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Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Na Gleanntaí **ar líne** ar an 19ú Eanáir 2021, ag 11.00 r.n.

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A Chara

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

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Municipal District of Glenties

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Dungloe
19th January 21

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Municipal District of Glenties Meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th January, 2021 **at 11.00am online.**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GLENTIES

Dear Councillor

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

Yours sincerely

Eamonn Brown
Meetings Administrator

AGENDA

1. Consideration of the Minutes of Glenties Municipal District
Committee Meetings held on (i) 10th November 2020 (ii) 12th
January 21& (iii) Workshop held on 9th December. 11am
2. Housing & Corporate Services. 11.05
3. Environment. 11.25
4. Economic Development I.S & Emergency Services 11.45
5. Community Development 12.05
6. Planning 12.25
7. Roads & Transportation 12.45

MINUTES OF MEETING OF GLENTIES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

HELD ON 10th NOVEMBER 2020 IN

DUNGLOE PUBLIC SERVICES CENTRE

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

APOLOGY: Cllr. Anthony Molloy

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

Note: **(Service Managers attended the meeting at designated times to comply with HSE Guidelines)**
Brendan McFadden - SEE, Area Manager, Roads & Transportation
Sinéad McClafferty - Area Planner
David Friel - Coastal Officer
Brenda Hegarty - Assistant Head of Enterprise (LEO)
Charles Sweeney - Community Development Manager

GMD 67/20

Confirmation of Minutes of Glenties Municipal District Committee meeting

On the proposal of Cllr. Gallagher, seconded by Cllr. Ó Fearraigh, the minutes of the Glenties Municipal District meeting held on the 13th of October 2020 and the Statutory Budget meeting held on 29th October 2020 were confirmed.

GMD 68/20

Report from Workshop

The Committee noted the report from the Workshop held on the 9th of October 2020 in relation to Budget 2021.

GMD 69/20

ENVIRONMENT

69.1

Waste and Litter Management

The Committee noted the reports circulated with the Agenda from the Waste Awareness Officer who updated Members in relation to:

- School Bikes for Africa Campaign
- National Reuse Month
- Green Schools
- Dog Fouling Awareness
- Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards
- Gweedore Bring Bank site progression to Part 8 Planning and that the Members will receive documents for consideration.

Cllr. McGarvey commended the shortlisting of the "Donegal Men's Shed Showcase 2019" in the supporting sustainable communities' category in the Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards.

In response to concerns expressed by Cllr. McGarvey and Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig regarding issues in relation to dog fouling awareness, the Coastal Officer advised of a pilot project initiated by the Litter Warden at a number of locations during October.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested the Council to address illegal dumping at Meenacross Crossroads and the Coastal

Officer undertook to liaise with the Litter Warden in this regard.

69.2

Coastal Management

The Committee discussed the report circulated with the Agenda and presented by the Coastal Officer in relation to the following Coastal Management issues:

- Beach Maintenance
- Beach Ringbuoy Inspections
- Fin Swim
- Dooey Beach Access
- Coastal flooding and Erosion Risk Management

In response to a query from Cllr. Gallagher, the Coastal Officer updated Members regarding (i) the appointment of a preferred bidder who will initially carry out aerial site surveys with the intention of submitting a report and recommendations to the OPW by May 2021.

(ii) ongoing access restriction works to Dooey beach and dunes by quads and scrambler bikes, which were causing degradation of the EU designated dune sites.

69.3

Cruit Island Signage

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig and Cllr. McGarvey requested the restoration of environmental signage on Cruit Island.

69.4

Public Conveniences

The Coastal Officer updated the Committee in relation to progress in respect of the Inishboffin project.

Cllr. Ó Fearraigh and Cllr. McClafferty requested the Council to expedite the provision of a public convenience in Falcarragh.

69.5

Glenties Flood Relief Scheme

In response to a query from Cllr. McGarvey, the Water & Environment Director advised Members that online public consultation commenced on 9th of November 2020.

GMD 70/20

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, IS AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Members discussed the reports circulated with the agenda and presented by the Local Enterprise Officer, Assistant Head of Enterprise. The Committee welcomed the updates in relation to:

- Buy Donegal
- Golden Bridges 2020 virtual event on 20.11.2020
- Caravan and Camping study
- Covid19 and Brexit support to Business
- Fire Service Training
- Free Public Wi-fi access points on Tory Island and rollout of National Broadband Plan.

Cllr. Ó Fearraigh welcomed the Buy Donegal initiative and continuation of this campaign to the end of December. Cllr. Gallagher and Cllr. McGarvey commended the opportunities and profile for small businesses promoted by this campaign.

Cllr. Gallagher stressed the importance of the Donegal Tourism Strategy preparing for the emergence of the 'staycation' market and the necessity of a cross directorate input to provide adequate infrastructure and facilities.

GMD 71/20

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Committee noted the reports circulated with the Agenda in relation to the following activities:

- Age Friendly Programme
- Community Enhancement Programme 2020
- YOURS Project

The Community Development Manager advised Members that he will organise a meeting to ascertain their priorities in the context of the recent appointment of a Community Development Officer.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig commended the Community Development Manager and the community in Dunlewey in relation to progress with the development plan for Errigal.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig also requested the Council to provide a walkway between Annagry and Meenaleck.

GMD 72/20

PLANNING

Members welcomed the reports circulated with the Agenda in relation to:

- Statistics for the year to the end of September 2020.
- Enforcement Cases.
- Pre-planning clinic on 16th December on a call only basis.
- Regeneration Report.
- Central Planning Unit Work Programme.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig queried if the recent decision to grant planning permission (after 15 years) to Brendan Ó Beagláioch for a house in the Kerry Gaeltacht will have any impact on future applications in Donegal. The Area Planner advised the Committee that the Council are guided by National Policy and that there won't be any variations to current policy.

Cllr. Mc Garvey informed Members that recent discussions were held at the Planning SPC in relation to planning issues in relation to developments on the N56 within the Gaeltacht.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig recommended the establishment of a campaign body of Councillors in similarly affected counties along the Western Seaboard.

In response to concerns expressed by Cllr. Gallagher regarding the necessity for additional staffing resources, the Area Planner advised that a graduate planner panel has been established and that it is anticipated that an additional support will be available prior to the year end.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig expressed his concerns regarding (1) the potential displacement of existing services in the context of the submission of a planning application for a primary care centre and chemist on the Carnmore Road, Dungloe and (2) the safety issues arising from the ongoing housing development on the Glen Road in Annagry.

GMD 73/20

ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION

73.1

Road Work Programme

The Committee discussed the report circulated with the Agenda and presented by the Roads Manager in relation to the status of the Roadworks Programme as at the 4th of November 2020.

Members commended the Roads Service for the success of the programme notwithstanding the ongoing difficult circumstances.

The Roads Manager responded to Members queries and provided additional details in relation to:

- (i) Caravan Road, Dungloe improvements
- (ii) Fairhill S Bend
- (iii) Carrickfinn Airport potholes
- (iv) Footpaths - Carnmore Road and Quay Road, Dungloe
- (v) Molloy's Shop, Safety Work, Derrybeg
- (vi) Members Public Lighting
- (vii) Lunnagh to Glassagh road restoration continuation.

73.2

Island Road Programme

Members welcomed the report circulated with the Agenda and presented by the Roads Manager in relation to the completion of preparatory works on 4 roads on Arranmore and the commencement of bitmac contracts from the 16th of November.

73.3

NRDO Major and Minor Road Projects

The Committee noted the report from Fergus Towe, SEE, regarding the status of projects on the N56 from Dungloe to Glenties.

GMD 74/20

HOUSING & CORPORATE

74.1

Housing Grants

The Committee discussed the report circulated with the Agenda and presented by the Housing Manager in relation to the status of Housing Grants as at the 3rd of November 2020. Members welcomed the completion of all 2019 applications and ongoing progress with 2020 submissions.

In response to a query from Cllr. McClafferty regarding the refusal of grant applications, the Housing Manager (i) undertook to arrange a Workshop if required, (ii)

clarified the importance of compliance with eligibility criteria and (iii) the availability of an appeals process.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig recommended the initiation of a grant scheme to renovate Island homes for Islanders living part time on the mainland.

74.2

Casual Vacancies

The Committee discussed the report circulated previously and presented by the Housing Manager in relation to the status of casual vacancies as at the 3rd November 2020.

Cllr. Gallagher commended the Housing Service for the swift turn-around times for voids in the Glenties Municipal District.

Cllr. McClafferty recommended the provision of additional units on completion of the demolition of a 3 bed unit at Massinass.

74.3

Housing Capital Update

Members discussed the report circulated with the Agenda in relation to (1) Construction Schemes, (2) House Acquisition Programme, (3) Turnkey Acquisition, (4) Single Rural Dwellings and (5) Land Acquisition.

In response to queries from Cllr. Gallagher regarding the provision of additional Housing units by Udarás (Fintown), Respond, Dungloe and Clúid (Dungloe), the Housing Manager informed Members of ongoing discussions with Clúid and Respond, both of whom have issues in relation to funding additional units, and undertook to revert to Udarás for an update.

Cllr. Ó Fearraigh and Cllr. Gallagher highlighted the necessity for the Council to actively pursue land within small towns and villages to supply housing to preserve sustainable Gaeltacht communities.

The Housing Manager advised that the Council are actively inviting expressions of interest from land and property owners for land to facilitate the provision of social housing and that any applications for funding to the Government will have to demonstrate local need.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig recommended (i) the provision of Community Centres and Play Areas within social housing schemes & (ii) the building of social housing units by direct labour to achieve greater value for money as outlined in the spending review by the Department of Expenditure & Reform.

74.4

Revised Standing Orders

The revised standing orders for the regulation of proceedings of the Municipal District of Glenties were noted.

GMD 75/20

BÁD EDDIE PRESERVATION

On the proposal of Cllr. Ó Fearraigh, seconded by Cllr. McClafferty, it was resolved to adopt the following motion:-

"Further to the Motion passed by this Council in April 2016 in relation to the provision of adequate funding for the erection of monuments in the County, the Glenties Municipal District;

Recognises the historical and cultural significance of the structure known as Bád Eddie on Machaire Clochair strand, Bunbeg, Co. Donegal;

Notes that the boat has become an iconic structure in the local landscape and is renowned nationally and

internationally having featured in the U2 and Clannad music video and on the cover of Vogue magazine in Italy; - Recognises that Bád Eddie plays an important part in attracting tourists to the area, adds to their experience and that tourists and locals alike have an affinity with the boat;

Commends the work of the newly formed local committee, "Coiste Bád Eddie", who have come together with the aim of preserving the structure;

Pledges to preserve the structure through the placing of a new permanent replica of the structure at the location;

Commits to contributing to the funding the replica structure and further commits to work with other potential stakeholders to work towards securing additional funding streams;

Partners with Coiste Bád Eddie to assist in their efforts to preserve the boat;

Commits to initiating a stakeholder group with a meeting to take place between Council officials, the stakeholders and Coiste Bád Eddie prior to the end of year 2020."

Members were given a response to the motion by the Director of Community Development and Planning.

GMD 76/20

Safe Pedestrian Access in Dungloe

On the proposal of Cllr. Gallagher, seconded by Cllr. McGarvey, it was resolved to adopt the following motion:-

"That this MD draw up plans to provide safe pedestrian access in the town of Dungloe, to include safe access for residents in the Fairhill/Sheiskinarone area, connecting footpaths at Radox to Pole road cross road, Quay road and Carnmore Road, and pedestrian access to Public carpark."

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

GMD 77/20

Fáilte Ireland Invitation

The following question was submitted by Cllr. Gallagher:-

"Will this Municipal District invite Fáilte Ireland to meet with Members and relevant staff and agencies to start a plan on tourism development within the "Donegal Gaeltacht".

Cllr. Gallagher received a response from the Senior Executive Officer Economic Development.

GMD 78/20

Workshop - Community Development Officer

The following question was submitted by Cllr. Gallagher:-

"Considering that the post of Community Development Officer for this Municipal District is to be appointed before year end, would this Municipal District consider having a workshop/meeting in the New Year to consider work programmes for the Municipal District Area and discuss how consultation with local community groups can take place remotely considering Covid restrictions".

