



## Municipal District of Glenties

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Dungloe

2nd February 2022

### NOTICE OF MEETING

The Municipal District of Glenties Meeting will be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 **at 12.00pm online.**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GLENTIES

**Dear Councillor**

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

**Yours sincerely**

**Micheál Rowsome**  
Meetings Administrator

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## Ceantar Bardais Na Gleanntaí

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Clochán Liath

2ú Feabhra 2022

### FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Na Gleanntaí ar líne ar an 8ú Feabhra 2022 ag 12.00 l.n.

### DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS NA GLEANNTAÍ

#### **A Chara**

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

**Mise, le meas**

**Mícheál Rowsome**  
Riarthóir Cruinnithe

## AGENDA

1. Consideration of the Minutes of Glenties Municipal District Committee Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022 12.00pm
2. Report from Workshop 12.05
3. Community Development 12.10
4. Economic Development I.S & Emergency Services. 12.30
5. Planning 12.50
6. Environment. 13.10
7. Roads & Transportation 13.30
8. Housing & Corporate Services 13.50

# MINUTES OF MEETING OF GLENTIES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

HELD REMOTELY ON 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022

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- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cllr. Noreen McGarvey (Cathaoirleach)  
Cllr. Marie Therese Gallagher (Leas Cathaoirleach)  
Cllr. Michael McClafferty  
Cllr. Anthony Molloy  
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  
Brendan McFadden - SEE, Area Roads Manager  
Sinéad McClafferty - Area Planner  
Eve Anne McCarron - Senior Enterprise Development Officer  
David Friel - Coastal Officer  
Ann Marie McCole - Community Development Staff Officer  
Marie Martin - A/S.O. Housing/Corporate
- Others in Attendance:** Róise Ni Laifeartaigh - Aistriúcháin Comhuaineach  
Sean Ó Daimhin- Aistriúcháin Comhuaineach

GMD 01/22

## Confirmation of Minutes of Glenties Municipal District Committee meeting

On the proposal of Cllr. Ó Fearraigh, seconded by Cllr. M McClafferty, the minutes of the Glenties Municipal District meetings held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November 2021 were confirmed.

GMD 02/22

### Workshops

The Committee noted the reports from the Environment Workshop held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021 and the Housing Workshop held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

GMD 03/22

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Senior Enterprise Development Officer presented reports circulated with the agenda regarding the following:

- Economic Development
- Tourism/Marketing
- Trail Gazers Bid project
- Strategic Funding Unit
- Local Enterprise Office

3.1

### Buy Donegal

The SEDO informed the Committee that 2021 campaign received a very positive response from over 300 participating businesses with 8500 unique visitors to the website.

The Committee unanimously commended the success of this initiative and complimented all involved for their contribution to the success of the Buy Donegal campaign.

Cllr. McClafferty recommended that the Council develop a scheme to incorporate all businesses in Donegal, the 'Shop LK' Card with a 'Shop Donegal' card and advised that he will be bringing a motion in this regard to the Plenary Council.

### 3.2

#### Camper Van Study

Cllr. McGarvey requested the Council to undertake necessary preparations in advance of the holiday season to implement recommendations arising from the completed camper van study.

### 3.3

#### Fire Service

A lengthy discussion ensued in relation to (1) the necessity to provide an enhanced fire service on Tory & Arranmore Islands & (2) establishment of a rapid Responder Pilot Project in the Rosses area to support the Fire Service in emergency situations.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig asked the Council to explore an initiative to introduce old Irish goats on hillsides to restore the heathland and reduce wildfire risk similar to the project undertaken by Fingal County Council.

Cllr. McClafferty stated that the decline in agricultural activity is exacerbating the impact of climate change leading to increasing incidents of wildfire.

The Committee unanimously supported the proposal from Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig to arrange a workshop with the Directors of Emergency Services, Water/Environment & the Chief Fire Officer.

Cllr. Gallagher also advised of the importance of liaising with the Civil Defence Co-ordinator in relation to the facilitation and establishment of Rapid Response Units.

**GMD 04/22**

#### PLANNING SERVICES

The Committee noted the following reports circulated with the agenda:

- Development Applications/Statistics to the end of November 2021
- Enforcement Cases
- Schedule of Planning Clinic from 12<sup>th</sup> January to 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022.
- Regeneration Report
- Central Planning Unit Programmes

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig expressed concern at the submission of applications by certain architects in situations where planning permission was impossible to be obtained.

#### **4.1 N56 Developments**

Members highlighted the increasingly negative impact on families arising from the refusal of planning permission for indigenous residents of local communities in Gaeltacht & Rural areas along the N56.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested the planning service to seek a meeting with the relevant Minister.

#### **4.2 Review of County Development Plan**

Cllr. Gallagher emphasised the necessity to provide for small scale multiple developments in proximity to schools and local services in rural areas.

#### **4.3 Holiday Homes**

In response to a query from Cllr. Gallagher, the Area Planner advised that a ratio is in place in respect of certain settlements such as Dunfanaghy in terms of holiday home developments.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig recommended the imposition of a holiday home tax in respect of properties that were used

specifically as holiday homes (and not on homes inherited by family members).

#### 4.4 Quarries

The Area Planner undertook to communicate with members on conclusion of the meeting.

#### 4.5 Dungloe Health Centre

The Area Planner clarified that planning permission has issued in respect of this facility in response to a query from Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig.

### **GMD 5/22**

#### **ENVIRONMENT SERVICES**

#### **5.1**

The Committee welcomed the reports circulated with the agenda from the Waste Awareness Officer in relation to:

- Waste & Litter Management
- Christmas Tree Recycling
- School Bikes Africa Donations
- Tidy Town Awards 2021
- Upcycle Challenge
- Food Waste Roadshow
- Litter Statistics

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig raised the issue of dumped tar at various locations and the Coastal Officer agreed to relay concerns to the Waste Regulation Officer.

Cllr. McGarvey commended the achievements of Glenties in the 2021 Tidy Town Awards and recommended that the Council assist all voluntary groups involved in Environmental work.



The Committee welcomed the reports circulated with the agenda from the Coastal Officer regarding:

- Blue Flag Applications
- Beach Wheelchairs
- Personal Watercraft
- Christmas/New Year Swims
- Ring buoy Inspections
- End of season maintenance
- Public conveniences
- Glenties Flood Relief Scheme

Cllr. O'Fearraigh asked the Council to improve wheelchair access to the beach at Magheraroarty.

Cllr. Molloy commended the Council for the "Changing Place" public convenience in Narin.

The Coastal Officer informed the Committee that this project is almost complete and will undertake a process to obtain "Changing Places Ireland" accreditation.

## **5.2 Beach Infrastructure**

Cllr. McGarvey & Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig highlighted damage to the boardwalks in Mullaghderg. The Coastal Officer advised the Committee that (1) the Roads & Environment Services are conducting a review of shared assets along the coastline which will incorporate an audit of all boardwalks and (2) a ring buoy replacement programme is commencing this week.

In response to requests from Cllr. McGarvey & Cllr. McClafferty regarding uncontrolled dogs on beaches, the Coastal Officer advised of new changes under Blue Flag Programme in relation to dog control and management on beaches and undertook to erect warning signage at Carrickfinn.

### 5.3 Magheraroarty Pier Master Plan

Following a request from Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig to progress a Master Plan to address a variety of problematic issues at this location, the Environment Director recommended scheduling of an internal workshop prior to meeting with all stakeholders.

### 5.4 Irish Water

Cllr Mac Giolla Easbuig highlighted the following issues for the attention of the Water Services:

- An update regarding drinking water regulation chemical parameters
- Update on pilot sewerage programme in Gweedore
- Annagry treatment plant - status report
- Status of water supply in Annagry, Meenbanad, Burtonport, Creeslough and Glasserchoo Upper
- Urgent necessity to resolve Gola Island water pipe in light of health and safety concerns
- The Director informed the Committee that national discussions are ongoing at the Workplace Relations Commission in relation to staff transfers and committed to communicating to all staff any updates from the W.R.C.

The Director also undertook to liaise with the Senior Executive Chemist regarding concerns expressed by Oyster farmers.

GMD 6/22

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### 6.1 Outdoor Recreation Workshop

The Community Development Staff Officer advised the Committee that a workshop has been arranged at 10 am on the 14/1/2022 in relation to the above.

## **6.2 Development Fund Initiative**

On the proposal of Cllr. Molloy and seconded by Cllr. McGarvey the Committee agreed to re-allocate DFI 2021 funding in the sum of €2,500 to "Awake Tourism".

## **6.3 Community Development Reports**

The Committee welcomed the reports circulated previously in relation to ongoing projects throughout the Municipal District.

## **6.4 Greenways & Trails**

Members commended ongoing work at Muckish Railway and expressed appreciation for the organisation of a site visit.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested a renewed focus on the Burtonport section of the greenway.

Cllr. Molloy requested an update on the proposed link walkway from Laconnell to the mountain.

Cllr. Gallagher requested the Community Development Division to develop linkages from rural trails to the bigger greenway project to enhance benefits for local communities. The Community Development Staff Officer advised the Committee that their technical team have been requested to attend and provide updates to the MD.

## **6.5 Cycleway**

Cllr. Gallagher requested the Community Development Division to source funding for maintenance of the Dungloe to Glenties Cycleway. The Roads Manager informed the Committee of ongoing work in this regard by the Roads Service.

**6.6 Leitir Green**

Cllr. Gallagher requested the Council to develop a small park or multi use space at this location

**6.7 Poll a tSnámh**

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested an update on the status of this project.

**6.8 Healthy Donegal**

Cllr. Molloy welcomed the report circulated with the agenda and presented by Margaret Fitzgerald, Healthy Donegal Coordinator.

**GMD 7/28**

**ROADS**

**7.1 NRDO Update**

The Roads Area Manager updated Members regarding the status of ongoing works on the N56 from Dungloe to Glenties in addition to the report circulated with the agenda.

**7.2 Dredging at Magheraroarty**

Cllr. O'Fearraigh highlighted the frustration experienced by fishermen and ferry users as a consequence of ongoing delays to the necessary dredging works.

Cllr. McClafferty queried the effectiveness of transporting sand between different sections of the same beach.

The Marine Engineer updated members on the status of the application to obtain permission for dredging which was on display at both Dungloe Public Services Centre &

Falcarragh Garda Station and that a determination is imminent.

Members were also advised that the removal and transportation of dredged material is carried out in compliance with legislation.

### 7.3

#### Marine Works

The Committee expressed appreciation to the Marine Engineer for works carried out at Portnablagh Pier, Bunaninver Pier and Maghergallon Pier.

In response to queries from Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig the Marine Engineer advised of the current status of the following projects:

- Roshine Pier
- Gola Pier
- Inishboffin Crane
- Rannagh Pier Road
- Magheraroarty Public Convenience
- Tory Island Slipway
- Bunbeg Winch house & yellow lines
- Magheragallon Pier. Relocation of sign
- Provision of signage in Irish in Gaeltacht Areas
- Cruit Pier - Parking
- Arranmore Pier

In response to queries from Cllr. Molloy the Marine Engineer advised that an application to Irish Water is required to improve necessary infrastructure and that the Council are waiting on ESB to connect the power points at Rosbeg Pier.

Cllr. McClafferty requested an update on the provision of lighting for Inishboffin. Cllr. O'Fearraigh asked for an update on proposals for the provision of a pontoon at Bunbeg Pier.

Cllr. Gallagher advised the Council to liaise with BIM & the Department of Marine regarding development of Burtonport slipway and stressed the importance of carrying out interim emergency works in light of health and safety concerns. Cllr. Gallagher also recommended the application for a foreshore licence to clean and upgrade the Dungloe Bay area.

#### **7.4 Road Maintenance**

The Committee highlighted the following issues for the attention of the Roads Service:

- Chapel Road & Carnmore Road, Dungloe - Pedestrian Crossing/Speed Ramp
- Quay Road & St. Peters Terrace Dungloe - Footpath provision
- Diamond, Dungloe - (John Ferry) Road subsidence
- Dungloe to Maghery connection
- Chapel Road, Dungloe - "Lidl" Road Safety concerns
- Crolly Junction Redesign
- Poll a tSnámh Road - Overgrown vegetation
- Ardsbeg Grotto - Protruding Stones
- Arranmore - Campbells Corner beach access
- Public Lighting programme
- Derryconnor - surface conditions
- Glen Road, Annagry - drainage
- An Chuirte - safety concerns
- Arduns - flooding
- Lunniagh - dangerous stays
- Cruit Junction
- Cullion Road, Maghery
- Fintown Village
- Carn Road & Glencoe Road, Ardara
- Meenaroy - liaise with Letterkenny Roads

The Roads Manager informed members of current staffing issues arising from the ongoing pandemic.

Members commended the quality and quantity of road works in the MD.

**GMD 08/22**

## **HOUSING & CORPORATE**

**8.1**

### **Grants**

Members discussed the reports circulated with the agenda and presented by the Housing Manager regarding the status of the following grants:

- Housing Aid for Older People - 134
- Housing Adaption Grants - 74
- Mobility Aids Grants - 44

The Committee welcomed the provision of funding of more than €600,000 for grants in the MD in 2021.

