



Municipal District of Glenties

Office of Meetings
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P.S.C
Dungloe
6th October 21

NOTICE OF MEETING

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GLENTIES

Dear Councillor

The Municipal District of Glenties Meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th October, 2021 at **12.00 pm online.**

The agenda for the meeting is attached.

A link to join the meeting will issue separately.

Yours sincerely

Michael Rowsome
Meetings Administrator



Ceantar Bardais Na Gleanntaí

Oifig Riarthóir na
gCruinnithe
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Clochán Liath
6ú Deireadh Fómhair 2021

FOGRA CRUINNITHE

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS NA GLEANNTAÍ

A Chara

Beidh Cruinniú **ar líne** ag Ceantar Bardais Na Gleanntaí ar an 12ú Deireadh Fómhair 2021, ag 12.00 i.n.

Tá an clár don chruinniú ceangailte leis seo.

Seolfar nasc chun páirt a ghlacadh sa chruinniú i roimhphost eile.

Mise, le meas

Micheál Rowsome
Riarthóir Cruinnithe

AGENDA

1. Consideration of the Minutes of Glenties Municipal District Committee Meeting held on 14th September 2021. 12.00 pm
2. Report from Workshop. 12.05
3. Questions & Motions. 12.10
4. Community Development. 12.35
5. Planning Service. 13.00
6. Economic Development, I.S & Emergency Services. 13.25
7. Environment. 13.50
8. Housing & Corporate Services. 14.15
9. Roads & Transportation. 14.40

MINUTES OF MEETING OF GLENTIES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

HELD REMOTELY ON 14th September 2021

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

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Michael McGarvey, A/Director Water & Environment
Eamonn Brown - Area Manager, Housing & Corporate
Brendan McFadden - SEE, Area Manager, Roads
Sinéad McClafferty - Area Planner
Ann Marie McCole - Community Development Staff Officer
Edward Gallagher - Assistant Fire Officer
David Friel - Coastal Officer

APOLOGIES: Michael Rowsome, S.S.O. Housing/Corporate

GMD 114/21 **Cllr McGuinness Bereavement**

Cllr Gallagher proposed a 5 minute recess as a mark of respect to the family of Bernard McGuinness following his recent bereavement.

GMD 115/21 **Confirmation of Minutes of Glenties Municipal District Committee meeting.**

On the proposal of Cllr. Mc Garvey seconded by Clr. Ó Fearraigh, the minutes of the Glenties Municipal District meeting held on the 13th of July 2021 were confirmed.

GMD 116/21

Workshop.

Members noted the report from the Workshop held on the 13th of July 2021.

GMD 117/21

ENVIRONMENT

117.1

Waste & Litter Management

The Committee discussed the reports from the Waste Awareness Officer regarding:

- (i) 2021 Gum Litter Taskforce Campaign.
- (ii) Sand dunes preservation.
- (iii) "Bin it or Bring it home" anti litter campaign.
- (iv) Summer staycation campaign.
- (v) My Waste Upcycle challenge.
- (vi) EPA Stop Food Waste.
- (vii) Summer Greenpiece.
- (viii) IFFPG Form Plastic Bring Centres.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested the Council to urgently address illegal dumping of nappies in the Gaoth Dobhair area.

117.2

Dog fouling

Cllr. McClafferty highlighted the increasing incidents of dog fouling in Falcarragh and Creeslough areas and expressed anxiety regarding the health implications for children and vulnerable adults. The Coastal Officer informed Members that disposal bags are available for free in the PSC and that offenders are liable to penalties.

117.3

Invasive Species

Members welcomed the report circulated with the Agenda and presented by the Coastal Officer regarding

the successful application to the National Biodiversity Action Plan / Invasive Alien Species funding for €17000 to address issues at coastal dunes. Cllr. McClafferty discussed the limitations of the Council Knotweed treatment programme and the inability to spray plants off the public roadway. Cllr. Gallagher referred to the success of a pilot programme in the Dungloe area and the Coastal Officer undertook to liaise with Eadaoin Healy in the County Laboratory to obtain a report on the project in advance of the next Municipal District meeting.

Cllr. McClafferty and Cllr. Gallagher recommended an ongoing evaluation programme led by the Council and involving all stakeholders to tackle the destructive nature of invasive alien plants. The Director undertook to obtain a report on the pilot project and to bring this issue to the Environment SPC.

117.4

Coastal Issues

The Committee noted the reports on:

- (i) Coastal issues and the positive contribution of the voluntary sector to maintenance of the Coastline.
- (ii) Blue Flag / Green Coast Inspections.
- (iii) Minor Works funding.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested the lining of Carrickfinn parking area as a priority.

117.5

Inishboffin Public Convenience

The Committee welcomed the report circulated previously and presented by the Coastal Officer regarding the completion of this facility.

Cllr. Ó Fearraigh requested provision of a similar facility on Gola Island.

117.6

Glenties Flood Relief Scheme

Members noted the progress report circulated with the Agenda in relation to this Scheme.

117.7

Irish Water

The Committee discussed the report circulated with the Agenda regarding Irish Water.

The Committee expressed their concerns at an increasing number of issues pertaining to Irish Water throughout the Municipal District as follows:

- Odour in Ardara and Pole Road, Dungloe.
- Pollution in Dungloe Bay and Annagry
- Decaying pipe network in Dungloe.
- New connection application process.
- Extortionate connection costs.
- No communication and engagement from Irish Water with public representatives.
- Amnesty to encourage further connections to treatment infrastructure.

Cllr. McClafferty requested clarification from Irish Water on the breakdown of costs for a water connection. The Director also undertook to liaise with Irish Water regarding odour issues along the Pole Road and undertook to raise Irish Water issues at SPC Level.

117.8

Dungloe Bay

On the proposal of Cllr. Gallagher, seconded by Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig, the Committee requested a meeting involving the Environment Service, Community Development and local community groups regarding both a clean up and development of Dungloe Bay.

117.9

Changing Places Model

The Director acknowledged Members recommendations regarding the necessity to roll out this model and to include same within design of the Burtonport regeneration project.

117.10

Oyster farming

The Director advised that the Council Executive Scientist will contact Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig to obtain contact details for oyster fishermen in the Carrickfinn Bay area.

117.11

Magheroarty and Arranmore Masterplan

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig expressed frustration that his repeated calls for a meeting of An Roinn, Údarás, Senior Management of the Council and local stakeholders to develop a masterplan for Arranmore and Magheroarty Pier areas has not progressed, notwithstanding increasing congestion in both locations.

The Director agreed to submit a draft of a letter in this regard to the Cathaoirleach prior to issuing same to relevant contacts.

117.12

Group Water Schemes

Cllr. Molloy expressed concern at the length of time elapsed since proposals to take over the water scheme at Maghera and also expressed frustration that people are still boiling water in Fintown and Maghera areas.

The Director gave a commitment to bring a report to the next Municipal District meeting in relation to the status of group water schemes.

Cllr. Gallagher requested the Council to liaise with a group in the Meenderryhirk/Brockagh area to advance their proposals for a local group water scheme.

GMD 118/21

PLANNING SERVICE

118.1

The Committee noted the following reports circulated with the Agenda:

- (1) Statistics to end of July 2021.
- (2) Status of enforcement cases.
- (3) Planning clinics schedule.
- (4) Regeneration report.
- (5) Central Planning Unit.

In response to a query from Cllr. Ó Fearraigh, the Area Planner confirmed that planning permission is required to erect a log cabin structure.

Cllr. Gallagher highlighted the negative effect of increased building costs on the ability of applicants to proceed with their development plans and requested a report on the number of commencement notices submitted on foot of permissions granted within a defined period, to determine the impact of price inflation.

118.2

N56 Access

Cllr. McClafferty and Cllr. Ó Fearraigh outlined the ongoing need for a resolution to this issue to avoid any further depopulation of rural areas.

In response to a query from Cllr. McGarvey regarding the status of traffic counts to be conducted on the N56 as discussed by the Planning working group, the Area Planner agreed to liaise with Damian McDermott in this regard.

118.3

Review of County Development Plan

Cllr. Gallagher stressed the importance of expediting this review before the year-end in light of the increasing number of issues requiring urgent resolution.

118.4

Rural Housing Policy

In response to a query from Cllr. Gallagher, the Area Planner undertook to seek a report from the CPU regarding any proposed Departmental policy amendments.

GMD 119/21

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

119.1

Economic Development

Members discussed the report presented by the Assistant Fire Officer in relation to economic development opportunities, job creation supports and strategic investment focusing on the following areas:

- #LoveDonegal day campaign reaching in excess of 16 million social media users across the globe.
- Donegal Remote Working strategy for business.
- Caravan and camping study.

Cllr. McGarvey and Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested a copy of the KPMG future analytics report. Cllr. McGarvey expressed disappointment that findings of the report have not been implemented.

Cllr. Ó Fearraigh requested that a letter issue to the Minister recommending the restoration of the

Donegal/Glasgow service as a priority. Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested that a letter issue requesting the restoration of student air fares.

Cllr. Gallagher supported Cllr. Ó Fearraigh's request to write to the Minister in light of the strong business and social links between both regions.

119.2

Tourism Marketing Unit

The Committee noted the report circulated previously and presented by the Assistant Fire Officer in relation to activity ongoing in this unit:

- Outdoor dining
- Irish legends golfing event
- National and International marketing initiatives.

119.3

Local Enterprise Office

Members discussed the report circulated with the Agenda and presented by the Assistant Fire Officer regarding supports available for planning, starting or growing a small business in Donegal. Members were updated in relation to the following initiatives:

- Covid, Brexit and financial support.
- Programme to support ambitious female founders to develop scalable businesses in Donegal.
- LEO and LYIT collaboration to present a Higher Diploma in food product Innovation and Enterprise.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig expressed frustration that a report remains outstanding regarding the specific supports available for Co-operatives and re-iterated his request for the Council to provide same as a matter of urgency. A motion in this regard was brought to Plenary Council in 2015.

119.4

Information Services

The Committee welcomed the report circulated previously in relation to the implementation of planned information systems on an ongoing basis as well as planned networking and communications infrastructure upgrades.

Members welcomed the completion of the Wifi4EU programme in the Municipal District and progress with the National Broadband Plan.

Cllr. Molloy expressed disappointment with the lack of Broadband Connections Points north of the Gweebarra, in Maas and Narin areas particularly, and the Assistant Fire Officer undertook to liaise with Dara McDonagh in Information Systems.

119.5

Emergency Services

Members discussed the report previously circulated. Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested the provision of a blue light service on Arranmore and Tory Island and expressed criticism of the inadequacy of fire-fighting equipment on Tory Island.

On the proposal of Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig, seconded by Cllr. Mc Garvey, the Committee recommended that the Council liaise with Fingal County Council regarding the deployment of a herd of goats on Howth Head as part of a conservation grazing project to reduce gorse cover to prevent wildfires.

Cllr. Gallagher referred to a recent SPC meeting at which the Civil Defence made a presentation and requested a similar brief online presentation to the Municipal District.

119.6

Greenway Project - Letterkenny to Burtonport

Cllr. Gallagher referred to the slow pace of progress with this project and requested that this project be prioritized for advancement and with further connections from Dungloe to Burtonport and Glenties to Ardara and Killybegs.

GMD 120/21

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

120.1

Community Development Reports

The Committee welcomed the reports circulated with the Agenda and presented by the Community Development Staff Officer in respect of the following:

- Status of projects throughout the Municipal District.
- Rural Development Programme/Leader.
- Public Participation Network.
- Walks and Trails.

Members were also advised of the following:

- (a) Errigal Stakeholders group meeting upcoming date.
- (b) Engineer has been requested to provide an alternative date for a site meeting to view works on the Creeslough to Falcarragh section of the Greenway.
- (c) Community Enhancement programme update issued to Members.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested that the Municipal District meet with the Glenties group in respect of the museum. Cllr. Gallagher requested the removal of rubble from the Pond in Dungloe.

120.2

Riverwalk Dungloe

Cllr. McGarvey and Clr. Mac Giolla Easbuig commended the Tidy Towns Committee on the achievement of the 'Tír na Draíochta' initiative.

Cllr. Gallagher emphasised the positive commercial benefit to businesses from the increased visitors to the town and acknowledged the contribution of artists and funding bodies to the success of this project. Cllr. Gallagher also requested continuation of the riverwalk to the carpark and extension of the bay walk to the pond.

120.3

Mountain Bike Facility

Clr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested the Council to progress an initiative to develop a mountain bike facility in the Municipal District and referred to the suitability of land in the Errigal / Dunlewey area and recommended that the Council liaise with relevant potential stakeholders.

120.4

Poll a tSnámh

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested an update on plans to progress a development at this location in Ranafast.

120.5

Development Fund Initiative

Cllr. Gallagher requested flexibility from the Council in respect of the inability of small community groups to drawdown funding as a consequence of the negative impact of Covid 19 on their income streams.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig acknowledged the importance of DFI support for the provision of Audio Visual equipment in the Annagry area.

120.6

HSE

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested the Council to liaise with the HSE in respect of the following:

- (i) Request the transfer of the dispensary in Doochary for community use and
- (ii) Ascertain progress in respect of the utilisation of land behind the Annagry health centre.

GMD 121/21

ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION

121.1

Follow Up Issues

Members acknowledged the responses issued following the last Municipal District meeting.

121.2

N56 Meenacuing

The Roads Manager informed the Committee that a speed survey was carried out in the period from the 19th to the 27th of May and 85% of speed registered was within 89kph confirming the effectiveness of temporary traffic management at this locus.

121.3

Annagry Village Safety

The Roads Manager advised the Committee that a speed survey was carried out from the 19th to the 27th May and that the findings will be notified to the Gardaí for their attention and follow up.

121.4

Roadworks Programme 2021

Members were advised that (i) the programme is substantially complete, (ii) programme received from bitmac contractors regarding outstanding restoration

work, (iii) status of proposed Island work on Tory and Owey and (iv) status of footpath programme.

121.5

Wild Atlantic Way Route

The Committee were informed that expenditure in the sum of €3.7 million has been incurred on the Wild Atlantic Way non-national route over the last 6 years and that the Roads Service will be working closely with Members in relation to the new restoration programme which can incorporate any outstanding sections of this strategic route.

121.6

3 year Restoration Improvement Programme

Members agreed to schedule a Workshop in the PSC on 8th October 2021 at 10 a.m. and the Roads Manager requested the Committee to submit any roads for consideration on this programme prior to the Workshop.

