



Municipal District of Glenties

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NOTICE OF MEETING

The Municipal District of Glenties Meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th April, 2022 at **12.30 p.m., on Arranmore Island.**

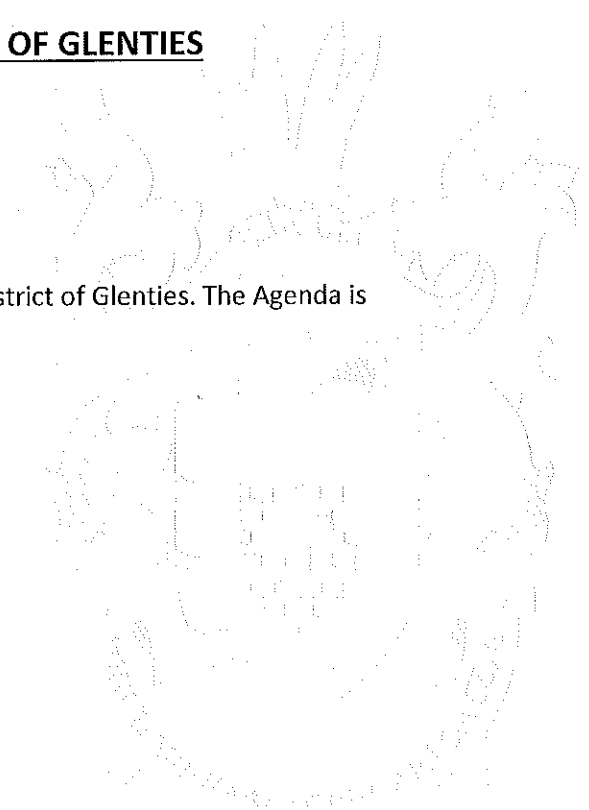
TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GLENTIES

Dear Councillor,

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

Yours Sincerely,

Michael Rowsome
Meetings Administrator





Ceantar Bardais Na Gleanntaí

Oifig Riarthóir na
gCruinnithe
Ionad Seirbhísí
Clochán Liath

5ú Aibreán, 2022

FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Na Gleanntaí ar an 12ú Aibreán 2022, ag 12.30 i.n., ar Oileán Arainn Mhór.

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS NA GLEANNTAÍ

A Chara

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

Mise, le meas

Micheál Rowsome
Riarthóir Cruinnithe

Cuir freagra chuig: Ionad Seirbhísí Pobail, Bóthar Ghaoth Dobhair, An Clochán Liath, Contae Dhún na nGall F94 H4CF
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AGENDA

1. Consideration of the Minutes of Glenties Municipal District Committee Meeting held on 8th March 2022
2. Consideration of the Minutes of Glenties Municipal District Committee Special Meeting held on 10th March 2022
3. Community Development & Cultural Services
4. Economic Development, I.S. & Emergency Services
5. Planning
6. Environment
7. Roads & Transportation
8. Housing & Corporate Services

MINUTES OF MEETING OF GLENTIES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

held in Dungloe Public Services Centre on 8th March 2022

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

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Michael McGarvey - A/Director Water & Environment
Michael Rowsome - A/Area Manager, Housing & Corporate
Jamie Gallagher - Executive Engineer, Roads
Donna Callaghan - Area Planner
Barry McLaughlin - Head of Tourism Marketing Unit
David Friel - Coastal Officer
Ann Marie McCole - Community Development Staff Officer
Mary Boyle - A/S.S.O. Housing/Corporate

Others in Attendance: Seán Ó Daimhin- Aistriúcháin Comhuaineach

GMD 16/22

Confirmation of Minutes of Glenties Municipal District Committee meeting

On the proposal of Cllr. McGarvey, seconded by Cllr. Micheál Choilm Mac Giolla Easbuig, the minutes of the Glenties Municipal District meetings held on the 08th of February 2022 were confirmed.

GMD 17/22

Schedule of MD Works

On the proposal of Cllr. McGarvey, seconded by Cllr. Molloy the Glenties Municipal District adopted the Schedule of Municipal District Works for the financial year ended 31/12/22 as set out in the Schedule presented and circulated previously, as required by Section 103A of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) and in line with requirements of Circular LG27/2014/Fin21/2014.

GMD 18/22

Coiste na Gaeilge

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig recommended increased interaction between the Coiste and Glenties MD.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig also made a presentation in respect of new signage approved for Gaeltacht areas and commended the designer Poilín Nic Géidigh.

In response to a query from Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig regarding usage of the Irish language in the Dungloe Public Services Centre, Cllr. Gallagher requested that this matter be referred to the Corporate Policy Group.

Cllr. McGarvey commended the launch of Seachtain na Gaeilge in Amharclann Gaoth Dobhair.

GMD 19/22

Coiste na nOileán

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested the Council to ascertain if any complaints had been made against any Public Rep. or Council Official following the last meeting of the Coiste.

GMD 20/22

Community Development

Members noted the following reports circulated with the agenda:-

- Community Development Projects.
- Public Participation Network.
- Rural Development Programme.

- Healthy Ireland Fund

The Community Development Staff Officer informed the Committee of the following:

- DFI Workshop scheduled online at 10am on 10/03/22
- Youth Council to make a presentation at April Municipal District Meeting
- Rural funding Workshop to be held on Thursday 31st March 2022 at 9:15am.
- Dunlewey funding in the sum of €50,000 to engage the services of an Architect Led Full Integrated Design Team Services for the design to tender stage of the project to develop a pavilion building as a multi-use space for community / tourism under the 2021 Town & Village Renewal Scheme - project development measure.

20.1

Leitir Green

On the proposal of Cllr. Gallagher, seconded by Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig, the Committee recommended a Village Renewal Project incorporating a playground at this location. Cllr. Mc Garvey queried if the services of a Council gardener could be utilised to maintain the Green area and the Director advised of the availability of CES workers in this regard.

20.2

Poll an tSnámh

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig asked for an update in respect of this project.

20.3

The Bonny Glen, Narin

Cllr. Molloy queried the availability of grant assistance to upgrade the pathway at this location and the Community

Development Staff Officer undertook to liaise with the Trails Officer.

GMD 21/22

Environment Service

The Committee discussed the report, circulated previously in relation to waste and litter management.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig expressed frustration at the continual dumping of tarmacadam along roadways by private operators and requested increased enforcement activity.

Cllr. Gallagher requested the provision of a 24 hr Recycling Service in Dungloe and also highlighted the necessity for implementation of adequate measures to eliminate odours emanating from the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

21.2

Climate Action

Members discussed the Climate Action report circulated with the Agenda in relation to the following:

- Empowering change.
- Community Action Programme.
- Decarbonisation Zone

The Director informed the Committee in relation to the availability of funding and the imminent appointment of Climate Activation Officers.

Cllr. Mc Garvey requested additional detail in relation to the Community Climate Action Programme funding call.

21.3

Catchment Care Project

Cllr. Mac Goilla Easbuig and Cllr. Gallagher discussed a grant allocated to Cumann Iascairí Baile na Finne in the sum of €40,000 for the provision of a Boat Shelter. The tender submitted by Consulting Engineers is in the region of €80,000 and the Director requested the group to

liaise with Con Mc Loughlin and to copy the Director into any communications.

21.4

Coastal Management

The Committee highlighted damage caused to ring buoys and boardwalks following the recent storms. The Coastal Officer informed Members that a National Steering Group has been established to manage the coastline and mitigate risks of rising sea levels. The Council are in the process of compiling a list of coastal infrastructure in their ownership and it is anticipated that funding will be provided to repair damaged property.

In response to concerns expressed by Cllr. Molloy regarding the blockage of toilets and parking at Maghera Beach the Coastal Officer agreed to investigate this matter.

Cllr Mac Giolla Easbuig highlighted ongoing damage caused to beaches by quads and scramblers along with coastal erosion concerns.

21.5

Tory Sea Wall

Cllr. McClafferty requested the installation of a railing on the Sea Wall arising from safety concerns and requested a meeting with Minister McConalogue. Cllr. Gallagher seconded this proposal. The Director advised of the absence of funding streams and ongoing efforts by the Council to obtain clarity regarding responsibility for maintenance of the sea wall.

21.6

Septic Tanks

The Coastal Officer agreed to liaise with Joe Ferry, Senior Executive Chemist regarding availability of grant assistance.

21.7 **Blueways - Comhar na nOileán**

In response to a query from Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig regarding membership of a Blueways Committee, the Director advised that the matter will be considered by the Island Committee.

21.8 **Tidy Towns**

Cllr. Mc Clafferty requested the Environment Service to convey the appreciation of the Municipal District Committee to all Tidy Town Groups for their voluntary efforts on behalf of the Communities.

21.9 **Glenties Flood Relief Scheme**

Members noted the report circulated with the agenda.

GMD 22/22 **Planning Service**

The Committee noted the following reports circulated with the Agenda:

- Development Application Statistics
- Enforcement Cases
- Planning Clinics
- Regeneration Report
- Central Planning Unit

22.1 **N56 Developments**

Members repeated their concerns regarding obstacles to development along the N56. Cllr. Mc Garvey stressed the importance of working groups to expedite progress in respect of this issue. Cllr. Gallagher expressed the necessity for a variation of the County Development Plan to counteract rural depopulation.

22.2 **Quarry Operators**

Cllr. Ó Fearraigh requested an update on the status of enforcement in relation to the quarrying sector.

22.3 **Coastal/ Foreshore Developments**

Cllr. Gallagher requested a presentation from the Central Planning Unit regarding legislation in respect of developments below the high- water mark.

GMD 23/22 **Economic Development, I.S. & Emergency Services**

23.1 The Head of Tourism discussed the reports circulated with the Agenda regarding the following:

- Economic Development Unit
- Tourism Marketing Unit
- Strategic Funding Unit
- Trail Gazers Board
- Local Enterprise Office
- Information Services
- Emergency Services

The Members welcomed connected digital hubs funding, festival funding and the establishment of internal and external Caravan & Camping Committees. Cllr. Molloy requested a geographical spread of Hotels to host Tourism Conferences.

Cllr. Ó Fearraigh commended the promotion of Donegal as a World Class golf destination.

23.2 **Emergency Services**

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested the provision of a Fire Service on the Islands similar to the Fire Service

available on the Mainland. Cllr. McGarvey expressed her appreciation to all Emergency Service Workers on call during the recent adverse weather conditions.

23.3

Gaeltacht Tourism Officer

The Committee expressed disappointment at the termination of funding for this position. Cllr. Gallagher requested the restoration of funding and expressed disappointment at the absence of any communication with Councillors regarding the status of this role.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig outlined the involvement of the Gaeltacht Tourism Officer in a Community Project in Annagry and requested restoration of this resource.

The Committee commended the work of the Gaeltacht Tourism Officer and requested the head of tourism to convey their concerns to both Údaras and the Divisional Manager.

GMD 24/22

Roads & Transportation

24.1

Workshop 3/03/2022

The Committee commended work undertaken and the level of professionalism in preparing the draft programmes in advance of the above workshops.

