



3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2022.

## **Sceidéal Cruinnithe**

### **DÓ: GACH BALL DE CHOISTE CEANNTAIR TOGHCHANNACH NA GLEANNTAÍ**

A Chomhairleoir,

Please note hereto the times for meetings that are scheduled in Dungloe P.S.C.  
on May 10<sup>th</sup> 2022;

**09.30 a.m. – 10.30a.m. Roads Workshop**

**10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. Emergency Housing Workshop**

**11.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. Annual General Meeting**

**12.00 p.m. - Glenties Municipal District Meeting**

Is mise, le meas,

**Mícheál Rowsome**

**A/Area Manager**

**Housing & Corporate**



## Municipal District of Glenties

Office of Meetings  
Administrator  
County House  
Lifford

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022

### NOTICE OF MEETING

The Annual General Meeting Municipal District of Glenties will be held on 10th May, 2022 **at 11.30am**  
**in the Dungloe Public Services Centre.**

### 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.

Yours sincerely

**Michael Rowsome**  
Meetings Administrator



## Ceantar Bardais Na Gleanntaí

Oifig Riarthóir na  
gCruinnithe  
Aras an Chontae  
Leifear

3ú Bealtaine 2022

### FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniú Bliantúil de Ceantar Bardais Na Gleanntaí in Ionad Seirbhísí an Chlocháin  
Léith ar an 10ú Bealtaine 2022, ag 11.30 r.n.

### DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS NA GLEANNTAÍ

#### A Chara

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

Mise, le meas

Micheál Rowsome  
Riarthóir Cruinnithe

## AGENDA

1) Election of Cathaoirleach.

2) Election of Leas-Chathaoirleach.

3) Date of Next Meetings



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**Municipal District of Glenties**

Office of Meetings  
Administrator  
Public Service Centre  
Dungloe

3rd May, 2022

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

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gCruinnithe  
Ionad Seirbhísí  
Clochán Liath

3ú Bealtaine, 2022

### FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Na Gleanntaí ar an 12ú Aibreán 2022, ag 12.00 Meán Lae, in Ionad Seirbhísí an Clocháin Léith

### DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS NA GLEANNTAÍ

A Chara

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

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# MINUTES OF MEETING OF GLENTIES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

held on Arranmore Island on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cllr. Marie Therese Gallagher (Cathaoirleach)  
Cllr. Anthony Molloy (Leas Cathaoirleach)  
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  
Donna Callaghan - Area Planner  
Barney McLaughlin - Head of Tourism Marketing Unit  
Cathal Mac Suibhne, Marine Engineer  
Patrick Gallagher, Executive Technician, Laboratory  
Ann Marie McCole - Community Development Staff  
Officer  
Mary Boyle - A/S.S.O. Housing/Corporate

**Others in Attendance:** Dónal Mac Giolla Cómhaill- Aistriúcháin Comhuaineach

**Apologies:** Cllr. Michael McClafferty  
David Friel - Coastal Officer

**GMD 26/22** Confirmation of Minutes of Glenties Municipal District  
Committee Meeting

On the proposal of Cllr. McGarvey, seconded by Cllr. Ó Fearraigh, the minutes of the Glenties Municipal District meeting held on the 08<sup>th</sup> of March 2022 & the Special (DFI) Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> March were confirmed.

**GMD 27/22**

**Community Development**

The Committee noted the reports circulated with the agenda in relation to the following matters;

- Community Development
- Social Inclusion
- Leader

The Staff Officer advised that the Donegal Youth Council will attend the May MD Meeting.

Cllr. Ó Fearraigh queried if any applications were received from Clár and was advised that such applications are submitted directly to the Department.

**GMD 28/22**

**Economic Development, I.S & Emergency Services**

Members noted the reports circulated previously regarding;

- Economic Development
- Local Enterprise Office
- Fire Service

Further information was provided at the meeting by the Head of Tourism in relation to the Outdoor Recreation Strategy, Ireland In Music, Remote Working & the Digital Golf Campaign.

Cllr. Gallagher requested Cllr Ó Fearriagh to arrange a meeting with Údarás to ensure the continuity of the full time Gaeltacht Tourism Officer role.

**GMD 29/22**

**PLANNING SERVICE**

The Committee discussed the following reports circulated with the Agenda;

- Development Applications
- Enforcement
- Schedule of Planning Clinics
- Regeneration
- CPU

The County Development Plan was discussed as well as the Draft Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan for Dungloe Town. The Committee were advised by the Asst. Planner that the latter would be available for public viewing between the 14<sup>th</sup> of April and the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May, 2022 inclusive.

On the proposal of Cllr Molloy seconded by Cllr Gallagher, the Glenties MD resolved to make an order in accordance with section 207 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) for the creation of a public right of way over the estate roads within Stonepark Crescent, Mill Road, Glenties as highlighted on the map attached to the agenda.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested that a message of congratulations be conveyed to Sinead McClafferty, Planning Officer, following the recent birth of her third child.

**GMD 30/22**

### **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION**

The Roads Manager advised that follow ups had been sent to Members the previous week & also updated the Committee on the status of the Roadworks Programme. Members agreed to schedule a workshop on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May.

Cllr. McGarvey acknowledged the works planned and already carried out on our Island's roads.

The Roads Manager responded to queries from Cllr McGarvey in relation to the Active Travel Application.

Members highlighted the following issues for the attention of the Roads Service;

- LIS funding requirements
- Bunbeg Bridge
- Provision of water at Portnoo pier
- Public Lighting
- Dungloe to Burtonport Wild Atlantic Way funding
- Marketing Strategy to promote Glenties to Dungloe cycleway

Cllr Gallagher recommended the adoption of a graveyards maintenance policy.

**GMD 31/22**

## **ENVIRONMENT**

The Committee noted the reports previously circulated regarding;

- Waste & Litter Management
- Community & Business Events
- Coastal Management

The Executive Technician advised the Committee that one in five septic tanks are not being de-sludged regularly & recommended the carrying out of regular maintenance.

Cllr. Molloy requested an update on parking at Maghera beach & the provision of bins at Glengesh.

The Environment Director responded to queries in relation to septic tank licencing.

The Committee expressed unanimous opposition to proposed legislation in respect of turf cutting & Cllr MacGiolla Easbuig requested that a letter issue to Minister Ryan in this regard.

**32.1**

**Grants**

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

**32.2**

**Casual Vacancies**

The report circulated with the Agenda previously and presented by the A/Housing Manager in relation to the status of the 16 no. current casual vacancies was noted by Members.

**32.3**

**Approved Housing Bodies**

The A/Housing Manager advised the Committee that Clúid intend refurbishing Cois Locha apartments following the success of the recent on site meeting with the Director of Clúid.

**32.4**

**Homelessness & Provision of Social Housing**

The A/Housing Manager advised that there are 3 persons availing of emergency accommodation during the month of April 2022 in response to a query from Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig.

Cllr Mac Giolla Easbuig requested Management to convene an emergency meeting to address the homelessness crisis in the County. The Committee unanimously expressed support for the urgent necessity to progress the building of social housing. The A/Housing Manager advised that he has visited 14 no. various sites in the MD with potential for social housing development.

Clr Ó Fearraigh informed the meeting that he is awaiting a response to his motion to provide emergency accommodation facilities in the MD.

Cllr. Molloy requested that the Council consider the provision of Log Cabins to address emergency housing requirements & expressed frustration at the length of time involved in the conveyancing process.

**32.5**

**Refugees/Ukrainians**

Cllr. McGarvey commended the efforts of all those involved in sourcing accommodation for newly arrived refugees but stressed the importance of also providing accommodation for social housing applicants on our waiting list for a lengthy period.

**32.6**

**Old Fire Station in Glenties**

A proposal was put forward by Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig to demolish the old Fire Station in Glenties and use the site to build new apartments on. He was advised that the Council are working on proposals in this regard.

**32.7**

**Mast at Fairhill, Dungloe**

Cllr Gallagher raised concerns regarding health issues arising from the presence of the telecommunications mast located at Fairhill, Dungloe & requested the Council to ascertain the owners of this structure.

