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Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain ar siúl Dé Máirt 09ú Meán Fómhair 2025, **ag 1.00 r.n. in ISP Carn Domhnach**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS INIS EOGHAIN

A Chara

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

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**Una Cresswell
Riathóir Cruinnithe**

Municipal District of Inishowen

Office of Meetings Administrator
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Lifford
03rd September 2025

NOTICE OF MEETING

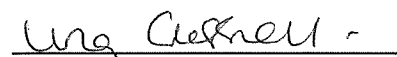
A Meeting of the Municipal District of Inishowen will be held on Tuesday 09th September 2025 **at 1.00 p.m. in the Public Services Centre, Canrdonagh, Co. Donegal.**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF INISHOWEN

Dear Councillor

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

Yours sincerely



Una Cresswell

Meetings Administrator

AGENDA

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District Meeting held on 01st July 2025
2. Consideration of the Minutes of the Inishowen Municipal District Meeting held on 01st July 2025
3. Planning
4. Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services
5. Environment
6. Community Development
7. Roads & Transportation
8. Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services
9. Correspondence

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD ON THE 01st JULY 2025 in CARNDONAGH PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Bryan Cannon, Director of Service Roads & Transportation, Una Cresswell, Area Manager, Housing & Corporate Services, Dolores Lafferty, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services, Michael McFadden, Senior Executive Engineer, Roads and Transportation, Helen Farren, Development Officer, Community Development, Glenn Doherty, Executive Planner, Matthew Byrne, Waste Regulation Officer (online), Mairead Carlin, Senior Economic Development Officer, Economic Development.

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jack Murray opened the meeting pending the election of the new Cathaoirleach. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined that it was a great honour to have been Cathaoirleach for the Municipal District of Inishowen for the past year. He acknowledged the great support that he received from the Leas-Chathaoirleach, Cllr Terry Crossan, during the year and also acknowledged the support that he received from council staff.

Cllr Jack Murray highlighted the opening of Friar Hegarty shore walk and public artwork project held on 4th April 2025 and outlined that to date there were over 16,500 visitors to the area. He thanked everyone involved in the project and outlined the benefits for the entire peninsula in bringing visitors to the area. Cllr Jack Murray also acknowledged the success of the recent unveiling of a commemorative plaque in honour of Hugh Doherty 'Dick' at his former home at St Orans Road, Buncrana on 19th June 2025. This was a very special day for Buncrana and thanked everyone involved in organising the event. Cllr Jack Murray also highlighted his recent visit to St Charles, Missouri and outlined the huge benefit for the Inishowen area and hoped that this relationship would be built and strengthened upon in the future.

1. Election of the Cathaoirleach

Cllr Jack Murray invited nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach. Cllr Martin McDermott was proposed by Cllr Fionán Bradley and seconded by Cllr Paul Canning. Accordingly, Cllr Martin McDermott was elected Cathaoirleach of the Inishowen Municipal District for 2025 to 2026.

Cllr Martin McDermott thanked Cllr Jack Murray as outgoing chair. He stated that it was a great honour to be elected as Cathaoirleach of the Inishowen Municipal District and thanked his family for their unwavering support since he was elected as a member to Inishowen Municipal District. He also thanked his fellow members and outlined several key issues for the Inishowen area: -

- Defective concrete blocks
- Provision of housing in rural areas – SI dwellings
- Development of Malin Head
- Tourism

2. Election of the Leas-Chathaoirleach

The Cathaoirleach invited nominations for the office of the Leas-Chathaoirleach.

Cllr Fionán Bradley was proposed by Cllr Paul Canning and was seconded by Cllr Martin McDermott. Accordingly, Cllr Fionán Bradley was then declared Leas-Chathaoirleach of the Inishowen Municipal District for 2025-2026.

The members collectively expressed their gratitude to Cllr Jack Murray and Cllr Terry Crossan for their roles as Cathaoirleach and Leas-Chathaoirleach throughout the year and outlined that the members of the Inishowen Municipal District worked well together for the benefit of the area. They congratulated Cllr Martin McDermott and Cllr Fionán Bradley on their elected as the Cathaoirleach and Leas-Chathaoirleach of the Inishowen Municipal District.

The members also congratulated Cllr Paul Canning as the recently elected Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Certified: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Date: _____

MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 01ST JULY 2025 AT 1.30 PM IN CARNDONAGH PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE

Councillors Present

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

Officials Present

Bryan Cannon, Director of Service Roads & Transportation, Una Cresswell, Area Manager, Housing & Corporate Services, Dolores Lafferty, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services, Michael McFadden, Senior Executive Engineer, Roads and Transportation, Eamon Mahon, Senior Executive Engineer, Housing Capital, Helen Farren, Development Officer, Community Development, Glenn Doherty, Executive Planner, Matthew Byrne, Waste Regulation Officer (online), Mairead Carlin, Senior Economic Development Officer, Economic Development.

25.30 Adjourned Inishowen Municipal District Meeting 20th May 2025

On the proposal of Cllr Terry Crossan, seconded by Cllr Martin McDermott, it was agreed that the business of the adjourned May meeting would take place in tandem with the July Inishowen Municipal District meeting held at 1.30pm.

The meeting was opened by the Cathaoirleach, Cllr Martin McDermott who welcomed all to the meeting.

25.31 Consideration of the Minutes of the Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District held on 08th April 2025

Cllr Fionán Bradley requested an amendment to **25.23.03 Friar Hegarty/Buncrana Coastal Walk Enhancement** - He outlined the success of the official opening of the Friar Hegarty shore walk and public artwork project held on 04th April 2025 and stated that it was a very special and monumental occasion for the area. The artwork was unveiled by Charlie McConalogue TD, Minister of State, Sport and Postal Policy and his Excellency Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor, Apostolic Nuncio and Dean of the Diplomatic Corps. Cllr Fionán Bradley further outlined that it was a great honour to have His excellency Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor, Apostolic Nuncio and Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, Bishop Donal Mc Kewon, Bishop of Derry, Monsignor Kevin Gillespie and Rev Francis Bradley all in attendance. He outlined the significance of the event and thanked everyone who was involved in making the official opening such a tremendous success. Cllr Terry Crossan and Cllr Jack Murray concurred with these comments.

On the proposal of Cllr Terry Crossan, seconded by Cllr Jack Murray, the minutes of the Inishowen Municipal meeting held on 08th April 2025 were agreed.

25.32 Consideration of the Minutes of the Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District held on 20th May 2025

On the proposal of Cllr Ali Farren, seconded by Cllr Joy Beard, the minutes of the Inishowen Municipal meeting held on 20th May 2025 were agreed.

25.33 PLANNING

Glenn Doherty, Executive Planner presented the planning report to members, and it was taken s read.

25.33.01 County Development Plan

Cllr Paul Canning highlighted that a proposed development at Fahan Marina which was of strategic importance and requested that amendments be considered to the County Development Plan to facilitate this.

25.33.02 Buncrana Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan

Cllr Fionán Bradley referred to the update in relation to the Buncrana Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan and queried if public consultation was planned in relation to the plan.

25.33.03 Croi Conaithe - Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant

Cllr Fionán Bradley and Cllr Joy Beard noted that there were 885 approved applications under the Croi Conaithe, Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme with only 122 currently in progress. Cllr Fionán Bradley asked if the Council were aware of why this figure was so low and asked if there were any further plans to hold drop in events in the future to promote the scheme.

25.33.04 Derelict Sites Register

Cllr Albert Doherty referred to a previous planning report which outlined that it is intended to present the Derelict Sites Policy and procedures to the elected members for their consideration. He asked when this presentation was scheduled to take place. He also highlighted the vacant property at Court House, Carndonagh.

25.33.05 Planning Report

Cllr Joy Beard referred to the 67 deferred planning applications as outlined in the report and queried what were the reasons that these applications were deferred.

25.33.05 Repowering Buncrana

Cllr Joy Beard welcomed the Repowering Buncrana project and outlined that it was crucial that strong community consultation takes place.

25.33.06 Moville Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan

Cllr Martin Farren acknowledged the successful workshop that recently took place regarding the Moville Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan. He requested that he be kept updated on the project and thanked the public for their input.

25.33.07 Planning Service Carndonagh Public Services Centre.

Cllr Martin Farren reiterated his disappointment of the lack of a planning service in the Inishowen Municipal District.

25.33.08 Planning Application

Cllr Terry Crossan referred to a recent invalid planning application in the Burnfoot area and outlined his concerns in relation to illegal dumping at the site. He also queried if the site in question was in line with transboundary regulations.

25.34 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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

25.34.01 Friar Hegarty/Buncrana Coastal Walk Enhancement

Helen Farren advised members that to date there were over 16,500 recorded visitors to the Friar Hegarty rock in Buncrana.

25.34.02 Commemorative Plaque – Buncrana

Helen Farren highlighted the success of the unveiling of a commemorative plaque in honour of Hugh Doherty 'Dick' at his former home at St Orans Road, Buncrana on 19th June 2025.

Members from Buncrana Hearts F.C, Celtic Supports Club, FAI, Derry City F.C and Inishowen League were all in attendance. Cllr Jack Murray and Cllr Joy Beard acknowledged the work that was carried out by Helen Farren in organizing the event and outlined that it was a very special occasion for his family.

25.34.03 Local Enhancement Programme 2025

Helen Farren advised members that notification has issued to all successful applicants in respect of the 2025 Local Enhancement Programme.

25.34.04 Playpark, Buncrana

Cllr Fionán Bradley queried if the fence at Buncrana play park was fixed. Helen Farren agreed to follow up.

25.34.05 Malin Head Visitor Management Plan

Cllr Ali Farren expressed his disappointment and frustration at the lack of progression of the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan. He outlined the need for the project to be progressed and delivered in a timely manner and outlined the benefit for the entire peninsula in bringing visitors to the area. Cllr Martin McDermott concurred and requested a workshop be held as a matter of urgency to update members on the project. He asked Bryan Cannon, Director of Service Roads & Transportation to follow up with this request.

25.34.06 Tourism Strategy 2025-2030

Cllr Ali Farren queried the official figures which suggested that the number of tourists coming to Malin Head is falling and asked for clarification on these numbers. He requested that the data from the counters used to determine these figures be shared with him.

25.34.07 Donegal Walks and Trails

Cllr Ali Farren raised concerns following an update in the report that the Malin Head/Bamba pathway is no longer on the trails register due to a number of safety issues. He requested that this issue be resolved as a matter of urgency.

Cllr Albert Doherty requested that the Craigtown/Glenagannon walk be maintained.

25.34.08 Jetty – Bunagee, Culdaff

Cllr Ali Farren requested that the jetty at Bunagee, Culdaff be named.

25.34.09 Newtowncunningham Focus Group

Cllr Paul Canning thanked Helen Farren for engaging with Newtowncunningham Focus Group.

25.34.10 An Grianán of Aileach Fort

Cllr Paul Canning requested the progression of the development of the An Grianán of Aileach Fort project. Cllr Jack Murray concurred with these comments and advised the meeting that

Deputy Pádraig MacLochlainn has recently received agreement from Minister Kevin Boxer Moran that he will attend a number of flood sites in the Inishowen area. Cllr Jack Murray suggested that a meeting could also be arranged with Minister Kevin Boxer Moran during this visit to discuss An Grianán of Aileach Fort along with all relevant stakeholders. Cllr Joy Beard concurred with these comments.

25.34.11 Wild Ireland

Cllr Paul Canning acknowledged the new connecting bus service which is being piloted from Buncrana and Muff to Wild Ireland. This service will operate on Tuesdays and Fridays for the months of July and August. Cllr Paul Canning requested that the Council engage with Wild Ireland in promoting the business as it was a major tourist attraction which was a benefit for the entire County. He asked that the Council assist with the upgrading of the access roads and provide appropriate laybys to manage the visitors to the area. Cllr Joy Beard concurred with this request and also outlined the need for adequate parking at the area.

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

Helen Farren agreed to refer the matter to the Roads and Tourism section of Donegal County Council.

25.34.12 Car Parking Facilities at Wild Alpaca Way, Malin Head

Cllr Albert Doherty requested that car parking facilities and laybys be made available to manage visitors at Wild Alpaca Way, Malin Head.

25.34.13 Playground Maintenance

Cllr Albert Doherty queried if a contractor was appointed following the completion of the tender assessment for playground maintenance.

25.34.14 Fullerton Dam

Cllr Albert Doherty queried who was responsible for the upkeep/maintenance around Fullerton Dam.

25.34.15 Barrack Hill Town Park

Cllr Albert Doherty requested that the Council engage with Barrack Hill Town Park steering group in relation to the development of housing at Barrack Hill.

25.34.16 Rural Development Programme / LEADER 2023-2027

Cllr Joy Beard referred to the report which outlined that 34 projects were approved for the new LEADER Programme 2023-2027 totaling €1,146,806.71. She noted that Donegal has been awarded approximately €10.4m and suggested that the Council reach out to smaller community groups advising them that funding option is available.

25.34.17 Community Groups – Access to Grants/Funding

Cllr Martin McDermot highlighted the difficulties that various community groups were having in accessing various sources of funding/grants. He outlined that the application process was extremely cumbersome and volunteers within the community groups were finding it increasingly difficult to access funding. He acknowledged the invaluable support that was

provided at local level by Helen Farren but outlined that the issue was with the process in applying for funding and this needed to be changed at national level.

25.35 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mairead Carlin, Senior Economic Development Officer, presented the report, and it was taken as read. She highlighted the following to the members –

- **Green Hydra** – Donegal County Council will host the third international Study Visit and Green Hydra Conference in Donegal Town on 2nd and 3rd of July 2025.
- **Balmoral Show 2025** – Donegal Tourism attended the Balmoral Show in May to promote the County and distributed over 1000 brochures.
- **Donegal Golf Brochure** – The official launch of the Golf in Donegal brochure took place at Donegal Club, Murvagh on Friday 09th May.
- **Donegal Tourism Strategy 2025 – 2030** was adopted at Plenary Council on 30th June 2025.

