

Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain

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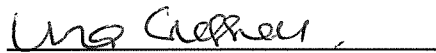
Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain ar siúl Dé Mháirt 17ú Deireadh Fomhair 2023, **ag 2.00 r.n. in ISP Carn Domhnach**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS INIS EOGHAIN

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort bheith i lathair ag an gcruinniú seo Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain. Tá Clar an Cruinnithe le seo.

Mise, le meas



**Una Cresswell
Riarthóir Cruinnithe**

Municipal District of Inishowen

Office of Meetings Administrator
County House
Lifford
11th October 2023

NOTICE OF MEETING

A Meeting of the Municipal District of Inishowen will be held on Tuesday 17th October 2023 **at 2.00p.m. in the Public Services Centre, Carndonagh, Co. Donegal.**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF INISHOWEN

Dear Councillor

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

Yours sincerely



**Una Cresswell
Meetings Administrator**

AGENDA

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the September Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District held on 05th September 2023
2. Community Development
3. Planning
4. Environment
5. Roads & Transportation
6. Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services
7. Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services
8. Correspondence

MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 05th September 2023 AT 2.00pm IN CARNDONAGH PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE

Councillors Present:

Cllrs Paul Canning (online), Nicholas Crossan, Terry Crossan, Albert Doherty, Rena Donaghey, Martin Farren, Martin McDermott, Johnny McGuinness (online), Jack Murray.

Officials Present:

Bryan Cannon, A/Director of Service Roads & Transportation, Una Cresswell, A/Area Manager, Housing & Corporate Services, Dolores Lafferty, A/Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services, Michael McFadden, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Roads and Transportation, Shaun Doherty, Executive Architect, Housing Capital, Killian Smith, Executive Planner, Brian McBrearty, Waste Enforcement Officer (online), Fiona Doherty, Development Officer, Community Development, Daniel McChrystal, Senior Enterprise Development Office, Economic Development and Stephen McCrory, Senior Executive Engineer, Greenways Project.

The meeting was opened by the Cathaoirleach, Cllr Terry Crossan who welcomed all to the meeting.

23.40 Consideration of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District held on 28th June 2023

On the proposal of Cllr Martin Farren, seconded by Cllr Jack Murray, the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District Meeting held on 28th June 2023 were agreed.

23.41 Consideration of the Minutes of the Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District held on 28th June 2023

On the proposal of Cllr Rena Donaghey, seconded by Cllr Jack Murray, the minutes of the Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District Meeting held on 28th June 2023 were agreed. Cllr Rena Donaghey requested that Lisfannon, Buncrana be added to item 23.05.01.

23.42 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Daniel McChrystal, Senior Enterprise Development Officer, Economic Development presented the report, and it was taken as read. He highlighted the following items from the report –

- Love Donegal Day takes place on 14th September 2023.
- Tip O’Neill Irish Diaspora Awards will take place on Saturday 16th September 2023.
- Northwest City Region – Collaborative NWCR Events to take place in London on 04th December 2023.
- Assembly of European Regions Engagement - The AER Summer Academy 2022 held here in Donegal co-hosted by Donegal County Council and Udarás na Gaeltachta has been awarded the prestigious European Citizen's Prize for Ireland. The Award Ceremony will take place at the European Parliament in Brussels, on Tuesday 7 November.
- London Irish Vintage club Day event was held on 03rd September 2023.

- Disrupt by the Sea event will take place on 15th September at Rathmullan House, Co Donegal.
- Chicago/Milwaukee 2023 Donegal Tourism recently completed a successful trade mission to the USA which saw representatives positively engage with tour operators in Chicago and participation in the world's largest Irish festival.
- TOURBO Project The Tourism Unit has successfully commenced an Interreg Europe consortium, led by Seville Chamber of Commerce to deliver the TOURBO project, which will boost the transition pathway of MSMEs (Micro Small & Medium Size Enterprises) in tourism with green and digital transformation known as the 'Twin Transition'.
- National Women's Enterprise Day – "Empowering Business Together" is taking place on 19th October 2023 in Solis Lough Eske Hotel. This event aims to inspire, motivate and empower women across the country in running their own businesses.
- Meet the Makers event will take place on 20th October 2023 at Lough Eske Castle

23.42.01 Tourism – Inishowen

Cllr Martin McDermott highlighted his concern around the lack of visitors to Inishowen for the summer season. He stated that this was due to lack of suitable accommodation, and this was having a negative effect on businesses throughout Inishowen. These businesses rely heavily on tourism during the summer season to carry them through the rest of the year and would have concerns if this happens next year. He requested that Donegal Tourism look at the entire county as he stated that Inishowen is left behind in the promotion of the area. Cllr Albert Doherty concurred with these comments and believed that the increased cost of living has restricting travel to the Inishowen area. Cllr Martin Farren also concurred with these comments and raised concerns around cruise liners that berth at Greencastle where tour operators are taking the passengers out of the Inishowen area. Cllr Johnny McGuinness raised concerns around the lack progress on the development at Malin Head. He also raised concerns around the increased energy costs for businesses and how they can survive given the lack of tourism in the area. He stated that we are not being promoted in the tourism market. Daniel McChrystal agreed to follow up with the Tourism Section.

23.42.02 Fire Tanker

Cllr Martin McDermott requested that if a new fire service water tanker is procured by Donegal County Council, then it must be based in the Inishowen Municipal District. The Councilors collectively concurred with these comments. Daniel McChrystal agreed to refer this matter to the Emergency Services Department.

23.42.03 Fire Hydrant

Cllr Nicholas Crossan raised concerns around the lack of a fire Hydrant at Porthaw Glen, Buncrana.

23.42.04 Property Solutions

Cllr Albert Doherty referred to property solutions mentioned in the Economic Development Report. He queried if any of the property solutions will be based in the Inishowen Municipal

District. Daniel McChrystal advised members that there is currently a database of all properties and that he will distribute the information.

23.42.05 Relocation Marketing Campaign

Cllr Albert Doherty raised concerns around lack of suitable housing in relation to Relocation Marketing Campaign.

23.42.06 Chicago/Milwaukee 2023

Cllr Albert Doherty asked who attended the Chicago/Milwaukee 2023 event recently on behalf of Donegal County Council and if any of those attending were elected members. Cllr Nicholas Crossan advised that he has also sought this information from the Chief Executive Officer. Cllr Johnny McGuinness also stated that he would like to know what results the event had in terms of increasing visitor numbers to the Inishowen area. Daniel McChrystal advised that the Head of Economic Development and the Head of Tourism lead the trip and would confirm if anyone else attended on behalf of Donegal County Council.

23.42.07 TOURBO Project

Cllr Albert Doherty referred to the update in relation to the Tourbo Project specifically where Donegal Stakeholders have been selected. He asked for an update on who these stakeholders are. Daniel McChrystal agreed to follow up.

23.42.08 London Irish Vintage Club Day

Cllr Albert Doherty asked who attended this event. Daniel McChrystal advised members that he had attended this event along with the Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council, the Director of Economic Development, Emergency Services and Information Systems and the Diaspora Officer.

23.42.09 Donegal Engineering Network

Cllr Albert Doherty welcomed the visit to Welditz, Carndonagh with members of Engenuity Midlands Engineering Network on 30th August 2023.

23.42.10 Festivals and Event workshop

Cllr Nicholas Crossan asked for an update on a date of the proposed workshop that is planned for October. He asked that this date be agreed with the members as he did not want to miss the workshop. Daniel McChrystal advised members that the festival at Swan Park would not be going ahead this year and would follow up as to why it is not happening.

23.42.11 Clonmany Agriculture Show

Cllr Rena Donaghey congratulated the committee of the 54th Annual Clonmany Agriculture Show which held the All Nations Shearing and Wool Handling Championships.

23.43 PLANNING

Killian Smith, Executive Planner, presented the Planning report to the members, and it was taken as read.

Killian offered his sympathies to Johnny McGuinness on the recent first anniversary of his late father Cllr Bernard McGuinness passing.

23.43.01 Taking in Charge of Private Residential Estates

The Taking in Charge team as detailed in the Planning Report for the Inishowen Municipal District meeting, presented one estate, as listed below in the Inishowen Municipal District to Members and sought approval to complete the Taking in Charge process.

1 Four Acres, Bunrana

The Planning Authority is satisfied that there is a need for a Public Right of Way over the estate roads and sought approval from Members to make an order to create these Rights of Way in accordance with Section 207 of the Planning & Development Act.

Approval was sought from Members, in accordance with Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act to initiate the procedures under Section 11 of the Roads Act to declare the roads within these estates to be public roads and thereby complete the Taking in Charge of the estates.

Four Acres, Bunrana

On the proposal of Cllr Jack Murry seconded by Cllr Rena Donaghey it was resolved that the Council make an order in accordance with Section 207 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) for the creation of a public right of way over the estate roads within the housing estate Four Acres, Bunrana as set out in the maps in the report, to enable it to proceed with the taking in charge of the estates.

On the proposal of Cllr Jack Murray seconded by Cllr Rena Donaghey it was resolved that the Council make an order in accordance with Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act, 1993 to declare the estate roads within the housing estate Four Acres, Bunrana to be a public road and note the consequential provisions contained in Section 180(4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) whereby this Council will also take in charge the water services infrastructure and the public open spaces or car park within the attendant grounds of the development and will subsequently transfer the water services within the estate to Irish Water.

23.43.02 Casual Trading

Following a query from Nicholas Crossan at the previous Inishowen Municipal District Meeting regarding casual trading, Killian Smith advised that he has requested that this matter be progressed.

23.43.03 Planning Service

Cllr Paul Canning thanked the Planning team within Donegal County Council for the positive engagement between agents, applicants and planners. He also thanked Eunan Quinn, Senior Planner for the workshop with the agents in relation to the Defective Concrete Blocks Grant Scheme. Cllr Terry Crossan concurred with these comments. Cllr Martin Farren also acknowledged the work carried out by the Planning Service. Cllr Martin McDermott stated that this workshop would also be beneficial to all elected members. Cllr Albert Doherty concurred with this comment. Killian Smith agreed to follow up with the Senior Planner.

23.43.04 Regeneration Programme

Cllr Martin Farren requested an update in relation to a feasibility study that is to be carried out. Killian Smith agreed to follow up.

23.43.05 Repowering Bunrana

Cllr Jack Murray requested an update in relation to the Repowering Bunrana Project. Killian Smith agreed to follow up.

23.43.06 Compulsory Purchase Order Activation Fund

Cllr Albert Doherty referred to the report where it mentioned that 1545 properties were surveyed with 678 confirmed as vacant and 48 as derelict. He queried what was the status of the remaining 819 properties that were surveyed. Killian Smith agreed to follow up.

23.43.07 Tús Nua Project

Cllr Albert Doherty sought clarity around the Tús Nua Project. Killian Smith agreed to follow up.

23.43.08 Residential Zoned Land Tax

Cllr Albert Doherty expressed concerns around the Residential Zoned Tax around applications to An Bord Pleanála for an exemption to the RZLT.

23.43.09 Log Cabins

Following a query from Jack Murray, Killian Smith advised that log cabins cannot be visible from the public realm. All normal considerations must be met in terms of planning.

23.43.10 Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC)

Cllr Paul Canning queried if there is any update in relation to RAAC. Killian Smith advised that he would follow up with Building Control.

23.44 ENVIRONMENT

Brian McBrearty, Waste Enforcement Officer presented the report and it was taken as read.

23.44.01 Beach Access

Cllr Martin McDermott requested an update regarding concerns previously raised in relation to access at Leenan and Lagg beaches. He requested that Donegal County Council contact OPW in relation to erosion in the Inishowen area. Brian McBrearty advised that there is a meeting organised with the OPW but no further details at present.

23.44.02 Lifeguards

Cllr Martin Farren and Cllr Johnny McGuinness thanked Brian McBrearty for the recruitment of beach lifeguards for the Inishowen area and asked that this service be extended over a longer period.

23.44.03 Culdaff Beach

Cllr Johnny McGuinness commended the provision of an all-terrain / beach wheelchair at Culdaff Beach and urged all members to provide one in their locality if not already available.

23.44.04 Ned's Point

Cllr Jack Murray thanked the Environment Section for the undertaking to provide a handrail at Ned's Point before the end of the year.

23.44.05 Irish Water

Cllr Nicholas Crossan advised that the water supply at Porthaw Glen is private and in need of upgrade. He queried how this could be taken over by Irish Water. Brian McBrearty agreed to follow up with relevant personnel.