121.7

Pollination and Biodiversity Workshop

The Committee noted the report from the Workshop on the 20th of July.

121.8

NRDO Report

Members noted the report circulated with the Agenda.

121.9

Greenway (Burtonport-Letterkenny)

The Roads Manager requested submissions from Members prior to the proposed Joint Workshop with Letterkenny Municipal District for inclusion on the agenda.

121.10

Winter Service

The Roads Manager updated the Committee on the status of this programme following the inclusion of an additional 25km, subsequent to a recent Workshop.

GMD 122/21

CORPORATE

122.1

Schedule of Meetings

The Committee agreed the following meetings:

7.10.2021	Budget Workshop	2 p.m.	Online
8.10.2021	Roads Workshop	10 a.m.	PSC
12.10.2021	Economic & Social Workshop	10 a.m.	Gteic
12.10.2021	MD Meeting	12noon	Gteic
28.10.2021	Budget Meeting	2 p.m.	Online
9.11.2021	Environment Workshop	10 a.m.	PSC
9.11.2021	MD Meeting	12 noon	PSC

The Committee also agreed to convene (i) a 'stand alone' Islands Meeting on Arranmore during October, (ii) meeting with An Galleraí, Gaoth Dobhair online to be attended by Cultural Services at a mutually agreeable date and time.

Members requested that the Economic and Social Workshop be attended by Secondary School Principals and Údarás.

122.2

On the proposal of Cllr. McGarvey, seconded by Clr. Ó Fearraigh, the Committee requested that a letter issue to the:

- Family of Cllr. Bernard McGuinness following his recent bereavement
- Joe Peoples following his recent retirement
- Helena (Sharkey) Melley following her success in the All Ireland Ladies Pool Competition.

- The Donegal Men's and Ladies teams following their respective victories in national competitions.
- To Liam Ward following the death of his mother.

122.3

Reopening of PSC

The Corporate Manager informed the Committee that the PSC will reopen to the public on 20th September 2021 in line with current Covid 19 restrictions. In response to a query from Cllr. McGarvey the Corporate Manager advised that motor tax will re-open will reopen on a phased basis and that 90% of motor tax transactions are processed online.

122.4

Media and Translation

Cllr. Gallagher expressed her appreciation on behalf of the Committee for the quality of the translation service and media attendance at the meeting.

GMD 123/21

HOUSING

123.1

Housing Reports

The Committee welcomed the reports circulated with the Agenda and presented by the Housing Manager in respect of the following:

- Status of grant schemes as at 1.9.2021.
- Status of casual vacancies as at 1.9.2021.
- Approved gross and nett need waiting list.
- HAP Scheme.
- Rental Accommodation Scheme.
- Long Term Lease properties.
- Housing Tenancies and offers.
- Tenant Purchase Scheme.

In response to a submission from Cllr. Molloy regarding difficulties encountered by applicants for housing grants, the Housing Manager requested applicants to liaise with the Housing office and clarified that there is a level of understanding regarding the necessity to keep applications open.

123.2

Housing Schemes

In response to queries from Cllr. Molloy and Cllr. Gallagher following workshops with resident associations from Ardpatrick and Ardcrone, the Housing Manager advised Members that on completion of policy decisions, that service responsibility will be determined and a budget will be necessary to repair back lanes, footpaths and roads within housing estates.

Cllr. Gallagher highlighted the necessity for additional parking capacity at St. Peter's Terrace, Dungloe and raised the possibility of funding under the 'Infrastructure Fund'. The Roads Manager agreed to revisit the policy applicable to this fund and the Housing Manager agreed that the Housing and Roads Engineers should cost project works.

Cllr. Molloy requested the provision of paint for a CES Scheme to paint houses in Ard McGill. The Housing Manager advised that a paint programme is ongoing and that he will liaise with the Housing Engineer in relation to identifying areas for inclusion in the 2022 programme.

123.3

Station Road, Falcarragh

In response to a query from Cllr. Ó Fearraigh regarding delays in the letting of housing units at this location, the Housing Manager informed Members that our legal representatives are awaiting paperwork from the

developer and that an update from Housing Construction will be sought.

123.4

Quay Road, Dungloe

Cllr. McGarvey and Cllr. Gallagher expressed disappointment that this site has not been acquired by the Council and the Housing Manager agreed to liaise with Housing Construction to request an update.

123.5

Defective Blocks

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig expressed his support for a 100% index linked resolution in favour of homeowners affected by the presence of mica in their properties. Cllr. Gallagher outlined her support for the mica group demands to be officially met.

The Housing Manager undertook to revert to Members on receipt of results carried out on the Gort na Móna scheme.

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



Municipal District of Glenties

12 October 2021

Community Development Division

CLÁR / AGENDA

1. Report on recent activity in the Community Development Division
 - 1.1 Community Development
 - 1.2 Rural Development Programme/LEADER

Glenties Municipal District - Community Development

Project Location	Project Details	Funded Under	Current status
Digital Hub, Arranmore	To bring an underwater cable to Arranmore	Town & Village Renewal Scheme	Cable delivered and Council advancing application for foreshore licence in conjunction with local community group
Glenties T & V project	Enhancement of Streetscape Design & installation of interpretative information signs supported by directional signage	Town & Village Renewal Scheme	Works nearing completion
Maghery	Installation of galvanized equipment storage cage, outdoor shower, street furniture and surfacing works at Maghery pier. Installation of camping pods, self catering kitchen, toilet / shower facilities, lighting and a beach wheelchair at Ionad an Mhachaire. Development of a loop walk / cycle route Installation of tourism information points/panels Development of website, promotion and branding materials	Town & Village Renewal Scheme	Works ongoing
Dunfanaghy public car park	To develop a new car park	Town & Village Renewal Scheme	Successful contractor to be appointed
Dore	Develop app to assist visitors to local area Refurbishment of waiting area within community centre	Town & Village Renewal Scheme	Project has been completed
Dungloe AF Project	To improve the walkability of Dungloe providing safer and greater accessibility for all ages and abilities	Town & Village Renewal Scheme	Tender documents appointing a Main contractor to be published in Nov. 2021

Glenties Municipal District - Community Development

Project Location	Project Details	Funded Under	Current status
Ardara	<p>Improvements to town: Improve seating along the Main St. & Front St. Provide fully wheelchair accessible picnic and resting tables in the Diamond Provide 2 bins along the Main St. and 1 no. bin along Front St. Provide additional landscaping and planting in the Diamond and Town Garden Provide 3 no. awnings at the Heritage Centre on the Main St. Provide 4 no. semi mature trees</p> <p>The provision of a permanent tensile structure along the Riverside Walk in the centre of town providing shelter and the potential to host outdoor events. The preparation of a Health Check and a Masterplan to inform the sustainable development of Ardara and environs.</p>	<p>Town & Village Renewal Scheme</p> <p>Town & Village Renewal Scheme</p>	<p>Work has been completed</p> <p>Tender documents being prepared</p>
Railway Greenway at Muckish	Section of trail to be brought to greenway standard	ORIS	Works completed
Glenties	Walking trail at Glenmacannive Lake	ORIS	Works nearing completion
Errigal	Pathway and environmental improvements	ORIS	Tender assessment completed. Successful contractor to be appointed

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 & Transitional LEADER Programme 2021-2022
Budget Transitional Programme	€13,413,875 (Additional funding received 2019) <i>Note: Project costs €10,063,586, administration and animation costs €3,350,289</i> 1 st April 2021 – 31 st December 2022 €2,861,598 project costs € 953,866 for Administration & Animation.
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 Transitional programme on behalf of the LAG (Local Action Group). The LEADER Transitional programme is effective from 1st April 2021 and runs until 31 st December 2022. €45 million is allocated nationally for the Transitional Programme and €20 million from the EURI programme. 13 projects in Donegal are now approved by Pobal under the Transitional programme and Letters of Offer have issued/are pending, granting LEADER funding to a value of €274,894.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	The next LCDC/LAG meeting will be held on 19 th October 2021. Monthly Evaluation Committee meetings will continue to be held to progress projects to LCDC/LAG stage and the LDCs will continue to engage with promoters on the ground to develop and assess potential applications and to promote the Transitional LEADER programme.
Contact Person	Seamus Canning 074 9172597. seamusc@donegalcoco.ie



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

Municipal District: Countywide

Activity / Project Update

October 2021

Activity / Project Title	Healthy Ireland Fund
File:	
Project Description/Activity	Healthy Ireland Healthy Ireland is a government-led initiative which aims to create an Irish society where everyone can enjoy physical and mental health, and where wellbeing is valued and supported at every level of society. Healthy Ireland aims to create an Ireland where health and wellbeing is on everyone's agenda in a meaningful way. The Healthy Ireland Fund is supported by the Department of Health and the Department of Children and Youth Affairs
Budget (if applicable)	€374,100 Round 3 Funding €67,225 Keep Well Campaign
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status	Keep Well Campaign The Keep Well Campaign was aimed at showing people of all ages, in communities across Ireland, how we can mind our own physical and mental health and wellbeing by adding healthy and helpful habits to our daily and weekly routines and concluded on 30 th June 2021. Below is a flavour of some of the very successful projects that took place. Conversation in Portrait Over 30 nominations were received to take part in this project, which consisted of an artist painting the portrait of an older person while getting to know them over zoom. It was delivered over a number of online sessions and the finished portrait was delivered to the subject's (older person) home. Although the portrait was the tangible outcome of the sittings, the project was as much about the conversations as the portraits and interactions over during the pandemic when a lot of our older community were isolated. This socially engaged project has been representative of the nation-wide desire to
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	

cherish the things we have, be present in our circumstances and reconnect with the things that had obstructed our busy lives pre-Covid.

Facilitated Creative Writing Programme

53 Transition Year students from Co. Donegal, under the guidance of facilitator Denise Blake, shared their thoughts on COVID-19 and their hopes and dreams for the future via a series of online worksops. Their words are thought provoking and insightful and it is hoped that this experience will encourage them to keep writing.

The book was edited by Denise Blake and layout and graphics were arranged by a Manna Designers

Feedback from the teachers and students was very positive and they said enjoyed the experience. The writing took place when students were actually not in school due to Covid – 19 restrictions and the teachers felt that this was a really good outlet for them in which to share their thoughts and feelings. The facilitator felt the work was very genuine and the teachers said that it was a very worthwhile project.

Comments from teachers:

‘Thank you so very much for supporting this project.’

‘The videos by Denise were exceptional - it was a delight to work with the students on this series of workshops.’

‘I would dearly love to have been in the physical classroom with them for this project’

‘Thank you to you both. It was a lovely project and the students really enjoyed it.’

Social Media Promotion

The Keep Well campaign was a multimedia campaign supported across multiple platforms including National TV, national and local radio, video on-demand, digital platforms, social channels and is supported by media.

One of the Healthy Donegal local responses to help further promote local initiatives and resources developed to help people cope with the Pandemic and subsequent Government imposed restrictions was to promote the campaign and Donegal’s deliverables across Healthy Donegal’s social media platforms.

Over the duration of the campaign, Healthy Donegal social media platforms delivered 357 posts which created over 3 quarters of a million impressions. (788,695 impressions).

Healthy Ireland Round 3 Action 1 Foroige Fitfest



In July Healthy Donegal joined Foróige for a presentation at their FitFest 2.0 launch which beautifully captured the theme of Hope in a Pandemic #COVID19. Donegal LCDC along with CYPSC Donegal continue to support the work of Foróige Donegal through their Healthy Ireland funded Programme of Works.

Community Mental Health Fund Action 1

The Woodlands for Wellbeing programme locally is a partnership between Donegal Sports Partnership, Mental Health Ireland, the HSE, the Finn Family Family Resource Centre, Donegal Volunteer Centre, DLDC and Coillte and is funded as part of the Community Mental Health Fund under the Healthy Ireland Round 3 fund.



Pictured are some of the members receiving their 'Time for Tea' picnic packs funded through the Healthy Ireland and Healthy Donegal Keep Well Campaign.



Cllr. Gerry McMonagle launched Donegal JPC's Cyber Awareness Week today, which sees, Healthy Donegal through the Healthy Ireland Fund help raise awareness of cyber bullying through the production of a Cyber Awareness Media and Broadcast Campaign. The campaign which has been devised by young people in Donegal, will run on Facebook and Instagram and the radio advert will be broadcast on all local radio stations during Cyber Awareness Week 5th – 12th October 2021.

John McLaughlin, Chief Executive, Donegal County Council stated “Donegal JPC Cyber Awareness Week is a wonderful example of how the three pillars of partnership - Elected Representatives, local communities and An Garda Síochána - working together can help to tackle a growing problem facing all of the people of the county through the provision of support, information and advice.

Detective Inspector with the Garda National Cyber Crime Bureau, Brian Halligan urged people to report cyber crime to help prevent others falling victim to a scam.

For more information see:

<https://www.donegalcoco.ie/community/jointpolicingcommittee/cyber%20awareness%20week%202021/>

Protecting yourself online — your identity, data, and devices — is critical in today's world where the internet is prevalent in nearly every aspect of our lives.