**8.2**

### **Casual Vacancies**

The Housing Manager informed members that there are currently 10 casual vacancies with 4 dwellings due for letting within the next month.

In response to a query from Cllr. O'Fearraigh, the Housing Manager outlined constraints on the turn around times of casual vacancies.

**8.3**

### **Housing Assistance Payments**

Members welcomed both the report circulated with the agenda and the provision of Council Housing to 21 families availing of the above scheme during 2021.

**8.4**

### **Monthly Reports**

Members noted statistical information in relation to the following:

- Rental Accommodation Scheme
- Long Term Leases
- Tenancies & Offers
- Tenant Purchase

**8.5 SI Scheme**

Cllr. Gallagher requested the Council to communicate the availability of loans to tenants wishing to purchase SI houses.

**8.6 Painting Programme**

The Housing Manager advised the Committee of the status of the 2021 Painting Programme.

**8.7 Local Authority Home Loan**

The Housing Manager informed the Committee that a new Housing Loan scheme came into effect on the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 replacing the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan.

Cllr. McGarvey outlined the difficulties experienced by many potential applicants due to eligibility criteria.

**8.8 Council Scheme**

The Housing Manager advised Members that a budget in the sum of €70,000 is available in 2022 to carry out maintenance of roads, footpaths, public lighting and back lanes.

The Housing Service will provide necessary works on back lanes and delivery will be carried by the Roads Service.



**8.9**                    **Mica Testing**

Members were advised that the procurement process to appoint laboratories to provide testing is complete and that an update will be available on receipt of results.

**8.10**                   **Retrofitting**

The Housing Manager in response to a query from Cllr. McGarvey advised that a priority list for funding in 2022 has been submitted to Head Quarters for consideration.

**8.11**                   **Housing Capital**

Members noted the report circulated with the agenda. Cllr. McGarvey requested an update on the status of negotiations to acquire land at Quay Road, Dungloe, and at Mulherns Corner, Dungloe.

**8.12**                   **Approved Housing Bodies**

The Committee expressed disappointment at the lack of progress in relation to repurposing vacant units at Cois Locha (Cluid) and Fairhill (Respond), Dungloe.

Members recommended that Oireachtas representatives in the County be contacted to exert pressure to expedite delivery of proposed developments.

**8.13**                   **Corporate Services**

Members unanimously agreed to received deputations from the following groups at the earliest possible opportunity:

- Inishboffin Development Group
- Doochary Tidy Town
- Ardara Sheltered Housing

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



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

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

**Glenties - Municipal District Report February 2022**

**Content**

- 1. Economic Development**
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  - 1.2 Tourism Marketing Unit**
  - 1.3 Strategic Funding Unit**
  - 1.4 Project: Trail Gazers Bid**
- 2. Local Enterprise Office**
- 3. Emergency Services: Fire Service**

# 1. Division: Economic Development

## 1.1 Economic Development Unit

Title	Economic Development Unit												
<b>Countywide</b>	<p><b>Property Solutions:</b> The team is progressing 18 property solution opportunities across the county. This involves working closely with local business or inward investment opportunities to provide suitable of property solutions including Council owned land or property.</p> <p><b>BuyDonegal:</b> The 2021 campaign had almost 300 participating businesses and a social media campaign that reached an audience of almost 14 million. The site buydonegal.com received over 11.000 visitors from 68 countries. 46% of consumers stated that they spent €75+ on #BuyDonegal businesses and 43% purchased 2 or more products. The 2020 #BuyDonegal campaign also won the Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards for Promoting Economic Development.</p> <p><b>Remote Working:</b> The EDU is currently finalising an event to promote the opportunities available in Donegal for this year’s Enterprise Week and developing an Action plan for 2022. Implementation of the strategy includes continuous collaboration with digital hubs, local and national Grow Remote Chapters, LEO and Donegal ETB.</p> <p><b>Caravan &amp; Camping Study:</b> The EDU are engaging with key stakeholders including other Council Services on the implementation of the recommendations of this study with a view to prioritising actions in 2022.</p> <p><b>InvestDonegal Communications Update:</b> Latest key stats for the InvestDonegal LinkedIn and Twitter (@DonegalInvest) accounts are as follows;</p> <table data-bbox="462 1564 1226 1816"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Impressions (last 28 days)</th> <th>Total Followers</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Linked In</td> <td>76,100</td> <td>3,033 (+157)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Twitter</td> <td>34,700</td> <td>1,728 (+26)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Instagram</td> <td>9,297</td> <td>1,929 (+41)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Impressions (last 28 days)	Total Followers	Linked In	76,100	3,033 (+157)	Twitter	34,700	1,728 (+26)	Instagram	9,297	1,929 (+41)
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Donegal.ie 2.6K Web Users (4 weeks 28 Dec – 24 Jan 2022)

12 News Items Published

**North West City Region:**

- **Inward Investment Strategy:** Donegal County Council and Derry City and Strabane District Council are working with OCO Global to develop a three-year Inward Investment strategy for the region. Work on a final draft is progressing after regional consultations. This work will form the basis for future marketing and promotion of the region.
- **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. A Project Oversight Board including the LYIT, ETB and the Regional Skills Forum has met and are informing the work.
- **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.

You can follow respective LinkedIn and Twitter Platforms  
NorthWestCityRegionIreland

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

Priority areas for 2022 include a renewed focus on promoting [www.westernjobs.ie](http://www.westernjobs.ie) to encourage jobseekers to sign up and return to the region, continued development and support for digital hubs in the county and completion of the Image bank project.

**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](mailto:economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie).

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**1.2 Tourism Marketing Unit**

Lifford/Stranorlar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Donegal East Tourism Group Meeting:</b> A meeting with Donegal East Tourism Group and DCC Tourism Unit took place on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> January.</li> <li>• <b>Frances Browne Literary Festival Meeting:</b> A meeting with the Festival Committee and the Tourism Unit took place on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> January.</li> </ul>
Countywide	<p><b><u>Go Visit Donegal - Digital and Online Marketing.</u></b></p> <p>Tourism Unit is promoting different areas of the county, posting a min of 5 posts per MD per month across social media platforms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pilgrim Path to Sliabh Liag has recently been featured in the Irish Independent <a href="https://www.independent.ie/life/travel/walk-the-pilgrim-path-to-sliabh-liag-a-walk-said-to-cure-headaches-with-a-cosy-pub-near-the-finishing-line-41237025.html">https://www.independent.ie/life/travel/walk-the-pilgrim-path-to-sliabh-liag-a-walk-said-to-cure-headaches-with-a-cosy-pub-near-the-finishing-line-41237025.html</a></li> <li>• Lough Eske Castle has been named as the number one best luxury hotel in Ireland by The Times Details: <a href="https://www.thetimes.co.uk/travel/destinations/europe/ireland/best-luxury-hotels-in-ireland">https://www.thetimes.co.uk/travel/destinations/europe/ireland/best-luxury-hotels-in-ireland</a></li> <li>• Harvey’s Point received a great review by Pól Ó Conhaile <a href="https://www.independent.ie/life/travel/reviews/hotel-reviews/hotel-review-harveys-point-should-be-in-a-hall-of-fame-for-irish-hotels-41175957.html">https://www.independent.ie/life/travel/reviews/hotel-reviews/hotel-review-harveys-point-should-be-in-a-hall-of-fame-for-irish-hotels-41175957.html</a></li> </ul> <p><b>The Independent.ie Reader Travel Awards</b> have been announced on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wild Atlantic Camp, Cresslough being named as ‘Ireland’s Best Campsite’ for 2022</li> </ul>

- Harvey's Point gaining three Top 10 places - fifth in 'Ireland's Best Breakfast,' eighth in 'Ireland's top 10 pet-friendly stays' and also 10th in 'Top ten hotels' (The Irish Examiner included Harvey's Point in their '20 great trips around Ireland to discover for your summer 2022 staycation').
- Silver Strand in Malin Beg, came ninth in 'Ireland's top 10 beaches'
- The V Spa at the Villa Rose Hotel, Ballybofey, was listed 10th in 'Ireland's top 10 spas'
- Letterkenny's Yellow Pepper was eighth in 'Ireland's Top 10 outdoor dining experiences'
- The Gateway Lodge on the Lough Eske Road, Donegal, came ninth in the 'Ireland's top 10 B&Bs' category

Details can be found on: <https://www.independent.ie/life/travel/awards/>

And: <https://www.donegalive.ie/news/home/726009/creeslough-campsite-named-irelands-best-and-three-top-10s-for-harvey-s-point.html>

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



















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<b>Page Views</b>	25,656	<b>+70.3%</b>
<b>Users</b>	9,803	<b>+52.7%</b>

**performing posts in December**

- **Facebook: #1** – Wild Atlantic Way Points in Donegal. 63,960 people reached / 2,915 engagement / 956 reactions / 71 Shares / 21 comments
- **Instagram:#1** – Christmas Lights, Ramelton. 18,486 accounts reached / 19,473 impressions / 1,183 content interactions / 70 profile activity
- **Twitter: #1** - Christmas Lights in Glenties. 5,617 impressions / 207 engagements / 32 likes / 2 shares

**GoVisitDonegal.com Website - Year to Date Stats**

- **December website views by country:**
  - Traffic came from 81 countries in total
  - Top Ten Countries include:

Country	Users	% Users
1.  Ireland	4,512	 45.72%
2.  United Kingdom	3,251	 32.94%
3.  United States	1,148	 11.63%
4.  China	111	 1.12%
5.  Germany	105	 1.06%
6.  Canada	96	 0.97%
7.  France	73	 0.74%
8.  Australia	68	 0.69%
9.  Netherlands	61	 0.62%
10.  Sweden	46	 0.47%

## **Marketing Updates**

### **Tourism Unit Surveys**

Donegal County Council's Tourism Unit has conducted two surveys – for the trade and for festivals and events in the county to determine the type and level of support and assistance the sectors will require.

Both surveys closed on 14th January 2022.

### **#RuralBusiness Day**

Tourism Unit participated in the #RuralTourism Day on social media on Jan 19<sup>th</sup>. Newsletter to the trade has been circulated in advance of this campaign to encourage tourism/hospitality businesses to join on the day.

### **North-West City Region Marketing Campaign**

Due to Covid restrictions in early January – Donegal County Council and Derry City & Strabane District Councils have rescheduled the commencement date for the upcoming North-West City Region Marketing Campaign. The campaign will now run for six weeks commencing on April 1st. This campaign will promote a range of themes from the 'Best of the Northwest' experiences for both city and rural breaks. It will include three 72-hour itineraries of the region with accommodation and approximately ten activity packages from both areas.

The marketing campaign will incorporate digital advertisements on YouTube with three newly created videos highlighting regional tourism experience that can be enjoyed throughout the Northwest. This campaign specifically targets established markets using a combination of activities, paid social video ads,



Facebook re-engagement activity, radio adverts, PR trips from press and newly created imagery. This multi-disciplinary approach across a variety of platforms is targeted to inspire those living on the island of Ireland to travel to this region.

- **Key Objectives:**

- Keep this region at the front of people's minds when considering a staycation; stimulate demand by informing, reassuring and inspiring visitors to consider Donegal and Derry
- Encourage bookings from spring/summer in 2022
- Support businesses to gain capacity with timely information and inspiration
- Work with businesses in the region to maximise opportunities

### **North-West Tourism Product Development Programme**

This programme has come to an end with thirteen regional packages having been developed which will incorporate a section of the marketing campaign. Allocation of the £2,500 grants per business that participated in the programme are currently being administered.

### **Irish Legends Donegal Festival of Golf**

The Donegal Festival of Golf is planned to coincide with the Irish Legends golfing event which is presented by the McGinley Foundation at Rosapenna Hotel & Golf Resort in August 2022. Donegal County Council will host the event which will take place on the GAA pitch in Downings. The festival will run from 18<sup>th</sup> August – 20<sup>th</sup> August inclusive from 5pm – 9pm each evening, to create a meeting space for locals and attendees alike. A schedule of events is being prepared and this event which will see local musicians take to the stage before a headline act each evening.


### **Donegal Tourism Strategy 2021-2025**

Tourism Development International is developing a new 5-year tourism strategy for the County. The three phases have been completed with both TDI and Donegal County Council staff are presently working on the draft of the Strategy document.