Cllr Rena Donaghey requested that Donegal County Council contact Irish Water following a water outage in the Buncrana area on 22nd August 2023. Several businesses in the area had to close for the day as they were not informed of the planned works. Cllr Rena Donaghey asked that adequate notice be given in the future to avoid major disruption.

23.44.06 Community Clean Up

Cllr Terry Crossan and Cllr Martin Farren thanked the Environment team for all their support with the community cleanups throughout Inishowen.

23.45 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Fiona Doherty presented the report, and it was taken as read. The members were provided with an update on the following –

- **Grianán of Aileach** – date for meeting with OPW and Failte Ireland to be confirmed in coming weeks.
- **Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2023** – The deadline for Expressions of interest from Towns and Villages who may have a suitable project for consideration is 2pm on Wednesday 06th September 2023.
- **Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) project Development Measure for a pontoon at the existing jetty in Bunagee** – This project will be going out for tender for design shortly.

23.45.01 Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme 2023

Fiona Doherty requested that €2,000 be relocated to the Newtowncunningham Focus Group.

The reallocated funding for the community group was formally proposed by Cllr Paul Canning and seconded by Cllr Rena Donaghey.

23.45.02 Malin Head Visitor Management Plan Workshop

A provisional date was proposed for 02nd October 2023 for a workshop for the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan.

23.45.03 Signage

Cllr Nicholas Crossan requested funding for the erection of signage at Tip O'Neil Trail. Fiona Doherty agreed to follow up.

23.45.04 Clár Funding Scheme 2023

Cllr Albert Doherty requested that a letter be issued from Inishowen MD to Minister Heather Humphreys and Minister Charlie McConalogue regarding the urgent extension to the Clár areas in the Inishowen MD. Cllr Terry Crossan concurred with these comments.

23.46 ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION

Michael McFadden, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, and Transportation presented the report to the members, and it was taken as read. The members were provided with an update on the following –

- Restoration Programme - 80% complete.
- Surface Dressing Programme – almost complete.
- Additional funding was received under Restoration Improvement Programme which is fully outlined in the report.
- Tranche 2 of the 2023 Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) was announced which realised an allocation of € 126,413.00 for Inishowen MD.
- Donegal County Council has received Gateway approval from the NTA to progress the Newtowncunningham Main Street Active Travel Project to Construction. The construction budget for the project is €450,000.

23.46.01 Updates from previous Meeting

- **Shore Walk, Moville** - The slabs that required attention are now repaired.
- **Battery Brae, Greencastle** - have reached agreement with landowners.
- **Ballynally Lane, Moville** - Junction is approved for funding.
- **Footbridge Culdaff** - Road Design will submitting report to NTA in Quarter 4.
- **Footpath – Malin** - It is hoped that this work will progress by end of year.

23.46.02 Buncrana On-Street Parking - Workshop

Michael McFadden advised members that a drop in public consultation took place in the Inishowen Gateway Hotel on 23rd August regarding Buncrana on-street parking. Written submission were received up to 30th August and all information will now be collated by Parking Section. A workshop will be held on 02nd October for elected members.

23.46.03 Ballynally Lane

Cllr Martin Farren requested a date for the tarring of Ballynally Lane. Michael McFadden agreed to keep Cllr Martin Farren updated.

23.46.04 Tooban/Fahan Road

Cllr Jack Murray requested safety measures be put in place along Tooban/Fahan road. Cllr Rena Donaghey stated that the road is extremely busy and difficult to cross and asked if an Island could be installed where school children are crossing. Michael McFadden agreed to follow up.

23.46.05 Council Land at Buncrana

Jack Murray requested that a plot of land that is owned by Donegal County Council be transferred to Buncrana Golf Club. Michael McFadden advised members that this was not under the Roads remit.

23.46.06 St Orans National School, Cockhill, Buncrana

Cllr Jack Murray requested Flashing lights at St Oran's National School, Cockhill, Buncrana. Michael McFadden agreed to follow up with Cllr Jack Murray directly.

23.46.06 Footpaths – Buncrana

Cllr Jack Murray requested that the foot paths at Willow Grove, Buncrana be maintained as they are in poor condition. Cllr Nicholas Crossan also requested that the footpaths at Ardaravan Road, Buncrana be upgraded. Michael McFadden agreed to follow up.

23.46.07 Footpaths Carndonagh

Cllr Albert Doherty requested that the residents at Gerard's Way, Carndonagh have raised concerns around the lack of footpaths from their estate towards Carndonagh town. The footpath at Carrowreagh Road towards pound street requires attention. Michael McFadden agreed to follow up.

23.46.08 Aghilly Road

Cllr Rena requested an update on when works will be carried out on Aghilly Road. Michael McFadden advised that he was hopeful that works would start in a few weeks.

23.46.09 Signage, Buncrana

Cllr Rena Donaghey thanked Donegal County Council for the directional signs that was erected in Buncrana Town.

23.46.10 Raised Tables

Cllr Paul Canning thanked the Roads team for the raised table that was recently installed in Killea. Cllr Paul Canning requested that another raised table be installed in Killea (towards Newtowncunningham) and in Carrigans (towards St Johnston). Cllr Terry Crossan concurred with these comments. Michael McFadden agreed to follow up with Road Design.

23.46.11 Irish Water

Cllr Martin McDermott requested that Irish Water repair the road at Malin Village and Malin Head following work that was carried out. He stated that Irish Water had agreed to carry out repairs but to date these works have not happened. Michael McFadden advised that he is contacting Irish Water in relation to the issues raised.

23.46.12 Francistown Junction

Cllr Martin McDermott highlighted an ongoing issue at Francistown, Malin. He raised concerns about the junction and requested that all avenues be explored for funding.

23.46.13 Junction at Carndonagh

Cllr Martin McDermott advised that it can be very difficult to exit the junction at the Diamond Carndonagh on to the Malin Road due to the way that vehicles park in the area. Visibility is very poor and asked that options be explored to alleviate this issue. Cllr Albert Doherty concurred with these comments. He also outlined the difficulties that pedestrians have found when trying to cross at "Gordons Corner" to "Whites Corner". Michael McFadden agreed to follow up.

23.46.14 Hedge Cutting

Cllr Martin McDermott raised concerns around hedge cutting season and the impact it has on road safety. He requested that this be brought up at a senior level to have this issue addressed and suggested that it is also impacting on the tourism sector. Cllr Martin Farren concurred with these comments. Brian Cannon advised members that the Roads Act sets out that it is the legal responsibility of the owner or occupier of lands to take all reasonable steps to ensure that trees, hedges and other structures are not a hazard or potential hazard to persons using public roads. They also must not obstruct or interfere with the safe use or maintenance of public roads while the wildlife act sets out that it is an offence to cut, grub, burn or otherwise destroy any vegetation growing on any land not then cultivated or growing in any hedge or ditch, between 1st March and 31st August. There are some exemptions to the ban, including trimming hedges in the ordinary course of gardening; the clearance of vegetation for road or construction works; and cutting hedges to improve road safety. This issue is going to be discussed at the next SPC meeting on 11th September 2023.

23.46.15 Piers & Harbours

Cllr Martin McDermott stated that there is one only Harbour Master appointed covering Greencastle, Bunagee, Glengad, Malin Head and Urris and this is not enough. Cllr Martin McDermott queried if the funding will be available next year for Foreshore Licenses.

23.46.16 Dunree Road/Pillar Park Junction

Cllr Nicholas Crossan requested that a solution be found at the junction at Dunree Road and Pillar Park. He also raised concerns around Milltown Road.

23.46.17 Milltown Road

Cllr Nicholas Crossan raised concerns around Milltown Road, Buncrana. Michael McFadden agreed to follow up.

23.46.18 Road Signs

Cllr Albert Doherty requested road signage at Malin/Lagg Road (Norrira), Urblereagh – signage to Malin Glen, Malin Head, Dreenagh/Blackmountain Road. Cllr Martin McDermott stated that this issue was previously reported. Cllr Albert Doherty also requested that appropriate signage be erected at Knockglass/Knockamany towards the Wild Alpaca Way. Michael McFadden advised members that signs will be erected shortly in relation to Wild Alpaca Way and would discuss the other signage issues directly with Cllr Martin McDermott and Cllr Albert Doherty.

23.46.19 Public Lighting

Cllr Albert Doherty advised that the public are unable to report an issue with public lighting in Carndonagh as they are unable to identify the numbers on lights. Michael McFadden agreed to follow up. Cllr Rena Donaghey also advised that there are three lights not working at Red Door, Fahan.

23.46.20 Ballyloskey Road Junction

Cllr Albert Doherty stated that there is a planning application submitted for the demolition of the old St Patrick's Girls National School and hoped that this would resolve the issue at the junction.

23.47 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES

Una Cresswell, A/Area Manager, presented the Housing and Corporate report, and it was taken as read.

23.47.01 Budget 2024

It was agreed that there will be a Budget Workshop held on 02nd October 2023 at 10am. It was also agreed that an online Budget meeting will be held on 23rd October at 10am.

Bryan Cannon, Director of Service, excused himself from the meeting. (16.37pm)

23.47.02 Consider Disposal of Lands

Stephen McCrory, Senior Executive Engineer, advised Members that Donegal County Council proposes to dispose of the following plots of lands -

- Proposal: Donegal County Council proposes to dispose of 2no. plots of land comprising of 0.1735 hectares and 0.2166 hectares respectively at Ardmore, Muff to Anne McLaughlin, Firdale, Ardmore, Muff, Co. Donegal.
- Proposal: Donegal County Council proposes to dispose of a plot of land comprising of 0.0791 hectares at Ardmore, Muff to David Donaghy, St Anthony's, Muff, Co. Donegal
- Proposal: Donegal County Council proposes to dispose of a plot of land comprising of 0.0077 hectares at Ardmore, Muff to David Gibson, Ardmore, Muff, Co. Donegal.
- Proposal: Donegal County Council proposes to dispose of two plots of land comprising of 0.0039 hectares and 0.0098 hectares respectively at Drumskillan, Muff, Co. Donegal to Chris Huey & Jill Huey, 7 Cottage Park, Eglington, Co. Derry BT47 3YR.

- Proposal: Donegal County Council proposes to dispose of a plot of land comprising of 0.0382 hectares at Three Trees, Quigleys Point to Thomas McNally, Mullanbouy House, Three Trees, Quigleys Point, Co. Donegal.

Members considered the report circulated with the agenda in relation to the above plots of land.

It was recommended that this land disposal under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 is presented to the full Council at the next Plenary Council Meeting.

Bryan Cannon, Director of Service, returned to the meeting. (16.53pm)

23.47.03 Defective Concrete Blockwork

Cllr Martin Farren requested an update in relation to remediation of Social Houses that are affected by Defective Concrete Blockwork. He requested that an update be sought from Patsy Lafferty, Director of Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services. Cllr Martin McDermott reiterated his request for a workshop with the Social Housing Remediation Team and in particular an update on the submission to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage regarding the remediation of sixty social houses within Donegal. He also expressed his frustration around the timeframe in processing applications under the defective concrete blocks grant scheme. Cllr Albert Doherty concurred with these comments. Una Cresswell advised members that she would request a further update from the Director of Service.

23.47.04 Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition

Cllr Albert Doherty sought clarification on who made the final decision regarding the final offer for the potential turnkey acquisition of 29 properties at Convent Rd, Carndonagh. Una Cresswell agreed to follow up on this matter.

23.47.05 Modular Homes

Cllr Albert Doherty sought an update in relation to modular housing and if this is an option that is being explored by Donegal County Council. Cllr Terry Crossan advised members that he received a request from a private company to give a presentation to members on modular homes. Cllr Albert Doherty and Cllr Paul Canning stated that they would welcome the presentation.

23.47.06 Design and Build

It was agreed that a Design and Build Workshop will be held on 02nd October 2023. Following a query from Cllr Albert Doherty, Shaun Doherty advised members that it is proposed to build 21 units at Barrick Hill, Carndonagh, 10 units at Gleneely and 9 units in Malin.

23.47.07 Specific Instance Housing (SI)

Cllr Johnny McGuinness queried if the SI option was still an option with Donegal County Council. Una Cresswell advised that all applications are considered in line with the council policy on SI dwellings.