You can follow Healthy Donegal on the following platforms:

<http://www.donegalcoco.ie/community/healthydonegal>

<https://www.facebook.com/HealthyDonegal>

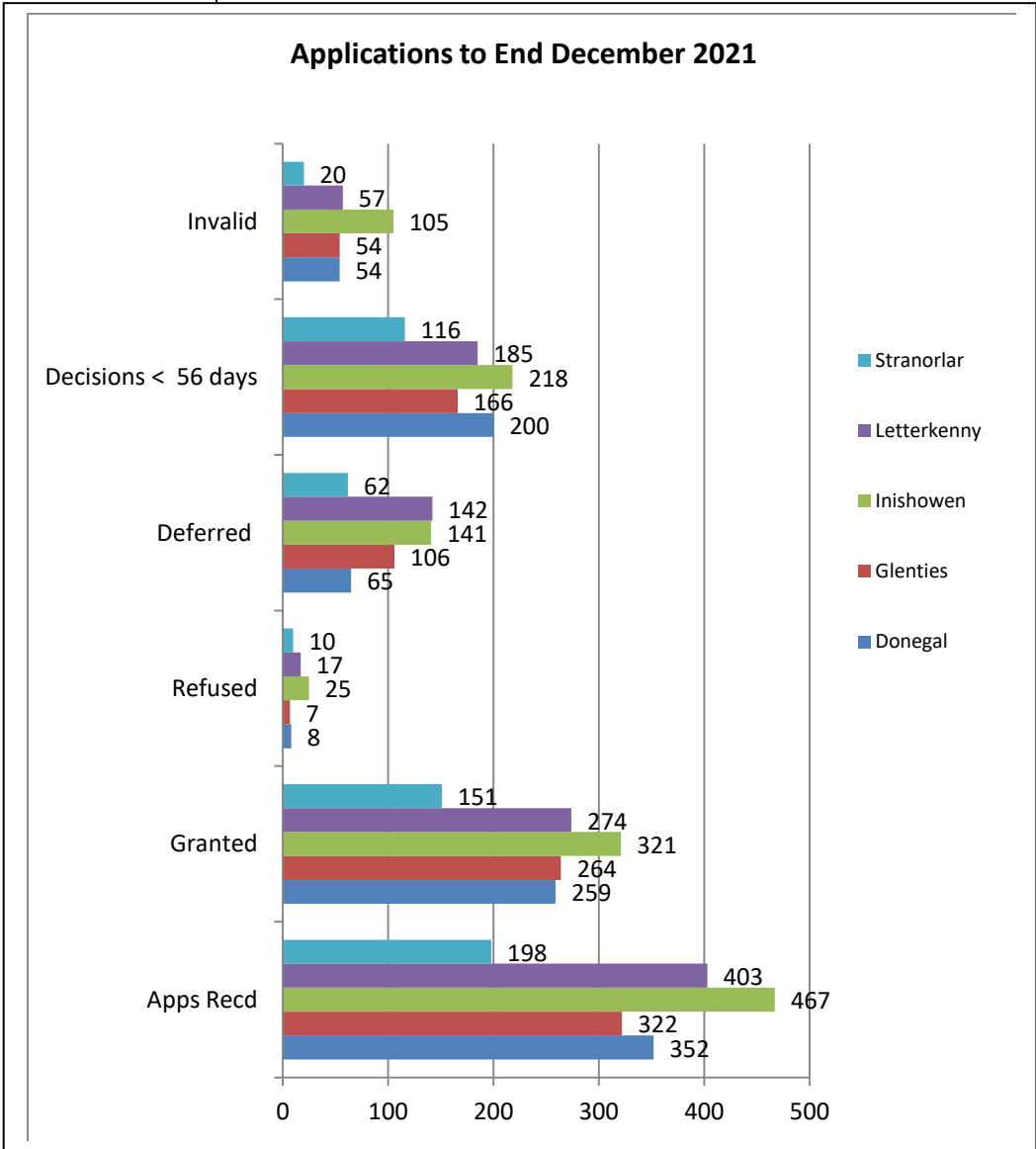
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Glenties MD Meeting
12th October 2021

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4	Regeneration Report	See Appendix A								
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	(3) <i>Casual Trading Review</i>	A preliminary report was submitted to Members in mid-May outlining the initiation of the policy review, progress to-date and a timetable for the remainder of the project.								
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 								



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Appendix A



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Regeneration & Development Team
Community Development & Planning Services

October (2021) Municipal District Meetings Report to Elected Members

1.0 RURAL REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (RRDF)

1.1 EXISTING APPROVED CATEGORY 1 RRDF PROJECTS (2019)

1.1.1 Killybegs 2040 – A Town Centre Regeneration Project

This project was formally launched with a Press Release on Thursday 6th May 2021 announcing that McCabe Architects have been appointed to deliver the new €4.84m regeneration project that will see the transformation of the town centre environment.

The Detailed Design phase is now completing and it is intended to open a construction tender before the year end with a build period of approximately 52 weeks after commencement. It is intended to hold a workshop with Members in the coming weeks as soon as the detailed design package is suitably prepared and appropriate arrangements will be made in due course.

1.1.2 Burtonport and Aranmore Island – Harbour to Island Regeneration

This project was launched on Monday 17th May 2021, with a ‘turning of the sod’ event on Aranmore Island when the Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council, Cllr. Rena Donaghey and Bainisteoir of the Comharchumann Oileán Árains Mhór, Ms. Nóirín Uí Mhaoldomhnaigh turned the sod on the new Shore Front Amenity Development at An Leadhb Gharbh, Oileán Árains Mhór.

Donegal based building contractors Joseph McMenemy & Sons (Stranorlar) Ltd have been appointed to carry out the development which has now commenced and is scheduled to complete over the next 31 weeks.

On the 14th day of June 2021 An Bord Pleanála confirmed the Compulsory Purchase Order authorising the compulsory acquisition of lands entitled Donegal County Council (Burtonport Harbour Redevelopment) Compulsory Purchase Order 2019 (**Board Order ABP – 306336-20 refers**). The next steps in the process are now being advanced.

Detailed design has completed and a tender for a construction contractor opened on eTenders. This tender closed on Thursday 16th September 2021 and 5no. tenders were received. The tender assessment process is now underway.

A full update on this project was provided to Members at the workshop on 14th September 2021.

1.2 **EXISTING APPROVED CATEGORY 2 RRDF PROJECTS (2020)**

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

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

Update: The development of the project towards a ‘shovel ready’ Category 1 RRDF project in accordance with the emerging priorities of the draft Ballyshannon Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan is advancing and detailed site survey work is nearing completion. Work has also commenced on the preparation of a Part VIII planning application in respect of this project including preliminary design concepts for the Market Yard. Publication of the Part VIII application is targeted for October of this year in order to align the project with the anticipated Category 1 RRDF call for shovel ready capital projects.

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

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

Update: This project was formally launched with a Press Release on Monday 28th June 2021 announcing the appointment of a major multidisciplinary international design practice, BDP, to deliver the Detailed Design of this project which aims to restore and transform the historic commercial centre of Ramelton through a suite of integrated and heritage led public realm interventions.

The Preliminary Design phase is now completing which will see the advancement of this project from its current concept stage through targeted public and stakeholder consultations, Part 8 planning and detailed design to a contract ready capital project. The anticipated completion date for the Detailed Design Stage is March 2022 which will position the project for the fourth call for Category 1 capital funding in 2022. Arrangements are currently being

made to arrange a workshop with Members to share the preliminary designs and update on the process and associated timelines.

1.3 THIRD CALL FOR CATEGORY 1 PROJECTS (SHOVEL READY) UNDER THE RURAL REGENERATION & DEVELOPMENT FUND (RRDF)

On Monday 19th April 2021 the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD announced that €18.8m had been awarded under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF) for three (3) rural regeneration projects in County Donegal. These applications were submitted on 30th November 2020 and were supported by match funding commitments by the Council in the sum of €2.5m.

Specifically this recent investment will help to advance the following three (3) ambitious and transformational regeneration projects:

1.3.1. Ballybofey & Stranorlar

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

This project was successfully submitted to the DRCD (RRDF) by 1st December 2020 in partnership with BASICC. The project has a value of €9,756,969 and funding support of €8,781,272 has been awarded from the RRDF.

Following submission to DRCD of verification of the project costs, milestones and delivery programme on Friday 14th May 2021, a Letter of Offer and Funding Agreement in respect of the project has been received on 20th August 2021. These documents have been accepted, signed and returned to DRCD. Donegal County Council has now been invited to prepare and submit a Procurement Strategy for approval and in order for the project to commence.

1.3.2. Burtonport (Harbour to Island) Regeneration

This project was successfully submitted to the DRCD (RRDF) by 1st December 2020. The Project has a value of €2,060,752 and funding support of €1,854,677 has been awarded from the RRDF.

Following submission to DRCD of verification of the project costs, milestones and delivery programme on Friday 14th May 2021, a Letter of Offer and Funding Agreement in respect of the project was received on 16th July 2021. These documents have been accepted, signed and returned to DRCD on 30th July 2021. Donegal County Council has now been invited to prepare and submit a Procurement Strategy for approval and in order for the project to commence.

1.3.3. Carndonagh Tús Nua Regeneration Project

This project was successfully submitted to the DRCD (RRDF) by 1st December 2020 in partnership with Spraioi agus Spórt. The Tús Nua project has a value of €9,542,852 and funding support of €8,218,982 has been awarded from the RRDF.

Following submission to DRCD of verification of the project costs, milestones and delivery programme on Friday 14th May 2021, a Letter of Offer and Funding Agreement in respect of the project was received on 23rd July 2021. These documents have been accepted, signed and returned to DRCD on 30th July 2021. Donegal County Council has now been invited to prepare and submit a Procurement Strategy for approval and in order for the project to commence.

1.4 THIRD CALL FOR CATEGORY 2 PROJECTS UNDER THE RURAL REGENERATION & DEVELOPMENT FUND (RRDF)

On Wednesday 12th May 2021 the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, announced the third call for Category 2 applications to the €1 billion Rural Regeneration and Development Fund. The deadline for applications presented a very challenging timeframe set at 12 noon on Friday 30th July 2021. The Regeneration Team developed and submitted a Category 2 application for the Tier 2A Strategic Town of Buncrana under this call entitled ‘Repowering Buncrana.’

Specifically under this Category 2 application, RRDF support is sought to procure Architect Led Full Integrated Design Team for the preliminary design, planning scheme design and detailed design of the ‘Repowering Buncrana’ regeneration project described below together with support to acquire the former Garda Barracks, St Oran’s Road and other limited acquisition of land to cater for necessary enabling works. This category 2 application, if successful, will enable the advancement of the final project to a shovel-ready status resulting in a further future Category 1 capital project application.

The ‘Repowering Buncrana’ regeneration project envisages a series of measures that will work in an integrated way to strengthen the shore front, enhance walking and cycling, provide quality shore front amenities, integrate art and biodiversity into the urban landscape and critically work to counter the disconnect between Main Street and the shore front. In addition, reuse of a vacant town centre building (Former Garda Barracks) and creation of circa 100 jobs will bring much needed employment opportunities to Buncrana as well as increasing the number of people in the town centre resulting in many spin offs for business. The suite of integrated interventions proposed to be brought through design processes at Category 2 stage include:

1. A new iconic pedestrian bridge over the Mill River connecting the NW Greenway Project and Amazing Grace Park to a transformed harbour/pier environment,

2. The creation of a high performance promenade and Shore Front Green including enhanced walkways, beach access, public realm & festival gathering space and development of a new bespoke public/civic shore green users building,
3. Enhanced connection between the new Shore Front Green environment and the Main Street and commercial core of the town with targeted public realm improvements,
4. Enhanced Shore Front walkway and promenade along the Fishing Green, with dramatic re-imaging of the Amazing Grace viewing point,
5. Onwards connection of the promenade to Swan Park, Bunrana Castle and Cockhill Road, and
6. The repurposing and extension of a vacant heritage building to create bespoke office accommodation.

The overall value of this Category 2 project (Design services and acquisition) is €1,355,865 inclusive of match funding commitment of €271,173 (20%)

1.5 REGENERATION STRATEGIES & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT WORK

The Regeneration & Development Team had undertaken with Members to progress Regeneration Strategies in a number of Tier 2 Strategic Towns as a part of our work programme. This work has been progressing through in house resources and capacities together with consultancy services. An update on this area of the work programme is provided hereinunder:

1.5.1 Ramelton Action Plan

The Ramelton Action Plan was formally launched on 3rd July 2020.

The Plan can be viewed at the following link:

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

1.5.2 Killybegs Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan

The Killybegs Regeneration Strategy was formally launched on 6th July 2021 and is available at <https://bit.ly/KillybegsRegStrat>. It has also been circulated across Donegal County Council Directorates and to key stakeholders.

The Strategy was commissioned by the Killybegs Regeneration Group in conjunction with Donegal County Council and was funded by BIM, FLAG with match funding by Donegal County Council. Its delivery was led by Pasparakis Friel Architects with the support and input of the Council's Community Development Section and the Regeneration and Development Team.

1.5.3 **Ballybofey-Stranorlar Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan**

The Draft Regeneration Strategy was made available from Tuesday 15th June 2021 for public consultation, closing initially on Tuesday 13th July 2021. Having regard to the restrictions arising from the Covid-19 pandemic and resultant limitation on holding of events/ gatherings, the consultation period was extended to 29th July 2021. The extension was accompanied by a further concerted effort, assisted by Community Development to encourage public participation in the project including circulation of posters to circa 20 businesses in the towns together with a substantial social media presence and article in the Donegal News.

The submissions are currently being tabulated but include circa 15 submissions through a combination of the wider public, statutory agencies and internal DCC comments. A short report on the submissions will now be prepared including identification of potential appropriate amendments to the draft and this will be brought to a workshop of Stranorlar-Lifford MD.

1.5.4 **Ballyshannon Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan**

The Draft Ballyshannon Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan was made available for public consultation from Tuesday 20th July until Wednesday 1st September. Unfortunately due to technical difficulties outside their control GM Designs were unable to receive submissions to the project email address between 25/08/2021 and 01/09/2021. Accordingly a further submissions period was afforded from 21/09/2021 to 24/09/2021.

Work will then commence to integrate the feedback and observations arising from the various consultations and to amend and finalise the Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan for Ballyshannon Town Centre. It is anticipated that endorsement of the final Strategy & Action Plan by the Donegal Municipal District will be sought by the end of September 2021 and thereafter the Ballyshannon Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan will be formally launched.

1.5.5 **An Clochán Liath (Dungloe) Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan**

Stage 1 of the project has now completed following the submission of the Final Stage 1 Report entitled 'An Clochán Liath (Dungloe) Town Centre Baseline Profile' to the Regeneration and Development Team at the end of May 2021 and as was presented to the Elected Members of the Glenties MD at a workshop on 18th May 2021. Work on the preparation of the draft An Clochán Liath (Dungloe) Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan is now well underway and it is anticipated that Stage 2 of the project will be completed by the end of September 2021.

It expected that the draft Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan will be published in early October 2021 and will be made available for public consultation thereafter. Prior to publication a workshop will be held with

Members and the Regeneration Team will make the necessary arrangements directly at a Municipal District level.

1.5.6 **Rathmullan RRDF Project Development work**

The tender to procure fully integrated design team services to advance this project through consultation and Part VIII planning opened on eTenders on Friday 16th April 2021 and closed on 31st May 2021. The tender assessment process is now underway and is at an advanced stage. It is anticipated that appointment and launch arrangements will be confirmed in the coming weeks and the Regeneration Team will be in touch with Members directly in this regard.

Updates will be provided to the Elected Members of the Letterkenny & Milford Municipal District at an agreed future workshop and through Municipal District Reporting.

