



Municipal District of Glenties

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Public Service Centre
Dungloe

7th June, 2022

NOTICE OF MEETING


The Municipal District of Glenties Meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th June, 2022 at **11 a.m. in Dungloe Public Services Section**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GLENTIES

Dear Councillor,

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

Yours Sincerely,



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Michael Rowsome
Meetings Administrator



Ceantar Bardais Na Gleanntaí

Oifig Riarthóir na
gCruinnithe
Ionad Seirbhísí
Clochán Liath

7ú Méitheamh, 2022

FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Na Gleanntaí ar an **Mháirt an 14ú Méitheamh 2022, ag 11.00 r.n. in Ionad Seirbhísí an Clocháin Léith**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAIS NA GLEANNTAÍ

A Chara

Iarrtar ort bheith i láthair ag an gcruinniu seo de Ceantar Bardais na nGleanntaí. Tá Clár an Cruinnithe le seo.

Is Mise, le meas

Micheál Rowsome
Riarthóir Cruinnithe

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Environment Workshop (C.F.E.R.M.)	-	10.00 A.M.
Municipal District Meeting	-	11.00 A.M.

AGENDA

1. Consideration of the Minutes of AGM held on 10th May '22
 - 1.1 Consideration of Minutes of Housing Workshop held on 10th May, '22
 - 1.2 Consideration of Minutes of Glenties Municipal District Meeting held on 10th May 2022
2. Community Development & Cultural Services
3. Economic Development, I.S. & Emergency Services
4. Planning
5. Environment
6. Roads & Transportation
7. Housing & Corporate Services

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

HELD ON 10th MAY 2022 IN

DUNGLOE PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE

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

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Michael McGarvey, A/Director Water & Environment
Michael Rowsome - A/Area Manager, Housing/
Corporate
Brendan McFadden - SEE, Area Manager, Roads
David Friel - Coastal Officer
Donna Callaghan - Area Planner
Rosita Mahony - Senior Economic Development
Officer
Ann Marie McCole - Community Development Staff
Officer
Mary Boyle, A/S.S.O. Housing/Corporate
Dónal MacGiolla Chóill - Aistriúcháin Comhuaineach

GMD 33/22

ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH

Nominations were sought by Cllr. Gallagher for the position of Cathaoirleach.

On the proposal of Cllr. McGarvey, seconded by Cllr. MacGiolla Easbuig, Members agreed to elect Cllr. Molloy as Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Glenties. Members congratulated Cllr. Molloy on his election as Cathaoirleach of the Glenties Municipal District and wished him well in his new role.

Cllr. Molloy stated that he was honoured to take on the role of Cathaoirleach and looked forward to co-operating with the Committee and the Executive in developing and promoting the interests of the Glenties Municipal District.

The Committee and the Director commended the assistance and courtesy that that the outgoing Cathaoirleach afforded all Members and staff throughout the year. Cllr. McGarvey commended the contribution that the outgoing Cathaoirleach made particularly to the development of the Island Road's Takeover Policy.

GMD 34/22

ELECTION OF LEAS CATHAOIRLEACH

Nominations were sought by the Cathaoirleach for the position of Leas Cathaoirleach.

On the proposal of Cllr. Molloy, seconded by Cllr. Ó Fearraigh, Members nominated Cllr. McClafferty for the position of Leas Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Glenties.

On the proposal of Cllr. McGarvey, seconded by Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig, Members nominated Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig for the position of Leas Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Glenties.

Cllr. Gallagher supported the nomination of Cllr. McClafferty in line with previously negotiated power-sharing agreement and Cllr. McClafferty was elected as Leas Cathaoirleach of the Glenties Municipal District.

GMD 35/22

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig expressed his disappointment and frustration at the outcome of the election of the role of Leas Cathaoirleach.

This concluded the business of the AGM

**REPORT FROM HOUSING WORKSHOP OF GLENTIES MUNICIPAL
DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD IN DUNGLOE PSC ON 10TH MAY 2022**

Members Present: Cllr. Marie Therese Gallagher (Cathaoirleach)
Cllr. Anthony Molloy (Leas Cathaoirleach)
Cllr. Noreen McGarvey
Clr. John Sheamais Ó Fearraigh
Cllr. Michael Mc Clafferty
Clr. Michéal Choilm Mac Giolla Easbuig

Officials Present: Patricia McIntyre - Divisional Manager, Housing & Corporate
Jim Boner - Senior Executive Engineer, Housing Capital
Michael Rowsome - A/Area Manager, Housing & Corporate
Mary Boyle - A/SSO, Corporate & Housing
Dónal Mac Giolla Chóill - Aistriúchán Comhuaineach

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Gallagher, welcomed the Divisional Manager and the Senior Executive Engineer to the Workshop and requested that the Housing Capital Team update Members on a quarterly basis.

Cllr MacGiolla Easbuig expressed disappointment that the Housing Capital Team were not attending the Glenties Municipal District Committee meeting in a public forum.

The Divisional Manager made a presentation to the Committee in relation to the following:

- Housing Delivery Action Plan 2022-2026
- Housing Need - Glenties MD
- Homelessness
- Projects on site at an advanced stage
- Projects in Planning

The A/Area Housing Manager updated the Committee on current and future potential projects throughout the Municipal District.

The Committee highlighted the following issues for consideration by the Housing Senior Management and Housing Capital Teams:

- Negative impact of Air B&B's and short- term lettings on the availability of private rented housing.
- Planning Enforcement in respect of short- term lettings more than 90 days annually
- Prevalence of unoccupied holiday homes throughout the County
- Liaise with the Department to restore the Housing Acquisition Programme
- Employment of an In-house Solicitor to address the protracted conveyancing process
- Provision of housing on offshore islands
- Expedite the Building Programme
- Liaise with the Department in relation to HAP eligibility thresholds
- Delegation of decision-making autonomy to Area Housing Teams and location of newly appointed housing delivery engineers in the area offices

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE WORKSHOP

MINUTES OF MEETING OF GLENTIES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Held in Dungloe Public Services Centre on 10th May 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr. Anthony Molloy (Cathaoirleach)
Cllr. Michael McClafferty (Leas Cathaoirleach)
Cllr. Marie Therese Gallagher
Cllr. Noreen McGarvey
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, Area Manager,SEE Roads
Charles Sweeney - Administrative Officer, Community
Development
Donna Callaghan - Area Planner
Rosita Mahoney -Senior Economic Development
Officer
David Friel - Coastal Officer
Ann Marie McCole - Community Development Staff
Officer
Mary Boyle - A/S.S.O. Housing/Corporate

Others in Attendance: Michael McDevitt, Youth Council Co-Ordinator
Ciara Gilmore, Youth Councillor
Jack McLaughlin, Youth Councillor
Dónal Mac Giolla Chóill - Aistriúcháin Comhuaineach

GMD 36/22

Confirmation of Minutes of Glenties Municipal District Committee meeting

On the proposal of Cllr. Gallagher, seconded by Cllr. McGarvey, the minutes of the Glenties Municipal District meeting held on the 12th of April 2022 was confirmed.

GMD 37/22

YOUTH COUNCIL

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Michael McDevitt, Youth Council Co-ordinator, Jack McLaughlin and Ciara Gilmore, Youth Councillors to the meeting. Both Youth Councillors made a presentation to the Committee outlining their programme of work and particularly regarding mental health, Climate Action and Social Media/Body Imaging. The Committee paid tribute to the issues tackled by the Youth Council and in particular their involvement in developing an online Mental Health & Wellbeing resource for young people in Donegal titled 'mindyourmelon.ie'. The Director of the Environment concurred with Cllr. Gallagher's suggestion that Youth Council representatives be invited to the next SPC meeting on climate change.

GMD 38/22

ENVIRONMENT

38.1

Waste & Litter Management

Members discussed the report previously circulated by the Waste Awareness Officer regarding 'The Big Donegal Clean-up' for 2022 and recent successful prosecutions under the Litter Pollution Act 1997.

Cllr. Ó Fearraigh and Cllr. McGarvey commended the efforts of Litter Wardens in bringing evidence of the offences to the Court.

Cllr. McClafferty requested the Council to increase the collection of litter from beaches and also highlighted concerns expressed by campervan owners regarding the lack of availability of refuse disposal bags.

Cllr. Molloy repeated previous requests for the provision of bins at Glengesh. Cllr. Gallagher requested the Environment Service to resolve issues affecting short term residents and single occupants due to the withdrawal of refuse bags for purchase.

38.2

Recycling

Cllr. McClafferty and Cllr. Gallagher requested the Council to resolve issues pertaining to bottle banks in Falcarragh and Glenties respectively and Cllr. Gallagher also requested a resolution of long-standing calls for facilities in Leitirmacaward.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig recommended the provision of additional plastic and paper recycling facilities within the Municipal District.

Cllr. Ó Fearraigh outlined the necessity for the provision of bottle and can facilities in Falcarragh.

Cllr. Gallagher expressed disappointment that the recently renewed contract with the private operators of the Dungloe Recycling Facility did not provide for 24hr recycling facilities and requested the Environment Service to address this matter.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig highlighted ongoing concerns regarding the dumping of nappies at Corveen in Gweedore.

Cllr. Gallagher stated that nappy disposal costs are expensive arising from the 'Pay by Weight' method and requested the Environment Service to address same.

38.3

Coastal Management

The Committee discussed the reports circulated with the Agenda regarding;

- Beach preparatory works ahead of the bathing season
- Respect the Dunes Awareness Campaign
- Coastal Erosion & Flooding Risk Management
- Beach Lifeguard Service
- Blue Flag Beach Restrictions for Dog Owners

Members agreed to schedule a Workshop on 14th June '22 at 10.00 a.m. to discuss the Interim Report of the Coastal Flooding and Erosion Risk Management Survey, completed by the RPS Consultant Engineers.

Cllr. Gallagher requested the provision of warning signs at dangerous beaches.

Cllr. Ó Fearraigh and Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested the Council to expedite an Islands Development Plan incorporating the provision of toilet facilities. Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig highlighted ongoing issues in respect of the toilets in Magheraroarty. Cllr Ó Fearraigh informed the meeting of ongoing damage to dunes at Glassagh and Port Arthur arising from quad usage.

In response to concerns expressed by Cllr. Gallagher regarding the dumping of material following maintenance works at the Pond in Dungloe, the Environment Director undertook to liaise with the Marine Service regarding the removal of debris and future maintenance requirements.

Cllr. Ó Fearraigh requested the Council to make representations to Irish Water regarding the eligibility criteria for a Well grant to amend the restrictions on houses less than 7 years old.

Cllr. Molloy commended the installation of a 'changing places' facility in Narin and the Coastal Officer undertook to revert to members with a date for an official opening ceremony. Cllr. Molloy highlighted restrictions on access to Narin Beach due to an excessive number of camper vans and requested the introduction of bye-laws in this regard Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested the Environment Service to progress the following;

- Dredging of Derrybeg River
- Provision of changing facilities for outdoor swimmers
- Beach Lifeguards in Gaeltacht areas to be fluent in Irish

In response to queries from the Committee, the Environment Director advised of the status of the Group Water Scheme Programme.

The Coastal Officer advised that ring-buoys have been replaced at 21 designated bathing areas.

GMD 39/22

PLANNING

The Committee noted the reports circulated with the Agenda regarding;

- Development Application Statistics for period ending March 2022
- Enforcement cases for period ending March 2022
- Pre-planning Clinics for Quarter 2 2022
- Regeneration Report
- Wind Energy Policy & proposed variation
- County Development Plan 2024 - 4 year review

The Area Planner updated Members on the status of the review of the County Development Plan and public consultation events which are running in tandem with proposed Wind Energy Policy Variation events.

The Committee commended Burtonport Regeneration Works & Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig asked the Council to expedite second phase design work. On the proposal of Cllr. Gallagher and seconded by Cllr. Ó Fearraigh, the Committee requested Planning Enforcement to ascertain the nature of the antennae on the telecommunication mast at Fairhill, Dungloe. Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig also expressed similar concerns in respect of a structure at Dore, Bunbeg.

In response to a query from Cllr. Ó Fearraigh regarding issues pertaining to applications on the N56, the Area Planner agreed to liaise with the Senior Executive Planner for an update.

40.1 Economic Development Unit

The Committee welcomed the reports circulated with the Agenda and presented by the Senior Economic Development Officer regarding;

- Economic Development Unit Projects
- Tourism Marketing Projects
- Strategic Funding Unit
- Donegal Diaspora Unit
- Local Enterprise Office

The Senior Economic Development Officer advised the Committee that; (1) a grant scheme is commencing to support the development of overnight accommodation options initially focusing on the private sector and to be followed by a Voluntary Sector Scheme (2) Innovators Under 35 Europe will be hosted in Gweedore for 2 days - 19th & 20th May, 2022 (3) LAMA award for 'Love Donegal Day 2021 (4) Festivals & Events Submissions

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested information regarding the Campsite Grant Scheme.

40.2 Fire Service

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested a report from the Fire Service in relation to problems with fire hydrants during a recent fire in Mullaghduff. He also expressed disappointment of the discontinuation of seasonal employment opportunities at the ESB power station in Gweedore and referred to fire hazards due to overgrown vegetation at this location.

40.3 Civil Defence

Cllr McGarvey commended the input of the Civil Defence to the recent 'Climbing Errigal Together' fundraiser for Charlie Bird.

40.4

Broadband

Cllr. Gallagher highlighted broadband and mobile deficiencies and requested the National Broadband Ireland Programme to prioritise Donegal for infrastructural upgrading. Cllr Mac Giolla Easbuig asked that the National Broadband Ireland be requested to attend a Municipal District Meeting in this regard.

GMD 41 /22

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & CULTURAL SERVICES

The Committee noted the reports previously circulated in relation to:

- Community Development Projects
- Social Inclusion Activity
- Rural Development Programme
- Healthy Ireland Fund

Clr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested the Council to engage with the Guinness family in relation to Dunlewey House and the availability of same for public use. He also requested the Community Development Unit to progress the Poll a' tSnámh Project & to engage with the Edininfagh Development Committee.

Cllr. McGarvey commended Cóiste Forbatha Dhún Lúiche for the extent of their voluntary work and welcomed the Contractors on site at Errigal. Cllr. McGarvey also updated Members on efforts by Coiste na Gaeilge to promote the Irish language within the Council.

Cllr. Gallagher requested the Community Development Unit to develop a policy for the takeover of graveyard carparks and access roads.

