

Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall

Oifig Riathóir na gCruinnithe,
Aras an Chontae,
Leifear.

10ú Meitheamh, 2025

Fógra Cruinnithe

Beidh Cruinniú Bliantúil de Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall ar siúl **De Máirt 17ú Meitheamh 2025, ag 11.30 r.n. in Ionad Serbhísí Pobail, Bhaile Dhún na nGall.**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS DÚN NA nGALL

A Chara,

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

Mise, le meas

Padraig O'Sirin
Riathóir Cruinnithe

Municipal District of Donegal

Office of Meetings Administrator,
County House,
Lifford.

10th June, 2025

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal will be held on **Tuesday 17th June 2025 at 11.30 am in the Donegal Public Services Centre.**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL

Dear Councillor,

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

Yours sincerely,

Pauric Sheerin
Meetings Administrator

AGENDA

1. Election of Cathaoirleach
2. Election of Leas-Cathaoirleach
3. Consideration of Minutes of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 13th May 2025.
4. Consideration of Minutes of the Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme Workshop held on 1st May 2025
5. Consideration of Minutes of the Roads Workshop held on 13th May 2025
6. Consideration of Minutes of the Roads Workshop held on 29th May 2025
7. Consideration of Minutes of the Community Development Workshop held on 29th May 2025
8. **Update Reports from Council Services:**
 - 8.1 Housing & Corporate Services
 - 8.2 Roads & Transportation
 - 8.3 Economic Development, Information Systems and Emergency Services
 - 8.4 Environment Services
 - 8.5 Community Development
 - 8.6 Planning Services
9. **Date of Next Meeting(s) / Workshop(s)**
 - MD Meeting on Tuesday the 8th July 2025 at 11.30 am in the Peter Kennedy Chamber (as per standing orders)
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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL
HELD AT 11.30AM ON TUESDAY THE 13TH MAY 2025 IN THE PETER
KENNEDY CHAMBER, DONEGAL PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE**

MDD/060/25 MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MDD/061/25 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Roads/Transportation
Mr. Daragh McDonough, Project Leader, Information Systems
Ms. Aideen Quinn, A/Executive Planner, Planning
Ms. Tara Quinn, Executive Architect, Housing Capital
Mr. Suzanne Bogan, Climate Action Officer, Environment Services
Ms. Caroline Britton, Staff Officer, Community Development
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services
Ms. Evelyn Sharpe, Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

MDD/062/25 APOLOGIES

Mr Garry Martin, Director Designate, Municipal District of Donegal

MDD/063/25 VOTES OF SYMPATHY

Votes of sympathy were passed in respect of the following:

- Mary McGlynn (RIP), Bundoran
- Liam Kelly (RIP), Donegal Town
- Frank McGloin (RIP), Ballyshannon
- Peggy Travers (RIP), Laghey
- Eddie Friel (RIP), Killybegs
- Tadgh Gallagher (RIP), Killybegs

**MDD/064/25 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 8TH APRIL 2025**

On the proposal of Cllr Naughton, seconded by Cllr Boyle, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 8th April 2025 were confirmed.

**MDD/065/25 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF
DONEGAL HELD ON 4TH APRIL 2025**

On the proposal of Cllr Kennedy, seconded by Cllr McMahon, the Minutes of the Community Development Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 4th April 2025 were confirmed.

MDD/066/25 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE HOUSING CAPITAL WORKSHOP OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 11TH APRIL 2025

On the proposal of Cllr Boyle, seconded by Cllr Brogan, the Minutes of the Development Fund Initiative Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 11th April 2025 were confirmed.

MDD/067/25 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ROADS WORKSHOP OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 29TH APRIL 2025

On the proposal of Cllr Naughton, seconded by Cllr McMahon, the Minutes of the Development Fund Initiative Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 29th April 2025 were confirmed.

MDD/068/25 INCIDENT AT THE HOME OF CLLR MCMAHON

Cllr Jordan referred to the incident that occurred in Bundoran on Saturday evening (10th May) whereby protestors gathered outside the home of Cllr McMahon and Cllr Jordan asked that it be put on record that this is unacceptable behaviour, and that no person's home should be targeted in a protest. Cllr Jordan noted those involved claimed it was the Constituency office they were targeting and he highlighted the fact that no Constituency Office is open on a Saturday evening. Cllr Jordan stated that he believes that these actions were orchestrated from the beginning of the protest, in the knowledge that Cllr McMahon was not at home, and therefore the protestors were targeting Cllr McMahon's wife, children and grandchildren. Cllr Jordan acknowledged everyone's right to protest, but not in this way, targeting a home.

Cllr Brogan agreed with Cllr Jordan's comments, stating that these people don't represent the people of Ireland in behaving like that. He stated it is a worrying time, as these people are fascists and racists and are attempting to influence respectable people who have genuine concerns with migration, into believing this type of behaviour is acceptable.

Cllr Naughton agreed with the previous speakers' comments, adding these protestors have no place in society. He agreed people have a right to protest in a peaceful manner with respect for others but not to target people's homes and especially when they know they are not at

home. He added that local councillors are not the people who make decisions around who is accommodated in these areas, this is the decision of the property owners themselves. Cllr Naughton stated it is regrettable that Cllr McMahon's home was targeted, and it brings the wrong sort of spotlight on Bundoran. Cllr Naughton stated that these protestors don't represent the people that he represents, he added that he represents people who have concerns but will voice them in a respectful manner. He reassured Cllr McMahon that all members in attendance stand with him in condemning the incident that occurred at his home on Saturday 10th May.

Cllr Boyle agreed with all the previous speakers' comments, citing he was disgusted to hear protestors would turn up outside any individual's door, adding that he would like to show his support to Cllr McMahon, political parties aside, this was unacceptable.

Cllr Kennedy concurred with all the previous speakers remarks, saying her heart went out to Cllr McMahon and his family, stating that the perpetrators are bullies, and shouldn't be flying tricolours, as that's not how the National flag should be used. She concurred that the members would stand together with Cllr McMahon on this.

Cllr McMahon voiced his appreciation for the support shown to him and his family, from fellow councillors and the public. He noted the people protesting in Bundoran had no interest in Bundoran, they came from different organisations, north and south, deliberately targeting his home in the knowledge he wasn't there. He pointed out the protestors have indicated their concern for the welfare of women and children but showed no concern for his wife and family when gathering outside his home chanting. He advised he would not allow these people to deter him from the work that he is doing, working for his community.

MDD/069/25 DEPUTATION – ROSSNOWLAGH FARMERS MARKET

A presentation was made to members by representatives of Rossnowlagh Farmers Market (RFM): Lisa McCorley, Jaime Leigh Meade and Faye Dinsmore, describing the activities of the RFM, outlining details of events held and proposed ideas for expansion of the market to an indoor sheltered space including the proposed purchase of a food truck.

The members thanked Ms Corley, Ms Meade and Ms Dinsmore for a very comprehensive, well presented and impressive presentation. The members fully support the initiative of the RFM, i.e. local produce being sold locally and boosting the local economy.

Ms Corley suggested that the €50,000 funding which was awarded to Friends of Rossnowlagh (who are no longer in a position to avail of

the funding) could be allocated to RFM to utilise to provide indoor sheltered space for the market. The members acknowledged the suggestion but confirmed that this transfer of funds etc is not a matter for the Members to decide.

Ms McCorley advised that the RFM were considering putting together an application for funding under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme but acknowledged that this would be subject to the terms and conditions of the scheme in the context of qualifying works.

Cllr Kennedy noted the proposal to apply for LEADER funding for a food truck and queried if RFM had considered seeking LEADER funding for the entire project being proposed. Ms McCorley advised they are open to considering any funding opportunities, however following a meeting with DLDC it is apparent that there is a requirement to lease the land in order to apply for LEADER funding, which may be difficult to achieve.

The members thanked the representatives from RFM for attending, and confirmed their support for the Rossnowlagh Farmers Market.

MDD/070/25 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

CORPORATE SERVICES

Previous Meeting Follow Ups:

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

- Letters of sympathy: issued.
- Rossnowlagh Farmers market: Invited to May MD Meeting.
- Correspondence to HSE/Podiatry: issued
- Defective Concrete Block/Donegal MD Housing Stock: information from Donal Walker circulated to members
- Defective Concrete Block Grant Assistance: DCB Community Facilitators contact details circulated to members
- Island House Management Killybegs: workshop has taken place.

Nomination to Bundoran Waterworld (1 No. Member)

It was agreed to defer this item to the AGM meeting in June 2025.

AGM – Donegal MD

Members agreed to postpone the AGM, initially scheduled for 10th June 2025, to be held Tuesday 17th June 2025.

Civic Reception – Katie-George Dunlevy

Members agreed to hold a Municipal District Reception for Katie-George Dunlevy at Donegal PSC on Thursday 12th June 2025 at 2pm.

The Late Mrs Mary McGlynn

Cllr Naughton passed on his condolences to the family of the late Mrs Mary McGlynn, Bundoran, citing she had done great work for the town of Bundoran, as a former town Councillor, former director of Bundoran Waterworld, and in the Hotel Business, adding that Mrs McGlynn had built up the tourism offering of Bundoran over the years.

Cllr McMahon concurred with Cllr Naughtons remarks, adding Mrs. McGlynn had brought huge employment to the town and was a highly effective director of Bundoran Waterworld. He extended his deepest sympathies to the McGlynn and McEniff Families.

HOUSING SERVICES

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

Energy Efficiency Deep Retrofit Works Programme 2025.

Mr Sheerin advised the Energy Efficiency Deep Retrofit programme for 2025 is ready to begin, with commencement letters issued to tenants in Ard Mhuire, Clos Naomh Columbia, Emerald Close, Slieve League Avenue, Marine Drive, Bluestack Drive, Pine Trees & Aughera. He highlighted that in order for these houses to comply, the entire suite of works must be fully carried out to achieve a BER rating of B2 when works are completed.

Cllr Brogan noted tenants are concerned about the possibility of no electricity during storms, like in the recent past, and will have no alternative means of heating or cooking when this happens.

Mr Sheerin advised the council don't provide heating or cooking appliances, these are purchased by the tenants themselves.

Cllr McMahon advised several tenants that have had the retrofit works completed are experiencing mould, which is requiring constant cleaning and repainting as result.

Mr Sheerin advised the forming of mould is a symptom of lack of sufficient airflow going through the property, such as through opening windows. The retrofit fully insulates the property; however, moisture will turn to mould if there's insufficient airflow for ventilation.

Housing Maintenance – Response Framework

Mr Sheerin advised a response framework is being put in place whereby response maintenance works (minor building, maintenance and refurbishments works) will go to one contractor, with planned maintenance continuing to be dealt with through tender competitions. He added this approach will streamline response repairs to become more efficient.

Housing Grants

Mr Sheerin advised an internal workshop for staff will be held at the end of May, after which a workshop will be held with members, to get an overall understanding of the new guidelines.

Cllr Jordan welcomed the suggestion of providing a step-by-step guide to applicants on how to request a statement of liability on the Revenue online website to be made available. Cllr Brogan agreed this has caused issues for applicants, advising there is a paper-based application process, but revenue appear slow to respond.

Mr Sheerin agreed there is genuine difficulty for some applicants in accessing a statement of liability, and stated a document will be worked on to try to make the steps required to access to this statement easier to follow.

Housing Capital

Ms T Quinn referred to the circulated Housing Capital Report, taken as read. She highlighted the schemes in Laghey, Glencolmcille & Kilcar are progressing through detailed design stage with an Architect Led Design Team and the proposed 18-unit scheme in Killybegs has gone to the Department for approval.

Laghey Development

Cllr Naughton queried when the Laghey scheme will be commenced on site.

Ms T Quinn advised the development is expected to go to tender in the next 3-4 months, with an expected 12-month construction period thereafter.

Croi Conaithe Grant Scheme

Cllr Naughton advised he had met the Minister the previous day in Donegal Town and mentioned to him the success of the Croi Conaith

Grant Scheme in dealing with derelict properties and asked that it be extended to apartments over shop units.

Mr Sheerin advised a site survey in Pettigo was planned by the Regeneration Team, to review dangerous and derelict buildings. Mr Sheerin advised that the Housing Engineer would also be involved as its important for the Services to work together given the overlapping nature of the issue.

Housing Contractor

Cllr McMahon raised concern about an issue that has arisen between the Council and a contractor, which is slowing up construction of houses. He noted these concerns stem from another District but are having an impact on this District.

Cllr Naughton concurred with Cllr McMahon's concern. He noted a Housing Workshop with the Construction Industry Federation has been organised. He stated an open discussion is needed if the Council are serious about building houses.

Mr Sheerin acknowledged the Members concerns and advised that while the issue doesn't have its origin in the Donegal MD, it could potentially affect the MD. He added there are meetings happening at central level to deal with this issue, between the relevant stakeholders.

MDD/071/25 ROADS / TRANSPORTATION SERVICES REPORT

Mr Sweeney referred to the circulated report taken as read.

Previous Meeting Follow Ups

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

Abandoned Lorry Bundoran; issue has been addressed.

Diamond Killybegs – ascertain when works will be carried out: The proposed resurfacing on Main Street, Killybegs is not yet tendered so it will be after the summer months before this work is undertaken.

Roundabout Laghey – The area office provided an update to the Members on the status of this project by way of email 29/04/25.

Public Consultation for Urban Speed Limit Review

Mr Sweeney informed members that public consultation events have been organised this week in Killybegs, Donegal Town and Ballyshannon in relation to the Urban Speed Limit Review.

Flooding at Durnesh

Mr Sweeney advised that funding has been secured under Climate Adaptation Funding to appoint a consultant to commence the design of the flood relief works in the vicinity of Durnesh Lough in Rosstown. As the lake and bay are both special areas of conservation (SAC'S) any design will need to be approved by An Bord Pleanála.

Rock Armour at Carntulla

Cllr Bolye raised concern about the road along the sea at Binroe in Killybegs, which is around 1.5ft away from water, and the rock armour appears to be collapsing.

Mr Sweeney agreed to investigate this issue.

Ardaghey to Ardara Road

Cllr Boyle asked for an update on planned works to this Road.

Mr Sweeney advised this is tendered and will seek an update from the Roads Engineer.

Appointment of RSS, Killybegs

Cllr Kennedy asked when the position of RSS in Killybegs would be filled.

Mr Sweeney advised an individual has been identified to take up the post, but they are awaiting their current position to be backfilled.

