

Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain

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Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain ar siúl Dé Mháirt 20ú Bealtaine 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 Clár an Cruinnithe le seo.

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**Una Cresswell
Riathóir Cruinnithe**

Municipal District of Inishowen

Office of Meetings Administrator
County House
Lifford
14th May 2025

NOTICE OF MEETING

A Meeting of the Municipal District of Inishowen will be held on Tuesday 20th May 2025
at 1.00p.m. in the Public Services Centre, Carndonagh, 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 February Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District held on 08th April 2025
2. Planning
3. Community Development
4. Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services
5. Environment
6. Roads & Transportation
7. Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services
8. Correspondence

MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 08TH APRIL 2025 AT 1.00 PM IN CARNDONAGH PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE

Councillors Present

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

Officials Present

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

The meeting was opened by the Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jack Murray who welcomed all to the meeting.

On the proposal of Cllr Terry Crossan, seconded by Cllr Martin McDermott, it was agreed that the Inishowen Municipal District Meeting be adjourned to 1.15 pm.

25.19 Consideration of the Minutes of the Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District held on 25th February 2025

On the proposal of Cllr Fionán Bradley, seconded by Cllr Ali Farren, the minutes of the Inishowen Municipal Meeting held on 25th February 2025 were agreed.

25.20 Inishowen Municipal District Meeting

Cllr Jack Murray requested that the media be allowed to attend the Inishowen Municipal District Meetings in person going forward rather than online due to the sound quality. He reiterated his request to have the sound system upgrading for the meetings.

Una Cresswell, Area Manager, Housing & Corporate Services advised members that due to lack of space within the meeting room, it would be difficult to facilitate the media and maintain the hybrid model.

Cllr Martin Farren requested that the Council Chamber in the Public Service Centre be upgraded. Bryan Cannon, Director of Service Roads & Transportation advised the meeting that the Council Chamber is a multi-functional room which would need to be considered during any potential upgrade. Cllr Martin McDermott suggested that the Inishowen Municipal District Meetings could be held in a different room within the Public Service Centre which potentially could be more suitable. Cllr Paul Canning concurred with this request.

25.21 PLANNING

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

25.21.01 Moville Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan

Ryan Nolan advised the members that the Draft Moville Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan is currently at public consultation stage from 20th March to 16th April 2025. The public are invited to have their say and details are currently available on the Council's website. Cllr Martin Farren urged the public to give their feedback prior to 16th April 2025.

25.21.02 Taking in Charge of Private Residential Estates

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

- 1 Elm Park, Ballymagan, Buncrana
- 2 Ras An Mhuillinn, Carrigans

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

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

Elm Park, Ballymagan, Buncrana

On the proposal of Cllr Fionán Bradley seconded by Cllr Jack Murray, it was resolved that the Council make an order in accordance with Section 207 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) for the creation of a public right of way over the estate roads within the housing estate Elm Park, Ballymagan, Buncrana as set out in the maps in the report, to enable it to proceed with the taking in charge of the estates.

On the proposal of Cllr Fionán Bradley seconded by Cllr Jack Murray, it was resolved that the Council make an order in accordance with Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act, 1993 to declare the estate roads within the housing estate Elm Park, Ballymagan, Buncrana 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.

Ras Na Mhuillinn, Carrigans

On the proposal of Cllr Terry Crossan seconded by Cllr Paul Canning, it was resolved that the Council make an order in accordance with Section 207 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) for the creation of a public right of way over the estate roads within the housing estate Ras Na Mhuillinn, Carrigans as set out in the maps in the report, to enable it to proceed with the taking in charge of the estates.

On the proposal of Cllr Terry Crossan seconded by Cllr Paul Canning, it was resolved that the Council make an order in accordance with Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act, 1993 to declare the estate roads within the housing estate Ras Na Mhuillinn, Carrigans 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.

25.21.03 Planning Applications

Ryan Nolan advised members that Donegal County Council are currently ranked first in Ireland for receiving 95% of planning applications through the E-Planning portal. He expressed his gratitude to agents in utilising this service. Cllr Paul Canning agreed that the system was working well.

25.21.04 Croi Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme

Cllr Fionán Bradley referred to the summary of the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Applications as outlined in the Planning report and queried the reasons why 157 applications were withdrawn (by applicants). Ryan Nolan agreed to follow up on this matter.

25.21.05 National Parks and Wildlife

Cllr Martin McDermott requested an update in relation to his previous request that a meeting be held with National Parks and Wildlife. Ryan Nolan agreed to follow up.

25.22 ENVIRONMENT

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

- **Waste** – Donegal County Council will run a Public Service Announcement (PSA) on local radio in April.
- **National Meeting on Solid Fuels** – Donegal County Council hosted a national meeting on the Solid Fuels Implementation Group on Wednesday 02nd April 2025 in Jackson's Hotel, Ballybofey.
- **Tourism Connect Event** – The Climate Action Unit hosted an information stand at the inaugural 'Tourism Connect Event' held in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny on Wednesday 05th March.

25.22.01 Community Clean Up

Cllr Terry Crossan thanked Pearse McCrory, Litter Warden for his ongoing support during a recent community clean up in the area. Cllr Terry Crossan also thanked all the various community groups and clubs for their participation and support during the clean up.

Cllr Martin Farren concurred with these comments and advised that the community clean up will take place in Moville on Saturday 26th April.

Cllr Paul Canning requested an update regarding funding streams for Tidy Towns. Cllr Matthew Byrne advised that there is now one application form for grant funding.

25.22.02 Aquaculture

Cllr Terry Crossan raised concerns around residual pollution at the Foyle which is caused by aquaculture and asked the Environment Section to investigate this issue and try and find a way to resolve the matter. He advised that this is an environmentally protected area and was important for bird migration.

25.22.03 Lifeguards

Cllr Martin Farren requested an update on when lifeguards will be in place at Blue Flag beaches. Matthew Byrne agreed to circulate this information to members.

25.22.04 Waste Collectors

Cllr Martin McDermott advised the meeting that a number of residents have to leave their refuse bins at certain locations in order for them to be collected by a waste collector. He referred to people living within a housing estate having to leave their bins at one location which is causing difficulties for some residents. He queried if there was a change in policy in relation to bin collection. Matthew Byrne advised members that the Council was not involved in this issue.

25.22.05 Gransha Dam, Buncrana

Cllr Joy Beard reiterated her previous request that appropriate funding be sought to address concerns about the structural integrity of Gransha Dam, Buncrana as a matter of urgency. Cllr Terry Crossan concurred with this request.

25.22.06 Coastal Erosion

Cllr Joy Beard outlined concerns regarding coastal erosion and safeguarding coastal infrastructure. She advised the meeting that she has previously received correspondence from the Council advising her that the OPW held relevant data in relation to coastal erosion. She requested that the Council follow up with OPW in obtaining this data. Matthew Byrne agreed to follow up.

25.22.07 Electric Vehicle Charging Points

Cllr Ali Farren advised that there are seventy-three thousand electric car owners currently in Ireland and requested that additional electric vehicle charging points be installed throughout Inishowen prior to the upcoming tourist season.

25.22.08 Sand Dunes

Cllr Albert Doherty advised the meeting that St Patricks Boys School are currently carrying out a project in relation to sand dunes and requested that the school be given the opportunity to present the findings of the project to Donegal County Council. Matthew Byrne agreed to follow up.

25.22.09 Dog Fouling

Cllr Jack Murray advised that there is an issue with dog fouling at Father Hegarty's Rock and stated that dogs were not being kept on a leash. He requested that the Dog Warden should have a presence in the area. Matthew Byrne agreed to follow up on this.

25.22.10 Flood Relief Scheme

Cllr Jack Murray referred to a recent Parliamentary Question raised by Deputy Pádraig MacLochlainn in relation to the Burnfoot Flood Relief Scheme. He advised members that Minister Kevin Boxer Moran has agreed to meet with the local community and Donegal County Council. Cllr Jack Murray requested that that this matter be followed up and a date arranged. Cllr Paul Canning concurred with this request.

25.22.11 Infestation

Cllr Paul Canning raised concerns about a fly infestation in the parish of Burt.

25.23 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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

25.23.01 Barrack Hill Town Park

Following a query raised by Cllr Albert Doherty at the previous Municipal District Meeting, Helen Farren advised that works are currently underway to resolve the issues with public lighting at Barrack Hill.

25.23.02 Development Fund Initiative 2025

Following on from discussions at the Community Development Workshop held on Tuesday 08th April 2025, it was proposed by Cllr Martin Farren and seconded by Cllr Terry Crossan that the 2025 Inishowen Municipal Development Fund Initiative, total being €225,000 be allocated to the various groups as listed in the schedule below.

Applicant/Group	Amount
Donegal Boxing Board	€ 200
Donegal Hospice CLG	€ 500
SULT Féile Cuideachta faoi Theorainn Ráthaíochta	€ 1,500
Artlink CLG	€ 2,500
Ballyliffin Tidy Towns Committee	€ 2,500
Barrack Hill Town Park Carndonagh Community Food Project.	€ 3,000
Buncrana Anglers Association	€ 3,300
Buncrana Christmas Lights Committee	€ 2,750
Buncrana GAA	€ 2,550
Buncrana Golf Club	€ 2,550
Buncrana Gun Club	€ 2,500
Buncrana Hearts FC	€ 2,500
Buncrana Hearts FC	€ 2,500
Buncrana St Patrick's Day Committee	€ 3,350
Buncrana Tidy Towns Committee	€ 3,500
Burt GAA Club	€ 2,500
Carndonagh Christmas Tree Committee	€ 4,850
Carndonagh Football Club	€ 4,800
Carndonagh Ladies Club.	€ 2,500
Carrowmenagh Community Centre Ltd CLG	€ 2,500
Ceolan Community Group CLG,	€ 2,500
Clonmany Shamrocks FC	€ 2,500
Cockhill Celtic Youth Club	€ 2,500
Colgan Community & Resource Centre Ltd.	€ 3,000

Culdaff Football Club	€ 2,500
Desertegney Youth Club incorporating Dunree Football Club	€ 2,550
Disappear Here Media	€ 2,500
Fort Dunree Military Museum CLG	€ 2,900
Glen Residents Group	€ 2,500
Glengad Community Association	€ 2,500
Glengad Football Club	€ 7,000
Go Visit Inishowen (Formally Explore Inishowen)	€ 2,900
Greencastle Community Development CLG	€ 2,500
Illies Community Development Association	€ 2,500
Illies Golden Gloves Boxing Club	€ 2,500
Indoor Street Ltd	€ 3,850
Inishowen Agricultural Show	€ 2,500
Inishowen Bee Keepers Association	€ 3,000
Inishowen Children's Autism Related Education CLG	€ 3,000
Inishowen Horseshoe Club	€ 2,500
Inishowen Maritime Heritage CLG	€ 2,500
Inishowen Rugby Club	€ 2,500
Inishowen Vintage Club	€ 2,500
Insight Inishowen	€ 2,900
Killea Community Park and Hub	€ 10,000
LIFELINE (Inishowen)	€ 2,500
Malin GAA Club	€ 3,000
Malin Head Community association ltd	€ 2,500
Moville and District Family Resource Centre	€ 2,500
Moville Celtic	€ 2,500
Moville Community Complex Development Company	€ 2,500
Moville Men's Shed	€ 3,000
Moville St Patrick's Day Parade Committee	€ 2,500
Muff Community First Responders Group	€ 5,000
Muff Féile	€ 5,000
Naomh Pádraig GAA Club Uisce Chaoín	€ 10,000
Newtowncunningham Community Focus Group	€ 15,000
Notorious Events Limited T/A Buncrana Christmas Market	€ 2,550
Parents Gaelscoil Buncrancha	€ 2,500
Quigleys Point Swifts FC	€ 3,000
Redcastle Community Development	€ 5,000
Scoil Íosagáin	€ 3,500
Scoil Treasa Naofa	€ 2,500
Sea Rovers FC	€ 2,500
Sliabh Sneacht Centre Ltd	€ 3,700
St Mura's NS, Tooban	€ 2,550

The Mill River Conservation Group	€ 2,700
Tiernasligo N.S.	€ 4,000
Ulster Canada Initiative	€ 3,050
	€ 225,000

25.23.03 Friar Hegarty/Buncrana Coastal Walk Enhancement

The members collectively acknowledged the success of the official opening of the Friar Hegarty shore Walk and Public Artwork project on Friday 04th April 2025. Cllr Jack Murray requested that a letter of appreciation be sent to Fiona Doherty, Community Development, on behalf of the members of the Inishowen Municipal District outlining their appreciation on the delivery of this project. Cllr Jack Murray requested that a letter also be sent to Rev Francis Bradley in appreciation of all his assistance in the preparation of this event.