23.47.09 Inishowen Municipal District Meeting

Cllr Terry Crossan queried if it was possible have the Inishowen Municipal District Meeting earlier than 2pm. It was agreed that the next meeting would remain at 2pm and would change to 1pm thereafter.

23.47.10

It was agreed that the Date of the next meeting to be held on 17th October 2023 at 2pm.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Certified: _____
Cathaoirleach

Date: _____

Area Manager

Date: _____

Community Development and Planning Directorate
Community Development Division



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

Municipal District of Inishowen
MD Meeting Tuesday 17th October 2023

1. Presentation by the Donegal Youth Council
2. Malin Head Visitor Management Plan
3. An Grianán of Aileach Fort
4. Rural Development Programme/LEADER
5. Playground Maintenance
6. Donegal Walks and Trails
7. Buncrana School Campus
8. 2021 Town and Village Renewal – Newtoncunningham
9. 2021 Town and Village Renewal funding – Merville
10. 2021 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) project Development Measure for a pontoon at the existing jetty in Bunagee
11. 2021 Clár funding for Killea Community Park – Community Pod
12. 2021 Clár funding - Outdoor Gym at Bath Green Merville
13. 2021 Clár funding – Upgrading existing parking facilities servicing the sports playing fields at Desertegney
14. Merville Shore Path Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme
15. 2022 Town and Village Renewal funding – Barrack Hill Town Park Multi-functional accessible sheltered structure for all the community
16. Healthy Donegal County
17. Social Inclusion Unit



Municipal District: Inishowen Activity / Project Update: October 2023

Activity / Project Title	Malin Head Visitor Management Plan
Activity / Project Description	<u>Malin Head Access & Amenity Improvement Project.</u> Phase 1 of the project includes the delivery of major works at Malin Head to create the 'Must See' visitor attraction. This also includes the provision of additional car parking close to Banba's Crown and the implementation of traffic management arrangements
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Visitor Management Plan for Malin Head Signature Discovery Point Project</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Donegal County Council following consultation with Failte Ireland has completed the tendering competition for the procurement of multi-disciplinary services for the delivery of a visitor management plan for Malin Head Signatory point.• Keys and Monaghan Architects together with Cooney Architects have been appointed to Design the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan and Concept design.• Keys and Monaghan Architects together with Cooney Architects , a multi-disciplinary team have been appointed to provide a Visitor Management Plan and concept design for Malin Head.• There were four successful Stakeholder Engagement workshops held on the 8th May in Malin Head Community Centre, 9th May McGrorys Hotel Culdaff, Tuesday 14th May in the Colgan Hall, Carndonagh and Malin Village hall on the 15th May with over 310 people in attendance over the four evenings.• Donegal Council remains committed, in partnership with Failte Ireland and with the support of the local community, to deliver on the ambitious objectives within the draft Malin Head Visitor Management Plan.• Phase 1 of the project includes the delivery of major works at Malin Head to create the 'Must See' visitor attraction. This also includes the provision of additional car parking close to Banba's Crown and the implementation of traffic management arrangements.• To proceed with this, the Council must acquire the necessary lands upon which the development is to proceed.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	October update for Malin Head A workshop meeting is been arranged as requested to update the Elected Members on the status and next steps forward with the project.
Contact Person	James Kelly, A/Senior Engineer at 087 2236923



Activity / Project Update: October 2023

Activity / Project Title	An Grianán of Aileach Fort			
Project Description/Activity	Development /Improvement of Visitor facilities/Conservation Plan			
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>Historical background</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting took place on Tuesday 7th February 2017 with Mr. Frank Shalvey and Mr. Eoghan Moyla, senior OPW officials, Fáilte Ireland, Council Officials and various stakeholders. Mr. Shalvey agreed to initiate the process for a Conservation and Management Plan of the entire site. The timeframe for completion of the plan is early 2018. The Council will work in collaboration with the OPW, Fáilte Ireland and the stakeholders in relation to the development of the site. • The Office of Public Works have given a commitment to commission a Conservation and Management Plan . This is on the way to being achieved currently and this will set out the options for the future management of the Grianán an Aileach site. • In June 2019, the OPW officially appointed Blackwood Associates Architects to provide a Conservation and Management plan. • Alice Bentley of Blackwood Associate Architects, Claire Cotter, Archaeologist, Jackie Hunt, Ecologist and Michele O’ Dea from the Office of Public Works attended a workshop meeting regarding the Conservation and Management report with the Members on Monday 18th November, 2019. Contributions from the Councillors was documented by the consultations and will be addressed in the plan. • A copy of the completed Conservation and Management plan was circulated to the Elected Members in January 2021. • This plan sets out the implementation strategy and Action Plan for the conservation and protection of the monument. • The OPW have indicated that the list of Actions contained in the plan will guide the way forward for servicing the tourism potential of the site achieved collaboratively with the OPW and other partners and official agencies such as Donegal County Council and Fáilte Ireland • The Elected Members have sought a virtual meeting with the OPW regarding the report and this request has been made to the body. • The OPW officials will meet with the Elected Members and relevant Council officials at the site later in the Summer when health restrictions permit to discuss any issues associated with the site and the Conservation and Management plan • A meeting with the Office of Public works and the Elected Members has again been requested regarding the Conservation and Management plan. A response has not yet been received. • A request by the Members to meet with the OPW and Fáilte Ireland regarding enhancing the visitor experience at An Grianan of Aileach was issued. • A positive response was received from OPW to Fáilte Ireland with suggested dates for a meeting to follow. • The Area Roads Manager and Development Officer met with Fáilte Ireland & the OPW with the objective to improve the visitor experience at the site 			
<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>October 2023 update</u></p> <p>A Memorandum of Understanding document is currently been prepared, highlighting the Council, OPW and Fáilte Irelands shared ambition to significantly enhance the visitor experience of Grianán of Aileach through the successful execution of the various site management actions highlighted within the Conservation Management Plan for the Grianán of Aileach and also contained within the Inishowen Peninsula Destination Experience Development Plan (DEDP).The document will serve as a basis to establish a workshop meeting date with the Elected Members, Fáilte Ireland, Council Officials and the OPW.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="544 1984 1353 2056"> <tr> <td data-bbox="544 1984 810 2056">Contact Person</td> <td data-bbox="810 1984 1353 2056">Fiona Doherty, Development Officer, 087 3678954</td> </tr> </table>		Contact Person	Fiona Doherty, Development Officer, 087 3678954
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Activity / Project Update: October 2023

Activity / Project Title	PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE 2022/23
Project Description/Activity	List of Playgrounds <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Culdaff Playground• Merville Playground• Buncrana Festival Park Playground• Clós Phádraig Playground• Barrack Hill Playground• Cill Bhríde MUGA• Ballyliffin Playground• Manorcunningham Playground• Killea Playground
Budget (if applicable)	€6,444.79 incl. VAT
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The funding works associated with Ballyliffin playpark phase 1 is completed.• Annual maintenance of playgrounds, annual ROSPA inspection reports completed with necessary repairs identified. Proposed successful playground maintenance contractor identified appointed.• The Annual ROSPA inspections for the maintenance of all DCC playgrounds was completed in November 2022.• Repairs have been identified and a tender competition has been published to secure a playground maintenance contractor for 2023. Tender submissions are due back in February.• 2023 Playground maintenance contractor appointed.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>October 2023</u></p> <p>2023 Maintenance work programme is ongoing.</p> <p><u>Ballyliffin Playground Refurbishment Phase 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Designs have been prepared to replace several items of playground equipment at the Ballyliffin playground which are approaching the end of their serviceable life. Works have been tendered and a contractor has been identified to undertake the works. Pre-contract meeting held with the contractor.• Contractor to confirm proposed works programme. Expected works to be undertaken in Q4 2023/Q1 2024 with the playground being closed for possibly 4/5 weeks.• Local fund raising is currently ongoing by the community to purchase and install a wheelchair accessible swing into the Festival playground in Buncrana. Donegal Co Co engineering staff are working with the group regarding the appropriate equipment.

	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Festival Park Playground (Buncrana)</u> <u>Refurbishment Phase 2 September 2023</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The technical staff are working with a local community group to install a wheelchair swing and other inclusive equipment. • The technical staff have surveyed the existing playground and prepared draft proposals for locations for the new equipment. • The group are purchasing the equipment with guidance and technical support from the Council
Contact Person	John Deeney, Executive Engineer, 087 7197619



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Activity / Project Update **September 2023**

Activity / Project Title

Rural Development Programme/LEADER

Project Description/Activity	Donegal Local Community and Development Committee are the Local Action Group for County Donegal, with responsibility for the LEADER/Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 & Transitional LEADER Programme 2021-2022
Budget (if applicable)	€13,413,875 (Additional funding received 2019) <i>Note: Project costs €10,063,586, administration and animation costs €3,350,289</i> 1 st April 2021 – 31 st December 2022 €2,861,598 project costs €953,866 for Administration & Animation.
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	There are 4 Implementing Partners within the county; Donegal Local Development Company (DLDC), Inishowen Development Partnership (IDP), Údarás Na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán, who are rolling out the LEADER Transitional programme on behalf of the LAG (Local Action Group). The LEADER Transitional programme is effective from 1st April 2021 and runs until 31 st December 2022. €45 million is allocated nationally for the Transitional Programme and €20 million from the EURI programme. 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.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	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 de committals. Donegal County Council as Lead Financial Partner, in collaboration with our four implementing partners, Donegal Local Development Company, Inishowen Development Partnership, Údarás na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán have completed the draft LEADER Local Development Strategy which was submitted on 14th July 2023. The Council will now await any potential feedback on the draft strategy before final sign off on the LDS>
Contact person	Ciaran Martin cmartin@donegalcoco.ie



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Activity / Project Update No.10

October 2023

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Walks and Trails
Project Description/Activity	Maintenance, development and promotion of walks & trails in Donegal including cycle routes and Greenways.
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>ORIS Projects A recent site visit with Northwest Community Development has shown the successful completion of the Extension of Leenan Coastal trail, Urris, Clonmany to the value of €29,700 with very visible evidence of the trail been well used. The Stragill bridge works are at the final stages of completion with the culvert now been installed and the surface on park are to be rolled and general site clear up. Shara gore Multi access wetland trail has been completed to the value of €29,750</p> <p>Inishowen Head We hope to have a review of the trail by the end of 2023 with vision of carrying out improvement work in 2024 to reduce surface water erosion of the trail.</p> <p>Malin Head/Bamba Pathway/walk With ongoing landowner issues this will remain listed only as an item until a resolve is agreed.</p> <p>ORIS 2024 applications We have completed 7 no application for the Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure scheme Measure 1 max of €30,000.00 each. As the application process was different these round expressions of interest had to come from the local groups. The only one received from this MD was from North West Community Development proposed " Old Carn road" The second application that will apply to the Inishowen District is the marketing and promotion of trails for the county in which it is proposed to market two trails in each of the five Municipal districts. Recently a whistle-stop tour with Failte Ireland representatives to Inishowen give them an insight to what is been offered by the trails to be marketed / promoted in tandem with the current development plan recently completed for the peninsula.</p>
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proceed with the registration of two number trails completed by NWCD • Inspection of the existing trails on register with sport Ireland
Contact Person	Darryl Connor (Outdoor Recreational Development Officer) (087)3613811 email dconnor@donegalcoco.ie



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Activity / Project Update: October 2023 - Municipal District: Inishowen

Activity / Project Title	Buncrana School Campus
Project Description/Activity	Assisting the Department of Education & Skills in identifying a suitable site in the Buncrana Environs to accommodate a three school campus ideally measuring between 15 – 20 acres.
Budget (if applicable)	As per Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Education & Skills and CCMA.
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>*Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>Work has been on-going over the past few years and Donegal County Council are currently reviewing additional sites in Buncrana environs on behalf of the Department of Education and skills. Given the sensitive nature of such discussions, in particular in relation to land acquisition, it has been agreed with the Department of Education and Skills that any further requests for updates or progress reports would be handled directly by the Department.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donegal County Council are working on behalf of the Department of Education and Skills in securing the preferred identified site for the Buncrana School Campus. • The Compulsory Purchase Order process was instigated on the 4th December 2020. Public notices were published in the local newspapers. • Copies of the Public Notice and maps relating to the CPO was available for inspection at the Public Services Centre in Carndonagh, the Buncrana office and DCC headquarters in Lifford. • The ‘Notice to Treat’ was issued in December, 2021 to the parties with an interest in the site proposed for the Buncrana School Campus. • It is intended that the ‘Notice to Enter’ will be issued at the end of January. This will allow the Department of Education & Skills access to the land to carry out surveys, site investigations, etc. • Work is ongoing to progress the acquisition of the land
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>October 2023</u></p> <p>Donegal County Council are assisting The Department of Education and Skills with the technical elements of the project and this work is on-going.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CPO is concluded. • The process is ongoing with valuers on behalf of the Department of Education and Skills and Donegal County Council. They are currently in negotiations with all parties with an interest in the lands with a view to finalising land compensation costs.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Department of Education and Skills have commenced works on progressing the delivery of the school Campus design.
Contact person	Eamon Boyle, Executive Engineer, 087 178 8623 eamonb@donegalcoco.ie



