



**Municipal District of Glenties**

Office of Meetings  
Administrator  
Public Service Centre  
Dungloe

8<sup>th</sup> May, 2024

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

The Municipal District of Glenties Meeting will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 at 11.00 a.m. in  
Dungloe Public Services Centre.

**N.B. A Roads Workshop will take place prior to the above MD Meeting, commencing at 10.30 a.m.**

**TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GLENTIES**

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend the above Workshop and MD meeting of the Municipal District of Glenties. The Agendas are attached hereto.

Yours Sincerely,

**Michael Rowsome  
Meetings Administrator**



## Ceantar Bardais Na Gleanntaí

Oifig Riarthóir na  
gCruinnithe  
Ionad Seirbhísl  
Clochán Liath

8ú Bealtaine, 2024

### FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Na Gleanntaí ar an Mháirt an 14ú Bealtaine, 2024, ag 11.00 r.n.  
in Oifigí na Comhairle Condae ar an Chlochán Léith.

N.B. Beidh Ceardlann Bóithre ar siúl ag a 10.30 r.n. roimh an Cruinniú Ceantar Bardais thuasluaite

### DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS NA GLEANNTAÍ

A Chara

Iarrtar ort a bheith i lathair ag ag Ceardlann agus an gcruinniú de Ceantar Bardais na nGleanntaí. Tá Cláranna na cruinnithe thuasluaite istigh le seo.

Mise, le meas

Micheál Rowsome  
Riarthóir Cruinnithe

## Roads Workshop 14<sup>TH</sup> May 2024

### Agenda Items

#### 1. Local Improvement Schemes 2024.

Discuss the GMD 2024 Allocation, consider the already prioritised Schemes and agree on the 2024 Schemes. Details will be circulated to Members towards the end of this week in advance of the Workshop

## AGENDA

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the Glenties Municipal District Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024
  
2. Economic Development, I.S. & Emergency Services
  - 2.1 Minutes from MTRWGS Workshop
  
3. Planning Services Report
  
4. Environment Report – April '24
  - 4.1 Environment Report May '24
  
5. Community Development Report
  - 5.1 Healthy Donegal Update
  
6. Roads Agenda
  
7. Housing & Corporate Services Report
  - 7.1 Housing Capital Update

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

**held in the Dungloe Public Service Centre @ 12:30 p.m. on  
12th March 2024**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cllr. Michael McClafferty (Cathaoirleach)  
Cllr. Anthony Molloy  
Cllr. Marie Therese Gallagher  
Cllr. John Sheamuis Ó Fearraigh  
Cllr. Micheal Cholm Mac Giolla Easbuig

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Michael McGarvey - Director Water & Environment  
Michael Rowsome - A/Area Manager, Housing & Corporate  
Lorna Ramsey - Executive Planner  
Jamie Gallagher - Executive Engineer  
Jim Boner - SEE, Housing Capital  
John McCarron - SEE, Water & Environment  
Olivia Gallen - Administrative Officer, Economic  
Development  
Mary Boyle - A/Senior Staff Officer, Housing &  
Corporate  
Ann Marie McCole - Staff Officer, Community  
Development

**APOLOGIES:** Brendan McFadden - Area Manager, Roads

**AISTRIÚCHÁIN  
COMHUAINÉACH:** Clíona Ní Ghallachóir

**GMD 12/24**      Confirmation of Minutes of Glenties Municipal District  
Committee Meeting - Schedule of Municipal District Works  
2024

On the proposal of Cllr. John Sheamuis Ó Fearraigh, seconded by Cllr. Marie Therese Gallagher, the Minutes of the Municipal District Meetings held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of February 2024 were confirmed.

GMD 13/24

### Schedule of Municipal District Works 2024

The 2024 Schedule of Municipal District Works proposed by Cllr. John Sheamuis Ó Fearraigh, seconded by Cllr. Marie Therese Gallagher, resolved "that the Glenties M.D. hereby adopts for the financial year ended 31st December 2024, the schedule of Municipal District Works as set out in the schedules presented at the M.D. meeting of the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 as required by Section 103A of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) and in line with requirements of Circular LG27/2014/Fin21/2014".

GMD 14/24

### Housing Construction

The Senior Executive Engineer gave an update on proposed Construction Schemes as outlined in the Report circulated with the Agenda as follows:

- Chapel Road, Dungloe - tenders at assessment stage
- Creeslough - progress to date
- Gweedore Turnkey Scheme - weekly meetings with solicitor
- Fintown Land Acquisition - Environmental Surveys
- Annagry Turnkey

The Housing Manager updated the Committee in relation to the Falcarragh site. He advised that the HSE are currently liaising with the developer, regarding a group home proposal.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig expressed frustration at the ongoing delays in progressing vital capital developments in the Municipal District. He highlighted the lack of affordable rental accommodation, the increase in homelessness and the necessity for Senior Management to address his concerns in relation to obstacles to local acquisition proposals.

The Housing Manager outlined the acquisition process and detailed the issues that are impacting on progression.

Cllr. Gallagher requested the assignment of adequate staffing resources to the Municipal District to facilitate and expedite the delivery of additional Social Housing Units.

Cllr. Molloy, advised that vendors of older dwellings should not be requested to carry out defective block testing.

#### 14.1 Affordable Housing

Cllr. Gallagher welcomed the commencement of the Affordable Purchase Scheme Survey but expressed frustration that the survey is a necessity to obtain approval for inclusion in the Local Authority Affordable Housing Scheme.

GMD 15/24

#### Economic Development, IS & Emergency Services

The Committee welcomed the reports circulated with the Agenda and presented by the Administrative Officer regarding the following work programmes:

- Economic Development
- Tourism & Marketing
- Local Enterprise Office
- Information Services
- Emergency Services

The Committee highlighted the following issues for consideration:

##### **Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig:**

- Establishment of a First Responder Service to deal with gorse fires
- Provision of a Blue Light Emergency Service on Tory & Arranmore
- Convene a workshop regarding the impact of tourism on housing, local environment and sustainability of the Gaeltacht Region
- Report requested on the Council Support Co-Operative model

##### **Cllr. Marie Therese Gallagher:**

- Promotion of Greenway linkages
- Retention of Council lands for Community/Economic Development
- Marketing & Maintenance of the Dungloe/Glenties cycleway

**Cllr. Anthony Molloy:**

- Increased infrastructural development to support tourism offerings in the County

**Cllr. John Sheamus Ó Fearraigh:**

- Provision of a fire engine on Tory Island
- Increased focus on tourism promotion in light of the restoration of the Glasgow flight connection

**Cllr. Michael McClafferty:**

- Poor broadband connectivity in the Cloughaneely to Creeslough area
- Inadequate facilities at tourist locations

GMD 16/24

**ENVIRONMENT**

The Members discussed the reports circulated with the agenda and presented by the Environmental Engineer:

- Adoption of the Donegal Climate action Plan
- Community Climate Action Fund - Closing date 22/03/2024
- National Agricultural Inspection Programme
- Septic Tank Inspection Plan
- Deco Paints regulations
- Big Donegal Clean-Up Campaign 2024 - launch at 11 a.m. on 26/03/24 at Dunfanaghy Pier

**16.1 Illegal Dumping**

Cllr. McClafferty highlighted increasing incidences of illegal waste disposal, in particular nappies, throughout the County.

Cllr. Gallagher recommended a National Initiative to address the cost of the disposal of nappies and incontinence pads, given that these items are a household necessity.

Cllr. Ó Fearraigh stressed the importance of acknowledging the massive contribution of local voluntary groups to the betterment of the Environment.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig commended the Council's litter collection service.



In response to a query from Cllr. Molloy, the Environmental Engineer undertook to liaise with the litter collection team regarding the dismantling of a dilapidated portacabin on the Donegal Road, Ardara.

## **16.2 Recycling Facilities**

Cllr. McClafferty requested the provision of recycling facilities in Falcarragh.

Cllr. Ó Fearraigh recommended that the Council liaise with Údaras to identify a suitable site.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig recommended that the Council assume responsibility for recycling facilities and provide additional options for cardboard and plastic disposal.

The Director confirmed that the Council have to adhere to National Policy in this regard.

Cllr. Molloy highlighted the necessity for suitable disposal facilities in Glenties.

## **16.3 Public Conveniences**

Cllr. Molloy asked the Council to liaise with the Rosses Anglers regarding the provision of Portaloos.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested an update on the status of the public toilets at Braade and Magheraroarty.

## **16.4 Rural Water Programme**

The Environmental Engineer confirmed that necessary projects at Maghera and Meenderryhirk (raised by Cllrs. Molloy & Gallagher) will be considered under the recently announced Rural Water Programme.

Cllr. McClafferty recommended an amendment to The National Inspection Plan to include eligibility for grant funding for septic tanks in rental properties following a Council Inspection failure.

## 16.5 Treatment Plants - Dungloe

In response to a query from Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig, the Environmental Engineer undertook to forward a query to Uisce Eireann.

## 16.6 Tory Sea Wall

The Environmental Engineer informed Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig that this issue isn't the responsibility of the Environment Service.

GMD 17/24

## PLANNING

Members noted the reports circulated with the Agenda:

- Development Application Statistics
- Enforcement Cases
- Pre-planning clinic schedule
- Regeneration & Development Reports

On the proposal of Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig seconded by Cllr. Ó Fearraigh, the Committee recommended the scheduling of drop-in planning clinics in the Dungloe PSC.

Cllr. Gallagher expressed disappointment at the minimal Rural Regeneration & Development Fund Investment in the Glenties Municipal District and queried the status of the Dungloe Regeneration Plan.

Cllr. McClafferty informed Members that he is bringing a Motion to the Plenary Council recommending an increase in the planning objection fee to €500.

GMD 18/24

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### 18.1 Development Fund Initiative 2024

On the proposal of Cllr. Gallagher seconded by Cllr. McClafferty, the Committee considered the applications received for the 2024 Glenties MD DFI and allocated funding in the sum of €150,000 as set out in the table below:

Applicant/Group	Amount
Creelough Community Association	€ 5,000
Donegal Sheepdog Irish National 2024	€ 3,000
SULT Féile Cuideachta faoi Theorainn Ráthaíochta	€ 5,000
Club Rothaíochta Chú Uladh	€ 2,500
Scoil Náisiúnta Glasáin	€ 2,500
An Machaire Le Cheile	€ 2,500
Arranmore County Fest	€ 2,500
Ballymore National School	€ 2,500
Banna Cheoil Cloich Cheann Fhaola (Cloughaneely Junior Band)	€ 3,500
Burtonport Summer Festival	€ 2,500
Ceol Na gCruach	€ 2,500
CLG An Clochán Liath	€ 15,000
CLG Chloich Cheann Fhaola	€ 5,000
CLG Naomh Micheál	€ 2,500
Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eirenn Cloughaneely	€ 3,500
Comharchumann Forbartha & Fostaíochta Árainn Mhór	€ 2,500
Comhlacht An Halla Mhór	€ 2,500
Dolmen Leisure Company LBG	€ 2,500
Donegal Famine Heritage Centre LTD	€ 2,500
Dunfanaghy FC	€ 2,500
Errigal Equestrian	€ 2,500
Gaoth Dobhair Aontaithe FC	€ 7,500
Glenties Community Action Group	€ 2,500
Gweedore Celtic	€ 2,500
Holy Trinity National School	€ 2,500

Karl Doherty T/A An Teach Ceoil	€ 2,500
Loughros Point Rowing Club	€ 2,500
Meenacross Comhaltas Ceoltóirí (Donegal Fleadh 2024)	€ 2,500
Methoolist Church, Ardara	€ 2,500
Mullaghdubh Community Centre Seanscoil	€ 20,000
Na Rossa CLG	€ 2,500
Naomh Conaill GAA Club	€ 2,500
Pobail le Chéile CPD CLG - Cloughaneely Community Awards Celebration	€5,000
Roscess Anglers Association	€ 2,500
St Columbas Community Group	€ 2,500
The Mary From Dungloe International Arts Festival	€ 10,000
Tidy Towns Committee Glenties	€ 2,500
Togra Fiontar & Cultúr Uladh CTR	€ 2,500
<b>Total Allocated</b>	<b>€ 150,000</b>

## 18.2 Community Development Projects

The members discussed the Reports circulated with the Agenda in relation to the following projects:

- Errigal Mountain - Pathway & Environmental Improvements
- Muckish Railway Walk
- Clar Schemes
- Town & Village Renewal Scheme Dungloe
- Annual Maintenance of Playgrounds
- Tory & Arranmore Playground Refurbishments

The Committee highlighted the following issues for the attention of the Community Development Service:

- Meenahalla Footbridge (Cllr. Molloy)
- Official Opening of Bonny Glen Footbridge (Cllr. Molloy)
- Annagry 'Health Check' (Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig)
- Poll a tSnámh (Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig)
- Coshclady Trail (Cllr. Ó Fearraigh)

- Leitir Green (Cllr. Gallagher)

Cllr. Gallagher commended the work of the Community Development Officer. Cllr. Gallagher expressed disappointment at the slow pace of progress of strategic Municipal District projects.

### 18.3 Social Inclusion Unit & Donegal PPN

The members welcomed the programme of events in Donegal during Social Inclusion Week from the 17<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

### 18.4 Rural Development Programme

The Members noted the report circulated with the agenda.

### 18.5 Donegal Walks and Trails

The members welcomed the report circulated with the agenda regarding the Kincasslagh Tower Trail and Slí na Finne.

GMD 19/24

## ROADS & TRANSPORTATION

### 19.1 Workshop 04/03/2024 - Programmes

On the proposal of Cllr. Mc Giolla Easbuig seconded by Cllr. Ó Fearraigh the Committee agreed the following attached programmes:

- Restoration & Improvement Programme 2024 - €3,789,220 (Appendix 1)
- Restoration Maintenance Programme 2024 - €1,046,472 (Appendix 2)
- The Drainage Programme 2024 - €232,132 (Appendix 3)
- C.I.S. 2024 - €170,018 (Appendix 4)
- Bridge Parapet Repair Priority List 2024 (Appendix 5)
- Footpath & public Lighting Programme (Appendix 6)

19.2 On the proposal of Cllr. Gallagher seconded by Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig the Committee agreed the list subject to the of priority 3 (N56 Dungloe PSC towards garden centre) & priority 5 (L1583 - Chapel Road Dungloe from town towards school) (see attached appendices).

### 19.3 Bunbeg (Clady) Bridge Options

On the proposal of Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig seconded by Cllr. Ó Fearraigh, the Committee requested the provision of a footbridge at this location. Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig also requested expenditure to date.