In response to a query from Cllr. Molloy, the Community Development Staff Officer stated that further details are awaited from the Dolman Centre Committee to facilitate arrangement of a meeting.

GMD 42/22 ROADS & TRANSPORTATION

42.1 Community Involvement Schemes

On the proposal of Cllr. Gallagher, seconded by Cllr. McGarvey the Committee adopted the Programme agreed at Workshop on morning of the 10th May, 2022 as set out in attached Appendix 1.

42.2 Local Improvement Schemes

On the proposal of Cllr. Gallagher, seconded by Cllr. McGarvey, the Committee adopted the Local Improvement Scheme 2022 list agreed at the Workshop on 10/05/2022 as per attached Appendix 2.

42.3 Roadworks Programme 2022

The Road's Manager updated Members on the status of;

- (1) Surface Dressing Programme
- (2) Restoration Programme
- (3) Meenacuing Project
- (4) Minor Infrastructure Fund & Public Lighting
- (5) Fintown Village Project
- (6) Dungloe/Glenties Cycleway

GMD 43/22 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES

The Committee noted the Reports circulated with the Agenda and presented by the A/Area Manager in relation to the following;

- Grants Progress Report for period ending 29/04/'22
- Casual Vacancies Report for period ending 29/04/'22
- Housing need by approved bedrooms
- HAP Scheme
- RAS & LTL properties

- Housing Vacancies & Offers during 2022
- Status of Tenant Purchase Scheme
- Housing Loan Approvals
- Housing Capital update
- Status of AHB vacancies
- Status of Painting Programme 2022

The Committee expressed disappointment at the pace of progress in respect of land acquisition for Social Housing and highlighted the recent private sale of a site on the Quay Road in Dungloe notwithstanding Council interest for more than 15 years.

Cllr. Gallagher requested the delegation of decision-making powers in respect of land acquisition to local area staff and requested that any newly appointed Housing Delivery Staff be based in the Municipal District. The Committee also recommended the appointment of an In-House Solicitor.

43.1

Energy Efficiency/Retrofitting Programme 2022

The A/Housing Manager informed Members that Housing Schemes at Charlie Bennett Drive, Ardara (7 Units) and Clós Naomh Dúigh, Annagry (19 Units) have been prioritised for funding under this Scheme. Works eligible under the Programme include attic/cavity wall insulation or external wall insulation where required, windows and doors replacement, heat pump installation and ancillary and associated works. All units will achieve a retrofit to a B2/Cost Optimal Equivalent (BER).

43.2

Housing Estate - Access Infrastructure

On the proposal of Cllr. McGarvey and seconded by Cllr Gallagher, the Committee approved the recommendation in the Report circulated with the Agenda to allocate funding in the sum of €70,000 to undertake upgrading and repair works to Access Infrastructure (including back lanes) as follows:

- Pothole repairs & essential maintenance -
Municipal District estates €20,000

- Ballina Estate, Falcarragh €25,000
- Ard Patrick Estate, Glenties €25,000

GMD 44/22 VOTE OF SYMPATHY

A Vote of Sympathy was passed in respect of the following recent death;

- The late Josephine Bradley, mother of Cllr. Kevin Bradley

GMD 45/22 FIN SWIM AROUND IRELAND

Cllr. McGarvey acknowledged the successful achievement of Henry O'Donnell, Carrickfinn following completion of 97 days of fin swimming around the coast of Ireland in challenging conditions.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

Appendix 1



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Appendix 2



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Municipal District of Glenties

14 June 2022

Community Development Division

CLÁR / AGENDA

1. Report on recent activity in the Community Development Division
 - 1.1 Community Development
 - 1.2 Public Participation Network (PPN)
 - 1.3 Social Inclusion
 - 1.4 Rural Development Programme/LEADER
 - 1.5 Healthy Ireland
 - 1.6 Donegal Youth Council

Glenties Municipal District - Community Development

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

	accessibility for all ages and abilities	Renewal Scheme	
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Glenties Municipal District - Community Development

Project Location	Project Details	Funded Under	Current status
Ardara	<p>Improvements to town: Improve seating along the Main St. & Front St. Provide fully wheelchair accessible picnic and resting tables in the Diamond Provide 2 bins along the Main St. and 1 no. bin along Front St. Provide additional landscaping and planting in the Diamond and Town Garden Provide 3 no. awnings at the Heritage Centre on Main St. Provide 4 no. semi mature trees The provision of a permanent tensile structure along the Riverside Walk in the centre of town providing shelter and the potential to host outdoor events. The preparation of a Health Check and a Masterplan to inform the sustainable development of Ardara and environs.</p>	<p>Town & Village Renewal Scheme</p> <p>Town & Village Renewal Scheme</p>	<p>Work has been completed</p> <p>Contractor on site and works ongoing</p>
Railway Greenway at Muckish	<p>Section of trail to be brought to greenway standard (Phase 1)</p> <p>(Phase 2 and phase 3)</p>	ORIS	<p>Works completed</p> <p>Engagement with local community ongoing. Establishing scope of works & preparation of contract documents underway</p>

Errigal	Pathway and environmental improvements	ORIS	Contractor on site & works are ongoing.
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Activity / Project Title	Donegal Public Participation Network (Donegal PPN)
Project Description/Activity	Link through which organisations from the Community & Voluntary sector have a voice on Council decision making bodies and other structures.
Budget (if applicable)	€115,000.00 per annum
Progress to date within the last two months inclusive of current status	<p>PPN membership now stands at 650 registered organisations. Donegal MD 121, Glenties MD 151, Inishowen MD 116, Letterkenny MD 182, Stranorlar MD 78. The PPN have 61 Representatives on 22 different Committees and Boards.</p> <p>Donegal PPN Wellbeing Vision Workshops are ongoing. Donegal MD Stranorlar MD, Milford EA have been completed. Letterkenny EA's Workshop will be held in The Radisson Hotel, Letterkenny on the 7th June at 6.45pm and Glenties MD Workshop will be held in The Waterfront Hotel, Dungloe on the 14th June at 6.45pm. Interactive Workshops looking at six areas Health Physical & Mental, Economy & Resources, Health & Sustainability, Values Cultural & Meaning, Participation, Democracy & Good Governance and Social & Community Development. The final version will then be fed into the relevant Local Authority Plans.</p> <p>Nine Donegal PPN Representatives have been requested for the new PEACEPLUS Partnership. Nomination closing date is the 8th June at 12.00noon. Nominees will be ratified or elections held if required at a specific combined Linkage Group meeting on 9th June in The Radisson, Letterkenny.</p> <p>Our Community Training Programme for Quarter 2 include Online Public Sector Duty Workshop – 9th June at 2pm Sustainable Development Goals Workshops – July 2022 Intercultural Awareness & Anti Racism Training TBD</p>
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	Secretariat Meeting 2 nd June, 2022 Community & Voluntary Linkage Group Meeting 16 th June, 2022 National RW Meeting 13 th July, 2022 Property Marking Events- July 2020 PPN AGM/Plenary 20 th September, 2022 National PPN Conference 21 st & 22 nd October 2022
Contact Person	Mary Clyde / Annette McGrenra 074 9153900

(to include telephone number & e-mail address)

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Activity / Project Title	Social Inclusion Unit
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 3 -inclusive of current status	Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion Strategy The strategy is now available to view or download on Donegal County Council website link: Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion.pdf (donegalcoco.ie) Migrant Integration Forum of various stakeholders in Donegal is collated. Africa Day 2022

On Saturday, May 14th, Donegal County Council and Donegal Intercultural Platform jointly presented a special Africa Day celebration at the Regional Cultural Centre and An Grianán Theatre, Letterkenny. All events were FREE of Charge and it was well attended and enjoyed by all. The morning events focused on exhibitions, workshops and storytelling sessions while the afternoon saw a colourful Family Fun Day taking over the An Grianán Theatre Plaza, with traditional and contemporary Dance displays, Face Painting, and Henna Tattoos, as well as African DJs and Live Music from the wonderful Adeniyi Allen-Taylor Afrobeat Orchestra. This Donegal Africa Day celebration was supported by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Irish Aid




Recognition of Donegal COVID



19 Volunteers

The Minister of State launched the Volunteer Ireland nomination web portal to accept nominations from relevant organisations of volunteers who made a contribution to their community during the pandemic. Donegal Volunteers nominated through the portal attended on Thursday, May 19 in Jacksons Hotel, Ballybofey which was being held to honour their work during the pandemic.

The evening highlighted the unique value and contribution of volunteers with Minister for State Joe O'Brien streamed live from Dublin Castle to Ballybofey. Speaking to the Donegal Volunteers in Ballybofey were Leas-Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council, Cllr Martin

	<p>McDermott, Chief Executive John McLaughlin and John Curran Donegal Volunteer Centre.</p> <p>The evening was an opportunity to acknowledge how important volunteering is to the well-being of our communities, and in particular the enormous impact volunteers had during the last two years.</p> 	
Contact Person	Christina O'Donnell codonnell@donegalcoco.ie 0879192272	Charles Sweeney charlesseaney@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	Rural Development Programme/LEADER
Activity / Project Description	Donegal Local Community and Development Committee are the Local Action Group for County Donegal, with responsibility for the LEADER/Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 & Transitional LEADER Programme 2021-2022
Budget	€13,413,875 (Additional funding received 2019)

Transitional Programme	<p><i>Note: Project costs €10,063,586, administration and animation costs €3,350,289</i></p> <p>1st April 2021 – 31st December 2022</p> <p>€2,861,598 project costs</p> <p>€ 953,866 for Administration & Animation.</p>
Progress to date within the last two months-inclusive of current status	<p>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 31st December 2022. €45 million is allocated nationally for the Transitional Programme and €20 million from the EURI programme.</p> <p>34 projects in Donegal are now approved by Pobal under the Transitional & EURI programmes and Letters of Offer have issued/are pending, granting LEADER funding to a value of €1,848,141.87.</p>
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	<p>The next LCDC/LAG meeting will be held on 21st June 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.</p>
Contact Person	Seamus Canning 074 9172597. seamusc@donegalcoco.ie

Programme	Healthy Ireland Fund
Project Description/Activity	<p>Healthy Ireland</p> <p>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>
Budget	€374,100 Round 3 Funding

Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status

** Delete irrelevant reporting period*

Healthy Ireland Round 3

A joint application from Donegal LCDC and the Children and Young Peoples Services Committee (CYPSC) was approved by Pobal on 4th December 2019. The end date for completion of actions and expenditure under the current Round 3 was 31st March 2022.

Community Engagement

Move to Improve 100km Staff Walking Challenge



In keeping with Healthy Ireland's Let's Get Set campaign, Donegal County Council Chief Executive, Mr. John McLaughlin announced the winners of the Move to Improve 100km Staff Walking Challenge on 4th May 2022.

Over the four-week Challenge, twenty-three teams collectively walked approximately 4,500km with staff feedback saying that the fun competitive event created an ideal environment to encourage staff to get out and get moving!

The overall winner of the Challenge was the Red Hot Chilli Steppers who recorded the most kilometres (509km) walked over the four-week period



Pictured L-R: Donegal County Council Chief Executive, Mr. John McLaughlin, Norman Miller, Catriona McElhinney, Kevin McMenamin and Doreen Floyd

Best Team Photo was won by Worst Pace Scenario pictured in their photo below



Pictured L-R: Worst Pace Scenario - Siobhan McCafferty, Shaun Campbell, Elaine Harley and Shaun Doherty

Best Team Name winner was Rapid Thigh Movement



Pictured L-R: Donegal County Council Chief Executive, Mr. John McLaughlin, Elaine Whoriskey and Martina Tuffy (missing are Steven Perry and Eoin Leonard)

Bonus Prize Category winner was Legs of Duty



Pictured L-R: Donegal County Council Chief Executive, Mr. John McLaughlin, Eamonn Porter, Marie McDaid and Michelle McGrory (missing is Anne McDaid)

Visit from Frank Feighan, Minister of State with Responsibility for Public Health, Wellbeing and the National Drugs Strategy

In May, Minister Frank Feighan visited some of the fantastic projects funded under the Healthy Ireland programme. We received a very warm welcome from the Bluestack Special

Needs Foundation and Donegal Dragons who received Healthy Ireland funding for their Brain Food for Good Mood project and The Bay project respectively.


Also present were Jack Murray Mayor of Donegal, Cllr Niamh Kennedy Independent, Chair of Donegal LCDC, Councillor Barry Sweeny, Chair of Donegal MD, Paddy Doherty, Chief Officer Donegal LCDC and Margaret Fitzgerald, Healthy Donegal Coordinator



Social Media Promotion

Healthy Donegal is maturing from a concept to a widely recognised brand and continues to grow a strong social media following across Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Youtube. Recently supported campaigns include –

- Pride Month
- ALONE seeking volunteers in Donegal
- Darkness in Light
- Donegal County Library – Wainfest Events

	 <p>You can follow Healthy Donegal on the following platforms:</p> <p>http://www.donegalcoco.ie/community/healthydonegal</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/HealthyDonegal</p> <p>https://www.instagram.com/healthy_donegal/</p> <p>https://twitter.com/HealthyDonegal</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwcqNcNTWBCaRjEFGqSkOnA</p>
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Progress Report of Donegal Youth Council- June 2022

Riverine:

2 members from the Lifford MD represent the Donegal Youth Council on the Riverine Cross Community Park for Lifford/ Strabane. The Youth Councillors are supporting the planning and development of this project. Over the past number of months the committee has been involved in developing an app that has been designed by

brilliant trails. This will identify possible trails in the area and people can also create their own trails. There is a delay in commencing the work due to issues with tenders and the need for CPO's.

CYPSC:

5 members represent the Youth Council on the Child Young Person Service Committee (CYPSC) Youth Participation sub committee. The current focus of this subcommittee is to plan a youth participation event. This event is to highlight the importance of youth participation across all services working with young people in Donegal and also identify best practice in terms of child and youth participation. This will also be a networking event to bring services and organisations together to discuss and learn from one another. The members report back to the full youth council at their monthly meetings.

The Youth Council adult rep continues to chair this subcommittee and reports back to the full CYPSC committee.

Cruinniú na nÓg:

3 youth council members sit on this committee. Youth Council members have taken part in reviewing and agreeing on funding for applications for Cruinniú na nÓg, while also suggesting possible gaps. The Youth Council members gave their opinion on each application and discussed other possible options with other committee members. At the beginning of April, the committee agreed on applications and events that will get the go-ahead and funding for Cruinniú na nÓg. Some of these applications are in motion already in the lead up to Cruinniú na nÓg day with others taking place on this day which is Saturday the 11th of June.