Cllr. Gallagher received a response from the Community Development Administrative Officer.

GMD 79/20

Buy Out of Council houses

The following question was submitted by Cllr. Molloy:-

"I would just like an update as to where we are at regarding the buy-out of Council houses. This has been brought up a few times at our Plenary meetings".

Cllr. Molloy received a response from the Housing & Corporate Manager.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

Date

Cathaoirleach:

Date

Housing & Corporate Manager

MINUTES OF MEETING OF GLENTIES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

HELD ON 12th JANUARY 2021 IN

DUNGLOE PUBLIC SERVICES CENTRE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr. Noreen McGarvey (Cathaoirleach)
Cllr. Marie Therese Gallagher (Leas Cathaoirleach)
Cllr. Michéal Choilm Mac Giolla Easbuig

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Eamonn Brown - Area Manager, Housing & Corporate
Michael Rowsome, S.S.O. Housing/Corporate
Mary Carbery, C.O Housing/Corporate

Note: (A quorum of Members were requested to attend to comply with Public Health Guidelines)

GMD 01/21 **Revision of Standing Orders**

On the proposal of Cllr. Gallagher, seconded by Cllr. MacGiollaEasbuig, the Committee adopted the revised Standing Orders, as circulated with the agenda, to regulate the proceedings of the Committee in holding remote meetings.

Cllr MacGiollaEasbuig referred to a recent media article regarding the payment of travel allowances to Councillors attending remote meetings in other Local Authorities & highlighted that this was not a practice in the Glenties MD

GMD 02/21 **National Development Plan**

Members noted the documentation circulated with the agenda in relation to the ongoing public consultation for the Review of the National Development Plan & the

imminent closing date for submissions on the 29th of January.

Members requested that the Planning Service hold a workshop as soon as possible to facilitate a submission from the Glenties Municipal District.

Cllr Gallagher highlighted issues arising from the low population levels in the MD.

GMD 03/21

Planning Application 20/51593 -Primary Care Centre

On the proposal of Cllr MacGiollaEasbuig seconded by Cllr Gallagher, the Committee requested that a submission be made in respect of the above application highlighting concerns in relation to the negative impact on existing local pharmacies & potential downgrade of local hospital & associated medical services.

GMD 04/21

Council Staff

Members commended the efforts of all staff during the pandemic & requested the Council to accommodate remote working to the greatest extent possible

GMD 05/21

Date Of Next Meeting

The Committee agreed to schedule a remote meeting of the MD on Tuesday 19th of January at 11am.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

Date

Cathaoirleach:

Date

Housing & Corporate Manager

**Donegal Place Branding Discovery Session – Glenties MD Elected Members
which took place online on Wednesday Dec 9th @ 12.00pm**

Members Present

Cllr Anthony Molloy, Cllr John O'Fearraigh, Cllr Marie Therese Gallagher, Cllr Michael McClafferty, Cllr Noreen McGarvey

Officials Present

G Martin, Director of Service, AM Conlon, Head of Economic Development, S Perry, Economic Development Officer

Agency Staff Present

Judith O'Doherty, Eutopia Strategy

Apologies

Cllr Michael Cholm MacGiollaEasbuig

Introduction and Context

G Martin introduced Members to the session and set the context for the place brand project and session. He emphasised the importance of having a unified place brand for Donegal and an online presence which reflects this, not just for business and investment but also to attract people to come and live in Donegal.

Judith O'Doherty provided background on the agency involved OCO Global, an industry leader in economic development who has partnered with place marketing expert Eutopia and digital agency The Web Bureau to deliver this project.

She also provided examples of place brands internationally and locally and highlighted how they provide a platform for a place and a unified identity. She also shared examples of the range of place brands in Donegal currently and provided some detail on desk research completed to date on Donegal with key emerging themes and how the new place brand can build upon these.

Members Input

Cllr McGarvey in her capacity as Cathaoirleach of the Glenties MD thanked J O'Doherty and G Martin for setting the scene and invited input from members.

Cllr O'Fearraigh mentioned that there are a lot of brands around the county and country. He said a brand is needed in Donegal, for our Diaspora and with the advent of Brexit, with the UK tourism market having dwindled. It's about time that the forgotten county has been turned around. This year has been hugely positive with staycations. He also asked about the process involved in developing the place brand?

J O'Doherty explained that this involves initially getting an appropriate and strong story in place first. Then look at a number of concepts from which to develop the strongest proposition.

Cllr Molloy stated that the Donegal brand is strong with a rich heritage and it's time to build on this. He believes there is a need to develop the Tourism brand more and within Ireland. There is a need to brand our infrastructure and connectivity.

Cllr McClafferty stated that it was very important to get the branding right. One thing he is pushing for is our county colours, as one of the most recognized aspects of Donegal. Signage around the county could also incorporate this.

Cllr Gallagher outlined that she has been involved in a number of directorates and have over challenges. There is a need to have a county brand and tell a story, for example gTeic in Gaoth Dobhair developed by Udaras and the story of 3 brothers who developed a modular design business with international customers.

There's lots of positive things to tell around cost of living and quality of life. A suggestion from Cllr Gallagher is to have a strong emphasis on working here and raising a family to take in all aspects of life in Donegal. Regarding tourism, what is it that we need to entice people here and stay longer.

Within the Glenties MD there is a huge area and small population. They are trying to grow population settlements and there is a need to build services and infrastructure, the Three advert is an example of this, how we can connect culture and heritage.

Cllr Gallagher added that the new brand also needs to have longevity and something that everyone can use and recognisable internally and externally. Another idea around tourism is the potential for a 7 wonders of the county concept and get people to stay in each area.

Cllr McGarvey would like a clean cut identity. Less is more, nothing too dissimilar to what is out there. Hope the new website can become a one stop shop. The example of The Gathering was referenced as something which was instantly recognizable. Also she stated that no matter what we do, the Gaeltacht and Irish language is very important.

Close

S Perry thanked Members for their contribution and support for the project. He outlined that while tourism is important, it is already more established than other sectors and attracting investment and a focus for employment is a key part of the project. He also outlined the next steps for the project with development of creative and website with a view to launch in Q1 2021.

Housing & Corporate Agenda

For Meeting on 19th January 2021

- (1) Progress Report - Grants
- (2) Progress Report - Casual Vacancies
- (3) Housing Capital - Report
- (4) Islands Committee

1. PROGRESS REPORT SOCIAL HOUSING PROGRAMME AT 05/01/2021

(a) Grants

Housing Aid for Older People Grants						
<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	103	62	8	20	13	31

Housing Adaptation Grants							
<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>
2020	29	13	6	2	7	1	10

Mobility Aids Grants							
<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>
2020	46	20	9	8	9	0	17

2. PROGRESS REPORT – CASUAL VACANCIES @ 04 January 2021

Glenties MD	Address	Beds	Vacant From	Current Status
Creeslough				
	Ard Cois Locha	2 bed	23/10/2020	Contractor appointed and works have commenced on site.
	Ard Cois Locha	3 bed	23/10/2020	Contractor appointed and works have commenced on site.
	Birch Hill	2 bed	18/11/2020	House is currently being reviewed for preparation of tender documents
	Massinass	3 bed	03/12/2019	Unit to be demolished and a new scheme to be developed on the site.
Dungloe				
	Ard Mor	3 bed	18/12/2020	House is currently being reviewed for preparation of tender document
Falcarragh				
	Ballina	3 bed	17/12/2020	House is currently being reviewed for preparation of tender document
Glenties				
	Clos Naomh Chonaill	2 bed	24/08/2020	Offered
	Radharc na hEaglaise, Church Road	3 bed	21/10/2020	Contractor appointed and works have commenced on site
Lettermacaward				
	Ascall Bhride	2 bed	03/11/2020	Offered
Tory Island				
	Tuam na Toinne	3 bed	29/07/2020	Offered & Accepted

Housing Capital Update Report Glenties Municipal District Meeting

12th January 2021

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
Tender Stage		
Dunfanaghy	Contract awarded. Works commenced on 10/08/2020. Expected completion date Q4 2021	4
Preliminary Design Stage (No. of units subject to change)		
Chapel Road, Dungloe	Preliminary Design Stage	45
Total		49

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 are 19 further acquisitions currently in progress 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 and initial projects have now completed. 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 is nearing completion 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. Single Rural Dwellings (SRD)

Progress is continuing in respect of 2 no. SRD's in Glenties Municipal District. Both single rural dwellings have been tendered and tenders are received. 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 actively seeking lands in towns where there is a social housing need where there are currently no viable housing delivery options. Offers to acquire land have been made in a number of towns and Members will be kept informed on the outcome of same.

An advertisement has recently 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.



ENVIRONMENT REPORT – January 2021

WASTE AND LITTER MANAGEMENT

Activity / Project Title	The Rosses Men’s Shed Winners in the National Upcycling Competition
Project Description/ Activity	 <p>County Donegal Men’s Shed wins at this year’s National Upcycle Challenge with “Thomas the Tank Engine”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>The Upcycle Challenge was set by mywaste.ie and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).</i>• <i>There were Nine Winners in total across nine different categories.</i> <p>Rosses Men’s Shed from Donegal, who bought the railway back to Donegal in the form of “Thomas the Tank Engine” and an old oil tank were among the nine worthy winners of this year’s national <i>Upcycle Challenge 2020</i>.</p>

	<p>The <i>Upcycle Challenge</i> was set by mywaste.ie and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).</p> <p>It invited participants to use their imagination to create something new and useful out of old unwanted and discarded items or material.</p> <p>As many as 259 entries were received from individuals, community organisations, Men’s Sheds and schools across the country. A total of eight category winners were decided by a judging panel, who also chose three finalists for a People’s Choice Award.</p> <p>During November, the public voted for the three finalists on mywaste.ie social media platforms. The Irish public decided the winner to be Ann McKenna from County Monaghan who upcycles the clothes of people who died to make memorial bears for their loved ones.</p> <p>Men’s Shed Category Rosses Men’s Shed, Co. Donegal - Brought the railway back to Donegal in the form of “Thomas the Tank Engine” made from an old oil tank and some pallets. The result is the ideal playhouse/train for children and the young at heart. Pat Bonner, Rosses Men’s Shed, Co. Donegal: “Railways unfortunately disappeared from Donegal in the 1960's, so we decided to try and recreate and build our own 'Thomas The Tank Engine' as a reminder of those days. It may sound like a childish proposition but as they say, 'Adults are just children at heart.....but with a few more wrinkles’. “The inspiration for the project came from a Shed members better half. She decided to brighten up their back garden by painting a Thomas the Tank Engine face on their oil tank.”</p> <p>Congratulating the winners Sinead Ni Mhainnin Waste Prevention Officer with the Connacht Ulster Waste Management Planning Office said this year’s applications were of a very high standard making the judging process very difficult.</p> <p>“The <i>Upcycle Challenge</i> is a collaboration between the EPA and the regional waste management offices under the umbrella of mywaste.ie. This year, as in other years, we challenged ourselves to get the nation thinking about reuse. The challenge helped create awareness of how we can reuse everyday objects by upcycling and repurposing them, as well as allowing people and groups to share their creativity with a wider audience. This year we also became acutely aware how important these projects were to a lot of people during the weeks and months of the pandemic.</p> <p>“Many entrants shared with us how working on these projects helped to sustain them during the lockdown and proved to be a useful exercise in managing mental health. We are therefore delighted with the positive impact these projects have on our environment and the well-being of the community at large.”</p> <p>Due to public health restrictions, this year’s Upcycle Challenge Award ceremony will take the form of a video shared on mywaste.ie social media channels showing the skills, creativity and ingenuity of all nine winners and their projects. Each winner will also receive an equal share of the €6,750 prize fund.</p>
Contact Person	Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer suzannebogan@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	Christmas Recycling advertising
Project Description/ Activity	<p data-bbox="302 310 467 338">My waste.ie :</p> <div data-bbox="435 407 799 737">  </div> <div data-bbox="1062 373 1419 730">  </div> <p data-bbox="302 814 1500 877">The team at 'My waste' produced a number of assets for use on social media, they also had local and national radio and television advertisements in the lead up to Christmas.</p> <p data-bbox="302 919 1533 1024">The Council has promoted the 'Mywaste' campaign, WEEE Ireland campaigns regarding battery and electrical recycling, 'Stop Food Waste' campaigns, promoted the use of the household recycling bin, the Bring Banks and the Recycling Centres using social media, online media, radio and print advertising.</p>
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Activity / Project Title Christmas Tree Recycling 2nd – 23rd January 2021