### 19.4 Maintenance

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig raised the following matters for the attention of the Roads Service:

- Public lighting and traffic calming in Loughanure
- Poor state of road to NowDoc in Meenaniller
- Safety Management Plan for Falcarragh Crossroads and Gweedore Credit Union

Cllr. Ó Fearraigh highlighted the following Road Issues:

- Health & Safety responsibility for manhole at Molloy's Shop

Cllr. Molloy requested the Road Service to address maintenance concerns at the following locations:

- Loughros Point Road
- Silverhill Road
- Shanaghan Road
- Loughfad Road
- Loughderryduff
- Aran Court Gullies
- Ardara Heritage Centre Parking
- Official opening of Terence Slowey Way

Cllr. Gallagher commended all Road Staff for their endeavours and assistance to both Members and the general public.

### 19.5 Gweedore/Industrial Estate Roads

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested the Council to correspond with Údaras na Gaeltachta to request that the roundabout and all roads within the Estate be named after women, youth and men who fought in the 1916 Rising.

HOUSING ADMINISTRATION

Members welcomed the monthly reports circulated with the agenda and presented by the A/Area Manager in relation to the status of Grants, Casual Vacancies, Housing Need, HAP, Long Term Lease, Tenant Purchase and Local Authority Loans.

Cllr. Gallagher commended the Housing Service and particularly the positive impact of Housing Grants on the ability of elderly applicants to reside in their own homes.

**20.1 Disposal of Land**

The A/Area Manager advised Members of the background to a request for the transfer of land contained in Folio DL20278F (Dunmore, Falcarragh) to Joseph Corcoran.

On the proposal of Cllr. Gallagher, seconded by Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig, the Committee agreed with the recommendation to the disposal of this land in accordance with Section 183(1) of the Local Government Act 2001.

**20.2 Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Works**

Members welcomed notification from the A/Area Manager regarding the tendering of retrofitting works in Burontport, Doochary and Fintown.

**20.3 Estate Maintenance**

The A/Area Manager informed Members that the Housing and Road Services have agreed to undertake Estate Maintenance works in Meenlaragh and Ard Connell in Glenties.

**20.4 Approved Housing Bodies**

The Committee welcomed confirmation from the A/Area Manager of:

- (i) Part project budget approval of circa €200k, additional funding for the Parents & Friends Development at Fairhill, Dungloe

(ii) Update regarding the status of proposals in respect of Shanaghan House, Ardara.

#### **20.5 Acquisitions**

Cllr. Molloy requested a review of criteria governing the acquisition of housing.

#### **20.6 Michelle Nic Pháidín - Media Rep**

The Committee paid a warm tribute to Michelle for her longstanding attendance and reporting of events in the Glenties MD. Members praised the extensive coverage of local issues and wished her every success in her new role.

#### **20.7 Retirement - Cllr. Marie Therese Gallagher**

The Committee praised Cllr. Gallagher for her 17 years of service and dedication to the Glenties MD and Donegal County Council, and expressed appreciation for her valuable assistance and co-operation.

The Director referred to her numerous accomplishments, and in particular her involvement in the development of a Strategic Island Road Takeover Policy, Community Needs Assessment and Community Development Representation at Municipal District meetings.

The A/Area Manager complemented Cllr. Gallagher for the courtesy that she afforded all staff in her interactions with Council Officials.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING**





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

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

**Master Municipal District Report May 2024**

**Content**

- 1. Economic Development**
- 2. Local Enterprise Office**
- 3. Information Systems (IS)**
- 4. Emergency Services**
  - 4.1 Fire Service**

## 1. Economic Development

### 1.1. Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location / Further Info	Point of Contact
25 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Scottish Diaspora Event showcasing Donegal Tweed and Local Businesses	Event organised in conjunction with ETB, LEO and Irish Consulate Service in Edinburgh to develop connections between Donegal and Scottish Tweed and strengthen connections with Donegal and Irish Diaspora in Scotland.	Daniel McChrystal – <a href="mailto:dmcchrystal@donegalcoco.ie">dmcchrystal@donegalcoco.ie</a>
16 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	London Irish Centre Jobs Fair	London Irish Centre, Camden, London. Focusing on promoting high-quality employment opportunities in Donegal. This event will also offer opportunities to network and build further London Irish connections.	Daniel McChrystal – <a href="mailto:dmcchrystal@donegalcoco.ie">dmcchrystal@donegalcoco.ie</a>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed of Each Month	Innovation Campfire	<p>Hosted by Alpha Innovation - this series provides employees and entrepreneurs an opportunity to take a moment out of their busy days to see the world through a different lens. Over the coming months, our 10-minute sessions will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Showcase inspiring innovation stories from around the world.</li> <li>• Learn from the experiments, tests, fails, quick wins, and big successes of others.</li> <li>• Enable participants to be part of a growing community of like-minded individuals.</li> <li>• Allow participants to shape future sessions by volunteering to tell a story they are passionate about.</li> </ul> <p>You can watch back by visiting <a href="https://www.alphainnovation.eu">ALPHA Innovation   Innovation Campfire — ALPHAInnovation.eu</a></p>	Kevin Sexton - <a href="mailto:kevinsexton@alphainnovation.eu">kevinsexton@alphainnovation.eu</a>
Sat mornings across	Startup Bootcamp 2024	ALPHA Innovation's second edition of Startup Bootcamp is taking place throughout May & June at CoLab, ATU Campus, Letterkenny. Bootcamp will	Conor Doherty <a href="mailto:conordoherty@alphainnovation.eu">conordoherty@alphainnovation.eu</a>

<p><b>May and June</b></p>		<p>bring a selected team of like-minded pre-founders and founders through a 7-workshop programme, where they will cover areas which can help propel their propositions forward. The programme is FREE for successful applicants looking to set up and grow their venture from Donegal.</p> <p>Bootcamp takes place on Saturday mornings to accommodate those working full-time to dedicate time working on their proposed startups. Throughout workshops, co-ordinators will cover problem framing, customer development techniques, crafting a compelling value proposition, developing a customer deck and pitch practice. The programme will culminate in a showcase day, where participants will present their propositions to mature businesses, peers and potential customers. (Date TBC)</p> <p>More details can be found at <a href="http://www.alphainnovation.eu/bootcamp">www.alphainnovation.eu/bootcamp</a></p>	
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## 1.2 Economic Development Unit

### Marketing & Campaigns Updates

#### Invest Donegal Communications Update

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

Impressions (last 28 days)		Total Followers
Linked In	12,567	5,116 (+32)
Twitter	2,576	3,578
Instagram	1,723	4,346 (+74)
Facebook	4,417	2,107 (+16)
Donegal.ie	4.2K Web Users (+100)	

8 News Items Published.

28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024

#### Inward Investment Brochure

The Economic Development team are currently progressing work to develop a new brochure promoting the value proposition for inward investment in County Donegal and highlighting County Donegal as a great place to live, work, study and do business. This brochure will be available in print and digital format and is due for completion in June 2024.

#### Relocation Marketing Campaign

Donegal County Council will shortly be appointing a marketing agency to develop a new marketing campaign promoting Donegal as a great place to live, work, study, invest and do business. This campaign will be a follow-on campaign building upon the success of the previous #MovetoDonegal relocation campaign.

**Economic Development Business Supports Flyer:** An information flyer with details on the various Economic Development business supports such as the concierge service, marketing campaigns including Buy Donegal and Love Donegal along with details of membership of Donegal Tourism CLG was distributed to all rates payers in the County in March 2024. This was a collaborative initiative with the income collection team in Finance to raise awareness amongst rate payers of the support available from Donegal County Council. Approximately 4600 flyers were sent out along with information on the grant scheme known as ICOB (Increased Cost of Business Grant).

**#LoveDonegalDay:** #LoveDonegal day 2024 will take place in September, in conjunction with other events promoting the county including Disrupt by the Sea and the Tip O'Neill Irish Diaspora Awards. The 2023 campaign reached a global audience of 85 million across social media, this year's campaign hopes to achieve the same level of success. Further details to be disseminated as they are confirmed.

**#BuyDonegal:** The 2024 #BuyDonegal campaign will launch in November of this year and will run over a series of 6- 8 weeks, covering a range of sectors, themes and events promoting Donegal businesses to a global audience.

**Donegal Tech Advocates:** Donegal County Council, in collaboration with regional stakeholders, developed and launched the Donegal Tech Advocates group in April 2024. The aim of this group is to promote, grow and empower the dynamic and innovative tech sector across the county in order to develop, retain and attract new high-quality talent to the region, and showcase the tech industry as a highly effective cluster.

**Business Concierge Service**

The Councils Economic Development Division provides a Business Concierge Service for businesses looking at access Council Services and supports. This service can be accessed by emailing [economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie](mailto:economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie)

**Donegal 2040 DAC**

**Board and Corporate Governance**

The enhanced Board of Donegal 2040 DAC is progressing a range of areas including putting in place mechanisms to ensure good corporate governance and establishing a clear strategic framework.

**Update on Projects:**

**Alpha Innovation Centre and Beta Business Centre**

Current Status: Enabling works / Demolition works on site are ongoing. Main construction contract was released for tender in Q1 2024, with tender assessment process currently being undertaken. Estimated project completion date: Q3 2026, subject to funding.

**Remote Working Hub Carrigart:**

Status: In operation. Annual management agreement in place.

Details: One storey building with 18 Hot Desks in an open space floor plan. Meeting room, private phone booths, kitchen facilities and bicycle parking.

**Operation & Management of Island House, Killybegs (Post Construction)**

Current Status: Under Construction. Estimated Completion Date: July 2024

Marketing Campaign: to commence Q2 2024.

**Operation & Management of Burtonport Enterprise Centre (Post Construction)**

Current Status: Contractor appointment. Construction to commence Q2 2024.

Current Estimated Completion date: Q2 2025.

**Operation & Management of The Ritz, Ballybofey (Post Construction)**

Current Status: Detailed design.

Current Estimated Completion date of overall Seed Project: Q1 2026.

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## **Inward Investment Activity**

### **North West City Region**

#### **Golden Bridges and the US Trade Mission 2024**

Plans for Golden Bridges and the US Trade Mission 2024 are under review in collaboration with partners and stakeholders in Donegal and the wider North West City Region.

#### **The NWCR Inward Investment Strategy**

Continuing to progress the NWCR Inward Investment Strategy working in collaboration with Derry City and Strabane District Council including the development of digital and non-digital promotional material including videos and building on online social media and websites.

NWCR on LinkedIn has 744 followers.

NWCR on X (formerly Twitter @NwIreland) has 249 followers.

Website: [www.irelandnw.com](http://www.irelandnw.com)

#### **NWCR Information Dashboard**

An online dashboard for sharing information related to living, working, studying, investing and doing business in the NWCR is in development and will be shared with partners such as INI and the IDA to provide a store of information on the various aspects of the value proposition of the NWCR for potential investors.

### **Service Land Initiative at The Commons, Lifford**

Planning application for enabling infrastructure has been approved An Bord Pleanála and detailed designs are complete. Procurement for construction of enabling infrastructure will take place in the coming weeks. The EDU is engaging with various potential site users including Social Housing, Community Health, Recreation and businesses and it is expected that enabling infrastructure will be complete by Q4 2024.

#### **Disposal of Council owned land to support Economic Development**

The team are dealing with several requests for disposal of lands for economic development in Ballyshannon, Letterkenny and Bunrana.

### **Contact Persons**

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Daniel Mc Chrystal – Senior Economic Development Officer  
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## 1.2: Tourism Marketing Unit

### Project Activity

#### **New Tourism Brochure 2024**

The new Donegal Tourism 2024 brochure has been distributed to accommodation providers, attractions and airports throughout Ireland. With the environment and sustainability in mind, a limited amount of printed promotional material with QR codes for the brochure will also be distributed to tourism businesses to make it easy for visitors to access information.

#### **Meitheal 2024**

The Tourism Unit attended Meitheal networking meeting in Killarney. This is a two-day face-to-face workshop that gives the Irish tourism industry and overseas tourism buyers from over 20 different countries the opportunity to meet and do business. Over 10,000 appointments are conducted over two days with many new and important contracts signed. This global Travel Trade Fair takes place annually in March. In total 10 Donegal businesses attended Meitheal.

#### **Marketing initiative with Ireland West Airport Knock**

A Trade mission/Industry Showcase is planned to meet 50 overseas travel agencies in Milan, Italy and Cologne and Germany on the 10th of June. Three trade members will be invited to attend this. This will be done in association with the other local authorities from Sligo, Leitrim, Mayo, Galway and Roscommon.

#### **Balmoral Show**

Donegal Tourism will once again exhibit at the Balmoral Show in Belfast, Northern Ireland's biggest trade show, from May 15th to May 18th. 22 members of the trade have expressed an interest in attending under the Go Visit Donegal umbrella for this 4-day event.

#### **Meet the Team**

On Tuesday 30th April a "Meet the Team" event will be held in the Inishowen MD area for members of the trade to find out more about Donegal Tourism and how they can support them. This event will be open to trade members from across the county.

#### **Dungloe to Glenties Cycleway**

Donegal Tourism continue to participate in the newly formed working group to organise and market an official opening and to promote the 25km cycleway going forward will take place on the 25th of April. A production company is currently doing the final work on videos to coincide with the launch. Donegal Tourism assisted in the production of a brochure for the launch as well.

#### **TOURBO**

A steering meeting for the TURBO project (which DCC is a partner) which aims to support the sustainable growth of digitalisation within the tourism MSME sector, took place in Lapland from the 8th to 12th April. Donegal County Council took two stakeholders to the event, Donegal Airport and Donegal Local

Enterprise Office, who presented a best practice example, Green for Business. Green for Business has now been published in the Interreg European Policy Platform good practice database.

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/tourbo>

#### **Sustainable Arctic and Peripheral Biking Tourism Project**

Donegal County Council along with partners from the Faroe Islands continue to work on a methodology and a questionnaire for project partners to collect data for a Gap Analysis within the sector in their regions.

#### **Golf Fam Trip**

In partnership with Donegal Airport, Emerald Airlines and Failte Ireland Donegal Tourism will host a fam trip of four Irish golf journalists from the 23rd to the 25th of April. This trip offers these prestigious journalists the opportunity to experience playing on four of Donegal's great golf courses.

#### **Supporting the Development of Golf Tourism**

A networking event between clubs and hotels in Donegal has been arranged for 2nd May with the aim of building stronger connections between the two. The next quarterly meeting of Donegal Golf Providers is to be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May in Ballybofey and Stranorlar Golf Club with the intention of electing a Donegal Golf Cluster committee.

#### **GoVisitDonegal.com Website**

##### **Go Visit Donegal website**

A tender was published on eTenders for the redesign of the Go Visit Donegal website. These tenders are now being assessed with a view to work commencing on this project in May.