25.35.01 Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme 2025

Following on from the Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme workshop held on Tuesday 20th May the members discussed the community applications and Council applications in detail and the following was agreed:

Community Applications

Group Name & Project Title	Funding Agreed
Moville Tidy Towns - Moville Green Signage	€10,000
NWCD - Trail Enhancement Works	€12,000
Malin Head Comm Assoc – Portronan Pier Viewing Point	€7,332
Inishowen Maritime Museum & Planetarium	€20,668
Community Group Funding Allocation	€50,000

Council Applications

Group Name & Project Title	Funding Agreed
Access to Five Finger Strand	€5,000
Access to Milbay Beach	€5,000
Knockamany Laybays	€20,000
Inch Wildfowl Reserve Looped Path Repairs	€10,000
Moville Shore Walk Maintenance	€10,000
Council Services Funding Allocation	€50,000

Total Funding Allocated	€100,000
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The funding for both community groups and Council services were formally proposed by Cllr Joy Beard and seconded by Cllr Ali Farren.

25.35.02 Electric Vehicle Charging Points

Cllr Ali Farren requested that additional electric charging points be installed throughout the County to support tourism in the area. Cllr Paul Canning suggested that if a new development installed electric charging points for public use, the Council should explore the option of reducing development charges in such instances.

25.36 ENVIRONMENT

Matthew Byrne, Waste Regulation Officer presented the report, and it was taken as read. He highlighted the following items from the report –

- **Septic Tanks – National Inspection Plan** - Donegal County Council are carrying out inspections across the county.
- **Bathing Water** – Inspections are currently underway.
- **Big Donegal Clean-up Campaign 2025**

25.36.01 Tidy Town Awards

Matthew Byrne highlighted the success of Buncrana in winning Ireland's Best Kept Large Town 2025 and acknowledged the work of the Tidy Town Committee in this achievement. Cllr Fionán Bradley and Cllr Joy Beard concurred with these comments.

25.36.02 Litter

Cllr Fionán Bradley raised concerns in relation to the ongoing issue of litter on Buncrana main street at evenings and weekends and requested that the Council take appropriate steps to address the issue. He asked that fines be issued to business owners or individuals that continue to offend to try and deter the problem. He highlighted the success of Buncrana in the Tidy Town competition over the years and acknowledged the great work that is carried out by volunteers in the tidy town committee and the frustration that the issue is causing for the town. Cllr Joy Beard concurred with these comments and outlined that the refuse bins are not suitable to accommodate large pizza containers. Matthew Byrne stated that an individual was responsible for the appropriate disposal of their rubbish and business owners had a responsibility to keep the area outside of their premises free from rubbish. He advised members that the Council have engaged with business owners in Buncrana and noted an improvement with litter in the area. Fionán Bradley disagreed with this comment and outlined that a very small minority was causing the issue. Matthew Byrne agreed that he would circulate the Litter Pollution Act to Councilors for their information.

Michael McFadden advised that the Roads Service is collaborating with colleagues in Environment and An Garda Síochána in relation to on street drinking.

Cllr Martin McDermott outlined that this issue was not unique to Buncrana and was also an issue in Carndonagh and other towns. He acknowledged the work carried out by Carndonagh Tidy Town team, Paul McMonagle, Building Supervisor, Public Service Centre, Carndonagh and the roads team in keeping the area tidy.

Martin McDermott suggested that workshop be organised to discuss this matter. Cllr Fionán Bradley requested that a member for An Garda Síochána also attend the workshop.

Cllr Albert Doherty advised that he had received complaints from a landowner near the picnic area at Umgal, Malin Head in relation to rubbish being dumped in agricultural fields and asked that this be referred to the relevant section.

25.36.03 Uisce Éireann

Cllr Joy Beard expressed her disappointment that Lisfannon Beach has lost its Blue Flag status and asked that steps be taken to remedy this. Cllr Fionán Bradley outlined an ongoing issue

with sewage at the area and stated that this issue needed to be addressed as soon as possible in order the Blue Flag status could be reinstated.

Cllr Ali Farren also raised concerns in relation to water outages within the Malin Head area and the difficulty in trying to report faults to Uisce Éireann.

Cllr Fionán Bradley proposed that a meeting be arranged with Uisce Éireann to discuss the ongoing issues across the peninsula. Cllr Ali Farren seconded this proposal. Cllr Martin McDermott advised that he will also contact Irish Water through the public reps e-mail address.

25.36.04 Tree Felling Licence

Following a query from Cllr Terry Crossan in relation to a Tree Felling Licence, Matthew Byrne advised that this licence would be obtained from Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine's Forest Service. Cllr Terry Crossan raised concerns where trees were removed at a site in Burnfoot at the height of bird nesting season and highlighted the importance of the site for bat roosting. He also raised concerns that the site was subject to illegal dumping in the past and queried the implications of any future planning applications. Matthew Byrne agreed to follow up with the Forest Service and the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

25.36.05 Public Convenience

Cllr Albert Doherty requested maintenance of public convenience facilities at Malin Head and other areas of Inishowen as the tourist season commences. Cllr Ali Farren concurred with this request and outlined the need for further infrastructure at the toilets at Malin Head to ensure adequate supply of water to flush the toilets during water outages. He asked that an appropriate budget be allocated to carry out this necessary upgrade. Matthew Byrne agreed to follow up.

25.36.06 Sewage Treatment Plan – Buncrana

Cllr Fionán Bradley requested clarification if works were complete at the sewage treatment plant in Buncrana. He queried if the holding tanks were currently in operation and expressed concern around the water quality at Lady's Bay, Buncrana. Matthew Byrne agreed to follow up.

25.36.07 Motor Home Park – Carndonagh

Cllr Albert Doherty raised concerns about the upkeep and maintenance of the Motor Home Park in Carndonagh.

25.36.08 Coastal Erosion

Cllr Albert Doherty raised concerns regarding coastal erosion and requested that beach access at Ballyliffin and Lagg be addressed. He also requested that any relevant reports relating to coastal erosion would be made available and a meeting be arranged with Ballyliffin Golf Club and relevant businesses.

25.36.09 Footpath

Cllr Albert Doherty requested the provision of a footpath from Ballyliffin village towards the golf club.

25.36.10 Burnfoot Flood Relief Scheme

Cllr Paul Canning requested an update in relation to the Burnfoot Flood Relief Scheme. Matthew Byrne agreed to follow up.

25.36.11 Tidy Towns

Following a query from Cllr Paul Canning, Matthew Byrne advised the meeting that local authorities now provide insurance cover for Tidy Towns groups registered with their Public Participation Network (PPN). Cllr Canning suggested that the Council provide this information through social media to ensure that the various Tidy Town groups are aware of this change.

25.37 ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION

Michael McFadden, Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, and Transportation presented the report to the members, and it was taken as read. He highlighted matters to members.

- Surface Dressing Programme is substantially complete.
- Restoration Maintenance Programme is substantially complete.
- Contract works have commenced on a number of bridge contracts.

25.37.01 Roads Service

Cllr Terry Crossan thanked the Roads team for the excellent work that they have carried out in the recent surface dressing projects. He outlined that the work was carried out in a professional manner with minimal disruption.

25.37.02 Muff

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

25.37.03 Grass Cutting

Cllr Terry Crossan queried who was responsible for cutting the grass along the verges at Carnbrae, Quigleys Point. Michael McFadden agreed to follow up with area overseer.

25.37.04 Road at Derryvane – L1961

Cllr Fionán Bradley raised concerns about the stretch of road at Derryvane to Lenamore (L1961). He outlined that this road was not suitable for heavy goods vehicles and queried if a weight restriction could be put in place for traffic. Michael McFadden agreed to follow up with Area Engineer.

25.37.05 Cockhill Road, Buncrana

Cllr Joy Beard acknowledged the work carried out along the Cockhill Road, Buncrana. Cllr Fionán Bradley requested flashing beacons be placed at the new raised tables along Cockhill Road, Buncrana.

25.37.06 St Marys Road, Buncrana

Cllr Fionán Bradley referred to his previous request that a stretch of footpath along St Mary's Road, Buncrana be renewed. He also requested raised tables be placed along this road at Church Street Junction.

25.37.07 Ballyloskey Junction

Cllr Albert Doherty raised concerns about the exit from the junction at Ballyloskey Road is a concern and requested that works be carried out at the location. He requested that the council liaise with HSE in relation to plans for the old school building at the junction.

25.37.08 Signs and Road Markings

Cllr Albert Doherty suggested that a list be compiled by members in relation to the road markings and signage for the Inishowen area.

Cllr Ali Farren referred to previous concerns raised in relation to junction at Corvish Road, along Ballyliffin Road and asked that appropriate measures be put in place.

25.37.09 Carndonagh Town

Cllr Albert Doherty referred to his previous request for an appropriate crossing point at Gordon's Corner, Carndonagh. He also highlighted the need for measures be put in place at crossings for visually impaired pedestrians.

25.37.10 Woodside, Carndonagh

Cllr Albert Doherty called for drainage works at Woodside, Carndonagh.

25.37.11 Roads – Malin Head

Cllr Ali Farren acknowledged resurfacing works that were carried out in the Malin area and queried when works would commence on the stretch of along Captains Road towards Seaview Tavern. Michael McFadden agreed to follow up with Cllr Ali Farren.

25.37.12 McSheffrey's Bridge

Cllr Ali Farren requested resurfacing works would take place at McSheffrey's Bridge.

25.37.13 Road Sweeping – Buncrana

Cllr Joy Beard raised concerns about the lack of road sweeping in the Buncrana town. She outlined that the current situation is extremely frustrating. She asked if the council could purchase a road sweeper as a solution. Michael McFadden clarified that a tender for road sweeping had been issued for four sweeps per week of Buncrana town. However, no submissions were received. The Council have employed the services of a local contractor for litter picking and bin emptying over a five-day period which is currently working well.

25.37.14 Francistown Junction

Cllr Martin McDermott referred to Francistown Junction as discussed at previous meetings. He asked that a solution be found as a matter of urgency.

25.37.15 Footpath - Malin

Cllr Martin McDermott requested an update on when works would be carried out on the provision of a footpath at Malin to Glengad Road.

25.37.16 Malin Town

Cllr Martin McDermott requested that traffic calming measures be put in place in Malin Town and explore the option of one-way traffic. Michael McFadden agreed to follow up with the Area Engineer. Michael McFadden advised that he would follow up on the matter.

25.37.17 Clonmany

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

25.37.18 Winter Maintenance Programme

Cllr Albert Doherty advised that a petition was submitted to the council from residents of Kinnagoe and Glenagiveney for the provision of winter gritting in the area and asked that this be acknowledged.

Cllr Fionán Bradley also advised that a similar petition was also submitted from residents at Bray Road, Burnfoot and asked that this be followed up.

25.37.19 Piers and Harbours

Cllr Ali Farren requested that Portmore Pier in Malin Head be maintained as the tourist season approaches. He outlined that swimming lessons will be taking place in coming weeks and asked that maintenance works be carried out as soon as possible.

25.38 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES

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

25.38.01 Workshops – Inishowen Municipal District

It was agreed that the following workshop would take place on 09th July 2025 –

- Roads/Environment Workshop (Litter)
- Parking Bye-Laws Review

The members requested that a workshop for Malin Head Visitor Management Plan take place prior to the meeting in September.

25.38.02 Housing Capital

Eamon Mahon, Senior Executive Engineer, Housing Capital referred to the various stages of development at Buncrana, Carndonagh, Gleneely and Malin. He outlined that there are currently three SI dwellings at various stages of construction as outlined in the report. He also outlined that it is expected that tender process will commence in August in relation to the development of forty units at Ballyhaskey, Newtowncunningham.

Eamonn Mahon also advised that a number of suitable land parcels have been identified in towns and villages across the Inishowen Municipal District and engagement / negotiations are ongoing with multiple landowners' agents, to acquire these lands.

Cllr Martin McDermott acknowledged the delivery of housing in the Inishowen area but outlined that the process was extremely slow. He suggested that a meeting would need to take place with the Department of Housing, Council Executive and members to try and resolve the issue.

Cllr Martin McDermott requested that Bryan Cannon, Director of Service Roads & Transportation feedback the members concerns to Senior Management.

25.38.03 Social Housing Supply

Cllr Albert Doherty outlined in detail the difficulty for Donegal in relation to the provision of social houses and outlined that the recent funding of €2m under the Social Housing Secondhand Acquisitions Programme for 2025 was not enough to meet the demands. He outlined that if Donegal was to meet its targets in relation to housing delivery, then significant support is required from government. He requested that a letter be issued to the Department of Housing in this regard.

Cllr Tery Crossan requested that efforts be made for the provision of social housing in the Muff area.

25.38.04 Specific Instance Housing (SI)

Cllr Ali Farren requested that SI dwellings are progressed in rural areas of Inishowen. Cllr Martin McDermott outlined that this matter would be discussed at SPC level.

25.38.05 Social Housing Support

Cllr Ali Farren outlined his concerns that the income thresholds for qualifying for social housing support is too low for Donegal.

25.38.06 Casual Vacancies

Cllr Joy Beard queried what was the turnaround time for vacant social houses in the Inishowen Municipal District. Una Cresswell advised that there was a number of factors involved when carrying out vacant house works and that properties may require different levels of repair. She advised members that every effort is being made to reduce turnaround times.

25.38.07 Rockytown, Buncrana

Cllr Joy Beard raised concerns around subsidence in a garden at a property close to the new development at Rockytown, Buncrana. She asked that this matter be followed up.

25.38.08 Emergency Accommodation

Cllr Albert Doherty requested the provision of emergency accommodation type of accommodation in the Inishowen Municipal District. Una Cresswell advised members that the Homeless Prevention Officer continues to source suitable accommodation in the Inishowen area but to date was unsuccessful. Cllr Terry Crossan outlined that the Inishowen Municipal District is very proactive when it comes to homelessness assistance and prevention, but the situation was extremely difficult in the current climate.