**This Concluded the business of the Meeting.**





**ENVIRONMENT MD - MAY REPORT**

**All Municipal Districts**

**WASTE AND LITTER MANAGEMENT**

<p><b>Activity / Project Title</b></p>	<p><b>The Big Donegal Clean-Up returns for 2022!</b></p>
<p><b>Project Description /Activity</b></p>	<div data-bbox="288 692 1508 1357" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Pic 1: Cllr Jack Murray, Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council, members of Convoy Community Environmental Committee, John Curran from the Donegal Volunteer Centre, pupils and teachers from Convoy Joint National School and Scoil Bhríde Convoy, Michael McGarvey Director of Service, Donegal County Council and Environment staff from Donegal County Council.</p> <p>The launch of this year’s Big Donegal Clean-Up took place at The Community Park in Convoy where Cllr Jack Murray, Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council, joined members of Convoy Community Environmental Committee, John Curran from the Donegal Volunteer Centre, pupils and teachers from Convoy Joint National School and Scoil Bhríde Convoy and Michael McGarvey Director of Service, Donegal County Council and Environment staff from Donegal County Council.</p> <p>“This is the sixth year of the Big Donegal Clean-Up and each year it has grown more and more popular” says Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council Cllr. Jack Murray. This year hundreds of volunteers from right across the county will once again take to the highways and byways to gather litter and get the county looking clean and green for all to enjoy.”</p>



“It is a real partnership between Donegal County Council and the hundreds of communities around the county who come together to lift litter and clean their own areas. We are fortunate to have such active communities and people who care so much about their own area. The willingness shown by the people of Donegal to come out and help make Donegal a clean and green place to live, work and visit.”

As part of this year’s campaign The Donegal Volunteer Centre have come on board and they will publicise details of planned clean-ups on the website [www.volunteerdonegal.ie](http://www.volunteerdonegal.ie). This is a great addition to help community groups promote their campaigns and gain some additional volunteers. John Curran from Donegal Volunteer Centre stated that “Community Clean-ups are a great example of volunteers giving time for the greater good. They help communities shine and be at their best. We in the volunteer centre are delighted to support the groups across Donegal and to introduce new volunteers to the team”.

Michael McGarvey Director of Service with Donegal County Council said “I am delighted that the Big Donegal Clean-Up is back, and this year is shaping up to be another successful year. We already have over 60 groups signed up for the An Taisce National Spring Clean. Over the past two years many people spent time in their local environment and carried out many clean-ups when they were out and about. The Council supported over 900 of these in both 2020 and 2021.”

#### **Get involved**

This campaign sees the Council supporting individuals, groups, businesses and organisations in arranging their own clean-ups. The Council provides bags, gloves and litter pickers while also taking care of the collection of rubbish once it has been bagged.

The Council is also planning to promote clean-ups on its social media pages and plan to have clean-up event pages for different areas. You can share your photos via the following sites:

1. Twitter @DonegalCouncil
2. Facebook @donegalcoco
3. You can also join the clean- up event page on Facebook for your local area to share information and images.

To sign up for this year’s Big Donegal Clean-Up call 074 91 53900, call to your local Council office or visit [www.donegalcoco.ie](http://www.donegalcoco.ie). You can also register with An Taisce’s National Spring Clean campaign by calling (01) 4002219 or online at [www.nationalspringclean.org](http://www.nationalspringclean.org).

**Contact  
Person**

**Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer**  
[sbogan@donegalcoco.ie](mailto:sbogan@donegalcoco.ie)

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Fly tippers out of pocket to the tune of nearly €5000 euros</b>
<b>Project Description /Activity</b>	<p>Donegal County Council successfully obtained 3 prosecutions under the Litter Pollution Act 1997 at a sitting of The Letterkenny District Court on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022.</p> <p>The incidents occurred in the Inishowen Municipal District. The Litter Wardens provided evidence including photographic evidence of the offences to the court. The Judge in reviewing all the evidence found in favour of the Council and proceeded to convict and fine to the sum of €500 for each case and ordered costs of €1,142.32, total €4938.96 with 5 months to pay.</p> <p>Donegal County Council wishes to remind the public that it is illegal to litter or dump waste and that you can face an on-the-spot fine of €150 or €4000 if convicted in court.</p> <p>Donegal County Council would like to thank the members of the public who report littering or illegal dumping and encourage any member of the public who has information regarding any instance of unauthorised waste activity to call 074 9153900 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday Thursday and 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM on Friday. Outside of the Council’s office hours or where a member of the public may wish to report an issue directly to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), they can make a report to the national environmental complaints line on 1800 365 123 or via the EPA’s “See it? Say it?” smart phone up these services operation or 24 hour basis. Donegal County Council is committed to thoroughly investigating all reports received.</p> <p>It is also extremely important to recognise and thank the 5,500 volunteers in community groups and Tidy Towns Committees who work tirelessly in collaboration with the Council in our journey to ensuring that Donegal is the cleanest and greenest county in Ireland.</p>
<b>Contact Person</b>	<p><b>Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer</b>  <a href="mailto:sbogan@donegalcoco.ie">sbogan@donegalcoco.ie</a></p>

## COASTAL MANAGEMENT

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Beach Preparatory Works</b>
<b>Description /Activity</b>	<p>Ahead of the bathing season preparatory works are being arranged and undertaken at many beaches around the coastline. This involves repairs/improvements to access, signage, parking and water safety infrastructure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Outdoor showers have been installed at Marble Hill with more to follow.</li><li>• Ringbuoys have been assessed and prepared for the upcoming season at all our 21 Designated Bathing Areas.</li><li>• Portaloo services are rolling out across the county with fully accessible services available.</li><li>• Bathing water sampling schedule in place for our 21 Designated Bathing Waters.</li></ul>
<b>Contact Person</b>	David Friel <a href="mailto:david.friel@donegalcoco.ie">david.friel@donegalcoco.ie</a>

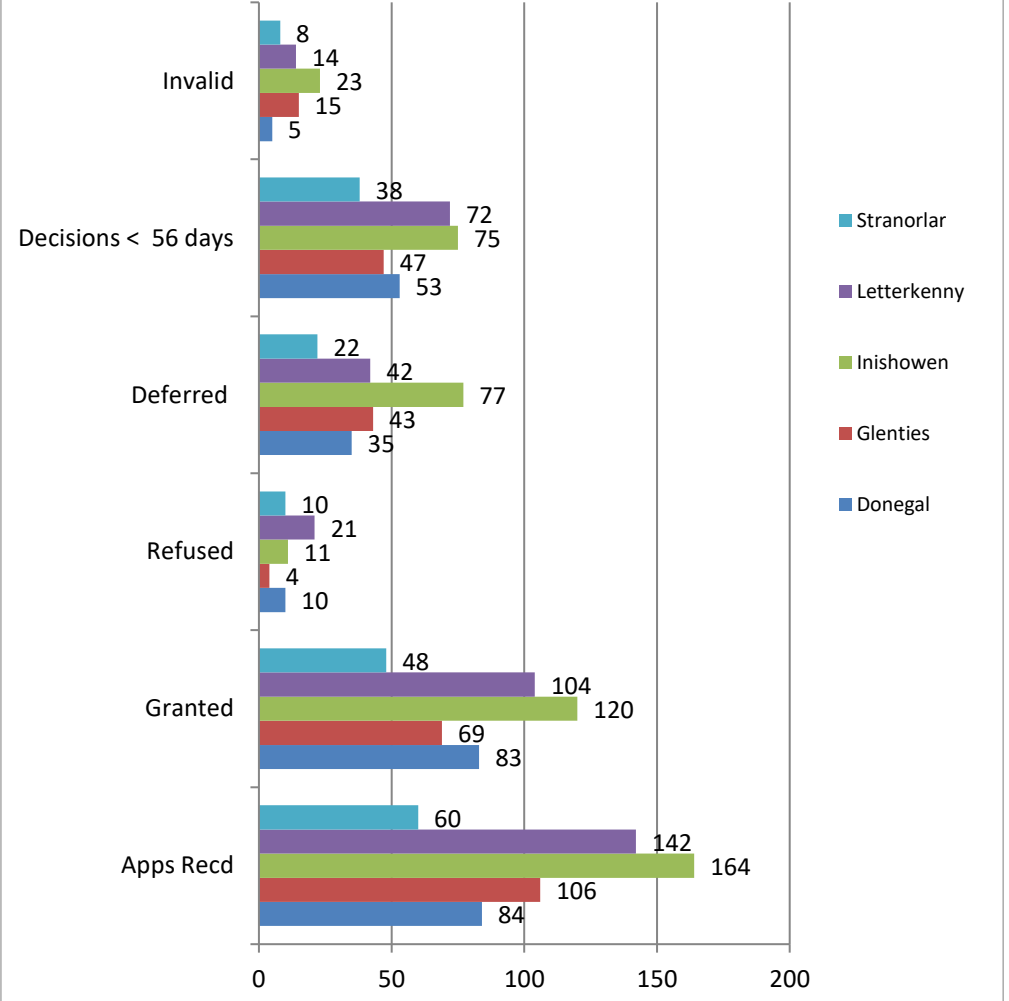
<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Respect the Dunes Awareness Campaign</b>
<b>Description /Activity</b>	<p>Dune systems act as a buffer to protect our coastline and are an important element in our climate change adaption strategy. With increasing extreme weather events, our dunes are increasingly important for coastal protection. Our dune systems are very fragile and can degrade from recreational pressures such as trampling, camping, horse trekking, fires, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Monitoring of the Dune restoration project in Dooey continues.</li><li>• Dune protection in Rathmullan and Marble Hill continues to address invasive species to protect the integrity of the dunes.</li></ul>
<b>Contact Person</b>	David Friel <a href="mailto:david.friel@donegalcoco.ie">david.friel@donegalcoco.ie</a>