Project Description/ Activity

RECYCLE YOUR "NATURAL" Christmas Tree

Saturday 2nd to Saturday 23rd January 2021

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LOCATION	SITE
CARNDONAGH	Carndonagh Recycling Centre
BUNCRANA	Nailors Row Car Park, Bunrana
MOVILLE	Council Chip Depot
NEWTOWNCUNNINGHAM	Council Chip Depot
LETTERKENNY	Letterkenny Recycling Centre
LIFFORD	Council Machinery Yard
MILFORD	Milford Recycling Centre
GLENTIES	Council Yard, Gortnamucklagh
LETTERMACAWARD - DOOEY BEACH	Dooey Beach Car Park, Lettermacaward
DUNGLOE	Dungloe Recycling Centre
BUNBEG	Council Chip Yard, Coshclady
FALCARRAGH	Kilult Quarry
STRANORLAR	Stranorlar Recycling Centre
KILLYBEGS	Council Yard, Bridge Street
LAGHEY	Laghey Recycling Centre
BALLYSHANNON	Council Yard, The Rock
BUNDORAN	Sea Front Car Park

OPENING TIMES

Council Yards
Monday – Thursday 9.00am – 4.00pm,
Friday 9.00am – 3.00pm

Carndonagh Recycling Centre
Monday, Wednesday,
Saturday 8.30am – 4.30pm

Dungloe Recycling Centre
Thursday 10.30am – 5pm,
Friday 8.30am – 2.30pm,
Saturday 8.30am – 2.30pm.

Laghey Recycling Centre
Thursday 10.30am – 5pm,
Friday & Saturday 8.30am – 2.30pm

Letterkenny Recycling Centre
Tuesday & Wednesday 8.30am – 5pm, Thursday 10.30am – 7pm,
Friday 8.30am – 5pm, Saturday 8.30am – 2pm

Milford Recycling Centre
Wednesday 10.30am – 7pm, Friday 8.30am – 5pm,
Saturday 8.30am – 2pm

Stranorlar Recycling Centre
Tuesday 8.30am – 5pm, Thursday 10.30am – 7pm,
Saturday 8.30am – 2pm.

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE TREES OUTSIDE COUNCIL PREMISES AFTER THE SPECIFIED TIMES!
TREES LEFT AT SITES NOT LISTED ABOVE WILL BE CONSIDERED ILLEGAL DUMPING.**

Last year over 500 natural Christmas Trees were collected and used as part of river bank stabilisation projects.

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COASTAL MANAGEMENT

Activity / Project Title	Open Water Swimming
Project Description/ Activity	<p>Open water swimming has become increasingly popular in Donegal since the Covid-19 pandemic closed swimming pools/gyms and travel restrictions for normal recreation was restricted. Many discovered the physical and mental health benefits from open water swimming, on their doorsteps.</p> <p>Many people describe the feeling of intense satisfaction after plunging into cold water. It leaves the body tingling all over and helps clear the mind of worries and anxieties. Year-round swimmers are adamant that the sea has the potential to alleviate the effects of a number of physical ailments including arthritis, chronic pain and lots more.</p> <p><u>When to Swim in Open Water</u></p> <p>It is important to start in the summer when the water temperature in Ireland is somewhere between 14° and 18° degrees Celsius. The sensible way to acclimatise to cold water is to swim in it regularly. You can gradually extend the time of your stay in the water with practice. Get out if you are not feeling comfortable, and never set time goals for staying in the water. When entering the water, throw some water down the back of your neck to help prepare your body for the cold water immersion; this helps reduce the risk of cold shock or in extreme cases heart attacks.</p> <p><u>Water Temperatures</u></p> <p>Sea water Temperatures can vary from approximately 5° in the Winter to 25° Celsius in a heat wave. Freshwater temperatures can vary approximately 1° in the Winter to 27° Celsius in a heat wave.</p> <p><u>Check the weather forecast and tides</u></p> <p>You should always look at the wind and weather forecasts, then check the time and type of tides. Spring tides are more hazardous as they cause stronger rip currents on beaches and increase the risk of stranding. Use local knowledge to identify the location of the rip currents on your beach, or bathing area. It is much safer to swim on a rising tide than on a falling tide. Use an App on your phone, websites online or newspapers for further real time information about tides, e.g. tides near me.</p> <p>At low water you are more likely to slip or fall on surfaces with algae on them both in fresh and salt water.</p> <p>At High Water you may not be aware of hidden rocks or obstacles underwater. Seek local knowledge before entering the water.</p>

Never swim alone

Due to the unpredictable nature of our temperate climate, the sea can change very quickly, so never swim alone. If you swim alone and you get into difficulties, you are more than likely going to drown. Heed the advice given by regular swimmers. If they are not getting into the water as they feel conditions are too dangerous, then you should not enter the water. If you do get in to difficulty then remain calm, try and float or tread water, until you can either continue swimming or you are rescued by a passer-by.

Make sure you can be seen

It is essential that you wear bright yellow/pink swimming caps which are conspicuous to other water users in your vicinity. It is recommended you also use a bright tow float for visibility so that other Aquatic users can see them. Some swimmers can be naïve when it comes to their vulnerability in the water – be aware of other water users in the area nearby, particularly boats and jet skis. Depending on their speed, they can pose a real threat to you in the same way any vehicle would on the open road.

Alcohol and water never mix

Do not consume alcohol before you enter open water, 3 in 10 people who drown have consumed it. Alcohol severely reduces your ability to swim and respond to risks as it impairs your judgement. Similarly, while it might be appealing, do not attempt to swim in open water the day after drinking alcohol.

Warm up fast

Listen to your body and do not let yourself get too cold in the water. It is also important to understand that your body will react differently to the cold on different days. If you are tired, developing a cold or flu or have had a few drinks the night before you might start to feel colder, faster than usual when you are in the water. Tailor the length of your swim to how you are feeling on a given day.

Post-swim it is important to warm up as quickly as possible. Once you get out of the water you can continue to cool for approximately 20-30 minutes. This means that your deep body or core temperature will be cooler 20-30 minutes after your swim than when you got out of the water. Get dry and dressed in warm layers of clothing as quickly as possible. Warm drinks are also a great way to bring your body temperature back to normal. Bring a flask of your favourite hot drink with you.

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Activity / Project Title	Quad Bikes and Scramblers
Project Description/ Activity	<p>Donegal County Council would like to reinforce An Garda Síochána's safety message to any children and young teenagers who were lucky enough to receive a quad bike or a scrambler this Christmas.</p> <p>Many people enjoy off-road biking as a fun activity, on designated tracks and trails, ensuring they are riding in a safe and appropriate environment. An Garda Síochána wish to highlight the fact that some youths on scramblers have been linked to anti-social behaviour on our beaches and coastal dune systems. This illegal and anti-social use of scramblers and quads poses a serious safety hazard, and a potential to cause fear and intimidation in our communities. Our fragile dune systems, on private property, are badly affected by such activity and can increase erosion of our beautiful beaches.</p> <p>When used on a public road they are subject to the same rules as other mechanically propelled vehicles. They are required to be registered, taxed and in good road-worthy condition. The driver of the vehicle must hold the appropriate driving licence and be insured to drive the vehicle. An Garda Síochána wish to highlight that it is an offence for these vehicles to be used in public places such as beaches, parks and public areas. This illegal and anti-social use of scramblers and quads causes fear and intimidation in our communities. Anyone concerned about scrambler or quad bike activity on dunes or beaches should contact the Gardaí who will enforce the Public Order Act and the Road Traffic Act.</p>
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**Economic Development, Information Systems &
Emergency Services Directorate**

Report to Municipal District of Glenties

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1. Division: Economic Development

1.1 Division: Economic Development – Economic Development Unit

Project / Activity Report

Title	Economic Development Unit
Outline of Work	<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>Alpha Innovation Centre: project development work is now ongoing on the Alpha Innovation Centre, following the return of the signed Letter of Offer from Enterprise Ireland for €3.7m. The project will support businesses and early idea entrepreneurs to develop their innovation capability and business resilience post Brexit and post Covid.</p> <p>Donegal Place Brand initiative: Work on the new place brand initiative is ongoing with Phase 1, the research process now complete, which included workshops with Elected Members across each MD during the first week of December. Branding and website design are currently under development with the project due for completion within Q1 2021.</p> <p>#BuyDonegal: The #BuyDonegal campaign continued during December with an extensive social media, web, press and radio campaign to create awareness and entice consumers to go out and #BuyDonegal. Partnering with Donegal Daily, Highland Radio, Ocean FM, Udaras Na Gaeltachta, Donegal Democrat and Donegal News, interviews with businesses and groups across all 5 MDs have continued to spread the message and support the 250+ businesses involved by driving web visitors to buydonegal.com and encouraging people to #ShopSafely in towns across Donegal.</p> <p>Economic Development Covid-19 Recovery: The Unit is continuing to be proactive in supporting businesses during this Covid-19 pandemic and activities include:</p> <p>Communications on business supports: The EDU is 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 Grant Plus Scheme on all our platform including</p>

Donegal County Council and Invest Donegal platforms.

Outdoor Space & Social Distancing: 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

<http://www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/applicationforms/Scheme%20for%20Outdoor%20Spaces%20during%20a%20time%20of%20.pdf>

Concierge Service: 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.

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 57 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 several queries relating to potential property solutions across the county and is liaising with colleagues in various Council divisions.

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 31st, awaiting final decision on funding following presentation to funders.

- Various Regeneration and Development Proposals under the URDF and the RRDF to ensure that an economic development focus is derived for the respective locations prioritised. These projects are in locations across the county in all Municipal Districts and were recently submitted as part of the DCCs Regeneration plans.

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.

Caravan & Camping Study: The EDU is currently engaging a study to assess and evaluate the opportunities and challenges facing the Caravan & Camping sector in Donegal and to make recommendations on how best to support the future development of this sector with a view to ensuring a sustainable and viable sector going forward. This assignment will include extensive consultations with key stakeholders and the recommendations will inform a range of interventions that will assist in addressing the challenges currently being experienced.

A company has been appointed to complete the evaluation and will now work with the EDU to progress this study.

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.