### **TIDE – Atlantic Network for Developing Historical Maritime Tourism**

	The objective is to develop a niche historical maritime tourism package for the Atlantic based on connecting & marketing assets from historical periods across different regions. Donegal County Council have awarded the contract to Emagine Media Ltd, who are now working on theme, storyline and storyboards for both Spanish Armada & Napoleonic VR Experiences. A shared VR experience (North West Partners) from World War 1 will also be promoted in Donegal and is at the final stages of development. The Storyboards for the Spanish Armada are almost complete and the scripts are being written. The project is on schedule for installation for the Summer 2022.
<b>Contact Person</b>	Barney Mc Laughlin (074 9724465)

**1.3 Strategic Funding Unit**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Strategic Funding Unit – exploring EU and National Funding Opportunities that support the objectives set out in the Donegal County Council Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024</b>
Countywide	<p><b>SFU Webinars 2022</b>          Dates for the next series of SFU webinars taking place in 2022 have been confirmed as the 16<sup>th</sup> February, 27<sup>th</sup> April, 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 21<sup>st</sup> September and 23<sup>rd</sup> November.</p>  <p><b>SFU Enterprise Week Event</b>          The Strategic Funding Unit is hosting an online webinar on 8<sup>th</sup> March at 13.00 as part of Enterprise Week 2022 to highlight EU funding opportunities with particular relevance to SME's.</p> <p><b>SFU Funding in Focus Series – Peace Plus Focus</b>          In January and February the Strategic Funding Unit is examining the new Peace Plus funding programme as part of the 'Funding in Focus' series, which will include videos and summary information on the programme to allow staff easy and quick access to relevant information. It will be shared via the SFU e-mail newsletter.</p>

	<p><b>Project Partnership &amp; Development</b></p> <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.</p> <p><b>Other areas of work include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EU Funding Programme Reviews</li> <li>• Participation in project scoping meetings with potential partners</li> <li>• Participation in EU network meetings such as CPMR, AER etc.</li> <li>• Funding Needs Analysis of Council Divisions</li> <li>• Strategic Funding Webinars</li> <li>• Regular Strategic Funding Newsletters</li> </ul>
<b>Contact Person</b>	<p><b>Joy Harron</b>  087 0619360  E-mail: <a href="mailto:joyharron@donegalcoco.ie">joyharron@donegalcoco.ie</a></p>

#### 1.4 Project: Trail Gazers Bid

<b>Title</b>	Trail Gazers Bid Project
<b>Description</b>	‘To quantify the return to the local economy for every euro invested in walks and recreational trail infrastructure ‘
<b>Budget</b>	€2.6 M
<b>Progress to date within quarter* - inclusive of current status</b>	<p>In 2018, Donegal County Councils Research &amp; Policy Unit successfully led an application to the Atlantic Area Programme under objective 4.2 ‘Enhancing natural and cultural assets to stimulate economic development’.</p> <p>This transnational project is managed by the Donegal County Council (Lead Partner), working with 9 different partners located across Ireland, UK, France, Spain and Portugal.</p> <p>The project sets out to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quantify the impact of key strategic investments in walks and recreational trail infrastructure can have on stimulating rural</li> </ul>

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](http://www.trailgazers.eu)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/TrailgazersB](http://www.facebook.com/TrailgazersB)

Twitter: [twitter.com/hashtag/TrailGazers](https://twitter.com/hashtag/TrailGazers)

Instagram: [www.instagram.com/trail.gazers](https://www.instagram.com/trail.gazers)

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#TrailGazers

#### **PROGRESS**

- Under the Data Capture work package, a series of on-site Trail User Surveys were conducted during the summer and autumn periods. The analysis of these surveys will help inform 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 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021, these meetings are led by Donegal County Council and provide a great opportunity for ensuring that progress in delivering key project outputs remains on track.

- As part of our Community Trail Ambassador programme, we organised an event on Inch for children on the 4th December. As conservation is our key theme, we invited children aged 7 to 12 years to come along and enjoy a fun filled walk in the company of Aengus Kennedy, Nature North West. Children learned how to make nature crowns, enjoy a bug hunt, identify some native trees and even make mouse houses/gardens. There was a general nature chat and an opportunity to learn about any passing water birds.



- On Tuesday, 25th January, the Trail Gazers Project in Donegal held an on-line Business and Tourism Professionals Workshop with key business stakeholders and tourism professionals to develop a set of key actions to enhance the capitalisation of the trail at Inch Wildfowl Reserve and link it with the wider tourism offering in the surrounding catchment of south Inishowen, Co. Donegal.

The goal of involvement in this workshop for SMEs and tourism was as follows:

- Present and promote the Trail Gazers project
- Bring together tourism stakeholders and encourage them to support the project
- Collect recommendations from SMEs and tourism providers to improve the trail
- Collectively reflect on the implementation of a strategy to encourage visitors to consume off the trail

During the online workshop, Mary Daly, Communications and Research Officer for Trail Gazers, presented an overview of the project, its key outputs and initial analysis from the on-site Trail Users Surveys which were carried out during last summer at Inch and how this information will help to inform the Business to Consumer initiatives locally.

	<p>Catherine McLaughlin, Planner on the Trail Gazers Project outlined some of the emerging development options for Inch Wildfowl Reserve and the surrounding catchment area.</p> <p>Project Manager for Trail Gazers, Mary McBride from Donegal County Council said after the workshop "in light of restrictions being lifted nationally, the timing of this workshop was so relevant and the amount of progress made on the development of key initiatives was very important. It is vitally important to get feedback and suggestions from all the participants particularly those in business and tourism."</p> <p>On Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd March – 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.</p>
<p><b>Project Targets for the next quarterly* reporting period</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dates for spring collection of on-site surveys.</li> <li>• Continuous uploading of information on project results to the Atlantic Area Website.</li> <li>• Project Budget Modifications – end of Jan 2022</li> <li>• Organise Community Trail Ambassador event for February 2022</li> <li>• Launch Lost Stories App – February 2022</li> <li>• Participate in Donegal Tourism Conference – 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022</li> <li>• Trail Model Development – Website, which will outline all Community Development Options for Pilot Sites</li> <li>• Identify Stakeholders to access Trails Dashboard information</li> </ul>
<p><b>Contact Person</b></p>	<p>Mary McBride <a href="mailto:marymcbride@donegalcoco.ie">marymcbride@donegalcoco.ie</a></p>

## 2. Division: Local Enterprise Office:

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>The Local Enterprise Office (LEO)</b>
<b>Role and Remit</b>	<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.</p> <p>Further information available here - <a href="http://localenterprise.ie/donegal">localenterprise.ie/donegal</a></p> <p>Contact number: 074-9160735</p>

<b>Outline of Work</b>	<p><b>General Overview – Highlights:</b></p> <p><b><u>Summary of January Outputs:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grant Aid – 3 Applications put forward to EVAC and approved 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022 at value of €69k.</li> <li>• Trading Online Vouchers – 23 attended information session in Jan 22, 9 applications received, 5 approved YTD.</li> <li>• Donegal Engineering Cluster – New Executive appointed Jan 22, to drive strategy forward across the county.</li> <li>• Start Your Own Business – 18 participants Jan 22.</li> <li>• Hosted Workshop – Achieving Your Financial Goals in conjunction with Donegal Women in Business Network – 59 attendees. First in series of four events planned for 2022.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Upcoming Activities for February 2022:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Start Your Own Business Programme – starts on 15<sup>th</sup> February – online. Book <a href="#">here</a></li> <li>• Trading Online Information Session – 9<sup>th</sup> February - Book <a href="#">here</a></li> <li>• Business Information Session &amp; Grant Aid workshop –Next one is 28<sup>th</sup> January at 10am – online. Information &amp; Booking <a href="#">here</a></li> <li>• Lean for Micro Workshop – 1<sup>st</sup> February - about improving efficiency and productivity of businesses –Book <a href="#">here</a></li> <li>• Small Business Accounts – 7<sup>th</sup> February - Book <a href="#">here</a></li> <li>• Preparation underway for Enterprise Week 2022 – which will take place week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Currently 21 events in programme.</li> </ul>
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	<p><b><u>Donegal Stories:</u></b> Website highlighting the businesses of Donegal that have been supported by the LEO. <a href="https://donegalstories.ie/">https://donegalstories.ie/</a></p>
<b>Contact Person</b>	<p>Eve – Anne McCarron, Business Advisor</p> <p>Local Enterprise Office 074 9160735   Mobile: 087-7763929</p> <p><a href="mailto:eveanne.mccarron@leo.donegalcoco.ie">eveanne.mccarron@leo.donegalcoco.ie</a></p>



### 3. Division: Emergency Services – Fire Service

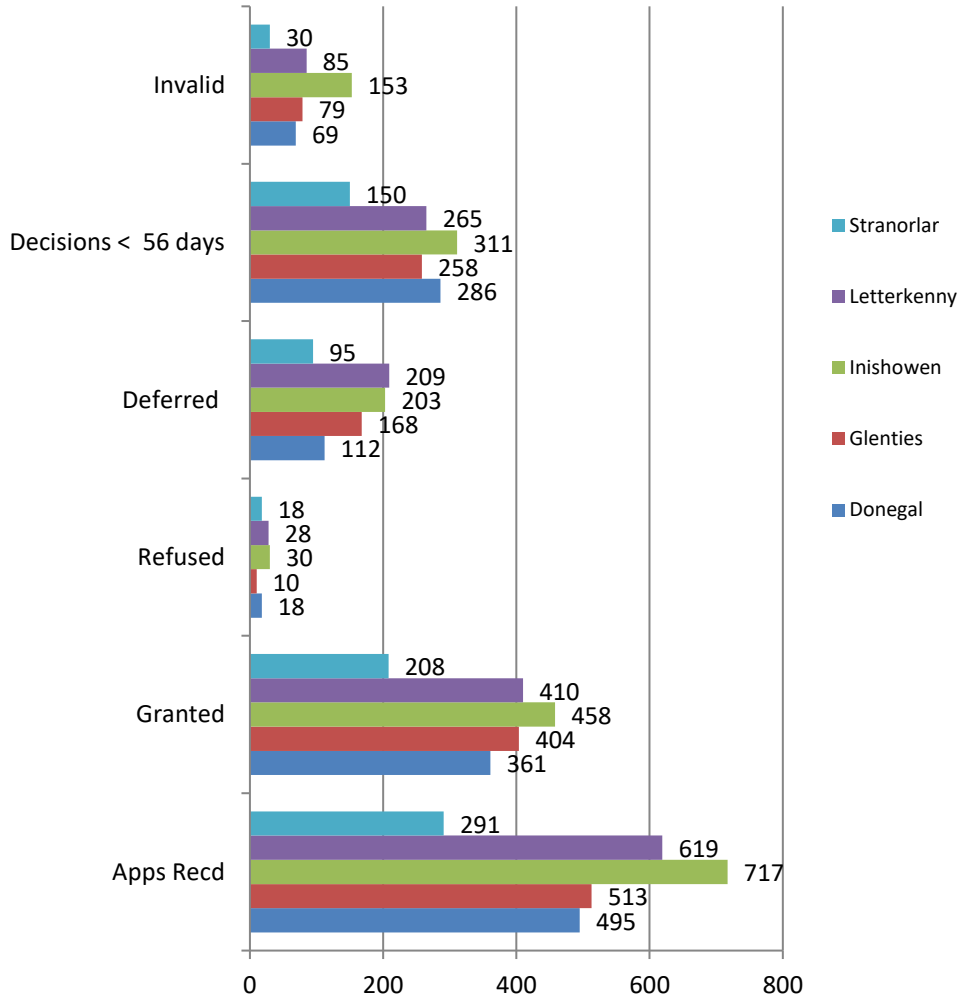
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Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	51	658
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	59	750
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	3	82
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	13	139
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	22	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from Applicant / Agent:	53	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	8	97
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	0	2
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	0	1
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	7	9
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	10	114
Fire Safety Complaints received:	0	10
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	0	7
During Performance Inspections carried out:	0	0
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	0	4

\* Current data only available up to end of November 2021. \*\* Provisional Figures.

Activity	Number of: (December)*	Total for year
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	63	721
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	77	827
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	11	93
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	26	165
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	22	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from Applicant / Agent:	53	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	18	114
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	0	2
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	0	1
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	7	9
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	6	128
Fire Safety Complaints received:	0	10
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	0	7
During Performance Inspections carried out:	0	0
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**Glenties MD Meeting**  
**8<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

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<b>3 Notes &amp; Monthly Schedule</b>	<p><b>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.</b></p> <p><u>Planning Clinics Q1 2022:</u> 9<sup>th</sup> February 23<sup>rd</sup> February 9<sup>th</sup> March 23<sup>rd</sup> March</p> <p>Please see website for further dates. <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/planningclinics/">http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/planningclinics/</a></p>								
<b>4 Regeneration Report</b>	See Appendix B								
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(1) <i>Letterkenny Plan and Local Transport PPlan</i>	The text of a Draft Plan and Local Transport Plan is due to be considered at the January, 2022 Plenary Council meeting at which Members' approval of both the contents of the Draft Plan and the formal commencement of the associated environmental procedures will be requested.								
(2) <i>County Development Plan 2018-2024 (As Varied)</i>	<p><b><u>Wind Energy Policy and Proposed Variation</u></b></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 are due to be considered at the January, 2022 Plenary Council meeting with a view to proceeding thereafter to public consultation in late February/early March, 2022.</p>								
(3) <i>Four-Year Review/County Development Plan 2024-2030</i>	<p><b><u>Four Year Review</u></b></p> <p>The first of a series of Plenary workshops on the project was held on 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 and subsequent Plenary Workshop dates were agreed for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Thur. 24th FEBRUARY;</b></li> <li>2. <b>Wed. 23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH; and</b></li> <li>3. <b>Thur. 28<sup>th</sup> APRIL.</b></li> </ol> <p>Furthermore, a programme of MD workshops to begin the</p>								



		<p>process of reviewing settlement framework boundaries is ongoing. Remaining dates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Fri. 28<sup>th</sup> Jan., - Inishowen</b></li> <li>b. <b>Thur 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb. Glenties; and</b></li> <li>c. <b>Fri. 4<sup>th</sup> Feb. - Donegal</b></li> </ul>
<b>6</b>	<b>Building Control &amp; Taking in Charge</b>	See Appendix A
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## Appendix A

### ***Planning & Development Act (2000 as amended) – Section 207 Roads Act, 1993 – Section 11***

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

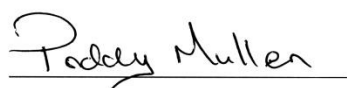
The Planning Authority for the Glenties Municipal District is seeking a resolution for the making of an **ORDER**, in accordance with Section 207 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended), for the creation of a public right of way over the estate roads within the housing estate **Stonepark 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.

