

Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain

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Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain ar siúl Dé Mháirt 21ú Deireadh Fómhair 2025, **ag 2.00 r.n. in ISP Carn Domhnach**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS INIS EOGHAIN

A Chara

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

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**Una Cresswell
Riarthóir Cruinnithe**

Municipal District of Inishowen

Office of Meetings Administrator
County House
Lifford
15th October 2025

NOTICE OF MEETING

A Meeting of the Municipal District of Inishowen will be held on Tuesday 21st October 2025 **at 2.00 p.m. in the Public Services Centre, Canrdonagh, Co. Donegal.**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF INISHOWEN

Dear Councillor

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

Yours sincerely



**Una Cresswell
Meetings Administrator**

AGENDA

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the Inishowen Municipal District Meeting held on 09th September 2025
2. Planning
3. Environment
4. Community Development
5. Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services
6. Roads & Transportation
7. Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services
8. Correspondence

**MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 09th
SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 1.00PM IN CARNDONAGH PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE**

Councillors Present

Cllrs Joy Beard, Fionán Bradley (online), Paul Canning (online), Terry Crossan, Albert Doherty (online), Ali Farren, Martin Farren, Martin McDermott and Jack Murray.

Officials Present

Bryan Cannon, Director of Service Roads & Transportation, Una Cresswell, Area Manager, Housing & Corporate Services, Dolores Lafferty, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services, Michael McFadden, Senior Executive Engineer, Roads and Transportation, Eamon Mahon, Senior Executive Engineer, Housing Capital, Helen Farren, Development Officer, Community Development, Ryan Nolan, Executive Planner, Brian McBrearty (online), Waste Enforcement Officer, Environment, Deirdre Harte, Project Officer, Economic Development.

25.39 Consideration of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District Meeting held on 01st July 2025

On the proposal of Cllr Jack Murray, seconded by Cllr Terry Crossan, the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District held on 01st July 2025 were agreed.

25.40 Consideration of the Minutes of the Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District held on 01st July 2025

On the proposal of Cllr Ali Farren, seconded by Cllr Joy Beard, the minutes of the Inishowen Municipal meeting held on 01st July 2025 were agreed.

25.41 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Deirdre Harte, Project Officer, Economic Development, presented the report, and it was taken as read. She highlighted the following to the members –

- **#lovedonegalday** – This year's event will be held on Wednesday 10th September 2025.
- **Tip O'Neil Irish Diaspora Awards** – The Annual Tip O'Neil Irish Diaspora awards will take place on 17th October in the Inishowen Gateway Hotel.
- **Disrupt by the Sea Shark Tank** – this year's event will take place on 16th October 2025.
- **Blue Economy Engineering Workshop** – A workshop to explore the opportunities for the Engineering Sector in the Blue Economy will take place in the Radisson Hotel, Letterkenny on 25th September 2025.
- **Green Hydra Event** - Representatives from ATU and the Economic Development Team will attend the next Conference being held in Sogndal, Norway from the 9th – 11th September. The second regional stakeholder event is being planned for 30th of September in ATU Colab Letterkenny. Further details to be announced soon.
- **TBEX** - Donegal Tourism will host TBEX - Europe (Travel Blog Exchange) from 9th to 12th September 2025.
- **Donegal Tourism/Fáilte Ireland Business Clinics 2025** - Planning for the Donegal County Council Tourism Unit and Fáilte Ireland tourism business clinics is underway, and these will be scheduled for November. There will be one business clinic held in each Municipal District. This will provide the tourism sector with an opportunity to meet both teams and learn more about supports available. It is proposed to begin the promotion of these towards the end of September.

- **Holiday World Shows 2026** - Donegal Tourism CLG has confirmed attendance at the Holiday World Show's in both Belfast and Dublin to take place in January 2026. There has been significant interest from tourism businesses in attending both locations this year. More information will be provided in due course.
- **Donegal Golf Brochure** – The official launch of the Golf in Donegal brochure took place at Donegal Club, Murvagh on Friday 09th May.
- **Donegal Tourism Strategy 2025 – 2030** was adopted at Plenary Council on 30th June 2025.
- **Irish Food Awards** - A record number of 14 Donegal finalists were recognised in this year's Blas Na hÉireann Irish Food Awards. From long-established businesses to emerging artisans, these finalists reflect the breadth of talent across our county. Over the years, Donegal producers have consistently excelled at Blas, building a proud track record of success. The winners will be announced on October 3rd at the event in Dingle.

25.41.01 TBEX

Cllr Joy Beard welcomed the TBEX Donegal 2025 event which will take place 09th to 12th September and thanked everyone involved.

25.41.02 Local Link

Cllr Joy Beard raised concerns that Local Link bus service at Fort Dunree was no longer available on Saturdays and asked that this be investigated.

25.41.03 Tourism - Inishowen

Cllr Joy Beard reiterated her request that the Council explore the option of providing a hop-on hop-off bus service for the entire peninsula to include all the various attractions in the area.

Cllr Paul Canning raised concerns about cruise ship passengers docking at Greencastle being taken directly to Derry, bypassing many of the tourist attractions in the Inishowen Peninsula. He questioned whether enough is being done to promote Inishowen to these visitors and suggested that linking with tour operators could help redirect some of the traffic toward local destinations.

Cllr Albert Doherty requested that an audit take place in relation to signage at cultural/heritage sites around Inishowen. The request was made due to concerns that a number of these signs require attention, possibly due to wear, damage, or outdated information.

25.41.04 Rural Regeneration and Development

Cllr Albert Doherty requested that a meeting be arranged with all relevant stakeholders in relation to a feasibility study that was previously submitted to the Council in relation to carrying out large scale events in the Inishowen area. Cllr Martin McDermott concurred with this request.

25.41.05 Buncrana Night-Time Economy

Cllr Jack Murray welcomed the launch of the Night-Time Economy Action Plan 2025-2026. He thanked Sophie Gallagher, Buncrana Night-Time Economy Advisor on her involvement in the programme. He outlined that there was significant interest in the NTE Grant Scheme and requested that adequate funding be put in place if required.

25.41.06 Blue Economy Workshop

Cllr Joy Beard requested further details in relation to the Blue Economy Engineering Workshop scheduled to take place on 25th September 2025 in Radisson Hotel, Letterkenny.

25.41.07 Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme 2025

Cllr Ali Farren queried when funding would be available for successful applicants.

25.42 PLANNING

Ryan Nolan, Executive Planner presented the planning report to members, and it was taken as read.

25.42.01 County Development Plan

Cllr Paul Canning raised a query at the previous Inishowen Municipal District meeting regarding a proposed development in Fahan. In response, Ryan Nolan clarified that any amendment to the County Development Plan must follow the statutory planning process. He added that the request could be considered during the upcoming statutory review.

25.42.02 Electric Vehicle Charging Points

Following a query raised by Cllr Paul Canning at the previous meeting regarding reducing development charges for developments that provide Electric Vehicle charging points for public use, Ryan Nolan advised that this could potentially be considered after the upcoming public consultation on the draft Development Contribution Scheme. There will be an opportunity for members to propose amendments when the Chief Executive report on this presented to them. At that stage, members can propose amendments, including potentially incentivizing Electric Vehicle infrastructure.

25.42.03 Buncrana Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan

Ryan Nolan provided an update in relation to the Buncrana Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan as outlined in the report.

25.42.04 Croi Conaithe - Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant

Ryan Nolan advised members that public engagement events in relation to Croi Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme will be held in the fourth quarter of 2025.

25.42.05 Planning Report

Following a query raised by Cllr Joy Beard regarding deferred planning applications, Ryan Nolan explained that there are various reasons why an application might be deferred, such as requests for further information from applicants.

25.42.06 Moville Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan

Ryan Nolan advised members that launch of the Moville Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan will take place this month.

25.42.07 Planning Service Carndonagh Public Services Centre.

Ryan Nolan advised that planning advise clinics will take place on 11th September on an appointment only basis. The appointments will be facilitated for substantial applications only.

25.42.08 Taking in Charge of Private Residential Estates

The Taking in Charge team, as detailed in the Planning Report for the Inishowen Municipal District meeting, presented one estate, as listed below in the Inishowen Municipal District to Members and sought approval to complete the Taking in Charge process.

1 Ard Chlochar, Carndonagh

The Planning Authority is satisfied that there is a need for a Public Right of Way over the estate roads and sought approval from Members to make an order to create these Rights of Way in accordance with Section 207 of the Planning & Development Act.

Approval was sought from Members, in accordance with Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act to initiate the procedures under Section 11 of the Roads Act to declare the roads within these estates to be public roads and thereby complete the Taking in Charge of the estates.

Ard Chlochar, Carndonagh

On the proposal of Cllr Albert Doherty seconded by Cllr Martin McDermott, it was resolved that the Council make an order in accordance with Section 207 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) for the creation of a public right of way over the estate roads within the housing estate Ard Chlochar, Carndonagh as set out in the maps in the report, to enable it to proceed with the taking in charge of the estates.

On the proposal of Cllr Albert Doherty seconded by Cllr Martin McDermott, it was resolved that the Council make an order in accordance with Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act, 1993 to declare the estate roads within the housing estate Ard Chlochar, Carndonagh to be a public road and note the consequential provisions contained in Section 180(4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) whereby this Council will also take in charge the water services infrastructure and the public open spaces or car park within the attendant grounds of the development and will subsequently transfer the water services within the estate to Irish Water.

Tús Nua Project

Cllr Albert Doherty referred to the update in the report in relation to Tús Nua Project and queried what approval was required from the Department of Rural and Community Development and if this would cause further delays.

25.42.09 Planning & Development Act, 2000

Cllr Terry Crossan sought support from members, in accordance with Section 34(6) of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 to grant a planning permission. Ryan Nolan, Executive Planner advised that individual planning applications cannot be discussed at Municipal District Meetings.

The Inishowen MD Meeting was adjourned for members to discuss the planning permission in committee.

The meeting adjourned at 13.45pm

The meeting reconvened at 13.56pm

Following a vote by the members of the Inishowen Municipal District, it was resolved that the planning application discussed in committee should now be formally considered under Section 34(6).

25.43 ENVIRONMENT

Brian McBrearty, Waste Enforcement Officer presented the report, and it was taken as read.

25.43.01 Minister Boxer Moran

Cllr Joy Beard queried if there was any update in relation to Minister Kevin Boxer Moran visiting the peninsula as outlined in previous meetings. Cllr Jack Murray had previously advised that Deputy Pádraig MacLochlainn had received agreement from the Minister that he would attend a number of flood sites in Inishowen.

25.43.02 Coastal Erosion

Cllr Joy Beard outlined the recent announcement in increased funding to support local authorities through the OPW's Minor Flood Mitigation Works and Coastal Protection Scheme (Minor Works Scheme). Cllr Joy Beard requested that sites be identified in the Inishowen area for inclusion in the scheme.

25.43.03 Household Waste Collection

Cllr Joy Beard advised the meeting that a number of residents have to leave their refuse bins at certain locations in order for them to be collected by a waste collector. These collection points can be some distance from their dwellings and is causing significant difficulties for some individuals. She asked that this matter be investigated.

25.43.04 Beach Access

Cllr Martin Farren requested that access to Big White Bay (Stroove beach) and Sweet Nellie beach be maintained.

25.43.05 Litter

Cllr Martin Farren thanked the Environment section for their work throughout the summer months in keeping the beaches litter free. Cllr Paul Canning also thanked the team for their ongoing work in maintaining the area. Cllr Terry Crossan concurred with these comments.

25.43.06 Lifeguards

Cllr Martin Farren queried if lifeguards were still in place at beaches throughout Inishowen.

25.43.07 Blue Flag beach

Cllr Ali Farren outlined that Greencastle Marina was initially awarded a Blue Flag for the 2025 season, but this award has since been withdrawn. He stated that some websites may not yet reflect this change which is causing confusion. He asked that appropriate steps taken to have the Blue Flag reinstated.

25.43.08 Piers and Harbours

Cllr Ali Farren queried if the Council intend to update the bye-laws in relation to piers and harbours.

25.43.09 Loch Dubh

Cllr Jack Murray raised concerns that the water levels at Loch Dubh had reduced drastically and would have serious implications for fish stocks. He asked that this matter be investigated.

25.43.10 Uisce Eireann

Cllr Jack Murray raised concerns in relation to the shortage of water caretakers in the area and increasing number of water outages across the peninsula. He asked that this matter be investigated. Brian McBrearty advised that this matter does not fall under the Environment department but agreed to highlight the issue.

25.44 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Helen Farren, Development Officer, Community Development presented the report, and it was taken as read.

25.44.01 Moville Town and Village Renewal Project

Cllr Martin Farren thanked everyone involved in works that were carried out at Moville Green area which has completely transformed the area. He also thanked the members for supporting the project and outlined the benefits for Inishowen. He acknowledged the ongoing support from the Roads team and Community Employment Scheme for maintain the area.

25.44.02 Donegal Walks and Trails

Cllr Ali Farren expressed his disappointment over the removal of the Banba's Crown walkway at Malin Head from the Donegal Walks and Trails register and asked that appropriate steps be taken to resolve the issue.

Cllr Albert Doherty requested that the school Ródán at Craigtown/Glenagannon be maintained and queried if assistance could be provided through the Community Employment Scheme.

25.44.03 Inishowen Head

Cllr Ali Farren highlighted concerns regarding traffic issues at Inishowen Head and requested that additional signage be installed to prevent vehicles continuing down a narrow road where there is no turning point. He added that this has caused damage to fences in the area as the current signage is often ignored by motorists.

25.44.04 Malin Head Visitor Management Plan

Cllr Martin McDermott requested an update on the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan and requested a meeting be organised with relevant personnel. Helen Farren agreed to follow up.

25.44.05 Jetty – Bunagee, Culdaff

Cllr Martin McDermott requested that a plaque would be installed at Jetty at Bunagee, Culdaff in memory of the late Cllr Bernard McGuinness. Helen Farren agreed to follow up.

25.45 ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION

Michael McFadden, Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, and Transportation presented the report to the members, and it was taken as read. The members were provided with an update on the following –

- Restoration and Improvement Works Programme – substantially complete
- Surface Dressing – substantially complete

25.45.01 Rental of Donegal County Council lands on the Swan Park Buncrana for Events

The elected members were asked to consider the Policy for Rental of Donegal County Council lands on the Swan Park Buncrana for Events as outlined in the report. The policy proposes to introduce daily rates and payment of bond. These rates are in line with the current charges for Buncrana Shorefront Music festival at €150 per operational day. The policy outlines the terms and conditions of use, and insurance levels recommended by IPB. It is proposed that all funding generated would be directed back to the Open Spaces team for maintenance within the park.

On the proposal of Cllr Terry Crossan and seconded by Cllr Joy Beard, the Policy for Rental of Donegal County Council Lands on the Swan Park, Buncrana for events was agreed.

25.45.02 Swan Park, Buncrana – Christmas Market Event

The elected members were asked to consider a request received by Buncrana Area Roads for the use of Swan Park for the Buncrana Christmas Market 2025. The event Operator has requested a significant time slot this year from the 26th of November to the 18th of December 2025. On the proposal of Cllr Jack Murray and seconded by Cllr Martin McDermott, the above request was agreed.

25.45.03 Clar Corner

Cllr Martin Farren requested that appropriate funding be sourced as a matter of urgency to realign the road at Clar Corner. He requested that Bryan Cannon, Director of Service Roads & Transportation follow up on this request.

25.45.04 Shroove Beach

Cllr Martin Farren raised an ongoing issue about illegal parking on the access road to Shroove Beach, which is blocking access. He requested that measures be implemented to resolve the issue. Cllr Albert Doherty emphasised the need for parking fines to try and deter the practice. Michael McFadden responded that correspondence has been sent to An Garda Síochána and that a double yellow line is proposed at the area to prevent illegal parking.

25.45.05 Bus Shelter

Cllr Martin Farren requested an update on the provision of a bus shelter in Moville. Cllr Albert Doherty supported this request and requested that members be kept updated in relation to this request. Michael McFadden advised that the matter will be dealt with by Michael Canning, Executive Engineer, Road Design.

25.45.06 Bus Stop - Carndonagh

Cllr Martin McDermott queried if the car parking spaces outside the Public Service Centre (Malin Road) could be used as a bus stop to alleviate traffic congestion in the town centre when buses are stopped.

25.45.07 Tidy Towns/Street Sweeping

Cllr Jack Murray and Cllr Joy Beard acknowledged the work carried out by the Road's Service in trying to find a solution to street sweeping in Buncrana. Cllr Joy Beard expressed her disappointment over the lack of any responses to a tender for street sweeping services in Buncrana and outlined that the Council were left with very little option. She acknowledged that a workable solution was found in the provision of a 'Billy Goat Sweeper'.

Cllr Jack Murray also highlighted the positive collaboration between the Council and Buncrana Tidy Towns, which has contributed to success in Tidy Town Competitions.

Michael McFadden confirmed that the Council has a contract with a local service provider to deliver services on Saturdays, Sundays, and Bank Holiday Mondays, and that this arrangement is currently working well. He acknowledged Buncrana's achievement in winning the title of Ireland's Best Kept Large Town for 2025 and expressed gratitude to everyone involved. He emphasised the positive relationship between the Council and the Tidy Town group, noting that this partnership should be encouraged and maintained.

Cllr Martin Farren queried what the street sweeping allocation was for other areas in the Inishowen Municipal District and asked that a balanced approach be taken regarding tidy towns initiatives.

Michael McFadden advised the members that funding was allocated to Buncrana as it was a former town council. He outlined the roads overseers around the peninsula work collaboratively with volunteers and try to ensure that every assistance is provided where possible in maintaining areas.

Cllr Martin McDermott acknowledged the need for adequate funding for larger towns like Buncrana. However, he also highlighted that smaller tidy town groups are facing serious challenges and urged the Council to consider ways to support them, without compromising the resources allocated to the bigger towns.