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Coastal Erosion and Flooding Risk Management (CFERM)</b>
<b>Description /Activity</b>	<p>An interim report of the Coastal Flooding and Erosion Risk Management survey in the Glenties Municipal District has now been completed by the Consultant Engineers RPS looking at coastal locations at;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Portnoo to Dooley</li> <li>2. Maghera</li> <li>3. Carrickfinn peninsula</li> <li>4. Currans Port/Magheraarty/Drumnatinney</li> </ol> <p>The consultant engineers overseeing the project have undertaken the first stages of their erosion analyses across the study areas which projects future coastline positions based on recent changes. They will now progress to making recommendations to address any issues raised.</p>
<b>Contact Person</b>	<p>David Friel  <a href="mailto:david.friel@donegalcoco.ie">david.friel@donegalcoco.ie</a></p>

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Beach Lifeguard Service</b>
<b>Description /Activity</b>	<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 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>Lifeguard are on duty from 12pm to 6:30pm during these days.</p>
<b>Contact Person</b>	<p>David Friel  <a href="mailto:david.friel@donegalcoco.ie">david.friel@donegalcoco.ie</a></p>

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Blue Flag Beach Restrictions for Dog Owners</b>
<b>Description /Activity</b>	<p>For DCC to be eligible for the coveted Blue Flag accolade at our beautiful beaches we must comply with all the applicable criteria which apply globally during the Bathing Season (June 1<sup>st</sup> to September 15<sup>th</sup>). The standard is exceptionally high and full adherence is required.</p> <p>This year these rules include restricting access for dogs, other than assistance dogs, to blue-flag beaches or in the blue-flag area if it is part of a larger beach. The rule applies during the Bathing Season only and is intended to maintain Health and Safety for beach goers and bathers alike.</p> <p>Site specific signage and maps will identify the conditions under which dogs may or may not be brought on to the beaches at every Blue Flag beach location from June 1<sup>st</sup> to September 15<sup>th</sup>. In summary;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At Shrove and Bundoran no dogs will be allowed on the beach between the hours of 11:00am to 7:00pm from June 1<sup>st</sup> to September 15<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• On the ten other Blue Flag Beaches, dogs will not be permitted in the Blue Flag Areas of these beaches between the hours of 11:00am to 7:00pm from June 1<sup>st</sup> to September 15<sup>th</sup>. Similar restrictions will be introduced at Rathmullan and Lisfannan as these remain proposed candidate Blue Flag beaches.</li> </ul> <p>It should be noted that responsible dog owners and their dogs will continue to be welcome on these beaches outside of the hours specified.</p>
<b>Contact Person</b>	<b>David Friel</b> <a href="mailto:david.friel@donegalcoco.ie">david.friel@donegalcoco.ie</a>

**Glenties MD Meeting**  
**10<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

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<b>3 Notes &amp; Monthly Schedule</b>	<p><b>Please note pre planning clinics during the Covid-19 restrictions are on a telephone call only basis between 09.00am and 12.30pm on the dates outlined below.</b></p> <p><u>Planning Clinics Q2 2022:</u>  18<sup>th</sup> May 2022  1<sup>st</sup> June 2022  15<sup>th</sup> June 2022  29<sup>th</sup> June 2022</p> <p>Please see website for further dates.  <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/planningclinics/">http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/planningclinics/</a></p>								
<b>4 Regeneration Report</b>	See Appendix A								
<b>5 Central Planning Unit</b>									
(1) <i>Letterkenny Plan and Local Transport PLan</i>	<p>The text of a Draft Plan and Local Transport Plan was further considered at the deferred March, 2022 Plenary Council meeting. Members approved most of the contents of the Draft Plan, subject to four important amendments. The documents are being re-drafted to incorporate these amendments for the consideration of Members. At the time of writing, it is anticipated that the Members' considerations will be facilitated at a Letterkenny MD Workshop on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2022 and, subsequently at the Plenary Council meeting at the end of May. Subject to Members' deliberations at the May Plenary meeting, the next step in the process would be to formally commence the associated environmental procedures.</p>								
(2) <i>County Development Plan 2018-2024 (As Varied)</i>	<p><b><u>Wind Energy Policy and Proposed Variation</u></b>  Following Members' agreement on the contents of a Proposed Variation at the November, 2021 Plenary Council meeting, which agreed document includes significant amendments to the submitted Proposed Variation regarding setback distances and mapping, the associated Environmental Report and Natura Impact Report were presented to the deferred January, 2022 Plenary Council meeting with a view to proceeding thereafter to public consultation in late February/early March, 2022. At the deferred January Plenary Council meeting, Members agreed further amendments to the Proposed Variation in respect of EHSA, Freshwater Pearl Mussel Catchment Areas the Gweebarra River Valley and the St. John's Point area.</p>								

	<p>Revised environmental assessments on foot of these additional amendments were prepared and presented to the March, 2022 Plenary Council meeting. At that meeting, Members approved the finalised Proposed Variation and associated environmental reports and authorised proceeding to public consultation. The public consultation has now been arranged and will run from 29<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2022. Statutory public notices will be published and social media and local media will be used to publicise the process. A full programme of public consultation events will be finalised, and Members advised of same, by Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2022. nb. These consultations will be run in tandem with the initial public consultation events on the County Development Plan Four-Year Review.</p>
<p>(3) <i>Four-Year Review/County Development Plan 2024-2030</i></p>	<p><b><u>Four Year Review</u></b> The public consultation period for the pre-draft stage commenced on 8<sup>th</sup> April and will run until Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, inclusive. A dedicated website portal has been created and can be accessed at <a href="https://donegaldevplan.ie/">https://donegaldevplan.ie/</a>.</p> <p>A full programme of public consultation events will be finalised, and Members advised of same, by Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2022. nb. These consultations will be run in tandem with the public consultation events on the Proposed Variation in Respect of A Wind Energy Policy Framework for the County Development Plan 2018-2024 (As Varied).</p> <p>The next Plenary Workshop on the project was been scheduled for: <b>Thur. 28<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2022.</b></p>
<p><b>6 Building Control &amp; Taking in Charge</b></p>	<p>No Report</p>
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## Appendix A



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# May (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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 are presently being made to update Members at a workshop and to hold a public information event in May 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.

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

**Aranmore Island:**

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

### **Burtonport Harbour**

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

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

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

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

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

Members will be provided with a detailed progress update at workshop in May. 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 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 and the closing date for the making of submissions in respect of this scheme was 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022. A Chief Executives Report on the proposed development was brought before the Elected Members at a Plenary Meeting of the Council on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 and it was decided to proceed with the development as proposed.

At the time of writing the Regeneration and Development Team is completing the preparation of a Category 1 capital funding application to the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund for the capital delivery of this project and it is anticipated that same will be successfully submitted by the 12noon deadline on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2022.

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

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

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

**Value: €9,756,969.**

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

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

Due diligence has been completed on this project and the formal Funding Agreement received and confirmed. This project is at an advanced stage of readiness given that consultancy services were previously procured using Councils own resources. On 20<sup>th</sup> 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. At the time of writing a response remains outstanding.

