

Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall

Oifig Riathóir na gCruinnithe,
Aras an Chontae,
Leifear.

4ú Feabhra, 2025

Fógra Cruinnithe

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall ar siúl **De Máirt 11ú Feabhra 2025, ag 11.30 r.n. in Ionad Serbhísí Pobail, Bhaile Dhún na nGall.**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS DÚN NA nGALL

A Chara,

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

Mise, le meas

Padraig O'Sirin
Riathóir Cruinnithe

Municipal District of Donegal

Office of Meetings Administrator,
County House,
Lifford.

4th February, 2025

NOTICE OF MEETING

The next Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal will be held on **Tuesday 11th February 2025 at 11.30 am in the Donegal Public Services Centre.**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL

Dear Councillor,

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

Yours sincerely,

Pauric Sheerin
Meetings Administrator

AGENDA

1. Consideration of Minutes of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 14th January 2025.
2. **Update Reports from Council Services:**
 - 2.1 Housing & Corporate Services
 - 2.1.1 Section 183 - Mountcharles
 - 2.2 Roads & Transportation
 - 2.2.1 Section 183 – Easements at Railway Road, Miltown
 - 2.2.2 Section 189 – Change of Placename-Townlands of Glenlee & Killybegs
 - 2.3 Economic Development, Information Systems and Emergency Services
 - 2.4 Environment Services
 - 2.5 Community Development
 - 2.6 Planning Services

Motions

3. Cllr Michéal Naughton
“I am calling on the Donegal MD as a matter of urgency to call on Uisce Eireann to upgrade the reservoir for the Leghowney area”.
4. Cllr Jimmy Brogan
“To ask the Donegal MD to contact Coillte and that they cut all trees which are in danger of falling on public roads, powerlines and homes and to stop planting trees in such places. We have seen the damage done to roads and electricity/communications infrastructure following recent storms which have caused a huge threat to life and property, power and communications lines, water etc.”

Questions

5. Cllr Michéal Naughton
“Can I get an update on the public toilets in Donegal Town in relation to what work is going to be carried out on them?”
6. Cllr Michéal Naughton
“What is the update on the Craft Village in Donegal Town?”

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

8. **Date of Next Meeting(s) / Workshop(s)**

- MD Meeting on Tuesday the 11th March 2025 at 11.30 am in the Peter Kennedy Chamber (as per standing orders)
- 2025 Rural Programme Workshop on Wednesday 26th February 2025 at 10am in the Peter Kennedy Chamber

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL
HELD AT 11.30AM ON TUESDAY THE 14TH JANUARY 2025 IN THE PETER
KENNEDY CHAMBER, DONEGAL PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE**

MDD/001/25 MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr Noel Jordan, Cathaoirleach
Cllr Niamh Kennedy
Cllr Manus Boyle
Cllr Jimmy Brogan
Cllr Michael McMahon

MDD/002/25 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Garry Martin, Director Designate, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Pauric Sheerin, Area Manager, Housing & Corporate Services
Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Roads/Transportation
Mr. Olivia Gallen, Senior Enterprise Development Officer, Economic
Development
Ms. Aideen Quinn, A/Executive Planner, Planning
Ms. Tara Quinn, Executive Architect, Housing Capital
Ms. Suzanne Bogan, Environmental Awareness Officer,
Environment Section
Ms. Caroline Britton, Staff Officer, Community Development
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate
Services
Ms. Evelyn Sharpe, Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

MDD/003/25 APOLOGIES

Cllr Michéal Naughton

MDD/004/25 VOTES OF SYMPATHY

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

- The Late Daria Dolan, Tullan Strand Road, Bundoran
- Bridget Quinn, Mullins, Knather Road, Ballyshannon
- Jack Keeney, 11 O'Maolchonaire Avenue, Donegal Town

**MDD/005/25 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 10TH DECEMBER
2024**

On the proposal of Cllr Kennedy, seconded by Cllr McMahon, the
Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on
the 10th December 2024 were confirmed.

MDD/006/25 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES

The circulated Housing & Corporate Report was taken as read.

Previous Meeting Follow Ups:

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

- Letters of sympathy: issued,
- Grant Scheme changes Workshop: A workshop for members will be arranged once a workshop for all Housing Area Managers has taken place.
- Derelict/Dangerous Buildings – Workshop planned 16th January 2025 – Mr Sheerin & Mr Jim Bonner (Housing Capital) to attend.
- Flooding Mitigation Measures – 2 houses in Clareden Drive: Flood gates and a plunger system for both houses being installed as a precaution.
- Letter to Commissioner for Electoral Register: issued and copy circulated.

HOUSING SERVICES

Casual Vacancies

Mr Sheerin advised an offer will issue in the coming days for the causal vacancy noted on the report and advised there are possibly 3-4 further casual vacancies upcoming, awaiting return of keys.

Grant Scheme

Mr Sheerin advised there was a 20% increase in grant applications in 2024 and suggested this will continue to rise in 2025 with the grant increases and widening of thresholds within the new grant guidelines. He noted any grant application that came in since 1st December 2024 would be dealt with under the new scheme and guidelines, applicants can withdraw an application made prior to 1st December 2024 and submit a new application if they wish to do so, however if work has already commenced, it will be finished under old guidelines.

Allocations:

Mr Sheerin advised the Housing Section will shortly be allocating 8 houses in the Carnvalley Develoment (Part V) and the 2 houses acquired in Clareden Drive.

Housing Capital

The Housing Capital Report as circulated was taken as read. Ms T Quinn highlighted the appointment of an Architect Led Design Team for the Laghey Development and advised the Ground Investigation Contractor commenced on site in Killybegs.

Retrofit Scheme

Cllr McMahon queried if those that didn't take up the Retrofitting scheme at the time it was offered, would get the opportunity to take it up again.

Mr Sheerin clarified that the Retrofit Scheme was rolled out on the basis of economies of scale rather than one-off houses throughout the MD, planning different areas for each year of the scheme. When the current programme has been fully completed, the opportunity will arise again for those who opted out of the scheme originally, to be taken into consideration when planning the next programme, and Mr Sheerin advised those wishing to be taken into consideration should express this in writing now, for planning purposes.

Saimer Drive, Ballyshannon

Cllr McMahon raised concerns over a large amount of Palm trees that have never been controlled and are overhanging the roadway up to Saimer Drive, Ballyshannon.

Mr Sheerin advised he will discuss with the Area Housing Engineer with a view to establishing who's property these tree's are on and responsibility thereof.

Derelict Building, Pettigo

Cllr McMahon advised that there is private interest in buying this HSE owned building, to put it to use, if the HSE would sell it.

Mr Sheerin advised he will raise this query with the property management section of the HSE locally and revert with any response received.

CORPORATE SERVICES

Relocation of Donegal Education Support Centre (DESC)

Cllr Jordan voiced huge disappointment and concern at the recent decision to relocate the DESC from Donegal Town to Letterkenny. Cllr Joran cited the DESC has provided a very good service in Donegal for 27 years, which has been confirmed by many service users and it's relocation will have a huge impact on the staff and on local businesses in Donegal Town, sending out the message that Donegal Town is not centralised for businesses. He believes the

decision was made with little or no consultation with Staff and service users.

Cllr Jordan asked that this MD would write to the Department of Education and the DESC Management Committee asking how they reached their decision and ask them to reconsider.

Cllr Brogan agreed adding the DESC AGM was to take place the previous day (13th January 2025) but was cancelled, he stated that it is important the AGM take place prior to the relocation, to support the request not to relocate.

Cllr Boyle agreed with the two previous speakers, stating it was a great benefit having the DESC in Donegal Town and it would be a huge loss to see it relocated.

Mr Sheerin confirmed a letter will be issued to the Department of Education and DESC Management Committee as requested and a copy circulated to the members.

Ethics Register

Mr Sheerin advised that the Ethics Register annual declaration is to be submitted through an electronic platform this year and Michael Rowsome will be available after the workshops planned to take place on Thursday 16th January 2025 to assist members in navigating the new system to submit their annual declaration.

MDD/007/25 ROADS / TRANSPORTATION SERVICES REPORT

Mr Sweeney advised he is waiting on budgets to be finalised to complete some aspects of the Roads Programme report for 2025.

Previous Meeting Follow Ups

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

Repairs to Strategic Public Lighting: spoke with Electric Skyline (ES) and agreed these repair requests are to be routed from Mr Sweeney directly to the ES contact and priority will be given to resolve these lights.

Section 183s: These have gone forward for consideration at the next Plenary Meeting.

Roads Workshop: The planned workshop for 9th January 2025 was postponed and a new date will be agreed at the next MD meeting, when Mr Sweeney has agreed the Roads Programme for 2025.

Low level Lighting – outside Church of Ireland, Donegal Town

Cllr Brogan queried if the low-level lighting outside the Church of Ireland, Donegal Town was completed.

Mr Sweeney advised that they are waiting on the contractor to return to site to complete the snag list and this lighting and some lights at the bottom of Tirchonail Street are part of the snagging works.

Road Gritting

Cllr Boyle congratulated the Council's Road staff on the great work carried out by them gritting the roads during the recent cold spell. He queried if there was any way to incorporate areas around schools or provide salt for locals to spread on footpaths.

Cllr Kennedy also acknowledged the great work of Roads staff gritting the roads over the adverse weather period.

Cllr McMahon agreed with the previous comments, noting winters are becoming more colder and dangers and an approach to secondary roads needs to be considered.

Cllr Jordan reiterated his appreciation for the staff gritting the roads recently.

Mr Sweeney advised the winter maintenance programme for the County is agreed-by the Plenary Council. He informed members that there can be up to 4 call-outs in a day requiring a drivers, helpers and lorries operating long hours in dangerous conditions, so any additions to the existing routes would lead to the existing routes not being salted within the time frame committed to without additional resources being provided. He also highted that lorries have the biggest carbon outputs so adding routes to the existing programme will not help achieve our 2030 carbon reduction targets.

Mr Sweeney advised that grit has been deposited on the side of roads in certain 'difficult spots' allowing locals to spread it where needed. If the Members are aware of any other locations that need grit heaps to let us know and they will be provided. He also advised members that Community Groups can apply online (Council's website) to the Council to fill a salt bin provided by the group with salt and refill as necessary.

Reverse Parking – Killybegs

Cllr Kenney enquired about the reverse parking in Killybegs, asking if there is any way to provide extra parking.

Mr Sweeney advised a design is currently being worked on, to consider how many spaces can be achieved and associated costs.

Works at Laghey

Cllr Jordan queried if the bond is still in place for the works carried out at Laghey for the new Sewer.

Mr Sweeney advised the contractor paid the Council for resurfacing works, which will be done following completion of the drainage works required to facilitate the proposed Council housing development.

MDD/008/25 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFORMATION SYSTEMS & EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT

Ms Gallen referred to the circulated report, taken as read, highlighting the first Regional meeting for the INTERREG Europe project (Green Hydra) will take place in Letterkenny on 23rd January 2025 which will include representatives from ESB, Hydrogen Ireland & Dept of Environment, Climate and Communications and asked that local SME's are encouraged to attend. The Donegal Tourism Brochure 2025 is almost ready for circulation.

Holiday World 2025

Ms. Gallen advised there will be a stand per Municipal District to promote their tourism offering at the upcoming Holiday World Show being held 24-26th January 2025 in the RDS.

In relation to one stand per MD, Cllr Kennedy queried if this would mean Tourism Providers such as Glencolmcille Folk Village must form part of one MD stand or would they have their own stand like in previous years. Ms Gallen to seek clarification on this and revert.

ESB Connection

Cllr McMahon voiced concerns regarding the difficulty where a developer at Clyhore is unable to get power, stating the ESB seem to be slow in progressing new electricity connections. He added the Ballyshannon station could take another turbine if needed. He asked the MD write to the ESB to invite them to a meeting or for them to clarify the situation in relation to power supply in the Ballyshannon area.

MDD/009/25 ENVIRONMENT SERVICES REPORT

Ms Bogan referred to the circulated report, taken as read, highlighting the Council's Climate Action Team have recently hosted an event in Carndonagh in collaboration with the Department of Environment and held its 2nd cross-directorate meeting in December 2024. She noted a community group in Pettigo (AdOPT) have registered to become a

Sustainable Energy Community (SEC) enabling them to avail of up to €25,000 for Energy Master Plan preparation grant. Ms Bogan asked any other SEC's interested in developing a plan to contact the Council's Climate Action Team.

Previous Meeting Follow Ups

Public Toilets- Donegal Town: issue forwarded to K McCloskey who is looking at funding options and alternative areas of the town to see if arrangements can be agreed with a private provider.

Tidy Towns- Insurance: Government has released a press release relating to community insurance initiative.

Workshop for Litter/illegal dumping: Issue forwarded to Senior Engineer.

Flood relief scheme: Pettigo is not currently on the schedule for Flood Relief but will be considered.

Outdoor Swimming Projects – (changing facilities)

Cllr Kennedy sought clarification on the status of monies for these projects as several locations were awaiting approval/funding, and asked if it is Donegal County Council that are delivering it.

Cllr Jordan confirmed it is Donegal Sports Partnership that are leading out on the projects and agreed this funding needs to be followed up, adding that Mountcharles were successful in their application.

Cllr Kennedy mentioned there were several locations approved including Rosnowlagh, Fintra, Bundoran & Killybegs, as far as she is aware, but no funding has been made available yet.

Ms Britton is to seek clarification on the status of the funding, what projects/locations were successful in their application for funding and inform the members.

Bridge Street, Killybegs

Cllr Boyle noted the briefing document and enquired if there is any progress on progressing works in this area to help alleviate future flooding events.

Mr Sweeney advised that it has been agreed with the OPW that the Council will carry out some advanced flood relief works to help mitigate against future flood events while awaiting the main flood relief scheme for Killybegs to be progressed. These advance works include the following:

- An appropriate assessment screening report.
- Vegetation clearance works along the stream between the outfall at the shore road up as far as the end of the Council property on Bridge Street.
- A review of the storm drainage outlets into the stream on Bridge Street to see if non-return valves can be facilitated.