On the proposal of Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig and seconded by Cllr. McGarvey the Committee agreed the Road Programmes circulated with the Agenda as follows:

- Draft Surface Dressing 2022
- Draft Drainage Programme 2022
- Agree Final Restoration Improvement Programme based on allocation.
- Prioritised LIS 2022
- Bridge Programme 2022
- Final Year of 3 Year Footpath and Public Lighting Programme

24.2 **Section 183**

On the proposal of Cllr. Gallagher and seconded by Cllr. Molloy, the Committee agreed the disposal of .3047 hec. of land at Letterilly, Glenties to Diane Boyle for a purchase price of €3,900.

24.3 **Electric Charging Station**

Cllr. McClafferty highlighted the deficiency of electric charging point infrastructure, not only in the new car park in Dunfanaghy but throughout the County.

24.4 **Traffic Calming**

The Roads Engineer agreed to liaise with Road Design in relation to traffic calming measures recommended by the Committee on the road outside Caisleán Óir Hotel in Annagry. Cllr. Molloy also requested traffic safety measures in respect of a dangerous bend at Meenavalley and the top of the town in Ardara.

Cllr. McGarvey recommended the provision of digital flashing warning lights.

24.5 **Litter Bins - Dungloe**

Cllr. Gallagher requested the replacement of litter bins on Dungloe Main Street.

24.6 **Overgrown Trees**

Cllr. Ó Fearraigh and Cllr. Mc Clafferty requested the felling of overgrown trees along the N56, at Falcarragh and Meenanillar.

24.7 **Dungloe to Maghery Beach Trail**

Cllr. Gallagher requested the Council to source funding for the development of a Greenway along this route.

24.8 Road Maintenance

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig highlighted the following issues for the attention of the Roads Service:

- Road to Ardsbeg Treatment Plant (Irish Water Contribution)
- Lover's Lane, Ranafast
- Poll an tSnámh Road
- Maintenance to road at Páirc Chit Ranafast
- Doochary footpath repair
- Fintown County Road (gates)
- Roads to lighthouses at Tory and Arranmore
- Knockastoller - Tar and chip safety issues
- Calhame / Road to Carrickfinn - vision lines
- Magheragallon Pier - Relocation of signage

GMD 25/22 Housing & Corporate Services

25.1 Grants

The Committee noted the reports circulated with the Agenda and presented by the A/Area Manager.

25.2 Casual Vacancies

The Committee noted the report circulated previously and presented by the Housing Manager in relation to the status of 11 No. casual vacancies as at 28/02/2022.

25.3 Monthly Reports

Members welcomed the provision of statistical information in relation to the following:

- Housing Need
- Housing Assistance Payment Scheme
- RAS & LTL Properties
- Housing Vacancies and offers since 01 January 2022

- Tenant Purchase Scheme
- Housing Capital Update
- Painting Programme 2021

25.4 Approved Housing Bodies

The Assistant Housing Manager advised the Committee that Respond are hoping to be in a position to report on tender returns in respect of Fairhill, Dungloe by 21st March.

The Committee were also informed of the latest communication from Clúid in relation to their proposals for vacant units at Cois Locha apartments in Dungloe. Clúid engaged the services of Quantity Surveyors to explore options for both refurbishment of existing apartment block and the provision of new build bungalows.

Members unanimously opposed any option to demolish and rebuild new units, and requested an immediate meeting with the Chief Executive Officer of Clúid onsite at Cois Locha.

Cllr. O'Fearraigh also requested an update on the status of Clúid proposals in Falcarragh.

25.5 Údaras Houses Gaoth Dobhair

In response to a query from Cllr. O' Fearraigh the A/Housing Manager advised that the Council are liaising with Údaras in relation to a potential landbank for social housing development.

25.6 Dungloe Housing Scheme

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested the Council to liaise with Hugh Boyle in relation to his concerns and observations in respect of the proposed housing scheme on Chapel Road

25.7 Windows & Doors Retrofitting Scheme

In response to concern expressed by Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig and Cllr. Molloy, the A/Housing Manager advised that the Charlie

Bennet Drive Scheme is prioritised for funding in the Glenties Municipal District, & that a Departmental allocation is awaited.

25.8 **New Housing - Gaeltacht**

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested the Council to adhere to language planning conditions in relation to any houses in Gaeltacht developments.

25.9 **Fuel Costs**

Cllr. Gallagher requested the Council to make representations to the Minister for Finance in respect of exorbitant costs incurred by households in sourcing heating for their properties and substantial cost of living increases in rural areas.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig recommended the nationalisation of the Corrib gas field.

25.10 **Donegal Airport**

On the proposal by Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig, seconded by Cllr. McGarvey, the Committee requested the Council to make representations to Donegal Airport & Department of Transport to re-introduce a regular air service between Donegal and Glasgow.

25.11 **Housing Maintenance**

Cllr. Molloy requested the Council to assist the residents of Ard McGill with estate maintenance issues.

25.12 **Anti-Social Behaviour**

In response to a query from Cllr. Molloy the A/Area Manager informed the Committee that the Council will respond to any reported incidents of Antisocial behaviour on receipt of a complaint submission.

25.13 **Sympathy**

Cllr. O' Fearraigh expressed sympathy on behalf of Donegal County Council to the family of former Council employee Dónal Ó Gallachóir, Ard na gCeapairí, Na Doirí Beaga, Gaoth Dobhair.

This Concluded the business of the Meeting.

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GLENTIES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
COMMITTEE**

HELD REMOTELY ON 10th MARCH 2022

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

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Michael Rowsome - A/Area Manager, Housing &
Corporate
Ann Marie McCole - Community Development Staff
Officer
Mary Boyle - A/Senior Staff Officer, Housing &
Corporate

Others in Attendance: Sean Ó Daimhin- Aistriúcháin Comhuaineach

GMD 26/22 Development Fund Initiative Allocations

On the proposal of Cllr. Molloy, seconded by Cllr. McGarvey the Glenties Municipal District Committee agreed Development Fund Initiative 2022 allocation in the sum of €120,000 as follows;

Applicant Group	Total By Group
Scoil Naisiúnta Na Croise Naofa - Dunfanaghy	€ 2,500
An Choiste Bainistíochta Scoil Bhríd	€ 2,500
An Mhachaire Le Cheile	€ 2,500
Ard McGill Residents Association	€ 2,500
Awake Tourism	€ 5,000
BOM St Finians NS Falcarragh	€ 2,500
Burtonport Summer Festival	€ 2,500
CLG Naomh Chonaill	€ 2,500

Cloughaneely Golf Club	€ 2,500
Coiste Cairde Bhun an Inbhir	€ 4,500
Coiste Forbartha Éadan Fhionn Fhraoigh	€ 2,500
Coiste Forbartha Inis Bó Finne	€ 6,000
Comharchumann Forbartha Ghaoth Dobhair	€ 4,500
Comharchumann Oileán Árainn Mhór CTR	€ 2,500
Comhlacht an Halla Mhóir Cuideachta Faoi Theorainn Ráthaíochta	€ 12,000
Creelough Community Association	€ 2,500
Cumann Forbartha - Na Dúchoraidh Doochary Development Group	€ 2,500
Donegal Playmatters Ltd	€ 2,500
Downstrands Family Resource Centre	€ 2,500
Dunfanaghy Football Club CLG	€ 2,500
Dungloe Senior Band	€ 2,500
Fintown Harps AFC	€ 2,500
Forbairt Dhún Lúiche	€ 4,500
Kincasslagh Rowing Club	€ 3,000
Mary from Dungloe International Arts Festival	€ 3,500
Rosses Anglers Association	€ 2,500
Scíoból an Phobail	€ 7,500
Scoil Mhuire, Creelough	€ 3,500
Siúlóid an Bothar Iarainn	€ 2,500
St Michaels Church Creelough	€ 3,500
SULT Féile Cuideachta faoi Theorainn Ráthaíochta	€ 5,000
The Creelough View	€ 2,500
The Donegal Famine Heritage Centre (Dunfanaghy) CLG Operating as "The Workhouse"	€ 3,500
Bord na nÓg	€ 4,000
Total Allocated	€ 120,000

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING



Municipal District of Glenties

12 April 2022

Community Development Division

CLÁR / AGENDA

1. Report on recent activity in the Community Development Division
 - 1.1 Community Development
 - 1.2 Social Inclusion
 - 1.3 Rural Development Programme/LEADER
 - 1.4 Donegal Youth Council

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 nearing completion
Dunfanaghy public car park	To develop a new car park	Town & Village Renewal Scheme	Project has been completed
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 process ongoing

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>Contractor appointed to carry out works.</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 completed
Errigal	Pathway and environmental improvements	ORIS	Successful contractor appointed. Works to commence in the coming weeks

Activity / Project Title	Social Inclusion Unit
<p>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 3 -inclusive of current status</p>	<p>Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion Strategy The first ever Strategy for Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion for County Donegal was launched by Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council, Cllr Jack Murray, and Nolunga Shologu Community Links Worker with Donegal Intercultural Platform on Friday 25 March 2022.</p> <p>This Strategy is the result of a two-year process that began with research by Donegal Intercultural Platform into the needs of Black and Minority Ethnic communities in the county. This was followed by the establishment of a multi-agency steering committee to develop a Strategy that would identify actions to deliver on the identified needs.</p> <p>The strategy is now available to view or download on Donegal County Council website link: Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion.pdf (donegalcoco.ie)</p> <p>Africa Day 2022 Donegal will celebrate Africa Day 2022 on 14 May in Letterkenny. Africa Day represents an opportunity to acknowledge a diffuse, diverse, and important group of people from 50 African countries, who enrich and make a valuable contribution to Irish society. Funding is secured from Irish Aid at the Department of Foreign Affairs which will allow for events of art and culture, music, literature, business, food and community development to mark Africa Day in Donegal.</p> <p>EU Belong EU-BELONG Project is an Intercultural Approach to Migrant Integration in Europe's Regions running from 3 January 2022 to 2 January 2025 for a duration of 36 months, budget €122,651.96 with the AER as lead applicant with Donegal County Council as one of 11 partners. EU-BELONG is co-funded by the European Commission through its Asylum, Migration, and Integration Fund (AMIF) Programme.</p> <p>The objective of improving migrants' socio-economic inclusion and sense of belonging through the development of regional integration strategies based on a strong intercultural approach.</p>
<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly 1 reporting period</p>	<p>Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion Strategy Establish a committee under the auspices of the LCDC which will function as a Migrant Integration Forum and an Implementation Group for the Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion Strategy.</p> <p>Africa Day 2022 Working closely with Intercultural Platform to develop and deliver Donegal's Africa day. Planning events of art and culture, music, literature, business, food and community development to mark Africa Day in Donegal.</p> <p>EU Belong Research, prepare and deliver Capacity development and mutual learning Participate in knowledge sharing and dissemination of good practices.</p>
<p>Contact Person</p>	<p>Christina O'Donnell codonnell@donegalcoco.ie 0879192272</p> <p>Charles Sweeney charlesseeney@donegalcoco.ie</p>

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	€13,413,875 (Additional funding received 2019) <i>Note: Project costs €10,063,586, administration and animation costs €3,350,289</i>
Transitional Programme	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. 32 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 €1,744,365.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	The next LCDC/LAG meeting will be held on 8 th April 2022. 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

Donegal Youth Council

Background:

The Donegal Youth Council is a partnership between Donegal County Council, the Health Service Executive and the Department of Children Equality Disability Integration and Youth and coordinated by Foroige, which provides a platform for young people in Donegal to have their voices heard on issues that affect them. The Youth Council serves as a consultative forum to which young people can identify topics and create action projects to address these topics and inform key decision-makers. Donegal Youth Council ensures that young people's voices are heard locally and nationally, with representatives selected among the Youth Council committee on local, regional and national committees. Members of the youth council also have the opportunity to represent Donegal at Dáil na nÓg once per year.

