

Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall

Oifig Riarthóir na gCruinnithe,
Aras an Chontae,
Leifear.

4ú Márta, 2025

Fógra Cruinnithe

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall ar siúl **De Máirt 11ú Márta 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.

4th March, 2025

NOTICE OF MEETING

The next Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal will be held on **Tuesday 11th March 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 February 2025.

2. **Update Reports from Council Services:**
 - 2.1 Housing & Corporate Services
 - 2.2 Roads & Transportation
 - 2.2.1 Consideration of Minutes of the Municipal District of Area Roads Workshop held 4th March 2025
 - 2.3 Economic Development, Information Systems and Emergency Services
 - 2.4 Environment Services
 - 2.5 Community Development
 - 2.5.1 Consideration of Minutes of the Municipal District DFI Allocation Workshop held 4th March 2025
 - 2.6 Planning Services

3. **_Date of Next Meeting(s) / Workshop(s)**
 - MD Meeting on Tuesday the 8th April 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 FEBRUARY 2025 IN THE PETER
KENNEDY CHAMBER, DONEGAL PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE**

MDD/014/25 MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MDD/015/25 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Garry Martin, Director Designate, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr Pauric Sheerin, Area Manager, Housing & Corporate Services
Mr Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Roads/Transportation
Mr Olivia Gallen, Senior Enterprise Development Officer, Economic Development
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/016/25 APOLOGIES

Cllr Michael McMahon
Cllr Manus Boyle

MDD/017/25 WELCOME

Members welcomed TY Student, Oisín Sweeney to the meeting, attending as part of his TY work experience.

MDD/018/25 CONGRATULATIONS TO CLLR MANUS BOYLE

Members congratulated Manus Boyle on his nomination to Seanad Éireann, paying tribute to him for his work on the Council and wishing him well in his new role, acknowledging the benefits for this area to have a representative on the Seanad.

MDD/019/25 VOTES OF SYMPATHY

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

- The Late Seamus Tully, Ardglas, Fintra Road, Killybegs
- The Late Mary Hegarty, Malinmore, Glencolmcille

MDD/020/25 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 14TH JANUARY 2025

On the proposal of Cllr Kennedy, seconded by Cllr Brogan, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 14th January 2025 were confirmed.

MDD/021/25 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

CORPORATE SERVICES

Previous Meeting Follow Ups:

In relation to the follow ups from the last Municipal District Meeting, Mr Sheerin 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.
- Saimer Drive Trees : investigations are being carried out.
- Vacant HSE Building in Pettigo –informal correspondence has been made to HSE and awaiting feedback from same.
- Donegal Education Centre – correspondence issued, no reply received to date.
- Nominations to Coiste NaGaeilge and Bundoran WaterWorld – it was agreed to defer these items to the March MD meeting due to the absence to two Members today

Corporate Services – Storm Éowyn

Cllr Jordan commended the work of the front-line services after Storm Éowyn, including Roads Service, Fire Service, Housing Service, ESB and Uisce Éireann for their efforts during this difficult time. He stated lessons need to be learned and preparation in place for future storm events. He stated the ESB need to put a plan in place similar to what they done in 1997, where work was undertaken for 2-3 years alleviating storm risk to power lines for a long time. Members agreed that a similar exercise is required now and that this should be communicated to the ESB.

Mr G Martin concurred with the previous comments, acknowledging the efforts of the services involved in the aftermath of the Storm. He advised an internal debriefing will be held shortly and an update brought to the National Coordination group. He expects the damage

of trees/forestry to power lines will inform ESB policy in this area in the future.

Mr P Sheerin advised that correspondence will issue to the ESB to convey comments articulated by the Members.

Relocation of Donegal Education Support Centre (DESC)

Cllr Jordan referred to plans to relocate the DESC from Donegal town to Letterkenny as discussed at the previous meeting, advising there will be a public meeting on Thursday the 13th February 2025 in the Abbey Hotel and encouraged as many as possible to attend this, to show support for the staff and service users.

Cllr Brogan concurred the importance of attending at the public meeting to show support and highlighted the importance of the AGM being held prior to the proposed move, as an opportunity to voice the community's concerns.

Cllr Naughton advised it is his understanding that the DESC has until the 28th February 2025 to hold their AGM. He stated this relocation appears to be made without consulting staff or giving them an opportunity to voice their opinion, some who've worked there over 20 years.

Cllr Kennedy emphasised that she fully supports the DESC remaining in Donegal Town and asked that her apologies be conveyed to the public meeting on Thursday evening as she is unable to attend due to a previous commitment.

Mr P Sheerin confirmed that no response has been received from the Department of Education in relation to correspondence sent to them (copied to the DESC Committee) following the January 2025 MD meeting,

Members asked that a further letter should issue conveying the Members views in the matter. Mr P Sheerin agreed to issue this and any response received will be circulated to the members.

March MD meeting

Mr P Sheerin advised Members that he is unable to attend the next MD meeting in March 2025 and Members agreed with his proposal that any Housing and Corporate matters raised at that meeting will be noted for his response thereafter.

HOUSING SERVICES

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

Casual Vacancies

Mr Sheerin advised that since the report, the Council has received keys for two properties and expect to receive keys for a further two properties shortly, these properties are situated in Dunkineely, Ballyshannon, Laghey and Bundoran. Refurbishment works will be carried out on these Casual Vacancies and the properties will be re-allocated in the normal manner.

Proposed Section 183 – Mountcharles

On the proposal of Cllr Jordan, seconded by Cllr Brogan, the Section 183 - disposal of a Council owned plot of land at Mountcharles to James Mogan, Scrawhill, Mountcharles, Members confirmed their agreement that the Section 183 Notice would be an item on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Plenary Council for consideration.

Housing Capital

Ms T Quinn referred to the circulated Housing Capital Report, taken as read, providing an update on Fintra Road, Killybegs.

Development at Laghey

In response to a progress query from Cllr Naughton, Ms. T Quinn advised Members that the development in Laghey is expected to commence in 2025 and be completed in 2026.

Land Acquisition for Social Housing

Cllr Naughton voiced concern on the slow pace of closing out on a land acquisition deal in Bundoran, he acknowledged the Council are seeking to acquire land in Ballyshannon and queried if land is being sought in areas such as Laghey, Mountcharles, Ballintra, or Pettigo, to secure viability for these communities into the future.

Ms. T Quinn advised Members that she will seek an update from Housing Capital Headquarters.

Mr P Sheerin advised he will liaise with the Housing Capital team to organise a workshop with Members, to go through land acquisitions, construction & turnkey developments in each town and village, similar to the process utilised in recent Housing Capital Workshops

MDD/022/25 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: to be agreed at the next MD meeting when the Roads Programme for 2025 has been agreed.

Ash Dieback Disease: This motion and requires has been forward to the Director of Services, who will issue correspondence seeking funding to Dept of Agriculture, Food & Marine, Dept of Transport & Dept of Housing, Local Government & Heritage. Mr Sweeney advised a Parliamentary question was raised by Deputy Niall Collins and the reply received from the Minister for Transport, Eamon Ryan set out the responsibility of landowners (including Local Authorities) to take all reasonable steps to ensure that trees, hedges & other vegetation growing on their land does not become a danger to people using the public road, stating *'my department has no plans to grant-aid the cutting or removal of trees infected with ash dieback.'*

Section 183 – Grant of Easements at Railway Road, Milltown

On the proposal of Cllr Brogan, seconded by Cllr Kennedy, the Section 183 – Grant of Easements at Railway Road, Milltown to Deramore Investment Holdings Ltd, Members confirmed their agreement that the Section 183 Notice which would be an item on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Plenary Council for consideration.

Section 189 – Change of Placename – Townlands of Glenlee & Killybegs

On the proposal of Cllr Kennedy, seconded by Cllr Brogan, the Section 189 Notice to change the placename of the road currently named Bóthar Tionsclaíochta na gCella Beaga/Killybegs Industrial Road, in the townlands of Glenlee and Killybegs, to Bealach Ghleann Lao/Glenlee Pass.

2025 RM, RI, Drainage & Road Safety Workshop

It was agreed with members to hold this workshop Tuesday 4th March at 10am to discuss and agree the following:

- 2025 RM Programme
- Review or the previously agreed 2025 RI programme.
- 2025 Drainage Programme
- Discussion with Road Design on Safety Schemes

Cllr Jordan requested footpath repairs be put on the agenda for this workshop. This was agreed by Mr Sweeney.

Mr. Sweeney also advised that a further workshop will be required to discuss and agree the following but a date for same can be agreed at the workshop on 4th march.:

- Funding for Housing estates
- Community Involvement Schemes
- Urban speed limit review-

MDD/023/25 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFORMATION SYSTEMS & EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT

Ms Gallen 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.

Tourism Strategy Workshop

Tuesday 18th February 2025 at 10am was agreed with Members to hold a Tourism Strategy workshop for the Donegal MD.

Holiday World Show 2025

Cllr Kennedy noted the success of the Holiday World show and added there are lessons to be learned from it, in comparison to other Counties. Cllr Kennedy commended the work of those involved.

Donegal Craft Village

Cllr Naughton requested a meeting with the tenants of the Craft Village, as a matter of urgency. He noted 6 units are occupied and 2 vacant, which could be occupied. He acknowledged the proposed viability study but remarked that the requests being made are primarily cosmetic, such as painting etc. He urged the Economic Development and Community Development sections of the Council to support the occupants of the Craft Village.