InvestDonegal Communications Update: Latest key stats for the InvestDonegal LinkedIn and Twitter (@DonegalInvest) accounts are as follows;

	Impressions (last 28 days)	Total Followers
Linked In	36,500	1,253
Twitter	114,000	969

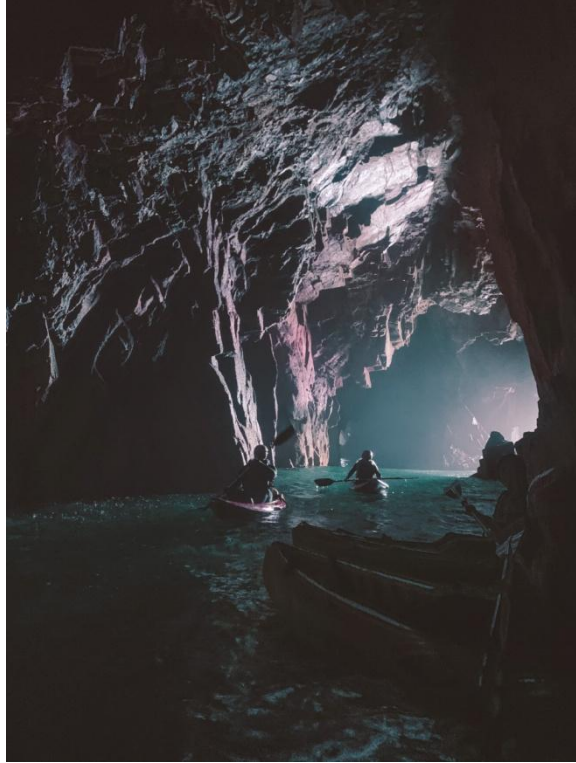
The EDU continue to inform businesses of the range of government

	<p>supports alongside insightful business and original content features.</p> <p>In addition to the above accounts, the EDU works closely with the Council’s Communications Office to share information on the Councils corporate social media channels.</p> <p>The EDU asks elected members to follow InvestDonegal on Twitter and LinkedIn.</p> <p>Remote Working: The EDU is near completion on a new Remote Working Strategy for Donegal to maximise the opportunities arising for the county as a destination of choice for remote working which will form a key part of the COVID-19 recovery plan.</p> <p>The EDU is also working with various Innovation and Digital Hubs in Donegal. A Grow Remote Donegal Chapter has been initiated to promote remote working opportunities to the unemployed and underemployed across the county and to market Donegal as a great place to live and work.</p> <p>Atlantic Economic Corridor: working with Local Authority partners along the western coast to progress mutually beneficial projects and initiatives. The EDU are currently managing €34,549.99 of funding support (Hub Opening Scheme) from the Department of Rural and Community Development/Western Development Commission to digital hubs in the county to enable them to open safely over the coming months.</p> <p>The EDU and Western Development Commission are also developing a photobank to be used for promotion of the region; showcasing Donegal based companies, the quality of life and co-working spaces. This work is currently ongoing with the successful photographer but has been restricted recently owing to limited access to local business locations and will complete when circumstances allow.</p>
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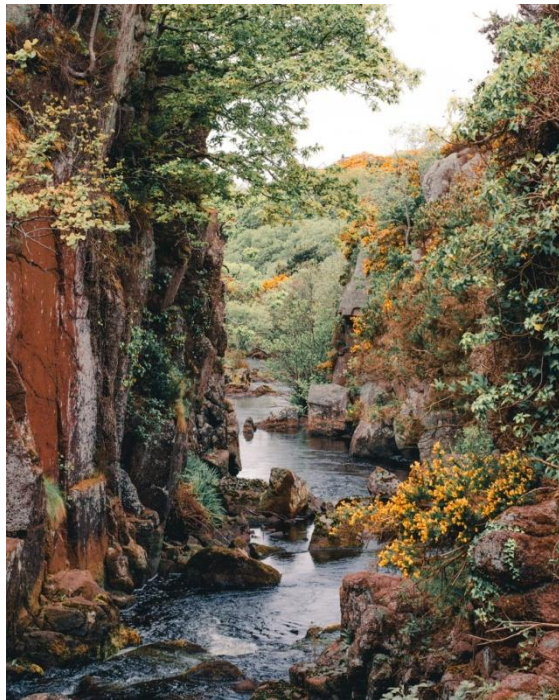
1.2 Division: Economic Development – Tourism Marketing Unit

Activity / Project Title	TIDE – Atlantic Network for Developing Historical Maritime Tourism
Activity / Project Description	<p>The Project Partners are led by ERNACT EEIG (Lead Partner) along with 7 Partners (Donegal Co Council) representing 5 countries (Ireland, United Kingdom, Spain, Portugal & France) & 10 Associated Partners.</p> <p>The objective is to develop a niche historical maritime tourism package for Atlantic based on connecting & marketing assets from historical period across different regions ie World Wars, Atlantic Migrations, Napoleonic Era & Spanish Armada.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Website: www.tide-atlantic.eu</p>
Budget	Total: €2,462,267 – Donegal €383,494 (3 years) €120,821 (2020)
Progress to date within the last month-inclusive of current status	<p><u>Donegal Stakeholder Group</u>: The group met in December - agreed a story for each of the 5 themes for Donegal after reviewing the Toolkit exercises. Themes were then linked to Stakeholders. Group discussed ‘plan B’ post-Covid in relation to VR/AR units. Group discussed how all the content being collated could be used – options are Pilot project & Platform/Terminals. Option for Stakeholders to also consider other funds to extend the project. Group also reviewed plans/schedules for 2021.</p> <p><u>Partner Meeting</u>: Partner meeting & Dissemination Seminar were held. Presentations & discussions took place on Workplans, Budget/Claims, Communication, Capitalisation & Sustainability Plans/ templates, Progress on Pilot Summaries & schedules for January’s meetings.</p> <p><u>Links/Networking/Research</u>: Attended webinar on SMART tourism and ongoing research & networking with other projects i.e. CINE & CHERISH.</p>
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Stakeholders</u> – work on Capitisation and Sustainability templates for submitting to Partner mid-January. • <u>Partners</u> – two e-meetings scheduled - Capitisation & Sustainability & Pilot Summaries. • <u>WP 2 Communication</u> – continue promotion of project on websites & Social Media. • <u>WP 4 Toolkit</u> – digital copies & hard copies to be circulated by all Partners. • <u>WP 5 Platform</u> - Lead Partner - to e-meet with DCC in January.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>WP 6 Pilot</u> - Work on Storyboards for each theme. Meeting to discuss & continue to develop Pilot Summaries. DCC to commence making contacts with future Partners for extending the project post TIDE.
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status	<p>Donegal – Discover What’s on Your Doorstep Photography Competition</p> <p>As part of a recent local marketing campaign, Donegal Tourism ran a photography competition asked the public to submit photos of their favourite places in Donegal. There was great interest in the competition with almost 1,200 entries. All the photos received were evaluated by the Municipal District that were taken in.</p> <p>The winners were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall Winner: Kayaking at Owey Island by Sinead McCahey • Best photo taken in the Donegal Municipal District: Tullan Strand, Bundoran by John Carver • Best photo taken in the Glenties Municipal District: Gaoth Dobhair Harbour by Naoise O’Baill • Best photo taken in the Inishowen Municipal District: Grianan Aileach by Lee Morrow • Best photo taken in the Letterkenny and Milford Municipal District: Lough Salt by Treasa G Frazer • Best photo taken in the Stranorlar Municipal District: Trusk Lough by Bronagh Marnie



Owey Island by Sinead McCahey



Gaoth Dobhair Harbour by Naoise Ó Baoill

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1.3. Division: Economic Development Unit – Research and Policy

Activity / Project Title	Trail Gazers Bid Project
Activity / Project Description	<i>'To quantify the return to the local economy for every euro invested in walks and recreational trail infrastructure '</i>
Budget (if applicable)	€2.6 M
Progress to date within quarter* -inclusive of current status	<p>In 2018, Donegal County Councils Research & Policy Unit successfully led an application to the Atlantic Area Programme under objective 4.2 'Enhancing natural and cultural assets to stimulate economic development'. This transnational project is managed by the Research & 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"> • 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 • Develop and trial a range of practical initiatives and interventions such as business to consumer initiatives, digital marketing tools etc to enhance the return • Work with communities, businesses and other key stakeholders in the area to develop community plans and initiatives around the site • Develop a range of community trail ambassadors to champion the sites as catalysts for the development of rural economies • 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. <p>PROGRESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinated and compiled the second project claim and third technical report to the value of € 350,000.57 to the Atlantic Area Programme on behalf of 10 partners. Provided advice and guidance to each partner to ensure receipt of verified expenditure from each region respective First Level Controller and National Authority. Liaised with Joint Secretariat and Submission date 22nd Dec 2020.

- Completed follow-ups and minutes from the monthly Trail Gazers Communication & Coordination Meeting on the 6th November, 2020. This covered the progress on a wide variety of tasks including the development of ‘community trail plans’, ‘trail care packs’ and new and innovative ways to engage with communities through the community trail ambassador programme.
- Site survey completed on Inch Levels Wildfowl Reserve by successful technology supplier and National Parks and Wildlife Service to identify optimal location for sensor installation in Jan/Feb 2020. 2 virtual meeting held.
- Meeting with North West Greenway Communication Officer and Trail Gazers Team on the 16th December, 2020. The purpose of this is to ensure that learning and tools from Trail Gazers in terms of:
 - Monitoring footfall
 - Determining & minimising impacts of footfall on environmental sensitive areas
 - Developing trail visitors’ surveys & bespoke Business to Consumer Initiatives
 - Developing tailored Community Trail Plans that connect towns and villages to strategic investments
 - Developing digital trail marketing materials
 - Identifying new trail visitors (walkers, cyclists, outdoor enthusiasts etc) in the 10 participating regions and developing targeting these visitors with appropriate digital material
 - Animating citizens and organisations that have a role in the development of Inch Levels Wildfowl Reserve.
- Completed follow ups from transnational workshop on the 25th November 2020 to share knowledge learning and expertise on developing a bespoke trail dashboard. This development will provide trail managers, policy and decision makers with accurate footfall data on trail usage that the impact that could have on environmentally sensitive areas.
- Completed follow-ups from transnational workshop on the 17th November, 2020 to share best practise on capturing virtual imagery that will portray the unique outdoor experience of a walking or cycling holiday in Donegal or other Atlantic

	<p>Areas to new audiences around the world.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following on from the transnational workshops held with partners in August and September the team has continued to work with partners on the emerging options for the development along each of these trail sites that will capitalise on assets and minimise the constraints. This work will feed into the development of bespoke Community Trail Plans that will focus on innovative and practical way to harness footfall from walks and trails and divert visitors into surrounding towns and villages to explore, experience and spend. • Development of a promotional video, vodcasts and 3D Character that will showcase Inch Levels and surrounding catchment area to new niche audiences around the world and also provide content for the 'Lost Stories & Folklore of the Trail App'. This app will allow visitors to explore Inch Levels trail site virtually and listen to local stories and folklore associated with key points of interest along the trail site. It will help to build up an affinity with the site that will last long after the visit has ended. • Ongoing awareness raising of the work that is been led out by the Trail Gazers Team in utilising walks and trail infrastructure to stimulate economic development in the Atlantic Area. Most recently the project featured on Nationwide on the 16th November at 7pm on RTE. Please see https://www.rte.ie/player/series/nationwide/SI0000001172?epguid=IH000382904
<p>Project Targets for the next quarterly* reporting period</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of other trails sites and catchment area in Donegal that can benefit from the learning and outputs from Trail Gazers • Deployment of sensors on Inch Levels Wildfowl Reserve to monitor footfall patterns around the trail site. Ongoing work with suppliers on connecting to a digital trail dashboard. • Population of Trail Care Template on Flora & Fauna surrounding Inch Levels.
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1.4. Division: Economic Development Unit - Strategic Funding Unit Report

Title	Strategic Funding Unit – exploring EU and National Funding Opportunities that support the objectives set out in the Donegal County Council Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024
Outline of Work	<p>COSME Tourism Funding Call A funding opportunity under the EU COSME programme has been circulated to the relevant Council teams by the Strategic Funding Unit. This funding call aims to boost the uptake of digitalisation, innovation and new technologies in tourism through transnational cooperation and capacity building among tourism SME’s. A workshop is being facilitated by the SFU on 17th December 2020 to discuss applying for funding, project ideas and potential consortiums. The IS team and Ernact are working jointly with the Tourism Unit and Economic Development to explore this opportunity. The SFU is also engaging with the EU NECSTouR tourism network and a meeting with them is planned for 15th December to explore other consortiums and project ideas.</p> <p>AER (Assembly of European Regions) Taskforces Donegal County Council has been invited to join the AER Bureau Taskforces that will start their work in 2021. The Taskforces are on Climate, Sustainable Mobility & Connectivity and Democracy. The Strategic Funding Unit will represent Donegal County Council on these Taskforces.</p> <p>IRES and NWRA Survey The Strategic Funding Unit is working closely with the Irish Regions European Office and the North West Regional Assembly in relation to EU funding opportunities that will be opening up in 2021. The SFU has completed an IRES survey detailing Donegal County Council’s activity in EU policy and funding to allow IRES and NWRA to better target their support to Donegal County Council.</p> <p>Donegal Town Pier Work is ongoing to develop Terms of Reference for a Masterplan for Donegal Town Pier and the wider area and that this would be funded from funds generated from parking in Donegal Town. It is expected that procurement will be undertaken in the coming weeks and it is anticipated that Consultants will be appointed in the New Year with a view to completing the Masterplan by Q2 of 2021. Following agreement at the MD meeting on 8th December to progress in this manner, local stakeholders have also been informed of this plan.</p> <p>Strategic Funding Webinars 2020 Three Strategic Funding Unit webinars took place in Q4 of 2020 on a variety of themes including EU and National funding, innovation and cross-border opportunities. The third Strategic Funding Unit webinar took place on 1st December and the theme was ‘cross-border funding opportunities. Declan McGarrigle from SEUPB delivered a presentation on the new Peace Plus programme. Teresa Lennon from the Irish Regions European Office (IRES) presented details of the latest news on EU funding and the Brexit Adjustment</p>

Reserve Fund. Joy Harron provided a presentation on developing a project idea into a proposal. All of the webinars are now available on the Donegal County Council YouTube channel. They are unlisted and links to the webinars can be provided on request or are available on the Intranet. More webinars are planned for 2021 once the Funding Needs Analysis process has been finalised in January.