25.23.04 Active Inishowen Initiative

Cllr Albert Doherty acknowledged the recent launch of Active Inishowen Initiative at the Sliabh Sneacht Centre, Drumfries, Buncrana where Deputy Charlie McConalogue was in attendance. He thanked Helen Farren, Development Officer, Community Development for representing Donegal County Council at the event.

25.23.05 Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2025

Helen Farren advised members that the closing date for receipt of Expressions of Interest for the Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2025 is 12 noon on Wednesday 21st May 2025.

25.23.06 Clár 2025

Helen Farren advised members that the Clár Programme for 2025 will be open imminently for applications. Cllr Albert Doherty acknowledged the recent announcement that there is an ongoing review of the Clár eligibility where it is hoped to expand areas eligible under the programme in 2026. Cllr Albert Doherty requested the urgent inclusion of additional areas to the Clár Programme for 2025 and asked that a letter issue to Minister Dara Calleary, Minister for Rural and Community Development in relation to this matter.

25.23.07 Muff Community Groups

Cllr Terry Crossan thanked Helen Farren for her recent meeting with a number for community groups in Muff.

25.23.08 Moville Shore Path

Cllr Martin Farren requested an update on works at Moville Shore Path.

25.23.09 Public Convenience

Cllr Fionán Bradley requested that funding options be explored to try and provide adequate toilet/shower facilities at Neds Point, Buncrana.

Cllr Joy Beard acknowledged the efforts of the Friel family in the painting of the toilet facilities at the shorefront, Buncrana. However, she raised concerns around the overall hygiene and general upkeep of the at the facilities and requested these issues be addressed as a matter of urgency.

Cllr Martin Farren also raised concerns about the public convenience facilities in Moville. He requested that appropriate funding should be made available for public convenience facilities throughout Inishowen.

Cllr Ali Farren outlined the importance of having proper public convenience facilities for tourists in an area and suggested the possibility of charging the public to use facilities. This money could then be used for the upkeep and maintenance of the facilities which has proved to work well in other places. He requested that this option be investigated further.

Helen Farren advised that she refer the matter to the Environment Section.

25.23.10 Malin Head Visitor Management Plan

Cllr Ali Farren requested an update in relation to the Malin Head Visitors Management Plan.

25.23.11 Buncrana Leisure Centre

Cllr Joy Beard requested that a joint funding application be submitted to the Shared Island Fund by Donegal County Council and the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council in a bid to secure funding for the leisure centers in both Buncrana and Coleraine. Cllr Jack Murray concurred with this request and advised Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council are very keen to apply and requested that Donegal County Council follow up on this immediately. Helen Farren agreed to follow up.

25.23.12 Playparks

Cllr Paul Canning acknowledged the number of people that are using the playpark in Killea and outlined the need for more facilities like this across the peninsula.

25.24 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Olivia Gallen, Administrative Officer, Economic Development presented the report, and it was taken as read. She highlighted the following to the members—

- **Green Hydra** - Donegal County Council attended the second international study visit and Green Hydra Conference of the Interreg Europe Green Hydra project held in Sofia, Bulgaria on the 26th and 27th March. Donegal County Council will host the third International Study Visit and Green Hydra conference in Donegal Town on 02nd and 03rd July 2025.
- **Donegal Tech Advocates** - The next Donegal Tech Advocates event of 2025 will take place in Letterkenny PSC on 01st May 2025.
- **Balmoral Show 2025** - The 156th Balmoral Show will take place from Wednesday 14th May to Saturday 17th May 2025 at the Eikon Exhibition Centre, Lisburn. Donegal Tourism will be promoting the tourism offering of the county and distributing brochures at the show along with representatives from the tourism sector from each Municipal District.
- **Paths and Trails Promotion** - Donegal County Council Tourism Unit is working collaboratively with the Outdoor Recreation team on production of new videos that will be used to promote various paths and trails in the county. Filming is scheduled for late April with final videos due June.
- **Donegal Tourism Strategy 2025 – 2030** - Donegal County Council Tourism Unit is currently progressing further stakeholder engagement on the Donegal Tourism Strategy

2025 – 2030. Workshops are ongoing with elected members in each Municipal District. After the workshops and engagement with other stakeholders, the strategy will be updated to reflect further feedback received with a view to having the strategy adopted at a future Plenary Council meeting.

- **Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme** - This funding call is now open. The 2025 application process is now online and opened on 13th March and will be closing on 3rd April. Elected members received an email with details on 13th March. This funding is for Council or Community led projects with an allocation of 100,000 per Municipal District.
- **Fáilte Ireland Regional Festival & Events Grant Scheme** - €49,750 has been awarded to Donegal County Council under the 2025 Fáilte Ireland Regional Festival Funding Scheme. The application process for this scheme was completed online and is now closed. Applications will be scored, and applicants notified of the results in due course. All festivals and events will be listed and promoted on Govisitdonegal.com

25.24.01 Blue Economy

Cllr Fionán Bradley queried the possibility in developing Loch Swilly in terms of its Blue Economy. He outlined that it is currently underutilised and more could be done with stakeholders and businesses to ensure that its tourism potential could be fully utilised. He asked that this be investigated further.

25.24.02 TBEX

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

Cllr Ali Farren outlined the enormous potential for the entire County and requested further update in relation to TBEX so that all members could be proactive in promoting the event. Olivia Gallen agreed to feedback to relevant personnel.

25.24.03 Balmoral Show 2025

Cllr Ali Farren referred to the update in the report where Donegal Tourism will be promoting the tourism offering of the county and distributing brochures at the Balmoral Show 2025 along with representatives from the tourism sector from each Municipal District. He requested that the Inishowen Municipal District is promoted at the event.

25.24.04 Caravan and Camping Sector

Cllr Ali Farren outlined the need to develop adequate facilities in the peninsula to deal with waste from the caravan and camping sector.

25.24.05 Tourism Kiosk – Newtowncunningham

Cllr Paul Canning stated that the Tourism Kiosk in Newtowncunningham is currently underutilised and asked that this be addressed. He stated that Inishowen is not promoted to its full potential.

25.24.06 National Development Plan

Cllr Albert Doherty stated that Minister Chambers recently announced a review of the National Development Plan and requested that the Northwest City Region is included in any review of the plan. Olivia Gallen agreed to follow up with Deirdre Harte, Project Officer, Donegal County Council.

25.24.07 Sustainable Mobility Index 2024

Cllr Albert Doherty highlighted a recent report published by The Western Development Commission with the updated Sustainable Mobility Index 2024 for forty rural towns in its seven county Western Region. He requested that the sustainable Mobility Index 2024 be reviewed by the Council and the results reflected upon and responded to. He requested that members be kept updated in this regard. Olivia Gallen agreed to feed back to relevant personnel.

25.25 ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION

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

25.25.01 Community Involvement Scheme

Following on from the Workshop held on Tuesday 08th April 2025 regarding Community Involvement Schemes, the items discussed were proposed by Cllr Albert Doherty and seconded by Cllr Joy Beard. Michael McFadden advised members that full details would be included in the Roads and Transportation Report for the next Inishowen Municipal District meeting.

25.25.02 Update from Previous meeting

- **Pedestrian Crossing at Lidl and Aldi** – The Area Engineer investigated the possibility of providing a pedestrian crossing between Lidl and Aldi in Buncrana and advised that there is currently an existing pedestrian crossing within 100 meters of the location. However, this may be assessed further as part of the inner relief road in the future.
- **Millbridge, Buncrana** – The bridge has been narrowed to a single lane to facilitate pedestrian space and the situation will continue to be monitored.
- **Stragill Beach, Buncrana** – Community & Enterprise are currently carrying out works at this location and when complete, will look at introducing a system for pedestrians which will not be suitable for large animals.
- **Accessible Parking** – The location at Church Street, Buncrana is too narrow to facilitate accessible parking. An alternative location was provided outside the gates of Crana College where accessible parking is now available.
- **Clar Corner, Redcastle** – A survey was conducted at Clar Corner and speed was found to be nominal - will continue to monitor.
- **Battery Bray, Greencastle** – Public lights are ordered.

25.25.03 Clar Corner, Redcastle

Cllr Martin Farren acknowledged the update in relation to survey carried out at Clar Corner where speeds were recorded at 70-80 KPH. He stated that the driver feedback signs are working but requested that motorists slow down at this location. Cllr Martin Farren outlined his frustration that funding was not available for the realignment of Clar Corner and requested that funding would be made available in the future.

25.25.04 Footpath - Casey's Corner

Cllr Martin Farren requested works be carried out at the footpath at Casey's Corner.

25.25.05 Footpath – Quigleys Point

Cllr Terry Crossan requested the provision of a footpath on the left-hand side of Quigleys Point bray towards Carndonagh.

25.25.06 Footpath – Malin

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

25.25.07 Footpath – Carndonagh

Cllr Albert Doherty requested the provision of a footpath from Gerard's Way, Malin Road towards Carndonagh town.

25.25.08 Public Lighting – Carndonagh

Cllr Albert Doherty advised that the public lighting in the Carpark at the back lane, Carndonagh requires attention.

25.25.09 Pedestrian Crossing – Carndonagh

Cllr Albert Doherty requested the provision of a pedestrian crossing at Gordons Corner, Carndonagh and Station Road, Carndonagh.

25.25.10 Directional Signs

Cllr Martin Farren stated that the directional signage currently in place at Bridgend is inadequate for Moville which can be missed by motorists and asked that this be rectified. Cllr Terry Crossan concurred with this request. Cllr Albert Doherty requested that the Council liaise with relevant authorities to ensure that signage at exit of the A2 road include Carndonagh and Malin Head.

25.25.11 Bus Shelters

Cllr Martin Farren requested an update on the provision of a bus shelter in Moville. Cllr Terry also requested bus shelters along Moville to Muff route.

25.25.12 Bridge Strengthening Programme 2025

Cllr Terry Crossan requested an update on location of Strath Bridge, Quigleys Point as outlined in the report. Cllr Fionán Bradley also requested details on location of P O'Donnell Bridge, Fahan. Michael McFadden agreed to follow up directly with members.

25.25.13 Glentogher Road

Cllr Martin McDermott requested a design for the realignment of the Glentogher Road, Carndonagh.

25.25.14 Clonmany-Drumfires Road

Cllr Martin McDermott requested the realignment design of the Clonmany to Drumfires Road. Cllr Albert Doherty concurred with this request.

25.25.15 Clonmany Main Street

Cllr Martin McDermott requested traffic calming measures be put in place at Clonmany Main Street.

25.25.16 Malin Town

Cllr Ali Farren requested traffic calming measures be put in place in Malin Town.

25.25.17 Malin Bridge

Cllr Ali Farren welcomed the resurfacing works at Malin Bridge and outlined the need to have works complete prior to the tourism season.