Mr Martin noted this is managed by Community Development but asked Ms Gallen to note Cllr Naughton's concerns.

Ms Britton suggested this item will be put on the agenda for discussion at the upcoming Rural Programme Workshop with members, 26th February 2025, which was agreed.

MDD/024/25 ENVIRONMENT SERVICES REPORT

Ms Bogan referred to the circulated report, taken as read, and highlighted the reports on the Council's Climate Action Plan Implementation and Flood Relief Schemes updates.

Flood Relief Schemes

Cllr Naughton highlighted the need for action in relation to flooding in Pettigo, while he acknowledged the funding available through Roads of up to €20,000 to remove the trees out of the Pettigo river, he cited more intervention is required. He acknowledged this is a cross border river and proposed a meeting/workshop is held with the OPW (and perhaps Minister Moran) to discuss what can be done.

Cllr Jordan seconded the proposal for a Workshop. He voiced his frustration that those living in areas where flood relief schemes have been announced, don't see development on the ground for at least 6-7 years. He added a discussion is also required with the OPW in relation to the Old Graveyard at Inver Village, where the wall will fall into the river if there isn't an immediate intervention.

Cllr Brogan supported the previous comments, adding concern that the Killybegs scheme will take a long time to see any progress.

Cllr Kennedy noted that some works were carried out through some farmlands on the streams running into Killybegs but that further works are required urgently where access hasn't been given. She highlighted the concerns of residence of a reoccurrence of flooding at the Bridge Street.

Ms. S Bogan informed Members that she will revert to the Flood Relief Unit with the concerns raised and to relay the Members' request for a workshop.

Public Toilets, Donegal Town

Cllr Naughton welcomed the response to the question he had submitted in relation to the public toilets in Donegal town and welcomed the opportunity to meet the Environment official to discuss further. Ms S Bogan agreed to bring this back to the responding staff member.

Manhole – Health Centre, Pettigo

Cllr Naughton raised concern that there is raw sewerage leaking from a manhole outside the Health Centre, Pettigo and asked that this matter be followed up urgently. Ms. S Bogan advised she would bring the matter to the attention of Environment Staff at Headquarters.

Wall at Fintra Beach

Cllr Kennedy advised the concrete that is holding up the wall at Fintra Beach has now split and requires investment urgently to ensure the wall stays in place. Ms. S Bogan advised she would bring the matter to the attention of Environment Staff at Headquarters.

Sewerage at Clara House

Cllr Kennedy referred to sewerage at Clara House and noted that the matter has not yet been resolved and asked that same be followed up. Ms. S Bogan advised she would bring the matter to the attention of Environment Staff at Headquarters.

Sewerage Odour at Drumrooske

Cllr Jordan raised concern on the ongoing issue with an odour in the Drumrooske area, allegedly coming from the main sewer. He advised that he has reported same and asked that this be followed up as an urgent matter. Ms. S Bogan advised she would bring the matter to the attention of Environment Staff at Headquarters.

MDD/025/25 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING SERVICES

Community Development Report

Ms Britton referred to the circulated report, taken as read, highlighting items such as Capital Grants deadline 25th February 2025, DFI deadline 14th February 2025 and Social Inclusion Week events planned.

Development Fund Initiative (DFI) Workshop

A DFI workshop with Members was agreed to take place Tuesday 4th March 2025 at 2.00pm.

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. Quinn referred to the forthcoming Pre-Draft Consultation in relation to the new Area Plans for Donegal Town, Killybegs and Ballyshannon, the drop in events that have been arranged, and how members of the public can make their comments on the consultation.

Cllr Kennedy sought clarification around who can make a submission (i.e. community groups, individuals etc), how that feeds into the process and after the public consultation, will the members of the MD get feedback. In response to same, Ms. A Quinn informed Members that the process is open to anyone to make a submission, the process and timelines are set out on the Council's Portal (consult.donegal.ie) and all submissions and information received will inform the consultation.

It was agreed with Members to hold a workshop on Thursday 27th March 2025 at 9.30am, with a further follow up workshop to take place in April, date to be agreed with Members at the workshop on 27th March 2025.

Derelict /Dangerous Buildings

Cr Naughton referred to derelict properties in Balintra and Laghey areas and similar derelict properties in the county, citing these buildings are unsafe and unsightly in Town Centres and queried the powers of the Council to deal with these type of premises such as taxation etc. He acknowledged the Croi Conaithe Grant Scheme in place to assist properties owners to deal with dereliction, however he stated if pressure isn't put on these property owners now to deal with the properties now with this grant funding available, it's unlikely they will ever remedy the problem in the future. He commended the work being carried out by Ms. P McIntyre's Team on the Croi Conaithe Grant Scheme noting the significant investment and benefits of the scheme.

Cllr Kennedy concurred that the Regeneration Team are making good progress and should be commended for their work. She suggested identifying all the premises that are vacant, providing information to the Regeneration Team. Cllr Kennedy acknowledged efforts are being made, signs are being put on doors etc, but a lot more needs to be done, suggesting some cosmetic work be carried on these properties, such as painting, by community groups like Tidy Towns for example.

Mr P Sheerin acknowledged the Members comments, noting that the recent storm has likely made some of these buildings more vulnerable. He noted at the recent workshop with the Regeneration Team, it was advised that an important part of the process is the derelict site/property register and highlighted that if a property is on that register, a financial penalty may apply, Mr Sheerin stressed the importance of informing the Regeneration Team of any building believed to be derelict.

Ms A Quinn advised that there is funding available for this through the URDF, she noted the work programme in the coming year and is hopeful this approach will extend out to the rest of the County in the coming year. She acknowledged the previous workshop was highlighting work done, with the emphasis now changing to what can be done.

It was agreed that Mr P Sheerin and Ms A Quinn will convey the details of these discussions to the Regeneration Team, with a view to having a further workshop with Members where the Regeneration Team can outline their work programme for 2025.

MDD/026/25 CALL ON IRISH WATER TO UPGRADE THE RESERVOIR FOR LEGHOWNEY

On proposal of Cllr Naughton, seconded by Cllr Brogan, the following motion was adopted:

“I am calling on the Donegal MD as a matter of urgency to call on Uisce Éireann to upgrade the reservoir for the Leghowney area”.

Members were given a response to the motion by the Area Manager, Housing & Corporate Services.

Cllr Naughton in speaking about his motion noted that the water reservoir in Leghowney serves a large area, was constructed many years ago, where demand has increased substantially from additional connections over the years and it has just 3 hours of holding capacity in the event of a power outage. He referred to the number of outages in the supply in recent years including over the past 3 consecutive Christmas holiday periods. Cllr Naughton stated Uisce Éireann need to come up with a short-term solution such as additional holding tanks or an alternative remedy, and a longer term plan to address the issues, as a matter of urgency.

Cllr Brogan supported the motion, citing the difficulties householders are experiencing with the water supply in the area. He advised that he has contacted Uisce Éireann and was told a €10m project will be carried out in the future, however in the meantime, an interim short term measure is required.

Cllr Jordan also supported the motion advising that the replacement of the water reservoir needs to be added to the Uisce Éireann Capital Programme as a matter of urgency.

MDD/027/25 CALL ON COILLTE TO CUT ALL TREES THAT ARE IN DANGER OF FALLING ON POWER LINES, PUBLIC ROADS AND HOMES AND TO STOP PLANTING TREES IN SUCH PLACES

On proposal of Cllr Brogan, seconded by Cllr Jordan, the following motion was adopted:

“To ask the Donegal MD to contact Coillte and that they cut all trees which are in danger of falling on public roads, powerlines and homes and to stop planting trees in such places. We have seen the damage done to roads and electricity/communications infrastructure following

recent storms which have caused a huge threat to life and property, power and communications lines, water etc.”

Members were given a response to the motion by the Area Manager, Roads and Transportation.

Cllr Brogan in speaking to his motion submitted that Coillte need to ensure that their trees/hedges to not impact on services etc. in the event of a storm and as the National Forestry Agency should be setting a good example.

Cllr Jordan seconded the motion.

Mr. M Sweeney informed Members that the Area Roads Office has already made contact with Coillte and they are due to meet. He submitted that many of the trees that fell in the storm were older forests and noted that the more recent planting have largely a set-back are to prevent such storm damage. He advised that at one location in recent years the Roads Service had to attend three times to deal with fallen trees after storms and a large effort needs to be made by landowners and other to deal with trees that could be a danger.

MDD/028/25 REQUEST FOR AN UPDATE ON THE PUBLIC TOILETS IN DONEGAL TOWN

The following question was submitted by Cllr Naughton: -

“Can I get an updated on the public toilets in Donegal Town in relation to what works is going to be carried out on them? ”.

Cllr Naughton received a response from the Senior Engineer, Environment Section.

MDD/029/25 REQUEST FOR AN UPDATE ON THE CRAFT VILLAGE IN DONEGAL TOWN.

The following question was submitted by Cllr Naughton: -

““What is the update on the Craft Village in Donegal Town?”

Cllr Naughton received a response from the Senior Executive Officer, Community Development Section.

MDD/030/25 REQUEST TO CONSIDER HEATING ISSUES IN NEW SOCIAL HOUSING AND IN RETROFITTED HOUSES

The following question was submitted by Cllr Brogan: -

“Will Donegal Co Council to consider heating issues in new social houses and the retrofit programme on the councils social housing stock? The power outage caused by the recent storms has caused problems because people in new or retrofitted homes may have no way to cook and to heat any part of their home. There should be a back-up plan for these houses in extreme events like we seen in recent storms?”