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October Municipal District: Inishowen

Activity / Project Update No.4 June 2023

Activity / Project Title	2021 Newtoncunningham Town and Village Renewal
Project Description/Activity	<p>€100,000 funding allocation €11,500 Match funding by Donegal County Council Budget for Capital works €75,500 Budget for consultancy work €36,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The provision of a centrally located outdoor space for young people to 'hangout/stay' in the centre of the village designed in consultation with the local school/youth community exploring the themes of place and identity. The preparation of a Strategy and Action Plan for Newtowncunningham and Environs to inform the strategic sustainable development of the village and setting.
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting per</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Newtoncunningham Focus Group have issued a Request for Quotations for Consultancy Services to prepare a Regeneration Strategy for Newtowncunningham & Environs. This work will inform the capital element relating to the Outdoor Space. The Newtoncunningham Focus Group are working with the Council in relation to the procurement and appointment of consultants to produce a Regeneration Strategy, Action Plan and Health check for the village and Environs. It is envisaged that the outcome of this will inform the capital element of the project The Newtoncunningham Focus Group have appointed a consultant and the Council are working with the group to progress a master plan for Newtoncunningham which will also inform the capital element of the project

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A successful community engagement 'Drop In' event took place on the 9th February from 2pm to 8pm. The appointed consultants are working to produce a draft document. • Following the public engagement event. GM Consultants are working on a draft document incorporating submissions and observations • The Community are considering options for The Multi-functional Pod • Stage one of the Regeneration and Strategy Action plan is complete and The Newtoncunningham Focus Group and consultants GM Designs held another • community engagement event on the 14th June at the Columban Hall. • There were no tenders received from the e-tenders procurement process. • The capital project has been readvertised again on e-tenders. •
<p>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</p>	<p><u>October 2023 update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This Project initially had no tenders received. Therefore, the project was put back out for retendering. Several tenders have been received and are currently being reviewed. • Works to commence in October 2023. • A Draft Strategic and Action plan is been developed
<p>Contact Person</p>	<p>Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer – Pod Enquires Claire McCallan, Architect in the community – Action Plan enquires.</p>



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Activity / Project Update No.4 October 2023

Activity / Project Title File:	2021 Moville Town and Village Renewal Project Funding Allocation of €100,000 from the Department on 25 th February, 2022z. Match funding €11,500 by Donegal County Council
Project Description/Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enhancement of existing Outdoor Recreational Amenities at The Bath Green, Moville• Health Check and Regeneration Plan for Moville
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p>The Minister for Rural and Community Development announced the funding allocation for the 2021 Town and Village Renewal scheme on the 25th February, 2022. Several meetings have taken place with the community group, Executive Engineer and the Development Officer scoping out and advancing the capital works associated with the project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Draft design drawings have been considered by the group and are now been finalised by the Engineers.• Tenders for the capital work will be advertised on e-tenders this month• Draft design drawings have been considered by the group and are now been finalised by the Engineers• A meeting is taken place with Donegal County Council and members of the group on Friday 14th October to scope out the work associated with the Town and Village Renewal project and the recently announced Clár funding for the outdoor gym.• A meeting took place on the 14th October with the community group to agree and finalise the nature of the work associated with the Town and Village Renewal funding and the Clár funding for the provision of an Outdoor Gym• Tenders have issued on e-tenders inviting contractors to submit tenders for the Town and Village Renewal project and Clár funded project.• One contractor will be selected to provide the work associated with both projects.• The deadline for receipt of tenders is 19th January 2023.• The Contractor, Garden escapes Ltd have been appointed and work is due to commence within the next few weeks with an 8 week delivery deadline
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>October 2023 Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The project work is scheduled for completion at the end of October, 2023
Contact Person	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer and Fiona Doherty, Development Officer



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Activity / Project Update No.4 October 2023

Activity / Project Title File:	Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) project Development Measure for a pontoon at the existing jetty in Bunagee €50,000 for Project Development
Project Description/Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preparation work for Jetty at Bunagee, Culdaff
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A meeting took place with the Culdaff Development Association and Donegal County Council's Executive Engineer and Development Officer.• The next steps were discussed and the way forward to deliver the project agreed.• Tenders are being prepared for Appropriate Assessment and all relevant documentation and reports necessary to deliver the capital works.• A Consultant is to be appointed to carry out an Appropriate Assessment.• The relevant documentation to deliver the capital project element is also been prepared.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>October 2023 Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Tender documents are currently being prepared• The tender report for the ecology screening report has been completed and issued.
Contact Person	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer Fiona Doherty, Development Officer



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Activity / Project Update October 2023

Activity / Project Title	2022 Killea Clár funded project
File:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Funding Allocation of €50,000 from the Department on 25th February, 2022• Match funding €2,500 by Donegal County Council and €2,500 from Killea Tidy Towns
Project Description/Activity	To install a Community Pod providing a meeting space and ancillary services for the community sited within the Killea Community Park
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Minister for Rural and Community Development announced the funding allocation under the 2022 Clár programme.• John Deeney, Executive Engineer has met with the committee and provided technical guidance and outlined the pathway forward to advance the project.• The Project is being led by the Killea Tidy Towns community group with guidance and support from the Executive Engineer within Community Development.• A Provisional letter of offer has been issued to the group.• The Group are to prepare documents to seek quotations from a contractor to undertake the proposed construction works.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<u>October 2023</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Community group received one tender submission for the work.• The Community Development Engineers are working with Killea Tidy Towns and are awaiting clarification on a few queries on contractors' insurance etc.
Contact Person	John Deeney, Executive Engineer,



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Activity / Project Update October 2023

<p>Activity / Project Title</p> <p>File:</p>	<p>2022 Movice Clár funded project</p> <p>Funding Allocation of €50,000 from the Department on 25th February, 2022 Match funding €2,500 by Donegal County Council and Movice Tidy Towns</p>
<p>Project Description/Activity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor Gym & Calisthenics Stations • The proposal provides for an accessible outdoor gym area including calisthenics stations to support all ages and abilities in an outdoor environment overlooking the sea at The Bath Green Movice.
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>The Minister for Rural and Community Development announced the funding allocation under the 2022 Clár programme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several meetings took place between the Community Development staff and the community group to agree and finalise the nature of the work associated with both projects in Movice. • Tenders have issued on e-tenders inviting contractors to submit a tender for the Clár funded project and the Town and Village Renewal project. • One contractor will be tasked with delivering both projects. • The deadline for receipt of tenders is the end of this month. • The Contractor, Garden escapes Ltd have been appointed and work is due to commence within the next few weeks with an 8 week delivery deadline.
<p>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</p>	<p><u>October 2023 update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Outdoor Gym is complete • The Green Carpark is 95% completed and will be finished by the end of this month.
<p>Contact Person</p>	<p>Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer and Fiona Doherty, Development Officer</p>



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Activity / Project Update September 2023

Activity / Project Title	Desertegney Youth Club and Dunree Football Club
Project Description/Activity	Upgrade the existing car parking facilities servicing the Foroige Youth Club, National School, local amenities, and sports playing fields sited at the centre of the rural settlement of Desertegney in Inishowen
Budget <i>(if applicable)</i>	€55,000, match funding of €2,500 from Donegal County Council and Desertegney Youth Club and Dunree Football Club.
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p>Initial meeting took place with the community group. The 'Letter of Offer' will issue this month.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A provisional 'Letter of Offer' has issued to the group.• The group have commenced the tendering process under the guidance of the Executive Engineer.
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This Project is 95% complete and is due to be completed at the end of this month.
Contact Person	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer



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Activity / Project Update: October 2023

Activity / Project Title File 622/P&ED/422 (8)	2022 Town & Village Renewal Scheme, Carndonagh An Accessible sheltered outdoor structure/ space for all the community cited within Barrack Hill Town Park
Project Description/Activity	See above
Budget (if applicable)	€121,230
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Preliminary meeting has taken place with the group to scope out the deliverables.• The Department issued the 'Letter of Funding Offer' in March.• A recent meeting has now taken place finalising the desired design and details of the project.• The Department issued the letter of funding offer to Donegal County Council in March 2023• The Community Development Officer and Engineers have engaged with the Barrack Hill Town Park Committee and agreed the final design and details with the group.• Tender documents will then be prepared and advertised on e-tenders.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>October 2023 update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Project is at Design Stage.• The Plan is to have Tender Documents completed by end of Q4 2023• Contractor on site Q1 2024
Contact Person	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer & Fiona Doherty, Development Officer



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Activity / Project Update October 2023

Activity / Project Title	Moville Shore Path Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme
File:	€200,000
Project Description/Activity	Upgrade and Enhancement of a portion of Moville shore walk
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>September 2023</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Project is at Design Stage establishing the scope.• The Plan is to have Tender Documents completed by end of Q4 2023 and Contractor on site Q1 2023
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	

Contact Person	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer, Fiona Doherty
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Municipal District: Countywide

Activity / Project Update

October 2023

Programme	Healthy Ireland Fund
Project Description/Activity	<p>Healthy Ireland</p> <p>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>
Budget	€198,122.42 Round 4 Funding
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>Healthy Ireland Round 4</p> <p>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>Moments of Happiness at your Library Launch</p>  <p><i>Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council, Cllr. Martin Harley pictured launching the Moments of Happiness at your Library Initiative. Pictured Back Row: Ciara Cunanne, Healthy Ireland at your Library Coordinator; Belinda Glackin, Donegal Library Service; Sinead Noonan, Twin Towns Librarian; Paddy Doherty, Divisional Manager, Community Development; Ciaran Martin, Community Development; Hugh Carlin, Donegal Sports Partnership; Richard Ryan, Donegal Library Service; Christina O'Donnell, Social Inclusion, Community Development; Kirsty Browne, Donegal Sports Partnership. Front Row: Deirdre Laverty, Memory Assessment Support Services, HSE; Margaret Fitzgerald, Healthy Ireland Coordinator; Dara McDauid, HSE; Donna Kavanagh, Senior Executive Librarian, Donegal Library Services.</i></p> <p>Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council, Cllr. Martin Harley has launched the Healthy Ireland Moments of Happiness at your Library initiative which uses the innovative award-winning Tovertafel games system to positively influence the quality of life for children with autism, seniors living with dementia and adults with intellectual disabilities using interactive light projected games that stimulate physical activity, social interaction, cognition, and moments of happiness.</p>



Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council, Cllr. Martin Harley with Catherine McGeehan at the launch of the Healthy Ireland Moments of Happiness at your Library Initiative

At the launch, held in the Twin Towns Library in the Base Enterprise Centre in Stranorlar, Cllr. Harley paid tribute to the Donegal Library Service and said ‘Our libraries are a fun, free, inclusive resource at the heart of our communities – where anyone can learn, discover and develop, regardless of age, ability, education or income and the Healthy Ireland funded Moments of Happiness at your Library initiative provides a unique opportunity for us to support and promote inclusive care within our local community’.

Healthy Ireland at your Library Coordinator, Ciara Cunnane explained how the ‘Tovertafel’ is Dutch for ‘Magic Table’ and projects vibrant, lifelike images onto a white surface in the form of games that react to even the smallest of hands and movements, creating a “magic-like” effect that captivates and engages users. Ciara outlined the person-centre benefits of this type of purposeful play and advised that while the Tovertafel is a new addition to the Twin Towns Library, Tovertafels and a Sensory Pod are available for all members of the public as part of Donegal Library Sensory Services in Bunrana Library, Central Library Letterkenny, Leabharlann Phobail Gaoth Dobhair and Bundoran Library respectively.