25.38.09 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting to be held on 09th September 2025 at 1pm.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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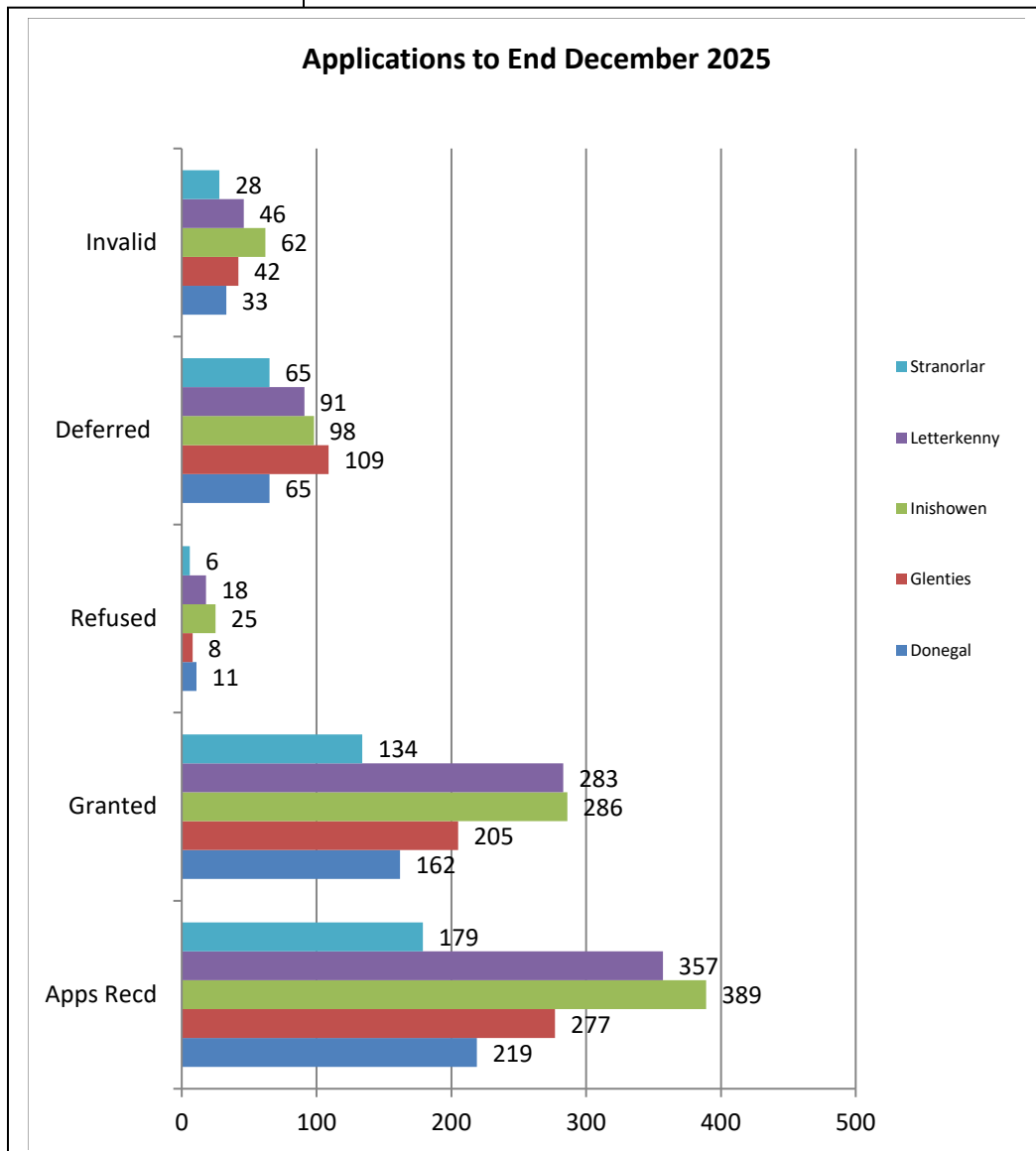
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Inishowen MD Meeting 9th September, 2025

PLANNING REPORT

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3	Notes & Monthly Schedule	Planning advice clinics are on an appointment only basis. The appointments will be facilitated by the planners between 9.00am and 12.30pm on the dates outlined below and shall be for substantial applications only (multiple developments and/or significant economic developments). Please contact 074 9153900 to speak with the relevant planner and request an appointment. <u>Planning Clinics 2025</u> 11th September, 2025 25th September, 2025 9th October, 2025 23rd October, 2025 Please see website for further dates. Planning Advice Clinics Donegal County Council								
4	Casual Trading									
5	Regeneration & Development	See Appendix A								
6	Building Control & Taking in Charge	See Appendix B								
7	Central Planning Unit									
8	Capital Projects Delivery Unit	See Appendix C								
9	Conservation									
10	Further Information <i>Click on web links to access information.</i>	Weekly List of applications and decisions: Weekly Lists Donegal County Council Planning Service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service): planning@donegalcoco.ie Planning Webpage: Planning Donegal County Council Planning Application Online Query – Search a Planning Application Donegal County Council File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and planning search requests: fillable-file-retrieval-planning-application-number-search-request-form.pdf								

APPENDIX A



**Comhairle Contae
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Regeneration & Development Team Community Development and Planning Services Q3 2025

1.0 Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF)

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

1.1 Summary update of Projects

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

Table 1: Rural Regeneration and Development Fund Projects

Project	Type	Value (includes DCC co- funding)	Current Status/Delivery
RRDF Funding Call 4 – Category 2 – Project Development Measure	Category 2		- Funding application for projects identified in both Rathmullan and Dungloe submitted by the closing date of the 14th March 2025. - Decision on funding application awaited.
Back to Ballyshannon	Category 2 (2020)	€247,500	- Further screening to be arranged. - Scope of the site has been extended to include properties on College Street, Ballyshannon. - To be targeted for future Category 1 Funding. - Work progressing to prepare project for planning consent.
Ramelton Re- imagined/Historic Town Centre	Category 2 Category 1 (2022)	€249,159 €7,949,868	Project with CPDU for delivery.
Burtonport Phase II	Category 1		- Property with CPDU for delivery. - Team supporting delivery through participation on Project Steering Group.
Repowering Buncrana	Category 2 (3 rd Call)		- Property with CPDU for delivery. - Team supporting delivery through participation on Project Steering Group.

Rathmullan (in partnership with The Way Forward Rathmullan CLG).			• Part 8 approved February 2023. • Unsuccessful for funding under Call 5 in May 2024. • Project submitted for RRDF Category 2 Funding Call that closed on the 14th March 2025. • Decision on funding application awaited.
Milford Town Centre First Plan		€100,000	• Town Centre First Plan launched November 2023 • GM Design Associates preparing a statutory planning scheme for the lands at Lower Mount Marian. • Workshop held with Members of the LMMD on the 8th July 2025 seeking endorsement to public statutory planning for Mount Marian lands, to target consideration of the application at the September 2025 Plenary meeting. • Application made in April 2025 under Town and Village Renewal for funding to acquire former Milford Hotel.
Glenties Town Centre First Plan		€30,000	• GM Design Associates appointed to assist with preparation of the Plan. • Engagement with the Glenties Town Team ongoing. • Walkability Audit undertaken in December 2024. • Workshop with Members of the Glenties MD held on the 13th May 2025. • Public consultation event held on the 22nd May 2025.
Creeslough Village Plan and Community Regeneration Project (in association with the Creeslough Working Group, Creeslough Community Association and Arup).			• Village Plan launched 21st March 2024. • Part 8 for Community Regeneration Project approved in September 2023. • Project successfully awarded funding of €12.1m under Call 5 in May 2024 (total project value is €13.5m). • GM Designs appointed in March 2025 to prepare detailed designs. • Project with CPDU for delivery. • Team supporting delivery through participation on Project Steering Group.
Moville Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan.		€24,500	• GM Design Associates appointed to assist to prepare Plan. • Further public consultation event held on the 20th March 2025 to present the draft Plan. • Submissions invited to the 16th April 2025.

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

2.0 Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF).

Funding is provided from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for towns with a population more than 10,000 which includes Letterkenny in this County, with calls for application to the Fund sought under two categories. **Category 1** relates to projects with all necessary planning and other consents in place and which are ready to proceed, i.e shovel ready. **Category 2** projects are those which require further development to become ready for Category 1 status.

2.1 Summary update of Projects

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

Table 2: Urban Regeneration and Development Fund Projects

Call	Value of Project (includes DCC co-funding).	Projects and current Status/Delivery
Call 1 (approved September 2019) 3 Sub-Projects	€3m	1 Prepare Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy - Completed 2022. 2 Letterkenny Urban Regeneration site. - DCC took possession of the former ESB site and adjacent lands through a CPO in 2023. - Site to be developed for the Alpha/Beta Office accommodation, public realm and Housing. - Completed 2025. 3 Public Realm/Linear Park Phase 1 - Opened June 2023.
Call 2 (May 2020 and approved March 2021) 6 Sub Projects	€19.3m (€4.8m DCC co-funding)	1. Reimagine public space at Market Square. - Project with CPDU for delivery. 2. Cathedral Quarter Park and Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme - Acquisition of strategic site fronting Church Lane completed and now in possession of Donegal County Council. - Avison Young appointed to take forward all previous engagement and act on Council's behalf as regards further offers/acquisitions/CPO. - Council to consider further offers and advance any acquisitions/CPOs. - Hall Black Douglas appointed as architect-led design team in January 2025. - AAB Group Accountants appointed to prepare a Scoping/Feasibility Study and Business Plan in respect of the Creative Enterprise Hub element of the project and these services commenced in January 2025. - Current design stage: data/information gather via tender for survey (topo, Ground penetration survey, elevational survey, ground investigations). 3. Renewal at Lower Main Street

		• Valuations obtained and land acquisition offers made. • Avison Young appointed to take forward all previous engagement and act on Council's behalf as regards further offers/acquisitions/CPO. • Council to consider further offers and advance any acquisitions/CPOs. • Re-engagement with Donegal Youth Services carried out December 2024 and capacity testing exercise at Devlin Hall and adjoining lands commenced January 2025 using in-house architectural resource but this work has now paused due to other priority work. • Council to explore other options to re-commence this work. 4. Revival of the Courthouse Visitor Experience Plan/Product identification and Business Plan • EPIC Heritage Consulting Ltd appointed to prepare a Visitor Experience Plan/ Product Identification Plan and Business Plan for the development of a major visitor attraction at the Courthouse. • Interpretation and Business Plan presented to Members of the LMMD in February 2025. • Community consultation event held on the 18th February 2025. Built Heritage Investment Scheme. • Funding of €10,000 secured in March 2024 from the Built Heritage Investment Scheme for minor repair works and, with co-funding from Donegal County Council, these works have been completed. THRIVE (EU) Funding. • Funding of €199,969 allocated under THRIVE Strand 1 from the Northern and Western Regional Assembly for the purpose of engaging architect-led team to bring the project to Part 8 stage. • Robin Lee, Architects, appointed as architect-led design team in January 2025. • Workshop with Members of the LMMD held in February 2025. • Apex Surveys appointed to undertake topographical and building surveys.
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		• Greentrack consultants appointed to undertake AA and EIA Screening. • Public drop in event held on the 10th April 2025. • Workshop held with the Members of the LMMD on the 13th May 2025. • Part 8 published and approved at the May 2025 Plenary meeting. • THRIVE Strand 2 funding application submitted by the closing date of the 30th May 2025 including: - Energy Audit complete - Do No Significant Harm Assessment and Report complete - Climate Proofing Assessment and report complete - Business Plan completing out at present - Bat Roosting and Activity Survey. 5. Strategic acquisition to enable a Regional Transport Hub • Avison Young appointed to take forward all previous engagement and act on Councils behalf as regards further offers/ acquisitions/ CPO. • Consultation with Local Link ongoing in relation to private bus operators and short term solution. • Land acquisition offers made in December 2024 leading to collaborative approach with key landowner. Agreement to undertake masterplan for the lands to determine potential for public/private collaboration. Tender being drafted at present. • Options for temporary bus hub being advanced in-house. 6. Strategic acquisition to enable LK Green Connect • Part 8 in relation to the Cultural Corridor element of the project approved by Donegal County Council at the November 2023 Plenary meeting. • In-house team has commenced steps to develop a Part 8 for Phase 2 (from constructed Phase 1 to Pearse Road). • Valuation services of Avison Young being engaged in relation to phase 2 (from constructed Phase 1 to Pearse Road) and lands required for the Cultural Corridor element of the Scheme.
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		• All landowners engaged. • Engagement ongoing with relevant stakeholders. • Topographical survey completed. • External structural/civil engineering consultative services procured for site investigation services access sought to 3rd party lands.
Call 3 (March 2023 and approved July 2023).	€4m	Revolving fund for acquisition costs of long-term vacant property or sites • 46 properties on the programme and all owners have been engaged with. • Several properties already activated or being activated through the Croi Conaithe grant scheme and other schemes. • Several properties currently for sale and these are being monitored. • Valuation Services engaged in relation to property valuations. • Legal Services engaged in relation to property acquisitions. • Council to advance 10 properties for acquisition/CPO. • 4 properties added to the Derelict Sites Register.
“The Eat Out’ Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Project		• Construction completed.
Letterkenny Cultural Corridor		• Part 8 approved November 2023. • Valuation services of Avison Young being engaged in relation to lands required for the delivery of the Scheme. • Services of Quantity Surveyor engaged to provide cost estimates for the scheme and work completed. • To be targeted for future URDF funding call.
Youth/Community focused project at Lower Main Street		• Early engagements with Letterkenny Youth Club and Donegal Youth Services have commenced. • Avison Young appointed in Q4 2023 to take forward all previous engagement and act on Council’s behalf as regards further offers/acquisitions/CPO. • Capacity testing of potential lands available commenced in January 2025 with engagement with relevant stakeholders. Exercise paused due to resource requirements across RRDF programme.