Road Tarring

Cllr McMahon acknowledged and thanked the Roads staff for tarring roads at Cashelard, Corlea and West End Bundoran.

Cllr Jordan queried if the reduction of the speed limit on local roads to 60kph would remove the need to tar and chip on top of the bitmac and allow more roads to be tarred from the cost savings.

Mr Sweeney advised this query was sent to the Department and he is awaiting clarification.

Damaged Manhole Cover at Ballyshannon

Cllr McMahon asked what could be done in regard to the damaged BT concrete manhole cover on the Ballyshannon/Belleek Road.

Mr Sweeney will follow up on this. He advised members to make the area Roads office aware if there are damaged manholes and they will follow it up with the relevant service provider about getting them fixed.

Dangerous Junctions

Cllr McMahon raised concerns regarding the junctions at Ballyshannon, Coolcholly, Parkhill and Cavengarden, noting a recent

accident involving a lorry at the Ballyshannon junction, asking that the members meet TII representatives to see what can be done.

Mr Sweeney advised TII require road safety assessments to be carried out (traffic counts, background information etc) and submitted to them to assess if something needs to be done. This information is currently being compiled for these junctions and when completed will be submitted to the Road Safety Engineer to review and consider in advance of discussing same with the TII.

MDD/072/25 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFORMATION SYSTEMS & EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT

Mr McDonough referred to the circulated report, taken as read, highlighting some events such as the Donegal Tech Advocates Event held in Letterkenny 1st May 2025 and the 156th Balmoral Show which will take place 14th -17th May where Donegal Tourism will be promoting the County and distributing brochures.

ESRI Ireland Customer Success Award

Mr McDonough advised Donegal County Council's Local Election 2024 Hub website won the Judge's Choice award at the recent ESRI Ireland Customer Success Award.

Cllr Jordan congratulated the IS team on this award.

Bundoran/Ballyshannon Fire Stations

Cllr Jordan noted no business case has yet been submitted to the members in relation to the Ballyshannon and Bundoran Fire Stations, which is expected in May, describing this as a worrying time for members of the Fire Crews at Bundoran and Ballyshannon Stations. He advised it was agreed that the Members would have sight of this business case prior to its submission to the Department.

Cllr Brogan agreed that it is important that the Members see this business case before its submission to the Department.

Caravan & Camping

Cllr Brogan stated a whole of Council approach is needed to identify land in Donegal Town for Caravan and Camping facilities, so that they can be moved from the Pier and have somewhere else to go. He added this is a sector which needs to be embraced as they are spending in the localities where they are staying. He also advised facilities needs to be put in place for their rubbish, otherwise it will be dumped.

Cllr Naughton agreed with Cllr Brogan, citing campervans are taking up a significant number of parking spaces at the Pier and something

needs to be done to resolve this. Both members referenced Development Charges as a potential obstacle to attracting private investment in these facilities.

Cllr McMahon advised there are two serviced sites in Bundoran yet there is still a huge problem of campervans blocking up areas where business people can't get access to their premises, taking over the car park at Supervalu and along Tullan Strand, with no solution to date. He stated this issue is a problem for public representatives, the community and businesses and a solution needs to be found. He noted that the Council will not operate campervan facilities.

Cllr Kennedy highlighted it is now the start of another season with the same story, she stated we've reached capacity with campervans, they are taking up disabled bays and upto 2/3 parking places. She noted this will be an issue going forward on shore front, Killybegs. She advised that something needs to be done about this, and while a report has been completed, something needs to be done to be able to move these campervans to a purpose-built facility.

Doagh Famine Village

Cllr Naughton relayed his sympathy to Pat and Majella Doherty and his regret on the recent damage caused by fire to the Doagh Famine Village, adding that was built and brought tourists to Donegal long before the Wild Atlantic Way was introduced. He added that he was delighted to hear part of the Village will be opened for this summer and wished them all the best going forward.

Roll out of Broadband

Cllr Jordan raised the issue relating to the National roll out of Broadband, where fibre is made available either side of a town or village, but not in the centre, which is causing serious confusion for residents.

Mr McDonough advised the National Broadband plan is to bring high speed broadband to specific areas outside of towns and villages. The towns and village centres are being retrofitted now with fibre, but he is unable to comment further on the detail of this as this is commercially sensitive. He informed members that they can check details relating to the National Broadband plan for the county on nbi.ie/rep/

MDD/073/25 ENVIRONMENT SERVICES REPORT

Ms Bogan referred to the circulated report, taken as read. In relation to follow ups from the previous meeting, she confirmed the Clothes Bank has been removed and litter signs erected along the Ardagh to Ardara road.

Swim Shelter, Mountcharles

Cllr Jordan commended Mr Kevin McCloskey, the Environment staff and Donegal Sports Partnership on installation of the swim shelter at Mountcharles.

Cllr Brogan agreed with Cllr Jordan's comments, adding this was a great facility and will be used all year round.

Septic Tank Inspections.

Cllr Naughton queried if it is now the case that households can contact the Council to inspect their septic tank and apply for the Septic Tank Grant, as announced on the radio recently.

Ms Bogan advised Cllr Naughton was referring to a public announcement encouraging individuals to check their septic tanks, and the Council's inspection plan has not changed from what was outlined to members by Mr Joe Ferry at a previous meeting.

Public Toilets, Donegal Town

Cllr Naughton welcomed the funding being allocated from the Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme and stated he is anxious that this work commences urgently, before the summer season takes off.

Cllr Brogan asked that the Environment Section act quickly to get quotations for this and get work commenced urgently. He advised after this work is carried out, cleaning and maintenance of the facilities will be required, citing the possibility that someone on the Community Employment Scheme or Council staff could be considered for this role.

MDD/074/25 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING SERVICES

Community Development Report

Ms Britton referred to the circulated report, taken as read. She also referred to a response to follows ups from the previous meeting, which she circulated to members the previous day.

Ms Britton highlighted events such as the Donegal Census Roadshow taking place in Letterkenny 15th May providing insights into the 2022 Census results and the changes planned for 2027 Census, expressions of interest from Community Groups for Measure 1 Clár funding closes 14th May 2025 and the Town and Village Renewal 2025 Scheme which closes 21st May 2025.

Donegal Craft Village

Cllr Brogan raised the issue of lack of wheelchair access to footpaths in the Donegal Craft Village, questioning what section is responsible

for remedying this. He added that fencing is also required. Cllr Brogan advised that 2 units remain unoccupied, and things need to be progressed to get those occupied as soon as possible.

Sensory Garden, Bundoran

Cllr McMahon commended the Library Services and their staff on the opening of a new sensory garden in Bundoran, promoting wellbeing and inclusion, and thanked Cllr Kennedy for joining him to cut the ribbon at its recent launch. He thanked the Tidy Town Committee and Tus Scheme participants for their work planting flowers litter picking etc.

Ms Britton agreed to take the members comments back to the Community Development team and revert where required.

Planning Services Report

Ms A Quinn referred to the circulated report, taken as read. She highlighted the recent Regeneration Workshop which gave an update on the RRDF projects and noted the success of the Croi Conaith Grant Scheme.

County Development Plan

Cllr Jordan queried if there was any response back from comments submitted to the County Development Plan.

Ms A Quinn informed members direction from the Minister is being awaited in relation to the County Development Plan.

Casual Trading, Killybegs

Cllr Kennedy raised a query in relation to the specific locations in Killybegs that are designated for casual trading purposes and the implications for those who may wish to trade in other areas.

Ms A Quinn agreed to pass on this query to the relevant officials so that a response to this query can be provided.

MDD/075/25 REQUEST TO CALL FOR UPGRADE OF MAINS WATER SYSTEM AT GANNEW, GLENCOLMCILLE, TEELIN & CARRICK.

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

"I am calling on the Donegal Municipal District to contact Uisce Eireann as a matter of urgency to call for the upgrade of the mains water system and change the asbestos pipes in Gannew, Glencolmcille and in Teelin, Carrick, which are causing major disruption over a number of years."

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

In speaking to his motion, Cllr Brogan emphasised the need for water mains to be replaced in the areas referred to in the motion given the frequency of bursts in these areas and the consequential inconvenience to the public. He submitted that both repairs (Gannev & Teelin) would not be a large project and the mains replacements could be done in one job lot and emphasised the urgency of these works being completed and called on Uisce Eireann to carry out same.

In seconding the motion Cllr Boyle stated the works are urgently needed.

Mr. P Sheerin confirmed that correspondence will be issued to Uisce Eireann.

MDD/076/25 Date of Next Meeting / Workshops

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

Workshop	Date/Time
Road Workshop	29 th May 2025 at 10am
Community Trails Workshop	29 th May 2025 at 11.30am

The next Municipal District of Donegal meeting (AGM) will take place Tuesday 17th June at 11.30am in the Peter Kennedy Chamber (as per Standing Orders)

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Area Manager
Municipal District of Donegal

Cathaoirleach
Municipal District of Donegal

**Minutes of the 2025 Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme Workshop Donegal MD
Thursday May 1st at 12:00pm in the Peter Kennedy Chamber, Donegal Public Service Centre,
Donegal Town**

Members Present:

Cllr Niamh Kennedy
Cllr Noel Jordan (MD Cathaoirleach)
Cllr Micheál Naughton
Cllr Michael Boyle
Cllr Michael McMahon
Cllr Jimmy Brogan.

Officials in Attendance:

Ms Joy Browne, Tourism Unit
Ms. Sarah Nolan, Tourism Unit
Ms Aoife Dunlevy, Tourism Unit

Minutes:

Joy Browne, Tourism Manager welcomed everyone to the workshop and provided an overview of the Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme.

Aoife Dunlevy advised members of the funding available i.e., €50,000 for Community led applications and €50,000 for Council led applications.

Aoife Dunlevy provided a detailed presentation to members of the Community groups and Council services who had submitted applications. She provided an overview of each application, including a project summary, cost of project, funding required and estimated completion date.

Members discussed the applications in detail and the following was agreed:

Community Led Applications	
Group name & Project title	Funding agreed
Killybegs Tidy Towns	10,000
Friends of Rossylongan Forest	5,000
Muileann Coirce Leitir CTR	5,000
Ballyshannon Folk and Traditional Music Festival	6,000
Comhlacht Pobail Shliabh Liag Ctr. - Sliabh Liag Experience	8,000
Killybegs Tourism Centre CLG	2,500
Drimarone Development CLG T/A The Bluestack Centre	3,000
Dunkineely Comm CLG – Child Friendly Heritage Trail	5,000
Community groups Funding Allocation	€44,500

Council Service Led Applications	
Council Service & Project title	Funding agreed
Upgrading of Signage to Craft Village	8700
Donegal Town PC	10,000
Glencolmcille Folk Village Car Park	36,800
<i>Council Services Funding Allocation</i>	<i>€55,500</i>

Total funding allocated €100,000

The proposed funding for both community groups and council services will now be submitted at the May Donegal MD meeting to be formally adopted.

Donegal Municipal District

Roads & Transportation Workshop

Date: 13th May 2025

Time: 15:00pm

Venue: Donegal PSC, Council Chamber

Present: Cllr Noel Jordan, Cllr Michael Naughton, Cllr Michael McMahon,
Cllr Jimmy Brogan, Cllr Niamh Kennedy, Cllr Michael Boyle.
Mark Sweeney (Area Roads office)
Michael Canning (Roads central technical services)

Topic discussed:

1. Scoil Aodh Rua agus Nuals Safe Routes to School project

The members were briefed on the submission received during the public consultation period for the Scoil Aodh Rua agus Nuala Safe Routes to School Project.

Some of the members queried if a roundabout could be facilitated at the Old Laghey Road junction as part of these works and asked is there something that they could condition as part of the Part 8 process to facilitate this.

The Members were advised that this is not something that NTA would fund as part of the safe routes to school project as the design presented appropriately addresses SRTS criteria and solution.

The Members were also advised that if in the future, there is a need for a roundabout at this junction to cater for additional traffic volumes then this will need to be assessed separately in line with design standards and departmental approval processes.

Following a discussion on the submissions received the Members were happy for the proposal to be included on the agenda for the next Plenary meeting for a decision.

Minutes compiled by:

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

Donegal Municipal District

Roads & Transportation Workshop

Date: 29th May 2025

Time: 09:30am

Venue: Donegal PSC, Council Chamber

Present: Cllr Noel Jordan, Cllr Michael Naughton, Cllr Michael McMahon,
Cllr Jimmy Brogan, Cllr Niamh Kennedy, Cllr Michael Boyle.
Mark Sweeney (Area Roads office)
Brian Reid (NRDO)

Topic discussed:

1. Barnesmore Gap Greenway Project

The Members were briefed on the status of the Barnesmore Gap Greenway Project which is currently at Phase 3 – Design and Environmental Evaluation.

The Members were advised that it is intended to commence another public consultation period in two weeks and as part of this process there will be a public event held at the following locations:

- In the Abbey Hotel, Donegal Town on 11.06.25
- In Jacksons Hotel, Ballybofey on 12.06.25

The public consultation is being advertised on all the usual media platforms and all the information is available on the barnesmoregapgreenway.ie website.

2. 2025 Housing Estate Funding

The members were advised that €70,000.00 funding has been made available in 2025 for roads, footpath, public lighting and back lanes in Council estates within the Donegal Municipal District and they were asked to prioritise where they wanted this funding to be spent.

The members advised that they wanted to prioritise the following list of works;

DMD Housing Estates – Budget €70,000.00				
RSS Area	Estate name	Town	Works	Cost estimate (€)
16	Cluain Barron	Ballyshannon	Phase 1 - Surfacing on the back lane.	€21,325.00
17	O' Duignan Avenue	Donegal Town	Footpath repairs	€18,675.00
15	Slieve league Avenue	Carrick	Upgrade back lane	€30,000.00
			Total Amount	€70,000.00

3. 2025 Community Involvement Schemes

The members were presented with the full list of Community Involvement Scheme applications and were advised that the budget available for the Municipal District is €225,211.00

After a short discussion the Members agreed to fund the following schemes.

CIS No	Location	Budget	Notes
544	Eglish	€46,549.20	Phase 2
543	Ballydevitt Altidoo	€61,920.00	Phase 5
491	Old Laghey Road Footpath	€20,000.00	
547	Dromore Road passing bays	€96,741.80	
	Total Amount	€225,211.00	

Minutes compiled by:

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Minutes of Community Development Workshop of Municipal District of Donegal held on Thursday the 29th May 2025 in the Peter Kennedy Chamber, Donegal Public Services Centre, Donegal commencing at 11.30 a.m.

