

## **Ceantar Bardais Na Gleanntaí**

Oifig Riarthóir na  
gCruinnithe  
P.S.C  
Clochán Liath  
8ú Iúil 2020

### **FOGRA CRUINNITHE**

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Na Gleanntaí **in Ionad Seirbhísí Clochán Liath**  
ar an 14ú Iúil 2020, ag 11.00 r.n.

### **DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS NA GLEANNTAÍ**

#### **A Chara**

Iarrtar ort bheith i lathair ag an gcruinniu seo Ceantar Bardais Na Gleanntaí. Ta Clár an Cruinnithe le seo.

#### **Mise, le meas**

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Éamonn de Brún  
**Riarthóir Cruinnithe**

## **Municipal District of Glenties**

Office of Meetings  
Administrator  
P.S.C  
Dungloe  
8<sup>th</sup> July 2020

### **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The Municipal District of Glenties Meeting will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 **at 11 o clock in the Dungloe Public Services Centre.**

**TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GLENTIES**

**Dear Councillor**

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

**Yours sincerely**

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**Eamonn Brown**  
**Meetings Administrator**

## AGENDA

1. Consideration of the Minutes of Glenties Municipal District Annual General Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020. 11am
2. Consideration of the Minutes of Glenties Municipal District Committee Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020 11.05am
3. Planning & Economic Development. 11.10am
4. Economic Development 11.30am
5. Roads & Transportation. 11.50am
6. Environment. 12.10pm
7. Community Development 12.30pm
8. Housing & Corporate Services. 12.50pm

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF GLENTIES MUNICIPAL  
DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

**HELD ON 9<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2020 IN**

**DUNGLOE PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cllr. John Sheamais Ó Fearraigh  
Cllr. Noreen McGarvey  
Cllr. Marie Therese Gallagher  
Cllr. Michael McClafferty  
Cllr. Anthony Molloy  
Cllr. Michéal Cholm Mac Giolla Easbuig

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Michael McGarvey, A/Director Water & Environment  
Eamonn Brown - Area Manager, Housing & Corporate  
Michael Rowsome, S.S.O. Motor Tax/Corporate

**GMD 26/20**

**ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH**

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Ó Fearraigh commended both the Council Executive and the media in attendance at Municipal District Meetings. He expressed his sympathy to all those who suffered bereavements as a consequence of Covid19 and also expressed sympathy to Michelle Nic Phaidín (Donegal Democrat) on the recent loss of her father.

On the proposal of Cllr. Molloy, seconded by Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig, the Committee elected Cllr. McGarvey as Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Glenties.

Members paid tribute to Cllr. Ó Fearraigh for his fairness throughout his term as Cathaoirleach and congratulated Cllr. McGarvey on her election as Cathaoirleach.

**GMD 27/20**

**LEAS CATHAOIRLEACH**

On the proposal of Cllr. McGarvey, seconded by Cllr. Molloy, the Committee elected Cllr. Gallagher as Leas Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Glenties.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**

# MINUTES OF MEETING OF GLENTIES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

HELD ON 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2020 IN DUNGLOE PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cllr. Noreen McGarvey (Cathaoirleach)  
Cllr. Marie Therese Gallagher (Leas Cathaoirleach)  
Cllr. Anthony Molloy  
Cllr. Michael McClafferty  
Cllr. Michéal Choilm Mac Giolla Easbuig  
Cllr. John Sheamais Ó Fearraigh

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Michael McGarvey, A/Director Water & Environment  
Eamonn Brown - Area Manager, Housing & Corporate  
Michael Rowsome - SSO, Corporate & Housing Service

(Note: In order to adhere to HSE Social Distancing Guidelines the following officials attended the Meeting only during the relevant section of the agenda).

Brendan Mc Fadden - SSE - Roads Manager  
Fergus Towey - EE - National Roads Office  
David Friel - Coastal Officer  
Ciaran Martin - Senior Economic Development Officer  
Sinead McClafferty - Area Planner

**GMD 28/20**

## Vote of Sympathy

A vote of sympathy was passed in respect of the late Eileen Farren, wife of Cllr. Martin Farren, and all families who suffered bereavements as a consequence of the Covid19 Pandemic.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig also proposed a minutes silence in memory of George Floyd (USA) as a gesture of solidarity with the 'Black Lives Matter' movement.

**GMD 29/20**

**Confirmation of Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Glenties held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

On the proposal of Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig, seconded by Cllr. Gallagher, the minutes of the meeting of the Municipal District of Glenties held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March 2020 were confirmed.

**GMD 30/20**

**Report from Workshop held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

The report from the Workshop held with officials from Udarás on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March 2020 was noted.

**GMD 31/20**

**Online Briefing held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

The online briefing report held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020 was noted.

**GMD 32/20**

**ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION**

**32.1**

**N56 Project**

The NRDO engineer provided Members with an update on (i) the status of major capital works on the N56 between Dungloe and Glenties and (ii) pavement surfacing scheme in Crolly/Loughanure.

In response to queries raised by the Committee the NRDO Roads engineer responded as follows:

- An application for funding has been made to Transport Infrastructure Ireland in relation to surfacing of Glenties Main Street.
- The Contractor has been requested to prioritise the resurfacing of the cycleway within the Dungloe works.

- Undertook to review Sweeney shop Junction at Cloghbolie
- Outlined the protocols involved in buying back land that was previously acquired under a Compulsory Purchase Order.
- Informed the Committee that any issues in relation to pinch points, crash barriers, footpath and road safety should be submitted to the road design office.
- Updated Members on the tender process for the proposed Arts project in Lettermacaward. Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig expressed an interest in membership of any selection committee and Cllr. Gallagher recommended community representation on the Arts Selection Committee.
- Updated Members on future plans for progression on the N56 and Cllr. Gallagher requested a workshop to advance proposals in this regard.

(Fergus Towey (EE) departed the meeting and Brendan McFadden (SEE) joined the meeting to represent the Roads Service.)

32.2

The Roads Manager updated the Committee on the status of the Road Works Programme which is expected to be completed by the year end notwithstanding the Covid19 restrictions. Members noted the updated reports in relation to the four Road Service Supervisor areas.

- (i) Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig raised road safety issues in Ranafast, Annagry, Meenaleck, Crolly, Dunlewey Junction, Lunniagh and on the Carnmore Road, Dungloe for the attention of the Roads Service.
- (ii) Cllr. McClafferty highlighted the necessity to raise two manholes and to extend the footpath as you leave Falcarragh at Rutherfords, difficulties with the Junction at Harkins and



recommended the addition of a walkway to the bridge in Falcarragh. The Roads Manager advised that the Bridge Engineer has explored various options in regard to this issue.

- (iii) Cllr. Molloy raised safety issues outside the Na Rossa GAA club in Leitir and at the top of the town in Ardara.
- (iv) In response to a query from Cllr. Ó Fearraigh, the Roads Manager informed the Committee that there is an allocation of Local Improvement Scheme monies to fund the submitted list of projects.
- (v) Cllr. Gallagher requested the Council to cut the grass in the public area in Leitir and to source picnic benches to encourage outside socialisation. The Roads Manager undertook to liaise with the Community Development Manager in relation to this matter and updated Members regarding ongoing consultation with the local group.

Cllr. Gallagher also requested a Workshop to draft a 5 year programme for enhancement of roads on the Wild Atlantic Way and requested a report on the current standard to assist discussions.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Committee discussed the report circulated with the agenda and presented by the Community Development Manager in relation to the following Work Programme:

- 33.1 Community Call Helpline
- 33.2 Age Friendly Covid19 Activity Pack for Older People.
- 33.3 Donegal Choir of Ages
- 33.4 Rannóg na Gaeilge
- 33.5 Playground Maintenance
- 33.6 Town & Village Renewal Schemes updates - Burtonport, Arranmore and Glenties.
- 33.7 Development Fund Initiative

On the proposal of Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig, seconded by Cllr. Ó Fearraigh the Committee approved the applicant name change from Coiste Forbartha Rann na Feirste to Aislann Rann na Feirste.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig also requested the Council to communicate with all groups allocated funding to determine the level of support required in light of financial implications arising from the Covid19 pandemic.

Cllr. McClafferty requested a list of all groups that he had approved for funding.

33.8 Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2020 and Clár 2020.

33.9 Donegal Youth Council

The Community Development Manager responded to queries from Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig detailing advice received from the Department of Children and Youth Affairs.

33.10 Errigal Stakeholders Group update.

33.11 Community Development Officer

The Committee were advised that the job specification, recruitment and employment of this position is solely a matter for the Council HR Department.

33.12 Baywalk, Dungloe

Cllr. Gallagher requested the Council to extend the Baywalk to the Pond in Dungloe, carry out maintenance work at the Pond and to conduct a feasibility study into an off road connection between Dungloe and Burtonport. The Community Development Manager agreed to refer this project to the Walks & Trails Development Officer.

**GMD 34/20**

**HOUSING & CORPORATE**

**34.1**

**Grants**

The Committee noted the reports circulated with the agenda and presented by the Housing Manager in relation to Housing Aid for Older People, Housing Adaptation and Mobility Aids Grants.

**34.2**

**Casual Vacancies**

Members noted the report circulated with the agenda in relation to the list of casual vacancies as at the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June 2020.

**34.3**

**Clós Naomh Chonail - Glenties**

The Housing Manager informed Members that a meeting is scheduled for Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> June to advance the commencement of storm drain works.

**34.4**

**Ardpatrick - Glenties**

Cllr. Molloy highlighted issues in relation to road surface, access and safety concerns in this scheme and requested the Council to liaise with residents, many of whom are elderly.

**34.5**

**Meenaniller**

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested the Council to paint the speed ramps to improve visibility for motorists.

**34.6**

**Housing Capital**

The Committee noted the report circulated with the agenda in relation to Housing Capital programmes.

34.7

### **CORPORATE SERVICES**

- (i) Cllr. Gallagher requested a Workshop to discuss Standing Orders regarding the conduct of business of Municipal District meetings.

Cllr. McGarvey and Cllr. Ó Fearraigh recommended that all maintenance queries in relation to Council services be submitted in advance of the meeting.

The Corporate Manager undertook to circulate Members with Standing Orders pertaining to the meetings of the other Municipal Districts in Donegal.

- (ii) **Online Meetings**

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested the Council to live stream all public meetings online.

Cllr. Molloy expressed contentment with the current arrangements for Municipal District meetings.

- (iii) **Dungloe Public Service Centre**

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig proposed naming the Dungloe Public Services Centre after Republican Activists, Eithne Coyle and Peadar O Donnell and the Corporate Manager advised that previous recommendations in this regard have been referred to Corporate Headquarters in Lifford.

**GMD 35/20**

**ENVIRONMENT**

35.1 The Committee noted the reports circulated previously from the Waste Awareness Officer regarding waste and litter management.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested the Environment Service to address illegal dumping of tyres on Burtonport Pier and the Coastal Officer undertook to liaise with the Litter Warden in this regard.

Cllr. McGarvey highlighted the increasing problem of discarded PPE litter and commended the efforts of the Litter Warden in the area of enforcement.

35.2 The Coastal Officer agreed to relay Cllr. McClafferty's queries regarding the provision of both a portaloos on a temporary basis and also a permanent public convenience at Portnablagh Pier to the Marine Engineer.

In response to a query from Cllr. Ó Fearraigh, the Coastal Officer informed the Committee that the LGMA recently issued standard operating guidelines to facilitate the re-opening of public conveniences.

35.3 Cllr. Ó Fearraigh requested the provision of fire hydrants in the Ranafast area in light of recent gorse fire and the Coastal Officer undertook to liaise with the fire service.

35.4 **Dungloe Water Treatment Plant**

The Director of Environment informed the Committee that planning and environmental concerns previously

discussed at Municipal District meetings have been referred for follow up with the Planning Service and the Council's Executive Secretariat.

35.5

**The Pond, Dungloe**

The Coastal Officer agreed to update the Marine Engineer regarding the necessity for improvements at the Pond as submitted by Cllr. Gallagher.

**GMD 36/20**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**

36.1

Members noted the reports circulated with the agenda regarding the following:

- Economic Development Unit
- Tourism Marketing Unit
- Research & Policy Unit
- Strategic Funding Unit
- Local Enterprise Office
- Information System
- Emergency Services - Fire Service & Civil Defence

Cllr. Gallagher highlighted the unprecedented challenge for the tourism industry as a consequence of the Covid19 pandemic and recommended a focused marketing strategy for the West of Donegal in conjunction with the enhancement of broadband infrastructure.

**GMD 37/20**

**PLANNING**

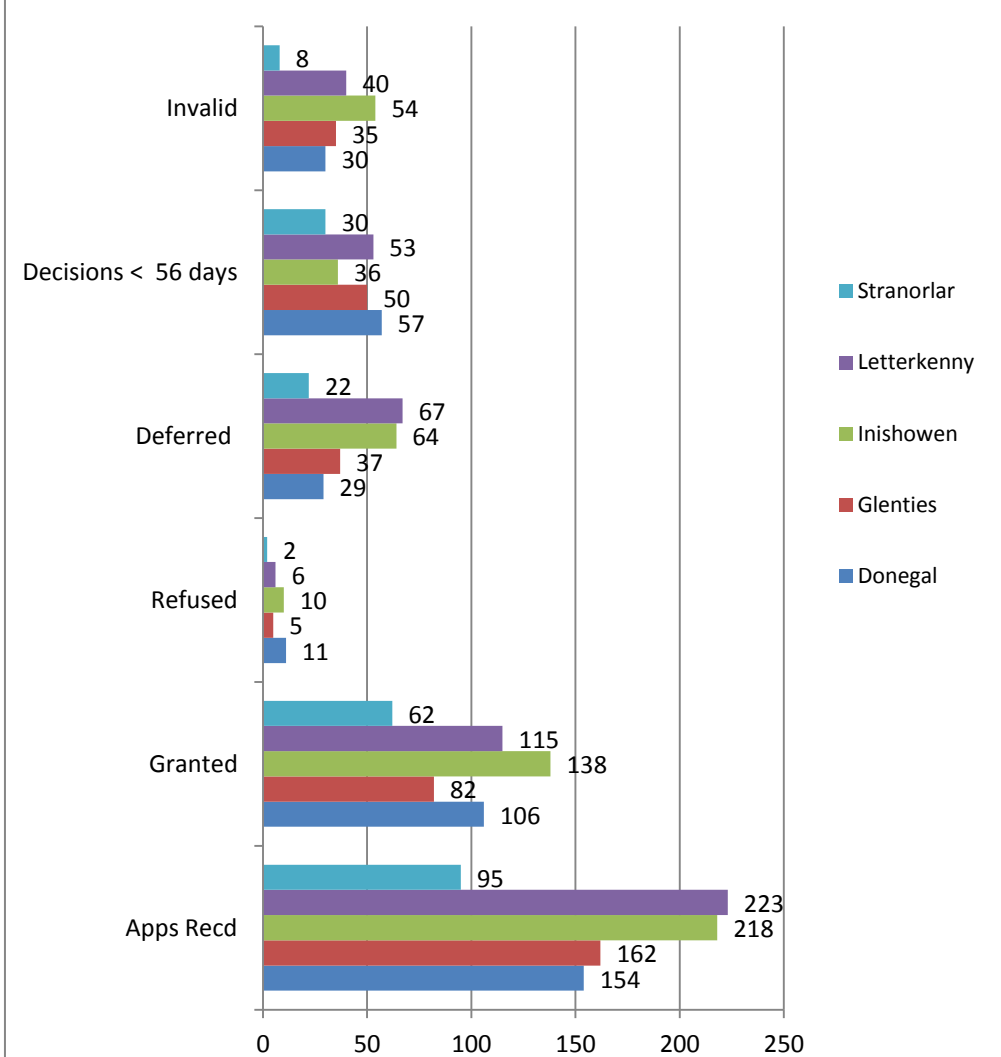
In accordance with HSE guidelines the Committee were advised that the meeting could not exceed a 2 hour duration and that any Planning queries were to be discussed individually with the Planning Officer who was in attendance at Planning clinics within the PSC.