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	1,347
Applications Approved	966
Applications Deemed not eligible (eligibility criteria not met)	35
Application in progress (first technical inspection/awaiting information from applicant)	125
Applications withdrawn by applicant	155
Applications resubmitted by applicant	66
Applications Paid	253
Value of Applications Paid	€13.9m

4.0 Addressing Vacancy and Dereliction

4.1 Property Activation Program

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

2023 Target:

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

2024 Target:

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

2025 Target:

To activate 300 properties and commence CPO in 6 cases.

4.2 Derelict Sites Register

The update and upkeep of the Derelict Sites Register falls within the remit of the Regeneration and Development Team since last year. There are currently 22 properties on the Derelict Sites Register, which includes 18 properties that have been on the register for several years and 4 new properties that were added to the Register this year so far. As a first step, all the existing 18 properties are being reviewed to ascertain if each property continues to meet the criteria for inclusion on the Register. In addition, a Derelict Sites Policy and Procedures has been developed which sets out the obligations and legislative procedures to be followed in respect of derelict sites and compulsory acquisitions and sets out the Council's priority programme for making additions to the Derelict Sites Register. The Derelict Sites Policy and Procedures document was approved this year by the Elected Members at each MD level and by the Planning SPC.

APPENDIX B



**Comhairle Contae
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Donegal County Council

Municipal District of Inishowen September 2025

Building Control & Taking in Charge
Community Development & Planning Services

REPORT

1. Building Control Activity
 - A. Commencement Notices
 - B. Disability Access Certificates
2. Taking in Charge of Private Residential Estates

Building Control Activity

A. Commencement Notices

So far in 2025, up until the end of July, 451 Commencement Notices have been submitted in respect of 522 new buildings and 115 building alterations or extensions. This compares with 568 Commencement Notices in the same period in 2024 which related to 889 new buildings and 156 building alterations or extensions.

During 2024, the Development Charges waivers led to a significant increase in the number of Commencement Notices submitted.

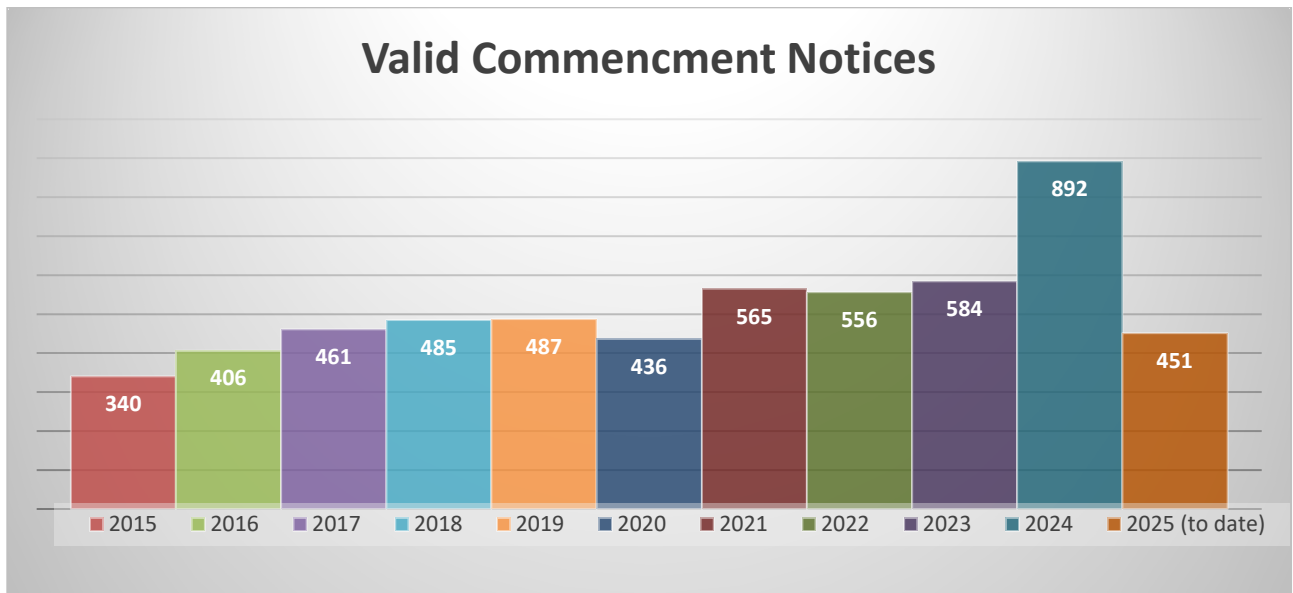
Overall, in 2024, 892 valid Commencement Notices were submitted, representing 1,306 new buildings, and 202 building alterations/extensions. Of these there were 28 estate or multi-unit developments with a total of 528 units in these 28 developments.

In 2023, 583 Commencement notices were submitted, representing 616 new buildings and 167 building alterations or extensions.

Of the 451 submitted so far this year, 212 have been "Opt-Out" Notices relating to 172 new one-off houses and 40 extensions or alterations.

The number of "Opt-out" Commencement Notices submitted in 2024 was 488, 55% of the overall total submitted while in 2023 there were 299 "Opt-out" Commencement Notices, 52% of the overall total submitted.

As reported previously, this consistent level of submission of these type of Commencement Notices remains a concern. Where these types of Commencement Notice are being used, the owners have declared themselves to be competent to ensure that the works comply with the Building Regulations and are therefore taking on **ALL** the responsibility for ensuring compliance with the Regulations.



Types of Commencement Notices:

- i) **Commencement Notice with Compliance Documentation:** An Assigned Certifier is appointed to oversee the construction and to ensure that there is compliance with the Building Regulations.
- ii) **Commencement Notice with Opt Out:** This can be used for single dwellings only. The owner is given the option to “opt out” from the Certification Process. They are still legally obliged to comply with the Building Regulations. For this type of commencement notice, an assigned certifier is not appointed, and the owner must sign a declaration to ensure that the building is constructed in accordance with the relevant Building Regulations.

It needs to be stressed here that if this option is chosen, then the Owner is declaring that they are “Competent” and will ensure that the works comply with the Building Regulations. These are still subject to spot check inspections and must provide compliance documentation upon request.

- iii) **Commencement Notice without Compliance Documentation:** This is referred to as a Short Commencement Notice and requires minimal documentation. It cannot be used for:
 - The construction of a new dwelling house.
 - An extension to a dwelling involving a total floor area greater than 40m².
 - Any works that require a fire certificate
- iv) **7 Day Notice:** This type of notice is used, where a fire certificate has been applied for but has not yet been granted.

2025- Jan 1st to July 31st				
Type	No. Of CNs	New Builds	Building Alterations/Extensions	Multi Dwelling
				1 no. 48 unit, 1 no. 24, 1 no. 21 unit, 1 no. 20 unit, 1 no. 10 unit, 1 no. 9 unit, 1 no. 8 unit, 2 no. 6 units
CN with Documentation	164	303	36	
7 day notice	20	12	8	
CN without Documentation	55	35	31	
CN with Opt Out	212	172	40	
Total	451	522	115	

B. Disability Access Certificates (DAC):

A Disability Access Certificate (DAC) is a Certificate issued by the Building Control Authority and states that the works or building to which the application relates will, if constructed in accordance with the plans and specifications submitted, comply with the requirements of Part M of the Second Schedule to the Building Regulations.

Except for houses and certain agricultural buildings, a DAC is generally required for all new buildings, including apartments and flats. A certificate is also required for material changes of use and certain alterations and extensions to buildings.

A building may not be opened, operated, or occupied or permitted to do so unless a DAC has been granted or pending determination of an appeals process.

The Building Control Authority is obliged to determine all DAC applications within 8 weeks of receipt unless an extension of time is agreed with the applicant.

The Building Control Department received 85 DAC applications in 2024 which compares with 96 applications in 2023, 87 DAC applications in 2022, 99 applications in 2021, 58 applications in 2020 and 53 in 2019.

So far in 2025, up until the end of July, we have received 61 DAC applications which compares with 45 in the same period last year.



Taking in Charge of Private Residential Estates.

The Taking in Charge team is today presenting the following estate in the Municipal District to Members, seeking approval to complete the Taking in Charge process:

- Ard Chlochar, Carndonagh

Where it is proposed to Declare a road to be a Public Road under Section 11 of the Roads Act, Members are obliged, under subsection (1)(b)(ii), to consider the financial implications for the Authority of the proposed declaration.

The financial implications of Taking in Charge this estate are not significant, with no specific issues within this estate being raised by the Area Roads Engineers and any concerns, relevant to the planning conditions for the estates, have been addressed.

Planning & Development Act (2000 as amended) – Section 207
Roads Act, 1993 – Section 11
Planning and Development Act, (2000 as amended) – Section 180

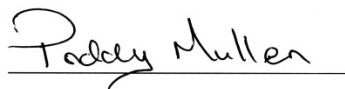
The Planning Authority for the Inishowen Municipal District is seeking a resolution for the making of an **ORDER**, in accordance with Section 207 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended), for the creation of a public right of way over the estate roads within the housing estate **Ard Chlochar, Carndonagh** as set out in the attached maps, to enable it to proceed with the taking in charge of the estate.

Furthermore, the Planning Authority for the Donegal Municipal District is seeking a resolution for the making of an **ORDER**, in accordance with Section 11(1) of the Roads Act 1993, that the roads within the housing estate **Ard Chlochar, Carndonagh** over which a public right-of-way will now exist, as shown on the attached map, are hereby declared to be a public road.

It is **noted** that consequent on the making of this Order, the Council is required to take in charge any sewers, watermains, or service connections and the public open spaces or car park within the attendant grounds of the development in accordance with Section 180(4)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

When water services infrastructure is taken in charge by a planning authority pursuant to section 180(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), the water services legislation provides that it will be subsequently transferred to Irish Water by Ministerial Order.

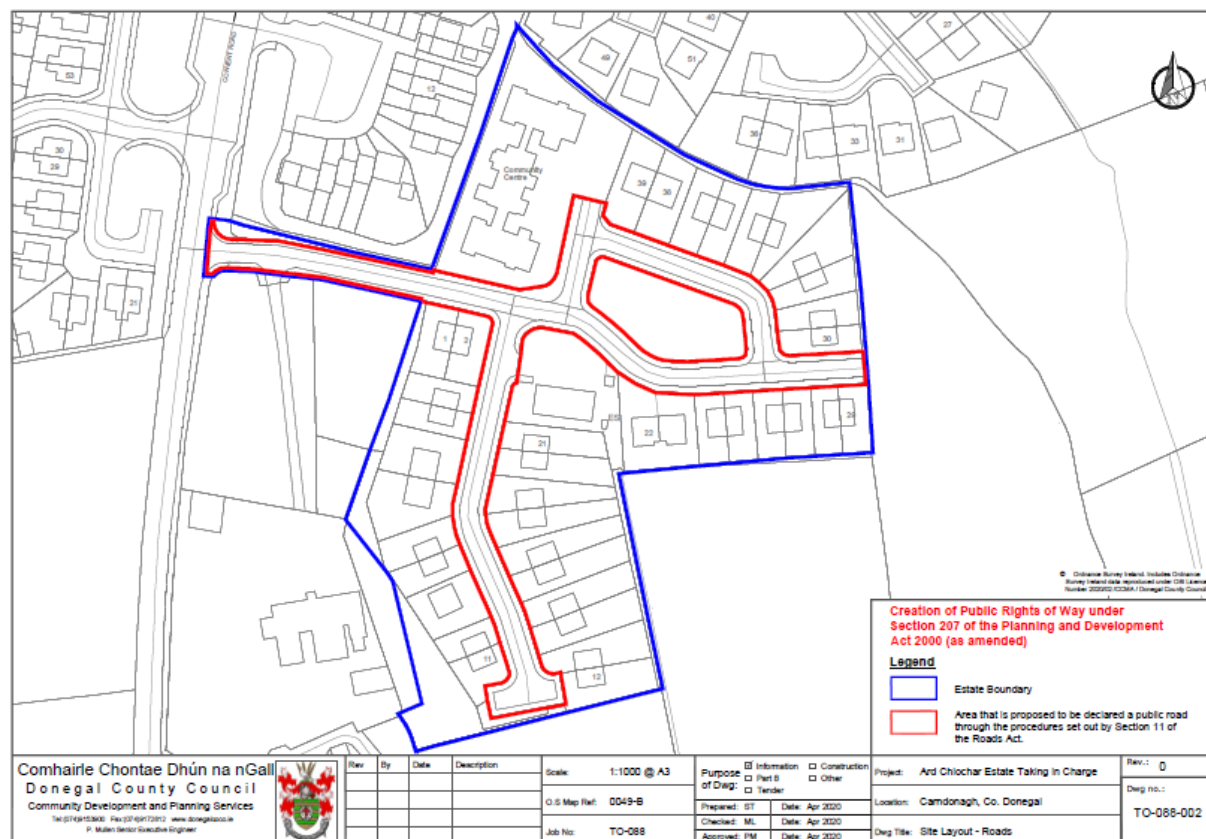
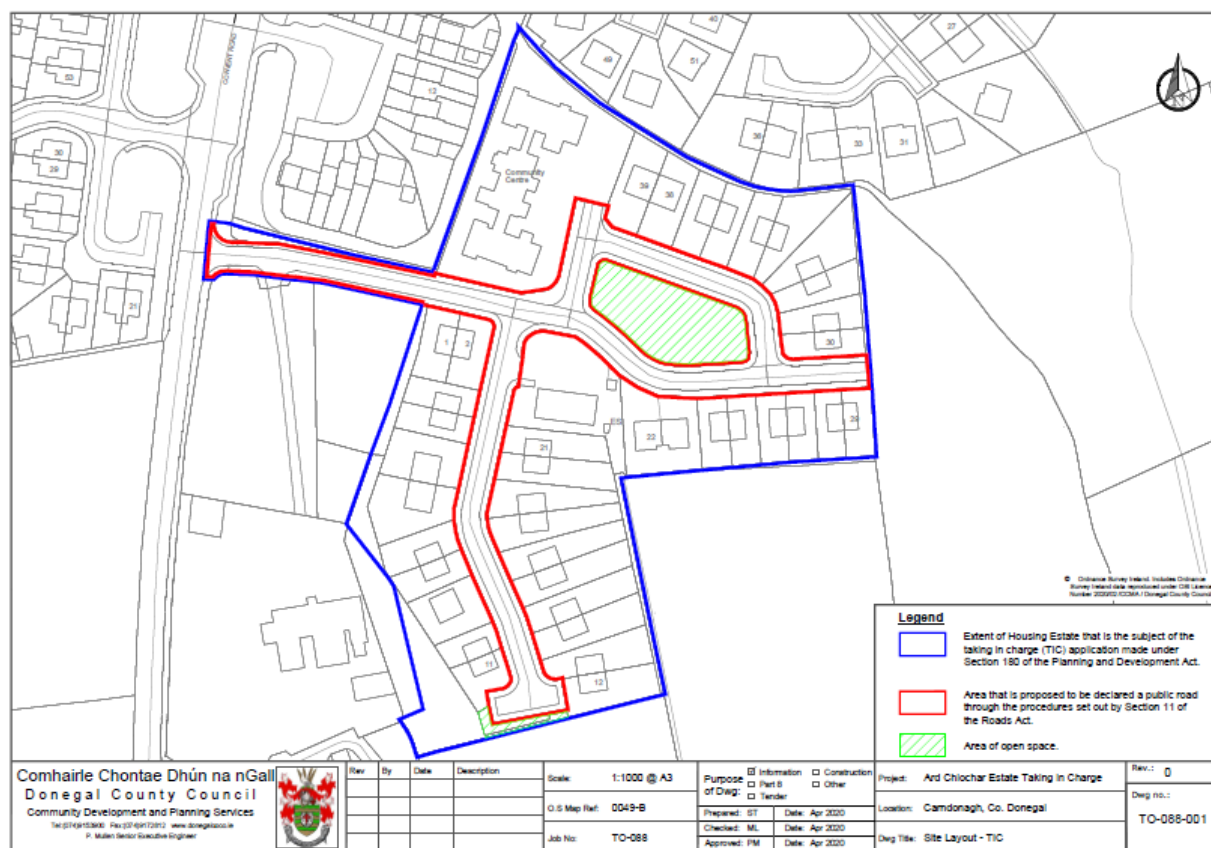
Section 11 of the Roads Act requires that the financial implications of the declaration as a public road be considered. The financial implications are not significant, with no specific issues within this estate being raised by the Area Roads Engineers.