Bundoran Waterworld Refurbishment

Mr Martin referred to the Report circulated, taken as read, citing the necessary requirement for refurbishment of Bundoran Waterworld, to include an extension and refurbishment of its changing facilities and installation of a new Air Handling Unit in the pool area which hasn't been upgraded/replaced since the facility opened in 1991. Mr Martin advised €2m investment is required and it is proposed to reassign part of a €4m loan approved in 2022 (for a public lighting programme subsequently funded through own resources) to co-finance this. Preliminary works have been carried out as they were necessary to meet the targeted opening for 2025 Season.

Cllr McMahon welcomed the proposal adding that Waterworld is critical to the tourism economy of Bundoran. Cllr McMahon proposed this funding proposal be brought forward to the Plenary Meeting for approval. Cllr Jordan seconded this proposal and it was agreed.

Tidy Town – Insurance

Cllr McMahon queried if IPB are the insurers for the community insurance initiative, as this would be important to groups such as Tidy Towns who are paying their own insurance, and would allow communities to get involved in cleaning grass verges, along roadsides that are in poor condition etc.

Ms Bogan agreed to seek further information on this initiative and revert to the members as the initial information came from Central Government.

MDD/010/25 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING SERVICES

Community Development Report

Ms Britton referred to the circulated report, taken as read, highlighting items such as the development of a Community Trails Plan, with drop-in events throughout the MD this month. Ms Britton advised the DFI application process is currently open and will close 2nd February 2025 and the Local Enhancement Programme is open for applications with a closing date of 25th February 2025.

Ms Britton sought to agree workshop dates for the 2025 Rural Programme, on behalf of Claire McCallan (Capital Projects Development Officer). The following dates were agreed with members:

2025 Rural Programme Workshops
Wednesday 26 th February 2025 at 10am
Monday 23 rd June 2025 at 10am
Monday 20 th October 2025 at 10am

Planning Services

Ms A Quinn referred to the circulated Planning Report, taken as read, highlighting that there was a 20% increase in planning application figures in 2024 from the previous year and informing members the Draft DCS is to go to the next Plenary Council meeting for discussion, with Draft area plans to be circulated in coming months.

MDD/011/25 Ash Dieback – Funding for Removal of Ash Trees

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

“To ask this Municipal District to contact the relevant Government departments to seek funding to remove Ash trees along the roadside and to assist households in removing Ash trees which are in a dangerous condition due to Ash Dieback Disease. All Ash trees will be affected and will have to be removed safely as soon as possible because they are a threat to life and property”.

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

Cllr Brogan advised that over 90% of Ash Trees are going to die from this Ash Dieback disease, storms are getting stronger and more frequent, and these Trees are contributing to dangerous conditions. He fears unqualified persons will begin to take these trees down themselves, if funding is not made available, leading to greater risks.

Cllr Boyle supported the motion, citing the funding needs to be in place to allow access to tree surgeons to remove and dispose of them safely, before the problem gets worse.

MDD/012/25 Motion Submitted by Cllr Naughton

The following motion was submitted by Cllr Naughton

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

However, in the absence of Cllr Naughton, and in accordance with Standing Order No. 22, this motion was dropped.

MDD/013/25 Date of Next Meeting / Workshops

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

Workshop	Date/Time
Fire Services Workshop	14 th January after MD Meeting
Casual Trading Workshop	16 th January 2025 at 10am
Town Regeneration Workshop	16 th January 2025 at 11am
Rural Programme Workshop	26 th February 2025 at 10am

The next Municipal District of Donegal meeting will take place Tuesday 11th February 2025 at 11.30am in the Peter Kennedy Chamber (as per Standing Orders)

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Area Manager
Municipal District of Donegal

Cathaoirleach
Municipal District of Donegal



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

Municipal District of Donegal

11th February 2025

Housing & Corporate

REPORT

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

CASUAL VACANCIES

Area	BED	Dwelling Vacated	Comment

HOUSING GRANTS

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED \ INVALID	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HO	2024	172	142	17	4	9
HO	2025	20	3	1	5	11

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED \ INVALID	REAPPLIED UNDER HM GRANT	FURTHER INFO.	REF. TO OT	REF. To ENGINEER	PENDING
HD	2024	94	70	7	0	2	3	0	12
HD	2025	19	1	1	0	8	1	0	8

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

HOUSING LOANS

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

Tenant Purchase Applications 2024 - 2025

Year	No. of Apps Received	Incomplete Returned	Open Applications	Refused/ Not Eligible	Offer letters Issued	Completed
2024	17	0	16	1	0	0
2025	3	0	3	0	0	0

Position as at 31st January 2025

HAP/PRD

HAP Tenancies	
Municipal District	Number
Donegal	197
Letterkenny	701
Glenties	102
Stranorlar	276
Inishowen	407
Sub Total	1683
Tenancies Closed	3271
Overall Total	4954

Updated 31/01/2025

HOUSING NEED BY LOCATION

Municipal District		Waiting List (Net Need)	Transfer List	Total Gross Need
Donegal		217	209	426
	Ballintra	10	5	15
	Ballyshannon	43	51	94
	Bruckless	5	2	7
	Bundoran	47	58	105
	Carrick	3	4	7
	Donegal	82	55	137
	Drimarone	1	1	2
	Dunkineely	1	4	5
	Frosses	1	1	2
	Glencolmcille	2	0	2
	Kilcar	1	1	2
	Killybegs	11	18	29
	Laghey	4	1	5
	Mountcharles	4	7	11
	Pettigo	2	1	3
	Total	217	209	426

Updated 31/01/2025

Housing Capital Update Report
Donegal Municipal District Meeting
11th February 2025

1. Social Housing Developments – Construction Schemes

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

Location	Status	No. of Units
Construction Stage		
Drumacrin, Bundoran Phase 1	<p>Construction works progressing on site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundations, sub-structure blockwork & ground floor pre-cast concrete slabs complete to all units. • Super-structure blockwork 95% completed. • Roofing works 70% completed. • M&E First fix commenced and completed 7 no units. • Service drainage (foul & Storm) complete to 39 units. • Watermain is 95% complete within site boundary. • Storm discharge works completed to outfall. 	42
Largymore, Kilcar (SI)	<p>Construction works ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site access road construction. • Superstructure blockwork completed. • Roof construction completed. • M&E First Fix completed. • Internal plasterboard completed and internal plastering has commenced. 	1
Design / Tender Stage		
Laghey	Tenders have been assessed for the appointment of an Architect led Design team. Letters of Intent and letters to unsuccessful tenderers to be issued for the appointment of design teams to prepare tenders and progress the schemes through to completion, subject to standstill periods.	2

Radhairc Na Mhuirlin, Phase 2, Glencolmcille	An all-in cost plan has been prepared by the Quantity Surveyor for submission to the Department of Housing. Tenders have been assessed for the appointment of an Architect led Design team. Letters of Intent and letters to unsuccessful tenderers to be issued for the appointment of design teams to prepare tenders and progress the schemes through to completion, subject to standstill periods.	5
An Glasán, Phase 2, Kilcar	An all-in cost plan has been prepared by the Quantity Surveyor for submission to the Department of Housing. Tenders have been assessed for the appointment of an Architect led Design team. Letters of Intent and Letters to unsuccessful tenderers to be issued for the appointment of design teams to prepare tenders and progress the schemes through to completion, subject to standstill periods.	5
New Row, Fintra Road, Killybegs	Engagement is ongoing with Uisce Eireann with regard to existing services on the site. Detailed ground investigation works are being carried out on site and are due to be completed week ending 07/02/25. Quantity Surveyor is preparing an all-in cost plan for the proposed development, for submission to the Department of Housing.	16
Total		71

2. House Acquisition and Buy and Renew Programme

The construction works are near complete on 2no. 3 bed properties in Donegal Town. An ESB connection and any other minor works are to be finished to allow for the allocation of these properties in February 2025.

The Council has commenced the conveyancing process for a Tenant-in-situ acquisition in Donegal Town.

3. Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition

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

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

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

AMPCO Builders Co. Ltd. has commenced works on site at Drumrooske, Donegal Town. The development will be completed in 2 phases with Phase 1 comprising 25 units and Phase 2 comprising 10 units.



4. Lands / Property for Social Housing Purposes

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

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

Repair & Lease Scheme Summary						
	Applications					
MD	Received	No. of Units	Awaiting assessment	Rejected	Progressing	Total
Inishowen	26	29	3	23	0	26
Donegal	19	46	0	19	0	19
Glenties	26	39	0	26	0	26
Letterkenny	37	62	10	27	0	37
Stranorlar	27	84	0	27	0	27
Total	135	260	13	122	0	135

31/01/2025

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE DHUN NA NGALL
DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

**NOTICE UNDER SECTION 211 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000
AND SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
ACT 2001 – DISPOSAL OF LAND**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL

Pursuant to statutory requirements, notice is hereby given of an intention to dispose of property held by Donegal County Council, subject to the terms and conditions as specified:-

It is proposed to dispose of a plot of land owned by Donegal County Council at Mountcharles, Co. Donegal to Mr. James Mogan, Scrawhill, Mountcharles, Co. Donegal, who is an adjoining landowner. The land is registered to Donegal County Council under part of Folio No. DL73742F. (Ref DS23)

- The area of the land is 473m2 and is outlined in red on the attached map.

Donegal County Council acquired the Folio DL73742F in 2009 and the entire folio includes a Donegal County Council Social house. The part of the folio that is proposed to be disposed of to the adjoining landowner is in excess of the requirements for the Donegal County Council owned social house and the proposed disposal will not adversely affect same. Mr. James Mogan has requested that the Council dispose of the portion of land to him as he requires it to extend his existing shed where he is intending to start up his own mechanical business. The land was originally owned by his brother who disposed of it to the Council. Following receipt of the request from Mr. Mogan, the Housing Section obtained an independent valuation for the portion of land and same is valued at €2000.00 for the approximately 473M2. Mr. Mogan has confirmed his agreement to the purchase price of €2000.00 and also to the conditions as set out below:-

The Housing Section has no objections to the disposal subject to the following conditions;

1. The purchaser will be responsible for all legal/registration/mapping fees etc. (including the Councils) and for the costs of the Contract for Sale.
2. Any proposed Development on the plot will be subject to the approval of the Planning Authority i.e. must comply with Planning and Development Legislation
3. The Area to be transferred is as outlined on the attached map and registered as part of Folio DL73742F consisting of 473 Square Meters (approximately).
4. The purchaser will be responsible for erecting and maintaining a boundary fence.
5. The sale price will be €2000.00 plus VAT if applicable, payable on a date to be advised if the Section 183 is approved by the Council.
6. Purchaser must accept that any Section 183 will contain the above conditions.

Subject to the agreement of the Members of the Municipal District of Donegal, the approval of the Members of Donegal County Council will be sought to proceed to formally dispose of the land, as outlined above, under Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

Dated this 4th day of February, 2025



Pauric Sheerin
Area Manager
Housing / Corporate Services
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Folio: DL73742F



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Application Number: S2024LR007089X

Creation Date: 15 May 2024

Donegal Municipal District
2025 Roadworks Programme
Status Report – 11th February 2025

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

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

Donegal MD footpath repair & public lighting infill works

Footpath Works														
RSS Area	Location	Year 1 Budget 2018	Year 2 Budget 2019	Year 3 Budget 2020	Year 4 Budget 2022	Year 5 Budget 2024	Overall Total Budget	Spent to date Year 1 2018	Spent to date Year 2 2019	Spent to date Year 3 2020	Spent to date Year 4 2022	Spent to date Year 5 2024	Total spent to date	Remaining balance
14	Mountcharles	€5,729.00	€16,600.00	€24,350.00			€46,679.00	€5,729.00	€17,515.99	€22,737.25			€45,982.24	€696.76
	Dunkineely			€23,432.00			€23,432.00			€9,650.00			€9,650.00	€13,782.00
	Frosses		€16,600.00	€23,432.00			€40,032.00		€2,759.75	€0.00			€2,759.75	€37,272.25
	Ardaghey Area				€6,347.00	€33,426.00	€39,773.00				€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€39,773.00
15	Killybegs	€15,568.00	€16,600.00	€50,000.00			€82,168.00	€15,575.78	€16,600.00	€51,817.02			€83,992.80	-€1,824.80
	Kilcar			€3,200.00			€3,200.00			€2,958.60			€2,958.60	€241.40
	Glencolumbkille		€8,300.00	€16,314.00			€24,614.00		€0.00	€0.00			€0.00	€24,614.00
	Carrick		€8,300.00	€1,700.00			€10,000.00		€7,919.45	€1,772.90			€9,692.35	€307.65
	Killybegs Area				€17,246.00	€33,426.00	€50,672.00				€14,894.81	€14,413.77	€29,308.58	€21,363.42
16	Ballintra			€11,214.00			€11,214.00			€11,214.00			€11,214.00	€0.00
	Ballyshannon	€95,224.00	€16,600.00	€35,000.00			€146,824.00	€95,987.00	€16,702.99	€30,966.14			€143,656.13	€3,167.87
	Bundoran		€16,600.00	€25,000.00			€41,600.00		€16,600.00	€25,000.00			€41,600.00	€0.00
	Ballyshannon Area				€105,492.62	€33,426.00	€138,918.62				€62,982.21	€0.00	€62,982.21	€75,936.41
17	Donegal Town	€32,897.00	€16,600.00	€47,214.00			€96,711.00	€24,048.08	€17,500.00	€23,367.99			€64,916.07	€31,794.93
	Laghey		€8,300.00	€8,000.00			€16,300.00		€9,450.16	€0.00			€9,450.16	€6,849.84
	Bridgetown			€6,000.00			€6,000.00			€19,788.65			€19,788.65	-€13,788.65
	Pettigo		€8,300.00	€10,000.00			€18,300.00		€880.35	€0.00			€880.35	€17,419.65
	Donegal Area				€36,424.34	€33,426.00	€69,850.34				€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€69,850.34
Totals		€149,418.00	€132,800.00	€284,856.00	€165,509.96	€133,704.00	€866,287.96						€538,831.89	€327,456.07