Topics of work:

Stakeholder engagement video:

The Donegal Youth Council have been working on a video project to improve and create more engagement with stakeholders. Filming took place on Friday the 11th and 23rd with stakeholders such as the school Principal, teacher, key services/agencies and youth organisations. These stakeholders spoke of their experience involving the Donegal Youth Council and the importance of youth voice. Youth Councils had a two-day workshop with the videographer to identify the messaging, locations for filming and script. Filming also took place on the 12th with youth councillors who spoke of their roles, the role of the youth council and their experience of being involved in the Donegal Youth Council.

Climate Action:

Youth council members will design a leaflet with top tips for both students and schools in general on how to be more environmentally friendly. In the next monthly meeting, these tips will be reviewed by the full group and possibly more added. A Youth Councillor is also involved in the National Climate Action group and had a meeting with both Minister Roderic O'Gorman and Eamon Ryan earlier this month.

Dail na nÓg:

On Saturday the 26th youth council members attending Dáil na nÓg. This was an opportunity for the young people to meet other youth councillors from other counties. There will also be workshops on the following:

- Addressing inequality and barriers to education
- Addressing gender inequality
- A more inclusive relationships and sexuality education

After these workshops, young people voted on the topics they wish for the National Executive to work on in their term going forward. Delegates voted for "a more inclusive relationships and sexuality education."

Assembly of European Regions (AER):

A youth council member, Jack, will attend the AER called climbing the ladder. The event will take place in Strasbourg from 24 to 30 April 2022. The event is a one-week

training on youth participation in local/regional decision-making processes. The aim of the event is to grow the knowledge of policy and best practices of youth participation.

Committees attended:

Donegal Road Safety Working Group:

A member of the youth council also sits on the Donegal Road Safety working group. These meetings are held monthly. A youth councillor advises or identifies issues that young people may have in relation to road safety in these meetings. On the 8th of March Drop the Mic road safety campaign was launched with iradio. This was a competition for young people to create a short video TikTok video with a road safety message. This was promoted in ten Local Authorities (Donegal, Cavan, Kildare, Leitrim, Mayo, Monaghan, Laois, Longford, Sligo and Westmeath).

Crinniú na nÓg:

3 youth council members sit on this committee. These meetings usually take place once a month but have taken place every 2 weeks on the last 3 occasions. Youth Council members have taken part in reviewing and agreeing on funding for applications for Criinniú na nÓg, while also suggesting possible gaps.

CYPSC (Children Young People Services Committee):

Donegal Youth Council's coordinator attended the CYPSC networking event on March 2nd. On the day the youth council had an information stand and spoke with other agencies on the day.

Youth Council members attended their first youth participation sub-committee meeting on the 24th of February and will have a teambuilding day during their Easter break in Gartan.

Riverine:

This project is led by Donegal County Council, Derry City and Strabane District Council to build a park and walkways in the Lifford and Strabane area of the River Foyle. Youth Councillors from this area sit on this committee as youth advocates for the project to ensure young people's voices are involved throughout. The last meeting took place on the 29th of March.

Breakout steering group:

Breakout is an LGBTQI service for young people. 2 youth councillors sit on this committee. These youth councillors act as an advisor to ensure young people's voices are heard within this service. The last meeting was held on the 10th of February.

Youth Council Coordinator:

Youth Council Coordinator organised and facilitated all meetings and events for the Youth Council members.

The coordinator continues to represent the Donegal Youth Council with youth councillors or in their absents on all the committees involved with the Donegal youth council.

Any further information required please contact Michael Mc Devitt on 086 603 7067 or at michaelmcdevitt@foroige.



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**Economic Development, Information Systems &
Emergency Services Directorate
Glenties Municipal District Report April 2022**

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1. Division: Economic Development

1.1 Economic Development Unit

Title	Economic Development Unit
Countywide	<p>Property Solutions: The team is progressing 13 property solution opportunities across the county. This involves working closely with local business or inward investment opportunities to provide suitable property solutions including Council owned land or property as well as opportunities for acquisition.</p> <p>Remote Working: The EDU hosted an online event during Local Enterprise Week on the 10th March, 2022 which was a success and well attended.</p> <p>The EDU will launch a remote working holiday campaign at the end of April offering FREE passes to the public encouraging visitors to come to Donegal and/or extend their stay. The activity will encourage tourism traffic and also help to promote awareness and usage of Donegal’s network of digital hubs.</p> <p>Caravan & Camping Study: The EDU are engaging with key stakeholders including other Council Services on the implementation of the recommendations of this study and have established internal and external stakeholder groups to support and inform delivery of actions. Meetings are ongoing.</p> <p>March Business Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boston: A key part of St. Patrick’s Day festivities, the annual Boston St. Patrick’s Breakfast is a central element attracting an attendance in excess of 500 invited guests. There is a long-standing relationship between Donegal and the Boston Breakfast Event with previous attendance from Donegal County Council Members and Officials as well as Donegal businesses. This year four Donegal businesses attended the event to showcase their offerings at the breakfast which also gave a flavour of the Donegal offering to guests. The four participating businesses were Edel McBride and Triona Design (fashion industry), Laura Buchanan Designer (Homeware and Prints) and Sliabh Liag Distillers. Additional activity during the mission

involved a business meeting at LaRossa, a high-end suburban retailer and a visit to the Harvard Design School.

- **London Business Breakfast:** the Donegal Business Breakfast was held on Friday 18th March, 2022 in DoubleTree by Hilton, Islington, London in partnership with IDA Ireland. The purpose of this event was to introduce the Donegal Business offering to an invited list of those working in the FinTech sector in London. Hosted in partnership with the Mayor of Islington, Letterkenny born Cllr. Troy Gallagher, the event showcased Donegal County Council plans to support new investment in the region. The Donegal delegation representation from Donegal County Council, LYIT, Donegal ETB and IDA Ireland.

InvestDonegal Communications Update: Latest key stats for the InvestDonegal LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram and web accounts are as follows;

	Impressions (last 28 days)	Total Followers
Linked In	51,600	3,326 (+112)
Twitter	30,500	1,886 (+96)
Instagram	1,416	2,005 (+53)
Donegal.ie	3.1K Web Users (4 weeks 1 Mar – 28 Mar 2022)	
	17 News Items Published	




Note that from 1st March 2022, Twitter, Instagram and Facebook (currently #BuyDonegal) accounts have changed name to donegal.ie to drive further site awareness from which most content is published and also broadening scope of the platforms so that the focus of Live, Study and Visit is reflected alongside Invest and Work.





North West City Region:

- **Inward Investment Strategy:** Donegal County Council and Derry City and Strabane District Council worked with OCO Global to develop a three-year Investment strategy for the region. The work is now complete in draft format, with follow on actions being developed.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talent Solutions: Donegal County Council and Derry City and Strabane District Council are working with Abodoo to develop a mapping platform to demonstrate the range of skills in the region to help attract FDI to the Northwest of Ireland. Following initial data collection through key partners the work is now moving to the surveying of businesses on both sides of the border. • Communications: The EDU continue to collaborate with DCSDC on promoting the North West City Region for investment and business opportunities including via LinkedIn and Twitter platforms. This work will tie into the Inward Investment Strategy in the coming year. <p>You can follow respective LinkedIn and Twitter Platforms NorthWestCityRegionIreland</p> <p>Atlantic Economic Corridor: the EDU are working with Local Authority partners along the western coast to progress mutually beneficial projects and initiatives, with a focus on supporting digital hubs and job promotion.</p> <p>The Westernjobs.ie campaign is now live across Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and all podcasts channels targeting those looking for new roles along the Atlantic coast region. A job seekers event (Jobs Expo Ireland) was held on 26th March in Croke Park and Westernjobs.ie had a stand.</p> <p>Concierge Service: The EDU are available to support 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. Please contact the EDU by email economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Ciaran Martin - ciaran.martin@donegalcoco.ie (086) 8261760</p> <p>Rosita Mahony – rosita.mahony@donegalcoco.ie (087) 2510128</p>

1.2 Tourism Marketing Unit

Countywide	Social Media – <u>top performing posts</u> in February		
	Facebook	Instagram	Twitter
	#1 – Dolphins at Fanad	#1 – St. Brigid’s Cross	#1 – Sunrise in Moville
	61,210 people reached 3,077 engagement 2,198 reactions 113 Shares / 24 comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5,534 accounts reached • 5,931 impressions • 478 content interactions • 36 profile activity 	9,541 impressions 175 engagements
			
Social media - Numbers overview			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We have gained 754 new followers across Facebook, Instagram and Twitter - Total impressions: 3,151,118 across Facebook, Instagram and Twitter - Total Reach: 1,003,285 across Facebook, Instagram 			
<u>GoVisitDonegal.com Website</u>			
Year to Date Stats since 1st January 2022 (until 27th March)			
	Numbers	Performance vs same period in 2021	
Page Views	131,045	+86%	
Users	49,655	+82%	
<u>In March</u> website views by country:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic came from 93 countries in total • Top Ten Countries include: 			

Country	Users	% Users
1.  Ireland	12,291	52.43%
2.  United Kingdom	7,391	31.53%
3.  United States	1,703	7.26%
4.  China	302	1.29%
5.  Canada	192	0.82%
6.  Germany	188	0.80%
7.  France	165	0.70%
8.  Australia	155	0.66%
9.  Spain	131	0.56%
10. (not set)	118	0.50%

Marketing Updates

Regional Festivals and Participative Events Programme 2022

The call for applications is now closed.

Donegal Local Live Performance Programming Support Scheme (LLPPSS) 2022 PHASE 3

The call for applications closed at 5pm on Monday, 28th March.

Golf Campaign

Digital golf campaign promoting Donegal as a world-class golf destination commenced on Thursday, 25th February and ran for 5 weeks targeting ROI and UK markets (including NI). Final report will be prepared on completion of the campaign.

Tourism Sectoral Forum Meeting

The meeting took place in Letterkenny PSC on Thursday, 24th March attended by 16 Members. Next meeting will take place on Thursday, 26th May.