Divisional Funding Needs Analysis

The Funding Needs Analysis process is well underway. The Strategic Funding Unit has circulated the Funding Needs Analysis survey to all Directorates. A number of Funding Needs Analysis meetings have taken place with Divisional Teams. Further meetings are scheduled for January 2021. Reports are being produced based on the outcomes of these meetings with a view to informing future plans in relation to funding applications.

Strategic Funding Unit Newsletters

Donegal County Council Strategic Funding Unit continues its targeted e-mail campaign. E-mail newsletters are being sent weekly to the team members in the various Divisions regarding funding opportunities, project development and events that are relevant to the work they are doing in line with the strategic objectives set out in the corporate plan. To date 10 targeted e-mail newsletters have been sent since the campaign commenced mid-September.

CPMR (Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions)

Donegal County Council has been confirmed as pillar co-ordinator for the Atlantic Strategy and Atlantic Action Plan pillar 1: ports as gateways and hubs for the Blue Economy and this will allow the Council to have a much greater influence on policy and funding related to this sector. The SFU has also provided input on the Brexit Adjustment Reserve Fund Declaration that was submitted to the EU Commission in relation to the future distribution of the BAR fund to ensure that the interests of County Donegal are put forward at EU level.

Funding Call Alerts & Reviews

In addition to the e-mail newsletters, direct e-mails are sent to staff when a relevant funding opportunity arises that suits their work plan. Also, the Strategic Funding Unit prepares funding call reviews for circulation to the SMT e.g. the EU Innovation Fund review.

Networking & Partnerships

The Strategic Funding Unit are working with a variety of networks such as CPMR and AER to explore project development and funding opportunities.



Public Service Innovation Fund 2021

The Strategic Funding Unit is working with IS and Finance teams to explore project ideas with a view to develop a project related to digital technology and apply for funding under the Public Service Innovation Fund 2021.

	<p>EURural Project The Strategic Funding Unit 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. If successful, 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. A decision is expected in January 2021 by the EU Commission in relation to this project.</p> <p>AER Summer Academy Event 2022 The SFU is in talks with AER (Assembly of European Regions) in regard to hosting their Summer Academy here in Donegal in 2022 depending on the pandemic situation. This would provide a positive economic boost to the county and international exposure. Fáilte Ireland are also working with the SFU to support this initiative.</p> <p>Other Funding Investigations 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 Office

Project / Activity Report

Activity / Project Title	The Local Enterprise Office (LEO)
	<p>The Local Enterprise Office (LEO) as part of the Economic Development, IS & 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 & Other initiatives.</p>
Outline of Work	<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="451 1037 737 1129" style="text-align: center;">  <p>The logo features a yellow background with a white icon of a person holding a document, and the text 'Business Continuity Voucher' to the right.</p> </div> <p>Business Continuity Voucher</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>Progress: 678 applications were received by Donegal LEO in the 8 week period to May 2020 with 574 applications approved to the value of €917,560. €831,373 has been paid out to date to 543 businesses across the County. <u>This scheme is now closed to new applications.</u></p> <div data-bbox="451 1717 721 1835" style="text-align: center;">  <p>The logo features a yellow background with a white icon of a person holding a heart, and the text 'Expert Mentoring' to the right.</p> </div> <p>Expert Mentoring</p>

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 cashflow, 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, 136 COVID -19 Mentoring applications have been received.



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. The scheme will continue in 2021 but with a reduced financial assistance rate of 50%. Completed applications submitted in advance of 31 December 2020 deadline will be considered for the 90% support rate.

Progress: 517 TOV applications have been received by the Local Enterprise Office in 2020 with 459 applications awarded €1,109,292 funding in line with the approved budget.

Micro-Enterprise Assistance Scheme

This is a NEW Scheme launched in September 2020. The objective COVID-19 Micro-Enterprise Assistance Scheme is to provide a grant of a minimum of €500 to a maximum €1,000 in respect of vouched expenditure contribution towards the cost of reopening or keeping a business operational and re-connecting with employees and customers. The scheme closed on November 13th. 12 applications

have been received of which 7 were approved for funding.



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 €25,000 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: 23 applications have been received by the Local Enterprise Office of which 16 have been approved to date. The scheme has reopened for applications.

*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://sbci.gov.ie/>.*

Other Supports

New Stimulus Package

A new stimulus package valued at €8-10m has been announced in the Border region for LEO M1 clients who are engaged in manufacturing and internationally traded services.

A suite of new programmes will be delivered notably;

- Green for Micro,
- Retail,

- Financial Management,
- Innovation,
- Exporting.

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 a 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, 32 Feasibility, Business Start Up and Expansion grants have been approved €769,630 funding creating a projected 81 jobs over the 3-year period.*

BREXIT

With the UK exiting the EU on 1 January 2021, the Local Enterprise Office has expert advice, information and practical supports available to help local businesses manage their Brexit response through the following supports:

Scorecards and Checklists

Scorecards and checklists are available to assess how a business may

be impacted by Brexit.

Mentoring

One-to-one advice and guidance from an experienced mentor to deal with Brexit Related issues.

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Ready for Customs Grant

Ready for Customs grant will assist businesses increase its capacity to manage the customs process after 1st January 2021. Up to €9,000 is available for each new Full-Time employee engaged in Customs work.

Brexit Readiness Checker

The Brexit Readiness Checker develops a personalised report to help businesses prepare for Brexit.

Customs Training

Customs change is coming, and the workshops help businesses prepare for this change. Hundreds of local businesses have participated in the workshops in 2020 with further monthly Workshops commencing on January 13th.

BREXIT HELPLINE

The Local Enterprise Office BREXIT support line will be in place from 9am to 5.30pm from December 29th 2020 to January 3rd 2021 for direct clients on **1800 839 966**

Brexit Stimulus Package

Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation has announced an additional budget allocation of €8 -10m 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 8 online meetings since the COVID -19 restrictions have been put in place.

Training

Over 2800 people have attended a range of tailored training programmes in 2020 to date 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.

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. Two programmes were delivered in 2020.

Technical Study for Marine Development Works at Killybegs Harbour-

The Study commenced in July with the contract awarded to ByrneLooby Ltd. The draft report was received in December 2020.

AMBITION - Pre-Accelerator for Women

An exciting new programme to develop female entrepreneurship in Donegal –has commenced. AMBITION is a pre-accelerator programme run by Local Enterprise Office Donegal, in partnership with NDRC, which sources and builds digital startups to invest in and work with. The AMBITION programme was open to female founders, entrepreneurs, or those with a strong start-up idea, who have links to

	<p>Donegal. The business idea with the most potential will be awarded €10,000. 41 applications were received by the closing date and 11 Female led teams, 3 of which are Donegal Diaspora participated on the 6 week pilot programme. The Final Showcase and announcement of the €10,000 award winner was held online on 10 December 2020. Rachel Craig, EU Remote Jobs, a member of the Donegal Diaspora living in Barcelona was announced as the overall winner.</p> <p>3.0 Enterprise Promotion</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"> • Local Enterprise Week • Business Information Session • Student Enterprise Programme • Enterprise Awards <p>4.0 Economic & Other Initiatives</p> <p>The LEO is engaged in a wide range of other initiatives, including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Food Coast – Donegal’s Good Food Initiative, • The Food Coast – Mark of Origin • The Creative Coast • Enterprise Europe Network • Donegal Diaspora • EU Programmes
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3. Information Systems

Activity/Project Update

Activity / Project Title	Information Systems COVID-19 Response
Activity / Project Description	<p>The Information Systems Department has implemented a range of services and solutions 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>
Budget <i>(if applicable)</i>	
Progress to date within the last month-inclusive of current status	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continued increase in the volume of structured and un-structured IS support tasks in the period January – September 2020 over same period in 2019 due to Covid 19. 2. Dungloe PSC connected to 1GB Government Networks Infrastructure. 3. Setup of County Council WiFi networks offsite at John Bosco Centre & Aura Leisure Centre to facilitate Council & MD meetings. Introduction of extra screens at AURA Leisure centre. 4. Strategic deployment of IS Staff at PSC's & HQ to manage network infrastructure, systems and data for critical services. 5. Secure ongoing remote working solutions for key staff in a range of departments to ensure that critical work can be processed in all COVID-19 eventualities. 6. Facilitating ongoing widespread segregation of staff members in buildings under social distancing guidelines. 7. Facilitating ongoing home working arrangements across a number of Departments. 8. Continual adaption of DCC website for public COVID-19 information, including detailed covid19 mapping dashboards and show my 5km map. 9. 437 online meetings on GoToMeeting in October, with roll out of GoToMeeting functionality to 94 admin users. 10. Ongoing deployment of electronic return to Work COVID-19 forms & notices for Council staff in conjunction with HR as staff return to offices. 11. Implementing return to work protocols for staff

	<p>returning “on to Network” from Working from Home, to ensure data and systems integrity.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12. Former Army Barracks campus in Lifford added to the Wide Area Network and setup up transferred hardware completed. 13. eTenders procurement process completed for the Supply and Installation of a SD-WAN Solution for Donegal County Council HQ and 25 x county Wide Remote Sites. 14. 1st Draft of Donegal County Council – Migration to O365 Project Statement of Work received and currently being reviewed 15. Implementation of remote Interviewing platform, testing and training for HR upcoming interview competitions. <p style="text-align: center;">Systems Programme</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 16. Support of COVID19 Restart Grant online system and backend electronic support system. 2,589 applications via website to date. 17. Ongoing development and support of major online and backend support systems to facilitate management of the Defective Block Scheme which opened on 29th June. 18. Ongoing upgrade of Dynmaics CRM for a number of solutions to facilitate in house development of mobile applications. 19. New car parking management system installed for management of parking function. E-Parking system app launched on 22nd June for on-street payment of parking charges. 7,327 registered users since June on eParking App. 19,999 parking requests made.
<p>Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i></p>	<p>Daragh McDonough – Broadband Officer dmcdonough@donegalcoco.ie 074 9172450</p>

Activity/Project Update

Activity / Project Title	WiFi4EU
Activity / Project Description	<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 & 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>
Budget <i>(if applicable)</i>	€150,000
Progress to date within the last month-inclusive of current status	<p>Broadband lines have been ordered and checked for minimum 30mbps threshold. Where fibre connections are available, they are being ordered. KN have started installations.</p> <p>Routers have been posted to locations.</p>
Project Targets for the next monthly reporting period	Installation of WiFi devices in Donegal MD planned to commence December with other ready locations in other MDs to follow.
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	<p>Daragh McDonough – Broadband Officer dmcdonough@donegalcoco.ie 074 9172450</p>

Activity / Project Title	NBP – National Broadband Plan
Activity / Project Description	<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.</p> <p>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 the main fibre rollouts commencing in 2021.</p>
Budget <i>(if applicable)</i>	
Progress to date within the last month-inclusive of current status	<p>WiFi hardware installations have taken place at Leghowney Community Hall, Meenreagh hostel & Cranford Community Centre.</p> <p>NBI Surveying of Network continuing</p> <p>Pole installation at Malin Head and Sliabh Liag with Wireless backhaul connections installed on 27th/29th November.</p> <p>Contractor appointed to install cabinets at Malinbeg Old School and Malin Head public convenience building</p> <p>Meeting with NBI and Elected Members</p>
Project Targets for the next monthly reporting period	<p>Wifi services to be installed at Sliabh Liag and Malin Head</p> <p>Backhaul connectivity at MalinBeg to be secured.</p>
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4. Division: Emergency Services - Fire Service

Activity	Number of: (November)*	Total for year
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	50	722
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades) **::	50	802
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	8	84
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	20	159
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	11	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from Applicant / Agent:	38	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	9	132
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	2	11
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	0	2
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	0	14
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	9	133
Fire Safety Complaints received:	0	16

Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	0	16
During Performance Inspections carried out:	0	0
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	0	0

* Current data only available up to end of November 2020. ** Provisional Figures.