Donegal Road Safety Working Group:

The Youth Council members continue to engage in monthly meetings with the Donegal Road Safety Working Group. On the 10th of June the DRSWG will launch the "keep the race in its place" campaign for the Donegal Rally. The Youth Councillors rotate attending the monthly meetings and report to the full youth council at the monthly youth council meetings.

Municipal District Presentations:

During May Youth Council members presented to all 5 adult Council Municipal Districts meetings. This was a good opportunity for the Youth Council to present their work to date to the Adult Council members and build a working relationship with future work. The Youth Council members found this very beneficial and were all delighted with the opportunity.

Tobacco 21:

As you may be aware a request came in from the Irish Heart Foundations and ASH Ireland to Comhairle na nÓg's to support the change of legal age of tobacco products including e-cigarettes and vapes to 21 years. This created a great discussion among Youth Council members. The Youth Councillors voted to support this request but made it clear this is only one step and many others should be considered. The points of this discussion were recorded and sent back in response to the request. This has also been forwarded to Health Promotion staff and on to the HSE National Tobacco Lead. The Youth Councillors would like to develop this topic further and support a campaign that discourages young people to start using e-cigarettes and tobacco.

Networking Day In Sligo:

Youth Council members will attend a networking event in Sligo on the 28th June to link in and connect with other Comhairlí.

Trip/Residential:

There are plans over the summer to offer the members a day trip and an overnight residential during the summer to energise and focus on topics before the end of their term. This will be a great opportunity for the members to work on main topics and ensure all projects are finished before the end of the term.

Mental Health/ Social Media/ Body Image:

The members of the Youth Council are organising and hosting an event in September, where a panel of local influencers would discuss and take questions from young people surrounding the issues of social media, body image and mental health. A delegate from Schools, Youthreach centres and Youth Organisations would be invited to attend the event. Young people will be asked to submit questions before the event so influencers can be prepared and have strong answers. It is felt this event could have a strong impact and be very informative for young people. It has also been suggested that sections of the event can be recorded and shared on social media.

Mica:

A survey has been created and sent out to schools and youth organisations all over Donegal. The survey closed on Friday 3rd June. There are over 900 responses. All information will be compiled. The members will pass this information on to decision makers to identify the need of support for young people in regards to the stress and mental health impact due to the issue of mica.

Members from the Inishowen MD area are hoped to join the IFAN (Inishowen Family Action Network) Mica working group. The aim of this group is to identify and promote support such as counselling, information or any possible support for those affected by Mica. The group is made up of members such as Tusla, Aspire, Lifeline, Men's shed, Family Resource Centre and community support workers.

Coordinator training and events:

There is upcoming training for coordinators under Hub na nÓg on the 12th of July under the Hub na nÓg Participation Framework. The DCEDIY Annual Comhairle Organisers' Event will also take place in July for all Comhairle coordinators.

Youth Council Coordinator:

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

Coordinator continued to represent the Donegal Youth Council with youth councillors or in their absence on all the committees involved with the Donegal youth council.

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**Comhairle Contae
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Donegal County Council

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

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1. Division: Economic Development

1.1 Economic Development Unit

Title	Economic Development Unit
Countywide	<p>Property Solutions: The team is progressing 12 property solution opportunities across the county. This involves working closely with local business or inward investment opportunities to provide suitable property solutions including Council owned land or property as well as opportunities for acquisition.</p> <p>Remote Working: The Remote Working Holiday campaign has got off to a flying start with over 100 sign-ups to date. Each of the 11 digital hubs participating in the campaign across Donegal has received a number of requests from which to remote work. The campaign will run until the end of September and will help to extend tourism traffic while also helping to promote awareness and usage of Donegal’s network of digital hubs.</p> <p>Killybegs Marine Cluster: To support the development of the Blue Economy, the Economic Development Unit are working with key stakeholders to develop the potential of the sector. This involves working collaboratively with Enterprise Ireland, the Atlantic Technological University and the Local Enterprise Office as key stakeholders on the recently launched Killybegs Marine Cluster, one of twelve on the Island of Ireland.</p> <p>Caravan, Camping and Campervan Study: In 2021, Donegal County Council commissioned KPMG Future Analytics to undertake a study, which provided a number of recommendations and actions for the future sustainable development of the Caravan, Camping and Campervan sector in the county. Several actions are currently being developed, with each being coordinated with both internal and external stakeholders. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Caravan, Camping, Campervan and Motorhome Facilities grant Scheme: A new grant scheme aimed at supporting local business to increase the overnight accommodation options for those visiting the county, especially in areas currently underserved. Targeted initially at the private sector to stimulate and support local business, a voluntary sector targeted scheme will follow, allowing community organisations to apply. The Closing date for applications was 30th May 2022.

- **A Code of Conduct:** Donegal County Council are currently finalising a draft Code of Conduct with key internal divisions and external stakeholders including Motorhome Ireland, Total Camping Ireland, Failte Ireland, Irish Caravan and Camping Council and Donegal Caravan and Camping Parks Association. The Code of Conduct will be promoted across the county once complete and stakeholders will be asked to promote to their members and visitors to the county to ensure a positive experience for all stakeholders.
- **Caravan, Camping and Campervan Information event:** Donegal County Council hosted an Information event in the Silver Tassie in Letterkenny on 24th May. This event was held to inform the sector and other interested parties on the findings and recommendations from the study, to examine the potential that exists in this sector and to encourage businesses and other service providers to develop strong and viable offerings to meet the needs of the sector and to highlight the planned activities being undertaken to deliver on the recommendations. These included the new Code of Conduct for the sector, the CCCMF grant scheme, the issue of signage and planned information and marketing activities. Over 80 interested parties were in attendance.
- **Marketing:** The Tourism Unit are currently leading the development of a dedicated caravan, camping, campervan and motorhomes webpage on the GoVisitDonegal website. This section will include a map for the sector pinpointing accommodation options, Aire de Services, recycling centres, eating options etc. The Tourism Unit will also work closely with the sector to market accommodation options in the county over the coming months.
- **Aire de Service review:** The Donegal County Council are reviewing the workings, any issues and management of existing Aire de Service units and will consider a plan for the future of these units.
- **Signage:** The Donegal County Council are setting up a working group to look at the issue of signage in the sector, to identify where issues of concern are located, where camping/campervan use is an issue, to dissuade bad practice and encourage responsible camping/campervan usage.

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

Impressions (last 28 days) Total Followers

Linked In	59,500	3,573 (+145)
Twitter	29,500	1,996 (+50)
Instagram	2,884	2,073 (+33)
Donegal.ie	4.9K Web Users (4 weeks 26 Apr – 24 May + 83% v. prior)	
	20 News Items Published	

MIT Innovators Under 35 Europe

A hugely successful Innovators Under 35 Europe was held in Gaoth Dobhair May 19th and 20th, with Donegal County Council one of the primary sponsors. This was the first time the event took place on Irish soil. 35 Innovators from across Europe were honoured at a gala banquet celebrating their work. Among the Innovators was Donegal native Owen McGirr, who received a standing ovation for his innovative SayIt! App which enables those with disabilities, like him, to communicate.

North West City Region

Donegal County Council continue to work in partnership with Derry City and Strabane District Council on a number of key projects for supporting and stimulating Inward Investment in the region.

- **Inward Investment Strategy:** Donegal County Council and Derry City and Strabane District Council have worked with OCO Global to develop a three-year Investment strategy for the region. The strategy will identify key sectors and sub-sectors within the economic development sphere that have the greatest potential for attracting investment into the region, as well as identifying regions where these companies are located. The work is now complete in draft format, with follow on actions being developed and funding being sought to roll these out.
- **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. Initial data collection through key partners is completed with the surveying of businesses on both sides of the border and an employee survey to commence afterwards. It is hoped that this information will allow both Councils to better sell

	<p>the inward investment proposition to those individuals and companies looking at opportunities in the region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications: The EDU continue to collaborate with DCSDC on promoting the North West City Region for investment and business opportunities including via LinkedIn and Twitter platforms. This work will tie into the Inward Investment Strategy in the coming year. <p>You can follow respective LinkedIn and Twitter Platforms NorthWestCityRegionIreland</p> <p>Atlantic Economic Corridor: The Donegal County Council are working with Local Authority partners along the western coast to progress mutually beneficial projects and initiatives. Donegal County Council and the WDC recently launched an accessible imagebank of photos for Donegal and these images will be available to partners to help promote inward investment in the region. The variety of high-quality images includes MMG Welding, TCS Consulting, Swan Net Gundry, Donegal Craft Village, the CoLab at ATU campus and others.</p> <p>Concierge Service: The EDU are available to support existing businesses, potential business start-ups or businesses looking to relocate or wishing to expand and who need advice on accessing a wide range of Council services and supports. Please contact the EDU by email economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie.</p>
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1.2 Tourism Unit

Project / Activity Report

Countywide	<p style="text-align: center;">Go Visit Donegal - Digital and Online Marketing</p> <p>Data range: 1st – 22nd May 2022</p> <p>Social Media – <u>top performing posts in March</u></p>
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Facebook	Instagram	Twitter
1 – Filming in Killybegs	#1 – Exploring Inishowen	#1 – Gold Award for the #LoveDonegal Day 2021 at the LAMA Awards
17,805 people reached 2,015 engagement 296 reactions 28 Shares / 13 comments	4,724 accounts reached 4,974 impressions 253 content interactions 18 profile activity	6,350 impressions 124 engagements 2.0% engagement rate

Social media - Numbers overview for April

- We have gained 586 new followers across Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.
- Total impressions: 4,777,032 across Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.
- Total Reach: 2,824,445 across Facebook, Instagram.

GoVisitDonegal.com Website

Year to Date Stats since 1st January 2022 (until 22nd May)

	May	Performance vs same period in 2021
Page Views	259,457	+94%
Users	97,285	+96.5%

In May website views by country:

- Traffic came from **89 countries** in total
- Top Ten Countries include:

Country	Users	% Users
1. Ireland	9,292	54.34%
2. United Kingdom	4,760	27.84%
3. United States	1,231	7.20%
4. (not set)	326	1.91%
5. Germany	169	0.99%
6. Australia	152	0.89%
7. France	134	0.78%
8. China	126	0.74%
9. Canada	125	0.73%
10. Netherlands	102	0.60%

Marketing Updates:

Working Holiday in Donegal

Tourism Unit provided support to Economic Development Unit with the design of the Working Holiday Brochure. A promotional banner features on the Go Visit Donegal Home Page and redirects the Users to donegal.ie website. A feature is also published on the Blog and promoted via social media platforms.

Caravan, Camping and Campervan study

Tourism Unit is working closely with the Economic Development Team on the development of the Caravan, Camping and campervan subpage on the Go Visit Donegal website. This work has been progressing well, the page is still in the draft format waiting to be finalised before it goes live.

The page will provide comprehensive information for Caravan, Camping and Campervan Users including: List of Campsites, Service Points, Code of Conduct, Waste Disposal, as well as useful information about the attractions and festivals in the county.

Local Link Page

Tourism Unit has been working over the past number of weeks with Local Link Donegal-Sligo-Leitrim collating information for the Go Visit Donegal website. This page is now live, and information has been shared on social media. A representative from Local Link has been invited to present an update about the Local Bus Service at the upcoming Tourism Sectoral Forum meeting. It is hoped that information can also be collated whereby visitors will be able to easily access information on how to travel by local bus to the main tourist attractions in the county.

Web page: <https://www.govisitdonegal.com/visitor-information/local-link>

Social Media platforms – Followers (April)

Facebook Page Followers: 54,478

Instagram Followers: 21,586

Twitter Followers: 15,924

LinkedIn Followers: 434

Blog

Recent blogs include:

- Global Irish Festival Series – promotion of the Donegal connect event taking place from 23rd – 25th September
- Donegal Signature Seafood Dish Event
- Working Holiday in Donegal
- <https://www.govisitdonegal.com/blog>

Festivals and Events

The Tourism Unit continues to receive Festivals and Events submissions that are published in the calendar of events on the Go Visit Donegal website. We encourage festival organisers to submit information using the online form.

Direct link: <https://form.jotform.com/220192334059350>

It can also be access via Go Visit Donegal website:

<https://www.govisitdonegal.com/festivals-and-events>

Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme 2022

Applications are now open for the Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme 2022. This scheme will fund works that will enhance the tourism product offering in various locations in the county including: signage, improved access to popular visitor sites and attractions such as waterfalls, heritage sites, historic graveyards*, scenic spots, picnic areas, beaches etc. A maximum of €50,000 will be allocated to each Municipal District.

The minimum amount of grant which can be allocated to any project is €5,000 and the maximum is €20,000. However, in exceptional circumstances the amount of grant awarded to a project may be outside these limits.

This grant aid is being offered at up to 100% of actual costs incurred.

Applications must be received by e-mail to

tourismworks2022@donegalcoco.ie by 4pm on **Monday 6th June 2022**.