**2024 (Mar 20 – Apr 16) - Users 25K- Page Views 69K**  
Festival and Events is the most viewed page – views 5.5K

##### **Online & Social Media Updates – Go Visit Donegal Mar 19 – April 16, 2024**

**Facebook:** Facebook had a reach of 22.1K

**Instagram:** Instagram had a reach of 224K. 27.9K followers

**LinkedIn:** 1,581 followers. 58 new followers in the last 28 days.

**X:** 10.4K posts. 16.3K followers.

**TikTok:** TikTok has 306 followers.

##### **Donegal Tourism CLG**

Donegal Tourism CLG and the Associated Members Committee continue to enable meaningful engagement, co-ordination and collaboration of key stakeholders in the tourism sector in Donegal. The next Associates Committee meeting of Donegal Tourism is scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup>. The date for the AGM of Donegal Tourism is June 11<sup>th</sup>.



<p><b>Grant Schemes</b></p> <p><b>Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme</b> The 2024 Minor Tourism Grant Scheme is now closed for applications and workshops for each MD are being scheduled with the members.</p> <p><b>Regional Festival &amp; Events Grant Scheme</b> County Donegal has been allocated funding of €49,750 under the 2024 regional festivals and events grant scheme. 36 applications were submitted under the 2024 scheme. This scheme is now closed for applications.</p>
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#### 1.4: Strategic Funding Unit

<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>
<p><b>New INTERREG Europe Projects – Green Hydra and EDIN</b> The Green Hydra project focusing on the barriers and opportunities around innovation in hydrogen as a renewable energy source kicked off in April 2024. The scope of this project is to improve national, regional or local policies for involving SME's across the whole hydrogen value chain. The EDIN project focusing on promoting Donegal to remote workers and digital nomads commenced on 9 and 10 April. Both projects are of 4 years duration and offer opportunities for collaboration, shared learning, knowledge exchange, study visits and influencing policy.</p> <p><b>ICC – Intelligent Cities Challenge</b> Donegal County Council is a partner along with Derry City and Strabane District Council on the EU funded Intelligent Cities Challenge project led by ERNACT. This project looks at working with experts from Europe and local SME's to develop LGD's (Local Green Deals), which are commitments to support the transition towards carbon neutrality.</p> <p><b>AER (Assembly of European Regions) Summer Academy 2024</b> Donegal County Council hosted the Summer Academy in Donegal in 2022 in partnership with Udarás na Gaeltachta. The next Summer Academy youth focused event will take place in Norway in August 2024. Donegal County Council will be hosting a workshop at this event focused on opportunities for young people in the Blue Economy.</p>
<p><b>Contact Person</b></p> <p>Joy Browne – Senior Economic Development Officer <a href="mailto:joybrowne@donegalcoco.ie">joybrowne@donegalcoco.ie</a> 087 061 9360</p>

## **2. Local Enterprise Office**

### **Summary of April 2024 Outputs/Events:**

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**Grant Aid (M1)** – Two EVAC meetings have taken place for 2024 with the following approvals:

- 20 Businesses have been approved Grant Aid for Feasibility (5), Business Expansion (8), Priming (1) & TAME (Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters) (6).
- The total value of Grant Aid Approvals YTD (Year to Date) is €372,342.
- Next EVAC meeting will take place on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

**Trading Online Vouchers** – YTD: 22 Businesses approved support to a value of €49,910.

**Mentoring** – YTD: 114 applicants approved for this support.

**Training** – YTD: 837 Attendees on 36 Courses held.

**Digital Start** – YTD: 1 application approved for this support to a value of €4,500.

**Green for Business** – YTD: 10 applicants approved for this support to a value of €22,140.

**Energy Efficiency Grants** - YTD: 4 applicants approved for this support to a value of €20,000.

**Lean For Business** – YTD: 11 applicants approved for this support to a value of €49,000.

### **Export Development Programme**

6 LEO clients are currently undertaking an export readiness diagnostic exercise with Full Circle Consultancy to establish how ready they are to explore export markets. This exercise will give the individual businesses a report and a broader report for LEO Donegal on next steps recommended.

### **Food Coast Donegal**

Restaurant/Chef and Producer Cluster meetings were held at the LEO offices on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of April 2024. Food Coast Donegal hosted a stand at Failte Ireland's Network event at Harvey's Point on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024, showcasing clients' products and services.

### **Donegal Engineering Network**

Engineering ProfitNet meeting took place on the 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at the Radisson Hotel and followed by a workshop on Time Management and Prioritisation.

### **Upcoming Events/Programmes:**

#### **National Enterprise Awards 2024**

Living Green from Quigley's Point will this year be representing Donegal at the LEO, National Enterprise Awards Competition 2024. The National Enterprise Awards Gala Dinner is taking place in the Mansion House, Dublin on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024.

#### **Start Your Own Business Programme 2024**

The fourth Start Your Own Business programme for 2024 will be commencing on 7<sup>th</sup> May and is fully booked with 24 participants registered to attend. The next programme is taking place in June and places are still available at [Online Bookings - Donegal \(localenterprise.ie\)](https://localenterprise.ie).

**LEO Business Supports Clinic**

The next in-person clinic will take place on Friday April 26<sup>th</sup> in Killybegs. As well as learning of LEO supports, all attendees will get the opportunity for one-to-one business advice. Two further clinics are planned for May, virtually on Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> and in-person on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Enterprise Europe Network (EEN)**

LEO Donegal is a partner in the delivery of the Enterprise Europe Network programme, along with Enterprise Ireland, and the Chambers of Commerce in Dublin and Cork. LEO Donegal is supporting Irish SMEs by identifying relevant international business partners using EEN Partnership Opportunities Database. LEO Donegal engages EEN hubs around the world on behalf of Irish SMEs to avail of localised expertise, access to market research, and to facilitate networking opportunities.

LEO Donegal is facilitating an EEN Mission to the Smart Manufacturing and Engineering week in the NEC Birmingham, 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> June. Businesses from Donegal and all Ireland will be attending the event, where insights, solutions & connections for their manufacturing & engineering projects can be found. Shortly, we will be inviting clients from areas such as agriculture, food and beverage, marine, automotive, aerospace and more to join us on this valuable trade mission.

**Donegal Stories:** Website highlighting the businesses of Donegal that have been supported by the LEO. <https://donegalstories.ie/>

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### **3. Information Services**

#### **Information Services (IS)**

##### **National Broadband Plan Fibre Network**

Both the Letterkenny, Creeslough and small Island deployment areas are complete and actively connecting customers. This deployment area covers 6,028 premises or 18% of the Intervention Area. Network build is in progress in the 3 deployment areas of Bunbeg, Tamney and St. Johnson totalling 16,965 premises or 51% of the IA. Surveying is complete in the Bundoran, Ballyshannon, Fintown, Moville, Carndonagh, Tory Island and Bunrana deployment areas covering 1,665 premises or 5% of the IA.

8,521 premises, or 26% of the IA, in the deployment areas of Donegal, Kilcar, Ardara, Pettigo, Arranmore and Ballybofey/Stranorlar are at survey pending stage.

NBI are currently planning Active Equipment Module builds on the islands to connect to the mainland. To keep informed of the rollout plan in Donegal we encourage people to register their interest with; <https://www.nbi.ie>. Up to date information for each Deployment Area in Donegal is available at <https://www.nbi.ie/reps>

##### **Mobile Phone Network Infrastructure**

###### **3 Ireland**

An online meeting with Three Ireland was held to discuss their Mobile infrastructure plans. Three confirmed that progress is being made on new sites which will bring coverage to up to 93% of the population. Improvements to the 5G network will bring coverage to around 84% of the population. We would advise people to use the ComReg coverage map to check different providers' mobile coverage. <https://coveragemap.comreg.ie>

##### **Other Fibre Networks**

OpenEir are actively deploying fibre in some towns and villages, but no deployment plan is available due to commercial sensitivities. Fibre is now available in Lifford.

##### **Link to Map of Digital Hubs in the County**

<https://donegal.maps.arcgis.com/apps/View/index.html?appid=5d17160136374274b4791afccb84446f>

##### **Contact Person**

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#### 4. Emergency Services

##### 4.1 – Fire Service

#### Fire Service Monthly MD Report (May)

Activity	Number of: (March) <sup>1</sup>	Total for year		
<b>Fire Service Operations</b>				
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	53	181		
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	66	212		
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	9	28		
<b>Operational Activity Breakdown February 2024</b>				
	Turnouts		Incidents in County	
	Fires	Special Services	Fires	Special Services
Donegal Fire Service	31	35	21	26
Northern Ireland Fire Service	3	6	1	5
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>		<b>53</b>	
<b>Fire Prevention</b>				
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	15	49		
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:	66	N/A		

Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	8	35
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	1	6
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	0	1
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	5	8
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	3	26
Fire Safety Complaints received:	0	4
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	0	4
During Performance Inspections carried out:	0	0
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	0	0

1. Current data is only available up to the end of March 2024.

**Minutes of the 2024 Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme workshop for the Glenties MD – Held on Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup> @2:30pm – Chamber Room, Dungloe PSC**

**Elected Members in attendance**

Cllr Brian Carr  
 Cllr Michael Cholm Mac Giolla Easbuig  
 Cllr Michael McClafferty  
 Cllr Anthony Molloy  
 Cllr John Shéamuis Ó Fearraigh

**Council Officials in attendance:**

Sarah Nolan, A/Head of Tourism  
 Marion Callaghan, A/Assistant Staff Officer, Tourism Unit

**Minutes**

Cathaoirleach McClafferty welcomed all to the Workshop. Sarah Nolan advised members of the funding available i.e. €50,000 for Community led applications and €50,000 for Council led applications.

Marion Callaghan provided an overview of community and council applications seeking funding, including a project summary, cost of project, funding required and estimated completion date. Members discussed the applications in detail and the following was agreed:

<b>Community Led Applications</b>	
<b>Group name &amp; Project title</b>	<b>Funding agreed</b>
Donegal Play Matters CLG -Making a safe outdoor play space at Teach Biddy on the Dungloe River Walk	€ 3,000
Cumann Iascaíirí Bhaile na Finne - Development of carpark at Lough Finn	€ 9,000
Cairde na hEaragaille CLG -Altan Farm	€ 3,000
AWAKE Tourism - Tourist Information	€ 7,000
Creeslough Community Association - Owencarrow Memorial	€20,000
Donegal GAP Heritage & History - Doon Fort Wall Head Walkway and Parapet Stabilisation	€ 8,000
<b>Funding allocated to Community groups</b>	<b>€50,000</b>

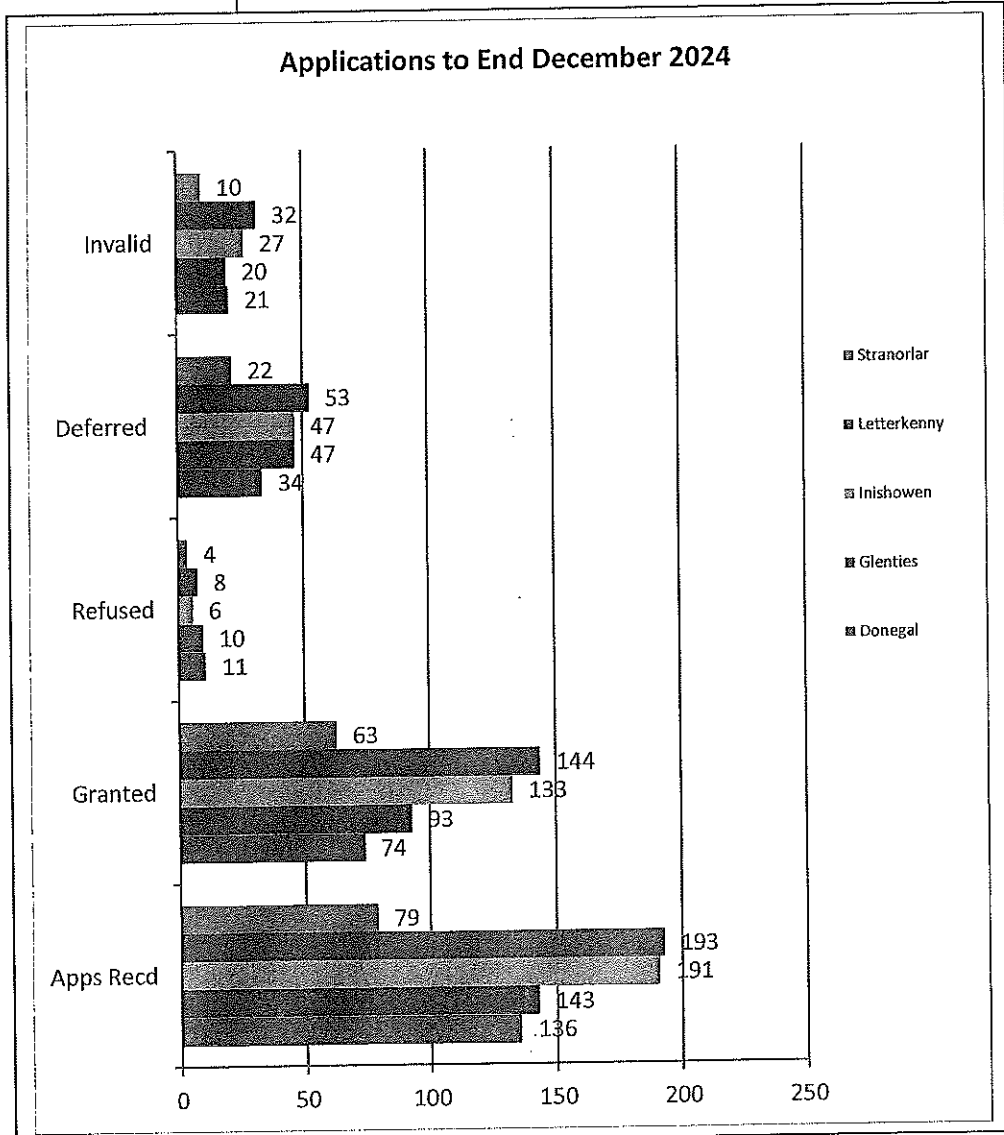
<b>Council Services Applications</b>	
<b>Council service &amp; Project title</b>	<b>Funding agreed</b>
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Surfacing of Car Park at Errigal Mountain	<b>€27,000</b>
ROADS- Car Park at Grotto near Muckish	€ 8,000
ROADS- Viewing Area at Doochary (Corkscrew side)	€ 7,000
ROADS- Creation of Laybys leading to the 2 Beaches at Arlands	€ 8,000
<b>Funding allocated to Council services</b>	<b>€50 000</b>

**Total funding allocated €100,000**

The members were informed their recommendations would be brought forward for adoption at the next May 14<sup>th</sup> MD meeting.