Cllr Brogan received a response from the Area Manager, Housing & Corporate Services.

MDD/031/25 Date of Next Meeting / Workshops

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

Workshop	Date/Time
Donegal Tourism Strategy Workshop	18 th February 2025 at 10am
Rural Programme Workshop	26 th February 2025 at 10am
Roads Workshop	4 th March 2025 at 10am
DFI Workshop	4 th March 2025 at 2pm
Donegal MD Area Plans	27 th March 2025 at 9.30am

The next Municipal District of Donegal meeting will take place Tuesday 11th March 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

11th March 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	Tender due to close on 7/3/25
Bundoran	2	Keys Returned 05/02/2025	Tenders due to close on 7/3/25

Position as at 28th February 2025

HOUSING GRANTS

	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

	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

	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	196
Letterkenny	706
Glenties	103
Stranorlar	273
Inishowen	410
Sub Total	1688
Tenancies Closed	3306
Overall Total	4994

Updated 28/02/2025

HOUSING NEED BY LOCATION

Municipal District		Waiting List (Net Need)	Transfer List	Total Gross Need
Donegal		218	212	430
	Ballintra	10	5	15
	Ballyshannon	43	51	94
	Bruckless	5	2	7
	Bundoran	48	59	107
	Carrick	1	5	6
	Donegal	84	56	140
	Drimarone	1	1	2
	Dunkineely	1	4	5
	Frosses	1	1	2
	Glencolmcille	2	0	2
	Kilcar	1	1	2
	Killybegs	11	18	29
	Laghey	4	1	5
	Mountcharles	4	7	11
	Pettigo	2	1	3
	Total	218	212	430

Updated 28/02/2025

Housing Capital Update Report
Donegal Municipal District Meeting
11th March 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 is continuing. 	1
Design / Tender Stage		
Laghey	<p>A Stage Approval has been prepared for submission to the Department of Housing.</p> <p>Tenders have been assessed for the appointment of an Architect led Design team. Tender Reports are being prepared for the appointment of design teams to prepare tenders and progress the schemes through to completion, subject to standstill periods.</p>	2

Radhairc Na Mhuirlin, Phase 2, Glencolmcille	<p>A Stage Approval has been prepared for submission to the Department of Housing.</p> <p>Tenders have been assessed for the appointment of an Architect led Design team. Tender Reports are being prepared for the appointment of design teams to prepare tenders and progress the schemes through to completion, subject to standstill periods.</p>	5
An Glasán, Phase 2, Kilcar	<p>A Stage Approval has been prepared for submission to the Department of Housing.</p> <p>Tenders have been assessed for the appointment of an Architect led Design team. Tender Reports are being prepared for the appointment of design teams to prepare tenders and progress the schemes through to completion, subject to standstill periods.</p>	5
Preliminary Design Stage (No of units subject to change)		
New Row, Fintra Road, Killybegs	<p>A detailed ground investigation has been carried out and a report has been received.</p> <p>The appointed quantity surveyor has submitted costs for Site Development Works associated with the development. The costs are being reviewed.</p> <p>The scheme was presented to the Department of Housing and a site visit carried out on 25th February 2025. A Stage submission is being prepared for submission to the Department.</p>	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 has commenced the conveyancing process 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.



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.

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	27	84	0	27	0	27
Total	135	260	13	122	0	135

28/02/2025

**Donegal Municipal District
2025 Roadworks Programme
Status Report – 11th March 2025**

2025 Road Maintenance (Surface Dressing) Programme										
2025 Regional & Local Road Surface Dressing Programme										
Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	RSS Area	Year	Length (m)	Width (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)	Status
			To be agreed when funding is announced							

DRAFT 2025 Road Improvement Programme										
No	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Eng Area	Works Type	Year	Length (m)	Width (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)
Draft 2025 Road Improvement Programme										
1	R	R262-3	Frosses - Glenties (Binbane)	14	RI	2025	750	6	4500	€171,000.00
2	LP	L1515-2	Ardaghey - Ardara (Meenabradden)	14	RI	2025	700	7	4900	€147,000.00
3	LP	L1845-3	Ballydevitt - Altadoo	14	RI	2025	600	6	3600	€108,000.00
4	LP	L1375-3-4	Leagan - Croagh	14	RI	2025	700	3.5	2450	€73,500.00
5	LP	L1615-2	Lettermore - Meentacor	14	RI	2025	900	3	2700	€81,000.00
6	LS	LS6375	Edrim Glebe - Dromore upper (Wards)	14	RI	2025	650	3.2	2080	€65,000.00
7	LS	LS975-1	Drumgorman	14	RI	2025	850	3.5	2975	€70,000.00
8	LT	LT16251	Ardaghey OLD N56	14	RI	2025	200	5.5	1100	€33,000.00
9	LP	L1685-4	Sallows - Letterfad	14	RI	2025	1150	3.3	3795	€113,713.00
10	LP	L1485/2	Brenner - Tievedooly	14	RI	2025	1500	3.3	4950	€106,000.00
										€968,213.00
1	R	R-263-7	Drumnafinnagle - Kilcar Jn	15	RI	2025	450	8	3,600	€99,241.00
2	L & R		Killybegs streets	15	RI	2025	500	6	3,750	€150,000.00
3	LP	LP1345-2	Binroe - Ballyloughlan	15	RI	2025	750	4	3,000	€110,000.00
4	LT	LT10354	Cashelhill (Picnic Area)	15	RI	2025	400	3	1,200	€45,000.00
5	LS	LS5435-1	Drumanoo	15	RI	2025	1000	3.5	3,500	€80,000.00
6	LS	LS5565-1	Gibbertstown town towards Calhame	15	RI	2025	900	3	2,700	€95,000.00
7	LP	LP1335-1	Carricknagore	15	RI	2025	1000	4	4,000	€150,000.00
8	LS	LS5215-1&2	Derrylaghan	15	RI	2025	900	3.5	3,150	€110,000.00
9	LT	LT10251	Creavin, Carrick	15	RI	2025	750	3	2,250	€60,000.00
10	LP	LP1265-1	Glenlee roundabout - Drumbarity	15	RI	2025	600	5.5	3,300	€110,000.00
										€1,009,241.00
1	R	R267	Bundoran	16	RI	2025				€70,000.00
2	L & R		Ballyshannon	16	RI	2025				€70,000.00
3	R	R231	Rossnowlagh	16	RI	2025	470	7.2	3384	€112,000.00
4	LS	L7615-2	Garvanagh	16	RI	2025	550	3.50	1925	€61,000.00
5	LP & LS	L2335-4to 742	Derries	16	RI	2025	1000	3.50	3500	€112,000.00
6	LP	L2365-1	Cashelard	16	RI	2025	1100	6.20	6200	€136,400.00
7	LS	L7775-2	Tullyhorkey	16	RI	2025	450	6.00	2700	€82,000.00
8	LP	L2535-2	Higginstown	16	RI	2025	500	5.00	2500	€80,000.00
9	LS	L7285-1	Ballyalla	16	RI	2025	900	3.30	2880	€67,000.00
10	LS	L7335-1	Glaskerragh to Tamur	16	RI	2025	1000	3.20	3200	€80,000.00
11	R	R920	Belleek	16	RI	2025	200	7.00	1400	€53,786.00
12	LP	L2565-1	Magheracar	16	RI	2025	400	7.00	2800	€90,000.00
							6570			€1,014,186.00
1	R	232 -5-6	Pettogo Rd	17	RI	2025	900	6	5400	€150,000.00
2	L & R		Donegal Streets	17	RI	2025				€100,000.00
3	LP-LS	L2165-1	N15 to Murvagh Crossroads	17	RI	2025	950	6	5700	€172,000.00
4	LS	L6935-1	Knockbane	17	RI	2025	850	3.5	2975	€59,500.00
5	LS	L6685-1	Aughlem-Straness	17	RI	2025	1000	3.5	3500	€70,000.00
6	LS	L6665-1	Finnadoos-Drumadoney	17	RI	2025	1000	3.5	3500	€70,000.00
7	LP	L2125-5	Kellys Bridge rd	17	RI	2025	1000	3.5	3500	€70,000.00
8	LS	L6715-1	Drumbar-Drumgowan	17	RI	2025	1000	3.5	3500	€70,000.00
9	LS	L8035-1	Tievmore to old PO	17	RI	2025	950	3.5	3325	€66,500.00
10	LS	L8065-1	Lettercran Extension	17	RI	2025	1200	3.5	4200	€84,000.00
11	LS	L6675	Drummenny Middle- Upper	17	RI	2025	1200	3.5	4200	€84,000.00
12	LS	L6785-1	Drumlast	17	RI	2025	1000	3.5	3500	€70,000.00
13	LS	L6895-1	Trummon East	17	RI	2025	700	3.5	2450	€49,070.00
							11750			€1,115,070.00
										€4,106,710.00

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		
	Mountcharles	Lower End Mountcharles –	€6,750.00	Completed		
	Mill Park Hotel, Doonan	Proposed lighting from Doonan Roundabout to	€9,500.00	Completed		
					€27,662.46	-€541.46
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		
	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

Donegal Municipal District						
2025 Drainage Grant						
RSS Area	Budget	No	Description of Works	Road No.	Estimated Cost €	Status
14						
			To be agreed when funding is announced			
14						
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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: 4th March 2025

Time: 10:00pm

Venue: Donegal PSC - Council Chamber

Present: Cllr Jordan, Cllr Naughton, Cllr McMahon. Cllr Brogan.
Ross Hanigan, Chris Harley, Mark Sweeney, Stephen mcConnell

Apologies: Cllr Kennedy

Topic discussed:

1. Briefing on the 2024 Road Safety Report
2. The 2025 Bridge Strengthening Program
3. The 2025 Road Maintenance Programme
4. The 2025 Road Improvement Programme
5. The 2025 Drainage programme
6. Footpath Works
7. Discussion on car park names in Donegal Town.
8. Agree date for another workshop

1. Briefing on the 2024 Road Safety Report

Ross Hanigan and Chris Harley from the Road Design office briefed the Members on the 2024 Road Safety Report that was circulated to the Members by email on 21.02.2025.