Ireland in Music – Donegal

TV Show Ireland In Music will be broadcast on Easter Monday, 18th April at 6.30pm on RTE 1. There will also be an extended version on the RTE Player. Acts and Locations in Donegal are going to be as follows:

- David Donohue and Adrian Crowley with Jon O'Connell - The Drinkers, The Gamblers - St. John's Point, Donegal
- Celaviedmai - Positive Movement / HEAL - Kilbaron Castle, Donegal
- Na Mooneys - Máire Mhór/The Floggin' Reel - Oakfield Park, Donegal
- Xona - Fairy Bridges, Bundoran

	<p>Collaboration with Local Link</p> <p>Tourism Unit has engaged with the Rural Transport Service provider – Local Link. The collaboration includes sharing of information for inclusion on the Go Visit Donegal website and promotion of the services on social media. The aim is to provide available information in a user-friendly way for the visitor and highlight how visitors using public transport can reach the most popular visitor attractions in the county. Such information will also be very useful to locals and students alike.</p> <p>North West City Region Marketing Campaign and Product Development Programme</p> <p>This campaign commenced on April 1st. A budget of £90,000 has been allocated for this domestic marketing campaign which is aimed at encouraging local people to book a staycation right on their own doorstep.</p> <p>The campaign is part of the North West Regional Development Programme which aims to grow the value of the visitor economy. It follows on from the North West Tourism Product Development Programme which supported 30 tourism businesses on both sides of the border in developing new collaborative, bespoke products to enhance the region's tourism offering, which will now feature within the marketing campaign.</p> <p>TIDE – Atlantic Network for Developing Historical Maritime Tourism</p> <p>The project is developing a niche historical maritime tourism package for Atlantic based on connecting & marketing assets from historical periods across different regions. Emagine Media Ltd are contracted for two of Donegal’s VR experiences – Spanish Armada - La Girona (Killybegs) & La Trinidad Valencera (Kinnagoe Bay) & Napoleonic era - the sinking of the Saldanha (Fanad). The North West Partners shared World War 1 VR experience will feature Kite Balloons in a convoy, similar to events in Rathmullan & Lough Swilly. The projects are on schedule for installation early Summer 2022.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Barney Mc Laughlin Head of Tourism Unit barney.mclaughlin@donegalcoco.ie 074 9724465</p>

1.3 Division: Economic Development - Strategic Funding Unit:

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
Countywide	<p>SFU Webinars 2022</p> <p>Dates for the next series of SFU webinars taking place in 2022 have been confirmed as the 27th April, 22nd June, 21st September and 23rd November. The next webinar on 27th April will be focused on Community Development funding opportunities.</p> <p>SFU Enterprise Week Event</p> <p>The Strategic Funding Unit hosted a webinar on 8th March at 13.00 as part of Enterprise Week 2022 to highlight EU funding opportunities with particular relevance to SME's. A recording of the webinar is now available on YouTube here – https://youtu.be/Pj9EcLpkCYc</p> <p>NWRA Launch new EU Funding Network & Local Authority Strategy</p> <p>The Strategic Funding Unit has been engaging closely with NWRA (Northern and Western Regional Assembly) in relation to their recent launch on 28th March of a new EU Funding Network. The SFU also worked with NWRA on an internal cross-directorate workshop to discuss the funding needs of the Council. A new Local Authority EU Funding Strategy is being developed by NWRA based on the outcome of this engagement. Each LA will have their own dedicated EU Funding Strategy.</p> <p>Interreg Funding Call Dates</p> <p>The SFU has been engaging with Interreg 2021 – 2027 in relation to upcoming funding calls and associated webinars. The SFU will be attending the webinars and circulating the relevant funding information to all Directorates. See below dates.</p>

First Call for Projects (2021-2027 Programme)

Programme	First Call	Webinar/Info Session
 Interreg Europe	5 th April - 31 May 2022	5 th April (Interregional cooperation forum Online)
 Interreg NPA	27 th April - 20 th June 2022	27 th April - How to Apply Webinar
 Interreg North-West Europe	22 March 2022 - 15 June 2022	31 March 2022 - How to Apply Webinar
 Interreg Atlantic Area	To be confirmed (expected Q2/3)	To be confirmed

CPMR (Conference of Political Maritime Regions)

A meeting of the Political Bureau of the CPMR took place in Barcelona on 25th March attended by the Council's political representative Cllr. O'Fearraigh. The agenda included sustainable transport and port infrastructure, maritime affairs, fisheries, funding and the future strategy of the CPMR. Cllr. O'Fearraigh was a speaker at the event and discussed the needs of the North West region in relation to issues such as Brexit, macro-regional strategies, funding and other issues important to the maritime sector.

AER Summer Academy in Donegal

Plans for the organisation of the AER Summer Academy are underway. This event will take place on the week of 27th June 2022. LYIT has been confirmed as the conference venue, but there will be a number of excursions to various locations across Donegal. Donegal County Council will co-host the Assembly of European Regions Summer Academy event in Donegal in 2022 in partnership with Udarás na Gaeltachta. 2022 is the EU Year of Youth so it would be a good opportunity to host an event focused on young people with themes such as youth employment, climate change, remote working opportunities, cross-border cohesion and reconciliation, skills and education, entrepreneurship, and future green jobs. This event will attract over 150 people from across Europe including Ireland and Northern Ireland including key EU Commission representatives.

Project Partnership & Development

	<p>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. Currently there are 7 EU project concepts and proposals at various stages of development that the SFU is working to support and to move forward.</p> <p>Other areas of work include:</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
Contact Person	<p>Joy Harron Acting Senior Staff Officer Mobile: +353 (87) 0619360 E-mail: joyharron@donegalcoco.ie</p>

1.4 Division: Economic Development - Trail Gazers Bid

Project/Activity Report

Project Title	Trail Gazers Bid Project
Project Description	‘To quantify the return to the local economy for every euro invested in walks and recreational trail infrastructure ‘
Budget	€2.6 M
County Wide: Progress to date within quarter* - inclusive of current status	<p>In 2018, Donegal County Councils Research & Policy Unit successfully led an application to the Atlantic Area Programme under objective 4.2 ‘Enhancing natural and cultural assets to stimulate economic development’.</p> <p>This transnational project is managed by the Research & Policy Unit (Lead Partner), working with 9 different partners located across Ireland, UK, France, Spain and Portugal.</p>

The project sets out to:

- Quantify the impact of key strategic investments in walks and recreational trail infrastructure can have on stimulating rural communities, using sensors data, counters, surveys of users, businesses, communities etc.
- Develop and trial a range of practical initiatives and interventions such as business to consumer initiatives, digital marketing tools etc to enhance the return.
- Work with communities, businesses and other key stakeholders in the area to develop community plans and initiatives around the site.
- Develop a range of community trail ambassadors to champion the sites as catalysts for the development of rural economies.
- Our site for research purposes is Inch Levels and post project completion it is likely that key learning and methodology can be applied to other sites in the county and region through an extensive capitalisation programme.

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>

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PROGRESS

- Trail Gazers presented an overview of the project at the recent closing conference of the EMERGreen NPA Project in Ballyliffin on the 1st March.
- Trail Gazers showcased its work to-date and the project objectives at Donegal Tourism Conference in Jacksons Hotel, Ballybofey on 30th March.
- The Trail Gazers team are now in the process of submitting our fifth financial claim and sixth progress report to the Joint Secretariat, Atlantic Area Programme on behalf of Donegal County Council.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under our Data Capture work package, a series of on-site Trail User Surveys were conducted during the summer and autumn periods. To-date over 220 surveys have been completed with another 100 to complete before the end of April. The analysis of these surveys will help inform our future Community Trail Plans. This information will be a major project output comparing the value of multipliers at different geographical regions in the same summer/autumn seasons. We have used the initial data collected to date at both our Environmental Workshop and Business and Tourism Workshop. • Our last monthly communication and coordination meeting with all transnational partners was held on the 4th March 2022, these meetings are led by Donegal County Council and provide a great opportunity to ensuring that progress in delivering key project outputs remains on track. • On the 3rd, 4th and 5th May – Trail Gazers will host our next transnational Steering Meeting and Project Monitoring Meetings. All partners will present updates on their work packages and set out a plan for the remainder of the project deliverables. • Informational Signage for key sites around Inch Levels currently in development.
<p>Project Targets for the next quarterly* reporting period</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100 spring collection of on-site surveys. • Continuous uploading of information on project results to the Atlantic Area Website. • Organise Community Trail Ambassador event for April 2022 • Trail Gazers will present a pre-launch overview of its Technology Dashboard to Donegal County Council and relevant stakeholders on 28th April 2022. This will give everyone an overview of the real time information available and how it can be used to inform decision making and development. • Draft final report for the project to be prepared for 30th March 2022
<p>Contact Person</p>	<p>Mary McBride marymcbride@donegalcoco.ie</p>

2. Division: Local Enterprise Office:

Activity / Project Title	The Local Enterprise Office (LEO)
Role and Remit	<p>The Local Enterprise Offices is positioned nationally as the “<i>First Stop Shop</i>” for anyone seeking information and support on starting or growing a business in Ireland. The Local Enterprise Office Donegal provides advice, information and support to those starting up or growing their business in Donegal. Grant is potentially available for businesses that meet the eligibility criteria.</p> <p>Further information available here - localenterprise.ie/donegal Contact number: 074-9160735</p>
Outline of Work	<p>General Overview – Highlights:</p> <p><u>Summary of March Outputs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant Aid – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Value of total Grant Aid Approvals YTD is €162. ○ Grant Aid Evac meeting takes place on the 31st March, there are five potential applications going forward for consideration up to a value of €153k • Trading Online Vouchers – 20 attended information session in March 22, 18 applications • Mentoring YTD – 42 Participants • Training 385 Attendees YTD. • Local Enterprise Week took place from 7th to 11th March, it saw 21 events take place across the county – 11 LEO events had 380 attendees. Appreciative of the collaboration with the other enterprise support stakeholders in the county. • Student Enterprise Programme Awards county final took place online on 16th March and saw two student teams from St.Columbas College win their respective categories. They will now go on to represent Donegal at the National finals in May. Full awards ceremony is available to watch here. • Donegal 2030 - the Local Enterprise Office Strategic Enterprise Plan was launched on the 7th of March with the 10 Year Donegal Strategic Enterprise Plan – which sets out the vision and actions to drive enterprise in Donegal. • Donegal LEO were successful with an application to Creative Communities Economic Action Fund to support the development and implementation of a plan of the Creative Coast Cluster and have successfully secured funding of €65k.