25.25.18 Rubbish Bins

Cllr Albert Doherty requested the reinstatement of rubbish bins at Mariner's, Carndonagh.

25.25.19 Cockhill Road, Buncrana

Cllr Jack Murray welcomed the upcoming resurfacing works at Cockhill Road, Buncrana.

25.25.20 Maginn Avenue, Buncrana

Cllr Jack Murray requested traffic calming measures be put in place at Maginn Avenue, Buncrana.

25.26 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES

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

25.26.01 Civic Reception – Naomh Padraig Uisce Chaoin

Donegal County Council honored GAA club Naomh Padraig uisce Chaoin on 28th March 2025 at a Civic Reception at the County House, Lifford. The club was recognised for their achievement in winning the Ulster Junior Club Men's Football Championship and becoming the first Donegal team to reach an All-Ireland Junior Club Men's Football Final in Croke Park. Cllr Terry Crossan thanked everyone involved in arranging the event.

25.26.02 Acknowledgement – Finn Harps FC

Cllr Paul Canning acknowledged the appointment of Kevin McHugh as manager of Finn Harps FC and asked that a letter of congratulations be issued to him on behalf of the members of the Inishowen Municipal District.

25.26.03 Meeting with Elected Members

Cllr Martin Farren expressed his frustration in lack of response from different organizations. Cllr Martin Farren concurred with these comments. Cllr Albert Doherty advised that no response

was received following a motion raised at Plenary Council requesting a special urgent meeting with Uisce Eireann. Bryan Cannon advised that there are parts of local government act in relation to requesting the attendance of groups at Strategic Policy committee Meetings. He suggested that the matter could be raised at Corporate Policy Group level to look at the protocol in place.

25.26.04 Donegal Person of the Year

On the proposal of Cllr Fionán Bradley seconded by Cllr Ali Farren, it was agreed that a letter be issued to John McCarter from the Inishowen members recognizing his achievement in winning the 2024 Donegal person of the Year.

25.26.05 Workshops – Inishowen Municipal District

It was agreed that the following workshops would take place on 20th May 2025 –

- Minor Tourism Grant Workshop – 10.00
- Regeneration and Development Teamwork Programme – 11.30

25.26.06 Unacceptable Behaviour

Cllr Terry Crossan offered his support to Council staff following a recent incident of unacceptable behavior at the Public Service Centre, Carndonagh. He outlined that staff are always extremely helpful and understanding in dealing with very difficult cases and there should be zero tolerance when dealing with unacceptable behavior. Cllr Jack Murray concurred with these comments.

25.26.07 Housing – Moville

Cllr Martin Farren requested an update regarding the provision of housing in the Moville area. Shaun Doherty, Executive Architect, Housing Capital advised that Council officials are continuing to dialogue with Developers regarding proposals for Moville and that members will be kept informed as outlined in the report.

25.26.08 Housing - Newtowncunningham

Cllr Joy Beard queried if the Council intend to remove foundations prior to developing a potential site at Newtowncunningham. Shaun Doherty, Executive Architect, Housing Capital advised that foundations will be removed prior to construction.

25.26.09 Tenant Purchase Scheme

Cllr Martin McDermott outlined his frustration in terms of the Tenant Purchase Scheme. He outlined that the process is too slow. He asked that adequate personnel to be put in place to ensure that the process can be expediated.

Cllr Joy Beard raised concerns on behalf of a Council tenant who is unable to avail of the Tenant Purchase Scheme as a property within a housing estate is affected by defective concrete blocks. She outlined that in this case, the property was built prior to the affected dwelling and did not appear to have evidence of defective concrete blocks. She outlined the need for the revision of the current Tenant purchase Policy.

Una Cresswell advised members she acknowledged the ongoing issues with the Tenant Purchase Scheme and advised that while she could not comment on individual cases, the scheme was

administrated in line with the Council's Tenant Purchase Policy, which was adopted at Plenary Council.

25.26.10 Homeless

Cllr Joy Beard queried what emergency cover is in place for people that find themselves in homeless situations at weekends.

Cllr Jack Murray outlined his concerns around the change in protocol in the provision of emergency accommodation in the County and outlined the need to have emergency accommodation available in the Inishowen Municipal District. Cllr Terry Crossan concurred with this request.

Una Cresswell advised members that in line with the Homeless Action Plan for the North-West Region an expression of Interest was advertised to identify suitable providers of emergency accommodation. This resulted in two providers being brought on board and now in operation in Letterkenny and Bundoran. Una Cresswell also advised that alongside the Homeless Prevention Coordinator, the Council recently appointed a HAP Place finder Officer who will also be working closely with service users to secure permanent accommodation and reduce temporary stays in emergency accommodation.

25.26.11 Defective Concrete Blocks

Cllr Albert Doherty requested the Council write to Minister James Browne again requested that an immediate decision regarding the provision of funding for the remediation of social houses affected by defective concrete blocks.

25.26.12 Tenant in Situ Acquisitions

Cllr Albert Doherty requested details of Tenant in Situ Acquisitions for the Inishowen Municipal District. Una Cresswell agreed to update Cllr Albert Doherty directly.

25.26.13 Social Housing Secondhand Acquisitions Programme 2025

Cllr Jack Murry Murray expressed his disappointment following the recent allocation of capital funding of €2m under the Social Housing Secondhand Acquisitions Programme for 2025. He outlined that the allocation for Donegal is amongst the lowest in the Country and asked that a letter issue to Minister James Browne on behalf of the members expressing their disappointment at this allocation.

25.26.14 Schedule of Municipal District Works 2025

The Schedule of Municipal District Works 2025 has been submitted to the members prior to the meeting for their consideration and approval. On the proposal of Cllr Jack Murray, seconded by Cllr Joy Beard it was resolved "that the Inishowen Municipal District hereby adopts for the financial year ended 31st December 2025, the Schedule of Municipal District Works as set out in the schedules presented at the Municipal District meeting of the 08th April 2025 as required by Section 103A of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) and in line with requirements of Circular LG27/2014/Fin21/2014."

25.26.15 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting to be held on 20th May 2025 at 1pm.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Certified:

Cathaoirleach

Date: _____

Area Manager

Date: _____

Inishowen MD Meeting 20th May 2025

PLANNING REPORT

	Item	Update	
1	Development Applications		
	(1) Statistics	Inishowen MD Totals Year to End April 2025	
		Applications received	218
		Granted	157
		Refused	13
		Deferred	52
		Invalid	26

Applications to End December 2025

Category	Stranorlar	Letterkenny	Inishowen	Glenties	Donegal
Invalid	7	14	26	16	8
Deferred	35	56	52	56	35
Refused	4	10	13	4	7
Granted	63	141	157	118	83
Apps Recd	113	168	218	136	109

2	Enforcement		
		Inishowen MD	To end April 2025
		New Cases	18
		Closed Cases	8
		Outstanding cases on record since 2012	327
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> 8th May, 2025 22nd May, 2025 5th June, 2025 19th June, 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		
7	Central Planning Unit		
8	Capital Projects Delivery Unit	See Appendix B	
9	Conservation		
10	Further Information <i>Click on web links to access information.</i>	Weekly List of applications and decisions: Weekly Lists Donegal County Council Planning Service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service): planning@donegalcoco.ie Planning Webpage: Planning Donegal County Council Planning Application Online Query – Search a Planning Application Donegal County Council File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and planning search requests: fillable-file-retrieval-planning-application-number-search-request-form.pdf	

APPENDIX A

Regeneration & Development Team Community Development and Planning Services

REPORT TO THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETINGS Q2 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.
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 - Workshop held with the Members of the Donegal MD on the 16th January 2025.
Ramelton Re- imagined/Historic Town Centre	Category 2	€249,159	Project with CPDU for delivery.

	Category 1 (2022)	€7,949,868	
Burtonport Phase II	Category 1		• Property with CPDU for delivery. • Team support delivery through participation on Project Steering Group.
Repowering Buncrana	Category 2 (3 rd Call)		• Property with CPDU for delivery. • Team support 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.
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. • Engagement with stakeholders ongoing. • DCC to progress other priority projects identified in the Plan. • Projects to be targeted for future funding calls.
Glenties Town Centre First Plan		€30,000	• GM Design Associates appointed to assist with preparation of the Plan. • Engagement with the Glenties Town Team ongoing. • Work ongoing to prepare the Plan. • Walkability Audit undertaken in December 2024.

Creeslough Village Plan and Community Regeneration Project (in association with the Creeslough Working Group, Creeslough Community Association and Arup).			• 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.
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. • Thereafter, workshop will be arranged with the MD Members to agree the final Plan.
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 assessment currently underway.
Creeslough Minor Tourism Works		€50,000	• Works being designed in-house and contractor to be procured.
Bundoran Regeneration Plan		€15,000	• Tender to be issued imminently to procure external support to prepare the Plan.
Downings Action Plan/Project Plan		Inhouse	• Initial preliminary meeting held inhouse to identify planned projects and/or funded projects.

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.
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.
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.
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.

Falcarragh Town Team.			Initial discussions ongoing to establish a Falcarragh Town Team and public consultation event to be held on the 30th April 2025.
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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. - Discussion on land compensation costs ongoing.
		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. • Workshop held with Members of the LMMD in February 2025. 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.
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		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. • Greentrack consultants appointed to undertake AA and EIA Screening. • Preparing to make THRIVE Strand 2 funding application by the closing date of the 30th May 2025. • Part 8 published and for consideration at the May 2025 Plenary meeting. • Public drop in event held on the 10th April 2025. • Workshop planned with the Members of the LMMD on the 13th May 2025.
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		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. 6. Strategic acquisition to enable LK Green Connect • Part 8 in relation to the Cultural Corridor element of the project approved by Donegal County Council at the November 2023 Plenary meeting. • In-house team has commenced steps to develop a Part 8 for Phase 2 (from constructed Phase 1 to Pearse Road). • Valuation services of Avison Young being engaged in relation to phase 2 (from constructed Phase 1 to Pearse Road) and lands required for the Cultural Corridor element of the Scheme. • All landowners engaged. • Engagement ongoing with relevant stakeholders. • Topographical survey completed. • Tenders for AA/EIA screening opened but no response to advertisement – to reopen tender again. • External structural/civil engineering consultative services procured for site investigation services and these works completed.
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Call 3 (March 2023 and approved July 2023).	€4m	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.
		• Council to advance 12 properties for acquisition/CPO. • Several properties added to the Derelict Sites Register.
"The Eat Out' Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Project		• Construction completed. • Please refer to the report from Community Development who are delivering this project.
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 has commenced with engagement ongoing with relevant stakeholders.

3.0 Croi Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme.

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

Table 3: Summary of Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Applications

Applications Received	1,116
Applications Finalised	847
• Approved	815
• Deemed not eligible (eligibility criteria not met – vacancy/proposed works).	32
In progress (first technical inspection/awaiting information from applicant).	117
Withdrawn (by applicant)	152
Grants paid	139
Value of Grants paid to applicants	€7.4m

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

4.0 Addressing Vacancy and Dereliction

4.1 Property Activation Program

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

2023 Target:

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

2024 Target:

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

2025 Target:

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 21 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. It is intended to present the Derelict Sites Policy and Procedures to the Elected Members for their consideration at MD level soon.

Regeneration and Development Team.

April 2025.