Cllr Paul Canning advised that he provides annual funding to several tidy town groups in the area through the Members Development Fund. He highlighted the challenges these groups face in trying to access or draw down the funding and requested that the process be simplified to make it easier for the groups to benefit from the support.

25.45.08 Tidy Towns – Buncrana

Cllr Jack Murray requested an update on the provision of a building for the tidy towns group in Buncrana. Michael McFadden advised that the Council is currently in the process of developing a lease to a property at Nailors Row, Buncrana.

25.45.09 Road Maintenance

Cllr Martin McDermott acknowledged the great work that was carried out by the Roads team in Inishowen. He raised concerns that smaller jobs/maintenance were sometimes overlooked given the large workload that the roads team had to carry out.

25.45.10 Neds Point, Buncrana

Michael McFadden agreed to erect appropriate signage following concerns raised about horses on the footpath at Ned's Point, Buncrana which are causing issues for pedestrians.

25.45.11 Mill Bridge, Buncrana

Cllr Jack Murray has called for additional safety measures at Mill Bridge in Buncrana. While long-term solutions are still being explored, he has requested that the existing signage at the bridge be upgraded to improve visibility and ensure safer use for all road users.

25.45.12 Traffic Calming Measures

Cllr Jack Murray raised concerns regarding speeding at stretch of road at Lisnakelly/Pillar Park, Buncrana and asked that traffic calming measures be put in place to deter this.

Cllr Jack Murray also requested traffic calming measures at Maginn Avenue, Buncrana.

Cllr Paul Canning requested that the road section look at options for traffic calming measures to discourage motorists from partaking in 'antisocial diffing'. He outlined that this is a problem in certain areas such as Killea and suggested that middle islands, bollards or raised tables be installed to deter the practice.

Cllr Terry Crossan requested an update in relation traffic calming proposals for the entrance of Ard Ban, and Churchwood, Muff.

Cllr Albert Doherty requested traffic calming measures be put in place at Millbrae, Carndonagh.

Cllr Martin McDermott requested that appropriate traffic calming measures be put in place in Clonmany to slow traffic through the village.

Cllr Albert Doherty asked that measures be put in place at junction at Glenmakee/Collon Road, Carndonagh as outlined in previous meetings. Cllr Ali Farren concurred with this request.

25.45.13 Junction at Slab Road, Burt

Cllr Jack Murray requested that a solution be found for the junction at Slab Road, Burt for the traffic turning right from the junction. Cllr Paul Canning queried if one way system would be viable and asked that the option could be explored. Michael McFadden agreed to follow up.

25.45.14 Umricam, Buncrana

Cllr Jack Murray requested that the bollards that were put in place at Umricam, Buncrana be removed. He outlined that the owner of Umricam Filling Station is agreeable for the school bus to collect children in the forecourt and so the bollards will not be required.

25.45.15 Killea Junction/N13 Bridgend

Cllr Paul Canning requested that the Road Design team look at options in relation to issues at junction from Killea to N13 Road. Cllr Albert Doherty concurred with this request.

25.45.16 Acknowledgement

Cllr Paul Canning requested that a letter of thanks be issued to a number of roads staff that retired recently in the Inishowen Municipal District. He also requested that a letter of thanks be issued to Joe Byrne who was hired by the Council for his digger work. Cllr Terry Crossan concurred with this request.

25.45.17 St Mary's Community Hall, Muff

Cllr Terry Crossan outlined that the layby at St Mary's Community Hall, Muff is currently being used to advertise cars and asked that options be explored to address the issue. Cllr Ali Farren concurred with this request.

25.45.18 Grianan Park, Buncrana

Cllr Joy Beard highlighted ongoing parking difficulties within the Grianan Park estate during school drop-off and collection times. These issues are particularly affecting elderly residents, who are struggling to find suitable parking during peak hours. Cllr Beard has requested that a suitable solution be explored to alleviate the problem. One potential measure suggested is the installation of appropriate signage to manage and regulate parking during these times.

25.45.19 Winter Maintenance Programme

Cllr Albert Doherty requested that Meenletterbale area be included in the Winter Maintenance Programme.

25.45.20 Road Markings - Yellow Box

Cllr Albert Doherty requested the maintenance of the yellow box at Redcastle.

25.45.21 Hedge Cutting

Cllr Albert Doherty requested that hedge cutting take place at Clós Phadraig, Carndonagh and Wild Alpaca Way, Malin Head.

25.45.22 Road Signage

Cllr Ali Farren requested that signage be provided at Harkin's Corner, Malin Town directing traffic towards Malin Head and Glengad.

25.45.23 Malin Head - GPS

Cllr Ali Farren recently raised concerns about GPS service directing motorists to Malin Head via the Blackmountain Road instead of the Lagg Road. He pointed out that the Lagg Road is more suitable for campervans and asked Donegal County Council to investigate the possibility of changing the GPS service to reflect this.

25.45.24 Malin Town Bridge

Cllr Ali Farren acknowledged the recent resurfacing works carried out at Malin Town Bridge. He noted a minor dip in the surface that may require further attention and requested that this issue be investigated.

25.45.25 Malin/Carndonagh Road

Cllr Ali Farren highlighted an issue with tar around Eir manholes along the Malin Road and asked that this be addressed.

Cllr Ali Farren advised that there is approximately two meters of white lines which is causing confusion on the approach to the roundabout from Malin to Carndonagh and asked that this be addressed.

25.45.26 Ballyliffin Footpath

Cllr Ali Farren requested an update on the provision of a footpath at Ballyliffin.

25.45.27 Rasheeny – Road Works

Cllr Martin McDermott referred to ongoing road works at Rasheeny and highlighted previous problems with water in the area and asked that this issue be kept in mind while works were ongoing.

25.45.28 Francistown Junction

Cllr Martin McDermott referred to Francistown Junction as discussed at previous meetings. He asked that this matter be followed up and progressed and a solution be found.

25.45.29 Machinery Yard Workshop

Cllr Martin McDermott requested that the Senior Engineer attend the Machinery Yard Workshop which is scheduled to take place on 21st October. He expressed his disappointment regarding hedge cutting this year.

25.45.30 Piers and Harbours

Following a query raised by Cllr Ali Farren, Bryan Cannon advised members that during a recent SPC meeting a discussion paper was presented in relation to harbour bye-laws. The discussion paper outlined proposed changes around the use of piers and harbours around the County. Bryan Cannon advised that he share the discussion document with Cllr Ali Farren and outlined that it was at the very early stages of the process.

25.46 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES

Una Cresswell, Area Manager, presented the Housing and Corporate report, and it was taken as read.

25.46.01 Approval of Estate Name at Ballyhaskey, Newtowncunningham

The elected members were asked to consider the naming of the proposed development of 40 social housing units at Ballyhaskey, Newtowncunningham as outlined in the report. The proposed name is Garrán Glas.

On the proposal of Cllr Joy Beard and seconded by Cllr Paul Canning, the proposed name of Garrán Glas was agreed.

25.46.02 Workshop/Meetings

It was agreed that there will be a Inishowen Budget 2026 Workshop held on Thursday 02nd October 2025 at 10am. It was also agreed that the Inishowen Budget 2026 meeting would be held on 21st October at 12pm.

It was also agreed that the Machinery Yard Workshop would also take place on 21st October.

25.46.03 Ard Na Guala Duibhe

Following a query raised by Cllr Martin Farren, Eamonn Mahon, Senior Executive Engineer advised the meeting that some minor repair works will be carried out at Ard na Guala Duibhe, Moville in coming weeks and affected residents will be contacted shortly.

25.46.04 Housing Capital

Eamon Mahon give an update on the various stages of social housing developments as outlined in the Housing Capital report.

25.46.05 House Acquisitions & SHIP Renewal

Eamon Mahon advised members that works are ongoing at the former Garda Station in Malin and due to complete by the end of October 2025.

The Council is also progressing the acquisitions of 2 properties at Moville. These adjacent properties will require significant improvement works, following completion of the contract stage. Departmental funding approval has been received for this project. The properties are at conveyancing stage.

25.46.06 Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition

Eamonn Mahon highlighted the Social Housing thorough Turnkey Acquisitions in the report and advised that proposals can only progress to the next stage of departmental approval once the developer receives (a) a favourable planning decision and (b) a Letter of Offer from Uisce Eireann.

25.46.07 Rockytown, Buncrana

Eamonn Mahon advised Cllr Joy Beard that the issue that she previously raised regarding concerns around subsidence in a garden at a property close to the new development at Rockytown, Buncrana was now resolved.

25.46.08 Tenant Purchase Scheme

Cllr Martin McDermott expressed frustration over delays in testing Council-owned homes for defective concrete blocks. Eamonn Mahon explained that while laboratories have been procured for testing, the Council has not yet secured contractors to carry out the coring (drilling into the blocks to take samples). The Council is actively working to resolve this issue. Cllr McDermott asked whether homeowners could arrange their own testing. Eamon Mahon responded that this would be a county-wide issue and would need to be decided at Senior Management level.

25.46.09 Deputation Ballyliffin Tourism Group

Una Cresswell advised members that a request had been received from John Farren (Ballyliffin Tourism Group) for a deputation with members. It was agreed by the members that a deputation would take place at the next Inishowen Municipal District meeting on 21st October 2025.

25.46.10 Scoil Treasa Naofa, Malin

Following a query from Cllr Ali Farren, Una Cresswell advised that documentation is at the final stages regarding the provision of additional carparking facilities at Scoil Teresa Naofa, Malin

25.46.11 Housing Report

Una Cresswell advised members that the gross need outlined in the report is based on an applicant's first choice in their area of preference.

25.46.12 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting to be held on 21st October 2025 at 2pm.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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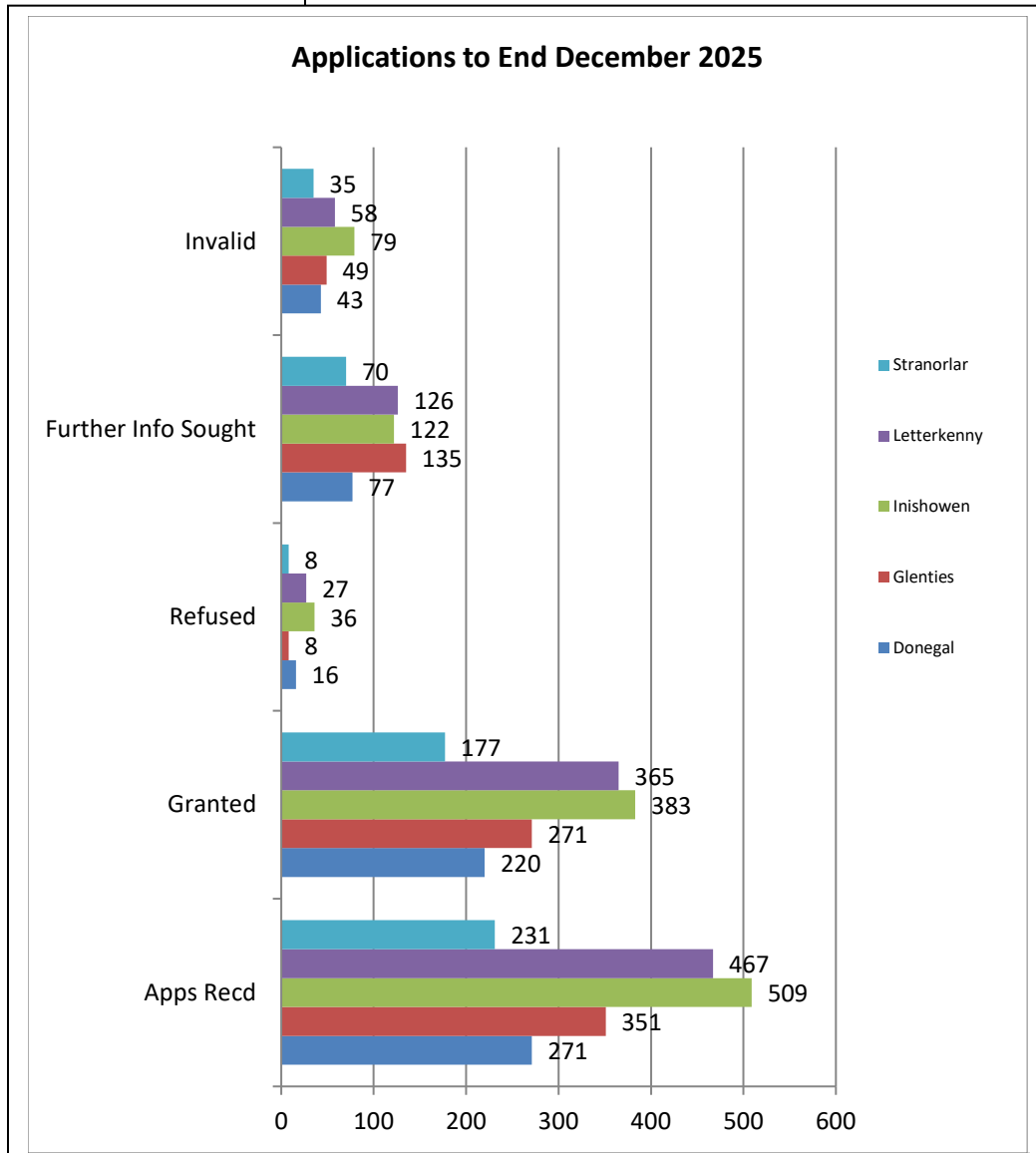
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PLANNING REPORT

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1	Development Applications													
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5	Regeneration & Development	See Appendix A								
6	Building Control & Taking in Charge									
7	Central Planning Unit									
8	Capital Projects Delivery Unit	See Appendix B								
9	Conservation									
10	Further Information <i>Click on web links to access information.</i>	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



**Comhairle Contae
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Regeneration & Development Team Community Development and Planning Services September 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		- Funding application for projects identified in both Rathmullan and Dungloe submitted by the closing date of the 14th March 2025. - Decision on funding application awaited.
Back to Ballyshannon	Category 2 (2020)	€247,500	- Further screening to be arranged. - Scope of the site has been extended to include properties on College Street, Ballyshannon. - To be targeted for future Category 1 Funding. - Work progressing to prepare project for planning consent.
Ramelton Re- imagined/Historic Town Centre	Category 2 Category 1 (2022)	€249,159 €7,949,868	Project with CPDU for delivery.
Burtonport Phase II	Category 1		- Property with CPDU for delivery. - Team supporting delivery through participation on Project Steering Group.
Repowering Buncrana	Category 2 (3 rd Call)		- Property with CPDU for delivery. - Team supporting delivery through participation on Project Steering Group.

Rathmullan (in partnership with The Way Forward Rathmullan CLG).			• Part 8 approved February 2023. • Unsuccessful for funding under Call 5 in May 2024. • Project submitted for RRDF Category 2 Funding Call that closed on the 14th March 2025. • Decision on funding application awaited.
Milford Town Centre First Plan		€100,000	• Town Centre First Plan launched November 2023 • GM Design Associates preparing a statutory planning scheme for the lands at Lower Mount Marian. • Workshop held with Members of the LMMD on the 8th July 2025 seeking endorsement to publish statutory planning for Mount Marian lands, to target consideration of the application at the November 2025 Plenary meeting. • Application made in April 2025 under Town and Village Renewal for funding to acquire former Milford Hotel which was unsuccessful.
Glenties Town Centre First Plan		€30,000	• GM Design Associates appointed to assist with preparation of the Plan. • Engagement with the Glenties Town Team ongoing. • Walkability Audit undertaken in December 2024. • Workshop with Members of the Glenties MD held on the 13th May 2025. • Public consultation event held on the 22nd May 2025. • Draft Plan to be presented for public consultation from the 12th September 2025.
Creeslough Village Plan and Community Regeneration Project (in association with the Creeslough Working Group, Creeslough Community Association and Arup).			• 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). • GM Designs appointed in March 2025 to prepare detailed designs. • Project with CPDU for delivery. • Team supporting delivery through participation on Project Steering Group.
Moville Regeneration		€24,500	• GM Design Associates appointed to assist to prepare Plan.

Strategy and Action Plan.			• Further public consultation event held on the 20th March 2025 to present the draft Plan. • Workshop held with the Members of the Inishowen MD on the 26th June 2025 to agree the final Plan. • Launch of the Plan scheduled for the 18th September 2025.
Dungloe		€50,000	• 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. • Tender appointment made and works commenced to prepare the project for planning consent.
Ardara		€50,000	• Funding allocation under Town and Village Renewal to advance design and planning consent for buildings in Ardara. • Tender package being prepared to procure external design team.
Creelough Minor Tourism Works		€50,000	• Council to facilitate drawdown of funding for works now to be arranged through the CCA.
Bundoran Regeneration Plan		€15,000	• Tender issued to procure external support to prepare the Plan and these tenders now being assessed.
Buncrana Regeneration Plan		€40,000	• Tender issued to procure external support to prepare the Plan and these tenders now being assessed.
Lifford Regeneration Plan		€40,000	• Tender issued to procure external support to prepare the Plan and these tenders now being assessed.
Raphoe Heritage Led Plan		€60,000	• Funding secured from the Build Heritage Investment Fund in March 2025. • Tender issued to procure external support to prepare the Plan. • Tenders assessed and successful tenderer appointed. • Work progressing to prepare draft plan.
Downings Action Plan/Project Plan		Inhouse	• Community consultation event held on the 10th July 2025. • Workshop to be arranged with the Members of the LMMD in September 2025.
Glenties Town Team			• Town team established in August 2024 to represent the community in the preparation and delivery of the Glenties Town Centre First Plan.
Creelough Town Team		€10,000	• Creelough 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 now completed. • Team meeting monthly to deliver on the actions identified in the Creeslough Village Plan.
Buncrana Town Team		€10,000	• 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 now completed. • Team meeting monthly to identify and deliver on the priority projects for the town. • Town Team Plan prepared and due to be launched in November 2025.
Ballybofey-Stranorlar Town Team		€10,000	• Town Team established to deliver the Ballybofey and Stranorlar Regeneration Strategy with support from the Regeneration Team. • Funding of €10,000 allocated from the DRCD to support projects identified by the Town Team. • Team meeting monthly to deliver on the actions identified in the Regeneration Strategy.
Moville Town Team			• Initial discussions ongoing to establish a Moville Town Team.
Milford Town Team			• Work to commence to establish a Town Team to deliver the Milford Town Centre First Plan with support from Donegal County Council.
Fál Carrach Town Team.			• A number of public consultation event held in April, May and June to gauge interest in establishing a Town Team. • First meeting of the Fál Carrach Town Team held on the 10th July 2025. • Town Team working to prepare a Town Team Plan through public consultation and engagement.