The members were disappointed that the DMD did not get ant low cost safety funding this year and asked if the following locations could be considered for safety schemes:

- R263 at Largey near the secret waterfall – recent serious accident..
- N3, Cloghore to Beleek – no hard shoulder or verge for walkers.
- R234-2 junction with the N3 and L-2505-1 near the Jolly Farmers – junction improvements.

2. The 2025 Bridge Strengthening Program

The members were presented with a proposed bridge strengthening priority list to the value of €50,000.00. It is hoped that the first two bridges can be

completed with the available funding, but this will only be confirmed when tenders for the works are returned.

This priority list was discussed and agreed without amendment.

This programme is to be formally agreed at the DMD meeting scheduled for 11th March 2025.

3. The 2024 Road Maintenance Programme

The members were presented with a proposed programme of road maintenance (surface dressing) works to the value of €1,030,078.00 which was discussed and agreed without amendment.

This programme is to be formally agreed at the DMD meeting scheduled for 11th March 2025

See attached for copy of programme.

4. The 2024 Road Improvement Programme

The members were presented with a proposed programme of road improvement works to the value of €4,458,403.00 which was discussed and agreed without amendment.

This programme is to be formally agreed at the DMD meeting scheduled for 11th March 2025

See attached for copy of programme.

5. The 2024 Drainage programme

The members were presented with a proposed programme of road improvement works to the value of €248,142.00 which was discussed and agreed without amendment.

This programme is to be formally agreed at the DMD meeting scheduled for 11th March 2025.

See attached for copy of programme.

6. Footpath Works

The Members were briefed on the current expenditure on the footpath repair funding that has been allocated to each town within the MD. The Members agreed to monitor this expenditure as works progress and reallocate funding from one town into another if and when required.

7. Discussion on car park names in Donegal Town.

The members were advised that as part of the County wide Pay and Display review there is an opportunity to name the various car parks around Donegal Town that are currently only assigned a car park number in the existing bye-laws.

The Members were in favour of this and suggested speaking to the local community chamber and business focus group for suggestions.

8. Agree date for another workshop

The Members were advised that another workshop is needed to discuss the following items:

- a. To discuss and agree the 2025 Community Involvement Schemes
- b. The distribution of the 2025 Housing Estates funding (€70,000.00).
- c. Briefing to the Members on the upcoming urban speed limit review
- d. Specific Grant Funding update.

The date of the Tuesday 4th April 2025 at 10:00am was suggested.

Minutes compiled by:

Mark Sweeney
A/SEE Roads & Transportation Office,
Donegal Municipal District.

DMD - 2025 Draft Regional & Local Road Surface Dressing

No	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Eng Area	Work Type	Year	Length (m)	Width (m)	Total Area of work (sq. m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)
2025 Regional & Local Road Surface Dressing										
1		L1915-1	Killymard - Winterhill	14	RM	2025	1000	5	5000	25,000.00
2		L6445-2	Newtown - Ballydevitt Bog		RM	2025	1000	4.2	4200	21,000.00
3		L6355-1	Drumkeegan (Old N56)		RM	2025	1500	4.75	7125	35,625.00
4		L26152	Mauntharlor cottage (Old N56)		RM	2025	230	4.5	1035	5,250.00
5		L1675-1	Tullyvaar		RM	2025	800	3.5	2800	14,000.00
6		L1665-1	Inver Church - Daarin Line		RM	2025	300	5	1500	7,566.00
7		L16251	Ardaghey Globe (Old N56 W)		RM	2025	300	5	1500	7,566.00
8		L5775-1	Lignaul		RM	2025	1000	3.25	3250	16,250.00
9		L1375-4	Loagan Hill (Moonaullagh)		RM	2025	800	3.5	2800	14,000.00
10		L5695-182	Kilmacreddan - Brenner		RM	2025	1300	3.2	4160	20,800.00
11		LP1445-2	Ballybadannell - St John's Pt		RM	2025	1500	3.75	5625	28,200.00
12		L5895-1	Ballymacahill - Drumnacarr		RM	2025	500	3.25	1625	9,000.00
13		L60351	Sallaur (C Dunleavy)		RM	2025	900	3.5	3150	17,000.47
										1221,257.47
1	LS	LS5035-1	Boofan	15	RM	2025	1250	3.2	4000	22,000.00
2	LT	LT10351	Cainte Crá, Glencalmille		RM	2025	700	3	2100	11,550.00
3	LP/LT	1075/LT10	Meenacharvey		RM	2025	1250	3.3	4125	22,687.21
4	LS	LS5315-1	Granarilla Meenbay		RM	2025	1550	3.1	4805	26,427.50
5	LP	LP1365-2	Tullintean		RM	2025	1600	3.2	5120	28,000.00
6	LS	LP1165-1	Derrylaghan - Curkry		RM	2025	1400	4.5	6300	34,650.00
7	LP	LP1395-4	Craagh - Ardara Rd		RM	2025	1600	4.2	6720	36,960.00
8	LP	LP1315-1	Churchtown - Cammar		RM	2025	1000	4.5	4500	24,750.00
9	LP	LP1025-2	Meenavean		RM	2025	1050	5.2	5460	30,198.00
10	LS/LP	5225-2/LP	Churchtown link/Tauney		RM	2025	350	4.2	1470	8,000.00
11	LS	LS5485-1	Binrae tarhara		RM	2025	900	3.2	2880	15,840.00
12	LP	LP1125-1	Meenaneary Rd		RM	2025	600	5.2	3120	17,500.00
1	Regional	R231-2-3	Killinangel Mara	16	RM	2025	1000	6.50	6500	135,750.00
2	Local	L7775-2	Tullyharkey		RM	2025	400	3.60	1440	113,000.00
3	Local	L7995-1	Rauentreehill		RM	2025	500	3.60	1800	19,000.00
4	Local	L7915-1	Newtown Road		RM	2025	1800	4.20	7560	137,800.00
5	Local	L7925-1	Ardfarn		RM	2025	900	3.20	2880	114,400.00
6	Local	L2225-2	Rath-Derrier		RM	2025	1325	3.60	4770	123,724.00
7	Local	L7285-1	Paalharanny-Ballyalla		RM	2025	1200	3.30	3960	119,800.00
8	Local	L2485-4	Knader		RM	2025	1000	5.30	5300	126,500.00
9	Local	7335-1	Glarkerragh-Tamur		RM	2025	1000	3.20	3200	116,000.00
10	Local	L7265-1	Ballymagraarty-Scotch		RM	2025	1200	3.80	4560	122,800.00
11	Local	L2535-1	Higginsstown		RM	2025	750	4.60	3450	117,250.00
12	Local	L2545-1	Manor		RM	2025	1000	3.00	3000	113,101.31
1	R	232/267	Pottigard and Tullyearl	17	RM	2025			0	135,136.00
2	LT	L18352	Galadon		RM	2025	1350	3.5	4725	125,997.68
3	LT	L18353	Bonnan Hill		RM	2025	1100	3.5	3850	121,175.00
4	LT	L20952-1	Ballykillan Carban		RM	2025	950	3.5	3325	118,287.00
5	LS	L7035-1	Kilgool Garpel hall		RM	2025	1500	3.5	5250	128,875.00
6	LP	L2185-3	Ballintra/Shannagh rd		RM	2025	1200	4.5	5400	129,700.00
7	LS	L6925-1	Linnaparte Sean Gallagher rd		RM	2025	1300	3.5	4550	125,025.00
8	LS	L6945-1	Rath Garys Brae		RM	2025	1000	3.5	3500	119,250.00
9	LT	L21851	Ballynackillou mt Maar Land		RM	2025	1200	3.5	4200	123,100.00
10	LT	L80351-1	Tieveemore Caltan rd		RM	2025	950	3.5	3325	118,287.50
11	LT	L68152	Drumindagh Maxwell rd		RM	2025	600	3.5	2100	111,550.00
12	LP	L2265-3	Cracknacunny Flood		RM	2025	1200	3.75	4500	124,750.00
										11,030,078.67