APPENDIX B



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CAPITAL PROJECTS DELIVERY UNIT

Community Development and Planning Services

Report to Inishowen Municipal District Members: May 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, the Part 8 planning application has been withdrawn and a new application was submitted on the 1 st of August 2024 to An Bord Pleanála for assessment.
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	The design team is currently working 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. An updated cost plan has been received that is significantly higher than the funding award and engagement is ongoing with both Failte Ireland and the IDT to manage costs. The Project Programme has been updated as follows: <table><tr><th>Stage</th><th>Start Date</th><th>Finish Date</th></tr><tr><td>Stage 2a Scheme Design</td><td>Jun 2024</td><td>Dec 2025</td></tr><tr><td>Stage 2b Detailed Design **</td><td>Jan 2024</td><td>Jun 2026</td></tr><tr><td>Stage 3 Tender Action, Evaluation & Award</td><td>Jul 2026</td><td>Dec 2026</td></tr><tr><td>Stage 4 Construction</td><td>Jan 2027</td><td>Sept 2028</td></tr><tr><td>Stage 5 Handover, Client Fit Out, training</td><td>Oct 2028</td><td>Aug 2029</td></tr></table> ** The duration of the ABP planning process unknown and estimated at 16 months.	Stage	Start Date	Finish Date	Stage 2a Scheme Design	Jun 2024	Dec 2025	Stage 2b Detailed Design **	Jan 2024	Jun 2026	Stage 3 Tender Action, Evaluation & Award	Jul 2026	Dec 2026	Stage 4 Construction	Jan 2027	Sept 2028	Stage 5 Handover, Client Fit Out, training	Oct 2028	Aug 2029
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Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	Continue detailed design.																		
Contact Person(s)	Patrick Brennan, Project Manager Shane Sweeney, A/ 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)
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	Engagement with stakeholders and the preliminary design of the project is ongoing.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	Design process ongoing.
Contact Person(s)	Shane Sweeney, Senior Executive Engineer Brendan O'Donnell, Senior Engineer



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**Community Development & Planning Directorate
Community Development Division**

Municipal District of Inishowen

on

20th May 2025

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Activity/Project Title	Community Development Officer Report
Budget (if applicable)	NA
Progress to date within the last two months	Funding Opportunities CLÁR 2025– Expressions of interest closing date 12 noon, Wednesday 14th May 2025 Liaison with community groups seeking guidance on making expressions of interest, carrying out eligibility checks prior to the closing date. Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2025 – closing date for Expressions of Interest – 12 noon, Wednesday 21st May 2025 Continue to be available to assist community groups with queries on making expressions of interest for the scheme. Rural Programme Workshop Community Development staff met to update Members on The section will meet in workshop 2/3 times a year to review the work it does, to inform the future development of the MD and wider region, provides an opportunity where the members can feed back what's happening in the community and the unit will share with the members applications they have received, the details of forthcoming calls and feedback from/for the community. The next Rural Programme for Inishowen Municipal District is scheduled for 24th June 2025.
Contact Person	Helen Farren, Community Development Officer Community & Development E: hfarren@donegalcoco.ie T: 074-9373711 M: 087-1699198



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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	A meeting to update members will be scheduled in the near future
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
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	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.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	An Grianán of Aileach Monument <u>May 2025</u> Fáilte Ireland recently presented a draft Interpretative proposal for An Grianán of Aileach to the Elected Members.
Contact Person	• Fiona Doherty, Community Development & Planning • Michael McFadden, Roads & Transportation



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Donegal County Council

Activity / Project Title	Friar Hegarty/ Buncrana Coastal Walk Enhancement and Artwork Project
Fund:	€ 80,000 Community Recognition fund and €15,000 funding Contribution from Cultural Services Cost of Artwork €55,000 includes €15,000 from per cent Art Cultural Services Capital expenditure – balance
Project Description/Activity	• The figurative Artwork sculpture of Father Seamus Hegarty, OP, Dominican Friar • The restoration of Porthaw Holy Well, stone wall and improved accessibility. • An information panel with a digitalised image of the statutorily protected archaeological early centuries wheeled cross. • The refurbishment of Father Hegarty's Memorial, • the installation of seating and picnic benches • Drainage improvements, • The installation of interpretation panels.
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	• The work has been scoped out and will be tendered in the 1st quarter of 2024. • Site assessments have taken place along with a few meetings on site with relevant parties and Councillors. • The final scope of agreed works will be contained in next month's report. • A Two Stage Open Competition through which an artist will be invited to create a suitable public artwork in response to Friar Hegarty's story and deliver the commission. •
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	Two Stage Open Artwork Competition • A Two Stage Open Art Competition was advertised on Tuesday 2nd April 2024. Artists were invited to create a suitable public artwork in response to Friar Hegarty's story and deliver the commission. • There was 13 no applications submitted under the 1st Stage Public Commission deadline of Monday 29th April 2024.A Selection Panel has been set up and will meet next week to consider and shortlist up to 5 Artists to go forward to Stage Two of the Artwork competition. • The shortlisted Artists will present their final design to the selection panel in July 2024. The successful Artist will be chosen thereafter. Engagement with Landowner has taken place. Tender documents are being prepared for the project together with all appropriate studies and reports. • Five shortlisted Artists will present their final design.

- An Artist has been selected and will be officially appointed soon. An Ecologist and Archaeologist has also been appointed.
- Capital work
- Tender documents are being prepared for the project together with all appropriate studies and reports.
- Enhancement of the walk
- Capital/drainage improvements.
- Accessible seating
- Trail Head/Interpretation panels/maps
- Improved access to the 2 no. Archaeological sites, Friar Hegarty's Grave and the Porthaw Holy Well and Celtic cross
- The Artist has been appointed and the Public Artwork will be completed at the end of the year
- An Ecologist and Archaeologist have carried out a scoping exercise on the project site
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- A visit to the site with the Children, teachers, Archaeologist and Development Officer took place on the 18th of December 2024.

Previous updates

Public Artwork

- The figurative Artwork of Fr Hegarty by the Artist Rory Harron will be completed at the end of the month.
- The Ecology and Archaeologist assessment and reports are completed.
- Interpretation information telling the story of Fr Hegarty has been prepared. The local schools are involved.
- Capital work.
- A contractor has been appointed to carry out the following work.
- Enhancement of the walk
- Capital/drainage improvements.
- Accessible seating
- Install Trail Head/Interpretation panels.
- Improved access to the 2 no. Archaeological sites, Friar Hegarty's Memorial and the Porthaw Holy Well and Celtic cross. Working within the requirements of the National Monuments guided by our appointed Archaeologist
- The capital work will commence in February.

MAY 2025 – phase 1 project completed

The project works outlined below is completed and the official opening took place on Friday 4th April. The 2nd phase will be completed in the 3rd quarter of the year.

- The figurative Artwork sculpture of Father Seamus Hegarty, OP, Dominican Friar by Rory Harron Artist.

- The restoration of Porthaw Holy Well, stone wall and improved accessibility.
- An information panel with a digitalised image of the statutorily protected archaeological early centuries wheeled Cross
- The refurbishment of Father Hegarty's Memorial,
- The installation of seating and picnic benches
- Drainage improvements,
- The installation of interpretation panels.

Official Unveiling and Special Blessing of the Fr Hegarty Public Artwork and Shore Path Refurbishment Project, Buncrana by Charlie McConalogue TD, Minister for Sport and Postal Policy and His Excellency Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor, Apostolic Nuncio and Dean of the Diplomatic Corps.

There was a large attendance at the official unveiling and special Blessing of the Bronze figurative statue of Father Seamus Hegarty OP. Dominican Friar Public Artwork and shore path refurbishment project at Father Hegarty's Rock, Buncrana, on Friday 4th April, 2025 by Charlie McConalogue TD, Minister for Sport and Postal Policy and His Excellency Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor, Apostolic Nuncio and Dean of the Diplomatic Corps. We also heard words from some of the other dignitaries who were in attendance: Councillor Jack Murray, Cathaoirleach, Inishowen Municipal District. The Most Reverend Donal McKeown, Bishop of Derry; The Very Reverend Francis Bradley, Parish Priest; and Father Damian Polly, OP, Dominican Friar and Prior of the Black Abbey, Kilkenny. Also on the platform were Monsignor Kevin Gillespie, Diocesan Administrator in the neighbouring Diocese of Raphoe, and Superintendent Shaun Grant of the local district of An Garda Síochána.



Charlie McConalogue TD, Minister for Sport and Postal Policy and His Excellency Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor, Apostolic Nuncio and Dean of the Diplomatic Corps unveiling the Fr Hegarty Public Artwork Picture left to right – Rory Harron, Artist, Bryan Cannon, designated Director for the Inishowen MD, Donegal County Council, The Very Reverend Francis Bradley PP Buncrana and Fahan, Father Damian Polly, OP, Dominican Friar & Prior of the Black Abbey, Kilkenny, Cllr Jack Murray, Cathaoirleach, Inishowen MD, Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer, DCC, Most Reverend Donal McKeown, Bishop of Derry, Superintendent Shaun Grant, Buncrana Garda District, Pádraig

MacLochlainn, TD. Fiona Doherty, Donegal County Council, Cllr Fionán Bradley, Donegal County Council, Monsignor Kevin Gillespie, Diocesan Administrator, Raphoe Diocese, Rena Donaghy, Tidy Towns.



Picture left to right – The Most Reverend Donal McKeown, Bishop of Derry, Andrew Clarke, Assistant Engineer, Donegal County Council, Rena Donaghey, Buncrana Tidy Towns, Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer DCC, Cllr Joy Beard, Donegal County Council, His Excellency Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor, Apostolic Nuncio and Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, Traolach O’ Fionnan, Arts Officer, DCC, Cllr Jack Murray, Cathaoirleach, Inishowen MD , Donegal County Council, Fiona Doherty, Development Officer, Donegal County Council, Mr Bryan Cannon, designated Director for the Inishowen MD, DCC, Father Damian Polly, OP, Dominican Friar & Prior of the Black Abbey, Kilkenny, The Very Reverend Francis Bradley Parish Priest.



His Excellency Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor, Apostolic Nuncio and Dean of the Diplomatic Corps



Cllr Jack Murray, Cathaoirleach, Inishowen MD , Donegal County Council speaking at the ceremony. Picture left to right – Mr Bryan Cannon, designated Director for the Inishowen MD, Donegal County Council, Superintendent Shaun Grant, Buncrana Garda District, Monsignor Kevin Gillespie, Diocesan

Administrator, Raphoe Diocese, Father Damian Polly, OP, Dominican Friar & Prior of the Black Abbey, Kilkenny, The Very Reverend Francis Bradley PP, Charlie McConalogue TD, Minister for Sport and Postal Policy, The Most Reverend Donal McKeown, Bishop of Derry, and His Excellency Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor, Apostolic Nuncio and Dean of the Diplomatic Corps. Cllr Fionán Bradley, Donegal County Council, , Rena Donaghy, Buncrana Tidy Towns.



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Most Reverend Donal McKeown, Bishop of Derry pictured blessing the Public Artwork and Father Damian Polly, OP, Dominican Friar and Prior of the Black Abbey, Kilkenny.



Father Damian Polly, OP, Dominican Friar & Prior of the Black Abbey , Kilkenny and children Andrew Porter, Scoil Iosagain, Bunclrana, PJ McDaid and Sarah McLaughlin, Scoil Naomh Iósaf, Illies.



His Excellency Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor, Apostolic Nuncio and Dean of the Diplomatic Corps meeting the First Holy Communion Children class of 2025



The beautiful singing and music was performed by Ms Andrea Long and the child and adult members of the Scoil Naomh Iósaf Community Choir; the pipe music from Chris McMullan, Uilleann Piper, and the Harpist was local lady and renowned musician, Tracey McRory.