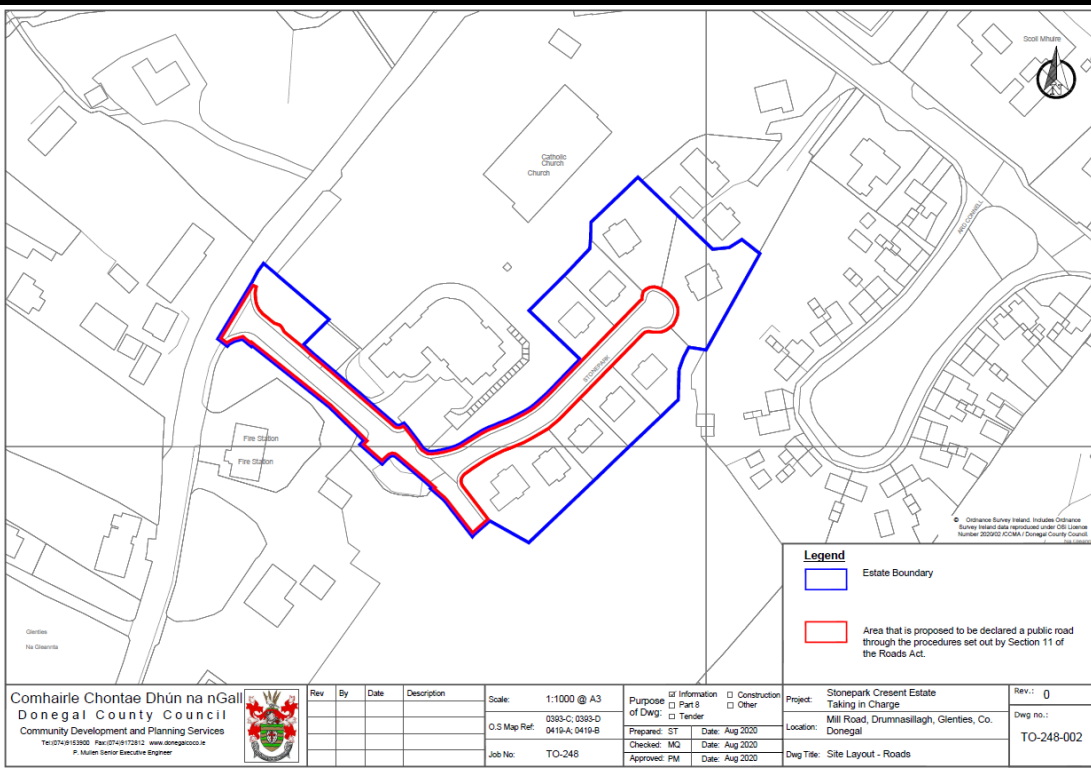
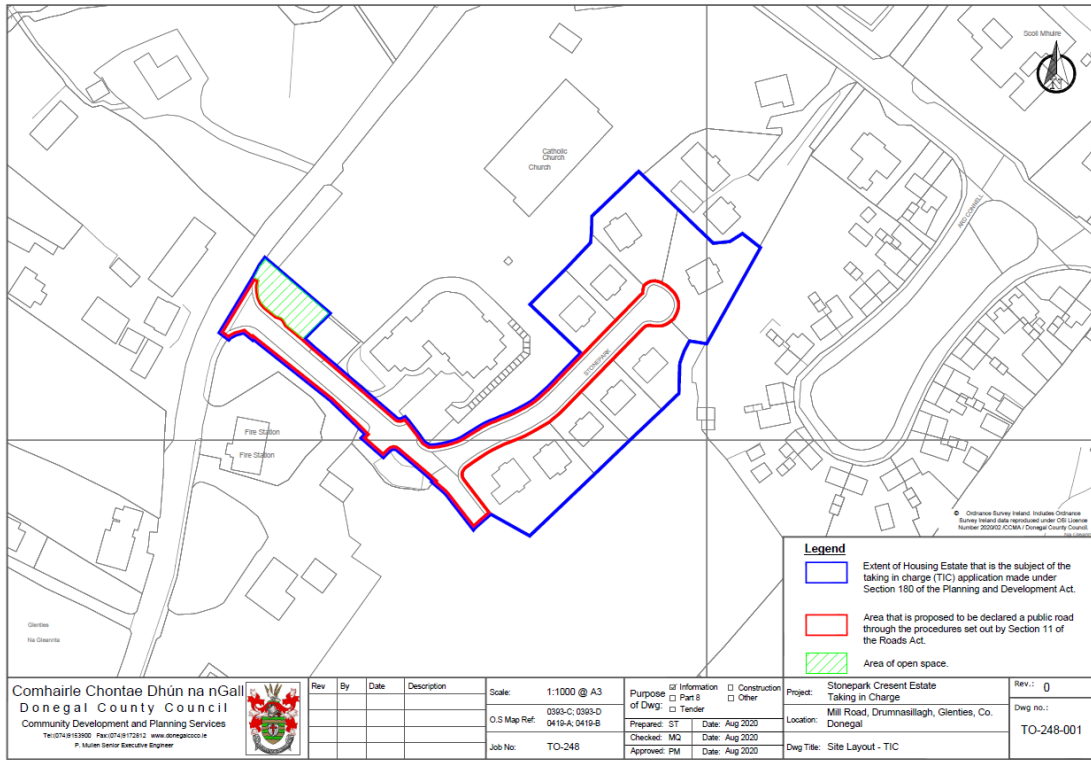
Section 11 of the Roads Act requires that the financial implications of the declaration as a public road be considered. The financial implications are not significant, with no specific issues within this estate being raised by the Area Roads Engineers.



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.



## **Appendix B**



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# **February (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**

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

The Detailed Design phase is now in the final stages of completion. Members were updated on the detailed design phase and the projected delivery arrangements at a workshop on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021. An information event was also held with community stakeholders on the evening of 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and with Harbour stakeholders on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

A draft tender package is now under review. It is hoped to formally open the tender process in early 2021 ahead of a projected commencement on site in early Q2 of 2022. The Team will continue to update and advise Members on progress and key milestones as this project moves towards commencement on site.

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

##### **Aranmore Island:**

This project was launched on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021, with a ‘turning of the sod’ event on Aranmore Island when the Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council, Cllr. Rena Donaghey and Bainisteoir of the Comharchumann Oileán Árann Mhór, Ms. Nóirín Uí Mhaoldomhnaigh turned the sod on the new



Shore Front Amenity Development at An Leadhb Gharbh, Oileán Árann Mhór.

Donegal based building contractors Joseph McMenamin & Sons (Stranorlar) are continuing to make good progress towards completion. Members were fully updated on project progress at a Workshop on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021. Once there is greater clarity in relation to a date for completion it is proposed to both update and consult Members in relation to the arrangements for the official opening. Further communications will issue in this regard early in the New Year.

### **Burtonport Harbour**

On the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021 An Bord Pleanála confirmed the Compulsory Purchase Order authorising the compulsory acquisition of lands entitled Donegal County Council (Burtonport Harbour Redevelopment) Compulsory Purchase Order 2019 (**Board Order ABP – 306336-20 refers**). The next steps in the process are now being progressed and both Notices to Treat and to Enter have now been served.

Detailed design and a tender process to appoint a contractor to deliver the redevelopment of the Harbour has also completed. A tender report in respect of the preferred tender to deliver the Burtonport Harbour redevelopment was submitted to the DRCDD on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Approval to proceed was received from the DRCDD on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021. The successful contractor (McDermott & Treaty Construction Ltd) has now been appointed.

A full update on this project was provided to Members at the workshop on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021.

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

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

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

**Update:** The development of the Ballyshannon project towards a ‘shovel ready’ Category 1 RRDF project in accordance with the emerging priorities of the draft Ballyshannon Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan is being advanced as a matter of priority to enable an application to the fund at the earliest opportunity. Work is nearing completion on the preparation of a planning scheme in respect of this project, including the undertaking by external consultants of EIA and AA Screening determinations and an archaeological impact assessment. The results of the screening determinations will determine whether or not the project can proceed as a Part 8 development, or if planning consent will be required from An Bord Pleanála. Publication of a planning scheme in either scenario is targeted for Q1 of 2022. Members

were provided with a full update and progress report on this project at a workshop on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

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

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

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

The Preliminary Design phase is now complete delivering the advancement of this project from its initial concept stage. Members received a full update on the project and the preliminary designs at a workshop with BDP on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 and an informal public consultation process subsequently took place between Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> November and Wed 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021. The high level of participation from the local community was extremely positive.

A Part 8 planning scheme for this project will be published on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022.

The detailed design phase will then follow on completion of which the project will have been positioned as a highly developed contract ready capital project eligible for Category 1 capital funding application to RRDF.

### 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.

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

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

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

This project was successfully submitted to the DRCD (RRDF) by 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020. The Project had an original value of €2,060,752 and funding support of €1,854,677 was awarded from the RRDF.

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

In addition the Council can confirm that it sought and is now in receipt of an advanced funding award for Phase 2 of this Project in order to adjust the project value in line with inflation and the associated rise in construction costs. This Project now has an adjusted value of €2,295,290 with RRDF funding support in the sum of €2,065,761. A formal letter of offer in respect of this revised award was received on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

### 1.3.3. **Carndonagh Tús Nua Regeneration Project**

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

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

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

On the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022 the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys announced that €1.17m has been awarded under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF), supported by €292k match funding committed by Donegal County Council, for the Repowering Buncrana regeneration project.

The Repowering Buncrana project proposes a suite of interventions that will work in an integrated way to strengthen the shore front and counter the disconnect with Main Street, address vacancy and deliver new job creation and employment opportunities in the town centre. The project will be informed by iconic public realm architecture and conservation, biodiversity, ecology and the climate change agenda in seeking to realise the recreational, tourism, social and commercial power of the town's significant but underutilised waterfront, natural and built heritage amenities and assets. The specific interventions which will now be brought forward for further development under this stage of the project include:

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

The funding now secured will enable the Council to procure the full range of complimentary consultancy design team services necessary to develop this transformational project from its current concept stage through the stages of: planning and statutory consent, detailed design and tender so as to ensure the progression of the project to a highly developed status as a shovel ready project which is then eligible for capital funding consideration.

The project has now entered a due diligence stage of the funding process which requires that project costs, milestones and delivery programme are verified.

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

On 17<sup>th</sup> 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 will now evaluate the opportunities to bring forward applications to this call. This will include a particular focus on the progression of the Category 2 regeneration projects in Ballyshannon and Ramelton (as described at Point 1.2.1 and 1.2.2. above) towards shovel ready status and in relation to the 29<sup>th</sup> April deadline. In both cases this will be largely determined by the progression of the associated planning consent processes.

## **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021 for public consultation, closing initially on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Having regard to the restrictions arising from the Covid-19 pandemic and resultant limitation on holding of events/ gatherings, the consultation period was extended to 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021. The extension was accompanied by a further concerted effort, assisted by Community Development to encourage public participation in the project including circulation of posters to circa 20 businesses in the towns together with a substantial social media presence and article in the Donegal News.

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. The submissions report and updated final Ballybofey-Stranorlar Regeneration Strategy will now be discussed at a workshop with BASICC, as ongoing partners in the Ballybofey-Stranorlar regeneration programme which is scheduled for 7.30pm on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022. Following the workshop with BASICC, the report shall be considered at a workshop of Stranorlar-Lifford MD on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022, to seek Members endorsement of the Strategy. Subject to Members endorsement, arrangements will 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 20<sup>th</sup> July until Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September. Unfortunately due to technical difficulties outside their control GM Designs were unable to receive submissions to the project email address between 25/08/2021 and 01/09/2021. Accordingly a further submissions period was afforded from 21/09/2021 to 24/09/2021. A total of 56 no. submissions from members of the public were received together with 6 internal DCC/statutory body submissions.

All information and feedback received has been collated, analysed and integrated into the final Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan for Ballyshannon Town Centre, which is now complete. A short report on the submissions has been completed and was considered at a workshop of Donegal MD on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 these arrangements will be confirmed to Members in due course.