Paddy Mullen
Senior Executive Engineer
Community & Planning Services

On the proposal of Councillor _____ seconded by Councillor _____ it is **resolved** that the Council **make an Order** in accordance with Section 207 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) for the creation of a public right of way over the estate roads within the housing estate **Ard Chlochar, Carndonagh** as set out in the attached maps, to enable it to proceed with the taking in charge of the estate.

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



APPENDIX C



**Comhairle Contae
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CAPITAL PROJECTS DELIVERY UNIT

Community Development and Planning Services

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

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

Activity / Project Title	Fort Dunree
Project Description/Activity	Donegal County Council (DCC) has been awarded grant funding of €9,251,000 for Fort Dunree, Co. Donegal under Fáilte Irelands, Capital investment scheme Platform for Growth – A Programme for Tourism Investment, Platform 1: Immersive Heritage and Cultural Attractions. This will be supported by €3.2 million match funding committed by Donegal County Council providing a total Project value of €12.5 million investment. The transformational tourism project at Fort Dunree is informed by a vision to reimagine the visitor experience at this spectacular Fort and Discovery Point along the Wild Atlantic Way. The project will physically link the 3 unique elements of Fort Dunree: Lough Swilly below the Fort; the Promontory Fort and the High Fort (Redoubt). Along the visitor journey, immersive heritage and cultural touch-points will be provided with modern intervention view points and imaginative interpretive installations. The ambition is to reposition this defensive site to allow visitors to imagine its past and experience its beauty. The proposed Project comprises of the following key components. 1. High Fort: Works to improve existing High Fort 2. High Guns: Restoration of the High Guns 3. Lighthouse: Conservation & refurbishment works 4. Northern Walkway: New projecting walkway 5. Lower Fort Walkway: construction of new walkway & upgrade of access route and drawbridge. 6. The Village: Conservation & upgrade of existing buildings to facilitate, welcome building, toilets, souvenir shop, café etc. 7. Car Park: Provision of improved distribution roads & a new car parking facility 8. Walkways & Watchtower: Upgraded and new walkways and watchtower conservation works 9. Access Routes: Reparatory works to existing pathways and steps.
Budget	€12.5m
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	Following the An Bord Pleanála determination that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment is required for the project, an application was submitted on the 1st of August 2024 to An Bord Pleanála for assessment. On 25th July 2025 An Coimisiún Pleanála refused approval of the application. The design team is continuing to work on Stage 2b (Detailed Design) and the development of the construction tender documentation. The Visitor Experience & Interpretation Consultant is continuing to develop the story of Fort Dunree to fit within the construction project. In addition, they are developing the branding strategy for the site.

Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	Complete detailed design and develop tender documents. Review of implications of ACP refusal and engage with project funders to determine next steps.
Contact Person(s)	Patrick Brennan, Project Manager Shane Sweeney, Senior Executive Engineer Brendan O'Donnell, Senior Engineer

Activity / Project Title	Repowering Buncrana
Project Description/Activity	The overall objective of the project is to repower Buncrana by regenerating and connecting the costal edge and historic town centre activating a competitive, attractive, connected, liveable, sustainable and high quality strategic urban gateway to Inishowen and the North West City Region and establishing Buncrana as the Place Standard for the North West region. The project centres on six key interventions: 1. A new iconic pedestrian bridge over the Mill River connecting the Inishowen Greenway Project and Amazing Grace Park to a transformed harbour/pier environment, 2. The creation of a high performance promenade and Shore Front Green including enhanced walkways, beach access, public realm & festival gathering space and development of a new bespoke public/civic shore green users building, 3. Enhanced connection between the new Shore Front Green environment and the Main Street and commercial core of the town with targeted public realm improvements, 4. Enhanced Shore Front walkway and promenade along the Fishing Green, with dramatic re-imaging of the Amazing Grace viewing point, 5. Onwards connection of the promenade to Swan Park, Buncrana Castle and Cockhill Road 6. The repurposing and extension of the old garda barracks building to create bespoke office accommodation. RRDF Category 2 Funding has been awarded to develop the project ready for a construction tender including securing all necessary statutory consents. Robin Lee Architecture has been appointed to provide Integrated Design Team Services necessary for the delivery of the project.
Budget	Total Funding €1,461,746.00 80% Funded by RRDF (€1,169,396) 20% Funded by DCC (€292,349)
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Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	Engagement with stakeholders and the preliminary design of the project is ongoing. Developed design has been completed for the old garda barracks and a Part 8 planning process has commenced for this element.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	The design process will continue for all elements of the project. Close out the Part 8 planning process for the Garda Barracks and develop detailed design and tender documents for this element of the project.
Contact Person(s)	Shane Sweeney, Senior Executive Engineer Brendan O'Donnell, Senior Engineer



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Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services Directorate

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1. Economic Development

1.1. Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location / Further Info	Point of Contact
2nd Wed of each month	Innovation Campfire	Our 15-minute sessions showcase inspiring innovation stories from around the world; learn from the experiments, tests, fails, quick wins, and big successes of others. You can watch back by visiting ALPHA Innovation Innovation Campfire — ALPHAInnovation.eu	Kevin Sexton - kevinsexton@alphainnovation.eu
9th to 12th September 2025	TBEX Donegal 2025	TBEX is the largest conference and community of travel creators, bloggers and influencers in the world and it is coming to Donegal in September 2025. For more information see below link: https://tbexcon.com/europe-2025/	Mary Daly Senior Tourism Officer Mdaly@donegalcoco.ie 0876782196
10th Sept 2025	#lovedonegal day	This year's #LoveDonegal Day will be held on Wednesday, 10th September 2025. Join us in sharing why you #LoveDonegal on social media!	Mairead Carlin Senior Economic Development Officer mcarlin@donegalcoco.ie
25th September 2025	Blue Economy Engineering Workshop	A workshop to explore the opportunities for the Engineering Sector in the Blue Economy, Radisson Hotel Letterkenny 8.30-11.30am	Mairead Carlin Senior Economic Development Officer mcarlin@donegalcoco.ie
16th October 2025	Disrupt by the Sea Shark Tank	ALPHA Innovation's annual flagship pitch event where selected founders from across Ireland pitch their startups to a panel of US investors to gain insights, tough love, and potential investment and U.S. market entry support.	Kevin Sexton Head of Alpha Innovation kevinsexton@alphainnovation.eu
17th October 2025	Tip O'Neill Irish Diaspora Awards	The Annual Tip O'Neil Irish Diaspora awards will take place on the 17 th of October in the Inishowen gateway Hotel. Tickets available on Eventbrite.	Eoin Leonard, Diaspora Officer eleonard@donegalcoco.ie

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	10,379	5,707
Twitter	2,050	3,312
Instagram	2,933	5,850
Facebook	6,967	2,247
Donegal.ie	4.1K Web Users	

5 News Items Published.

June 26th – Aug 20th, 2025

Green Hydra:

The Economic Development Team hosted the Interreg Europe Green Hydra Conference on 2–3 July, welcoming delegates from 10 European countries. The event focused on advancing green hydrogen development and integrating SMEs into the hydrogen value chain. Held at the Central Hotel, the conference featured thematic sessions on community acceptance and innovation in SMEs, with contributions from experts in academia, policy, and industry. Speakers included representatives from Atlantic Technological University, Donegal County Council, Lagan Energy Engineering, and Alpha Innovation. The delegates attending also visited Killybegs Port and ATU Killybegs, engaging with local stakeholders on infrastructure and hydrogen readiness. The visit highlighted Donegal's strengths in marine innovation and sustainability. A workshop on 3 July addressed policy development and collaborative solutions to common challenges.

Representatives from ATU and the Economic Development Team will attend the next Conference being held in Sogndal, Norway from the 9th – 11th September. The second regional stakeholder event is being planned for 30th of September in ATU Colab Letterkenny. Further details to be announced soon.

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

Donegal Tech Advocates: Donegal County Council, in collaboration with regional stakeholders, continue to promote Tech in Donegal both in the Region and wider context. The focus of this group is to promote, grow and empower the dynamic and innovative tech sector across the county. Donegal Tech Advocates have a meet up organised with Industry keynote Speaker Andreea Wade. The event is taking place on the 25th of September 2025 in Kinnegar Brewery Letterkenny @ 5.00 pm -8.00 pm.

Blue Economy Working Group: The group continue to work on several relevant projects within the sector. A series of Blue Economy Engineering Workshops are planned for the coming months to support the development and growth of the sector. The first in this series of workshops will take place in the Radisson Hotel, Letterkenny on the 24th September 2025. This work ties into a number of priority areas identified to support the development of Blue Economy in Donegal, focusing on the sustainable use of ocean resources for economic growth and prosperity.

Business Concierge Service: Businesses looking at access Council Services and supports can do so by emailing economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie.

Donegal 2040 DAC

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

Update on Projects:

Alpha Innovation Centre and Beta Business Centre

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

Remote Working Hub Carrigart:

Status: In operation. Annual management agreement in place.

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



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

Official opening 27th June 2025 and putting in place lease arrangements to allow for occupation of ground floor by Killybegs Tourist Information Centre as soon as possible.
Lease docs being prepared to handover to Donegal 2040 for operation & management going forward.

Operation & Management of Burtonport Enterprise Centre (Post Construction)

Current Status: Under Construction. Current Estimated Completion date: Q1 2026.
Section 183 approved at Plenary Council meeting 26th May. Lease docs being prepared to handover to Donegal 2040 for management post construction.

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

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

Olivia Gallen, General Manager, Donegal 2040

info@donegal2040.ie 087 2589071

20th Aug 2025

Service Land Initiative at The Commons, Lifford

Construction of enabling infrastructure works began in November 2024 and is expected to be complete by Q3/Q4 2025. The EDU is engaging with various potential site users including Social Housing, Community Health, Recreation and Businesses. Anyone interested in site use or completed site purchase please contact Daniel McChrystal, Senior Economic Development Officer.

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

Contact Persons

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1.3 Tourism Unit

Tourism Marketing, Promotion and Project Activity
Tourism Events
TBEX: Donegal Tourism will host TBEX - Europe (Travel Blog Exchange) from 9th to 12th September 2025. The TBEX community represents thousands of influencers and hundreds of millions of travellers around the world. The main plenary conference will be held at the ATU in Letterkenny. Attendees will also be participating in Prebex-Tours, visiting all MD's in Donegal to experience the best of our tourism offering. More information, partnership and sponsorship opportunities now exist for Donegal, any potential partner can contact Mary Daly, Donegal Tourism directly mdaly@donegalcoco.ie Donegal Tourism/Fáilte Ireland Business Clinics 2025: Planning for the Donegal County Council Tourism Unit and Fáilte Ireland tourism business clinics is underway, and these will be scheduled for November. There will be one business clinic held in each Municipal District. This will provide the tourism sector with an opportunity to meet both teams and learn more about supports available. It is proposed to begin the promotion of these towards the end of September. Donegal Tourism/Fáilte Ireland Tourism Seminar 2026: Initial discussions are underway for another collaborative tourism seminar with the Donegal County council Tourism Unit and Fáilte Ireland to take place, again, during Local Enterprise Week 2026 (first week in March). Holiday World Shows 2026 Donegal Tourism CLG has confirmed attendance at the Holiday World Show's in both Belfast and Dublin to take place in January 2026. There has been significant interest from tourism businesses in attending both locations this year. More information will be provided in due course.
Marketing & Promotional Activity
Autumn Campaign 2025: Preparations are underway for our shoulder season campaign. This autumn Go Visit Donegal will launch its advertising campaign "Unrushed. Unspoiled". From the end of September we will be encouraging visitors to come take it easy, to slow down, detox digitally - all in unrushed, unspoiled Donegal. More information can be found here: www.govisitdonegal.com/campaigns

Unrushed. Unspoiled. Donegal

Get involved in our Autumn Campaign!