Fiona Doherty, DCC, Rev Father Bradley, PP, Cllr Jack Murray, Cathaoirleach, Inishowen MD,

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

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.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	<u>PLAYGROUNDS May 2025</u> • 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.
Contact Person	John Deeney, Executive Engineer, 087 7197619



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

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 (<i>if applicable</i>)	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



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

Activity / Project Title	2021 Town & Village Renewal Scheme – Moville
File:	
Project Description/Activity	Enhancement of Moville Putting Green and Regeneration Plan
Budget (if applicable)	€111,110
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	The Capital Works for this Project is complete, and the Health Check and master plan are ongoing and to be completed in draft and the final document is being finalised
	
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	This project is now full completed See images above of completed works
Contact Person (to include telephone number & e-mail address)	Brian Keogh Tel: 087 620 2947 Email: bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie



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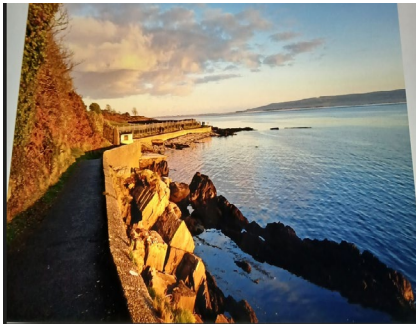
Jetty – Bunagee, Culdaff (ORIS)

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	Works to be fully complete in Q2 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.

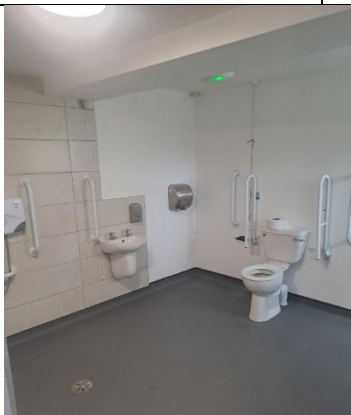
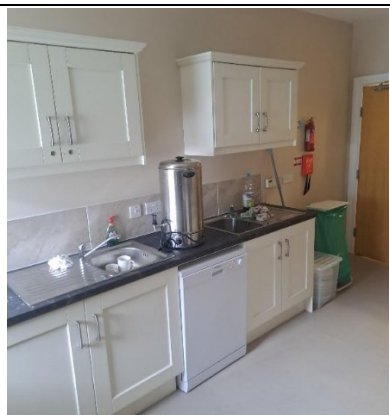
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	• The initial phase of construction, installing the concrete footpaths, steps and handrails is now complete. • The conservation report on the Liam McCormack Shelter Houses is complete • The remaining works tender is currently on the etenders platform. • The Tender process is completed, and contractor will be appointed in the coming weeks
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly reporting period	Formal extension to June 2025 has been granted due to the nature of the works to the shelter houses
Contact Person	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer & Fiona Doherty, Development Officer



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CLAR 2023

Activity / Project Title Disabled Toilet and kitchen upgrade	<u>Malin GAA CLAR Measure 1 2023</u> • Initial meetings with the Group • Provisional letter of offer issued. • Project currently out for tender • The construction works are ongoing. The project is now completed See images of completed works below
	 

Project Title External insulation and windows for the Community Centre	<u>CARROWMENAGH CLÁR PROJECT 2023</u> • Initial meetings with the Group • Provisional letter of offer issued. • The project is currently out for tender. • The construction works are ongoing. The project is now completed See images of completed works below
	 

Project Title CARPARK SURFACING	<u>GLENEELY COLTS FC CLÁR PROJECT 2023</u> • Initial meetings with the Group • Provisional letter of offer issued. • The project is currently out for tender. • The construction works are ongoing. • The project is now completed Contact: Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer See images of completed works below
     	
CLÁR 2023 Projects Contact Person	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer



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CLAR 2024

Activity / Project Title CARPARK SURFACING	<u>Culdaff FC CLAR Measure 1 2024</u> • Initial meetings with the Group • Provisional letter of offer to be issued in February 2025. The project is due to be completed – December 2025 Contact: Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer
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Project Title CARPARK SURFACING	<u>GLENGAD FC CLÁR PROJECT 2024</u> • Initial meetings with the Group • Provisional letter of offer to be issued in February 2025. The project is due to be completed – December 2025 Contact: Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer
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Countywide update

Activity / Project Title	Social Inclusion Unit
Progress to date and current status	One Donegal – Social Inclusion Week 2025 One Donegal Social Inclusion Week was a resounding success, with an impressive 134 events held across the county. This vibrant week-long celebration aimed to promote inclusion, connection, and community spirit, reaching people of all ages and backgrounds. A key highlight of the week was the emphasis on showcasing events and activities that are available throughout the year, not just during Social Inclusion Week. These include walking groups, men’s sheds, women’s circles, creative workshops, and cultural meetups. Many of these events provided a welcoming gateway for new members to get involved in their local communities, while also encouraging previous participants to re-engage and reconnect with familiar faces.  The week served as a powerful reminder of the importance of ongoing social opportunities in combating isolation and fostering a sense of belonging. Feedback from participants highlighted the joy of making new friends, discovering local resources, and rekindling old connections. Donegal Social Inclusion Week not only celebrated community but also strengthened it—leaving a lasting impact that will be felt well beyond the week itself. EU Belong The EU Belong project was an initiative focused on promoting regional integration, social inclusion, and the sharing of best practices among European regions. It aimed to strengthen partnerships, foster collaboration, and encourage sustainable development across local communities. The final conference a Regional Approach for an Intercultural Europe Strasbourg, 25-26 March 2025 was attended by Cathaoirleach Niamh Kennedy, Paddy Doherty Divisional Manager Community Development and Christina O'Donnell Project

Manager of EU Belong. We engaged with representatives from various regions, exchanging insights and contributing to discussions on regional development.

During the conference, one of the key moments occurred at the meeting in the Council of Europe, where EU Belong partners acknowledged the efforts of Donegal County Council in fostering regional collaboration. It was inspiring to hear the positive feedback from other regions, particularly regarding Donegal's leadership in supporting the development of strong partnerships and its role in guiding other regions.

In addition to the EU Belong conference, Cathaoirleach Niamh Kennedy also had the honour of attending the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, where she signed, on behalf of Donegal, to become a member of the Intercultural Regions Network. This is an exciting next step forward, as the network will allow us to continue building connections and collaborating on initiatives related to intercultural integration and inclusion. The Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) will continue to play an active role in this network, furthering our commitment to intercultural dialogue and cooperation.

EU Belong final conference reinforced the positive impact of Donegal's work in regional development and intercultural cooperation. It was inspiring to

see our efforts recognised by our European partners.



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Donegal Youth Council

Countywide Update

Activity / Project Title File:	Donegal Youth Council
Project Description/Activity	Donegal Youth Council
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status	<u>National Showcase:</u> 11 members of the Donegal Youth Council attended the National Showcase of Comhairle na nÓg in Dublin Castle on the 15th of April. On the day Donegal Youth Council highlighted some of the work they carried out in the last 2 years, along with networking with other Comhairlí from around Ireland. During the day, members participated in panel discussions and asked questions of workers from different government departments. One member highlighted the lack of public transport in Donegal and the need for a train to the Department of Transport. There was also a great opportunity to meet some TD's in attendance, along with the Taoiseach is Micheál Martin.  <u>Team Building Residential</u> On the 23rd of April, members of the Donegal Youth Council attended an overnight residential in the Wild Atlantic Adventurers in Clonmany. Members took part in team building activities including paddle boarding, create building and other team games. Members also discussed possible projects and ideas for the topics of Vaping, Bullying and school/exam stress.

	  
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	
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**Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall**
Donegal County Council



Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Pobail Dhún na nGall
Public Participation Network Donegal

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Public Participation Network (Donegal PPN)
Project Description/Activity	Link through which organisations from the Community & Voluntary, Social Inclusion & Environment Sectors have a voice on Council decision making bodies and other structures. Networking, Information & Capacity Building for Community Groups.
Budget (if applicable)	€135,500 per annum
Progress to date within the last two months inclusive of current status	PPN membership now stands at 782 registered organisations. Donegal MD 157, Glenties MD 177, Inishowen MD 144, Letterkenny MD 213, Stranorlar MD 91. Donegal PPN have 62 Representatives on 24 different Committees and Boards. Donegal PPN Plenary Event Donegal PPN's first Plenary event in 2025 will take place on 29th April in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny at 6.30pm. The theme is 'Funding Opportunities & Advice' Donegal PPN Training Funding Workshops Donegal PPN's third Funding Workshop takes place in the 5 Municipal District in May. The theme is 'Evaluation & Reporting' Stranorlar MD – Finn Valley FRC – 1st May Letterkenny/Milford MD – Gallowglas CC, Milford – 6th May Donegal MD – Donegal FRC - 12th May Inishowen MD – Moville FRC – 13th May Glenties MD – Creeslough Hub – 14th May Donegal PPN in partnership with Irvine Training Public Speaking Workshop for Community Groups Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny on 22nd May at 1.30pm All Welcome - Register Mclyde@donegalcoco.ie Donegal PPN in Partnership with The Central Statistics Office Donegal Census Roadshow In Letterkenny Public Services Centre 15th May at 11.00am All Welcome - Register Mclyde@donegalcoco.ie The aim of the roadshow is to inform and educate on the following:

Inishowen Municipal District – May 2025

	The changes to Census 2027, when the option to complete the form online will be introduced for the first time Insights into the 2022 Census results A demonstration on how to harness Census data on the CSO website All Welcome - Register Mclyde@donegalcoco.ie North West Regional PPN Network meet with Minister Dara Calleary in Ballina, Co Mayo on 9th May
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	Secretariat Meeting – 22nd May, Letterkenny PSC National PPN Meeting – 9th June in Trinity House, Dublin Regional PPN Meeting – 9th May, Ballina, Co Mayo PPN Linkage Group Meetings – June & November
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**Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall**
Donegal County Council

Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services Directorate

Master Municipal District Report May 2025

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1. Economic Development

1.1. Upcoming Events

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

21st-23rd May 2025	European Maritime Day 2025	EDU Staff will attend the upcoming European Maritime Day (EMD), which takes place this year in Cork. This is an annual event during which Europe's maritime community meet to network, discuss and outline joint action on maritime affairs and sustainable blue economy.	Mairead Carlin Senior Economic Development Officer mcarlin@donegalcoco.ie 087 9939103 Elaine Whoriskey - Economic Development Officer Ewhoriskey@donegalcoco.ie 087 1603942
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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	2,797	5,621
Twitter	1,542	3,362
Instagram	1,157	5,589
Facebook	8,143	2,242
Donegal.ie	4.3K Web Users	

7 News Items Published.

March 18th -14th April 2025.

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

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

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

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

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

Blue Economy Working Group: Economic Development Unit staff continue to work with stakeholders of the Blue Economy Working Group which is focused on the sustainable use of ocean resources for economic growth and prosperity within this growing and dynamic sector for County Donegal.

The Economic Development Team circulated a further edition of the Blue Economy Newsletter designed to keep members informed and engaged with the latest developments in the blue economy, sharing key resources, potential funding opportunities and insights for the Sector. EDU Staff will attend a week-long conference in Wales which will focus on a number of key areas of the blue economy including Green Shipping Corridors, Marine Renewable Energy, Circular Economy including Aquaculture.

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

Donegal 2040 DAC

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

Update on Projects:

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

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

The briefing took place in-person at the Inishowen Innovation Centre, Buncrana and demonstrated how the opportunity connects large corporations with smaller companies. This aims to remove the barriers for smaller providers who often find it difficult to get in front of large organisations. Thanks to this innovation marketplace, local businesses are invited to speak directly with key decision-makers within these large corporations and win contracts at the end of the process.

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

Startup Bootcamp Kicking off in Letterkenny from March to June:

15 entrepreneurially minded individuals have successfully won a place on ALPHA Innovation's [2025 Startup Bootcamp](#) programme

ALPHA Innovation's Bootcamp 2025 Programme kicks off in CoLab, Letterkenny on Saturday 29th of March and will bring a cohort of founders, co-founders and volunteers through 8 in-person workshops, where they test the commercial viability of their business ideas. An open call for applications was announced in March, with the numbers subsequently filtered during a competitive process.