	<p><u>Upcoming Activities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Start Your Own Business Programme – starts on 19th April – evening course – online. Book here• Trading Online Information Session – 13th April - Book here• Prepare your business for Customs workshop – 6th April – Book here• Business Information Session & Grant Aid workshop –Next one is 29th April at 10am – online. Information & Booking here <p><u>Donegal Stories:</u> Website highlighting the businesses of Donegal that have been supported by the LEO. https://donegalstories.ie/</p>
Contact Person	Eve – Anne McCarron, Business Advisor Local Enterprise Office 074 9160735 Mobile: 087-7763929 eveanne.mccarron@leo.donegalcoco.ie

3. Division: Emergency Services – Fire Service

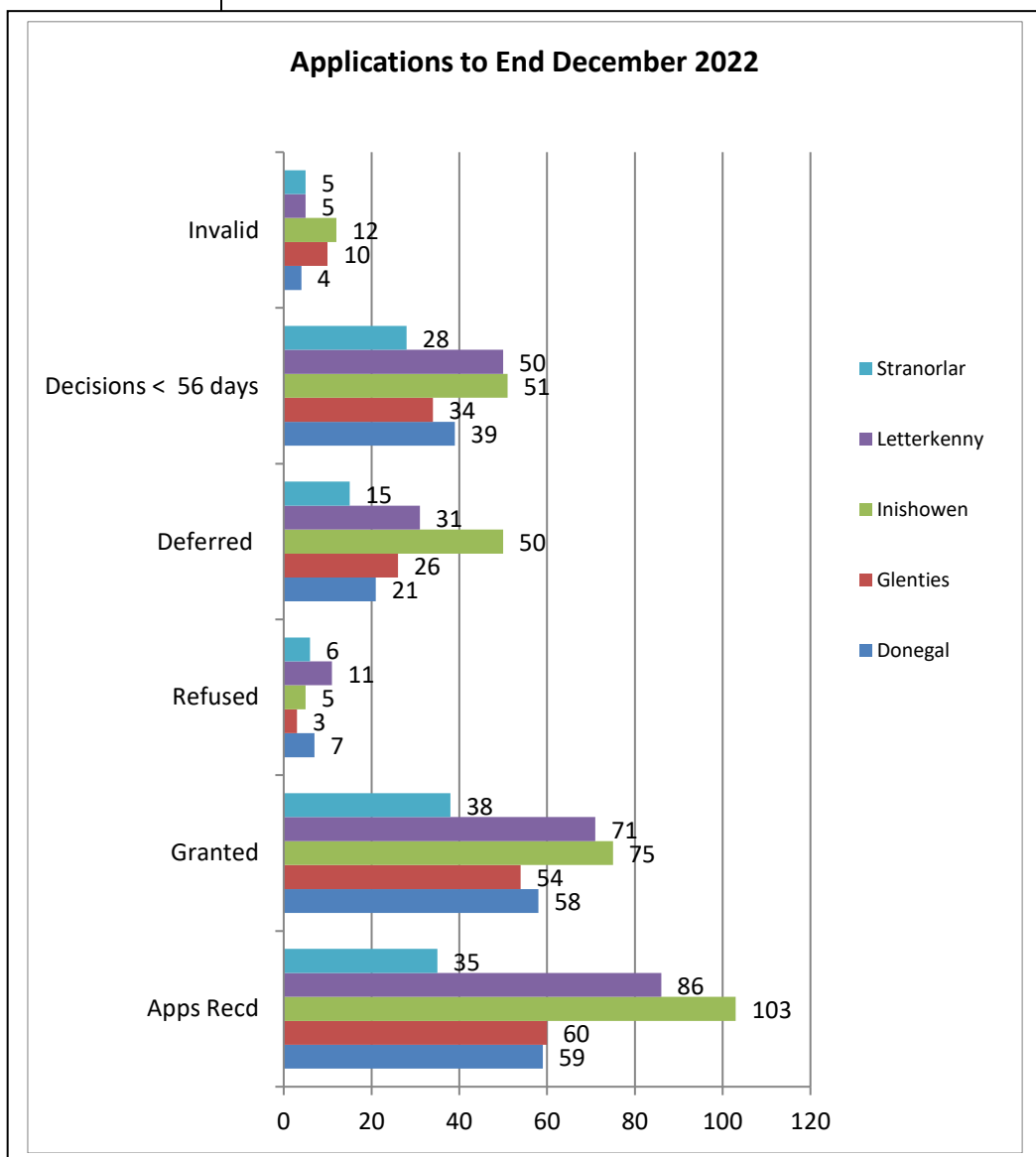
Activity	Number of: (February)*	Total for year
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	55	117
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	61	129
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	6	9
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	12	21
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	25	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from Applicant / Agent:	41	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	10	15
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	0	0
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	0	0
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	4	4
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	7	17
Fire Safety Complaints received:	0	1
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	0	1
During Performance Inspections carried out:	0	0
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	0	0

* Current data only available up to end of February 2022.

** Provisional Figures.

Glenties MD Meeting
12th April 2022

Item	Update												
1 Development Applications													
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3 Notes & Monthly Schedule	<p>Please note pre planning clinics during the Covid-19 restrictions are on a telephone call only basis between 09.00am and 12.30pm on the dates outlined below.</p> <p><u>Planning Clinics Q2 2022:</u> 20th April 2022 4th May 2022 18th May 2022 1st June 2022</p> <p>Please see website for further dates. http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/planningclinics/</p>								
4 Regeneration Report	See Appendix A								
5 Central Planning Unit									
(1) <i>Letterkenny Plan and Local Transport PPlan</i>	<p>The text of a Draft Plan and Local Transport Plan was considered at the deferred January, 2022 Plenary Council meeting. Pending a meeting to be sought with the OPW in relation to flood-related issues in the designated town centre, Members deferred approving the contents of the Draft Plan and the formal commencement of the associated environmental procedures. Notwithstanding, the Draft Plan and Local Transport Plan was included in the agenda for the Plenary Council meeting of 28th March, 2022 (adjourned to 6th April, 2022).</p>								
(2) <i>County Development Plan 2018-2024 (As Varied)</i>	<p><u>Wind Energy Policy and Proposed Variation</u></p> <p>Following Members' agreement on the contents of a Proposed Variation at the November, 2021 Plenary Council meeting, which agreed document includes significant amendments to the submitted Proposed Variation regarding setback distances and mapping, the associated Environmental Report and Natura Impact Report were presented to the deferred January, 2022 Plenary Council meeting with a view to proceeding thereafter to public consultation in late February/early March, 2022. At the said January Plenary meeting, Members proposed further amendments to the Proposed Variation in respect of EHSA, Freshwater Pearl Mussel Catchment Areas the Gweebarra River Valley and the St. John's Point area, but deferred agreement on same pending the preparation of revised Map 8.2.1: Wind Energy to reflect these changes, and the</p>								

		<p>opportunity to consider same. Members were advised that revised environmental assessments on foot of these additional changes had to be prepared. The revised mapping was forwarded to Members in late March, 2022. The revised environmental assessments documentation has been prepared and the item is included in the March, 2022 Plenary Council agenda (deferred to 6th April, 2022).</p>
	<p><i>(3) Four-Year Review/County Development Plan 2024-2030</i></p>	<p>Four Year Review The Four-Year Review process will formally commence on 8th April, 2022 with public notices being placed in newspapers, together with a social media and media campaign, and an extensive programme of local public consultation events.</p> <p>The next in the series of Plenary workshops on the project, as previously agreed, will be held on: Thur. 28th APRIL.</p>
6	<p>Building Control & Taking in Charge</p>	<p>See Appendix B</p>
7	<p>Casual Trading</p>	<p>No Report</p>
8	<p>Further Information <i>Click on web links to access information.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly List of applications and decisions: http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weeklyplanninglists/ • Planning service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service): planning@donegalcoco.ie • Planning Webpage: www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/ • Planning Application Online Query – planning reference number required: www.donegalcdb.ie/eplan/internetenquiry/rpt_querybysurforrecloc.asp • File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and when requesting planning searches: www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/file Retrieval/File%20Retrieval.pdf



Appendix A



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Regeneration & Development Team
Community Development & Planning Services

April (2022) 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 **Value: €4.84m**

This project has now proceeded to tender. A request for tenders for the Island House and public realm works contract issued on eTenders (RFT 208003) with an initial closing date of 29th March 2022. This closing date was then extended to 1st April 2022 in advance of a planned progression to site in Q2 this year.

1.1.2 Burtonport and Aranmore Island – Harbour to Island Regeneration **Value: €4.1m**

Aranmore Island:

This project is now at an advanced stage and is approaching completion in May 2022. The Regeneration Team will liaise with all necessary stakeholders and the Elected Members in advance to confirm suitable and appropriate arrangements for formal and official opening.

Burtonport Harbour

The Phase 1 redevelopment of Burtonport Harbour has now commenced. These works are being delivered by the successful contractor McDermott & Treaty Construction Ltd.

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 Team continues to work towards (i) progressing an acquisition interest in Ballyshannon Town Centre, and (ii) the publication of a planning scheme, so as to develop this project as a shovel ready capital project targeted for future Category 1 RRDF funding. Steady progress continues to be made through complex reporting and appraisals in relation to: the environment & ecology, archaeology and structural investigation and which will inform the next steps in the acquisition process and the planning consent pathway.

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

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

Update: A Part 8 planning scheme for this project was published on Tuesday 1st February 2022. The closing date for the making of submissions in respect of this scheme is 16th March 2022 after which it is intended to bring the Part 8 planning scheme before a Plenary meeting of the Council in early April.

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

1.3.1. **Ballybofey & Stranorlar** - The ‘SEED’ project – A sustainable, green regeneration project to

Strengthen, Engage, Enable and Deliver transformational change in Ballybofey-Stranorlar.

Value: €9,756,969.

Due diligence has been completed on this project and the formal Funding Agreement received and confirmed. This project is now at Project Brief and Procurement Strategy Stage in advance of a tendering process and formal commencement. This stage will confirm the resourcing and Project Management arrangements for this Project with the newly established Capital Delivery Team and will ensure that onward delivery enjoys significant momentum.

1.3.2. **Burtonport (Harbour to Island) Regeneration**

Value: €2.3m

Due diligence has been completed on this project and the formal Funding Agreement received and confirmed. This project is at an advanced stage of readiness given that consultancy services were previously procured using

Councils own resources. A Project Brief and Procurement Strategy have been prepared and arrangements are being made to now formally seek the approval of the DRCD to recommence consultancy services which will see the project move to completion of the detailed design phase in advance of construction tendering.

1.3.3. Carndonagh Tús Nua Regeneration Project
Value: €9,542,852

Due diligence has been completed on this project and the formal Funding Agreement received and confirmed. This project is now at Project Brief and Procurement Strategy Stage in advance of a tendering process and formal commencement. This stage will confirm the resourcing and Project Management arrangements for this Project with the newly established Capital Delivery Team and will ensure that onward delivery enjoys significant momentum.

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

On 6th January 2022 the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys announced that €1.17m had been awarded under the Third Call for Category 2 Projects of the RRDF for the “Repowering Buncrana” regeneration Project.

Due diligence has been completed on this project in advance of receipt of a formal funding agreement. The project will then progress to procurement of the required consultancy services before commencement of the planning and statutory consents stages of this project enabled by the funding award.

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

On 17th December 2021 the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD announced the fourth call for Category 1 applications to the €1 Billion Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF).

Projects that will be funded under Category 1 are those that have full planning and other consents in place and are ready to commence at the date of application.

Again the Fund is seeking to support large-scale, ambitious projects and in this regard applications of scale are sought, with a minimum funding request of €500,000. Applications to the Fund must be led by a State-funded body - Local Authorities, Local Development Companies, State agencies, commercial State bodies etc. - but collaboration between parties, including with communities, is strongly encouraged.

The closing date for the receipt of proposals is 12 noon on Friday 29th April 2022.

The Regeneration & Development Team is working on the progression of the Category 2 regeneration project in Ramelton (as described at Point 1.2.2. above) towards shovel ready status and in relation to the 29th April deadline. This will be determined by the progression of the associated planning consent process.

1.6 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:

1.6.1 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>

1.6.2 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.

1.6.3 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 but then extended to 29th July 2021.

A total of 14 submissions from members of the public were received together with 4 internal DCC/ statutory body submissions. A report on the submissions has been prepared including identification of potential appropriate amendments to the draft. A workshop with BASICC, as ongoing partners in the Ballybofey-Stranorlar regeneration programme, was held on 7th February 2022 at which time the Committee of BASICC endorsed the reports and also endorsed the publication of the final Regeneration Strategy. A workshop of

Stranorlar- Lifford MD is scheduled for 25th April 2022 to seek Members endorsement of the Strategy. Subject to Members endorsement, arrangements will then be made for final publication, launch and circulation across Donegal County Council Directorates and statutory bodies and community organizations.