DMD - 2025 Draft Road Improvement Programme

Item No	Road Classification	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Est. Area	Work Type	Year	Length (m)	Width (m)	Total Area of Work	Estimated Cost (EURO)
Draft 2025 Road Improvement Programme										
1	R	R262-3	Frazzer - Glenties (Binbane)	14	RI	2025	750	6	4500	1171,000.00
2	LP	L1515-2	Ardaqhey - Ardara (Moonabradan)	14	RI	2025	800	7	5600	1160,000.00
3	LP	L1845-3	Ballydevitt - Altadara	14	RI	2025	600	6	3600	1108,000.00
4	LP	L1375-3-4	Loagan - Craagh	14	RI	2025	700	3.5	2450	180,000.00
5	LP	L1615-2	Lettermore - Moentacar	14	RI	2025	900	3	2700	185,000.00
6	LS	LS6375	Edrim Globe - Dramara upper (Wards)	14	RI	2025	650	3.2	2080	170,000.00
7	LS	LS975-1	Drumgarman	14	RI	2025	850	3.5	2975	170,000.00
8	LT	LT16251	Ardaqhey OLD N56	14	RI	2025	200	5.5	1100	133,000.00
9	LP	L1685-4	Sallaur - Letterfad	14	RI	2025	1150	3.3	3795	1110,000.00
10	LP	L1485/2	Brenter - Tievedoaly	14	RI	2025	1500	3.3	4950	1106,000.00
11	LS	LS735/1	Moonauullaghan - Tievedoaly	14	RI	2025	750	3.3	2475	158,129.17
										11,051,129.17
1	R	R-263-7	Drumnafinnagla - Kilcar Jn	15	RI	2025	450	8	3,600	199,241.00
2	L & R		Killybegs streets	15	RI	2025	500	6	3,750	1150,000.00
3	LP	LP1345-2	Binroe - Ballylaughlan	15	RI	2025	750	4	3,000	1110,000.00
4	LT	LT10354	Carholhill (Picnic Area)	15	RI	2025	400	3	1,200	145,000.00
5	LS	LS5435-1	Drumanaa	15	RI	2025	1000	3.5	3,500	180,000.00
6	LS	LS5565-1	Gibberttaun taun tauardr Calhame	15	RI	2025	900	3	2,700	195,000.00
7	LP	LP1335-1	Carricknagare	15	RI	2025	1000	4	4,000	1150,000.00
8	LS	LS5215-18	Derrylaghan	15	RI	2025	900	3.5	3,150	1110,000.00
9	LT	LT10251	Creavin, Carrick	15	RI	2025	750	3	2,250	160,000.00
10	LP	LP1265-1	Glenlee roundabout - Drumbarity	15	RI	2025	600	5.5	3,300	1110,000.00
11	LS	LS5555	Tullaghacullian (Salt Barn Rd)	15	RI	2025	500	5	2,500	186,430.25
										11,095,671.25
1	R	R267	Bundaran	16	RI	2025	187	10.00	1870	180,000.00
2	L & R	L2465-1	Ballyshannon	16	RI	2025	280	7.50	2100	180,000.00
3	R	R231	Raznaulagh	16	RI	2025	400	8.5	3400	118,853.05
4	LS	L7615-2	Garvanagh	16	RI	2025	550	3.50	1925	161,000.00
5	LP & LS	L2335-4 to	Derrier	16	RI	2025	1000	3.50	3500	1112,000.00
6	LP	L2365-1	Carholard	16	RI	2025	1100	6.20	6200	1136,400.00
7	LS	L7775-2	Tullyharkey	16	RI	2025	450	6.00	2700	182,000.00
8	LP	L2535-2	Higginstaun (Continuation of 2024)	16	RI	2025	500	5.00	2500	180,000.00
9	LS	L7285-1	Ballyalla	16	RI	2025	600	3.30	2880	150,000.00
10	LS	L7335-1	Glarkerragh - Tamur	16	RI	2025	1000	3.20	3200	180,000.00
11	R	R920	Clyhara	16	RI	2025	200	7.00	1400	153,786.00
12	Local	L7795-2	Carlea	16	RI	2025	1325	3.50	4638	1102,000.00
13	Local	L2535-2	Higginstaun (Tafllyover, continuation)	16	RI	2026	400	5.00	2000	165,000.00
14	Local	L2545-1	Meaghera	16	RI	2026	400	5.00	2000	160,000.00
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1	R	R22-5-6	Pottaga Rd	17	RI	2025	900	6	5400	1150,000.00
2	L & R		Danegal Streets	17	RI	2025				1100,000.00
3	LP-LS	L2165-1	N15 to Murvagh Crossroads	17	RI	2025	950	6	5700	1172,000.00
4	LS	L6935-1	Knockbane	17	RI	2025	850	3.5	2975	159,500.00
5	LS	L6685-1	Aughlem-Stranor	17	RI	2025	1000	3.5	3500	170,000.00
6	LS	L6665-1	Finnadar-Drumadaney	17	RI	2025	1000	3.5	3500	170,000.00
7	LP	L2125-5	Kellys Bridge rd	17	RI	2025	1000	3.5	3500	170,000.00
8	LS	L6715-1	Drumbar-Drumgahan	17	RI	2025	1000	3.5	3500	170,000.00
9	LS	L8035-1	Tievmara to old PO	17	RI	2025	950	3.5	3325	166,500.00
10	LS	L8065-1	Lettercran Extension	17	RI	2025	1200	3.5	4200	184,000.00
11	LS	L6675	Drummonny Middle-Upper	17	RI	2025	1200	3.5	4200	184,000.00
12	LS	L6785-1	Drumlart	17	RI	2025	1000	3.5	3500	170,000.00
13	LS	L6895-1	Truman East	17	RI	2025	700	3.5	2450	149,070.00
		L2175-18								
14	LS	L7165-2	Bridgetaun	17	RI	2025	500	6.5	3250	195,493.52
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										14,451,402.99

DMD - 2025 Draft Drainage Programme

RSS Area	Budget	No	Description of Works	Road No.	Estimated Cost €
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
					€60,982.00
16	€61,281.00	1	Cloughore - 225mm x 100m LHS going towards Belek, 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
		2	Hill Rd: Extend existing pipe 80 mts and put in gulleys	L-2095-1	€10,000.00
		3	Tullyleague Mc Gintys Rd: drainage and outlets	L-6765-1	€8,000.00
		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
					€67,376.00
	€248,142.00			Totals	€248,142.00



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Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services Directorate

Master Municipal District Report March 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
20th February 2025	Donegal Tech Advocates Event	The next Donegal Tech Advocates event, which will be held on February 20 th at TCS, Letterkenny 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
6th March 2025	Believe in Branding and Vision: Building a strong identity for business success.	Location: Century Cinemas, Letterkenny. This interactive session, part of Local Enterprise Week 2025, focuses on the critical role of branding and vision in shaping the identity and success of local businesses. Whether you're a start-up or an established enterprise, this event will provide practical insights into creating a compelling brand that resonates with your target audience while aligning with your business's long-term goals.	Elaine Whoriskey - Economic Development Officer Ewhoriskey@donegalcoco.ie 087 1603942

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
Linked In	7,178	5,568
Twitter	3.5k	3,369
Instagram	4.4k	5,369
Facebook	6.1k	2,233

Donegal.ie 3.9K Web Users

6 News Items Published.

January 21st – February 17th 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 Emigrants Working Lives in Scotland: The Economic Development Team alongside DCC Culture Division hosted events in Edinburgh and Glasgow to explore the stories of Donegal Emigrants who worked in Scotland and commemorating the ordinary people from the Irish community who contributed to Scottish communities and industry that has often been overlooked or considered too ordinary to be recorded. The series of events was very successful with a high turn out from the Irish community in both cities capturing a variety of important and unique stories of our cultural heritage. Plans are ongoing to expand this project further to mark the 850th birthday of Glasgow with support from the Irish Consulate Service.

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 first Donegal Tech Advocates event of 2025 will take place in TCS, Letterkenny on February 20th.

Green Hydra: Donegal County Council's first Green Hydrogen regional stakeholder meeting as part of the Interreg Europe funded Green Hydra took place on 3rd January in Colab, ATU Letterkenny. The meeting was attended by 38 people both in person and online. The Green Hydra project aims to explore the

potential of developing green hydrogen projects in Donegal and the wider region. Participants from a variety of fields including industry, research and development, education, government, supply chain management and engineering attended the meeting to learn more about initiatives that are already happening with a view to exploring how best to position Donegal as key player in this emerging sector.

Speakers included representatives from the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications, the ESB, Hydrogen Ireland and the Killybegs Marine Cluster. The presentations highlighted the importance of green hydrogen as a clean energy solution for decarbonizing industries, transportation and energy systems. Speakers shared insights on Ireland's National Hydrogen Strategy, its relevance to Donegal, and the opportunities for collaboration and investment.

Blue Economy Working Group

The Blue Economy Working Group event held at Harveys Point Hotel on February 24, 2025, brought together key stakeholders to discuss the opportunities and challenges facing the blue economy in Donegal. The workshop emphasized the sector's evolution and the potential in offshore and renewable energy as well as stressed the importance of collaboration and engagement to drive innovation and support companies, SMEs, and start-ups. Key themes included fish utilization, connecting industry with research and development, and making the sector attractive for new skills and upskilling.

The event concluded with a focus on horizon planning, setting priorities, and practical steps to guide the sector's development, emphasizing the importance of continuous engagement and collaboration for the future.

Business Concierge Service

The Council's 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.

Startup Bootcamp Returns in March with Public Information Session for future Entrepreneurs

ALPHA Innovation's Bootcamp 2025 Programme brings would-be entrepreneurs through 8 in-person workshops, where they test the commercial viability of their business ideas. The third edition of [Startup Bootcamp](#) runs from

March to June and is FREE for applicants aiming to set up and grow their venture from Donegal. Workshops take place on Saturday mornings in Letterkenny, so as to accommodate those working full-time.

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.