5. For Information: North-West Enterprise Plan Newsletter

FINAL UPDATE: NORTHWEST Regional Enterprise Plan 2020

Lough Gill brewery
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Regional Collaboration to add value



INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this newsletter is to update you on the outcomes of the current Regional Enterprise Plan which is concluding in 2020.

The consultation process for the next Regional Enterprise Plan will commence in Q1 2021 and involve all key regional stakeholders.

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Chairperson update



Philip Martin
CORA Systems

Since the creation of the Regional Plan, we have had thousands of jobs created in the region, significant enterprise highlights (page 2) and have benefited greatly from Regional and Border funding (page 7). For the next iteration of the plan, COVID-19 has brought an equal challenge of capitalising on a unique opportunity to promote the Northwest in a post COVID world whilst also supporting our businesses through this unprecedented environment.

NORTHWEST 2019/2020 Enterprise Highlights

1 REMOTE WORKING TREND

2020 has focused workers on quality of life, affordability and the potential of remote working. As a region we are well positioned to capitalize on these trends post COVID through the support of our regional agencies.

2 INFRASTRUCTURE

The region is becoming better connected with the forecast completion date of the N4 road upgrade Q4 2021. The National Broadband Rollout Plan is underway with Sligo being surveyed first in the region. The process of applying for a technological university for the Connacht Ulster Alliance (CUA) of GMT, LYIT and IT Sligo is underway.

3 ECONOMIC CLUSTERS

The regions clusters are developing – Killibegs Marine cluster and Border Regions Manufacturing Cluster initiative has been funded through the Regional Clustering Fund; the Cyber Ireland NW Chapter was launched Nov 2020. Tech Northwest, ICT/Fintech Group and the Atlantic MedTech Cluster are gaining momentum.

4 JOBS CREATION

In 2019/2020 IDA, Enterprise Ireland and LEO clients announced 1000+ new jobs in the region. Over the life of the plan, the regions employment is up ~5%

5 FUNDING AWARDED

The NW has been successfully awarded €14,3million in funding through the REDF and BEDF funds (Refer to page 7 for funding award). In recent weeks, jobs resulting from these funding rounds have been announced.

Strategic objective 4

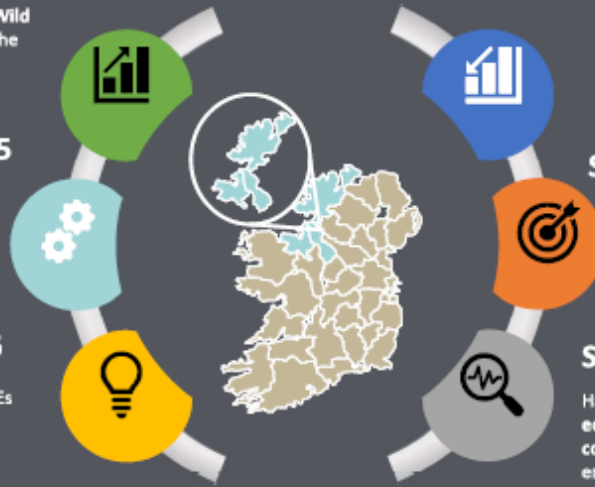
Maximise the potential of the Wild Atlantic Way and tourism for the region

Strategic objective 5

Develop a regional network of landing spaces to support coworking

Strategic objective 6

Support the digitalisation of SMEs in the North-West



Strategic objective 1

Identify and enhance the visibility of skills available to employers and potential investors in the North-West

Strategic objective 2

Achieve a step-change in the level of entrepreneurship in the North-West

Strategic objective 3

Harness the potential of the blue economy and the North-West coastline as a source of new employment generation

The Regional Skills Forum

has established itself as a single point of contact in the region to help employers connect with a range of training or education supports. In the absence of face-to-face contact due to COVID-19, the RSF has facilitated online engagement including an innovative employment engagement form available on the Regional Skills Forum website. EXPLORE (a program to address basic digital skills gaps) will be delivered in 2021 and will continue to address the need for enhanced digital skills amongst at risk sectors. Subject to a successful pilot, it is hoped that DigiECO will be rolled out in the North West region in 2021. IT Sligo offered 20 courses in the areas of STEM funded by HEA under the Springboard+ 2020 programme. They experienced a 40% increase in the number of Springboard places. LYIT were initially allocated 308 free places on Springboard+ courses, They also received additional funding for 10 postgraduate programmes and 13 modular upskilling programmes as part of the Government July Stimulus Provision,

Strategic Objective 1

SKILLS



The Talent Tool The WDC will be launching an online platform called the "Talent Tool"

in early 2021. – an online employer/employee jobs portal. Additionally, there will be a facility for partners e.g. IDA, EI, local authorities to access high level data. Ultimately the portal, whilst primarily providing a service to skilled people who wish to get a job in the West of Ireland, will also demonstrate skills and available talent in the region. This data will be useful for attracting new investment into the region.

Regional Entrepreneurial Barriers Study

The Northwest region (through the **Donegal, Sligo and Leitrim LEO offices**) has commissioned a research project entitled "research and recommended new approach/s to address the challenges and barriers facing entrepreneurship promotion and new business start-up formation in the North West region of Donegal, Leitrim and Sligo." The research project has been commissioned and is targeted for completion Q4 2021. Specific actions from the project will be considered and actioned upon once completed. If relevant they may form part of the next Enterprise Plan.



Harnessing the industry and tourism potential of the Blue Economy and NW coastline

Funding award from the EI Regional Technology Cluster Fund 2019 to **Donegal County Council** and **Letterkenny IT** for the development of a cluster network in Killybegs enabled the process of a formal cluster creation and the ongoing recruitment for a cluster manager, appointed in Q1 2020. A consultant has been appointed to complete a Technical Study for Marine Development Works at Killybegs Harbour. The assignment is due for completion in December 2020.

Strategic Objective 2

ENTREPRENEURSHIP



SLIGO
COUNTY COUNCIL
COMHAIRLE CHONTAE SHLIGIGH



COMHAIRLE CHONTAE
Dhún na nGall
DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL



Comhairle Chontae Liatroma
Leitrim County Council

Strategic Objective 3

BLUE ECONOMY &
NW COASTLINE

Fáilte Ireland's top priority is supporting Ireland's tourism and hospitality businesses to survive, re-open and recover from the catastrophic impact of the COVID-19 crisis. They have created an extensive range of business supports including their online central support hub. Extensive domestic marketing campaign will be a key programme of work for 2021 to encourage staycations.

Recently Fáilte Ireland has finalised the 10 year Shannon Tourism Masterplan which sets out a framework for the sustainable development of tourism along the Shannon (including Leitrim). It is a single, unitary tourism plan prepared for the Shannon-Erne Waterway, Fáilte Ireland's major new capital investment programme worth €150 million is called *Platforms for Growth (2019-2022)*. Work has commenced on Visitor Experience Development Plans for Sligo & Inishowen, Co. Donegal with completion 2021. In conjunction with the new Program Manager, the x3 counties have proposed to work together in 2021 to collaboratively work on tourism in the region.



Strategic Objective 4

**WILD ATLANTIC WAY
& TOURISM**



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The AEC Enterprise

Hubs

Network

The **WDC**, in its role as coordinator for the AEC Hubs Network Project has published a thorough map of all available hubs in the region.

This was achieved in collaboration with **UnaG, IDA, EI, NACEC (national assoc community enterprise centres), hub owners managers, LEO's and the Local Authorities**.

The AEC is currently developing a consumer facing IT Portal which will capture information and services for all hubs. It will include a booking system for hubs e.g. booking a meeting room, desk. There will also be a community building element of the platform which will allow for collaboration and networking engagement across the hub community e.g. a LinkedIn for hubs. There will be a 2021 marketing plan to roll out the online facilities.

Strategic Objective 5

**REGIONAL LANDING
SPACES**

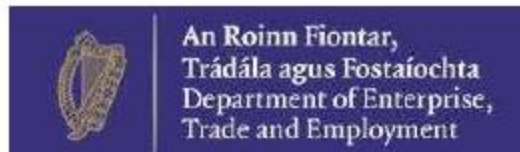
Strategic Objective 6

DIGITALISATION OF SME'S



This Action was carried out as part of the Interreg Europe DEVISE project chaired by **NWRA**. A collaborative group of NW agencies, **LEOs, Enterprise Ireland, Udaras na Gaeltachta, LYIT, IT Sligo, RSF and ERNACT** undertook a survey to assess the main challenges and benefits manufacturing/ICT/Digital found when adopting and implementing digital technology solutions. European lessons learned from regions e.g., San Sebastián were studied and shared.

The working group aims to tackle the challenges highlighted in the survey in 2021 and forecast further actions to be included in the 2021 Enterprise Plan such as through funding and mentoring



Institiúid Teicneolaíochta Leitir Ceanainn
Letterkenny Institute of Technology



Rialtas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland



NW - Border Enterprise Development Fund

Donegal CoCo - purpose built, high tech workspace facility in Enterprise Quarter in Letterkenny.	€3.6M
ERNACT - new service that enables innovation hubs to manage the delivery of customised technology transfer solutions to their client SMEs from universities, IT's and private sector companies.	€0.3M
Manorhamilton Innovation and R&D Centre (Quarry and Construction industry 4.0) -focus on educating companies in the area of Robotic manufacturing which will help cut costs, efficiencies, and profitability.	€2.9M
Digital Futures Manufacturing Centre - promote knowledge & implementation of cutting-edge innovation to stimulate collaboration across the NW region.	€1.9M
	TOTAL €8.8M



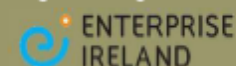
NW - Regional Enterprise Development Fund

Donegal Digital Innovation CLG - A new Inishowen Digital Innovation Hub and a 3-year enterprise capacity building programme	€1.1M
Leitrim Co Enterprise Fund - Development of a network of three Digital and Innovation Hubs in Counties Leitrim, Cavan and Longford.	€1.2M
Leitrim Food Enterprise Zone - create a food grade infrastructure and support hotspot in Drumshanbo to drive clustering and growth of food companies in counties Leitrim, Sligo, Cavan and Donegal	€0.9M
Sligo County Enterprise CLG - Campus for Digital Gaming and Associated Tech	€1.9M
Leitrim Design House CLG - Development of a creative cluster	0.3M
	TOTAL €5.6M

The €15m Border Enterprise Development Fund 2020 administered by **Enterprise Ireland** aimed to improve the international competitiveness of enterprise in the Border Region in the context of Brexit and other market challenges.

It is anticipated that Enterprise Ireland will have a new call for REDF projects in early to mid 2021. Now is the time to start getting project ideas in shape, please reach out to Anne McTernan- Program Manager for assistance and to build collaborative applications.

The Regional Enterprise Development Fund administered by **Enterprise Ireland** (REDF) was launched in May 2017 with the overarching aim of driving enterprise development and job creation in each region throughout Ireland.



NW - Regional Technology Clustering Fund

Sligo IT - A Border Regions Manufacturing Cluster initiative will increase the engagement and connectivity of the three border IoTs – Sligo, Dundalk and Letterkenny. Aiming to help to strengthen productivity, competitiveness and internationalisation in this exposed manufacturing sector, which is facing the urgent issues of Brexit, internationalisation, automation/industry 4.0 and digitalisation, new technologies and the low carbon economy.

€0.2M

Letterkenny IT - Killybegs Marine Cluster will help boost productivity, increase market share, enhance innovation, and harness the opportunities that the bountiful renewable energy resource off the North West coast presents.

€0.2M

TOTAL €0.5M

The Regional Technology Clustering Fund is to support ambition to build sectoral clusters of Small Medium Enterprises (SMEs) at a regional level. This ambition will be delivered through initiatives supporting the development of business-led clustering of competitive advantage.