1.6.4 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 and an extended submissions period was afforded from 21/09/2021 to 24/09/2021. A total of 56 no. submissions from members of the public were received together with 6 internal DCC/statutory body submissions.

A short report on the submissions has been completed and was considered at a workshop of Donegal MD on Monday 17th January 2022 and at which Members endorsed the final Strategy and Action Plan. Arrangements are now being made for final publication, launch and circulation across Donegal County Council Directorates and statutory bodies and community organisations and it is anticipated that this will take place at, or in advance of, the April Municipal District Meeting.

1.6.5 An Clochán Liath (Dungloe) Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan

A provisional draft of the an Clochán Liath (Dungloe) Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan & Masterplan (Stage 2) was completed in November 2021 and was then presented to Members of the Glenties MD at the workshop on 3rd December 2021. The Draft Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan has now been translated and will be published for a period of public consultation between 5th April and 2nd May 2022 with a public information drop in event taking place in Dungloe on Thursday 14th April, 2022.

1.6.6 Rathmullan RRDF Project Development work

Work to complete the Draft Design & Design Report for this project is advancing, and targeted stakeholder group consultations took place in December 2021. This primarily included key internal Council services, external statutory bodies and a cross-section of community interests in Rathmullan identified by 'The Way Forward' group. Work continues towards the objective of publishing a planning scheme for the project at the earliest opportunity in 2022.

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 a provisional allocation of €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 as follows:

- 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.

Since the Ministers announcement in March 2021, a number of steps have occurred as part of the due diligence process and development of the project in the context of the Public Spending Code including receipt of Preliminary Approval Letter (August 2021), review of costs and return of 'Project Financial Tables' (September 2021), Project Action Planning meeting (November 2021).

As a result of the 'Project Action Planning' meeting on 12th November 2021, DHLGH invited the submission of a Preliminary Business Case in accordance with the Public Spending Code and for approval by DHLGH. Having procured external expertise to assist with this work, a Preliminary Business Case has now been prepared and was submitted to DHLGH on 8th March 2022 for consideration and approval.

Whilst the Preliminary Business Case is under consideration by DHLGH, work is progressing in collaboration with the newly established Capital Projects Team on the next stage in the funding approval process which requires the preparation of a Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy for submission to DHLGH for approval. Approval of Preliminary Business Case, Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy will lead to pre-tender approval of DHLGH in line with the Public Spending Code and thereafter each project will advance at varying paces dependent on nature, scale and complexity.

Alongside the preparation of Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy, there are a number of steps being taken to develop each sub-project further. The table below sets out this activity.

Sub-project	Immediate next steps
A: The Cathedral Quarter-Making a Creative District	See breakdown for each of the 3 elements
Creative Hub and Urban Parkland	<p>Development of site-specific design concept via LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy commission- design concept has now been developed for presentation to a workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD, the date of which is to be agreed following postponement of the planned workshop on 29th March 2022. Revised date for this workshop is to be agreed with Members on 5th April 2022.</p> <p>Design concept will inform design process to prepare Part 8/application to ABP as appropriate via procurement of architect led design and supervision team following pre-tender and tender approval by DHLGH.</p> <p>Engagement has been undertaken with Failte Irelands 'Tourism Office Network Team' and Letterkenny Chamber of Commerce in relation to the tourist office element of this project.</p> <p>Early landowner consultation RE acquisition pathways</p>
Market Square	<p>Architectural competition complete and winning design determined.</p> <p>In-house architectural and planning resources are currently being applied to prepare a Part 8 proposed development inclusive of detailed survey, engagement with businesses/occupiers at Market Square, preparation of drawings. This also involves EIA screening, AA screening, Road Safety Audit and exploration of issues arising as a result of identification of the site on the Sites and Monuments Register.</p> <p>Target publication of Part 8 is early May 2022 leading to Members consideration of CE Report at the July plenary Council meeting. It is proposed to bring the proposed Part 8 design to the next planned workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD as outlined above.</p> <p>NOTE: This results in procurement of architect led design and supervision team for detailed design stage onwards rather than designs services for planning consent onwards</p>
Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme	<p>Part 8 already secured is to be reviewed using in-house resources. Consideration of design elements/ accessibility together with relevant adaptations to be progressed using in-house resources.</p> <p>Expected to be packaged with 'Creative Hub and Urban Parkland' as regards Architect-led design and supervision team.</p>
B: Strategic acquisition in Lower Main Street	<p>Development of site-specific design concept via LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy commission- design concepts for several keys sites at Lower Main Street have now been developed for presentation to a workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD, the date of which is to be agreed following postponement of the planned workshop on 29th March 2022. Revised date for this workshop is to be agreed with Members on 5th April 2022.</p> <p>Early landowner consultation RE acquisition pathways.</p>
C: Revival at the Courthouse	<p>Draft terms of reference are currently being prepared for consultancy services to undertake a 'Product Identification/Visitor Experience Plan' to define the nature of proposed tourist attraction. Terms of Reference are being informed by ongoing consultation with Failte</p>

Sub-project	Immediate next steps
	<p>Ireland inclusive of 'Attractions Team' and 'Tourism Office Network' team. Target is to complete procurement process in readiness for appointment of successful consultant following DHLGH approval of Preliminary Business Case, Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy and consequently pre-tender approval.</p> <p>This exercise includes consideration of concept options and identification of the preferred story to be told, analysis of potential markets, competitor analysis, best practice examples, preliminary pricing, preliminary revenue projections, operational model (public or private).</p>
<p>Sub-Project D: Enabling a Regional Transport Hub</p>	<p>LK 2040 Draft Masterplan published for consultation in November/December 2021 identified 4 preferred areas.</p> <p>Following a workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD on 14th February 2022, the Pearse Road area is identified as the focus area for the further consideration via a site-specific design concept prepared as part of the LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy commission.</p> <p>Design concept will thereafter result in instigation of landowner consultation RE acquisition pathways.</p> <p>Design concept in respect of the emerging preferred location and its integration within the wider town centre strategy has now been developed for presentation to a workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD, the date of which is to be agreed following postponement of the planned workshop on 29th March 2022. Revised date for this workshop is to be agreed with Members on 5th April 2022.</p> <p>Positive engagement with Bus Eireann at meeting on 31st March 2022 with commitment for further engagement and communication.</p>
<p>Sub- project E: LK Green Connect</p>	<p>LK 2040 Draft Masterplan published for consultation identifies LK Green Connect concept.</p> <p>The corridor required to facilitate the project will be considered further via a site-specific design concept prepared via LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy commission.</p> <p>Design concept has now been developed for presentation to a workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD, the date of which is to be agreed following postponement of the planned workshop on 29th March 2022. Revised date for this workshop is to be agreed with Members on 5th April 2022.</p> <p>Design concept will thereafter result in landowner consultation RE acquisition pathways.</p>

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.

Public consultation on the Draft Masterplan took place during November/December 2021. The process was a significant success with considerable feedback, comments and submissions received. The consultation feedback was presented to a further workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD held on 14th February 2022 alongside a detailed outline of the parameters around which site specific design concepts have now been developed by the consultants in relation to key regeneration sites (Work Area 2) and parameters for the preparation of Design Guidelines (Work Area 3) and Public Spaces and Linkages Action Plan (Work Area 4).

In addition, the testing phase in relation to Work Area 5, to create a Letterkenny 2040 brand is now complete which received strong endorsement from all participants. The consultancy team thereafter prepared Brand Guidelines which have been reviewed. Templates in respect of the emerging brand are now being prepared.

A date for a further workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD is to be identified following postponement of scheduled workshop on 29th March 2022. The date for this workshop will be agreed with Members on 5th April 2022 during a scheduled LAP workshop. The purpose of the next workshop is to consider the emerging design concepts and to seek endorsement to undertake the third and final public engagement. The target for completion of the project, inclusive of launch event is by the end of Q2 2022.

(ii) Acquisition of key town centre regeneration site.

Work to progress interests in the key regeneration site approved by DoH LG for acquisition continues with intent. The Donegal County Council (Letterkenny Strategic Urban Regeneration Site) CPO 2021 was published on 4th November 2021. It was subsequently submitted to An Bord Pleanála for confirmation on 8th November 2021. The period for the making of objections to the CPO expired on 20th December 2021 and a single objection was received by An Bord Pleanála to this CPO. A further update will be provided to Members once the next steps in the process are confirmed by An Bord.

Alongside acquisition, Phase 1 development of the site was approved at a Special meeting of Donegal County Council on 24th February 2022. The proposed development includes for the demolition of former ESB buildings and the development of circa 60,500sqft business, enterprise and innovation space supported by access linkages and public realm. This project will now be progressed by the Capital Projects Team to its next stage of detailed design with input from the Regeneration and Development Team as required.

Alongside the Part 8 proposed development, discussions are ongoing internally in relation to options for the business model as regards the

residential component of the Concept Masterplan relating to the remainder of the strategic site (Phase 2). Further updates will be brought to the Letterkenny-Milford MD in this regard as this work develops.

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

Following completion of Detailed Design of the URDF approved public realm using in-house architectural resources and the update to Members at the MD workshop on 2nd November 2021, a procurement process was opened to appoint a Construction Contractor. A Tender Report in respect of the procurement process was submitted to the URDF in November 2021 seeking approval to proceed to appointment. Approval of DHLGH has now been formally received on the 8th March 2022 and arrangements are therefore being made to complete the appointment. The timeline for progressing to site is currently being reviewed and is subject to closing out of appointment procedures. Members will subsequently be updated as soon as a confirmed timeline is available.

2.3 Other

The Regeneration and Development Team continue to engage in other regeneration related work areas and support other sections of Donegal County Council as required and across a number of other activities.

**Regeneration & Development Team
April 2022.**

Appendix B

Planning & Development Act (2000 as amended) – Section 207

Roads Act, 1993 – Section 11

Planning and Development Act, (2000 as amended) – Section 180

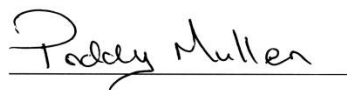
The Planning Authority for the Glenties Municipal District is seeking a resolution for the making of an **ORDER**, in accordance with Section 207 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended), for the creation of a public right of way over the estate roads within the housing estate **Stonepark Crescent, Mill Road, Glenties** as set out in the attached maps, to enable it to proceed with the taking in charge of the estate.

Furthermore the Planning Authority for the Glenties Municipal District is seeking a resolution for the making of an **ORDER**, in accordance with Section 11(1) of the Roads Act 1993, that the roads within the housing estate **Stonepark Crescent, Mill Road, Glenties** over which a public right-of-way will now exist, as shown on the attached map, are hereby declared to be public roads.

It is **noted** that consequent on the making of this Order, the Council is required to take in charge any sewers, watermains, or service connections and the public open spaces or car park within the attendant grounds of the development in accordance with Section 180(4)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

When water services infrastructure is taken in charge by a Planning Authority pursuant to section 180(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), the water services legislation provides that it will be subsequently transferred to Irish Water by Ministerial Order.