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

Stage 1 of the project was completed in May 2021 following the submission of the Final Stage 1 Report entitled ‘an Clochán Liath (Dungloe) Town Centre Baseline Profile’ to the Regeneration and Development Team and presentation to the Elected Members of the Glenties MD at a workshop on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021. It is anticipated that the Draft Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan will be published for a period of public consultation in February 2022 and arrangements to launch this consultation period will now be made and confirmed in due course.

### **1.6.6 Rathmullan RRDF Project Development work**

The tender to procure fully integrated design team services to advance this project through consultation and Part VIII planning opened on eTenders on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and closed on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021. Robin Lee Architecture were the successful tenderer and a Letter of Acceptance issued on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021. This project was formally launched with Elected Member attendance at a photoshoot on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 and Members were given a full update on the scope of the project, the arrangements and timeline for delivery at a workshop on the same date.

Work on preliminary designs for the 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020 and is supported by match funding committed by the Council in the sum of €4.5m.

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

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

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

Since the Ministers announcement in March 2021, the following steps have occurred as part of the due diligence process and development of the project in the context of the Public Spending Code:

- Preliminary Approval letter received from DHLGH on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2021. It requested (a) completion and submission of 'Project Financial Tables' and; (b) review and update where necessary of previously submitted indicative estimates of project costs.
- Review of indicative estimates of project costs completed in September 2021
- 'Project Financial tables' inclusive of review of indicative project costs submitted to DHLGH on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021.
- 'Project Action Planning' meeting held with URDF on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021
- Workshop with Letterkenny-Milford MD on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021 in relation to the next steps for implementation of the project.

As a result of the 'Project Action Planning' meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021, DHLGH invited the submission of a Preliminary Business Case in accordance with the Public Spending Code and for approval by DHLGH. Given the nature of this work, external services are required and therefore a procurement process was opened on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021. Following quotations received and evaluation PKF-FPM Accountants Ireland Limited were appointed to provide the necessary services. An inception meeting took place on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 following which the consultant is currently drafting the Preliminary Business Case. The target is to complete the Preliminary Business Case and submit to DHLGH for approval early March 2022.

In tandem, efforts are being made to prepare the necessary Procurement Strategy and detailed Project Brief that are required to be submitted and approved by DHLGH following approval of the Preliminary Business Case. Subject to resources and capacity this will assist to fast-track steps as best as possible to secure pre-tender approval from DHLGH.



As reported at the Letterkenny-Milford MD workshop on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021, alongside the preparation of Preliminary Business Case, Procurement Strategy and Detailed Project Brief, there are a number of steps being taken to develop each sub-project forming part of the overall Concept Proposal that has been awarded provisional approval under URDF. The table below set out this activity.

Sub-project	Immediate next steps
<b>A: The Cathedral Quarter-Making a Creative District</b>	See breakdown for each of the 3 elements
<b>Creative Hub and Urban Parkland</b>	<p>Development of site-specific design concept via LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy commission- target for design concept Q1 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 with Failte Irelands 'Tourism Office Network Team'.</p> <p>Early landowner consultation RE acquisition pathways</p>
<b>Market Square</b>	<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- target publication of Part 8 by end of Q1 2022.</p> <p>NOTE: Results in procurement of architect led design and supervision team for detailed design stage onwards rather than designs services for planning consent onwards</p>
<b>Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme</b>	<p>Part 8 already secured -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>B: Strategic acquisition in Lower Main Street</b>	<p>Development of site-specific design concept via LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy commission- target for design concept Q1 2022</p> <p>Early landowner consultation RE acquisition pathways.</p>
<b>C: Revival at the Courthouse</b>	<p>More detailed 'Scoping and Project Development' exercise with a particular focus on the proposed tourist attraction element. Exercise informed by ongoing consultation with Failte Ireland inclusive of 'Attractions Team' and 'Tourism Office Network' team.</p> <p>This includes scoping 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>
<b>Sub-Project D: Enabling a regional Transport Hub</b>	<p>LK 2040 Draft Masterplan published for consultation identifies 4 preferred areas.</p> <p>Following close of consultation, the preferred area will be identified and a site-specific design concept will be prepared via LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy commission.</p> <p>Design concept will thereafter result in instigation of landowner consultation RE acquisition pathways.</p>

Sub-project	Immediate next steps
	Target in respect of design concept Q1 2022. In tandem, consultation with Bus Eireann to be facilitated via NTA.
<b>Sub- project E: LK Green Connect</b>	LK 2040 Draft Masterplan published for consultation identifies LK Green Connect concept.  Following close of consultation, the corridor required will be more defined and a site-specific design concept will be prepared via LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy commission.  Design concept will thereafter result in landowner consultation RE acquisition pathways.  Target in respect of design concept Q1 2022.

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

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

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

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

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

- The consultancy team analysed the findings of the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of consultation and presented these at a workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021.
- A workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD was held on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021 in order to update Members further on the project and focused discussion around a Regional Transport Hub was specifically facilitated.
- A town centre walk-around with Letterkenny-Milford MD took place on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021 during which the sub-projects approved URDF funding in principle as regards concepts were visited and the wider Regeneration Strategy was discussed. A workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD was held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021 during which The Paul Hogarth Company presented emerging components of the draft masterplan to the Members and at which there was consensus to proceed to work up

the emerging components in more detail in order to work towards appropriate material for public consultation in September/ October 2021.

During the month of August, the consultancy team continued to develop the emerging components of the draft masterplan in more detail. Members considered the Draft Masterplan at two consecutive workshops on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021 and 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021 during which there was consensus to endorse the Draft Masterplan to be published for a period of public consultation.

Public consultation subsequently took place between Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021. The process was a significant success which considerable feedback, comments and submissions received. These will now be taken into consideration in the further development of the Strategy and arrangements will be made to update Members at workshop on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

**(ii) Acquisition of key town centre regeneration site.**

Work to progress interests in the key regeneration site approved by DoHLG for acquisition continues with intent. The Donegal County Council (Letterkenny Strategic Urban Regeneration Site) CPO 2021 was published on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021. It was subsequently submitted to An Bord Pleanála for confirmation on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021. The period for the making of objections to the CPO expired on 20<sup>th</sup> 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 and as outlined during the recent walk- around of Letterkenny, the Paul Hogarth Company, under the auspices of the Letterkenny 2040 project undertook and completed site specific masterplanning of Council interests in the key town centre regeneration site in relation to its capacity, potential layout and form for a mixed use development in line with the terms of the URDF support secured for acquisition of the site. This work informed the subsequent preparation of Part VIII proposals and will support the process for acquisition. Members of Letterkenny- Milford MD received a detailed briefing on the site specific masterplan at their MD workshop on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021.

**Proposed Part 8 development - ‘Letterkenny 2040 Strategic Urban Regeneration Site – Phase 1’:**

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021 the Council in partnership with the Donegal 2040 Strategic Designated Activity Company (DAC) published a Part 8 planning scheme for the Strategic Urban

Regeneration Site. The Nature and extent of the proposed development is as follows:

- Demolition of the former ESB retail & office premises and existing shed(s) to the rear of same together with general site clearance and boundary treatment;
- Construction of a new 7 storey Business, Enterprise and Innovation (Alpha) building providing flexible accommodation solutions including Office and Research & Development (“R&D”) facilities and having a floor area of approx. 1,625sq.m (17,500sq.ft);
- Construction of a new 8 storey Business, Enterprise and Innovation (Beta) building with flexible accommodation solutions including Office and R&D facilities and having a floor area of approx. 4,000sq.m (43,000sq.ft);
- Construction of an associated public realm and controlled access arrangements inclusive of: a central civic space; pedestrian, cycle, accessibility and mobility infrastructure; landscaping; disabled and age friendly courtesy parking and emergency/service vehicle entry and egress,
- All associated ancillary works to include site drainage, connection to public water supply and other services, landscaping, development related signage & public art, connection & discharge to the public sewerage network.
- A schedule of proposed uses for the Alpha & Beta buildings

The plans and particulars of the proposed development will be available for inspection online at [www.donegalcoco.ie](http://www.donegalcoco.ie) or for inspection at the Council’s offices below and purchase (at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy) by prior appointment only (for Covid reasons) at:

Location	Address	Telephone/email	Opening Hours
The Planning Department, Donegal County Council	County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal, F93 Y622	Tel: 0749153900 Email: <a href="mailto:planning@donegalcoco.ie">planning@donegalcoco.ie</a>	9:00am – 12.30pm and 1.00pm – 5.00pm from Monday to Thursday, and
Letterkenny Public Services Centre	Neil T. Blaney Rd, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, F92 TNY3	Tel: 0749153900 Email: <a href="mailto:planning@donegalcoco.ie">planning@donegalcoco.ie</a>	9:00am – 12.30pm and 1.00pm – 4.30pm on Fridays

The said plans and particulars were available for inspection as above from Thursday 16th December 2021 until Monday 24th January 2022 (both dates inclusive). Submissions and observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development is situated may be made in writing to The

Co. Secretariat, Donegal County Council, Lifford, County Donegal, before 5:00pm on Tuesday 8th February 2022.

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

Detailed design of the public realm approved has been carried out using in-house architectural resources and is now complete. Documentation outlining the detailed design has been circulated previously to Members for information and Members were most recently updated at the MD workshop on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021. Procurement in respect of Construction Contractor is ongoing with 5 tender submissions received. The current stage in the procurement process is that the preferred tenderer has been identified and a Tender Report has been submitted to the URDF seeking approval to proceed to appointment. The tender report was submitted on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021 and a reminder was sent on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021. A response is still outstanding at this time. On receipt of approval, the Council will proceed to appoint the successful contractor and the project can proceed to site. It is hoped that this will progress early in Q1 of 2022.

**Regeneration & Development Team  
February 2022.**



## ENVIRONMENT REPORT – February 2022

### WASTE AND LITTER MANAGEMENT

Activity / Project Title	Recycling Centres
<p><b>Project Description/ Activity</b></p>	<p><b>New Contract</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ New Contract with Bryson Recycling will commence on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022.</li> <li>▪ New Services added for Soft Plastics and Waste Paint.</li> <li>▪ There will be additional opening hours</li> <li>▪ There will be additional staff</li> </ul> <p><b>Soft Plastics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Soft Plastics will be accepted at all 6 sites from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022.</li> <li>▪ Soft Plastics should be separated at home from rigid plastics and all plastics should be clean, dry and loose.</li> <li>▪ Soft Plastics include; plastic bags, bread bags, fruit &amp; vegetable bags, crisp bags, biscuit &amp; sweet wrappers, plastic food pouches, parcel packaging etc.</li> <li>▪ There will be a separate area at each site to deposit soft plastic.</li> </ul> <p><b>Waste Paint</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Waste paint will be accepted at all 6 Recycling Centres from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 all year round.</li> <li>▪ There will be a fee for this service, €1 per 5ltr tin of paint.</li> </ul> <p>Visit <a href="https://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/environment/recyclingcentres/">https://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/environment/recyclingcentres/</a> for the new leaflet and for more information and updated opening hours.</p> <div data-bbox="734 1433 1069 1892" data-label="Image"> <p>The leaflet features the Donegal County Council and Bryson Recycling logos. It displays a map of Donegal with six recycling centers marked: Carndonagh, Milford, Dungloe, Letterkenny, Stranorlar, and Laghey. A circular callout box provides updated service information: 'New extended opening hours', 'Now collecting Paint and Soft plastic', 'Garden waste €2 per bag', 'Household waste €5 per bag', and 'Recycling €1 per bag, €8 per carload with extensive free area'.</p> </div>
<p><b>Contact Person</b></p>	<p><b>Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer</b> <a href="mailto:sbogan@donegalcoco.ie">sbogan@donegalcoco.ie</a></p>

Activity / Project Title	School campaigns & competitions
Project Description/ Activity	<p><b>GLOBE Ireland Air Quality Campaign</b></p> <p>The GLOBE Ireland Air Quality Campaign is a <b>free</b> school-based citizen science project to assess traffic-related air pollution outdoors at schools in Ireland. This is an educational project designed to raise awareness about air pollution and showcase the potential of citizen science to gather unique datasets and insights into our environment. The next Air Quality campaign will run during <b>Spring 2022</b>.</p> <p>The campaign is coordinated by GLOBE Ireland, as part of The Environmental Education Unit (EEU) of An Taisce and is sponsored by the Irish Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).</p> <p><b>Who can take part?</b> Primary or Secondary school Teachers - all we require is a motivated teacher to implement this with their school class/year group.</p> <p><b>Registration to take part in the campaign opens from January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022.</b> Registration is on a <i>'first comes first served basis'</i> and will remain open until all places are filled. However, experience shows that spaces fill up fast, so the sooner schools register, the more likely they are to be included.</p> <p>This year the measurement period will be in March 2022, and teachers will receive their Air Quality packs the week before the measurement period starts.</p> <p><b>Schools can sign-up for the GLOBE Air Quality Campaign here:</b> <a href="https://arcg.is/0yuGje">https://arcg.is/0yuGje</a></p> <p>*****</p> <p><b>EPA The “Story of Stuff” Competition for Secondary Schools</b></p> <p>The EPA has launched <b>The Story of Your Stuff 2022</b>. The Story of Your Stuff is a competition for second level students aimed at highlighting sustainability, climate action and environmental protection. Students are invited to use their creative talents to tell the story of their ‘stuff’, which could be an object or activity, using a visual medium. The competition website can be viewed here <a href="http://www.thestoryofyourstuff.ie">www.thestoryofyourstuff.ie</a></p> <p>The closing date for entries is <b>Monday 7th March 2022</b> and the competition is open to all secondary school students.</p>

**THE Story OF YOUR STUFF**

**EXPLORE. CREATE. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

**WIN €500 FOR YOURSELF, €500 FOR YOUR SCHOOL + A CHANCE TO WIN THE CLIMATE TOPIC PRIZE + IRISH LANGUAGE PRIZE!**

**USE YOUR CREATIVE TALENTS TO HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANCE TO EVERYONE OF SAFEGUARDING IRELAND'S ENVIRONMENT.**

Our 'stuff' and the decisions we make about it, directly impacts the environment. The things we use on a daily basis each have their own life cycle story to tell, and the choices we make have an impact on our planet. Choose what you're most interested in exploring, get creative, and highlight the importance of safeguarding Ireland's environment.