Their mission is to apply the techniques of the ALPHA process in order to test the commercial viability and scalability of their business propositions. The tools and techniques of the process are broadly based on the lean startup methodology for rapidly building scalable enterprises.

This year, ALPHA invited applications from volunteers to shadow founders. Once again, highly skilled individuals are traveling from as far away as Dublin to share their domain expertise. The cohort includes project managers, software developers, designers, lecturers, engineers, and a local GP. The group are developing startups in areas such as Design, Engineering, Sustainability, Green Regulation, Compliance technology, and MedTech.

Attending each Saturday, founders iterate templates developed by ALPHA for quickly iterating problem framing, value proposition statements, and problem-solution fit based on peer-to-peer feedback.

They next move into a phase that adds additional layers of evidence and determines whether their market opportunity is sufficiently large and worth addressing in the first place. Additional modules include routes to market, experiments & testing, and a range of important metrics startups need to be aware of to build a financially viable business model.

The cohort is also conducting Customer Development interviews and will uncover deeper insights and trends from the market about the problem they are tackling. At this point, they often experience a pivot to a more compelling opportunity around this stage as fresh evidence surfaces.

The programme will culminate with a public showcase day (week beginning 9 June), where participants present their propositions to an audience of target customers, peers, champions and advocates.

Councillors interested in joining our showcase of businesses are advised to email community@alphainnovation.eu, and ALPHA will ensure you receive an invitation.

Alpha Innovation Centre and Beta Business Centre

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

Remote Working Hub Carrigart:

Status: In operation. Annual management agreement in place.

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

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

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

Workshop arranged with the Donegal MD 7th May regarding Section 183

Operation & Management of Burtonport Enterprise Centre (Post Construction)

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

Workshop arranged with the Glenties MD 13th May regarding Section 183

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

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

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Inward Investment Activity

North West City Region

Promoting the NWCR: A new brochure and video highlighting the value proposition of the NWCR were produced for the 2024 NWCR US Trade Mission and promoted throughout the week. Link to [video on YouTube](#)

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

NWCR on LinkedIn has 798 followers.

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

Website: www.irelandnw.com

Service Land Initiative at The Commons, Lifford
Enabling infrastructure works began in November 2024 and it is expected that the enabling infrastructure will be complete by Q3/Q4 2025. The EDU is engaging with various potential site users including Social Housing, Community Health, Recreation and Businesses. Disposal of Council owned Land to support Economic Development: The team is dealing with several requests for disposal of lands for economic development throughout Donegal
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1.2: Tourism Marketing Unit

Project Activity

TBEX: Donegal Tourism will host TBEX - Europe (Travel Blog Exchange) in September 2025. The TBEX community represents thousands of influencers and hundreds of millions of travellers around the world. No other event will showcase our destination with travel writers all over the world and by extension the travellers they represent. Donegal Tourism aims to take full advantage of this exceptional opportunity to showcase Donegal's distinctive assets on the international stage. Many partnership and sponsorship opportunities now exist, any potential partner can contact Mary Daly, Donegal Tourism directly.

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

Caravan and Camping Sector: Donegal County Council Tourism Unit convened both the internal and external Caravan and Camping sector working group meetings in April and discussed issues for the forthcoming year. The next meetings will take place 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. Donegal Tourism will run a Caravan and Camping campaign over a 6-week period starting in May to drive home all the responsible Caravan and Camping messages within our 'Campers Code'.

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

Paths and Trails Promotion: Donegal County Council Tourism Unit is working collaboratively with the Outdoor Recreation team on production of new videos that will be used to promote various paths and trails in the county. We have identified a **Walking Ambassador** for several walks to capture insights and experiences. Filming is scheduled to commence on the 28th April with final videos due June.

Donegal Golf Brochure: The brochure has been distributed to golf clubs across the county and the launch will take place on Friday May 9th. The brochure is also available as a digital download from <https://www.govisitdonegal.com/brochures-and-maps>

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

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

Donegal Tourism Associate Members Network: Expressions of interest have been sought for representatives from across the tourism sector to join the Donegal Tourism Associate Members Network.

Upon joining, members will have access to a range of benefits including opportunities to take part in trade shows, training and funding supports information, networking events and much more. Elections will take place in May for the Donegal Tourism Associate Members Committee.

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

Donegal Tourism Strategy 2025 – 2030: Donegal County Council Tourism Unit is currently progressing further stakeholder engagement on the Donegal Tourism Strategy 2025 – 2030. Workshops have taken place with elected members in each Municipal District. The strategy will be presented to the ED, IS and Emergency Services SPC on 8th May. After the workshops and engagement with other stakeholders, the strategy will be updated to reflect further feedback received with a view to having the strategy adopted at a future Plenary Council meeting.

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

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

Sustainable Arctic & Peripheral Biking Tourism Project (SUB): Donegal hosted the SUB Partner Consortium from the 28th – 30th April. The projects voucher scheme is in the selection process which will see a number of local businesses awarded funds to address the operational efficiency of their respective businesses.

EDIN: The EDIN project, funded in partnership with INTERREG Europe, focuses on the improvement of the relevant policies to attract Digital Nomads to Donegal. The program is now in Semester 3 with Donegal County Council taking the Communications and Marketing lead on this. Joy Browne and Elaine Whoriskey attended the 4th partner trip to Florence, Italy on the 25th & 26th March with the key focus of this trip being "Community cooperatives and technologies on collaborative economy with a focus on digital nomads". On the 24th & 25th June 2025 Donegal County Council will host a study visit of other project partners to the county, this 2-day visit will be based around the Dungloe area, with site visits planned to gteic @ Gaoth Dobhair & gteic @ Árainn Mhór – MODAM.

Night-Time Economy Buncrana - The procurement process for a delivery agent to manage the second phase of the Night-Time Economy Grant Scheme is in the assessment stage. Expressions of Interest forms have been sent to stakeholders to invite them to be members of the NTE Steering Group. Applications closed on 14th April. NTE applied for the first stage of the 'Home of Halloween' Fáilte Ireland grant scheme, this application has proceeded to the second stage. NTE Action Plan is under review.

GoVisitDonegal.com Website & Social Stats Update

Online & Social Media Updates – Go Visit Donegal March 2025

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

Website: Users 27,716 Up 16% MOM Views 65,077 Up 45% MOM

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

Facebook: Reach: 63,699 Up 87% MOM Views: 91,211 Up 127% MOM

Instagram: Reach: 16,166 Up 126% MOM Views: 79,620 Up 2487% MOM

LinkedIn: Reach: 4,511 Imps, 253 Reactions, 2,107 Followers

TikTok: Followers: 1,456

Donegal Tourism CLG: The Donegal Tourism CLG Board and Associate Committee meetings took place on the 6th February 2025 in The Central Hotel, Donegal Town. The next meetings of the Board and Associate Committee will take place on 7th May 2025 in the Inishowen MD.

Grant Schemes

Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme: This funding call closed on 9th April (after week extension). 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. Workshops being arranged for each MD.

Fáilte Ireland Regional Festival & Events Grant Scheme: €49,750 has been awarded to Donegal County Council under the 2025 Fáilte Ireland Regional Festival Funding Scheme. The application process for this scheme was completed online and is now closed. Applications will be scored and applicants notified of the results in due course. All festivals and events will be listed and promoted on Govisitdonegal.com

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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**

ICC – Intelligent Cities Challenge: Donegal County Council is a partner along with Derry City and Strabane District Council on the EU funded Intelligent Cities Challenge project led by ERNACT. As one of 64 cities and city regions across Europe, Ireland's North-West City Region is actively participating in the European Commission's Intelligent Cities Challenge 2.0 initiative (ICC). This project requires a Local Green Deal (LGD), aimed at creating tangible actions for change through strategic public-private partnerships. These partnerships bring together businesses, local authorities, and communities to drive sustainable initiatives forward.

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

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

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

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2. Local Enterprise Office

May 2025 (figures provided @ 31st March 2025)

Grant Aid (M1) – The first EVAC meeting of 2025 took place on 25th February 2025. 6 Donegal businesses were approved Feasibility, Start Up and Expansion grants totaling €139,742.50 which allowed them to employ staff, invest in machinery, and/or invest in research and development. The next EVAC is taking place on 29th April 2025.

Trading Online Vouchers: 30 approvals to the value of €63,779 have been approved this year to date. The Scheme is now closed to new applications and is replaced with the Digital for Business and Grow Digital schemes.

Mentoring: 53 business applicants have been approved up to 12 hours expert mentoring in 2025 to date.

Training: 575 attendees have participated in 17 Courses held year to date.

Digital For Business: 5 applications were approved to a value of €16,605.

Green For Micro/Green for Business/Green Start: 7 applicants approved for these sustainability supports to a value of €15,498.

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

Lean For Business: 4 applicants approved for this support to improve the efficiency of their businesses to a value of €18,000.

Get Exporting Programme: 1 Donegal business has been invited to Stage 3 (In Market Visit) of this national programme. Stage 3 will give businesses the opportunity to validate their export plan via a customised itinerary within their chosen export market. They will be 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. Stage 3 is due to take place from March-May 2025.

Scála Business Accelerator Programme: An 11-week Accelerator Programme aimed at scale-up entrepreneurs, with the potential for fast growth is due to commence on April 30th.

Start Your Own Business Programmes (SYOB): The Start Your Own Business Programme commenced in January and so far, 3 SYOB courses have been held, all of which were fully booked (72 attendees to date). The next course is starting on 6th May 2025, and places are currently available.

LEO Business Supports Clinic: The Clinics take place twice per month – on-line and in-person at locations throughout the county. As well as learning about LEO supports, all attendees will get the opportunity for one-to-one business advice. During April, a virtual clinic took place on April 11th with an in-person session on April 25th in the Inishowen Innovation Hub (the ii) Buncrana.

The Food Academy programme supports and develops small food and drink producers through the journey from start up to getting their products ready and on shelves in SuperValu stores. The programme consist of 10 half day workshops and the closing date for applications was 4th April 2025.

The Food Starter Programme is commencing on September 19th and will be advertised shortly. 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 workshops is to provide the participants with a base knowledge of what is involved in setting up their food business.

Student Enterprise Programme The deadline for the Student Enterprise Programme National Final was the 8th of April. Our county winners, at Senior, Intermediate & Junior categories, have been diligently preparing their business plans with the expert guidance of mentor, Emma Boylan. This year, the National Final will be held in Mullingar on Thursday, the 8th of May, where the most enterprising students from across the country will showcase their businesses and compete for the top awards in each category. The event is a celebration of innovation, creativity, and entrepreneurial spirit among second-level students nationwide. We wish all our young entrepreneurs the very best of luck as they prepare to represent Donegal on the national stage.

Enterprise Europe Network (EEN): The Local Enterprise Office Donegal in conjunction with the Enterprise Europe Network and the EEN LEO Hub Network (Donegal, Kildare, Clare, and Carlow) is offering clients an exclusive opportunity to attend the 8th International B2B Software Days 2025 in Vienna, Austria. An Irish delegation of 10 companies including 2 from Donegal will travel to the 2-day event on 19th - 20th May. This will be the final mission taking place for the current EEN programme which ends in July 2025. The new EEN programme will commence on 1st July 2025. LEO Donegal is the National lead on behalf of the 31 LEOs across Ireland.

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

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3. Information Services

Information Services (IS)

ESRI Ireland Customer Success Awards

Our Local Election 2024 Hub site was awarded the Judges Choice at the recent ESRI Ireland Customer Success Awards, April 10th. The awards are a recognition of GIS excellence across both the public and private sectors. The Election hub was a one stop shop of election information for both the candidates and the public. It included resources for candidates including nominations forms, deadlines, guidance etc and information for the public on polling day such as where's my polling station map, Candidate's dashboard, real-time results during the counts and post-election results analysis etc.