Members Present:

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

Officials in Attendance:

Ms Claire McCallan, Architect in the Community, Community Development
Ms Caroline Britton, Community Development Officer, Community Development
Mr Darryl Connor, Outdoor Recreation Officer, Community Development

Consultant:

Mr Humphrey Murphy, ILC

Minutes

1. Welcome & Introductions

Cllr Jordan opened the workshop by welcoming all attendees and a round of introductions took place. Ms McCallan provided a brief background to the Community Trails Plan and acknowledged the Members strategic allocation of DFI funding for this project.

2. Community Trails Plan

Mr Murphy delivered a presentation on the progress to date in relation to the Community Trails Plan for the Donegal Municipal District. Key areas covered included details on the Donegal Community Trail network concept, the objectives and the approach taken to date which has included desktop analysis, site visits, local contacts, initial appraisals, heat maps, GIS mapping and community engagement. Mr Murphy submitted that the main outputs of this project will include: -

- An Executive Summary Document explaining the process undertaken, trail development policies, general aspirations and case studies.
- A Working Document containing detailed profiles of the community trails at each location.
- A Database of various existing walking routes within the towns and villages throughout the Municipal District as well as details of potential new projects that may be developed in the future, subject to landowner consent and appropriate funding mechanisms.

The Members acknowledged the work undertaken to date and recommended a number of potential trails that could be further developed that would bring a range of environmental, health, social and economic benefits to the locality. A discussion ensued in relation to the actual framework of the plan and how it could be further utilised going forward. It was also suggested that additional opportunities to meet to discuss trail infrastructure projects may be arranged.

3. Next Steps

It was agreed the Members would have an opportunity to review the Executive Summary prior to finalisation and once approval for same has been obtained, it is expected the plan will be launched as part of the National Walking Week in September 2025.

This concluded the business of the Workshop.

**Area Manager,
Municipal District of Donegal**

**Cathaoirleach,
Municipal District of Donegal**



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

Municipal District of Donegal

17th June 2025

Housing & Corporate

REPORT

1. Casual Vacancies
2. Housing Grants
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8. Lease & Repair Scheme Summary

CASUAL VACANCIES

	Area	BED	Dwelling Vacated	Comment
1	Ballyshannon	2	Keys Returned 04/03/2025	Ready for letting
2	Bundoran	2	Keys Returned 05/02/2025	Offer refused - further offer to issue
3	Bundoran	1	Keys Returned 17/04/2025	Appointing Contractor
4	Carrick	3	Keys Returned 21/05/2026	Tender due back 20/06/25
5	Donegal	3	Keys Returned 15/05/2025	Tender due back 20/06/25
6	Drimarone	3	Keys Returned 21/03/2025	Offer issued
7	Killybegs	1	Keys Returned 02/05/2025	Assessing Tender Returns
8	Killybegs	1	Keys Returned 29/05/2025	Assessing Tender Returns

HOUSING GRANTS

Position as at 10th June 2025

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED\INVALID	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HO	2024	172	154	15	3	0
HO	2025	68	21	4	30	13

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED\INVALID	REAPPLIED UNDER HM GRANT	FURTHER INFO.	REF. TO OT	REF. To ENGINEER	PENDING
HD	2024	93	73	8	0	6	0	0	6
HD	2025	67	19	1	1	20	4	6	16

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED\INVALID	REAPPLIED UNDER HD GRANT	REF. TO OT	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HM	2024	14	9	0	5	0	0	0
HM	2025	4	0	0	0	0	0	4

HOUSING LOANS

Position as at 10th June 2025

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	PENDING	Further information
Housing Loans	2024	8	1	2	5	0	0
Housing Loans	2025	3	0	0	1	0	2

Tenant Purchase Applications 2024 - 2025

Position as at 10th June 2025

	No. of Apps Received	Incomplete Returned	Open Applications	Refused/ Not Eligible	Offer letters Issued	Completed
Year						
2024	18	0	17	1	6	0
2025	5	2	3	0	0	0

HAP/PRD

HAP Tenancies	
Municipal District	Number
Donegal	198
Letterkenny	701
Glenties	102
Stranorlar	272
Inishowen	392
Sub Total	1665
Tenancies Closed	3394
Overall Total	5059

Updated 10/06/2025

HOUSING NEED BY LOCATION

Municipal District		Waiting List (Net Need)	Transfer List	Total Gross Need
Donegal		235	217	452
	Ballintra	10	3	13
	Ballyshannon	49	53	102
	Bruckless	5	2	7
	Bundoran	46	64	110
	Carrick	2	4	6
	Donegal	98	58	156
	Drimarone	1	1	2
	Dunkineely	1	4	5
	Glencolmcille	2	0	2
	Kilcar	2	1	3
	Killybegs	11	17	28
	Laghey	4	2	6
	Mountcharles	2	7	9
	Pettigo	2	1	3
	Total	235	217	452

Updated 10/06/2025

Donegal Municipal District Meeting

17th June 2025

1. Social Housing Developments – Construction Schemes

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

Location	Status	No. of Units
Construction Stage		
Drumacrin, Bundoran Phase 1	<p>Construction works progressing on site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundations, sub-structure blockwork & ground floor pre-cast concrete slabs complete to all units. • Super-structure blockwork 98% completed. • Roofing works 90% completed. • M&E second fix commenced. • External and Internal plastering works continuing • Service drainage (foul & Storm) complete to 39 units. • WW PS scheduled to commence June 2025 • Watermain is 95% complete within site boundary. • Storm discharge works completed to outfall. 	42
Largymore, Kilcar (SI)	<p>Construction works ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blockworks, roofing, external render, plastering, drainage, septic tank install all complete. • M&E 2nd Fix completed. • 2nd Fix Joinery ongoing • Painting and surfaces progressing, • Installation of kitchen units 90% complete • Kerbing and footpath works complete. • External site / landscaping works ongoing. 	1
Design / Tender Stage		
Laghey	The development of 2no. apartments has planning approval and is being progressed through detailed design stage with an Architect led Design Team.	2

Radhairc Na Mhuirlin, Phase 2, Glencolmcille	The development of 5 units at Radhairc Na Mhuirlin, has planning approval and is being progressing through detailed design stage with an Architect Led Design Team.	5
An Glasán, Phase 2, Kilcar	The development of 5 units at An Glásan, has planning approval and is being progressing through detailed design stage with an Architect Led Design Team.	5
Preliminary Design Stage (No of units subject to change)		
New Row, Fintra Road, Killybegs	The completion of a detailed ground investigation has enabled the design to be finalised for 18 social housing units at Old Fintra Road, Killybegs, subject to Departmental approval.	18
Total		73

2. House Acquisition and Buy and Renew Programme

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.

3. Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition

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

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

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

AMPCO Builders Co. Ltd. is progressing the development of lands at Drumrooske, Donegal Town for a total of 35 units. The development will be completed in 2 phases with Phase 1 comprising 25 units and Phase 2 comprising 10 units. Recent photos of progress on-site are attached below.



4. Lands / Property for Social Housing Purposes

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

Additional lands are being considered across Donegal MD and Members will be informed of same upon the Council progressing to make offers to acquire.

Repair & Lease Scheme Summary						
	Applications					
MD	Received	No. of Units	Awaiting assessment	Rejected	Progressing	Total
Inishowen	27	30	2	25	0	27
Donegal	19	46	0	19	0	19
Glenties	27	40	0	27	0	27
Letterkenny	38	63	11	27	0	38
Stranorlar	28	85	1	27	0	28
Total	139	264	14	125	0	139

30/05/2025

Donegal Municipal District
2025 Roadworks Programme
Status Report – 17th June 2025

Donegal Municipal District

2025 Road Maintenance (Surface Dressing) Programme

2025 Regional & Local Road Surface Dressing Programme									
Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	RSS Area	Year	Length (m)	Width (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)	Status
1	L1915-1	Killymard - Winterhill	14	2025	1000	5	5000	€25,000.00	Started
2	L6445-2	Newtown - Ballydevitt Beg	14	2025	1000	4.2	4200	€21,000.00	Started
3	L6355-1	Drumkeegan (Old N56)	14	2025	1500	4.75	7125	€35,625.00	Completed
4	L26152	Mountcharles cottages (Old N56)	14	2025	230	4.5	1035	€5,250.00	Completed
5	L1675-1	Tullyvoos	14	2025	800	3.5	2800	€14,000.00	Completed
6	L1665-1	Inver Church - Doorin Line	14	2025	300	5	1500	€7,566.00	Completed
7	L16251	Ardaghey Glebe (Old N56 W Wards)	14	2025	300	5	1500	€7,566.00	Completed
8	L5775-1	Lignaul	14	2025	1000	3.25	3250	€16,250.00	Completed
9	L1375-4	Leagan Hill (Meenawullaghan)	14	2025	800	3.5	2800	€14,000.00	Completed
10	L5695-1&2	Kilmacreddan - Brenter	14	2025	1300	3.2	4160	€20,800.00	Completed
11	LP1445-2	Ballybodonnell - St Johns Point	14	2025	1500	3.75	5625	€28,200.00	Completed
12	L5895-1	Ballymacahill - Drumnacarry (Ml Gall)	14	2025	500	3.25	1625	€9,000.00	Completed
13	L60351	Sallows (C Dunleavys)	14	2025	900	3.5	3150	€17,000.47	Started
								€221,257.47	
1	L55035-1	Beefan	15	2025	1250	3.2	4000	€22,000.00	Completed
2	LT10351	Cointe Cró, Glencolmille	15	2025	700	3	2100	€11,550.00	Completed
3	P1075/LT107	Meenacharvey	15	2025	1250	3.3	4125	€22,687.21	Started
4	L55315-1	Cronasilla Meenboy	15	2025	1550	3.1	4805	€26,427.50	Started
5	LP1365-2	Tullintean	15	2025	1600	3.2	5120	€28,000.00	Started
6	LP1165-1	Derryllaghan - Cuskry	15	2025	1400	4.5	6300	€34,650.00	Started
7	LP1395-4	Croagh - Ardara Rd	15	2025	1600	4.2	6720	€36,960.00	
8	LP1315-1	Churchtown - Commons	15	2025	1000	4.5	4500	€24,750.00	Started
9	LP1025-2	Meenavean	15	2025	1050	5.2	5460	€30,198.00	Completed
10	S225-2/LP12	Churchtown link/Towney	15	2025	350	4.2	1470	€8,000.00	
11	L55485-1	Binroe to shore	15	2025	900	3.2	2880	€15,840.00	
12	LP1125-1	Meenaneary Rd	15	2025	600	5.2	3120	€17,500.00	Started
								€278,562.71	
1	R231-2-3	Killinangel More	16	2025	1000	6.50	6500	€35,750.00	
2	L7775-2	Tullyhorky	16	2025	400	3.60	1440	€13,000.00	
3	L7995-1	Rowentreehill	16	2025	500	3.60	1800	€9,000.00	
4	L7915-1	Newtown Road	16	2025	1800	4.20	7560	€37,800.00	
5	L7925-1	Ardfarn	16	2025	900	3.20	2880	€14,400.00	
6	L2225-2	Rath-Derries	16	2025	1325	3.60	4770	€23,724.00	Started
7	L7285-1	Poolnaranry-Ballyalla	16	2025	1200	3.30	3960	€19,800.00	Started
8	L2485-4	Knader	16	2025	1000	5.30	5300	€26,500.00	
9	7335-1	Glaskerragh-Tamur	16	2025	1000	3.20	3200	€16,000.00	Started
10	L7265-1	Ballymagroarty Scotch	16	2025	1200	3.80	4560	€22,800.00	Started
11	L2535-1	Higginstown	16	2025	750	4.60	3450	€17,250.00	
12	L2545-1	Manger	16	2025	1000	3.00	3000	€13,101.31	
								€249,125.31	
1	232/267	Pettigo rd and Tullyearl	17	2025			0	€35,136.00	
2	L18352	Galadoo	17	2025	1350	3.5	4725	€25,997.68	
3	L18353	Benson Hill	17	2025	1100	3.5	3850	€21,175.00	Completed
4	L20952-1	Ballykilowen Carbons	17	2025	950	3.5	3325	€18,287.00	Completed
5	L7035-1	Kilgoal Gospel hall	17	2025	1500	3.5	5250	€28,875.00	Completed
6	L2185-3	Ballintra/Shannagh rd	17	2025	1200	4.5	5400	€29,700.00	Completed
7	L6925-1	Lisnapaste Sean Gallagher rd	17	2025	1300	3.5	4550	€25,025.00	Completed
8	L6945-1	Rath Gany's Brae	17	2025	1000	3.5	3500	€19,250.00	Completed
9	L21851	Ballynakillew mt Moor Lands	17	2025	1200	3.5	4200	€23,100.00	Completed
10	L80351-1	Tievmore Coltons rd	17	2025	950	3.5	3325	€18,287.50	
11	L68152	Druminardagh Maxwells rd	17	2025	600	3.5	2100	€11,550.00	Completed
12	L2265-3	Crocknacunny Floods	17	2025	1200	3.75	4500	€24,750.00	
								€281,133.18	