2.0 **URBAN REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (URDF)**

2.1 **Successful application to the Urban Regeneration & Development Fund (May 2020)**

On Friday 12th March 2021 Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien TD announced that €13.6m has been awarded under the Urban Regeneration & Development Fund (URDF) for the URDF application Letterkenny 2040 (Phase 1) 'Re-energise and Connect the Historic Town Centre'. This application was submitted on 28th May 2020 and is supported by match funding committed by the Council in the sum of €4.5m.

Specifically this new investment will help to advance five projects to varying stages of development with a focus on the transition of the historic town centre to a vibrant, accessible and livable place.

The projects relate to priority areas for regeneration and development including:

- The further enhancement of the Cathedral Quarter
- The re-purposing of the Courthouse
- Strategic land assembly towards:
 - Regeneration of Lower Main Street
 - Advancement of a Regional Transport Hub
 - Enhancement of 'LK Green Connect,' walking, cycling and parkland infrastructure.

Following early engagement with the DHLGH in respect of funding drawdown arrangements and due diligence on funding approval conditions, a Preliminary Approval Letter was received on 25th August 2021. This includes

a requirement by DHLGH to complete and provide 'Project Financial Tables', identifying milestones and any potential risks together with associated funding plans and expenditure/grant drawdown profiles. In addition, DHLGH also recommend review and update where necessary of previously submitted indicative estimates of project costs to ensure that same adequately reflect the present estimated holistic total cost for the approved proposal over its whole lifecycle. This work was completed and returned to DHLGH on Friday 17th September 2021.

The communication from DHLGH further outlines the next steps following completion of Project Financial Tables as:

- The preparation and submission by Donegal County Council of a Preliminary Business Case in accordance with the Public Spending Code and;
- A Project Action Plan Meeting with DHLGH to discuss and consider the plans for the advancement of the approved proposal, in particular with a view to determining timelines and delivery milestones and also the level of related URDF funding required for 2021 and beyond.

2.2 Existing approved URDF project in Letterkenny (application submitted 2018; final approval to proceed received September 2019)

This first application secured €1.9m in URDF monies, match funded by €600,000 for three sub-projects, the detail and progress of which is set out below:

(i) Preparation of a Regeneration Strategy for Letterkenny Town Centre.

The process to prepare Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy commenced on 14th January 2021 by means of a workshop with Letterkenny-Milford MD facilitated by the lead consultant for the project, The Paul Hogarth Company. The MD workshop was followed by launch of the first phase of public engagement on 8th February 2021 until 7th March 2021.

Following the close of the 1st phase of consultation, a number of steps/ workshops have been progressed as follows:

- The consultancy team analysed the findings of the 1st phase of consultation and presented these at a workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD on Tuesday 30th March 2021.
- A workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD was held on 25th May 2021 in order to update Members further on the project and focused discussion around a Regional Transport Hub was specifically facilitated.
- A town centre walk-around with Letterkenny-Milford MD took place on 17th June 2021 during which the sub-projects approved URDF funding in principle as regards concepts were visited and the wider Regeneration Strategy was discussed.

- A workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD was held on 8th July 2021 during which The Paul Hogarth Company presented emerging components of the draft masterplan to the Members and at which there was consensus to proceed to work up the emerging components in more detail in order to work towards appropriate material for public consultation in September/ October 2021. A further MD workshop has now been agreed for 4th October at 10am.

During the month of August, the consultancy team has continued to develop the emerging components of the draft masterplan in more detail and will present further more detailed material to Members at our scheduled workshop on 4th October. The next step thereafter, subject to Members endorsement will be to advance to public consultation on the draft masterplan.

(ii) Acquisition of key town centre regeneration site.

Works to progress interests in the key regeneration site approved by DoHLG for acquisition continues with intent. Progress has been affected by the National public health emergency and negotiations are subject to Covid related restrictions. The Elected Members of Letterkenny-Milford MD will be updated on progress and timelines as definitive steps and milestone are reached.

Alongside acquisition steps and as outlined during the recent walk- around of Letterkenny, the Paul Hogarth Company, under the auspices of the Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy project has undertaken site specific masterplanning of the key town centre regeneration site in relation to its capacity, potential layout and form for a mixed use development in line with the terms of the URDF support secured for acquisition of the site. This work will inform the subsequent preparation of Part VIII proposals and will support the process for acquisition. This work is largely complete and a workshop of Letterkenny- Milford MD will be arranged to brief Members in more detail.

(iii) Public realm in the area of the Public Services Centre and Joe Bonnar Rd

Detailed design of the public realm approved has been carried out using in-house architectural resources and is now complete. The Tender for Construction Contractor opened on E-tenders on 12th August 2021 and closes on 20th September 2021. Documentation outlining the detail design has been circulated to Members for information. Members will be kept up-to-date as the Tender process progresses.

2.3 Update in relation to an Architectural Competition to Re-imagine Market Square, Letterkenny.

Following the briefing to the Letterkenny-Milford MD workshop on 25th May 2021, Letterkenny Chamber of Commerce announced the winning design on

14th June 2021 as that of Joseph McCallion. This marks the completion of the architectural competition.

The winning design concept provides a solid basis from which more detailed work will be undertaken to consult directly with key stakeholders and the wider community and further develop and adapt the winning design so that it is achievable and can be implemented effectively. This work will lead to a more definitive design in relation to Part VIII planning consent and this will include further engagement with Members in advance of publication of any Part VIII scheme.

2.4 Letterkenny Cultural Corridor project

Letterkenny's cultural partners (Donegal County Museum, the Regional Cultural Centre and An Grianan Theatre) secured funding from the Irish Architectural Foundations 'Re-imagine' project to undertake the Letterkenny Cultural Corridor project in 2020.

To date, the project architects have developed a number of short term and temporary sign posting interventions which have been installed to improve and enhance the existing physical connection between the three institutions.

The more long term aspirations of the project to provide a new and more direct physical link between the three cultural institutions was presented to a workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD on 8th October 2020. Following this, the team engaged further with the local stakeholders with particular reference to Letterkenny Tennis Club to explore the potential to coordinate the project with the objectives and aspirations of the Tennis Club. To facilitate this engagement, a detailed topographical survey has been carried out of the area and the architects are now exploring access arrangements further. Importantly, there are ongoing discussions in relation to site boundaries which are required to be closed out. Once these discussions are closed out and the explorative work is complete, a full options briefing will be brought to Letterkenny-Milford MD together with clarity on a recommended pathway to part VIII in respect of the Cultural Corridor.

2.5. Letterkenny Parklets (Town & Village Renewal)

At the Letterkenny-Milford MD workshop on 25th May 2021, Members agreed three locations for parklets subject to sufficient funding as follows: Forecourt at An Grianan, A-Wear, the old Courthouse. The Community Development section is now leading on design, manufacture and installation of the parklets with the support of the Regeneration and Development Team. Having regard to realistic and practical timescales, it is targeted that parklets will be installed around October 2021.

2.6 Failte Ireland's, 'Weather Proofing and Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Scheme.'

A funding application in respect of the public space to the front of An Grianan Theatre was submitted on 26th May 2021 to the Failte Ireland, ‘Weather Proofing and Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Scheme.’ The application was developed jointly by the Community Development section and the Regeneration and Development Team. The design concept prepared by the Paul Hogarth Company together with detailed costings provided by Sammon Quantity Surveyors was developed in consultation with the Board of An Grianan Theatre and other hospitality businesses in the area. A copy of the design concept was circulated to Members by email on 15th June 2021 and was followed by discussion during the walk-around on 17th June 2021. A further follow up with An Grianan and other hospitality businesses in the area will be undertaken. The Community Development Section have been in further communication with Failte Ireland around a number of more detailed areas of the application however a formal decision on the application by Failte Ireland is anticipated to be imminent.

**Regeneration & Development Team
October 2021.**



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Donegal County Council

**Economic Development, Information Systems &
Emergency Services Directorate**

Municipal Report October 2021 - 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>BuyDonegal</p> <p>The 2021 campaign which will once again take place on the first weekend in November and run until the end of December. The new site is now live – buydonegal.com, which integrates with the donegal.ie site. A multi-channel marketing campaign to support #BuyDonegal will roll out in the coming weeks and an official launch webinar will take place on Wednesday October 27th.</p> <p>Last year over 250 businesses across Donegal supported the #BuyDonegal initiative and the 2021 campaign will look to expand upon this number and benefit the Donegal economy during this important trading period.</p> <p>The 2020 #BuyDonegal campaign has been nominated for a Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards for Promoting Economic Development. The award ceremony hosted by Mary Kennedy will take place on Thursday, 18 November 2021.</p> <p>The Outdoor Seating and Accessories for Tourism & Hospitality Business Scheme: The focus of this scheme is to provide a level of financial support to tourism and hospitality businesses, in our town centres, to purchase or upgrade equipment to provide additional outdoor seating to create outdoor dining experiences in a regulated and accessible manner. Funding under the scheme is only available to existing businesses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Scheme opened 12th April 2021 and will close 8th October 2021 at 4pm.• The scheme will provide for up to 75% of the ex-VAT cost of equipment purchased/installed with a maximum allowable

contribution of up to €4,000 per applicant.

- A total of 296 completed applications have been received with 76 grants paid out to date.

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 progressing 11 queries of property solution opportunities in various locations across the county.

Donegal Connect: : The EDU are working with the Local Enterprise Office/ Donegal Diaspora Project on Donegal Connect 2021 which will take place virtually on **October 28th**. 3 sessions themed around Start-up companies in Donegal, Inward Investment and a music session will take place. The aim of Donegal Connect is to reach out to a global audience and extend our links with the Donegal Diaspora to encourage more people to take jobs, relocate, set up a business or visit Donegal, to grow our economy.

Golden Bridges 2021: The EDU in partnership with Derry/Strabane District Council is working on the forthcoming Golden Bridges 2021 which take place virtually on the 19th November. The purpose of this event is to promote partnerships between Ireland Northwest and Boston, Massachusetts but also to highlight community, business, and education initiatives by bringing together influential leaders from Ireland Northwest and their counterparts in Boston and Massachusetts.

The conference is a showcase of the Northwest to an audience of influential Irish American business and political leaders keen to learn more about the region's offering.

Remote Working: The implementation of the Donegal Remote Working Strategy for Business with a view to maximise the opportunities arising for the county as a destination of choice for remote working, is underway.

On the 24th September 2021, The EDU published a feature "From the West Coast to West Donegal" which showcases the relocation journey of Howard Chu (co-founder and CTO of software Development company Symas corp.) from Los Angeles to Gaoth Dobhair.

Collaboration between Grow Remote Donegal, Arranmore and the EDU is

continuously on-going aimed at promoting the chapters across the county.

The EDU is also working with various Innovation and Digital Hubs in Donegal. The EDU is engaging with Donegal ETB on the roll out of their new remote working training

Caravan & Camping Study: The first draft of the study of the Caravan & Camping sector in Donegal has been received from KPMG Future Analytics and engagement is taking place with Council services to finalise recommendations and agree an implementation pathway for these recommendations. It is planned that a final draft of the study will be considered at the next Economic, IS Emergency SPC in November with a view to submitting the final draft to the plenary Council meeting in November.

Alpha Innovation Centre: The project will support businesses and early idea entrepreneurs to develop their innovation capability and business resilience post Brexit and post Covid. The position of Head of Innovation is currently being recruited and is expected to be complete by the end of the month.

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	48,800	2,519 (+66)
Twitter	61,500	1,545 (+63)
Donegal.ie	2.9K Web Users +49% (4 weeks 30 Sept – 27 Oct 2021 v prior period)	

16 News Items Published

The EDU continues to inform businesses of the range of government supports alongside insightful business and original content features.

In addition to the above accounts, the EDU works closely with the Council's Communications Office to share information on the Council's corporate social media channels.

The EDU thanks Elected Members for their continued engagement with

InvestDonegal on our social platforms

NorthWest City Region Communications:

The EDU have also began to collaborate with DCSC on North West City Region communications across LinkedIn and Twitter platforms which have been established to collectively promote the region for investment and business opportunities.

Global engagement: Donegal County Council joined the IABCN (Irish American Business Chamber Network) with the aim of developing partnerships in the US and attracting inward investment to Donegal. IABCN is based in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and promotes the common business interests of its members by seeking to develop economic and educational relationships between and among Irish and American members of the business community. The Strategy Funding Unit recently took part in an online webinar with IABCN members called the 'Global Travel Update' which focused on the recent White House announcement to end the US travel ban in early November and included keynote speakers from across the global travel industry.

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

- A number of RRDF projects were developed and submitted in July 2021.
- A number of successfully funded projects from 2020 are also being developed.

Atlantic Economic Corridor: working with Local Authority partners along the western coast to progress mutually beneficial projects and initiatives.

The Western Development Commission continue to promote an online booking engine for hubs www.Connectedhub.ie, the EDU are facilitating local hubs to sign up to this facility. Fortnightly meetings are continuing to be hosted by WDC with those on the Connected Hubs Network to share information and best practice.