Outlining the significance of the Healthy Ireland Programme, Healthy Ireland Coordinator for Donegal, Margaret Fitzgerald said “The Healthy Ireland Programme provides a cross-sectoral focus for improving and supporting the health and wellbeing of everyone living in Ireland and is central to the work of Donegal County Council and Donegal Local Community Development Committee.”



Students from Robertson National School, Stranorlar and Bluestacks Training and Progression Programme creating Moments of Happiness using the Tovertafel!

The Moments of Happiness at your Library initiative is funded under the Healthy Ireland Programme, which is supported by the Dept. of Health.

If you would like more information on using any of the sensory services including the Tovertafel call in or contact the libraries as follows –

Twin Towns Library - Tel: 074 9175384 or Email: twintowns@donegallibrary.ie

Buncrana Library – Tel: 074 9361941 or Email: buncrana@donegallibrary.ie

Bundoran Library - Tel: 071 9829665 or Email: bundoran@donegallibrary.ie

Central Library Letterkenny – Tel: 074 9124950 or Email: central@donegallibrary.ie

Leabharlann Phobail Gaoth Dobhair - Tel: 074 9560862 or Email: gaothdobhair@donegallibrary.ie

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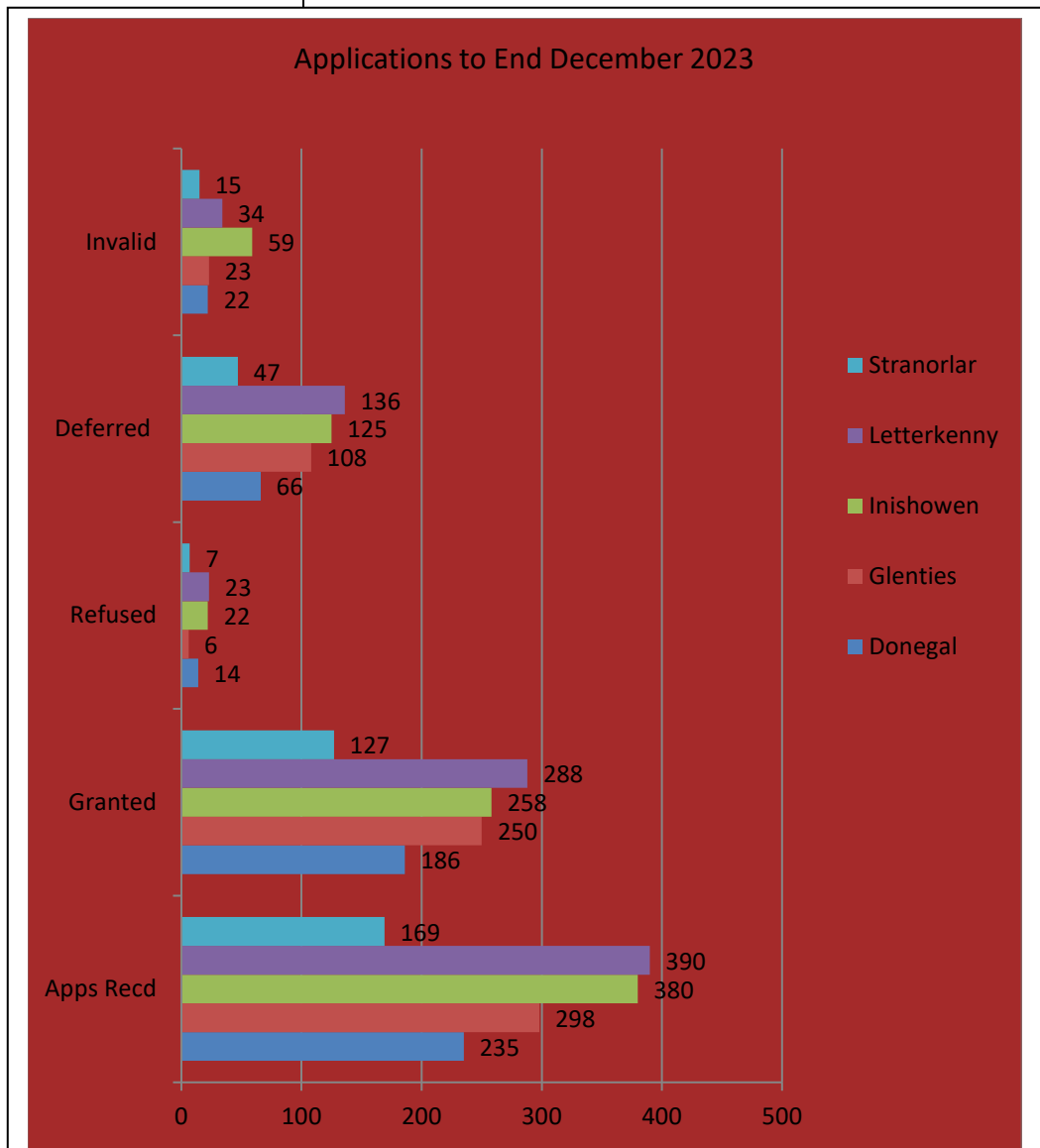
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Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	Social Inclusion Unit
<p>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 3 -inclusive of current status</p>	<p>Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion Strategy</p> <p>There was a well-attended September meeting of the Implementation team where we looked at the work completed in Q1 and Q2 of 2023. There are 47 Actions in the strategy and in the first half of 2023 there have been activity reported on 20 of these actions. Themes Two, Three and Four were reviewed with an agreement on a new reporting structure.</p> <p>All Stakeholders are going to continue to engage and follow through on the Workplan. Monitoring and evaluation for Q3 will be followed up on now.</p> <p>EU Belong</p> <p>Donegal continue to lead on work package 4(delivery of integration strategy) has been working on the following project partners Emilia-Romagna of Italy, Leipzig of Germany, Catalonia of Spain, Timis of Romania, Arad of Romania, Navarra of Spain, Salzburg of Austria, Pomerania of Poland, and Poznan of Poland to achieve this deliverable.</p> <p>EU Belong project partners will attend a knowledge sharing event in Donegal in March 2024 where there will be opportunity to share work in relation to integration and inclusion in Donegal and to learn from our project partners.</p>
<p>Contact Person</p>	<p>Christina O'Donnell Sweeney codonnell@donegalcoco.ie charlesseeney@donegalcoco.ie 0879192272</p> <p>Charles</p>

Inishowen MD Meeting
17th October, 2023

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Appendix A

Municipal District of Inishowen October 2023

**Building Control & Taking in Charge
Community Development & Planning Services**

REPORT

1. Taking in Charge of Private Residential Estates:

- Kildrum Meadows, Killea
- Millfield Heights, Buncrana and
- Cornfield Lane, Newtoncunningham

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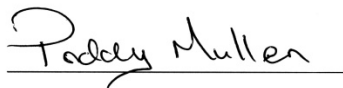
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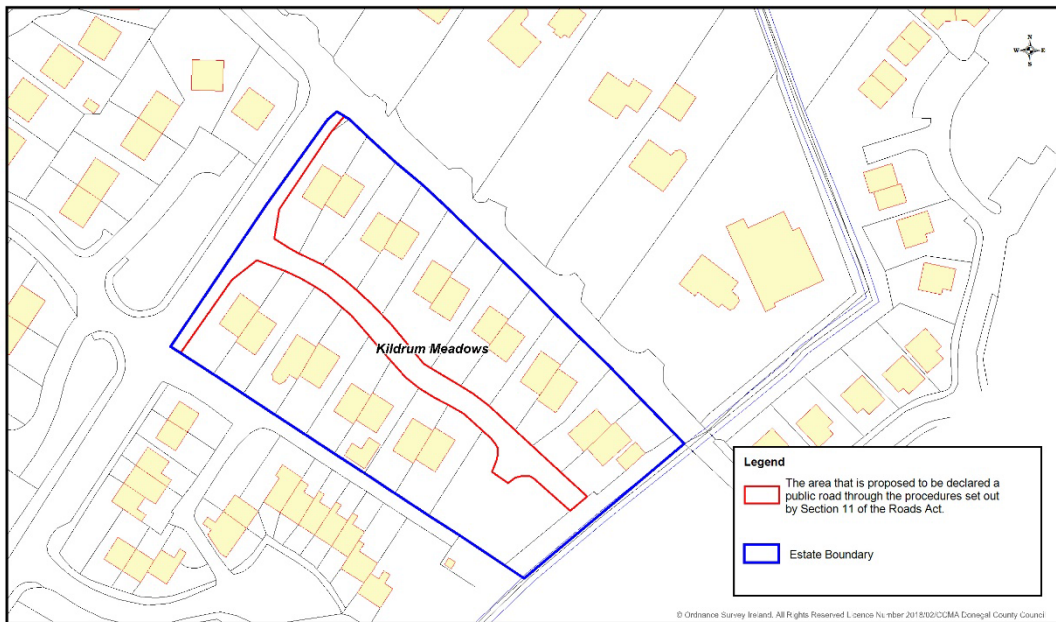


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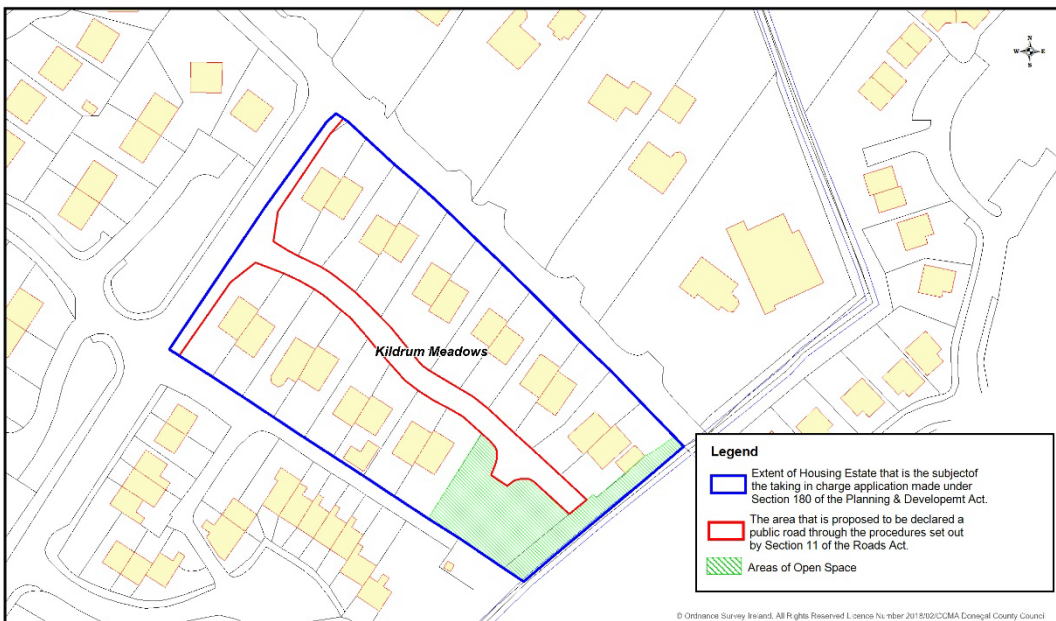


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Address: ALTAGHDERRY, KILLEA



Application for taking in charge of Housing Estate

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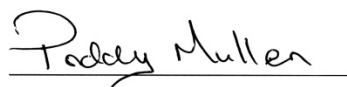
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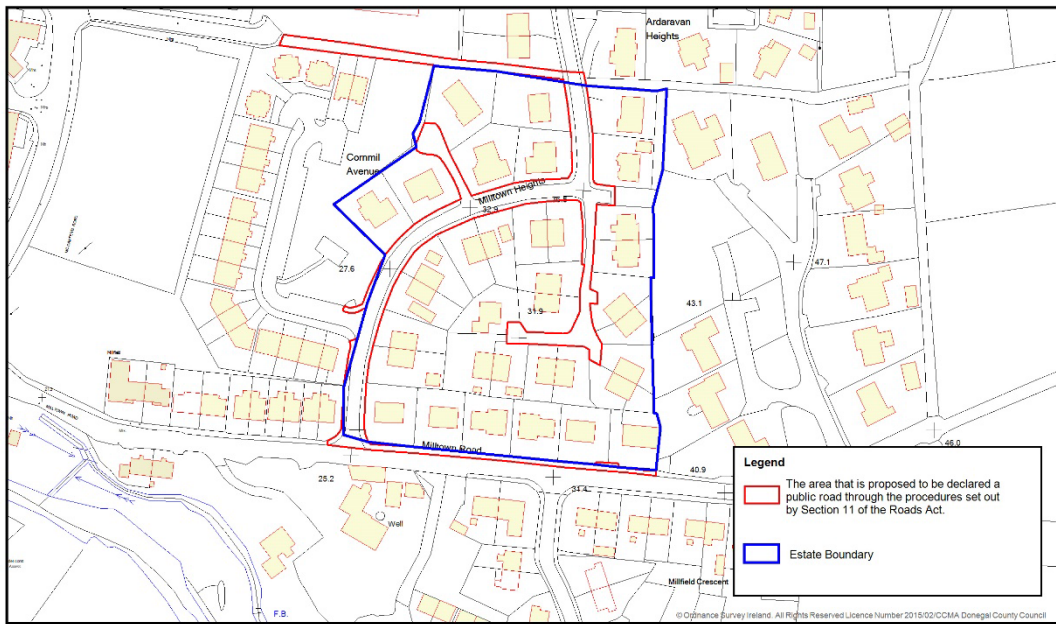