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. The Board organised a visit to a major office building and a number of innovation hubs in Galway in February 2025 to inform the work on the Alpha Beta development.

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: Q1 2025.

Marketing Campaign: to commence Q1 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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Inward Investment Activity

North West City Region

Promoting the NWCR

A new brochure and video highlighting the value proposition of the NWCR were produced for this year's NWCR US Trade Mission and promoted throughout the week. Link to [video on YouTube](#)

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

Northern Ireland Committee for Economy

A deputation from the North West, representing the North West Strategic Growth Partnership and Northern & Western Regional Assembly (NWRA), were invited to attend the NI Committee for Economy at Stormont on 22nd January 2025. The deputation included Donegal County Council, Derry City & Strabane District Council as well as NWRA, to present oral and written evidence under the theme of 'regional imbalance'. The written evidence was submitted in advance and included recommendations to the Committee, focused on interventions required to address legacy challenges and build on the strengths of the North West City Region.

Service Land Initiative at The Commons, Lifford

Enabling infrastructure works began in November 2024 and it is expected that the enabling infrastructure will be complete by Q2/Q3 2025. The EDU is engaging with various potential site users including Social Housing, Community Health, Recreation and businesses.

Disposal of Council owned Land to support Economic Development: The team is dealing with several requests for disposal of lands for economic development in Ballyshannon, Letterkenny and Buncrana.

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1.2: Tourism Marketing Unit

Project Activity

TBEX

Donegal Tourism is thrilled to 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.

Holiday World Show 2025

The Holiday World show took place in the RDS, Dublin between Fri 24th – Sun 26th January 2025. Over 550 exhibitors, and 40,000 members of the public attended the show over the weekend. Seventeen providers from across the county attended the show under the umbrella of Donegal Tourism.

Details are available on the Show website: <https://www.holidayworldshow.com/>

GAA Congress

The National GAA Congress is being held in Donegal Town in February 2025 with delegates attending from all over the country. Donegal Tourism is assisting the local organising committee and will have a stand at the event all weekend.

Caravan and Camping

Donegal Tourism held both internal and external Caravan and Camping meetings in January and discussed issues for the forthcoming year.

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.

Walking Trails Promotion

Procuring video production and promotion for walking trails in 2025 partnering with the Outdoor Recreation team.

Golf Cluster

The golf cluster group (reps from each golf club in the county) met on Monday February 10th at Greencastle Golf Club for their quarterly event. Attendance at the PGA Show was discussed as well as plans for the promotion and elevation of golf in the county.

Donegal Golf Brochure

The final version of the brochure is ready for print with an official launch to follow. It is proposed to print 5,000 copies of the brochure.

Best of the Northwest Golf Collaboration

Work continues with our colleagues in Derry City/Strabane District Council as the project comes to an end – a FAM trip is being arranged for the end of February/start of March which has seen significant interest from global golf journalists. A golf showcase trip will also take place later in March organised by Tourism Northern Ireland which will see journalists and tour operators coming to the north west region to experience the golf offering.

Tourism Seminar 2025

Promotion of the seminar amongst the trade is underway with significant interest from many participants across the county. The event will take place as part of Local Enterprise Week on Wednesday March 5th and is a joint organisation of Donegal Tourism CLG (DCC) and Fáilte Ireland.

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.

Night-Time Economy (NTE) Buncrana

NTE Development ongoing, NTE advisor attended Night-Time Economy Summit in Birmingham February 2025. Planning currently underway for 2025 and seed funding allocation plan. Review of all pilot areas is commencing from national level. Action Plan and NTE Steering Group under development.

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. The project met with the Donegal Hubs Forum committee as part of its stakeholder groups where the objectives and the purpose of the project was explained to the forum. In semester 3 Donegal County Council will host a study visit of other project partners to the country.

GoVisitDonegal.com Website

Online & Social Media Updates – Go Visit Donegal Jan 2025

Website- Users 19,836- Page Views 49,656

Facebook: Reach: 30,164, Views: 56,722

Instagram: Reach: 13,328, Views: 28,008

LinkedIn: Reach: 4,744 Imps, 133 Reactions, 2,042 Followers

TikTok: Followers: 1,456

Donegal Tourism CLG

The Donegal Tourism CLG associates and board meetings took place on the 6th February 2025 in The Central Hotel, Donegal Town. The next set of meeting 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.

Grant Schemes

Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme

2025 application scheme in process of moving online. Aim to have application process open by mid March.

Regional Festival & Events Grant Scheme

€49,750 has been awarded to Donegal County Council under the 2025 Fáilte Ireland Regional Festival Funding Scheme.

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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</p> <p>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 forward.</p>
<p>Networks</p> <p>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.</p>
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2. Local Enterprise Office

March 2025
<p>Grant Aid (M1) – The first EVAC meeting of 2025 is taking place on 25th February 2025.</p> <p>Trading Online Vouchers: 10 approvals to the value of €25,000.00</p> <p>Mentoring: 17 business applicants approved up to 12 hours expert mentoring.</p> <p>Training: 68 Attendees on 5 Courses held.</p> <p>Digital For Business: 1 application approved for this support to a value of €3,321.00.</p> <p>Green For Micro/Green for Business/Green Start: 4 applicants approved for these supports to a value of €8,856.00.</p> <p>Energy Efficiency Grants: 1 applicant approved for this support to a value of €10,000.</p> <p>Lean For Business: 1 applicant approved for this support to a value of €4,500.00</p> <p>Start Your Own Business Programmes: 22 attendees on January SYOB.</p> <p>Local Enterprise Week 2025: Local Enterprise Week is taking place this year between 3rd March – 7th March 2025. The theme for the week is “Believe”. As usual, the Local Enterprise Office in conjunction with partners and other stakeholders, will be hosting a range of events across the county. The event brochure was launched in the Local Enterprise Office on Friday 14th February 2025.</p> <p>21 events are taking place covering a range of topics of interest to businesses including leadership, building networks, artificial intelligence, innovation and much more!</p> <p>The Local Enterprise Office will host its first "Made in Donegal" Business Summit and Showcase on Friday 7th March. The event will be MC'd by Donegal native and broadcaster Ciara Doherty and feature presentations from local business and sports leaders. Following the Summit, the Showcase will highlight Donegal's top artisan food and craft producers, offering attendees the chance to sample, explore, and support local entrepreneurs.</p> <p>Irish for Business/Gaeilge don Earnáil Ghnó: This 10-week in-person course commenced in January and is taking place in the Local Enterprise Office. 17 participants are attending from a variety of business sectors including hospitality, communications, professional and creatives. The course gives local businesses the opportunity to develop their Irish, with language that is particularly relevant to the business sector. The course also highlights the advantages of using Irish in business and how it can give customers confidence about the quality of their brand and their ability as a business to offer a premium service.</p> <p>Export Development Programme: 4 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.</p>

Three of the four 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 have been selected to progress to 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.

Market Explorer Grant: A new financial support has been launched to help businesses grow their exports. The objective of the financial offer is to support the development of export-oriented businesses by incentivising support to research and explore activities in new markets. This grant has replaced the Technical Assistance for Micro-Exporters (TAME) grant and offers up to €10,000 (or 50% of eligible costs) to small enterprises (1-50 employees) operating in manufacturing or internationally traded services.

Enterprise Europe Network (EEN): As the current Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) contract nears its end in June 2025, the LEO Network has two final missions planned: one in Manchester in March and another in the planning stage for Vienna in May 2025. Several EEN Regional events will also take place during Enterprise Week in March, focusing on key areas such as Innovation, Sustainability, Resilience, the EU Single Market, Business Partnering, Digitalisation, Internationalisation, and Access to Finance.

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 first Start Your Own Business courses commenced in January and February and both were fully booked. The next course is starting on 4th March 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 online on Friday February 21st.

Student Enterprise Programme

This initiative is aimed at encouraging secondary school students to develop their entrepreneurial skills. School teachers across the county have been invited to register their schools for the competition. The deadline for entries is 26th February with a county final taking place in the Silver Tassie Hotel on 12th March. Competition winners will then be invited to take part in the national final on 8th May. To book a place at any of the aforementioned events go to [Online Bookings - Donegal \(localenterprise.ie\)](https://www.localenterprise.ie)

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3. Information Services**Information Services (IS)****CoPower Project****Partner visit to Oulu University**

The fourth CoPower partner meeting was hosted by the University of Oulu on January 21st and 22nd. Presentations were given by each of the partners on their pilot project, including Donegal County Council at a thematic seminar. The Donegal County Council presentation was 'Implementing a Virtual Power Plant in a former army barracks estate'.

Other presentations were 'Farm Scale Biogas Plant', 'Smart Electricity demand response without compromising living comfort', 'Energy usage optimization' and 'Utilizing green surplus electricity to operate heat pumps for space heating'. All pilots are related to Virtual Power Plants, renewables and energy storage.

Site visits were made to a large Biogas plant managed within a large farm and also to 'Volter Ltd.', home of the innovative 'Walter' CHP unit

The group also visited Volter Ltd, home of the innovative 'Walter' CHP unit. This system produces electricity by gasifying wood chips and repurposes waste heat for farming, industrial use and underfloor heating.