**Glenties MD Meeting**  
**14<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Item	Update										
<b>1 Development Applications</b>											
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3	Notes & Monthly Schedule	<p>Pre planning clinics are on a telephone call only basis (ring 074 9153900) between 9.00am and 12.30pm on the dates outlined below.</p> <p>The pre planning clinic calls will be taken by the Executive Planners and shall be for substantial applications only.</p> <p>Planning Clinics 2024:  23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024  6<sup>th</sup> June 2024  20<sup>th</sup> June 2024  4<sup>th</sup> July 2024  <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/planningclinics/">http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/planningclinics/</a></p>								
4	Casual Trading									
5	Regeneration & Development	See Appendix A								
6	Conservation									
7	Building Control & Taking in Charge									
8	Capital Projects Delivery Unit	See Appendix B								
9	Central Planning Unit									
10	Further Information <i>Click on web links to access information.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly List of applications and decisions: <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weeklyplannilists/">http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weeklyplannilists/</a></li> <li>• Planning Service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service): <a href="mailto:planning@donegalcoco.ie">planning@donegalcoco.ie</a></li> <li>• Planning Webpage: <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/">www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/</a></li> <li>• Planning Application Online Query – <a href="https://www.eplanning.ie/DonegalCC/SearchTypes">https://www.eplanning.ie/DonegalCC/SearchTypes</a></li> <li>• File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and planning search requests:</li> </ul>								

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**APPENDIX A**  
**Regeneration & Development Team**  
**Community Development and Planning Services**

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**REPORT TO THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETINGS**  
**MAY 2024.**

**1.0 Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF)**

Funding is provided from the Department of Rural and Community Development and calls for application to the Fund are sought under two categories. **Category 1** relates to projects with all necessary planning and other consents in place and which are ready to proceed, i.e shovel ready. **Category 2** projects are those which require further development to become ready for Category 1 status.

**1.1 Summary update of Projects**

**Table 1** below provides a summary update on the current status and delivery of projects under the RRDF.

**Table 1: Rural Regeneration and Development Fund Projects**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Value (includes DCC co- funding)</b>	<b>Current Status/Delivery</b>
Back to Ballyshannon	Category 2 (2020)	€247,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site acquisition completed.</li> <li>• Team working towards the publication of a planning scheme.</li> <li>• To be targeted for future Category 1 Funding</li> </ul>
Ramelton Re-imagined/Historic Town Centre	Category 2	€249,159	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Part 8 approved April 2022</li> <li>• Handed over to CPDU.</li> </ul>
	Category 1 (2022)	€7,949,868	

Repowering Buncrana	Category 2 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Call)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sale agreed on former Garda Barracks property.</li> <li>• Handed over to CPDU.</li> </ul>
Rathmullan (in partnership with The Way Forward Rathmullan CLG).			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Part 8 approved February 2023.</li> <li>• Submitted for funding under the Call 5 on the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024.</li> </ul>
Milford Town Centre First Plan		€100,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town Centre First Plan launched November 2023</li> <li>• GM Design Associates preparing a statutory planning scheme for the lands at Lower Mount Marian (including further public consultation) to be completed by Q2 2024.</li> <li>• DCC to progress other priority projects identified in the Plan.</li> <li>• Projects to be targeted for future funding calls.</li> </ul>
Glenties Town Centre First Plan		€30,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding announced 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024.</li> <li>• Workshop held with Glenties MD 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024.</li> <li>• Procurement of services underway.</li> </ul>
Creelough Village Plan and Community Regeneration Project (in association with the Creelough Working Group, Creelough Community Association and Arup).			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Village Plan to be launched 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024.</li> <li>• Part 8 for Community Regeneration Project approved in September 2023.</li> <li>• Submitted for funding under Call 5 on the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024.</li> </ul>
Moville Health Check and Regeneration Plan		€24,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workshop held with Inishowen MD Members 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024.</li> <li>• GM Design Associates appointed to prepare plan.</li> <li>• Preliminary works have commenced including engagement with "Reimagine Moville" group.</li> </ul>
Bundoran Regeneration Plan		€15,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early inception meetings in-house being arranged.</li> </ul>

## 2.0 Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF).

Funding is provided from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for towns with a population in excess of 10,000 which includes Letterkenny in this County, with calls for application to the Fund sought under two categories. **Category 1** relates to projects with all necessary planning and other consents in place and which are ready to proceed, i.e shovel ready. **Category 2** projects are those which require further development to become ready for Category 1 status.

### 2.1 Summary update of Projects

**Table 2** below provides a summary update on the current status and delivery of projects under the URDF.

**Table 2: Urban Regeneration and Development Fund Projects**

Call	Value of Project (includes DCC co-funding).	Projects and current Status/Delivery
<b>Call 1</b> (approved September 2019)  3 Sub-Projects	€3m	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1 Prepare Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed 2022.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>2 Letterkenny Urban Regeneration site.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DCC took possession of the former ESB site and adjacent lands through a CPO in 2023.</li> <li>• Site to be developed for the Alpha/Beta Office accommodation, public realm and Housing.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>3 Public Realm/Linear Park Phase 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed and opened June 2023.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
<b>Call 2</b> (May 2020 and approved March 2021)  6 Sub Projects	€19.3m (€4.8m DCC co-funding)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Reimagine public space at Market Square.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please refer to report from the Capital Projects Delivery Unit Report who are delivering this project.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>2. Cathedral Quarter Park and Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Valuations obtained and land acquisition offers made.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avison Young appointed in Q4 2023 to take forward all previous engagement and act on Council's behalf as regards further offers/acquisitions/CPO.</li> <li>• Council to consider further offers and advance any acquisitions/CPOs.</li> <li>• Proceed to procurement of architect-led team for all design stages (planning consent, detailed design and site supervision) – procurement process to open as soon as possible.</li> </ul> <p><b>3. Renewal at Lower Main Street</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Valuations obtained and land acquisition offers made.</li> <li>• Avison Young appointed in Q4 2023 to take forward all previous engagement and act on Council's behalf as regards further offers/acquisitions/CPO.</li> <li>• Council to consider further offers and advance any acquisitions/CPOs.</li> </ul> <p><b>4. Revival of the Courthouse</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EPIC Heritage Consulting Ltd appointed to prepare a Visitor Experience Plan/ Product Identification Plan and Business Plan for the development of a major visitor attraction at the Courthouse.</li> <li>• Funding of €10,000 secured in March 2024 from the Built Heritage Investment Scheme for minor repair works.</li> <li>• 3 Visitor Experience concepts at consumer testing phase.</li> </ul> <p><b>5. Strategic acquisition to enable a Regional Transport Hub</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avison Young appointed to take forward all previous engagement and act on Council's behalf as regards further offers/acquisitions/ CPO.</li> <li>• Funding commitment secured from the NTA to enable the engagement of consultancy services to move the project forward to the next level as regards scale, scope, further engagement with transport providers and operational requirements.</li> </ul>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft tender package sent to the NTA in December 2023 for feed-in prior to opening of a procurement process.</li> <li>• Consultation with Local Link ongoing in relation to private bus operators.</li> <li>• Workshop arranged with Elected Members of the Letterkenny-Milford MD on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 to provide an update.</li> </ul> <p><b>6. Strategic acquisition to enable LK Green Connect</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Part 8 in relation to the Cultural Corridor element of the project approved by Donegal County Council at the November 2023 Plenary meeting.</li> <li>• In-house team has commenced steps to develop a Part 8 for Phase 2 (from constructed Phase 1 to Pearse Road).</li> <li>• Valuation services of Avison Young being engaged in relation to phase 2 (from constructed Phase 1 to Pearse Road) and lands required for the Cultural Corridor element of the Scheme.</li> </ul>
Call 3 (March 2023 and approved July 2023).	€4m	<p>Revolving fund for acquisition costs of long-term vacant property or sites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Majority of property owners have been identified and a number of meetings have taken place and others planned.</li> </ul>
"The Eat Out' Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Project		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At construction stage.</li> <li>• Please refer to the report from Community Development who are delivering this project.</li> </ul>
Letterkenny Cultural Corridor		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Part 8 approved November 2023.</li> <li>• Valuation services of Avison Young being engaged in relation to lands required for the delivery of the Scheme.</li> <li>• Services of Quantity Surveyor being engaged to provide cost estimates for the scheme.</li> <li>• To be targeted for future URDF funding call.</li> </ul>
Youth/Community focused project at Lower Main Street		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early engagements with Letterkenny Youth Club and Donegal Youth Services have commenced.</li> <li>• Avison Young appointed in Q4 2023 to take forward all previous engagement and act on Council's behalf as regards further offers/acquisitions/CPO.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In tandem, targeted to carry out capacity testing of potential lands available to clarify viability of the project and to undertake further engagement with stakeholders- NB this is subject to availability of in-house architectural resources.</li> </ul>
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### 3.0 Croi Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme.

The Croi Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme opened for applications in July 2022 and **Table 3** below provides further details of the applications received to-date.

**Table 3: Summary of Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Applications**

<b>Applications Received</b>	<b>704</b>
<b>Applications Finalised</b>	<b>466</b>
• Approved	444
• Deemed not eligible (eligibility criteria not met – vacancy/proposed works).	22
<b>In progress (first technical inspection/awaiting information from applicant).</b>	<b>219</b>
<b>Withdrawn (by applicant)</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Properties Refurbished</b>	<b>18</b>
Grants Recouped	15
Requests for grant recoupment (in progress)	3

- Almost 40 drop-in events to promote the scheme have been held between September 2023 and April 2024.

### 4.0 Compulsory Purchase Order Activation Fund/Survey of Vacant Properties

In April 2023, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage launched the CPO Activation Programme for the activation of vacant and derelict properties. The main steps of the programme include:

- Step 1:** Identification of vacant and derelict properties
- Step 2:** Identification of and engagement with owners.
- Step 3:** Communication with owners regarding the supports available.
- Step 4:** Consideration of options available to owners and DCC.

The Council have undertaken Step 1 to identify vacant and derelict properties through the GEO Directory. This survey has been undertaken in the towns listed in **Table 4** below and will be carried out in further towns over the coming months.





**Table 4: Towns Surveyed under the CPO Activation Fund**

<b>Municipal District</b>	<b>Towns</b>		
<b>Letterkenny-Milford MD</b>	Ramelton	Carrigart, Manorcunningham	Rathmullan, Milford
<b>Donegal MD</b>	Donegal Town	Ballyshannon	Bundoran, Dunkineely
<b>Glenties MD</b>	Dungloe	Ardara	Faclarragh
<b>Inishowen MD</b>	Carndonagh	Buncrana	Moville, Malin
<b>Lifford-Stranorlar MD</b>	Ballybofey-Stranorlar	Lifford	Raphoe

The identification of property owners and engagement has commenced (Steps 2 and 3) and is ongoing. **Table 5** provides the current update which will be further updated as we progress Steps 2 and 3 in all towns.

**Table 5: Delivery of CPO Activation Fund (to date).**

<b>Total Properties surveyed to date (Step 1)</b>	<b>1,723</b>
Properties identified as being Vacant	890
Properties identified as being Derelict	63
Properties not vacant	770
<b>Owner Identification/Engagement (Steps 2 and 3) in the following Towns:</b>	
<b>Ballybofey/Stranorlar</b>	<b>77</b>
<b>Carndonagh</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Lifford</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Malin</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Total (to date)</b>	<b>167</b>
<b>Outcome/Responses (from Steps 2 and 3)</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Letter issued	88
Hold/Monitor (e.g property for sale)	21
Closed out	12
Ongoing (e.g. investigations)	46
<b>Total</b>	<b>167</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Letter issued	15

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## APPENDIX B

### CAPITAL PROJECTS DELIVERY UNIT

#### Community Development and Planning Services

Report to Glenties Municipal District Members: May 2024

Activity / Project Title	Burtonport Redevelopment Scheme – Phase 2
<p><b>Project Description/Activity</b></p>	<p>The Ailt an Chorráin (Burtonport) Harbour Redevelopment - Phase 2 Harbour Buildings Regeneration Project is a key component of the larger phased project known as the Ailt an Chorráin (Burtonport)/Oileán Árinn Mhór (Arranmore Island) 'Harbour to Island' Regeneration Project for the regeneration of Burtonport (Ailt an Chorráin) and Arranmore (Oileán Árinn Mhór).</p> <p>The 'Harbour to Island' Project was conceived on the basis that it would take place in two stages in order to accommodate the existing uses occupying the harbour space including the Harbour Master's office, ticket offices and the public toilets.</p> <p>Phase 1 of the Project was awarded funding under the Second Call for Category 1 Funding announced in November 2019. Phase 1 provides for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At Ailt an Chorráin (Burtonport):- Transformation of the harbour infrastructure and environment through the demolition and removal of under-utilised, redundant or vacant buildings, to a new multi-user public realm space with modern transport infrastructure, public amenities and services and parking;</li> <li>• At Óilean Árinn Mhór (Arranmore Island):- Landmark shorefront recreation, outdoor amenity and local community inspired amphitheatre style event space including children's playground and car parking.</li> </ul> <p>The works at Óilean Árinn Mhór (Arranmore Island) are now complete and works at Ailt an Chorráin commenced in January 2022 and are now in progress, with substantial completion anticipated for the end of September 2022.</p> <p><b>About the Project</b></p> <p>Phase 2 of the project proposes a new Ferry Terminal Building and Enterprise Building that present as an important physical element of the overall project and provide a valuable opportunity to introduce regenerative physical development, a diversification of uses and quality architecture to the marine and harbour environment. Broadly, the proposed development will provide for the construction of a Ferry Terminal Building which will house Donegal County Council office accommodation, a community meeting room, public facilities, ferry offices, waiting area and tourist desk facility and a separate Enterprise Building containing a number of small mixed-use units that will help create employment opportunities and stimulate entrepreneurship.</p>



<b>Budget</b>	€2.3m
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status</b>	Construction tenders have been assessed with a preferred contractor determined. Awaiting approval from funders to proceed.
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	Construction works will have commenced.
<b>Contact Person(s)</b>	Ardal McDermott, A/Senior Executive Engineer



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**CLIMATE ACTION**

<p><b>Activity / Project Title</b></p>	<p><b>Publication of the Donegal County Council Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029</b></p>
<p><b>Project Description/ Activity</b></p>	<div data-bbox="323 779 850 880" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Donegal County Council published their inaugural Local Authority Climate Action Plan 2024 – 2029 on 22nd March 2024.</p> <div data-bbox="587 1019 1182 1440" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>The Plan sets out how Donegal County Council will take climate action by improving energy efficiency, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and embedding climate resilience across the organisation. It also addresses how the Council will adopt a broader leadership role in the county by supporting local communities, businesses and other stakeholders to take climate action.</p> <p>Under the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2021, all local authorities are required to prepare a Climate Action Plan. The Plan, which contains 139 actions across six themes, was adopted by Elected Members on 21st February 2024.</p> <p>The Plan’s vision is that Donegal will be climate resilient, biodiversity rich, environmentally sustainable and carbon neutral by the end of 2050.</p> <p>The published Plan is available to view in all Public Libraries and online at <a href="https://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/environment/climateaction/">https://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/environment/climateaction/</a></p>

	The Strategic Environmental Assessment, Natura Impact Statement and Determinations are available for inspection during office hours at County House, Lifford and online as above.
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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Community Climate Action Fund</b>
<b>Project Description/ Activity</b>	<p>The application process for the Community Climate Action Fund closed on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024.</p> <p>The Community Climate Action Programme (CCAP) is a new programme to support small and large, rural and urban communities to take climate action at a local level. Donegal County Council in association with the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC), will provide funding to local communities for projects that promote community climate action.</p> <p>The objective of the CCAP is to build low carbon, sustainable communities, which will, in turn contribute to the national climate and energy targets.</p> <p>There are two strands of funding available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strand 1: focuses on direct climate action building low carbon communities</li> <li>• Strand 1A: focuses on cross-border projects in partnership with communities and organisations in Northern Ireland.</li> </ul> <p>There was a very high level of interest from community groups in Donegal in relation to this fund.</p> <p>Donegal County Council are currently assessing the applications received and will submit a report of recommended projects to the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) in May 2024. Final decision on projects to be funded rests with DECC. It is anticipated that projects will begin Q4 2024 with an 18 month delivery period.</p>
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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Global Action Plan – Climate Heroes Community Challenge 15<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b>
<b>Project Description/ Activity</b>	From 15th to 26th April 2024, community groups and organisations will compete to reduce their carbon footprint by the largest amount. Leading up to the competition, a series of online workshops will explore the themes from a variety of angles, equipping and empowering you to lead change.