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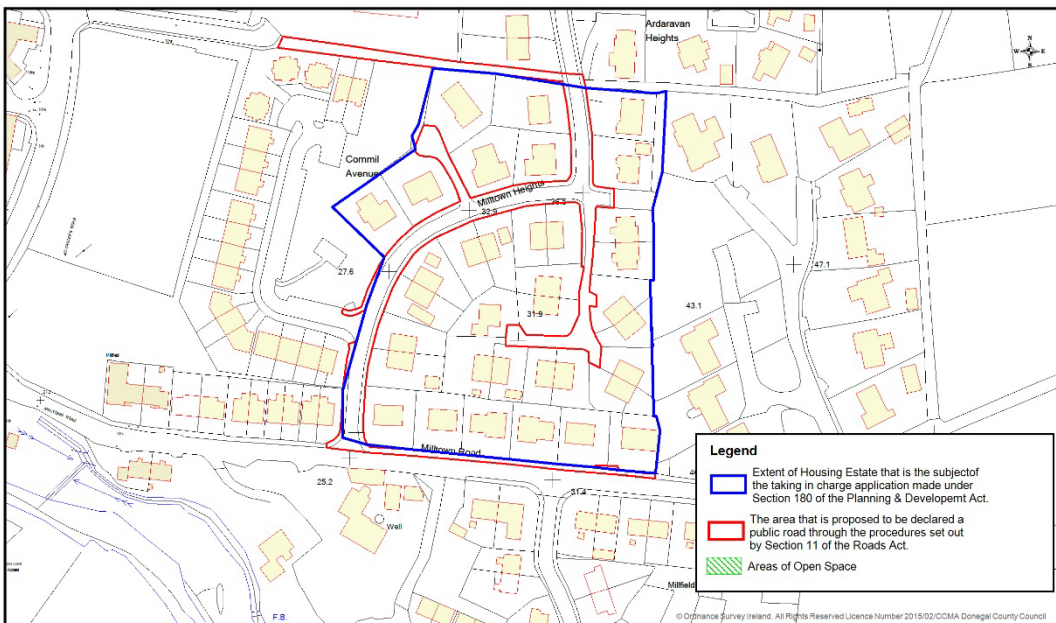
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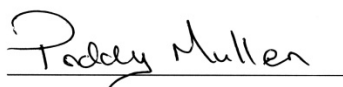
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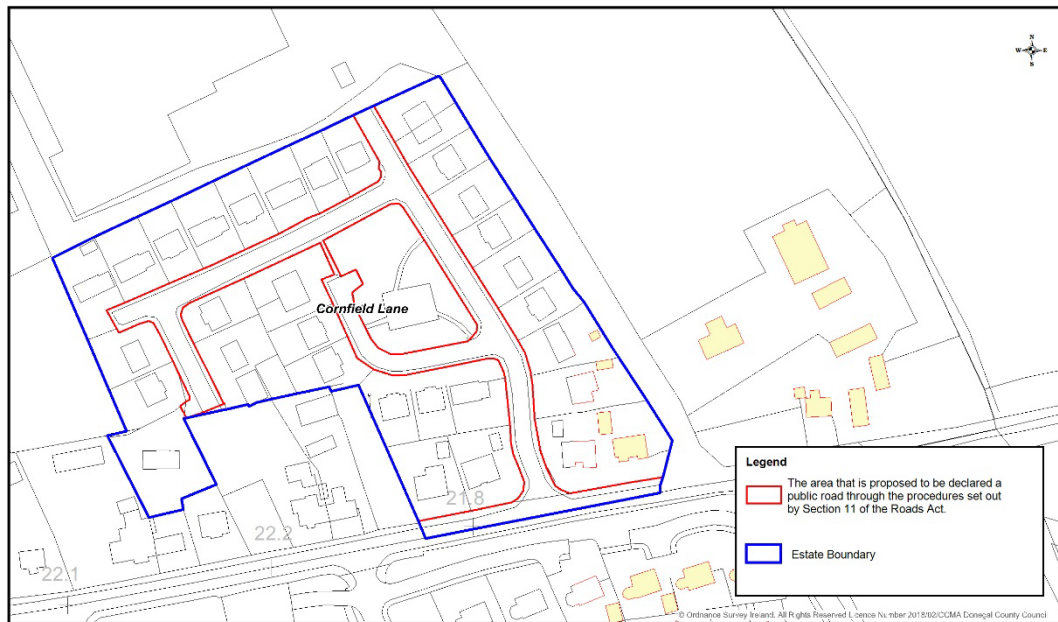


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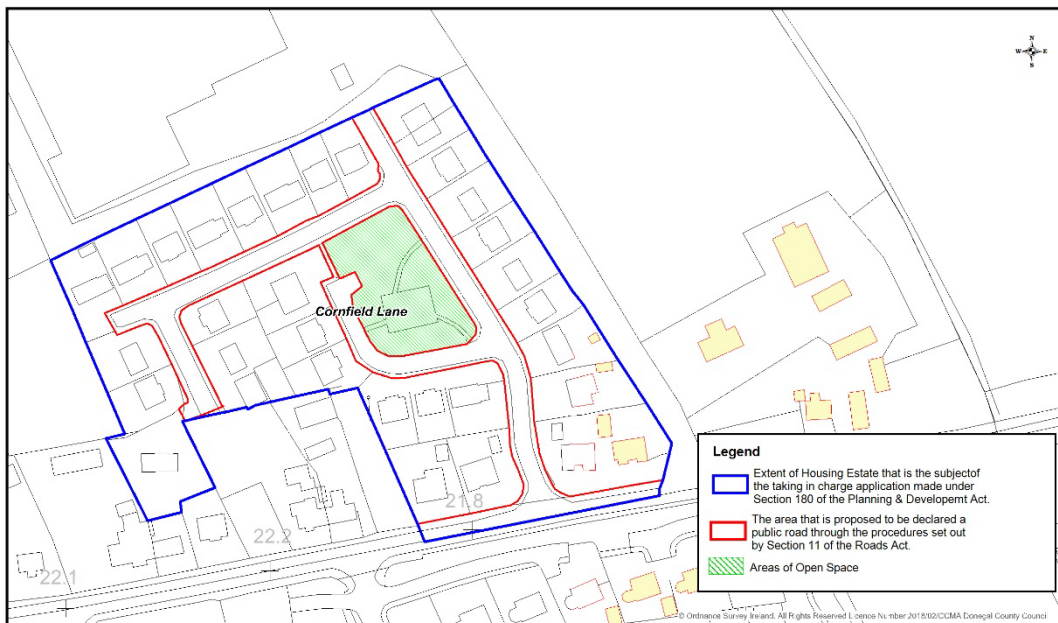
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Application for taking in charge of Housing Estate

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Appendix B



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

Report to October (2023) Municipal District Meetings

1.0 RURAL REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (RRDF)

1.1 EXISTING APPROVED CATEGORY 2 RRDF PROJECTS (2020)

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

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

Update: Acquisition of the key regeneration site in Market Yard was completed by year end 2022. The Team continues to work towards the publication of a planning scheme, so as to develop this project as a shovel ready capital project targeted for future Category 1 RRDF funding.

A workshop was held with Members on July 13th 2023 to update them on this evolving consultation and design process. It is anticipated that design work will complete and work to prepare publication of a statutory planning scheme will occur in Q4 2023.

1.1.2 Ramelton Re-Imagined.

Category 2 Value: €249,159 (RRDF funding approved €186,869)

Category 1 Value: €7,949,868 (RRF funding approved €6.3m)

Update: Part 8 planning for this project was confirmed at a Plenary Meeting of the Council on Wednesday 6th of April, 2022.

The Detailed Design phase is now complete and it is intended to open a construction tender in Q1 of 2024 ahead of a projected commencement to site later in 2023. The process of project handover to the Council’s Capital Project Delivery Unit (CPDU) has commenced. CPDU will manage the construction and handover stage of the project.

The Team will continue to update and advise Members on progress and key milestones as this project moves towards commencement on site.

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

Repowering Buncrana.

The Elected Members of the Inishowen Municipal District were updated on the status of this project at workshop on Friday 27th January 2023. The project was then submitted to the DRCDD for Decision Gate 2 Pre-Tender Approval on Monday 20th March, 2023. Decision Gate 2 approval was subsequently received on 3rd April, 2023 and this project is therefore now approved to proceed to tender.

A sale agreed position has been reached in respect of the town centre acquisition interest enabled by this project. The property concerned is the former Garda Barracks at St. Orans Rd, Buncrana. The Council's legal services have now been instructed to close out and complete this acquisition and this is ongoing. The property will be redeveloped as an economic development proposition as a part of this project with a forward view towards job creation and inward investment.

A detailed tender package for the procurement of Architect Led Full Integrated Design & PSDP Team services has also now been prepared and is undergoing final review before opening the formal tender process on eTenders. It is acknowledged that the Members of the Inishowen Municipal District have requested a workshop in respect of the Repowering Buncrana project, and arrangements will be made to facilitate this once the tender process has opened and greater certainty can then be given in relation to the timelines for the further development of the project going forward. It is anticipated that this workshop will be facilitated in late October/Early November 2023.

1.3 Rathmullan RRDF Project Development work

A formal Part 8 planning scheme for this project was published on Thursday 24th November 2022. Submissions or observations were required to be made in writing on or before 4:30pm on Wednesday 18th January 2023. A Chief Executives Report on the proposed development was brought before the Elected Members for consideration at a Special Meeting of the Council on 13th February 2023 when Members decided to proceed with the development as proposed.

Work is now continuing to position the project for application to future calls of the Rural Regeneration & Development Fund (RRDF) for category 1 (capital) projects. The next stage in project development work concerns the preparation of a Business Case. In this regard FPM were appointed on 25th September 2023 to provide services for an Economic Appraisal including a Business Plan and Financial Analysis of the project.

The project is a partnership with Rathmullan The Way Forward CLG.

1.5 Milford Town Centre First Plan

In late 2021 the Department of Rural and Community Development sought nominations for towns to be considered as part of the 1st Phase of the Town Centre Masterplan Initiative. Minister Heather Humphries TD subsequently announced that Milford was successful in securing €100,000 under the call. The Regeneration & Development Team is now leading on the delivery of a Town Centre First Masterplan for the Town.

GM Design Associates Ltd were appointed as the successful consultancy service to deliver the Town Centre First Plan for Milford on Tuesday 14th February 2023 and the project commenced with the first stage of Public Consultation which took place over a period of 3 weeks beginning on Thursday 16th February and concluding on Thursday 9th March 2023. The first stage consultation process involved a number of targeted workshops, including a project workshop with Elected Members which took place on Tuesday 14th February 2023, as well as a cross-directorate workshop, a community stakeholder group workshop and workshops with students attending the two local secondary schools. A very successful Public Consultation Event was also held on Wednesday 22nd February which was attended by c.120 no. participants.

The public engagement also centered on the launch of a dedicated project website, facebook page and twitter page, and provided for responses via an online resident's survey, a business survey, a feedback form for individual submissions as well as a kids' page. On the whole there has been a hugely positive response to the public engagement with 227 no. online surveys completed with a further 128 no. survey responses from the secondary school pupils, 355 no. in total. There were also 16 no. comment sheets submitted, 3 no. written submissions and 2 no. email submissions as well as 86 no. kids' responses.