Further information about the CoPower project and Donegal County Council's pilot project is available at

<https://www.interreg-npa.eu/projects/copower/home/>



Storm Eowyn Response

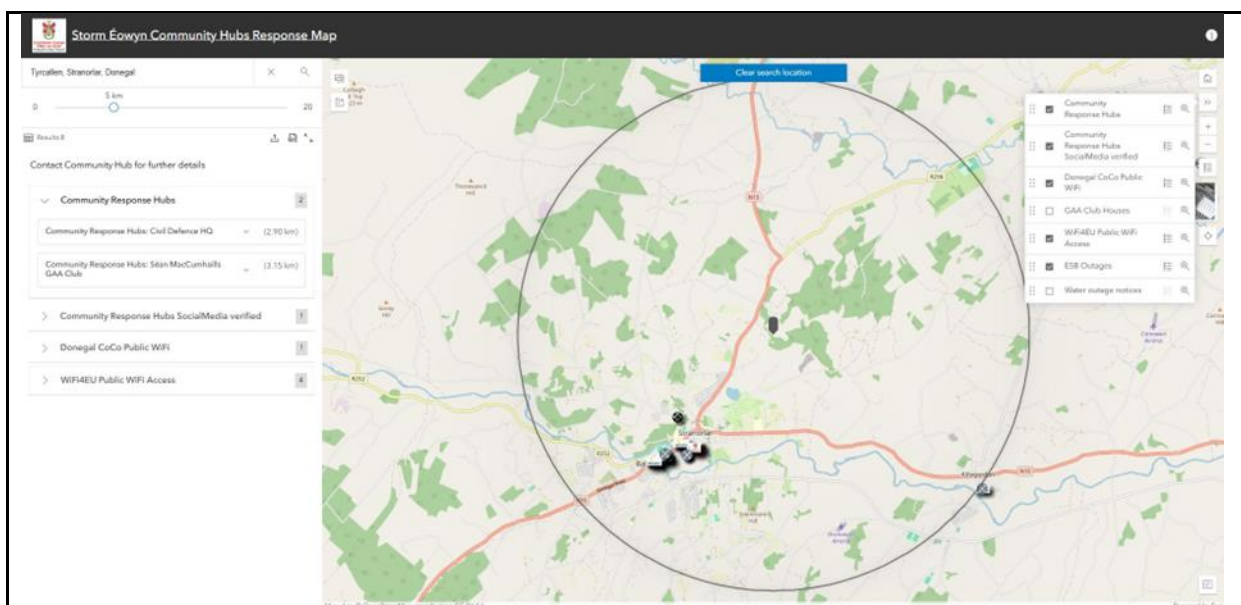
The Information Systems Division had a role to play in maintaining communications in so far as possible during and after the recent storm event. Among the work carried out was the establishment of a virtual contact centre to ensure the public could continue to contact the Council by phone, if/when power outage rendered the physical centre out of action.

In addition, on Sunday 26th January, GIS services was requested by the Crisis Management Team to produce a map of all public WiFi points and locations of centres offering help, GAA clubs etc for public information on available services: power, charging, showers etc. An early search of the web found about 10 community locations to start with offering access to services. The Community section was in the process of contacting groups to capture more detailed information through the PPN network.

This collated information was mapped by EIRCODE on Monday 27th January and populated with the relevant information captured by the Community Team.

The map was updated twice daily with new community hub locations and updated details for existing points. An exercise was also carried out to map the power outages in the county from the Powercheck.ie site, along with information from Elected Members. This was layered on the map to show where humanitarian aid was most required, where communities remained without power. This information was updated twice a day to maintain currency and relevance. The map has been publicised through all our Donegal CoCo social media channels and website. Data from this map is exported and reported back to the LGMA every afternoon. There are 52 community hubs mapped to date with detailed attribute information.

This map was kept up to date every day for 2 weeks (twice daily), with additions to the Community Hubs infrastructure and changes to outages from the Powercheck.ie website.



Digital Government Conference – 13th February 2025

Hosted by Eolas, and attended by the Head of Information Systems, this annual conference brings together stakeholders in all areas of government around digital transformation and digital services with an emphasis on real life experience and challenges.

This year's conference saw input from the HSE and Health & Social Care NI on their respective journeys towards digital transformation, placing people (patients) at the centre of service delivery. This user centred design approach to digital transformation was also referenced strongly in presentations from the Courts Service and the Health & Safety Authority. Revenue presented on their intentions for use of AI while the CEO of Digital Iceland and Deputy Director of GOV.UK provided insight on government digital service.

The local authority sector was well represented with presentations from Mr. Sabahat Khan, CIO at the LGMA; by Limerick City & County Council and Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Council on their joint AI evaluation project; and by Tipperary County Council on their adoption of LocalGov Drupal for their website provision. The importance of cybersecurity and cyber risk to systems and data was a common theme throughout including the aligned ethical, regulated and controlled use of AI.

Plenary sessions responded to questions from delegates which had been voted on electronically and allowed for an interactive engagement on common themes. Discussion continued in the networking spaces.

Links: www.digitalgovernment.ie

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4. Emergency Services

4.1 – Fire Service

Fire Service Monthly MD Report (March)



Activity	Number of: (January) ¹		Total for year	
<u>Fire Service Operations</u>				
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	88		88	
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	97		97	
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	12		12	
<u>Operational Activity Breakdown January 2025</u>	Turnouts		Incidents in County	
	Fires	Special Services	Fires	Special Services
Donegal Fire Service	40	57	30	45
Northern Ireland Fire Service	2	10	1	12
Sub Total	42	67	31	57
Total	109		88	
<u>Fire Prevention</u>				
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	9		9	
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	36		N/A	
Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by the Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from the Applicant / Agent:	57		N/A	
Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	5		5	
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	0		0	

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

1. **Current data is only available up to the end of January 2025.**
2. **As part of its community fire safety programme, Letterkenny Fire Station delivered 2 no. fire safety presentations and completed 1 no. home fire safety visit.**



ENVIRONMENT REPORT – March 2025

Activity / Project Title	Public Service Announcements (PSA's) – Air Quality (Decopaints)
Description/ Activity	<p>"It's the time of year when poor driving conditions are causing accidents, but did you know that a scratched wing or dent repair which needs a respray can only be done legally by a certified operator who holds a valid Certificate of Approval from Donegal Co. Council ? The bodyshop or garage must display a valid certificate, proving they have been inspected and meet the requirements of the Decopaints legislation and Best Practice Guidelines for Vehicle Refinishing. For an up to date list of certified operators check the Council's website, or phone us at 9153900"</p> <div>   </div>
Activity / Project Title	National Agricultural Inspection Plan (NAIP) – Farmers meetings
Description/ Activity	<p>In addition to the ongoing NAIP inspections, Donegal County Council's Agricultural Inspectors have provided training to over 120 farmers through a series of Knowledge Transfer meetings, organised by Agricultural Consultants, (Edward Browne & Mark McConnell). This training has focused on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) how water quality is measured and current trends in the county and country as a whole, b) the format of farm inspections under the Good Agricultural Practice Regulations, carried out through the National Agricultural Inspection Programme (NAIP) and the rationale for selecting farms for inspection, and c) specific measures which farmers can take to ensure compliance with GAP Regs including funding streams such as ACRES and the Water EIP.
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Activity / Project Title	Septic Tank Grant Scheme
Description/ Activity	<p>Access to a septic tank grant is only available through 3 schemes, provided Terms & Conditions are met, the main one being - the property must be occupied by the applicant as their primary place of residence (e.g. not a holiday home or rental property),</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National Inspection Plan: Grants are available to fix septic tank systems that were selected for an inspection by a Local Authority under the National Inspection Plan (NIP) and were deemed to have failed. The homeowner will receive an Advisory Notice from the Local Authority indicating what elements of the system requiring remediation, repair, upgrading or replacement. The Local Authority will also handle the grant application submitted after works are completed. 2. Priority Areas for Action (PAA's): Grants are available to fix septic tank systems in these areas that are or may be causing a threat to the environment and need remediation, repair, upgrading or replacement. These systems will be identified by the Local Authority Waters Programme Office (LAWPRO) who will issue a letter confirming eligibility to apply. The homeowner can then apply to the Local Authority for the grant. 3. High Status Objective Catchment Areas: Grants are available to fix septic tank systems in these areas that are or may be causing a threat to the environment and need remediation, repair, upgrading or replacement. The homeowner can find out if they are in such an area by inserting their eircode in the link on the Council or DHLGH Website. <p>The EPA have insisted that septic tank inspections should be risk-based, carried out in specific areas requiring protection (such as drinking water abstraction, bathing and pearl mussel catchments) and not done at the request of a homeowner with a faulty system.</p> <p>Donegal County Council have recommenced the National Inspection Plan on septic tanks in February and encourage all homeowners to examine & address faulty tanks & percolation areas as weather & ground conditions improve. Given the increased value and access to funding, the EPA have demanded greater enforcement by local authorities and it is likely that <u>homeowners who have already had a failed inspection 2 or more years ago</u> will be recommended for prosecution in 2025 to ensure these failed systems are fixed to protect the environment and public health.</p> <p>Further details are available at https://www.donegalcoco.ie/en/services/environment/pollution-control/septic-tank-grants-information/</p>
Contact Person	<p>Joe Ferry joe.ferry@donegalcoco.ie</p>

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>
Contact Person	<p>Suzanne Bogan, Climate Action Officer</p> <p>sbogan@donegalcoco.ie</p>

MD: Glenties

Decarbonising Zones

Project/Activity: Falcarragh Tidy Towns - 5 Year Strategic Plan Launch



Pictured: Falcarragh Tidy Towns Committee and guests at the launch of the 5 year Strategic Plan

Coiste Glan agus Glas Falcarragh Tidy Town officially launched its 5-year strategic plan, setting out a roadmap for sustainable community development and environmental enhancement.