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 - Completed 2022. 2 Letterkenny Urban Regeneration site. - 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. - Completed 2025. 3 Public Realm/Linear Park Phase 1 - Opened June 2023.
Call 2 (May 2020 and approved March 2021) 6 Sub Projects	€19.3m (€4.8m DCC co-funding)	1. Reimagine public space at Market Square. - Project with CPDU for delivery. 2. Cathedral Quarter Park and Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme - 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.

		• Current design stage: data/information gather via tender for survey (topo, Ground penetration survey, elevational survey, ground investigations) completed. • Design team working on overall designs. • Workshop arranged with the Members of the LMMD on 1st October 2025 to provide an update on the project. 3. Renewal at Lower Main Street • 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 but this work has now paused due to other priority work. • Council to explore other options to re-commence this work. 4. Revival of the Courthouse Visitor Experience Plan/Product identification and Business Plan • 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. Built Heritage Investment Scheme. • 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. THRIVE (EU) Funding. • Funding of €199,969 allocated under THRIVE Strand 1 from the Northern and Western Regional Assembly for the purpose of engaging
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		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. • Public drop in event held on the 10th April 2025. • Workshop held with the Members of the LMMD on the 13th May 2025. • Part 8 published and approved at the May 2025 Plenary meeting. • THRIVE Strand 2 funding application submitted by the closing date of the 30th May 2025 including: - Energy Audit complete - Do No Significant Harm Assessment and Report complete - Climate Proofing Assessment and report complete - Business Plan completing out at present - Bat Roosting and Activity Survey. • Funding of €7m allocated under THRIVE 2 in September 2025. • Project being handed over to CPDU for delivery. 5. Strategic acquisition to enable a Regional Transport Hub • 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 leading to collaborative approach with key landowner. Agreement to undertake masterplan for the lands to determine potential for public/private collaboration. Tender being drafted at present. • Options for temporary bus hub being advanced in-house.
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		6. Strategic acquisition to enable LK Green Connect • 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. • External structural/civil engineering consultative services procured for site investigation services access sought to 3rd party lands.
Call 3 (March 2023 and approved July 2023).	€4m	Revolving fund for acquisition costs of long-term vacant property or sites • 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. • Valuation Services engaged in relation to property valuations. • Legal Services engaged in relation to property acquisitions. • Council to advance 10 properties for acquisition/CPO. • 4 properties added to the Derelict Sites Register.
“The Eat Out’ Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Project		• Construction completed.
Letterkenny Cultural Corridor		• 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		• 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 commenced in January 2025 with engagement with relevant stakeholders. Exercise paused due to resource requirements across RRDF programme.
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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	1,376
Applications Approved	987
Applications Deemed not eligible (eligibility criteria not met)	36
Application in progress (first technical inspection/awaiting information from applicant)	134
Applications withdrawn by applicant	155
Applications resubmitted by applicant	64
Applications Paid	287
Value of Applications Paid	€15.93m

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:

To activate 300 properties and commence CPO in 6 cases.

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 have been 4 new additions to the Register this year so far. A review of the 18 properties that were on the Register for a number of years is completing and as a result, to date 6 properties have been removed from the Register as they do not meet the criteria for inclusion on the Registrar.

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. The Derelict Sites Policy and Procedures document was approved this year by the Elected Members at each MD level and by the Planning SPC.

Regeneration and Development Team.
September 2025.

APPENDIX B



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

CAPITAL PROJECTS DELIVERY UNIT

Community Development and Planning Services

Report to Inishowen Municipal District Members: **October 2025**

Activity / Project Title	Tús Nua Project
Project Description/Activity	The Tús Nua Project is a transformative town centre regeneration project in Carndonagh. The project elements are as follows: • Alteration of the former Leprechaun Bar to create a new through access and public amenities including a changing places facility, • Restoration, alteration and extension of a former Department Store and associated outbuildings to the rear providing for: i. a new Digital Fabrication Laboratory (FabLab) and co-working Hub (CoLabora), office space, ii. a Social Space for Young People and Teenagers iii. a community Kitchen, iv. Communal storage, and v. A public realm courtyard with sensory garden. • Creation of a new Pedestrian Street and public realm park between Pound Street/Bank Place and the Supervalu Retail Complex, • The restoration and alteration of a stone outbuilding to a Creative Makers Hub for creative and craft industries; • New demountable canopy feature(s) in the existing Diamond area civic space; • New public realm improvements on Back Lane connecting the Diamond to the Town Car Park and Bridge Street; • Acquisition of a town centre site (The Mart) which will enable separate progression of a town centre housing development by the Councils Housing Capital Team at an estimated value of €5-5.5m.
Budget	€ 9.6m
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	CPO has been approved by An Bord Pleanála and DCC have taken ownership of the lands. Back Lane works are substantially complete. Detailed design and associated tender documents are complete. Decision Gate 2 approval to proceed to tender has been granted from DRCD.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	Construction tenders to be published for main project. Back Lane construction works to be complete.
Contact Person(s)	Hugh Trearty, Executive Engineer Ardal McDermott, Senior Executive Engineer

Activity / Project Title	Fort Dunree
Project Description/Activity	Donegal County Council (DCC) has been awarded grant funding of €9,251,000 for Fort Dunree, Co. Donegal under Fáilte Irelands, Capital investment scheme Platform for Growth – A Programme for Tourism Investment, Platform 1: Immersive Heritage and Cultural Attractions. This will be supported by €3.2 million match funding committed by Donegal County Council providing a total Project value of €12.5 million investment. The transformational tourism project at Fort Dunree is informed by a vision to reimagine the visitor experience at this spectacular Fort and Discovery Point along the Wild Atlantic Way. The project will physically link the 3 unique elements of Fort Dunree: Lough Swilly below the Fort; the Promontory Fort and the High Fort (Redoubt). Along the visitor journey, immersive heritage and cultural touch-points will be provided with modern intervention view points and imaginative interpretive installations. The ambition is to reposition this defensive site to allow visitors to imagine its past and experience its beauty. The proposed Project comprises of the following key components. 1. High Fort: Works to improve existing High Fort 2. High Guns: Restoration of the High Guns 3. Lighthouse: Conservation & refurbishment works 4. Northern Walkway: New projecting walkway 5. Lower Fort Walkway: construction of new walkway & upgrade of access route and drawbridge. 6. The Village: Conservation & upgrade of existing buildings to facilitate, welcome building, toilets, souvenir shop, café etc. 7. Car Park: Provision of improved distribution roads & a new car parking facility 8. Walkways & Watchtower: Upgraded and new walkways and watchtower conservation works 9. Access Routes: Reparatory works to existing pathways and steps.
Budget	€12.5m
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	An Coimisiún Pleanála refused permission for the development On 25th July 2025. The Project Team are reviewing options to determine the best way to proceed with the project.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	Review of implications of ACP refusal and engage with project funders to determine next steps.
Contact Person(s)	Patrick Brennan, Project Manager Shane Sweeney, Senior Executive Engineer Paddy Mullen, Senior Engineer
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Activity / Project Title	Repowering Buncrana
Project Description/Activity	The overall objective of the project is to repower Buncrana by regenerating and connecting the costal edge and historic town centre activating a competitive, attractive, connected, liveable, sustainable and high quality strategic urban gateway to Inishowen and the North West City Region and establishing Buncrana as the Place Standard for the North West region. The project centres on six key interventions: 1. A new iconic pedestrian bridge over the Mill River connecting the Inishowen Greenway Project and Amazing Grace Park to a transformed harbour/pier environment, 2. The creation of a high performance promenade and Shore Front Green including enhanced walkways, beach access, public realm & festival gathering space and development of a new bespoke public/civic shore green users building, 3. Enhanced connection between the new Shore Front Green environment and the Main Street and commercial core of the town with targeted public realm improvements, 4. Enhanced Shore Front walkway and promenade along the Fishing Green, with dramatic re-imaging of the Amazing Grace viewing point, 5. Onwards connection of the promenade to Swan Park, Buncrana Castle and Cockhill Road 6. The repurposing and extension of the old garda barracks building to create bespoke office accommodation. RRDF Category 2 Funding has been awarded to develop the project ready for a construction tender including securing all necessary statutory consents. Robin Lee Architecture has been appointed to provide Integrated Design Team Services necessary for the delivery of the project.
Budget	Total Funding €1,461,746.00 80% Funded by RRDF (€1,169,396) 20% Funded by DCC (€292,349)
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	Engagement with stakeholders and the preliminary design of the project is ongoing. Developed design has been completed for the old garda barracks and a Part 8 planning process has commenced for this element.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	The design process will continue for all elements of the project. Close out the Part 8 planning process for the Garda Barracks and develop detailed design and tender documents for this element of the project.
Contact Person(s)	Shane Sweeney, Senior Executive Engineer Paddy Mullen, Senior Engineer



ENVIRONMENT REPORT – October 2025

CENTRAL LABORATORY

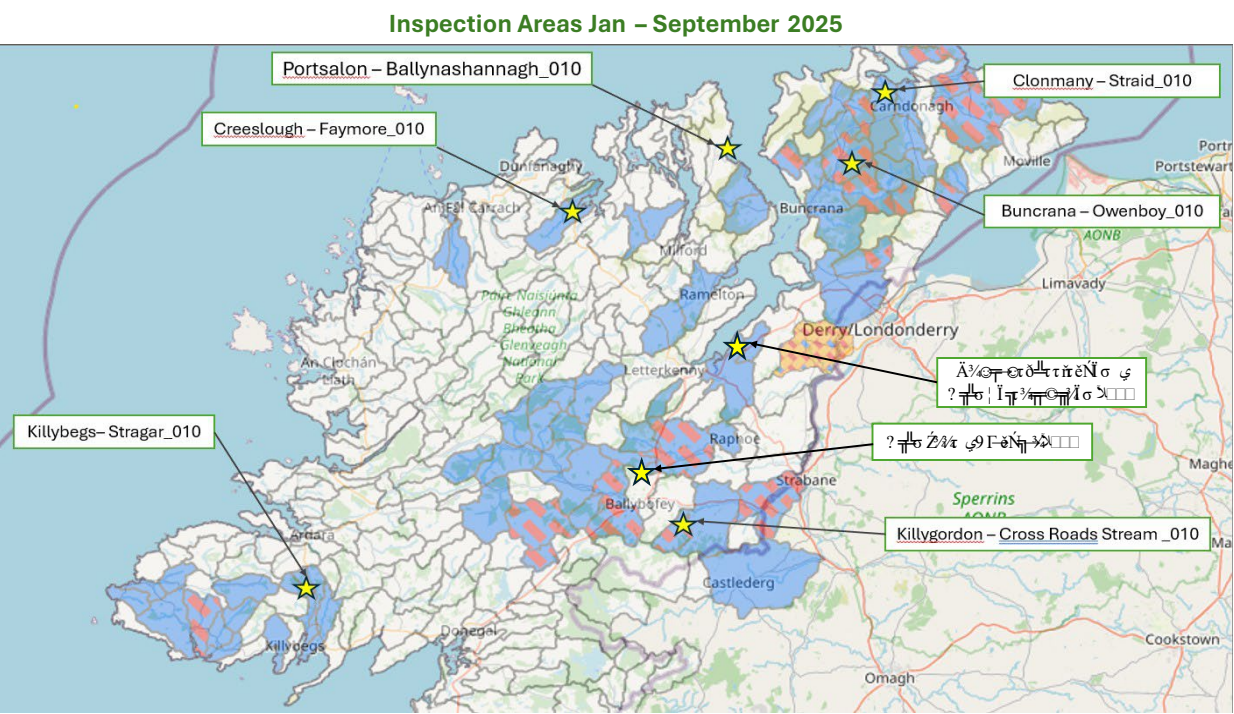
Activity / Project Title	Public Service Announcements (PSA's) - Running on local radio stations in October
Description/ Activity	Attention Farmers Donegal County Council would like to remind farmers in the county of the following key messages as autumn and winter approaches; • Plan to complete the land spreading of slurry by the 1st October • farmyard manure cannot be applied to land after the 1st November, • check & repair gutters and downpipes to minimize soiled water in yards • ensure that any effluent or soiled water generated is directed to appropriate storage tanks. • There should be no direct runoff of soiled water from farm roadways to waters. Play your part in keeping Donegal clean and green
Contact Person	Joe Ferry joe.ferry@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	Bathing Waters 2025 season
Description/ Activity	The 2025 Bathing Season concluded officially on the 15th September with the Council's Central Lab completing monitoring at all designated bathing waters.  <i>Figure 1. Turbulent Day Sampling Kilahoeey</i> <i>Figure 2. Brighter Side of Life - Dooley Beach</i> Average rainfall for August is approximately 100mm of rain, 2025 there was approximately 65mm of rainfall, due to the good weather there were fewer prior warnings raised for the bathing waters than previous few years. We found cattle access to streams running onto Blue Flag (BF) beaches does have an impact on bathing water quality. As a result, NAIP inspections may be performed near BF beaches in early 2026.
Contact	Bernadette Gault, BernadetteGault@donegalcoco.ie

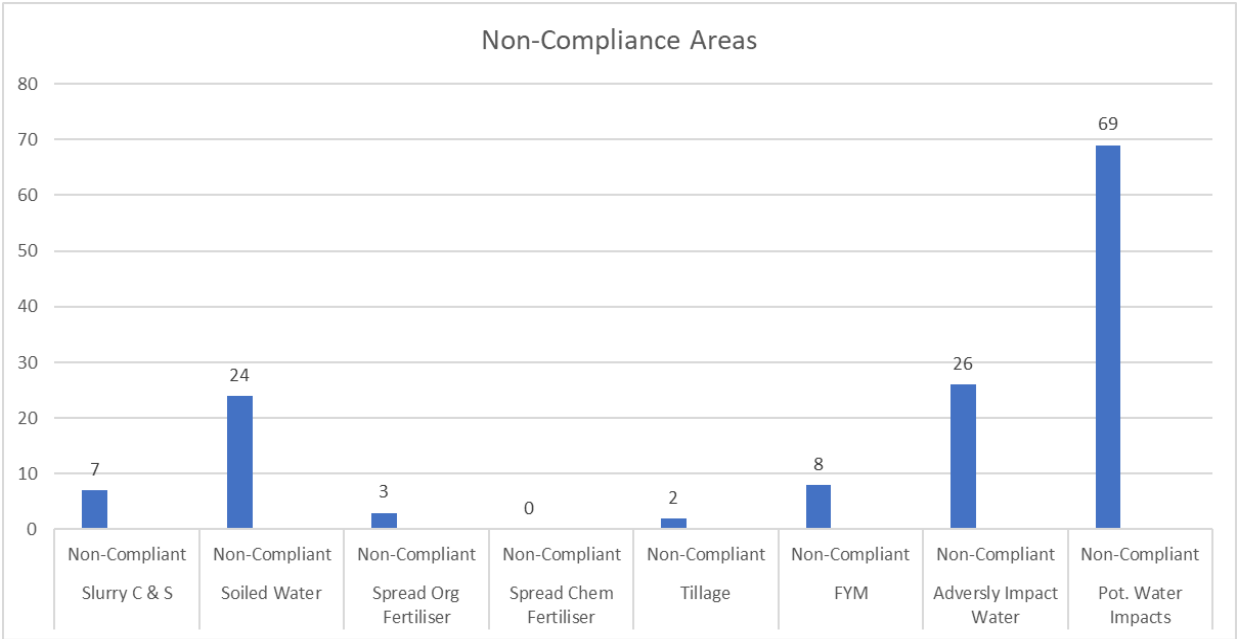
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National Agricultural Inspection Programme (NAIP)



Main Issues Found during Inspections



CLIMATE ACTION

Activity / Project Title	Climate Action Week: 13 th – 19 th October 2025
Project Description/ Activity	Climate Action Week is coming to a place near you! Get involved in a week of exciting talks, workshops, and creative collaborations that empower action. From sustainable living, household energy saving and repair & reuse workshops, there's something for everyone! What is Climate Action Week? Climate Action Week is Ireland's largest pop-up climate festival, showcasing the power of collective action. Coordinated by An Taisce since 2017, on behalf of the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment, #ClimateActionWeek brings together individuals, communities, organisations, and policymakers to tackle the climate crisis through creativity, collaboration and shared learning experiences. Climate Action Week in Donegal A range of climate action activities have been co-ordinated locally by the Climate Action Unit of Donegal County Council. Speaking on the initiative, Fiona Kelly, Community Climate Action Officer said, "We are delighted with the response from community groups to Climate Action Week 2025. Climate Action Week is a chance for everyone to get involved in climate action by learning how to become more energy efficient, support the circular economy and living more sustainably while supporting biodiversity". For young people we have collaborated with the National Parks & Wildlife Service in the Wainfest Childrens Art Competition and encourage children and young people to enter and win some amazing prizes. Green Schools have also organised 'Walk to School' Week which encourages students to walk, cycle or use 'Park & Stride' for their school journey to promote physical and mental health, reduce traffic congestion, and improve air quality. A number of events have also been organised in-house for staff which include lunch-time talks by the North West Energy Agency (NWEA) on the supports they have available for home energy upgrades, webinars on Grow Your Own- Cook Your Own Food, a Swift Conservation Webinar by BirdWatch Ireland and a Sustainable Fashion Event. For news of events happening near you view: Climateactionweek.ie
Contact Person	Fiona Kelly, Community Climate Action Officer fionakelly@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	Phase 2: Community Climate Action Fund due to be announced
Project Description/ Activity	The second phase of Community Climate Action Fund is due to be announced. It is expected that Donegal County Council will open the application process for the Community Climate Action Fund in late October 2025. A series of webinars and in-person information events will be held in each MD throughout November to provide information on the fund to community groups and members of the public. The Community Climate Action Programme (CCAP) is a new programme to support small and large, rural and urban communities to take climate action at a local level. Donegal County Council in association with the Department of Climate, Energy and Environment (DCEE), will provide funding to local communities for projects that promote community climate action. The objective of the CCAP is to build low carbon, sustainable communities, which will, in turn contribute to the national climate and energy targets. About the CCAP This funding is part of the Community Climate Action Programme, which supports projects and initiatives that facilitate climate action within local communities. The fund is open to not-for-profit community groups and clubs. The CCAP can fund 100% of all eligible costs for the project and there are three project sizes eligible: • Small scale projects < €20,000 • Medium scale projects €20,000 to €50,000 • Large scale projects €50,000 to €100,000 Projects must deliver a direct positive impact on climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and/or helping communities adapt to the consequences of climate change. The 5 themes of the programme are as follows with some examples of projects that may be applied for:

	Theme 1: Community & Energy LED community lighting, small renewable energy projects (solar / hydro / wind), rainwater harvesting, retrofitting community buildings (windows & doors, insulation, LED lighting, heat pumps) Theme 2: Sustainable Travel Cycle parking / racks, improving cycle way access, safe and active routes to schools, eCargo bikes, bike repair hubs Theme 3: Food and waste Community gardens / allotments, community fridges, polytunnel, raised beds Theme 4: Shopping and recycling Swap shops, water filling stations, single use plastics elimination, musical instrument reuse, paint recycling, toy library Theme 5: Local climate and environmental action Mini forests, dispersed orchards (fruit trees), community gardens, roof gardens, pollinator projects Further Information on the fund will be available on the Donegal County Council website once dates are confirmed and the fund is open for applications.
Contact Person	Fiona Kelly, Community Climate Action Officer climateactionfund@donegalcoco.ie

WASTE AND LITTER MANAGEMENT

Farm Plastic Collection for Co. Donegal

Donegal	
Newtowncunningham, Clonleigh Co-op (Hrs 9-4pm)	Tues 4th Nov (Hrs 9-4pm)
Buncrana, Inishowen Co-op (Hrs 8.30-4.30pm)	Fri 7th Nov (Hrs 8.30-4.30pm)
Carndonagh, Inishowen Co-op (Hrs 8-3pm)	Sat 8th Nov (Hrs 8-3pm)
Raphoe Mart (Hrs 9-4pm)	Tues 11th Nov (Hrs 9-4pm)
Milford Mart (Hrs 9-4pm)	Thur/Fri 13/14th Nov (Hrs 9-4pm)
Ballybofey & Stranorlar Mart (Hrs 9-4pm)	Wed 19th Nov (Hrs 9-4pm)
Ballyshannon Mart (Hrs 9-4pm)	Fri 21st Nov (Hrs 9-4pm)
Donegal Mart (Hrs 9-4pm)	Sat 22nd Nov (Hrs 9-4pm)

Rural Water

Inishowen MD October 2025

Rural Water Update

Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme (MARWP) 2024 - 2026

In late July, the Department of Housing Local Government & Heritage announced a second round of funding under the Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme (MARWP) 2024 – 2026.

Applications for Taking in Charge of 5 No. bundles of public GWSs in the Inishowen MD were allocating funding as part of the announcement:

Group Water Scheme	Measure	Sub-Measure	Funding Approved
Porthaw, Cleenagh/Ballymagan GWSs	Measure A6 - Taking-in-charge of GWS and Group Sewerage Schemes	A6(b) - Quality compliant active GWSs	€267,600
Glenmakee GWS	Measure A6 - Taking-in-charge of GWS and Group Sewerage Schemes	A6(b) - Quality compliant active GWSs	€81,400
Desertegney, Criselmores/Criselkeel, Tullydish, Clongash/Aghilly GWSs	Measure A6 - Taking-in-charge of GWS and Group Sewerage Schemes	A6(b) - Quality compliant active GWSs	€322,040
Collon (Tiernaleague), Cruck, Gortnacool/Foden, Gleneely No 2 GWSs	Measure A6 - Taking-in-charge of GWS and Group Sewerage Schemes	A6(b) - Quality compliant active GWSs	€101,240
Ballyboe/Iskaheen/Aught GWS	Measure A6 - Taking-in-charge of GWS and Group Sewerage Schemes	A6(b) - Quality compliant active GWSs	€95,040

It is anticipated that the Rural Water Office will deliver these projects internally, without recourse to consultants.



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Activity / Project Title	Malin Head Visitor Management Plan
Activity / Project Description	<u>Malin Head Access & Amenity Improvement Project.</u> Phase 1 of the project includes the delivery of major works at Malin Head to create the 'Must See' visitor attraction. This also includes the provision of additional car parking close to Banba's Crown and the implementation of traffic management arrangements.
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Visitor Management Plan for Malin Head Signature Discovery Point Project</u> • Donegal County Council following consultation with Failte Ireland has completed the tendering competition for the procurement of multi-disciplinary services for the delivery of a visitor management plan for Malin Head Signatory point. • Keys and Monaghan Architects together with Cooney Architects have been appointed to Design the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan and Concept design. • Keys and Monaghan Architects together with Cooney Architects, a multi-disciplinary team have been appointed to provide a Visitor Management Plan and concept design for Malin Head. • There were four successful Stakeholder Engagement workshops held on the 8th May in Malin Head Community Centre, 9th May McGrory's Hotel Culdaff, Tuesday 14th May in the Colgan Hall, Carndonagh and Malin Village Hall on the 15th May with over 310 people in attendance over the four evenings. • Donegal Council remains committed, in partnership with Failte Ireland and with the support of the local community, to deliver on the ambitious objectives within the draft Malin Head Visitor Management Plan. • Phase 1 of the project includes the delivery of major works at Malin Head to create the 'Must See' visitor attraction. This also includes the provision of additional car parking close to Banba's Crown and the implementation of traffic management arrangements. • To proceed with this, the Council must acquire the necessary lands upon which the development is to proceed. • A workshop took place on the 28th November 2023 • The Community Development directorate are working on a roadmap/timeline for the advancement of the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan. This will be circulated to the Elected Members by the end of January. This commitment was provided by Mr. Liam Ward, Director of Service at the workshop meeting held on the 28th of November 2023.

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	• Mr. Liam Ward, Director of Service circulated a report on Wednesday 31st January 2024 outlining a roadmap with timelines to deliver the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan. • Mr. Liam Ward, Director of Service circulated an update to the Elected Members on Friday 9th August in relation to the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan. James Kelly, Senior Engineer and John Deeney, Executive Engineer will be available in the Carndonagh PSC Chamber on Friday 6th September from 9am to 4pm to discuss the project with property owners. • A workshop meeting is taken place with the Director of Service, Divisional Manager, Senior Executive Engineer, and Executive Engineer on Tuesday 3rd December at 11.30 am prior to the Inishowen Municipal District Meeting. • Workshop took place 03rd December 2024. As discussed, further updates will be made available in due course.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	The Community Development Division of the Council continues to meet monthly with the design team on progressing the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan Project. A further meeting is scheduled for early November 2025, after which a further update can be provided.
Contact Person	James Kelly, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Mobile 087 2236923



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Activity / Project Title	An Grianán of Aileach Fort
Project Description/Activity	Development /Improvement of Visitor facilities/Conservation Plan
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status	Historical background • A meeting took place on Tuesday 7th February 2017 with Mr. Frank Shalvey and Mr. Eoghan Moyla, senior OPW officials, Fáilte Ireland, Council Officials and various stakeholders. Mr. Shalvey agreed to initiate the process for a Conservation and Management Plan of the entire site. The timeframe for completion of the plan is early 2018. The Council will work in collaboration with the OPW, Fáilte Ireland and the stakeholders in relation to the development of the site. The Office of Public Works have given a commitment to commission a Conservation and Management Plan. This is on the way to being achieved currently and this will set out the options for the future management of the Grianán an Aileach site. • In June 2019, the OPW officially appointed Blackwood Associates Architects to provide a Conservation and Management plan. • Alice Bentley of Blackwood Associate Architects, Claire Cotter, Archaeologist, Jackie Hunt, Ecologist and Michelle O’ Dea from the Office of Public Works attended a workshop meeting regarding the Conservation and Management report with the Members on Monday 18th November 2019. Contributions from the Councillors was documented by the consultations and will be addressed in the plan. • A copy of the completed Conservation and Management plan was circulated to the Elected Members in January 2021. • This plan sets out the implementation strategy and Action Plan for the conservation and protection of the monument. • The OPW have indicated that the list of Actions contained in the plan will guide the way forward for servicing the tourism potential of the site achieved collaboratively with the OPW and other partners and official agencies such as Donegal County Council and Fáilte Ireland • The Elected Members have sought a virtual meeting with the OPW regarding the report and this request has been made to the body. • The OPW officials will meet with the Elected Members and relevant Council officials at the site later in the Summer when health restrictions permit to discuss any issues associated with the site and the Conservation and Management plan. • A meeting with the Office of Public works and the Elected Members has again been requested regarding the Conservation and Management plan. A response has not yet been received. • A request by the Members to meet with the OPW and Fáilte Ireland regarding enhancing the visitor experience at An Grianán of Aileach was issued. • A positive response was received from OPW to Fáilte Ireland with suggested dates for a meeting to follow. • The Area Roads Manager and Development Officer met with Fáilte Ireland & the OPW with the objective to improve the visitor experience at the site.

	• A Memorandum of Understanding document is been signed highlighting the Council, OPW and Fáilte Irelands shared ambition to significantly enhance the visitor experience of Grianán of Aileach through the successful execution of the various site management actions highlighted within the Conservation Management Plan for the Grianán of Aileach and also contained within the Inishowen Peninsula Destination Experience Development Plan (DEDP). The document will serve as a basis to establish a workshop meeting date with the Elected Members, Fáilte Ireland, Council Officials and the OPW. • The Office of Public works is responsible for An Grianán of Aileach monument. Donegal County Council have agreed in principle to agree a Memorandum of Understanding with the OPW and Fáilte Ireland. • Donegal County Council are committed to working in collaboration with all Agencies & Stakeholders to meet the objectives of Fáilte Irelands Inishowen Peninsula Destination Experience Development Plan (DEDP) with the shared ambition to enhance the visitor experience in line with the successful execution of the various site management actions highlighted within the OPWs Conservation and Management Plan for the site. • Fáilte Ireland have appointed the services of a consultant to improve the Visitor Experience at An Grianán Of Aileach. Engagement with the Elected Members will take place in that regard. • The Sláintecare Community Development Officer and the Area Manager, Roads and Transportation continue to engage collaboratively on a Tri-agency approach with Fáilte Ireland and the OPW to form a sustainable management and visitor experience stakeholder group to meet the objectives of Fáilte Irelands Inishowen Peninsula Destination Experience Development Plan (DEDP) with the shared ambition to enhance the visitor experience, including signage, Interpretation and Orientation requirements, in line with the successful execution of the various site management actions highlighted within the OPWs Conservation and Management plan for An Grianán of Aileach. • Fáilte Ireland have appointed the services of Mirador Media consultants to improve the Visitor Experience at An Grianán of Aileach monument. • We continue to engage and collaborate with Fáilte Ireland to meet the objectives and shared ambition to enhance the visitor experience including signage, Interpretation and Orientation requirements. • Fáilte Ireland will provide more information on a draft Interpretative proposal by the consultants at the meeting with the Elected Members on Tuesday 25th February. • Fáilte Ireland recently presented a draft Interpretative proposal for An Grianán of Aileach to the Elected Members.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	An Grianán of Aileach Monument • An Grianan of Aileach is identified as an Action to be developed as a 'Hero Experience' within Fáilte Irelands 'Inishowen Destination and Visitor Experience Development Plan' to Review elements of the visitor experience, including signage and Interpretative requirements https://www.failteireland.ie/Failtelreland/media/WebsiteStructure/Documents/Wild%20Atlantic%20Way/inishowen-experience-development-plan-summary.pdf

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	• Fáilte Ireland presented an update and a draft Interpretation proposal conducted by the Consultant Mirador to the Elected Members on the 25th February 2025. • Donegal County Council will continue to work collaboratively lead out by Fáilte Ireland and the OPW to form a sustainable management and visitor experience stakeholder group. https://www.failteireland.ie/Regional-experience-brands/Wild-Atlantic-Way/Wild-Atlantic-Way-experience-development/Inishowen-Destination-and-Experience-Develop/New-News.aspx
Contact Person	• Fiona Doherty, Slaintecare, Community Development & Planning • Michael McFadden, Roads & Transportation



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Activity / Project Title	Playground Maintenance
Project Description/Activity	List of Playgrounds • Culdaff Playground • Moville Playground • Buncrana Festival Park Playground • Clós Phádraig Playground • Barrack Hill Playground • Cill Bhríde MUGA • Ballyliffin Playground • Manorcunningham Playground • Killea Playground
Budget <i>(if applicable)</i>	
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	• The Annual safety inspections for the maintenance of all DCC playgrounds will take place in January 2025 with the maintenance works tender to follow from this. • The Annual safety inspections for the maintenance of all DCC playgrounds currently underway, with the maintenance works tender to follow from this. • Playground maintenance tender assessment underway to appoint a contractor for 2025 repairs. • Playground maintenance tender assessment complete and repairs underway. • Damage was done to the Festival Park playground fence in Buncrana, with a vehicle driving into the playground. Area Roads cleared the damage and erected temporary fencing to secure the playground. Quotes are being sought to carry out permanent repairs. • Playground maintenance repairs carried out as required. • Repairs to the wheelchair roundabout and ground level trampoline in Barrack Hill Town Park playground are scheduled for September
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	PLAYGROUNDS October 2025 • Playground maintenance repairs carried out as required.
Contact Person	John Deeney, Executive Engineer, 087 7197619

	Newtowncunningham PEACE Plus
Description	Development of a new community playground, Multi-use games Area (MUGA), sensory garden and shelter in Newtowncunningham.
Progress	• Site survey complete.

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	• Draft designs in progress.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	• Progress designs and consult with community group.
Contact Person	John Deeney, Executive Engineer, 087 7197619



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Activity / Project Title	Buncrana School Campus
Project Description/Activity	Assisting the Department of Education & Skills in identifying a suitable site in the Buncrana Environs to accommodate a three-school campus ideally measuring between 15 – 20 acres.
Budget (if applicable)	As per Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Education & Skills and CCMA.
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	Work has been on-going over the past few years and Donegal County Council are currently reviewing additional sites in Buncrana environs on behalf of the Department of Education and skills. Given the sensitive nature of such discussions, in relation to land acquisition, it has been agreed with the Department of Education and Skills that any further requests for updates or progress reports would be handled directly by the Department. • Donegal County Council are working on behalf of the Department of Education and Skills in securing the preferred identified site for the Buncrana School Campus. • The Compulsory Purchase Order process was instigated on the 4th December 2020. Public notices were published in the local newspapers. • Copies of the Public Notice and maps relating to the CPO was available for inspection at the Public Services Centre in Carndonagh, the Buncrana office and DCC headquarters in Lifford. • The 'Notice to Treat' was issued in December 2021 to the parties with an interest in the site proposed for the Buncrana School Campus. • It is intended that the 'Notice to Enter' will be issued at the end of January. This will allow the Department of Education & Skills access to the land to carry out surveys, site investigations, etc. • Work is ongoing to progress the acquisition of the land • The CPO is concluded. • An Arbitrator has been appointed to determine the compensation due to the parties with an interest in the land. • DCC and the Department of Education are currently preparing for the arbitration hearing and are awaiting a date for same. • The Department of Education have commenced works on progressing the delivery of the school Campus design.
	Donegal County Council continue to assist The Department of Education and Skills with the technical elements of the project and this work is on-going.
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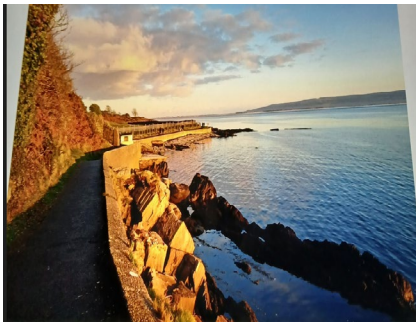
Jetty – Bunagee, Culdaff (ORIS)

Activity / Project Title File:	Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) project Development Measure for a pontoon at the existing jetty in Bunagee, Culdaff €55,555 for Project Development
Project Description/Activity	• Preparation work for Jetty at Bunagee, Culdaff
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status	• A meeting took place with the Culdaff Development Association and Donegal County Council's Executive Engineer and Development Officer. • The next steps were discussed and the way forward to deliver the project agreed. • Tenders are being prepared for Appropriate Assessment and all relevant documentation and reports necessary to deliver the capital works. • A Consultant is to be appointed to carry out an Appropriate Assessment. • The relevant documentation to deliver the capital design of the project element has been prepared. • The Tender documents for a design are completed and will issue this week for a consultant to design the project. • The consultants 'Greentrack' have been appointed to carry out an ecology screening report. • A consultant is now appointed and has commenced the design process. • The consultant is currently working on the design of the structure and completed at the end of this year. • The Engineers recently meet with the consultants 'Greentrack' on site regarding the design. • The Initial meeting with the Community Group • Consultant Appointed • The consultant is currently working on the design of the structure. • The initial draft design report has been issued to the DCC. • The Ecology report is being finalised • Site Investigation boreholes scheduled for October
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	Works to be fully complete in Q4 2025
Contact Person	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer Tel 087 620 2947 Email bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie



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Moville Shore Path - ORIS

Activity / Project Title	Moville Shore Path Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme €222,000
Project Description/Activity	Upgrade and Enhancement of a portion of Moville shore walk. • Capital Works • Interpretation work /seating
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<u>Progress to date</u> • The Project is at Design Stage establishing the scope. • The work will be tendered in the 1st quarter of 2024. • A site meeting took place with the Tidy Towns Committee and Community Development staff, • The tendering work has been finalised, and the work will be tendered after consultation with other internal directorates. • It is anticipated that the capital work will commence in April 2024. The Tender documents are currently being assessed for all works associated with the project. A contractor will be appointed next month. • A Contractor has commenced work on the site. The project work will be completed in Q4 of 2024. • The initial phase of construction, installing the concrete footpaths Steps and handrails is now complete. • The conservation Report on the Liam McCormack Shelter Houses is complete (image below)  • The tender documents for the remaining works are being prepared. • The Interpretation content and design has been agreed and finalised. • The history and heritage Interpretation content is agreed and to be completed. • The remaining works tender is currently on the etenders platform. • Formal extension to June 2025 has been granted due to the nature of the works to the shelter houses. • The initial phase of construction, installing the concrete footpaths, steps and handrails is now complete.