**THIS COMPLETED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.**



**Glenties MD Meeting**

**14<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

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<b>3</b>	<b>Notes &amp; Monthly Schedule</b>	<p><b>Please note pre planning clinics during the Corvid-19 restrictions are on a telephone call only basis between 09.30am and 12.30pm on the dates outlined below.</b></p> <p><u>Planning Clinics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15<sup>th</sup> July</li> <li>• 29<sup>th</sup> July</li> <li>• 12<sup>th</sup> August</li> <li>• 26<sup>th</sup> August</li> </ul> <p>Please see website for further dates.  <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/planningclinics/">http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/planningclinics/</a></p>								
<b>4</b>	<b>Regeneration Report</b>	See Appendix A								
<b>5</b>	<b>Central Planning Unit</b>									
	(1) <i>Letterkenny Plan</i>	<p>The latest in the ongoing series of workshops with the MD Members was held in the Aura Leisure Centre on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2020. Members were updated on a number of ongoing areas of work as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The preparation of a Local Transport Plan for Letterkenny and how this work would inform and dovetail with the Letterkenny Plan. Members were advised that it was hoped to undertake an introductory public consultation in the coming weeks to raise public awareness and to generate public feedback.</li> <li>2. Flood risk in parts of the town centre in the context of the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment being prepared in support of the Plan.</li> <li>3. Residential land supply.</li> </ol> <p>In addition, Members were also updated on a range of other ongoing areas of work including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Economic Development Appraisal work (in consultation with Director of Economic Development and IDA);</li> <li>~ TEN-T Detailed Design;</li> <li>~ Regeneration Strategy Masterplan;</li> <li>~ Network Development Plan (Irish Water).</li> </ul>								



	<p><b><u>Timelines</u></b></p> <p>At the above-noted Workshop, the Director of Community Development and Planning outlined a revised timeline for publication of the Draft Plan in light of the extent and complexity of work still to be concluded and in this regard suggested that Spring, 2021 was now the realistic target.</p> <p>The Director also proposed that the programme of workshops would resume in and around September, 2020.</p>
<p>(2) <i>Buncrana Local Area Plan</i></p>	<p><b><u>Buncrana Strategic Study</u></b></p> <p>ICLRD (The International Centre for Local and Regional Development), commenced their work in January 2020 on the preparation of a comprehensive strategic study on the future direction and economic positioning of the town of Buncrana. – A study of the geospatial, economic and social development potential of Buncrana as a town located within the wider North West City Region.</p> <p>A draft of the Study was submitted in late June, 2020. Prior to the final completion of the document, a MD workshop on the main findings and recommendations of the Study was scheduled for Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2020.</p> <p><b><u>Draft Local Area Plan for Buncrana</u></b></p> <p>The preliminary work on the Draft Buncrana Local area Plan is anticipated to be hugely assisted and informed by the findings of this Strategic report and it is hoped that preparation work will proceed directly to pre-draft stage.</p>
<p>(3) <i>County Development Plan 2018-2024 (CDP 2018-2024)</i></p>	<p><b><u>Statutory Two-Year Review</u></b></p> <p>The statutorily-required Chief Executive's '2-year' report on 'the progress achieved in securing the objectives' of the County Development Plan, as per Section 15 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (As Amended) is currently being prepared with a view to submission to the July Plenary Council meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Plenary Workshop</u></b></p> <p>At the request of Members, a Plenary Workshop was scheduled for Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 in order to discuss a number of areas of concern to them around CDP policy interpretation and implementation.</p> <p><b><u>Chief Executive's Report on Foot of Adoption of Northern and Western Regional Assembly's Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy</u></b></p> <p>Section 11(1)(b)(iii) of the Planning and Development Act,</p>



	<p>2000 (As Amended) refers in the case of Donegal and provides that, on foot of the adoption of the RSES, the Council shall (I) give notice of a CDP variation, or (II) give notice of a CDP review. Notwithstanding, the circumstances pertaining to this Authority may not warrant either course of action having regard to, inter alia, the alignment of the CDP's Core Strategy with the RSES and also the further alignment that can be achieved through the upcoming Letterkenny Plan. A report will be submitted to the July Plenary Council meeting setting out the Chief Executive's recommendations in this regard.</p> <p><b><u>Variation re TEN-T Priority Roads Project</u></b></p> <p>The TEN-T Variation is being advanced on foot of the publication of the TEN-T Preferred Route Corridors report in January, 2020. Members were updated at a <b><u>Plenary Workshop</u></b> on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2020. The remaining scheduled timelines are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>1. July Plenary Council meeting:</u></b> Submit report to enable Members to formally consider content of the proposed draft variation; and to authorize Executive to proceed with formal SEA, AA and SFRA processes.</li> <li><b><u>2. Special meeting in early Sept (Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Sept. or Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept.?)</u></b> To authorize publication of Draft, inclusive of considering SEA, AA and SFRA reports.  Target <u>publish draft on Fri. 18<sup>th</sup> September:</u></li> <li><b><u>3. November Plenary meeting:</u></b> consider CE report and either adopt or agree proposed Material Alterations for publication.</li> </ol> <p>Alternatively, a special meeting may be required in early/mid Dec. (e.g. if there is a large volume of submissions to be processed and therefore a longer period to prepare Chief Executive's report).</p>
<p><b>6 Further Information</b> <i>Click on web links to access information.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly List of applications and decisions: <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weeklyplanninglists/">http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weeklyplanninglists/</a></li> <li>• Planning service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service): <a href="mailto:planning@donegalcoco.ie">planning@donegalcoco.ie</a></li> <li>• Planning Webpage: <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/">www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/</a></li> </ul>



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## Appendix A



Comhairle Contae  
Dhún na nGall  
Donegal County Council



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Project Ireland  
**2040**

### Regeneration & Development Team Community Development & Planning Services

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#### July (2020) Report to Elected Members

##### 1.0 Work Programme:

Members were provided with a full update on the work programme of the Regeneration & Development Team at the May & June 2020 Municipal District Meetings. That update specifically addressed the impact of the national public health emergency as a result of the Coronavirus Covid-19 on the work programme and working arrangements.

The report set out hereinunder now provides a significant update on recent progress made on key components of the Regeneration work programme.

##### 2.0 Rural Regeneration and Development fund (RRDF)

The following projects were submitted to the (RRDF) call for Category 2 applications by the deadline of 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020:

###### 1. Ballybofey & Stranorlar

The 'SEED' project – A sustainable, green regeneration project to Strengthen, Engage, Enable and Deliver transformational change in Ballybofey-Stranorlar.

**Value: €483,750**

###### 2. Ballyshannon

**Back to Ballyshannon** – A transformational project to re-energise, re-imagine and sustain the social, cultural, historical, physical and economic fabric of Ballyshannon's historic town centre.

**Value: €247,500. (RRDF funding sought €185,625)**

###### 3. Ramelton

**Ramelton Historic Town Centre** – A Restorative & Transformational Public Realm Scheme.

**Value: €249,159 (RRDF funding sought €186,869)**



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In the June Municipal District report Members were advised that an assessment of these applications was at an advanced stage, and that funding announcements were potentially imminent.

On 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020 Minister Michael Ring TD announced the successful Category 2 projects under this call and I am pleased to confirm that both the 'Back to Ballyshannon' and 'Ramelton Historic Town Centre' projects were successful and secured the full amount of the funding support sought. This is very welcome news for the towns concerned and their communities. The Regeneration Team is now awaiting further communication from the DRCD in relation to the funding draw down arrangements and is very much looking forward to working with the respective Elected Members and the community stakeholders in the development of these exciting and important projects.

The news is more disappointing for Ballybofey & Stranorlar which was not approved at this time. Whilst this is a set back, the Team remains committed to the Regeneration of the twin towns and the continued progression of the 'SEED' regeneration project in the towns as an important part of our work programme, which includes the delivery of a Regeneration Strategy for the twin towns.

By way of general information, the Minister announced funding of €13 million for 24 projects under this funding announcement, and with 2 out of 3 projects approved Donegal County Council was considered to be one of the top performing local authorities. This announcement brought to €161 million the total funding provided to date under the RRDF for 134 projects across the Country, of which Donegal County Council has been successful in securing €8,821,493 for 5 rural regeneration projects, namely: Swan Park (Buncrana); Killybegs; Burtonport & Aranmore Island, Ballyshannon & Ramelton.

In total the RRDF funding awarded to projects within the County as a whole is in excess of €10.6 million when other applicants are also considered, as set out in the Table below:

**Table of RRDF Project Funding (Donegal):**

<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>RRDF Funding</b>
Swan Park	Buncrana	Donegal Co.Co.	€1,728,042
Killybegs 2040	Killybegs	Donegal Co.Co.	€3,631,758
Harbour to Island Regeneration	Burtonport & Aranmore Island	Donegal Co.Co.	€3,089,199
Back to Ballyshannon	Ballyshannon	Donegal Co.Co.	€185,625
Ramelton Historic Town	Ramelton	Donegal Co.Co.	€186,869



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Centre			
Gteic Gaoth Dobhair	Gaoth Dobhair	Udaras na Gaeltachta	€1,500,000
Ocean Innovation Centre Ireland	Killybegs	Letterkenny Institute of Technology	€293,436
<b>Total</b>			<b>€10,614,929</b>

In addition the County will benefit from:

- RRDF funding secured by NPWS for investment in National Parks & Nature Reserves, including Tourism Infrastructure of €5,381,250 in counties: Clare, Donegal, Galway, Mayo, Kerry and Wicklow, and
- RRDF Funding secured by the Western Development Commission for project 'DIGI West' of €644,734 for the development of rural digital hubs including in Stranorlar.

### **New Call for Category 1 Projects (Shovel Ready) under the Rural Regeneration & Development Fund (RRDF)**

On the 19<sup>th</sup> June Minister Michael Ring TD announced the third call for Category 1 applications under the RRDF. This call relates to capital projects that have planning in place and are ready to commence at the closing date of application. This call seeks to support large-scale ambitious projects which deliver on the objectives of the Fund, have a minimum funding request of €500,000, are led by State Funded Bodies but are based on collaboration particularly with communities.

The closing date for applications to this call is 12noon Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

The Regeneration Team is currently examining the detail of the call and it is planned to bring recommendations for prospective applications to the July Plenary meeting of the Council for the consideration of Members.

## **2.1 Existing approved Category 1 RRDF Projects (2019)**

### **Killybegs 2040 – A Town Centre Regeneration Project**

A full update was provided in the report to the May & June round of MD meetings.

I am pleased to confirm that a detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy for this project was submitted to the DRCD on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020 . Approval from the Department was subsequently received on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 and this project is now approved to proceed to tender.

The next steps in the process are as follows:



1. Commencement of a tender process to procure: (i) An Architect led Design Team, and (ii) a Construction Contractor. In this regard arrangements are being made with the Project Engineer and the Capital Projects Team to commence the tender process.
2. The submission of a Tender Report to the DRCD for consideration (a report on the tender process, assessment and evaluation of tenders and a recommendation to appoint the successful tender), and
3. On receipt of DRCD approval the appointment of the Design Team and Contractor and the formal launch and commencement of the project.

### **Burtonport and Aranmore Island – Harbour to Island Regeneration**

A full update was provided in the report to the May & June round of MD meetings.

I am pleased to confirm that a detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy for this project was submitted to the DRCD on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Approval from the Department was subsequently received on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020 and this project is now approved to proceed to tender.

Accordingly the next steps in the process are as follows:

1. Commencement of a tender process to procure:

#### **Burtonport:**

An Asbestos Consultant  
A demolition Contractor, and  
A Construction Contractor

#### **Aranmore Island:**

An Architect led Supervisory Team, and  
A Construction Contractor.

2. The submission of a Tender Report to the DRCD for consideration (a report on the tender process, assessment and evaluation of tenders and a recommendation to appoint the successful tender), and
3. On receipt of DRCD approval the appointment of the Supervision Team and Contractors and the formal launch and commencement of the project.  
It is planned to arrange workshops with the respective Elected Members in the near future to discuss the process and timeline for the delivery of these projects.

## **2.2 The RRDF Work Programme Generally:**

### **Ramelton Action Plan:**

The Ramelton Action Plan was formally launched on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020.

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The Plan was funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme and is the result of collaboration with the local community, Donegal County Council and Dedalus Architecture.

The Action Plan provides a number of heritage led actions that have been developed in consultation with the local community and which are intended to support the renewal and regeneration of Ramelton. Ramelton is one of the best preserved historic towns in the northwest of Ireland; unique both in terms of the survival and rarity of its individual 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century houses and vernacular industrial buildings and the varied townscape that is created by these structures within their landscape setting.

The Plan will assist and support a wide range of public and private stakeholders such as landowners, business owners, local community groups, statutory bodies and public authorities in providing heritage led guidance and dedicated actions for the regeneration, repair and future development of the town in a sustainable manner. The document defines a vision for the town's future and sets out a range of ideas, actions and projects that are designed to fulfil its potential as an incredibly valuable and unique heritage asset and are fundamental to the town's future.

The Plan can be viewed at the following link:

<http://www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/rameltonactionplan/Ramelton%20Action%20Plan.pdf>

A copy of the Ramelton Action Plan is also available for viewing at Council Offices during normal office hours at the following locations:

- The Planning Office, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford.
- Letterkenny Public Services Centre, Neil T. Blaney Road, Letterkenny.
- Milford Public Services Centre, Main St., Milford.

### **Regeneration Strategies**

A process of preparing Regeneration Strategies for the Tier 2 towns of Ballybofey & Stranorlar, Ballyshannon and Dungloe has commenced, with public consultation events having been held in November 2019, January and February 2020 in respect of same. Work continues to progress in relation to these strategies, in the preparation of reports on the public consultation processes which have taken place to date and towards first draft stage.

In Killybegs, the Killybegs Regeneration Group were successful in 2019 in securing FLAG monies towards, inter alia, the preparation of a Regeneration Strategy. The Regeneration Team has partnered with this Group to assist in the preparation of the strategy, which will be delivered by consultancy services. A competition to procure the necessary professional services has been held and Pasprikis Friel emerged as the successful bid and they have now been



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engaged and commenced the work of preparing a Regeneration Strategy for Killybegs.

This work has however been impacted by the national public health emergency which has affected the ability to engage with the public, stakeholders and to hold further such events. As a result the timelines for the presentation of a draft strategy will need to be pushed out and adjusted accordingly. However it is hoped that over the coming weeks clarity will be provided as to the appropriate options, means and mechanisms available for public engagements and events in accordance with social distancing and other requirements, and this in turn will inform revised processes and timelines for the continued development of the strategies through the procedural stages. A further update will be provided in due course.

### 3.0 Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF)

#### 3.1 Update on Open Call for new applications under the Urban Regeneration & Development Fund

The URDF application Letterkenny 2040 (Phase 1) ‘**Re-energise and Connect the Historic Town Centre**’ was successfully submitted to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020 in advance of the next day deadline.

The project is an ambitious, transformative and strategic step in Letterkenny's longer term regeneration goal to transform the core of the town as a liveable ‘place for People and Public Life’. It includes an exciting blend of five inter-related sub-projects which work together in combination to deliver integrated urban regeneration at a strategic level with actions and interventions across: urban regeneration, liveability, vacancy, public space, employment, enterprise, tourism and vibrancy. The sub-projects of the application are:

##### **A. The Cathedral Quarter – Making a Creative District –**

A re-imagined public space at Market Square

A revitalized and accessible Church Lane through delivery of a shared surface scheme

A 1,500 sqm Creative Design Hub with green urban parkland

A repurposed vacant building as a Tourist Office

##### **B. Enabling Renewal at Lower Main Street**

Strategic land assembly and acquisition package

##### **C. Revival at the Courthouse**

New enterprise space blended with a tourist attraction in the Historic Courthouse presenting ‘Donegal: People and Place’.

##### **D. Enabling a Regional Transport Hub**

Strategic land acquisition

##### **E. LK Green Connect**

Connecting origins, destinations and targets inc. strategic land acquisition

The overall value is estimated at: €18.1m (approx.) This application is now under assessment.

### **3.2 Update in relation to ongoing procurement process for consultancy services to prepare a Regeneration Strategy for Letterkenny Town Centre.**

The procurement process in relation to consultancy services to prepare a Regeneration Strategy for Letterkenny Town Centre opened on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020 on E-tenders and the Official Journal of the EU and it included a closing date for submission of tenders of 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020. In response to the evolving national position in relation to the Coronavirus Covid-19 and in response to a number of requests via E-tender, this deadline was extended in accordance with national advices from the Office of Government Procurement (OGP) to 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 and has now passed.

The tender box was opened on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020. A total of 12no. bids were received. An Evaluation Team has been established and at the time of writing the assessment process is underway. It is hoped to complete the evaluation and award process in time for the appointment of the successful consultancy service and formal launch of the Regeneration Strategy process in September 2020. A further update will be provided to Members at the workshop scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> July next.