21.03.2024

2025 Road Improvement Programme

No	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Eng Area	Year	Length (m)	Width (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)	Status
Draft 2025 Road Improvement Programme									
1	R262-3	Frosses - Glenties (Binbane)	14	2025	750	6	4500	€171,000.00	
2	L1515-2	Ardaghey - Ardara (Meenabradden)	14	2025	800	7	5600	€160,000.00	Started
3	L1845-3	Ballydevitt - Altadoo	14	2025	600	6	3600	€108,000.00	Started
4	L1375-3-4	Leagan - Croagh	14	2025	700	3.5	2450	€80,000.00	Started
5	L1615-2	Lettermore - Meentacor	14	2025	900	3	2700	€85,000.00	Started
6	L56375	Edrim Glebe - Dromore upper (Wards)	14	2025	650	3.2	2080	€70,000.00	Completed
7	L5975-1	Drumgorman	14	2025	850	3.5	2975	€70,000.00	Started
8	LT16251	Ardaghey OLD N56	14	2025	200	5.5	1100	€33,000.00	Started
9	L1685-4	Sallows - Letterfad	14	2025	1150	3.3	3795	€110,000.00	Started
10	L1485/2	Breanter - Tieveedooly	14	2025	1500	3.3	4950	€106,000.00	Started
11	L5735/1	Meenawullaghan - Tieveedooly	14	2025	750	3.3	2475	€58,129.17	Started
								€1,051,129.17	
1	R-263-7	Drumnafinnagle - Kilcar In	15	2025	450	8	3,600	€99,241.00	Completed
2	L355	Killybegs streets	15	2025	500	6	3,750	€150,000.00	
3	LP1345-2	Binroe - Ballyloughlan	15	2025	750	4	3,000	€110,000.00	Started
4	LT10354	Cashelhill (Picnic Area)	15	2025	400	3	1,200	€45,000.00	Completed
5	L55435-1	Drumanoo	15	2025	1000	3.5	3,500	€80,000.00	Completed
6	L55565-1	Gilbertstown town towards Calhame	15	2025	900	3	2,700	€95,000.00	
7	LP1335-1	Carricknagore	15	2025	1000	4	4,000	€150,000.00	
8	L55215-1&2	Derrylaghan	15	2025	900	3.5	3,150	€110,000.00	
9	LT10251	Creevin, Carrick	15	2025	750	3	2,250	€60,000.00	Started
10	LP1265-1	Glenlee roundabout - Drumbarity	15	2025	600	5.5	3,300	€110,000.00	Started
11	L55555	Tullaghacullion (Salt Barn Rd)	15	2025	500	5	2,500	€86,430.25	
								€1,095,671.25	
1	R267	Bundoran	16	2025	187	10.00	1870	€80,000.00	
2	L2465-1	Ballyshannon	16	2025	280	7.50	2100	€80,000.00	
3	R231	Rosstownlough	16	2025	400	8.5	3400	€118,853.05	
4	L7615-2	Garvanagh	16	2025	550	3.50	1925	€61,000.00	Started
5	L2335-4 to L2335-5	Derries	16	2025	1000	3.50	3500	€112,000.00	
6	L2365-1	Cashelard	16	2025	1100	6.20	6200	€136,400.00	Completed
7	L7775-2	Tullyhorkey	16	2025	450	6.00	2700	€82,000.00	
8	L2535-2	Higginstown (Continuation of 2024)	16	2025	500	5.00	2500	€80,000.00	Started
9	L7285-1	Ballyalla	16	2025	600	3.30	2880	€90,000.00	Started
10	L7335-1	Glaskerragh- Tamur	16	2025	1000	3.20	3200	€80,000.00	Started
11	R920	Clyhare	16	2025	200	7.00	1400	€53,786.00	Started
12	L7795-2	Corlea	16	2025	1325	3.50	4637.5	€102,000.00	Started
13	L2535-2	Higginstown (To flyover, continuation of 2025)	16	2026	400	5.00	2000	€65,000.00	Started
14	L2565-1	Magheracarr	16	2026	400	5.00	2000	€60,000.00	
								€1,101,039.05	
1	232 -5-6	Pettogo Rd	17	2025	900	6	5400	€150,000.00	
2	R267 & L-1905-0	Donegal Streets	17	2025				€100,000.00	
3	L2165-1	N15 to Murvagh Crossroads	17	2025	950	6	5700	€172,000.00	Completed
4	L6935-1	Knockbane	17	2025	850	3.5	2975	€59,500.00	Started
5	L6685-1	Aughlem-Straness	17	2025	1000	3.5	3500	€70,000.00	Completed
6	L6665-1	Finnadoos-Drumadoney	17	2025	1000	3.5	3500	€70,000.00	Started
7	L2125-5	Kellys Bridge rd	17	2025	1000	3.5	3500	€70,000.00	Completed
8	L6715-1	Drumbar-Drumgowan	17	2025	1000	3.5	3500	€70,000.00	Completed
9	L8035-1	Tieveemore to old PO	17	2025	950	3.5	3325	€66,500.00	Started
10	L8065-1	Lettercran Extension	17	2025	1200	3.5	4200	€84,000.00	Completed
11	L6675	Drummenny Middle- Upper	17	2025	1200	3.5	4200	€84,000.00	Started
12	L6785-1	Drumlast	17	2025	1000	3.5	3500	€70,000.00	
13	L6895-1	Trumman East	17	2025	700	3.5	2450	€49,070.00	Completed
14	L2175-1 & L7165-2	Bridgetown	17	2025	500	6.5	3250	€95,493.52	Started
								€1,210,563.52	
								€4,458,402.99	TOTAL

Donegal MD footpath repair & public lighting infill works

Footpath Works																
RSS Area	Location	Year 1 Budget 2018	Year 2 Budget 2019	Year 3 Budget 2020	Year 4 Budget 2022	Year 5 Budget 2024	Overall Total Budget	Spent to date Year 1 2018	Spent to date Year 2 2019	Spent to date Year 3 2020	Spent to date Year 4 2022	Spent to date Year 5 2024	Total spent to date	Remaining balance	Balance per RSS area	
14	Mountcharles	€5,729.00	€16,600.00	€24,350.00			€46,679.00	€5,729.00	€17,515.99	€22,737.25			€45,982.24	€696.76	€91,524.01	
	Dunkineely			€23,432.00			€23,432.00			€9,650.00			€9,650.00	€13,782.00		
	Frosses		€16,600.00	€23,432.00			€40,032.00		€2,759.75	€0.00			€2,759.75	€37,272.25		
	Ardaghey Area				€6,347.00	€33,426.00	€39,773.00				€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€39,773.00		
15	Killybegs	€15,568.00	€16,600.00	€50,000.00			€82,168.00	€15,575.78	€16,600.00	€51,817.02			€83,992.80	-€1,824.80	€40,605.43	
	Kilcar			€3,200.00			€3,200.00			€2,958.60			€2,958.60	€241.40		
	Glencolumbkille		€8,300.00	€16,314.00			€24,614.00		€0.00	€0.00			€0.00	€24,614.00		
	Carrick		€8,300.00	€1,700.00			€10,000.00	€5,939.59	€1,772.90				€7,712.49	€2,287.51		
	Killybegs Area				€17,246.00	€33,426.00	€50,672.00				€14,894.81	€20,489.87	€35,384.68	€15,287.32		
16	Ballintra			€11,214.00			€11,214.00			€11,214.00			€11,214.00	€0.00	€63,468.63	
	Ballyshannon	€95,224.00	€16,600.00	€35,000.00			€146,824.00	€95,987.00	€16,702.99	€35,204.00			€147,893.99	-€1,069.99		
	Bundoran		€16,600.00	€25,000.00			€41,600.00		€16,600.00	€25,000.00			€41,600.00	€0.00		
	Ballyshannon Area				€105,492.62	€33,426.00	€138,918.62				€74,380.00	€0.00	€74,380.00	€64,538.62		
17	Donegal Town	€32,897.00	€16,600.00	€47,214.00			€96,711.00	€24,048.08	€17,500.00	€23,367.99			€64,916.07	€31,794.93	€112,126.11	
	Laghey		€8,300.00	€8,000.00			€16,300.00		€9,450.16	€0.00			€9,450.16	€6,849.84		
	Bridgetown			€6,000.00			€6,000.00			€19,788.05			€19,788.05	-€13,788.05		
	Pettigo		€8,300.00	€10,000.00			€18,300.00		€880.35	€0.00			€880.35	€17,419.65		
	Donegal Area				€36,424.34	€33,426.00	€69,850.34					€0.00	€0.00	€69,850.34		
Totals		€149,418.00	€132,800.00	€284,856.00	€165,509.96	€133,704.00	€866,287.96					€0.00	€0.00	€558,563.78	€307,724.18	

Public Lighting Infill Works						
Area	Location	Description	Total Cost	Status	Total Spent	Remaining balance
14	Drimark, Donegal Town	Infill lighting - 7 additional lights at Drimark on Local	€10,871.00	Completed	€27,662.46	-€541.46
	Mountcharles	Lower End Mountcharles –	€6,750.00	Completed		
	Mill Park Hotel, Doonan	Proposed lighting from Doonan Roundabout to	€9,500.00	Completed		
15	Kilcar	Lighting improvement	€10,650.00	Completed	€20,377.51	€8,997.49
	Killybegs	Old Fintra Rd near Glenlee	€18,725.00	Yet to commence		
16	Ballyshannon	Rossnowlagh Link Road.	€30,000.00	Completed	€25,864.00	€4,136.00
17	Killymard, Donegal Town	Extend existing public lighting past the school	€11,600.00	Completed	€26,025.48	€18,074.52
	Tirconnail Street & Castle Street, Donegal Town	Infill lighting needed along the public road at Tirconnail Street on local	€10,000.00	Started		
	Killymard, Donegal Town	Killymard Church to Drumrooske Housing	€22,500.00	Completed		
Total amount			€130,596.00		€99,929.45	€30,666.55

2025 Drainage Grant

RSS Area	Budget	No	Description of Works	Road No.	Estimated Cost €	Status
14	€58,503.00	1	Inver Village - Cottages Inver Village (Water Ponding causing Flooding damage to property)	L5805-1	€15,000.00	
		2	Coolshannon - Pipe roadside drain with 600mm S&S Pipes to prevent Flooding	LP1545-1	€20,000.00	
		3	Drumgun Drumark - Prevent Flooding onto N56 at Drumark	L6355-1	€23,503.00	
					€58,503.00	
15	€60,982.00	1	Carricknagore - install 175m of drainage to prevent future flooding	LP1335	€20,000.00	
		2	Gilbertstown - replace a number of road crossings and open outlets to prevent future flooding	LS5565-1	€20,000.00	
		3	Meenaneary Road, Carrick - replace a number of damaged road crossings	LP1125-1	€20,982.00	Completed
					€60,982.00	
16	€61,281.00	1	Cloughhore - 225mm x 100m LHS going towards Beleek, Cleaning gullies. Masonry arch bridge is clogged up.	R920	€12,000.00	
		2	Bishop Street - Check and repair existing, big flows, currently flooding, cracked pipes.	L2465-1	€25,000.00	Started
		3	Ballintra Ballymagroarty Scotch - New drainage and gullies.	L2175-1	€15,000.00	
		4	Moy Road - Various locations need addressed	L2525-2	€9,281.00	
					€61,281.00	
17	€67,376.00	1	Birchill/Cloughfin: Replace crossing with 900mm clean drains also	L-6551	€18,000.00	Completed
		2	Hill Rd: Extend existing pipe 80 mts and put in gulleys	L-2095-1	€10,000.00	Completed
		3	Tullyleague Mc Gintys Rd: drainage and outlets	L-6765-1	€8,000.00	Completed
		4	Grousehall: up size existing crossing to 450mm and drainage	L-8032-2-3	€10,000.00	Completed
		5	Kilgoal drainage and laybys	L7015-1	€10,000.00	
		6	R267 Donegal Hospital	R267	€11,376.00	Completed
					€67,376.00	
	€248,142.00			Totals	€248,142.00	

Donegal MD Community Involvement Schemes 2025

2025 DMD Budget - €225,211.00											
Project Number	RSS Area	Road Number	Road Name	Length of work (m)	Total Area of work	Overall Cost of work	% LC	LC	WIL	Budget	Status
393 (543)	Dunkineely	L-1845-2	Ballydevitt Altidoo (Phase 5 & 6)	110		€77,400.00	20.00%	€0.00	€15,480.00	€61,920.00	
434 (544)	Dunkineely	L-6335-2	Eglish (Phase 2)	3650	10950	€58,186.50	20.00%	€0.00	€11,637.30	€46,549.20	
492	Donegal	L-2075-1	Old Laghey Road Laghey (Footpath near Laghey)	75	150	€25,000.00	20.00%	€0.00	€5,000.00	€20,000.00	
547	Donegal	L-6385-1	Dromore Road (Passing Bays)	300	600	€146,985.00	20.00%	€0.00	€29,397.00	€96,741.80	

							Total	
RSS Area	Location	Percentage of budget	Budget	No	LIS No	Townland	Engineers cost estimate	Status
14	Ardaghey	43.08%	€82,354.31	1	170182	Sallows	€11,200.00	
				2	170823	Letterbarrow	€18,000.00	
				3	170666	Keelogs	€28,160.00	
				4	170822	Drumineary	€19,246.00	
				5	210024	Stonepark, Mountcharles	€8,060.00	
15	Killybegs	28.85%	€55,151.39	6	170672	Dachtan	€40,000.00	
16	Ballyshannon	10.28%	€19,651.86	7	180139	Ednagor, Ballyshannon	€38,000.00	
17	Laghey	17.79%	€34,008.43	8	170514	Cashelenny	€28,500.00	
€191,166.00							Total	€191,166.00
							Budget	€191,166.00
							Balance	€0.00



**Comhairle Contae
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Donegal County Council

Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services Directorate

Master Municipal District Report June 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
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

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	12,116	5,646
Twitter	2,050	3,365
Instagram	2,235	5,699
Facebook	5,466	2,244
Donegal.ie	4.1K Web Users	

9 News Items Published.

April 16th – May 13th 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.

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.

Harris Tweed delegation visit to Donegal: Following the successful “Wonder of Weave” event held in Edinburgh in 2024 showcasing Irish and Scottish Tweed a delegation from Harris Tweed will visit Donegal on a reciprocal visit on 26th May. ETB, Udaras and LEO Donegal are facilitating the visit which aims to continue to build connections and exchange knowledge and best practice and continue to collaborate to further the industry.

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

Donegal 2040 DAC

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

Update on Projects:

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

Startup Bootcamp Kicking off in Letterkenny from March to June: ALPHA Innovation’s Bootcamp 2025 Programme kicked off in CoLab, Letterkenny on Saturday 29th of March bringing a cohort of founders, co-founders and volunteers through 8 in-person workshops, where they test the commercial viability of their business ideas. 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.

The group are developing startups in areas such as Design, Engineering, Sustainability, Green Regulation, Compliance technology, and MedTech. The programme will culminate in 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.

Section 183 presented to Plenary Council meeting 26th May for approval

Operation & Management of Burtonport Enterprise Centre (Post Construction)

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

Section 183 presented to Plenary Council meeting 26th May for approval

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
<p>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.</p> <p>Disposal of Council owned Land to support Economic Development: The team is dealing with several requests for disposal of lands for economic development throughout Donegal.</p>
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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: Donegal Tourism attended the 156th Balmoral Show in May at the Eikon Exhibition Centre, Lisburn. Donegal Tourism promoted the tourism offering of the county and distributed over 1000 brochures at the show along with 11 representatives of the tourism sector from across the county.



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.