Visit of the LGMA Chief Information Officer

The Chief Information Officer with the LGMA, Mr. Sabahat Khan, together with members of his team, met with the Chief Executive and Directors recently to present the objectives of the national digital strategy ([Digital Local Government: Working for Everyone](#)) and to hear about the current priorities and challenges facing Donegal County Council. A follow up meeting with the Information Systems Division focused on insights into current ICT projects and their alignment with the national strategy.



Microsoft Briefing

Members of the Information Systems Division participated in an interactive briefing session with Microsoft recently to explore the range of capabilities offered within the Microsoft Suite of products. This afforded an opportunity to look at a range of software tools to meet various business challenges including communications, data storage, and cybersecurity. The Division engages with Microsoft through the LGMA led Enterprise agreement.

COPOWER Project

Objective: The COPOWER project aims to develop a community-based Virtual Power Plant (cVPP) and a viable business model to support it in five communities across Finland, Iceland, Ireland, and the Faroe Islands.

Donegal County Council represents Ireland and has chosen the site of a former army barracks, Lifford to pilot the coordination of Solar PV, Battery Storage, and other Distributed Energy Resources (DERs) using virtual power plant technology. This will provide real-time information on energy resource usage, maximize renewable energy onsite, and optimize the use of available DERs.

Project Scope and Timeline:

- **Key Milestone 1:** Completed implementation by June 2025.
- **Key Milestone 2:** Final reporting and presentation by March 2026.
- **Forecasting:** On electricity, solar, battery, and weather.
- **Liaison:** With other pilot participants.

This project aims to enhance energy efficiency and sustainability through innovative technology and community collaboration.

If successful, this pilot project could serve as a model for other council-owned buildings in Donegal. By using renewable energy more effectively, the project aims to help the council meet Ireland's climate targets and reduce pressure on the national electricity grid.

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4. Emergency Services

4.1 – Fire Service

Fire Service Monthly MD Report (May)

Activity	Number of: (March) ¹			Total for year	
<u>Fire Service Operations</u>					
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	73			209	
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades) **:	91			247	
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS)) **:	9			30	
<u>Operational Activity Breakdown March 2025</u>	Turnouts			Incidents in County	
	Fires	Special Services	Standby	Fires	Special Services
Donegal Fire Service	50	40	1	33	34
Northern Ireland Fire Service	4	5	-	3	3
Sub Total	54	45	1	36	37
Total	100			73	
<u>Fire Prevention</u>					
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	6			31	
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	25			N/A	
Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by the Fire Officer and waiting for Further	58			N/A	

Information from the Applicant / Agent:		
Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	12	28
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	5	6
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	0	2
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	3	5
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	4	17
Fire Safety Complaints received:	5	7
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	4	7
During Performance Inspections carried out:	0	0
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	5 ²	12

1. **Current data is only available up to the end of March 2025.**
2. **As part of its community fire safety programme, Stranorlar Fire Brigade, Falcarragh Fire Brigade & Buncrana Fire Brigade delivered 4 no. fire safety presentations and Letterkenny Fire Brigade also completed 1 no. home fire safety visit.**



ENVIRONMENT REPORT – May 2025

Activity / Project Title	Public Service Announcements (PSA's) - Running on local radio stations in May	
Description/ Activity	Septic tanks - National Inspection Plan Donegal Co. Council are carrying out septic tank inspections across the county and would like to remind homeowners to check the condition of their wastewater treatment systems, for signs of sewage overflows, blockages, pools of effluent on lawns or in nearby ditches and streams. Direct all soiled water from sinks, showers, dishwashers & washing machines to the septic tank, but not rain water, and if it hasn't been emptied for the last few years, please get it cleaned out by a permitted contractor who will dispose of it properly. Further details on how to protect your health and environment are on our website.	
Contact Person	Joe Ferry joe.ferry@donegalcoco.ie	

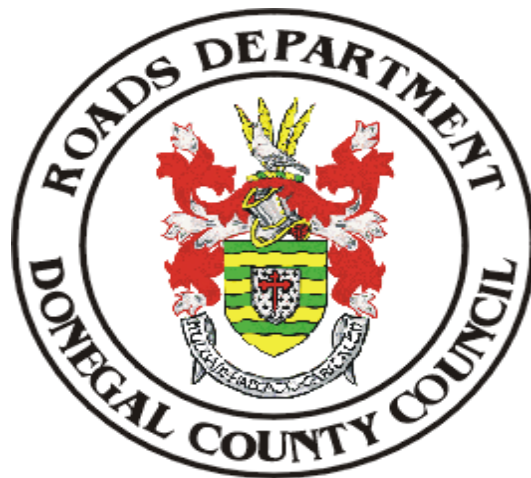
Activity / Project Title	Licence to Discharge Trade Effluent	
Description/ Activity	In advance of the summer tourist season, Donegal County Council will be conducting a survey of wastewater treatment provision in businesses offering tourist accommodation Any business such as a hotel, caravan or camping park, or Guest House discharging domestic sewage in volume greater than 5 cubic metres in any period of 24 hours to an aquifer from a septic tank or other disposal unit by means of a percolation area, soakage pit or other method, is required to apply to the Council for and obtain a licence under Section 4 of the Water Pollution Act.	 Other trade effluents which require a discharge licence include effluents arising from quarries, cement product manufacturers, fish processors, smolt farms, and various industrial & manufacturing companies. If a company discharges a trade effluent, they are legally obliged to hold a licence. Further information and application forms are available on the Council website at: https://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/environment/pollutioncontrol/water%20pollution/#EffluentDischargeLicences
Contact Person	Joe Ferry joe.ferry@donegalcoco.ie	

Activity / Project Title	Bathing Waters 2025 season
Description/ Activity	The 2025 Bathing Season will commence officially on the 1st June and the Council's Central Lab will be carrying out pre-season sampling at designated bathing waters from late May.   <i>Figure 1. Turbulent Day Sampling Kilahoe</i> <i>Figure 2. Brighter Side of Life - Dooney Beach</i> The assistance of all stakeholders, including local farmers, is key to retaining the Excellent water quality status required for the Blue Flag and Green Coast Awards As in previous years, forecasted heavy rainfall events will lead to the posting of <i>Prior Warning Notices</i> at certain bathing waters to protect bathers & forewarn of a potential drop in water quality.
Contact	Bernadette Gault , BernadetteGault@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	National Agricultural Inspection Plan
Description/ Activity	Donegal County Council are carrying out farm inspections under the Good Agricultural Practice Regulations, focusing on areas of the county where agriculture has been linked to poor water quality. The target number of first-time inspections for 2025 is 215. These inspections focus on farmyards, slurry & soiled water storage capacity, fertiliser use and minimisation of soiled water. Farmers received advance notice through the post giving at least a week to prepare for the inspection, and a final report was issued after completion. The main issues continue to centre around collection and holding of farm effluent and the control of soiled water in farmyards. For the summer months, the focus of inspections will be on sheep farms, with the disposal of spent dip a key area for attention, given the severe impacts on water quality in some upland catchments. 
Contact Person	Patrick Gallagher

Activity / Project Title	Big Donegal Clean-Up Campaign 2025
Project Description/ Activity	The launch for the 2025 Big Donegal Clean-Up campaign took place on a beautiful sunny day at the pier in Donegal town where more than 70 people came together in a celebration of collaboration and community. The Environment team of Donegal County Council who organised the event would like to thank everyone who took part with an extra special thank you to the Transition Year students from the Abbey Vocational School and their teachers Seamus Maguire, Emer O'Mahoney and Michelle Gallagher. The students demonstrated exceptional behaviour on the day. They were involved in every aspect from set up to clean up and their positive involvement was acknowledged by all in attendance. Jono Griffin from Wild & Free Adventure Co helped the students on a Monster SUP to remove waste from the water and over half a tonne was gathered from around the pier. The students were a credit to their parents and teachers on the day and a refreshing representation of the next generation. Get involved This campaign sees the Council supporting individuals, groups, businesses and organisations in arranging their own clean-ups. The Council provides bags, gloves and litter pickers while also taking care of the collection of rubbish once it has been bagged. The Council is also planning to promote clean-ups on its social media pages. You can share your photos via the following sites: 1. Twitter @DonegalCouncil 2. Facebook @donegalcoco To sign up for this year's Big Donegal Clean-Up call 074 91 53900, call to your local Council office or visit www.donegalcoco.ie. Donegal County Council will provide equipment such as litter pickers, bags, gloves, Hi Vis vests and arrange for the collection of the gathered litter afterwards. Groups should also register with An Taisce's National Spring Clean campaign in April and be part of the national campaign https://nationalspringclean.org/
Contact Person	Environment Office 074 9153900