### **3.3 Update in relation to an Architectural Competition to Re-imagine Market Square, Letterkenny.**

As previously discussed at the URDF workshop with Letterkenny Municipal District on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020, a design brief has been finalised in respect of the joint project of Letterkenny Chamber of Commerce and Donegal County Council to open an architectural competition for design proposals to re-imagine Market Square, Letterkenny. The launch of the competition has been postponed due to the uncertainty arising as a result of Coronavirus Covid-19. Communications with Letterkenny Chamber of Commerce continues to be maintained in order to keep the launch of the project under review.

**Regeneration & Development Team  
July 2020.**



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## 1. Division: Economic Development

### 1.1 Division: Economic Development – Economic Development Unit

#### Project / Activity Report

Title	Economic Development Unit
<b>Outline of Work</b>	<p>The Economic Development Unit proactively engages in economic development opportunities, supporting job creation and strategic investment in Donegal and is focusing on the following areas of work:</p> <p><b>Alpha Innovation Centre:</b> Application submitted to Enterprise Ireland under the Border Economic Stimulus Package for the Alpha Innovation Centre which will support businesses and early idea entrepreneurs develop their innovation capability and business resilience post Brexit and post Covid. The DCC were successful in this process securing €3.7m and will now move to project development stage.</p> <p><b>Economic Development Covid-19 Recovery</b></p> <p>The Unit has been proactive in facilitating and promoting various Covid-19 supports to businesses including:</p> <p><b>Outdoor Space &amp; Social Distancing:</b> The scheme supports businesses in the tourism and hospitality sectors to reopen by facilitating additional outdoor dining and seating areas, while also meeting statutory requirements and ensuring accessibility for all. Businesses apply for a Section 254 license and the Council is committed to a prompt assessment of applications within 10 working days of receipt of a complete application and temporarily waiving fees from 1 June 2020 to 31 December 2020. More info at <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/applicationforms/Scheme%20for%20Outdoor%20Spaces%20during%20a%20time%20of%20.pdf">http://www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/applicationforms/Scheme%20for%20Outdoor%20Spaces%20during%20a%20time%20of%20.pdf</a></p> <p><b>#HelpDonegalGrow:</b> supporting Letterkenny Chamber, this initiative will run until Sunday 12 July. The campaign invites the public to share ideas on how to help Donegal grow and it can benefit any aspect of life across the county. The idea must be low cost and achievable within 12 months.</p> <p>For more see <a href="http://letterkennychamber.com/membership/helpdonegalgrow/">letterkennychamber.com/membership/helpdonegalgrow/</a></p>

**Communications on business supports:** The EDU are consulting with Donegal businesses on a regular basis to gain an understanding of what supports are needed and communicating key issues within the relevant Council departments. The EDU is also proactively promoting and sharing information on the various supports available to businesses at this time including supports available through LEO, Enterprise Ireland, Failte Ireland and the Councils Business Restart Grants. An updated summary document will be issued to all Elected Members in the coming weeks, highlighting the business supports available from each government department with links to each support embedded.

**Donegal Tourism Strategy:** This new 5 year Strategy will guide the work of Donegal County Council by providing strategic direction for the recovery and development of the sector over the next 5 years. A more detailed Terms of Reference is currently being finalised.

**Concierge Service** is a dedicated point of contact for existing businesses, potential business start-ups or businesses looking to relocate or wishing to expand, by offering support and advice and connecting them with key personnel for a wide range of Council services and supports. Queries are directed to [economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie](mailto:economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie). The Concierge Service responds swiftly and proactively to the needs of businesses including businesses looking to re-open and adapting their operation to meet social distancing requirements in a post-Covid society. To date 29 queries have been dealt with through this service.

**Property Solutions:** involves identification, marketing, option appraisal of Council owned property and land for economic development opportunities including provision of soft landing and second site location opportunities for business. The Unit is dealing with a number of queries relating to potential property solutions.

**Collaboration:** Working with our colleagues in Community Development and Planning Services to progress a range of strategic projects including:

- Platforms for Growth, Stage 3 Application for large scale investment at Fort Dunree with the submission of Part B Business Case on August 31<sup>st</sup>

- Various Regeneration and Development Proposals under the URDF and the RRDF.

**Global engagement:** work is continuing to proactively target potential FDI opportunities in the US market in collaboration with Derry City & Strabane District Council and working to create a Donegal/North West bias for businesses interested in exploring investment opportunities in the EU and UK. This includes the provision of essential baseline data and information for location decision makers.

**Donegal Place Brand initiative:** work has commenced on developing a new place brand strategy for Donegal. The purpose of this strategy is to develop a compelling and coherent proposition for Donegal that will convey the county's unique identity and competitive advantage as a great place to live, work, invest, explore and study. It will promote Donegal under a unified voice through a wide range of differing channels which will be detailed in a comprehensive marketing and communications strategy. This will also involve the revamp of the Donegal.ie website as the online home for the new Donegal place brand.

**Donegal Place Brand Marketing and Communications Strategy**

Work has commenced on this Marketing and Communications Strategy. InvestDonegal LinkedIn and Twitter (@DonegalInvest) accounts were set up in March & May 2020 respectively. Latest key stats as follows;

	Impressions (last 28 days)	Total Followers
Linked In	26,000	456
Twitter	80,000	317

The EDU continue to inform businesses of the range of Covid-19 government supports, with a specific focus on the Restart Grant alongside insightful business and original content features. In addition to the above accounts, the EDU works closely with the Councils Communications Office to share information on the Councils corporate social media channels. Other publicity achievements aligned to this Donegal Place Brand strategy are referred to below as part of our Remote Working Strategy. The EDU asks elected members to follow InvestDonegal on Twitter and LinkedIn.



	<p><b>Remote Working:</b> The EDU are developing a Remote Working Strategy for Donegal to maximise the opportunities arising for the county as a destination of choice for remote working. Maximising on these opportunities will form a key part of the COVID-19 recovery plan.</p> <p>A public consultation is garnering the views/insights from a wide range of stakeholders and a significant body of research undertaken into international best practise.</p> <p>Global entrepreneur, Damien McClean of SIA Flexitanks who remote works from Malin, was interviewed and his story issued to a wide range of local and national media outlets, receiving significant traction. The story generated over 9,000 impressions and a 12.9% engagement rate on Twitter (@DonegalInvest) and 2,335 impressions on LinkedIn (Invest Donegal).</p> <p>In partnership with MyHome.ie a remote working webinar highlighted Donegal’s unique proposition as a remote working destination and is due to be published on digital channels. Work is ongoing for a feature on RTE 1 The Business Show which will profile the work being done by the EDU to promote remote working in the county.</p> <p><b>Atlantic Economic Corridor:</b> working with Local Authority partners along the western coast to progress mutually beneficial projects and initiatives. The EDU are currently coordinating funding support (Hub Opening Scheme) from the Department of Rural and Community Development/Western Development Commission for digital hubs in the county to enable them to open safely over the coming months.</p> <p>The EDU and Western Development Commission also recently appointed a photographer to develop a photobank to be used for promotion of the region; showcasing Donegal based companies, the quality of life and co-working spaces.</p>
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## **1.2 Division: Economic Development – Tourism Marketing Unit**

### **Project/Activity Report**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Tourism Marketing Unit</b>
<b>Activity</b>	<p><b>Covid-19 Recovery Marketing Plan</b></p> <p><b>Donegal – Discover what is on your Doorstep campaign</b> <b>#discoverdonegal</b></p> <p>This campaign targets those living in Donegal to expand their awareness of the county and its tourism offerings, encouraging residents to travel around Donegal in the coming weeks.</p> <p>This campaign also compliments our continuing message to the public of Donegal that we are all ambassadors for our county. It will serve to strengthen the knowledge that each individual has of the county’s tourism offering, thereby empowering people to be more effective ambassadors to family, friends, or acquaintances.</p> <p>Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Campaign will run for four weeks commencing on 6<sup>th</sup> July</li><li>• Digital Marketing – both Donegal and NI</li><li>• Dedicated page on go visit Donegal website with a range of special offers broken down by target markets – eg: family, adventure, golf, etc</li><li>• Ongoing work with tourism providers in relation to the creation of tourism packages</li></ul> <p>Marketing will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Paid advertising on digital platforms targeting Donegal residents (inc Google AdWords) run in-house by staff</li><li>• Development of assets and promotional materials, i.e. digital creative’s for adword campaign</li><li>• Paid activity on Social Media – Facebook, Instagram</li><li>• Photography competition</li><li>• Donegal Daily online</li><li>• Printed media - Advertising/Editorial coverage local newspapers</li><li>• Radio advertising – Highland Radio, Ocean FM, Northern Ireland ration stations, QRadio, CoolFM, Iradio</li><li>• Public Service announcement on local radio</li></ul>

- Local media launch including interviews on local media

### **All Ireland - Domestic Campaign**

GoVisitDonegal domestic (ROI & NI) tourism marketing campaign in Q4 2020

- 10 tenders have been received, assessment ongoing, successful company to be appointed in the coming weeks.
- This integrated marketing campaign will be implemented in Q4 2020.
- The integrated campaign will consist of the following elements: TV, radio, new video, new photography, and extensive online advertising and editorial.

### **Donegal/ Derry Campaign – North West Regional Development Fund**

- An online weekly meeting between Derry and Donegal Council staff is ongoing to establish the development of a combined marketing plan to promote the region.
- Storyboards for the videos are in progress and sign off anticipated in mid July.
- Photography for this campaign has been procured.

### **Digital and Online Marketing**

#### **GoVisitDonegal.com**

GoVisitDonegal.com is County Donegal's Tourism Destination portal which provides information on accommodation, festivals, attractions, travel information etc. The website is free for service providers to register and promote their business.

#### **Website performance stats:**

Page views to date (1<sup>st</sup> Jan – 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020): 126,111

Users to date (1<sup>st</sup> Jan – 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020): 47,246

Page views: June 2020 (to date) vs June 2019

37,305 vs 25,114 (+48.54%)

Users: June 2020 (to date) vs June 2019

13,246 vs 7,107 (+86.46%)

- The development of 'Donegal Offers' in the Repository has been completed and providers are uploading their offers at the moment; front end development is still ongoing, going live on Monday – this project aims to support local tourism providers in their recovery from the Covid-19 lockdown;
- An email inviting providers to submit their offers has been circulated to accommodation, activity and food providers in the county;
- Facebook/Instagram and Twitter digital advertisement of 'Donegal Restaurant Takeaways and Deliveries' took place during two consecutive weekends in June to encourage local customers to discover the restaurants in Donegal offering takeaway or delivery options.

#### **Social Media update – June 2020**

- Go Visit Donegal Facebook Page: 39,413 followers | Top reach: 27,625 (organic)
- Twitter: 13,834 followers | Tweet impressions: 76.2K
- **June 16 – June 22:**
- Instagram: Followers: 16,450 | Reach 6,447 | Impressions: 14,896

#### **TIDE Project**

Led by ERNACT EEIG along with 7 Partners (Donegal Co Council) representing 5 countries (Ireland, United Kingdom, Spain, Portugal & France) & 10 Associated Partners. The objective is to develop a niche historical maritime tourism package for Atlantic based on connecting & marketing assets from historical period across different regions i.e. World Wars, Atlantic Migrations, Napoleonic era & Spanish Armada. The experience will use digital technology to enrich the visitor experience such as Virtual Reality & Archaeology Techniques that will be used in the visitor attractions. Website: [www.tide-atlantic.eu](http://www.tide-atlantic.eu)

- Donegal Stakeholder Group: sub groups on each theme (WW1, WW2, Emigration, Spanish Armada & Neopolitan era) met in June and group decided to link the Stories to the Partners abroad.
- Partner Meeting: Online partners monthly meeting held – updating on the 6 month extension, budget modifications, ongoing Communications on website & social media, signing off the brochure and update on printing the Toolkit.
- TIDE project promoted on WildSea Europe social media platforms and on Assembly of European Assembly of Regions (AER) Together4Cohesion website.

**Capiten Project**

The **CAPITEN Project** seeks to develop a number of exciting new elements including new marine product innovation, environmentally sustainable marine tourism, inshore and sea-going navigation aids, port information points and marine tourism itineraries.

A two day partnership meeting was held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June by video conference where all partners had the opportunity to review key outcomes and next steps in moving the project forward. Donegal County Council covered three of the work packages with emphasis on maritime events, product innovation and industrial innovation.

During the conference Fanad Lighthouse was showcased on new VR Headsets highlighting output of project. The project is ongoing and will be extended until 2021. Formal launch of VR Headsets at Fanad Lighthouse planned for mid-July 2020.

**Wildsea Europe** is a Sustainable Tourism Route connecting European coastal destinations that host a rich marine biodiversity. Unique places where tourists and visitors will be able to experience marine wildlife through water sports & outdoor activities.

The Lead partner has confirmed that they have started promoting Donegal through the social media channels and has stated that there is great interaction, taking into consideration that they intend to keep promotion of activities to a minimum as to not create expectations for those activities that cannot run.

The next partnership conference/board meeting will take place later in the summer by video conference and will assess next steps and review the planned networking event schedule for later in year.

**MalinWaters** goal is to develop marine tourism between the North West of Ireland, Northern Ireland and Western Scotland with funding provided by the partners in each region. MalinWaters' website has been updated regularly to reflect the current situation in terms of festivals, events and offerings. The social media platforms have also been updated with appropriate newsfeed. Various requests through the website are actioned.

	<p><b>Visit Gaeltacht Website</b></p> <p>It is hoped that by the end of the summer that a new Visit Gaeltacht website will be launched that will promote all Gaeltacht regions nationally. Working closely with Udáras na Gaeltachta preparing content on the Donegal Gaeltacht areas and islands.</p> <p>Subjects covered will include beaches, cycling and walking routes, driving routes, attractions, archaeological sites, festivals and Irish language courses.</p>
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### **1.3 Division: Economic Development – Research and Policy Unit**

#### **Project / Activity Report**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b><i>Research &amp; Policy Unit</i></b>
<b>Activity / Project Description</b>	<b><i>‘To strategically guide policy decisions &amp; investments in County Donegal through the provision of baseline data, research, policy, planning, monitoring and evaluation expertise’</i></b>
<b>Progress to date within the June</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carried out initial preliminary analysis of Donegal CYPSC ‘Young Persons Survey’ to determine what it is like for the 210 respondents growing up in Donegal in 2020, how easy is it to access services and supports, what makes it easier to access services, how to deal with key issues such as COVID-19, Wi-Fi, discrimination, transport etc</li> <li>• Carried out initial preliminary analysis of Donegal CYPSC Parents Survey to determine what it is like for the 232 respondents raising a family in County Donegal in 2020; what parents most enjoy and find most difficult about living in Donegal; accessing parenting supports; finding information on different supports and services; using the Donegal Parenting Hub and how information on services could be improved; key challenges etc Both analysis presented to CYPSC Steering Committee on the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.</li> <li>• Processed three rural hackney licenses             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Received on the 01/06/2020 for the Fanad area ( covering the Electoral Divisions of Grainfort, Carrowkeel, Fanaidh Thuaith, Rosnakill ) Consultation with application on the week of the 8th June, 2020. Needs assessment prepared and forwarded to SEP for approval</li> <li>• Received on the 10/06/2020 &amp; 12/06/2020 for the Downings area (covering the Electoral Divisions of Downings, Carrigart, Cranford, Milford) Consultation with applicant on the week of 15th June.</li> <li>• Received on the 18/06/2020 for the Bunaninver</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>area and the surrounding townland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conversation with applicant on the week of 22nd June.</li> <li>• Several meetings held with the Director of Economic Development on the preparation and submission of background policy paper to guide the development of land based policies for the economic development chapter of the Draft Letterkenny Development Plan.</li> <li>• Compilation of overall funding dataset to update on Donegal success in capturing funding vis-à-vis other counties on the island of Ireland. This dataset includes funding awarded through Rural Regeneration Development Fund, Urban Regeneration Development Fund, Rural Enterprise Development Fund and Climate Action Applications. Dataset currently being mapped.</li> <li>• 17 virtual meetings held (28 hrs) held by the R&amp;P team using GoToMeetings Software.</li> </ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting with Executive Planner on the 30th June, 2020 to discuss the update on progress made in securing the objectives of the Development Plan. This report was to be completed not more than 2 years after County Development Plan 2018 was developed.</li> <li>• Review of key economic, social and cultural datasets held within the Research and Policy Unit on behalf of Donegal County Council.</li> <li>• Research on approaches taken in Korea and Hong Kong to stimulate economic recovery post COVID-19.</li> <li>• Research on best practice in protecting the supply chain for companies in the midst of COVID-19.</li> </ul>
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### Project / Activity Report