Public Lighting Infill Works						
Area	Location	Description	Total Cost	Status	Total Spent	Remaining balance
14	Drimark, Donegal Town	Infill lighting - 7 additional lights at Drimark on Local	€10,871.00	Completed	€27,662.46	-€541.46
	Mountcharles	Lower End Mountcharles –	€6,750.00	Completed		
	Mill Park Hotel, Doonan	Proposed lighting from Doonan Roundabout to	€9,500.00	Completed		
15	Kilcar	Lighting improvement	€10,650.00	Completed	€18,680.68	€10,694.32
	Killybegs	Old Fintra Rd near Glenlee	€18,725.00	Yet to commence		
16	Ballyshannon	Rossnowlagh Link Road.	€30,000.00	Completed	€25,864.00	€4,136.00
17	Killymard, Donegal Town	Extend existing public lighting past the school	€11,600.00	Completed	€26,025.48	€18,074.52
	Tirconnaihl Street & Castle Street, Donegal Town	Infill lighting needed along the public road at Tirconnaihl Street on local	€10,000.00	Started		
	Killymard, Donegal Town	Killymard Church to Drumrooske Housing	€22,500.00	Completed		
Total amount			€130,596.00		€98,232.62	€32,363.38

2025 Drainage Grant						
RSS Area	Budget	No	Description of Works	Road No.	Estimated Cost €	Status
14						
			To be agreed when funding is announced			
15						
16						
17						

Donegal MD Community Involvement Schemes 2025											
Project Number	RSS Area	Road Number	Road Name	Length of work (m)	Total Area of work	Overall Cost of work	% LC	LC	WIL	Budget	Status
			To be agreed when funding is announced								

2025 LIS Priority List -								
2025 Budget								
DMD %			18.6715%					
DMD Budget								
Total								
RSS Area	Location	Percentage of budget	Budget	No	LIS No	Townland	Engineers cost estimate	Status
14	Ardaghey	44.73%						
						To be agreed when funding is announced		
15	Killybegs	27.64%						
16	Ballyshannon	9.82%						
17	Laghey	17.82%						
						Total	€0.00	
						Budget	€0.00	
						Balance	€0.00	



Date: 29th January 2025

To: EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL

Notice under Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001.

Re: Grant of Easements at Railway Road, Milltown to Deramore Investment Holdings Ltd – Milltown Development Project, Donegal Town

Dear Councillor,

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the above legislation that Donegal County Council proposes to register a Deed of Grant of Easements at Railway Road, Milltown, Donegal Town, Co. Donegal to Deramore Investment Holdings Ltd.

Approval is hereby being sought from the Elected Members of Donegal County Council for the register of a Deed of Grant of Easements, Railway Road, Milltown, Donegal Town as per terms of the Grant of Easements attached.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Sweeney
SEE Roads & Transportation Office
Donegal County Council
Donegal Municipal District.

Encl: Map
Deed of Grant of Easements

Dated:

- (1) **DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**
The Grantor
 - (2) **DERAMORE INVESTMENT HOLDINGS LIMITED**
The Grantee
-

DEED OF GRANT OF EASEMENTS (RAILWAY ROAD)

LAND REGISTRY

COUNTY DONEGAL

FOLIO 69483F

THIS DEED made the day of 2024

BETWEEN

- (1) DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL having its principal office at County House, Lifford, County Donegal (the "Grantor" which expression shall where the context so admits or requires include its successors and assigns); and
- (2) DERAMORE INVESTMENT HOLDINGS LIMITED (company no. 669831) having its registered office at 1. Borora Crescent, Carlanstown, Kells, County Meath (the "Grantee" which expression shall where the context so admits or requires include its successors and assigns).

WHEREAS:

- A. The Grantor is seised of the Grantor's Lands free from encumbrances.
- B. The Grantee is the party entitled to be registered as owner of the Grantee's Lands free from encumbrances.
- D. The Grantor has agreed with the Grantee in consideration of the payment of the sum of €1.00 to grant the Granted Easements to the Grantee.

NOW THIS DEED WITNESSETH AS FOLLOWS:

1. Definitions

In this Deed and in the several Schedules hereto the following expressions shall have the following meanings:

"Conduits" means each of the following of whatsoever nature: all sewers, drains, water courses, channels, pipes, gullies, gutters, ducts (including any louver, cowls or other outside covers of such ducts or other conduits), wires, cables, flues, trunks, mains and other transmission or conducting media and installations of whatsoever nature or kind to be used for conducting or for the passage of the Services;

"Granted Easements" means the easements, rights and privileges set out in Schedule 3 of this Deed;

"Grantee's Lands" means the lands and premises described in Schedule 2 of this Deed and any other land adjoining or neighbouring the said lands owned or acquired by the Grantee;

"Grantor's Lands" means the lands and premises described in Schedule 1 of this Deed;

"Services" mean the supply of water, drainage of sewerage, soil and surface water, electricity, gas, oil, telephone, alarm signals and other services of whatsoever nature and kind;

"DCC Permission" means grant of planning permission register references 20/51194 and 22/51715.

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2. In pursuance of the said agreement and in consideration of the sum of €1.00 (one Euro) now paid by the Grantee to the Grantor (the receipt and sufficiency whereof the Grantor hereby acknowledges) the Grantor as beneficial owner and registered owner **HEREBY GRANTS** unto the Grantee, for the benefit of the Grantee's Lands and any building or buildings which may be erected on the Grantee's Lands or any part or parts of the Grantee's Lands and each and every part of the Grantee's Lands, the Granted Easements **TO HOLD** unto the Grantee in fee simple as easements, rights and privileges appurtenant to the Grantee's Lands.

GENERAL.

It is hereby agreed as follows:

3. The Schedules to this Deed shall be deemed to form part of this Deed.
4. The Grantor hereby assents to the registration of the Granted Easements as a burden on the folio comprising the Grantor's Lands.
5. The Grantee acknowledges and accepts that the Grantor may at any time carry out works, diversions or relocation of services, and alterations to the Grantor's lands without the necessity of obtaining the consent of the Grantee, it being accepted by the Grantor that where such works are being undertaken the Grantor will ensure that suitable access to the Grantee's Lands will be maintained for the duration of such works.
6. The Grantee hereby agrees to indemnify and keep the Grantor indemnified from and against all loss, actions, costs, damages, injury, claims or demands incurred, sustained or borne by the Grantor by reason of or attributable to any breach by the Grantee of its obligations under this Deed and/or attributable to the carrying out of the exercise of the rights herein granted to the Grantee and shall procure that any contractor, engaged by the Grantee to carry out works to the Grantor's Property as herein permitted shall retain public liability insurance of not less than €6,500,000 in its name and that of the Grantee, furnishing evidence of such insurances to the Grantor upon being requested by it to do so.
7. This Deed shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Ireland.
8. This Deed may be executed in any number of counterparts by the parties to it by separate counterparts but shall not be effective until each party has executed at least one counterpart and the counterparts have been exchanged. Each such counterpart shall constitute an original of this Deed but all the counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that this instrument is a conveyance or transfer on any occasion not being a sale or mortgage.

IN WITNESS whereof the Grantor and the Grantee have executed this deed the day and year first herein **WRITTEN**.

SCHEDULE 1

(the "Grantor's Lands")

ALL THAT AND THOSE that part of the lands at Railway Road, Milltown, Donegal Town, County Donegal comprised in that part of Folio 69483F of the Register of Freeholders County Donegal more particularly shaded yellow on the Tailte Éireann compliant map attached hereto.

SCHEDULE 2

(the "Grantee's Lands")

Firstly all the lands in Folios 14101F and 26547F both of the Register of Freeholders County Donegal

And

Secondly the lands hereditaments and premises comprised and more particularly described in an indenture of conveyance dated 8 February 2024 between Donegal Co-operative Livestock Mark Limited of the One part and the Grantee of the Other part bearing Registry of Deeds Serial Number 2024 036169 which is currently pending registration in Tailte Éireann pursuant to the Grantee's application for first registration under dealing number D2024LR124424C.

SCHEDULE 3

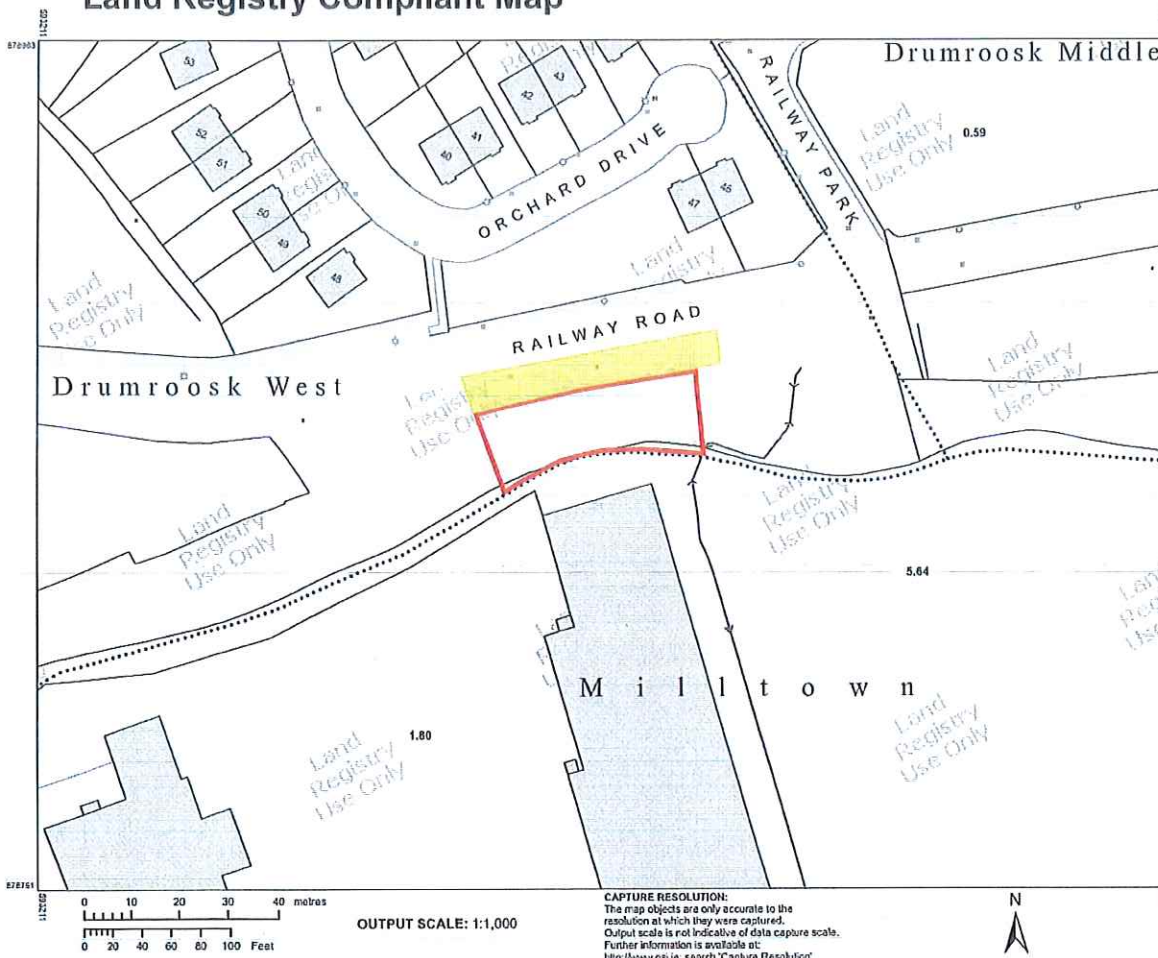
(the "Granted Easements")

Full and free right and liberty (but without obligation) at all times for the Grantee and the owners and occupiers of the Grantee's Lands (and all buildings erected, or to be erected, on the Grantee's Lands), and their respective successors and assigns (including without limitation, any Relevant Authority) and its and their respective employees, agents, workmen, licensees, tenants, undertenants and invitees (where appropriate with or without plant equipment machinery and materials) and as appurtenant to and for all purposes connected with the proper use or enjoyment of the Grantee's Lands

1. At all times by day and by night and for all purposes in connection with the use of the Grantee's Lands on foot and with vehicles with or without horses, cars, motor cars and motor lorries and all other manner of vehicles howsoever propelled or drawn laden or unladen to go pass and repass over and along the new access road, footpaths, pedestrian ways, cycle paths and cycleways to be constructed on the Grantor's Lands.
2. The right at the Grantee's own cost to construct, lay and or connect up with the Conduits to be constructed on the Grantor's Lands or now are or may at any time be in under over or passing through the Grantor's Lands and for that purpose to enter the Property or any part thereof with workmen and others in any such case subject to the necessary statutory consents and approval of the Grantor being sought and approved in advance.
3. The free passage and running of the Services from and to the Grantee's Lands (and any buildings now erected, or to be erected on the Grantee's Lands) through the Conduits serving or designed to serve the Grantee's Lands and which now are or may at any time be in under over or passing through the Grantor's Lands subject to the necessary statutory consents and approval of the Grantor being sought and approved in advance.
4. The full and free right and liberty to construct the roads, footpaths, pedestrian ways, cycle paths and cycleways on foot of the DCC Permission and in compliance with all applicable statutory consents and approvals and for that purpose to enter the Grantor's Lands to construct the roads, footpaths, pedestrian ways, cycle paths and cycleways with workmen and others.
5. The right to enter in and remain upon the Grantor's Lands to connect to, inspect, cleanse, repair, maintain and renew any part of the Conduits at any time constructed on the Grantor's Lands and/or any of the roads, footpaths, pedestrian ways, cycle paths and cycleways referred to in this Schedule at any time constructed on the Grantor's Lands.
6. Such rights of access to and entry upon those parts of the Grantor's Lands as are necessary for the carrying out of any ancillary or additional works for the proper enjoyment of the rights granted to the Grantee under this Deed, or for the purpose of the maintenance, cleaning, upkeep, repair and reinstatement of the Conduits where such works cannot reasonably be carried out without such access or entry.