	Any queries can be directed to Martina Tuffy by phone 074-9172273 or by emailing Tourismworks2022@donegalcoco.ie
Contact Person	Barney Mc Laughlin - Head of Tourism Unit barney.mclaughlin@donegalcoco.ie 074 9724465

1.3 Strategic Funding Unit

Project / Activity Report

Title	Strategic Funding Unit – exploring EU and National Funding Opportunities that support the objectives set out in the Donegal County Council Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024
Countywide	<p>SFU Webinars 2022</p> <p>Dates for the next series of SFU webinars taking place in 2022 have been confirmed as the 21st September and 23rd November.</p> <p>AER Summer Academy event in Donegal</p> <p>The Assembly of European Regions Summer Academy event will take place on the week of 29th August 2022 in County Donegal with approximately 150 delegates from across EU member states in attendance. Donegal County Council will co-host the Assembly of European Regions Summer Academy event in Donegal in partnership with Udarás na Gaeltachta. The event will take place in the ATU (Atlantic Technology University) campus with excursions planned to other parts of the county. This is a weeklong event comprised of a plenary conference, workshops, study trips and excursions.</p> <p>Communicating Europe Initiative 2022</p> <p>The Strategic Funding Unit has secured funding under the Communicating Europe Initiative 2022 from the Department of Foreign Affairs in the amount of €5000 for hosting an EU focused event in Donegal. This funding will go towards the AER Summer Academy event in August celebrating Ireland’s 50th Anniversary of joining the EU and the European Year of Youth 2022.</p>

	<p>CPMR General Assembly</p> <p>Our Political Representative on the CPMR, Councillor O’Fearraigh is attending the Atlantic Arc Commission General Assembly of the CPMR in San Sebastian on 24th/25th May. Topics for discussion include EU funding, marine tourism, fisheries, renewable energy, Atlantic Action Plan 2.0 and macro-regional strategy among others.</p> <p>Europe Direct Event celebrating Europe Day 2022</p> <p>The Strategic Funding Unit attended an event hosted by Europe Direct in the Central Library in Letterkenny on 9th May to give a presentation on EU funding opportunities. This event was to mark Europe Day 2022.</p> <p>BAR and the Brexit Blue Economy Enterprise Support Scheme</p> <p>The Strategic Funding Unit will be attending a meeting on 25th May hosted by BIM as part of the FLAG (Fisheries Local Action Group) in relation to the BAR (Brexit Adjustment Reserve) and the new Brexit Blue Economy Enterprise Support Scheme.</p> <p>Project Partnership & Development</p> <p>There are several new EU project proposals being reviewed on a daily basis. The SFU is receiving invitations to join consortiums from a number of sources. These are being reviewed and sent to the relevant Directorates on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>Other areas of work include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU Funding Programme Reviews • Participation in project scoping meetings with potential partners • Participation in EU network meetings such as CPMR, AER etc. • Funding Needs Analysis of Council Divisions • Regular Strategic Funding Newsletters
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1.4 Project: Trail Gazers Bid

Project / Activity Report

Activity / Project Title	Trail Gazers Bid Project
Activity / Project Description	'To quantify the return to the local economy for every euro invested in walks and recreational trail infrastructure '
Budget	€2.6 M
Progress to date within quarter* - inclusive of current status	<p>In 2018, Donegal County Councils Research & Policy Unit successfully led an application to the Atlantic Area Programme under objective 4.2 'Enhancing natural and cultural assets to stimulate economic development'.</p> <p>This transnational project is managed by the Research & Policy Unit (Lead Partner), working with 9 different partners located across Ireland, UK, France, Spain and Portugal.</p> <p>The project sets out to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quantify the impact of key strategic investments in walks and recreational trail infrastructure can have on stimulating rural communities, using sensors data, counters, surveys of users, businesses, communities etc.• Develop and trial a range of practical initiatives and interventions such as business to consumer initiatives, digital marketing tools etc to enhance the return.• Work with communities, businesses and other key stakeholders in the area to develop community plans and initiatives around the site.• Develop a range of community trail ambassadors to champion the sites as catalysts for the development of rural economies.• Our site for research purposes is Inch Levels and post project completion it is likely that key learning and methodology can be

applied to other sites in the county and region through an extensive capitalisation programme.

SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS

Website: www.trailgazers.eu

Facebook: www.facebook.com/TrailgazersB

Twitter: twitter.com/hashtag/TrailGazers

Instagram: www.instagram.com/trail.gazers

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/trailgazers>

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- Our last monthly communication and coordination meeting with all transnational partners was held on the 20th May 2022, these meetings are led by Donegal County Council and provide a great opportunity to ensuring that progress in delivering key project outputs remains on track.
- On the 3rd, 4th and 5th May – Trail Gazers hosted our transnational Steering Meeting and Project Monitoring Meetings in La Palma. This was the first in-person meeting in over two years and the first opportunity for many of the partners to meet each other. All partners presented updates on their work packages and set out a plan for the remainder of the project deliverables. One of the many highlights of the three-day meeting was a workshop with Stakeholders and Trail Ambassadors from La Caldera de Taburiente to discuss opportunities in adversity post the Volcanic eruption on the Island last September.
- Ambassador Ildefonso Castro, the Spanish Ambassador was welcomed by the Trail Gazers team on Monday 9th May to their pilot trail at Inch Wildfowl Reserve. Ambassador Castro was visiting the Inishowen peninsula following an invitation from Minister for Agriculture Charlie McConalogue T.D. as part of a programme of events to celebrate EU Day on the 9th May. Donegal County Council's, Mary McBride (Project Manager), Catherine McLaughlin (Planner) and Mary Daly (Communications) for the Trail Gazers Project met with the Ambassador and Minister for Agriculture, Charlie McConalogue T.D. and gave a brief overview of this innovative multi-million euro walking and recreational trails project at eight European locations, where Donegal County Council is the lead partner. The Ambassador heard how two of the partner trails

	<p>are based in Spain, the 'Via Verde del Plazola' in Navarra, Spain and 'La Caldera de Taburiente' on the Canary Island of La Palma. The Trail Gazers team were joined by Chief Executive of Donegal County Council, John McLaughlin and Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Jack Murray who formally welcomed Ambassador Castro to the county.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informational Signage for key sites around Inch Levels currently in the find design and development stage. • Our next Community Trail Ambassador Event was held on Saturday 21st May – A Spin and Chat as part of National Bike Week. Everyone enjoyed a leisurely cycle and then over a packed lunch were given an overview in relation to Trail Gazers and the amazing health benefits associated with getting out in mother nature in Donegal. • Our next Steering Meeting and Project Monitoring Meeting will be held in Merthyr in Wales on the 21st and 22nd June. •
Project Targets for the next quarterly* reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous uploading of information on project results to the Atlantic Area Website. • CTAP event for July and September. • Preparations for Merthyr visit on 21st and 22nd June. • Draft final report for the project has now commenced and will be worked on over the next number of weeks.
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1.5 Diaspora Unit

Project / Activity Report

Title	Donegal Diaspora Unit
Countywide	<p>The Economic Development Division has recently taken on responsibility for the Donegal Diaspora project. The following initiatives are currently being delivered:</p> <p>Donegal Connect 2022 Preparations for Donegal Connect 2022 are continuing, the procurement process for the Connect Carnival at Swan Park has been completed with Inishowen Carnival Group having been appointed to operate the Connect</p>

	<p>Carnival on the 24th September 2022. The programme of events is currently being worked on and added to, more information can be found at www.donegal.ie/en/donegal-connect</p> <p>Donegal Diaspora Website A forward planning exercise on the use of the Diaspora website and the Diaspora social media channels is currently taking place and further updates will follow.</p> <p>Donegal County Council welcomes Billy Higgins On Tuesday 3rd May An Cathaoirleach Cllr. Jack Murray welcomed friend of the County Billy Higgins to County House, Lifford. Further detail of the visit and presentation can be found HERE.</p> <p>Donegal Diaspora Network Development Network development is an important and strategic ongoing activity being carried out as part of the Donegal Diaspora project with new links recently established with Network Irlande in France and the planned redevelopment of the Donegal Connections e-zine.</p> <p>Tip O’Neill Irish Diaspora Awards 2022 The Tip O’Neill Irish Diaspora Awards 2022 will take place on the 23rd September in the Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Bunrana. The Tip O’Neill committee will meet for the first time in 2022 on the 7th June.</p>
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2. Division: Local Enterprise Office

Project / Activity Report

Activity / Project Title	The Local Enterprise Office (LEO)
Role and Remit	<p>The Local Enterprise Offices is positioned nationally as the “<i>First Stop Shop</i>” for anyone seeking information and support on starting or growing a business in Ireland. The Local Enterprise Office Donegal provides advice, information and support to those starting up or growing their business in Donegal. Grant is potentially available for businesses that meet the eligibility criteria.</p> <p>Further information available here - localenterprise.ie/donegal</p> <p>Contact number: 074-9160735</p>

Outline of Work	<p>General Overview – Highlights:</p> <p><u>Summary of May Outputs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grant Aid –<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Value of total Grant Aid Approvals YTD is €337k.○ Grant Aid Evac meeting took place on the 31st March, Seven projects where approved grant aid to a value of €173k.○ Next evac meeting will take place on 31st May.• Trading Online Vouchers – 35 attended information session in April & May• Mentoring YTD – 66 Participants• Training 662 Attendees YTD.• Student Enterprise Programme – Donegal LEO student came 3rd in the National Final.• Signature Seafood Dish event hosted in Killybegs in collaboration with ATU, Tourism section & The Food Coast initiative. <p><u>Upcoming Activities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Start Your Own Business Programme – starts on 7th June – evening course – online. Book here• Trading Online Information Session – 8th June - Book here• Business Information Session & Grant Aid workshop –Next one is 24th June at 10am – online. Information & Booking here
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Enterprise Awards – 2nd June – Secora Consulting, Stranorlar representing Donegal LEO. <p><u>Donegal Stories:</u> Website highlighting the businesses of Donegal that have been supported by the LEO. https://donegalstories.ie/</p>
Contact Person	Grace Korbel, Business Advisor Local Enterprise Office 074 9160735 grace.korbel@leo.donegalcoco.ie

3. Division: IS Services

Project / Activity Report

Activity / Project Title	NBP – National Broadband Plan
Activity / Project Description	<p>The NBP was signed by Government in November 2019 and will deliver High Speed Broadband to all rural Premises as defined in the Amber areas of the National Broadband Plan Map. The NBP will invest €135m in fibre infrastructure in County Donegal over the 7 years of the rollout and will connect 32,130 premises.</p> <p>National Broadband Ireland (NBI) is the consortium which will deliver the network and the NBP contract is managed by the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment.</p> <p>Liaison with NBI is through the Broadband Officer in Donegal County Council and the Department of Rural and Community Development.</p> <p>Early implementation of the NBP in 2020 saw the rollout of Community Broadband Connection Points (BCP's). These centres will act as locations where High Speed Broadband is available in a local community setting or strategic site until the NBP Fibre is implemented.</p>

Progress to date within the last month-inclusive of current status	Glenties MD: Application for S254 poles imminent for Cresslough Deployment Area. Network build ongoing on smaller islands. Services available within weeks.
Contact Person	Daragh McDonough – Broadband Officer dmcdonough@donegalcoco.ie 074 9172450

4. Division: Emergency Services: Fire Service

Activity	Number of: (April)*	Total for year
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	94	291
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	113	324
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	5	20
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	4	35
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	16	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from Applicant / Agent:	43	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	11	39
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	1	1
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	0	0
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	7	11
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	7	31

Fire Safety Complaints received:	0	4
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	0	4
During Performance Inspections carried out:	0	0
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	57***	57

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

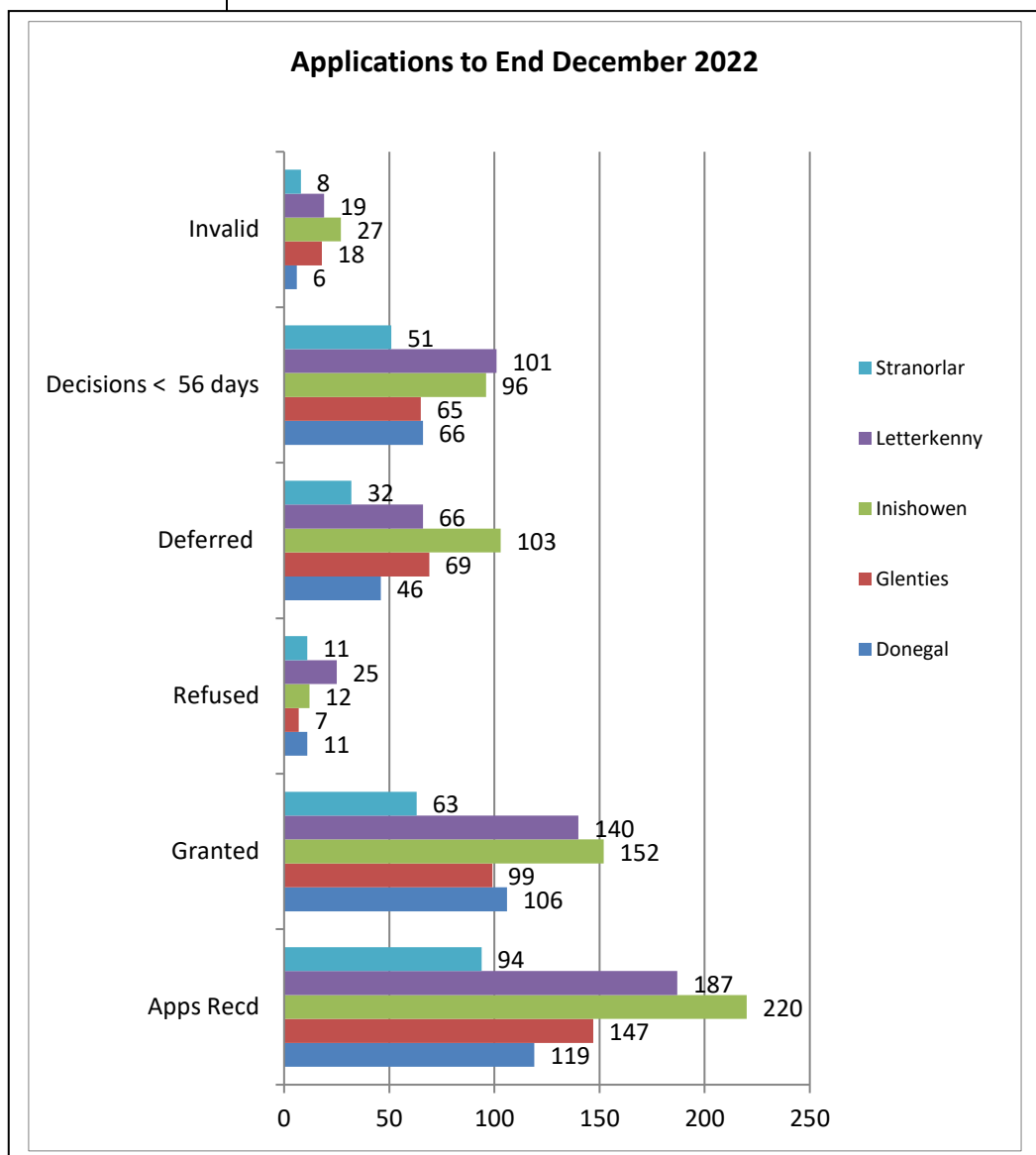
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Primary School Programme

As part of its community fire safety programme Donegal Fire Service delivers the Primary Schools Programme (PSP) each year to 3rd year classes in the County's primary schools. The programme is currently been delivered via zoom and to date 57 schools have accepted the invitation to participate.

