for the elected members' consideration and adoption with or without amendment, but in line with subsection 4 of Section 103A of the Act.

3.0 Rationale

- 3.1 The principle of the SMDW is in line with stated objectives incorporated in various government policy documents associated with Local Government Reform.
- 3.2 It is expected that, as the concept matures, that the prospect of additional and wider ranges of activities may be considered for incorporation into the overall schedule.

4.0 Practical Applications - 2025

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


5.0 Further Information

- 5.1 Also included for your information is a schedule of the discretionary development funds that are available to members through the Development Fund Initiative (monies which were allocated as part of the budget 2025 allocation process). For 2025, the Development Fund Initiative has been maintained at a total of €925,000. This provision allows for a total allocation equivalent to €25,000 per Elected Member for 2025.
- 5.2 Furthermore, a schedule is attached of available monies per electoral area in respect of the Members Development Funds. An amount of €10,000 is available for allocation by each individual elected member. This represents an increase of €2,000 per Elected Member for 2025.
- 5.3 The 'Public Lights & Minor Infrastructure Fund' was first adopted by the elected members as part of the 2020 Revenue Budget process. A sum of €203,500, equivalent to €5,500 per elected member, was adopted in 2020. This was increased to €259,000, equivalent to €7,000 per elected member, in the adopted Revenue Budget for 2021 and has been repeated in the Adopted Budgets for 2023, 2024, and 2025. This is included for information purposes in the Schedule of Municipal District Works for 2025. This provision will facilitate the allocation of funding to public lights and minor public infrastructure improvements, primarily on public roads and in housing estates, in accordance with the scheme agreed with the elected members.
- 5.4 Unspent capacity within Public Lights & Minor Infrastructure Scheme budgets for previous years has been reserved and retained for future use.
- 5.5 In 2021, a specific additional budget in the sum of €500,000 (€100,000 per MD) was provided for a Minor Tourism Works Scheme. This provision was repeated for 2022, 2023, and 2024 and is included in the adopted budget for 2025 also. This is included in Appendix 4, alongside the Development Funds allocations, for the information of elected members.

- 5.6 The Adopted Budget for 2022 included a provision in the sum of €350,000 to undertake upgrading and repair works to access infrastructure in housing estates (including back lanes). This allocation was repeated in 2023. It is repeated in 2024 and 2025 under the title 'Housing Estate Maintenance'. €70,000 has been set aside per MD. This is included in Appendix 4 for the information of elected members.

6.0 Required

- 6.1 In line with section 103A of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) that the members consider the Schedule of Municipal District Works as presented.
- 6.2 That the members resolve to adopt, with or without amendment (but within the parameters of the adopted Revenue budget), the schedule as presented and in line with the text of the draft resolution provided.



Richard Gibson FCCA,
Director of Finance

Extract from Local Government Act 2001 (as amended)

Schedule of Municipal District Works 103A

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



LG 27/2014
FIN 21/2014

31 December 2014

Dear Chief Executive,

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

Legislative provisions

1. Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 inserts a new section 103A in the Local Government Act 2001 providing that, following the adoption of the annual budget, a schedule of proposed works of maintenance and repair to be carried out during the financial year in each municipal district shall be prepared, for adoption by the municipal district¹ members. The SMDW is, in effect, a plan of works that prioritises and apportions the use, within each municipal district, of funding provided in the overall local authority revenue budget for particular purposes. In the case of local authority areas which do not have municipal districts, while the requirements in this circular relating to the SMDW *per se* do not apply, it is considered that it would be good practice to prepare a schedule of works in any event to identify where works will be prioritised in the local authority area during the year.
2. The relevant extract from the 2001 Act is attached in the Appendix to this circular. The main elements of this provision are as follows: -
 - Preparation and adoption of the SMDW is a mandatory requirement.
 - The SMDW must be prepared under the direction of the Chief Executive.
 - The SMDW is to be prepared as soon as may be following the adoption of the annual budget, for consideration and adoption by resolution, with or without amendment, by the municipal district members.
 - If not adopted by the municipal district members, the SMDW reverts to the full council for the elected members consideration and adoption, with or without amendment.

¹ The term municipal district should be taken to include metropolitan districts and borough districts.