Work also continues in developing the Westernjobs.ie website in partnership with local companies to promote and attract employment

	<p>positions along the Atlantic Coast counties.</p> <p>Concierge Service:</p> <p>Existing businesses, potential business start-ups or businesses looking to relocate or wishing to expand and who need advice on accessing a wide range of Council services and supports, can contact the Business Concierge Service by email economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie. To date this year there have been 43 queries processed through the system.</p>
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1.2 Division: Economic Development – Tourism Marketing Unit

Project / Activity Report

Outline of Work	<p>Donegal Tourism Marketing Campaign – Reset, Rediscover and Reconnect - Domestic Campaign</p> <p>This campaign is running from 27th September – 8th November 2021 inclusive (6 weeks). This is a domestic marketing campaign, targeting visitors from across the island of Ireland, to include NI visitors. The primary target audience for the campaign are in line with Fáilte Ireland identified target markets. ‘Reset, Reconnect, Rediscover’ is an exhilarating fresh initiative by Donegal County Council, aimed at inspiring prospective “Staycationers” and those in need of a well-earned break to sample all that Donegal has to offer. After what has been an incredibly challenging year for the tourism industry, Donegal is now well-placed to welcome travellers from across the island of Ireland once again.</p> <p>The campaign is using a combination of paid media and digital activity, including online videos, social media, radio and outdoor advertising. A host of video footage and stunning photography has been specially commissioned by Donegal County Council to spearhead this new campaign, and ongoing collaboration with service providers throughout the county aims to showcase the richness and diversity of all that is on offer in Donegal. An exciting new competition will also run in conjunction with the campaign with several lucky winners being treated to a complementary break in Donegal this autumn. This campaign will also compliment the ongoing ‘Keep Discovering’ campaign currently being run by Failte Ireland.</p> <p>Integrated Campaign Approach: This campaign is integrated across channels in NI and ROI and includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regional PR campaign, targeting regional media and travel media• Digital campaign on the govisitdonegal.com platforms & via Google Ads• Facebook Advertising• Radio – 2fm• Competition• 100 sightline buses - Dublin, Cork, Galway, Limerick and Waterford <p>Rural Development (LEADER) Programme The Tourism team is engaging with Mayo and Sligo to develop a four year regional international tourism marketing plan, from 2022 to 2025. This will form part of an application for funding to the <i>LEADER Programme</i>.</p> <p>North West Tourism Product Development Programme</p>
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Grant Support and Mentorship for Tourism Businesses in Donegal – North West Regional Development Fund (NWRDF)

Donegal County Council and Derry City & Strabane District Council (DCSDC) are delivering a €100K North West Tourism Product Development Programme supporting 30 businesses with grants of up to £2,500. Fifteen businesses in Donegal and a further 15 in Derry are benefitting from the programme. These businesses are creating bespoke packages that can be offered on govisitdonegal.com and www.visitderry.com websites for a marketing campaign that will roll out in Spring 2022.

Events Support

An allocation of £30,000 has been secured from the NWRDF for a Halloween event in Donegal. The objective of this funding is to extend the tourism impact of Derry Halloween into the wider region and placing the wider region on the map.

A two evening family based activity will take place in the recently redeveloped Swan Park site in Buncrana. The Inishowen Carnival Group has been commissioned to organise this event. This event will run over the course of two nights (29 and 30 October). There will be three performances each night with booking essential to allow for effective crowd control.

Frances Browne Literary Festival

The inaugural Frances Browne festival will take place in East Donegal will run from 7th to 9th October in Ballybofey, Stranorlar and Raphoe, Co Donegal. The Festival features a Multilingual Poetry Competition with €2,000 in competition prizes for poetry in the English, Irish and Ulster Scots Language. Due to Covid 19 this year's festival will be a blend of online and in-person events.

Other festival highlights include:

- Talks and workshops with Anna Carey, a journalist and author of five books for young adults from Dublin who will give the keynote address.
- Creative writing workshops:- In English with well-known authors Denise Blake, Pauline Holland and Averil Meehan. In Irish with author Dubhán Ó Longáin. In Ulster Scots with Angeline King, Writer in Residence of Ulster University.
- Activities for primary school children.
- A talk by Dr Brian Lacey in Raphoe.
- A Panel Discussion on Friday 8th Oct will look at how language and culture shape our concept of home, in the context of Browne's work, and in our own experience?

- The Awards Ceremony for the Frances Browne Multilingual Poetry Competition on Friday night in Kee's Hotel.
- The premier of Shirley Anne Bonner's adaptation of Frances Browne's Legends of Ulster will be directed by Kieran Quinn at the Balor Theatre, Ballybofey.
- The Children's Day on Saturday 9th Oct - Street Theatre specialist Louise Conaghan will entertain children with stories and Jessica Harkin, a magician, dance, Victorian Street Games and much much more.

This event is supported by Donegal County Council, Arts Council Ireland, Finn Valley Voice, Ballybofey Stranorlar Chamber of Commerce, Balor Arts Centre and An Grianán Theatre.

Donegal Tourism Strategy 2021-2025

Tourism Development International has been commissioned to develop a new 5 year tourism strategy for Donegal County Council. An initial draft document has been prepared and a second draft is being worked on.

TIDE – Atlantic Network for Developing Historical Maritime Tourism

The objective is to develop a niche historical maritime tourism package for Atlantic based on connecting & marketing assets from historical period across different regions. DCC are at the final stages of awarding a contract to the successful Tender for two VR experiences – Spanish Armada & Napoleonic era. A Northern West Atlantic Area shared VR experience from World War 1 will also be promoted in Donegal and is at it's final stages of development.

Bundoran Marketing

- Coordination of prize giveaways on radio station competitions.
- Promotion of events in town – September Sessions, live gigs at Great Northern Hotel and live music in various pubs around the town.
- Updating of website with special offers into autumn season and other content.
- Preliminary planning for various marketing initiatives for 2022.
- Promotion of Rookie Rippers Surf Event (Sep 18/19) with Bundoran Surf Co.

Other

- Assisting in organisation and promotion of Halloween Event on October 31st.
- Preliminary discussions with event organisers for potential events in 2022.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working with Donegal County Council & Failte Ireland on the outdoor dining project “Oceanside” at West End Car Park.• Working with Donegal County Council & Failte Ireland on the Platforms For Growth Water Sports Facility at Tullan Strand. <p>Dissemination of information to trade partners re: new Failte Ireland supports.</p>
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1.3 Division: Economic Development – Trail Gazers Bid Project

Project / Activity Report

Activity / Project Title.	Trail Gazers Bid Project.
Activity / Project Description.	‘To quantify the return to the local economy for every euro invested in walks and recreational trail infrastructure. ‘
Budget.	€2.6 M
Outline of Work.	<p>In 2018, Donegal County Council’s 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 Donegal County Council (Lead Partner), working with 9 different partners located across Ireland, UK, France, Spain and Portugal.</p> <p>The project sets out to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quantify the impact 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.• Apply the key learning and methodology from our research site – Inch Levels - to other sites in the county and region through an extensive capitalisation programme. <p>SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS: Website: www.trailgazers.eu Facebook: www.facebook.com/TrailgazersB Twitter: twitter.com/hashtag/TrailGazers Instagram: www.instagram.com/trail.gazers https://www.linkedin.com/company/trailgazers #TrailGazers</p>

	<p>PROGRESS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A ‘Spin and Chat event’ was held at Inch on Saturday 18th September as part of Bike Week 2021. Everyone enjoyed a laugh in glorious sunshine and after the cycle, over an informal lunch, listened as adventurer, Jason Black, shared his personal journey to better mental health and the incredible benefits both physically and mentally of being engaged in mother nature in Donegal. Attendees also heard from John Meehan, Assistant National Director HSE/Head of the National Office for Suicide Prevention, who explained all the recent and relevant research data on how important it is to make time for exercise and the difference it makes to our bodies and minds. Bill Vaughan, Mental Health Ireland, took attendees through his own life experience dealing with mental health issues and advised on some of the resources available at grass roots level in Donegal. • ‘Get Ireland Walking’ week of celebrations, which finished on the 2nd annual National Walking Day, Sunday 26th September, was promoted through the TG project. In press releases, social media and a radio interview walkers were encouraged to come to Inch to ‘Explore for Miles’. • Successful project meetings were held in September including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Monthly Coordination meeting – Friday 3rd September; (ii) Steering Committee Meeting – Tuesday 21st September; (iii) Project Monitoring Committee Meeting – Wednesday 22nd September. • Work is ongoing in relation to identifying other trail sites and catchment areas in Donegal that can benefit from the learning and outputs from Trail Gazers.
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1.4 Division: Economic Development – Strategic Funding Unit

Project / Activity 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>SFU Webinar September 2021 A SFU webinar took place on 8th September and included presentations from Christopher Parker from the NPA and Liz Gavin from EUR Digital Village. The webinar is available to watch here and presentations can be downloaded here. It is also possible to request details of all previous webinars by e-mailing joyharron@donegalcoco.ie</p> <p>New ‘Funding in Focus’ Series The Strategic Funding Unit will be launching a new series of funding opportunity review webinars called ‘Funding in Focus’ starting with a full review of the LIFE programme 2021 – 2024, which will be available in early October. Each month ‘Funding in Focus’ will look at a different funding programme relevant to the Council’s strategic objectives. Details will be circulated via the SFU’s e-mail newsletter.</p> <p>URBACT Playful Paradigm The Strategic Funding Unit has successfully applied for membership of the URBACT Playful Paradigm EU wide network which looks at innovative ways to develop public spaces for a variety of uses. A study visit to Cork City took place on 21st and 22nd September 2021. This was an opportunity to learn more about the innovative public space schemes that have been rolled out in the city. Networking with other Council’s took place and discussions around outdoor public space projects were very productive. This network is now sharing expertise and experiences in relation to the Outdoor Public Space Scheme and there are plans to explore future funding opportunities within the new EU programme period. A report on Donegal Town is being produced by the URBACT team which will inform the Masterplan for Donegal Town Pier and the Diamond.</p> <p>NWRA Collaboration on New EU Funds Advice Service The SFU is working closely with the Management Team at the NWRA (North West Regional Assembly) in relation to New EU Funds Advice Service that is in development. This will be a national networking service to allow for better collaboration and sharing of knowledge on EU funding across Ireland.</p>

	<p>UN Climate Change Conference 2021 Through our membership of AER (Assembly of European Regions), Donegal County Council SFU applied to join a delegation of EU representatives that will attend COP26 in Glasgow starting on 31st October. COP26 is the UN Climate Change Conference 2021 and this will be an opportunity to engage with other member states regarding key issues around climate change adaptation and mitigation. It will also be an opportunity to develop partnerships and explore potential future project and funding opportunities that would support our ambitions around delivering our Donegal Climate Adaptation Strategy.</p> <p>Project Partnership & Development The SFU is currently exploring several partnership and project development opportunities with various network partners/consortiums in several key areas such as climate change, health/wellbeing, habitat/species preservation, skills/education and culture.</p> <p>Other areas of work included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU Funding Programme Reviews • Participation in project scoping meetings with potential partners • Participation in EU network meetings such as CPMR, AER etc. • Funding Needs Analysis of Council Divisions • Strategic Funding Webinars • Regular Strategic Funding Newsletters
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2. Division: Local Enterprise Office

Project/Activity Report

Title	The Local Enterprise Office (LEO)
	<p>1.1 <u>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 Business Advice, Financial, Capability Development, Enterprise Promotion and Economic & Other initiatives.</u></p>

Outline of Work	<p>General Overview – Highlights</p> <p><u>High level of enquiry from start-ups:</u></p> <p>It is very positive to see the level of general enquiries that are being made by individuals and businesses seeking to start and grow their business in Donegal. On a daily basis the team in the LEO are engaging with these enquiries and offering support and guidance where relevant.</p> <p><u>Continued Investment by businesses:</u></p> <p>There is sustained investment by LEO client businesses as they continue to grow and develop. 5 Grant Aid Applications were presented to Evac on 30th of Sept, all successful in securing funding, 4 of the companies are established businesses.</p> <p>Creative Coast Website – Successful launch of the new Creative Coast Website attended by over 70 businesses and stakeholders. https://creativecoastdonegal.ie/</p> <p>8 Donegal Producers take home 12 awards at national Blas na hÉireann awards</p> <p><u>Upcoming Activities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Donegal Enterprise Awards open for application – prize fund of €12,000. Closing date for entries is 15th of November, with awards ceremony planned for 3rd of December.• Ambition – Female Founder Pre-Accelerator starts on 5th
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October with 9 participant teams.

- Export Development Programme starting on 6th October to support businesses in reaching new customers.
- Group of Engineering businesses will attend National Manufacturing & Supply Chain Conference & Exhibition, RDS Simmonscourt – Dublin 23rd & 24th November 2021
- Donegal Connect – Start-Up Discussion – 28th October – Online event to inform those thinking of returning to Donegal of the supports to start up a business.

Covid Specific Supports: Key Covid specific supports which still active or being drawn down through the local enterprise office are

Mentoring:

Between 3 and 12 hours of free one-to-one mentoring can be applied for by any business seeking assistance in addressing COVID -19 issues. It can be applied via this online link – [Online application](#)

Progress: To date in 2021, 74 COVID - Mentoring applications have been approved. In 2020, 136 mentoring supports were approved.

Covid - Trading Online Voucher Scheme: The Covid specific scheme was available on applications received up to 31st Dec 2020, the rate of support was 90% on expenditure up to a value of €2500. This greatly helped many businesses reach new customers while their physical business was closed to the public.

Progress:

COVID TOV's approved **520**

Paid out to date - **482** COVID TOV's to a value of **€1,139,477.33**

Microfinance Ireland Loan 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. 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: During 2020 25 applications were submitted to MFI via the Local Enterprise Office of which 15 were approved. In 2021 five applications have been received and 3 submitted to MFI.

*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/>.*

Brexit Specific 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. The key challenge being raised by businesses is the increased requirements in dealing with customs related activities due to Brexit.

Customs Training

Customs change is here and the workshops help businesses adapt. Hundreds of local businesses have participated in the workshops in 2020 with further Workshops scheduled monthly. 12 participants attended the latest workshop took place on 29th September with the next one scheduled for 27th October – bookings taken [here](#).

Brexit Stimulus Package Programmes – Update

The Brexit Stimulus Programmes is made up five core topics as outlined previously .Further information about programmes is available [here](#). 4 of the five programmes are completed with the Innovation coming to an end in October, with some final mentoring to be done.

	Status	No of Participants
Retail Programme	Training & Mentoring Complete	36 Donegal businesses
Green for Micro	Phase 1 Complete, Phase 2 started.	19 phase one recipients, 2 of 10 phase 2 applications received.
Export Programme	Training & Mentoring complete. Final reports submitted.	9 Donegal businesses.
Finance Programme	Training & Mentoring complete	16 Donegal businesses
Innovation Programme	Training commenced and initial mentoring meeting held. Duration – 6months	8 Donegal businesses.

Brexit Stimulus Funding & Capability Development

The government awarded brexit stimulus funding to previously grant aided clients. The clients received funding and the allocation of 3 days consultancy to help them with a specific need they identified. 41 Donegal businesses have received the allocated funding in 2020/2021. A number of clients took part in the management development programmes and are the LEO is now starting to allocating consultants to the clients to support their needs.

Financial Supports – Measure 1 & Other Financial schemes.

Measure 1 Grant Aid: Details of funding and eligibility can be found via the LEO website [here](#). Businesses must meet the eligibility criteria and employing 10 or less people with the potential for employment growth.

- [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 €15,000

- [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: To date in 2021, **35 applications have been approved €887,702** in funding. The next meeting of the Evaluation Committee is scheduled for 23rd November and we are working with **8 further applications to prepare them for consideration.**

Previously in 2020, 32 grants were approved €769,630 in funding creating a projected 81 jobs over the 3 year period.