Plan

Land Registry Compliant Map



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Person nominated pursuant to Section
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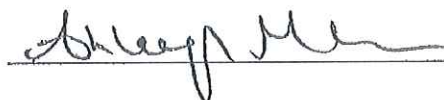
GIVEN UNDER THE COMMON SEAL

of DERAMORE INVESTMENT HOLDINGS LIMITED

and DELIVERED as a DEED:

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Eamonn McCann (Director)

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ashleigh McCann', written over a horizontal line.

Ashleigh McCann (Secretary)



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

Notice under Section 189 of the Local Government Act 2001

Re. CHANGING OF A PLACENAME Townlands of Glenlee and Killybegs

Date: 11th February 2025

Dear Councilor

I refer to the above-mentioned Section 189 request that was submitted by Cllr Kennedy to rename a road in Killybegs.

The road is in the townlands of Glenlee and Killybegs, Killybegs, Co. Donegal, currently named Bóthar Tionsclaíochta na gCealla Beaga / Killybegs Industrial Road.

The proposal is to change the name of the road to Bealach Ghleann Lao / Glenlee Pass.

This proposal was advertised in the local papers and attached is a copy of the public notice and map that was erected on the site. A copy of this notice was also hand delivered to all the businesses and residents living along the road.

The public consultation period commenced on 1st November 2024 and ran until 10th January 2025 and no submissions were received during this period.

Approval is hereby being sought from the Elected Members in the Donegal Municipal District to rename this road in line with the attached notice and map.

Regards

Mark Sweeney

SEE Roads & Transportation Office#

Donnegal Municipal District



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

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE DHÚN NA NGALL
DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

Local Government Act 2001 Section 189

CHANGING OF A PLACENAME

Townlands of Glenlee and Killybegs

Notice is hereby given that Donegal County Council intends to rename a road in the townlands of Glenlee and Killybegs, Killybegs, Co. Donegal, currently named Bóthar Tionsclaíochta na gCealla Beaga / Killybegs Industrial Road.

It is proposed to change the name of the road to Bealach Ghleann Lao / Glenlee Pass.

Road to be renamed

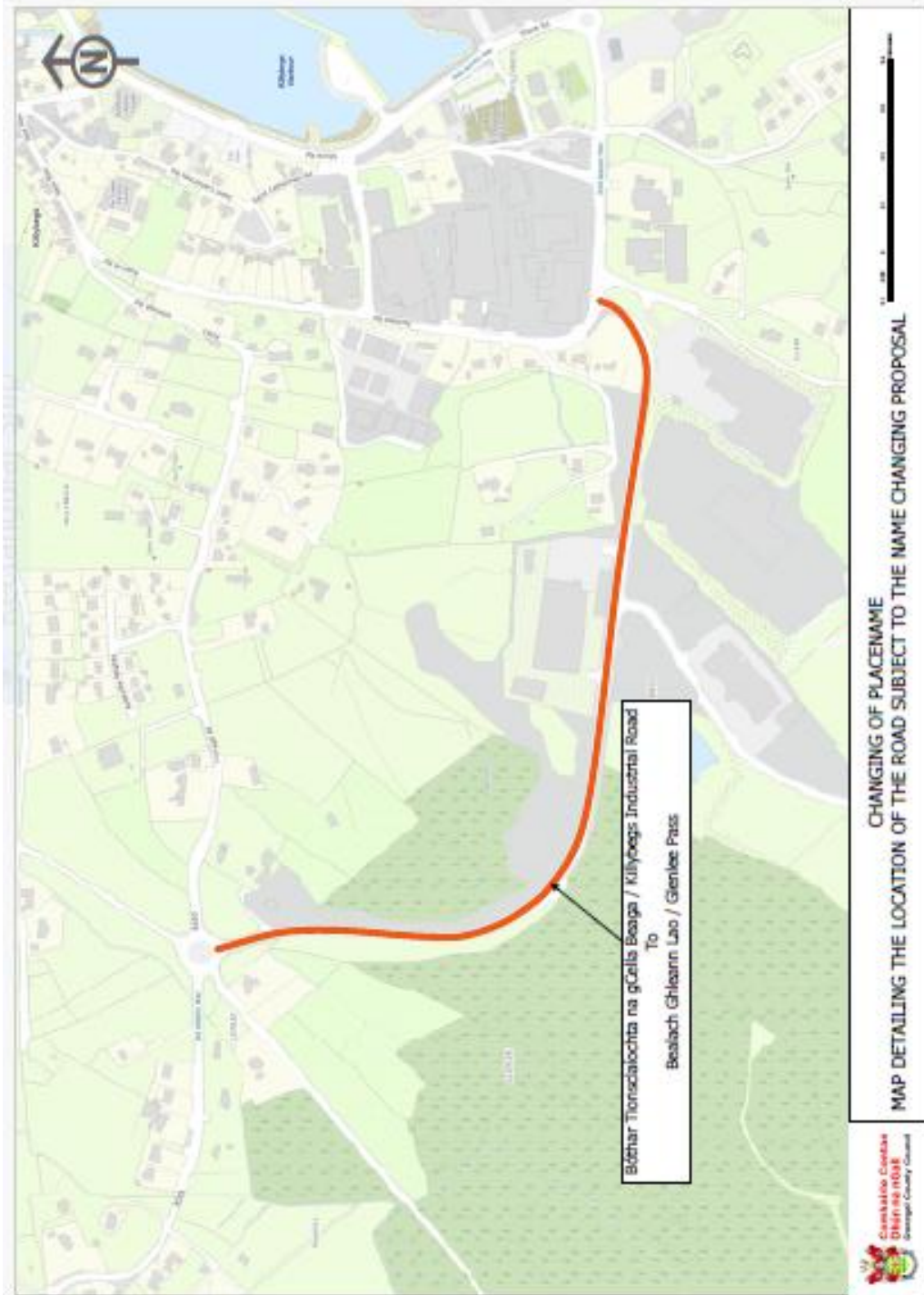
R263-20 (Bóthar Tionsclaíochta na gCealla Beaga / Killybegs Industrial Road) from its junction with the R-263-19 and L-1285-1 in Killybegs townland to the roundabout at its junction with the L-1265-2, R263-3, L-1265-1 and the L1355-1 in the townland of Glenlee.

A map showing the road to be renamed is available for inspection, during the period 1st November 2024 to 10th January 2025 during normal working hours, at the following locations;

**Donegal Public Services Centre, Drumlonagher, Donegal Town , Co. Donegal
&
County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal**

Submissions in relation to this proposed name change may be made in writing to;
Mr Bryan Cannon, Director of Service, County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal, to arrive not later than 4:30pm on Friday 10th January 2025. Alternatively, submission made be made via www.consult.donegal.ie

Bryan Cannon
Director of Service
Roads & Transportation
Donegal County Council





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

Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services Directorate

Master Municipal District Report February 2025

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1. Economic Development

1.1. Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location / Further Info	Point of Contact
2 nd Wed of each month	Innovation Campfire	Hosted by Alpha Innovation - Our 15-minute sessions showcase inspiring innovation stories from around the world; learn from the experiments, tests, fails, quick wins, and big successes of others; enable participants to be part of a growing community of like-minded individuals; and allow participants to shape future sessions by volunteering to tell a story they are passionate about. You can watch back by visiting ALPHA Innovation Innovation Campfire — ALPHAInnovation.eu	Kevin Sexton - kevinsexton@alphainnovation.eu
20 th February 2025	Donegal Tech Advocates Event	The next Donegal Tech Advocates event, which will be held on February 20 th at TCS, Letterkenny, from 8:30am – 10:30am. This event is an excellent opportunity for businesses across Donegal within the tech sector to knowledge-share, collaborate, and network with others in the industry and key individuals who can assist with business development supports and advice.	Elaine Whoriskey - Economic Development Officer Ewhoriskey@donegalcoco.ie 087 1603942
6 th March 2025	Believe in Branding and Vision: Building a strong identity for business success.	Location: Century Cinemas, Letterkenny. This interactive session, part of Local Enterprise Week 2025, focuses on the critical role of branding and vision in shaping the identity and success of local businesses. Whether you're a start-up or an established enterprise, this event will provide practical insights into creating a compelling brand that resonates with your target audience while aligning with your business's long-term goals.	Elaine Whoriskey - Economic Development Officer Ewhoriskey@donegalcoco.ie 087 1603942

1.2 Economic Development Unit

Marketing & Campaigns Updates		
Invest Donegal Communications Update: Latest key stats for the InvestDonegal LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram and web accounts are as follows:		
Impressions (last 28 days)		Total Followers
Linked In	13,169	5,545
Twitter	3.4k	3,377
Instagram	4.4k	5,333
Facebook	4.1k	2,228
Donegal.ie	5.4K Web Users	
6 News Items Published.		
January 1 st – January 28 th 2025.		
Inward Investment Brochure: The Economic Development team are currently progressing work to develop a new brochure promoting the value proposition for inward investment in County Donegal and highlighting County Donegal as a great place to live, work, study and do business. This brochure will be available in print and digital format.		
Inward Investment/Relocation Marketing Campaign: Donegal County Council is working with marketing agency BigO on a new marketing campaign promoting Donegal as a great place to live, work, study, invest and do business. The campaign will include a new hero video, short videos/reels, social media and website promotion of County Donegal. The campaign will start to roll out in early December, with a launch event to take place in advance. Details to be confirmed soon. This campaign will be a follow-on campaign building upon the success of the previous #MovetoDonegal relocation campaign.		
Move West Series on TG4: Donegal County Council worked with the WDC (Western Development Commission) to produce an episode of the Move West series that is focused on County Donegal. The Donegal episode hosted by Mary Kennedy aired on TG4 at 7.30pm on the 5 th November 2024. Feedback on the episode has been positive.		
Donegal Emigrants Working Lives in Scotland: The Economic Development Team alongside DCC Culture Division hosted events in Edinburgh and Glasgow to explore the stories of Donegal Emigrants who worked in Scotland and commemorating the ordinary people from the Irish community who contributed to Scottish communities and industry that has often been overlooked or considered too ordinary to be recorded. The series of events was very successful with a high turn out from the Irish community in both cities capturing a variety of important and unique stories of our cultural heritage. Plans are ongoing to expand this project further to mark the 850 th birthday of Glasgow with support from the Irish Consulate Service.		

#BuyDonegal: The 2024 #BuyDonegal campaign launched on the 25th November 2024 and ran over a series of 4 weeks. This campaign covered a wide range of sectors, themes and events aimed at promoting Donegal businesses to a global audience. This campaign reached a global social media audience of 58.9 million people across every corner of the globe including Ireland, UK, USA, Canada, Europe and beyond.

Donegal Tech Advocates: Donegal County Council, in collaboration with regional stakeholders, developed and launched the Donegal Tech Advocates group in April 2024. The focus of this group is to promote, grow and empower the dynamic and innovative tech sector across the county. The first Donegal Tech Advocates event of 2025 will take place in TCS, Letterkenny on February 20th

Green Hydra: Donegal County Council's first Green Hydrogen regional stakeholder meeting as part of the Interreg Europe funded Green Hydra took place on 3rd January in Colab, ATU Letterkenny. The meeting was attended by 38 people both in person and online. The Green Hydra project aims to explore the potential of developing green hydrogen projects in Donegal and the wider region. Participants from a variety of fields including industry, research and development, education, government, supply chain management and engineering attended the meeting to learn more about initiatives that are already happening with a view to exploring how best to position Donegal as key player in this emerging sector.

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

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

Donegal 2040 DAC

Board and Corporate Governance

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

Update on Projects:

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

Alpha Innovation Centre and Beta Business Centre

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

Remote Working Hub Carrigart:

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Status: In operation. Annual management agreement in place.
Details: One storey building with 18 Hot Desks in an open space floor plan. Meeting room, private phone booths, kitchen facilities and bicycle parking.

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

Current Status: Under Construction. Estimated Completion Date: Q1 2025.

Marketing Campaign: to commence Q1 2025.

Operation & Management of Burtonport Enterprise Centre (Post Construction)

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

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

Current Status: Detailed design. Current Estimated Completion date: Q4 2027.

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Inward Investment Activity

North West City Region

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

The North West City Region is promoted online via the website www.irelandnw.com and social media on LinkedIn and X on a regular basis and in collaboration with Derry City and Strabane District Council.

NWCR on LinkedIn has 798 followers.

NWCR on X (formerly Twitter @NwIreland) has 248 followers.

Website: www.irelandnw.com

NW RegTech Supercluster: Donegal County Council is part of an exciting initiative to establish the world's first multi-sector 'regulation supercluster' in partnership with Derry City & Strabane District Council, ATU, Ulster University, Catalyst and APLHA Innovation. A website has now been set up at www.regtechsupercluster.com and a planned innovation challenge with the City of London in early 2025 was launched at a 'RegTech Forum' event in Derry on 9th December 2024, attended by over 100 people, organised by Invest NI as a key part of a visit by the Lord Mayor of City of London Corporation.