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	• The conservation report on the Liam McCormack Shelter Houses is complete • The remaining works tender is currently on the etenders platform. • The Tender process is completed, and contractor is appointed.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly reporting period	• All works fully completed by October 2025 – photographs attached
Contact Person	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer T: 087 6202947 E: bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie



New Concrete path



Newly refurbished shelter houses



Seating in the newly refurbished shelter houses



New Concrete steps



New Concrete path



New granite picnic tables and seats



New Railings on the bridge



Widened section of path at dangerous bend



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CLAR 2024

Activity / Project Title	<u>Culdaff FC CLAR Measure 1 2024</u>
CARPARK SURFACING	• Initial meetings with the Group • Provisional letter of offer to be issued in February 2025. • Project currently out for tender • Tenders have been returned and are currently being evaluated. • Tender process complete, formal letter of offer issued. The project is due to be completed – March 2026 Contact: Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer

Project Title	<u>GLENGAD FC CLÁR PROJECT 2024</u>
CARPARK SURFACING	• Initial meetings with the Group • Provisional letter of offer to be issued in February 2025. • Project currently out for tender • Tenders have been returned and are currently being evaluated. The project is due to be completed – March 2026 Contact: Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer



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Activity / Project Title	Walks, Paths and Trails
Project Description/Activity	Maintenance, Development and Promotion of Walks & Trails in Donegal including Cycle Routes and Greenways.
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Inishowen Head</u> For numerous reasons, this trail will have to either seek alternative funding pots to upgrade to a suitable walking surface and design a viable option that will deter the off-road users while accommodating the local landowners who also use part of this trail to access the land to feed livestock. <u>Malin Head/Bamba Pathway/walk</u> <u>NOTE this trail is no longer on the trails register until items have been resolved.</u> As precaution to any potential injury claims and the fact no works can be carried out until the dispute has been finalised there has been safety signs installed on the site on behalf of the Council to alert users of the risks ahead on this trail. <u>Until we get a resolve this will remain unchanged.</u> <u>Leenan Loop</u> Maintenance items need to be carried out and update the system. <u>ORIS 2024 applications</u> The successful Inishowen projects that were awarded funding under the ORIS scheme are now complete and the drawdown of funds been processed. <u>Butlers Glen Trail:</u> This was the last project to be completed for the ORIS and now the CASE study and all paperwork has been issued for the drawdown of funds. <u>School Rodding</u> This project can only advance with a local group pursuing the need and showing they are willing to ensure maintenance and upkeep of the trail it has some potential to becoming a looped walk but to ensure safety

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	of walkers it will require the input from various other departments to deliver a good proposal.
Project Targets for the next reporting period	• Meet with Development officer regarding School Rodding Glennagannon • Possible site visit to Leenan to resolve maintenance items
Contact Person	Darryl Connor (Outdoor Recreation & Maintenance Officer) dconnor@donegalcoco.ie



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Public Participation Network Donegal

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 <i>(if applicable)</i>	€135,500 per annum
Progress to date within the last two months inclusive of current status	PPN membership now stands at 801 registered organisations. Donegal MD 163, Glenties MD 183, Inishowen MD 144, Letterkenny MD 219, Stranorlar MD 92. Donegal PPN have 62 Representatives on 24 different Committees and Boards. PPN National Conference This year's Conference will be held in Trim, Co Meath on the 16th & 17th October Donegal PPN Plenary Event Donegal PPN's second Plenary event in 2025 will take place on 28th October from 6.30pm – 8.30pm in The Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny. The theme is 'Funding Opportunities' with Speakers, Stands, Music & Food. Great Informative & Networking Event. Donegal Giving Free Event is being held on 6th November in An Grianan Theatre, Letterkenny. All Welcome. Registration Necessary Donegal Local Community Safety Partnership Donegal PPN have sent forward 10 PPN Representative names to DLCSP administration for Departmental approval. The first Partnership meeting is scheduled for November.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	Secretariat Meeting - 23rd October, Letterkenny PSC Secretariat Sub-Group Meeting - 9th October, RCC National PPN Meeting - 10th November in Trinity House, Dublin NW Regional PPN Meeting - 4th December, Roscommon PPN Linkage Group Meetings - November PPN Representative Network Meeting – November
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Activity / Project Title File:	Social Inclusion Unit
Project Description/Activity	The role of the Social Inclusion Unit is to raise awareness about inclusion and poverty and to deliver inclusive services and resources, achieved through the involvement of Council in multi-agency structures, projects and initiatives.
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	Age Friendly Programme The development of the local Age Friendly Programme to support older people in the community is part of the multi stakeholder response to populations ageing. The Programme works closely with the Older Persons Council and their Executive ensuring active participation in local projects and collaborating on delivery. ▪ The Programme Manager is responsible for co-ordinating all age friendly activity with partners of the Alliance, including progressing projects & initiatives. ▪ The annual OPC AGM takes place at the Clanree Hotel, Letterkenny on 15th October 2025 with an expression of interest for the new OPE executive, surveys and facilitated discussion planned. Keynote will be provided by Maeve McKeon, Falls Prevention Integrated Care Team HSE and Aenghus Kennedy, Nature NorthWest, along with activities by Donegal Sports Partnership talks on the Age Friendly Programme and Age Friendly Ambassador Moya Brennan and Ceol agus Craic. Service Providers with information stands will be attendance. ▪ The content of Age Friendly Strategy to deliver the multi-agency strategy in conjunction with all Alliance stakeholders and the Older Persons Council is currently being finalised. Pride of Place Competition - in its 23rd year the prestigious competition involves local authorities from across the island of Ireland, nominate groups making a

	significant impact in enhancing their communities through collective effort. Deele Anglers in Drumkeen has been entered into the Climate Action & Biodiversity category, while Barrack Hill, Carndonagh is competing in the Community Wellbeing Initiative category. The groups were visited by the judging panel in July. The gala award event will take place in Limerick on November 7th, 2025. Adult Literacy for Life Training was attended on World Literacy Day on 8 September. The training was delivered by Donegal ETB to ensure that by 2030 no one is excluded or marginalised due to unmet literacy, numeracy or digital literacy needs. Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) Inclusion Strategy Implementation Group will be held on 17 October at ATU. Social Inclusion attended the following events: • Change Makers, Food for Justice Workshop – “Good for All on 15 July on food justice and exploring the origins of food in the local Donegal context. • Mary from Dungloe on 1 August to celebrate diversity and inclusion of the numerous cultures in Donegal. • Pride Flag Raising hoisting at the PSC, Letterkenny by The Mayor of Letterkenny-Milford Municipal District, Cllr Ciaran Brogan on 15 August. The Polestar Roundabout was illuminated in support of Letterkenny Pride Festival and Pride Festival Parade was supported on 16 August in Letterkenny in providing the Pride Festival Committee with resources • Indian Mela Celebration supported Cultural Services Arts in organising the celebration event at An Grianan Theatre Plaza on 23 August. Organised by the Letterkenny Indian Community Centre the event celebrated and showcased the vibrant Indian culture within Donegal • Sanad Arabic Classes were supported with end of year Sanad Group celebration to help integration and inclusion of young people and to educate young people from local communities, Black and Minority Ethnic communities and newly arrived communities. • Building Respect for all Cultural Identities through Participatory Filmmaking PEACEPLUS launch in the CoLab on 2 September to promote a greater understanding and respect for diverse cultural identities.
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- Donegal Travellers Pride Not Prejudice PEACEPLUS Project Launch. This project focuses on training and understanding among minority ethnic communities, including Travellers & Roma to counter discrimination
- ONAM Indian Harvest Festival on 30 August and 6 September by the Donegal Indian Malayali Association, the United Nurses Association (UNA) and the Indian Community Centre Letterkenny. Onam is an annual harvest festival, mostly celebrated by the people of Kerala, hundreds of whom now call County Donegal their home.
- Residential Event Diversity and Decision-Making and Creative Minorities workshop held on 2 October in Buncrana which centres on the role of Community Development as a methodology to promote interculturalism, anti-racism and leadership



Donegal Mela



Adult Literacy for Life



Pride Flag



New Horizon PEACEPLUS

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Activity / Project Title	Donegal Youth Council
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 3 -inclusive of current status	<u>Child Poverty and Well-being Consultation:</u> As part of a national consultation on Child Poverty and Well-being commissioned by the Department of Taoiseach, Youth Councillor Faizullah Memon had an opportunity to speak with the Taoiseach, Micheal Martin. A lot of discussion centred on the housing crisis, and Faizullah mentioned the issue of defective blocks in Donegal. Faizullah also mentioned the issue of racism with the Taoiseach on the day. <u>HPV-Vaccination</u> Two members of the Donegal Youth Council met with the HSE and the HPV Vaccination team. The HSE are interested in hearing from the members on young people's thoughts on the vaccination and how to ensure young people get the facts and information on these vaccines. As explained by the HSE there are actually 3 vaccines being given to first years as part of this programme- HPV, TDap and MenACWY. Members brought their thoughts and information back to the wider council and feedback will be passed on to the HSE. Members will work with the HSE to ensure young people and parents get the information they need to be informed on these vaccines. <u>Study and College Toolkit:</u> Members are currently reviewing their study and college toolkit. The last draft is in progress and will be organising translations to Irish in the coming weeks. It is hoped to launch the booklet at this year's AGM. The booklet contains sections on the following- • Study tips/techniques- This section will look at the different types of learners and tips on how these learns can study more efficiently • Chosen courses- help young people decide what colleges, courses or apprenticeships • Application- tips on how to fill out CAO or UCAS • Grants- tips and information on possible grants- Susie • Supports

	<u>Vaping Graphics:</u> Anti-vaping graphics have now been finalised and will be released at this year's AGM. Members have worked with the HSE on the messaging of 3 graphics to ensure the information is clear and accurate. Cost, mental health impact and physical health are the 3 areas focused on within these graphic videos.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly 1 reporting period	<u>AGM 2025:</u> This year's AGM will take place on Thursday, 6th November, in The Clanree Hotel, Letterkenny. Young people from all over the county will come together and discuss the issues of Vaping, School/Exam stress and Bullying. There will also be informational stands on the day from organisations and agencies. Last year seen 115 young people attended the event with hopes for similar numbers this year. <u>Education for Sustainable Development (ESD):</u> Two members of the Youth Council will attend the National Stakeholder Forum on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) taking place on Wednesday, 29th October 2025 at Maynooth University.
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Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services Directorate

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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	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. You can watch back by visiting ALPHA Innovation Innovation Campfire — ALPHAInnovation.eu	Kevin Sexton - kevinsexton@alphainnovation.eu
16th October 2025	Disrupt by the Sea Shark Tank	ALPHA Innovation's annual flagship pitch event where selected founders from across Ireland pitch their startups to a panel of US investors to gain insights, tough love, and potential investment and U.S. market entry support.	Kevin Sexton Head of Alpha Innovation kevinsexton@alphainnovation.eu
17th October 2025	Tip O'Neill Irish Diaspora Awards	The Annual Tip O'Neil Irish Diaspora awards will take place on the 17 th of October in the Inishowen gateway Hotel. Tickets available on Eventbrite.	Eoin Leonard, Diaspora Officer eleonard@donegalcoco.ie
20th October 2025	Sea the Future: Blue bioeconomy for Growth	BIM, in collaboration with Donegal County Council, is hosting a flagship event in the North West to mark the finalé of Bioeconomy Week Ireland 2025, taking place on October 20th. This event will shine a spotlight on the potential of the blue bioeconomy, bringing together key stakeholders from across research, industry, and policy to explore new opportunities for innovation, commercialisation, and sustainable growth in the marine sector.	Mairead Carlin, Senior Economic Development Officer MCARLIN@Donegalcoco.ie
November 2025 1 per MD	Tourism Business Clinics	Donegal County Council in association with Fáilte Ireland and the LEO will be hosting 5 business clinics in November, 1 per MD. Open to all businesses in the tourism sector with information on opportunities and supports available.	Joy Browne Tourism Manager Joybrowne@donegalcoco.ie

November 25th 2025	Offshore Renewable Energy Workshop	Workshop 2 will be on the 25th of November for 2 hours. It will be a breakfast event lasting 2-2.5 hours with a focus on Aquaculture in Killybegs. Further details to be confirmed	
4th March 2026	Donegal Tourism Connect Seminar	The annual Tourism Seminar is scheduled for 4 March 2026. Donegal County Council Tourism Unit will collaborate again this year with Fáilte Ireland to host the annual tourism networking seminar. More details to follow.	Joy Browne Tourism Manager Joybrowne@donegalcoco.ie

1.2 Economic Development Unit

Marketing & Campaigns Updates

Invest Donegal Communications Update

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

Impressions (last 28 days)		Total Followers
Linked In	16,404	5,804
Twitter	2,050	3,312
Instagram	89,281	5,850
Facebook	22,059	2,247
Donegal.ie	8K Web Users	

9 News Items Published.

June 26th – Sept 30th, 2025

Green Hydra:

Representatives from ATU and the Economic Development Team attended the 4th International Partner Conference if the Green Hydra Project in Sogndal Norway 9th – 11th September learning about best practices and the integration of education, innovation and business in developing Green Hydra and implementation of renewable energies.

The second regional stakeholder event was hosted on the 30th of September in ATU Colab Letterkenny. With representatives from Energy Co-operatives Ireland, Kinia and the Scottish Government in Ireland presenting on their work in the field with discussions on common ground and future collaborations.

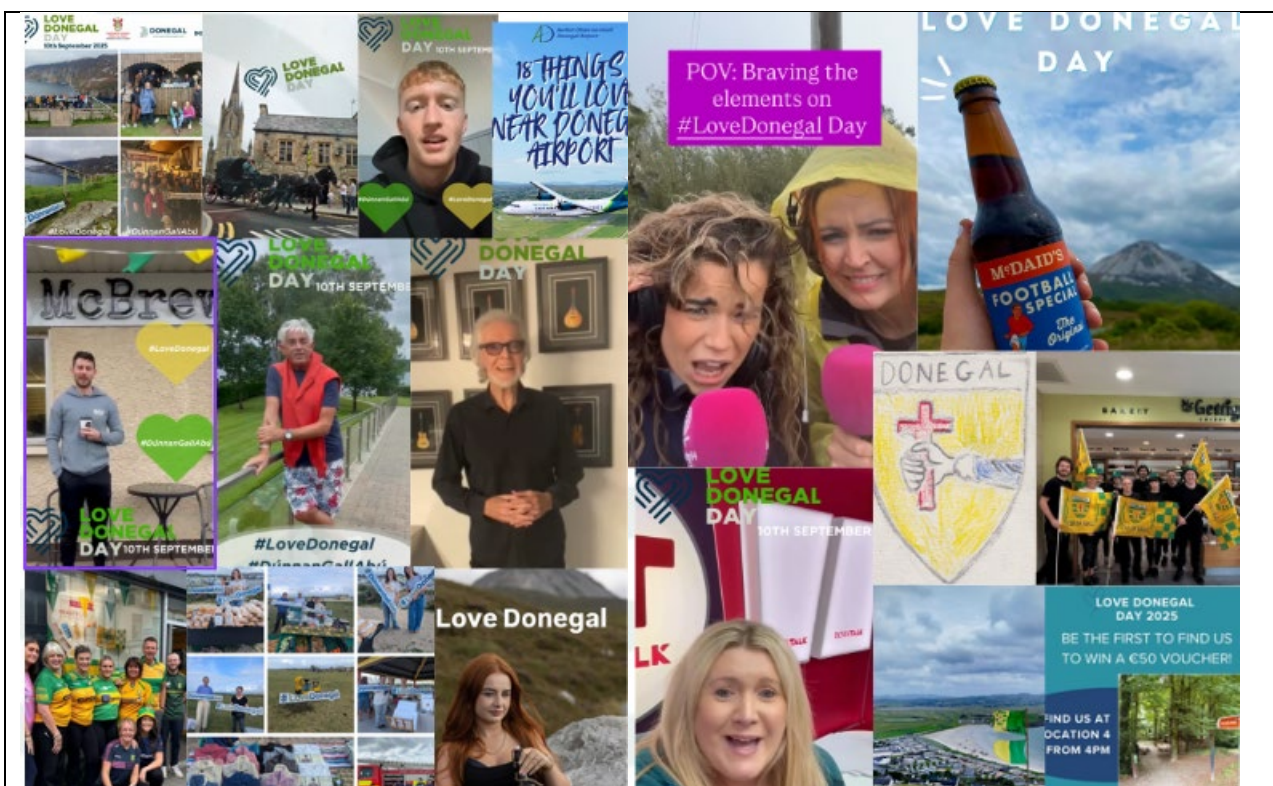
Donegal Prospectus: The Economic Development team continue to work to finalise a brochure to promote the value proposition for inward investment to County Donegal highlighting County Donegal as a great place to live, work, study and do business. This brochure will be available in print and digital format.