Glenties MD Meeting
14th June 2022

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3	Notes & Monthly Schedule	<p>Please note pre planning clinics during the Covid-19 restrictions are on a telephone call only basis between 09.00am and 12.30pm on the dates outlined below.</p> <p><u>Planning Clinics Q2 2022:</u> 15th June 2022 29th June 2022 13th July 2022 27th July 2022</p> <p>Please see website for further dates. http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/planningclinics/</p>								
4	Regeneration Report	See Appendix A								
5	Central Planning Unit									
	(1) <i>Letterkenny Plan and Local Transport Plan</i>	At the Plenary Council meeting of 30 th May, 2022 the text of a revised Draft Plan and Local Transport Plan incorporating amendments agreed by resolution of the Members at the 6 th April, 2022 Plenary Council meeting was agreed. The next step in the process will be to formally commence the associated environmental procedures. It is now anticipated that the Draft Plan will be published in September, 2022.								
	(2) <i>County Development Plan 2018-2024 (As Varied)</i>	<u>Wind Energy Policy and Proposed Variation</u> The public consultation on the Proposed Variation commenced on 29 th April and ran until Friday 3 rd June, 2022. Statutory public notices were published and social media and local media were used to publicise the process. A full programme of public consultation events around the County was also undertaken during May. A Chief Executive's Report on submissions received during the public consultation process will be considered at the July, 2022 Plenary Council meeting.								
	(3) <i>Four-Year Review/County Development Plan 2024-2030</i>	<u>Four Year Review</u> The public consultation period for the pre-draft stage commenced on 8 th April and ran until Friday 3 rd June, inclusive. A dedicated website portal has been created and may be accessed at https://donegaldevplan.ie/ . A full programme of public consultation events around the County was also undertaken during May.								



		The next Plenary Workshop on the project has been scheduled for: 8th JUNE, 2022.
6	Building Control & Taking in Charge	No Report
7	Further Information <i>Click on web links to access information.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly List of applications and decisions: http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weeklyplanninglists/ • Planning service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service): planning@donegalcoco.ie • Planning Webpage: www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/ • Planning Application Online Query – planning reference number required: www.donegalcdb.ie/eplan/internetenquiry/rpt_querybysurforrecloc.asp • File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and when requesting planning searches: www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/fileretrieval/File%20Retrieval.pdf

Appendix A



**Comhairle Contae
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Regeneration & Development Team
Community Development & Planning Services

June (2022) Municipal District Meetings Report to Elected Members

1.0 RURAL REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (RRDF)

1.1 EXISTING APPROVED CATEGORY 1 RRDF PROJECTS (2019)

1.1.1 Killybegs 2040 – A Town Centre Regeneration Project Value: €4.84m

This project proceeded to tender in February 2022 for the Island House and public realm works contract eTenders (RFT 208003) and closed on 1st April 2022. The tender assessment and evaluation has been completed and a tender report has been submitted to the DRCD for Decision Gate 3 Approval to appoint the preferred tenderer and proceed to site.

Arrangements will then be made to update Members at a workshop and to hold a public information event in June and in advance of the contractor proceeding to site. The Regeneration & Development Team will be in contact separately to make appropriate arrangements in this regard once approval to proceed has been confirmed by the DRCD.

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

Aranmore Island:

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

Burtonport Harbour

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

1.2 EXISTING APPROVED CATEGORY 2 RRDF PROJECTS (2020)

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

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

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

Members will be provided with a detailed progress update at workshop in June. The Regeneration & Development will make separate arrangements for same in due course.

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

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

Update: A Part 8 planning scheme for this project was published on Tuesday 1st February 2022 and a Chief Executives Report on the proposed development was brought before the Elected Members at a Plenary Meeting of the Council on Wednesday 6th April, 2022 and it was decided to proceed with the development as proposed.

The Regeneration and Development Team subsequently completed the submission of a Category 1 capital funding application to the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund for the capital delivery of this project by the 12noon deadline on Friday 29th April, 2022. The submitted project has a total project value of €7,949,868 and is now under assessment.

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

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

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

Value: €9,756,969.

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

1.3.2. Burtonport (Harbour to Island) Regeneration
Value: €2.3m

Due diligence has been completed on this project and the formal Funding Agreement received and confirmed. This project is at an advanced stage of readiness given that consultancy services were previously procured using Councils own resources. On 20th April, 2022 a Project Brief and Procurement Strategy were submitted to the DRCD for Decision Gate 2 Approval to recommence consultancy services to complete detailed design and proceed to tender stage in advance of construction. Approval to proceed was subsequently received on 3rd May 2022 and arrangements are now being made to recommence the services of MH Associates to complete the detailed design phase and subsequently progress to tender stage.

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

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

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

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

Due diligence has been completed on this project and a formal letter of Offer together with an associated Funding Agreement was received on 10th May 2022. The Funding Agreement was subsequently accepted and formally returned to the Department on 30th May 2022. The project will now progress to procurement of the required consultancy services before commencement of the planning and statutory consents stages of this project enabled by the funding award.

On Monday 23rd May 2022 a hugely successful public consultation & information event was held in the Inishowen Gateway Hotel on the Repowering Buncrana Project as a part of a wider joint consultation event including Development and Local Area Plan processes and the presentation of Draft Plans on the proposed new Leisure Centre for Buncrana.

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

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

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

As described at Point 1.2.2. above the Ramelton Re-Imagined regeneration project, with a value of €7,949,868 was submitted under this call and is now under assessment.

1.6 REGENERATION STRATEGIES & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT WORK

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

1.6.1 Ramelton Action Plan

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

The Plan can be viewed at the following link:

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

1.6.2 Killybegs Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan

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

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

Community Development Section and the Regeneration and Development Team.

1.6.3 Ballybofey-Stranorlar Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan

The Ballybofey-Stranorlar Regeneration Strategy was endorsed by the Committee of BASICC, as project partners, on 7th February 2022 and subsequently endorsed by the Stranorlar-Lifford MD on 25th May 2022. The Strategy was launched 27th May 2022 by means of press release and is currently being circulated across Donegal County Council Directorates and to key stakeholders. The Strategy is available at [Donegal County Council \(donegalcoco.ie\)](https://donegalcoco.ie)

1.6.4 Ballyshannon Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan

The Ballyshannon Town Centre Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan was formally published, launched and circulated to Members on the 20th April 2022. The Strategy & Action Plan, and associated Town Centre Masterplan, is available to view/download online at www.donegalcoco.ie and at Council offices. It will also be circulated across Donegal County Council Directorates and to key stakeholders. The Strategy was commissioned and funded by Donegal County Council and its delivery was led by GM Design Associates with the support and input of the Council's Regeneration and Development Team.

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

The Draft an Clochán Liath (Dungloe) Town Centre Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan was made available for public consultation from Tuesday 5th April until Tuesday 3rd May 2022. A drop-in public consultation event also took place on Thursday 14th April from 2.00pm to 7.00pm at the Shopping Arcade, Main Street, Dungloe. Submissions and subsequently all information and feedback received during the public consultation period will now be collated, analysed and integrated into the final Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan.

It is anticipated that a short report on the submissions will be brought to workshop with the Members of the Glenties MD prior to the end of June 2022, to seek Members endorsement of the final Strategy & Action Plan. Thereafter, arrangements will be made for the formal launch of the an Clochán Liath (Dungloe) Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan. The Regeneration Team will make the necessary arrangements for the workshop directly at a Municipal District level.

1.6.6 Rathmullan RRDF Project Development work

Work to prepare the Draft Design & Design Report for this project completed in May 2022. A presentation on the Draft Design Report for this project was

made to the Elected Members at a workshop on 2nd June 2022 in advance of an informal public consultation event which took place later that same day from 3pm to 8pm in the St. Vincent de Paul Centre, Rathmullan. Public Consultation on the draft designs is open from 2nd June until 16th June 2022, and thereafter any submissions received will be considered in the further development of the project towards publication of a statutory planning scheme.

The draft designs may be viewed at:

www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/regenerationprojects/

2.0 URBAN REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (URDF)

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

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

Specifically this new investment will help to advance five projects to varying stages of as follows:

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

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

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

consideration and approval. The Preliminary Business Case remains under consideration by DHLGH.

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

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

Sub-project	Immediate next steps
A: The Cathedral Quarter-Making a Creative District	See breakdown for each of the 3 elements
Creative Hub and Urban Parkland	<p>Development of site-specific design concept via LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy commission- Design concept forms part of the third and final public engagement on the LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy which opened on 20th May 2022 and closes on 6th June 2022.</p> <p>Design concept will in due course inform design process to prepare Part 8 or application to ABP as appropriate via procurement of architect led design and supervision team following pre-tender and tender approval by DHLGH.</p> <p>Engagement has been undertaken with Failte Irelands 'Tourism Office Network Team' and Letterkenny Chamber of Commerce in relation to the tourist office element of this project.</p> <p>Design concept is also informing acquisition processes. Early landowner consultation RE acquisition pathways has commenced.</p>
Market Square	<p>Architectural competition complete and winning design determined.</p> <p>In-house architectural and planning resources are currently being applied to prepare a Part 8 proposed development inclusive of detailed survey, engagement with businesses/occupiers at Market Square, preparation of drawings. This also involves EIA screening, AA screening, Road Safety Audit and exploration of issues arising as a result of identification of the site on the Sites and Monuments Register.</p> <p>Stage 1 Road Safety Audit has been carried out and submitted by the consultants for review and consideration by the team</p> <p>Consultancy services have been engaged for high level QS cost estimates.</p> <p>Significant consultation with Market Square users undertaken and with Letterkenny Chamber of Commerce.</p>

Sub-project	Immediate next steps
	<p>Further MD workshop in relation to Part 8 design is scheduled for 2nd June 2022. Subject to the MD workshop, publication of proposed part 8 is scheduled for mid-July 2022 for a period of 4 weeks statutory consultation. Thereafter a Chief Executives Report will be prepared in relation to any submissions received and is expected to be submitted to the September plenary Council meeting for consideration.</p> <p>NOTE: This results in procurement of architect led design and supervision team for detailed design stage onwards rather than designs services for planning consent onwards</p>
Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme	<p>Part 8 already secured is to be reviewed using in-house resources. Consideration of design elements/ accessibility together with relevant adaptations to be progressed using in-house resources.</p> <p>Expected to be packaged with 'Creative Hub and Urban Parkland' as regards Architect-led design and supervision team following receipt of pre-tender approval by DHLGH.</p>
B: Strategic acquisition in Lower Main Street	<p>Development of site-specific design concepts via LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy commission-Design concepts form part of the third and final public engagement on the LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy which opened on 20th May 2022 and closes on 6th June 2022.</p> <p>Early landowner consultation RE acquisition pathways has commenced.</p>
C: Revival at the Courthouse	<p>Draft terms of reference are currently being prepared for consultancy services to undertake a 'Product Identification/Visitor Experience Plan' to define the nature of proposed tourist attraction. Terms of Reference are being informed by ongoing consultation with Failte Ireland inclusive of 'Attractions Team' and 'Tourism Office Network' team. Target is to complete procurement process in readiness for appointment of successful consultant following DHLGH approval of Preliminary Business Case, Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy and consequently pre-tender approval.</p> <p>This exercise includes consideration of concept options and identification of the preferred story to be told, analysis of potential markets, competitor analysis, best practice examples, preliminary pricing, preliminary revenue projections, operational model (public or private).</p> <p>Interim use of the building is being explored via Economic Development Unit including a planned update to Letterkenny-Milford MD workshop on 2nd June 2022.</p>
Sub-Project D: Enabling a Regional Transport Hub	<p>LK 2040 Draft Masterplan published for consultation in November/ December 2021 identified 4 preferred areas.</p> <p>Following a workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD on 14th February 2022, the Pearse Road area is identified as the focus area for the further consideration via a site-specific design concept prepared as part of the LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy commission. Design concept has now been developed and presented to Members at MD workshop on 19th April 2022. Design concept now forms part of the third and final public engagement on the LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy which opened on 20th May 2022 and closes on 6th June 2022.</p> <p>Design concept will inform acquisition processes. Engagement with landowners in the area of the preferred location is currently being instigated.</p>

Sub-project	Immediate next steps
	Positive engagement with Bus Eireann at meeting on 31 st March 2022 with commitment for further engagement and communication. Further follow up communication to Bus Eireann issued on 20 th May 2022 to share the emerging design concept launched for public consultation and to seek further engagement.
Sub- project E: LK Green Connect	<p>LK 2040 Draft Masterplan published for consultation identifies LK Green Connect concept.</p> <p>Design concept in respect of the project forms part of the third and final public engagement on the LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy which opened on 20th May 2022 and closes on 6th June 2022.</p> <p>Part 8 proposed development targeted for the second half of 2022, subject to resources to progress the next phase of the project as far as Pearse Road to shovel ready status.</p> <p>Part 8 proposed development targeted for second half of 2022 in respect of the 'Cultural Corridor' section of LK Green Connect and Pasparakis Friel Architects have been appointed in this regard to provide Part 8 drawings. Regeneration and development team managing and leading all other elements of the Part 8 process including AA and EIA screening. Timeline for this Part 8 is currently being confirmed with the appointed architect however is anticipated for publication early Q4 2022.</p> <p>Engagement with landowners identified as appropriate following Part 8 wherein greater certainty on need will be clarified.</p>

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

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

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

Members of Letterkenny-Milford MD considered a presentation on 'Design Concepts for Key Regeneration Sites' at a workshop on 19th April 2022 and endorsed the project to progress to the third and final public engagement. As a result, public engagement opened on 20th May 2022 to 6th June 2022 and included a public drop-in event on Tuesday 31st May 2022 in Dillons Hotel. Consultation material can be viewed at the project website www.letterkenny2040.ie including an interactive map, series of downloadable booklets and online survey.

Following public engagement, feedback will be collated and integrated into the final 'Design Concepts for Key Regeneration Sites' (Work Area 2) and the Masterplan (Work Area 1) will be updated accordingly. In parallel, the consultancy team continue to bring together Design Guidelines (Work Area 3) and a Public Spaces and Linkages Action Plan (Work Area 4).

In addition, the testing phase in relation to Work Area 5, to create a Letterkenny 2040 brand is complete and received strong endorsement from all participants. The consultancy team thereafter prepared Brand Guidelines which have been reviewed and finalized and Brand Assets have also been developed. Consideration of options for implementation of the brand beyond the current commission are being explored.

Initial planning in relation to a launch event has commenced and this event is anticipated to be scheduled during September 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 4th November 2021. It was subsequently submitted to An Bord Pleanála for confirmation on 8th November 2021. The period for the making of objections to the CPO expired on 20th December 2021 and a single objection was received by An Bord Pleanála to this CPO. The next step is the fixing of date for oral hearing by An Bord Pleanála.