	<p><b>What is it?</b></p> <p>Climate Heroes is team-based climate challenge. Together with other members of your community, you will learn about and take simple actions on the drivers of climate change.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investigate and challenge the forces driving climate change</li> <li>• Join with allies and compete to reduce carbon emission</li> <li>• Capture your actions using powerful technology</li> </ul> <p>Best of all, this competition is fun, engaging, and habit-forming - and fully free to community groups and organisations in Ireland.</p> <p><b>What's involved?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Register at the link below</li> <li>• Join an orientation session to learn more about the platform and competition</li> <li>• Attend optional workshops to frame climate actions through a global lens, and meet others committed to the cause</li> <li>• Log climate friendly actions during the two week challenge, and encourage your team to do the same.</li> <li>• Reflect, debrief, and pat yourself on the back.</li> </ul> <p>For more information and to register your team visit <a href="https://www.climateheroes.ie/en-ie/challenge">https://www.climateheroes.ie/en-ie/challenge</a></p>
<p><b>Contact Person</b></p>	<p>Suzanne Bogan, Climate Action Officer  <a href="mailto:sbogan@donegalcoco.ie">sbogan@donegalcoco.ie</a></p>

<p><b>Activity / Project Title</b></p>	<p><b>Energy Efficient and Sustainable Living Information Evening</b></p>
<p><b>Project Description/ Activity</b></p>	<p>Donegal County Council Climate Action Team co-hosted an information evening with SEAI on 14<sup>th</sup> March in Letterkenny PSC. The <i>Energy Efficient and Sustainable Living</i> event was aimed at homeowners and members of the public to increase awareness of grants currently available to help with the cost of retrofitting homes and saving energy.</p>



Presentations were given by Mel Gavin (Sustainable Energy Communities) in relation to SEAI warmer home grants, Vincent Cranley DCC on the Vacant and Derelict Properties Refurbishment Grant Scheme and Karen Mc Brearty on the Housing Adaptation Grant for Older People and People with a Disability.

Builders registered with the SEAI for carrying out retrofit measures were also present to talk to attendees and provide information. There were 30 people in attendance.

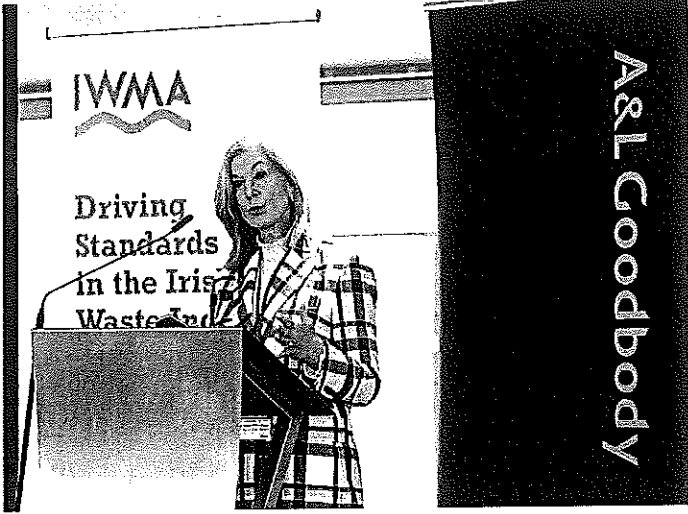

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### WASTE AND LITTER MANAGEMENT

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Waste Enforcement Personnel present at National Conference</b>
<b>Project</b>	<p>On the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024 delegates from all over Ireland directly involved in environmental legislation and in particular waste enforcement came together at an event organized by the Network for Irelands Environmental Compliance and Enforcement (NIECE) in conjunction with the Waste Enforcement Regional Local Authorities (WERLA's).</p> <p>Donegal County Council presented at this event alongside speakers from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the WERLAs, the National Trans Frontier Shipment Office (NTFSO), the National Waste Collection Permit Office (NWCPO) and local authorities throughout Ireland.</p> <p>This event was attended by more than 200 delegates from all corners of the Country and Donegal County Council Waste Enforcement personnel shared the top table with representatives from the EPA, DECC and the NWCPO.</p> <p>Excellent connections have been made and a number of multi agency work areas are now being developed.</p>
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<b>Activity</b>	<b>National Food Waste Recycling Project</b>	
<b>Project</b>	<p>The EPA estimates that Ireland generated 753,000 tonnes (t) of food waste in 2021. Growing, processing and transporting food uses a huge amount of resources, such as land, water, energy and fertiliser. If food is wasted, these resources are wasted too. The EPA estimates that food waste costs the average Irish household about €60 per month or €700 per year. That’s an annual national cost of €1.29 billion.</p> <p>In order to help households to separate their waste and to reduce contamination in the food waste stream Donegal household waste collectors will be taking part in the National Food Waste Recycling Project this year.</p> <p>This project is funded by the Department of Communication, Climate Action and Environment (DCCA) and is being led by the Regional Waste Management Planning Authorities** under the guise of <a href="http://mywaste.ie">mywaste.ie</a>.</p> <p>Through the project Donegal collectors have been provided with thousands of kitchen caddy packs to distribute to their customers.</p> <p>Each pack consists of a 7 litre kitchen caddy, a starter pack of compostable liners and an information leaflet. Householders can use the caddy and liners to separate their food waste in the kitchen and when the liner is full, place it in their kerbside food waste bin.</p> <p>In addition to the caddy packs there are a range of toolkit supports available for the collectors to use at <a href="https://www.mywaste.ie/food-waste-campaign-toolkit/">https://www.mywaste.ie/food-waste-campaign-toolkit/</a></p> <p>The toolkit includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Posters</li> <li>• Stickers</li> <li>• Leaflets</li> <li>• Social media images</li> <li>• E-Newsletter header</li> <li>• Information Videos</li> </ul> <div data-bbox="300 1487 770 1738" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>The number of households in Donegal reported as being provided with a three bin service at the end of 2023 was 17,500.</p>	
<b>Contact Person</b>	<p><b>Donna Maskery</b>  <a href="mailto:dmaskery@donegalcoco.ie">dmaskery@donegalcoco.ie</a></p>	




Activity	<b>Video content for IWMA Conference</b>
Project	<p>The Irish Waste Management Conference was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> March in the Aviva Stadium Conference centre in Dublin. The main theme of the conference was The Circular Economy and there is no event in the ROI that compares to The Irish Waste Management Conference in the waste and resource management space. The event was attended by 300 delegates, online &amp; in-person</p> <p>Pauline McDonagh, Senior Executive Scientist/ Southern Region Waste Management Office presented at this conference on the findings of the DECC funded Household Food Waste project. The environment team provided video content for the presentation.</p> 
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Activity	<b>Court</b>
Project	<p>In February a court case was heard involving an unauthorised end of life vehicle operation/ scrap yard. The operator was found guilty of a number of breaches of the Waste Management Act. Fines were imposed and costs awarded to the LA.</p> <p>Figures collated for work in 2023 show that waste enforcement personnel attended court more than 70 times in 2023. In the majority of cases fines were imposed and costs awarded to the LA.</p> 
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<b>Activity</b>	<b>Household Waste Presentation Bye Laws</b>
<b>Project</b>	<p>Donegal County Council propose that for the purpose of the proper management of waste and for the prevention or control of environmental pollution to make Bye-laws under Section 35(1) of the Waste Management Act 1996. These Bye-laws, if made, will require the holder of household or commercial waste to present that waste for collection or bring it to a facility in accordance with the Bye-laws.</p> <p>The Bye-laws address segregation, storage, presentation and collection of the different types of waste. Any person who contravenes these Bye-laws shall be guilty of an offence and will be liable to penalties as set out in the draft Bye-laws.</p> <p>The Bye-laws, if made, will commence in 2024.</p> <p>A copy of the draft Bye-laws will be available for Public Inspection at <a href="https://consult.donegal.ie">https://consult.donegal.ie</a> and also in Donegal County Council Public Services Centres for a period of two months, from the Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 to Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024 and can be provided free of charge.</p>
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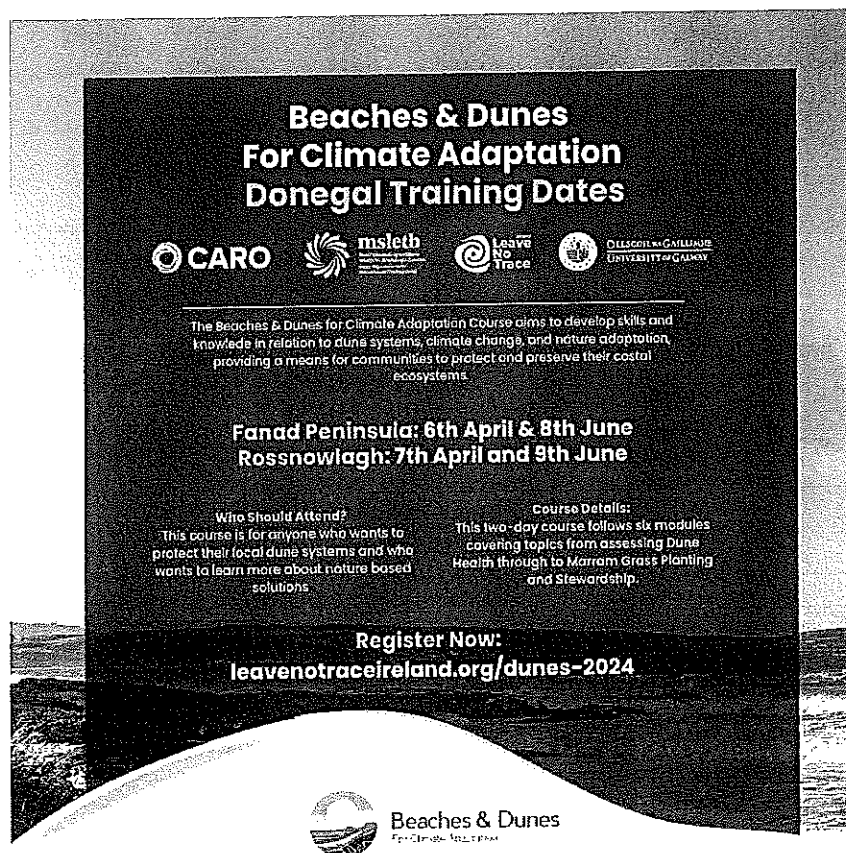
Activity / Project Title	Donegal County Council Climate Action Plan 2024-2029
<b>Project Description/ Activity</b>	 <p><b>GNÍOMHÚ AR SON NA HAERÁIDE CLIMATE ACTION</b> Donegal County Council</p> <p>The Climate Action Coordinator and Officer are setting up implementation processes for the actions contained in the Local Authority Climate Action Plan.</p> <p>The team attended a Climate Action Networking Event hosted by the Climate Action Regional Offices in Ennis, Co. Clare on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> April. The purpose of the event was to formally launch the 31 Local Authority Climate Action Plans by Minister Eamon Ryan and to discuss next steps in terms of implementation with the support of the CAROs in each region. Further information is available here <a href="http://www.gov.ie">gov - Minister Ryan launches all 31 Local Authority Climate Action Plans in Ennis, County Clare (www.gov.ie)</a></p>
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<p><b>Activity / Project Title</b></p>	<p><b>Beaches &amp; Dunes for Climate Adaptation – Donegal Training Dates</b></p>
<p><b>Project Description/ Activity</b></p>	<p>There was a great turnout recently from communities from Fanad and Rossnowlagh, who attended Day 1 of the <b>Beaches &amp; Dunes for Climate Adaptation Course</b> which aims to develop skills and knowledge in relation dune systems, climate change and nature adaptation providing a means for communities to protect and preserve their coastal ecosystems.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">     </div>

This two-day course covers topics from assessing Dune Health through to Marram Grass Planting and Stewardship and is for anyone who wants to protect their local dune systems and who want to learn more about nature based solutions.