Donegal Tech Advocates: Donegal County Council, in collaboration with regional stakeholders, continues to promote Tech in Donegal both within the region and in the wider context. The focus of this initiative is to promote, grow, and empower the dynamic and innovative tech sector across the county. The Donegal Tech Advocates recently held an event featuring industry keynote speaker Andreea Wade. The event took place on the 25th of September 2025 at Kinnegar Brewery, Letterkenny, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. A total of 52 attendees participated in the event.



Blue Economy Working Group: The group continue to work on several relevant projects within the sector. A series of Blue Economy Engineering Workshops are planned for the coming months to support the development and growth of the sector. The first in this series of workshops took place in the Radisson Hotel, Letterkenny on the 24th of September 2025. The event was well attended from a diverse range of sectors from across the county and beyond. The next of these series of workshops will take place on 25th November, further details to be confirmed. The next major event on the Blue Economy Calendar is the Sea the Future: Blue bioeconomy for Growth which takes place in the Bayview Hotel, Killybegs on October 20th. This ongoing work ties into a number of priority areas identified to support the development of Blue Economy in Donegal, focusing on the sustainable use of ocean resources for economic growth and prosperity.

#Lovedonegday Day: The social media campaign invites Donegal natives and supporters worldwide to share their love for the county using the hashtags #LoveDonegal and #DúnnanGallAbú. #LoveDonegal is a special day on the calendar, bringing together people with a connection to our beautiful county from all corners of the globe to celebrate their affection for Donegal. Posts are coming in from across the world, with the highest engagement from Ireland, the UK, Germany, India, the USA, South Africa, Australia, and Canada. The campaign has achieved a global reach of 109 million, extending to 146.7 million over the weekend.



The Tip O Neill Irish Diaspora Awards 2025: The annual Tip O Neill Irish Diaspora Awards will return in 2025 and will be hosted at the Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana on the 17th of October at 6.30 pm. This year's distinguished awardees are:

1. Danny Hutton
2. Vincent Keaveny
3. Sean and Eileen Donaghy

Tickets available on Eventbrite, space is limited so we ask all those wishing to attend to book early.

Business Concierge Service: Businesses looking at access Council Services and supports can do so 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 Centre and Beta Business Centre

Current Status: Enabling works / Demolition works on site completed. Main construction contract to be tendered. Estimated project completion date: 2028, subject to funding.

Donegal's Strong Performance in National AI Challenge 2025

Donegal showcased exceptional innovation in the National AI Challenge 2025, with ALPHA Innovation performing as a pivotal regional hub, significantly contributing to the national AI landscape.

National Context:

- The challenge, organized by TechIreland with support from Enterprise Ireland, OpenAI, and Google Cloud, attracted over 500 participants across 9 Irish hubs.
- 44 projects emerged, with 15 top teams selected for national finals; 53% (8 teams) were from outside Dublin
- The initiative aims to accelerate AI adoption, education, and erode silos, and is inspired by the 2024 National AI Strategy

Donegal's Successes:

- Three Donegal-led startups - reached the national finals, representing 20% of all finalists.
- They are: Canavan Atlantic, Cassan Earth, and Project Aura
- ALPHA Innovation supported these teams and mentors nationally
- An ALPHA Bootcamp alumnus team (AIMA) also won at Enterprise Ireland HQ.
- Kevin Sexton serves on the National AI Challenge Steering Group
- The Donegal hub attracted talent from across Ireland, enhancing regional visibility

Donegal Teams and Innovations:

- Canavan Atlantic: AI platform for accelerating Environmental Impact Assessments in renewable energy.
- Cassan Earth: Agentic AI and satellite data for measuring and verifying blue carbon projects.
- Project Aura: AI-Native Universally Accessible Browser for web accessibility, sustainability, and social inclusion.
- Team AOIFE: AI for Overcrowding Forecasting and Escalation in hospitals.

Story in Numbers:

- 500+ national participants; 44 AI projects; 15 top teams.
- 3 Donegal teams in national finals (20% of finalists)
- 5 total Donegal teams participated.
- 50% of Donegal's teams were female-led.
- ALPHA-co-built teams with new 28 participants.
- 34% (5 teams) of top national AI teams had female leaders.
- 1 Donegal team won the national prize in 2024; 2 winners were Bootcamp 2024 graduates.

Donegal's performance highlights its growing reputation as an innovation hub, actively shaping Ireland's AI future.

Third annual Shark Tank at Disrupt by the Sea

The live audience event is taking place on Thur 16 Oct in Ramelton. A \$100,000 investment is on the table on the day for one sharp scale up business.

The panel of judges this year has a new Shark joining. John Cummins is an Irish entrepreneur who grew his Life Sciences business in the US, subsequently taking to an attractive exit. He is now paying it forward and will co-invest with ALPHA's US investors.

The event includes the live pitches and gourmet food and is one of the highlights of the scale up ecosystem's calendar. While the judges deliberate who they will give their investment to this year, Kevin Sexton, Head of ALPHA Innovation, will host a fireside chat with last year's winner, Oliver Begley of Biota, Cressida Canavan of Canavan Atlantic who graduated from our Startup Bootcamp in July, and Deepanand Saha Roy of Project Aura, who both won in the North West regional finals of the National AI Challenge and represented Donegal in the Galway finals.

Early bird tickets (50 only) will go on sale early Oct and are expected to sell out in a matter of days. Check out @ALPHAInnovation EU on LinkedIn for further details.

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)

Official opening 27th June 2025 and putting in place lease arrangements to allow for occupation of ground floor by Killybegs Tourist Information Centre as soon as possible.

Lease docs being prepared to handover to Donegal 2040 for operation & management going forward.

Operation & Management of Burtonport Enterprise Centre (Post Construction)

Current Status: Under Construction. Current Estimated Completion date: Q1 2026.

Section 183 approved at Plenary Council meeting 26th May. Lease docs being prepared to handover to Donegal 2040 for management post construction.

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

Current Status: Contractor tender documentation preparation. Current Estimated Completion date: Q3 2027.

Olivia Gallen, General Manager, Donegal 2040

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29th Sept 2025

Service Land Initiative at The Commons, Lifford

Construction of enabling infrastructure works for the Multi Use Park located at the Common Lands Lifford began in November 2024 and works are scheduled for completion by Q4 2025. The EDU is engaging with various potential site users including Social Housing, Community Health, Recreation and Businesses. Anyone interested in site use or completed site purchase please contact Daniel McChrystal, Senior Economic Development Officer.

Disposal of Council owned Land to support Economic Development: The team is dealing with several requests for disposal of lands for economic development throughout Donegal.

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1.3 Tourism Unit

Tourism Marketing, Promotion and Project Activity
Tourism Events
TBEX This report provides a summary of the outcomes and benefits of hosting the TBEX Europe conference in County Donegal from the 9 to 12 September 2025. The event, which attracted over 400 international travel creators, proved to be a significant success, delivering substantial benefits across economic, promotional, and strategic tourism sectors. The conference, which coincided with our annual Love Donegal Day, has successfully elevated Donegal's global profile and laid a strong foundation for future tourism growth. There were 30 fully booked prebex tours that took place on 9th and 10th September visiting locations in every Municipal District such as Sliabh Liag, Fanad Head, Wild Alpaca Way, Crolly Distillery, Oideas Gael, Glen Folk Village, Glenveagh, Rossnowlagh, Donegal Town, Ballyshannon, Ardara Distillery among many others. There was evening events hosted at Rockhill House Estate, Wild Ireland and Oakfield Park. The success of TBEX was made possible by strong collaboration across the county. TBEX received significant support from tourism businesses, transport companies, Chambers of Commerce and local communities. Organisations such as the LEO Food Coast, Udarás na Gaeltachta, Fáilte Ireland along with other counties such as Leitrim and Sligo, some of which hosted their own fam trips. <i>Direct Economic Benefits</i> The presence of over 400 attendees from across the globe, staying for an average of four days, injected a significant economic stimulus directly into the local economy. This direct impact included: · Accommodation: A survey done on all attendees showed the average bed nights in Letterkenny and surrounding areas to be 9 days. · Local Spending: Increased spending on dining, retail, and local services. · Transportation: Utilisation of local transport, including bus tours for pre-bex tours, familiarisation trips and local taxis. The conference also provided a platform for local tourism businesses to network directly with key industry influencers, fostering potential for future partnerships and business generation. <i>Long-Term Promotional Value</i> The most significant benefit of the TBEX conference is its immeasurable promotional value. By hosting the world's largest gathering of travel creators, Donegal has secured unparalleled global exposure. The key outcomes include: · Global Reach: Content creators with a combined audience of millions have produced and shared blog posts, videos, social media content, and photographs showcasing Donegal's unique attractions. This reach is a testament to the power of influencer marketing and far exceeds what traditional advertising

campaigns could achieve. The conference has had a hugely positive knock-on effect and one we are monitoring over the coming months, not only for the economic spin-off during the conference but the lasting online presence. From the 5th to 20th Sept Tbex Donegal got 5.1 million mentions on Go Visit Donegal alone, this does not take in the 770 stories we have shared to-date (source Brand Mentions).

- **Authentic Storytelling:** The pre-conference familiarisation pre-bex trips, which included activities such as historical tours, sea adventures, and cultural workshops (including guitar-making and Irish language sessions), allowed creators to capture authentic, first-hand experiences. This content is more compelling and trustworthy to prospective travellers than standard marketing materials.

- **Showcasing Diverse Assets:** The event provided a dedicated spotlight on Donegal's rich and diverse tourism offering, including its dramatic coastline, vibrant cultural heritage, and world-class hospitality, reinforcing its position as a "must-visit" destination.

Strategic Tourism Impact

Hosting TBEX aligns with and actively supports Donegal's long-term tourism strategy. The event has:

- **Endorsed Donegal as a Premier Destination:** The decision by TBEX to host its conference in Donegal is a strong endorsement of the county's reputation, building on accolades like the Lonely Planet award.

- **Collaboration:** The event brought together various stakeholders—Donegal County Council, Donegal Tourism CLG, local businesses, and community groups—to deliver a world-class experience, strengthening a collaborative approach to tourism development.

- **Created a Legacy of Content:** The body of work created by the attendees will continue to promote Donegal for years to come, providing a lasting digital asset that will attract future visitors.

Conclusion

The TBEX Europe conference in September 2025 was an outstanding success for County Donegal. Beyond the direct economic injection, the event delivered an invaluable marketing return on investment, securing global promotional exposure and positioning the county as a leading international tourism destination. The Council's Tourism Unit will leverage this success by continuing to engage with the travel creator community and using the created content to inform future marketing campaigns, ensuring a lasting return on this significant investment.



Spanish Armada - Killybegs warmly welcomed distinguished guests from Spain on Thursday 18th September, marking the start of a weekend of events commemorating the Spanish Armada. The visit, which precedes a larger commemoration in County Sligo, honours the deep and tragic history shared between Ireland and Spain. The arrival ceremony took place on the Killybegs pier, where local officials and residents gathered. The event was a poignant reminder of the 1588 tragedy, in which a storm-battered Spanish fleet was scattered, with many ships wrecking along the rugged Donegal coast. Councillor Jimmy Brogan, Leas Cathaoirleach of the Donegal Municipal District, reflected on the shared history and enduring friendship between the two nations.

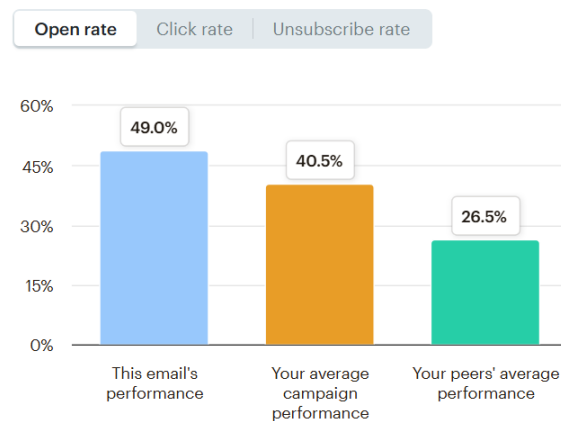


Donegal Tourism/Fáilte Ireland Business Clinics 2025: Promotion for the collaborative business clinics with Fáilte Ireland is underway. 5 clinics (one in each municipal district) will take place in the first two weeks of November where operators wishing to open a new tourism business, diversify into tourism or wish to expand their existing tourism business will be given the opportunity to meet with tourism officers from Donegal County council and Fáilte Ireland to discuss their idea and assess its viability Expressions of interest are open until Friday 17th of October.

Donegal Tourism/Fáilte Ireland Tourism Seminar 2026: Planning is underway for the second annual collaborative tourism seminar with the Donegal County Council Tourism Unit and Fáilte Ireland. The event will be held in Donegal Town (venue TBC) during Local Enterprise Week 2026 on Wednesday 4th March.

Tourism Business Newsletter: The monthly newsletter aimed towards the tourism businesses in the county continues to be published around the 15th of the month. It provides updates and information relevant to the tourism trade and it performs above average for open rates amongst recipients.

How your email compares



Holiday World Shows 2026

Donegal Tourism CLG has confirmed attendance at the Holiday World Show's in both Belfast and Dublin to take place in January 2026. There has been significant interest from tourism businesses in attending both locations this year. More information will be provided in due course.

Marketing & Promotional Activity

Autumn Campaign 2025: Our shoulder season marketing campaign will begin on Wednesday October 1st using a variety of online tools including a hero video and images to encourage visitors to slow down in Unrushed Donegal. An online workshop for tourism businesses was held on Thursday 18th of September and was well attended. More information can be found here: www.govisitdonegal.com/campaigns

Donegal Tourism Brochure 2026: The brochure is currently being revised and updated for 2026 with refreshed images and additional pages.

Take Off Magazine 2026: The Tourism Unit delivered a two-page bi-lingual advertisement in the Donegal Airport Take Off Magazine 2026 promoting the county and linking to Govisitdonegal.com



**DÚN NA NGALL
DONEGAL**

Faol chait ar chósta lathuiscéart na hÉireann atá Dún na nGall. Is ann atá dráocht nach bithaighéas in aon áit eile - is ann a mbíonn an nádúr, an cultúr agus an eachtraíocht fíle fuailte go furasta ina chéile.

Tucked away on Ireland's northwest coast, Donegal offers a rare kind of magic — a place where nature, culture, and adventure weave seamlessly together.

Celebrated globally by Lonely Planet as one of the world's top destinations and hailed by National Geographic as the "Coolest Place on the Planet," Donegal is a land that captivates the imagination.

Here, along the breathtaking Wild Atlantic Way, endless beaches stretch into the horizon, rugged cliffs tower above the sea, and hidden trails invite exploration. Home to the Slieve Liag cliffs — the tallest sea cliffs in Europe — and Ireland's longest coastline, Donegal is a dream for hikers, surfers, kayakers, and wanderers alike.

Yet the landscape is only part of the story. Donegal is the beating heart of Ireland's Gaeltacht, where the Irish language is not only spoken but lived daily. Visitors can immerse themselves in authentic traditions, from Irish music to craft workshops and storytelling sessions that connect past and present.

The county's towns and villages — from the historic streets of Donegal Town to the coastal charm of Bunrattina — offer a warm welcome, artisan shops, and lively music sessions that capture the true soul of Ireland. Step into a traditional pub and you'll find that every night feels like a festival of sound.

History whispers from every stone, from the stately beauty of Glenties Castle in its national park surroundings, to the romantic ruins of Doe Castle and the ancient monastic settlements scattered across the county. Donegal's heritage is tangible, inviting visitors to walk in the footsteps of chieftains, saints, and scholars.

Food and drink are part of the adventure too. Taste the Atlantic on a plate with freshly caught seafood, savour cheeses made in mountain farms, and discover craft spirits from award-winning distilleries, where the essence of Donegal's wild character is bottled for the world to enjoy.

Donegal isn't just a place you visit — it's a place you feel. With its stirring scenery, rich culture, and friendly spirit, it remains a true hidden jewel of Ireland, ready to be discovered again and again.

Cuir tús le do thuras ag
Start your journey at
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Glenveagh National Park
Parc Náisiúnta Ghleann Bheatha



Fintona Beach
Ba Phiontra



Slieve Liag
Slabh Liag



Fannal Lighthouse
Teach Solais Fhánada

6 THINGS YOU MUST DO IN DONEGAL



1. Malin Head
IRELAND'S MOST NORTHERLY POINT
Catch a cloudless evening and you may be enchanted by a night sky display of the **Aurora Borealis**, the Northern Lights. The celestial light show, with its ghostly wispy rays of dancing colours has been seen hanging like a fluorescent curtain over Malin Head — what better reason to go than to witness this astonishing sight.



2. Grianán of Aileach
AWAKEN YOUR MYSTICAL SPIRIT
Perched 800 ft. above sea level on a spectacular hilltop, the Grianán of Aileach fort is a former home of the Irish High Kings. The origins of this circular site are believed to date from around 1700 BC.



3. Slieve Liag
DRINK IN SOME OF THE BEST VIEWS IN EUROPE
A narrow road twists steeply up from Teelin to the dramatic Slieve Liag cliffs and mountains. From the viewing point, you look across one of the **finest panoramas in Europe** that will set your heart racing.



4. Fannal Head
SEE THE LIGHT AT FANAL LIGHTHOUSE!
Golden sandy beaches and rolling farmland threaded by narrow roads set the scene in the secluded Fannal peninsula squeezed in between Lough Swilly and Mulroy Bay and leading to spectacular Fannal Head where you can take a tour and climb to the top of the lighthouse.



5. Donegal Islands
A GET AWAY FROM IT ALL
Donegal's islands offer something special: a get away from it all, a feeling of being **somewhere unlike anywhere else in the world**. The inhabited islands have ferry services from various ports on mainland Donegal and some of the small craft operators will take passengers to the uninhabited islands.