All you need to do is tell the story of your object or an activity through video, animation, hand-drawn storyboard, infographics or photography.

**ACT NOW AND ENTER!\***

**COMPETITION DEADLINE:**

**MONDAY 07.03.2022**

\*Your entry must be submitted by your teacher on your behalf via [www.thestoryofyourstuff.ie](http://www.thestoryofyourstuff.ie)

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### Green Schools - Travel Schools

An Taisce are inviting all awarded/active Travel and Global Citizenship Travel schools in Donegal to take part in the [#BigTravelChallenge](#).

This year the Travel competition is celebrating seven years of successfully encouraging more students to enjoy the benefits of actively travelling to school in the month of February.

Walking, cycling, wheeling or scooting to school can be an opportunity to increase physical activity in the darker winter months, when time spent outdoors is often reduced. The aim of the challenge is to promote a sustainable mode of transport of your choice for 10 days during the month of February.





# BIG TRAVEL CHALLENGE

FEBRUARY '22 10 days sustainable transport  
@greenschoolsire #BigTravelChallenge



# DÚSHLÁN TAISTIL MÓR

FEABHRA '22 10 lá Taistil Inbhuanaithe  
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For more information visit [www.greenschoolsireland.org](http://www.greenschoolsireland.org)

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## RURAL WATER PROGRAMME

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

## GWS Takeover Project – Works to date

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

	<u>GWS Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Municipal District</u>	<u>Status</u>
1	Cappry Lane	Ballybofey	Lifford Stranorlar	Submitted to IW
2	Meenalaught	Killygordan	Lifford Stranorlar	Submitted to IW
3	Lagnalore/ Meenahorna	Glenfin	Lifford Stranorlar	Submitted to IW
4	Cloughroe	Drumkeen	Lifford Stranorlar	Submitted to IW
5	Liskernan/ Meenavoy	Drumkeen	Lifford Stranorlar	Submitted to IW
6	Tirhomin	Milford	Letterkenny	Submitted to IW
7	Labbadish/ Drumoghill	Drumoghill	Letterkenny	Submitted to IW
8	Moyle Magheradrumman	Milford	Letterkenny	Submitted to IW
9	Tullygay	New Mills	Letterkenny	Submitted to IW

10	Ballygallen/Breenagh	Glenswilly	Letterkenny	Submitted to IW
11	Brea Road	Bridgend	Inishowen	Taken Over
12	Glengad Mountain	Malin	Inishowen	Submitted to IW
13	Ballymacarthur No. 2	Greencastle	Inishowen	Submitted to IW
14	Ture	Muff	Inishowen	Submitted to IW
15	Ballymacgroarty	Ballintra	Donegal	Taken Over
16	Rath/Lisminton	Ballintra	Donegal	Taken Over
17	Lurgan	Ballintra	Donegal	Taken Over
18	Teelin	Carrick	Donegal	Taken Over
19	Driminardagh	Donegal Town	Donegal	Submitted to IW
20	Owenteskna	Meenaneary	Donegal	Submitted to IW
21	Lisahully	Ballyshannon	Donegal	Submitted to IW
22	Meenlaragh No. 2	Gortahork	Glenties	Submitted to IW
23	Loughros Point	Ardara	Glenties	Submitted to IW
24	Lochnanoran	Annargy	Glenties	Submitted to IW
25	Sanfield	Ardara	Glenties	Submitted to IW

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

Members will be advised of progress in further updates given via the Municipal District Meetings.

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Activity / Project Title	Orphan Schemes																																	
<p><b>Project Description/ Activity</b></p>	<p>An Orphan scheme is defined as any scheme where there is no active committee and where the emergency and maintenance works are carried out by Donegal County Council on behalf of Irish Water.</p> <p>Donegal County Council is part of a pilot programme to commence the takeover of these types of schemes. Irish Water has agreed to review 10 schemes from each county involved in this pilot programme. The list below sets out the parameters for which Irish Water will consider takeover for these schemes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less than 10 connections</li> <li>• Two-thirds of the GWS members have signed consent for IW takeover</li> <li>• No wayleaves on scheme</li> <li>• No land transfers on scheme</li> <li>• No pumping on scheme</li> <li>• No reservoirs</li> <li>• No debt</li> </ul> <p>The desk study of all 1,104 GWSs within the county was utilised to identify all orphan scheme within the county. 295 GWS were classified as orphan through this process. These 295 schemes were investigated further to identify GWSs with less than 10 connections. 158 GWSs were identified after this review. A detailed analysis of each scheme is currently being conducted to establish if these schemes meet additional parameters set out by Irish Water as mentioned above. All 158 schemes have been reviewed and 37 schemes have been deemed to meet the criteria set out by the programme. These 37 schemes will be checked on site to confirm if conditions match the desk study.</p> <p>DCC were only one of two Local Authorities that met the target of submitting 10 Orphan Scheme to IW. On this basis, DCC were granted a further 10 Orphan Schemes that could be submitted under this pilot programme. Thus far, 12 schemes as listed below have been submitted to Irish Water and confirmed as taken over. A further four schemes have been submitted to IW for review. We have commenced the takeover application process for a further 13 schemes using the criteria of this programme. The final 3 schemes required to meet our target of 20 schemes are in progress and should be complete in the coming months. The remaining schemes that have commenced are in preparation for our next allocation after we achieve our current target.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="277 1671 1513 2101"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th><u>GWS Name</u></th> <th><u>Location</u></th> <th><u>Municipal District</u></th> <th><u>Status</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>Ballinaboe</td> <td>Clonmany</td> <td>Inishowen</td> <td>Taken Over</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>Carnowen Road</td> <td>Raphoe</td> <td>Lifford Stranorlar</td> <td>Taken Over</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>Corraine No. 2</td> <td>Ballybofey</td> <td>Lifford Stranorlar</td> <td>Taken Over</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>Dooras</td> <td>Ballindrait</td> <td>Lifford Stranorlar</td> <td>Taken Over</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>The Roughan</td> <td>Lifford</td> <td>Lifford Stranorlar</td> <td>Taken Over</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>					<u>GWS Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Municipal District</u>	<u>Status</u>	1	Ballinaboe	Clonmany	Inishowen	Taken Over	2	Carnowen Road	Raphoe	Lifford Stranorlar	Taken Over	3	Corraine No. 2	Ballybofey	Lifford Stranorlar	Taken Over	4	Dooras	Ballindrait	Lifford Stranorlar	Taken Over	5	The Roughan	Lifford	Lifford Stranorlar	Taken Over
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	9	Springhill	Quigley's Point	Inishowen	Taken Over
	10	Fallask	Drumfreis	Inishowen	Taken Over
	11	Glebe Road	Burt	Inishowen	Application with IW
	12	Carronamaddy	Burt	Inishowen	Application with IW
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	14	Pluck/ Aughlihard	Mannorcunningham	Letterkenny	Taken Over
	15	Gortnaskeagh	Kilmacrennan	Letterkenny	Taken Over
	16	Rathmullan Coastguard	Rathmullan	Letterkenny	Application with IW
	17	Grail Craugheyboyle	Dungloe	Glenties	Application with IW
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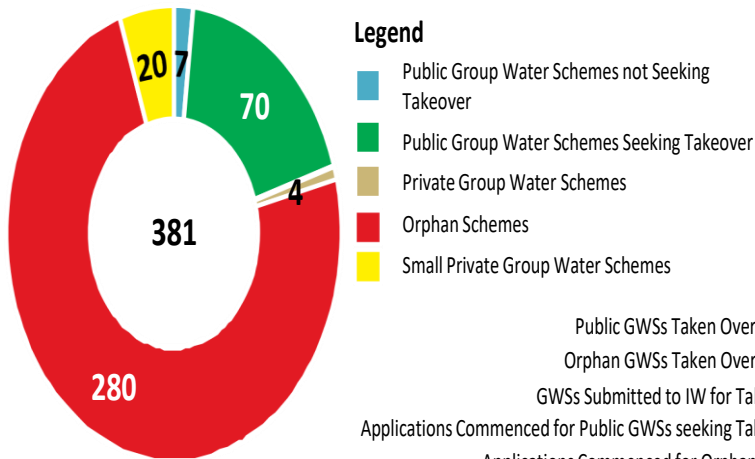
Activity / Project Title	<b>Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2019-2021</b>			
<b>Project Description/ Activity</b>	A number of GWSs received funding under the Multi Annual Rural Water Programme under various measures. A summary of progress is listed below:			
	<b>Measure</b> Source Protection	<b>GWS</b> Dunlewey	<b>Funding</b> €3,200	<b>Purpose</b> To install a barrier around the source
	<b>Current Status</b>	Work are complete		
	<b>Public Health Compliance</b>	Tory Island	€262,861	To ensure compliance with Drinking Water Regulations
				Treatment System to be trialled on Site in coming months. Hydrogeologist conducting desktop study of Island
		Townawilly	€38,500	To ensure compliance with Drinking Water Regulations
				Sedimentation filter and UV systems replaced. Ongoing monitoring for THM compliance
	<b>Enhancement of Existing Schemes</b>	Townawilly	€15,300	To improve Operation efficiency of GWS
				Awaiting confirmation from GWS to progress
		Dunlewey	€68,000	To carry out pipeline replacement works
				GWS are in final stages of appointing a consultant for works
	<b>New Group Water Schemes</b>	Dunlewey Extension	€661,900	Extend the GWS to serve Dunlewey
				GWS are in final stages of appointing a consultant for works
	<b>Transition of Existing GWS to IW</b>	Multiple GWSs	€699,299	Funding to upgrade GWSs to IW Standards
				Takeover programme as described above
		Maghera	€360,000	Funding to transfer GWS to IW
				DCC have requested services of a hydrogeologist to carry out a desktop study of the area it identify alternative ground water sources.
		Townawilly		Funding to transfer GWS to IW to ensure THM compliance
				DCC are in the process of procuring a consultant examine the work required to connect the GWS to the public network

	<b>Community Connections</b>	Goland	€108,470	To provide funding to Connect to IW Network	IW have confirmed an alternative process to install works to allow which should reduce costs. DCC have tendered works and in final stages of appointing a contractor.
		Glenalla	€315,000	To provide funding to Connect to IW Network	Application submitted to IW. Awaiting feedback.
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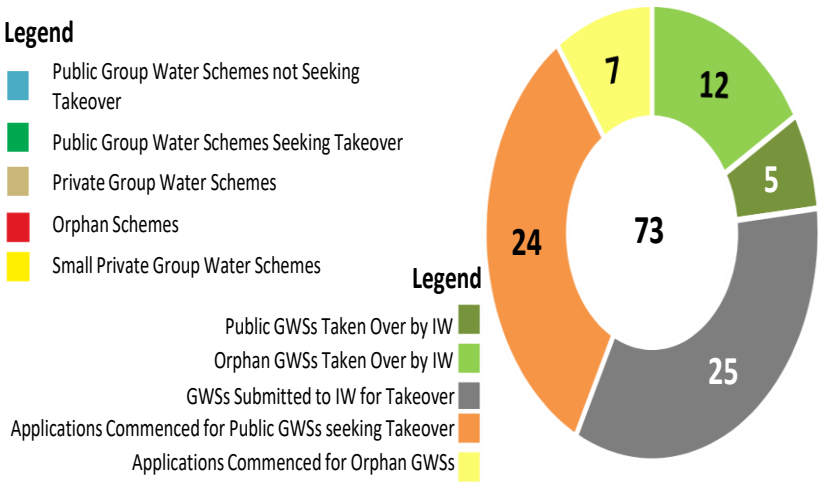
<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2022-2024</b>
<b>Project Description/ Activity</b>	The promoters or trustees of any group water scheme that wishes to be considered for an application under the Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2022-2022 should do so by writing to the Rural Water Liaison Officer, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford or by emailing <a href="mailto:ruralwater@donegalcoco.ie">ruralwater@donegalcoco.ie</a> .
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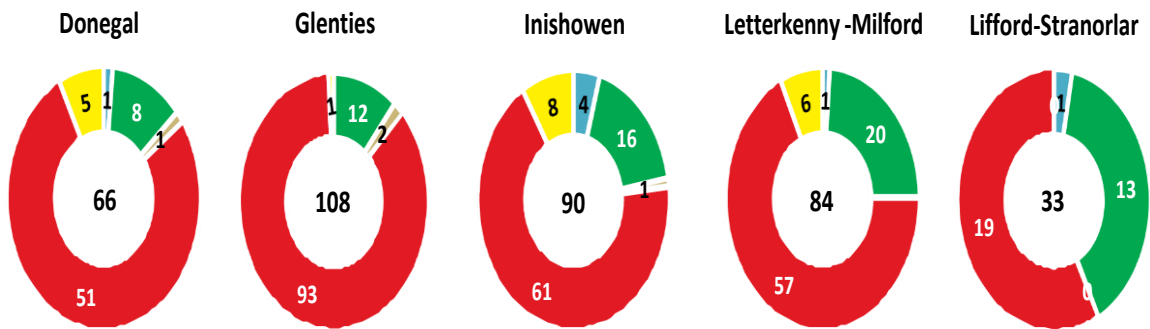
## GWS Status By County