Section 11 of the Roads Act requires that the financial implications of the declaration as a public road be considered. The financial implications are not significant, with no specific issues within this estate being raised by the Area Roads Engineers.

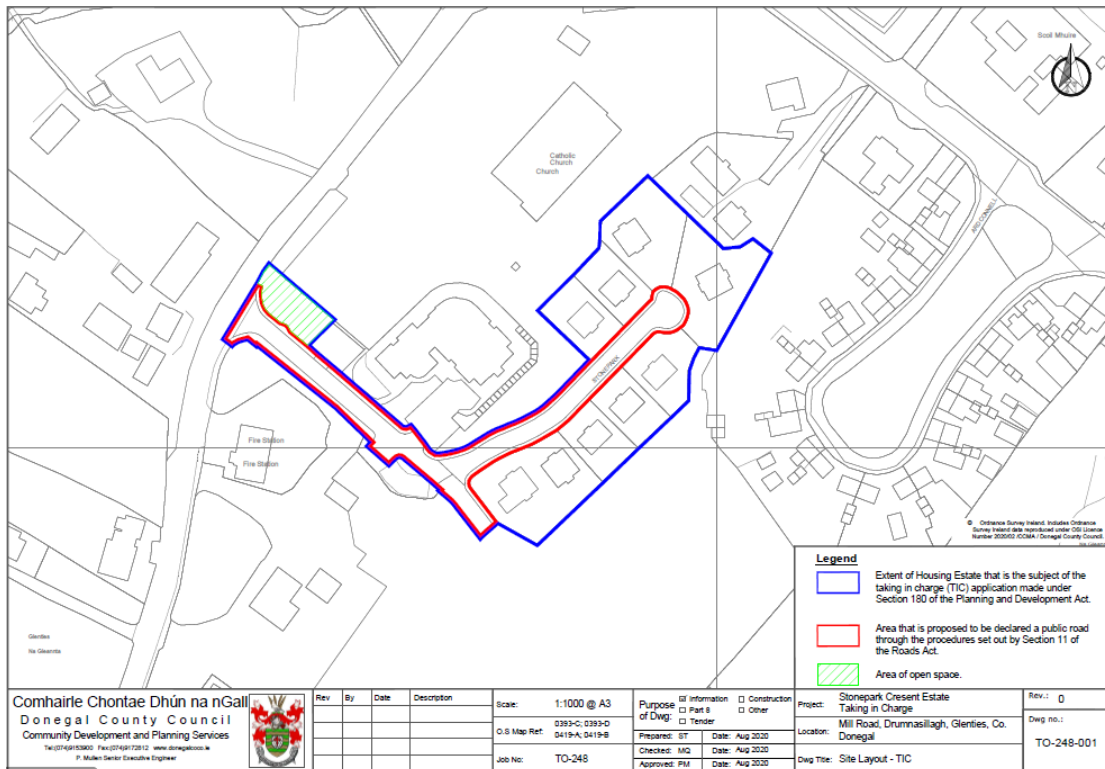
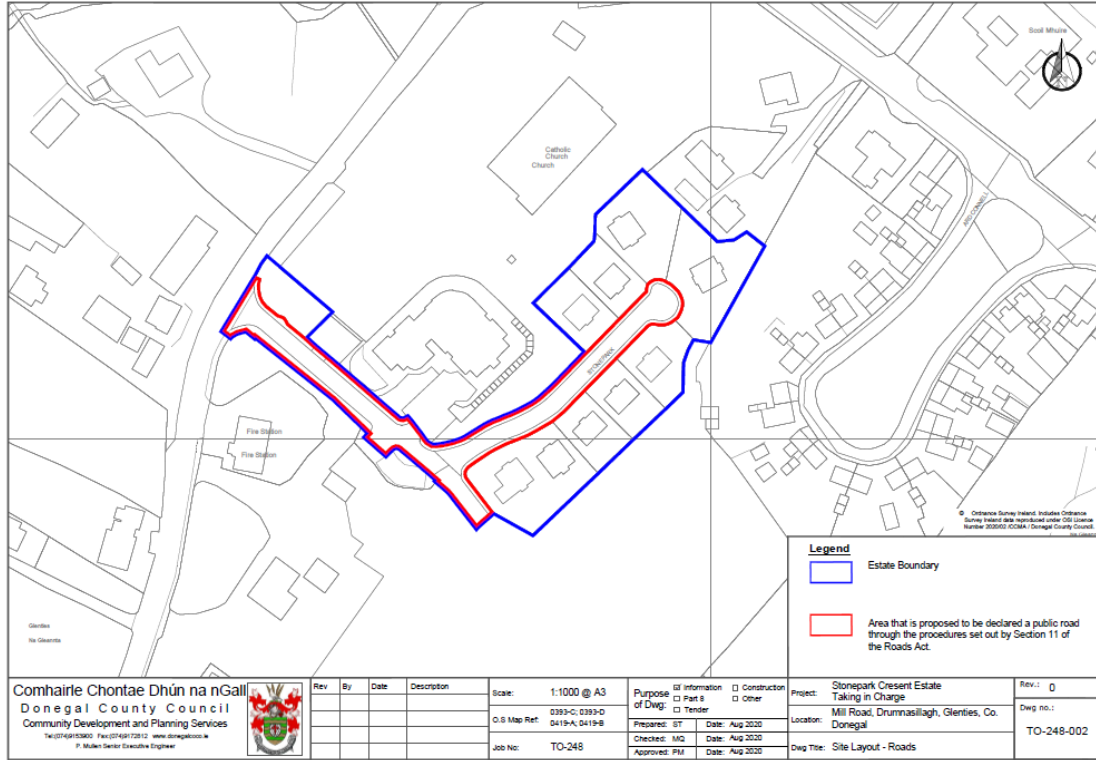


Paddy Mullen
Senior Executive Engineer
Community & Planning Services



On the proposal of Councillor _____ seconded by Councillor _____ it is **resolved** that the Council **make an order** in accordance with Section 207 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) for the creation of a public right of way over the estate roads within the housing estate **Stonepark Crescent, Mill Road, Glenties** as set out in the attached maps, to enable it to proceed with the taking in charge of the estate.

On the proposal of Councillor _____ seconded by Councillor _____ it is **resolved** that the Council **make an order** in accordance with Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act, 1993 to declare the estate roads within the housing estate **Stonepark Crescent, Mill Road, Glenties** to be public roads and **note** the consequential provisions contained in Section 180(4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) whereby this Council will also take in charge the water services infrastructure and the public open spaces or car park within the attendant grounds of the development and will subsequently transfer the water services within the estate to Irish Water.



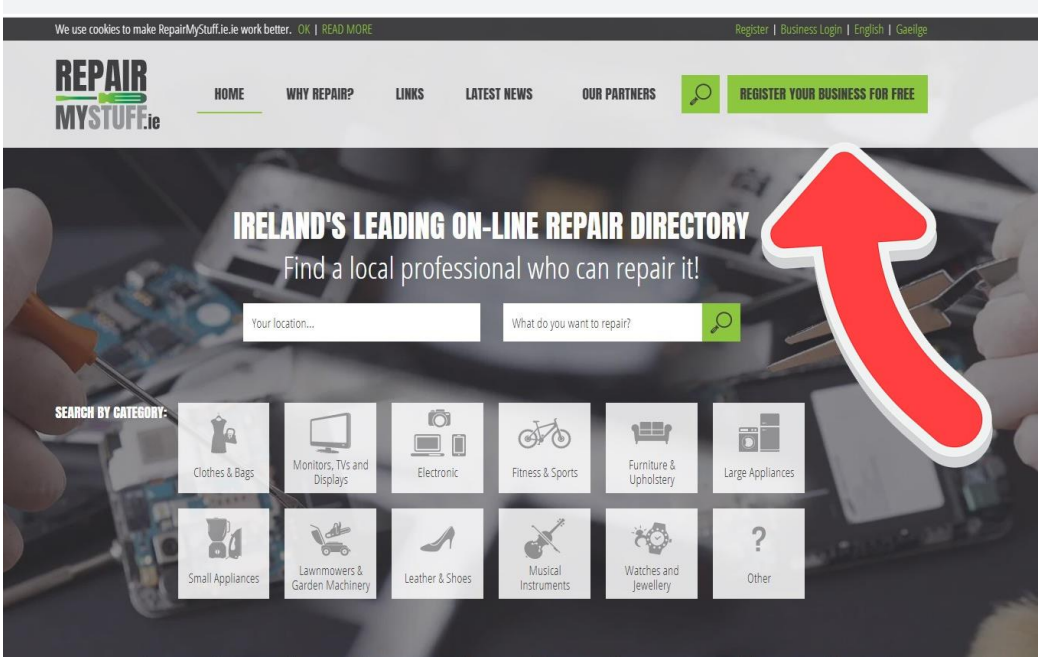




ENVIRONMENT REPORT – April 2022

WASTE AND LITTER MANAGEMENT

<p>Activity / Project Title</p>	<p>Stop Food Waste – ‘Savour Food’ E-Tool</p>
<p>Project Description/ Activity</p>	<div data-bbox="608 577 1193 891" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>As part of the on-going SavourFood Programme Stop Food Waste are launching 5 videos on their YouTube Account to promote their online e-tool.</p> <p>The first video “The Cost of Food Waste” will go live from Monday the 4th of April.</p> <p>Video names:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cost of Food Waste. 2. It’s the little things that count. 3. Good advice on day one. 4. Short e-tool explanation. 5. SavourFood e-tool Promo. <p>SavourFood YouTube channel link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgn38jhNArQmGdxiLhAA7A</p> <div data-bbox="459 1608 1023 1921" data-label="Image"> </div>
<p>Contact Person</p>	<p>Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer sbogan@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity / Project Title	Community & Business Events
Project Description/ Activity	<p>Rathmullan Tidy Towns Sustainability Day – 26th March 2022</p> <p>A talk on recycling and waste management was delivered as part of the Rathmullan Tidy Towns Sustainability Day on the 26th March.</p> <p>Tourism Seminar</p> <p>An Information Stand on Waste and Recycling was in place at the recent Tourism Seminar held in Jacksons Hotel on the 30th March 2022.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer sbogan@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity / Project Title	<p align="center">Repair My Stuff – Promotion Campaign</p>
Project Description /Activity	<p>During the month of March the Council promoted the ‘Repair my Stuff’ campaign across it’s social media channels and using digital advertising and print advertising.</p> <p>Repair My Stuff is Ireland’s leading online repair directory. Businesses that offer repair services of almost any kind are asked to sign up to the site. There are already more than 30 businesses registered across Donegal that repair items such as clothes, electronics, furniture, household appliances & musical instruments who find people needing their service through the site.</p> <p>Repair My Stuff encourages both recycling and upcycling – bringing life back into old, unwanted items, to ensure are kept in circulation. All that’s needed to register is the business name, email, address and Eircode. Businesses are also able to link their websites and social media accounts.</p> <p align="center">How to Register a business in 3 easy steps!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Go to www.repairmystuff.ie 2. Find the ‘Register your business for free’ button in the top right corner  <p>The screenshot shows the Repair My Stuff website interface. At the top right, there is a green button labeled 'REGISTER YOUR BUSINESS FOR FREE'. A large red arrow points to this button. Below the navigation bar, the main heading reads 'IRELAND'S LEADING ON-LINE REPAIR DIRECTORY' with the subtext 'Find a local professional who can repair it!'. There are search input fields for 'Your location...' and 'What do you want to repair?'. Below these are category icons for: Clothes & Bags, Monitors, TVs and Displays, Electronic, Fitness & Sports, Furniture & Upholstery, Large Appliances, Small Appliances, Lawnmowers & Garden Machinery, Leather & Shoes, Musical Instruments, Watches and Jewellery, and Other.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Connect easily through Facebook or Google or you can enter business details manually.
Contact Person	<p>Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer sbogan@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity / Project Title	Beach Lifeguard Recruitment
Description/ Activity	<p>Donegal County Council is recruiting seasonal Beach Lifeguards to be deployed on 14 beaches across the County. This is a very responsible role requiring candidates to have a valid Beach Lifeguard Certificate. A Beach Lifeguard Course will be held in Ballyshannon with details as follows;</p> <div data-bbox="432 521 1369 1406" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: space-between;">  <div style="text-align: right;"> <p>Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall Donegal County Council</p> </div> </div> <hr style="border: 1px solid black; margin: 10px 0;"/> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>BEACH LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATE COURSE</p> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="width: 60%;"> <p>Water Safety Ireland is holding a Beach Lifeguard Course 20th - 22nd April in the Ballyshannon Leisure Centre with lectures in advance by Zoom.</p> <p>The Cost is €350 and full details and registration can be arranged by contacting Mr. Seamus O'Neill on 085 1131114 or seamus@oneillsballyshannon.com</p> </div>  </div> </div>
Contact Person	<p>David Friel david.friel@donegalcoco.ie</p>