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

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

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

On 6<sup>th</sup> 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 Bunrana” regeneration Project.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Regeneration & Development Team is working on the progression of the Category 2 regeneration project in Ramelton (as described at Point 1.2.2. above) towards shovel ready status and submission for capital funding under this call by the 29<sup>th</sup> April deadline.

#### **1.6 REGENERATION STRATEGIES & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT WORK**

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

##### **1.6.1 Ramelton Action Plan**

The Ramelton Action Plan was formally launched on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020.

The Plan can be viewed at the following link:

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

##### **1.6.2 Killybegs Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan**

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

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

### **1.6.3 Ballybofey-Stranorlar Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan**

The Ballybofey-Stranorlar Regeneration Strategy was endorsed by the Committee of BASICC, as project partners, on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022 and subsequently endorsed by the Stranorlar-Lifford MD on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022. The Strategy was launched 27<sup>th</sup> 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 \(donegalcoco.ie\)\)](http://Donegal County Council (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 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022. The Strategy & Action Plan, and associated Town Centre Masterplan, is available to view/download online at [www.donegalcoco.ie](http://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 5<sup>th</sup> April until Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022. A drop-in public consultation event also took place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April from 2.00pm to 7.00pm at the Shopping Arcade, Main Street, Dungloe. Submissions can be received from the public up until the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 and subsequently all information and feedback received during the public consultation period will 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 complete the Draft Design & Design Report for this project is advancing, and targeted stakeholder group consultations took place in December 2021. This primarily included key internal Council services, external statutory bodies and a cross-section of community interests in Rathmullan identified by 'The Way Forward' group. Work continues towards the objective of publishing a planning scheme for the project at the earliest opportunity in 2022.

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

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

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

Specifically this new investment will help to advance five projects to varying stages of 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 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021, DHLGH invited the submission of a Preliminary Business Case in accordance with the Public Spending Code and for approval by DHLGH. Having procured external expertise to assist with this work, a Preliminary Business Case has now been prepared and was submitted to DHLGH on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022 for consideration and approval.

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

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

Sub-project	Immediate next steps
<b>A: The Cathedral Quarter-Making a Creative District</b>	See breakdown for each of the 3 elements
<b>Creative Hub and Urban Parkland</b>	<p>Development of site-specific design concept via LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy commission- design concept has been developed and presented to Members at MD workshop on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Design concept will form part of the next stage of public engagement on the LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy and inform acquisition processes.</p> <p>Design concept will inform design process to prepare Part 8/application to ABP as appropriate via procurement of architect led design and supervision team following pre-tender and tender approval by DHLGH.</p> <p>Engagement has been undertaken with Failte Irelands ‘Tourism Office Network Team’ and Letterkenny Chamber of Commerce in relation to the tourist office element of this project.</p> <p>Early landowner consultation RE acquisition pathways has commenced.</p>
<b>Market Square</b>	<p>Architectural competition complete and winning design determined.</p> <p>In-house architectural and planning resources are currently being applied to prepare a Part 8 proposed development inclusive of detailed survey, engagement with businesses/occupiers at Market Square, preparation of drawings. 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>Key issues arising in relation to preliminary design were considered at MD workshop on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022 and further MD workshop is being arranged to consider further.</p> <p>Stage 1 Road Safety Audit has commenced.</p>

Sub-project	Immediate next steps
	<p>Significant consultation with Market Square users undertaken and with Letterkenny Chamber of Commerce.</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>
<b>Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme</b>	<p>Part 8 already secured is to be reviewed using in-house resources. Consideration of design elements/ accessibility together with relevant adaptations to be progressed using in-house resources.</p> <p>Expected to be packaged with 'Creative Hub and Urban Parkland' as regards Architect-led design and supervision team.</p>
<b>B: Strategic acquisition in Lower Main Street</b>	<p>Development of site-specific design concepts via LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy commission- design concepts have been developed and presented to Members at MD workshop on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Design concepts will form part of the next stage of public engagement on the LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy and inform acquisition processes.</p> <p>Early landowner consultation RE acquisition pathways has commenced.</p>
<b>C: Revival at the Courthouse</b>	<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 Fáilte 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 being explored via Economic Development Unit.</p>
<b>Sub-Project D: Enabling a Regional Transport Hub</b>	<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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Design concept will form part of the next stage of public engagement on the LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy and inform acquisition processes.</p> <p>Positive engagement with Bus Eireann at meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 with commitment for further engagement and communication.</p>
<b>Sub- project E: LK Green Connect</b>	<p>LK 2040 Draft Masterplan published for consultation identifies LK Green Connect concept.</p> <p>The corridor required to facilitate the project will be considered further via a site-specific design concept prepared via LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy commission. Design concept has now been developed and presented to Members at MD workshop on 19<sup>th</sup> April</p>



Sub-project	Immediate next steps
	<p>2022. Design concept will form part of the next stage of public engagement on the LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy and inform acquisition processes.</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>Options to progress Part 8 in respect of the 'Cultural Corridor' section of LK Green Connect are currently being explored.</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 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022 following which arrangements are being made for a two-week public engagement phase. This will include a public drop-in event, interactive map, series of downloadable booklets and online survey. This represents the third and final phase of public engagement for the project. The target date for commencement for this phase of public engagement is mid May 2022. Members will be advised of all the final arrangements/dates directly and as soon as available.

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.

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

Work to progress interests in the key regeneration site approved by DoHLG for acquisition continues with intent. The Donegal County Council (Letterkenny Strategic Urban Regeneration Site) CPO 2021 was published on

4<sup>th</sup> November 2021. It was subsequently submitted to An Bord Pleanála for confirmation on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021. The period for the making of objections to the CPO expired on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and a single objection was received by An Bord Pleanála to this CPO. The identification of a date for oral hearing by An Bord Pleanála is now envisaged. Further updates will be provided to Members as the next steps are confirmed.

Alongside acquisition, Phase 1 development of the site was approved at a Special meeting of Donegal County Council on 24<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021, a procurement process was opened to appoint a Construction Contractor to deliver the project on site. Efforts continue with intent in relation to Tender Report, approval of DHLGH and completion of appointment of contractor. The timeline for progressing to site is subject to closing out of appointment procedures. Members will subsequently be updated as soon as a confirmed timeline is available, which it is anticipated will occur in the next 2-4 weeks.

**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.

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# 1. Division: Economic Development

## 1.1 Economic Development Unit

### Project / Activity Report

Title	Economic Development Unit												
<b>Countywide</b>	<p><b>Property Solutions:</b> 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><b>Remote Working:</b> The EDU will launch a remote working holiday campaign on Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup> offering FREE passes to remote workers. The activity will encourage and extend tourism traffic while also helping to promote awareness and usage of Donegal's network of digital hubs.</p> <p><b>Caravan &amp; Camping Study:</b> The EDU are engaging with key stakeholders including other Council Services on the implementation of the recommendations of this study and have established internal and external stakeholder groups to support and inform delivery of actions. A grants scheme aimed at supporting the development of overnight accommodation options for the sector is also opening at the end of April, initially focusing on the private sector with a follow on scheme for the Voluntary sector.</p> <p><b>InvestDonegal Communications Update:</b> Latest key stats for the InvestDonegal LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram and web accounts are as follows;</p> <table><thead><tr><th></th><th>Impressions (last 28 days)</th><th>Total Followers</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Linked In</td><td>62,800</td><td>3,434 (+130)</td></tr><tr><td>Twitter</td><td>32,500</td><td>1,943 (+53)</td></tr><tr><td>Instagram</td><td>1,462</td><td>2,040 (+53)</td></tr></tbody></table>		Impressions (last 28 days)	Total Followers	Linked In	62,800	3,434 (+130)	Twitter	32,500	1,943 (+53)	Instagram	1,462	2,040 (+53)
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Note that from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022, Twitter, Instagram and Facebook accounts have changed name to donegal.ie to drive further site awareness from which most content is published and also broadening scope of the platforms so that the focus of Live, Study and Visit is reflected alongside Invest and Work.

### **MIT Innovators Under 35 Europe**

Innovators Under 35 Europe will be hosted in Gaoth Dobhair for two days on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May and will showcase the projects of this year's cohort of Innovators Under 35 in Europe and honour them at gala banquet celebrating their work. The event will bring together young European visionaries pursuing the same objective: innovation, ingenuity, and advances toward addressing the world's most pressing challenges.