## Takeover Progress



## GWS Status by Municipal District



Status of Group Water Schemes By County and Municipal District  
 Rural Water Department  
 January 2022



## COASTAL MANAGEMENT

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Blue Flag Beaches</b>
<b>Project Description/ Activity</b>	<p>The Blue Flag is an international environmental award made to beaches throughout the world that demonstrate good environmental standards and have good sanitary and safety facilities. To be given Blue Flag status a beach must have a high standard in water quality, environmental management, environmental education and information, and safety and services. The award is made by the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE), an independent non-profit organisation. To retain our valued Blue Flags beaches, Donegal County Council must fully comply each year with the criteria set by FEE and is subject to inspections throughout the Bathing Season (June 1st to September 15th) for compliance.</p> <p>An Taisce, which operates the blue-flag programme in Ireland, has been requested by the FEE to advise local authorities they must meet all the rules of the programme if they are to retain their flags in 2022 and beyond. These rules include restricting access for dogs, other than assistance dogs, to blue-flag beaches or in the blue-flag area if it is part of a larger beach. The rule applies during the Bathing Season only.</p> <p>With a coastline of over 1100 km, County Donegal is blessed with many beautiful sandy beaches and Donegal currently has the joint highest number of Blue Flags nationally with 12 beaches in the county holding the award. To retain these iconic awards, Donegal County Council is progressing arrangements to allow dog owners to continue to enjoy beaches while limiting dog access to certain areas of certain beaches at certain times during the bathing season. Proposals in this regard will be brought before the Council's Climate Action and Environment Strategic Policy Committee next week.</p> <p>As these plans progress to protect our Blue Flag accolades there will be further awareness and public consultation to keep the public informed of any changes at these beaches. It should be noted that responsible dog owners and their dogs will continue to be welcome on these beaches outside of lifeguarded hours.</p>
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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Beach Maintenance</b>
<b>Project Description/ Activity</b>	DCC wishes to thank members of the public for their patience while contractors made repairs to beach access, ringbuoys and other infrastructure damaged in recent bad weather, including storm Barra.
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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Think Before you Flush</b>
<b>Project Description/ Activity</b>	<p>Donegal County Council is again promoting the Think Before You Flush public awareness campaign about the problem sanitary products and other items can cause in our marine environment and our wastewater systems if they are flushed down the toilet. The Think Before You Flush campaign invites the public to join us in making small changes in your bathroom behaviour like never using the toilet to dispose of sanitary products. It is our goal to see the end of this needless behaviour and the resulting improvement on our coastline and wastewater infrastructure.</p> <p>Appendix I</p>
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APPENDIX

# The nation's flushing behaviour



**3 in 10**   
 have flushed items like baby wipes and cotton bud sticks down the toilet

Clean Coasts commissioned a survey of the nation's flushing behaviour  
 1,033 adults aged 18+ were surveyed by REDC

The most common items flushed are...



The frequency of sewage related littering is higher in younger age profiles

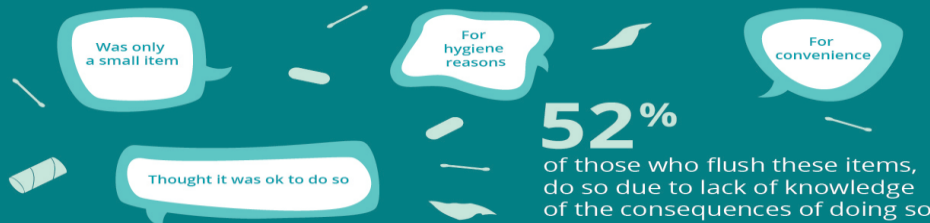
**41%** are aged 18-24

**43%** are aged 25-34

Where do people think items like baby wipes and cotton bud sticks end up when flushed down the toilet?















What reasons did people give for flushing these items down the toilet?



# The Dirty Dozen

These items should never be flushed down the toilet

When these items are flushed down the toilet they can cause problems in our homes, wastewater treatment network and the environment

 Cotton Buds	 Baby Wipes	 Facial Wipes
 Cleansing Pads	 Toilet Roll Tube	 Medicines
 Cigarettes	 Plasters	 Nappies
 Tampons	 Tampon Applicator	 Sanitary Pads

Please put these items in the bin and not down the toilet

Join the campaign at [www.thinkbeforeyouflush.org](http://www.thinkbeforeyouflush.org)

Help to beat the Dirty Dozen & support Think Before You Flush



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# Think before you flush

Flushing sanitary products down the toilet can cause blockages and can end up polluting our marine environment

Thousands of used sanitary products are flushed down the toilet every day

The wastewater system is not designed to deal with large amounts of sanitary waste

2/3 of all drain blockages contains sanitary waste

Wastewater treatment plant

Smaller items that are flushed, such as cotton buds, can escape through filters at the treatment plant and reach our rivers and beaches

Sewage related litter causes harm to the environment and can pollute our water supply and coastlines



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Municipal District of Glenties

8<sup>th</sup> February 2022

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**Community Development Division**

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**CLÁR / AGENDA**

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



## Glenties Municipal District - Community Development

Project Location	Project Details	Funded Under	Current status
Digital Hub, Arranmore	To bring an underwater cable to Arranmore	Town & Village Renewal Scheme	Cable delivered and Council advancing application for foreshore licence in conjunction with local community group
Glenties T & V project	Enhancement of Streetscape Design & installation of interpretative information signs supported by directional signage	Town & Village Renewal Scheme	Works nearing completion
Maghery	Installation of galvanized equipment storage cage, outdoor shower, street furniture and surfacing works at Maghery pier. Installation of camping pods, self catering kitchen, toilet / shower facilities, lighting and a beach wheelchair at Ionad an Mhachaire. Development of a loop walk / cycle route Installation of tourism information points/panels Development of website, promotion and branding materials	Town & Village Renewal Scheme	Works ongoing
Dunfanaghy public car park	To develop a new car park	Town & Village Renewal Scheme	Contractor has completed 90% of works on site
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	Elements of the project tendered, Works Tender documents being prepared

## Glenties Municipal District - Community Development

Project Location	Project Details	Funded Under	Current status
Ardara	<p>Improvements to town:            Improve seating along the Main St. &amp; 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 &amp; Village Renewal Scheme</p> <p>Town &amp; Village Renewal Scheme</p>	<p>Work has been completed</p> <p>Successful Tenderer identified, contractor to be 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	Tender assessment completed. Successful contractor to be appointed

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	Rural Development Programme/LEADER
<b>Activity / Project Description</b>	Donegal Local Community and Development Committee are the Local Action Group for County Donegal, with responsibility for the LEADER/Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 & Transitional LEADER Programme 2021-2022
<b>Budget</b>	€13,413,875 (Additional funding received 2019) <i>Note: Project costs €10,063,586, administration and animation costs €3,350,289</i>
<b>Transitional Programme</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021 – 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022 €2,861,598 project costs € 953,866 for Administration & Animation.
<b>Progress to date within the last two months-inclusive of current status</b>	There are 4 Implementing Partners within the county; Donegal Local Development Company (DLDC), Inishowen Development Partnership (IDP), Údarás Na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán, who are rolling out the LEADER Transitional programme on behalf of the LAG (Local Action Group). The LEADER Transitional programme is effective from 1st April 2021 and runs until 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022. €45 million is allocated nationally for the Transitional Programme and €20 million from the EURI programme. 27 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 €1,258,889.
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period</b>	The next LCDC/LAG meeting will be held on 15 <sup>th</sup> February 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.
<b>Contact Person</b>	Seamus Canning 074 9172597. <a href="mailto:seamusc@donegalcoco.ie">seamusc@donegalcoco.ie</a>

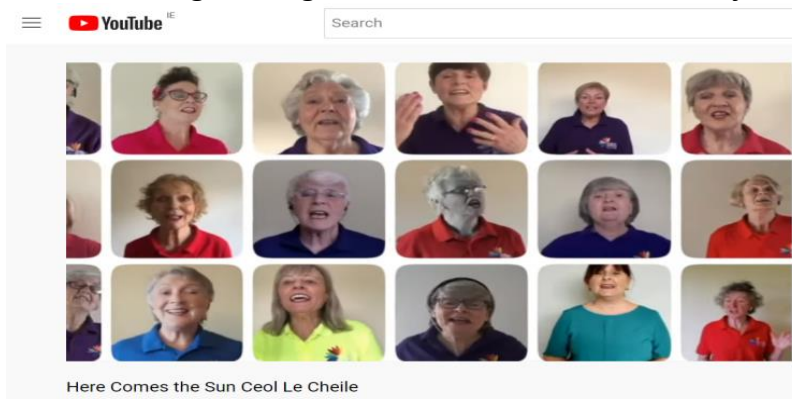
<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	Healthy Ireland Fund
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<p><b>Healthy Ireland</b>  Healthy Ireland is a government-led initiative which aims to create an Irish society where everyone can enjoy physical and mental health, and where wellbeing is valued and supported at every level of society. Healthy Ireland aims to create an Ireland where health and wellbeing is on everyone's agenda in a meaningful way. The Healthy Ireland Fund is supported by the Department of Health and the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth</p>
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€374,100 Round 3 Funding
<p><b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b></p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p><b>Healthy Ireland Round 3</b>  A joint application from Donegal LCDC and the Children and Young Peoples Services Committee (CYPSC) was approved by Pobal on 4th December 2019. The application consisted of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 Actions</li> <li>• 2 Community Mental Health Fund Actions</li> <li>• Community Mental Health Small Grants Scheme</li> <li>• Community Engagement fund</li> </ul> <p>The end date for completion of actions and expenditure under the current Round 3 is 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.</p> <p><b>Action 5 Early Movers, Healthy Lifestyles Programme</b>  The Early Movers, Healthy Lifestyles Programme was coordinated through Mevagh Family Resource Centre and engages with families from 10 family resource centres across Donegal in educational, active and fun activities including Baby Yoga/Messy Play Programmes And What's Cooking/Nutritional Programmes.</p> <p>A total of 12 Baby Massage/Yoga/Messy Play programmes have been run with 219 participants. The Family Resource Centres targeted low income families - the majority of whom were one parent families and who had their babies during lockdown. Young mums reported how difficult it was having a baby in lockdown, they felt anxious and afraid that they or their babies would get sick and many felt isolated and alone, not being able to access outside support because of the Pandemic. This programme enabled the FRC's Community Development/ Family Support Worker to get to know the families and provide additional required supports.</p> <p>A total of 14 What's Cooking/Nutrition programmes have been run with 303 participants. Feedback received regarding the cookery programmes was very positive with families reporting that they felt more informed on how to make healthy choices for their family and their children loved learning to cook together with their parents.</p>

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Explore ways to cook healthy, delicious food with the whole family!  
RECIPES AND INGREDIENTS PROVIDED  
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PLACES FREE AND LIMITED  
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Massage offers many benefits:  
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6 SESSIONS  
COST - FREE  
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CLASS IS COMPLETELY BABY LED  
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### Action 6 Donegal Intergenerational Social Inclusion Project



As Bealtaine flagship choir for 2021 Ceol le Chéile participated in a collaboration video with two other choirs, a Ceol le Chéile version of the video was also delivered and promoted locally, the video currently has 3286 views on Youtube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wOaPiQy5Iz4&t=115s>

### Community Engagement



In the absence of being able to run a conference in person on mental health for young people, as originally outlined in our Programme of Work, Healthy