The consultants, GM Design Associates Limited completed the process of collating, recording and interpreting the findings and results of the public and stakeholder engagement together with the conclusions of the baseline analysis of the town centre including the SCOT analysis, and have finalised the Stage 1 Report entitled 'Milford TCF Plan Baseline Profile', which was presented to the Elected Members at a Workshop on the 5th of May 2023. This Report has directly informed the Draft Milford Town Centre First Plan which was published for public consultation from the 10th of July to the 4th of August 2023. A drop in event was held on the 26th July 2023 in the Milford PSC with 64 attendees and 42 submissions were made via completed survey forms, comments sheet and email.

The Consultants are now working to complete the Milford TCF Plan, which involves, inter alia, translation, response to submissions and environmental screenings, after which it is planned to hold a workshop with the Members of

the Letterkenny – Milford MD to present the proposed Milford TCF Plan before final launch arrangements are confirmed. It is anticipated that this workshop will proceed in October/early November and separate arrangements will be made in due course.

1.6 Creeslough Village Plan and Community Regeneration Project

Donegal County Council, the Creeslough Working Group and the Creeslough Community Association supported by Arup launched a public consultation process to prepare a Village Plan and community regeneration project for the Creeslough Community in May 2023.

On 27th July 2023 a formal Part 8 planning scheme for the Creeslough Community Regeneration Project was published. A Chief Executives report on the proposed Part 8 development and the statutory consultation process was brought before the Elected Members at a plenary meeting of Donegal County Council on Monday 25th September 2023 when the Members decided to proceed with the development as proposed. Planning consent for the project is now confirmed.

Work is now continuing to position the project for application to future calls of the Rural Regeneration & Development Fund (RRDF) for category 1 (capital) projects. The next stage in project development work concerns the preparation of a Business Case, ground and site investigations and the preparation of detailed project costings. In this regard Jennings O'Donovan & Partners Limited Consulting Engineers were appointed on 15th September 2023 to provide structural & civil engineering design services for the project, including PSDP services and geotechnical investigations. On 25th September 2023 FPM were appointed to provide services for (i) Community Engagement and Company Formation, and (ii) an Economic Appraisal including Financial Analysis of the project. This work will now continue in earnest.

ARUP are continuing work to prepare the final Creeslough Village Plan. Members were updated on the status of this work by ARUP at a workshop on Tuesday 19th September 2023. This work involves translation and formatting prior to confirmation of appropriate launch arrangements before year end.

2.0 URBAN REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (URDF)

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

This first application secured €2.1m in URDF monies, match funded by €700,000 for three sub-projects. Sub-project A, preparation of Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy is now complete and available at www.letterkenny2040.ie and sub-project C, public realm re now complete.

The status of sub-project B in relation to acquisition of strategic site is that the lands are now in the possession of Donegal County Council which is enabling advancement of the phase 1 development of Alpha/Beta and Public Realm. Negotiation on compensation continues in parallel.

In addition, a Recommendation has been prepared to progress the business case for an Affordable Housing Scheme in respect of the residential component of the Concept Masterplan relating to the remainder of the strategic site (Phase 2). As a result, this part of the site will transfer to Housing colleagues with alignment and input from both the Regeneration and Development Team and the Capital Projects Delivery Unit. Further updates will be brought to the Letterkenny-Milford MD in this regard as this work develops.

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

The Councils successful application to URDF Call 2, entitled ‘Letterkenny 2040 (Phase 1): To Re-energize and Connect the Historic Town Centre’ has secured an allocation for total project cost of €19.3m (comprising €14.5m URDF support together with match funding committed by the Council in the sum of €4.8m). Project costs will remain under review at each stage of project development and as the approval gateways under the Public Spending Code are navigated.

The project will advance sub-projects to varying stages as follows:

- The further enhancement of the Cathedral Quarter (cathedral Quarter Park/Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme and Market Square Reimagined).
- The re-purposing of the Courthouse
- Strategic land assembly towards:
 - Renewal of Lower Main Street
 - Advancement of a Regional Transport Hub
 - Enhancement of ‘LK Green Connect,’ walking, cycling and parkland infrastructure.

Following submission of Preliminary Business case, Detailed Project brief and Procurement Strategy, DHLGH approval to proceed with tendering processes for design services and acquisitions was secured in March 2023. DHLGH advise that each sub- project will now progress on its own timeline including the preparation of individual Final Business Cases prior to appointment of construction contractor.

Accordingly, steps are being taken to proceed with each sub-project as set out in the following table and as outlined to Members of Letterkenny-Milford MD at a workshop on 2nd October 2023.

Next steps set out in letter of approval to proceed.

Sub-project	Nature of DHLGH approval/ Project activity
Sub-project A: Market Square element	<p>Proceed to procurement of architect-led team for detailed design and site supervision</p> <p>The following actions have been commenced/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The project has been handed over to the Capital Projects Delivery Unit (CPDU) for progression of detailed design with feed-in from the Regeneration and Development Team. To this end, a procurement process for an Architect-led team for detailed design has been opened and closes on 3rd November. This will leave to appointment of design team by year end. ▪ Please note that all further updates will be provided by the Capital projects Delivery Unit.
Sub-Project A: Cathedral Quarter Park and Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme	<p>Proceed acquisition processes for land required. The following actions have been commenced/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avison Young appointed as Valuer to act on behalf of Donegal County Councils acquisition interests and these now progress with intent. <p>Proceed to procurement of architect-led team for all design stages (planning consent, detailed design & site supervision)</p> <p>This project will be led through the next stage of design and consultancy services by the Regeneration and Development Team with feed-in from the Capital Projects Delivery Unit. The following actions have been commenced/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Draft tender for architect-led team prepared and now under review in-house. Target to open procurement process mid November 2023.
Sub-project B: Renewal at Lower Main Street	<p>Proceed acquisition processes for land required. The following actions have been commenced/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avison Young appointed as Valuer to act on behalf of Donegal County Councils acquisition interests and these now progress with intent.

<p>Sub-project C: Revival of the Courthouse</p>	<p>Proceed to procurement of consultancy services to prepare ‘Product identification/Visitor Experience Plan.’</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procurement process for Creative Consultancy Services opened on 22nd June 2023 in respect of ‘Revival at the Courthouse’ for the preparation of a Visitor Experience Plan/ Product Identification Plan and Business Plan for the development of a major visitor attraction at the Courthouse and closed 21st July 2023. Evaluation of responses to the procurement process is ongoing with project inception targeted for early November 2023. MD Inception Workshop scheduled for Tuesday 14th November 2023.
<p>Sub-project D: Strategic acquisition to enable a Regional Transport Hub</p>	<p>Proceed acquisition processes for land required. This project will be led through the next stage by the Regeneration and Development Team. The following actions have been commenced/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avison Young appointed as Valuer to act on behalf of Donegal County Councils acquisition interests and these now progress with intent. • A meeting with NTA and representatives of the Councils Roads, Planning, Regeneration and Community Development Teams took place on 10th July 2023 in relation to transportation in Letterkenny inclusive of the Regional Transport Hub project. As regards the Regional Transport Hub, a funding commitment was secured from 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. Draft tender package is being prepared in this regard for internal review initially followed by NTA feed-in prior to opening of a procurement process.
<p>Sub-Project E; Strategic acquisition to enable LK Green Connect</p>	<p>Proceed acquisition processes for land required This project will be led through the next stage by the Regeneration and Development Team. Progress on acquisition is to some degree dependent on</p>

	<p>capacity to progress Part 8 for phase 2 of LK Green Connect and in this regard, it is noted that in-house resources are severely under pressure across both URDF and RRDF work programmes. Notwithstanding, the following actions have been commenced/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Avison Young appointed as Valuer to act on behalf of Donegal County Councils acquisition interests and these now progress with intent.
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- 2.3 ‘The Eat Out’ Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Project, Letterkenny**
‘The Eat Out’ Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Project at the public space to the front of An Grianan Theatre secured Part 8 planning consent at the plenary Council meeting in November 2022, led by the Regeneration and Development Team. Detailed Design completed in June 2023 led by Community Development with feed in from the Regeneration and Development Team.

A procurement process led and managed by Community Development, for appointment of Contractor closed on 26th September 2023. Evaluation of submissions is ongoing with target for appointment of contractor and commencement of works in early November 2023 subject to contractor availability and satisfactory close out of the evaluation process. Once a Contractor is appointed, the Community Development section will be in a position to estimate completion of works. Note that repair to the steps to the front of the theatre forms part of the works requirement.

- 2.4 Letterkenny Cultural Corridor**
Part 8 proposed development for the ‘Cultural Corridor’ section of LK Green Connect was published for consultation on 26th September 2023 following an MD workshop on 19th September 2023. The consultation period closes on 9th November 2023. A further workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD is scheduled for 14th November 2023 to consider issues arising from public consultation. A Chief Executives Report on submissions received will be placed on the agenda of the plenary Council meeting scheduled for 27th November 2023.

- 2.5 2nd Phase of LK Green Connect**
Design of Part 8 proposed development for Phase 2 of LK Green Connect to link walking and cycling infrastructure at the completed Phase 1 to Pearse Road is now the next priority URDF related project programmed for the in-house architectural team (Regeneration and Development Team) alongside a number of other RRDF related areas of work. The first team inception meeting took place on 19th September 2023. As a result, a schedule of topographical survey and landowner consultation is being commenced to inform the design

process. A workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD will be arranged as this work develops.

2.6 Youth/Community focused project at Lower Main Street

Early engagements with Letterkenny Youth Club and Donegal Youth Service commenced in 2022 to further explore the potential for a youth/community focused project at Lower Main Street as envisaged within the Design Concepts contained in the Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy and relating to a number of Councils acquisition interests under URDF Call 2 successful application. In this regard, a partnership in principle has been agreed. Following progress on relevant land acquisition under the Councils URDF Call 2 project, it is targeted to commence design processes as regards a future capital scheme at this location. Timeline for commencement of design work is likely to be Q2 of 2025 and is highly dependent on capacity of in-house resources. In the interim it is proposed to re-engage with the Youth partners in relation to the project. Updates will be provided to Members on ongoing basis.

2.7 Collaboration with Housing Section of Donegal County Council

Collaborative working arrangements have been established with the Housing Section of Donegal County Council to explore and develop social/affordable housing schemes on key regeneration sites within the town centre generally and, more specifically at Lower Main Street and at Phase 2 of the Strategic Urban Regeneration Site located between Pearse Road and Ramelton Road. Members will be updated as this work progresses.

2.8 URDF Call 3

On the 11th July 2023, Minister O'Brien announced an allocation of €4m under URDF Call 3 for Donegal County Council in relation to Letterkenny Regional Centre. URDF Call 3 focusses on enabling Local Authorities to tackle long-term vacancy and dereliction in Letterkenny town centre and on the acceleration of residential development. The programme will provide a rolling fund to Local Authorities to enable acquisition and design and civil works that may be required to de-risk property to make it more attractive for onward sale. A funding agreement has been completed and returned to DHLGH together with submission seeking DHLGH reconsideration for inclusion of a number of properties within the approved programme was submitted on 25th August 2023. A further workshop with Letterkenny-Milford MD will be arranged in due course following initial background work to be carried out that will inform recommendations on priority properties for target under URDF Call 3.

2.9 Other

The Regeneration and Development Team continue to engage in other regeneration related work areas in Letterkenny, engage with key stakeholders on a rolling basis and support other sections of Donegal County Council as required and across several other activities.

3.0 CROI CONAITHE VACANT PROPERTY REFURBISHMENT GRANT SCHEME

The Council administers the Croi Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme on behalf of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The grant schemes, which came into operation in July 2022, provides grants to property owners to refurbish properties that have been vacant for two years or more for use as their principle private residence or to be made available for rent. The level of grant funding available is €50,000 or €70,000 if the property is derelict. The grants are increased by 20% for off-shore island properties. To date, the Council have processed 302 applications with 87 approved and 16 rejected on the basis that they do not meet the scheme criteria mainly relating to the proposed works or that the property has not been vacant for two years or more and built on or before 2007. The balance of applications is either awaiting further information from the applicant or at first technical inspection stage. There are two applicants who have completed the works and these are currently being processed.

4.0 COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER ACTIVATION FUND

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 regarding the various schemes and measures in place to support bringing the property back into use, and

Step 4: Where owners of vacant and derelict properties cannot be identified or where they are unwilling to engage, use of available legislative powers to compulsory purchase or acquire such properties. The acquired properties may subsequently be used for social housing, made available for sale on the open market or used for other purposes.