Donegal County Council are one of the key sponsors of the event where category winner will include: Inventors, Entrepreneurs, Visionaries, Humanitarians and pioneers.

### **North West City Region:**

- **Inward Investment Strategy:** Donegal County Council and Derry City and Strabane District Council worked with OCO Global to develop a three-year Investment strategy for the region. The work is now complete in draft format, with follow on actions being developed and was recently presented to the NW Region Cross Border Group.
- **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 nearing completion with the surveying of businesses on both sides of the border and an employee survey to commence afterwards.
- **Communications:** The EDU continue to collaborate with DCSDC on promoting the North West City Region for investment and business

	<p>opportunities including via LinkedIn and Twitter platforms. This work will tie into the Inward Investment Strategy in the coming year.</p> <p>You can follow respective LinkedIn and Twitter Platforms NorthWestCityRegionIreland</p> <p><b>Atlantic Economic Corridor:</b> the EDU are working with Local Authority partners along the western coast to progress mutually beneficial projects and initiatives, with a focus on supporting digital hubs and job promotion.</p> <p>Work on an accessible imagebank of photos for the region is nearing completion following major delays due to covid. It is planned these images will be available to help promote inward investment in the region.</p> <p><b>Concierge Service:</b> 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 <a href="mailto:economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie">economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie</a>.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Ciaran Martin - <a href="mailto:ciaran.martin@donegalcoco.ie">ciaran.martin@donegalcoco.ie</a> (086) 8261760</p> <p>Rosita Mahony – <a href="mailto:rosita.mahony@donegalcoco.ie">rosita.mahony@donegalcoco.ie</a> (087) 2510128</p>

**1.2 Tourism Marketing Unit**

**Project / Activity Report**

<b>Countywide</b>	<b>Go Visit Donegal - Digital and Online Marketing</b>		
	Data range: 1 <sup>st</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2022		
	<b>Social Media – <u>top performing posts in March</u></b>		
	<b>Facebook</b>	<b>Instagram</b>	<b>Twitter</b>
Arranmore Island	Fintra Beach	St. Patrick’s Day in Donegal	
41,045 people reached 1,547 engagements 739 reactions	9,402 accounts reached 9,954 impressions	3,100 impressions 37 engagements	

47 Shares / 12 comments	759 content interactions 40 profile activity	1.2% engagement rate
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**Social media - Numbers overview for March**

- We have gained 440 new followers across Facebook, Instagram and Twitter
- Total impressions: 2,895,281 across Facebook, Instagram and Twitter
- Total Reach: 2,131,017 across Facebook, Instagram

**GoVisitDonegal.com Website**

**Year to Date Stats since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 (until 24<sup>th</sup> April)**

	Numbers	Performance vs same period in 2021
Page Views	201,231	<b>+107%</b>
Users	76,335	<b>+103%</b>

**In April website views by country:**

- Traffic came from **119 countries** in total
- Top Ten Countries include:

Country	Users	% Users
1.  Ireland	11,347	48.78%
2.  United Kingdom	8,112	34.88%
3.  United States	1,520	6.53%
4. (not set)	283	1.22%
5.  Canada	211	0.91%
6.  Germany	200	0.86%
7.  France	184	0.79%
8.  Australia	145	0.62%
9.  China	129	0.55%
10.  Spain	124	0.53%

**Golf Campaign**

Digital golf campaign promoting Donegal as a world-class golf destination ended on 31<sup>st</sup> March.

**Facebook/Instagram:**

Reach: 693,760 (number of individual accounts reached)

Impressions: 1,458,637 (total number of times that ad showed up)

Clicks: 696 (it was a reach campaign, so it was about awareness not necessarily the click)

### **Google Ads**

Display: Impressions: 2,389,441 / CTR: 0.54% (global average is around 0.4% - 0.5%) / Website Clicks: 12,923

Search: Impressions: 92,111 / CTR: 2.97% (2% up is good as it is quite a competitive space) / Website Clicks: 2,734

### **LAMA Awards**

Donegal County Council project Love Donegal Day 2021 led by the Economic Development Team has been announced a Winner at the recent LAMA Awards event in Dublin. The event was attended by The Cathaoirleach, Cllr Liam Blaney and DCC staff Members. The project received the Golf Award in the Best Local Authority Innovation For Attracting Inward Investment category.

Another project 'keep Discovering Donegal' led by the Tourism Unit has been nominated as the 2021 Finalist in the Best Tourism Initiative Category.

Further details available also on: <https://lamaawards.org/>

### **Newsletter and Blog**

During March and April – 8 newsletters (e-zines) have been issued to the Tourism trade.

Recent blogs include:

- Councils join forces to celebrate the 'Best of the North West'
- Successful Donegal Tourism Seminar 2022
- Bishop's Palace Raphoe Receives Heritage Grant
- Irish Legends Golf Tournament 2022

<https://www.govisitdonegal.com/blog>

### **Festivals and Events**



	<p>The Tourism Unit continues to receive Festivals and Events submissions that are published in the calendar of events on the Go Visit Donegal website.</p> <p>In March and April, 9 submissions have been received.</p> <p>The link to the online form is available on the website:  <a href="https://www.govisitdonegal.com/festivals-and-events">https://www.govisitdonegal.com/festivals-and-events</a></p> <p>or via direct link: <a href="https://form.jotform.com/220192334059350">https://form.jotform.com/220192334059350</a></p> <p><b>TIDE – Atlantic Network for Developing Historical Maritime Tourism</b></p> <p>The project is developing a niche historical maritime tourism package for Atlantic based on connecting &amp; marketing assets from historical period across different regions. Emagine Media Ltd are creating two of Donegal’s VR experiences – Spanish Armada &amp; Napoleonic era. The third VR Experience - Kite Balloons during World War 1 is a joint Partner VR experience. VR experiences are being tested with voiceovers &amp; music being added to content. Procurement for Display Units gone live. Posters &amp; name of experiences being agreed. The project is on schedule for installation by early Summer 2022.</p>
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**1.3 Division: Economic Development - Strategic Funding Unit:**

**Project / Activity Report**

Title	<p><b>Strategic Funding Unit – exploring EU and National Funding Opportunities that support the objectives set out in the Donegal County Council Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024</b></p>
All MD’s	<p><b>SFU Webinars 2022</b></p> <p>Dates for the next series of SFU webinars taking place in 2022 have been confirmed as the 27<sup>th</sup> April, 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 21<sup>st</sup> September and 23<sup>rd</sup> November. The next webinar on 27<sup>th</sup> April will be focused on funding opportunities sustainable development of the public realm. Speakers</p>

	<p>include Travis O’Doherty (Research &amp; Policy Officer for Eastern and Midlands Regional Authority) who will talk about opportunities for developing the public realm and networking via the URBACT EU initiative. Barry Rogers, Smart Tourism Manager, Dublin City Council Culture Company will speak in relation to the development of a digital trail toolkit and a smarter destination. There will also be an update on relevant funding opportunities and upcoming calls presented by Emma Murtagh, European Programmes Manager from the Wheel.</p> <p><b>AER Summer Academy in Donegal</b></p> <p>Plans for the organisation of the AER Summer Academy are underway. This event was originally planned for June 2022, but has been postponed until a later date, which will be confirmed asap. Donegal County Council will co-host the Assembly of European Regions Summer Academy event in Donegal in partnership with Udarás na Gaeltachta.</p> <p><b>Project Partnership &amp; Development</b></p> <p>The SFU is currently exploring several partnership and project development opportunities with various network partners/consortiums in several key areas such as climate change, health/wellbeing, habitat/species preservation, skills/education and culture. Currently there are 7 EU project concepts and proposals at various stages of development that the SFU is working to support and to move forward.</p> <p><b>Other areas of work include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EU Funding Programme Reviews</li> <li>• Participation in project scoping meetings with potential partners</li> <li>• Participation in EU network meetings such as CPMR, AER etc.</li> <li>• Funding Needs Analysis of Council Divisions</li> <li>• Strategic Funding Webinars</li> <li>• Regular Strategic Funding Newsletters</li> </ul>
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## 1.4 Division: Economic Development - Trail Gazers Bid