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Insert name of project or initiative</b>
<b>Activity / Project Description</b>	Trail Gazers Bid Project <i>'To quantify the return to the local economy for every euro invested in walks and recreational trail infrastructure '</i>
<b>Budget (if</b>	€2.75 M



applicable)	
<p><b>Progress to date within quarter* - inclusive of current status</b></p>	<p><i>In 2018, Donegal County Councils Research &amp; Policy Unit successfully led an application to the Atlantic Area Programme under objective 4.2 ‘Enhancing natural and cultural assets to stimulate economic development’.</i> This transnational project is managed by the Research &amp; Policy Unit (Lead Partner), working with 9 different partners located across Ireland, UK, France, Spain and Portugal. The project sets out to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Quantify the impact of key strategic investments in walks and recreational trail infrastructure can have on stimulating rural communities, using sensors data, counters, surveys of users, businesses, communities etc</i></li> <li>• <i>Develop and trial a range of practical initiatives and interventions such as business to consumer initiatives, digital marketing tools etc to enhance the return</i></li> <li>• <i>Work with communities, businesses and other key stakeholders in the area to develop community plans and initiatives around the site</i></li> <li>• <i>Develop a range of community trail ambassadors to champion the sites as catalysts for the development of rural economies</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Our site for research purposes is Inch Levels and post project completion it is likely that key learning and methodology can be applied to other sites in the county and region through an extensive capitalisation programme.</i></p> <p><b>PROGRESS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Trail Gazers Project has launched its brand new website allowing users to navigate their way along eight pilot trails across Europe from the touch of a button. The new website, <a href="http://www.trailgazers.eu">www.trailgazers.eu</a>, was launched at a special virtual launch after the project’s monthly virtual communications meeting on Friday 5th June, with more than 40 delegates from across Europe. Why not view our launch – <a href="https://donegalcountycouncil.sharefile.eu/d-s5c9941574ed4cf88">https://donegalcountycouncil.sharefile.eu/d-s5c9941574ed4cf88</a></li> <li>• Interview completed by Ms Catherine Mc Laughlin, Planning &amp; Research Officer for the ‘John Breslin Show’ on Highland Radio on the 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2020. Listen to the audio: <a href="https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/c0d02039f3d849a191b01b3d01160b72">https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/c0d02039f3d849a191b01b3d01160b72</a></li> <li>• Donegal County Council as lead partner chaired and organised virtual meetings of the Trail Gazers Transnational Partnership on the 23<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2020. ( 25 attendees) Partners made progress on a range of initiatives and plans for the development of 8 walking and recreational trails projects in Ireland, UK, France, Portugal and Spain Partners specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The digital marketing of trails sites and catchment areas to new</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

target audiences( i.e. walkers, cyclists and outdoor enthusiastic) across the Atlantic Area

- The capture of lost stories and folklore on each trail site through the development of a ‘lost stories of the trail app’ which will provide visitors with access to the oral history associated with each trail site and its natural built and cultural heritage
- The capture of footfall patterns to understand the impact of increased visitors on environmentally sensitive biospheres and how trail management and maintenance plans can be proofed to protect the very assets that visitors come to see.
- The range of emerging options for development along each trail site that are based on evidence and engagement with local communities and policy makers who have a role in developing each trail site and catchment area.

Chaired and organised the Trail Gazers Project Monitoring Committee Meeting on the 24th June, 2020 to monitor and review progress in project implementation and ensure good financial management.

- The Research and Policy Unit played a lead role in initiating the preparation of procurement documentation for the development of virtual reality material and campaigns to showcases the trail site and other strategic investment in the Inch Levels and other participating site to a worldwide audience Q4, 2020.
- Exchange learning, knowledge and expertise with Louvigne Du Desert, France on best practice in the development of Trail Care Packs to provide useful information to visitors on key themes such as ‘leaving no trace’, ‘hiking safely’, ‘understanding and appreciating ecosystems’, ‘benefits of slow tourism’ etc and the development of a Podcast on the Mental Health Benefits associated with Walking and Recreational Development.
- Development of Sensor Requirements Report, for InchLevels that will allow policy makers to monitor footfall patterns and the potential impact that increased footfall can have on environmentally sensitive areas and emerging opportunities for development
- Initial scoping of ‘options for development’ for Inch Trail Site and Catchment area in conjunctions with key stakeholders that (a) will link the trail site physically and virtually to the surrounding towns and villages (b)are place based (c) are informed by spatial evidence and (d) are supported by local stakeholders and community members.
- Meeting with Trevor Gordan, Project Engineer, NW Greenway Wed 10th June 2020 to scope out options for development and discuss possible synergies between both projects
- Collation of returns for Stakeholder Engagement Template through Survey Monkey in English, French, Portuguese and Spanish to ensure the widespread capture of local community, businesses, tourism agencies

	<p>opinions etc of key strategic options for development along the selected international trial sites in a virtual format.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The project “Together for Cohesion: let’s rEUnite!” is a 12-month communication campaign coordinated by the Assembly of European Regions (AER) in cooperation with the German communication agency mc Group. The main objective is to raise awareness of the European Union’s cohesion policy among EU citizens and other relevant stakeholders. Our project Trail Gazers is included in the Together4Cohesion campaign, a campaign aimed at raising awareness on the benefits of European cohesion policy! Read our success story included in the campaign <a href="https://together4cohesion.eu/trail-gazers/">https://together4cohesion.eu/trail-gazers/</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Project Targets for the next quarterly* reporting period</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting with John Scott and James Cooper at Transport Research Partners on application of predictive analysis and ad hoc multiplier currently being developed through TrailGazers to the assessment of North West Greenway Network route 1 on 1st June, 2020.</li> <li>• Training on updating content on the Lost Stories App on the 7th &amp; 9th July, 2020</li> <li>• Preparation of RFQ for the capture of digital footage and imagery to showcase Inch Levels and surrounding catchment area to new niche audiences .</li> <li>• Preparation of RFQ for technological solution to capture footfall patterns on the Inch Trail Site.</li> </ul>
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## 1.4. Division: Economic Development – Strategic Funding Unit

### Project/Activity Report

<b>Title</b>	<b>Strategic Funding Unit</b> – exploring EU and National Funding Opportunities that support the objectives set out in the <b>Donegal County Council Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024</b>
<b>Outline of Work</b>	<p><b>Strategic Funding Unit Strategy</b> A new Strategic Funding Unit Strategy is in development. This will focus on a cross directorate approach to project development, sourcing funding, and communication and building networks. Actions will include internal communication plan to inform staff about funding opportunities, project development, Funding Needs Analysis. The goal is to take a proactive approach to sourcing funding that helps Donegal County Council meet the objectives set out in the Corporate Plan and to maximise funding opportunities in a very rapidly changing environment.</p> <p><b>EURURAL Project: Rural Towns which make Europe</b> Donegal County Council is working with the Municipality of Aras de los Olmos (Spain) on the development of a project under the EU funding call Europe for Citizens. The project aims to foster democratic engagement and civic participation in rural areas and encouraging democratic participation of citizens at EU level and participation in the EU policy-making process. The funding application is due for submission on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020.</p> <p><b>Blue Accelerator Ports Project</b> A funding call under the <b>EMFF (European Maritime Fisheries Fund)</b> has opened and aims to foster cross-sectoral development of innovative port clusters as recommended in the <b>Atlantic Action Plan</b>. Donegal County Council is exploring the potential of joining an EU project consortium led by Forum Oceano in Portugal to apply for funding under this call. The development of a blue accelerator scheme for Atlantic ports aims to stimulate innovative businesses in an innovation ecosystem to foster a sustainable blue economy in line with the <b>European Green Deal</b>.</p> <p><b>NHS Highland and the NPA Covid Call</b> The Strategic Funding Unit has been developing new links with Scotland, in particular NHS Highland to explore potential project ideas for rural areas in relation to innovation in the SME sector.</p>

A model similar to the Small Business Innovation Research is a possible option and this enables public sector bodies to connect with small businesses to provide innovative solutions to identified problems. There is also scope to develop projects to improve digital connectivity and IoT infrastructure.

Donegal County Council is investigating project opportunities in relation to the recent **NPA (Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme) Covid** funding call.

The **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)** has launched a funding programme to support innovative circular economy projects. The deadline for applications is 14th August 2020 and maximum funding per project is €100,000. The funding will support innovators in Ireland to develop and demonstrate consumer and business solutions that will stimulate the circular economy and themes include Plastics; Construction & demolition; Food; Resources and raw materials (electrical & electronic equipment, textiles, furniture).

#### **Networking & Partnerships**

The Strategic Funding Unit are working with a variety of networks to explore project development and funding opportunities as follows:

#### **CPMR (Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions)**

On 11<sup>th</sup> June, representatives attended the online Political Bureau meeting of CPMR (Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions) where the future of the European budget was discussed and the Recovery Plan and the revised Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027 were also debated. The General Assembly meeting of the CPMR took place on 26<sup>th</sup> June where there was a special session on the COVID-19 crisis and the impact on our territories.


#### **AER (Assembly of European Regions)**

On 24<sup>th</sup> June representatives from the Strategic Funding Unit attended an online meeting of AER on the theme of Localising Agenda 2030: A new localism, informed by stronger local and national authorities' partnerships, bottom-up policies, civic dialogues, is essential to ensure European policies effectively tackle global challenges.

	<p><b>Joint Peace Plus Submission</b> The Strategic Funding Unit is working with the Strategic Finance &amp; Funding Unit in Derry City and Strabane District Council to develop a joint submission for the Peace Plus programme. This will be submitted to SEUPB with a view to influencing the content of the Peace Plus EU funding programme in 2021.</p> <p><b>Other Funding Investigations</b> The Strategic Funding Unit is investigating a number of funding opportunities in relation to themes around digital transformation including digital hubs, IoT, infrastructure, tourism innovation, sustainability, climate change and specific funding calls such as the Innovation Fund, NPA, Peace Plus, Atlantic Area Programme and Horizon 2020.</p>
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## 2 Division: Local Enterprise

### Project / Activity Report

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>The Local Enterprise Office (LEO)</b>
	<p>The Local Enterprise Office (LEO) as part of the Economic Development, IS &amp; Emergency Services Directorate, is the “first stop shop” for anyone planning, starting or growing a small business in Donegal. The LEO plays a major role in offering expertise, know-how and financial support to local small businesses, enabling them to grow and thrive. Supports available can be categorised under 4 core pillars, notably Financial, Capability Development, Enterprise Promotion and Economic &amp; Other initiatives.</p>
<b>Outline of Work</b>	<p>A range of COVID 19 supports in addition to the regular LEO supports are on offer and a summary of the supports and the uptake is detailed below.</p> <div data-bbox="565 915 1092 1087"></div> <p><b>Business Continuity Voucher</b></p> <p>The Business Continuity Voucher was designed for businesses across every sector that employ up to 50 people. The voucher worth up to €2,500 in third party consultancy costs could be used by companies and sole traders to develop short-term and long-term strategies to respond to the Covid-19 pandemic.</p> <p><b>Progress:</b> 679 applications were received by Donegal LEO in the 8 week period to May 2020 with over 560 applications approved to date. The remaining applications are being assessed and should be concluded in the coming weeks. <u>This scheme is now closed to new applications.</u></p>



### **Expert Mentoring**

Up to 12 hours of free online/telephone mentoring is available to any business seeking assistance in addressing COVID -19 issues including developing their cash flow projections, managing cash flow, drafting loan applications, HR advice, Risk Assessment, etc and developing short action plans to address the identified actions. Mentoring application forms are available to download [here](#).

**Progress:** To date, 109 Mentoring applications have been received by the Local Enterprise Office of which 95 are COVID -19 related.



### **Trading Online Voucher Scheme**

The Trading Online Voucher (TOV) Scheme which has been updated from 8th April to offer more assistance for businesses looking to build an online presence has recorded significant demand. 90% Financial assistance up to €2500 is available to small businesses that have been trading for more than 6 months with less than 10 employees. Participation in the Trading Online Workshop is compulsory for approval for this scheme.

**Progress:** 287 TOV applications have been received by the Local Enterprise Office in 2020 with 140 applications awarded funding in line with the approved budget. A further surge in applications is anticipated as more than 100 people have recently attended the compulsory online training session.



The Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment (DCCA) has approved an additional award to Donegal increasing the annual allocation from 40 Vouchers to 255.



### **Microfinance Ireland Supports for COVID-19**

The **COVID 19 Business Loan** from Microfinance Ireland (MFI) in association with the Local Enterprise Office is a government funded initiative to support small businesses through the current period of uncertainty and protect job creation/sustainment in Ireland. If any micro-enterprise is impacted or may be impacted negatively by COVID-19 resulting in a reduction of 15% or more in turnover or profit, AND they are having difficulty in accessing Bank finance, the **MFI COVID-19 Business Loan** may be an alternative funding solution for them. Loans up to €50,000 are available with a reduced interest fee of 4.5% as opposed to 5.5% available, if the application is submitted via the Local Enterprise Office. Interest Free and Repayment Fee for 6 months is available. For more information, click [here](#).

**Progress:** 16 applications have been received by the Local Enterprise Office of which 7 have been approved, 4 recommended for approval and 5 still in process.

In addition, there is a **COVID-19 Working Capital Loan available from SBCI**. This is for eligible businesses impacted by COVID-19. Loans from €25,000 up to €1.5m will be available at reduced rates (max 4%), with up to the first €500,000 unsecured. Applications can be made through the SBCI website <https://sbc.gov.ie/>

## Other Supports

### **Measure 1: Financial Supports**

- Start Up/Business Expansion

For existing companies and potential start-ups that meet eligibility criteria (such as manufacturing/added value/internationally traded services, employing 10 or fewer people with the potential for growth and job creation), the Local Enterprise Office offer three types of financial supports:

- Feasibility/Innovation Funding

Up to 60% of the cost of undertaking feasibility study on an innovative new product or service may be considered subject to a maximum of €20,000.

- Priming (Start Up) Grant Aid

Our Priming Funding is designed to assist a micro-enterprise within the first 18 months of start-up. It covers 50% of eligible costs, subject to a maximum contribution of €80,000.

- Business Expansion Grant

Our Business Expansion Funding is designed to assist a micro-enterprise that has been trading for over 18 months. It covers 50% of eligible costs, subject to a maximum contribution of €80,000.

*Progress: In 2020, 17 Business Start Up/Expansion grants have been approved creating a projected 49 jobs over the 3 year period.*

The next meeting of the Evaluation Committee is scheduled for September 2020.

### **Brexit Stimulus Package**

The Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation has announced an additional budget allocation of €3m to the border LEOs in 2020 as a stimulus measure to mitigate any Brexit related slowdown. Six programmes supporting local businesses are at advanced planning with tendering completed or underway. The programmes of support will include a Scaling Programme, a Green Energy Programme, a Retail Programme, an Export Programme, an Innovation Programme and a Scaling Programme.

*Measure 2: Capability Development*

The Local Enterprise Office provides a broad suite of training, management development, mentoring and peer-learning programmes all aimed at increasing the capability of owner managers and their key internal staff. During COVID 19 many of these Programmes have moved online and are in huge demand.

These include:

**Profitnet**

Profitnet is a highly successful business development and support programme which has benefited 180 Donegal businesses to date. The programme runs for a period of up to 18 months and involves monthly group meetings with peer business owners, which are facilitated to ensure there is an exchange of innovative and creative business solutions. The Engineering Profitnet meeting has hosted 4 online meetings since the COVID -19 restrictions have been put in place. An application to advance the Engineering Cluster did not secure funding from Enterprise Ireland under the BEDF Fund.

**Training**

Over 1700 people have attended a range of tailored training programmes in 2020 including online courses on Preparing for the Return to Work Post COVID 19-Key Considerations for Business; Start your Own Business, Preparing for Brexit, Getting your Business Online and Small Business Accounts. A further 260 people have registered to attend online training courses over the next month.

**Gateway to Growth International Export Programme** – Led by Derry City and Strabane District Council and Donegal County Council, the programme comprises of export workshops, one to one reviews and a North West Trade Mission financed by The Executive Office and the Irish Government. The first programme concluded in February with a further 18 companies participating on the new online programme which commenced in May.