Next training dates are planned for the 8<sup>th</sup> June in Fanad and 9<sup>th</sup> June in Rossnowlagh. Registration is through [www.leavenotraceireland.org/dunes-2024](http://www.leavenotraceireland.org/dunes-2024)

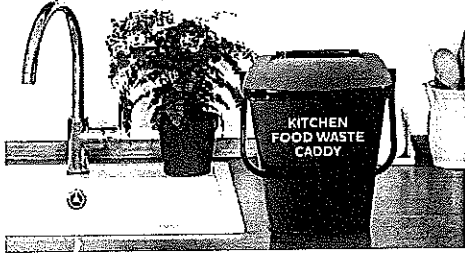
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<b>Activity</b>	<b>Internal Environment Networking Event</b>
<b>Project</b>	<p>For the first time since the enhancement of the section with waste enforcement and climate action personnel a team event was held that included presentations on a range of themes including smoky coal and air pollution, waste enforcement court cases, the exceptional work of the litter teams who support tidy towns groups throughout the county, litter and waste enforcement, national priority work areas, reporting systems and processes, beaches, recycling facilities and Climate action.</p> <p>There were external speakers at the event and it was a great opportunity to learn about the work being undertaken by other organisations operating in the County and to discuss opportunities for synergies.</p>
	
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Statement from Pauline-

*A huge thank you from the Regional Waste Planning Offices to Matthew and Donna in Donegal County Council for participating in the production of video testimonials to support the DECC funded National Food Waste Recycling Project and for their ongoing work to enforce food waste separation across Donegal County Council whilst also ensuring householders accept food waste recycling bins and participate fully in segregation.*

*This project has been the ongoing for two years and has seen 140,000 household caddy packs distributed nationwide. 5,000 of these since January 24 across Donegal.*

*The distribution of caddy packs is only successful where local authorities amplify the awareness raising and education that is needed to support this change and staff in the Environment Section at Donegal County Council have been equally progressive in this area.*

It is vitally important that this works continues as other member states that didn't continue to educate and raise awareness have found that presentation rates slip quickly and in some instances contamination can increase from a low of 2% to an unsustainable 10%.

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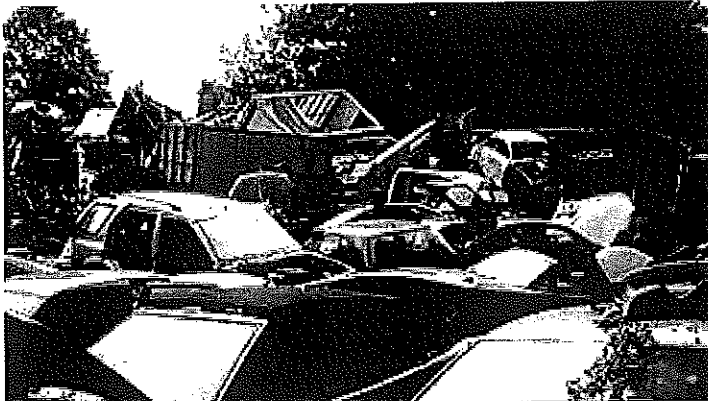
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**Activity Project**

**Court**

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<b>Activity</b>	<b>Household Waste Presentation Bye Laws</b>
<b>Project</b>	<p>Donegal County Council propose that for the purpose of the proper management of waste and for the prevention or control of environmental pollution to make Bye-laws under Section 35(1) of the Waste Management Act 1996. These Bye-laws, if made, will require the holder of household or commercial waste to present that waste for collection or bring it to a facility in accordance with the Bye-laws.</p> <p>The Bye-laws address segregation, storage, presentation and collection of the different types of waste. Any person who contravenes these Bye-laws shall be guilty of an offence and will be liable to penalties as set out in the draft Bye-laws.</p> <p>The Bye-laws are currently out for public consultation.</p> <p>A copy of the draft Bye-laws will be available for Public Inspection at <a href="https://consult.donegal.ie">https://consult.donegal.ie</a></p>
<b>Contact Person</b>	<b>Matthew Byrne</b> <a href="mailto:Matthewbyrne@donegalcoco.ie">Matthewbyrne@donegalcoco.ie</a>

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Anti Dumping Initiative 2024</b>
<b>Project</b>	<p>The DECC announced the 2024 Anti-Dumping Initiative (ADI) in April with a deadline of the 30<sup>th</sup> April for project submissions to the CU WERLA. The Waste and litter team have a number of initiatives they are seeking funding for in all the MD's including reduced price bulky waste days, clean ups, a cinema advert campaign and resources for community and tidy towns groups throughout the County. More information will be made available when the environment team have been informed what projects are being funded.</p>
<b>Contact Person</b>	<b>Matthew Byrne</b> <a href="mailto:Matthewbyrne@donegalcoco.ie">Matthewbyrne@donegalcoco.ie</a>

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Big Donegal Clean-Up in full swing!</b>
<b>Project Description/ Activity</b>	<p>A big thank you to all the groups and individuals taking part in local clean-ups throughout Donegal. The impact of these clean-ups is there for all to see. Each volunteer is having a positive impact on their local environment and influences those around them. Remember the Council will continue to support clean-ups all year around - just get in touch. To date there have been almost 80 clean-ups registered in Donegal with An Taisce's national spring clean campaign.</p>




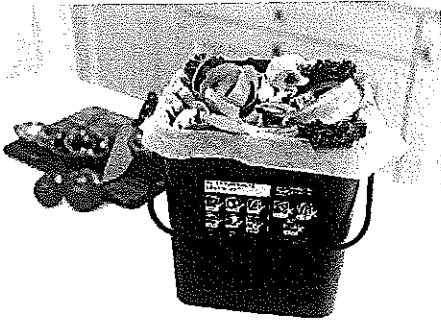



Recent clean-ups in Kilmacrennan, Trentagh, Murvagh & Narin.

**Contact  
Person**

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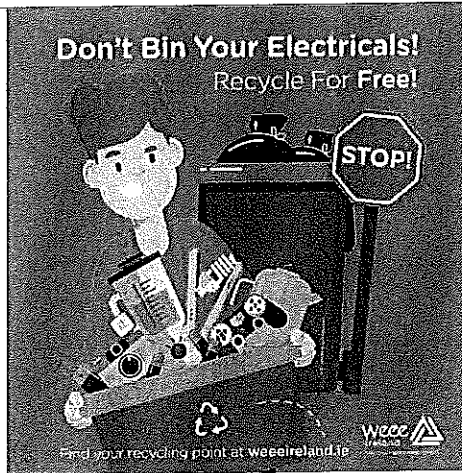
Activity / Project Title	School Bikes Africa Another successful collection!
<b>Project Description/ Activity</b>	<p>In April, Letterkenny Rotary Club organised a collection of bikes as part of their annual School Bikes Africa appeal in conjunction with Donegal County Council and Bryson Recycling.</p> <p>A total of 95 bikes were collected from Milford recycling centre for transport to Loughan House, Co. Cavan by Hegarty Transport, where they will be refurbished before being shipped to The Gambia. Rotary Ireland has for over 6 years collected bikes and sent them to schools in Africa. In the intervening years over 5000 bikes have been collected by Rotary Clubs across Ireland with the Irish Prison Service at Loughan House involved from the start.</p> 

<b>Contact Person</b>	<b>Environment Office</b> <b>074 9153900</b>
<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>National Food Waste Recycling Week</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024</b>
<b>Project Description/ Activity</b>	<p>National 'Food Waste Recycling Week' will take place from the 2nd - 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024.</p>  <p>The Council are running some local events to celebrate this week in conjunction with Bryson recycling and Envirogrind. The Council will be distributing starter packs for households on food waste reduction and recycling and compost made from food and garden waste supplied by Envirogrind. Details are listed below.</p> 

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**Activity / Project Title** **WEEE Ireland Survey on WEEE Recycling**

**Project Description/ Activity**



**WEEE Ireland Press release**

1.1.1.1.1 One in eight people in Ireland continues to dump small electrical items in household bins, new research shows today.

And this figure almost doubles among younger age groups, which are perceived as more environmentally conscious.

Oblivious to the serious environmental and public health risks posed by improper disposal, one in four 18-24-year-olds and one in five aged 35-44 get rid of common household electrical items such as smart watches, earbuds and blue tooth speakers in general waste bins.

Laptops, mobile phones, gaming devices, power tools and e-cigarettes are also being tossed in alongside other waste, meaning they can never be re-used or recycled. The survey was conducted by Empathy Research on behalf of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Ireland.

The proliferation of products powered by lithium batteries heightens these dangers, increasing fire safety risks for household waste collection companies.

In the past five years, WEEE Ireland reports a 100% increase in lithium battery powered small electricals coming back for recycling.

“For those that recycle their e-waste, our survey shows 75% do so due to its positive impact on the environment, with over 50% citing concerns over the hazardous components present in some of these devices,” **said Leo Donovan, CEO of WEEE Ireland.**

“Despite this awareness, a significant number still opt to dispose of their waste electricals improperly, particularly when it involves smaller devices.

“Ireland’s impressive record for recycling larger household electrics needs to be matched when it comes to small electricals to ensure the safe and efficient recovery and reuse of materials they contain.

“Recycling these items is both free and straightforward, as they can be dropped off at numerous, authorised recycling centres and public collection days across Ireland.”

The low recycling rates for small electrics are echoed in global statistics, with the recent Global E-Waste Monitor revealing that less than one quarter (22.3%) of e-waste was properly recycled in 2022, falling sharply to just 12% for small devices.

In addition, a recent Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) study in Ireland revealed that over two-thirds of recyclable waste, including valuable electronic components, are wrongly discarded in general household and commercial bins.

“The demand for critical raw materials contained in electrical devices is expected to skyrocket,” said Mr Donovan, as he emphasised the urgent need to meet forthcoming EU targets and secure sustainable sources of critical raw materials.

“The EU’s aim to ensure that by 2030, at least 30% of critical raw materials consumed annually originate from European recycled sources underscores the imperative for swift and decisive action.

“Failure to address these pressing challenges not only risks our environmental and public health but also undermines our collective aspirations for a greener, more sustainable future.”



Irish Waste Management Association

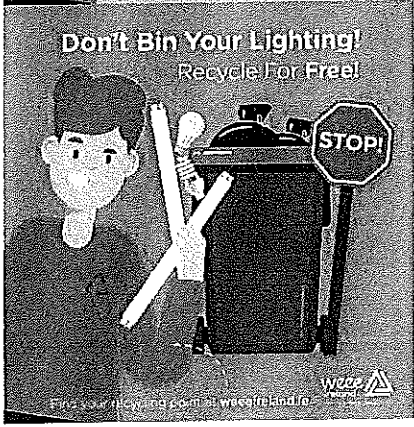
The Irish Waste Management Association (IWMA), whose members collect 95% of household waste in Ireland, echoed these concerns, highlighting the increased fire safety risks posed by lithium batteries in e-waste.

“If electronic waste containing batteries is placed in any of the household bins, it can become an ignition source for fires. That poses a risk to life as well as a threat of environmental pollution, so we ask people to always keep electronic waste out of their household bins.” **said Conor Walsh, Secretary of the Irish Waste Management Association (IWMA)**

Please see our [Health & Safety Web Section](#) for more information on recycling waste electricals, batteries and lighting safely.

Anything with a plug, battery or cable can be recycled for free at hundreds of local authority recycling centres, public WEEE Ireland recycling collection day events and participating retailers. [Find your nearest recycling point on our interactive map](#)





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**Municipal District of Glenties**

**14<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

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**Community Development Division**

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**CLÁR / AGENDA**

1. Report on recent activity in the Community Development Division
  - 1.1 Community Development
  - 1.2 Walks and Trails
  - 1.3 Community Recognition Fund
  - 1.4 Rural Development Programme / LEADER
  - 1.5 Social Inclusion
  - 1.6 Healthy Ireland



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**Activity / Project Update:            May 2024**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Errigal Mountain – pathway and environmental improvements
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>	<b>Works consist of:</b>  3.4km path from the Errigal carpark to the summit of Errigal Mountain including pitching and gravel path.  <b>Current Status:</b> The work is now complete
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	
<b>Contact Person(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</b>	Brian Keogh, Tel: 074-9172569 E-mail: bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie



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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Muckish Railway Walk
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>	<b>Works consist of:</b>  Carpark construction & Greenway construction from the carpark along the old railway line to tie into the previously completed Greenway.  <b>Current Status:</b> This work is now completed, and the next phase is currently being designed.
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	Project is now complete
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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>2022 Clár Scheme</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An Clochán Liath: Outdoor lighting servicing an existing riverside walkway.</li><li>• Cill Ulta, An Fál Carrach: Gairdín na gCeadfai - Sensory garden with wheelchair access, outdoor tea / coffee making facilities &amp; bio stove gúg.</li><li>• Maghery: Enhancement of existing community outdoor play facility with an emphasis on nature-based play.</li><li>• Pobal Eascarrach – Ballina Resource Centre</li><li>• Ardara MUGA</li></ul>
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	Funded by: Department of Rural and Community Development Donegal County Council / Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An Clochán Liath: €50,000.00</li><li>• Cill Ulta, An Fál Carrach: €50,000.00</li><li>• Maghery: €50,000.</li><li>• Pobal Eascarrach, Ballina Resource Centre: €45,000</li><li>• Ardara: €50,0000</li></ul>
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An Clochán Liath: Outdoor lighting servicing an existing riverside walkway. Work is now complete.</li><li>• Cill Ulta, An Fál Carrach: Gairdín na gCeadfai - Sensory Garden with wheelchair access, outdoor tea / coffee making facilities &amp; bio stove gúg - works is now complete.</li><li>• Maghery: Enhancement of existing of community outdoor play facility with an emphasis on nature-based play is complete.</li><li>• Pobal Eascarrach – Ballina Resource Centre – Carparking is complete.</li><li>• Ardara GAA MUGA – Tender process is complete, and works are currently ongoing on site to be completed in July.</li></ul>



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Activity / Project Update: May 2024

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Activity / Project Title	2022 Clár Scheme
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	All works should be completed by the end of Q2 2024.
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Activity / Project Update: **May 2024**

**Municipal District: Glenties**

Activity / Project Title	2023 Clár Measure 1 Schemes
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rosbeg, Portnoo Men Shed</li><li>• CLG Chloich Cheann Fhaola Stand</li><li>• Edeninfagh Parish Hall</li><li>• Lettermacaward Green area</li><li>• Loch Bun an Inbhir fishing platforms</li></ul>
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	Funded by: Department of Rural and Community Development Donegal County Council / Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rosbeg, Portnoo Men Shed €50,000</li><li>• CLG Chloich Cheann Fhaola Stand €50,000</li><li>• Edeninfagh Parish Hall €50,000</li><li>• Lettermacaward Green area €50,000</li><li>• Loch Bun an Inbhir fishing platforms €50,000</li></ul>
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	Initial meetings ongoing with Groups to discuss the process and way forward. Provisional letters of Offer have been issued. Tender process has commenced on most of these projects.
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	Full Letter of Offer to be issued by end of Q2 2024 All works should be completed by the end of Q4 2024.
<b>Contact Person (to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</b>	Brian Keogh, Tel: 074-9172569 E-mail: <a href="mailto:bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie">bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie</a>