### Project / Activity Report

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	Trail Gazers Bid Project
<b>Activity / Project Description</b>	‘To quantify the return to the local economy for every euro invested in walks and recreational trail infrastructure ‘
<b>Budget</b>	€2.6 M
<b>Progress to date within quarter* - inclusive of current status</b>	<p>In 2018, Donegal County Councils Research &amp; Policy Unit successfully led an application to the Atlantic Area Programme under objective 4.2 ‘Enhancing natural and cultural assets to stimulate economic development’.</p> <p>This transnational project is managed by the Research &amp; 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"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Develop and trial a range of practical initiatives and interventions such as business to consumer initiatives, digital marketing tools etc to enhance the return.</li> <li>• Work with communities, businesses and other key stakeholders in the area to develop community plans and initiatives around the site.</li> <li>• Develop a range of community trail ambassadors to champion the sites as catalysts for the development of rural economies.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>

## **SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS**

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

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

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

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

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

#TrailGazers

## **PROGRESS**

- On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, Trail Gazers held another Community Trail Ambassador event – Trail Gazers, Put a Spring in your Step. This was a very positive event, held in glorious sunshine on the beautiful Inch Levels. The walk was facilitated by Aengus Kennedy, Nature North West and attendees were introduced to the changing season in nature and all the latest news on Trail Gazers.
- On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April, presented an event in An Grianan Hotel ***‘Insights into a new transnationally tested framework comprising a series of toolkits to measure the economic, social and environmental impact from investment in walking and recreational trail development through the TrailGazers Project’*** – the aim was to present an overview of the shared learning and tools developed as part of the TrailGazers project which will enable the future management and harnessing of trails across the Atlantic Area, but also to demonstrate how this shared learning/toolkits can also be applied to any tourist asset/setting across the Atlantic Area.
- Under our Data Capture work package, a series of on-site Trail User Surveys were conducted during the summer and autumn periods. Final surveys are now being collated. The analysis of these surveys will help inform our future Community Trail Plans. This information will be a major project output comparing the value of multipliers at different geographical regions in the same summer/autumn seasons. We have used the initial data collected to date at both our Environmental Workshop and Business and Tourism Workshop.
- Our last monthly communication and coordination meeting with all transnational partners was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> May – Trail Gazers will host our next transnational Steering Meeting and Project Monitoring Meetings in La Palma. All partners will present updates on their work packages and set out a plan for the remainder of the project deliverables.</li> <li>Informational Signage for key sites around Inch Levels currently in development.</li> </ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next quarterly* reporting period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final collection of on-site surveys.</li> <li>Continuous uploading of information on project results to the Atlantic Area Website.</li> <li>Community Trail Ambassador event for Bike Week - May 2022</li> <li>Draft final report for the project has now commenced and will be worked on over the next number of weeks.</li> </ul>
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### 1.5 Division: Economic Development – Donegal Diaspora Unit

#### Project / Activity Report

Title	Donegal Diaspora Unit
All MD's	<p><b>The Economic Development Division has recently taken on responsibility for the Donegal Diaspora project. The following initiatives are currently being delivered:</b></p> <p><b>Donegal Connect 2022</b></p> <p>Donegal Connect returns for 2022 with a mixture of in-person and online events taking place over the weekend of 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Funding was received from Fáilte Ireland through the Global Irish Festival Series and a <a href="#">launch</a>, organised by Tourism Ireland and Fáilte Ireland, took place on 20<sup>th</sup> April in New York. Cathaoirleach Cllr. Jack Murray and Director of Service Garry Martin attended on behalf of Donegal County Council. The programme of events is currently being worked on and added to, more information can be found at <a href="http://www.donegal.ie/en/donegal-connect">www.donegal.ie/en/donegal-connect</a></p>

	<p><b>Donegal Diaspora Website</b></p> <p>A forward planning exercise on the use of the website and the Diaspora social media channels is currently taking place and further updates will follow. Donegal Diaspora is present on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Twitter and LinkedIn.</p> <p><b>Donegal Diaspora Network Development</b></p> <p>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. We invite all Councillors to encourage people to connect with us in the Diaspora Unit via email or via social media:</p> <p><a href="mailto:donegaldiaspora@gmail.com">donegaldiaspora@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Twitter - @donegaldiaspora</p> <p>Facebook – Donegal Diaspora</p> <p>Instagram - @donegaldiaspora</p> <p>LinkedIn – Donegal Diaspora</p> <p><b>Tip O’Neill Irish Diaspora Awards 2022</b></p> <p>The Tip O’Neill Irish Diaspora Awards 2022 will take place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September in the Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana. The award ceremony will be a key event as part of Donegal Connect 2022.</p>
<p><b>Contact Person</b></p>	<p><b>Eoin Leonard</b>  <b>Diaspora Officer</b>  <b>Mobile: +353 (87) 360 5678</b>  <b>E-mail: <a href="mailto:eleonard@donegalcoco.ie">eleonard@donegalcoco.ie</a></b></p>

## 2. Division: Local Enterprise Office

### Project / Activity Report

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

<b>Outline of Work</b>	<p><b>General Overview – Highlights:</b></p> <p><b><u>Summary of April Outputs:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grant Aid –<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Value of total Grant Aid Approvals YTD is €337k.</li><li>○ Grant Aid Evac meeting took place on the 31<sup>st</sup> March, Seven projects where approved grant aid to a value of €173k.</li></ul></li><li>• Trading Online Vouchers – 30 attended information session in March 22</li><li>• Mentoring YTD – 46 Participants</li><li>• Training 511 Attendees YTD.</li><li>• Michael Tunney Head of Enterprise - retired on 29<sup>th</sup> April after over 26 years of working with and supporting enterprise in Donegal through the County Enterprise Board and the Local Enterprise Office.</li></ul> <p><b><u>Upcoming Activities:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Start Your Own Business Programme – starts on 7<sup>th</sup> June – evening course – online. Book <a href="#">here</a></li><li>• Food Starter Programme – 9<sup>th</sup> April – required by any food producer interested in applying to join Supervalu Food Academy. Book <a href="#">here</a></li><li>• Trading Online Information Session – 11<sup>th</sup> May - Book <a href="#">here</a></li><li>• Business Information Session &amp; Grant Aid workshop –Next one is 27<sup>th</sup> May at 10am – online. Information &amp; Booking <a href="#">here</a></li><li>• Tech Accelerator – Donegal Scale-X Blue Economy will launch in May 2022.</li></ul>
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	<b><u>Donegal Stories:</u></b> Website highlighting the businesses of Donegal that have been supported by the LEO. <a href="https://donegalstories.ie/">https://donegalstories.ie/</a>
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### **3. Division: Emergency Services: Fire Service**

#### **Project / Activity Report**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Number of: (March)*</b>	<b>Total for year</b>
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	81	198
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	94	223
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	6	15
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	10	31
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	29	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from Applicant / Agent:	38	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	11	26
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	1	0
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	0	0
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	0	4



Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	7	24
Fire Safety Complaints received:	3	4
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	3	4
During Performance Inspections carried out:	0	0
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	0	0

\* Current data only available up to end of March 2022.

\*\* Provisional Figures.