Caravan and Camping sector 'Campers Code' campaign: Donegal Tourism are currently running 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'. Across Facebook and Instagram our organic reach is 59,978 with 75,847 views and 434 direct clicks to camper code page. This campaign is ongoing with further posts planned running until June 9th. This was also picked up by various media outlets such as Donegal Daily and Caravan Times. Mary Daly also discussed the topic on Highland Radio.

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. Filming took place with Walking Ambassadors such as Mairead Ni Maoingh, Noel Cunningham and Jason Black etc for several walks to capture insights and experiences. Filming is now in post-production with the view of content going live in June to run over the summer.

Donegal Golf Brochure: The official launch of the Golf in Donegal brochure took place at Donegal Golf Club, Murvagh on Friday 9th May by Minister of State with special responsibility for Sport and Postal Policy Charlie McConalogue TD. The event was well attended by golf club representatives from across the county, tour operators and tourism bodies. The event was hosted by Sean Quinn from Highland Radio and included a panel discussion on the current climate in golf and hospitality with Lynn McCool (Donegal Golf Club), John Farren (Ballyliffin Golf Club) and Sheila Russell (Harvey's Point). The new brochure is available for download from www.govisitdonegal.com/golf and at golf clubs across the county.



At the launch of the Golf in Donegal brochure - Friday 9th May 2025



Go Visit Donegal Website: The new website is moving from design to development stage to enhance performance and work seamlessly with the existing repository.

Trade Newsletter: A monthly newsletter is sent out around the middle of the month – we have recently started to promote the availability of the newsletter on our trade socials (LinkedIn and Facebook) and have seen a growth in subscribers as a result.

Donegal Tourism Associate Members Network: The Donegal Tourism Associate Committee had their final meeting on the 7 May 2025, the elections have now commenced, and a new Committee will be formed by June. Once the Committee is formed the dates of the next meeting will be agreed.

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 was presented to and approved the ED, IS and Emergency Services SPC on 8 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 the Plenary Council meeting taking place on Monday 26 May.

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

TOURBO: TOURBO presents an innovative response to a key EU priority: empowering public authorities and MSMEs to develop twin transition strategies—advancing both digital and green transformation—to drive regional economic development. The upcoming partner meeting will be hosted by our Bulgarian colleagues, while preparations are already underway for Donegal to host the following meeting in autumn.

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. 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 – NTE Committee has been established, with 17 members appointed, the first meeting will take place on the 22nd May. The application made to Fáilte Ireland's 'Home of Halloween' fund was unsuccessful.

In partnership with IDP we are delivering Event Management Training on 24th May. In partnership with Creative Ireland we will hold a young DJ Showcase in St Mary's Hall on 7th June for Cruinniú na nÓg, this will be a finale show following 5 youth sessions of DJ workshops.

GoVisitDonegal.com Website & Social Stats Update

Online & Social Media Updates – Go Visit Donegal April 2025

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

Website: Users 37,189 Up 16% MOM Views 92,191 Up 45% MOM

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

Facebook: Reach: 147,648 Up 232% MOM Views: 328,111 Up 127% MOM

Instagram: Reach: 44,662 Up 176% MOM Views: 140,223 Up 76% MOM

LinkedIn: Reach: 3,497 Imps, 121 Reactions, 2,138 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. All workshops are complete bar Glenties due in June.

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. A Letter of Offer has been sent out to 41 successful applicants. 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**

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

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

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

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

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2. Local Enterprise Office

June 2025 (figures provided @ 30st April 2025)

Grant Aid (M1) – The second EVAC meeting of 2025 took place on 29th April 2025. 8 Donegal businesses were approved Feasibility, Start Up and Expansion grants totaling €157,403.85 which will allow them to employ staff, invest in machinery and/or invest in research and development. So far this year a total of 14 businesses have received approval for grant aid totaling €297,146.35. The next EVAC is taking place on 24th June 2025.

TOV: 35 approvals to the value of €75,235.53 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: 72 business applicants have been approved up to 12 hours expert mentoring in 2025 to date.

Training: 588 attendees have participated in 19 Courses held year to date.

Digital For Business: 8 applications were approved to a value of €22,087.

Green For Micro/Green for Business/Green Start: 10 applicants approved for these sustainability supports to a value of €22,140.

Energy Efficiency Grants: 2 applicants approved for this support to a value of €12,953.

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

National Enterprise Awards 2025: The winners of the National Enterprise Awards will be announced at a gala event taking place on 22nd May, which is being held in the Mansion House, Dublin. This year Seabound Engineering from Greencastle is representing Donegal and we wish them all the best in the final.

Student Enterprise Programme: This year the National Student Enterprise Final was held in Mullingar on Thursday, 8th of May, where the most enterprising students from across the country showcased their businesses. This year St Columba's College in Stranorlar were a prize winner and received the Sustainability Award in the Junior Category. Also, representing Donegal in the final were Loreto College Letterkenny in both the Senior & Intermediate categories. It was great to see all three teams representing Donegal with such pride and professionalism at a national level.

Donegal Women In Business: A very successful coffee morning took place in 4 venues throughout the county on 16th May. The venues for the event were in Letterkenny, Donegal Town, Buncrana and Dungloe. This networking event provided a great opportunity for anyone considering starting their own business or interested in learning valuable insights from other women in business in Donegal.

Start Your Own Business Programmes: The Start Your Own Business Programme commenced in January and so far, 4 SYOB courses have been held, all of which were fully booked. The next on-line course is starting on 3rd June. On 4th July we are also holding an in-person SYOB Bootcamp in the Local Enterprise Office, Letterkenny and places are currently available for both these courses.

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 taking place between March-May 2025.

Scála Business Accelerator Programme: An 11-week Accelerator Programme focusing on scale-up entrepreneurs, with the potential for fast growth, commenced on April 30th with 13 participating businesses.

LEO Business Supports Clinic: The Clinics take place twice per month – on-line and in-person at locations throughout the county. As well as learning about LEO supports, all attendees will get the opportunity for one-to-one business advice. In May, a virtual clinic was held on May 9th and the in-person session is being held on May 23rd in ATU Donegal, Killybegs Campus. In June, the virtual clinic is taking place on 13th June, and the in-person session is being held in The Workhouse, Dunfanaghy on 27th June.

Donegal Engineering Network: The Donegal ProfitNet Engineering network had the opportunity to tour Terex Corporation at their Ballymoney site on 14th May. The Network attendees received a tour of the site and received valuable insights on the company's successful growth and innovation journey.

The Food Starter Programme is commencing on September 19th and is currently open for applicants. 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.

National Woman's Enterprise Day 2025 Early stages of planning are in place for National Woman's Enterprise Day which is taking place on October 16th.

Ambition - Management Development Programme the Ambition Programme 2025 starts on September 2nd. Marketing and recruitment plans are currently underway.

ATU Fashion Enterprise Awards Judging takes place this week and the Award will be presented on 22nd of May in Letterkenny. LEO Donegal is involved with both judging and presentation of the Award.

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.

Harris Tweed: A delegation from Harris Tweed will visit Donegal on a reciprocal visit on 26th May. ETB, Udaras and LEO Donegal are facilitating the visit.

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

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3. Information Services

Information Services (IS)

Through the LGMA, **Donegal County Council is now part of Cyber Ireland**. Cyber Ireland is the national cyber security cluster organisation that brings together industry, academia and government to represent the needs of the cyber security ecosystem in Ireland.

Cyber Ireland aims to enhance the innovation, growth and competitiveness of the companies and organisations which are part of the cluster. It also promotes information sharing and collaboration among Irish bodies. Being a member of Cyber Ireland offers significant benefits for a local authority. It provides access to a national network of cybersecurity professionals, enabling collaboration on best practices, threat intelligence, and incident response.

This helps local authorities strengthen their cyber resilience and protect critical public services from evolving threats. Membership also supports staff development through training, events, and knowledge sharing, ensuring teams stay informed about the latest technologies and compliance requirements. By engaging with industry and academia, they can also explore innovative solutions and partnerships that enhance digital transformation efforts. Overall, Cyber Ireland membership empowers local authorities to proactively manage cyber risks, build public trust, and deliver secure, modern services to their communities and sends out a clear message that their members' organisations are cyber aware.



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4. Emergency Services

4.1 – Fire Service

Fire Service Monthly MD Report (June)

Activity	Number of: (April) ¹			Total for year	
<u>Fire Service Operations</u>					
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	134			343	
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	186			433	
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	11			41	
<u>Operational Activity Breakdown April 2025</u>	Turnouts			Incidents in County	
	Fires	Special Services	Standby	Fires	Special Services
Donegal Fire Service	124	56	6	79	47
Northern Ireland Fire Service	4	7	-	3	5
Sub Total	128	63	6	82	52
Total	197			134	
<u>Fire Prevention</u>					
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	25			56	
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	39			N/A	
Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by the Fire Officer and waiting for Further	57			N/A	



Information from the Applicant / Agent:		
Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	15	43
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	2	8
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	0	2
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	7	12
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	11	28
Fire Safety Complaints received:	3	10
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	3	10
During Performance Inspections carried out:	0	0
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	18 ²	30

1. **Current data is only available up to the end of April 2025.**
2. **As part of its community fire safety programme, Merville, Carndonagh, Falcarragh, Letterkenny, Dungloe & Gweedore Fire Brigades delivered a total of 17 No. fire safety presentations while Donegal Town fire brigade completed 1 No. home fire safety visit.**

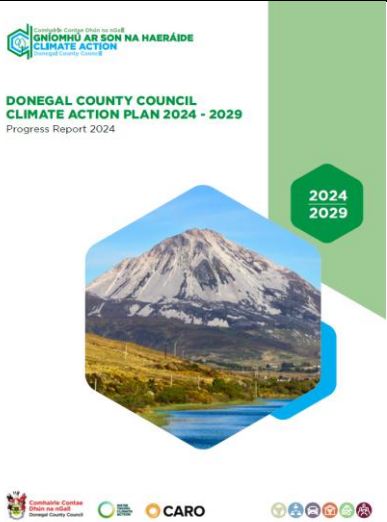


ENVIRONMENT REPORT – June 2025

Activity / Project Title	Public Service Announcements (PSA's) - Running on local radio stations in June	
Description/ Activity	<p>Attention Farmers & Professional Users of Pesticides & Sheep dip</p> <p>EPA reports in recent years have identified that some rivers in Donegal have been seriously impacted by toxic effects from pesticides, including sheep dip. Donegal County Council would like to remind farmers, contractors & gardeners of the need to follow best practice when using these products. Firstly, read the product label carefully, avoid spills, stay well back from open drains, rinse empty containers 3 times into the sprayer or tank & don't spray if it is windy or rain is forecast in the next 48 hours. Follow Teagasc advice on safe disposal of spent sheep dip, which should never ever be released into any water-course</p>	
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Activity / Project Title	Bathing Waters 2025 season	
Description/ Activity	<p>The 2025 Bathing Season commenced officially on the 1st June and the Council's Central Lab will be carrying out sampling at all designated bathing waters.</p>	
		
	<p><i>Figure 1. Turbulent Day Sampling Kilahoey</i></p>	<p><i>Figure 2. Brighter Side of Life - Dooley Beach</i></p>
	<p>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</p> <p>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.</p>	
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Activity / Project Title	Caravan /Holiday/Camping Parks
Description/Activity	<p>During the busy summer tourist season, Donegal County Council will be conducting inspections of caravan parks focusing on wastewater treatment and the provision of proper waste segregation and collection service, including a food waste (brown) bin.</p> <p>Any business such as a hotel, caravan or camping park, or Guest House discharging domestic sewage 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. If a company discharges a trade effluent, they are legally obliged to hold a licence.</p> <p>Further information and application forms are available on the Council website at: https://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/environment/pollutioncontrol/water%20pollution/#EffluentDischargeLicences</p>
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Activity / Project Title	Donegal County Council Climate Action Plan 2024 - 2029
Description/Activity	<p>Progress Report 2024</p>  <p>Our first progress report on implementing the Climate Action Plan is complete. It will be presented at the next meeting of the Environment and Climate SPC and will also be issued to the members of all other SPCs ahead of their next meetings. We will be seeking endorsement of the progress report at the next Plenary meeting, after which the report will be made available on the Climate Action page of www.donegalcoco.ie. The report indicates that 85% of our climate actions are ongoing or complete. It also provides an overview of the climate action work and projects being carried out across the organisation and within the wider community.</p>
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Activity / Project Title	<p align="center">An Fálcarrach / Gort an Choirce DZ Town Centre First Policy – Town Team. Community Drop-In event</p>
Description/ Activity	<div data-bbox="579 286 1222 763" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>The Climate Action Unit participated in a drop-in event organised by the Regeneration Team on the Town Centre First Policy – Town Team on the 30th April in Fálcarrach. This event gave the Climate Action Unit the opportunity to engage with the communities in An Fálcarrach / Gort an Choirce to be part of the development of a vision, actions and ideas for the An Fálcarrach/Gort an Choirce Decarbonising Zone (DZ) as set out in our Climate Action Plan 2024 – 2029 (see link - Climate Action Plan Donegal County Council). The Council's Climate Action Unit highlighted the ethos of Decarbonising Zones, discussed opportunities for climate action within the community, listened to ideas and sought input on how we can support and build on the register of opportunities set out in our Plan.</p>
Contact	<p>Suzanne Bogan Climate Action Officer Email: sbogan@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity / Project Title	<p style="text-align: center;">Lighting for Local Authorities Workshop Promoting Energy Efficiency and Responsible Lighting Practices</p>
Description/ Activity	<div data-bbox="523 322 1112 763" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>A workshop on Artificial Lighting for Local Authorities was held in the Sligo Park Hotel in April '25.</p> <p>The workshop aimed to raise awareness of responsible lighting practices by limiting light pollution, reducing energy costs and carbon emissions and supporting biodiversity. The workshop covered the impacts of artificial lighting on the environment, energy efficiency, health, and biodiversity. It provided practical guidance on developing and implementing policies and practices to mitigate these effects.</p> <p>Topics included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The adverse effects of light pollution. ○ Strategies for reducing light pollution through better lighting practices. ○ Case studies and best practices from local authorities and organisations. ○ The opportunities for local authorities to integrate responsible lighting into projects. ○ Public lighting in the western region.
Contact Person	<p>Fiona Kelly Community Climate Action Officer Email: fkelly@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity/ Project Title	Environment Section – Letterkenny University Hospital Biodiversity Day
Description/ Activity	 <p>Members from the Environment Team of Donegal County Council were delighted to be invited by Tracy Shannon, Environmental & Waste Coordinator with Letterkenny University Hospital to be part of their Biodiversity Day on the 15th May. We were able to share information on Food Waste Awareness with hundreds of Patients and Staff on site and handed out 148 Food Caddies to assist people in their home with food waste recycling. A very enjoyable and engaging event and great practice for our upcoming food waste awareness week.</p>
Contact	Environment Section 074 91 53900