Trading Online Vouchers – 50% Scheme. From 1st January 2021 the scheme is allocated to the DETE, where businesses can apply for a TOV to support the development of their online trading. Vouchers will be available to a maximum value of €2,500 or 50% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser for those businesses that meet the eligibility criteria. Applicants must first attend an information session. The next one is planned 13th October and can be booked [here](#)

Progress: 2021 TOV's **77** Applications to date. **63** Approved to date to a value of **€124,613**. 16 Paid out to a value of **€31251.00**

Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters –

Applicants can apply for a grant of up to €2500 or 50% of eligible expenditure on activities which are associated with developing their export sales. Demand for these in 2020 was lower, due to no trade fairs taking place. Businesses can apply for this to support online events/activities which are supports international sales development.

Progress – To date for 2021 – 4 applications for TAME have been received.

Measure 2: Training & Capability Development

A key objective of the LEO is to develop and support the capability and development of business owners and managers to help sustain and grow their businesses in Donegal. Due to Covid, much activity is being

delivered online.

Profitnet - Peer Learning for Owner/Managers

Profitnet is a highly successful business development and support programme which has benefited 180 Donegal businesses to date.

The **Engineering Profitnet** meeting continues to host online meetings since the COVID -19 restrictions have been put in place, on a monthly basis from 7.30am to 10.30am. The next meeting of the group will take place on the 15th of September.

A new **Food Coast Profitnet** group has been established with 15 businesses from the food sector, both food production and services involved. The latest meeting of the group took place on the 1st September 2021.

Training

In 2021 to date **1869 participants** have availed of training through the LEO.

- **Business Information Session:** *A Monthly Information Session/Grant Aid Workshop is held online monthly on the last Friday of each month.*
- **Start Your Own Business** – 4 completed programmes - 5th programme to start on 20th September (evenings), with 18 participants. The next one will start on the 9th November.
- **National Green for Micro** – SMEs can apply for consultancy to help review business in relation to green and sustainability issues to identify savings.
- **Lean for Micro** - 1 workshop hosted, 2nd workshop to be held November 2021. To date for 2021 - 11 LEAN projects commenced, a 3 drawing to a close and ready to report. Each Project has a value of up to €5k for each participating company.
- **Digital/Online Sales Online Training** – a series aimed at helping develop online trading capability
 - [Using Social Media for Business.](#)
 - [Online Advertising for Business.](#)
 - [Developing Online Marketing Strategy](#)
- **Understanding Export Workshops and Meet the Experts** – procurement process has been completed and contracted will

be awarded. Programme and workshops will start on 6th October and run over 6 weeks.

- **Cash Flow Management** – due to demand a further workshop has been added and will take place on the 9th November. Places can be booked on the LEO website.

AMBITION- Pre Accelerator for Women in Business.

Programme aims to support ambitious female founders to develop scalable businesses in Donegal. Application process is now complete. There will be 9 participants starting the formal workshops on 5th October.

3.0 Enterprise Promotion

To develop the ambition of the county and inspire current and future entrepreneurs, the LEO actively promotes the idea of setting up a business in Donegal by sharing news of those in business in Donegal and hosting events which aim to inspire

Core Annual Promotional Activities:

- Enterprise Awards
- Student Enterprise Awards
- Local Enterprise Week

LEO has presence on a number of social media platforms and aims to share news of relevant information for small businesses in Donegal as available.

- LinkedIn
- Facebook – 4900 Followers, 3259 people reached June 21.
- Instagram
- Twitter – 5272 Followers

Donegal Stories

A new Website <https://donegalstories.ie/> showcasing some of the Small Businesses supported by the Local Enterprise Office has been developed.

4.0 Economic & Other Initiatives

The LEO is engaged in a wide range of other initiatives, including;

- **Enterprise Europe Network**

Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) led up by Donegal County Council and the Local Enterprise Office is providing unique opportunities to

businesses all over Ireland to make connections and meet internationally in ways we never thought possible until 2020. Two virtual meet the buyer events took place earlier this year for the engineering and food sectors which facilitated almost 1200 one to one meetings for the attendees. Clients can explore opportunities to attend other international events, search and post on the profile database requests and offers in business, technology and research and development or get information on markets in almost 70 countries around the world.

Please contact Eileen Kelly, Enterprise Europe Network Coordinator eileen.kelly@leo.donegalcoco.ie for more information.

- **Donegal Diaspora**

Ongoing work being done with the Donegal Diaspora network to establish a number of events to engage the business diaspora. A number of interviews have taken place with the Ambition 2020 participants who were based abroad to share their experience and ambition to return to Donegal to set up their businesses.

The awards ceremony is an initiative of the broader Donegal Diaspora project and has become a highlight of Donegal County Council's calendar of events. Enquiries relating to Donegal Diaspora can be directed to project executive joanne.kilmartin@leo.donegalcoco.ie

- **The Food Coast – Donegal's Good Food Initiative,**

The Food Coast is engaged in a wide range of initiatives to promote, develop and grow the potential of the Donegal Food sector.

Management Development Programme started 25th of May – 9 owner managers taking part. Receive training and mentoring.

A Food Starter – second programme planned for September 2021. Required for any producer hoping to apply for the Food Academy.

Food Academy:

3 Donegal producers currently on trial in 7 local stores – Filligans (Glenties), Love a Little Sauces (Ballyliffin) and Sinless Snacks (Buncrana). Call for next national programme sees two more Donegal businesses being awarded places on the programme – they will attend

online classes before pitching to Supervalu for potential store trial. Training will start in August 2021.

Food Coast Certification 2021 is now complete, with all businesses receiving their plaques this and last week. We also distributed branded face masks, aprons and pens to the successful applicants. There is a 32% increase in the number of businesses being approved from 2020 to 2021.

Donegal Food Producers feature strongly at National Blas na hÉireann awards:

Now in their 14th year, the Blas na hÉireann awards are the all-island food awards that recognise the very best Irish food and drink products, and the passionate people behind them. The biggest blind tasting of produce in the country, the criteria on which the product is judged as well as the judging system itself, which was developed by Blas na hÉireann with the Food Science Dept of UCC and the University of Copenhagen, is now recognised as an industry gold standard worldwide.

Products from every county in Ireland were entered into this year's competition to win Gold, Silver or Bronze Blas na hÉireann awards in over 150 food and drink categories, as well as key awards like Supreme Champion and Best Artisan Producer.

The bronze, silver and gold winners from Donegal across a range of different categories are:

1. **Atlantic Treasures – Gold & Best in County, sponsored by LEO Donegal**
2. **Donegal Rapeseed Oil – Gold & Silver**
3. **Errigal Bay - Bronze**
4. **Filligans Handmade Preserves - Silver**
5. **Green Pastures Donegal - Silver & Bronze**
6. **Love A Little - Bronze**
7. **Natural Dairies - Gold, Silver & Bronze**
8. **The Shack - Bronze**

- **The Creative Coast**

A new website for the creative sector was launched on 22nd of September, over 70 people attended. Nearly 200 creative businesses listed on database. Ongoing promotion to encourage additional creative businesses in Donegal to get listed.



This will be followed by a skills audit of the sector. The tender for this work has been issued.

[Management Development programme](#): Donegal LEO is managing the roll out of a

management development programme for creative businesses in the North West – Building a Craft and Design Enterprise Programme – 18 businesses from the North West region are participating

- **Donegal Engineering Cluster**

Funding secured for Donegal Engineering Cluster for three year period and to be launched within next two months. Confirmed commitments to support and engage from LYIT, ETB, Udaras na Gaeltachta and IDA Ireland. An initial meeting with engineering businesses in the county The recruitment process for a co-ordinator has been completed and the new executive will start in the next month.

First in-person meeting in two years of the Engineering Profitnet group took place in Letterkenny on 15th September as the request of the group. Positive for all businesses and will continue in person on 27th October, where a visit to LYIT Engineering school will be featured.

Engaged in peer learning group of national & international engineering cluster managers, to help offer insight and best practice for cluster management in Donegal

- **European Programmes – SME related**

EIS – Internationalisation of SMES. Approved extension to consider impact of Covid on SMES and their internationalisation activities. Next meeting of partners will be online on 9th of September 2021.

PASSPARTOOL – focused on innovation development within SMES and how to develop the opportunity for this within the partner regions.

SinCE – AFC - objective to enhance the competitiveness of Donegal based SMEs in the agricultural, fisheries and aquaculture, food & drink manufacture, and wider food industries by promoting new ideas and fostering innovative circular opportunities.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enterprise Plan Draft of a new 10 year Strategic Enterprise Plan has been completed for Donegal through consultants, OCO Global. Plan was to be presented at September council meeting for ratification.
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LEO Donegal - Performance Metrics

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE SUPPORTS 2020				
Supports	Applications Submitted	No of Approvals	Value of Approvals	Uplift from 2019 (applications)
Business Continuity Vouchers	678	574	€917,560	+678
Trading Online Vouchers	563	462	€1,116,165	+518
Mentoring	217	199	€137,294	+187
Measure 1 Grant Supports	38	32	€529,685	-
Micro Enterprise Assistance Fund	12	7	€6,750	+12
TOTAL	1,508	1,274	€2,707,454	1,395

3. Division: Information Systems

Activity / Project Report

Title	Information Systems COVID-19 Response
Outline of Work	<p>The Information Systems Department has implemented a range of services and solutions to deal with internal staffing and work rearrangements, remote working solutions as well as solutions for public information and communications.</p> <p>A range of planned information systems are being implemented on an on-going basis, as well as planned networking and communications infrastructure upgrades.</p>
Budget	
Progress to date within the last month-inclusive of current status	<p>Operations Programme</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rollout of remote working extended to an additional tranche of critical staff members. 2. eTenders procurement process completed for the replacement of the switch network infrastructure that supports the Council's Local Area Networks (LAN) and Wide Area Network (WAN). 3. Migration to O365 Statement of Work reviewed and initial test phase completed. 4. County-wide Network Switch Replacement Project has commenced with the following sites now completed; The BASE Enterprise Centre – Stranorlar, Regional Training Centre – Stranorlar, Water Pollution Laboratory – Stranorlar, Civil Defence – Stranorlar, Central Library - Letterkenny, Library Administration Centre – Rosemount, Library Stores – Magherennan, Letterkenny Fire Station, County Museum, Local Enterprise Office, Bundoran Branch Library, Gweedore Branch Library, Buncrana Branch Library, Letterkenny PSC, Milford PSC, Dungloe PSC, Carndonagh PSC and the new Buncrana Outreach Office. 5. Infrastructure put in place to facilitate Climate Awareness Training for all staff during 2021. 6. 4492 online meetings on GoToMeeting to date in 2021, with roll out of GoToMeeting functionality to 140 different users. 7. Implementation of Rates Grants 2021 (SBASC) Small Business Assistance Scheme for COVID. 8. Windows 7 to Windows 10 upgrade programme progressing. 9. New hardware deployed to some NRO staff in Donegal Town and remaining users upgraded to Windows 10.

10. Motor Tax PC's in PSC's updated to latest Citrix client.
11. Ongoing configuration of new equipment and devices to facilitate Window upgrade. Supplier delivery timescales have deteriorated for high end workstations & laptops.
12. Preparatory work ongoing for the rollout of the national ePlanning project
13. New temporary Buncrana Outreach Office re-cabled for corporate network access and staff relocated on Wednesday June 23rd
14. Phase 1 of the National upgrade of the CORE HR system to v28, which has been rebranded as People XD, has been completed
15. Handover of the ICT elements of the upgraded Stranorlar WWTP from the contractor to Information Systems has been progressed
16. Following extensive a 'Phishing' training platform has been selected for the HR/Training Department with the training of staff to be commenced in the coming weeks.
17. 165 x staff members now migrated to Office365 platform for accessing their email and the latest versions of the Microsoft Office Suite (Word, PowerPoint, Excel & Access).
18. Upgraded all AutoCAD users at HQ Lifford and NRO Donegal Town to the single-user subscription model allowing them to access the latest versions of the AutoCAD Suite of products.
19. Preparatory work has commenced for our migration from the Sierra Library Management System to the new national Library Management System 'Spydus' at the end of March 2022.
20. New Goldrum Water Treatment Plant added to the Corporate Network
21. 1st Live Stream of Plenary Council Meeting facilitated at AURA Leisure Centre, Sept 27th.

Systems Programme

22. Ongoing development and support of major online and backend support systems to facilitate management of the Defective Block Scheme which opened in 2020.
23. Ongoing upgrade of Dynamics CRM for a number of solutions to facilitate in house development of mobile applications.
24. Implementation and ongoing support of third-party solution for PRD Inspections (Private Rented Dwellings).
25. Evaluating submitted IP Telephony tenders. This is a major tender to replace the current PSTN Lines based Corporate Telephony with a VOIP unified communication Telephony system and an upgrade of the current Contact Centre System.