## 1. Division: Emergency Services – Civil Defence

### Project / Activity Report

<b>Non Emergency Response Activity (Support to the PRA's and wider community)</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Total (for year)</b>	<b>Volunteer Man – Hours</b>
Patient Transfers to Primary Care centres for Covid Booster vaccine for vulnerable persons	3	6	56hrs
Assisting the Irish Blood Transfusion Services with administration and social spacing at the blood donor clinics in Jackson Hotel, Ballybofey and the Radisson Hotel, Letterkenny	2 volunteers per clinic, 11 clinics in total over a period of 7days	35	166hrs
<b>Supported Agencies;</b> Irish Blood Transfusion Service, National Council of the Blind, HSE			

<b>Training Activities</b>	<b>Delivered to No. of Volunteers</b>
Auxiliary Fire Fighting and Flood Response Training delivered to Crews in Carndonagh, Donegal Town and Stranorlar	21
Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training is ongoing with PHECC Exams taking place in May for the students	5
Emergency First Responder (EFR) and Community First Responder (CFR) delivered to volunteers in Stranorlar, Carndonagh and Milford	22
Rope Rescue / Missing Person Search Training has recommenced weekly in the Civil Defence Headquarters, Stranorlar	8
Manual Handling in line with Health and Safety Legislation	6
Driver Assessments was conducted by ADI Instructor on the 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2022, in Carndonagh.	6
Civil Defence College , Roscrea delivered Radiation Monitoring Training to volunteers in preparation for a response to the Ukrainian War situation	6
Civil Defence Officer attended training in Civil Defence College, Roscrea on the setting up of rest centres , in preparedness for the need to set up rest centre to assist Ukrainian displaced persons .	
Civil Defence Officer participating in the fortnightly Donegal Community Forum Meetings – Ukrainian Crisis Intervention	

### **Volunteers Personal Development:**

A number of volunteers have progressed to instructor level ;

<b>Discipline</b>	<b>No of Newly Qualified Instructors</b>
<b>PHECC Cardiac First Responder (CFR) Instructor</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>PHECC First Aid Responder (FAR) Instructor</b>	<b>2</b>

<b>Non-Emergency Community Support</b>	A gradual return to ‘normal’ business for Civil Defence has commenced with Civil Defence assisting communities with ambulance and medical cover at 8 non-emergency events. These included GAA sporting events held by the Donegal GAA, Ulster GAA and the Climb with Charlei event on 2 <sup>nd</sup> April.
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**Climb Errigal Together:** Hundreds of people from the North West scaled Donegal’s highest peak for the ‘Climb Errigal Together’ event.

All proceeds from the challenge are going to the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association and Pieta House. The climb in the heart of the Donegal gaeltacht, was one of 150 that had been organised nationally as part of “Climb with Charlie” – an initiative established by former RTE reporter, Charlie Bird, who was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease six months ago. Mr Bird subsequently announced on the Late Late Show that he was going to climb Croagh Patrick with family and friends to raise funds for the two aforementioned charities on 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

To coincide with this, the local event, lead by Cllr.Ciaran Brogan, Donegal County Council, one of the main organizers and Mr. Eamon McGee, Donegal Motor Club who was appointed as the lead coordinator for the event, was launched in Gaoth Dobhair’s An Chúirt Hotel in February. The event was supported by Civil Defence, An Garda Síochana, local bus operators, sports clubs and the Dunlewey Centre.

On the day, Civil Defence provided radio communications, medical cover, and mountain rescue for the climbers, whilst some of the more enthusiastic members along with the Civil Defence Officer, ventured the climb in aid of the cause. Everyone who took part in the challenge was presented with a commemorative medal sponsored by Michael Murphy Sports.

**Climb with Charlie / Climb with John...**

Day 2 of the Climb with Charlie event was held on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, this time in Inishowen, Donegal on the Slieve Snaght Mountains. Slieve Snaght is a mountain in the middle of the Inishowen peninsula. It rises to a height of 615 metres, making it the highest mountain in Inishowen, and is one of the northernmost mountains of Ireland. The Climb with Charlie / Climb with John event was the brainchild of the Carndonagh Easter Parade Committee, a committee that John Cunningham, Civil Defence AFS member was very much a part of for many years. John received a motor neurone disease diagnosis, some years back and despite his diagnosis, John remains a very active member of his community and Donegal Civil Defence. The event was organised to coincide with the Charlie Bird fundraising initiative, to raise money for the Irish Motor Neurone Disease. Civil Defence members from Inishowen supported this climb with medical and radio communications cover.

<b>New projects</b>	Civil Defence in conjunction with GAA clubs in the Finn Valley Area will roll out a joint pilot project where Civil Defence will deliver CPR training to volunteers in the clubs. This project will commence in early May.
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Municipal District of Glenties

10 May 2022

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**Community Development Division**

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**CLÁR / AGENDA**

1. Report on recent activity in the Community Development Division
  - 1.1 Presentation by Glenties MD Committee of Donegal Youth Council
  - 1.2 Community Development
  - 1.3 Social Inclusion
  - 1.4 Rural Development Programme/LEADER
  - 1.5 Healthy Ireland

## 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 accessibility for all ages and abilities	Town & Village Renewal Scheme	Tender process ongoing

## Glenties Municipal District - Community Development

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

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Social Inclusion Unit</b>
<p><b>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 3 -inclusive of current status</b></p>	<p><b>Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion Strategy</b>  The first ever Strategy for Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion for County Donegal was launched by Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council, Cllr Jack Murray, and Nolunga Shologu Community Links Worker with Donegal Intercultural Platform on Friday 25 March 2022.</p> <p>This Strategy is the result of a two-year process that began with research by Donegal Intercultural Platform into the needs of Black and Minority Ethnic communities in the county. This was followed by the establishment of a multi-agency steering committee to develop a Strategy that would identify actions to deliver on the identified needs.</p> <p>The strategy is now available to view or download on Donegal County Council website link: <a href="#">Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion.pdf (donegalcoco.ie)</a></p> <p><b>Africa Day 2022</b>  Donegal will celebrate Africa Day 2022 on 14 May in Letterkenny. Africa Day represents an opportunity to acknowledge a diffuse, diverse, and important group of people from 50 African countries, who enrich and make a valuable contribution to Irish society. Funding is secured from Irish Aid at the Department of Foreign Affairs which will allow for events of art and culture, music, literature, business, food and community development to mark Africa Day in Donegal.</p> <p><b>EU Belong</b>  EU-BELONG Project is an Intercultural Approach to Migrant Integration in Europe's Regions running from 3 January 2022 to 2 January 2025 for a duration of 36 months, budget €122,651.96 with the AER as lead applicant with Donegal County Council as one of 11 partners. EU-BELONG is co-funded by the European Commission through its Asylum, Migration, and Integration Fund (AMIF) Programme.</p> <p>The objective of improving migrants' socio-economic inclusion and sense of belonging through the development of regional integration strategies based on a strong intercultural approach.</p>
<p><b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly 1 reporting period</b></p>	<p><b>Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion Strategy</b>  Establish a committee under the auspices of the LCDC which will function as a Migrant Integration Forum and an Implementation Group for the Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion Strategy.</p> <p><b>Africa Day 2022</b>  Working closely with Intercultural Platform to develop and deliver Donegal's Africa day. Planning events of of art and culture, music, literature, business, food and community development to mark Africa Day in Donegal.</p> <p><b>EU Belong</b>  Research, prepare and deliver Capacity development and mutual learning Participate in knowledge sharing and dissemination of good practices.</p>
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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	Rural Development Programme/LEADER
<b>Activity / Project Description</b>	Donegal Local Community and Development Committee are the Local Action Group for County Donegal, with responsibility for the LEADER/Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 & Transitional LEADER Programme 2021-2022
<b>Budget</b>	€13,413,875 (Additional funding received 2019) <i>Note: Project costs €10,063,586, administration and animation costs €3,350,289</i>
<b>Transitional Programme</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021 – 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022 €2,861,598 project costs € 953,866 for Administration & Animation.
<b>Progress to date within the last two months-inclusive of current status</b>	There are 4 Implementing Partners within the county; Donegal Local Development Company (DLDC), Inishowen Development Partnership (IDP), Údarás Na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán, who are rolling out the LEADER Transitional programme on behalf of the LAG (Local Action Group). The LEADER Transitional programme is effective from 1st April 2021 and runs until 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022. €45 million is allocated nationally for the Transitional Programme and €20 million from the EURI programme. 32 projects in Donegal are now approved by Pobal under the Transitional programme and Letters of Offer have issued/are pending, granting LEADER funding to a value of €1,744,365.
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period</b>	The next LCDC/LAG meeting will be held on 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022. Monthly Evaluation Committee meetings will continue to be held to progress projects to LCDC/LAG stage and the LDCs will continue to engage with promoters on the ground to develop and assess potential applications and to promote the Transitional LEADER programme.
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<b>Programme</b>	Healthy Ireland Fund
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<p><b>Healthy Ireland</b>  Healthy Ireland is a government-led initiative which aims to create an Irish society where everyone can enjoy physical and mental health, and where wellbeing is valued and supported at every level of society. Healthy Ireland aims to create an Ireland where health and wellbeing is on everyone's agenda in a meaningful way. The Healthy Ireland Fund is supported by the Department of Health and the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth</p>
<b>Budget</b>	€374,100 Round 3 Funding
<p><b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b></p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p><b>Healthy Ireland Round 3</b>  A joint application from Donegal LCDC and the Children and Young Peoples Services Committee (CYPSC) was approved by Pobal on 4th December 2019. The application consisted of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 10 Actions</li> <li>● 2 Community Mental Health Fund Actions</li> <li>● Community Mental Health Small Grants Scheme</li> <li>● Community Engagement fund</li> </ul> <p>The end date for completion of actions and expenditure under the current Round 3 was 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.</p> <p><b>Community Engagement Fund</b>  <b>URBACT Playful Paradigm (€5,000)</b>  The URBACT Playful Paradigm transfer network is based on the use of “games” for promoting social inclusion, healthy lifestyles and energy awareness, place-making and economic prosperity. It promotes the incorporation of game-style elements into everyday or non-game environments and encourages stakeholders to organise multi-generational events that promote health and well-being.  Healthy Donegal under Round 3 of the Healthy Ireland Fund is supporting the development of Donegal Town as the pilot town involved in this project as a means to improving social inclusion, health and wellbeing.</p>



Pictured are stakeholders of the URBACT Local Group with some of the play equipment that will be used as part of the play events and will be made available on a Countywide basis for other events later in the year.