Policy Context

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

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

Guidance on preparation and adoption of SMDW

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Quinn

Denis Conlan

Local Government Finance Section

Local Government Policy Section

To each local authority Chief Executive

**Extract from Part 12, Chapter 1 (Financial Procedures)
of the Local Government Act 2001**

Schedule of municipal district works

103A.— (1) As soon as may be following the adoption of the local authority budget, a schedule of proposed works of maintenance and repair to be carried out during the financial year in each municipal district shall be prepared under the direction of the chief executive, having regard to the availability of resources, in the manner, format and within the timescale that may be prescribed by regulations made by the Minister.

(2) A schedule prepared for the purposes of subsection (1) shall be considered by the municipal district members concerned and be adopted by resolution, with or without amendment by it, within such time limit and in accordance with such conditions and requirements as may be prescribed by the regulations made by the Minister.

(3) In making an amendment under subsection (2) the municipal district members shall have due regard to the local authority budget adopted in accordance with section 103(9).

(4) If the schedule prepared for the purpose of subsection (1) is not adopted by the municipal district members in accordance with subsection (2) and any regulations made under that subsection, then the local authority concerned shall consider that schedule and by resolution adopt it with or without amendment (having due regard to the local authority budget adopted in accordance with section 103(9)) within such time limit as may be prescribed by the regulations made by the Minister.

Appendix 1 – Housing Maintenance and Housing Estate Management 2025

	Overall Revised Budget	Non Discretionary Payroll / Overheads	Discretionary
	€	€	€
Housing Maintenance – Inishowen MD	688,375	140,038	548,337
Housing Maintenance – Donegal MD	516,384	84,394	431,990
Housing Maintenance – Glenties MD	527,951	68,040	459,911
Housing Maintenance – Letterkenny-Milford MD	1,032,918	344,520	688,398
Housing Maintenance – Lifford-Stranorlar MD	612,558	70,374	542,184
Subtotal for Area Maintenance:	3,378,185	707,366	2,670,819
HQ Maintenance	1,550,108		
Total Maintenance	4,928,293		
Additional Allocation for Salaries to support Housing Liaison Officer in each MD	258,163		
Insurance	442,224		
Local Property Tax Payments	529,420		
Contingency for Capital Balances (Housing Programme)	<u>66,000</u>		
Subtotal Other	1,295,807		
Overall Total	6,224,100	As per Budget Book (A0101)	
Routine Maintenance Budget allocated on a per house basis equally across all areas.			

Housing Estate Management – Inishowen MD	12,567		
Housing Estate Management – Donegal MD	9,271		
Housing Estate Management – Glenties MD	9,921		
Housing Estate Management – Letterkenny-Milford MD	17,091		
Housing Estate Management – Lifford-Stranorlar MD	11,150		
Total Estate Management	60,000	As per Budget Book (A0401)	

Appendix 2 – Environmental Services 2025

Description	Adopted Budget 2025	Inishowen	Donegal	Glenties	Letterkenny-Milford	Lifford-Stranorlar	County/Centre	Total
Litter Control - Clean Up Campaign	140,100	25,400	20,550	26,900	46,700	20,550	0	140,100
Tidy Towns Fund	155,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	5,000	155,000
Maintenance of Beaches	280,200	36,700	93,700	46,200	24,500	0	79,100	280,200
Totals	575,300	92,100	144,250	103,100	101,200	50,550	84,100	575,300

Background

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

A specific and discretionary allocation of €30,000 per Municipal District has been included in the adopted budget 2025 to assist tidy towns groups (as shown above). In addition to this, an amount of €5,000 has been set aside centrally for the purpose of running a countywide tidy-towns competition.