	<p>26. Further expansion of the eCouncil SharePoint site to include additional SPC's and Statutory Section 183 Notices</p> <p>GIS Programme</p> <p>27. Mapping support for Wind Energy variation, Letterkenny Transport Plan and Letterkenny Housing Capacity, thatched survey, Casual Trading survey, Knotweed survey, Winter maintenance service changes and Risk Assessment.</p> <p>28. Rebranding and reconfiguring of Donegal.maps.arcgis.com Map Portal.</p> <p>29. Development of maps to support BuyDonegal campaign 2021</p>
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Activity/Project Update

Title	WiFi4EU
Outline of Work	<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	€150,000
Progress to date within the last month-inclusive of current status	<p>Glenties MD: Complete & Signed Off</p> <p>WiFi Installed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Annagry – Annagry Pharmacy 2. Ardara – Corner House Bar 3. Crolly Distillery 4. Dungloe – O'Donnells Pharmacy 5. Dungloe – PSC 6. Dunlewey – Community Centre 7. Falcarragh – An tSean Bheairic 8. Falcarragh – Centra 9. Falcarragh Community Centre

- 10. Glenties – Community Centre
- 11. Glenties – Garrett O’Donnell Pharmacy
- 12. Gortahork – Ostan Loch Altan
- 13. Kilclooney – Dolmen Centre
- 14. Dungloe - Mulherns Corner Bar
- 15. Ionad an Machaire


Project launched in Stranorlar MD on Friday 17th



<p>Project Targets for the next monthly reporting period</p>	<p>Submit co-financing application to Department of Rural and Community Development for all completed 4 voucher areas. Publicity material posted to every premises</p>
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Activity/Project Update

Title	NBP – National Broadband Plan
Outline of Work	<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 2021 NBI will be carrying out route proofing and surveying in preparation for the main fibre rollout.</p>
Budget	
Progress to date within the last month-inclusive of current status	<p>Broadband Connection Points: BCP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amharclann Ghaoth Dobhair: Complete • An tSean Scoil Málainn Bhig: Complete • Comharchumann Oileáin Thoraí: Complete • Cranford Community Centre: Complete • Errigal training Centre Falcarragh: withdrawn • Fort Dunree: Complete • Glenveagh NP: Complete • Leghowney Community Hall: Complete • Malin Head: Complete • Meenreagh Hostel: Complete • Ranger Station Sliabh Liag: Complete • Ray Community Centre: Complete <p>Surveying complete at Carrowmenagh. Initial results are unfavourable and looking at an alternative backhaul route.</p> <p>Progressing Access Cinema facilities at Tory Island BCP through Connected Hubs funding</p> <p>Progressing Digital Skills with Camara Ireland and Microsoft Dream Space</p>

	<p>with Ray Community Centre BCP</p> <p>Furniture Tender issued for Connected Call Hubs A/V and ICT quotations sought for Connected Call Hubs Planning permission secured for renovations at MalinBeg Sean Scoil Hub.</p> <p>NBI Surveying started on 5 Islands, Tamney Deployment Area & StJohnston Deployment Area. NBI submitted pre consultation review for Section 254 Licence Application for New Poles in the Letterkenny Deployment Area. Extensive review carried out by road engineers and comments returned to NBI.</p> <p>Successful launch of the BASE digital hub with Minister for Rural & Community Development Heather Humphreys TD.</p> 
<p>Project Targets for the next monthly reporting period</p>	<p>Progress eHealth on TORY island project – Tender for “pod” building to be issued jointly with Mayo CoCo. Evaluate tenders for connected Hubs Issue Tender for Malinbeg renovation works. Liaise with NBI and DCC Service on Section 254 review and application</p>
<p>Contact Person</p>	<p>Daragh McDonough – Broadband Officer dmcdonough@donegalcoco.ie 074 9172450</p>

4. Division: Emergency Service – Fire Service

Activity / Project Report:

Activity	Number of: (August)*	Total for year
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	77	506
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	82	550
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	7	66
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	11	116
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	16	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from Applicant / Agent:	44	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	11	75
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	0	2
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	0	1
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	2	0
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	27	61
Fire Safety Complaints received:	2	9
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	2	7
During Performance Inspections carried out:	0	0
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	0	4

* Current data only available up to end of August 2021.


** Provisional Figures.



ENVIRONMENT REPORT – October 2021

WASTE AND LITTER MANAGEMENT

Activity / Project Title	Soft Plastic Waste, that is clean, dry and loose can now be placed in Household Recycling Bins
Project Description/ Activity	 <p>All plastic packaging waste - including soft plastic - can now be placed in household recycling bins as long as it is clean, dry and loose.</p> <p>Soft plastics have been added to the household recycling list due to advancements in technology at Irish recycling facilities. This is welcome news as we work to reach EU recycling targets. Currently in Ireland we recycle less than a third of all plastic packaging waste. We have committed to increasing our plastic packaging recycling figure to 50% by 2025 and 55% by 2030.</p> <p>This development is also part of the effort to fulfil commitments in relation to plastic packaging recycling as outlined in the Government’s Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy.</p> <p>All permitted waste collection companies are now accepting soft plastic packaging waste that is placed clean, dry and loose into the recycling bin. For a detailed list of the materials that are now accepted in the household recycling bin see mywaste.ie.</p>
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Activity / Project Title	<p style="text-align: center;">Minister Ossian Smyth TD Launches Reuse Month - October 2021</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Reuse Month demonstrates the hidden value in our discarded items</p>
Project Description/ Activity	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>During Reuse Month communities and individuals around Ireland will come together to learn how one person’s unwanted item could be another person’s treasure.</p> <p>In October there are nationwide initiatives that will highlight how to reuse everyday items and materials that would otherwise go to waste. It aims to inspire and empower individuals to see the value in items they might usually choose to discard. Throughout the month there will be free workshops on an array of subjects such as teaching people how to remake their favourite piece of clothing, how to transform an old piece of furniture and even how to make a lamp from an empty glass bottle. Ireland’s local authorities are also showing their support for Reuse Month with numerous regional events planned.</p> <p>Reuse Month is celebrating six years of demonstrating how value can be found in everyday items and bringing awareness to Ireland’s growing Circular Economy. It is a waste prevention initiative that was developed by Ireland’s three Waste Management Planning Offices, Connacht Ulster, Eastern Midlands and Southern Region. The flagship events will take place on October 7th, October 14th, and October 21st 2021 and all Reuse Month events are free of charge including interactive workshops, video tutorials, how-to guides and information campaigns.</p> <p>For a full list of events and to book a place in any of the workshops or other events visit www.mywaste.ie</p>
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Activity / Project Title	<p style="text-align: center;">Strong Sturdy Bikes Wanted! Letterkenny Rotary Club's Annual School Bikes Africa Appeal</p>
<p>Project Description /Activity</p>	<div data-bbox="500 216 1300 779" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Once again, Letterkenny Rotary Club is delighted to announce the opening of their annual School Bikes Africa Appeal in conjunction with Donegal County Council and Bryson Recycling. The annual appeal is being launched this October to coincide with the National Reuse month.</p> <p>As in previous years, bicycles suitable for refurbishing should be strong and sturdy, mountain bike style, have minimum 24" wheel size and mountain bike type tyres. Racer style bikes are not sought as part of this collection. Suitable bikes can be dropped off at any of the Council's six Recycling Centres (Laghey, Dungloe, Carndonagh, Stranorlar, Letterkenny & Milford).</p> <p>Please check your local centre for opening hours, visit www.donegalcoco.ie or www.brysonrecycling.org.</p> <p>'While only certain sizes and caliber of bikes are appropriate, the local drop off points make collection so much easier, and now with the added bonus of additional storage capacity and the transport to Loughan House being handled by the Irish Army, we are certainly making great progress as our anticipated capacity has now also been increased accordingly', says President Ed Wickes of Letterkenny Rotary Club. Donegal is now one of eleven counties involved in this national appeal throughout Ireland.</p> <p>Donated bicycles will be transported by the Irish Army to Loughan House, Co. Cavan one of the Irish Open Prison Centres, where the prisoners there will refurbish them prior to being shipped off to The Gambia. To date, Rotary have transported approximately 5000 bikes to Africa, and the Irish Prison Service through Loughan House has been involved from the outset.</p> <p>Rotary Ireland has expanded its commitment to collecting, refurbishing and delivering unwanted bikes to school children in Africa giving them the chance of a better life and open up many more opportunities. As many have to travel long distances to and from school, often in searing temperatures and doing this on foot can be difficult at best, so having a bike can make a huge change for the pupil and family alike as it can be utilised in other ways to help out their communities.</p>

While providing these children with bikes for school, Rotary are also helping those much closer to home, namely the prisoners at Loughan House Open Centre Co. Cavan who are also getting the chance of furthering their own education. Their participation in this project allows them to study for a City & Guilds FETAC Bike Mechanics course which ultimately will help with their own rehabilitation into society and perhaps aid their job prospects in the long term, as well as the satisfaction of working on such a worthwhile charitable project.

Suzanne Bogan Waste Awareness Officer with Donegal County Council said “This is a great initiative to be involved in and it fits perfectly with the aims and ethos of Reuse month. We were delighted with the opportunity to continue our involvement with Rotary and this campaign, as it is such a positive one. The Council were successful in a funding application under the Anti-Dumping Initiative which will allow for the collection of a greater number of suitable bikes at each of the Council’s six Recycling Centres. The additional funding under the Anti-Dumping Initiative will allow for the extension of this initiative beyond October. It is important that people take note of the type of bikes requested once again this year;




- strong sturdy bikes that can withstand rough terrain,
- bikes to suit both primary and secondary level students, with a minimum of 24” wheel size,
- in reasonable repair
- and having mountain bike type tyres.



For information on the opening times for your local Recycling Centre visit www.donegalcoco.ie or <https://www.brysonrecycling.org/donegal-recycling-centres/>

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Activity / Project Title	<p align="center">Reuse in the Garden Online Workshop Thursday 28th October @ 1pm</p>
Project Description /Activity	<p>Register for this free online workshop on Eventbrite - https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/reuse-in-the-garden-tickets-179911519197</p> <p>Join in for a live session where Joanne from OURganic Gardens will be back to show us how she makes compost from food waste and how she uses her wormery at home. The workshop will last approximately 1hr and will include a Q & A session.</p> <div data-bbox="326 407 1474 1016" style="text-align: center;">  <p>ReUse in the Garden is Back FREE LIVE ONLINE COMPOST MAKING FROM FOOD WASTE & WORM BIN DEMO</p> <p>Join us for a live session where Joanne Butler from OURganic Gardens will be back to show us how she makes compost from food waste and how she uses her wormery at home. Q&A to follow. Approx. 1Hr</p>  <p>Thursday 28th October at 1pm See Eventbrite : https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/reuse-in-the-garden-tickets-179911519197</p>  <p>Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall Donegal County Council</p>  </div>
Contact Person	<p>Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer suzannebogan@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity / Project Title	<p align="center">My Waste – Upcycle Challenge Reminder - Closing Date 15th October 2021</p>
Project Description/ Activity	<p>The Upcycle Challenge 2021 has been launched and there are €6,000 worth of prizes to be won across eight categories.</p> <p>To find out more information and to submit a completed application by the 15th of October log on to https://www.mywaste.ie/upcycle-challenge21/</p> <p>Both Killybegs and The Rosses Men’s Sheds have had great success in the past number of years winning prizes in the Mens Shed category.</p> <div data-bbox="735 1591 1097 1955" style="text-align: center;">  <p>Upcycle Challenge 2021 mywaste</p>  <p>NOW OPEN FOR ENTRIES mywaste.ie/upcycle-challenge21/</p> </div>

GROUP WATER SCHEMES

Activity / Project Title	County Donegal Group Water Scheme Sector
Project Description/ Activity	<p>Donegal has a considerable high number of Group water Schemes (GWS) within our rural water sector. The status of Donegal's GWSs is listed below;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 357 no. Public GWS's receiving their water from Irish Water • 4 no. Private GWS's serving more than 50 consumers • 20 no. Private GWS's serving less than 50 consumers
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Activity / Project Title	Group Water Scheme Takeovers
Project Description/ Activity	<p><u>Group Water Scheme Takeover Requests</u></p> <p>There are 78 GWS's which have submitted takeover requests to Donegal County Council. This is an increase in 5 since the previous update in October 2020. The number of GWSs that have requested takeover amounts approximately 20% of the overall total of GWSs within the county. Although this figure appears low there are a large number of orphan GWSs where the promoter or trustees are no longer active.</p> <p>Donegal County Council is represented on a working group examining issues in relation to the taking in charge of orphan GWSs. Donegal County Council has commenced a pilot process which provides an alternative pathway for these orphan schemes to be taken over. The promoters or trustees of any group water scheme that wishes to be considered for takeover should do so by writing to the Rural Water Liaison Officer, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford or by emailing ruralwater@donegalcoco.ie.</p> <p><u>Criteria for GWSs to be Eligible for Takeover</u></p> <p>In order for GWSs to be eligible for takeover they must comply with technical, legal and financial requirements set down in circular letter WSP01 16. The takeover of a GWS is potentially a lengthy process in that all aspects of the GWS must be examined so as to ensure that they satisfy the standards set out by Irish Water.</p> <p><u>Resourcing</u></p> <p>Donegal County Council have been successful in securing additional funding from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to employ additional staff within the Council's Rural Water Section in order to expedite the formal takeover process of GWSs. These staff, a Technician Grade 2 and an Executive Engineer, have been in post since 30th April 2018 and 19th November 2018 respectively following the completion of recruitment processes. An Assistant Engineer was added to the Rural Water team on 2nd March 2020 to assist with the Takeover Programme. A Senior Executive Engineer has been put in place since August 2020 to oversee the Rural Water Section.</p>

GWS Takeover Project – Works to date

Works completed by the GWS Takeover Team to date have included;

- an extensive desktop exercise reviewing and cataloguing GWS files for more than 300 GWS;
- examining the works required on a large number of schemes that have requested takeover;
- Liaising with promoters and trustees on a number of schemes that have requested takeover.
- GWS takeover team have engaged with 66% (52 of 78) of GWSs that have formally requested takeover and commenced the takeover process.

In order to expedite the takeover process it was necessary to prioritise the order of GWSs the Takeover Team will engage with first. A priority list was developed and it sets out four focus area as below:

Priority 1 - GWSs with active committee members who are applying for annual subsidies and do not have any wayleaves or land transfer requirements

Priority 2- GWSs with active committee members who are not applying for annual subsidies and do not have any wayleaves or land transfer requirements

Priority 3- GWSs with active committee members who are applying for annual subsidies and have wayleaves or land transfer requirements

Priority 4- GWSs with active committee members who are not applying for annual subsidies and have wayleaves or land transfer requirements

18 schemes have progressed to the point whereby they have been submitted to Irish Water for Takeover review. The list below shows which schemes from Appendix A have been submitted to Irish Water for review;

	<u>GWS Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Municipal District</u>	<u>Status</u>
1	Cappry Lane	Ballybofey	Lifford Stranorlar	Submitted to IW
2	Meenalaught	Killygordan	Lifford Stranorlar	Submitted to IW
3	Lagnalore/ Meenahorna	Glenfin	Lifford Stranorlar	Submitted to IW
4	Cloughroe	Drumkeen	Lifford Stranorlar	Submitted to IW
5	Tirhomin	Milford	Letterkenny	Submitted to IW
6	Labbadish/ Drumoghill	Drumoghill	Letterkenny	Submitted to IW
7	Brea Road	Bridgend	Inishowen	Taken Over
8	Glengad Mountain	Malin	Inishowen	Submitted to IW
9	Ballymacgroarty	Ballintra	Donegal	Taken Over
10	Rath/Lisminton	Ballintra	Donegal	Taken Over
11	Lurgan	Ballintra	Donegal	Taken Over
12	Teelin	Carrick	Donegal	Taken Over
13	Driminardagh	Donegal Town	Donegal	Submitted to IW
14	Owenteskna	Meenaneary	Donegal	Submitted to IW
15	Lisahully	Ballyshannon	Donegal	Submitted to IW
16	Meenlaragh No. 2	Gortahork	Glenties	Submitted to IW
17	Loughros Point	Ardara	Glenties	Submitted to IW
18	Lochnanoran	Annargy	Glenties	Submitted to IW

In the coming months continued engagement with promoters and trustees of GWSs that have applied for takeover will continue, however, the impact of Covid 19 has limited the amount of contact GWSs could have with their members. This had a direct impact on the progress of takeover applications due to the limited the opportunity to obtain the required consent of two-thirds their members by means of a signature. Members will be advised of progress in further updates given via the Municipal District Meetings.