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

Service Land Initiative at The Commons, Lifford
<p>Enabling infrastructure works began in November 2024 and it is expected that the enabling infrastructure will be complete by Q1/Q2 2025.</p> <p>The EDU is engaging with various potential site users including Social Housing, Community Health, Recreation and businesses.</p> <p>Disposal of Council owned Land to support Economic Development: The team is dealing with several requests for disposal of lands for economic development in Ballyshannon, Letterkenny and Buncrana.</p>
<p>Contact Persons</p> <p>Daniel Mc Chrystal – Senior Economic Development Officer dmcchrystal@donegalcoco.ie 087 614 7496</p>

1.2: Tourism Marketing Unit

Project Activity
<p>TBEX: Donegal Tourism is thrilled to host TBEX - Europe (Travel Blog Exchange) in September 2025, a major gathering for the travel blogging, influencer, and content creator community. This event will bring approximately 500 content creators to our destination, where they will take part in four days of intense meetings, conferences, workshops, and networking activities. The conference will be preceded by tours all over Donegal and followed by post-tours across Ireland's regions. Donegal Tourism aims to take full advantage of this exceptional opportunity to showcase Donegal's distinctive assets on the international stage. Many partnership and sponsorship opportunities now exist, any potential partner can contact Mary Daly, Donegal Tourism directly.</p> <p>Holiday World Show 2024: This event is taking place in the RDS, Dublin from Fri 24th – Sun 26th January 2025. It is anticipated that the show will attract over 550 exhibitors, and 40,000 attendees over the weekend. Seventeen providers from across the county have confirmed their intentions to attend the show under the umbrella of Donegal Tourism. The Tourism Unit are liaising with the show organisers in relation to PR in advance of the show and securing prizes for the show competition.</p> <p>Details are available on the Show website: https://www.holidayworldshow.com/</p> <p>Age Friendly/Disability Strategy/Caravan and Camping Committees: Donegal Tourism continues to participate in these groups to see where the Tourism Industry in the county can learn from consultation and collaboration.</p> <p>Donegal Tourism Brochure 2025: Finalising an A4 and A5 brochure including new categories such as Distilleries. A provision to print 15,000 has been made to distribute to key partners and trade.</p> <p>Walking Trails Promotion: Procuring video production and promotion for walking trails in 2025 partnering with the Outdoor Recreation team.</p> <p>Donegal Golf Brochure: Donegal Golf Brochure New Donegal Golf Brochure almost at completion following consultation with all 17 golf clubs in the county. It is planned to launch this brochure in February 2025. The brochure will be printed in January and be available for trade shows. It is proposed to print 5,000 copies of the brochure.</p> <p>Golf Promotion Plan for 2025: Finalising promotion plan for golf promotion in 2025.</p> <p>Best of the Northwest Golf Collaboration: Work continues with our colleagues in Derry City/Strabane District Council as the project comes to an end – a digital campaign will go live in January to promote the Best of the North West. A PR campaign to include fam trips and media features will also get underway in the early new year. A representative from Donegal Tourism and Visit Derry will attend the annual PGA Golf Show in Orlando in January under the collaboration project.</p> <p>Tourism Seminar 2025: Planning continues for the annual Tourism Seminar which will be jointly hosted by Donegal County Council and Fáilte Ireland on Wednesday 5th March during Local Enterprise Week.</p>

The event will also act as a networking event for the tourism trade in the county and will take place during Enterprise Week 2025.

Night-Time Economy (NTE) Buncrana: NTE Buncrana as part of the national NTE anti-social behaviour campaign 'Safe & Sound' has launched and will feature in bars and venues in Buncrana and beyond, on local radio, social media and newspapers. We also launched a promotional Christmas video that encouraged people to visit Buncrana for the Buncrana Christmas Markets.

The NTE Action Plan is in the process of being drafted and it will be ready in the New Year. The NTE Steering Group will be established in January.

TOURBO: As TOURBO Semester 4 progresses, the new Tourism Strategy (2025-2030) is being forwarded as Donegal County Council's 'Policy Instrument.' The 'Good Practices' of TOURBO's Project Partners are being reviewed by DCC's TOURBO Team with a view to identifying potential frameworks that may be of benefit in the Tourism Strategy, in line with TOURBO's overarching objectives. It is agreed that Donegal will host our TOURBO Partner meeting in Autumn 2025.

Sustainable Arctic & Peripheral Biking Tourism Project (SUB): Now half way through the workshop series, the 2nd SUB Workshop, which centred around Entrepreneurial Skills, took place in Sweeney's Hotel, An Clochán Liath, on the 3rd of December. Our speakers included Ireland on Bike, Udaras na Gaeltachta and Electric Bike Downings. Everyone who attended shared insights and contributed to entrepreneurial skills within the biking tourism sector in Donegal. The next workshop, which will focus on Sustainability & Responsibility will take place on Tuesday 4th February in Harvey's Point, Lough Eske. Registration is now open. Planning also continues for the SUB Peer-to-Peer programme and Partner Meeting which Donegal will host next March and April respectively.

EDIN: The EDIN project, funded in partnership with INTERREG Europe, focuses on the improvement of the relevant policies to attract Digital Nomads to Donegal. The program is now in Semester 2 with Donegal County Council taking the Communications and Marketing lead on this. Donegal County Councils "Working Holiday Campaign 2022 & 2023" has been highlighted and accepted as the first good practice on the program. In semester 3 Donegal County Council will host a study visit of other project partners to the county.

GoVisitDonegal.com Website

Go Visit Donegal Website

Kick Off meeting has taken place with web developers to outline requirements and expectations for the new version of the go visit Donegal website which will be launched in 2025. Registration on the website by all trade will be encouraged.

2024 (Nov) - Users 15,439- Page Views 36K

Festival and Events is the most viewed page – views 3,160

Your Wild Atlantic Way is the second most viewed page – views 1,903

Online & Social Media Updates – Go Visit Donegal Nov 2024

Facebook: Reach: 34.3k, Views: 34k

Instagram: Reach: 3.3k, Views: 5.5k

LinkedIn: Reach: 6,690 Imps, 136 Reactions, 2030 Followers

TikTok: Followers: 1,456

<p>Donegal Tourism CLG</p> <p>The next associates committee meeting is scheduled for January 21st in the Donegal MD. The board met in Dungloe on December 17th.</p>
<p>Grant Schemes</p>
<p>Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme</p> <p>Successful projects under the 2024 scheme have been notified. Funding for this scheme must be drawn down by June 30th, 2025.</p> <p>The 2023 projects are nearing completion, and the tourism team are following up with each of the groups in relation to drawing down the grant.</p> <p>Regional Festival & Events Grant Scheme</p> <p>€49,750 has been awarded to Donegal County Council under the 2025 Fáilte Ireland Regional Festival Funding Scheme. The 2024 funding scheme is now closed and claim submitted to Fáilte Ireland.</p>
<p>Contact Person</p> <p>Joy Browne – Head of Tourism Unit joybrowne@donegalcoco.ie 087 061 9360</p>

1.4: Strategic Funding Unit

Strategic Funding Unit – Exploring EU and National Funding Opportunities that support the objectives set out in the Donegal County Council Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024
<p>ICC – Intelligent Cities Challenge: Donegal County Council is a partner along with Derry City and Strabane District Council on the EU funded Intelligent Cities Challenge project led by ERNACT. As one of 64 cities and city regions across Europe, Ireland’s North-West City Region is actively participating in the European Commission’s Intelligent Cities Challenge 2.0 initiative (ICC). This project requires a Local Green Deal (LGD), aimed at creating tangible actions for change through strategic public-private partnerships. These partnerships bring together businesses, local authorities, and communities to drive sustainable initiatives forward.</p> <p>Networks: The SFU continues to participate in key networks such as the CPMR (Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions) and the AER (Assembly of European Regions), alongside ongoing engagement with the IREO (Irish Regions European Office). As our new team progresses, we are actively researching and highlighting funding opportunities across various sectors within DCC. Our approach involves identifying funding, partnerships, and collaborative projects that align with our objectives and the corporate plan of DCC.</p>
<p>Contact Person</p> <p>Marion Callaghan – Staff Officer Marioncallaghan@donegalcoco.ie</p>

2. Local Enterprise Office

February 2025 (Y/E December 2024 Year Supports)
<p>Grant Aid (M1) – Six Evaluation Committee meetings took place for 2024 with the following approvals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 47 Businesses have been approved Grant Aid• The total value of Grant Aid Approvals is €1,041,731• The next EVAC meeting is taking place on 25th February, 2025. <p>Trading Online Vouchers: 72 TOVs approved in 2024 totalling €156,303.</p> <p>Mentoring: 430 business applicants approved up to 12 hours expert mentoring.</p> <p>Training: 1640 Attendees on 77 Courses held.</p> <p>Digital For Business: 12 applications approved for this support to a value of €49,284.</p> <p>Green For Micro/Green for Business/Green Start: 49 applicants approved for these supports to a value of €111,272.</p> <p>Energy Efficiency Grants: 17 applicants approved for this support to a value of €150,000.</p> <p>Lean For Business: 24 applicants approved for this support to a value of €108,302</p> <p>Start Your Own Business Programmes: 8 online courses scheduled for 2025 plus one Bootcamp taking place on 4th July, 2025.</p> <p>Trading Online Voucher (TOV) scheme <u>closed permanently</u> on the 13th December 2024. Any business that submitted an application on/before 13th December will be reviewed and handled as normal. Moving forward, businesses looking for digital supports will be directed to the Digital For Business and Grow Digital schemes.</p> <p>Export Development Programme: 4 LEO clients have undertaken an export readiness exercise with Full Circle Consultancy and are now engaging in a programme to identify suitable markets for export. Three of the four clients have completed their mentoring with Full Circle Consultancy and will decide on their export plans for 2025, with market visits and buyer meetings being planned.</p> <p>Get Exporting Programme: 2 Donegal businesses have been selected to progress to Stage 2 of the <i>Get Exporting</i> Accelerator Programme. This stage, which consists of four half-day workshops, is starting on January 29th 2025. The programme is designed for LEO clients with limited export sales who wish to develop strategies for entering international markets.</p> <p>Market Explorer Grant: A new financial support has been launched to help businesses grow their exports. The objective of the financial offer is to support the development of export-oriented businesses by incentivising support to research and explore activities in new markets. This grant has replaced the Technical Assistance for Micro-Exporters (TAME) grant and offers up to €10,000 (or 50% of eligible costs) to small enterprises (1-50 employees) operating in manufacturing or internationally traded services.</p> <p>Export Development Programme: 4 LEO clients have undertaken an export readiness exercise with Full Circle Consultancy and are now engaging in a programme to identify suitable markets for export. This will be followed by market visits and buyer meetings in these markets.</p>

Enterprise Europe Network (EEN): Recent missions organised by the LEO Network to Belfast, Manchester, Brussels, and Paris have been highly successful. These events, which brought together delegations of Irish companies from diverse sectors, facilitated significant opportunities through EEN-organised activities. Looking ahead to 2025, several missions are currently in the planning stages, with another confirmed visit to Manchester scheduled for March 2025.

Start Your Own Business Training Programme: The next Start Your Own Business Programme will commence on Tuesday 4th February, 2025 and is booked out. Spaces are available on the March course commencing on 4th March, 2025.

Digital Webinar: On Feb 12th LEO Donegal will host a webinar which details the Digital for Business and Grow Digital voucher supports available for micro and small businesses in Donegal. The webinar will also go through applications for each.

LEO Business Supports Clinic: The Clinics take place twice per month – on-line and in-person at locations throughout the county. As well as learning about LEO supports, all attendees will get the opportunity for one-to-one business advice. The next clinic will take place in person on January 31st at the Local Enterprise Office in Letterkenny, with further clinics scheduled for February.

Student Enterprise Programme: Dates have been issued and School teachers across the county have been invited to register their schools for the competition. The next steps are to confirm judges, and venue.

Local Enterprise Week 2025: Local Enterprise Week is taking place this year between 3rd March – 7th March, 2025. The theme for the week this year is “Believe”. As usual, the Local Enterprise Office in conjunction with partners and other stakeholders, will be hosting a range of events across the county covering topics of interest to Donegal businesses. The event brochure will be launched in the Local Enterprise Office on Friday 14th February, 2025. All the elected members are invited and are welcome to attend.

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

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3. Emergency Services

4.1 – Fire Service

Fire Service Monthly MD Report (February)

Activity	Number of: (December) ¹		Total for year	
<u>Fire Service Operations</u>				
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	74		820	
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	100		966	
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	4		111	
<u>Operational Activity Breakdown November 2024</u>	Turnouts		Incidents in County	
	Fires	Special Services	Fires	Special Services
Donegal Fire Service	45	54	29	39
Northern Ireland Fire Service	2	2	2	4
Sub Total	47	56	31	43
Total	103		74	
<u>Fire Prevention</u>				
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	12		186	
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	39		N/A	

Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by the Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from the Applicant / Agent:	53	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	11	156
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	0	10
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	0	6
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	1	48
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	9	213
Fire Safety Complaints received:	2	23
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	1	22
During Performance Inspections carried out:	0	0
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	41 ²	161

1. Current data is only available up to the end of December 2024.
2. As part of its community fire safety programme, Donegal Fire Service facilitated a fire station open day in Dungloe Fire Station. Falcarragh, Gweedore & Killybegs Fire Brigades completed 34 no. home fire safety visits whilst fire station visits/fire safety talks were also provided by Stranorlar, Letterkenny & Carndonagh Fire Brigades.