Roads Areas Division

Budget Distribution 2025

	Totals	Non-Roads Areas Controlled Funding	Roads Areas Centrally Controlled Funding	Donegal MD	Glenties MD	Inishowen MD	Letterkenny/ Milford MD	Stranorlar MD
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)(Note 1)								
NP Ordinary Maintenance	€293,292			€102,359		€31,969	€50,153	€108,811
NP Route Lighting	€37,406	€37,406						
NP Winter Maintenance	€222,789		€222,789					
National Primary Total =	€553,487	€37,406	€222,789	€102,359	€0	€31,969	€50,153	€108,811
NS Ordinary Maintenance	€201,895			€35,130	€138,500		€28,265	
NS Route Lighting	€37,406	€37,406						
NS Winter Maintenance	€141,657		€141,657					
National Secondary Total =	€380,958	€37,406	€141,657	€35,130	€138,500	€0	€28,265	€0
LA Support (Maintenance) 2025	€66,600		€66,600					
LA Support (Winter Maintenance) 2025	€10,000	€10,000						
National Secondary Total =	€76,600	€10,000	€66,600	€0	€0	€0	€0	€0
Total TII Roads Areas Funding =	€1,011,045	€84,812	€431,046	€137,489	€138,500	€31,969	€78,418	€108,811
National Transport Authority (NTA)(Note 2)								
Active Travel Projects	€4,000,000	€4,000,000						
Bus Stop Enhancement Programme (Note 3)	€500,000	€500,000						
Total NTA Funding =	€4,500,000	€4,500,000	€0	€0	€0	€0	€0	€0
Department of Transport (DOT)(Note 4)								
Winter Maintenance (Note 5)	€1,000,000		€1,000,000					
Bridge Refurbishment	€250,000	€250,000						
Regional & Local Roads Disc Maintenance	€3,886,000			€803,646	€741,516	€962,670	€832,474	€545,694
Discretionary Grant (DG) Total =	€5,136,000	€250,000	€1,000,000	€803,646	€741,516	€962,670	€832,474	€545,694
Regional Roads Restoration Maintenance	€1,410,220			€234,439	€366,833	€324,448	€341,290	€143,210
Local Roads Restoration Maintenance	€3,626,280			€771,497	€655,113	€907,718	€762,064	€529,888
Restoration Maintenance (RM) Total =	€5,036,500			€1,005,936	€1,021,946	€1,232,165	€1,103,354	€673,098
Materials Testing	€48,000		€48,000					
Restoration Improvement	€21,345,000			€4,414,260	€4,072,995	€5,287,749	€4,572,610	€2,997,386
Restoration Improvement (RI) Total =	€21,393,000		€48,000	€4,414,260	€4,072,995	€5,287,749	€4,572,610	€2,997,386
Community Involvement Schemes	€1,089,000			€225,211	€207,800	€269,776	€233,290	€152,924
Specific Improvement Grants	€1,080,000			€800,000	€50,000	€200,000	€30,000	
Strategic Regional & Local Roads	€3,800,000			€3,500,000			€300,000	
Speed Limit Review Signs -(Note 6)	€948,000		€488,266	€92,558	€85,894	€122,463	€108,520	€50,299
PSCI: Survey Report	€50,000		€50,000					
Former National Roads	€250,000			€250,000				
Drainage Works	€1,188,000			€245,685	€226,691	€294,301	€254,498	€166,826
Climate Adaptation	€935,000			€200,000	€200,000	€170,000	€220,000	€145,000
Other Grants (SI) Total =	€9,340,000		€538,266	€5,313,454	€770,385	€1,056,539	€1,146,308	€515,048
Bridge Rehabilitation	€755,500	€755,500						
Low Cost Safety Improvements	€649,500	€649,500						
Training Grant (Note 7)	€114,500	€114,500						
DOT Non-Roads Areas Total =	€1,519,500	€1,519,500						
Total DOT Roads Areas Funding =	€42,425,000	€1,769,500	€1,586,266	€11,537,296	€6,606,841	€8,539,123	€7,654,747	€4,731,227
Training	€100,000	€100,000						
Materials Tests	€50,000		€50,000					
Lining & Road Studs (Note 8)	€150,000			€31,021	€28,623	€37,159	€32,134	€21,064
Depots & Health & Safety	€150,000			€30,000	€30,000	€30,000	€30,000	€30,000
Bridges (Preventative Maintenance)	€220,000	€220,000						
Minor Non Structural Repair (Bridge) (Note 9)	€50,000			€10,000	€10,000	€10,000	€10,000	€10,000
Site Safety IS (Note10)	€50,000		€50,000					
Co-finance Capital	€50,000		€50,000					
Invasive Species Management	€70,000		€70,000					
Staffing Budget	€400,000		€400,000					
Contingency Reserve	€300,000		€300,000					
Former Town Councils Roads (Note 11)	€981,948			€292,621		€296,548	€392,779	
Former Town Council Street Sweeping (Note 12)	€365,003			€65,003		€76,000	€224,000	
MD Works Overheads	€2,200,000			€492,537	€394,030	€503,483	€492,537	€317,413
Regional Roads Own Resources	€1,889,575			€314,129	€491,524	€434,732	€457,300	€191,889
Local Roads Own Resources	€3,217,384			€684,504	€581,243	€805,364	€676,134	€470,139
DOT RM Programme Support	€120,876			€24,142	€24,527	€29,572	€26,481	€16,154
DOT RI Programme Support	€213,450			€44,143	€40,730	€52,877	€45,726	€29,974
DOT Drainage Programme Support	€11,880			€2,457	€2,267	€2,943	€2,545	€1,668
Own Resources Roads Areas Total =	€10,590,116	€320,000	€920,000	€1,990,556	€1,602,944	€2,278,679	€2,389,636	€1,088,301
Parks & Open Spaces (Note 13)	€1,169,975			€85,372	€6,714	€174,291	€902,058	€1,540
Moville Green & Barrack Hill (Note 14)	€106,875					€106,875		
Car Parking	€1,006,928	€1,006,928						
School Wardens	€80,594	€80,594						
Burial Grounds	€42,450		€2,150	€7,800	€5,200	€9,100	€13,000	€5,200
Biodiversity	€90,000			€18,000	€18,000	€18,000	€18,000	€18,000
Official Languages Act Signage Programme (Note 15)	€20,000		€20,000					
DCC Specific Funding Total =	€2,516,822	€1,087,522	€22,150	€111,172	€29,914	€308,266	€933,058	€24,740
Total DCC Funding =	€13,106,938	€1,407,522	€942,150	€2,101,728	€1,632,858	€2,586,945	€3,322,694	€1,113,041
TOTAL 2025 FUNDING =	€61,042,983	€7,761,834	€2,959,462	€13,776,512	€8,378,199	€11,158,037	€11,055,859	€5,953,079