ROADS & TRANSPORTATION UPDATE



Inishowen Municipal District

20th of May 2025

Adopted Restoration Improvement Programme 2025

RSS	Engineer	Road Class	Road Name	Works Type	Length or work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	LP	Upper rd Stroove	SR	2,800	Complete	Complete	Awaiting Surface dressing train W/Mtn
Moville	Inish North	LP	Crockanonion # 2	RR	1,300	2025	2025	Contract June / July / August
Moville	Inish North	R	Carrowmore to Gleneely	SR	1,100	2025	2025	Contract June / July / August
Moville	Inish North	LP	Terryone #2	SR	1,500	2025	2025	Contract June / July / August
Moville	Inish North	LS	Bootagh / Drumagasson	RR	876	2025	2025	Direct Labour
Moville	Inish North	LP	Drung Hill	SR	1,000	2025	2025	Direct Labour
Moville	Inish North	LP	Kinnego Rd	SR	1,600	2025	2025	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	2025	2025	Contract June / July / August
Carn	Inish North	R	Glentogher Section 1	RR	508	2025	2025	Contract June / July / August
Carn	Inish North	R	Glentogher Section 2	RR	368	2025	2025	Contract June / July / August
Carn	Inish North	LP	Crossconnell/Dunaff	SR	1,500	2025	2025	Contract June / July / August
Carn	Inish North	LP	Leenan to Mamore	SR	1,390	2025	2025	Contract June / July / August
Carn	Inish North	R	Lagg Road	SR	1,315	2025	2025	Contract June / July / August
Carn	Inish North	LS	Coolcross	RR	1,000	2025	2025	Contract June / July / August
Carn	Inish North	R	Rasheeney	SR	1,300	2025	2025	Contract June / July / August
Carn	Inish North	R	Malin Bridge*	SR	100	2025	2025	Contract pre summer ASAP
Carn Total 2024					9,581			
Buncrana	Inish South	R	Lisfannon Duffys	RR	400	2025	2025	To be tendered
Buncrana	Inish South	R	Cockhill Road	RR	900	Complete	Complete	Churchill
Buncrana	Inish South	LP	Dunree Road Section No.1	RR	1,100	Complete	Complete	Churchill
Buncrana	Inish South	LP	Green Road Tullydish	SR	1,200	Complete	Complete	P Keenan Starting this week
Buncrana	Inish South	LP	Griana's Gap Section No.1	SR	1,700	Complete	Complete	P Keenan Starting this week
Buncrana	Inish South	LS	Beylett	SR	800	Complete	Complete	P Keenan Starting this week
Buncrana	Inish South	LP	Cahir O' Doherty	SR	354	2025	2025	Churchill July/August
Buncrana	Inish South	R	Fahan Lookout*	SR	600	2025	2025	Whitemountain
Buncrana Total 2024					7,054			
Newtown	Inish South	R	Killea Reg	RR	1,350	2025	2025	
Newtown	Inish South	LP	Toulett Section No.1	RR	800	2025	2025	
Newtown	Inish South	R	Carrigans to Derry Border*	SR	750	2025	2025	
Newtown	Inish South	LS	Sallybrooke	SR	705	2025	2025	
Newtown	Inish South	LS	Ballymoney	SR	1,100	2025	2025	
Newtown	Inish South	LS	Green Road Burt	SR	818	Pending	Pending	P Keenan Starting this week
Newtown	Inish South	LS	Ardee Road Newtown	SR	1,381	Pending	Pending	P Keenan Starting this week
Newtown	Inish South	LS	Aileach Valley	SR	125	Pending	Pending	P Keenan Starting this week
Newtown	Inish South	LP	Toulett Section No. 2*	SR	585	2025	2025	
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	2025	2025	Preparatory works underway
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	2025	2025	
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	2025	2025	Preparatory works underway
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	2025	2025	Preparatory works underway
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	2025	2025	Preparatory works underway
Carndonagh	Inish North	LT	L-6841-1	Roosky	SD	900	2025	2025	Preparatory works underway
Carndonagh	Inish North	LT	L-52311-0	Magheranaul	SD	647	2025	2025	Preparatory works underway
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L-1091-3	Isle road	SD	1,000	2025	2025	Preparatory works underway
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L-1171-2	Altashane	SD	1,240	2025	2025	Preparatory works underway
Carndonagh Total						16,328			
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	R	238-18	Minduff Section No.1	SD	1,038	2025	2025	Train Arrives 16 - 27 June
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	LP	L1731-1 to L1731-6	Meena Hanish	SD	3,400	2025	2025	Train Arrives 16 - 27 June
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	LP	1841-2	Moss Cottages Inch	SD	1,600	2025	2025	Train Arrives 16 - 27 June
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	LP	1841-4	Watery Road Inch	SD	1,000	2025	2025	Train Arrives 16 - 27 June
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	LS	L6211-1	White Castle School Road	SD	1,252	2025	2025	Train Arrives 16 - 27 June
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	LT	16911-3	Meenaward	SD	2,300	2025	2025	Train Arrives 16 - 27 June
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	LT	68712-2	Owenark	SD	1,374	2025	2025	Train Arrives 16 - 27 June
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	LT	68712-3	Glassmullan	SD	1,100	2025	2025	Train Arrives 16 - 27 June
Buncrana Rural Total						13,064			
Newtown	Inish South	R	265-8	Redbridge	SD	750	2025	2025	9th June 1 week
Newtown	Inish South	R	265-7	Monreagh	SD	680	2025	2025	9th June 1 week
Newtown	Inish South	LP	1811-1	Glackmore	SD	920	2025	2025	9th June 1 week
Newtown	Inish South	LP	1911-2	Drunskellan	SD	1,160	2025	2025	9th June 1 week
Newtown	Inish South	LP	2021-2	Adee to polock	SD	1,620	2025	2025	9th June 1 week
Newtown	Inish South	LS	5014-2	Dunduff	SD	1,400	2025	2025	9th June 1 week
Newtown	Inish South	LS	8241-1	Bohuillion	SD	946	2025	2025	9th June 1 week
Newtown	Inish South	LS	8421-1	Garshooey	SD	1,400	2025	2025	9th June 1 week
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	2025	2025	
Moville	Inish North	Cashel Main Road	200m of 450mm pipe including gullies	2025	2025	
Moville	Inish North	Upper Road Stroove	90m of 450 mm pipe	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	Oort	120m of 300mm pipe	2025	2025	
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	2025	2025	
Carndonagh	Inish North	Ballinhona	110m of 300mm pipe	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	Craigtown	80m of 450mm pipe	2025	2025	
Carndonagh Total						
Buncrana	Inish South	Barmoor /Trillick	100 metre of 300 mm pipper and 3 Gullies	2025	2025	
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	2025	2025	
Buncrana	Inish South	Carvagh Dunree	100 metre of 300 mm pipe and 4 Gullies	2025	2025	
Buncrana	Inish South	Linsfort Old Post office	60 metre of 225 mm pipe and 3 Gullies	2025	2025	
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	2025	2025	
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	2025	2025	
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	2025	2025
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		



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Donegal County Council

HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

Municipal District of Inishowen

20th May 2025

Corporate Services

- Consider Date for AGM

Housing Service

- Progress Reports

Summary of Casual Vacancies Inishowen MD as 20 th May 2025	
Properties Refurbished and at Offer Stage	0
Properties being refurbished	0
Properties to be refurbished	10

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
42	15	27

Summary of DCC Nominations to AHBs

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

Inishowen MD Housing Waiting List January 2024	
Gross Number of Approved Applicants on Social Housing Waiting List	675
Applicants currently accommodated with HAP assistance but who have remained on the Council Social Housing list	395
Tenants currently accommodated in Council Social Housing and who are approved for a Transfer	50
Net Social Housing Waiting List	230

Gross Need - by approved bedrooms – May 2025

Municipal District		1	2	3	4	5	Total
Inishowen	Ballyliffin	1	4	4	2	0	11
	Bridgend	1	17	5	1	0	24
	Buncrana	18	168	67	14	0	267
	Burnfoot	1	6	5	0	0	12
	Burt	1	4	3	0	0	8
	Carndonagh	15	71	47	5	0	138
	Carrigans	2	8	5	0	0	15
	Clonmany	0	10	11	1	0	22
	Culdaff	0	7	5	0	0	12
	Fahan	1	2	0	0	0	3
	Gleneely	0	5	4	0	0	9
	Glengad	0	3	1	0	0	4
	Greencastle	2	10	5	0	0	17
	Inch	0	0	1	0	0	1
	Killea	0	4	2	1	0	7
	Malin	1	3	9	0	0	13
	Malin Head	0	2	1	0	0	3
	Moville	6	17	12	1	0	36
	Muff	2	19	9	1	0	31
	Newtowncunningham	4	25	7	1	1	38
	Redcastle	1	1	2	0	0	4
Total		56	386	205	27	1	675

Housing Grants Report at 12th May 2025

Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2023	79	56	3	13	7	0
2024	79	71	1	5	1	1
2025	31	8	0	2	10	11

Mobility Aids Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2023	41	30	0	10	1	0
2024	23	15	0	5	2	1
2025	3	1	0	0	0	2

Housing Aid for Older People Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2023	175	159	7	9	0	0
2024	222	197	5	12	4	4
2025	104	34	1	6	27	36

Housing Capital Update Report Inishowen Municipal District Meeting

20th May 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 formally appointed by Donegal County Council in December 2024. Construction period is 24months. Site establishment works completed. Site formation substantially completed and importation of stone fill material and excavation of foundations has commenced. In addition construction of the eastern boundary retaining wall has also commenced.	54
Detailed Design / Tender Stage		
Barrack Hill, Carndonagh	The contractor commenced foundation works on 14 th March. All dwellings are now at subfloor level, and timber frame kits are scheduled to be delivered at the end of May.	21
Carn Road, Gleneely	The contractor commenced on-site in February, and all dwellings are now at subfloor level. Timber frame kits are scheduled for delivery at the end of May 2025.	10
Malin, Radharc na Tra Breige, (Ph 4)	The contractor commenced on-site in early March 2025. All dwellings are now at subfloor level. Timber Frame kits are scheduled for delivery at the end of May.	9
Ballyhaskey, Newtowncunningham	Part 8 planning approval was granted at the Special Plenary Council meeting on 28 th April 2025. External Quantity Surveyors, Mechanical and Electrical Consulting Engineers, and Civil and Structural Engineers have been appointed for the next phase of this design-and-build project. Tenders for Architects, Employer's Reps, are being assessed.	40
Total		134

2. SI Dwellings

The Council is progressing the delivery of 3 no. SI dwellings in Inishowen Municipal District as follows:

- a) Dunaff, Clonmany
- b) Kinnea, Clonmany
- c) Ballyliffin

The department approved supplemental funding requests on 7 May 2025. Tenders have been evaluated, and contractors will be appointed upon conveyance of land.

3. House Acquisitions

- 3.1 The Council has completed on the acquisition of the former Garda Station at Malin and is now undertaking works to the property which will take approximately 7 months. Works are expected to complete in October 2025.
- 3.2 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 Department of Housing has recently issued guidance for 2025 by way of Circular: Housing 11/2025 - Social Housing Second Hand Acquisitions Programme. The capital budget provided to Donegal County Council for 2025 under the Social Housing Programme is €2,000,000.

The Circular outlines four key priority areas under single housing units can be acquired as follows:

1. Tenant in Situ
2. Exiting Homelessness
3. Disability/Older Persons
4. Buy and Renew

Eligibility criteria has been defined within the Circular for each of these priority areas. Housing Capital is working closely with the Area teams to establish if ongoing acquisitions can now meet the criteria of the Circular.

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.

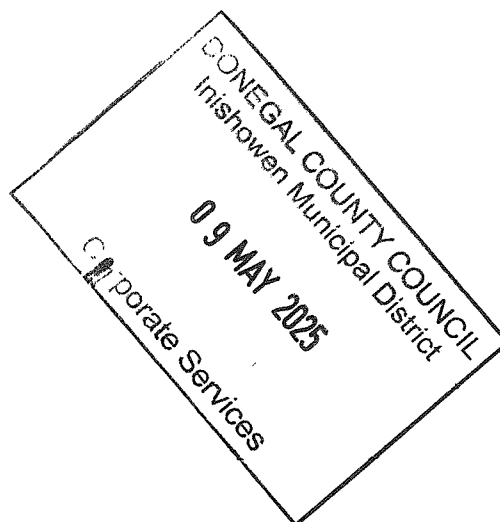
Acquisition of a site at Newtowncunningham has been completed with potential for 40 housing units. A further offer to acquire lands at Moville has been accepted (subject to contract) with the potential for 30 housing units.

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.

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Our Ref: DRCD-MO-00286-2025

8 May 2025

Dear Ms Cresswell

Thank you for your letter dated 29th April on behalf of the members of Inishowen Municipal District regarding the inclusion of the Inishowen area in the CLÁR 2025 programme.

The CLÁR Programme provides funding under a number of different measures for small-scale infrastructural projects in designated rural areas which have experienced significant levels of depopulation over a defined period.

As you acknowledged in your letter, the Programme for Government makes a commitment to carry out a comprehensive review of the eligibility criteria of CLÁR within 6 months with a view to expanding the programme to rural areas which are currently ineligible. Officials in the Department have begun the process of completing this review. The outcome of the review will inform the Minister's decision regarding the areas that will be eligible for CLÁR in the future.

As the 2025 scheme was launched on 4th April this year the designated areas remain unchanged for this iteration of the scheme and therefore the Inishowen area is not included.

I hope this is of some assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

Eamonn Mc Cormack
Programme Manager to Dara Calleary T.D.
Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht

From: Susan Callaghan (Housing) <Susan.Callaghan@npws.gov.ie>

Sent: 06 May 2025 12:16

To: DCCINFO <info@Donegalcoco.ie>

Subject: FAO Una Cresswell, Area Manager Inishowen MD

A chara,

I wish to acknowledge and thank you for your correspondence (attached) from the 29th April 2025.

Firstly I had not received any previous requests for a meeting, so I apologise if any previous requests to NPWS had been unanswered.

Both myself and relevant colleagues (Ger O'Donnell, Regional Manager and John Carey, Corncrake / Traonach LIFE project manager) are in a position to meet on the 26th June. This is our preferred date.

Alternative dates are the 5th or 17th June – however, John Carey will not be available on those dates and so we would not be in a position to fully cover queries particularly to do with the Corncrake Survey work (as per your request).

I'd appreciate if you could outline the items for discussion. Please don't hesitate to contact me directly if you require any clarifications or you'd like to discuss other dates.

Looking forward to meeting with you.

Kind regards,

Sue Callaghan

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Acknowledgement from Minister James Browne - Secondhand Acquisitions Programme 2025

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Your correspondence is currently receiving attention and a further reply will issue as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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Jack Savage

Private Secretary

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