Activity / Project Title	Orphan Schemes																																																																																													
Project Description/ Activity	<p>An Orphan scheme is defined as any scheme where there is no active committee and where the emergency and maintenance works are carried out by Donegal County Council on behalf of Irish Water.</p> <p>Donegal County Council is part of a pilot programme to commence the takeover of these types of schemes. Irish Water has agreed to review 10 schemes from each county involved in this pilot programme. This list below sets out the parameters for which Irish Water will consider takeover for these schemes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • less than 10 connections • two-thirds of the GWS members have signed consent for IW takeover • no wayleaves on scheme • no land transfers on scheme • no pumping on scheme • no reservoirs • no debt <p>The desk study of all 1104 GWSs within the county was utilised to identify all orphan scheme within the county. 295 GWS were classified as orphan through this process. These 295 scheme were investigated further to identify GWSs with less than 10 connections. 158 GWSs were identified after this review. A detailed analysis of each scheme is currently being conducted to establish if these schemes meet additional parameters set out by Irish Water as mentioned above. All 158 schemes have been reviewed and 37 schemes have been deemed to meet the criteria set out by the programme. These 37 schemes will be checked on site to confirm if conditions match the desk study.</p> <p>DCC were only one of two Local Authorities that met the target of submitting 10 Orphan Scheme to IW. On this basis, DCC were granted a further 10 Orphan Scheme that could be submitted under this pilot programme. Thus far, 12 schemes as listed below have been submitted to Irish Water and confirmed as taken over. A further 5 schemes have been submitted to IW for review.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="297 1220 1516 1919"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th><u>GWS Name</u></th> <th><u>Location</u></th> <th><u>Municipal District</u></th> <th><u>Status</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>1</td><td>Ballinaboe</td><td>Clonmany</td><td>Inishowen</td><td>Taken Over</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>Carnowen Road</td><td>Raphoe</td><td>Lifford Stranorlar</td><td>Taken Over</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>Corraire No. 2</td><td>Ballybofey</td><td>Lifford Stranorlar</td><td>Taken Over</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>Dooras</td><td>Ballindrait</td><td>Lifford Stranorlar</td><td>Taken Over</td></tr> <tr><td>5</td><td>The Roughan</td><td>Lifford</td><td>Lifford Stranorlar</td><td>Taken Over</td></tr> <tr><td>6</td><td>Creevy</td><td>Ballyshannon</td><td>Donegal</td><td>Taken Over</td></tr> <tr><td>7</td><td>Clontyseer</td><td>Ballyshannon</td><td>Donegal</td><td>Taken Over</td></tr> <tr><td>8</td><td>Springhill</td><td>Quigley's Point</td><td>Inishowen</td><td>Taken Over</td></tr> <tr><td>9</td><td>Fallask</td><td>Drumfreis</td><td>Inishowen</td><td>Taken Over</td></tr> <tr><td>10</td><td>Glebe Road</td><td>Burt</td><td>Inishowen</td><td>Application with IW</td></tr> <tr><td>11</td><td>Carronamaddy</td><td>Burt</td><td>Inishowen</td><td>Application with IW</td></tr> <tr><td>12</td><td>Clonkillymore</td><td>Termon</td><td>Letterkenny</td><td>Taken Over</td></tr> <tr><td>13</td><td>Pluck/ Aughlihard</td><td>Mannorcunningham</td><td>Letterkenny</td><td>Taken Over</td></tr> <tr><td>14</td><td>Gortnaskeagh</td><td>Kilmacrennan</td><td>Letterkenny</td><td>Taken Over</td></tr> <tr><td>15</td><td>Rathmullan Coastguard</td><td>Rathmullan</td><td>Letterkenny</td><td>Application with IW</td></tr> <tr><td>16</td><td>Grail Craugheyboyle</td><td>Annagry</td><td>Glenties</td><td>Application with IW</td></tr> <tr><td>17</td><td>Sandfield</td><td>Ardara</td><td>Glenties</td><td>Application with IW</td></tr> </tbody> </table>					<u>GWS Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Municipal District</u>	<u>Status</u>	1	Ballinaboe	Clonmany	Inishowen	Taken Over	2	Carnowen Road	Raphoe	Lifford Stranorlar	Taken Over	3	Corraire No. 2	Ballybofey	Lifford Stranorlar	Taken Over	4	Dooras	Ballindrait	Lifford Stranorlar	Taken Over	5	The Roughan	Lifford	Lifford Stranorlar	Taken Over	6	Creevy	Ballyshannon	Donegal	Taken Over	7	Clontyseer	Ballyshannon	Donegal	Taken Over	8	Springhill	Quigley's Point	Inishowen	Taken Over	9	Fallask	Drumfreis	Inishowen	Taken Over	10	Glebe Road	Burt	Inishowen	Application with IW	11	Carronamaddy	Burt	Inishowen	Application with IW	12	Clonkillymore	Termon	Letterkenny	Taken Over	13	Pluck/ Aughlihard	Mannorcunningham	Letterkenny	Taken Over	14	Gortnaskeagh	Kilmacrennan	Letterkenny	Taken Over	15	Rathmullan Coastguard	Rathmullan	Letterkenny	Application with IW	16	Grail Craugheyboyle	Annagry	Glenties	Application with IW	17	Sandfield	Ardara	Glenties	Application with IW
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	We have commenced the takeover application process for a further 13 schemes using the criteria of this programme. The final 3 schemes required to meet our target of 20 schemes are in progress and should be complete in the coming months. The remaining schemes that have commenced are in preparation for our next allocation after we achieve our current target.
Contact Person	Pauric Feely, Assistant Engineer pauric.feely@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2019-2021			
Project Description/ Activity	A number of GWSs received funding under the Multi Annual Rural Water Programme under various measures. A summary of progress is listed below:			
	Measure	GWS	Funding	Purpose
	Source Protection	Dunlewey	€3,200	To install a barrier around the source
				Fencing has been installed on site.
	Public Health Compliance	Tory Island	€262,861	To ensure compliance with Drinking Water Regulations
				Treatment System to be trialled on site in coming months
		Townawilly	€38,500	To ensure compliance with Drinking Water Regulations
				Sedimentation filter and UV systems replaced. Ongoing monitoring for THM compliance
	Enhancement of Existing Schemes	Townawilly	€15,300	To improve Operation efficiency of GWS
				Awaiting confirmation from GWS to progress
		Dunlewey	€68,000	To carry out pipeline replacement works
				Awaiting confirmation from GWS to progress
	New Group Water Schemes	Dunlewey Extension	€661,900	Extend the GWS to serve Dunlewey
				Awaiting confirmation from GWS to progress
	Transition of Existing GWS to IW	Multiple GWSs	€699,299	Funding to upgrade GWSs to IW Standards
				Takeover programme as described above
	Community Connections	Goland	€108,470	To provide funding to Connect to IW Network
				Application with IW. Awaiting Connection Offer
		Glenalla	€315,000	To provide funding to Connect to IW Network
				Preparation of application for 55 households
Contact Person	Pauric Feely, Assistant Engineer pauric.feely@donegalcoco.ie			

Activity / Project Title	Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2022-2024
Project Description/ Activity	The promoters or trustees of any group water scheme that wishes to be considered for an application under the Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2022-2022 should do so by writing to the Rural Water Liaison Officer, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford or by emailing ruralwater@donegalcoco.ie .
Contact Person	Pauric Feely, Assistant Engineer pauric.feely@donegalcoco.ie

Housing & Corporate Agenda

For Meeting on 12th October 2021

- Progress Report - Grants
- Progress Report - Casual Vacancies
- Housing Need
- HAP
- RAS
- LTL Properties
- Tenancies and Offers
- Tenant Purchase
- Stáisiún an Chúirt
- Deputations

1. PROGRESS REPORT - GRANTS AT 01/10/2021

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>
2021	103	84	13	4	2	6

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	33	24	7	0	1	1	2
2021	60	26	9	9	4	12	25

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	45	29	16	0	0	0	0
2021	32	23	6	1	0	2	3

2. PROGRESS REPORT – CASUAL VACANCIES AT 01/10/2021

Glenties MD	Address	Beds	Vacant From	Current Status
Annagry				
	Clos Naomh Duigh	3 bed	26/07/2021	Contractor on site
Arranmore				
	Leabgarrow	1 Bed	29/06/2021	Tenders received currently being assessed
Derrybeg				
	Ailt Aoibhinn	2 bed	26/07/2021	Contractor on site
Doochary				
	Radharc an tSeipeil	2 bed	29/03/2021	Completed
Dungloe				
	Gort na Mona	2 bed	23/02/2021	Completed
Fintown				
	Radharc na Finne	3 bed	13/04/2021	Contractor on site
Falcarragh				
	Carrowcannon	2 bed	23/04/2021	Contractor on site
	Ballina	1 Bed	29/06/2021	Completed
	Ballina	3 bed	12/07/2021	Completed
Glenties				
	Clos Naomh Chonaill	3 bed	13/04/2021	Completed
Gortahork				
	An Roisin	4 bed	30/06/2021	Contractor on site
Loughanure				
	An tArdan Rua	3 bed	11/06/2021	Contractor on site

3. HOUSING NEED

Glenties Municipal District Approved Gross and Net Need Waiting List by Approved Bedrooms Numbers detailing Locations selected by the Applicant as their 1st Area of Preference as at 12th October 2021												
Location	1 Bed		2 Bed		3 Bed		4 Bed		5 Bed		Total Net	Total Gross
	Net	Gross	Net	Gross	Net	Gross	Net	Gross	Net	Gross		
Annagry	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
Ardara	4	5	6	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	10	15
Arranmore	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Burtonport	0	0	3	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	8
Creeslough	0	0	3	6	1	2	1	3	0	0	5	11
Doochary	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	2
Dunfanaghy	1	1	4	8	3	4	0	0	0	0	8	13
Dungloe	6	7	9	32	2	6	1	2	0	0	19	47
Falcarragh	1	1	11	29	1	3	0	0	0	0	13	33
Fintown	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	2
Glenties	1	1	1	4	2	7	1	3	0	0	5	15
Gortahork	1	1	3	8	0	2	0	1	0	0	4	12
Gweedore	2	2	5	21	2	4	1	1	0	0	10	28
Lettermacaward	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Loughanure	0	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	4
Magheroarty	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Tory Island	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Totals	17	24	53	143	13	29	5	12	0	1	84	201

* Gross Need represents all approved Applicants on the Waiting List for Social Housing.

* Net Need represents approved applicants/households on the Social Housing waiting list, but who are not currently in receipt of social housing support.

* To avoid duplication of the same household, data is presented based on the 1st Area of Preference/location for social housing, as selected by the Applicant.

4. HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENT (HAP) SCHEME

As at 01st October 2021, the Glenties Municipal District is providing Social Housing Support in the form of the Housing Assistance Payment to 99 families/individuals.

5. NUMBER OF RAS PROPERTIES

As of the 01st October 2021, the Glenties Municipal District is providing Social Housing Support in the form of the Rental Accommodation Scheme to 43 families/individuals.

6. NUMBER OF LTL PROPERTIES

As of the 01st October 2021, the Glenties Municipal District is providing Social Housing Support in the form of the Long Term Lease Properties to 19 families/individuals.

7. HOUSING TENANCIES AND OFFERS

Total Housing Stock Glenties MD	Offers Issued from 1st January 2021	Tenancies created from 1st January 2021	Tenancies terminated from 1st January 2021
849	33	32	31

8. Tenant Purchase

Number of Applications Received since Scheme Commenced	New Applications from 1st January 2021	No. of Offers Issued from 1st January 2021	Total Number of Houses Sold Under the Scheme to Date
77	12	15	13

9. Stáisiún an Chúirt Falcarragh

The Council have taken possession of 4 x 2 Bed & 2 x 3 Bed houses at Station Road, Falcarragh. A further update will issue as allocations are made.

10. Requests for Deputations

Request to meet the Committee have been submitted from;

Coiste Forbartha Inis Bó Finne

&

Doochary Development Group

**GLENTIES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
MEETING
12th October 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. If more than One Member raised the same query then the response is issued to All Members.**
- 2. Road Works Programme 2021 – Overview**
- 3. 3 Year Restoration Improvement (2022-2024)**
- 4. NRDO Update**
- 5. Update on ‘Take Over of Non County Roads (6)’**

Major & Minor Roads Projects

1. N56 Kilkenny Letterilly

Works are now completed save for a snag with the road surface south of the Maas Junction. The Contractor is scheduled to carry out remedial works week of 12th October 2021. Some repairs to the local road network are to be scheduled in Q3 2021. TII have provided funding in this respect.

2. N56 Dungloe to Cloghbolie

Construction is ongoing by BAM Civils Ltd., and progress is good to date moving towards 75% complete. Completion is expected by end of Q1 2022. Barry Transportation are supervising the Works on behalf of Donegal County Council. As Works proceed towards conclusion over the Winter, the number of Traffic Lights required will reduce.

3. N56 Letterilly to Glenties (Kilraine)

Construction is ongoing by Wills Bros. Ltd. Roughan & O'Donovan are supervising the Works on behalf of Donegal County Council. The section from Glenties to Kilraine will now be tendered in 2022. Some design issues are yet to be resolved.

4. N56 Dungle to Glenties – Land Acquisition

Close out of the remaining Land Acquisitions will be completed by the end of the year (332 out of 339 complete), although a small number of the remaining cases will possibly be referred to arbitration.

5. N56 Dungle to Glenties – % for Art Scheme

Stage 2 of the procurement process is now complete and a winning proposal has been identified. Fabrication works are complete and Installation Works are due to commence this month.

Fergus Towey, SEE