**Technical Study for Marine Development Works at Killybegs Harbour-** The Tender closed in May 2020 with 7 responses received. A preferred supplier has been identified and the contract is planned to issue on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

	<p><b>3.0 Enterprise Promotion</b></p> <p>Under the Service Level Agreement between Enterprise Ireland on behalf of the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation, a key area of activity of the local Authority/Local Enterprise Office is the promotion of an enterprise culture and entrepreneurship within the county. Activities under this include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Local Enterprise Week</b></li> <li>• <b>Business Information Session</b></li> <li>• <b>Student Enterprise Programme</b></li> <li>• <b>Enterprise Awards</b></li> </ul> <p><b>4.0 Economic &amp; Other Initiatives</b></p> <p>The LEO is engaged in a wide range of other initiatives, including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Food Coast – Donegal’s Good Food Initiative,</b></li> <li>• <b>The Food Coast – Mark of Origin</b></li> <li>• <b>The Creative Coast</b></li> <li>• <b>Enterprise Europe Network</b></li> <li>• <b>Donegal Diaspora</b></li> <li>• <b>EU Programmes</b></li> </ul>
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**LEO Donegal - Performance Metrics**

<b>Jobs:</b>	<b>Output 2019</b>	<b>Target 2020</b>	<b>Output 2020 (30 June )</b>
LEO Client Portfolio	239	251	249
Total Portfolio Employment (All Jobs, both FT & PT)	1,331	1,401	NA (Year End)
Net Jobs Increase (All Jobs created minus all Job Losses)	57	70	49
<b>Measure 1( Grant Aid)</b>	<b>Output 2019</b>	<b>Target 2020</b>	<b>Output 2020</b>
<b>Number of Clients Approved Funding:</b>	41	60	15
No. of projected potential new jobs associated with Approvals (Priming & Business Expansion)	78	110	49
<b>Measure 2( Non grant supports)</b>	<b>Output 2019</b>	<b>Target 2020</b>	<b>Output 2020</b>
<b>Training/Development Programmes (All Training and Networking events)</b>			
Total No. of All Programmes (Training/Networking/Events/Seminars)	69	60	59
Total No. of all Participants participating in above Programmes	2,532	2,000	1714
<b>Mentoring:</b>			
Total Number of individual mentoring – (participants availing of one to one mentoring – one to one engagement by a Mentor with one client)	106	140	77
<b>Schools Entrepreneurship:</b>	<b>Output 2019</b>	<b>Target 2020</b>	<b>Output 2020</b>
Number of Schools Participating (Secondary schools only engaged in school enterprise programmes)	22	22	22
Number of Students Participating	1,261	1,200	1260
<b>Trading On Line Vouchers:</b>	<b>Output 2019</b>	<b>Target 2020</b>	<b>Output 2020</b>
No. of Trading Online Vouchers approved	42	45	140

<b>Business Continuity Vouchers</b>			
No of Business Continuity Vouchers approved	NA	New Programme	560
<b>Export Enterprise Development Programme</b>	<b>Output 2019</b>	<b>Target 2020</b>	<b>Output 2020</b>
No. of clients undertaking Export Enterprise Development Programmes in Enterprise Ireland	9	32	18
<b>Enterprise Europe Network</b>	<b>Output 2019</b>	<b>Target 2020</b>	<b>Output 2020</b>
Number of Firms attending events	10	15	0
Number of Brokerage Events	2	2	0
Number of firms at brokerage events	240	200	0
Number of ASO and PA	4	10	0
<b>Donegal Diaspora</b>	<b>Output 2019</b>	<b>Target 2020</b>	<b>Output 2020</b>
Events	7	5	0
Newsletter issues	2	4	2
Number of business enquiries generated	3	6	0
International Committee meetings	2	2	1

### 3 Division: Information Systems

#### Project/Activity Report

Activity / Project Title	Information Systems COVID-19 Response
<b>Activity / Project Description</b>	<p>The Information Systems Department has implemented a range of services and solutions at short notice to deal with internal staffing and work rearrangements, and solutions for public information and communications.</p> <p>A range of planned key information systems have been implemented in parallel.</p>
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	
<b>Progress to date within the last month-inclusive of current status</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Substantial increase in the volume of structured and un-structured IS support tasks in the period January – June 2020 over same period in 2019 due to Covid 19.</li> <li>2. Lifford HQ, Stranorlar Regional Training Centre, Letterkenny PSC, Central Library, LEO HQ, &amp; Milford PSC connected to 1 GB Government Networks Infrastructure.</li> <li>3. Setup of County Council WiFi networks offsite at John Bosco Centre, Aura Leisure Centre &amp; Carndonagh Community School to facilitate Council &amp; MD meetings.</li> <li>4. Strategic deployment of IS Staff at PSC's &amp; HQ to manage network infrastructure, systems and data for critical services.</li> <li>5. Secure remote working solutions for key staff in a range of departments to ensure that critical work can be processed in all COVID-19 eventualities.</li> <li>6. Facilitating widespread segregation of staff members in buildings under social distancing guidelines.</li> <li>7. Facilitating home working arrangements across a number of design Departments.</li> <li>8. Continual adaption of DCC website for public COVID-19 information</li> <li>9. 292 online meetings on GoToMeeting with roll out of GoToMeeting functionality to 75 admin users in June.</li> <li>10. Developed electronic return to Work COVID-19 forms &amp; notices for Council staff in conjunction with HR.</li> <li>11. Implementing return to work protocols for staff returning "on to Network" from Working from Home, to ensure data and systems integrity.</li> </ol>

	<p><b>Systems Programme</b></p> <p>12. Development and support of COVID19 Restart Grant online system and backend support system. 1298 applications via website to date.</p> <p>13. Development and support of major online and backend support systems to facilitate management of the MICA Redress programme which opened on 29<sup>th</sup> June.</p> <p>14. New car parking management system installed for management of parking function. E-Parking system app launched on 22<sup>nd</sup> June for on-street payment of parking charges.</p>
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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>WiFi4EU</b>
<b>Activity / Project Description</b>	<p>WiFi4EU is an EU sponsored initiative to create free public WiFi spaces within the Digital Single Market. Municipalities across Europe had the opportunity to apply for a max of 4 Vouchers. DCC were successful in winning 4 vouchers to the value of €60,000. The Department of Rural &amp; Community Development will match fund each voucher +€60,000. DCC to invest additional €30,000 to create budget total of €150,000 or €30,000 per Municipal District.</p> <p>Propose to install 75 outdoor public WiFi access points throughout County Donegal to create centres of public connectivity.</p>
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€150,000
<b>Progress to date within the last month-inclusive of current status</b>	Project paused due to the Covid 19 travel restrictions and the closure of businesses.
<b>Project Targets for the next monthly reporting period</b>	<p>Due to Phase 3 re-opening of all Businesses from 29<sup>th</sup> June, contact will be made with businesses who had previously agreed participation in Project to progress installations. Ordering of Broadband lines to commence. Planning rollout of installations with Contractor.</p>



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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>NBP – National Broadband Plan</b>
<b>Activity / Project Description</b>	<p>The NBP was signed by Government in November 2019 and will deliver High Speed Broadband to all rural Premises as defined in the Amber areas of the National Broadband Plan Map. The NBP will invest €135m in fibre infrastructure in County Donegal over the 7 years of the rollout and will connect 32,130 premises. National Broadband Ireland (NBI) is the consortium which will deliver the network and the NBP contract is managed by the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment.</p> <p>Liaison with NBI is through the Broadband Officer in Donegal County Council and the Department of Rural and Community Development.</p> <p>Early implementation of the NBP in 2020 will see the rollout of Community Broadband Connection Points (BCP's). These centres will act as locations where High Speed Broadband is available in a local community setting or strategic site until the NBP Fibre is implemented.</p> <p>During 2020 NBI will be carrying out route proofing and surveying in preparation for fibre rollouts commencing in 2021.</p>
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	
<b>Progress to date within the last month-inclusive of current status</b>	<p>Communications Cabinets installed by Contracted Electricians at 6 Locations          Fort Dunree, Ray Community Centre, Cranford Community Centre, Amharclann Gaoth Dobhair, Meenreagh Hostel &amp; Leghowney Community Center.</p> <p>Backhaul Wireless connectivity installed at above sites Supporting LEADER applications at Leghowney and Ray Community Centres for additional fit-out.</p> <p>Application for power at MalinBeg submitted to ESB          BCP solution at Sliabh Liag discussed with C&amp;E Project Team          Site Meeting at Glenveagh to discuss Connectivity and Mast options</p> <p>Ongoing advice to the public on broadband availability.</p>

<b>Project Targets for the next monthly reporting period</b>	Contract with Vodafone delayed till end June for WiFi services at BCP's Rollout to commence in July.  Progress contact with Tory Island post June 29 <sup>th</sup> easing of travel restrictions.
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## 4 Division: Emergency Services

### 4.1 Fire Service

Activity	Number of: (May)*	Total for year
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	108	392
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	120	443
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	12	50
Fire Safety Certificate applications received	21	74
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed	5	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from Applicant / Agent.	55	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate decisions made	17	61
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received	0	8
Dangerous Substance Licences issued	0	2
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875	1	13
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007)	0	35
Fire Safety Complaints received	1	3
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with	0	3
During Performance Inspections carried out	0	0
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered	0	0

\* Current data only available up to end of May 2020

\*\* Provisional Figures

## **4.2 Civil Defence**

### **Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Response – Donegal Civil Defence**

#### ***Resources:***

<b>Volunteers</b> (All Garda vetted and completed TUSAL Child Protection Training)	<b>Accumulative Daily Deployment of Vols. from 12/6 – 01/07</b>	<b>Total Deployment up to 01/07</b>	<b>Total Accumulative Manhours from 12/6 – 01/07</b>	<b>Manhours up to 01/07</b>
56	2	2	4	4

#### ***Vehicles Used:***

<b>Equipment (4WD Vehicles)</b>	<b>Equipment (Van)</b>	<b>Equipment (Ambulance)</b>	<b>Equipment (Minibus – Fitted with polycarbon screen to prevent spread of COVID )</b>
4	1	1	1

#### ***Initial Response:***

In line with Government policy arising from the COVID-19 crisis, Civil Defence Branch of the Department of Defence introduced a loss of earnings scheme for Civil Defence volunteers in employment who are activated during the COVID-19 crisis and where the employer is unable to continue to pay their employee.

On 11<sup>th</sup> March, in light of the current situation, all non-essential Civil Defence training was suspended in line with Government policy around social distancing. This may recommence in September but is open to review.

On 18<sup>th</sup> March the LGMA approved the appointment of the temporary filling of an Assistant Civil Defence Officer for an initial period of 2 months, now extended to mid July.

- There are twenty plus groups involved in this forum, including Civil Defence, who meet weekly by conference call.

### **Taskings:**

Donegal Civil Defence provided daily support to the HSE during the period 24<sup>th</sup> March to 12<sup>th</sup> June, when the HSE resumed normal service delivery. Since then ad-hoc responses have been provided to both the HSE and Community and this will continue for the foreseeable future.

The range and number of taskings from the Community Response Forum and Principal Response Agencies has varied since March 24.

The type of taskings undertaken to date include;

1. Working with Sean MacCumhail's GAA Club and Chef Aid to deliver Meals on Wheels to vulnerable persons in the Finn Valley Area. This service went out on a Tuesday and Friday weekly since 24<sup>th</sup> March and to date 800 meals have been delivered.
2. Vehicular escort at COVID Test Centre, O'Donnell Park, Letterkenny, daily, 2 shifts, 8am – 2pm and 2pm – 8pm from Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June.
3. Working with Local Pharmacies and GAA Club's in the collection and delivery of medications from local pharmacies and deliver to patients in their own homes. Thursday and Saturdays since the 28<sup>th</sup> March
4. Collection /delivery of groceries to persons cocooning in their own homes for one reason or another, age, health conditions, etc.
5. Transportation of patients to hospital appointments in Sligo University Hospital, Galway University Hospital, St. Vincent's Private Hospital, Dublin for a variety of procedures including cancer care treatment, eye appointments, vascular procedures etc routinely since 9<sup>th</sup> April.
6. Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April, Provision of ambulance support to the National Ambulance Service with the transfer of 19 patients from the Rock Hospital, Ballyshannon to St. Josephs Hospital, Stranorlar. The Donegal Civil Defence were assisted in this operation by their colleagues from Sligo and Leitrim Civil Defence.
7. Transportation of persons who may be presenting with 1 or more COVID 19 symptoms to the community assessment hub on Kilmacreehan Rd, Letterkenny - Routinely since 18<sup>th</sup> April.
8. Provision of support to the National Ambulance Service, in the transportation of patients to routine medical procedures in primary care centres, ie bloods, catheterization, change of dressings etc routinely since 24<sup>th</sup> April.

9. Collection of PPE and Testing Kits from central locations around the country and delivering them to ambulance bases locally for use by the HSE.
10. Collection and delivery of hand sanitizer from the SILKE Distillery ,Carrick to 43 healthcare facilities across all municipal districts (Donegal, 9, Glenties 4, Milford 1, Letterkenny, 15, Inishowen 10, Stranorlar 4).
11. Assisting GP's with the transportation of suspect COVID patients from primary care centre's to the COVID Test Centre, using screened Minibus.
12. Provision of ambulance support to the National Ambulance Service in the transportation of patients from the COVID Test Centre to LUH.
13. On standby to assist the Dept of Justice Equality in conjunction with the HSE with the transportation of residents in International Protection Accommodation from communal accommodation to more suitable accommodation in response to the evolving COVID19 emergency in their facilities.
14. On standby to assist Interlink in the provision of transport support, to patients requiring routine dialysis.
15. Discussions has taken place with the National Ambulance Service for Civil Defence EMT's to back fill vacancies arising with Intermediate Care Units (ICU's) , where ICU's have to be moved to frontline as a result of healthcare workers falling ill with COVID. This has been agreed and Donegal Civil Defence has 4 EMT's on standby to assist, should the need arise.
16. The Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government has requested assistance from Civil Defence with the driving of unmarked HSE vans (not CD) from clinical settings (mainly hospitals and Nursing Homes) to either funeral parlours or the high capacity mortality units. (Volunteers would NOT be involved in handling remains). Donegal Civil Defence will assist should the need arise.
17. Civil Defence Auxiliary Fire Service units in Donegal and Carndonagh have made themselves available to support the Donegal Fire Service should fire service personnel fall ill as a result of COVID.

***Going forward:***

The response to COVID-19 will continue in the months ahead. Civil Defence stands available to further assist the PRA's and Community in the event of any further escalation.

**GLENTIES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT  
MEETING  
14<sup>th</sup> JULY 2020**

**Roads & Transportation Agenda**

- 1. Follow up to Issues raised at last MD Meeting.  
Report has / will issue in advance of the MD Meeting to  
the Member that raised the query.**
- 2. Road Works Programme – Progress Update.**
- 3. Member Nomination for inclusion on Arts Panel for  
N56 Glenties – Dungloe Project**
- 4. Specific Road – GMD 5 Year Plan**
- 5. AOB**

## **N56 Dungloe to Glenties Road Scheme - Percent for Art Project - Member Selection for Panel**

Dear Members,

The NRDO recently published an invitation to professional artists to submit a Stage 1 application for a Percent For Art Scheme on the overall N56 Dungloe to Glenties Road Scheme. The NRDO would like to establish a selection panel for the competition.

As per advice from Visual Artists Ireland we are employing a Two-Stage Open Competition Process to select a suitable Artist to deliver the Commission. I have outlined the Stages below, for your information. The panel will meet at least twice, once following each stage. The panel is to consist of the following:

- at least one member of NRDO;
- Traolach O’Fionnain, DCC Arts Officer;
- an independent professional artist;
- one elected member of the Glenties Municipal District; and
- chaired by a senior member of Donegal County Council (Likely to be Myself).

I would like at our GMD Meeting dated 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020 that the Members nominate a Councillor to sit on this panel.

The closing date for stage 1 Submissions is Monday 20 July 2020 and I would hope to have the panel meet as soon as possible after that.

The selection process is as follows:

### **Stage 1**

Artists are invited to express their interest by submitting the following:

- Completed application form
- Curriculum Vitae
- A brief Artist’s Statement, including;
  - a brief outline of the initial ideas and concepts of the how the artist proposes to engage with the commission. Drawings may be included but are not a requirement. No designs or detailed proposals are required at Stage 1.
  - Images / details of recent relevant works / projects.

The panel will assess the completed Stage 1 applications and complete a shortlist of artists.

### **Stage 2**

Artist successfully selected for Stage 2 will be invited to submit a more detailed submission, involving the provision of a Visual Representation of the proposed Artwork and a Statement by the Artist outlining their Artistic Vision behind the work and other relevant information relating to their proposal.

For Stage Two Submissions, Artists will be paid €500, to deliver a proposal by an agreed date and time suggested.