This autumn Go Visit Donegal will launch its advertising campaign "Unrushed. Unspoiled". From the end of September we will be encouraging visitors to come take it easy, to slow down, detox digitally - all in unrushed, unspoiled Donegal.

To ensure that this campaign is a success, we are looking for your help to ensure that your offers are up to date on our website [govisitdonegal.com](https://www.govisitdonegal.com). This is also the perfect opportunity to ensure that your listing with us is up to date and has current information and imagery.

If you're not already listed on our website, now is the time to register, get your tourism business listed and display your offers. The offers page on the website will be at the heart of the campaign and the more we have to offer, the bigger a success the campaign will be for everyone!

<https://www.govisitdonegal.com/campaigns>

 Sliabh Liag



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

Take Off Magazine 2026: The Tourism Unit delivered a two-page bi-lingual advertisement in the Donegal Airport Take Off Magazine 2026 promoting the county and linking to [Govisitdonegal.com](https://www.govisitdonegal.com)



Glenveagh National Park
Parc Náisiúnta Ghleann Bheatha



Pintra Beach
Ba Phiontra



Sliabh Liag
Sliabh Liag



Fanad Lighthouse
Tach Sliabh Phanada

DÚN NA NGALL DONEGAL

Faol chéilt ar chósta iarthuaisceart na hÉireann atá Dún na nGall. Is ann atá draíocht nach bhfaighfí sa aon áit eile - is ann a mbeann an ródú, an cutúir agus an eacúitricíocht ríte baile go furasta las chéile.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cuir tús le do thuras ag
Start your journey at
www.govisitdonegal.com

6 THINGS YOU MUST DO IN DONEGAL

- ### 1. Malin Head

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



Malin Head
- ### 2. Grianán of Aileach

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



Grianán of Aileach
- ### 3. Slieve Liag

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



Slieve Liag
- ### 4. Fanad Head

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



Fanad Head
- ### 5. Donegal Islands

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



Donegal Islands
- ### 6. Oakfield Park

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



Oakfield Park

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

Paths and Trails Promotion: Donegal County Council Tourism Unit is working collaboratively with the Outdoor Recreation team on production of new videos that will be used to promote various paths and trails in the county. Filming took place with Walking Ambassadors such as Mairead Ni Maonigh, Noel Cunningham and Jason Black etc for several walks to capture insights and experiences. Content is due to go live last week in August and run throughout September and October.

Donegal Golf Brochure: The new brochure is available for download from www.govisitdonegal.com/golf and at golf clubs across the county. The next meeting of the Donegal Golf Cluster will take place in the autumn.

Night-Time Economy Buncrana – Buncrana's Night-Time Economy Grant Scheme received a total of 58 applications to the Night-Time Economy Grant Scheme, has allocated 40 grants to individuals/ businesses/ organisations to deliver night-time activities in Buncrana, with further allocations expected for Halloween activations. The NTE Action Plan is approved and will be launched in September. The procurement has begun for the management and delivery of Halloween events in Buncrana.

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

Go Visit Donegal Website Redevelopment: The development of the new website continues. We are currently working with the tourism businesses that are registered on the repository (which feeds the information to the website) to ensure that listings and offers are up to date and imagery is fresh. This will be a major part of the preparation for the going live of the website.

Online & Social Media Updates – Go Visit Donegal July 2025

Since March 1st socials are managed internally, driving engagement and traffic to gvd.com

Website: Users 56,697 and Views 149,429

Highlight 2024 Views : donegalcoco.ie: 1,094,038 gvd.com: 986,831

Facebook: Reach: 68,108 Views: 728,450

Instagram: Reach: 9,944 Views: 130,600

LinkedIn: Reach: 4,441 Imps 151 Reactions 2,181 Followers

TikTok: Followers: 1,456

Consumer Newsletter: The consumer newsletter was published and was received very favourably. The newsletter will be published once per month around the first of the month with the next one due at the start of September.

Strategy Implementation

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

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

Tourism Industry Engagement

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

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

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

Donegal Tourism Board and Associate Members Network: The next meeting of the Donegal Tourism CLG Board of Directors and Associate Members Committee will take place in September 2025. Following an election process, a new Associate Members Committee has been formed. It is possible for businesses to join the Associate Members Network at any time to avail of opportunities to promote at trade shows, receive the trade newsletter and attend events such as the Tourism Seminar.

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

EU Projects – Tourism

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

Sustainable Arctic & Peripheral Biking Tourism Project (SUB): Funded under the Atlantic Area Programme, the next SUB interregional meeting will take place in September in Iceland to progress the work programme.

EDIN: The EDIN project, funded in partnership with INTERREG Europe, focuses on the improvement of the relevant policies to attract Digital Nomads to Donegal. The program is now in Semester 3 with Donegal County Council taking the Communications and Marketing lead on this project. The next interregional meeting is set to take place in October in Lago, Spain. Project partners have finalised Interregional Reports assessing the potential opportunities around promoting the regions to digital nomads.

Tourism Grant Schemes

Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme: This funding call closed on 9th April. This funding is for Council or Community led projects with an allocation of 100,000 per Municipal District. 29 applications submitted under Community based projects and 36 within the council. Letters of Offers due out in August will be sent via submit.com.

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

Contact Person

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1.4 Strategic Funding Unit

Strategic Funding Unit – Exploring EU and National Funding Opportunities that support the objectives set out in the **Donegal County Council Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024**

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

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

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

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

Contact Person

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2. Local Enterprise Office

August 2025 (figures provided @ 31st July 2025)

Grant Aid – So far this year a total of 20 businesses have received approval for grant aid totaling €407,296.84. The next EVAC is taking place on 23rd September, 2025.

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

Mentoring: 142 business applicants have been approved up to 12 hours expert mentoring in 2025.

Training: 756 attendees have participated in 31 Courses held year to date.

Digital For Business: 13 applications were approved to a value of €44,712.

Green For Micro/Green for Business/Green Start: 19 applicants approved for these sustainability supports to a value of €42,066.

Energy Efficiency Grants: 12 applicants approved for this support to a value of €89,477.15.

Lean For Business: 12 applicants approved for this support to improve the efficiency of their businesses to a value of €54,000.

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

Start Your Own Business Programme: After a break in August, the next online Start Your Own Business course is starting on 2nd September. The online course happens twice weekly over 4 weeks and it is a great way for anyone hoping to set up a new business to learn all about what they will need to get up and running. We also will be hosting an in-person Start Your Business Bootcamp on 14th November in the Enterprise Fund Business Centre, Letterkenny.



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

Donegal Profitnet Engineering Network: The network paused for the summer break. A review meeting with all stakeholders concluded that new members would be welcome and a recruitment strategy is in ongoing. The next meeting is September 24th and is a collaborative event with Donegal County Council's Marine Engineering Event in the Radisson Hotel, Letterkenny.

The Food Academy (SuperValu): Two Food Producers from Donegal have been successful in receiving places on the forthcoming Food Academy 2025/6. Both applicants are accepting their place.

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



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



Ambition - Management Development Programme: The Ambition Programme 2025 starts on September 2nd. We have a record number of 17 candidates accepting their place on the programme which runs over 12 weeks and supports female founders who want to embark on a journey of acceleration and growth.



National Woman's Enterprise Week is taking place on October 16th in the Mount Errigal Hotel in Letterkenny. This is Ireland's largest female enterprise event that promotes, encourages, and stimulates female entrepreneurship across Ireland. There is an exciting line-up of speakers and

panellist who will showcase their expertise and insights tackling the real-life subjects affecting women in business.

LEO Business Supports Clinic: The Clinics take place twice per month – on-line and in-person at locations throughout the county. As well as learning about LEO supports, all attendees will get the opportunity for one-to-one business advice. In August, a virtual clinic was held on August, 15th with an in-person session taking place on August 29th in The Enterprise Centre, Letterkenny. Upcoming clinics include a virtual session on September 12th and in-person in the Public Services Centre in Donegal Town on September 26th.

Enterprise Europe Network (EEN): The current Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) programme, delivered through LEO Donegal on behalf of the LEO Network as part of the EEN-IE consortium, has seen strong progress since July 2023, with significant achievements in the areas of international partnerships, digitalisation, and sustainability. Highlights include the successful delivery of 29 regional events, 8 international missions, and the development of structured client pathways through tailored action plans and cooperation profiles. As this phase of the programme concludes on June 30, preparations are well underway for the launch of the next programme cycle beginning on July 1st 2025, ensuring continuity of support for Irish SMEs seeking to grow and compete in the Single Market and beyond.

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

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4. Emergency Services

4.1 – Fire Service

Fire Service Monthly MD Report (July)

Activity	Number of: (May) ¹			Total for year	
<u>Fire Service Operations</u>					
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	125			468	
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	165			598	
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	_2			_2	
<u>Operational Activity Breakdown May 2025</u>	Turnouts ²			Incidents in County ²	
	Fires	Special Services	Stand by	Fires	Special Services
Donegal Fire Service	-	-	-	-	-
Northern Ireland Fire Service	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-			-	
<u>Fire Prevention</u>					
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	17			73	
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	45			N/A	
Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by the Fire	58			N/A	

Officer and waiting for Further Information from the Applicant / Agent:		
Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	17	60
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	2	8
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	0	2
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	6	18
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	6	34
Fire Safety Complaints received:	1	11
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	1	11
During Performance Inspections carried out:	0	0
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	36 ³	66

1. **Provisional data provided due to West Region Communication Centres' transition to the National Mobilisation and Communications System.**
2. **Information not available due to West Region Communication Centres' transition to the National Mobilisation and Communications System.**
3. **As part of its community fire safety programme, Moville, Carndonagh, Falcarragh, Letterkenny, Buncrana, Stranorlar, Bundoran, Ballyshannon, Glencolmcille & Gweedore Fire Brigades delivered a total of 35 No. fire safety presentations while Letterkenny Fire Brigade also completed 1 No. home fire safety visit.**



ENVIRONMENT MD REPORT – September 2025

CLIMATE ACTION

Activity / Project Title	Climate Action Week 2025 – 13 th – 19 th October 2025
Project Description/ Activity	 This year, Climate Action Week is scheduled nationally from 13th-19th October 2025 and the DCC Climate Action Unit are currently compiling an outline schedule of events. The Climate Action Unit are also reaching out to local climate action contacts for Expressions of Interest in hosting an event, that supports one or more of the following themes: • Biodiversity • Grow Your Own • Energy • Sustainable Travel • Circular Economy eg. Repair & Reuse Events can be registered and uploaded directly on a national Climate Action Week website at https://climateactionweek.ie/.
Contact Person	Fiona Kelly, Community Climate Action Officer fionakelly@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	Community Climate Action Fund – Phase 2
Project Description/ Activity	The Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment have to confirm the launch date for Phase 2 of the Community Climate Action Fund which is expected in September / October 2025. The Community Climate Action Fund is a government-funded scheme for communities and not-for-profit organisations to complete local projects and initiatives that help address climate change. The funding will support small (up to €20,000), medium (€20,000-€50,000), and large-scale (€50,000-€100,000) community climate action projects in five key theme areas: 1. Community energy 2. Sustainable travel 3. Food and waste 4. Shopping and recycling, and 5. Local climate and environmental action Details of the fund will be advertised widely with the PPN, local press and radio, social media and on the DCC website once announced.
Contact Person	Fiona Kelly, Community Climate Action Officer fionakelly@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	Inishowen Is Ours – PEACEPLUS Programme
Project Description/ Activity	As part of the Inishowen Is Ours PEACEPLUS programme, IDP organised a study visit to Rathlin Island on 22nd July to bring together stakeholders from across the region committed to addressing climate change, environmental sustainability and community development. The Community Climate Action Officer attended the study visit which covered an overview of the Future Island-Island project, a forward-thinking initiative exploring how island communities can adapt, sustain and thrive in the face of climate and economic challenges and will also included community-led circular economy and environmental initiatives on the island. 
Contact Person	Fiona Kelly, Community Climate Action Officer fionakelly@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	Launch of the People's Transition for Carndonagh Action Plan
Project Description/ Activity	Following in-depth community consultation, research and development, TASC (Think-tank for Action on Social change) in collaboration with IDP, ECO Carn network, Donegal County Council Climate Action Team and the Carndonagh community have created The People's Transition Plan for Carndonagh. The plan incorporates actions under three key themes, which will support Carndonagh and its people through the Green Transition ahead. The launch event took place on Friday the 15th August at The Daisy, Barrack Hill Town Park, Carndonagh. The event attendees got the opportunity to participate with activities linked to the 'Edible Neighbourhood' action within the plan (including seed saving, propagation, seedling collection and planting). Suzanne Bogan Climate Action Officer presented on the Council's Climate Action Plan and the Carndonagh Decarbonising Zone. She spoke about how beneficial it was to work together in developing The People's Transition Plan for Carndonagh and developing the climate actions for the Decarbonising Zone and how both pieces complemented each other.
Contact Person	Suzanne Bogan, Climate Action Officer sbogan@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	EU Pathways 2 Resilience Project
Project Description/ Activity	The EU Pathways 2 Resilience Project Team will be hosting an event on 24th September for Elected Members, Stakeholders and the Public. Further details will be issued soon, please note the date for now.
Contact Person	Lorraine Arbuckle Climate Action Coordinator larbuckle@donegalcoco.ie

Flood Relief Scheme (FRS) Unit

BURNFOOT FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

Briefing Note 16 – September 2025

Progress Summary

RPS have submitted the Final Reporting for Stage I of the scheme to the Steering Group. This will be uploaded to the project website in September 2025.