Activity / Project Title	Oakfield Park – Festival of Food 24th & 25th May
Description/ Activity	 <p>The Environment Section, participated in the Oakfield Park Festival of Food on the 24th – 25th May. There was an information stand on the topic of Food Waste Recycling, food waste prevention, recycling and climate as part of the Council's local promotion of the upcoming National Food Waste Awareness Week 1st - 9th June. The Council team distributed over 300 Food Waste Starter Packs comprising of a food waste caddy, roll of compostable bags and an information leaflet over the course of the two-day event.</p>
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Activity / Project Title	
Description/ Activity	<p style="text-align: center;">Donegal County Council Compost Giveaway Events</p> <p>National Food Waste Recycling Week which runs from the 1st June until the 9th June 2025 is the national campaign from MyWaste to encourage people to recycle their food waste. This campaign will provide practical advice, with easy to follow hints and tips to encourage everyone to recycle more of their food waste.</p> <p>To support National Food Waste Recycling Week Donegal County Council in partnership with Bryson Recycling and Enviro Grind Ltd have arranged Free Compost Giveaway Events across the Council's 6 Recycling Centres. Enviro Grind Ltd located in Donegal make compost from a variety of sources, including from food and garden waste collected from households. This is a perfect example of the Circular Economy at work.</p> <p>Tuesday 3rd June 10am – 12pm Letterkenny Recycling Centre, Carnamuggagh, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. F92EW80 2pm – 4pm Dungloe Recycling Centre, Udaras na Gaeltachta Industrial Estate, Dungloe, Co. Donegal. F94X452</p> <p>Wednesday 4th June 10am – 12pm Carndonagh Recycling Centre, Station Road, Carndonagh, Co. Donegal. F93KV67 2pm – 4pm Milford Recycling Centre, Moyle Road, Milford, Co Donegal. F92 K091</p> <p>Thursday 5th June 10.30am – 12.30pm Laghey Recycling Centre, Laghey, Co. Donegal. F94HX09 2pm – 4pm Stranorlar Recycling Centre, Railway Road, Stranorlar, Co. Donegal. F93 W296</p> <p>Householders are asked to bring their own way of collecting the loose compost either using bags or containers, compost will be available while stocks last. Staff will be on site to assist and give advice on food waste recycling and a limited number of Food Waste Recycling Starter Packs will be available to householders. Starter packs include a Food Waste caddy, a roll of compostable liners and information on what food waste can be recycled.</p> <p>The focus of this years campaign is to reduce contamination in the food waste bin, items such as foil, glass and plastic should not find their way into the food waste bin. This helps to prevent contamination at the compost and anaerobic digestion facilities leading to higher quality material for recycling.</p>

	 <p>Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall Donegal County Council</p> <h2>FREE COMPOST GIVEAWAY</h2> <p>Tuesday 3rd June 10am – 12pm Letterkenny Recycling Centre F92EW80 2pm – 4pm Dungloe Recycling Centre F94X452</p> <p>Wednesday 4th June 10am – 12pm Carndonagh Recycling Centre F93KV67 2pm – 4pm Milford Recycling Centre F92 K091</p> <p>Thursday 5th June 10.30am – 12.30pm Laghey Recycling Centre F94HX09 2pm – 4pm Stranorlar Recycling Centre F93 W296</p> <p>Please bring your own bags !</p>    
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Activity / Project Title	Half Price Bulk Goods Events
Description/ Activity	 <p>Donegal County Council is delighted to announce that in association with Bryson Recycling there will be a Half Price Bulky Goods promotion at the Council's Recycling Centres.</p> <p>16th June - 28th June - Carndonagh, Milford & Letterkenny 15th July - 26th July - Stranolar, Laghey & Dungloe Bulky Goods such as mattresses, sofas, 3 piece suites, carpets etc will be all ½ price during this period. The campaign will run only during centre opening times for the 2 week period.</p>

	Further details will be advertised in local press, radio and on the Council's social media pages. This initiative is funded by the Government of Ireland through the Anti-Dumping Initiative 2025.
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Activity / Project Title	Transition Year (TY) students from across County Donegal expressed their creative talents as they took part in The Rubbish Film Festival 2025
Description/ Activity	<p>The Rubbish Film Festival, an award-winning national initiative, challenges TY students to create one-minute films tackling key environmental issues, including climate change, sustainability, and waste reduction. The festival, funded by Donegal County Council, empowers young people to use digital storytelling to raise awareness and drive action.</p> <p>This year, students from 5 Donegal schools Deelee College, Errigal College, Finn Valley College, Gairmscoil Mhic Diarmuida and Rosses Community School took part in onsite workshops, each with 12 students per class, where they developed their filmmaking, editing, and storytelling skills under the guidance of industry professionals. Donegal County Council is proud to celebrate the outstanding achievements of three local secondary schools who excelled in this year's <i>event</i>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Best Movie - Errigal College</i> <i>Runner Up Movie - Finn Valley</i> <i>Best Poster - Gairmscoil Mhic Dhiaramada</i></p> 
Contact Person	Environment Section 074 91 53900
Activity / Project Title	Ireland's Young Sustainable Designers Rewrite Fashion's Future at First Ever National Relove Fashion Awards
Project Description/ Activity	<p>Ireland's next generation of fashion design talent proved that the future is sustainable at the first-ever national Relove Fashion Grand Final.</p> <p>The event, organised by and held at the Rediscovery Centre, Ireland's National Centre for the Circular Economy on April 30th, saw awards being handed to 24 winners who dazzled the judges and audience alike. Each award winner took home an upcycled trophy, an expert-led sustainable fashion workshop, and the overall winners from each region took home €500 for fashion related tools and equipment for their schools.</p> <p>As a counter-movement to challenge fast fashion, the competition encourages teenage designers from across the country to showcase innovative, upcycled outfits made entirely from preloved textiles - transforming everything from old cushion covers to moth-eaten berets into stylish, wearable fashion.</p>

This year marked the competition's expansion to 26 local authority areas, where over 400 young people aged 12–19 across Ireland were encouraged to rethink fast fashion and embrace creativity, building skills in reuse, repair, and redesign.

A total of 43 outfits reached the final, celebrating circular design, hands-on climate action, and the vibrant future of Irish fashion. Winning outfits included evening dresses elegantly upcycled from jeans, preloved shirts beautifully transformed into casual dresses, and a post-apocalyptic outfit crafted from old belts and roadside-found gloves.

The winners, listed below, were announced at the Grand Final, which was attended by over 150 people, MC performer Paul Ryder and supported by the Department of Environment, National Waste Regions and the judging panel.

The panel of judges included Laura de Barra, author of No.1 bestsellers *Garment Goddess*, *Gaff Goddess* and *Decor Galore*; Lorraine Keane, IFTA-nominated broadcaster, journalist, businesswoman and philanthropist; Joanne Rourke, representing Dublin City Council and the National Waste Regions; and Arran Murphy, Programme Manager of Rediscover Fashion.

Connaught-Ulster Waste Region:

- Best Casual: Cara McLaughlin, *Spraoi Agus Sport*
- Overall Winner: Davin Coyle, *Gairmscoil Chú Uladh*



This upcycled outfit was made by Davin Coyle, from Gairmscoil Chú Uladh, County Donegal.

Young designer Davin's process began by exploring why we throw away our clothes.

With a focus on bridal and denim waste, Davin created this beautiful outfit. Davin sourced three pairs of jeans from his local charity shop, and a white satin skirt, which became the fabric used for the top. Davin altered one pair of the jeans by adding godet panels and applique stars with fraying details. For the top, Davin drafted his own pattern by experimenting with the satin fabric on a dress form until he found a look he was happy with.

The hat is crafted from strips of denim, stitched into yarn, and knitted together - a skill he learned from his grandmother just for this project. Davin wanted to create a stylish winter look which also sent a message about our disposal of clothes and textile waste.

Overall Nationwide Winners:

- Best Casual: Cara McLaughlin, *Spraoi Agus Sport*, Donegal County Council



This upcycled outfit was made by Cara McLaughlin, from Spraoi Agus Sport, County Donegal.

Young designer Cara took her old straight-leg jeans and turned them into statement flares with a bold patchwork of linen, synthetic, and Donegal tweed scraps - plus a godet for that extra flair. She added appliqué hearts to the back pockets and paired them with a gorgeous crochet top made from another project's leftover wool. The incredible bag was created from a moth-eaten beret—now repaired with a frill, a crochet handle, and it even matches her handmade hair accessory.

For more information about Relove Fashion, and to register your interest for next year, please visit www.relovetofashion.ie.

For more information about the Rediscovery Centre, please visit www.rediscoverycentre.ie

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Activity / Project Title	ADI - Anti Dumping Initiative 2025
Description/ Activity	<p>In May the Environment section received confirmation from the Connacht Ulster Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authority (CU WERLA) that their application for Anti-Dumping Initiative funding (ADI) has successfully secured more than €116,000 for a range of projects to be delivered throughout the County in 2025. This is the 7th year in a row that the section has secured in excess of €100,000.</p> <p>The Anti-Dumping initiative (ADI) introduced in 2017 aims to encourage collaboration between local authorities, communities and other state Agencies to tackle the problem of illegal dumping. It is an annual program run in conjunction with local authorities and community partnerships coordinated by the Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authorities (WERLA's).</p> <p>Since the launch of the initiative 1,751+ projects have been successfully delivered across all 31 local authorities and funding of €17+ million has been provided. In the last 9 years more than €960,000 has been secured to deliver projects throughout Donegal and support community groups. These projects help combat illegal dumping, address blackspots and promote awareness and enforce waste management laws.</p> <p>The focus is usually on the four key areas and project proposals are assessed based on their potential impact in these areas;</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Prevention- Abatement- Education and- Enforcement. <p>Projects delivered in Donegal in the last few years have included; bikes for Africa, a household waste project, the production and distribution of pocket guides, paint reuse projects, reduced price bulky waste recycling days, resources to support targeted enforcement work and resources for community groups.</p> <p>In 2025 an innovate project will see the Reduce Reuse Recycle booklets being translated into the top ten languages in Donegal (based on 2022 census data). This information will be made available online for maximum exposure.</p>
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Donegal Flood Relief Schemes

BURNFOOT FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

Briefing Note 15 – May 2025

[Progress Summary](#)

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

Within the reporting period RPS have been finalising road design elements of the scheme with DCC Road Design section. This is to ensure the new bridge meets road design standards while minimising impacts to access on either side of the new bridge.

The Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) is being updated to reflect changes in the planning drawings and any changes in legislation and policy.

The following planning documents have been finalised:

Landowner maps – March 2025

Planning drawings – May 2025.

RPS are preparing the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) drawings and working with DCC to develop the Engineer’s Report for the scheme.

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

[Next Steps](#)

Once all of the planning documentation is finalised it will be sent for legal review in June 2025. A Public Information Session will be held in July followed by presentation of the scheme to Donegal County Council.

Projected Key Milestone Dates

- Finalise planning drawings – Complete
- Presentation of the Scheme to Council – July 2025
- Submit to An Bord Pleanála – August 2025
- Public Consultation – August to September 2025

CASTLEFINN FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

Briefing Note 15 – May 2025

Progress Summary

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

Within the reporting period RPS have been finalising the planning drawings. Final drawings were issued to the Steering Group in March 2025.

The Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) is being updated to reflect changes in the planning drawings and any changes in legislation and policy.

RPS are currently preparing the final landowner maps for the scheme to reflect the final planning drawings.

Next Steps

Once final landowner maps are issued RPS will develop the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) drawings and documents for the scheme.

Once all of the planning documentation is finalised a Public Information Session will be held followed by presentation of the scheme to Donegal County Council.

Projected Key Milestone Dates

- Finalise planning drawings – Complete
- Presentation of the Scheme to Council – August 2025
- Submit to An Bord Pleanála – October 2025
- Public Consultation – October to November 2025

NA DÚNAIBH (DOWNINGS) FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

Briefing Note 15 – May 2025

Progress Summary

The scheme consists of upgrades to four existing culverts along Ocean View Road. 530m of flood walls are proposed along the Rosapenna Stream, both upstream and downstream of the R248 (Main Street). These walls will protect from flooding, and also prevent the banks of the Rosapenna Stream from collapsing and blocking the channel. A small section of existing embankment above the beach at the current outfall of the stream will be raised to protect against wave overtopping from the beach into the caravan park to the rear. It is recommended that the scheme is designed and constructed to the Mid-Range Future Scenario (including allowance for climate change) from the outset. Road drainage works are also proposed outside the Magherabeg holiday park near the top of Ocean View Road.

The three draft environmental reports, the Appropriate Assessment screening, the Environmental Impact Assessment screening and the Natura Impact Statement were revised following comments from the Steering Group and re-issued in April 2025.

A draft package of planning drawings was issued to the Steering Group in March. In April members of the Steering Group undertook a site visit to review details of the planning drawings on site. Comments on the planning drawings were issued at the end of April and RPS are now considering these in order to issue a revised set of planning drawings.

Next Steps

Once the planning drawings are revised RPS will produce a set of landowner maps to facilitate engagement with individual landowners by DCC. This CPO Introduction process is programmed for the summer months of 2025. RPS and DCC will consider all of the comments from landowners in finalising the planning drawings before moving to develop the CPO drawings and documents.

Projected Key Milestone Dates

- Finalising Stage I Report – July 2025
- Finalise Planning Drawings – June 2025
- Presentation of the Scheme to Council – October 2025
- Submit to An Bord Pleanála – January 2025

GLENTIES FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

Briefing Note 15 – May 2025

Progress Summary

RPS issued the Nature-based Solutions (NbS) Pilot Study report in January 2025. Following comments from the Steering Group and the OPW's Climate Adaptation Services section RPS revised and reissued the report in May 2025. The NbS Pilot Study report includes an in-depth review of the opportunities for NbS catchment management measures to provide reduction in flood risk and a wide range of environmental and ecosystem services. It sets out a strategy for implementing measures in the catchment and the next steps to be taken.

The Scheme Analysis and Development Report was issued to the Steering Group in February 2025. It assessed potentially viable flood risk management measures based on various economic, technical, social and environmental criteria.