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**Activity / Project Update: May 2024**

<b>Activity / Project Title File:</b>	<b>2022 Town &amp; Village Renewal Scheme – Dungloe</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Provision of age friendly seating in Dungloe, construction of a new bus drop off/pick area off the main street adjacent to the public car park, public realm works to the area adjacent to the public toilets to include new paving and seating, construction of a small area for outdoor performances beside the two public car parks.
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€ 121,905 Department of Rural and Community Development
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b> <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	Works progressing well. Band stand area concreted, and benches installed. Opening up of car park to enable buses to turn complete. Bus stop base poured and works beginning at area adjacent to public toilets
<b>Project Targets for the next quarterly reporting period</b>	Bus stop installed, band stand installed and all other works complete
<b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	Adrian Duffy / John Deeney Tel: 087 452 3698 / 074-9172568 E-mail: <a href="mailto:aduffy@donegalcoco.ie">aduffy@donegalcoco.ie</a> / <a href="mailto:jdeeney@donegalcoco.ie">jdeeney@donegalcoco.ie</a>





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Activity / Project Update: May 2024

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>PLAYGROUNDS 2024</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<b>Annual maintenance of Playgrounds</b> 1. Arranmore Island Playground  2. Arranmore Island Shore Playground  3. Tory Island Playground  4. Dolmen Centre Playground & MUGA  5. Glenties Playground  6. St Mary's Close Playground  7. Cois Cuain Playground  8. Burtonport SHS Playground  9. Ballina Playground  10. Ardara Playground  11. Clós Naonh Chonaill Playground  12. Dungloe Foreshore Playground  13. Creeslough SHS Playground
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	Works funded by Donegal County Council.
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	1. Works consists of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Maintenance repairs to Council owned/maintained playgrounds.</li></ul> <u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Currently seeking tender submissions from suitable contractors for the 2024 playground maintenance programme.</li><li>Tender Assessment complete.</li><li>Maintenance contractor has been appointed and repair works are underway around the County.</li></ul>

<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b> <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continue repairs.</li></ul>
<b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	John Deeney Tel: 074-9172568 E-mail: <a href="mailto:jdeeney@donegalcoco.ie">jdeeney@donegalcoco.ie</a>



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**Activity / Project Update: May 2024**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Tory Island Playground Refurbishment</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Refurbishment of the existing Tory Island playground maintained by Donegal County Council.
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	Works funded by Donegal County Council and the Department of Rural and Community Development
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Playground contractor appointed after procurement exercise and works commenced on site on the 28<sup>th</sup> August 2023.</li><li>• Works near completed on site, working with Contractor to address few remaining snag items.</li><li>• Works are now substantially complete.</li><li>• Working through snag items with contractor.</li></ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b> <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Have snag items addressed.</li></ul>
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Activity / Project Update: May 2024

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Arranmore Island Playground Fence Refurbishment</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Replacement of the existing damaged boundary fence around the Arranmore Island playground maintained by Donegal County Council.
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	Works funded by Donegal County Council and the Department of Rural and Community Development
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In the process of appointing a contractor to undertake to fence replacement works.</li><li>• Playground currently closed to the public for health &amp; safety.</li><li>• Sought quotations from contractors to repair the fence, working with the Dept of Rural and Community who have provided a grant towards the repairs to confirm the fence specification.</li><li>• Have to retender project due to Dept of Rural and Community Development required specifications. Documents prepared for publishing in January 2024.</li><li>• Published tender documents for a contractor to undertake fence replacement works.</li><li>• Tender submissions received.</li><li>• Tender assessment complete, approval from funding agency granted. Preparation of contract documents to appoint contractor being prepared.</li></ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b> <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Issue contract documents to contractor and arrange for works to be undertaken.</li></ul>
<b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	John Deeney Tel: 074-9172568 E-mail: jdeeney@donegalcoco.ie



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**Activity / Project Update May 2024**

**Municipal District: Glenties**

<b>Activity / Project Title File:</b>	<b>Donegal Walks and Trails</b>				
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Maintenance, development, and promotion of walks & trails in Donegal including cycle routes and Greenways.				
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	<table> <tr> <td>ORIS 2021 - Kincasslagh Tower</td> <td>€20,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ORIS 2022 - Slí na Finne</td> <td>€30,000.00</td> </tr> </table>	ORIS 2021 - Kincasslagh Tower	€20,000.00	ORIS 2022 - Slí na Finne	€30,000.00
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<b>Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p><b>ORIS 2021</b> <b><u>Kincasslagh Tower Trail.</u></b> We have received two successful tender submissions which have been reviewed with potential award letter to be issued in the next few weeks. The intent to award letter has been issued and we now currently await the supporting documentation required on the letter. We are hopeful to have a contractor on site.</p> <p><b>ORIS 2022</b> <b><u>Slí na Finne</u></b> The works was advertised on e-tender system with a great response of 13No potential applicants for the works. All of the submitted information is being reviewed to seeking the most suitable tenderer.</p> <p><b>ORIS 2024 – (Measure 1)</b> The letter of offer has been received from the Department of Local and Development Communities (DLDC) for the grant aid funding in five of the seven applications that were submitted. The successful applications for measure 1 ORIS 2024 are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The OLD Carn Road (Golden Mile) – Inishowen</li> <li>2. Monellan woods (Crossroads) – Stranorlar/Lifford</li> <li>3. The Knader forest trail (Belleek) – Donegal</li> <li>4. Gartan forest trail (Churchill) – Letterkenny</li> <li>5. Marketing and promotion of trails – All Five Municipal districts</li> </ol> <p>This marketing &amp; promotion project will be designed to scope two walks per district, we would like to have the members recommend which two trails best advertise their MD. This will give a guide on the locations for the potential candidates who will compete for the works.</p>				

<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kincasslagh Tower Trail arrange pre-start meeting.</li> <li>• Install of some counter units around the district</li> </ul>
<b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	Darryl Connor (Outdoor Recreational Development Officer) 08736138111 dconnor@donegalcoco.ie



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**Activity / Project Update**

**May 2024**

<b>Activity / Project Title File:</b>	<b>Community Recognition Fund 2024</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Funding Programmed aimed to support the development of community infrastructure and facilities in recognition of the contribution being made by communities across the country in welcoming and hosting significant numbers of arrivals from Ukraine and other countries.
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€3,391,917
<p><b>Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status</b></p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>The Community Recognition Fund 2024 was launched by the Minister of Rural &amp; Community Development, Heather Humphries TD on Friday 15th March, 2024.</p> <p>This Fund aims to support the development of community infrastructure and facilities in recognition of the contribution being made by communities across the country in welcoming and hosting significant numbers of arrivals from Ukraine and other countries.</p> <p>The funding is specifically targeted at projects that are located in communities, towns and villages that are hosting the Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection and/or International Protection Applicants.</p> <p><b>Projects situated in towns or villages that do not have high levels of new arrivals will <u>not</u> be deemed eligible.</b></p> <p>The Fund aims to support the development of facilities that will be used in the future by <b>all</b> members of the community. It is separate in its objectives and scope to any other public funding streams which aim to support the development of public service needs arising from the significant number of arrivals from Ukraine.</p> <p>€50 million is available nationally under the Fund and this is allocated between each local authority based on the number of new arrivals located there. On this basis, <b>the allocation to County Donegal is €3,391,917.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The scheme will provide large capital grants ranging from <b>€50,000 to a maximum of €500,000</b> with a requirement that projects are fully complete by <b>4<sup>th</sup> September 2026</b>. Applications in excess of €200,000 will require a completed business case.</li> <li>• Projects to be funded will be capital in nature, deliver tangible benefits for the communities in which they are located, and be capable of being delivered over the course of 2025 and 2026.</li> <li>• A minimum spend of 50% of the allocation must be incurred in 2025 with projects fully complete by <b>4<sup>th</sup> September 2026</b>.</li> <li>• Eligible projects will receive funding for capital costs, but not for any ongoing operational or running costs.</li> <li>• Only expenditure incurred after the date of grant approval will be eligible.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The grant may cover all, or part of, the purchase or works in question. However, the full cost of the project must be provided on the Application Form.</li> <li>• This funding cannot be used to fund or co-fund any scheme operated by the Department of Rural and Community Development or any other Government Department or as a co-funding source for any project funded under CRF 2023.</li> <li>• Local authorities have scope to invest the funding based on their own distinct local needs as identified through a "bottom-up" approach.</li> </ul> <p>The type of projects eligible for funding are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development, enhancement or refurbishment of community or cultural facilities including play areas, walkways, parks, community/sensory gardens allotments, and recreational areas;</li> <li>• Development, enhancement or refurbishment of local club and sports facilities including facilities such as community swimming pools, changing rooms, toilets, digital aids such as score / information boards etc.;</li> <li>• Enhancement to school/parish facilities which are open to use by all of the community after school hours;</li> <li>• Purchase of equipment for local clubs, festivals, community events and organisations e.g. music, arts or sports equipment;</li> <li>• Transport infrastructure such as the purchase of community vehicles, bus shelters and attendant information boards; any vehicle funded must be in good condition and not more than 5 years old)</li> <li>• Projects that help address dereliction and/or wider local economic and community development objectives;</li> <li>• Purchase and refurbishment of buildings and/or the purchase of land for the development of community use where a clear need is identified.</li> <li>• Purchase of land and associated works for the development of community facilities such as play areas/MUGAs or town parks/community gardens, recreational areas etc. (purchases must only be administered by the local authority)</li> </ul> <p>Further details and application form will be available at:</p> <p><a href="https://www.donegalcoco.ie/community/fundingforyourgroup/communityrecognitionfund/">https://www.donegalcoco.ie/community/fundingforyourgroup/communityrecognitionfund/</a></p>
<p><b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b></p>	<p>The closing date for receipt of applications is 3pm on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024.</p>
<p><b>Contact Person</b> (to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</p>	<p>Ciaran Martin, Administrative Officer, Community Section <a href="mailto:crf24@donegalcoco.ie">crf24@donegalcoco.ie</a></p>



<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Rural Development Programme/LEADER</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Donegal LCDC are the Local Action Group for County Donegal, with responsibility for the LEADER/RDP Programme 2014-2020 & Transitional LEADER Programme 2021-2022
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€13,413,875 (Additional funding received 2019) <i>Note: Project costs €10,063,586, administration and animation costs €3,350,289. 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022</i> €2,861,598 project costs. €953,866 for Administration & Animation.
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status</b>	Implementing Partners within the county; Donegal Local Development Company (DLDC), Inishowen Development Partnership (IDP), Údarás Na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán, 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. 62 projects in Donegal are now approved by Pobal under the Transitional & EURI programmes and Letters of Offer have issued/are pending, granting LEADER funding to a value of €2,861,598.
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	All funding awarded to the Donegal LAG under the Transitional LEADER programme and EURI programme has been allocated but LDCs will continue to engage with promoters on the ground regarding any potential underspend or decommitments, with all projects to be completed by the end of March 2024. A final figure for potential decommitments will not be available until after the end of June due to the claims process.  Donegal Local Development Company, Inishowen Development Partnership, Údarás Na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán are now open with regards the New LEADER programme and are working with local communities to develop projects.
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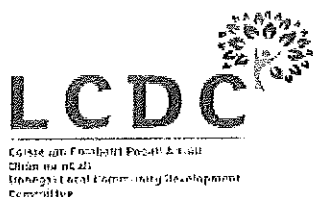
**Activity / Project Update**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Social Inclusion Unit</b>
<b>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 3 -inclusive of current status</b>	<p><b>Donegal Africa Day and Street Feast 2024</b> Donegal County Council announced its plans for Donegal Africa Day and Street Feast 2024, which will include an exhibition and family fun day to celebrate the occasion.</p> <p>Donegal County Council, Letterkenny CDP and Donegal Intercultural Platform will host a free family fun day at An Grianan Theatre Plaza on Saturday 25th May from 1-5pm, which will include musical performances, a taste of African Food and kids games.</p> <p>Donegal Africa Day and Street Feast on 25th May, celebrates the richness of African cultures and the contribution of people of African descent to Irish life. Donegal Africa Day and Street Feast celebrations are organised by Irish Aid at the Department of Foreign Affairs in partnership with African Embassies in Ireland and Local Authorities around the country.</p> <p><b>Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion Strategy</b> The secretariat held a meeting in April and all stakeholders will attend a meeting in May to review the work to date and plan priorities for next 6 months.</p> <p><b>EU Belong</b> As Donegal is lead on Work Package 4, we are pleased to confirm the successful completion of tasks 4.1.1 and 4.1.2, marking significant progress in our project objectives.</p> <p>Task 4.1.1: Establishment of Regional Multi-Stakeholder Platforms: Each partner region has established a robust multi-stakeholder platform, bringing together regional and local authorities along with relevant stakeholders from key sectors focused on the integration of Third Country Nationals (TCNs). These platforms serve as collaborative spaces for sharing best practices, resources, and expertise, with the aim of enhancing TCN integration efforts at the regional level.</p>

	<p>Task 4.1.2: Multi-Stakeholder Co-Design Meetings:</p> <p>In cooperation with the established multi-stakeholder platforms, partner regions have developed work plans for consultation processes. These plans outline objectives, timelines and activities for engaging stakeholders in policy-making processes.</p> <p>The outcomes of these activities have been documented and are ready for submission to the Commission, demonstrating our commitment to transparency and accountability in project execution.</p> <p>We continue to work on the delivery of Task 4.1.3: Elaboration of the Intercultural Integration Strategy in 10 European Regions.</p>
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**Healthy Donegal**  
Eat Well Think Well Be Well

Municipal District: Countywide

**Activity / Project Update**

**May 2024**

<p><b>Programme</b></p>	<p>Healthy Ireland Fund</p>
<p><b>Project Description/Activity</b></p>	<p><b>Healthy Ireland</b> The objective of the Healthy Ireland Fund 2023 – 2025 is to improve the health and wellbeing of people of all ages and abilities living in Ireland through the implementation of the Healthy Ireland Strategic Action Plan 2021-2025.</p>
<p><b>Budget</b></p>	<p>€233,122.42 Round 4 Funding</p>
<p><b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b></p>	<p><b>Healthy Ireland Round 4</b> The Healthy Ireland Round 4 Programme (HIF 2023-2025) represents a more evidenced-based outcomes led approach, with a longer 3-year timeframe. The grant period for Round 4 will run from 1 June 2022 to 31 December 2025, with the outcomes led approach to be delivered from 2023-2025.</p> <p><b>Civic Dollars Project</b> Following on from the resounding success of last year’s Civic Dollars Pilot Project, Donegal County Council is delighted to announce the extension of this innovative initiative over the next two years.</p>  <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p> <p>Cllr. Niamh Kennedy, Chair of Donegal LCDC pictured launching the Civic Dollars Project with (L-R) Stephen McPeake, CEO Civic Dollars; Margaret Fitzgerald, Healthy Ireland Coordinator and Paddy Doherty, Senior Executive Officer, Community Development, Donegal County Council at the Shore Front Walk, Killybegs.</p> <p>Speaking from the Shore Front Walk, Killybegs - a newly added ‘Earn Zone’ - Chair of Donegal Local Community Development Committee, Cllr. Niamh Kennedy (pictured above) said “A measure of the success and popularity of the Civic Dollars project is in its growth from an initial</p>

five sites identified as 'earn zones' at our pilot launch in 2023 to over eighty sites across the County - including playgrounds, beaches, parks, trails, forest walks and the Shore Front walk along the Donegal and Shore Roads here in Killybegs". Cllr. Kennedy added, the Civic Dollars project aims to provide people with an incentive and support to improve their mental health, increase their physical activity levels, and encourage engagement with local community groups and support for the local business community.