	<p>Donegal partnered with Connect Mental Health in the creation of an online youth mental health festival for young people in our County.</p> <p>Mind Your Melon is an online festival website concept with themed ‘stages’ covering themes around youth mental health and wellbeing. The online festival was launched in November last year and features inspiring talks, engaging demonstrations and information about mental health supports and services for young people. Featured content includes inspirational talks from Nikki Bradley ( Adaptive adventurer and motivational speaker), Jason Black (Global Endurance Athlete - Irish Red Cross Global Ambassador ), Dr Easkey Britton (surfer, scientist, explorer) demonstrations by Ryan McHugh (Donegal GAA Player) and Finn van der Aar (marine scientist, writer and chef), tips and advice on supporting your mental health by Jigsaw Donegal and much more.</p> <p>Visit <a href="http://www.mindyourmelon.ie">www.mindyourmelon.ie</a> to find out more</p> <p><b>Social Media Promotion</b></p> <p>Healthy Donegal continues to grow a strong social media following – with a current combined following of approximately 3500 accounts through Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Youtube. Over the last 90 days Healthy Donegal social media posts have had a viral reach of 905,313 people.</p> <p>You can follow Healthy Donegal on the following platforms:</p> <p><a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/community/healthydonegal">http://www.donegalcoco.ie/community/healthydonegal</a>  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/HealthyDonegal">https://www.facebook.com/HealthyDonegal</a>  <a href="https://www.instagram.com/healthy_donegal/">https://www.instagram.com/healthy_donegal/</a>  <a href="https://twitter.com/HealthyDonegal">https://twitter.com/HealthyDonegal</a>  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwcqNcNTWBCaRjEFGqSkOnA">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwcqNcNTWBCaRjEFGqSkOnA</a></p>
<p><b>Contact Person</b>  <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i></p>	<p>Margaret Fitzgerald, Healthy Donegal Coordinator  074 9172562  mfitzgerald@donegalcoco.ie</p>



**GLENTIES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT  
MEETING  
08<sup>th</sup> February 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 – attached**
  
- 3. Agree a Date for a Roads Workshop w/c 21 Feb 2022 (1/2 day) to discuss the following Programme Items :-**
  - Draft Surface Dressing Programme 2022
  - Draft Drainage Programme 2022
  - Agree Final Restoration Improvement Programme 2022 based on Allocation and Tender Rates
  - Discuss Level of Service relating to Road Maintenance
  - Discuss and Prioritise LIS 2022
  - Update on NTA 2022 Allocation
  - Discuss and Prioritise unfunded tasks relating to Road Design
  - Takeover of Non County Roads – existing, islands and new. Public Rights of Way.
  - (CIS 2022)



- (Review of 3 Year Footpath and Public Lighting Programme)
- (Members Minor Infrastructure Fund)

## Major & Minor Roads Projects

## Progress February 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 ongoing by BAM Civils Ltd., and progress is good to date moving towards Completion weather permitting. 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 50% 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.

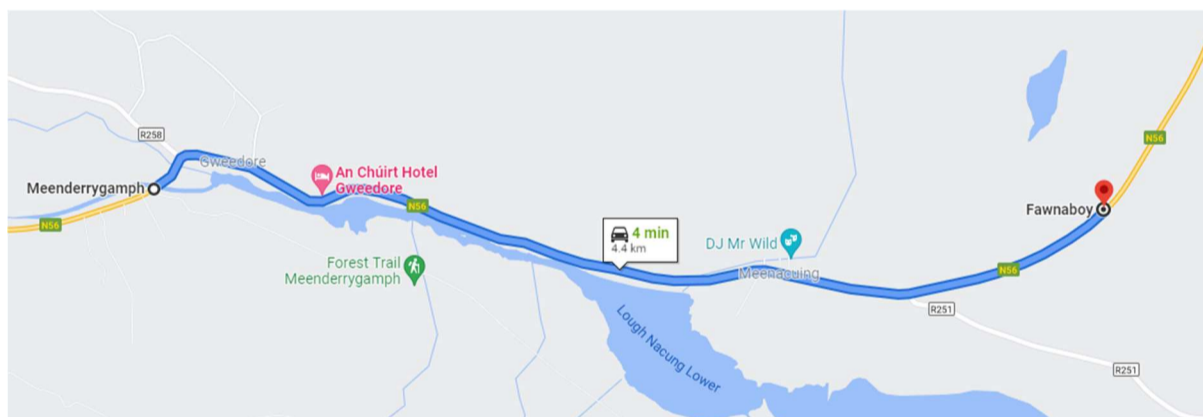
### 5. N56 Falcarragh Gortahork

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 currently out to tender. 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. This contract will commence onsite in Q2/Q3 of 2022 depending on Contractor availability.



# **Housing & Corporate Agenda**

**For Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

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

## 1. PROGRESS REPORT - GRANTS AT 31/01/2022

<b>Housing Aid for Older People Grants</b>						
<i>Year</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Cancelled/ Refused</i>	<i>Applicant Further Info</i>	<i>Referred to Eng</i>	<i>Pending</i>
2021	135	106	17	0	12	12
2022	8	0	2	0	6	6

<b>Housing Adaptation Grants</b>							
<i>Year</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Cancelled/ Refused</i>	<i>Applicant Further Info</i>	<i>Referred to Eng</i>	<i>Referred to OT</i>	<i>Pending</i>
2021	74	38	12	6	17	1	24
2022	2	0	1	0	0	1	1

<b>Mobility Aids Grants</b>							
<i>Year</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Cancelled/ Refused</i>	<i>Applicant Further Info</i>	<i>Referred to Eng</i>	<i>Referred to OT</i>	<i>Pending</i>
2021	44	27	13	0	4	0	4
2022	7	0	4	0	2	1	3

## HOUSING GRANTS MANAGEMENT REPORT

### Grant Applications Received Report (i.e. number of applications received)

<u>Breakdown of applications received by Year</u>				<u>Breakdown of overall total by MD</u>				
Year	Adaptation / Mobility	Older People Scheme	Total	Inishowen	Donegal	Glenties	Letterkenny Milford	Lifford Stranorlar
2021 to date	358	505	863	181	171	218	123	170
2020	292	363	655	130	137	167	116	105
2019	310	273	583	124	147	121	96	95
2018	241	217	458	85	122	102	84	65
2017	217	197	414	70	126	89	69	60
2016	195	182	377	69	75	82	69	82
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1613</b>	<b>1737</b>	<b>3350</b>	<b>659</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>577</b>

### Grant Applications Paid Report (i.e. number paid out)

<u>Breakdown of no. of applications paid by Year</u>				<u>Breakdown of overall total by MD</u>				
Year	Adaptation / Mobility	Older People Scheme	Total	Inishowen	Donegal	Glenties	Letterkenny Milford	Lifford Stranorlar
2021 to date	167	341	508	92	120	117	81	98
2020	159	189	348	59	88	80	69	52

2019	99	198	297	67	72	68	42	48
2018	97	173	270	42	95	57	46	30
2017	90	122	212	46	57	42	31	36
2016	69	109	178	32	31	49	31	35
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>1132</b>	<b>1813</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>299</b>

### Grant Applications Paid Report (i.e. value paid out)

<b>Breakdown of no. of applications paid by Year</b>			
<b>Year</b>	<b>Adaptation / Mobility</b>	<b>Older People Scheme</b>	<b>Total</b>
2021 to date	€ 1,035,784.13	€ 1,766,593.40	€ <b>2,802,377.53</b>
2020	€ 995,796.36	€ 1,001,101.77	€ <b>1,996,898.13</b>
2019	€ 589,659.17	€ 987,525.08	€ <b>1,577,184.25</b>
2018	€ 540,389.28	€ 725,708.10	€ <b>1,266,097.38</b>
2017	€ 467,792.20	€ 517,948.83	€ <b>985,741.03</b>
2016	€ 395,594.33	€ 452,221.82	€ <b>847,816.15</b>
<b>TOTAL VALUE</b>	<b>€ 4,025,015.47</b>	<b>€ 5,451,099.00</b>	<b>€ 9,476,114.47</b>



## 2. PROGRESS REPORT – CASUAL VACANCIES @ 01/02/2022

<b>Glenties MD</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Beds</b>	<b>Vacant From</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Ardara				
	Radharc an Ghleanna	2 bed	29/12/2021	Currently being assessed
	Carrickatlieve	3 bed	24/01/2022	Currently being assessed
Arranmore				
	Leabgarrow	1 Bed	29/06/2021	Works complete
Derrybeg				
	Ailt Aoibhinn	2 bed flat	20/01/2022	Currently being assessed
Doochary				
	Radharc an tSeipeil	2 bed	15/10/2021	Works complete
Dunfanaghy				
	Eadan Mor	3 bed (LTL)	13/10/2021	Currently being assessed
	Eadan Mor	3 bed (LTL)	08/11/2021	Currently being assessed
Dungloe				
	St Peter Terrace	1 bed OPD	13/12/2021	Currently being assessed
Falcarragh				
	Ballina	3 bed	12/07/2021	Currently being assessed
Glenties				
	Clos Naomh Chonail	2 bed	29/11/2021	Currently being assessed
Gortahork				
	Ardan Mhuire	2 bed	06/10/2021	Contractor on site
	Ardan Mhuire	2 bed	11/11/2021	Contractor on site
Loughanure				
	An tArdan Rua	3 bed	22/12/2021	Currently being assessed
	Radharc an Iuir	2 bed	21/01/2022	Currently being assessed



### 3. HOUSING NEED

Glenties Municipal District												
Approved Gross and Net Need Waiting List by Approved Bedrooms Numbers detailing Locations selected by the Applicant as their 1 <sup>st</sup> Area of Preference as at 1st January 2022												
Location	1 Bed		2 Bed		3 Bed		4 Bed		5 Bed		Total Net	Total Gross
	Net	Gross	Net	Gross	Net	Gross	Net	Gross	Net	Gross		
<b>Annagry</b>	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
<b>Ardara</b>	5	6	6	9	1	1	0	1	0	0	12	17
<b>Arranmore</b>	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Burtonport</b>	0	0	3	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	8
<b>Creeslough</b>	0	0	6	7	1	2	1	3	0	0	8	12
<b>Doochary</b>	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
<b>Dunfanaghy</b>	0	1	5	10	2	3	0	0	0	0	7	14
<b>Dungloe</b>	7	10	9	29	4	5	1	1	0	0	21	45
<b>Falcarragh</b>	1	2	13	25	1	2	0	0	0	0	15	29
<b>Fintown</b>	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	4
<b>Glenties</b>	0	0	1	5	2	6	1	3	0	0	4	14
<b>Gortahork</b>	1	1	3	9	0	1	0	1	0	0	4	12
<b>Gweedore</b>	2	2	6	24	1	4	1	1	0	0	10	31
<b>Lettermacaward</b>	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Loughanure</b>	0	1	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	5
<b>Magheroarty</b>	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
<b>Tory Island</b>	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
<b>Totals</b>	17	25	57	136	15	29	4	12	0	0	93	202

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

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

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

### 4. HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENT (HAP) SCHEME

As at 01<sup>st</sup> February 2022, the Glenties Municipal District is providing Social Housing Support in the form of the Housing Assistance Payment to 99 families/individuals. 5 Hap tenants were allocated social housing in month of December 2021.

### 5. NUMBER OF RAS PROPERTIES

As of the 01<sup>st</sup> February 2022, the Glenties Municipal District is providing Social Housing Support in the form of the Rental Accommodation Scheme to 56 families/individuals.

## 6. NUMBER OF LTL PROPERTIES

As of the 01<sup>st</sup> February, 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 TENANCIES AND OFFERS

<b>Total Housing Stock Glenties MD</b>	<b>Offers Issued from 01/01/2022</b>	<b>Tenancies created from 01/01/2022</b>	<b>Tenancies terminated from 01/01/2022</b>
849	1	0	3

## 8. Tenant Purchase

<b>Number of Applications Received since Scheme Commenced</b>	<b>New Applications from 01/01/2022</b>	<b>No. of Offers Issued from 01/01/2022</b>	<b>Total Number of Houses Sold Under the Scheme to Date</b>
85	2	0	17

## Housing Capital Update Report Glenties Municipal District Meeting

**February 2022**

### 1. Social Housing Developments – Construction Schemes

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

Location	Status	No. of Units
<b>Construction Stage</b>		
Dunfanaghy	Works continuing on site. Expected completion Q1 2022.	4
SI at Loughanure	Expected completion Q2 2022.	1
SI at Annagry	Expected completion Q2 2022.	1
<b>Preliminary Design Stage (No. of units subject to change)</b>		
Chapel Road, Dungloe	Submitted for approval at January 2022 sitting of Plenary Council	45
<b>Total</b>		<b>51</b>

### 2. House Acquisition Programme

There are 11 properties currently in progress, 1 at the early stages of conveyance and 10 at the late stages.

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

### 3. Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition

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

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

The turnkey development at Falcarragh has now been completed by Developers Michael & Linda Whoriskey. A total of 12 no. units have been acquired containing 8 no. three bedroom units and 4 no. two bedroom units.

Council officials are continuing to dialogue with Developers with regard a valid proposal for Gweedore and Members will be fully informed of same upon receipt of final departmental approval.

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

The Council is planning to develop further projects on existing landbank in various locations throughout the county. Preliminary designs have been prepared for these sites and these proposed schemes will supplement the existing delivery plan. Land negotiations are ongoing to acquire additional lands for housing in areas of need.

There is an open advertisement on the Council's website for expressions of interest for parcels of land, derelict sites / buildings with the potential to deliver social housing. A significant response has been received. A number of suitable parcels of land have been identified and the Council is progressing to conveyance stage on a number of land acquisitions.