Kinnegor Bay, Donegal
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NW - Funding under LEO Competitive Fund

Donegal - The overall objective of the Food Coast project is to increase the number, ambition of added value food producers in Donegal

€0.2M

Leitrim - a Mobile Fabrication Laboratory for SMEs, enterprise hubs and schools to access digital technologies and design methodologies to increase innovation, develop products and increase skills.

€0.14M

TOTAL €0.37M

The LEO Competitive Fund is to encourage LEO projects aligned with the pillars of Future Jobs Strategy and the Regional-Enterprise-Plans. It supports LEOs to collaborate within the network and enterprise eco-system.



Municipal District of Glenties

12 January 2021

Community Development Division

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 YOURS Project
 - 1.4 Donegal Walks & Trails



**CO. DONEGAL
PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION
NETWORK**

Do Chontae - Do Ghuth
Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Pobail Dhúin na nGall

2020

*PPN Representative Training
Letterkenny Public Services Centre January 2020*



*PPN & Garda Síochána at Property Marking Training
Letterkenny Public Services Centre
February 2020*



Marking taking place in Milford Mart February 2020



*Disability Equality Workshop in Letterkenny Public Services Centre
February 2020*





Donegal PPN Community Wellbeing Workshop in Donegal Municipal District February 2020





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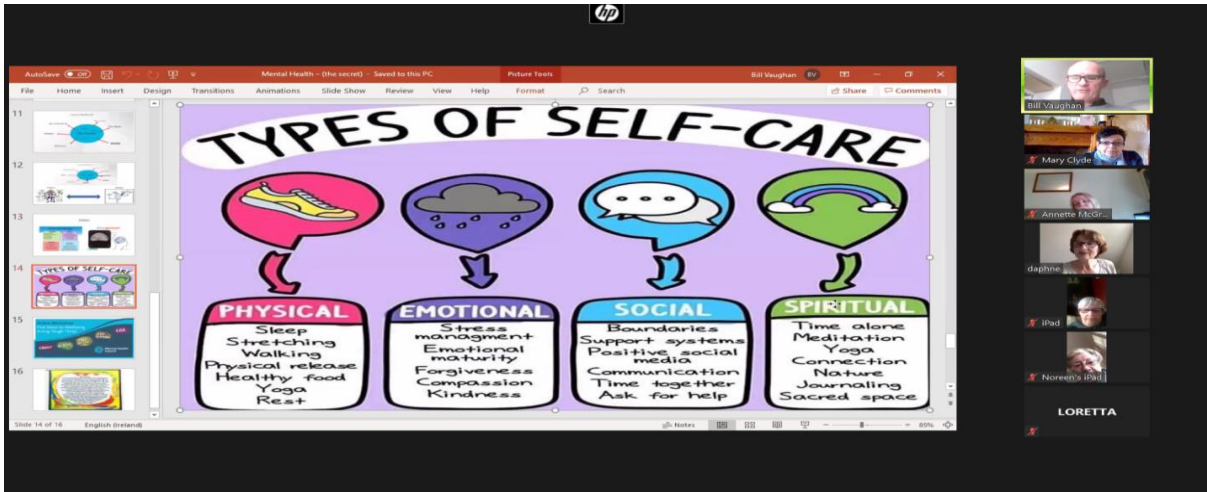


Donegal PPN Community Wellbeing Workshop in Donegal Municipal District February 2020

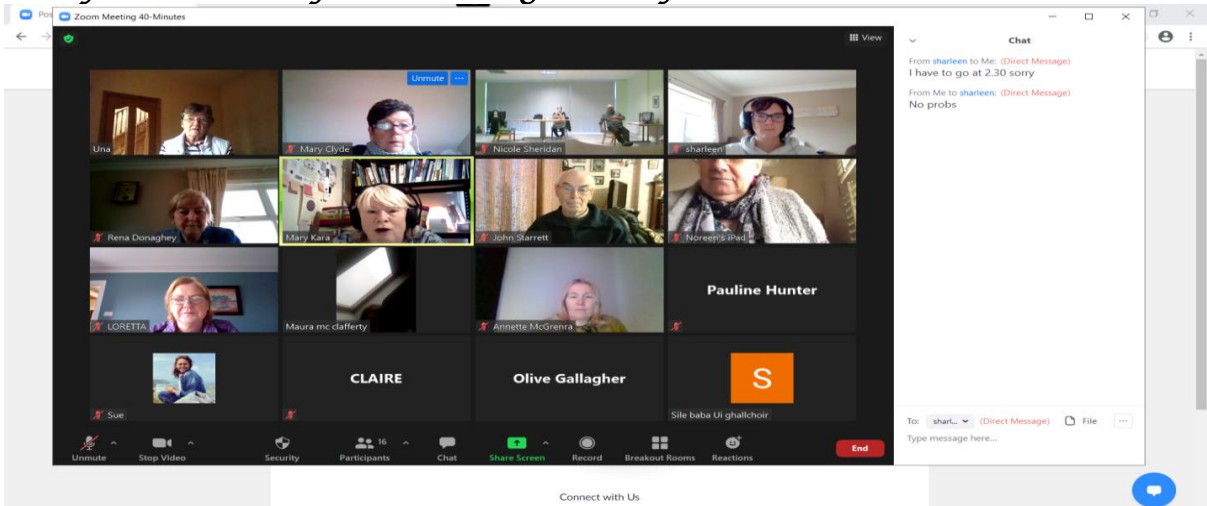


*Donegal PPN Zoom Lockdown Tuesday & Thursday Wellbeing Programme November/December 2020
Minding your Mental Health - Bill Vaughan, Mental Health Ireland*

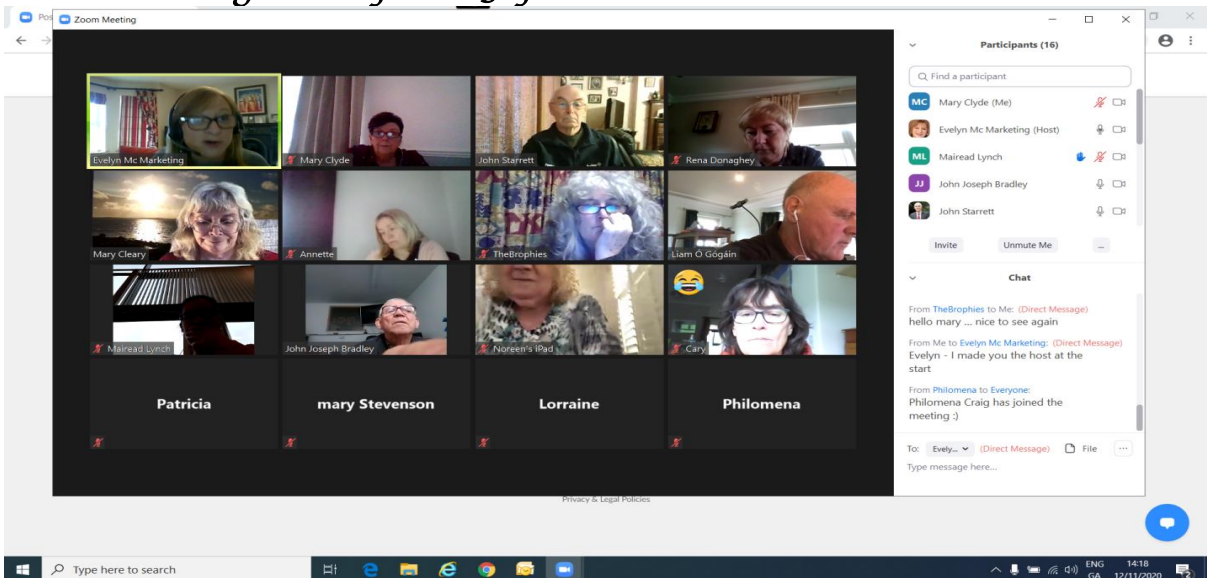
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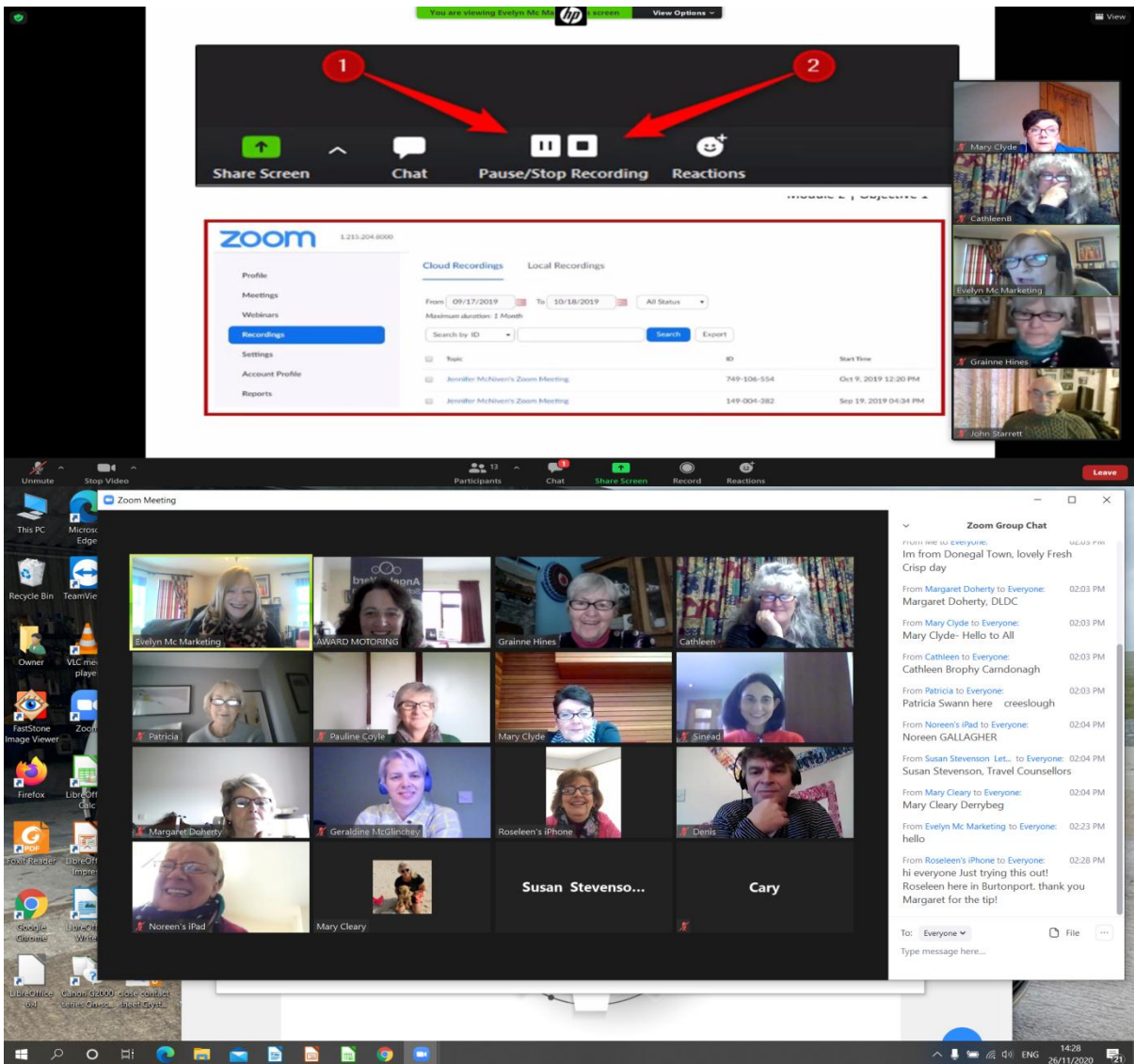


Mindfulness - Mary Kara, Donegal Mindfulness



Zoom Training - Evelyn McGlynn





Simple Balanced Nutrition- Sinead Boyce



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Healthier Together



Community Garda Slot- Garda Simon Morrison

Remaining Meeting Time: 05:30 | Upgrade to Pro

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Online Scam & Fraud Awareness

Garda Simon Morrison, Community Policing, Letterkenny



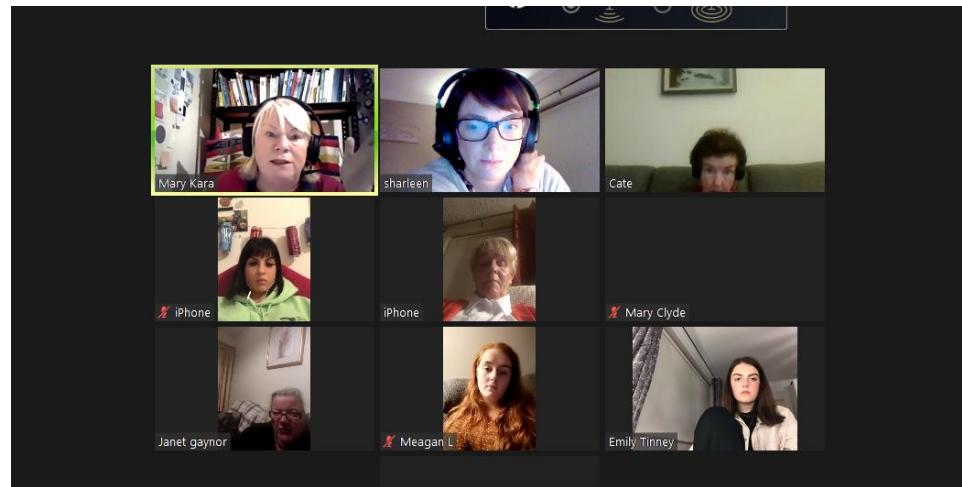
- In the period from 1st January 2020 until 31st October 2020, 489 Online Shopping Frauds have been reported to An Garda Síochána. The average loss was €2,306 per incident representing an overall loss to Irish citizens of €1,127,972.
- The business community are frequently targeted by fraudsters using stolen or compromised credit cards, bank accounts or payments, in what is called Card Not Present Fraud. Businesses who are victims of this fraud will suffer losses under the 'charge back' process.