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

Alongside the Part 8 proposed development, discussions are ongoing internally in relation to options for the business model as regards the residential component of the Concept Masterplan relating to the remainder of the strategic site (Phase 2). Further updates will be brought to the Letterkenny-Milford MD in this regard as this work develops.

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

Following completion of Detailed Design of the URDF approved public realm using in-house architectural resources and the update to Members at the MD workshop on 2nd November 2021, a procurement process was opened to appoint a Construction Contractor to deliver the project on site. As a result, ACS Civils LTD have been appointed and will mobilise on site on the week beginning 6th June 2022 with a build period in the region of 6 months. The development will deliver high quality walking, cycling and public realm infrastructure in the town centre. It forms the 1st phase of the wider planned

network known as ‘LK Green Connect’ that will ultimately connect across a series of town centre destinations.

2.3 Other

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

**Regeneration & Development Team
June 2022.**



ENVIRONMENT MD REPORT – JUNE '22

WASTE AND LITTER MANAGEMENT

<p>Activity / Project Title</p>	<p>FREE Compost Giveaway Events as part of National Food Waste Recycling Week</p>
<p>Project Description /Activity</p>	<div data-bbox="586 690 1218 1165" data-label="Image"> <p>The image shows three individuals standing on a wooden deck next to a grey truck. On the left, a man in a yellow high-visibility jacket stands next to a large white bag of compost. In the center, a woman in an orange high-visibility jacket holds a small brown compost bin. On the right, another man in a yellow high-visibility jacket stands next to another large white bag of compost. The bags have text on them, including 'THIS COMPOST IS MADE FROM RECYCLED FOOD AND GARDEN WASTE' and 'VEGGIE MIX'. The truck behind them has a blue tarp on its side.</p> </div> <p>National Food Waste Recycling Week which runs from the 30th May until the 6th June 2022 is a new national campaign from MyWaste.ie to encourage people to recycle their food waste. As part of this week Donegal County Council in partnership with Bryson Recycling and Envirogrind Ltd. have arranged Free Compost Giveaway Events across the Council’s 6 Recycling Centres.</p> <p>Envirogrind Ltd., located in Donegal make compost from a variety of sources, including from food and garden waste collected from households. This is a perfect example of the Circular Economy at work.</p> <p>In Donegal, waste collectors have been busy over the past number of years offering food waste bins to householders. Any leftover food waste including meat & bones, cooked & uncooked food can be placed into a food waste bin for collection by your waste collector, always remember to remove any packaging.</p>



Compost Giveaway Events:

Tuesday 31st May 10am – 12pm Letterkenny Recycling Centre
2pm – 4pm Dungloe Recycling Centre

Wednesday 1st June 10am – 12pm Carndonagh Recycling Centre
2pm – 4pm Milford Recycling Centre

Thursday 2nd June 10.30am – 12.30pm Laghey Recycling Centre
2pm – 4pm Stranorlar Recycling Centre

Householders are asked to bring their own way of collecting the loose compost either using bags or containers, compost will be available while stocks last. Staff will be on site to assist and give advice on food waste recycling and a limited number of Food Waste Recycling Starter Packs will be available to householders. Starter packs include a Food Waste caddy, a roll of compostable liners and information on what food waste can be recycled.

To find out more information on food waste management and to have all your waste related questions visit www.mywaste.ie

For more information on Donegal's Recycling Centres visit www.donegalcoco.ie or www.brysonrecycling.org

For more information about preventing food waste visit www.stopfoodwaste.ie

For more information on composting and anaerobic digestion visit www.cre.ie

For more information on food waste recycling: [FAQs](#) | [Recycling and Waste FAQs](#) | [MyWaste Ireland My Waste](#)

[A Summary Guide To The Food Waste Regulation - mywaste My Waste](#)

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Activity / Project Title

Half Price Bulky Goods Events

Project Description /Activity

Donegal County Council is delighted to announce that in association with Bryson Recycling there will be a Half Price Bulky Goods Two Week Promotion at the Council's Recycling Centres on the following dates:

- **7th June – 18th June @ Letterkenny / Laghey/ Dungloe Recycling Centres**
- **20th June – 2nd July @ Carndonagh / Milford / Stranorlar Recycling Centres**

Bulky Goods such as mattresses, sofas, three piece suites, carpets etc. will be all half price during this period.



The Council reminds the public that;

- Card Payments are now available at all the Recycling centres
- Peak times are between 11am and 2pm, and to expect queues
- We ask that people bring assistance with them to unload bulky items
- The campaign will run **only during centre opening times** for the 2 week period.

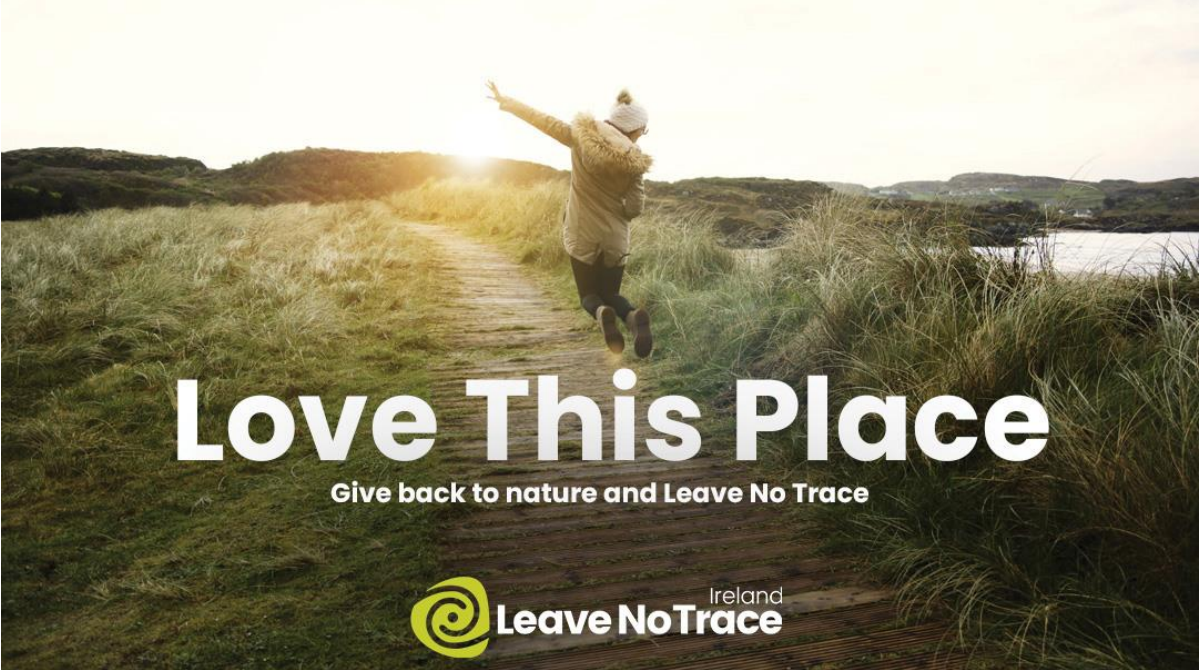

Further details on the event can be found on Donegal County Council’s social media platforms and on www.donegalcoco.ie. This initiative is funded by the Government of Ireland through the Anti-Dumping Initiative 2022.

This campaign is being advertised through local press, radio and the Councils social media platforms.


Contact Person

Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer
sbogan@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	WEEE Collection Day Opportunities
<p>Project Description /Activity</p>	<div data-bbox="415 216 1411 871" data-label="Image"> <p>The average home has 193 electrical appliances and 110 batteries*</p> </div> <p>WEEE Ireland have indicated that they may have a number of WEEE collection days in Donegal in the Autumn period. If local communities wished to have a collection day in their area there are a few things to consider;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full collection days need to collect 10 tonnes of WEEE, • Areas with large electrical retailers will not be selected, • Areas with a Recycling Centre in the locality will not be selected, • WEEE Wagon ½ day events may be an option collecting smaller volumes, • Options can be considered for interested communities. <p>Communities wishing to be considered for WEEE collection days should get in touch with Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer sbogan@donegalcoco.ie to discuss options.</p>
<p>Contact Person</p>	<p>Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer sbogan@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity / Project Title	<p style="text-align: center;">Leave No Trace Love this Place Summer Campaign</p>
Project Description /Activity	 <p style="text-align: center;">Love This Place Give back to nature and Leave No Trace</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>Donegal County Council is a supporting partner of this national campaign and will be promoting the campaign throughout the summer months across the Council's social media pages.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer sbogan@donegalcoco.ie</p>

COASTAL MANAGEMENT

Activity / Project Title	Blue Flag Success
Project Description/ Activity	<p>An Taisce announced that 12 beaches and 2 marinas in the county received the international awards to recognise their excellent bathing water quality and also Donegal County Councils efforts to promote sound environmental management of beaches and marinas in the county.</p> <p>Beaches in Donegal which received Blue Flags are Bundoran, Rossnowlagh, Murvagh, Fintra, Portnoo/Narin, Carrickfinn, Killahoey, Marblehill, Downings, Portsalon, Culdaff, Stroove, in addition to marinas at Greencastle and Rathmullan.</p> <p>In addition beaches at Dooley, Magheroarty, Drumatinney and Ballyheirnan have all also received the Green Coast awards in 2022.</p>  <p>Bathing water monitoring commenced on Wednesday 1st June and will continue at all of these beaches until the end of the bathing season in mid September. Test results will be displayed on notice boards at the beach and on www.beaches.ie.</p>
Contact Person	David Friel 087 7801596

Activity / Project Title	Water Safety – Summer Programme
Project Description/ Activity	The Water Safety summer programme has now been formalised with events scheduled across the county. We are particularly pleased with the inclusion of Arranmore, Tory and Gola Islands this season. More details can be obtained by contacting the organisers at each event where swimming and water safety is taught.

SUMMER PROGRAM 2022

<u>DATE</u>	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>ORGANISER</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>	<u>Phone</u>
27th -2nd July	Bun an Inver	Josephine	Conor Mc Crossan	<u>087 7040282</u>
	Pier	086 3613293	Ava Murphy	<u>087 7054964</u>
		josienic@gmail.com	Ailbhe Mc Crossan	<u>087 3539878</u>
		-	Siun Brennan	<u>087 3883478</u>
		-	Niamh Mc Crossan	<u>087 9930316</u>
4th - 9th JULY	CREEVY	Caroline Hederman	Ann Mc Laughlin	086 4002692
	pier	087 6484907	Caroline Hederman	087 6484907
		chederman@gmail.com	Aiden Mc Guinness	086 1941188
-	-	-	Caitlin Gilligan	<u>7922065800</u>
4th - 9th July	Malin Head	Evelyne O' Doherty	Conor Mc Crossan	087 7040282
	pier		Ailbhe Mc Crossan	087 3539878
		evelynodoherty@hotmail.com	Niall Mc Crossan	087 1154909
4th - 9th JULY	Arranmore	Sally Brady	Dearbhla Mc Dermott	087 7778585
	pier	074 9520024		
		sallybrady@gmail.com		
18th - 23rd July	BUNDORAN	Danielle Carty	Aiden Mc Guinness	086 4002692
	pool	086 3883065	Carline Hederman	086 1941188
		bundoranwatersafety@gmail.com	Caitlin Gilligan	7922065800
11th - 16th July	GREENCASTLE	Joanne Tweedie	Conor Mc Crossan	087 7040282
	Grainne Kelly	jo.tweedie1979@gmail.com	Niall Mc Crossan	087 1154909
	Denise Grant	mgs.water.safety@gmail.com	Ailbhe Mc Crossan	087 3539878
-	-	-		
18TH - 23rd JULY	RATHMULLEN	Kate Bond	Ann Mc Laughlin	086 4002692
	pier	083 8300989	Aine Brennan	087 3820355
		katiesueirl@gmail.com	Ava Murphy	087 7054964
11th - 16th July	The Rosses	Eleanor Laffan	Ann Mc Laughlin	086 4002692
	Carrickfinn	083 8000239	Oisin Randles	085 2507139
		eleanorlaffan@gmail.com	Caitlin Gilligan	7922065800
-	-	-	-	-
18th - 23rd July	PORTNABLAGH	Fiona Duggan	Oisin Randles	<u>085 2507139</u>

-	pier	087 6529253	Ailbhe Mc Crossan	087 3539878
-	-	watersafetyweek@gmail.com	Niall Mc Crossan	087 1154909
-	-	-	-	-
25th - 30th JULY	KILCAR	Deirdre Kennedy	Ann Mc Laughlin	086 4002692
	pier	087 4163618	Caitlin Gilligan	7922065800
		deemariekennedy@gmail.com	Aiden Mc Guinness	086 1941188
		-	Ava Murphy	087 7054964
25th - 30th JULY	NAIRN/PORTNOO	BRONAGH HEVERIN	Conor Mc Crossan	087 7040282
	pier	086 1928107	Ailbhe Mc Crossan	087 3539878
	beach	bronaghheverin@gmail.com	Niall Mc Crossan	871154909
		-	Aine Brennan	087 3820355
1st - 6th AUGUST	NAIRN/PORTNOO	BRONAGH HEVERIN	Conor Mc Crossan	087 7040282
	pier	086 1928107	Ailbhe Mc Crossan	087 3539878
	beach	bronaghheverin@gmail.com	Niall Mc Crossan	087 1154909
			Aine Brennan	087 3820355
			Niamh Mc Crossan	879930316
1st - 6th AUGUST	PORTSALON	Tracey Mc Bride	Ann Mc Laughlin	086 4002692
	pier	085 1528670	Ava Murphy	087 7054964
	beach	casheljessica@yahoo.co.uk	Caitlin Gilligan	7922065800
		-	Caroline Hederman	087 6484907
1st - 6th August	Falcarragh	-	Oisin Randles	085 2507139
		-		
		-		
8th - 13th AUGUST	MOUNTCHARLES	Mary Mc Guckin	Ann Mc Laughlin	086 4002692
	pier	087 2344210	Aiden Mc Guinness	086 1941188
		mcguickin.mary@gmail.com	Caroline Hederman	087 6484907
			Ava Murphy	087 7054964
8th -13th August	The Rosses	Eleanor Laffan	Oisin Randles	087 7778585
	Cruit Bridge	083 8000239	Caitlin Gilligan	7922065800
		eleanorlaffan@gmail.com	Siun Brennan	087 3883478
		-	Aine Brennan	087 3820355
25th - 30th July	Tory Island	Seanan Mac Aoidh	Oisin Randles	087 7778585
		086 0858245		
		optthorai@gmail.com		
	Gola Island	Shiela Gallagher		
		086 7979336		
		sileuighallchoir@eircom.net		
8th - 13th August	Fintra	Tara Rawdon	Niall Mc Crossan	087 1154909
		086 1506055	Niamh Mc Crossan	087 9930316
		tararawdon@hotmail.com		
Contact Person	David Friel 087 7801596			