If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

Brendan Mc Fadden

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RSS Gweedore

**Programme Surface Dressing**

Road Number	Description	Length (m)	Amount (€)	Status	Comment
R257-7	Knockfola	700	€ 23,100.00	2	
L-1233	Main Brinalack Road	1400	€ 28,350.00	1	
L-5273-1	Glaspagh	1000	€ 15,750.00	2	
L-5363-1 & L-53631	Lunniagh	1200	€ 18,900.00	2	
L-5583-2	Ranafast Road - Pollan Beag	800	€ 12,600.00	2	
L-5643-1	Ranafast Road - Nora Jimmys	300	€ 4,725.00	2	
L-5423-1	Carnboy Road, Carrickfinn	900	€ 14,175.00	2	
L-6073-1	Loughaughier	1200	€ 18,900.00	2	
L-5523-1	Ballymanus Road, Mullaghdoe Scotch	1000	€ 15,750.00	2	
L-5743-1	Belcruit	1400	€ 21,594.50	2	
L-5763-1	Belcruit - Dead End Road	600	€ 9,450.00	1	
L-5773-2	Meenbannad	1300	€ 20,475.00	2	
L-5923-1	Keadue Road	1500	€ 23,625.00	2	
			<b>€ 227,394.50</b>		

1 : Preparation Work Complete  
 2: Project Substantially Complete  
 3 : Other with comment

**Programme Restoration Improvement**

R257-5	Meenaclady - Dixons Pub towards Glasserachoo	600	€78,000		Contract - SMA (Round 1)
R-259-8	Keadew (Reg) - Continuation thru Kincasslagh Village	600	€78,000		Contract - SMA (Round 1)
L-1173-2	Glen/Corveen Road - Continuation towards Friels Bridge and onwards towards Lunniagh	700	€70,000	2	
L-5473-1	Knockastollar Road - From junction with Dore Road	800	€51,200	3	
L-1513-1	Glenahilt to Arlans / Cloughglass	900	€50,400	1	
L-5593-1	Lough an Oran Road, Ranafast (Fr Dans Road lower) - Continuation of 2018 Works	850	€51,000	3	
L-1443-2	Main Meenbannad Road	800	€91,200	2	
R-257-15	Derrybeg Straight - at Crannog	600	€97,500		Contract - SMA (Round 2)
L-1373-1	Carrickataskin Road - Continuation of previous bitmac scheme	800	€44,800	1	
L-1413-1	Main Ranafast Road	550	€80,856	1	
L-11732	Derryconner Bog Road	1000	€ 56,000.00	1	
			<b>€ 748,956.00</b>		

1 : Preparation Work Complete  
 2: Project Substantially Complete  
 3 : Bitmac laid, surface dressing to follow  
 4: Other with comment

**Programme Drainage**

Various	General Drainage Upgrades - RI/RM Programme		€ 20,000.00	2	
L-1613-2 Glen Road	Support carriageway to prevent collapse		€ 15,000.00		
L-5313-1 Glassagh Lake	Improve Road Crossing to prevent road flooding		€ 15,000.00		
R259-9 Mullaghduff	Remove Water ponding on Road & General drainage improvements		€ 13,870.00	2	
			<b>€ 63,870.00</b>		

1 : Preparation Work Complete  
 2: Project Substantially Complete  
 3 : Other with comment

**Programme LIS**

Scheme	Description	Length (m)	Amount (€)	Status	Comment
170444	Siobhain Mc Garvey Brinalack	280m	€ 15,120.00		1 : Preparation Work Complete
170763	Caroline Mc Ginty Mullaghduff	700m	€ 24,000.00		2: Project Substantially Complete
170600	Bridget Gallagher Drumnacart	130m	€ 7,800.00		3 : Other with comment
			<b>€ 46,920.00</b>		

**Programme CIS**

Scheme	Description	Length (m)	Amount (€)	Status	Comment
L-14432	Keadue	350	€17,150.00		1 : Preparation Work Complete
L-5693-3	Old Annagry Road (STOBY) Meenaleck - Annagry	450	€23,625.00		2: Project Substantially Complete
L-12131	Corveen Bog Road	700	€24,010.00		3 : Other with comment
L-5413-1	Ardnagappery	380	€18,620.00		
L-5673-2	Meenaleck, Derrynamancher	110	€9,800.00		
			<b>€ 93,205.00</b>		

**Programme Footpath / Public Lighting**

Scheme	Description	Length (m)	Amount (€)	Status	Comment
					1 : Preparation Work Complete
					2: Project Substantially Complete
					3 : Other with comment
			<b>€ 0.00</b>		

**Programme OTHER**

LCA	R257 Lunnagh Bend		€20,000.00	2	Contract	1 : Preparation Work Complete
Development						
Contribution Scheme	Lunnaigh NS to Port Arthur Road - Footpath		€73,595.00	2		2: Project Substantially Complete
Irish Water	Meenaleck to Rannafast		€104,475.00	2		3 : Other with comment
			<b>€ 198,070.00</b>			

**Total Works**

**€ 1,081,441.00**

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RSS Falcarragh

**Programme Surface Dressing**

Road Number	Description	Length (m)	Amount (€)	Status	Comment
R251-17	Back of Errigal Road	1500	€ 57,750.00		Contract - SMA
R256	Muckish Road	650	€ 17,875.00	2	
L-5223-3	Meenabol	800	€ 12,600.00	2	
L-5212-1	Magheraroarty Creelough	1000	€ 15,750.00	2	
L-5182-1	Faymore to Derryherrif Junction	1200	€ 18,900.00	2	
L-12722	Ballymore Lower	640	€ 10,080.00	2	
L-12724	Breaghy Road	500	€ 7,814.50	2	
L-3373-1	Corcreggan Mill	1000	€ 18,000.00	2	
L-5173-1	Errarorey East	700	€ 11,025.00	2	
L-5183-2	Moyra Glebe	700	€ 11,025.00	2	
L-11132	Tullaghbegley Irish	1000	€ 13,500.00	2	
L-5233-1	Cahelnagor	900	€ 14,175.00	2	
L-5203-1	Fawnaboy West	1200	€ 18,900.00	2	
			<b>€ 227,394.50</b>		

- 1 : Preparation Work Complete
- 2: Project Substantially Complete
- 3 : Other with comment

**Programme Restoration Improvement**

R-251-14	Back of Errigal	800	€140,000		Contract - SMA (Round 1)
R-256	Muckish Road	800	€72,000	2	
L-1332-1	Owencarrow Road - Owencarrow Bridge to small bridge	950	€85,500	3	
L-1262-3	Kilmacloo Road towards Glassan (Continuation of 2018 Works)	1000	€80,000	3	
L-10131	Ballyboes - N56 @ Errarorey Junction to Crossroads at Scoilt Road	450	€34,560	2	
L-3263-2	Murroe Road - From N56 at Fawnmore toward Murroe National School	1000	€59,200	2	
L-1123-1	Cashel / Baltony Road - From Bitmac at Community Centre towards	750	€60,000	3	
L-1013-1	Ballyboes - Grotto road between 2 N56 Jcts	1100	€70,696	3	
L-1272-1	Marblehill Road - From Shandon Entrance towards Faugher NS	900	€75,000	3	
L-1093-1	Killult - N56 at Depot heading towards Gortahork direction	1200	€72,000		
			<b>€ 748,956.00</b>		

- 1 : Preparation Work Complete
- 2: Project Substantially Complete
- 3 : Bitmac laid, surface dressing to follow
- 4: Other with comment

**Programme Drainage**

Various	General Drainage Upgrades - RI/RM Programme		€ 20,000.00	2		1 : Preparation Work Complete
L-1282-5 McCarrys Rd	Drainage improvement to remove water from road		€ 15,000.00	2		2: Project Substantially Complete
L-16233 Dunlewey	Number of road crossings required		€ 8,000.00			3 : Other with comment
Casey Road	Remove Water ponding on Road		€ 6,000.00			
L-5203-2 Magherablade	Road Crossing required & drainage improvements		€ 5,000.00			
Various	General Drainage Upgrades - Various Roads in Cashelnagor, Beltany etc		€ 9,870.00			
			<b>€ 63,870.00</b>			

**Programme LIS**

Scheme	Description	Length (m)	Amount (€)	Status	Comment	
170297	William Sheridan,Drimeason	560	€ 21,840.00			1 : Preparation Work Complete
170090	Michael Mc Hugh,Tullaghbegley	600	€ 21,060.00			2: Project Substantially Complete
			<b>€ 42,900.00</b>			3 : Other with comment

**Programme CIS**

Scheme	Description	Length (m)	Amount (€)	Status	Comment	
L-10839	Devlin Road	650	€35,740.00			1 : Preparation Work Complete
			<b>€ 35,740.00</b>			2: Project Substantially Complete
						3 : Other with comment

**Programme Footpath / Public Lighting**

						1 : Preparation Work Complete
			<b>€ 0.00</b>			2: Project Substantially Complete
						3 : Other with comment

**Programme OTHER**

						1 : Preparation Work Complete
			<b>€ 0.00</b>			2: Project Substantially Complete
						3 : Other with comment

**Total Works**

**€ 1,083,120.50**

Progress Update at 6/07/20

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RSS Dungloe

**Programme Surface Dressing**

Road Number	Description	Length (m)	Amount (€)	Status	Comment
R252-20	Meenatoteen	2000	€ 66,000.00	2	SD
R252-12	Ballinamore	500	€ 17,875.00	2	SD
L-6173-3/4	Falcorrib - Falmore	1500	€ 20,250.00	2	SD
L-1733-2	Lough Salt	1200	€ 16,200.00	2	SD
L-6313-1	Oughtmeen	700	€ 9,450.00	2	SD
L-6293-1	Brocagh Road	800	€ 10,800.00	2	SD
L-2063-1	Largelalarkin Road (Ballinamore)	450	€ 7,087.50	2	SD
L-1443-1	Leffin	800	€ 18,000.00	2	SD
L-6013-1/ L1533-1	Shore Road - Whitehouse	1100	€ 29,700.00	2	SD
L-14431-1	Leffin - Creche	1150	€ 18,532.00	2	SD
L-6333-1	Beal na Binne	1000	€ 13,500.00	2	SD
			<b>€ 227,394.50</b>		

1 : Preparation Work Complete  
 2: Project Substantially Complete  
 3 : Other with comment

**Programme Restoration Improvement**

R252-13	From Millwheel towards Fintown	600	€90,000	1	DCC Prep + Contract
R250-17	From Mill Wheel to Seamus Boyles	700	€113,750	1	DCC Prep + Contract
L1743-1	Caravan Road from Main Street to Stone House	700	€122,500	0	DCC Prep + Contract
L6393-1	Farragans Road (Tony Cannons middle section)	900	€57,600	1	DS + DSD
L1783-4	Doochary Derryllaconnell at Joe McHugh's	450	€45,000	3	DCC Prep + Contract
L1733-2	Martin Duddy's Lough Salt	1025	€65,150	2	DCC Prep + Contract
L1543-1	Fairhill to the Angle Road	280	€56,000	1	DCC Prep + Contract
R252-18	Dungloe-Doochary-Owenmarve	1300	€198,956	0	DCC Prep + Contract
			<b>€ 748,956.00</b>		

1 : Preparation Work Complete  
 2: Project Substantially Complete  
 3 : Bitmac laid, surface dressing to follow  
 4: Other with comment

**Programme Drainage**

Various	General Drainage Upgrades -RI/RM Programme		€ 20,000.00	1	
R250	Drainage upgrades including crossing at Seamus O Baoill's		€ 18,900.00	2	
R259	Remove water ponding on road between Dungloe-Burtonport		€ 15,000.00		
R252	General Drainage Upgrades -Between Doochary and Finrown		€ 9,970.00		
			<b>€ 63,870.00</b>		

1 : Preparation Work Complete  
 2: Project Substantially Complete  
 3 : Other with comment

**Programme LIS**

Scheme	Description	Length (m)	Amount (€)	Status	Comment
170162	Peadar O Baoill, An Baile Ard, Fintown	500	€ 31,000.00		Waiting on approval from RC
180199	Anne Marie Wright, Fintown (Train Station Road)	160	€ 10,000.00		Waiting on approval from RC
			<b>€ 41,000.00</b>		

1 : Preparation Work Complete  
 2: Project Substantially Complete  
 3 : Other with comment

**Programme**

**CIS**

Scheme	Description	Length (m)	Amount (€)	Status	Comment

- 1 : Preparation Work Complete
- 2: Project Substantially Complete
- 3 : Other with comment

**Programme**

**Footpath / Public Lighting**


- 1 : Preparation Work Complete
- 2: Project Substantially Complete
- 3 : Other with comment

**Programme**

**OTHER**


- 1 : Preparation Work Complete
- 2: Project Substantially Complete
- 3 : Other with comment

**Total Works**

**€ 1,081,220.50**

**RSS Ardara**

**Programme**

**Surface Dressing**

Road Number	Description	Length (m)
R261-2-3	Beagh	900
R252-12	Glen Road and Tievelough	2000
L-2563-1	Tully Road	550
L-2893-1-2	Glengesh	2000
L-2843-4	Granny - Maghera	1500
L-2493-1	Summy	500
L-7553-1 & L-2563-1	Portnoo	850
L-2463	Clooney	300
L2863-1	Ardara - Donegal Road	200
L2683-1	Alter Road	1000
L2593-1	Back Glen	200
L-8103	Derries	800

**Programme**

**Restoration Improvement**

R253-13	Glen Road at the Old Graveyard to Lak	550
R261-7	Maas Clooney at Cashelgolan hill	700
L2793	Gaelic Field Link Road Ardara	590
L1515-1	Carrickacleave Road	700
L2563-2	Tullymore from 2018 work	600
L7953-1	Glencowall Road from N56	790
L2573-1	Loughcrillan - towards Meenalargan	800
L6363-1	Derryloaghan towards Line road	790
L7513-1	Dawros Point - towards the main road	800
R230-11	Glengesh at thatched cottage	700
L2883-2	Owentesnagh towards border	785

**Programme**

**Drainage**

Various	General Drainage Upgrade - RI/RM Programme
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L-2843 Laconnell - Maghera	Support carriageway to prevent collapse
L-6373 Cleengort- Derryloaghan	Drainage improvement to remove water from road
L-2893 Glengesh	Drainage improvement to remove water from road
L2813 & L7863 Loughros	Remove water ponding on road
L-2523 Gortnasillagh	Road Crossing & Drainage Improvements

### Programme

### LIS

Scheme	Description	Length (m)
170712	Anthony Sweeney, Beagh, Ardara	600

### Programme

### CIS

Scheme	Description	Length (m)
L2773-1	Bog Road, Ardara	1100
L2873-1	Magumna, Ardara	1100
L7743-1	Sandfield	1000

### Programme

### Footpath / Public Lighting


### Programme

### OTHER


**Total Works**

Amount (€)	Status	Comment
€ 29,700.00	2	Bitmac Sec
€ 55,000.00	2	Bitmac Sec
€ 12,375.00	2	Bitmac Section
€ 36,000.00	0	Bitmac Section
€ 23,625.00	2	Patching+SD
€ 7,875.00	2	Patching+SD
€ 21,194.50	2	Bitmac Section and local rd
€ 4,725.00	1	DS+SD
€ 5,400.00	2	Skid resistance on corner
€ 15,750.00	2	Prep by Coillte +DSD
€ 3,150.00	2	Bitmac Sections
€ 12,600.00	1	Patching +SD
<b>€ 227,394.50</b>		

1 : Preparation Work Complete  
 2: Project Substantially Complete  
 3 : Other with comment

€68,420	3	DCC Prep +
€87,500	3	DCC Prep +
€59,000	3	DCC Prep +
€96,250	3	DCC Prep +
€52,800	1	DCC Prep + Contract
€59,068	1	DS+SD
€56,320	1	DS+SD
€59,092	1*	DS+SD + Coillte Addition 200m
€52,800	0	DS+SD
€78,750	0	DCC Prep +Contract
€78,956	3	DCC Prep +Contract
<b>€ 748,956.00</b>		

1 : Preparation Work Complete  
 2: Project Substantially Complete  
 3 : Bitmac laid,surface dressing to follow  
 4: Other with comment

€ 20,000.00	2	As above c
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1 : Preparation Work Complete

€ 7,870.00	2		2: Project Substantially Complete
€ 10,000.00	2		3 : Other with comment
€ 10,000.00			
€ 8,000.00			
€ 8,000.00	1		
<b>€ 63,870.00</b>			

Amount (€)	Status	Comment	
€ 37,145.00	0	Waiting on	1 : Preparation Work Complete
			2: Project Substantially Complete
			3 : Other with comment
<b>€ 37,145.00</b>			

Amount (€)	Status	Comment	
€ 49,280.00	0	Meeting G	1 : Preparation Work Complete
€ 49,280.00	0	Meeting G	2: Project Substantially Complete
€ 44,800.00	0	Meeting G	3 : Other with comment
<b>€ 143,360.00</b>			

			1 : Preparation Work Complete
			2: Project Substantially Complete
<b>€ 0.00</b>			3 : Other with comment

			1 : Preparation Work Complete
			2: Project Substantially Complete
			3 : Other with comment

**€ 1,077,365.50**



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

## ENVIRONMENT REPORT – July 2020

### WASTE AND LITTER MANAGEMENT

#### **Half Price - Bulky Goods Two Week Promotion - Donegal County Council's Recycling Centres**

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.