Activity / Project Title	Rural Development Programme/LEADER
Activity / Project Description	Donegal Local Community and Development Committee are the Local Action Group for County Donegal, with responsibility for the LEADER/Rural Development Programme 2014-2020
Budget	€12,913,873 <i>Note: Project costs €9,685,406, administration and animation costs €3,228,467</i>
Progress to date within the last two months-inclusive of current status	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). 217 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 €9,336m. Donegal has the highest approved project spend nationally for the LEADER programme to date.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	The next LCDC/LAG meeting will be held on 16 th December 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.
Contact Person	Seamus Canning 074 9172597 seamusc@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	YOURS Project – Youth & Old, Understanding, Remembering & Sharing. New – Donegal Digital Media Project
Project Description/Activity	Intergenerational Project - PEACE IV Digital Media Project – PEACE IV
Budget	€150,000 €83,684.08
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status	<p>Shared Past Local History – Online ‘Back to the Future’ Classes started Tuesday 3rd November, facilitated by Carol O’Callaghan, author and artist. A local history project to capture the historical narrative of the social development of the county over the past half century, which allows for the engagement of both young and older people in gaining an understanding of the past, which will assist in shaping the future. There has been a huge interest in this theme, schools and older people taking part. End result will be the formation of 20 stories gathered from participants based on local Heritage from the County of Donegal and be published in booklet form as a resource for schools and other community groups.</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>  <p>Online Mindfulness Classes – Classes took place during the month of October via Zoom facilitated by Mary Kara, Donegal Mindfulness. Topics such as self compassion, gratitude and self care and mindful walking</p>

were highlighted. Participants found the classes most rewarding and beneficial to their mental health especially during the current times. Participants received a Gratitude Journal on completion.



Wellbeing & Physical Activity – ‘Generations United’ – Social Soccer – facilitated by Donegal Sports Partnership. 8 week programme planned covering, health and well being, history, nutrition and physical activity. Engagement with minority groups within the respective areas. Suitable for all fitness levels, targeting retired footballs (or those with an interest in the sport) and the youth. Theme has been postponed owing to public health guidance. Discussions ongoing with the Sports Partnership on an alternative way to deliver this activity.

Bridging the Generation Gap - Male Active Programme under 18’s and over 55’s – ‘Pass it on’ – (facilitated by IDP) Participants came together weekly to learn and share skills such as cooking and technology. Participants enjoyed two days of fun activities in Fablab in Derry where they did some 3D printing and design. Workshops on internet safety, health and wellbeing were also held. Males of all ages found a sense of belonging in the group. Those that do not have grandparents/grandchildren available to them found this most rewarding.

This theme is continuing with the assistance of the Donegal Sports Partnership and Inishowen Development Partnership.



Personal Skills – Skills Transfer – Craft Classes held weekly in the Finn Valley College, Stranorlar. Students and the older generations came together and shared knowledge and experiences. The group completed decoupage, embroidery, rag-wreath making and baking scones and brownies. Family stories were shared and kept alive during the classes. This was a very fun class and a great chance to get to know the backgrounds of all age groups and their general thoughts and views on the future ahead, whilst reminiscing on the past.



Arts & Cultural – Intergenerational Dancing – complete in 2019.

Addressing Stereotypes – ‘Walk and Ponder’ – complete in 2019.

Video – Pupils from a local school produced a short video for the YOURS Project, sending positive messages to older people, in particular grandparents on staying safe and well. Posted on YOURS FB page and Donegal County Council FB page.

Link to videos hereunder

<https://www.facebook.com/YOURSintergenerational/videos/698296027738682/?t=3>

<https://www.facebook.com/YOURSintergenerational/videos/675878566686858/?t=1>

Activity Packs for the Elderly

As a way to reconnect with participants at Easter and during Covid 19, the YOURS Project activity packs (for young and old) were created and sent to participants. The pack contained an activity booklet with word games, quotations, jokes and colouring pages, also some simple recipes and an Easter chocolate treat.

The YOURS Project further assisted with the preparation and distribution of packs for the elderly during the summer and in December in partnership with the Age Friendly Alliance, Sport's Partnerships, HSE and Public Participation Networks across Donegal and a wide variety of community resource groups which brought packs to over 7,000 people cocooning all over Donegal.

The packs have been a real treat for people in isolation. Not only are they a surprise gift but they contain materials that can keep them occupied for hours. The packs also contained physical activity guide, bird seed, porridge oats, soup, advent calendar with motivational quotes, word searches, information and much more!





NEW - Digital Media Project - 'A Bridge Beyond' - This Project is separate to the YOURS Project and is a Programme of engagement for young people in the county in the use of digital media and music to facilitate the exploration of their multiple identities as young Donegal people and to build new friendships. Five schools in the county are taking part in the Digital Media Project.

A Bridge Beyond
 Creative **DIGITAL MEDIA PROJECT** for TY students
 Facilitated by Wall2Wall Music
 Wall2Wall music

Collaborate with your classmates by creating recorded music and video!

Working digitally with professional musicians, songwriters, producers and poets you will learn skills that will help you create and record your own music, lyrics and videos in the classroom, using tablets and smartphones

Collaborate with TY students from other schools as you all explore the theme of 'Global Citizenship'

Starting in January 2021, sign up now: contact your TY coordinator as soon as possible!

The Project will be delivered by Donegal County Council through its Social Inclusion Unit in partnership with relevant community and voluntary sector partners. For further information/queries please contact Sharileen Tinney, Project Co-ordinator, Community & Planning, Donegal County Council, Lifford. Tel: 087 0574901 / Email: sharileen.tinney@donegalcoco.ie This project is supported by the EU's Peace IV Programme, managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB)

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All activities on the YOURS project can be seen on the FB page @YOURSintergenerational. Communication with past and present participants ongoing via phone, social media etc..

Activity / Project Title	YOURS Project – Youth & Old, Understanding, Remembering & Sharing.
Project Description/Activity	Intergenerational Project - PEACE IV
Budget	€150,000
<p>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>Completion of the Arts and Cultural Activity – Intergenerational Dance Group – Rehearsals/classes were held over a 26 hr period in the County Library, outing on Donegal Waterbus held in August, with a finale performance for family and friends held on 28th September. Huge benefits gained by the young and old, learning from each other and having fun at the same time. Lots of friendships and memories made.</p>   <p>Completion of Addressing Stereotypes Activity – ‘Walk & Ponder’ groups were set up in the Raphoe and Ballyshannon areas. Young and old came together and walked (facilitated by</p>

the Sports Partnership) followed by a discussion over a cuppa. Various guest speakers were in attendance on some of the nights; Jigsaw, RSA, Mental Health – Bill Vaughan, HSE Nutritionist. Healthy Cooking demonstration held week 14th October. Finale event held in Lough Eske on 5th December. Ballyshannon group going to continue with 'Walk & Ponder' in the area owing to the success and interest. This will be facilitated in the short term by Donegal SP.



Wellbeing & Physical Activity – Facilitator procured to develop and facilitate a 'Male' Active Programme in the South Inishowen area. Participants being sought at present.

"Pass it On" Starting In The New Year



An Intergeneration Male Programme (South Inishowen Areas)
Donegal Co. Council Peace IV Programme in association with IDP

Do you have time on your hands & wish to socialise & have fun, learn new crafts & get fit & healthy, or pass on your skills/ideas while supporting the younger generation (grandchild, son, nephew, neighbour) to do the same.

The 'Pass it On' programme is fully funded, there is no criteria to join, but you must be available to complete the 26 hrs over a period of 11 sessions.



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The 'Pass it On' programme will target **males age 55+ & under 18yrs** in the South Inishowen areas of **Burt, Bridgend, Burnfoot, Inch, Fahan & Newtowncunningham**. The activities will innovatively combine intergenerational, cross-community & will engage the participants in a series of physical & Well-being programmes, which will include, **sport, cookery, crafts, well-being talks & internet safety**.

If interested, register a place or would like to find out more please contact:

Mary McCallion

Email - mmccallion@inishowen.ie

Telephone - 074 93 62218



Wellbeing & Physical Activity – ‘Generations United’ – work commenced on the establishment of a social football activity for retired footballers and youth starting early 2020. Quotations being sought.

Personal Skills – Skills Transfer – quotations sought for a Facilitator to provide a programme of intergenerational activity focusing on Personal Skills – Past and Present in the Finn Valley area.

Shared Past Local History – It is proposed to link in with the Central Library and County Museum on this particular theme.

Contact Person
(to include telephone number & e-mail address)

Sharleen Tinney
Project Co-ordinator
Sharleen.tinney@donegalcoco.ie / 0870574901

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Donegal Local Community Development
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European Regional Development Fund

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Walks and Trails
File:	
Project Description/Activity	Maintenance, Development and Promotion of Walks & trails in Donegal including Cycle Routes and Greenways.
Budget <i>(if applicable)</i>	
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p>(ORIS) 2020 Bealach naGaeltachta Trail being one of the submissions. We are now awaiting to hear if any of the projects submitted have been successful.</p> <p>Report from Sport Ireland Audit on Sli Cholm cille and the Cholmcille loops has been issued and requires some input to marking the routes. And few items that need attention ASAP ref to stream crossings. Put tender package together for some upgrade work on Sli Cholm Cille to be sent out before end of january. Works to date had been advancing well at Muckish railway walk, but due to the current restrictions all construction works were put on hold. Glenties works have began before christmas hols and of last week due to covid we have advised the contractor to put work on hold.</p>
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed to meet local landowner ref issues mentioned on Sli na Rossan. (Need to arrange date after covid restrictions have been lifted) no change. • Glenties Alter trail works on hold due to covid restrictions.
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Darryl Connor (Outdoor Recreational Development Officer) 0873613811 dconnor@donegalcoco.ie



Glenties MD Meeting
12th January 2021

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4	Regeneration Report	No Report								
5	Central Planning Unit	No further update since previous report's								
6	Further Information <i>Click on web links to access information.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly List of applications and decisions: http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weeklyplanninglists/ • Planning service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service): planning@donegalcoco.ie • Planning Webpage: www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/ • Planning Application Online Query – planning reference number required: www.donegalcdb.ie/eplan/internetenquiry/rpt_querybysurforrecloc.asp • File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and when requesting planning searches: www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/file Retrieval/File%20Retrieval.pdf 								

**GLENTIES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
MEETING
12th January 2021**

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. Brief NRDO Update.**
- 3. Workshop dated 19th January 2021**