Activity / Project Title	Beach Lifeguard Service
Project Description/ Activity	<p>Beach Lifeguards will be in place earlier this year than ever before as we look forward to enjoying our world class beaches this summer.</p> <p>Lifeguards will be in place all summer from 1st June on Bundoran and Rosstown beaches.</p> <p>Lifeguards will also be in place at weekends in June and for all of July and August on beaches at Murvagh, Fintra, Portnoo/Narin, Carrickfinn, Killahoey, Marblehill, Downings, Portsalon, Rathmullan, Culdaff and Stroove.</p> <p>Lifeguards are on duty from 12pm to 6:30pm during these days.</p>
Contact Person	David Friel 087 7801596

Activity / Project Title	Narin Changing Place
Project Description/ Activity	<p>An official opening of the redeveloped Narin Public Convenience and Changing Place, was scheduled for Thursday 16th May, 2022. This is the first such Step-Down facility in the County. The facility has all the features of a Changing Places such as a hoist, privacy screen and changing bench.</p> <p>A beach wheelchair is available and can be used safely with the hoist system. This facility is fully equipped with Braille Identification signage, Defibrillator and contact information in emergencies.</p> <p>The facility is open all year round, Monday – Sunday, including bank holidays, 9.00am – 9.00pm</p>
Contact Person	David Friel 087 7801596


Activity / Project Title	Dog restrictions on certain beaches
Project Description/ Activity	<p>New measures are being rolled out on a number of Donegal beaches limiting where/when dogs may be brought on to the beaches affected. Site specific signage and maps have been erected at the affected beaches to identify the conditions under which dogs may or may not be brought on to the beaches, mainly at Blue Flag beach locations.</p> <p>DCC is advancing an amendment to the existing REGULATION AND CONTROL OF CERTAIN BEACHES BYE-LAWS 2009 to allow the enforcement of these controls in 2023 whereby;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At Shrove and Bundoran beaches no dogs will be allowed during Lifeguard operational hours from June 1st to September 15th. • On all other relevant Beaches, dogs are not permitted in the Blue Flag Areas during Lifeguard operational hours from June 1st to September 15th. • Dogs are allowed on all Blue Flag beaches, except Shrove and Bundoran, in the areas indicated only, and must be on a leash of fixed length of less than 2 metres (as per existing 2009 Bye Laws). • Similar restrictions apply to Rathmullan and Lisfannan as proposed candidate Blue Flag beaches. <p>Dog foul bags are available free of charge at all the Public Services Centres and Lifeguard stations at the relevant beaches.</p>
Contact Person	David Friel 087 7801596

CENTRAL LABORATORY

Activity / Project Title	Public Service Announcements (PSA's) – June
Description /Activity	<p>Running on local radio stations in June</p> <p>Reminder to farmers, as the silage making season gets underway, to check for and repair any cracks in floors & joints of silage pits and to ensure that collection channels & drains are clear to direct all effluent into underground storage tanks.</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;">  <div> <p>Silage effluent is the most potent source of pollution on the farm and can lead to fish kills in rivers & streams. It is also important to keep a close check on the weather forecast when spreading slurry on silage ground to avoid run-off to water-courses after heavy rain.</p> </div> </div>
Contact Person	<p>Joe Ferry joe.ferry@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity / Project Title	Caravan Parks
Description /Activity	<p>As the number of visitors to the county begins to ramp up, the owners of caravan or camping parks are reminded to ensure that adequate sewage treatment facilities are provided and maintained at their sites, in order to protect human health and the environment, particularly adjacent bathing waters.</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;">  <div> <p>Operators are required to apply to the Council for and obtain a licence to discharge trade effluent to ground under Section 4 of the Water Pollution Act, if they don't hold one already.</p> <p>If any company discharges a trade effluent, they are legally obliged to hold a licence.</p> <p>Further information and application forms are available on the Council website at:</p> <p>https://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/environment/pollutioncontrol/water%20pollution/#EffluentDischargeLicences</p> </div> </div>
Contact Person	<p>Joe Ferry joe.ferry@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity / Project Title	Septic tanks - National Inspection Plan																
Description/ Activity	<p>The septic tank inspection programme for 2022 has been underway since February and of the 94 inspections planned, 59 have been completed with a failure rate of 42%.</p> <p>The failures arise across a range of issues and combination of issues identified during inspection as outlined below.</p> <div data-bbox="380 369 1446 1188" style="text-align: center;"> <table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <caption>Reasons for Failure</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Reason</th> <th>Percentage</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Risk to human health or environment</td> <td>22%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Leakage</td> <td>13%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Unlicensed discharge</td> <td>22%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Surface Ponding</td> <td>9%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Roof or surface water entering system</td> <td>11%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Operation & maintenance issues</td> <td>18%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Desludging</td> <td>5%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </div> <p>Septic tanks registered prior to the date as set down in the regulations, (1st February 2013) are eligible for the grant funding to repair systems.</p> <p>The next round of inspections will be carried out in September in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letterkenny MD – Cranford & Woodlands areas • Inishowen MD – Roosky catchment • Stranorlar MD – Deelee catchment around Ballindrait • Glenties MD – Gweebarra catchment - Doochary area 	Reason	Percentage	Risk to human health or environment	22%	Leakage	13%	Unlicensed discharge	22%	Surface Ponding	9%	Roof or surface water entering system	11%	Operation & maintenance issues	18%	Desludging	5%
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Activity / Project Title	Catchment Investigations	
Description/ Activity	<p><u>Sheep Dip Issue</u></p> <p>The disposal of spent sheep dip to waters in upland catchments has been identified as a significant cause of water quality deterioration, with the toxic impacts eradicating macro-invertebrates like Stone flies and May flies in large stretches of rivers & streams.</p>  	<p>Donegal County Council's Environment section is working closely with Inland Fisheries Ireland, the Lough's Agency, the Catchment Care Project, LAWPRO and Teagasc's ASSAP team to advise farmers of the need to use and dispose of sheep dip in a responsible and recommended manner. The Department of Agriculture Food & the Marine recommend diluting spent dip with slurry in a ratio of 1:3 before landspreading at a rate of <5000 litres or 440gallons/ha.</p> <p>All agencies will be conducting surveillance inspections to identify any bad practice taking place, and the general public is asked to report any incidents of pollution to the Council for investigation and follow-up.</p>
Contact Person	Joe Ferry joe.ferry@donegalcoco.ie	

GLENTIES FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

Briefing Note 6 – May 2022

Progress Summary

Surveys capturing the data needed to build an up to date computer model of the Owenea, Stracashel and Gortnamucklagh Rivers, existing defences and floodplains in the area are complete.

A computer model representing the Owenea and Stracashel Rivers as well as the Gortnamucklagh watercourse is now complete and is being used to inform the potential options for the Glenties FRS. A draft version of the Glenties FRS Hydraulics Report was issued to the Steering Group in April 2022.

A short-list of flood risk management measures has been assessed in the computer model to evaluate the most effective for the scheme area. A technical workshop to discuss the development of options was held in November 2021 and was attended by the Glenties FRS Steering Group.

Following shortlisting of measures RPS are looking at combinations of measures to form viable options for the FRS. Shortlisted measures include hard defences, property level protection and Nature based Catchment Management.

Measures are currently subject to a costing exercise to determine the whole life cost of each of the options across its design life. RPS are currently refining these costs based on the best available current market data.

A property economic damage assessment is nearing completion for the Glenties FRS. This provides estimates of the monetary impacts caused by flooding, from which the potential benefits of the flood scheme can be calculated across its design life.

The whole life cost of the options compared against the monetary benefit is being used to inform the economic viability and score (Benefit Cost Ratio) of the options to inform the selection of the preferred option. A Multi-Criteria Analysis is currently being undertaken to determine a score for the options against a range of technical, environmental, social and economic criteria to inform the selection of the preferred option.

The RPS Environmental team completed the Environmental Constraints Study report in February 2022. The report is available on the project website.

Environmental baseline surveys are complete and are being used to inform the environmental screening and assessment of the options. Further specialist surveys may be required to fully assess the emerging preferred option once this has been identified.

Note that a new newsletter will be posted on the scheme website this quarter, see: <https://countydonegalfrs.ie/downingsfrs/index.php/news/>

Next Steps

Data Collection: RPS have now received all outstanding data sets in relation to Stage I of the Project.

Surveys: The detailed surveys have been completed and final data has been provided to the Project Team. RPS are currently looking at further surveys to inform the preliminary design of a scheme, including ground investigation and services.

Hydrological Analysis: The design flows and water levels which are used within the models to simulate flooding have been finalised. RPS are working with the Steering Group to finalise the Hydrology Report.

Hydraulic Analysis: Baseline hydraulic model is complete and RPS are working with the Steering Group to finalise the (baseline) Hydraulics Report. Hydraulic Modelling of options is ongoing to support the Scheme Analysis and Development phase.

Scheme Analysis and Development: RPS are currently working to identify viable options and then to identify the preferred option in conjunction with the Steering Group. A collaborative workshop attended by the Steering Group and relevant public sector stakeholders will be held in June with a view to developing the preferred option. RPS will then develop Scheme Analysis and Development reporting including supplementary reporting on the application of nature based catchment measures, buildability, operation and maintenance and climate change adaptation.

Environmental Assessment: Screening for Appropriate Assessment, EIA Screening and development of the Natura Impact Statement will commence in the next quarter.

Projected Key Milestone Dates

- Completion of Option Modelling – June 2021
- Identification of Preferred Option – September 2022
- Completion of Environmental Impact Assessment Report – February 2023
- Ongoing management of invasive species in line with the management plan

The Stage I programme has been extended by approximately three (3) months due to technical challenges in the analysis. The Project Team are working hard to mitigate programme delay by assessing potential opportunities to accelerate project tasks.

Housing & Corporate Services
Milford PSC
Main Street
Milford
Co Donegal

2nd June 2022

To: **EACH MEMBER OF THE GLENTIES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

Proposal to dispose of plot of land at Kill, Dunfanaghy

Donegal County Council proposes to dispose of 0.337 hectares of land at Kill, Dunfanaghy by way of exchange to James McCorkell, Joseph Langan and Neil McGinley of Dunfanaghy Golf Club, Dunfanaghy, County Donegal (hereinafter called “the Golf Club”).

Donegal County Council acquired 0.43 hectares of land at this general location in 1977 from Hugh McGinley, George Robinson, Richard Arnold and Dermot Walsh believed to have been for use as a car park servicing the local beach. It has now transpired that apart from a small section at the western end of the car park, the majority thereof is situated on lands registered in the name of the Golf Club. The Council never took possession of the remainder of the land it had acquired, and it continues to be used by the Golf Club in conjunction with its use of its overall lands at this location. It is now proposed to regularise the matter through the disposal of this section of the land comprising 0.337 hectares by way of exchange to the Golf Club subject to the following conditions: -

1. The Golf club to transfer 0.301 hectares of land at Kill Dunfanaghy to the Council by way of exchange
2. The Golf Club being responsible for mapping fees associated with the exchange
3. The Council being responsible for valuation fees associated with the exchange
4. Both parties being responsible for the payment of land registration fees, stamp duty and their own legal fees and costs associated with the exchange

What is being obtained by the Council on the exchange is the best reasonably obtainable with the land it is acquiring being of equal value (€3,000) to the land it is disposing.

The land comprising 0.337 hectares proposed for disposal is marked “A1” and “A2” and outlined by means of a red line on the attached “Map 1”.

The land comprising 0.301 hectares which the Council is acquiring on the exchange is marked “B1” and “B2” and outlined by means of a red line on the attached “Map 2”. This land comprises for the most part the existing car park together with an additional area to the south thereof that will facilitate further expansion in the future should the need arise.

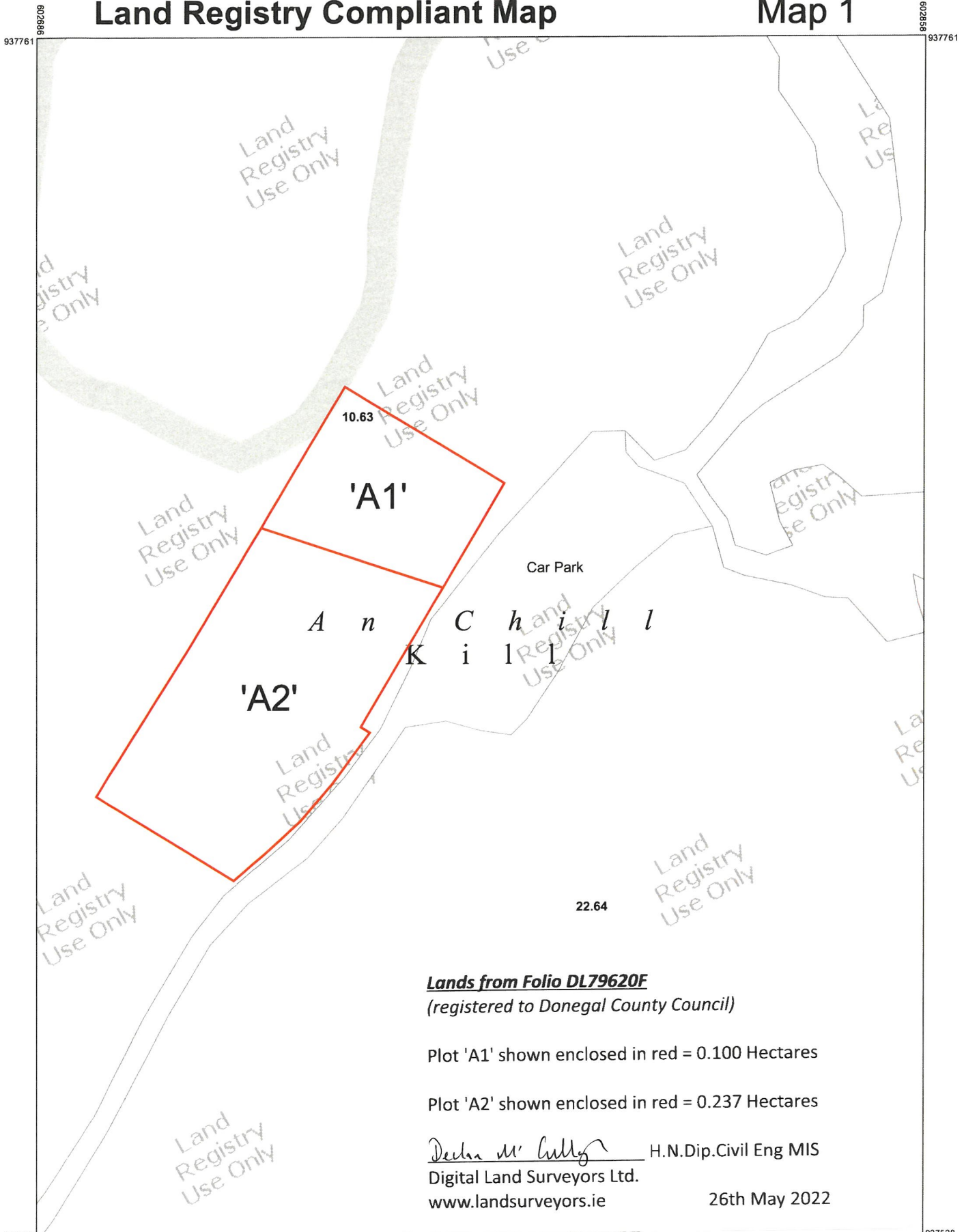
The matter is now being brought before the Municipal District Members for approval prior to the issue of the formal Notice under Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 to the full Council.