Activity / Project Title	Marble Hill Dune Preservation
Project Description/ Activity	<p>In the face of Climate Change coastal dunes are a natural defence against Coastal Erosion. Sand dunes provide natural coastal protection against storm surge and high waves and help prevent or reduce coastal flooding and structural damage to properties behind them. The preservation and strengthening of these natural coastal defences plays an important role in increasing our coastal resilience to the impacts of climate change.</p> <p>Donegal County Council has removed invasive species which pose a threat to the native vegetation of the sand dunes in Marble Hill (mainly sycamore and sea buckthorn). The effect of these invasive species relate to their shading-out and competing with our native dune plants and production of floristically-poor dense thickets. This is particularly true of Sea Buckthorn thickets which can completely alter the character of the local dune habitat, species composition, and the nutrient status of the soil where it grows.</p> <p>The contractor has initially cleared the area of sea buckthorn scrub by manual techniques (mechanical removal of larger items or chain saw). Materials were then chipped and removed from the site for disposal, along with any larger non chipped branches and trunk wood (see Plate 1).</p> <p>Larger Sea buckthorn stumps were then weep-wiped with Glyphosphate and the remaining, smaller shrubs, sprayed with Timbrel. Plate 2 shows the area cleared of invasive species.</p>
	
	<p>Plate 1. Mechanical removal of larger items of invasive species from the dunes.</p>



Plate 2. Invasive species removed from the dunes leaving the natural marram environment which will ensure their integrity.

Sand dunes are a natural line of coastal defence which are of increasing importance as we experience rising sea level and more frequent extreme weather events. Giving nature a helping hand at Marble Hill will assist ensure the integrity of the dunes and their response to climate change.

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**GLENTIES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
MEETING
12th April 2022**

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. NRDO Update – Report attached.**
- 3. Road Works Programme 2022 – Verbal Update**

Major & Minor Roads Projects

Progress March 2022

1. N56 Kilkenny Letterilly

Works are now completed save for a snag with the road surface south of the Maas Junction.

2. N56 Dungloe to Cloghbolie

Construction is now Substantially Complete with Road Surfacing and delineation recently completed. BAM expect to complete all remaining Works over the next month. Barry Transportation are supervising the Works on behalf of Donegal County Council

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. Progress is good to date moving towards 55% complete

4. N56 Dungle to Glenties – Land Acquisition

Close out of the remaining Land Acquisitions is still ongoing and should be closed out in 2022 save for any conveyancing issues arising.

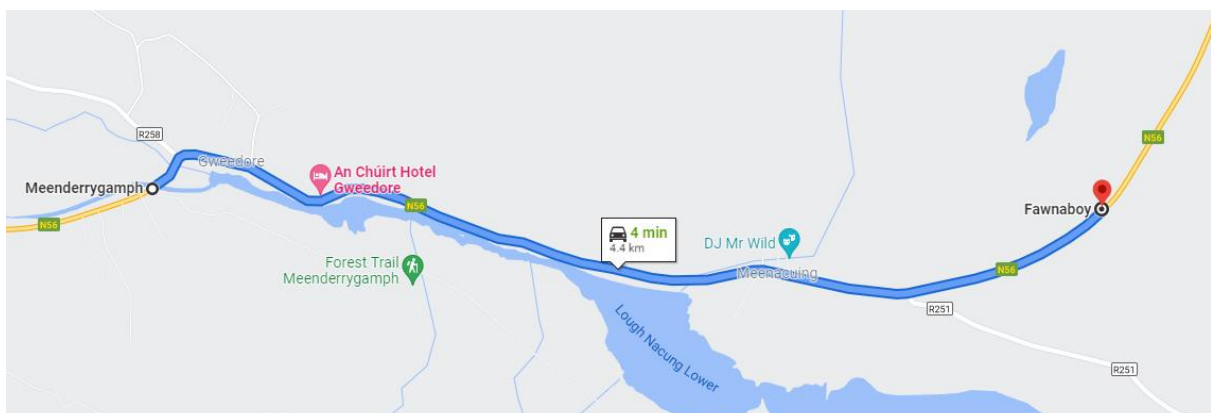
5. N56 Falcarragh Gortahork

A first allocation has been received from TII for a Scheme to improve the N56 between Falcarragh and Gortahork. NRO will begin the process of looking at the feasibility of such a scheme during 2022.

Fergus Towey, SEE

Pavement Asset Repair and Renewal (PARR)

The N56 Crolly to Meenacung Pavement Strengthening and Associated Minor Civil Works Contract 2022 is now at Contractor Appointment, and is currently programmed to commence onsite on the first week of May, with a 12 week construction period. The project will provide pavement strengthening and resurfacing to a 4.4km long section of the N56, commencing at Hydro Race Bridge, continuing through Meenacung, past the R251 Junction and on towards Fanaboy.



Garrett Doherty, SEE

Housing & Corporate Agenda

For Meeting on 12th April 2022

- Progress Report - Grants
- Progress Report - Casual Vacancies
- Housing Need
- HAP
- RAS
- LTL Properties
- Tenancies and Offers
- Tenant Purchase
- Local Authority Loans

1. PROGRESS REPORT - GRANTS AT 01/04/2022

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	135	114	20	0	1	1
2022	24	10	6	0	8	8

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>
2021	74	43	16	2	10	3	15
2022	18	3	7	0	8	0	8

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>
2021	43	29	13	0	1	0	1
2022	12	6	2	0	4	0	4

2. 2. PROGRESS REPORT – CASUAL VACANCIES @ 01/04/2022

Glenties MD	Address	Beds	Vacant From	Current Status
Annagry				
	Clos Naomh Duigh	2 bed	16/02/2022	Tenders being assessed
Ardara				
	Radharc an Ghleanna	2 bed	29/12/2021	Contractor appointed
	Carrickatlieve	3 bed	24/01/2022	Contractor appointed
	Radharc an Ghleanna	2 bed	01/03/2022	Contractor appointed
Creelough				
	Ard Cois Locha	3 bed	28/02/2022	Contractor appointed
Derrybeg				
	Ailt Aoibhinn	2 bed flat	20/01/2022	Tenders being assessed
Dunfanaghy				
	Eadan Mor	3 bed (LTL)	13/10/2021	Contractor on site
	Eadan Mor	3 bed (LTL)	08/11/2021	Contractor on site
Dungloe				
	St Peter Terrace	1 bed OPD	13/12/2021	Currently being assessed
	Gort na Mona	3 bed	15/03/2022	Currently being assessed
Falcarragh				
	Ballina	3 bed	12/07/2021	To be tendered within the next two weeks
	Radharc na Mara	2 bed OPD	03/03/2022	Contractor on site
Fintown				
	Shallogans	3 bed	08/03/2022	Currently being assessed
Glenties				
	Clos Naomh Chonail	2 bed	29/11/2021	Contractor on site
Loughanure				
	An tArdan Rua	3 bed	22/12/2021	Contractor on site
	Radharc an Iuir	2 bed	21/01/2022	Contractor on site

3. HOUSING NEED

Gross Need - by approved bedrooms

Municipal District	1	2	3	4	Total	
Glenties	Annagry	1	7	1	1	10
	Ardara	3	14	1	1	19
	Arranmore	0	1	0	0	1
	Bunbeg	0	0	1	0	1
	Burtonport	0	6	0	1	7
	Creeslough	0	6	2	3	11
	Derrybeg	0	3	1	0	4
	Doochary	0	0	1	0	1
	Dunfanaghy	2	14	3	0	19
	Dungloe	10	27	6	2	45
	Falcarragh	2	24	2	0	28
	Fintown	1	3	1	0	5
	Glenties	0	7	5	3	15
	Gortahork	1	8	1	1	11
	Gweedore	2	16	4	1	23
	Lettermacaward	0	0	1	0	1
	Loughanure	1	3	0	0	4
	Magheroarty	0	2	0	0	2
Tory Island	0	1	0	0	1	
Total	23	142	30	13	208	

4. HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENT (HAP) SCHEME

As at 1st April 2022, the Glenties Municipal District is providing Social Housing Support in the form of the Housing Assistance Payment to 112 families/individuals. 12 of these families/individuals are in receipt of HAP only.

2 Hap tenants were allocated social housing in month of March 2022.

5. NUMBER OF RAS PROPERTIES

As of the 1st April 2022, the Glenties Municipal District is providing Social Housing Support in the form of the Rental Accommodation Scheme to 58 families/individuals.

6. NUMBER OF LTL PROPERTIES

As of the 1st April, 2022, the Glenties Municipal District is providing Social Housing Support in the form of the Long Term Lease Properties to 19 families/individuals.

7. HOUSING VACANCIES AND OFFERS

Reasons for Vacancies since 01-Jan-2022				
Transfers	Surrenders	Death of Tenant	Other	Total
3	3	3	0	9

Number of Housing Offers issued since 01-Jan-2022		
Number of Offers issued	Offers Accepted	Offers Refused
4	4	0

8. TENANT PURCHASE

Number of applications received since Scheme commenced up to 24/02/2022*:	89
Total number of valid applications:	67
Valid applications received since 01-January-2022:	3
Number of Offer Letters issued since 01-January-2022:	2
Total number of houses sold under the Scheme to date:	18

* Figure does not include, 5 new applications received since 24/02/2022 which are "on hold"

9. LOCAL AUTHORITY LOANS

Total number of Loan applications (RIHL) received from 2018-2021	Number of Loans Approved from 2018-2021	Total number of new Loan applications (LAHL) in 2022	Number of Loans Approved in 2022
33	5	3	2