ENVIRONMENT MD REPORT – February 2025

CLIMATE ACTION

Activity / Project Title	Climate Action Plan Implementation
Project Description/ Activity	Reporting on progress made during 2024 in relation to DCC's Climate Action Plan has been reported to the LGMA and CARO in line with national deadlines. Further information will be provided in next month's MD report.
Contact Person	Suzanne Bogan, Climate Action Officer sbogan@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	Decarbonising Zones
Project Description/ Activity	<p>The DCC Climate Action Unit recently collaborated with the European Regions Network for the Application of Communications Technology (ERNACT) in submitting an application to the Interreg NPA 5th Call for Projects.</p> <p>The project, called MINDSET, is made up of 5 European Partners including Ernact (Lead Partner) and DCC in Ireland and regional authorities and academic partners in Sweden and Finland. In terms of the Irish partners, the project will focus on the Decarbonising Zones in Donegal and look at actions and measures to address climate change issues.</p> <p>The Climate Action Unit received confirmation in January 2025 that the project application was successful, project funding will be granted, and will commence in March 2025. The project will run for 3 years and will include piloting of measures identified in year 3.</p>
Contact Person	Lorraine Arbuckle, Climate Action Coordinator larbuckle@Donegalcoco.ie

Flood Relief Scheme (FRS) Unit

Activity / Project Title	Letterkenny Flood Relief Scheme
Project Description/ Activity	<p>Following the appointment of new engineering staff in the Flood Relief Scheme (FRS) Unit of DCC in September 2024, the pilot scheme for Letterkenny FRS formally commenced.</p> <p>The pilot, which is 100% fund by OPW and will consider a new delivery model for flood relief schemes. The OPW and local authorities are working in a very challenging environment to deliver and expand its programme of flood relief schemes, due to resource constraints in a highly specialised and professional market.</p> <p>Within the current resource constraints, and from lessons learned to date, trialling a new delivery model for Letterkenny and Donegal Town (which is running in parallel to Letterkenny) will deliver important flood relief measures for these towns and inform the most efficient approach to delivering the next tranche of 60 flood relief schemes nationally.</p> <p>The FRS Unit has been meeting with local stakeholder to inform data gathering requirements which will commence in 2025. Once the OPW release their new consultancy brief for FRS, DCC will amend it accordingly to be specific to Letterkenny and it is hoped that a consultant can be procured in Q2 2026. The successful consultant will use data gather by the FRS Unit during the pilot thereby expediting the design process prior to planning submission.</p>
Contact Person	Shane McMonagle / Aisling Quigley, Flood Relief Scheme Unit floodreliefschemes@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Town Flood Relief Scheme
Project Description/ Activity	<p>Following the appointment of new engineering staff in the Flood Relief Scheme (FRS) Unit of DCC in September 2024, the pilot scheme for Donegal Town FRS formally commenced.</p> <p>The pilot, which is 100% fund by OPW and will consider a new delivery model for flood relief schemes. The Minister said that the OPW and local authorities are working in a very challenging environment to deliver and expand its programme of flood relief schemes, due to resource constraints in a highly specialised and professional market.</p> <p>Within the current resource constraints, and from lessons learned to date, trialling a new delivery model for Donegal Town and Letterkenny (which is running in parallel to Donegal Town) will deliver important flood relief measures for these towns and inform the most efficient approach to delivering the next tranche of 60 flood relief schemes nationally.</p>

	The FRS Unit has been meeting with local stakeholder to inform data gathering requirements which will commence in 2025. Once the OPW release the new consultancy brief for FRS, DCC will amend it accordingly to be specific to Donegal Town and it is hoped that a consultant can be procured in Q2 2026. The successful consultant will use data gather by the FRS Unit during the pilot thereby expediting the design process prior to planning submission.
Contact Person	Shane McMonagle / Aisling Quigley, Flood Relief Scheme Unit floodreliefschemes@donegalcoco.ie

BURNFOOT FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

Briefing Note 14 – January 2025

Progress Summary

RPS have submitted the Final Reporting for Stage I of the scheme to the Steering Group. Within the reporting period RPS have been updating the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) to reflect changes in the planning drawings and any changes in legislation and policy.

RPS and DCC are progressing through Stage II of the project, Planning and Development Consent. The latest package of planning drawings was issued to the Steering Group on 31st October 2024 and are currently under revision following feedback. Feedback has been informed by extensive engagement with landowners led by DCC.

An agronomy report has been prepared by Philip Farrelly & Co which considers the impact of the scheme on agricultural land downstream of Burnfoot.

Revised topographical survey data was provided by McDonald-ECC for the Burnfoot scheme area in December 2024.

Next Steps

The next steps involve finalising the planning drawings based on the feedback received. Once these are finalised RPS will develop the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) maps and documents based on the final design. The Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) will also be finalised based on final planning drawings.

Projected Key Milestone Dates

- Finalise planning drawings – February 2025
- Presentation of the Scheme to Council – April 2025
- Submit to An Bord Pleanála – April 2025
- Public Consultation – April to May 2025

NA DÚNAIBH (DOWNINGS) FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

Briefing Note 14 – January 2025

Progress Summary

The scheme consists of upgrades to four existing culverts along Ocean View Road. 540m of flood walls are proposed along the Rosapenna Stream, both upstream and downstream of the R248 (Main Street). These walls will protect from flooding, and also prevent the banks of the Rosapenna Stream from collapsing and blocking the channel. A small section of existing embankment above the beach at the current outfall of the stream will be raised to protect against wave overtopping from the beach into the caravan park to the rear. It is recommended that the scheme is designed and constructed to the Mid-Range Future Scenario (including allowance for climate change) from the outset. Road drainage works are also proposed outside the entrance to the Magherabeg holiday park near the top of Ocean View Road.

In November RPS issued three draft environmental reports to the Steering Group, the Appropriate Assessment screening, the Environmental Impact Assessment screening and the Natura Impact Statement.

The Steering Group has reviewed the Buildability, Operations and Maintenance Report including the first iteration of scheme drawings in December 2024. RPS is currently reviewing comments with a view to developing the Buildability report drawings into draft planning drawings.

Revised topographical survey data was provided by McDonald-ECC for the Downings scheme area in December 2024.

Next Steps

All of the Stage I reports have been issued and commented on by the Steering Group. RPS is working to finalise these reports and associated deliverables in the next few months. In parallel RPS is commencing development of the planning drawings.

Projected Key Milestone Dates

- Completion of Stage I Report – February 2025
- Finalise Planning Drawings – April 2025
- Presentation of the Scheme to Council – September 2025
- Submit to An Bord Pleanála – November 2025

GLENTIES FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

Briefing Note 14 – January 2025

Progress Summary

RPS issued the Nature-based Solutions (NbS) Pilot Study report in January 2025. The report includes an in-depth review of the opportunities for NbS catchment management measures to provide reduction in flood risk and a wide range of environmental and ecosystem services. It sets out a strategy for implementing measures in the catchment and the next steps to be taken.

It is proposed that a public consultation day is held to discuss the potential for an NbS project to be implemented in the Stracashel catchment once the Stage I engineering reports are complete.

Next Steps

The Stage I Scheme Analysis and Development reporting must be issued to allow the Steering Group to determine how the Glenties FRS moves into Stage II (planning/ consenting).

Projected Key Milestone Dates

- Options Development Report – February 2025
- NbS Pilot Study – January 2025
- Public Information Day – April 2025

CASTLEFINN FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

Briefing Note 14 – January 2025

Progress Summary

RPS has submitted the Final Reporting for Stage I of the scheme to the Steering Group.

RPS and DCC are making significant progress through Stage II of the project, focusing on Planning and Development Consent. The latest package of planning drawings was issued to the Steering Group on 1st November 2024. DCC are currently engaged in extensive engagement with landowners to introduce the scheme as it pertains to each landowner. DCC are expected to conclude this process by early February and provide feedback to RPS on the planning drawings at that stage.

RPS and DCC are currently considering the procurement of an underground services survey. This will involve slit trenching to determine the exact location of existing services in the road, which will aid in refining the design of the new watercourse culverts crossing under the N15, specifically the Bridge Burn culvert.

Revised topographical survey data was provided by McDonald-ECC for the Castlefinn scheme area in December 2024.

Next Steps

The next steps involve finalising the planning drawings based on the feedback provided by DCC following the landowner introductions. Once the planning drawings are finalised RPS will develop the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) maps and documents based on the final design. The Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) will also be finalised based on final planning drawings.

Projected Key Milestone Dates

- Complete landowner introductions for the scheme – February 2025
- Finalise Planning Drawings – March 2025
- Presentation of the Scheme to Council – June 2025
- Submit to An Bord Pleanála – July 2025



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Donegal County Council

Municipal District of Donegal

11th February 2025

1. Playgrounds 2025

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

2. Fáilte Ireland Platforms for Growth & Destination Towns

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

3. Rural Programmes

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

4. Local Enhancement Programme 2025

5. Development Fund Initiative 2025

6. Social Inclusion



Activity / Project Update: February 2025

Activity / Project Title	Playgrounds 2025
Project Description/Activity	Annual maintenance of Playgrounds Works consists of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Replacement of broken and damaged equipment.• Carry out repairs to safety surfaces.
Budget <i>(if applicable)</i>	
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual safety inspections currently underway.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Once safety inspections complete, maintenance tender will be prepared and published for 2025.
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	John Deeney Tel: 074-9172568 E-mail: jdeeney@donegalcoco.ie



Activity / Project Title	Killybegs Playgrounds Refurbishment
Project Description/Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refurbishment of the Killybegs Playgrounds, funded through the Community Recognition Fund and Donegal Co Co.
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial meeting with community groups to discuss the project and their vision for the playgrounds. Donegal Co Co technical staff undertaking detailed surveys of each playground. Surveys complete. Initial design works in progress to develop plans for the playgrounds. Design proposals were shared with the Killybegs Community Council who got feedback from the local community. Minor design amendments are being made to address feedback. Design and tender documents ready to publish, awaiting confirmation from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine before issuing tender documents due to land lease conditions. Meetings held with the Killybegs Harbour Master to get their approval before publishing tender. Tender documents published to secure a playground contractor. Assessment of tenders in progress. Contractor appointment in progress and playground equipment has been ordered. Contractor appointed and play equipment have been delivered to their yard for the project. Refurbishment works have commenced.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refurbishment works planned to be completed by the end of February 2025.
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Activity / Project Update: February 2025

Activity / Project Title	Bundoran Destination Towns (Fáilte Ireland Co-Funded)
Project Description/Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of artwork on the three approach roundabouts to Bundoran; Tullaghan/Drumacrin/Finner • Installation of wayfinding signage throughout Bundoran • Streetscape improvement works to; Central Lane/Renisan's Lane/Meehan's Lane
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Architect appointed to deliver the project. • Part 8 Planning secured for the wayfinding signage and streetscape improvement works. • Tender documents/detailed designs being prepared for the wayfinding signage and streetscape improvement works. • Artist selected for the roundabout artwork, contract documents being completed. • Artist contract documents completed and issued, site meeting held with Artist and his engineer to discuss the works. • Consultation ongoing with TII regarding approval for Artwork on the N15 roundabouts. • Part 8 Planning Application for the installation of artwork on the Tullaghan, Drumacrin & Finner roundabouts opened to public consultation on the 15th September. • Reviewing detailed designs for the wayfinding signage and streetscape works. • Part 8 planning for the earwork on the Tullaghan, Drumacrin and Finner roundabouts secured at the November 2023 Council meeting. Review meeting held with Artist's design team to commence fabrication of artwork in January 2024. • Reviewing project cost estimates to keep within available budget. • Artwork installed on the Tullaghan roundabout, Drumacrin roundabout and Finner roundabout. • Tender documents published for a contractor to undertake the wayfinding signage and streetscape works. • Assessment of tender submissions complete. • Undertaking a value engineering exercise to bring project inline with available budget. • Contactor appointed and works have commenced. • Works programmed to be completed February 2025.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Majority of works planned to be completed by the end of February 2025.
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Activity / Project Title	Platforms for Growth Tullan Strand Funded by Fáilte Ireland
Project Description/Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of a Facility Centre for Water Based Activities at Tullan Strand in Bundoran along with improved access to Tullan Strand Beach.
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cross departmental meetings being held with different sections of the Council to fully understand project requirements and future maintenance requirements. Draft tender documents prepared to seek a Consultant to develop site specific designs and secure planning permission. Discussions with local stakeholders and landowners. Meeting held with local stakeholders from Bundoran. Tender documents were published on etenders seeking a professional design team. Submissions received and tender assessment process underway. Consultant identified to undertake the project and scoping of survey works underway. Discussions held with landowners regarding access. Surveys are underway and design works progressing.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue surveys and design work in preparation a planning application to An Bord Pleanála Q2 2025.
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	<p>John Deeney Tel: 074-9172568 E-mail: jdeeney@donegalcoco.ie</p>



Activity / Project Title	Fintra to Largy Coastal Walk
Project Description/Activity	Rural Programmes Project Management Measure
Budget (if applicable)	€ 50,000
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial meeting has taken place with the community group and the landowners. The draft brief to procure the consultant engineer is ongoing. The Design Team are investigating the feasibility of the various potential trails. The project was tendered on the E-tender platform and the tender report is currently being finalised. The Consultant has been appointed and the initial design work has commenced. The project is ongoing and on schedule to finished for the end of the year. A draft report has been Submitted to the DCC for review and will be shared with the community group in the coming weeks. The ecology report has identified endangers species habitat along the proposed route that will require further studies to be done. A further meeting with the consultant engineers and the ecologist has occurred in mid-January 2025. A meeting with the landowners is scheduled for 10th of February.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	The Project will be finished by the end of Q3 2025
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Activity / Project Update: February 2025

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

Activity / Project Title	Rossylongan ORIS 2024 Measure 2
Project Description/Activity	Upgrade of Paths & Trials in the Rossylongan Forrest Park.
Budget (if applicable)	€222,000
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial meeting with Community Group took place in December 2024. • DCC will commence preparing tender documents for this project in January 2025. • DCC intend to put this project out to tender in March/April 2025
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	This project should be completed by the end of Q4 2025
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Activity / Project Update: February 2025

Activity / Project Title	CLÁR 2023 Measure 1
Project Description/Activity	Glenlee Forest Trail, Killybegs
Budget (if applicable)	€ 55,555
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial meetings with Community group and Coillte has happen. Provisional letter of offer has issued. • Coillte are currently designing the new trail. • The works should be started in Q1 2025
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	Works to be completed in Q1 of 2025
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Activity / Project Update: February 2025