Participants download the Civic Dollars mobile phone app (on Google Play or the App Store) and earn online credits by spending time in local outdoor resources that have been identified countywide. Credits can then be redeemed in exchange for local and countywide rewards provided by the local business community e.g., a discounted coffee or discounted entry into a local attraction OR donate them to a locally identified community group who can exchange them for rewards.

The app measures time spent in a designated 'Earn Zone' and does not record steps or distance to ensure the project is inclusive of participants with mobility or health issues. The technology used is non-invasive and privacy-friendly, by only using GPS data and allowing users to opt in once they enter an 'earn zone'. Data is anonymised, and a user's session will end automatically once they walk out of the 'earn zone' geo-fence.

See below for a list of the current 'Earn Zones'

<b>Civic Dollars Project Earn Zones - Donegal</b>	
Ardara Playground	Fiddlers Bridge Miners Path Walk, Falcarragh
Ards Forest Park & Playground	Fr Tierney Park, Ballyshannon
Arranmore Island Beach	Glencolmcille Playground
Arranmore Shorefront Playground	Glenties Playground
Aura Centre, Letterkenny	Glenveagh National Park
Aura Playground, Letterkenny	Gweedore Community Playground
Backstrands Beach, Ards	Kilcar Playground
Ballyliffen Beach	Killea Community Playground
Ballyliffen Playground	Killybegs Playspace
Ballymacool Town Park	Killybegs Shore Front Walk, Donegal Road
Ballymacool Town Park Playground	Killybegs Shore Front Walk, Shore Road
Barrack Hill Park	Killygordon Playground
Bernard McGlinchey Town Park	Kilmacreann Community Playground
Bernard McGlinchey Town Park Playground	Machaire Rabhartaigh (Magheroarty Beach)
Bluestack Shack	Maggie's Strand, Kincasslagh
Braade Strand	Mall Park, Ballyshannon
Bruckless Playground	Marble Hill Beach and Strand
Buncrana Amazing Grace Heritage Trail	Milford Playground
Buncrana Playground	Moville Playground
Bundoran Promenade	Muff Community Park
Carnboy Beach	Mulladearg Signal Tower Kincasslagh
Carndonagh Playground	Mullagdearg Beach, Kincasslagh
Carrick Playground	Murvagh Beach
Carrick River Walk	Owenea River Parade, Ardara
Carrickfinn Beach	Portnoo Playground
Carrigart Beach	Raphoe Playground
Carrigart Boardwalk (Donegal Boardwalk)	Rathmullan Beach

Carrigart Playground	Rathmullan Playground
Churchill Playground	Ray Community Playground
Cloghan Play Park	Rossnowlagh Beach
Convoy Playground	Rossnowlagh Community Playground
Creevy Coastal Walk	Rossylongan Estate, Donegal
Creevy Pier	St John Bosco Playground
Culdaff Beach	St. Catherine's Church & Well, Killybegs
Culdaff Playground	Stranorlar Playground
Downings Beach	Swan Park, Bunrana
Drumboe Woods	Tory Island Playground
Dunfanaghy Playground	Tramore Beach, Carrigart
Dungloe Foreshore Playground	Tullan Strand, Bundoran
Dungloe River Walk	Waterworld Playground, Bundoran
Falcarragh Playground	Westend Playground, Bundoran
<b>Please note the 'earn zones' detailed can be subject to change.</b>	

The Civic Dollars project is funded under the Healthy Ireland Programme and supported by the Dept of Health.

For further information about the Civic Dollars Project and details of participating community groups and businesses see [www.donegalcoco.ie/community/healthydonegal/civic%20dollars/](http://www.donegalcoco.ie/community/healthydonegal/civic%20dollars/). To download the app visit [www.civicedollars.com](http://www.civicedollars.com)

#### Donegal County Council Staff Walking Challenge

Donegal County Council Chief Executive, Mr. John McLaughlin launched the Step Up Staff Walking Challenge. The Step Up Challenge is a health promotion initiative being rolled out through Healthy Donegal in conjunction with the Staff Health and Wellbeing Office kicked off on National Workplace Wellbeing Day, Friday 26th April 2024, and will run over a four-week period until 24th May 2024. Now in its third year, this light-hearted, fun group event aims to promote the physical, mental and social benefits of exercise.



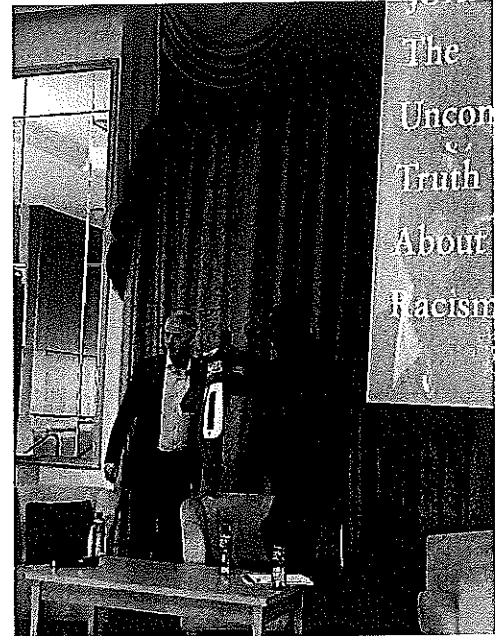
Pictured launching this year's Step Up Challenge: L-R: Health and Wellbeing Team Declan McKernan, Chief Executive John G. McLaughlin; Healthy Donegal Coordinator Margaret Fitzgerald, Director of Service, Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services Patsy Lafferty; Director of Service, Community Development and Planning Services Liam Ward.

### **Finn Harps - Football & Social Responsibility Programme**

Donegal County Council through Healthy Donegal and funded by Healthy Ireland Programme are proud to support the Football and Social Responsibility Programme delivered through Finn Harps FC. Healthy Donegal was delighted to be invited to the "More than Football Networks" League of Ireland Football & Social Responsibility (FSR) Conference" which took place in Dublin last month.



Stephen McNutt, Football & Social Responsibility Officer for Finn Harps funded by Healthy Ireland - receiving his certificate of completion for the FAI Football & Social



Derek O'Neill, League of Ireland Football & Social Responsibility Programme Manager with John Barnes, former Liverpool player.

### **Follow Healthy Donegal on**

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**GLENTIES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT  
MEETING  
14<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**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. Verbal Update on Road Works Programme.**
- 3. Adoption of 2024 Local Improvement Schemes (LIS).  
(following earlier Workshop).**

# **Housing & Corporate Agenda**

**For Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

- 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 03/05/2024**

<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>
2023	150	125	25	0	0	0
2024	67	40	13	3	11	14

<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>
2023	118	85	22	1	5	5	11
2024	41	18	5	1	11	6	18

<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>
2024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Total number of grants paid in 2023 in the Glenties MD – 195 in sum of €1.076million**

**1. PROGRESS REPORT – CASUAL VACANCIES @ 03/05/2024**

<b>Glenties MD</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Beds</b>	<b>Vacant From</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Annagry				
	An t-Ardan Rua	3 bed	01/02/2024	Contractor on site
Arranmore				
	Leabgarrow	2 bed	11/01/2024	Contractor on site
Derrybeg				
	Ailt Aoibhinn	3 bed	28/02/2024	Awaiting Quotations
	Ailt Aoibhinn	2 bed	11/04/2024	Awaiting Quotations
Dungloe				
	Ard Mor	2 bed	01/02/2024	Complete – to be offered
Falcarragh				
	Ballina	3 bed	23/08/2023	Assessing Tenders
	Ballina	3 bed	15/01/2024	Contractor on site
Glenties				
	Ard McGill	1 bed	08/04/2024	Awaiting Quotations
	Ard McGill	1 bed	19/04/2024	Awaiting Quotations

### 3. HOUSING NEED AS AT 03/05/2024

#### Gross Need - by approved bedrooms

Municipal District	1	2	3	4	5	Total
<b>Glenties Annagry</b>	0	11	5	3	0	<b>19</b>
<b>Ardara</b>	4	12	1	1	0	<b>18</b>
<b>Arranmore</b>	0	1	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Bunbeg</b>	0	0	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Burtonport</b>	0	4	1	1	0	<b>6</b>
<b>Creeslough</b>	0	15	2	2	0	<b>19</b>
<b>Crolly</b>	0	1	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Derrybeg</b>	0	4	0	0	0	<b>4</b>
<b>Dunfanaghy</b>	1	12	1	0	0	<b>14</b>
<b>Dungloe</b>	4	35	7	2	1	<b>49</b>
<b>Falcarragh</b>	1	28	4	0	0	<b>33</b>
<b>Fintown</b>	0	0	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Glenties</b>	1	6	2	2	0	<b>11</b>
<b>Gortahork</b>	1	5	0	0	1	<b>7</b>
<b>GWEEDORE</b>	1	16	8	1	0	<b>26</b>
<b>Kincasslagh</b>	0	1	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Lettermacaward</b>	0	0	0	1	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Loughanure</b>	0	3	0	0	0	<b>3</b>
<b>Magheroarty</b>	0	2	0	0	0	<b>2</b>
<b>Portnoo</b>	0	0	2	1	0	<b>3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>220</b>

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

As at 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2024, the Glenties Municipal District is providing Social Housing Support in the form of the Housing Assistance Payment to 86 families/individuals. 26 of these families/individuals are in receipt of HAP only.

### 5. NUMBER OF RAS PROPERTIES

As of the 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2024, the Glenties Municipal District is providing Social Housing Support in the form of:

- Rental Accommodation Scheme to 11 families/individuals.
- Rent supplement to 79 couples/individuals.

Glenties Municipal District also pays a management and maintenance subsidy for 49 units.

## 6. NUMBER OF LTL PROPERTIES

As of the 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2024, the Glenties Municipal District is providing Social Housing Support in the form of the Long Term Lease Properties to 18 families/individuals.

## 7. HOUSING VACANCIES AND OFFERS

Reasons for Vacancies between 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2024 to 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024				
Transfers	Surrenders	Death of Tenant	Other	Total
2	4	2	1	9

Number of Housing Offers issued between 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2024 to 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024		
Number of Offers issued	Offers Accepted	Offers Refused
6	5	1

## 8. TENANT PURCHASE

Glenties Municipal District	
Total number of applications since Scheme started:	153
Total number of valid applications received:	122
Number of valid applications in 2024 to date:	12
Total number of houses sold to date:	29

## 9. LOCAL AUTHORITY LOANS

Total number of Loan applications (RIHL) received from 2018-2023	Number of Loans Approved from 2018-2023	Total number of new Loan applications (LAHL) in 2024	Number of Loans Approved in 2024
44	5	1	1

**Housing Capital Update Report  
Glenties Municipal District Meeting  
14<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**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
Design / Tender Stage		
Chapel Road, Dungloe	<p>The closing date for receipt of tenders for contractors was 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024 with 6 no Tenderers returned. Tender evaluation has been completed and Contractor letters have been issued. Application to department to appoint contractor to be submitted post statutory standstill period (May 2024).</p> <p>Formal contractor appointment scheduled for June 2024, subject to Dept approval and contract requirements being finalised.</p>	43
Masiness, Creelough	<p>Advance site clearance works have been completed to facilitate boundary agreements.</p> <p>Housing Capital is progressing the tender documentation for the main works contract.</p> <p>Tenders have been assessed for the appointment of specialist consultants to prepare the tender documentation.</p>	3
Glenties (Fire Station)	<p>Engagement is ongoing with adjoining landowners in relation to boundary treatment. Once agreements have been finalised the detailed design can be completed for the project to progress to tender.</p>	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>49</b>

## **2. Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition**

Donegal County Council is accepting submissions from Developers to deliver turnkey social housing units under the new turnkey acquisition process. This is a county-wide process and proposals can be made for any town or village throughout the county, on lands suitable for housing purposes.

The Council is seeking developers to make submissions for 1, 2, 3 & 4 bedroom housing units and a minimum of 5 units is required. Proposals can include completed units for consideration by the Council.

This process has been advertised on eTenders (reference RFT 2461070), where all documentation and information can be obtained. Submissions must be made in strict accordance with the requirements of the procurement documentation and the deadline for submission is 16.30 on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2026.

Information events on the new process were held during February 2024 with the Glenties MD event taking place on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February 2024. The events were well attended with significant levels of interest received during the events. Further engagement with Developers is very much welcomed and can be initiated by emailing [housingcapital@donegalcoco.ie](mailto:housingcapital@donegalcoco.ie)

The following provides an update in relation to the ongoing turnkey processes:

- A proposal for 29 housing units at Gweedore has Department approval and is at contract stage. The Council awaits the signing of contracts by the Developer in order that works can commence on site.
- A proposal to construct 11 no. social housing units on lands in Creeslough has planning permission and Uisce Eireann approval. Department Approval has also been obtained. The Council is working with the Developer seeking final agreement on costs and programme delivery. The proposal remains subject to contract.

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

The Council is actively pursuing the acquisition of lands suitable for housing purposes, in towns and villages where there is currently not a social housing solution available.

The Council has made offers to acquire lands for social housing and are sale agreed subject to contract in Fintown and Falcarragh. An offer to acquire land in Gweedore has also been made.

The site at Fintown is subject to contract and planning approval and the site in Falcarragh is subject to contract and confirmation of utility connections.

As part of the process of acquiring land, the team liaises and consults on a cross-directorate basis with other Council services in carrying out due diligence in respect of each acquisition and considers the following: zoning, easements for connections to utilities and vision lines, Uisce Eireann connection agreements, footpath connectivity to town centre, flood risk assessment and surface water discharge point with capacity and easements.

Multiple land parcels have and are being considered and engagements with landowners are ongoing across the MD.