**6th - 18th July @ Carndonagh / Milford / Stranorlar Recycling Centres**

**21st July - 1st August @ Letterkenny / Laghey/ Dungloe Recycling Centres**

Bulky Goods such as mattresses, sofas, 3 piece suites, carpets etc will be all ½ price during this period. The Council remind the public that;

- All recycling centres are practicing social distancing.
- There will be a MAXIMUM number of cars (6) allowed in site at any one time to maintain social distancing.
- Peak times are between 11am and 2pm, and to expect queues.
- We ask that people bring assistance with them to unload bulky items.
- The campaign will run only during centre opening times for the 2 week period.

Further details on the event can be found on Donegal County Council's social media platforms. This initiative is funded by the Government of Ireland through the Anti-Dumping Initiative 2020.

Donegal County Council - Two Week Promotion

# HALF PRICE ON BULKY GOODS

**Carndonagh/Milford/Stranorlar Recycling Centres**

6th - 18th July

In association with Bryson Recycling ONLY DURING SITE OPENING TIMES

## OPENING TIMES:

Closed for lunch 12.30pm- 1.15pm each day

	Carndonagh	Milford	Stranorlar
<b>Monday</b>	8.30am - 4.30pm	Closed	Closed
<b>Tuesday</b>	Closed	Closed	8.30am - 5pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	8.30am - 4.30pm	10.30am - 7pm	Closed
<b>Thursday</b>	Closed	Closed	10.30am - 7pm
<b>Friday</b>	Closed	8.30am - 5pm	Closed
<b>Saturday</b>	8.30am - 4.30pm	8.30am - 2pm	8.30am - 2pm

## GUIDELINES:

Coronavirus COVID-19

- All recycling centres are practicing social distancing.
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Donegal County Council - Two Week Promotion

# HALF PRICE ON BULKY GOODS

**LETTERKENNY / LAGHEY / DUNGLOE RECYCLING CENTRES**

21st July - 1st August

In association with Bryson Recycling ONLY DURING SITE OPENING TIMES

## OPENING TIMES:

Closed for lunch 12.30pm- 1.15pm each day

	Letterkenny	Laghey	Dungloe
<b>Monday</b>	Closed	Closed	Closed
<b>Tuesday</b>	8.30am - 5pm	Closed	10.30am - 5pm (July 6 Aug)
<b>Wednesday</b>	8.30am - 5pm	Closed	Closed
<b>Thursday</b>	10.30am - 7pm	10.30am - 5pm	10.30am - 5pm
<b>Friday</b>	8.30am - 5pm	8.30am - 2.30pm	8.30am - 2.30pm
<b>Saturday</b>	8.30am - 2pm	8.30am - 2.30pm	8.30am - 2.30pm

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## MATTRESSES

Single WAS €15 NOW €7 // Double WAS €25 NOW €12 // King Size WAS €30 NOW €15

## SOFA

3 piece suite sofa WAS €70 NOW €35

## CARPET

WAS €25 NOW €12 // depending on size/weight may cost more.

## WOOD

WAS €0.40/kg NOW €0.20/kg.

## OTHER BULKY WASTE

charged by weight WAS €0.50/kg NOW €0.25/kg.

Other bulky items may include toilets, sinks, shower trays, shower doors, large outdoor toys, tiles, small amounts of rubble etc.



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## Brown Bins


Throughout the month of June an awareness campaign on Brown Bins took place with radio advertising on both Ocean fm and Highland Radio and a two week online advertising with Donegal Daily.



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	<b>Clean-Up Campaign</b>
	<p>As restrictions have eased many groups are organising clean-ups under the current guidelines and these are being supported by the Council.</p> <p>An Taisce recommened the Spring Clean campaign from the 8th June - 8th July. An Taisce informed all groups that had previously registered with their campaign.</p>
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	<b>Littering of gloves, wipes, masks etc</b>
	<p>The Council litter and waste teams have also noticed an increase in the littering of disposable gloves, wipes, face masks throughout the County. This was highlighted through social media and a number of small temporary signs were made for verges.</p>
	
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## Online Community Workshops

A number of funded workshops under the Community Environment Action Fund have adapted their workshops to deliver them online. I am now co-ordinating with facilitators the delivery of these online to community and Tidy Towns groups.

- Irish Wildlife Trust Bee Monitoring and Habitat Creation 1st July 2020 at 6pm, registration only.
- ESD Training - Climate Actions workshops for Tidy Towns and Community groups, pre- registration only 23rd July @10am



### Online Community Workshops in Bee Monitoring & Habitat Creation

**Date: 1<sup>st</sup> July, Time: 18:00 – 19:30**

Open to community groups based in Co Donegal. This is an online workshop delivered by video call. To register a place for your group contact [conservation@iwt.ie](mailto:conservation@iwt.ie) by 30<sup>th</sup> June

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# COASTAL MANAGEMENT

## Coastal Initiatives

### Blue Flag Success

An Taisce recently announced Donegal County Council has been awarded the coveted Blue Flag status for twelve beaches and two marinas in the county. As a result, Donegal now tops the charts as the county with the most Blue Flags for 2020. In addition, four other beaches will also receive Green Coast awards.

These internationally recognised awards aim to raise environmental awareness and promote sound environmental management of beaches and marinas around the world. Beaches in Donegal which received Blue Flags are Bundoran, Rossnowlagh, Murvagh, Fintra, Portnoo/Narin, Carrickfinn, Killahoey, Marblehill, Downings, Portsalon, Culdaff, Stroove, in addition to marinas at Greencastle and Rathmullan.

Beaches at Dooley, Magheroarty, Drumatinney and Ballyheirnan have received the prestigious Green Coast awards in 2020.



### Beach Lifeguards

Donegal's Bathing Season has begun in earnest with 40 beach lifeguards on duty at 13 beaches around the county. Lifeguards will be on duty seven days a week until the end of August and also for the first two weekends in September. Lifeguards are on duty at all sites from 12:00pm until 6:30pm or in Rossnowlagh where the service is provided 11:00am to 7:00pm.

The Beach Lifeguards are on site at the following beaches; Bundoran, Rossnowlagh, Murvagh, Fintra, Portnoo/Narin, An Charraig Fhinn, Killahoey, Marblehill, Na Dúnaibh, Portsalon, Rathmullan, Culdaff and Stroove. Lisfannon beach will remain closed to the public due to storm damage to the access road and parking area and will not have a lifeguard service available for the 2020 season.



## **Coastal Health and Safety**

Donegal County Council encourages the public to enjoy our award winning beaches this year. However, it asks that all are mindful of the ongoing need to respect social distancing, hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette in relation to COVID-19. Similar to previous years the public are also asked to leave no trace on our beaches, other than footsteps, by disposing of waste and litter in a responsible manner.

The county's beaches are a popular destination when the sun comes out but just because it's relaxing to dip in the water – doesn't mean you should relax when it comes to your safety. The red and yellow flags on the lifeguarded beaches indicate the area that is monitored by the lifeguards.

To ensure your beach visit is a safe one, Donegal County Council encourages bathers to;

- Swim with others, never alone
- Swim in daylight not in darkness
- Never enter the water when the lifeguards have raised a red flag
- Pay attention to signs on the beach
- Learn to use equipment before trying it out
- Avoid swimming in unfamiliar places
- Allow time to rest after eating or if tired
- Stay in the water for short periods
- Swim parallel and close to the shore
- Never use inflatable toys in open water
- Children are particularly at risk and need constant supervision.
- Never go in or on the water having consumed alcohol.

## **Public Conveniences**

Public conveniences are all open for use. In addition, seasonal services have been installed at a number of coastal locations for the summer months.

As a result of Covid19, revised and increased servicing of all public conveniences has been necessary and introduced.

Again, we remind the public to be mindful of the ongoing need to respect social distancing, hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette in relation to COVID-19 when using these facilities.

David Friel  
Coastal Officer July, 2020.

## Preas-Ráiteas

23 Meitheamh 2020

Tús leis an Séasúr Snámha i nDún na nGall

Cuirfear tús mar is ceart le Séasúr Snámha Dhún na nGall an deireadh seachtaine seo nuair a rachaidh na gardaí tarrthála trá i mbun dualgais ag 13 thrá ar fud an chontae. Beidh Gardaí Tarrthála ar dualgas seacht lá sa tseachtain ón Satharn 27 Meitheamh go dtí deireadh mhí Lúnasa, agus don chéad dá dheireadh seachtaine i mí Mheán Fómhair. Beidh Gardaí Tarrthála ar dualgas ar gach láthair ó 12:00pm go dtí 6:30pm, nó i Ros Neamhlach áit a bhfuil an tseirbhís ar fáil ó 11:00am go dtí 7:00pm. Beidh leithris phoiblí ar oscailt fosta ón deireadh seachtaine seo ag gach trá a bhfuil garda tarrthála ar dualgas ann.

Tá 12 thrá agus 2 mhuiríne sa chontae i ndiaidh Bratacha Gorma a fháil, rud a chiallaíonn go bhfuil Dún na nGall ag barr na gcairteacha mar an chontae leis an líon is mó Bratach Ghorm don bhliain 2020. Anuas air sin, bronnadh an gradam Cósta Glas ar 4 thrá eile chomh maith. Tá sé mar aidhm ag na gradaim seo feacht ar an chomhshaol a ardú agus tránna, muiríní agus uiscí snámha intíre ar fud an domhain a bhainistiú go siosmaideach ó thaobh na timpeallachta de. Iarrann Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall ar an phobal sult agus taitneamh a bhaint as na tránna a bhuaigh duaiseanna i mbliana. Sin ráite, iarrann an Chomhairle ar an phobal cloí leis na treoracha a bhaineann le COVID-19 - spás fisiciúil a choinneáil idir iad féin agus daoine eile, a lámha a ní go rialta agus a bheith múinte ag casachtach.

Beidh Gardaí Tarrthála Trá i mbun oibre i nDún na nGall ón Satharn 27 Meitheamh ag na tránna seo a leanas; Bun Dobhráin, Ros Neamhlach, Muirbheach, Fionntrá, Port Nua / An Fhearhainn, An Charraig Fhinn, Trá na Cille, Cnoc an Mharmair, Na Dúnaibh, Port an tSalainn, Ráth Maolain, Cúil Dabhcha agus An tSrúibh. Fanóchaidh trá Lios Feannáin druidte don phobal de bharr damáiste stoirme a tharla don bhóthar isteach agus don áit pháirceála, agus ní bheidh seirbhís garda tarrthála ar fáil don bhliain 2020.

Bíonn ráchairt mhór ar thránna an chontae nuair a thagann an ghrian amach ach cé go bhfuil sáimhín só ag baint le dul isteach san uisce ní chiallaíonn sin gur chóir duit do mhaidí a ligean le sruth ó thaobh na sábháilteachta de. Léiríonn na bratacha dearga agus buí cén limistéar den trá atá faoi mhaoirseacht ag na gardaí tarrthála, ar na tránna sin a bhfuil gardaí tarrthála acu. Lena chinntiú go mbeidh tú slán le linn do chuairte chuig an trá, molann Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall do lucht snámha agus do chuairteoirí;

- Snámh le daoine eile, chan i d'aonar
- Snámh faoi sholas an lae, chan sa dorchadas
- Ná gabh isteach san uisce choíche nuair atá bratach dhearg in airde ag na gardaí tarrthála
- Tabhair aird ar na comharthaí ar an trá
- Foghlaim an dóigh le trealamh a úsáid sula mbaineann tú triail as
- Seachain a bheith ag snámh in áiteanna nach bhfuil tú eolach orthu
- Fág am agat féin sos a ghlacadh i ndiaidh duit ithe, nó má tá tú tuirseach
- Caith tréimhsí gairide san uisce
- Snámh comhthreomhar leis an chladach, agus cóngarach dó
- Ná húsáid bréagáin inséidte in uisce oscailte
- Bíonn páistí i gcónaí i mbaol níos mó agus is gá súil a choinneáil orthu gan stad.
- Ná gabh isteach san uisce choíche i ndiaidh duit alcól a ól.

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Municipal District of Glenties

14 July 2020

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**Community Development Division**

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**CLÁR / AGENDA**

1. Report on recent activity in the Community Development Division
  - 1.1 Public Participation Network - PPN
  - 1.2 Rural Development Programme/LEADER
  - 1.3 Age Friendly Donegal
  - 1.4 Donegal Youth Council
  - 1.5 Donegal Community Call Helpline

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	Donegal Public Participation Network (PPN) Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Pobail Dhún na nGall
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Link through which organisations from the Community & Voluntary sector have a voice on Council decision making bodies and other structures
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€80,000.00 per annum
<b>Progress to date within the last two months inclusive of current status</b>	<p>PPN membership now stands at 598 registered organisations. Donegal MD109, Glenties MD 141, Inishowen MD 112, Letterkenny MD 165, Stranorlar MD 71. The PPN have 43 Representatives on 24 different Committees and Boards.</p> <p>Donegal PPN is a member of the Donegal Covid-19 Community Response Forum as part of the Inter Agency Working Group which meet by Conference Call weekly.</p> <p>We compiled a list of Local and National supports and initiatives which was printed and sent out to groups &amp; Communities. This information is now been used by the Community Call Helpline.</p> <p>We are part of the Community Call Helpline, Community &amp; Development Section rota of call takers. Helpline 1800 928 982 9am- 5pm every day.</p> <p>We linked up with Donegal Age Friendly in the packing and delivery of 7,500 packs for Older Persons Cocooning in the County.</p> <p>We are collaborating with LYIT in a European Project they are leading called 'Restart Communities' profiling the nature and extent of the vibrant Community Group activities taking place across Donegal.</p> <p>We are continually in contact with groups via Salesforce and Facebook/Twitter at Donegal PPN.</p> <p><u>PPN Training- Online via ZOOM</u></p> <p>'Back To Business for Community Groups' via CramdenTECH. The first online Workshop is on 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2020. 2pm-4pm. Contact <a href="mailto:mary.clyde@donegalcoco.ie">mary.clyde@donegalcoco.ie</a> to register.</p> <p>Representative Training- Online Workshop for all PPN Representatives on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020. 2pm-4pm. Contact <a href="mailto:mary.clyde@donegalcoco.ie">mary.clyde@donegalcoco.ie</a> to register.</p> <p><u>PPN Meetings via Go To Meetings</u></p> <p>We had our first Go To Environment LG meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 Social Inclusion LG Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> July 10.00am-11.00am Community &amp; Voluntary LG Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> July 10.00am -11.00am Representative Network Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> July- 2pm-4pm</p>
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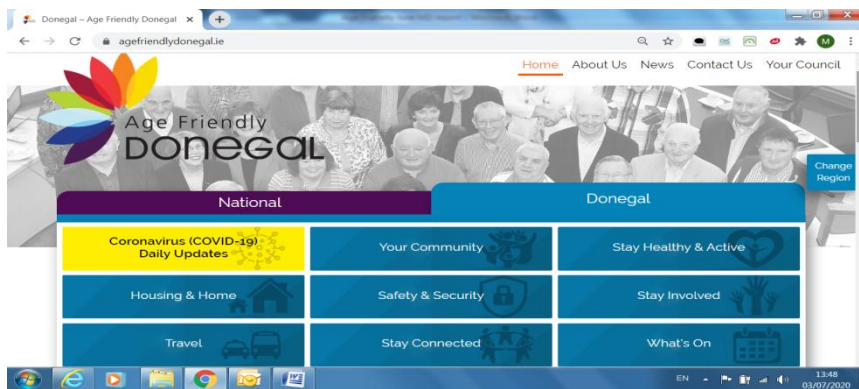
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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	Rural Development Programme/LEADER
<b>Activity / Project Description</b>	Donegal Local Community and Development Committee are the Local Action Group for County Donegal, with responsibility for the LEADER/Rural Development Programme 2014-2020
<b>Budget</b>	€12,913,873 <i>Note: Project costs €9,685,406, administration and animation costs €3,228,467</i>
<b>Progress to date within the last two months-inclusive of current status</b>	There are 4 Implementing Partners within the county; Donegal Local Development Company (DLDC), Inishowen Development Partnership (IDP), Údarás Na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán, who are rolling out the LEADER programme on behalf of the LAG (Local Action Group). 184 projects in Donegal are now approved by Pobal and Letters of Offer have issued/are pending granting LEADER funding to a value of just over €8.096m. Donegal has the highest approved project spend nationally for the LEADER programme to date.
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period</b>	The next LCDC/LAG meeting will be held on 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2020, with further projects coming forward for approval. Monthly Evaluation Committee meetings are also being held in order to progress projects to LCDC/LAG stage and the development companies continue to engage with promoters on the ground to develop and assess potential applications and to promote the LEADER programme.
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## Donegal Age Friendly Website

Donegal County Council are delighted to announced the new Age Friendly website has gone live. All Age Friendly projects and actions carried out from the strategy will be recorded through this website which is linked to the National Age Friendly Programme and Donegal County Council's website. The new website is: <https://agefriendlydonegal.ie/>



## Update on Donegal Choir of Ages –

With COVID 19 pandemic all our Intergenerational projects came to a halt, Donegal Choir of Ages “Ceol le Chéile” was always about bringing young and older people together to build relationships and socially participate in something good and they enjoy. The Choirs last day of rehearsal was the 6th of March and since then they have being self isolating at home.