Activity / Project Title	Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2023
Project Description/Activity	Laghey Parish Hall Extension & Playground
Budget (if applicable)	€ 263,500
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial meetings with Community Group have taken place in recent weeks. • A brief to procure an Architect is being prepared. • Further meetings have taken place with the group focused on playgrounds designs and the scope.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	Procurement of an Architect to be completed in the next six to eight weeks.
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Activity / Project Update: February 2025

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

Activity / Project Title	CLÁR 2024 Measure 1
Project Description/Activity	Meenaneary Community Centre upgrade to electrical systems
Budget (if applicable)	€ 55,555
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial meetings with the Community group have taken place in December 2024.• Provisional Letter of Offer has been sent to the Group in January 2025.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	Procurement to happen in the next 3 months
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Brian Keogh Tel: 074-9172568 E-mail: bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie



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Activity / Project Update: February 2025

Activity / Project Title	CLÁR 2024 Measure 1
Project Description/Activity	Teelin Community Centre Thermal Upgrade
Budget (if applicable)	€ 55,555
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial meetings with the Community group have taken place in December 2024.• Provisional Letter of Offer has been sent to the Group in January 2025.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	Procurement to happen in the next 3 months
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Brian Keogh Tel: 074-9172568 E-mail: bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie



Municipal District: All

Activity / Project Title	Local Enhancement Programme 2025
Project Description/Activity	The Local Enhancement Programme 2025, provides for capital supports essential for many small community groups and organisations and €1m to aid with energy and running costs.
Budget (if applicable)	€303,465
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p>The Department of Rural and Community Development launched the Local Enhancement Programme 2025 with a national fund of €7m.</p> <p>The fund is aimed particularly at those who serve disadvantaged communities in rural and urban areas.</p> <p>The scheme is designed to ensure local priorities are identified and met, so as to improve and enhance community facilities for all.</p> <p>The Local Enhancement Programme 2025 will support groups, particularly in disadvantaged areas to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on small capital works/repairs/improvements, and the purchase of equipment for community use such as improved access for persons with a disability; enhancing community participation for disadvantaged and marginalised groups and improving energy efficiency of community facilities to reduce ongoing costs. • Current funding is also available for Community groups to assist with their energy and running costs. <p>All funding will be available to a diverse range of community groups including but not limited to Men's and Women's sheds/groups, community centres, parish halls and local voluntary groups.</p> <p>Donegal LCDC have been allocated €303,465 for award under the Programme. This total amount comprises of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • €260,113 capital funding for the Local Enhancement Programme to use towards carrying out necessary repairs and improvements to facilities, energy efficiency type projects, purchase of equipment etc.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • €43,352 current funding. The funding is for day to day running costs such as energy, insurance, heating costs etc. <p>The Local Improvement Grant Scheme has 3 different grants available for groups to apply for:</p> <p>Capital Grant – Small – Grants from €500 to €1,000 (for expenditure period 13th January – 28th November 2025)</p> <p>Capital Grant – Large – Grants from €5,000 to €10,000 (for expenditure period 13th January – 28th November 2025)</p> <p>Current Funding - Grants up to a max of €500 for day to day running costs (for expenditure period 1st June 2024 – 30th May 2025)</p>
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	The deadline for receipt of applications to the Local Enhancement Programme 2025 is 3.30pm on Tuesday, 25th February 2025.
Contact Person (to include telephone number & e-mail address)	<p>Ciaran Martin cmartin@donegalcoco.ie Administrative Officer, Community Development Division, Donegal County Council</p>



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Municipal District: Countywide

Activity / Project Title	Development Fund Initiative 2025
Project Description/Activity	Funding for community projects supporting local economic, social, cultural, heritage and related activity.
Update	<p>The Development Fund Initiative supports two broad categories of projects:</p> <p>(i) Donegal County Council led strategic projects. (ii) External projects / initiatives.</p> <p>Due to power outages as a result of Storm Éowyn, the closing date for applications has been <u>extended by a week</u> until <u>4pm Friday 14th February 2025.</u></p>
Further Details	Further details and the application can be found at: Development Fund Initiative (DFI) Grant Donegal County Council
Contact Person	Ann Marie Collum 074 91 72341 or dfi@Donegalcoco.ie Community Development Division, Donegal County Council



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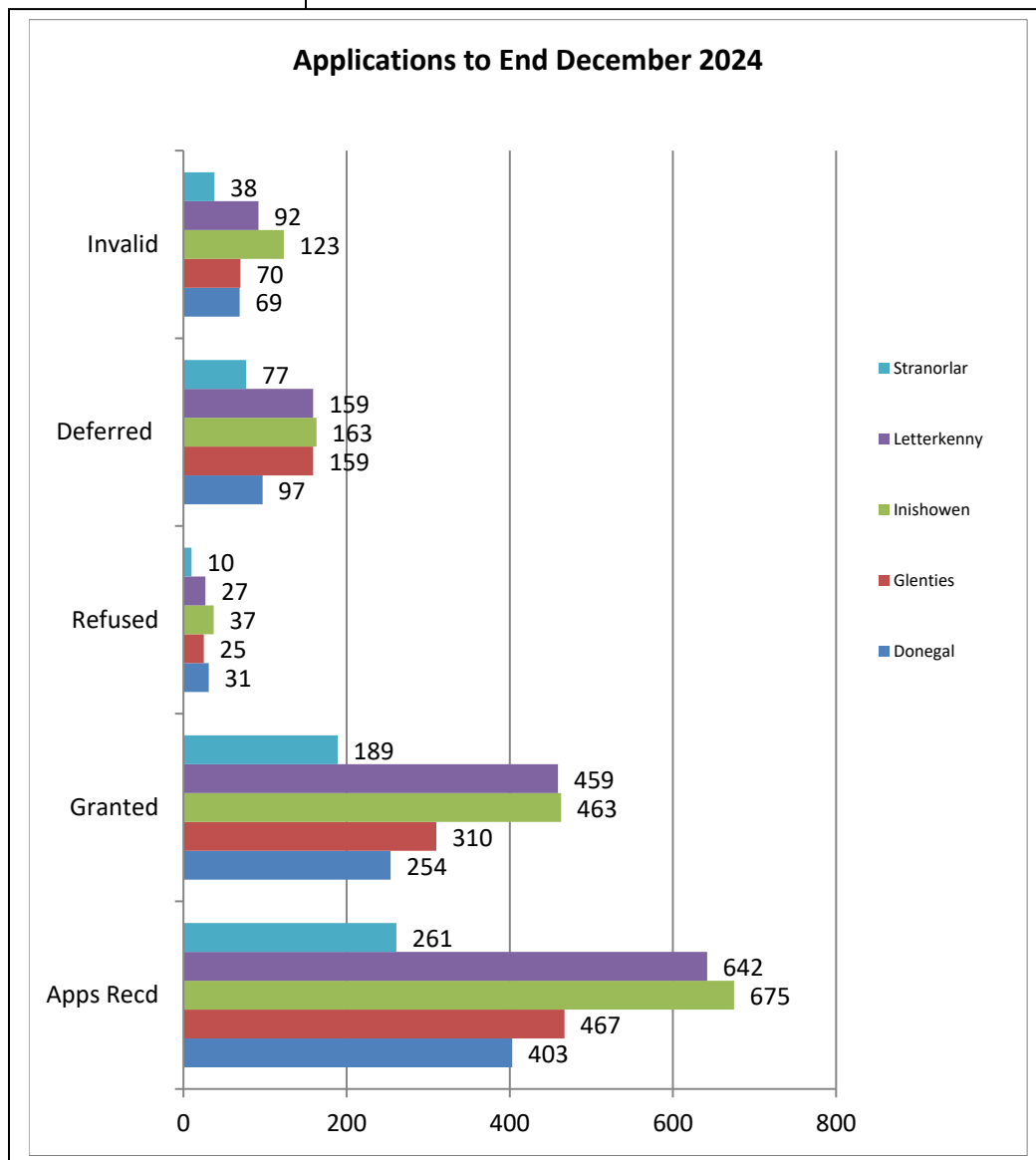
Municipal District: ALL

Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	Social Inclusion Unit
Progress to date and current status	<p>One Donegal - Social Inclusion Week 2025</p> <p>31 March – 4 April is the dates set for 2025. The One Donegal Social Inclusion Week 2025 programme is now open for submissions. This annual event serves as a platform to showcase and promote the various activities undertaken across the county to foster inclusivity and engagement for all members of our community.</p> <p>The week provides an opportunity to raise awareness and deepen our understanding of inclusion and diversity in Donegal. We are actively working on the programme of events and invite all groups and organisations to participate by hosting events that highlight their commitment to social inclusion.</p> <p>Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion Strategy</p> <p>The next meeting of the Implementation Team is scheduled for late February. During this meeting, we will finalise the collation of work completed in 2024 for inclusion in the Monitoring and Evaluation Report. This process will help assess progress and inform future actions to support minority ethnic communities in Donegal.</p>
Contact Person	Christina O'Donnell codonnell@donegalcoco.ie 0879192272

Donegal MD Meeting
11th February 2025

	Item	Update	
1	Development Applications		
	(1) Statistics	Donegal MD Totals Year to End December 2024	
		Applications received	403
		Granted	254
		Refused	31
		Deferred	97
		Invalid	69



2	Enforcement		
		Donegal MD	To end Dec 2024
		New Cases	50
		Closed Cases	28
		Outstanding cases on record since 2012	248
3	Notes & Monthly Schedule	<p>Pre planning clinics are on a telephone call only basis (ring 074 9153900) between 9.00am and 12.30pm on the dates outlined below.</p> <p>The pre planning clinic calls will be taken by the Executive Planners and shall be for substantial applications only.</p> <p><u>Planning Clinics 2025</u> 13th February 2025 27th February 2025 13th March 2025 27th March 2025</p> <p>Please see website for further dates. http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/planningclinics/</p>	
4	Casual Trading		
5	Regeneration & Development	See Appendix A	
6	Building Control & Taking in Charge		
7	Central Planning Unit	See Appendix B	
8	Capital Projects Delivery Unit	See Appendix C	
9	Conservation		
10	Further Information <i>Click on web links to access information.</i>	<p>Weekly List of applications and decisions: Weekly Lists Donegal County Council</p> <p>Planning Service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service): planning@donegalcoco.ie</p> <p>Planning Webpage: Planning Donegal County Council</p> <p>Planning Application Online Query – Search a Planning Application Donegal County Council</p> <p>File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and planning search requests: fillable-file-retrieval-planning-application-number-search-request-form.pdf</p>	

APPENDIX A

Regeneration & Development Team

Community Development and Planning Services

1.0 Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF)

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

1.1 Summary update of Projects

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

Table 1: Rural Regeneration and Development Fund Projects

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

Burtonport Phase II	Category 1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Property with CPDU for delivery. Team support delivery through participation on Project Steering Group.
Repowering Buncrana	Category 2 (3 rd Call)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Property with CPDU for delivery. Team support delivery through participation on Project Steering Group.
Rathmullan (in partnership with The Way Forward Rathmullan CLG).			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 8 approved February 2023. Unsuccessful for funding under Call 5 in May 2024. Project to be submitted for RRDF Category 2 Funding Call that is currently open.
Milford Town Centre First Plan		€100,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Centre First Plan launched November 2023 GM Design Associates preparing a statutory planning scheme for the lands at Lower Mount Marian. Engagement with stakeholders ongoing. DCC to progress other priority projects identified in the Plan. Projects to be targeted for future funding calls.
Glenties Town Centre First Plan		€30,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM Design Associates appointed to assist with preparation of the Plan. First engagement with the Glenties Town Team took place on the 6th November 2024. Work ongoing to prepare the Plan. Walkability Audit undertaken in December 2024.
Creeslough Village Plan and Community Regeneration Project (in association with the Creeslough Working Group, Creeslough Community Association and Arup).			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Village Plan launched 21st March 2024. Part 8 for Community Regeneration Project approved in September 2023. Project successfully awarded funding of €12.1m under Call 5 in May 2024 (total project value is €13.5m). Funding agreement received and returned to the Department in August 2024. Procurement of integrated design team ongoing. Project with CPDU for delivery.
Moville Regeneration		€24,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM Design Associates appointed to

Strategy and Action Plan.			<p>assist to prepare plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First community drop-in event held on September 19, 2024. • GM Design working to prepare a draft Plan for further consultation. • Further workshop to be arranged with Members in due course.
Dungloe		€50,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding allocation under Town and Village Renewal to advance design and planning consent for public realm works at Main Stret, Dungloe. • Tender being prepared to procure external design team.
Creeslough Minor Tourism Works		€50,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works being designed in-house and contractor to be procured.
Bundoran Regeneration Plan		€15,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scope of project and budget availability being identified.
Downings Action Plan/Project Plan		Inhouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial preliminary meeting held inhouse to identify planned projects and/or funded projects.
Glenties Town Team			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town team established in August 2024 to represent the community in the preparation and delivery of the Glenties Town Centre First Plan.
Creeslough Town Team		€10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creeslough Town Team established and first meeting held on the 25th October 2024. • Funding of €10,000 allocated from the DRCD to support town team capacity building. • External consultancy services procured to deliver team capacity building training to the Town Team, which is ongoing.
Buncrana Town Team		€10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocation of €10,000 from the DRCD to support the establishment of a Buncrana Town Team. • Town Team established in September 2024. • External consultancy services procured to deliver team capacity building training to the Town Team, which is ongoing.
Ballybofey-Stranorlar Town Team		€10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion ongoing with BASICC with a view to establishing a Town Team to deliver the Ballybofey and Stranorlar Regeneration Strategy with support from the Regeneration Team.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding of €10,000 allocated from the DRCD to support projects identified by the Town Team.
Moville Town Team			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial discussions ongoing to establish a Moville Town Team.
Milford Town Team			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work to commence to establish a Town Team to deliver the Milford Town Centre First Plan with support from Donegal County Council.