The Climate Change Adaptation Plan for Glenties was issued to the Steering Group in May 2025. It sets out the future risk to Glenties from climate change. Future schemes are identified that could be implemented if certain trigger points are met, based on monitoring of the progression of flood risk and developing climate change guidance.

Next Steps

It is proposed that a public consultation day is held in September to inform the public on the outcomes of the Stage I analysis and to discuss the potential for an NbS project to be implemented in the Stracashel catchment.

Projected Key Milestone Dates

- Final Stage I Report – September 2025
- Public Information Day – September 2025

LIFFORD FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

Briefing Note 19 – May 2025

The emerging Preferred Scheme for Lifford was identified and presented to the public prior to Christmas (Thursday 28th November 2024 and a subsequent six week consultation period). The Project Team is continuing to review feedback received from the Public Consultation and considering how it can inform the design of the scheme that is to be developed further during the next Stage (II) for Public Exhibition.

The Project Team has continued to meet monthly with DfI's A5 Western Transport Corridor (WTC) project team. Through this work further modelling has been identified to assess the impacts of both projects on flood risk elsewhere and identify mitigation for the cumulative impacts. RPS is currently completing modelling tasks to:

1. Update the baseline hydraulic model to incorporate the SWELL Wastewater Treatment Plant constructed in Lifford.
2. Reassess the impact of the Lifford FRS on flood risk elsewhere.
3. Assess the cumulative impacts of the Lifford FRS, the TEN-T and A5 WTC projects and identify appropriate mitigation.

The Lifford FRS Steering Group has reviewed all of the Scheme Analysis and Development technical reports and RPS are working to finalise these reports.

The preliminary ground investigation included a number of boreholes along the left bank of the Foyle within the town. Northwest Geotech submitted the draft report on the 24th January 2025. RPS and Ryan Hanley have provided comments on the report and are awaiting final deliverables.

Consultees have provided comments on the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping (issued on the 20th December 2025). Ryan Hanley have been studying the responses to determine the scope of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report to support consenting for the scheme. Ryan Hanley have been developing baseline sections of the report as well as impact assessment. Ryan Hanley have also been developing the Natura Impact Statement (NIS) for the scheme.

John Cronin Associates are currently developing the specification for an Architectural Geophysical Survey to identify potential below ground areas of interest.

Conservation Architects Dedalus Architecture have been advising the project team on the potential impacts of the scheme on the built heritage of Lifford. They have also identified potential mitigation including potential architectural heritage led design of the scheme in sensitive areas of the town.

Next Steps

Scheme Analysis and Development: RPS are working to finalise all Scheme Analysis and Development reports with a view to issuing the Final Stage I Report, in collaboration with Ryan Hanley.

Architectural Geophysical Survey: Once the specification is developed RPS will procure and manage the survey.

Environmental Assessment: The Natura Impact Statement (NIS) is currently being progressed alongside the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR). Projected Key Milestone Dates

- Draft Stage I Summary Report – June 2025
- Completion of Environmental Assessments – October 2025
- Final Stage I Summary Report – October 2025



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

Municipal District of Donegal

17th June 2025

1. Playgrounds 2025

- a. Annual Maintenance of Playgrounds

2. Fáilte Ireland Platforms for Growth & Destination Towns

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

3. Rural Programmes

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|------------------------------------|------------|
| a. Largy Coastal Walk | ORIS - PMM |
| b. Rossylongan | ORIS – M2 |
| c. Laghey Sensory Garden | CLAR – M1 |
| d. Glenlee Forest Trail | CLAR – M1 |
| e. Aodh Ruadh Park, Ballyshannon | CLAR – M1 |
| f. Meenaneary Community Centre | CLAR – M1 |
| g. Teelin Community Centre | CLAR – M1 |
| h. Laghey Parish Hall & Playground | T&V |

4. Leader

5. Social Inclusion



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

Municipal District: Donegal

Activity / Project Update: June 2025

Activity / Project Title	Playgrounds 2025
Project Description/Activity	Annual maintenance of Playgrounds Works consists of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Replacement of broken and damaged equipment.• Carry out repairs to safety surfaces.
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual safety inspections complete.• Tender assessment underway for maintenance contractor.• Repairs are underway and will continue throughout 2025.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue playground repair works as required.
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Activity / Project Update: June 2025

Activity / Project Title	Bundoran Destination Towns (Fáilte Ireland Co-Funded)
Project Description/Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Installation of artwork on the three approach roundabouts to Bundoran; Tullaghan/Drumacrin/Finner• Installation of wayfinding signage throughout Bundoran• Streetscape improvement works to; Central Lane/Renisan's Lane/Meehan's Lane
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Architect appointed to delivery the project.• Part 8 Planning secured for the wayfinding signage and streetscape improvement works.• Tender documents/detailed designs being prepared for the wayfinding signage and streetscape improvement works.• Artist selected for the roundabout artwork, contract documents being completed.• Artist contract documents completed and issued, site meeting held with Artist and his engineer to discuss the works.• Consultation ongoing with TII regarding approval for Artwork on the N15 roundabouts.• Part 8 Planning Application for the installation of artwork on the Tullaghan, Drumacrin & Finner roundabouts opened to public consultation on the 15th September.• Reviewing detailed designs for the wayfinding signage and streetscape works.• Part 8 planning for the earwork on the Tullaghan, Drumacrin and Finner roundabouts secured at the November 2023 Council meeting. Review meeting held with Artist's design team to commence fabrication of artwork in January 2024.• Reviewing project cost estimates to keep within available budget.• Artwork installed on the Tullaghan roundabout, Drumacrin roundabout and Finner roundabout.• Tender documents published for a contractor to undertake the wayfinding signage and streetscape works.• Assessment of tender submissions complete.• Undertaking a value engineering exercise to bring project inline with available budget.• Contactor appointed and works have commenced.• Works programmed to be completed March 2025.• Public realm works to the three laneways is complete and raised table crossings on Main Street and Atlantic Way complete.• Wayfinding signage installed.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Few minor snags to be addressed.
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Activity / Project Update: June 2025

Activity / Project Title	Platforms for Growth Tullan Strand Funded by Fáilte Ireland
Project Description/Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development of a Facility Centre for Water Based Activities at Tullan Strand in Bundoran along with improved access to Tullan Strand Beach.
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cross departmental meetings being held with different sections of the Council to fully understand project requirements and future maintenance requirements.• Draft tender documents prepared to seek a Consultant to develop site specific designs and secure planning permission.• Discussions with local stakeholders and landowners.• Meeting held with local stakeholders from Bundoran.• Tender documents were published on etenders seeking a professional design team.• Submissions received and tender assessment process underway.• Consultant identified to undertake the project and scoping of survey works underway.• Discussions held with landowners regarding access.• Surveys are underway and design works progressing.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue surveys and design work in preparation a planning application to An Bord Pleanála Q3 2025.
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Activity / Project Title	Fintra to Largy Coastal Walk
Project Description/Activity	Rural Programmes Project Management Measure
Budget (if applicable)	€ 50,000
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial meeting has taken place with the community group and the landowners.• The draft brief to procure the consultant engineer is ongoing.• The Design Team are investigating the feasibility of the various potential trails.• The project was tendered on the E-tender platform and the tender report is currently being finalised.• The Consultant has been appointed and the initial design work has commenced.• The project is ongoing and on schedule to finished for the end of the year.• A draft report has been Submitted to the DCC for review and will be shared with the community group in the coming weeks.• The ecology report has identified endangers species habitat along the proposed route that will require further studies to be done.• A further meeting with the consultant engineers and the ecologist has occurred in mid-January 2025.• A meeting with the landowners is scheduled for 10th of February.• There were sixteen landowners met in April 2025 to discuss the potential walk.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	The Project will be finished by the end of Q3 2025
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Activity / Project Update: June 2025

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

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

Activity / Project Title	CLÁR 2023 Measure 1
Project Description/Activity	Glenlee Forest Trail, Killybegs
Budget (if applicable)	€ 55,555
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial meetings with Community group and Coillte has happen.• Provisional letter of offer has issued.• Coillte are currently designing the new trail.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	This project is approaching completion stage and it is expected to be fully complete by mid-June.
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Activity / Project Update: June 2025

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

Activity / Project Title	CLÁR 2024 Measure 1
Project Description/Activity	Meenaneary Community Centre upgrade to electrical systems
Budget (if applicable)	€ 55,555
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial meetings with the Community group have taken place in December 2024.• Provisional Letter of Offer has been sent to the Group in January 2025.• The procurement is ongoing.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	Procurement to complete within the next 3 months
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Activity / Project Update: June 2025

Activity / Project Title	CLÁR 2024 Measure 1
Project Description/Activity	Teelin Community Centre Thermal Upgrade
Budget (if applicable)	€ 55,555
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial meetings with the Community group have taken place in December 2024.• Provisional Letter of Offer has been sent to the Group in January 2025.• The procurement is ongoing.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	Procurement to be complete within the next 3 months
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Activity / Project Update: June 2025

Activity / Project Title	Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2023
Project Description/Activity	Laghey Parish Hall Extension & Playground
Budget (if applicable)	€ 263,500
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial meetings with Community Group have taken place in recent weeks.• A brief to procure an Architect is being prepared.• Further meetings have taken place with the group focused on playgrounds designs and the scope.• The tender documents for the procurement of a contractor have been published on e-tenders with tenders due back at the end of June.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	Appointment of contractor in the next 2 months
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Municipal District: Countywide

Activity / Project Title	Rural Development Programme/LEADER 2023-2027
Project Description/Activity	Donegal LCDC are the Local Action Group (LAG) for County Donegal, with responsibility for the LEADER programme 2023-2027.
Budget (if applicable)	€10.4m for RDP/LEADER 2023-2027 for projects and administration.
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p>Implementing Partners within the county; Donegal Local Development CLG (DLDC), Inishowen Development Partnership (IDP), Údarás Na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán are delivering the New LEADER Programme 2023-2027. The programme is open for Expressions of Interest across the 4 Implementing Partners and respective areas. Donegal has been awarded approximately €10.4m in allocation for the delivery of programme to cover the period.</p> <p>Following the May LAG meeting we now have a total of 34 projects approved totalling €1,146,806.71.</p>
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<p>LDCs will continue to work with promoters on the ground to animate and develop new projects for submission to internal evaluation committees and then to the Local Action Group for consideration.</p> <p>Members can access further information on the overall programme and get contact details for interested groups or individuals at https://www.donegalcoco.ie/en/services/community/community-development/leader/</p>
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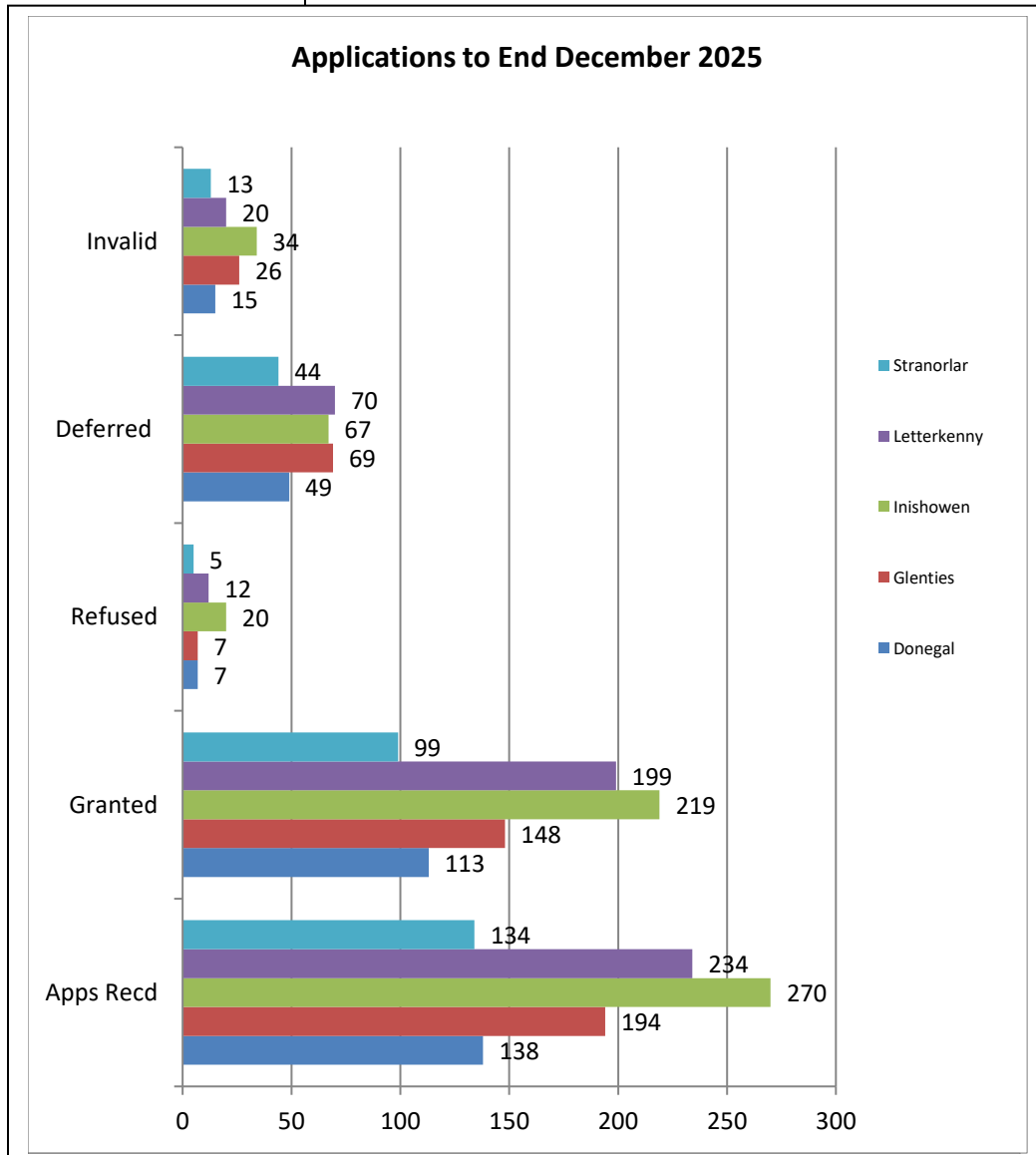
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Project	Social Inclusion Unit
Progress to date and current status	<p>Social Inclusion Events Attended</p> <p>Donegal Travellers Project – PEACEPLUS Project Launch The Donegal Travellers Project successfully launched its PEACEPLUS project on Diversity and Decision-Making on the 29th May 2025 at the Radisson Hotel, Letterkenny. This initiative aims to promote equality and uphold human rights for Black and minority ethnic communities, including Travellers and Roma, across Donegal.</p> <p>Letterkenny CDP – Peace Impact Project Launch The official launch of the Peace Impact Project took place at the Courtyard Shopping Centre, Letterkenny on Thursday, 5th June 2025 at 11:00am.</p> <p>Donegal Intercultural Platform – CREATIVE MINORITIES A new project titled CREATIVE MINORITIES, funded by the Donegal Peace Partnership and the Special EU Programmes Body (Belfast), was launched at the events space in Letterkenny Library, Oliver Plunkett Road, on Friday, 6th June 2025 at 11.30.</p> <p>Donegal Sports Partnership – Strategic Plan Launch The official launch of the Donegal Sports Partnership’s Strategic Plan 2025–2029: <i>Inspiring an Active Donegal</i> will take place at An Dánlann Sports Centre, ATU Donegal, Port Road, Letterkenny on Monday, 9th June 2025 at 6:45pm.</p> <p>Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion Strategy A meeting of the Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion Strategy Implementation Group was held on 23rd May 2025 at Letterkenny Public Services Centre. During this meeting, Donegal Sports Partnership provided an update on their ongoing pilot swim programme, delivered in partnership with Donegal County Council. The initiative focuses on the inclusion of women from ethnic minority backgrounds in swimming activities. The programme has been positively received by participants, with favourable feedback reported by Aura Leisure Centre.</p>
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Donegal MD Meeting 17th June 2025