The Age Friendly programme took the choir of ages together online via zooming. This was with the help from Kathleen Bonner Choir Coordinator, Veronica McCarron, Choir Conductor and through the help from the Age Friendly Alliance Members Catherine Friel ETB and Shana McClenaghan IDP. ETB kindly gave us the lend off several laptops and for the people that didn't have the equipment, Technical guidance was provided by Denis Kelly and Sinead McDaid IDP. Within a 4 week period the choir members were introduced to rehearsals virtually and recorded a video singing “Three little Birds” – Bob Marley classic that was launched on Sunday the 31st of May, playing nationally and internationally for the Bealtaine Dusk Virtual Home Chorus, Ceol le Chéile video led the way at 11am online follow by other choirs. Since then the choirs video has had over 20k views on social media, was

played on local and National radio airwaves and was used to close off the #YourCouncilDay by the LGMA.

The final numbers was 78 online at the one time. A poll was carried out on the choir asking “Did you use zoom before this” 60% of the choir members had not used it, this is yet another challenge they have concord and again the have embraced it and it’s helping them get through the Covid Pandemic. Age Friendly Ireland have recognised the choir as best practise for encouraging Older People to get online and has asked other Age Programmes to follow this method.

The Choir had afternoon tea via zoom to finish up before the summer holidays on the 29th of June. A special thank you to all mentioned above. This project wouldn’t have happened without you all. Thank you.



### **Donegal Age Friendly and GAA – “It’s good to talk”**

The Donegal Age Friendly programme in partnership with Donegal GAA, Public Participation Network and the YOURS (Youth, Old, Understanding, Remembering and Sharing) project ‘It’s Good to Talk GAA’ initiative was launched on 17th of May 2020.

This initiative was inspired by former Mayo GAA county star David Brady and Donegal Age Friendly, Donegal GAA and YOURS were delighted to announce that Donegal GAA players and management agreed to become involved with this initiative.

The following 18 Donegal county players, past and present whole heartily came on board Michael Murphy, Ryan McHugh, Neil McGee, Oisin Gallen, Paddy McGrath, Hugh McFadden, Eoghan Ban Gallagher, Declan Bonner, Anthony Molloy, Martin McHugh, Manus Boyle, Brendan Devenney, Brendan Dunleavy, Michael Carr, Brian McEniff, Pauric McShea, Leo McLoone and Dermot Brick Molloy.

They volunteered to contact those who have been “cocooning” and cut off from their typical social networks by pledging a few minutes of their time to call someone who is isolated. The players called over 50 Older People from all over the County to have a chat with him/her about GAA or reminisce about former glory days and 2 Older People that was harder of hearing got a social distance visit.

This initiative was most welcome by all participants, a short chat in a long day for someone who has spent all their time at home made a great difference.

Donegal Age Friendly Programme is very appreciative of the Donegal County players past and present for making themselves available to be part of this initiative. Some of the older people have made new friends and have regular contact with players, this has been very positive for both Older People and the County Players.



## Progress Report Update Donegal Youth Council

County Meetings take place on a weekly basis.

### Representation on the following Committees;

- Road Safety Working Group

Donegal Youth Council members are currently working on the promotion of wearing your seatbelt on buses. They designed the step by step process, which can be seen below.

Donegal Youth Council members are linking in with their local bus companies to see if they would be willing to pilot the initiative. The design was completed from start to finish by members.

So far three bus companies have jumped on board and are willing to get the stickers put on the windows space between the seats.

Members are waiting on the finalised product from the graphic designer as the Road Safety Authority made a few slight changes.



### CAAP LK

Donegal Youth Council members are sitting on the CAAP LK committee and collaborated with Dr Helen Mc Gonagle on the new leaflet being adapted to provide facts for Young People called "Alcohol – It's a no Brainer". Donegal Youth Council members analysed the information and adapted it to be youth friendly

The Leaflet was launched at a Webinar on the 11th of June. Donegal Youth Council received recognition for their work.

## **CYPSC**

A consultation was held with Donegal Youth Council members to contribute to the development of the Children's and Young People Plan 2021 – 2023 alongside CYPSC and other stakeholders. Donegal Youth Council members analysed the survey to collect information from young people across Donegal and suggested changes that would make it youth friendly.

Once the survey was finalised the Donegal Youth Council members completed the survey and encouraged other young people to complete the survey using Social media platforms. Donegal Youth Council members attended the Safe and Secure, Educate and Learning, Economic Wellbeing Disability Inclusion and Health and Wellbeing subcommittee meetings.

## **Additional Work**

### **Covid\_19 awareness**

Donegal Youth Council members have been practicing in and displaying the Covid\_19 measures in place by using pictures and art work displayed on Social Media platforms i.e. washing your hands, staying 2meters apart, coughing into you elbow, wearing masks etc.



## **Mental Health**

Donegal Youth Council members took part in the Summer Solstice Foróige Fit Festival. Members encouraged others to take part.

## **Donegal Tourism**

Donegal Youth Council members are promoting the Wild Atlantic Way and discover Donegal using the Social Media platforms. All of the photos have been compiled and a video created. Once again this is displayed through all social media platforms.



## **Comhairle na nÓg Strategy Steering Committee**

Donegal Youth Council members are sitting on this committee as they are developing a five year plan to improve the Comhairle na nÓg. A number of actions will be completed over the coming months.

## **Education Training Board**

Members designed and delivered a powerpoint presentation to Principles and link teachers in schools across Donegal to build good relations and improve communication for the new term.

## **Project Worker**

PW Shauna Hoey has attended all of the meeting with Donegal Youth Council members. PW sits on the Comhairle na nÓg Working Group for Showcase and AGM to help develop a way of working in the future. Any further information required please contact Shauna on 0867812720 or Shauna.hoey@foroige.ie

## Donegal Community Call Helpline

In response to Action 4 in Ireland's National Action Plan in Response to COVID-19, which was published on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2020, Donegal County Council has established a multi-agency '*COVID 19 Donegal Community Response Forum*'. It was agreed that the establishment of a dedicated governance structure would ensure a more coordinated approach to managing the effects of this emergency at a community level. The membership of the Group includes Donegal Co. Council, HSE, An Garda Síochána, Údarás na Gaeltachta, TUSLA, Local Development Companies, Red Cross, Civil Defence, Donegal Volunteer Centre, Donegal's Age Friendly Alliance, ALONE, PPN, Donegal GAA, Irish Farmers Association Donegal, Local Link Donegal, Donegal Travellers Project, Intercultural Platform, Citizens Information, and Religious Leaders from Catholic Church, Church of Ireland and Presbyterian Church,

The overall objective of Donegal's Community Response Forum is to contain COVID-19, minimise its impact and facilitate the most appropriate community response to the needs of vulnerable people living in the community where their usual sources of support become unavailable. The Community Response Forum is chaired by Donegal County Council and will assist the HSE, the Council and the Community generally to minimise the impact of COVID 19.

In this regard, the Community Response Forum has established a '***COVID 19 Community Support Helpline***', **1800-928-982**, which has been operational from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020, 8am to 8pm, seven days a week. The main purpose of this helpline is to provide an effective, centralised service which utilises the community resources to deal with requests for assistance from vulnerable citizens during the Covid-19 crisis. It will co-ordinate the delivery of food, fuel and medicine to vulnerable people where their usual source of support has become unavailable. It will only deal with non-medical and non-emergency calls and refer callers as required to appropriate helplines and the Gardai in the case of emergencies.

The Community Development section has been operating the helpline with a rota of officials responding to queries from the community, both through the phone line and through email. In some instances the response is simply to refer the caller onto an existing service, eg DCC Housing Service for a housing issue or An Garda Síochána for a public compliance issue but in many cases the query will require the organisation of a service through the call operators. Up until 4<sup>th</sup> May there have been 534 cases dealt with through the Community Call helpline. A map of community and voluntary groups across the County who are currently providing voluntary supports to their local communities has been developed and has been published on the Council's website. The community and voluntary sector have played a vital role in providing support to older and vulnerable citizens at this time, especially in assisting with the provision of essential supplies such as food, fuel and medicine for people who have been staying at home as per Government guidelines.

Over 100 individuals have contacted the helpline to offer their services as volunteers, the details have been forwarded to Donegal Volunteer Centre who are co-ordinating the matching up of volunteer resources with groups who need additional assistance.

The following is a breakdown of the 709 contacts received between the 30<sup>th</sup> March and the 5<sup>st</sup> July

<b>Types of Queries</b>	<b>No of contacts</b>
Collection and delivery of food, essential household items, fuel and medication	82
Social Isolation, supports and engagement	68
Meals and their delivery	43
Garda related	12
Medical or Health needs	190
Other, including, volunteering, payments & entitlements, medical queries, accommodation, transport, funding, and information from service providers	357
<b>TOTAL, up to 5<sup>st</sup> July 2020</b>	<b>752</b>



**14<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020**

**HOUSING AGENDA**

**1. Progress Report – Grants**

**2. Progress Report – Casual Vacancies**

# 1. PROGRESS REPORT SOCIAL HOUSING PROGRAMME AT 08/07/2020

## (a) Grants

<b>Housing Aid for Older People Grants</b>						
<i>Year</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Cancelled/ Refused</i>	<i>Applicant Further Info</i>	<i>Referred to Eng</i>	<i>Pending</i>
2020	23	12	1	1	9	10

<b>Housing Adaptation Grants</b>							
<i>Year</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Cancelled/ Refused</i>	<i>Applicant Further Info</i>	<i>Referred to Eng</i>	<i>Referred to OT</i>	<i>Pending</i>
2019	25	13	7	3	1	1	5
2020	10	4	3	0	0	3	3

<b>Mobility Aids Grants</b>							
<i>Year</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Cancelled/ Refused</i>	<i>Applicant Further Info</i>	<i>Referred to Eng</i>	<i>Referred to OT</i>	<i>Pending</i>
2019	48	31	14	1	1	1	3
2020	15	4	4	0	7	0	7



## 2. PROGRESS REPORT CASUAL VACANCIES AT 8/07/2020

Glenties MD	Address	Beds	Vacant From	Current Status
Burtonport				
	Altán	2 bed, 2 storey	25/07/2019	Offered & Accepted
	Altán	3 bed, 2 storey	08/08/2019	All works complete and ready for re-letting
	An Choill	3 bed, 2 storey	02/10/2019	All works complete and ready for re-letting
	Roshine Acres	Purchased 4-bed	18/03/2020	Contractor on site. All works due to be complete by 17 <sup>th</sup> July.
Creeslough				
	Ard Cois Locha	2 bed	28/02/2019	Procurement undertaken. Contractor expected on site week commencing 13 <sup>th</sup> July.
	Lakeside	3 bed	07/08/2019	Procurement undertaken. Contractor expected on site week commencing 13 <sup>th</sup> July
	Massinass	3 bed	03/12/2019	Unit to be assessed to determine next stage.
	Birchill Upper	3 bed (LTL)	10/03/2020	Procurement undertaken. Contractor expected on site week commencing 13 <sup>th</sup> July
Doochary				
	Radharc an tSéipéil	2 bed, bungalow	16/09/2019	Tenders received and currently being assessed.
Dungloe				
	Croveigh (LTL)	5 bed	26/04/2019	Landlord currently carrying out structural repairs to the house.
	Ard Chróine, Quay Rd	1 bed, bungalow	21/08/2019	Tenders received and currently being assessed.
Derrybeg				
	Clós Naomh Mhuire,	2 bed, bungalow	15/08/2019	Tenders received and

	Stranacorkra			currently being assessed.
	Cois Cuan, Cotteen	3 bed, 2 storey	29/05/2020	Contractor on site. Works due to be complete 17 <sup>th</sup> July.
Dunfanaghy				
	Eadán Mór (LTL)	3 bed	18/04/2019	Contractor appointed and is due on site w/c 13 <sup>th</sup> July.
Falcarragh				
	Carrowcannon	3 bed	01/03/2019	Tenders received and currently being assessed.
	Radharc na Mara	2 bed, bungalow	14/02/2020	Procurement undertaken. Contractor expected on site week commencing 13 <sup>th</sup> July

# Housing Capital Update Report Glenties Municipal District Meeting

14<sup>th</sup> July 2020

## 1. Social Housing Developments – Construction Schemes

Donegal County Council is currently progressing the following proposed Social Housing development in the Glenties Municipal District:

Location	Status	No. of Units
<b>Tender Stage</b>		
Dunfanaghy	Contract award stage.	4

In tandem with the above proposed development, the Council is currently finalising of 4.12Ha (10.17 acres) at Chapel Road, Dungloe for the purposes of social housing. A preliminary proposal for a scheme of 44 no. units is being progressed, pending the completion of the sale. The scheme will be subject to Part 8 approval and Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government approval.

## 2. House Acquisition Programme

Donegal County Council has acquired, or is in the process of acquiring, properties under the House Acquisition Programme. In the Glenties Municipal District during 2018-2020 a total of 13 properties were purchased under this programme. There is 9 further acquisition currently in progress including the acquisition of 8 no. apartments at Figart, Dunfanaghy, which are currently at the final stages of conveyance.

Following acquisition and prior to allocation, improvement works are carried out on the properties where required to provide high quality, energy efficient, sustainable homes to individuals and families.

## 3. Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition

Donegal County Council's turnkey acquisition process is continuing throughout the county. This competitive dialogue procurement process will result in a major capital investment in social housing, with the initial projects in the county due for completion in quarter 1 2020. This is a very effective mechanism enabling the Council to feed into the design of the proposal so as to ensure that the end product is suitable for the needs of social housing tenants. Proposals are subject to meeting the requirements of the procurement process, planning, departmental approval and contract.

In order to safeguard the nature of the process and bearing in mind the commercial sensitivities of the process as well as the extent of the approvals required, the Council will continue to provide Elected Members with detailed information of the proposals upon receipt of final departmental approval (i.e. stage 4). Notwithstanding this approval, proposals are subject to contract.

Final approval has been received from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) for both phases of a turnkey development at Falcarragh. Developers Michael & Linda Whoriskey have substantially completed works on Phase I of the development containing 6 no. three bedroom units and work has commenced on Phase II of the development which contains 2 no. three bedroom units as well as 4 no. two bedroom units. The Council is currently progressing the contract in conjunction with our legal representatives.

Council officials are continuing to dialogue with Developers with regard to additional valid proposals for Falcarragh and Gweedore and Members will be fully informed of these proposals upon receipt of final departmental approval.

#### **4. Specific Instance (SI) Houses**

Progress is continuing in respect of 2 no. SI houses in Glenties Municipal District and progress on the preparation of tender documentation for these SI's is at an advanced stage.

The transfer of land to the local authority in each case, as required under this process, is taking place in parallel.

#### **5. Lands / Property for Social Housing Purposes**

The Council is currently seeking lands / property suitable for social housing purposes. An advertisement has been placed on the Council's website and encompasses all towns and villages in the county. Interested parties are invited to submit an expression of interest for parcels of land, derelict sites and existing buildings in line with guidance outlined in the advertisement.