Roads Areas Division

Budget Distribution 2025 - Municipal Districts (Area Offices) Summary

	Totals			Donegal MD	Glenties MD	Inishowen MD	Letterkenny/ Milford MD	Stranorlar MD
	€			€	€	€	€	€
National Roads								
NP Ordinary Maintenance	€293,292			€102,359		€31,969	€50,153	€108,811
NS Ordinary Maintenance	€201,895			€35,130	€138,500		€28,265	
Total National Roads Funding =	€495,187			€137,489	€138,500	€31,969	€78,418	€108,811
Non-National Roads								
Regional & Local Roads Disc Maintenance	€3,886,000			€803,646	€741,516	€962,670	€832,474	€545,694
Regional Roads Own Resources	€1,889,575			€314,129	€491,524	€434,732	€457,300	€191,889
Local Roads Own Resources	€3,217,384			€684,504	€581,243	€805,364	€676,134	€470,139
MD Works Overheads	€2,200,000			€492,537	€394,030	€503,483	€492,537	€317,413
Lining & Road Studs (Note 8)	€150,000			€31,021	€28,623	€37,159	€32,134	€21,064
Depots & Health & Safety	€150,000			€30,000	€30,000	€30,000	€30,000	€30,000
Minor Non Structural Repair (Bridge) (Note 9)	€50,000			€10,000	€10,000	€10,000	€10,000	€10,000
Former Town Councils Roads (Note 11)	€981,948			€292,621		€296,548	€392,779	
Former Town Council Street Sweeping (Note 12)	€365,003			€65,003		€76,000	€224,000	
Discretionary Road Maintenance Funding Total =	€12,889,910			€2,723,460	€2,276,936	€3,155,957	€3,147,359	€1,586,199
Regional Roads Restoration Maintenance	€1,410,220			€234,439	€366,833	€324,448	€341,290	€143,210
Local Roads Restoration Maintenance	€3,626,280			€771,497	€655,113	€907,718	€762,064	€529,888
DOT RM Programme Support	€120,876			€24,142	€24,527	€29,572	€26,481	€16,154
Restoration Maintenance (RM) Total =	€5,157,376			€1,030,079	€1,046,473	€1,261,737	€1,129,835	€689,253
Reg & Loc Roads Restoration Improvement	€21,345,000			€4,414,260	€4,072,995	€5,287,749	€4,572,610	€2,997,386
DOT RI Programme Support	€213,450			€44,143	€40,730	€52,877	€45,726	€29,974
Restoration Improvement (RI) Total =	€21,558,450			€4,458,403	€4,113,724	€5,340,626	€4,618,336	€3,027,360
NTA Active Travel	€4,000,000							
Bus Stop Enhancement Programme (Note 3)	€500,000							
Community Involvement Schemes	€1,089,000			€225,211	€207,800	€269,776	€233,290	€152,924
Specific Improvement Grants	€1,080,000			€800,000	€50,000	€200,000	€30,000	
Strategic Regional & Local Roads	€3,800,000			€3,500,000			€300,000	
Speed Limit Review Signs -(Note 6)	€459,734			€92,558	€85,894	€122,463	€108,520	€50,299
Former National Roads	€250,000			€250,000				
Drainage Works	€1,188,000			€245,685	€226,691	€294,301	€254,498	€166,826
DOT Drainage Programme Support	€11,880			€2,457	€2,267	€2,943	€2,545	€1,668
Climate Adaptation	€935,000			€200,000	€200,000	€170,000	€220,000	€145,000
Specific Grants Total =	€13,313,614			€0	€5,315,911	€772,652	€1,059,482	€516,717
Total Roads Areas Non-National Roads Funding =	€52,919,350			€0	€13,527,852	€8,209,785	€10,817,803	€5,819,528
Specific Funding for Roads Related items								
Parks & Open Spaces (Note 13)	€1,169,975			€85,372	€6,714	€174,291	€902,058	€1,540
Moville Green & Barrack Hill (Note 14)	€106,875					€106,875		
Burial Grounds	€40,300			€7,800	€5,200	€9,100	€13,000	€5,200
Biodiversity	€90,000			€18,000	€18,000	€18,000	€18,000	€18,000
Roads Related Items Total =	€1,407,150			€111,172	€29,914	€308,266	€933,058	€24,740
Total Roads Related Items Funding =	€1,407,150			€111,172	€29,914	€308,266	€933,058	€24,740
TOTAL AREA OFFICE 2025 FUNDING =	€54,821,687	€0	€0	€13,776,512	€8,378,199	€11,158,037	€11,055,859	€5,953,079