Mary Boyle, Chairperson of the Committee delivered a presentation outlining the work of the Falcarragh Tidy Towns. Her presentation provided an insight into the various competition categories and the ongoing efforts over the past 17 year to enhance the town environment and public spaces.

The launch marks a significant step forward for the town, ensuring continues progress in environmental conservation and local development.

Falcarragh/Gortahork has been selected as one of two decarbonisation zones in County Donegal and the Climate Action Unit will be organising a number of community engagement events in the coming months to support the local community to create a Climate Action Plan for the area.

MD: Inishowen

Project/Activity: Eco-Buncrana – Eco- Strategy and Action Plan



The DCC Climate Action Unit participated in the Eco Buncrana 'Interagency Networks' focus group that was held on Wednesday 12th February at the Inishowen Development Partnership Offices, Buncrana.

These participatory sessions brought together local businesses, local community and public representatives to inform the Buncrana's eco-strategy and action plan to guide Buncrana's environment and social development over the coming years.

A follow up community engagement event is planned for 13th March.

Project/Activity: Conversations Towards Actions: Climate Justice

Change Makers **Trócaire**
TOGETHER FOR A JUST WORLD

CONVERSATIONS TOWARDS ACTION

Join Us for an Evening of Inspiration on Climate Justice

Visit Trócaire's *The Eyes of the Storm* photo exhibition and experience a panel discussion on climate justice featuring insights from local change-makers.

Thursday 30 January 2025 at 7pm - 8:30pm
Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny
Book via Eventbrite

IDP Irish Aid CONCERN worldwide Self Help Africa Trócaire etb

The DCC Climate Action Unit, participated in the **ChangeMakers Donegal -Conversations Towards Action: Climate Justice**, event at the Regional Cultural Centre in Letterkenny on 30th January 2025

Trócaire's powerful photo exhibition, *The Eyes of the Storm*, was launched as part of this event and an engaging discussion on how we can all make a difference with a panel discussion that included:

- **Nicholas Hanrahan**, Campaigns Events and Outreach Officer with Trócaire, on practical actions we can take together to drive meaningful change.
- **Lorraine Arbuckle**, Climate Action Co-ordinator of Donegal County Council, sharing insights on the Donegal County Climate Action Plan.
- **Sikhanyisile Dube**, originally from Zimbabwe and now living in Letterkenny, reflecting on her family's resilience in the face of climate change.
- **Fidelma O'Kane**, Secretary of Save Our Sperrins



Pictured: Lorraine Arbuckle, Climate Action Co-ordinator presenting at the 'Conversation Towards Climate Action: Climate Justice Event.

The **ChangeMakers Donegal Conversations Towards Action** series creates a welcoming and inclusive environment to explore the complex global issues shaping our lives while inspiring positive change close to home. Now entering its 13th year, ChangeMakers Donegal is a partnership between the Inishowen Development Partnership, Donegal ETB, Trocaire, Concern Worldwide and Self Help Africa. It is funded by Irish Aid to educate adults in the community about the connection between local and global issues.



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Municipal District of Donegal

11th March 2025

1. Playgrounds 2025

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

2. Fáilte 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. Public Participation Network (PPN)



Activity / Project Update: March 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 <i>(if applicable)</i>	
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 published for the 2025 maintenance contract.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assessment of maintenance tender submissions.
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Activity / Project Update: March 2025

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 County Council
Budget (if applicable)	
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"> 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.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refurbishment works complete, minor snags to be addressed before the playground can open to the public, at the start of March.
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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 deliver 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 earwork 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 in line with available budget. • Contactor appointed and works have commenced. • Works programmed to be completed March 2025.
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 Update: March 2025

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 <i>(if applicable)</i>	
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 Update: March 2025

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.
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 Update: March 2025

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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Activity / Project Update: March 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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Activity / Project Update: March 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 should be started in Q1 2025
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	Works to be completed in Q2 of 2025
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Activity / Project Update: March 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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Activity / Project Update: March 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: March 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: March 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
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Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Pobail Dhún na nGall Public Participation Network Donegal

Activity / Project Update

March/April 2025

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Public Participation Network (Donegal PPN)
Project Description/Activity	Link through which organisations from the Community & Voluntary, Social Inclusion & Environment Sectors have a voice on Council decision making bodies and other structures. Networking, Information & Capacity Building for Community Groups.
Budget (if applicable)	€120,700 per annum
Progress to date within the last two months inclusive of current status	<p>PPN membership now stands at 772 registered organisations. Donegal MD 155, Glenties MD 174, Inishowen MD 139, Letterkenny MD 213, Stranorlar MD 91. Donegal PPN have 62 Representatives on 24 different Committees and Boards.</p> <p>PPN Representatives All the PPN Secretariat & SPC positions have now been filled. A Training Workshop will be held all representatives in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny on Saturday 1st March at 10.00am.</p> <p>National Tree Week National Tree Week takes place from 10th – 17th March. Donegal PPN & Donegal County Council Biodiversity Section will avail of 500 Saplings. 15 PPN Groups (3 per MD) will get approx. 30 saplings. An expression of interest has gone out to groups with a closing date of 6th March.</p> <p>Donegal Social Inclusion Week Donegal PPN are running 20 events during Social Inclusion Week. A list of events and registration details will be available in the Donegal Social Inclusion Week brochure or email donegalppn@donegalcoco.ie for further information.</p> <p>Donegal PPN Training</p> <p>Funding Workshops. Donegal PPN are running Workshops in the 5 Municipal Districts in March/April. The themes are 1. Documentation needed for Funding Applications. 2. Writing Funding Applications. 3. Evaluation & Reporting Venues TBD</p> <p>Disability Equality Workshop Donegal PPN in partnership with the Independent Living Movement Ireland are hosting a Disability Equality Workshop in Donegal Centre of Independent Living, Ballymacool, Letterkenny on Wednesday 2nd April at 10.30am</p> <p>Donegal PPN Plenary Event Donegal PPN's first Plenary event in 2025 will take place on 29th April. Venue & Details TBD</p>
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	<p>Secretariat Meeting – 20th March, Letterkenny</p> <p>National PPN Meeting – 27th March in Trinity House, Dublin</p> <p>Regional PPN Meeting – 14th April, Sligo</p> <p>PPN Linkage Group Meetings - TBD after Representative Training Workshop</p>
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Donegal MD Meeting 11th March 2025

PLANNING REPORT

	Item	Update											
1	Development Applications												
	(1) Statistics	<div>Donegal MD Totals Year to End January, 2025</div> <table><tr><td>Applications received</td><td>15</td></tr><tr><td>Granted</td><td>22</td></tr><tr><td>Refused</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>Deferred</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>Invalid</td><td>2</td></tr></table>		Applications received	15	Granted	22	Refused	1	Deferred	8	Invalid	2
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Applications to End December 2025

Category	Stranorlar	Letterkenny	Inishowen	Glenties	Donegal
Invalid	0	4	3	4	2
Deferred	9	20	18	10	8
Refused	1	6	2	1	1
Granted	12	39	44	20	22
Apps Recd	17	25	30	34	15

2	Enforcement		
		Donegal MD	To end Jan 2025
		New Cases	4
		Closed Cases	2
		Outstanding cases on record since 2012	250
3	Notes & Monthly Schedule	<p>Pre planning clinics are on a telephone call only basis (ring 074 9153900) between 9.00am and 12.30pm on the dates outlined below.</p> <p>The pre planning clinic calls will be taken by the Executive Planners and shall be for substantial applications only.</p> <p><u>Planning Clinics 2025</u> 13th March 2025 27th March 2025 10th April 2025 24th April 2025</p> <p>Please see website for further dates. http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/planningclinics/</p>	
4	Casual Trading		
5	Regeneration & Development	See Appendix A	
6	Building Control & Taking in Charge		
7	Central Planning Unit	See Appendix B	
8	Capital Projects Delivery Unit	See Appendix C	
9	Conservation		
10	Further Information <i>Click on web links to access information.</i>	Weekly List of applications and decisions: Weekly Lists Donegal County Council Planning Service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service): planning@donegalcoco.ie Planning Webpage: Planning Donegal County Council Planning Application Online Query – Search a Planning Application Donegal County Council File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and planning search requests: fillable-file-retrieval-planning-application-number-search-request-form.pdf	

APPENDIX A

Regeneration & Development Team Community Development and Planning Services

REPORT TO THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING 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	€249,159	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Project with CPDU for delivery.
	Category 1 (2022)	€7,949,868	

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

Donegal MD workshop in relation to the new Area Plans for Donegal Town, Killybegs and Ballyshannon

Members are reminded that a workshop in relation to the new Area Plans for the above-mentioned towns has been scheduled for **March 27th at 9.30am in the Peter Kennedy Chamber, Donegal PSC**. The purpose of the workshop is to discuss emerging proposals for the subject towns and to allow Members to feed into the plan-making process at an early stage.

APPENDIX C

CAPITAL PROJECTS DELIVERY UNIT

Community Development and Planning Services
Report to Donegal Municipal District Members: March 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 ongoing Foul Sewer connection through DAFM lands commenced.</p> <p>Public Realm is substantially complete with outstanding paving and railing works to be completed in March.</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 Ardal McDermott, Senior Executive Engineer</p>