The Scheme Planning drawings and CPO documents are now complete and have been sent for independent legal review. This includes the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) which has been updated to reflect changes in the planning drawings and any changes in legislation and policy.

DCC have appointed a land valuer to assist in negotiations with landowners.

Next Steps

The Project Team are awaiting the outcome of the legal review. Once comments are received RPS will address these before finalising the submission to An Coimisiún Pleanála. Ahead of submission a Public Information Session will be held followed by presentation of the scheme to Donegal County Council.

Projected Key Milestone Dates

- Public Information Session Consultation – September/October 2025
- Presentation of the Scheme to Council – October 2025
- Submit to An Coimisiún Pleanála – October 2025

Buncrana Flood Relief Scheme–Briefing Note No.14

[1] Progress Summary

Ayesa is continuing to work on the hydraulic model build to ensure it accurately replicates flood conditions. The outputs of the model results will be used to identify and assess flood relief measures. The hydraulic model will be used to predict future flood events, how they would impact properties and to assess the effectiveness of flood relief measures.

[1.1] Engineering Surveys and Site Investigations

Additional CCTV and land and property surveys have been undertaken. This information is being used to check the model against previous flood events and to verify the condition of culverts and damage that could occur from flooding events.

Ground Investigation works are proposed for early 2026 to help inform the options assessment and design of flood relief measures. This contract will go to tender over the coming months.

[1.2] Hydrology and Hydraulics

The Hydrology Report has been prepared, and work is ongoing to update the hydraulic model and report with additional survey information obtained in the last few months.

[1.3] Environmental Assessments

Once an Option is confirmed specialist environmental surveys such as noise & vibration, air quality and landscape & visual will be progressed.

A contract for the treatment of the invasive alien species, Himalayan balsam, was completed in June and July. Further treatment of invasive species, including Japanese Knotweed, is planned for early autumn 2025.

An Appropriate Assessment Screening and Archaeological Impact Assessment are being undertaken for the ground investigation contract.

[1.4] Optioneering

The options assessment is progressing with the identification of potential flood relief measures and screening of these to compile a short list of measures for more detailed assessment.

[1.5] Natural Water Retention Measures (NWRM)

Natural Water Retention Measures have been assessed, and these will be kept under review during the hydraulic modelling and options assessment stages.

[1.6] Stakeholder and Third-Party Communications

[1.6.1] Project Website

The project website is regularly updated. The May 2025 Newsletter is available on the project website. A further newsletter will be uploaded in September 2025.

[2] Next Steps

- **Hydraulic Modelling:** Update the model with land and property survey data and issue the revised Hydraulic Modelling Report to the Steering Group.
- **Environmental Assessment:** Continue with specialist surveys required by option development.
- **Engineering Surveys:** Review and integrate additional survey data.
- **Natural Water Retention Measures:** Finalise the report.
- **Option development:** Progress options development and ass



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Municipal District of Inishowen**

on

09th September 2025

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

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	• Mr. Liam Ward, Director of Service circulated a report on Wednesday 31st January 2024 outlining a roadmap with timelines to deliver the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan. • Mr. Liam Ward, Director of Service circulated an update to the Elected Members on Friday 9th August in relation to the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan. James Kelly, Senior Engineer and John Deeney, Executive Engineer will be available in the Carndonagh PSC Chamber on Friday 6th September from 9am to 4pm to discuss the project with property owners. • A workshop meeting is taken place with the Director of Service, Divisional Manager, Senior Executive Engineer, and Executive Engineer on Tuesday 3rd December at 11.30 am prior to the Inishowen Municipal District Meeting. • Workshop took place 03rd December 2024. As discussed, further updates will be made available in due course.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	We are working with the Design Team and Council's solicitors to put in place a plan to secure access to third party lands for survey purposes to allow the preparation of a planning application to An Coimisiún Pleanála.
Contact Person	James Kelly, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Mobile 087 2236923



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

	• A Memorandum of Understanding document is been signed highlighting the Council, OPW and Fáilte Irelands shared ambition to significantly enhance the visitor experience of Grianán of Aileach through the successful execution of the various site management actions highlighted within the Conservation Management Plan for the Grianán of Aileach and also contained within the Inishowen Peninsula Destination Experience Development Plan (DEDP). The document will serve as a basis to establish a workshop meeting date with the Elected Members, Fáilte Ireland, Council Officials and the OPW. • The Office of Public works is responsible for An Grianán of Aileach monument. Donegal County Council have agreed in principle to agree a Memorandum of Understanding with the OPW and Fáilte Ireland. • Donegal County Council are committed to working in collaboration with all Agencies & Stakeholders to meet the objectives of Fáilte Irelands Inishowen Peninsula Destination Experience Development Plan (DEDP) with the shared ambition to enhance the visitor experience in line with the successful execution of the various site management actions highlighted within the OPWs Conservation and Management Plan for the site. • Fáilte Ireland have appointed the services of a consultant to improve the Visitor Experience at An Grianán Of Aileach. Engagement with the Elected Members will take place in that regard. • The Sláintecare Community Development Officer and the Area Manager, Roads and Transportation continue to engage collaboratively on a Tri-agency approach with Fáilte Ireland and the OPW to form a sustainable management and visitor experience stakeholder group to meet the objectives of Fáilte Irelands Inishowen Peninsula Destination Experience Development Plan (DEDP) with the shared ambition to enhance the visitor experience, including signage, Interpretation and Orientation requirements, in line with the successful execution of the various site management actions highlighted within the OPWs Conservation and Management plan for An Grianán of Aileach. • Fáilte Ireland have appointed the services of Mirador Media consultants to improve the Visitor Experience at An Grianán of Aileach monument. • We continue to engage and collaborate with Fáilte Ireland to meet the objectives and shared ambition to enhance the visitor experience including signage, Interpretation and Orientation requirements. • Fáilte Ireland will provide more information on a draft Interpretative proposal by the consultants at the meeting with the Elected Members on Tuesday 25th February. • Fáilte Ireland recently presented a draft Interpretative proposal for An Grianán of Aileach to the Elected Members.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	An Grianán of Aileach Monument September 2025 update • An Grianan of Aileach is identified as an Action to be developed as a 'Hero Experience' within Fáilte Irelands 'Inishowen Destination and Visitor Experience Development Plan' to Review elements of the visitor experience, including signage and Interpretative requirements https://www.failteireland.ie/FailteIreland/media/WebsiteStructure/Documents/Wild%20Atlantic%20Way/inishowen-experience-development-plan-summary.pdf

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



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



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Activity / Project Title	Buncrana School Campus
Project Description/Activity	Assisting the Department of Education & Skills in identifying a suitable site in the Buncrana Environs to accommodate a three-school campus ideally measuring between 15 – 20 acres.
Budget (if applicable)	As per Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Education & Skills and CCMA.
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	Work has been on-going over the past few years and Donegal County Council are currently reviewing additional sites in Buncrana environs on behalf of the Department of Education and skills. Given the sensitive nature of such discussions, in relation to land acquisition, it has been agreed with the Department of Education and Skills that any further requests for updates or progress reports would be handled directly by the Department. • Donegal County Council are working on behalf of the Department of Education and Skills in securing the preferred identified site for the Buncrana School Campus. • The Compulsory Purchase Order process was instigated on the 4th December 2020. Public notices were published in the local newspapers. • Copies of the Public Notice and maps relating to the CPO was available for inspection at the Public Services Centre in Carndonagh, the Buncrana office and DCC headquarters in Lifford. • The 'Notice to Treat' was issued in December 2021 to the parties with an interest in the site proposed for the Buncrana School Campus. • It is intended that the 'Notice to Enter' will be issued at the end of January. This will allow the Department of Education & Skills access to the land to carry out surveys, site investigations, etc. • Work is ongoing to progress the acquisition of the land
	Donegal County Council continue to assist The Department of Education and Skills with the technical elements of the project and this work is on-going. • The CPO is concluded. • An Arbitrator has been appointed to determine the compensation due to the parties with an interest in the land. • DCC and the Department of Education are currently preparing for the arbitration hearing and are awaiting a date for same. • The Department of Education have commenced works on progressing the delivery of the school Campus design.
Contact person	Eamon Boyle, Executive Engineer, Tel: 087 1788623 Email: eamonb@donegalcoco.ie



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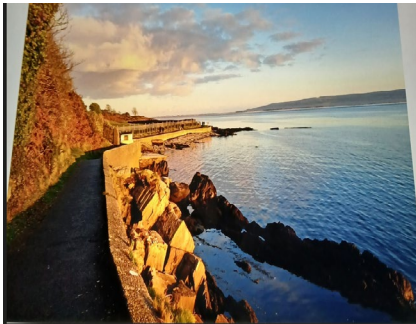
Jetty – Bunagee, Culdaff (ORIS)

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



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Moville Shore Path - ORIS

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

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	• The initial phase of construction, installing the concrete footpaths, steps and handrails is now complete. • The conservation report on the Liam McCormack Shelter Houses is complete • The remaining works tender is currently on the etenders platform. • The Tender process is completed, and contractor is appointed
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly reporting period	• This work is now almost fully completed with all works to be fully completed by October 2025
Contact Person	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer T: 087 6202947 E: bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie



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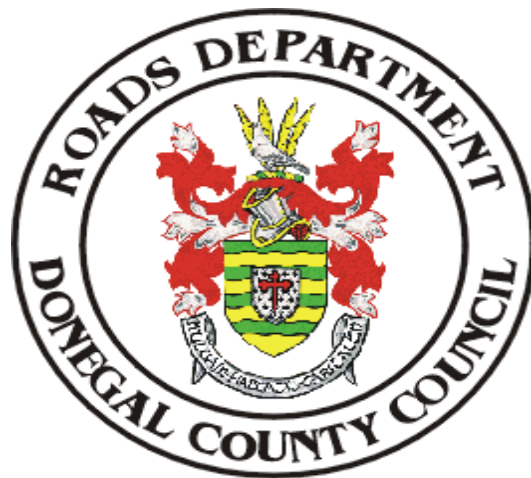
Activity / Project Title	<u>Culdaff FC CLAR Measure 1 2024</u>
CARPARK SURFACING	• Initial meetings with the Group • Provisional letter of offer to be issued in February 2025. • Project currently out for tender • Tenders have been returned and are currently being evaluated. The project is due to be completed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

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



Activity / Project Title	Walks, Paths and Trails
Project Description/Activity	Maintenance, Development and Promotion of Walks & Trails in Inishowen
Budget <i>(if applicable)</i>	
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status	Inishowen Head The Sport Ireland inspection was completed in September with a number of items to be addressed mainly in relation to drainage and surfacing works. A Copy of the report is available on request. Malin Head/Bamba Pathway/walk <u>NOTE this trail is no longer on the trails register until items have been resolved.</u> Safety Signs have been installed on the site on behalf of the Council to alert users of risks ahead on this trail. Leenan Loop Scheduled for inspection in September. ORIS 2023 M1 Working with colleagues in the Tourism Office of the Economic Development Division, a team of consultants have been appointed to develop video footage to market and promote trails and paths across the County progress the project. This film crew are currently working on a number of promotional videos throughout the county the detail of which is now in the final stages of editing. A DRAFT of the video will be shared with Members in advance of issue. <u>ORIS 2024 applications</u> All three of the IDP projects are now complete. <u>Butlers Glen Trail:</u> The works are complete, progressing to formal sign off in due process.
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
Project Targets for the next reporting period	Meet with Development officer regarding School Rodding Glennagannon
Contact Person	Darryl Connor (Outdoor Recreation & Maintenance Officer) dconnor@donegalcoco.ie

ROADS & TRANSPORTATION UPDATE



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Adopted Restoration Improvement Programme 2025

RSS	Engineer	Road Class	Road Name	Works Type	Length or work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	LP	Upper rd Stroove	SR	2,800	Complete	Complete	Awaiting Surface dressing train W/Mtn
Moville	Inish North	LP	Crockanonion # 2	RR	1,300	Complete	Complete	Contract June / July / August
Moville	Inish North	R	Carrowmore to Gleneely	SR	1,100	Complete	Complete	Contract June / July / August
Moville	Inish North	LP	Terryone #2	SR	1,500	Complete	Complete	Contract June / July / August
Moville	Inish North	LS	Bootagh / Drumagasson	RR	876	Complete	Complete	Direct Labour
Moville	Inish North	LP	Drung Hill	SR	1,000	Complete	Complete	Direct Labour
Moville	Inish North	LP	Kinnego Rd	SR	1,600	Complete	Complete	Contract June / July / August
Moville	Inish North	LS	Crawford Sq Moville	SR	250	2025	2025	Contract June / July / August
Moville	Inish North	R	Drumlee Gleneely*	SR	600	2025	2025	Contract June / July / August
Moville Total 2024					11,226			
Carn	Inish North	LP	Ulbelreagh Phase 2	RR	1,600	Complete	Complete	
Carn	Inish North	R	Glentogher Section 1	RR	508	2025	2025	Contract Sept - Oct
Carn	Inish North	R	Glentogher Section 2	RR	368	2025	2025	Contract Sept - Oct
Carn	Inish North	LP	Crossconnell/Dunaff	SR	1,500	Complete	Complete	
Carn	Inish North	LP	Leenan to Mamore	SR	1,390	Complete	Complete	
Carn	Inish North	R	Lagg Road	SR	1,315	Complete	Complete	
Carn	Inish North	LS	Coolcross	RR	1,000	Complete	Complete	
Carn	Inish North	R	Rasheeney	SR	1,300	2025	2025	
Carn	Inish North	R	Malin Bridge*	SR	100	2025	2025	
Carn Total 2024					9,581			
Buncrana	Inish South	R	Lisfannon Duffys	RR	400	2025	2025	
Buncrana	Inish South	R	Cockhill Road	RR	900	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	LP	Dunree Road Section No.1	RR	1,100	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	LP	Green Road Tullydish	SR	1,200	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	LP	Griana's Gap Section No.1	SR	1,700	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	LS	Beylett	SR	800	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	LP	Cahir O' Doherty	SR	354	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	R	Fahan Lookout*	SR	600	2025	2025	Whitemountain September
Buncrana Total 2024					7,054			
Newtown	Inish South	R	Killea Reg	RR	1,350	2025	2025	Starts end of August
Newtown	Inish South	LP	Toulett Section No.1	RR	800	2025	2025	Start early Sept
Newtown	Inish South	R	Carrigans to Derry Border*	SR	750	Complete	Complete	Starts in July
Newtown	Inish South	LS	Sallybrooke	SR	705	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	LS	Ballymoney	SR	1,100	2025	2025	Starts early Sept
Newtown	Inish South	LS	Green Road Burt	SR	818	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	LS	Ardee Road Newtown	SR	1,381	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	LS	Aileach Valley	SR	125	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	LP	Toulett Section No. 2*	SR	585	2025	2025	Contract early sept
Newtown Total 2024					7,614			
IMD TOTAL								