Roads Areas Division

Budget Distribution 2025

Notes:

- 1 TII maintenance allocations must be spent in accordance with the TII Memorandum on Road Grants.
- 2 Active Travel (NTA) must be spent in accordance with the latest NTA Guidance Circulars
- 3 Programme continuation from 2024, with details to be finalised and agreed with NTA for bus stops in each MD
- 4 DOT allocations must be spent in compliance with DOT Circular RW 02/2024 and the latest Memorandum on Grants For Regional and Local Roads.
- 5 Winter maintenance budget is weather dependent and will be supplemented as necessary from the OR Contingency Reserve. The budget has been set at €1,000,000 for 2025 to reflect the likely expenditure.
- 6 Allocation indicated is for erection of 60kph Rural Speed Limits completed by 7th February. Further allocation will issue for remainder of changes (Urban and National Secondary) when known.
- 7 DOT have funded €114,500 for training, and remaining training costs over and above this have to come from OR.
- 8 An MD specific budget has been allocated in 2025 for the refreshing of existing road markings.
- 9 It was identified that there was a need for a Minor Bridge Non Structural Repair programme, and €50,000 has been allocated to fund this work.
- 10 Implementation of Safety Information Systems programme in the MD's
- 11 €981,948 has been allocated to those MDs now incorporating former Town Councils (FTC) to replace the FTC OR allocations made previously.
- 12 Specific provision has again been made in the Council's Budget 2025 for Street Sweeping. In previous years street sweeping was funded from roads general maintenance monies and only the former Town Councils made specific allocation. As such Donegal, Inishowen & Letterkeny MDs have received a specific amount for street sweeping and the remainder has been included in Roads OR. MDs may provide for street sweeping from their Roads OR as normal in accordance with MD preferences.
- 13 Parks and Open Spaces budget provision for 2025 has been distributed in the same manner as recent years which was based on split following disbandment of Town Councils.
- 14 Moville Green has been separately budgeted as per historic commitments (€47,500) and a separate allocation has again been made in the 2025 Budget towards the management of Barrack Hill, Carndonagh. (€59,375)
- 15 A County wide allocation of €20,000 is provided to further progress the inclusion of Irish on signs under the Official Languages Act Signage Programme

Development Fund Allocations and Other Relevant Provisions 2025

Municipal District	Development Fund Initiative*¹ €	Members Development Fund *² €	Public Lights & Minor Infrastructure Fund*³ €	Minor Tourism Works Scheme*⁴ €	Housing Estate Maintenance*⁵ €	Totals €
Letterkenny-Milford	250,000	100,000	70,000	100,000	70,000	590,000
Inishowen	225,000	90,000	63,000	100,000	70,000	548,000
Donegal	150,000	60,000	42,000	100,000	70,000	422,000
Glenties	150,000	60,000	42,000	100,000	70,000	422,000
Lifford-Stranorlar	150,000	60,000	42,000	100,000	70,000	422,000
Totals	925,000	370,000	259,000	500,000	350,000	2,404,000