6. Oakfield Park
DISCOVER OAKFIELD PARK — DONEGAL'S HIDDEN GEM!
Escape to Oakfield Park, a breathtaking estate near Raphoe. Stroll through stunning gardens, explore scenic trails, and ride Ireland's longest miniature railway. Perfect for family days out, romantic walks, or relaxing escapes. **Visit today and experience nature at its finest!**



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Caravan and Camping Sector: During the summer months the Tourism Unit has promoted the campers 'code of conduct' across social media encouraging visitors to use official campsites. Donegal County Council Tourism Unit will convene both the internal and external Caravan and Camping sector working group meetings in September 2025 and will include further discussion around continued implementation of the recommendations set out in the KPMG study on the sector and plans for marketing activities to drive the messaging around the Campers 'code of conduct' and responsible campervanning.

Paths and Trails Promotion: Donegal County Council Tourism Unit is working collaboratively with the Outdoor Recreation team on production of new videos that will be used to promote various paths and trails in the county. This content is going live from October and will be running until December.

Donegal Golf Brochure: The Irish language version of the Donegal Golf brochure has gone to print and will be available shortly. The next meeting of the Donegal Golf Cluster will take place in November.

Night-Time Economy Buncrana – Buncrana's Night-Time Economy Grant Scheme events are currently being delivered throughout the town by individuals, businesses and organisations. Buncrana Halloween Parade will take place on the evening of Sunday 26 October. Culture Night Buncrana took place on Friday 19 September and featured 12 activations in businesses and the local cinema, to incentivise late night trade and engagement. The NTE Action Plan was launched on 8th September.



GoVisitDonegal.com Website, Social Media and E-mail Marketing Update

Go Visit Donegal Website Redevelopment: The development of the new website continues. The team are currently working with the tourism businesses that are registered on the repository (which feeds the information to the website) to ensure that listings and offers are up to date and imagery is fresh. Due to go live with a test version end of October with a view to launching it in January.

Online & Social Media Updates – Go Visit Donegal August 2025

Website: Users 46,907 Views 115,799
Facebook: Reach: 38,243 Views: 79,138
Instagram: Reach: 13,618 Views: 135,267
LinkedIn: Reach: 2,535 Imps 56 Reactions 2,232 Followers

Consumer Newsletter: The consumer newsletter continues to be published monthly around the 1st of the month. Recent publications have performed well and have been well received.

Strategy Implementation

Donegal County Council Tourism Strategy: The Donegal County Council Tourism Strategy was adopted at the Special Plenary Council meeting on 30 June. It is now in the final stages of graphic design, and a launch event will be planned for Autumn 2025. The Tourism Unit is also in the process of setting up a Donegal County Council Tourism Strategy Implementation Group who will work collaboratively on a cross-directorate basis to implement the actions set out in the strategy.

Age Friendly/Disability Strategy: the Tourism Unit continues to engage in relation to the Age Friendly and Disability Strategy initiatives to work collaboratively to ensure the tourism businesses in the county are moving forward with Age Friendly and Accessibility improvements.

Tourism Industry Engagement

Tourism Industry Newsletter: The monthly tourism industry newsletter continues to be published around the middle of the month giving tourism businesses a synopsis of tourism related news in the county as well as grant/funding opportunities and details of various promotional opportunities available via Go Visit Donegal and partners.

Business Clinics 2025: To be held in collaboration with Fáilte Ireland, 1 per MD in November 2025, an opportunity to network and learn about marketing and promotional supports along with training opportunities and financial supports.

Tourism Concierge Service: The Tourism Unit continues to provide the Tourism Concierge Service to guide and offer information to those seeking information on tourism in Donegal e.g. tour operators and travel agencies.

Donegal Tourism Board and Associate Members Network: The Donegal Tourism CLG Board of Directors and Associate Members Committee met in September 2025. A new Associate Members Committee has been formed for a 2-year period. It is possible for businesses to join the Associate Members Network at

any time to avail of opportunities to promote at trade shows, receive the trade newsletter and attend events such as the Tourism Seminar.

Autumn Campaign 2025: the Tourism Unit is currently engaging with the tourism businesses including the Irish Hotels Federation to prepare for our shoulder season campaign seeking content and special offers from them.

EU Projects – Tourism

TOURBO: TOURBO funded under Interreg Europe presents an innovative response to a key EU priority: empowering public authorities and MSMEs to develop twin transition strategies—advancing both digital and green transformation—to drive regional economic development. Donegal is due to host the next partner meeting in October expecting approx. 30 attendees visiting Fanad Lighthouse and presentations from Udaras and Fáilte Ireland.

Sustainable Arctic & Peripheral Biking Tourism Project (SUB): Funded under the Atlantic Area Programme, the latest SUB interregional meeting took place in Iceland from 15th – 18th September 2025. Donegal County Council was represented by Eoin McHugh and partnered by Damian McDermott and Brian Reid from NRDO. Brian Reid presented to stakeholders from across Iceland, Sweden, Finland and the Faroe Islands on the current status and progress of Greenways and active travels routes in Donegal.

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 3 with Donegal County Council taking the Communications and Marketing lead on this project. The next interregional meeting is set to take place in October in Lago, Spain. Project partners have finalised Interregional Reports assessing the potential opportunities around promoting the regions to digital nomads.

Tourism Grant Schemes

Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme: This funding call closed on 9th April. This funding is for Council or Community led projects with an allocation of 100,000 per Municipal District. 29 applications submitted under Community based projects and 36 within the council. Letters of Offers have been sent to all successful applicants to proceed with their project.

Fáilte Ireland Regional Festival & Events Grant Scheme: €49,750 has been awarded to Donegal County Council under the 2025 Fáilte Ireland Regional Festival Funding Scheme. Festivals are now progressing to Phase 3, the final phase of grant drawdown. All festivals and events were listed and promoted on Govisitdonegal.com.

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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**

Networks: The SFU continues to participate in key networks such as the CPMR (Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions) and the AER (Assembly of European Regions), alongside ongoing engagement with the IREO (Irish Regions European Office), NWRA (Northern and Western Regional Assembly) and Ernact. As our new team progresses, we are actively researching and highlighting funding opportunities across various sectors within DCC. This includes close collaboration with council services to identify, share, and promote relevant funding supports available throughout the County. Our approach involves identifying funding, partnerships, and collaborative projects that align with our objectives and the corporate plan of DCC and also ensuring that this information is effectively communicated and accessible to relevant stakeholders across the organisation.

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

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

We continue to regularly update our dedicated Strategic Funding Unit webpage with the latest information on new funding opportunities, upcoming events, and webinars that may be of interest to the council ([Strategic Funding Unit](#)). Additionally, we offer a dedicated newsletter that provides timely updates and highlights relevant funding calls, events, and webinars ensuring our staff stay informed and connected with the latest developments.

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2. Local Enterprise Office

September 2025 (figures provided @ 31st August 2025)

Grant Aid – So far this year a total of 29 businesses have received approval for grant aid totaling €636,132.00. The next EVAC is to be held on 25th November, 2025.

Trading Online Voucher: 38 approvals to the value of €81,235.33 have been approved this year to date. The Scheme is now closed to new applications and has been replaced with the Digital for Business and Grow Digital schemes (see below).

Mentoring: 218 business applicants have been approved up to 12 hours expert mentoring in 2025.

Training: 786 attendees have participated in 35 Courses held year to date.

Digital For Business: 26 applications were approved to a value of €73,493.

Grow Digital Voucher: 4 applications were approved to value of €12,453.

Green For Micro/Green for Business/Green Start: 22 applicants approved for these sustainability supports to a value of €48,708.

Energy Efficiency Grants: 16 applicants approved for this support to a value of €124,124.



Clarke Engine Remanufacturing - a recent recipient of the Energy Efficiency Grant.

Lean For Business: 13 applicants approved for this support to improve the efficiency of their businesses to a value of €58,500.

Market Explorer Grant: 2 applicants approved for this support to the value of €12,873.42.

Start Your Own Business Programme: The next online Start Your Own Business course is starting on 7th October and is already fully booked. The next available online course for booking is taking place on

4th November. The online course happens twice weekly over 4 weeks and it is a great way for anyone hoping to set up a new business to learn all about what they will need to get up and running. We also will be hosting an in-person Start Your Business Bootcamp on 14th November in the Enterprise Fund Business Centre, Letterkenny.

Get Exporting Programme: 1 Donegal business has been invited to Stage 3 (In Market Visit) of this national programme. Stage 3, which is currently ongoing, provides businesses with the opportunity to validate their export plan via a customised itinerary within their chosen export market. They are paired with their own in-market mentor and secure at least 4 qualified buyer meetings aligned to their target audience. The overall aim of this programme is to help the business secure their first export sale in their chosen market.

3 Donegal businesses who took part in the initial export assessments have been invited back to the next iteration of the Get Exporting Programme in 2026.

GIFT project: The Local Enterprise Office Donegal is acting as a project partner in the GIFT project, an Interreg NPA project funded by the EU. The GIFT project promotes the use of EU Geographical Indications (GIs) for food, non-food and tourism sectors in Northern areas. Other partners in the project are University of Helsinki Ruralia Institute, Icelandic Lamb and the Ministry of Agriculture, Self-Sufficiency, Energy and Environment Greenland.



GIFT project trip to Finland. The project team visited a holiday resort where they host workshops on the craft of making Bilberry Pie (Mustikkakukka). Savolainen mustikkakukka has earned Protected Geographical Indication (PGI) status, which is a form of special EU recognition and protection for traditional foods that are geographically distinctive. This status was granted to the specific Finnish rye-crust bilberry pie, ensuring its unique qualities and origin are preserved.

An opening seminar for the project is due to take place in Kuopio, Finland on November 11th 2025. The Donegal Tweed Association is due to pilot the project to gain Protected Geographical Indication (PGI) status for Donegal tweed.

Tweed
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Donegal Profit Net Engineering Network: The first meeting for 2025-2026 took place on 24th September 2025 with a number of new members joining. The meeting coincided with Donegal County Council's Offshore Renewable Energy Marine Engineering event in the Radisson Hotel, Letterkenny which was also attended by the ProfitNet members and LEO.



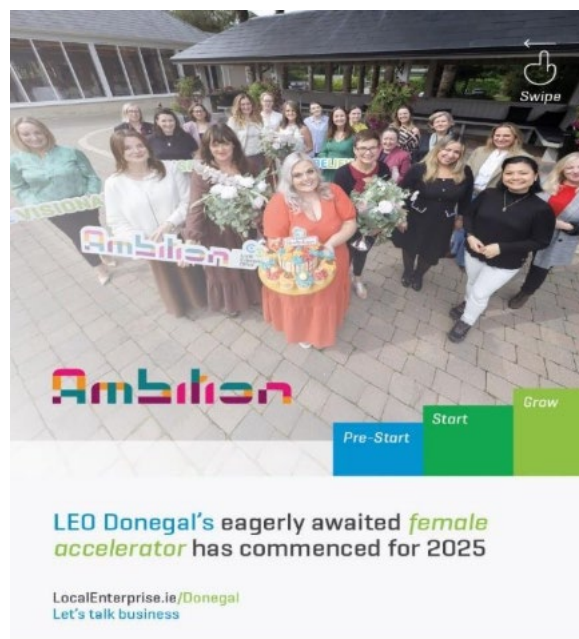
The Food Starter Programme commenced on September 19th and there are 6 attending from Donegal. Food Starter is a programme designed to help those with a food idea, or those at an early stage of starting up a food or drink manufacturing business. The objective of the programme is to provide the participants with a base knowledge of what is involved in setting up their food business.

Blas Na Éireann: A record number of 14 Donegal finalists were recognised in this year's Blas Na hÉireann Irish Food Awards. From long-established businesses to emerging artisans, these finalists reflect the breadth of talent across our county. Over the years, Donegal producers have consistently excelled at Blas, building a proud track record of success. The winners will be announced on October 3rd at the event in Dingle and members of LEO will be in attendance.



Ambition - Management Development Programme: The Ambition Programme 2025 started on September 2nd. with an in-person orientation in Harvey's Point hotel. There are 17 Donegal based

entrepreneurs on the programme which runs over 12 weeks and supports female founders who want to embark on a journey of acceleration and growth.



National Woman's Enterprise Week is taking place on October 16th in the Mount Errigal Hotel in Letterkenny. This is Ireland's largest female enterprise event that promotes, encourages, and stimulates female entrepreneurship across Ireland. There is an exciting line-up of speakers and panellist who will showcase their expertise and insights tackling the real-life subjects affecting women in business. Promotional activity is ongoing.



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. In October a virtual clinic will be held on October 10th with an in-person session taking place on October 24th in Spraoi agus Sport, Carndonagh.



Image of attendees from recent clinic in Bundoran.

Enterprise Europe Network (EEN): The new Enterprise Europe Network Programme for the period 2025-2028 commenced on 1st July 2025. Local Enterprise Office Donegal, on behalf of the Local Enterprise Network, is partnered with Enterprise Ireland, Dublin Chamber, and Cork Chamber, to deliver EEN services to Irish organisations. The previous iteration of the programme saw significant achievements in the areas of international partnerships, digitalisation, and sustainability. Highlights include the successful delivery of 29 regional events, 8 international missions, and the development of structured client pathways through tailored action plans and cooperation profiles. LEO Donegal, as part of the EEN Ireland Consortium, has begun their work planning activities for the new programme period, including international missions and brokerage events, national and regional events, and facilitating international business partnering services through EENs international network of 450+ support organisations.

Student Enterprise Programme The Student Enterprise Programme is the biggest student enterprise programme in the country with over 30k students participating each year in three categories of Junior, Intermediate and Senior.

It commenced in September and runs over eight months with the county final taking place on the 26th February 2026 in the Clanree Hotel, Letterkenny. The 3 category winners then go on to represent the county at the National Final on May 7th 2026.



The first workshop took place on the 17th Sept 2025 with St Catherine's Vocational School in Killybegs

To book a place at any of the aforementioned events go to www.localenterprise.ie/donegal

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3. Information Systems

Information Services (IS)

National Broadband Plan

The current state of the National Broadband Plan rollout in the country (as of September 2025)

<https://donegal.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/d33d9656637543df9b73bb42aa5483ad>

As you'll see Donegal is at 73% complete, in 19th place. Network build is currently taking place in the final 4 Deployment Areas of Kilcar, Donegal Town, Pettigo and Ballybofey/Stranorlar.



Commercial Broadband: OpenEir has confirmed rollout of their fibre to the home (FTTH) network upgrade is 90% complete, and the final c9,000 premises will be connected by end 2028

EU Projects: INNOCAP NPA

The final meeting and closing conference on “Building Capacity of Disruptive Technology in the Public Sector” will take place in Letterkenny on November 4th -5th. We will welcome partners from Iceland, Finland, Sweden and Galway.

DCB Scheme

Development work has been completed on the DCB portal in response to recent feedback. The latest update includes the following enhancements:

- An indicator to flag final claims.
- A revised location for uploading interim valuation certificates, which now depends on whether contractor costs are included.
- An updated Summary (yellow) tile that more clearly reflects the grant amount and associated claims.

Cybersecurity Awareness Month

Each October, we take the opportunity to highlight the importance of Cybersecurity Awareness Month, aligning with national and international efforts to promote digital safety. This month serves as a reminder that cybersecurity is a shared responsibility, one that extends beyond the IS Department to every individual in the organisation.

Throughout October, our organisation will focus on:

- Raising awareness of cyber threats and how they impact both professional and personal environments.
- Promoting best practices to help safeguard digital assets and sensitive information.
- Educating staff on how to identify, prevent, and respond to suspicious activity.

The goal is to empower everyone to take proactive steps in protecting not only organisational systems but also personal devices and data. Cyber threats don't take a day off, and vigilance is key.

If something seems suspicious or out of the ordinary, **report it immediately** to the IS Department.

Your awareness could prevent a serious incident.