Adopted Restoration Maintenance Programme 2025

RSS	Engineer	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name	Works Type	Length or work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	L	L-1371	Ballybrack Upper	SD	1,500	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	L	L-6431	Carnagarve Hill Road	SD	1,510	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	L	L-1131	Culdaff Glebe	SD	2,310	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	L	L-11111	Carthage	SD	1,550	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	L	L-5931	Glackadrummon	SD	1,600	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	L	L-5921	Redford Glebe	SD	600	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	L	L-12615	Freehold	SD	2,150	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	L	L-6271	Ballyargus	SD	1,400	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	R	R-241	Lower Road Greencastle	SD	1530	Complete	Complete	
Moville Total						14,150			
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L1272-1	Magherard/Hillhead	SD	1,500	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-5171-1	Meeting House to Ballagh	SD	2,400	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-5171-1	Clorney to Quarry Road	SD	350	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-5761-1	Hollymount	SD	2,165	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-5031-1	Moss Road Malin Head	SD	986	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-10113-0	Ardmalin	SD	1,300	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-10414-0	Tully	SD	1,100	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-10711/L-5141-1	Ballanahona	SD	1,480	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L-1511-1	Tullagh Road	SD	2,500	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LT	L-6841-1	Roosky	SD	900	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LT	L-52311-0	Magheranaul	SD	647	2025	2025	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L-1091-3	Isle road	SD	1,000	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L-1171-2	Altashane	SD	1,240	2025	2025	
Carndonagh Total						16,328			
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	R	238-18	Minduff Section No.1	SD	1,038	2025	2025	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	LP	L1731-1 to L1731-6	Meena Hanish	SD	3,400	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	LP	1841-2	Moss Cottages Inch	SD	1,600	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	LP	1841-4	Watery Road Inch	SD	1,000	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	LS	L6211-1	White Castle School Road	SD	1,252	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	LT	16911-3	Meenaward	SD	2,300	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	LT	68712-2	Owenark	SD	1,374	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	LT	68712-3	Glassmullan	SD	1,100	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural Total						13,064			
Newtown	Inish South	R	265-8	Redbridge	SD	750	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	R	265-7	Monreagh	SD	680	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	LP	1811-1	Glackmore	SD	920	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	LP	1911-2	Drunskellan	SD	1,160	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	LP	2021-2	Adee to polock	SD	1,620	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	LS	5014-2	Dunduff	SD	1,400	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	LS	8241-1	Bohuillion	SD	946	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	LS	8421-1	Garshooey	SD	1,400	Complete	Complete	
Newtown Total						8,876			
IMD TOTAL						52,418			

Adopted Drainage Provision Programme 2024

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

Low Cost Safety Programme 2025

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

Bridge Strengthening Programme 2025

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

Adopted CIS Programme 2025

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

Proposed Policy for adoption

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

In consideration of the fact that Swan Park is one of the Jewels of Buncrana with significant investment over recent years, it needs to be protected. Buncrana Roads recommends the adoption of a policy for rental of Swan Park.

I attach a draft policy for Swan Park, which proposes to introduce daily rates and payment of bond. These rates are in line with the current charges for Buncrana Shorefront Music festival at €150 per operational day.

This Policy outlines the terms and conditions of use, and insurance levels recommended by IPB. It is proposed that all funding generated would be directed back to the Open Spaces team for maintenance within the park.

The Elected Members are asked to consider this policy for adoption.

Buncrana Area Roads have received a request for the use of Swan Park for the Buncrana Christmas Market 2025. The event Operator has requested a significant time slot this year from the 26th of November to the 18th of December 2025.

The Elected Members are asked to consider this request.

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

Council Lands located at the Swan Park Buncrana may be leased to private parties for events subject to the following conditions.

Insurances

The Event Holder shall provide evidence of sufficient Insurance, which shall include Public Liability Insurance (Min €6,500,000), Employers Liability Insurance (where applicable €13,000,000) and Product Liability Insurance (where applicable). The Event Holder insurances shall be submitted to Donegal County Council at least 10 working days prior to the proposed start date of the lease agreement. The Event Holders Insurance shall include a specific indemnity for Donegal County Council in respect of this site, against all/any possible claims which may arise during the period of the lease. The event holder shall acknowledge that Donegal County Council accepts no responsibility for any theft, loss or damage caused by any other party within the site during the period of this lease.

Schedule of Rates

- Daily rate of € 150 per day (Minimum fee € 500)
- Minimum lease period 1 day*
- Maximum Lease Period 10 days**

** Leasee/ Event holder shall not be subject to daily rate for first 3 days of mobilisation/setup & last 3 days of demobilisation of event holder assets on council grounds.*

*** Lease Periods in excess of 10 days will be subject to approval by elected members in advance to the nearest Inishowen Municipal District meeting forum.*

Provision of Bond

The Event Holder shall pay a minimum Bond of € 1,000.00 (*One Thousand Euro only*), which shall be paid to Donegal County Council, 1 week in advance of the proposed start date of the lease agreement. Subject to inspection of the site by Donegal County Council staff at the end of the lease period, this bond shall be refundable to the Event Holder less the cost of water charges, and/or cleanup costs and/or damage to Council assets over the period of the specified lease.

Traffic Management

The event holder shall provide suitable trained staff to direct their patrons to designated parking within the Public Carparks located in this area. The event holder shall formulate an agreed traffic management plan to Donegal County Council for consideration and approval. The event holder shall also be obliged to consult directly with An Gardai Siochana regarding traffic management.

Crowd Management

The event holder shall provide suitable trained staff to direct their patron to suitable footpaths which shall be safe and fully accessible.

Waste Management

The event holder shall be responsible for the cleanup of all waste associated with the event and dispose of all waste using a suitable licensed waste provider.

Event Advertising

The event Holder shall agree with Donegal County Council in advance; type, size & number of advertising signage to be erected prior to event. The event Holder shall remove all signage on the day of the last show. All events advertising signage must be in accordance with the Policy on Unauthorised Advertisement Signs on Public Roads.

Event restrictions

Donegal County Council reserves that right to refuse any other event of similar type or nature from occupying this site for a period of 4 weeks prior to the start date of an agreed lease period.

Subject to Contract

The rental agreement shall be signed by the Event Holder before access to the lands are authorised.



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HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

Municipal District of Inishowen

09th September 2025

Corporate Services

- **Consider date for Inishowen Budget 2026 Workshop**
–Proposed date: Thursday 02nd October at 10:00am
- **Consider date for Budget 2026 Meeting –**
Proposed date: Tuesday 21st October at 12:00pm

Housing Service

- Progress Reports
- Approval of Estate Name at Ballyhaskey, Newtowncunningham

Proposed for Adoption at Inishowen Municipal District Meeting 09th September 2025

Approval of Estate Name at Ballyhaskey, Newtowncunningham

The Housing Authority for the Inishowen Municipal District is seeking an agreement from elected members for the naming of the proposed development of 40 social housing units at Ballyhaskey, Newtowncunningham.

The proposed name is Garrán Glas.

The proposed development is on flat, fertile, open farming land. Garrán meaning grove, a reference to where trees once grew and now referring to the fertile fields. Glas meaning green, referring to the green fertile lands of the area, the natural greens of the landscape. The name subtly honours the land's farming heritage and future residential use.

The Elected members are asked to consider this proposal.

Summary of Casual Vacancies Inishowen MD as 09 th September 2025	
Properties Refurbished and at Offer Stage	3
Properties being refurbished	5
Properties to be refurbished	3

Summary of DCC Housing Offers and Tenancies

Offers issued from 01/01/2025	Offers refused from 01/01/2025	Tenancies created from 01/01/2025
44	15	29

Summary of DCC Nominations to AHBs

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

Inishowen MD Housing Waiting List	
Gross Number of Approved Applicants on Social Housing Waiting List	701
Applicants currently accommodated with HAP assistance but who have remained on the Council Social Housing list	400
Tenants currently accommodated in Council Social Housing and who are approved for a Transfer	52
Net Social Housing Waiting List	249

Gross Need - by approved bedrooms – September 2025

Municipal District		1	2	3	4	5	Total
Inishowen	Ballyliffin	0	6	4	2	0	12
	Bridgend	2	15	6	1	0	24
	Buncrana	18	175	69	16	0	278
	Burnfoot	1	5	5	0	0	11
	Burt	1	4	2	0	0	7
	Carndonagh	15	74	50	5	0	144
	Carrigans	2	8	5	0	0	15
	Clonmany	0	10	11	1	0	22
	Culdaff	0	8	5	0	0	13
	Fahan	1	2	0	0	0	3
	Gleneely	0	6	5	0	0	11
	Glengad	0	3	1	0	0	4
	Greencastle	3	10	5	0	0	18
	Inch	0	0	1	0	0	1
	Killea	0	4	2	1	0	7
	Malin	1	5	10	0	0	16
	Malin Head	0	1	1	0	0	2
	Moville	8	17	13	1	0	39
	Muff	5	17	9	1	0	32
	Newtowncunningham	3	26	7	1	1	38
	Redcastle	1	1	2	0	0	4
Total		61	397	213	29	1	701

Housing Grants Report at 2nd September 2025

Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2023	79	56	4	13	6	0
2024	79	73	2	1	2	1
2025	60	24	1	8	19	8

Mobility Aids Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2023	41	28	0	12	1	0
2024	23	16	0	5	1	1
2025	5	3	0	2	0	0

Housing Aid for Older People Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2023	175	159	7	9	0	0
2024	222	199	5	12	4	2
2025	171	88	2	14	12	55

Housing Capital Update Report Inishowen Municipal District Meeting

09th September 2025

1. Social Housing Developments – Construction Schemes

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

Location	Status	No. of Units
Construction Stage		
Rockytown, Phase 2	Contractor appointed in December 2024 with construction period of 24months. • Site establishment works completed • Eastern and western boundary retaining wall complete. Internal retaining wall structures are ongoing. • Foundations excavated and mud mat installed to 30 no units. • Foundation pours complete to 12 no units. • RC substructures complete to 8 no units. • RC boundary walls complete. • Trunk sewer and storm 70% complete • All excavated peat removed of site	54
Detailed Design / Tender Stage		
Barrack Hill, Carndonagh	All dwellings are at subfloor level, and timber frame kits for fourteen houses have been erected. Roofing works are complete for 13 units, while mechanical and electrical 1 st and 2 nd fix have started on 12 units. Mainline drainage and watermains are 90% complete.	21
Carn Road, Gleneely	All dwellings are now at finished floor level. Retaining walls, mainline drainage, and road construction are 90% complete. Timber frame kits are scheduled for delivery in mid-September.	10
Malin, Radharc na Tra Breige, (Ph 4)	All Timber Frame kits are now erected. Blockwork is complete for three units. Mechanical and electrical 1 st fix to commence mid-September. Mainline drainage is 80% complete while construction of the estate road is underway.	9
SI at Kinnea, Clonmany	Contractor commenced on 30 th June 2025. Foundations and blockwork have commenced on site.	1
SI at Ballyliffin	Contractor commenced on 30 th June 2025. Foundations and blockwork have commenced on site. Wastewater treatment system works have commenced.	1
SI at Dunaff, Clonmany	Contractor appointed on 14 th July and due to commence on August 14 th , 2025. Site set up and stripping works commenced on August 18 th .	1
Ballyhaskey, Newtowncunningham	Archaeological surveys have been completed, and minor additional excavations are required. Tender documents for the design and build project were issued on 27 th August and are due to return at end of October. A proposed name for the scheme is to be formally adopted to progress the utility applications.	40
Total		137

2. House Acquisitions & SHIP Renewal

- 2.1 The Council has completed on the acquisition of the former Garda Station at Malin and is now undertaking improvement works to the property which will take approximately 7 months. Internal demolition works are now completed. An extension of the property is being constructed to provide 2 no. dwellings. The completion date for this project remains the end of October 2025.
- 2.2 The Council is also progressing the acquisitions of 2 properties at Moville. These adjacent properties will require significant improvement works, following completion of the contract stage. Departmental funding approval has been received for this project. The properties are at conveyancing stage.

4. Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition

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

The process has been opened to help address social housing needs across the county. Proposals are being accepted for 1, 2, 3 & 4 bedroom housing units in towns or villages throughout the county, on lands suitable for housing purposes.

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

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

5. Lands / Property for Social Housing Purposes

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

In parallel with the programmes outlined above, the Council is actively pursuing the acquisition of lands suitable for housing purposes, in towns and villages where there is currently not a social housing solution available / shortfall. In addition to the current expression of interest advertisement on the Councils' website for parcels of land, derelict sites / buildings with the potential to deliver social housing, the Council is also separately identifying parcels of land with social housing potential in areas of need.

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

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

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