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed 2022. Letterkenny Urban Regeneration site. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DCC took possession of the former ESB site and adjacent lands through a CPO in 2023. Site to be developed for the Alpha/Beta Office accommodation, public realm and Housing. Discussion on land compensation costs ongoing. Public Realm/Linear Park Phase 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opened June 2023.

<p>Call 2 (May 2020 and approved March 2021)</p> <p>6 Sub Projects</p>	<p>€19.3m (€4.8m DCC co-funding)</p>	<p>1. Reimagine public space at Market Square.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project with CPDU for delivery. <p>2. Cathedral Quarter Park and Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition of strategic site fronting Church Lane completed and now in possession of Donegal County Council. • Valuations obtained and land acquisition offers made on a number of properties. • 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. • Appointment of external architect-led design team imminent. • AAB Group Accountants appointed to prepare a Scoping/Feasibility Study and Business Plan in respect of the Creative Enterprise Hub element of the project and these services commenced in January 2025. • Workshop to be arranged with LMMD in February 2025. <p>3. Renewal at Lower Main Street</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valuations obtained and land acquisition offers made. • Avison Young appointed to take forward all previous engagement and act on Council's behalf as regards further offers/acquisitions/CPO. • Council to consider further offers and advance any acquisitions/CPOs. • Re-engagement with Donegal Youth Services carried out December 2024 and capacity testing exercise at Devlin Hall and adjoining lands commenced January 2025 using in-house architectural resource. <p>4. Revival of the Courthouse Visitor Experience Plan/Product identification and Business Plan</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPIC Heritage Consulting Ltd appointed to prepare a Visitor Experience Plan/ Product Identification Plan and Business Plan for the development of a major visitor attraction at the Courthouse. • EPIC finalizing the Interpretation and Business Plan with view to MD workshop in February 2025. • Community consultation event held on the 24th October 2024 to inform the community of the status of the project. <p>Built Heritage Investment Scheme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding of €10,000 secured in March 2024 from the Built Heritage Investment Scheme for minor repair works and, with co-funding from Donegal County Council, these works have been completed. <p>THRIVE (EU) Funding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding of €199,969 allocated under THRIVE Strand 1 from the Northern and Western Regional Assembly for the purpose of engaging architect-led team to bring the project to Part 8 stage. • Appointment of external architect-led design team imminent with a view to LMMD workshop in February 2025. • Apex Surveys appointed to undertake topographical and building surveys. • Tenders for AA and EIA Screening underway with closing date 17th January 2025. • Awaiting opening of funding call under THRIVE Strand 2 with likely closing date May 2025. • Targeting to have Part 8 available for consideration at the May 2025 Plenary meeting. <p>5. Strategic acquisition to enable a Regional Transport Hub</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avison Young appointed to take forward all previous engagement and act on Councils behalf as regards further offers/ acquisitions/ CPO. • Consultation with Local Link ongoing in relation to private bus operators and short term solution.
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land acquisition offers made in December 2024. <p>6. Strategic acquisition to enable LK Green Connect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 8 in relation to the Cultural Corridor element of the project approved by Donegal County Council at the November 2023 Plenary meeting. In-house team has commenced steps to develop a Part 8 for Phase 2 (from constructed Phase 1 to Pearse Road). Valuation services of Avison Young being engaged in relation to phase 2 (from constructed Phase 1 to Pearse Road) and lands required for the Cultural Corridor element of the Scheme. All landowners engaged. Engagement ongoing with relevant stakeholders. Topographical survey completed. Tenders for AA/EIA screening opened but no response to advertisement – to reopen tender again. External structural/civil engineering consultative services procured for site investigation services and these works completed.
Call 3 (March 2023 and approved July 2023).	€4m	<p>Revolving fund for acquisition costs of long-term vacant property or sites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 46 properties on the programme and all owners have been engaged with. A number of properties already activated or being activated through the Croi Conaithe grant scheme and other schemes. A number of properties currently for sale and these are being monitored. Workshop held on 4th September 2024 to brief Members on the outputs to-date and next steps. Valuation Services engaged in relation to property valuations. Council to advance 12 properties for acquisition/CPO. Derelict Sites Register to be updated also.
"The Eat Out' Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Project		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction completed. Please refer to the report from Community Development who are delivering this project.

Letterkenny Cultural Corridor		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 8 approved November 2023. • Valuation services of Avison Young being engaged in relation to lands required for the delivery of the Scheme. • Services of Quantity Surveyor engaged to provide cost estimates for the scheme and work completed. • To be targeted for future URDF funding call.
Youth/Community focused project at Lower Main Street		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early engagements with Letterkenny Youth Club and Donegal Youth Services have commenced. • Avison Young appointed in Q4 2023 to take forward all previous engagement and act on Council's behalf as regards further offers/acquisitions/CPO. • Capacity testing of potential lands available has commenced with engagement ongoing with relevant stakeholders.

3.0 Croi Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme.

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

Table 3: Summary of Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Applications

Applications Received	1,020
Applications Finalised	737
• Approved	710
• Deemed not eligible (eligibility criteria not met – vacancy/proposed works).	27
In progress (first technical inspection/awaiting information from applicant).	224
Withdrawn (by applicant)	59
Grants paid	101
Value of Grants paid to applicants	€5.4m

- To date, 50 drop in events have been held to promote the Scheme with one further event planned in Creeslough on the 23rd January 2025.

4.0 Addressing Vacancy and Dereliction

4.1 Property Activation Program

This initiative was launched in April 2023 with targets set for Local Authorities to bring properties back into use. Surveys commenced to identify and verify occupancy status of properties appearing vacant and contact made with some owners. This work will re-commence once staffing resources permit and options will be explored to establish funding

source to acquire identified properties. The acquired properties may subsequently be used for social housing, made available for sale on the open market or used for other purposes e.g. community use.

2023 Target:

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

2024 Target:

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

2025 Target:

Awaited from the DHLGH.

4.2 Derelict Sites Register

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

**Regeneration and
Development Team.
January 2025.**

APPENDIX B

Pre-Draft Consultation in Relation to the new Area Plans for An Clochán Liath (Dungloe), Ballyshannon, Bridgend, Carndonagh, Donegal Town and Killybegs

The planning authority has commenced the preparation of new Area Plans for An Clochán Liath (Dungloe), Ballyshannon, Bridgend, Carndonagh, Donegal Town and Killybegs. The Area Plans will replace the current ‘Seven Strategic Towns Local Area Plan’ and will be incorporated into the County Development Plan 2024-2030 by way of a Variation to the County Development Plan.

Local community input is considered vital to the plan-making process and accordingly, a ‘pre-draft’ consultation exercise is being undertaken, whereby the views of all interested parties are being sought to inform the preparation of the Area Plans. The pre-draft consultation period will run from the 7th – 28th February.

As part of the pre-draft consultation, public drop-in events are being organised in each settlement, to provide information in relation to the process and to allow people to input into the respective plans at an early stage. Details of the drop-in events are set out below and the planning authority invites everyone to get involved in order to help guide the sustainable development of these towns. Details of the drop-in events will be advertised in the local press and via social media channels and the Council’s website.

A pre-draft issues paper is also being prepared to give an overview of the main issues affecting the towns and to stimulate debate and discussion in relation to the Area Plans. The issues paper will be made available at the drop-in events and on the Council’s dedicated consultation portal (www.consult.donegal.ie)

The planning authority will review and consider all of the pre-draft submissions received prior to the drafting of the Area Plans. Further public consultation will be undertaken when the Draft Area Plans are published.

Public Drop-In Events

Venue	Venue	Date and Time
Donegal Town	Council Chamber, Donegal Public Services Centre	Monday 17 th February, 3pm-8pm
Ballyshannon	Ballyshannon Library	Monday 17 th February, 3pm-8pm
Carndonagh	Council Chamber, Carndonagh Public Services Centre	Tuesday 18 th February, 3pm-8pm
Killybegs	Bayview Hotel	Tuesday 18 th February, 3pm-8pm
An Clochán Liath (Dungloe)	Council Chamber, Dungloe Public Services Centre	Wednesday 19 th February, 3pm-8pm
Bridgend	St. Aengus’ National School	Wednesday 19 th February, 3pm-8pm



APPENDIX C

CAPITAL PROJECTS DELIVERY UNIT Community Development and Planning Services

Report to Donegal Municipal District Members: Jan 2025

Activity / Project Title	Killybegs 2040
Project Description/Activity	<p>Killybegs 2040 is a transformative town centre regeneration project which forms part of the longer-term regeneration strategy.</p> <p>The project elements are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The change of use, extension and modification of Island House (currently an existing derelict and vacant building) to provide a tourist information and reception centre, digital hub, public conveniences, café space, and all associated site development works. An extension is proposed at first and second floor levels and will include a glass viewing area. • Provision for a 1000 sq m civic space and alterations to road layout and car parking arrangements, including footpaths, open paved areas, planting, landscaping, public seating etc. The improved car parking and road layout will improve access to both Island House and the Civic Space to support overall regeneration plans. • Acquisition of key regeneration sites for the future delivery of appropriately located additional car parking and linkages between Main Street and Shore Road.
Budget	€5.4m
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status	<p>Island House:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Foul Sewer connection through DAFM lands commenced. - External works commenced to form ramp and steps to building. - 2nd floor terrace waterproofing complete. - Internal Paint finishes underway. - Internal fixed furniture work has commenced. <p>Public Realm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Drainage works completed on Shore Road and Main Street.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shore Road and Link Road resurfacing complete including Line Painting. Base Course applied to Main Street. - Power and Lighting to the Public Realm Complete and energised. - Paving to the main plaza area and car park surfacing complete and opened to the public. <p>The 'Coal Yard' temporary car park for the project is operational.</p>
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<p>Island House Q1 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Foul Sewer, ESB connection, water connections all to be completed with power on. - Lift and Heating system to be commissioned. - 2nd fix M&E, joinery, fitted furniture and partitions to be complete. - External works to steps ramps and building surround to be complete. - Decking to terrace to be complete. <p>Public Realm Q1 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All remaining works to be completed, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Tree planting o Railings and metalwork art/sculptural pieces.. o Paving to footpath adjacent Tara Hotel. o Kerbing and paving to raised crossings on Main Street. o Wearing course and line painting to Main Street. o Road Signs. o Water Feature installed and commissioned. o Works around new ESB Substation on Shore Road. - Snagging to have commenced.
Contact Person(s)	<p>Michael Quigley, Executive Engineer Ardal McDermott, Senior Executive Engineer</p>



Donegal Municipal District - 11th February 2025 Motions

Agenda Item Not Set

Office Ref:DLMD-2025-02001

Submitted By: Cllr. Michael Naughton

Assigned To: Corporate

Motion "I am calling on the Donegal MD as a matter of urgency to call on Uisce Eireann to upgrade the reservoir for the Leghowney area"

Signed Off By: PAURIC SHEERIN

Response: On the adoption of this motion, arrangements will be made to write to Uisce Eireann to convey the details contained in the motion and the contributions of Members.

Agenda Item Not Set

Office Ref:DLMD-2025-02004

Submitted By: Cllr Jimmy Brogan

Assigned To: Roads

Motion "To ask the Donegal MD to contact coillte and ask that they cut all trees which are in danger of falling on public roads, power lines and homes and to stop planting trees in such places. We have seen the damage done to roads and electricity/communications infrastructure following recent storms which caused a huge threat to life and property, power and communications lines, water etc. "

Signed Off By:

Response: The Area Office have already made contact with Coillte with a view to arranging a meeting with them to discuss several locations where trees growing on Coillte owned lands fell across public roads during storm Eowyn. The Members are advised that not all forests are owned by Coillte.

Donegal Municipal District - 11th February 2025 Questions

Agenda Item Not Set

Office Ref: DLMD-2025-02002

Submitted By: Cllr. Michael Naughton

Assigned To: Environment

Question "Can I get a update on the public toilets in Donegal Town in relation to what work is going to be carry out on them?"

Signed Off By:

Response: We have sought quotations in relation to roof repairs at the public convenience in Donegal Town and are reviewing other works that are required. Council staff would also be happy to meet with Cllr Naughton in Donegal Town to discuss his thoughts on possible improvements.

Agenda Item Not Set

Office Ref: DLMD-2025-02003

Submitted By: Cllr. Michael Naughton

Assigned To: Community

Question "What is the update on the Craft Village in Donegal Town?"

Signed Off By:

Response: Donegal County Council will soon be initiating a tender for the provision of professional services to assess the long-term sustainability and economic viability of the Donegal Town Craft Village and to produce a comprehensive report and action plan on short term and long term measures to be taken to enhance the Craft Village's viability and accessibility. Following the appointment of a suitable tenderer to undertake the study, consultation will take place with relevant stakeholders including the existing tenants in the Craft Village over the next 4 to 5 months to inform the findings and recommendations of the report. The occupation of units within the Craft Village that are currently vacant will be determined following a review of the recommendations of the report by the Council.

Agenda Item Not Set

Office Ref: DLMD-2025-02005

Submitted By: Cllr Jimmy Brogan

Assigned To: Housing

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

Signed Off By: PAURIC SHEERIN

Response: As Members will be aware in recent years there is a significant move to ensure that new social houses and existing stock are constructed to a very high energy efficiency level and the purpose of this initiative over the years has been to allow social houses to have modern, efficient heat systems which are cost effective and environmentally friendly. While all homes, whether private or social have a requirement to provide heat and a facility to cook etc, all systems with the exception of solid fuel heating systems (which are not environmentally sustainable) are reliant on electrical power. This reliance is unavoidable if homes are to continue to have modern heating systems etc. In relation to the cooking facilities, tenants are not prevented from having gas cookers etc and while such systems can present safety risks etc, it would be a matter for the tenant to have an alternative system in place as the Council do not provide cooking appliances in new or refurbished homes. It is also envisaged that the wider issue of the resilience of power supplies and the challenges to the national electricity network etc (arising from Storm Eowyn in particular) will require discussion at a national level to see if certain measures can be put in place to enhance the resilience of the power supply to all Electricity customers.