*¹ Equivalent to €25,000 per Elected Member

*² Equivalent to €10,000 per Elected Member

*³ Equivalent to €7,000 per Elected Member

*⁴ Repeated for 2025 - €100,000 per Municipal District

*⁵ Repeated for 2025 - €70,000 per Municipal District

FORMAL RESOLUTION FOR SMDW ADOPTION

ADOPTION OF THE SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS 2025

Proposed by: _____

Seconded by: _____

and resolved “that the _____ Municipal District hereby adopts for the financial year ended 31st December 2025, the Schedule of Municipal District Works as set out in the schedules presented at the Municipal District meeting of the _____ (insert date) as required by Section 103A of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) and in line with requirements of Circular LG27/2014/Fin21/2014.”

29th March 2025

To: Each Area Manager

Re: Schedule of Municipal District Works

Please circulate attached notification (see template) and attached documents (items 1 to 8) to each elected member in your Municipal District on or around Tuesday 1st April so as to ensure all elected members receive the documentation around the same time.

As I understand it, the Letterkenny-Milford, Lifford-Stranorlar, Inishowen, and Donegal MD Meetings are due to take place on 8th April, and a special Glenties MD Meeting is being arranged for 14th April to coincide with a planned workshop. It is important that all Elected Members receive the documentation around the same time. A difference of a few days is acceptable. The attached documentation should be included with the agenda for the next Municipal District Meeting.

Please also note the requirement that the Schedule of Municipal District Works be adopted by formal resolution (copy wording attached).

It is appropriate that I draw your attention to sections 5 (a) and 5 (b) of the circular, specifically the following elements:

- 5 (a) states that “Any proposed amendments to the SMDW must take account of the need to confine overall expenditure on works of maintenance within the total amount provided in the adopted local authority budget for such purposes”
- 5 (b) states that “If the municipal district members decide not to adopt the SMDW or propose to make an amendment to the SMDW which would result in the total expenditure in respect of works included in the schedule in respect of a particular service division exceeding that envisaged in the schedule as prepared by the chief executive, the latter shall submit a report to the local authority indicating that the SMDW has not been adopted in accordance with subsection (2) of section 103A and the local authority shall adopt the SMDW in accordance with subsection (4) of Section 103A.”

In view of the above, I would be grateful if as soon as possible following the MD meeting you could confirm the decision of the members and inform me if any adjustments have been made to the schedule as presented.

Yours sincerely,

**Richard Gibson FCCA,
Director of Finance**



Donegal Municipal District - 8th April 2025 Motions

Agenda Item Not Set

Office Ref:DLMD-2025-04002

Submitted By: Cllr. Michael Naughton

Assigned To: Machinery Yard

Motion "I am calling on the Donegal MD to apply for funding for the upgrade of the Pier area and a Marina for Donegal Town"

Signed Off By: BRYAN CANNON

Response: The pier at Donegal Town is meeting the current needs of local users and is in good operational order. Upgrade safety works were completed in recent years along with the installation of a pontoon to support the leisure activities at the pier. The Council has a list of suitable locations for further pontoon installations in support of local needs, and Donegal Town is included on this list. Work is ongoing with respect to pontoon design layouts, local stakeholder consultations and preparation of Foreshore Lease applications. A procurement process for the engagement of consultants for environmental assessments is ongoing and on appointment, investigation and reports will be completed to inform the next steps. The Foreshore Lease process takes circa 18 months, and once same is approved, applications for funding for the various pontoon locations (including for Donegal Town pier) will be submitted to DAFM.



Donegal Municipal District - 8th April 2025 Questions

Agenda Item No.5

Office Ref:DLMD-2025-04001

Submitted By: Cllr. Michael Naughton

Assigned To: Environment

Question "How many applications have applied for Septic Tank grant in the Donegal MD? How many were inspected? And how many grants were paid out?"

Signed Off By: SEAMUS HOPKINS

Response: Applications for a septic Tank grant = 14 No. septic tanks inspected = all 14, (Total inspections in County Donegal = 1197) No. septic tank grants paid out = 14