Yours sincerely,

P McLaughlin

Senior Executive Officer

Encl: Maps showing property to be disposed of

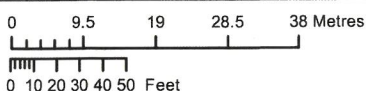


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Plot 'A1' shown enclosed in red = 0.100 Hectares

Plot 'A2' shown enclosed in red = 0.237 Hectares

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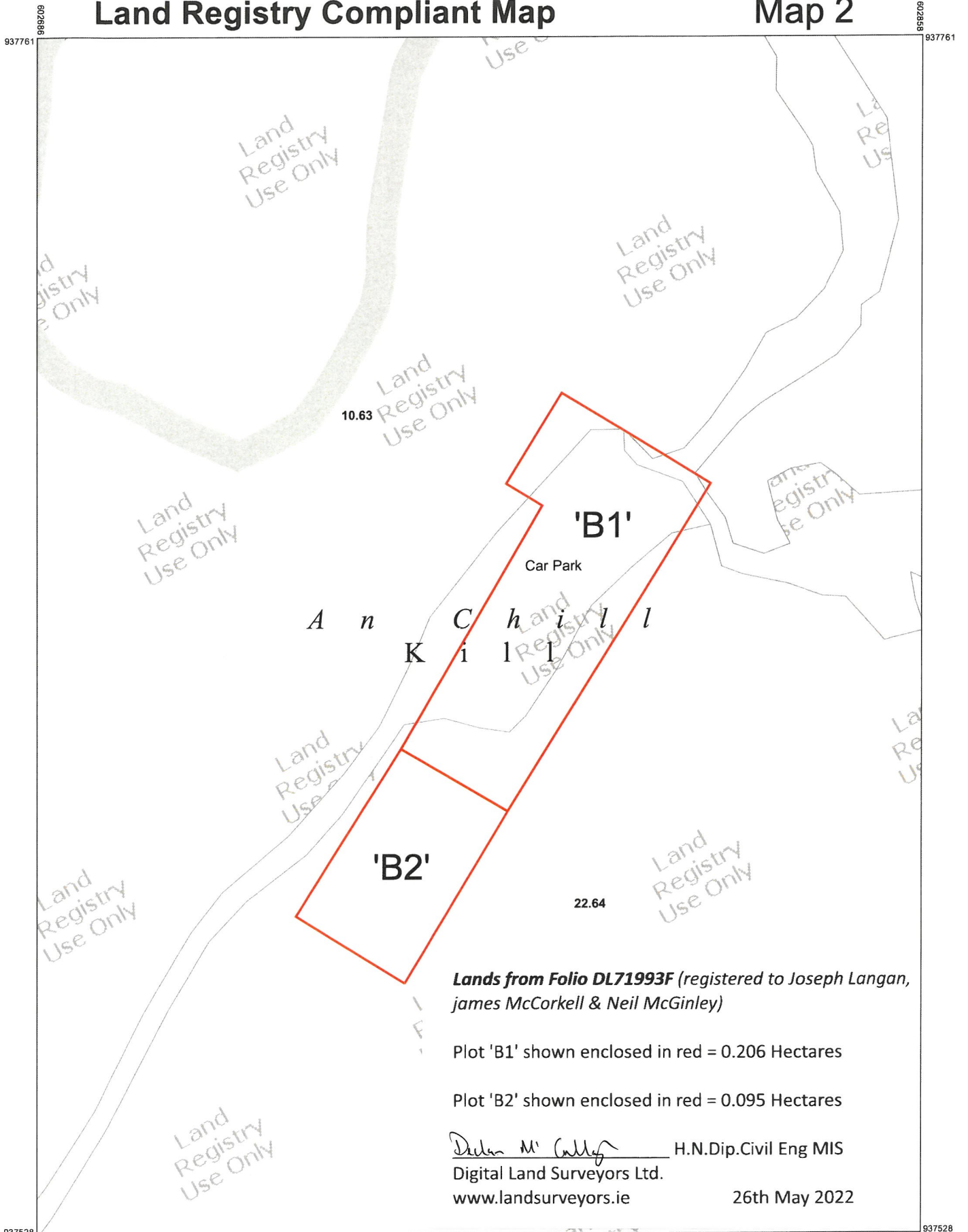
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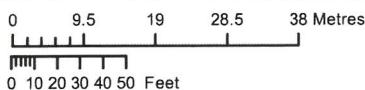
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**GLENTIES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
MEETING
14th June 2022**

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

2022 Community Involvement Scheme Grant

(1)	(3)	(4)	(5)	PART A - General				
Project Number	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Length of work (m)	Overall Estimated Cost of work (EURO)	Value of Community Work	Funding Allocation Sought by Council (EURO)	
Glenties RSS Area (Schemes have been recosted)	385	LT	L-7933-1	Moagh/Ardlougher Rd	1000	€ 87,500.00	€ 26,250.00	€ 61,250.00
Gweedore RSS Area (Schemes have been Recosted)	388	LS	L-5513-1	Mullaghderg Beach Road Mullaghderg	750	€ 78,750.00	€ 23,625.00	€ 55,125.00
	2021		L-1283-3	Graveyard Road, Magheragallon	300	€ 40,500.00	€ 12,150.00	€ 28,350.00
Falcarragh RSS Area (Schemes have been Recosted)	135	LS	L-7083-1	Hornhead Road(Dead End) Hornhead	900	€ 94,500.00	€ 28,350.00	€ 66,150.00
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Proposed that this
scheme is cut to €50,180.

LIS 2022 Draft List		GMD MTG 10 May 2022			
Ref_No	FIRSTNAME	ADDRESS	Road_Length_m	New Estimate	Eircode
FALCARRAGH RSS AREA					
170458	John	Lwr Murroe	125	€14,062.50	F92 TK28
170064	Manus	Rocktown, Falcarragh	135	€11,812.50	F92 N2P3
171072	Ann	Cashel, Gortahork	180	€15,750.00	F92 V2N2
GWEEDORE RSS AREA					
170424	Julianne	Strakeenagh	300	€24,750.00	F92X9D5
170752	Colm	Cul An Cnoic	250	€21,875.00	F94DC82
GLENTIES RSS AREA					
170973	Adrian	Stormhill, Glenties	230	€18,975.00	F94 VH22
170767	Anne	Sandfield, Ardara	550	€36,300.00	F94 A3C8
DUNGLOE RSS AREA					
170799	Michael	Sheskinarone, Dungloe	290	€24,300.00	F94 VR66
170552	James John	Lough na Mbraddan, Fintown	175	€18,750.00	F94 E678

Housing & Corporate Agenda

For Meeting on 14th June 2022

- Progress Report - Grants
- Progress Report - Casual Vacancies
- Housing Need
- HAP
- RAS
- LTL Properties
- Tenancies and Offers
- Tenant Purchase
- Local Authority Loans
- Section 183

1. PROGRESS REPORT - GRANTS AT 31/05/2022

Housing Aid for Older People Grants						
<i>Year</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Cancelled/ Refused</i>	<i>Applicant Further Info</i>	<i>Referred to Eng</i>	<i>Pending</i>
2021	135	114	20	0	1	1
2022	62	31	16	1	14	15

Housing Adaptation Grants							
<i>Year</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Cancelled/ Refused</i>	<i>Applicant Further Info</i>	<i>Referred to Eng</i>	<i>Referred to OT</i>	<i>Pending</i>
2021	74	48	18	2	6	0	8
2022	37	12	13	0	7	5	12

Mobility Aids Grants							
<i>Year</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Cancelled/ Refused</i>	<i>Applicant Further Info</i>	<i>Referred to Eng</i>	<i>Referred to OT</i>	<i>Pending</i>
2021	43	29	13	0	0	1	1
2022	20	9	6	0	4	1	5

PROGRESS REPORT – CASUAL VACANCIES @ 31/05/2022

Glenties MD	Address	Beds	Vacant From	Current Status
Annagry				
	Clos Naomh Duigh	2 bed	16/02/2022	Contractor on site
Ardara				
	Radharc an Ghleanna	2 bed	29/12/2021	Complete
	Carrickatlieve	3 bed	24/01/2022	Offered
	Radharc an Ghleanna	2 bed	01/03/2022	Offered
Creeslough				
	Ard Cois Locha	3 bed	28/02/2022	Contractor on site
	Birch Hill	3 bed	10/05/2022	Quotations being assessed
Dunfanaghy				
	Eadan Mor	3 bed (LTL)	13/10/2021	Contractor on site
	Eadan Mor	3 bed (LTL)	08/11/2021	Contractor on site
Dungloe				
	St Peter Terrace	1 bed OPD	13/12/2021	Contractor on site
	Gort na Mona	3 bed	15/03/2022	Contractor on site
Falcarragh				
	Ballina	3 bed	12/07/2021	To be tendered
	Ballina	1 bed OPD	19/05/2022	Offered
Fintown				
	Shallogans	3 bed	08/03/2022	Quotations being assessed
Loughanure				
	An tArdan Rua	3 bed	22/12/2021	Offered
	Radharc an Iuir	2 bed	21/01/2022	Offered

3. HOUSING NEED

Gross Need - by approved bedrooms

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

4. HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENT (HAP) SCHEME

As at 29th April 2022, the Glenties Municipal District is providing Social Housing Support in the form of the Housing Assistance Payment to 101 families/individuals. 10 of these families/individuals are in receipt of HAP only.

5. NUMBER OF RAS PROPERTIES

As of the 31st May 2022, the Glenties Municipal District is providing Social Housing Support in the form of the Rental Accommodation Scheme to 58 families/individuals.

6. NUMBER OF LTL PROPERTIES

As of the 31st May, 2022, the Glenties Municipal District is providing Social Housing Support in the form of the Long Term Lease Properties to 19 families/individuals.

7. HOUSING VACANCIES AND OFFERS

Reasons for Vacancies since 01-Jan-2022				
Transfers	Surrenders	Death of Tenant	Other	Total
3	4	3	1	11

Number of Housing Offers issued since 01-Jan-2022		
Number of Offers issued	Offers Accepted	Offers Refused
11	10	1

8. TENANT PURCHASE

Number of applications received since Scheme commenced:	96
Total number of valid applications:	73
Valid applications received since 01-January-2022:	10
Number of Offer Letters issued since 01-January-2022:	2
Total number of houses sold under the Scheme to date:	19

9. LOCAL AUTHORITY LOANS

Total number of Loan applications (RIHL) received from 2018-2021	Number of Loans Approved from 2018-2021	Total number of new Loan applications (LAHL) in 2022	Number of Loans Approved in 2022
34	5	5	2

10. Section 183

Two Section 183 for consideration

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE DHUN NA NGALL
DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Proposed Section 183 Notice for disposal of small farmer's cottage from Donegal County Council to Denis McGee, Meenderryherk, Dungloe, Letterkenny, Co Donegal

It is proposed to dispose of a small farmer's cottage located in the townland of Meenderryherk, Dungloe, Co Donegal to Denis McGee, Meenderryherk, Dungloe, Letterkenny, Co Donegal. The property is registered to Donegal County Council under folio number DL2894F. The site comprising of 0.0955 hectares is shown labelled Plan "1" outlined in red on the attached map.

The site was commonage and was acquired by Donegal County Council by way of a Compulsory Purchase Order in the early 1970s to construct a small farmer's cottage for Elizabeth (Lizzie) McGee. A Transfer Order to transfer the cottage from Donegal County Council's name into Elizabeth McGee's name was sent to the Land Registry office on 10th June 1976. However, the transfer never took place and the property is still registered in Donegal County Council's name.

The Executive Engineer has recommended that this matter be regularised and the small farmer's cottage be transferred to Denis McGee subject to the following conditions:-

- Approval of the Elected Members of the Council
- Mr Denis McGee to be responsible for his own legal costs regarding the transfer

The matter is now being brought before the Municipal District Members for approval prior to the issue of the formal Notice under Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000-2010 and Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 to the Full Council.

Dated this 17th day of May 2022


A/Area Manager,
Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services,
Municipal District of Glenties

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Land Registry Compliant Map

Lands from Folio DL2894F (Donegal County Council)

Plan '1' shown enclosed in red = 0.0955 Hectares

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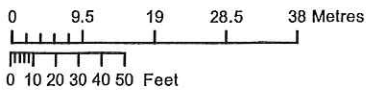
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DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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The site was commonage and was acquired by Donegal County Council by way of a Compulsory Purchase Order in the early 1970s to construct a small farmer's cottage for James Doherty. A Transfer Order to transfer the cottage from Donegal County Council's name into James Doherty's name was sent to the Land Registry office on 10th June 1976. However, the transfer never took place and the property is still registered in Donegal County Council's name.

The Executive Engineer has recommended that this matter be regularised and the small farmer's cottage be transferred to James Doherty subject to the following conditions:-

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Dated this 17th day of May 2022


A/Area Manager,
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