### Community Engagement

#### Move to Improve 100km Staff Walking Challenge

The Move to Improve 100km Staff Walking Challenge promoted the physical, mental and social benefits of exercise in line with HI Priority Theme 1.

The Challenge rolled out in conjunction with the Staff Health and Wellbeing Office and Healthy Donegal concluded on Friday 15th April 2022. Feedback received has been very positive, with everyone welcoming the fun event saying it created a great buzz and encouraged staff to get out and get moving. Tune in next month to see who won!

Pictured are some of the photos taken by staff during their walks -



GaelGoers Leitir Ceanainn – cuma sástachta agus foircinn a dhéanamh le chéile'



**Slow Patrol – Chasing Cars in Lifford**



**Blisters Sisters – giving it welly in Donegal Town**



**Legs of Duty – going the distance in Carndonagh**

**HIF Phase 3 Strand 1 Action 4 - Young Carers Recognition Project**

Donegal Youth Service's Young Carers project supports young people who take on extra caring responsibilities at home, which often impacts other areas of their lives, like school work, time spent with friends, extra-curricular activities and hobbies. The Young

Carers' Project aims to identify, engage and support young carers through engagement with service providers who work directly with families that have young carers in the family home.

Donegal Youth Service Young Carers' Project is funded under Action 4 of Donegal LCDC Healthy Ireland Round 3 Programme and recently seen Young Carers attend a Residential in Carlingford to help increase their physical activity and develop healthy habits

Pictured below are some of the Young Carers at their Residential in Carlingford.



### **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 –

- Donegal County Community Forum – Capturing Covid, A Day of Reflection
- Healthy Eating/Eat Well – healthy Easter inspired snacks
- Donegal's Bealtaine Festival 2022

- HSE Men's Health Webinar



You can follow Healthy Donegal on the following platforms:

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

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

[https://www.instagram.com/healthy\\_donegal/](https://www.instagram.com/healthy_donegal/)

<https://twitter.com/HealthyDonegal>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwcqNcNTWBCaRjEFGqSkOnA>

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**GLENTIES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT  
MEETING  
10<sup>th</sup> May 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. Discuss and Adopt Items from Workshop date 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 (am) including :-**
  - Community Involvement Schemes (CIS) 2022**
  
  - Local Improvement Schemes (LIS) 2022**



# **Housing & Corporate Agenda**

**For Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

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

**1. PROGRESS REPORT - GRANTS AT 29/04/2022**

<b>Housing Aid for Older People Grants</b>						
<i>Year</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Cancelled/ Refused</i>	<i>Applicant Further Info</i>	<i>Referred to Eng</i>	<i>Pending</i>
2021	135	114	20	0	1	1
2022	43	16	12	0	15	15

<b>Housing Adaptation Grants</b>							
<i>Year</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Cancelled/ Refused</i>	<i>Applicant Further Info</i>	<i>Referred to Eng</i>	<i>Referred to OT</i>	<i>Pending</i>
2021	74	47	17	3	7	0	10
2022	25	7	7	0	11	0	11

<b>Mobility Aids Grants</b>							
<i>Year</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Cancelled/ Refused</i>	<i>Applicant Further Info</i>	<i>Referred to Eng</i>	<i>Referred to OT</i>	<i>Pending</i>
2021	43	29	13	0	0	1	1
2022	14	7	3	0	4	0	4

## 2. PROGRESS REPORT – CASUAL VACANCIES @ 29/04/2022

<b>Glenties MD</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Beds</b>	<b>Vacant From</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
<b>Annagry</b>				
	Clos Naomh Duigh	2 bed	16/02/2022	Contractor on site
<b>Ardara</b>				
	Radharc an Ghleanna	2 bed	29/12/2021	Contractor on site
	Carrickatlieve	3 bed	24/01/2022	Contractor on site
	Radharc an Ghleanna	2 bed	01/03/2022	Contractor on site
<b>Creeslough</b>				
	Ard Cois Locha	3 bed	28/02/2022	Contractor appointed
<b>Derrybeg</b>				
	Ailt Aoibhinn	2 bed flat	20/01/2022	Contractor on site
<b>Dunfanaghy</b>				
	Eadan Mor	3 bed (LTL)	13/10/2021	Contractor on site
	Eadan Mor	3 bed (LTL)	08/11/2021	Contractor on site
<b>Dungloe</b>				
	St Peter Terrace	1 bed OPD	13/12/2021	Currently awaiting tenders from contractors. Deadline for receipt of tenders is 9 <sup>th</sup> May.
	Gort na Mona	3 bed	15/03/2022	Currently awaiting tenders from contractors. Deadline for receipt of tenders is 9 <sup>th</sup> May.
<b>Falcarragh</b>				
	Ballina	3 bed	12/07/2021	Working on preparing tender documents
	Radharc na Mara	2 bed OPD	03/03/2022	Contractor on site
<b>Fintown</b>				
	Shallogans	3 bed	08/03/2022	Currently being assessed
<b>Glenties</b>				
	Clos Naomh Chonail	2 bed	29/11/2021	Contractor on site
<b>Loughanure</b>				
	An tArdan Rua	3 bed	22/12/2021	Contractor on site
	Radharc an Iuir	2 bed	21/01/2022	Contractor on site

### 3. HOUSING NEED

#### Gross Need - by approved bedrooms

Municipal District	1	2	3	4	Total	
Glenties	Annagry	1	7	1	1	10
	Ardara	3	14	1	1	19
	Arranmore	0	1	0	0	1
	Bunbeg	0	0	1	0	1
	Burtonport	0	6	0	1	7
	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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>208</b>	

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

As at 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022, the Glenties Municipal District is providing Social Housing Support in the form of the Housing Assistance Payment to 112 families/individuals. 12 of these families/individuals are in receipt of HAP only.

### 5. NUMBER OF RAS PROPERTIES

As of the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022, the Glenties Municipal District is providing Social Housing Support in the form of the Rental Accommodation Scheme to 58 families/individuals.

### 6. NUMBER OF LTL PROPERTIES

As of the 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2022, the Glenties Municipal District is providing Social Housing Support in the form of the Long Term Lease Properties to 19 families/individuals.

## 7. HOUSING VACANCIES AND OFFERS

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

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

## 8. TENANT PURCHASE

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

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

## 9. LOCAL AUTHORITY LOANS

Total number of Loan applications (RIHL) received from 2018-2021	Number of Loans Approved from 2018-2021	Total number of new Loan applications (LAHL) in 2022	Number of Loans Approved in 2022
33	5	4	2

## Housing Capital Update Report Glenties Municipal District Meeting

May 2022

### 1. Social Housing Developments – Construction Schemes

Donegal County Council is currently progressing the following proposed social housing development in the Glenties Municipal District:

Location	Status	No. of Units
<b>Construction Stage</b>		
Dunfanaghy	Expected completion Q2 2022	4
SI at Loughanure	Expected completion Q2 2022	1
SI at Annagry	Expected completion Q2 2022	1
<b>Design Stage</b>		
Chapel Road, Dungloe	Site Investigation and Preparation of Tender Documents	45
<b>Total</b>		<b>51</b>

### 2. House Acquisition Programme

There is 1 property currently in the early stages of the house acquisition process.

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

### 3. Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition

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

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

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

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

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

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

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