PLANNING REPORT

	Item	Update	
1	Development Applications		
	(1) Statistics	Donegal MD Totals Year to End May 2025	
		Applications received	138
		Granted	113
		Refused	7
		Deferred	49
		Invalid	15



2	Enforcement		
		Donegal MD	To end May 2025
		New Cases	17
		Closed Cases	13
		Outstanding cases on record since 2012	252
3	Notes & Monthly Schedule	<p>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.</p> <p><u>Planning Clinics 2025</u> 19th June, 2025 3rd July, 2025 17th July, 2025 31st July, 2025</p> <p>Please see website for further dates. Planning Advice Clinics Donegal County Council</p>	
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>	<p>Weekly List of applications and decisions: Weekly Lists Donegal County Council</p> <p>Planning Service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service): planning@donegalcoco.ie</p> <p>Planning Webpage: Planning Donegal County Council</p> <p>Planning Application Online Query – Search a Planning Application Donegal County Council</p> <p>File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and planning search requests: fillable-file-retrieval-planning-application-number-search-request-form.pdf</p>	

APPENDIX A



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Regeneration & Development Team Community Development and Planning Services Update to the Municipal Districts – June 2025.

1.0 Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF)

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

1.1 Summary update of Projects

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

Table 1: Rural Regeneration and Development Fund Projects

Project	Type	Value (includes DCC co- funding)	Current Status/Delivery
RRDF Funding Call 4 – Category 2 – Project Development Measure	Category 2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Update on project provided to Members at workshop on the 1st May 2025.
Ramelton Re- imagined/Historic Town Centre	Category 2 Category 1 (2022)	€249,159 €7,949,868	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project with CPDU for delivery.
Burtonport Phase II	Category 1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Property with CPDU for delivery. Team support delivery through participation on Project Steering Group and closing out compensation agreements.

Repowering Buncrana	Category 2 (3 rd Call)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Property with CPDU for delivery. Team support delivery through participation on Project Steering Group.
Rathmullan (in partnership with The Way Forward Rathmullan CLG).			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 8 approved February 2023. Unsuccessful for funding under Call 5 in May 2024. Project submitted for RRDF Category 2 Funding Call that closed on the 14th March 2025.
Milford Town Centre First Plan		€100,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Centre First Plan launched November 2023 GM Design Associates preparing a statutory planning scheme for the lands at Lower Mount Marian. Engagement with stakeholders ongoing. DCC to progress other priority projects identified in the Plan. Application made in April 2025 under Town and Village Renewal for funding to acquire former Milford Hotel.
Glenties Town Centre First Plan		€30,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM Design Associates appointed to assist with preparation of the Plan. Engagement with the Glenties Town Team ongoing. Walkability Audit undertaken in December 2024. Workshop with Members of the Glenties MD held on the 13th May 2025. Public consultation event held on the 22nd May 2025. Next step is to prepare a draft Glenties TCF Plan.
Creeslough Village Plan and Community Regeneration Project (in association with the Creeslough Working Group, Creeslough Community Association and Arup).			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Village Plan launched 21st March 2024. Part 8 for Community Regeneration Project approved in September 2023. Project successfully awarded funding of €12.1m under Call 5 in May 2024 (total project value is €13.5m). GM Designs appointed in March 2025 to prepare detailed designs. Project with CPDU for delivery.
Moville Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan.		€24,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM Design Associates appointed to assist to prepare Plan. Further public consultation event held on the 20th March 2025 to present the draft Plan. Submissions invited to the 16th April 2025.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshop to be held with the MD Members on the 26th June 2025 to agree the final Plan.
Dungloe		€50,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding allocation under Town and Village Renewal to advance design and planning consent for public realm works at Main Stret, Dungloe. Tender issued to procure external design team. Appointment of successful tenderer imminent.
Ardara		€50,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding allocation under Town and Village Renewal to advance design and planning consent for buildings in Ardara. Inception meeting took place with Awake Tourism on the 30th May 2025 to prepare project brief.
Creeslough Minor Tourism Works		€50,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council to facilitate drawdown of funding for works now to be arranged through the CCA.
Bundoran Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan		€30,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tender issued to procure external support to prepare the Plan with the closing date of the 26th June 2025.
Buncrana Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan		€30,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tender issued to procure external support to prepare the Plan with the closing date of the 26th June 2025.
Downings Action Plan/Project Plan		Inhouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial preliminary meeting held inhouse to identify planned projects and/or funded projects. Public consultation event to be arranged in the coming weeks.
Glenties Town Team			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town team established in August 2024 to represent the community in the preparation and delivery of the Glenties Town Centre First Plan.
Creeslough Town Team		€10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creeslough Town Team established in October 2024 to deliver projects identified in the Village Plan and regular meetings being held.
Buncrana Town Team		€10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Team established in September 2024 and regular meetings being held.
Ballybofey-Stranorlar Town Team		€10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Team established to deliver the Ballybofey and Stranorlar Regeneration Strategy and regular meetings being held.
Moville Town Team			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial discussions ongoing to establish a Moville Town Team.
Milford Town Team			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work to commence to establish a Town Team to deliver the Milford Town Centre

			First Plan with support from Donegal County Council.
Fál Carrach Town Team.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public consultation event held on the 30th April 2025 to gauge interest in establishing a Town Team. Further event being held on the 21st May 2025.

2.0 Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF).

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

2.1 Summary update of Projects

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

Table 2: Urban Regeneration and Development Fund Projects

Call	Value of Project (includes DCC co-funding).	Projects and current Status/Delivery
Call 1 (approved September 2019) 3 Sub-Projects	€3m	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed 2022. Letterkenny Urban Regeneration site. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DCC took possession of the former ESB site and adjacent lands through a CPO in 2023. Site to be developed for the Alpha/Beta Office accommodation, public realm and Housing. Discussion on land compensation costs ongoing. Public Realm/Linear Park Phase 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opened June 2023.
Call 2 (May 2020 and approved March 2021) 6 Sub Projects	€19.3m (€4.8m DCC co-funding)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Reimagine public space at Market Square. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project with CPDU for delivery. Cathedral Quarter Park and Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquisition of strategic site fronting Church Lane completed and now in possession of Donegal County Council. Avison Young appointed to take forward all previous engagement and act on Council's behalf as regards further offers/acquisitions/CPO.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Current design stage: data/information gather via tender for survey (topo, Ground penetration survey, elevational survey, ground investigations). Tender closed 16th May 2025. Evaluation ongoing. <p>3. Renewal at Lower Main Street</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valuations obtained and land acquisition offers made. • Avison Young appointed to take forward all previous engagement and act on Council's behalf as regards further offers/acquisitions/CPO. • Council to consider further offers and advance any acquisitions/CPOs. • Re-engagement with Donegal Youth Services carried out December 2024 and capacity testing exercise at Devlin Hall and adjoining lands commenced January 2025 using in-house architectural resource. <p>4. Revival of the Courthouse</p> <p>Visitor Experience Plan/Product identification and Business Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPIC Heritage Consulting Ltd appointed to prepare a Visitor Experience Plan/ Product Identification Plan and Business Plan for the development of a major visitor attraction at the Courthouse. • Interpretation and Business Plan presented to Members of the LMMD in February 2025. • Community consultation event held on the 18th February 2025. <p>Built Heritage Investment Scheme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding of €10,000 secured in March 2024 from the Built Heritage Investment Scheme for minor repair works and, with co-funding from Donegal County Council, these works have been completed. <p>THRIVE (EU) Funding.</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding of €199,969 allocated under THRIVE Strand 1 from the Northern and Western Regional Assembly for the purpose of engaging architect-led team to bring the project to Part 8 stage. • Robin Lee, Architects, appointed as architect-led design team in January 2025. • Workshop with Members of the LMMD held in February 2025. • Apex Surveys appointed to undertake topographical and building surveys. • Greentrack consultants appointed to undertake AA and EIA Screening. • Preparing to make THRIVE Strand 2 funding application by the closing date of the 30th May 2025 including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Energy Audit complete - Do No Significant Harm Assessment and Report complete - Climate Proofing Assessment and report complete - Business Plan completing out at present - Bat Roosting and Activity Survey complete • Part 8 published and approved at the May 2025 Plenary meeting. • Public drop in event held on the 10th April 2025. • Workshop held with the Members of the LMMD on the 13th May 2025. <p>5. Strategic acquisition to enable a Regional Transport Hub</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avison Young appointed to take forward all previous engagement and act on Councils behalf as regards further offers/ acquisitions/ CPO. • Consultation with Local Link ongoing in relation to private bus operators and short-term solution. • Land acquisition offers made in December 2024 leading to collaborative approach with key landowner. Agreement to undertake masterplan for the lands to determine potential for public/private collaboration. Tender being drafted at present. • Options for temporary bus hub being advanced in-house and workshop held with
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		<p>the Members on the 20th May 2025.</p> <p>6. Strategic acquisition to enable LK Green Connect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 8 in relation to the Cultural Corridor element of the project approved by Donegal County Council at the November 2023 Plenary meeting. • In-house team has commenced steps to develop a Part 8 for Phase 2 (from constructed Phase 1 to Pearse Road). • Valuation services of Avison Young being engaged in relation to phase 2 (from constructed Phase 1 to Pearse Road) and lands required for the Cultural Corridor element of the Scheme. • All landowners engaged. • Engagement ongoing with relevant stakeholders. • Topographical survey completed. • Tenders for AA/EIA screening opened but no response to advertisement – to reopen tender again. • External structural/civil engineering consultative services procured for site investigation services access sought to 3rd party lands.
Call 3 (March 2023 and approved July 2023).	€4m	<p>Revolving fund for acquisition costs of long-term vacant property or sites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 46 properties on the programme and all owners have been engaged with. • Several properties already activated or being activated through the Croi Conaithe grant scheme and other schemes. • Several properties currently for sale and these are being monitored. • Valuation Services engaged in relation to property valuations. • Council to advance 12 properties for acquisition/CPO. • Several properties added to the Derelict Sites Register.
“The Eat Out’ Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Project		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction completed.
Letterkenny Cultural Corridor		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 8 approved November 2023. • Valuation services of Avison Young being engaged in relation to lands required for the delivery of the Scheme. • Services of Quantity Surveyor engaged to provide cost estimates for the scheme and work completed. • To be targeted for future URDF funding call.
Youth/Community focused project at Lower Main Street		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early engagements with Letterkenny Youth Club and Donegal Youth Services have commenced.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avison Young appointed in Q4 2023 to take forward all previous engagement and act on Council's behalf as regards further offers/acquisitions/CPO. • Capacity testing of potential lands available commenced in January 2025 with engagement with relevant stakeholders. Exercise paused due to resource requirements across RRDF programme.
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3.0 Croi Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme.

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

Table 3: Summary of Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Applications

Applications Received	1,188
Applications Finalised	918
• Approved	885
• Deemed not eligible (eligibility criteria not met – vacancy/proposed works).	33
In progress (first technical inspection/awaiting information from applicant).	122
Withdrawn (by applicant)	148
Value of Grants paid to date	€10.681m
No. of Grants paid to date	197

- To date, 51 public information drop in events have been held to promote the Scheme.
- Approx 40 applications are received per month.

4.0 Addressing Vacancy and Dereliction

4.1 Property Activation Program

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

2023 Target:

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

2024 Target:

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

2025 Target:

To activate 300 properties and commence CPO in 6 cases.

4.2 Derelict Sites Register

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

**Regeneration and Development Team.
June 2025.**

APPENDIX B



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

CAPITAL PROJECTS DELIVERY UNIT

Community Development and Planning Services

Report to Donegal Municipal District Members: **June 2025**

Activity / Project Title	Killybegs 2040
Project Description/Activity	<p>Killybegs 2040 is a transformative town centre regeneration project which forms part of the longer-term regeneration strategy.</p> <p>The project elements are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The change of use, extension and modification of Island House (currently an existing derelict and vacant building) to provide a tourist information and reception centre, digital hub, public conveniences, café space, and all associated site development works. An extension is proposed at first and second floor levels and will include a glass viewing area. • Provision for a 1000 sq m civic space and alterations to road layout and car parking arrangements, including footpaths, open paved areas, planting, landscaping, public seating etc. The improved car parking and road layout will improve access to both Island House and the Civic Space to support overall regeneration plans. • Acquisition of key regeneration sites for the future delivery of appropriately located additional car parking and linkages between Main Street and Shore Road.
Budget	€5.4m
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status	<p>Island House is substantially complete with internal finishes and second fix works being completed.</p> <p>Public Realm is substantially complete with outstanding paving works to be completed in early May.</p> <p>The 'Coal Yard' temporary car park for the project is operational.</p>
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<p>Island House remaining works to be completed, with snagging works ongoing.</p> <p>Public Realm remaining works to be completed, with snagging works ongoing.</p>
Contact Person(s)	<p>Michael Quigley, Executive Engineer Ardal McDermott, Senior Executive Engineer</p>