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4. Emergency Services

4.1 – Fire Service

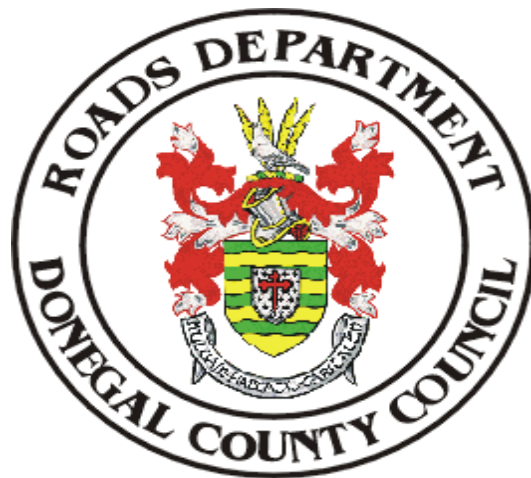
Fire Service Monthly MD Report (August)

Activity	Number of: (August) ¹			Total for year	
<u>Fire Service Operations</u>					
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	82			692	
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	118			924	
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	2			2	
<u>Operational Activity Breakdown August 2025</u>	Turnouts			Incidents in County	
	Fires	Special Services	Stand by	Fires	Special Services
Donegal Fire Service	-	-	-	-	-
Northern Ireland Fire Service	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-			-	
<u>Fire Prevention</u>					
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	29			123	
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	52			N/A	

Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by the Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from the Applicant / Agent:	58	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	10	88
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	0	10
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	1	7
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	2	43
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	28	73
Fire Safety Complaints received:	1	14
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	1	13
During Performance Inspections carried out:	0	0
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	9 ²	134

1. **Provisional data provided due to West Region Communication Centres' transition to the National Mobilisation and Communications System.**
2. **Information not available due to West Region Communication Centres' transition to the National Mobilisation and Communications System.**
3. **As part of its community fire safety programme, Donegal Fire Authority delivered a total of 9 No. fire safety talks/presentations.**

ROADS & TRANSPORTATION UPDATE



Inishowen Municipal District

21st of October 2025

Adopted Restoration Improvement Programme 2025

RSS	Engineer	Road Class	Road Name	Works Type	Length or work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	LP	Upper rd Stroove	SR	2,800	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LP	Crockanonion # 2	RR	1,300	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	R	Carrowmore to Gleneely	SR	1,100	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LP	Terrylene #2	SR	1,500	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LS	Boatagh / Drumagasson	RR	876	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LP	Drung Hill	SR	1,000	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LP	Kinnego Rd	SR	1,600	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LS	Crawford Sq Moville	SR	250	2025	2025	Contract starts 20/10/2025 Nstone
Moville	Inish North	R	Drumlee Gleneely	SR	600	2025	2025	Contract starts 28/10/2025 Breedon
Moville	Inish North	LP	Ballyargus	RR	200	2025	2025	Contract starts 27/10/2025 Breedon
Moville Total 2024					11,226			
Carn	Inish North	LP	Ulbelreagh Phase 2	RR	1,600	Complete	Complete	
Carn	Inish North	R	Glentogher Section 1	RR	508	2025	2025	Contract Starts 27/10/2025 FP McCann
Carn	Inish North	R	Glentogher Section 2	RR	368	2025	2025	Contract Starts 27/10/2025 FP McCann
Carn	Inish North	LP	Crossconnell/Dunaff	SR	1,500	Complete	Complete	
Carn	Inish North	LP	Leenan to Mamore	SR	1,390	Complete	Complete	
Carn	Inish North	R	Lagg Road	SR	1,315	Complete	Complete	
Carn	Inish North	LS	Coolcross	RR	1,000	Complete	Complete	
Carn	Inish North	R	Rasheeney	SR	1,300	Complete	Complete	
Carn	Inish North	R	Malin Bridge*	SR	100	Complete	Complete	
Carn Total 2024					9,581			
Buncrana	Inish South	R	Lisfannon Duffys	RR	400	2025	2025	Contract Starts 22/10/2025 Churchill
Buncrana	Inish South	R	Cockhill Road	RR	900	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	LP	Dunree Road Section No.1	RR	1,100	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	LP	Green Road Tullydish	SR	1,200	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	LP	Griana's Gap Section No.1	SR	1,700	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	LS	Beylett	SR	800	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	LP	Cahir O' Doherty	SR	354	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	R	Fahan Lookout*	SR	600	2025	2025	Contract Starts 27/10/2025 Breedon
Buncrana Total 2024					7,054			
Newtown	Inish South	R	Killea Reg	RR	1,350	Complete	Complete	On site from 13/10/25 Breedon
Newtown	Inish South	LP	Toulett Section No.1	RR	800	Complete	Complete	Contract Starts 16/10/2025 FP McCann
Newtown	Inish South	R	Carrigans to Derry Border*	SR	750	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	LS	Sallybrooke	SR	705	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	LS	Ballymoney	SR	1,100	2025	2025	Contract Starts 07/11/2025 Churchill
Newtown	Inish South	LS	Green Road Burt	SR	818	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	LS	Ardee Road Newtown	SR	1,381	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	LS	Aileach Valley	SR	125	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	LP	Toulett Section No. 2*	SR	585	Complete	Complete	Contract Starts 17/10/2025 FP McCann
Newtown Total 2024					7,614			
IMD TOTAL								

Adopted Restoration Maintenance Programme 2025

RSS	Engineer	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name	Works Type	Length or work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	L	L-1371	Ballybrack Upper	SD	1,500	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	L	L-6431	Carnagarve Hill Road	SD	1,510	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	L	L-1131	Culdaff Glebe	SD	2,310	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	L	L-11111	Carthage	SD	1,550	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	L	L-5931	Glackadrummon	SD	1,600	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	L	L-5921	Redford Glebe	SD	600	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	L	L-12615	Freehold	SD	2,150	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	L	L-6271	Ballyargus	SD	1,400	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	R	R-241	Lower Road Greencastle	SD	1530	Complete	Complete	
Moville Total						14,150			
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L1272-1	Magherard/Hillhead	SD	1,500	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-5171-1	Meeting House to Ballagh	SD	2,400	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-5171-1	Clorney to Quarry Road	SD	350	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-5761-1	Hollymount	SD	2,165	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-5031-1	Moss Road Malin Head	SD	986	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-10113-0	Ardmalin	SD	1,300	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-10414-0	Tully	SD	1,100	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-10711/L-5141-1	Ballanahona	SD	1,480	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L-1511-1	Tullagh Road	SD	2,500	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LT	L-6841-1	Roosky	SD	900	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LT	L-52311-0	Magheranaul	SD	647	2025	2025	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L-1091-3	Isle road	SD	1,000	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L-1171-2	Altashane	SD	1,240	2025	2025	
Carndonagh Total						16,328			
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	LP	L1731-1 to LL1731-6	Meena Hanish	SD	3,400	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	LP	1841-2	Moss Cottages Inch	SD	1,600	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	LP	1841-4	Watery Road Inch	SD	1,000	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	LS	L6211-1	White Castle School Road	SD	1,252	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	LT	16911-3	Meenaward	SD	2,300	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	LT	68712-2	Owenark	SD	1,374	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	LT	68712-3	Glassmullan	SD	1,100	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural Total						13,064			
Newtown	Inish South	R	265-8	Redbridge	SD	750	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	R	265-7	Monreagh	SD	680	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	LP	1811-1	Glackmore	SD	920	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	LP	1911-2	Drunskellan	SD	1,160	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	LP	2021-2	Adee to polock	SD	1,620	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	LS	5014-2	Dunduff	SD	1,400	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	LS	8241-1	Bohuillion	SD	946	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	LS	8421-1	Garshooey	SD	1,400	Complete	Complete	
Newtown Total						8,876			
IMD TOTAL						52,418			

Adopted Drainage Provision Programme 2024

Overseer	Engineer	Location	Description of Works	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	Carnagarve	Pipe approx 100m of 450 mm pipe along road side ditch to provide passing areas	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	Corthage	Pipe approx 50m of road side ditch to provide passing areas	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	Culineen	Road side slippage -pipe 1200 dia required and embankment strengthening	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	Cashel Main Road	200m of 450mm pipe including gullies	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	Upper Road Stroove	90m of 450 mm pipe	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	Oort	120m of 300mm pipe	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	Tryirone	150m of 450mm pipe	Complete	Complete	
Moville Total						
Carndonagh	Inish North	Black Mountain	200mm of roadside drainage	2025	2025	
Carndonagh	Inish North	Cloontagh	150m of 450mm pipe	2025	2025	
Carndonagh	Inish North	Leenan Road	120m of 300mm pipe	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	Ballinhona	110m of 300mm pipe	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	Craigtown	80m of 450mm pipe	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh Total						
Buncrana	Inish South	Barmoor /Trillick	100 metre of 300 mm pipper and 3 Gullies	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Grannia's Gap	110 metre of 300 mm pipe, No 3 Gullies and No1 Manhole	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Meenam Brae Road	60 metre of 300mm pipe No 2 Gullies and No1 Manhole ,20 mtr of 900 mm pipe	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Carvagh Dunree	100 metre of 300 mm pipe and 4 Gullies	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Linsfort Old Post office	60 metre of 225 mm pipe and 3 Gullies	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Green road	140 metre of 300 mm pipe	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Roadcrossing at Ross Inch	50 metre No 5 Roadsrossing 300mm pipe and 3 Gullies	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Leamacrossan	60 metre of 300mm pipe and 2 Gullies	2025	2025	
Buncrana Total						
Newtown	Inish South	Deerpark	80m of 300mm pipe with 1 manhole and 3 gullies	2025	2025	
Newtown	Inish South	Whitehill Road	130m of 375mm pipe with manholes and gullies	2025	2025	
Newtown	Inish South	Monfad Cottages	120m of 300mm pipe with manholes and gullies	2025	2025	
Newtown	Inish South	Bunnamayne to Killea L2031	100m of 300mm pipie with gullies	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	Longlane	7m Road Crossing 225mm pipe	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	Dundrean	Road Crossing 450mm pipe	2025	2025	
Newtown Total						
Grand Total						

Low Cost Safety Programme 2025

Overseer	Engineer	Road Class	Road Number	Location	Description of Works	Length of work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes
Edward Ruddy	Kevin Lake	R	R238	Three Trees Tromaty, Quigleys Point	VRS installation contract	1000	2025	2025	Completion of the VRS contract along the R238 at Greenbank Q/Point
Edward Ruddy	Kevin Lake	R	R241 / L7011 & L1681	Coolnasillagh, Greencastle	Signs and lines	30	2025	2025	
Moville Total						1,030			
Paddy Mc Laughlin	Kevin Lake	R	R244	Largabrack	Signs and lines	30	2025	2025	
Candonagh Total						30			
James Gill	Stephen Glackin	R/L	R238	Barrickhill Buncrana.	Signs and lines & Lighting	30	2025	2025	
James Gill	Stephen Glackin	R/L	R238/L1691/L7011.	Umrycam, Buncrana	Signs and lines	30	Complete	Complete	
James Gill	Stephen Glackin	R/L	R238	Cockhill, Buncrana.	Signs and lines	30	2025	2025	
Buncrana Total						90			
Ciaran Dowds	Stephen Glackin	L	L2031/L2021	Bunnamayne Bridgend	Signs and lines	30	2025	2025	
Buncrana Total						30			
						1,180			

Bridge Strengthening Programme 2025

Area	Engineer	Road Class	Bridge Number	Location	Description of Works	Length of work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes
2025 Bridge Strengthening Programme (Discretionary)									
Quigleys Point	Road Design	L7131	1925	Strath Bridge Quigleys Point	Strengthening	6	2025	2025	
Bridge End	Road Design	L7621	1934	Skeoge Bridge End	Strengthening	6	2025	2025	
2025 DOT Funding Application									
Buncrana	Road Design	L1831	1650	Carrowmullan Bridge Fahan DL/BR/25/006	Strengthening	6	2025	2025	
Buncrana	Road Design	R238	1697	P O'Donnell's Bridge, Buncrana DL/BR/25/012	Strengthening	6	2025	2025	
Carndonagh	Road Design	R244	1727	Ballinlough Bridge, Carndonagh. DL/BR/25/016	Strengthening	6	2025	2025	
2025 Specific Improvement Grants									
Moville	Area Roads	R240	DLR240-011	Coyles/Beggars Bridge	Widening/realignment	20	2025	2025	Ongoing

Adopted CIS Programme 2025

RSS	Engineer	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name	Works Type	Length or work (m)	Budget 2025	Start	Finish
Carndonagh	Kevin Lake	LP	L-1081	Ref 503 Barrack Street Malin	G P	200	€80,000	2025	2025
Moville	Kevin Lake	LP	L-1411	Ref 436 Viewing Area at Crockanonion	G P	1,400	€26,888	2025	2025
Moville	Kevin Lake	LP	L-5771-1	Ref 455 Hollymount link	G	950	€28,000	2025	2025
North Inishowen							€134,888		
Buncrana	Stephen Glackin	LS	L-7641-1	Ref 537 Barrs Pit Road	P	517	€84,000	Complete	Complete
Newtown	Stephen Glackin	LS	L-8381-1	Ref 522 Jamie Rankin	P	217	€25,387	Started	Started
Newtown	Stephen Glackin	LS	L-8381-1	Ref 524 John Rankin	P	128	€14,976	Started	Started
Newtown	Stephen Glackin	LS	L-2161-1	Ref 541 Kildrum Killea	G P	40	€10,525	Complete	Complete
South Inishowen							€134,888		
IMD TOTAL							€269,776		



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

HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

Municipal District of Inishowen

21st October 2025

Corporate Services

- Deputation from Ballyliffin Tourism Group (John Farren) at 2:10pm
- Consider request for Deputation from Greencastle Harbour Users' Group
- Consider date for workshop - Carndonagh Tidy Towns
- Consider date for workshop - Social Housing Remediation Team Workshop

Housing Service

- Progress Reports

Summary of Casual Vacancies Inishowen MD as 10 th October 2025	
Properties Refurbished and at Offer Stage	3
Properties being refurbished	2
Properties to be refurbished	2

Summary of DCC Housing Offers and Tenancies

Offers issued from 01/01/2025	Offers refused from 01/01/2025	Tenancies created from 01/01/2025
48	15	33

Summary of DCC Nominations to AHBs

Area	AHB	Nominated	Vacancy	Allocated
Buncrana	SVP	1	1	1
Muff	Warren View	8	3	3
Newtowncunningham	Trinity Court	2	2	1

Inishowen MD Housing Waiting List	
Gross Number of Approved Applicants on Social Housing Waiting List	688
Applicants currently accommodated with HAP assistance but who have remained on the Council Social Housing list	395
Tenants currently accommodated in Council Social Housing and who are approved for a Transfer	54
Net Social Housing Waiting List	239

Gross Need - by approved bedrooms – October 2025

Municipal District		1	2	3	4	5	Total
Inishowen	Ballyliffin	0	7	4	2	0	13
	Bridgend	2	15	5	1	0	23
	Buncrana	18	169	71	14	0	272
	Burnfoot	1	5	4	0	0	10
	Burt	1	4	2	0	0	7
	Carndonagh	14	71	49	3	0	137
	Carrigans	2	9	5	0	0	16
	Clonmany	0	10	12	1	0	23
	Culdaff	0	8	5	0	0	13
	Fahan	1	2	0	0	0	3
	Gleneely	0	6	5	0	0	11
	Glengad	0	2	1	0	0	3
	Greencastle	3	11	5	0	0	19
	Inch	0	0	1	0	0	1
	Killea	0	3	3	1	0	7
	Malin	1	5	10	0	0	16
	Malin Head	0	1	1	0	0	2
	Moville	9	18	13	1	0	41
	Muff	4	17	9	0	0	30
	Newtowncunningham	3	26	7	1	1	38
	Redcastle	0	1	2	0	0	3
Total		59	390	214	24	1	688

Housing Grants Report at 13th October 2025

Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2023	79	56	4	13	6	0
2024	79	73	2	1	2	1
2025	81	37	2	12	17	13

Mobility Aids Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2023	41	28	0	12	1	0
2024	23	16	0	6	0	1
2025	7	4	0	1	0	2

Housing Aid for Older People Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2023	175	159	7	9	0	0
2024	222	200	5	12	4	1
2025	222	147	3	12	9	51

Housing Capital Update Report Inishowen Municipal District Meeting

21st October 2025

1. Social Housing Developments – Construction Schemes

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

Location	Status	No. of Units
Construction Stage		
Rockytown, Phase 2	Contractor appointed in December 2024 with a construction period of 24months. • Site establishment works complete. • Eastern and western boundary retaining wall complete. Internal retaining wall structures are ongoing. • Foundations excavated and mud mat installed for 31 units. • Foundation pours complete to 31 units. • Foundation dig commenced for last 3 units. • RC substructures complete to 31 units. • Piling for foundations to 20 units complete. • Radon barrier complete to 20 units. • Ground floor slabs complete to 8 units. • Trunk sewer and storm 70% complete. • All excavated peat removed from the site.	54
Barrack Hill, Carndonagh	All timber frame kits have been erected. Roofing works are complete for 21 units. External render to 9 units is complete, while mechanical and electrical 1 st and 2 nd fix have started on 12 units. Mainline drainage and watermains are 90% complete.	21
Carn Road, Gleneely	All dwellings are now at finished floor level. Retaining walls, mainline drainage, and road construction are 90% complete. Timber frame kits erected for 4 units with 1 block per week scheduled going forward.	10
Malin, Radharc na Tra Breige, (Ph 4)	All timber frame kits are now erected. Roofs complete to 9 units. Blockwork is complete on 8 units. External render to 3 units. Mechanical and electrical 1 st fix commenced on 3 units. Mainline drainage is complete while construction of the estate road is underway.	9
SI at Kinnea, Clonmany	Foundations and blockwork are complete. Roof 80% complete. 1 st fix commenced, ground works WWTP 80% complete.	1
SI at Ballyliffin	Foundations and blockwork are complete. Roof 80% complete, ground works WWTP 80% complete.	1
SI at Dunaff, Clonmany	Site set up and stripped, foundations installed, blockwork commencing end of October.	1
Detailed Design / Tender Stage		
Ballyhaskey, Newtowncunningham	Archaeological surveys are complete, and minor additional excavations are required. Tender documents were issued on 27 th August and are due to be returned by the end of October. A proposed name for the scheme was formally adopted, and funding approval was received on 11 th September 2025.	40
Total		137

2. House Acquisitions & SHIP Renewal

- 2.1 The Council has completed the acquisition of the former Garda Station at Malin and is now undertaking improvement works to the property, which will take approximately 7 months. Internal demolition works and an extension of the property are nearing completion. The date for substantial completion for this project remains the end of October 2025.
- 2.2 The Council is also progressing the acquisitions of 2 properties at Moville. These adjacent properties will require significant improvement works, following completion of the contract stage. Departmental funding approval has been received for this project. The properties are at conveyancing stage.

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.

The process has been opened to help address social housing needs across the county. 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 continue to engage with developers in Inishowen MD in relation to this turnkey process with significant interest received. Preliminary departmental approval has been received for two no. proposals and these developers have progressed to the planning stage and are liaising with Uisce Eireann regarding utility connections to serve the proposals. Proposals can only progress to the next stage of departmental approval once the developer receives (a) a favourable planning decision and (b) a Letter of Offer from Uisce Eireann.

Council officials are continuing to dialogue with Developers regarding the additional valid proposal for Moville. Members will be fully informed of this proposal upon receipt of a Final Tender and departmental approval.

4. Lands / Property for Social Housing Purposes

The Council is planning to develop further projects on existing landbank in various locations throughout the MD. Preliminary designs are underway for a number of these sites and are informed by the pertaining approved social housing need at local level.

In parallel with the programmes outlined above, 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 / shortfall. In addition to the current expression of interest advertisement on the Councils' website for parcels of land, derelict sites / buildings with the potential to deliver social housing, the Council is also separately identifying parcels of land with social housing potential in areas of need.

A number of suitable land parcels have been identified in towns and villages across the Inishowen MD and engagement / negotiations are ongoing directly with multiple landowners / agents, to acquire these lands.

A further offer to acquire lands at Moville has been accepted (subject to contract and Uisce Eireann Connection Agreement and requirements) with the potential for 30 housing units.

Going forward, the land team will continue to identify further land parcels across the MD and work with the Council's local service team to assess their suitability for new social housing.