The Council are currently undertaking Step 1 to identify vacant and derelict properties through the GEO Directory. This survey is being undertaken in the following towns, which includes town identified at the workshops held with Elected Members in July 2023. The surveys will be rolled out to other towns over the coming months:

Municipal District	Towns		
Letterkenny-Milford MD	Ramelton	Carrigart, Manorcunningham	Rathmullan, Milford
Donegal MD	Donegal Town	Ballyshannon	Bundoran, Dunkineely
Glenties MD	Dungloe	Ardara	Faclarragh
Inishowen MD	Carndonagh	Bunrana	Moville, Malin



Lifford-Stranorlar MD	Ballybofey- Stranorlar	Lifford	Raphoe
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To date, 1,545 properties have been surveyed with 678 confirmed as vacant and 48 as derelict. The next step is for our team to identify and engage with the property owners to make them aware of the supports available to bring the vacant property back into productive use. The Members will be kept up to date as we progress through the work programme.

Regeneration & Development Team
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WASTE AND LITTER MANAGEMENT

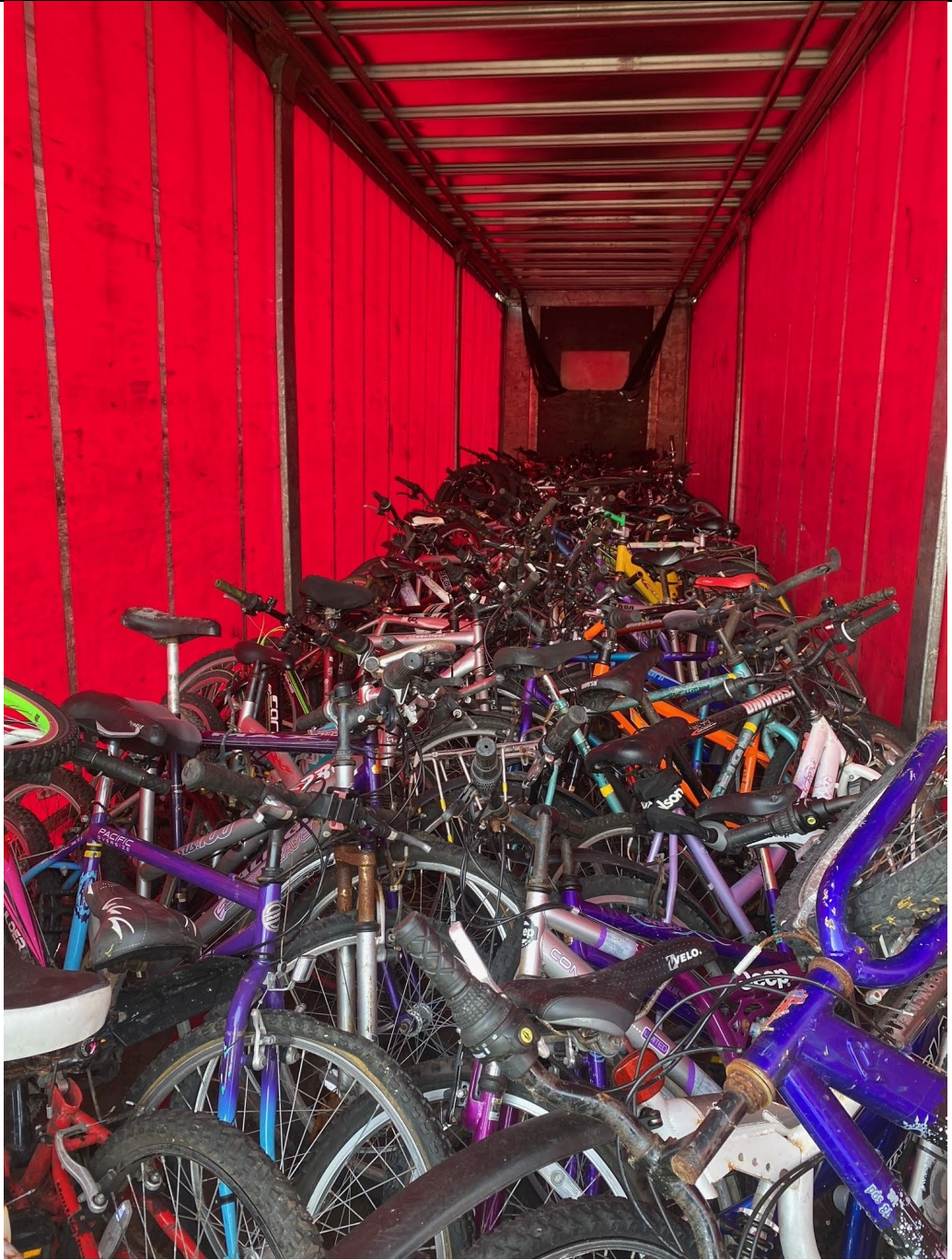
**Activity /
Project Title**

School Bikes for Africa Campaign 2023

**Project
Description/
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In collaboration with Letterkenny Rotary Club & Bryson Recycling, the annual collection of the school bikes for Africa was held in mid-September. Over 130 bikes were donated throughout the year and collected at Milford Recycling Centre to be transported to Loughlan House for repair before making their way to The Gambia. The 2024 appeal for bikes will be occurring later in October.



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Activity / Project Title	Ending of exemption for agricultural green waste burning
<p>Project Description/ Activity</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Final dates for the burning of cut and other agricultural green waste</u></p> <p>The Waste Management (Prohibition of Waste Disposal by Burning) Regulations 2009 makes it an offence to dispose of waste by burning. An initial five-year exemption was provided for the permissible disposal of waste by burning where it was done as a final measure after the preferred alternatives had been assessed, the local authority was notified and the material to be burned consisted only of uncontaminated wood, trees, tree trimmings, leaves, brush, or other similar waste generated by agricultural practices. This exemption has been extended on several occasions.</p> <p>In early 2023, the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications announced that the practice of burning agricultural green waste will end on the 30th of November 2023.</p> <p>To facilitate a final transition, a last short time-period for burning re-opened on the 1st of September 2023 and will close on the 30th of November 2023. There will be no further extension.</p> <p>Farmers who plan to undertake the burning of agricultural green waste within this timeframe must notify their local authority in advance.</p> <p><u>Material types</u></p> <p>This final burning exemption applies to farmers who generate agricultural green waste through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management of hedgerows • Land clearance and maintenance activities • Wind fall material arising • Pest-infected and diseased material requiring management <p>This exemption does not apply to the controlled burning of growing vegetation as this is covered by Section 39 & 40 of the Wildlife Act 1976. In addition, if land is in a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) or a Special Protection Area (SPA), it is likely that an application will have to be made to the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) for permission to conduct any burning of vegetation. For the management of invasive species, please refer to the NPWS.</p> <p><i>Why is the burning of green waste ending?</i></p> <p>To improve the sustainable management of agricultural green waste which will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve air quality and human health • Better utilise material for sustainable alternative uses • Enhance and promote biodiversity

	<p><i>What are the sustainable practices to replace burning?</i></p> <p>In November 2022, the Irish Bioenergy Association on behalf of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine developed a feasibility study on the sustainable management of agricultural green waste in Ireland.</p> <p>This report outlines many sustainable alternatives to burning which farmers are permitted to use, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use of flailing and return the cut material to the ground in-situ• Establish a nature pile/biodiversity habitat corner allowing the material to decompose over time• Produce sustainable wood fuel for own heating use on-farm• Composting of the material on-farm• Off-farm energy generation from high quality, large volume, uncontaminated material• Use of the material for animal bedding• Produce landscaping material• Biochar production
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**Activity /
Project Title**

Solid Fuel Regulations

**Project
Description/
Activity**



Now that the winter months are approaching, the Environment Section will be commencing awareness campaigns through radio and social media for the new solid fuel regulations which means that all coal products, wood products, biomass products and manufactured part-biomass products must comply with the new standards.

Smoky bituminous coal is no longer available from retailers and work has been ongoing throughout the year to ensure compliance with these regulations.

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RURAL WATER PROGRAMME

Activity / Project Title	County Donegal Group Water Scheme Sector
Description/ Activity	<p>Donegal has a considerably high number of Group water Schemes (GWS) within our rural water sector. The status of Donegal's GWSs is listed below;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 308 no. Public GWS's receiving their water from Uisce Éireann • 4 no. Private GWS's serving more than 50 consumers • 15 no. Private GWS's serving less than 50 consumers
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Activity / Project Title	Group Water Scheme Takeover Requests
Description/ Activity	<p>There are 82 GWS's which have submitted takeover requests to Donegal County Council and 24 have been taken in Charge by ÚÉ (plus an additional 18 Orphan GWSs). This is seven more GWS since the update in March 2023. The number of GWSs that have requested takeover amounts approximately 17% of the overall total of GWSs within the county. Although this figure appears low there are a large number of orphan GWSs where the promoter or trustees are no longer active. Donegal County Council is represented on a working group examining issues in relation to the taking in charge of orphan GWSs. Donegal County Council has commenced a pilot process which provides an alternative pathway for these orphan schemes to be taken over. The promoters or trustees of any group water scheme that wishes to be considered for takeover should do so by writing to the Rural Water Liaison Officer, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford or by emailing ruralwater@donegalcoco.ie.</p> <p><u>Criteria for GWSs to be Eligible for Takeover</u></p> <p>In order for GWSs to be eligible for takeover they must comply with technical, legal and financial requirements set down in circular letter WSP01 16. The takeover of a GWS is potentially a lengthy process in that all aspects of the GWS must be examined so as to ensure that they satisfy the standards set out by Uisce Éireann.</p>
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Activity / Project Title	Resourcing
Description/ Activity	<p>Donegal County Council have been successful in securing additional funding from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to employ additional staff within the Council's Rural Water Section in order to expedite the formal takeover process of GWSs.</p> <p>These staff, a Technician Grade 2 and an Executive Engineer, have been in post since 30th April 2018 and 19th November 2018 respectively following the completion of recruitment processes. An Assistant Engineer was added to the Rural Water team on 2nd March 2020 to assist with the Takeover Programme. A Senior Executive Engineer has been put in place since August 2020 to oversee the Rural Water Section.</p>
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Activity / Project Title	GWS Takeover Project – Works to date
Description/ Activity	<p>Works completed by the GWS Takeover Team to date have included;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an extensive desktop exercise reviewing and cataloguing GWS files for more than 300 GWS; • examining the works required on a large number of schemes that have requested takeover; • liaising with promoters and trustees on a number of schemes that have requested takeover. • Rural Water Team have engaged with 76% (63 of 82) of GWSs that have formally requested takeover and commenced the takeover process. • implementing a Civils framework for contractors to carry out upgrade works to GWSs. • conducting a review of pumping stations to identify upgrade works. • publishing a mechanical and electrical bundle for pumping station upgrades on eTenders. <p>In order to expedite the takeover process it was necessary to prioritise the order of GWSs the Takeover Team will engage with first. A priority list was developed and it sets out four focus area as below.</p> <p>Priority 1 - GWSs with active committee members who are applying for annual subsidies and do not have any wayleaves or land transfer requirements Priority 2- GWSs with active committee members who are not applying for annual subsidies and do not have any wayleaves or land transfer requirements Priority 3- GWSs with active committee members who are applying for annual subsidies and have wayleaves or land transfer requirements Priority 4- GWSs with active committee members who are not applying for annual subsidies and have wayleaves or land transfer requirements</p>

32 schemes have progressed to the point whereby they have been submitted to Uisce Éireann for Takeover review. The list below shows which schemes from have been submitted to Uisce Éireann for review;

	<u>GWS Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Municipal District</u>	<u>Status</u>
1	Cappry Lane	Ballybofey	Lifford Stranorlar	Taken Over
2	Meenalaught	Killygordan	Lifford Stranorlar	Taken Over
3	Lagnalore/ Meenahorna	Glenfin	Lifford Stranorlar	Submitted to IW
4	Cloughroe	Drumkeen	Lifford Stranorlar	Taken Over
5	Liskernan/ Meenavoy	Drumkeen	Lifford Stranorlar	Taken Over
6	Halftown Skelpy	Castlefin	Lifford Stranorlar	Taken Over
7	Corcashey	Convoy	Lifford Stranorlar	Submitted to IW
8	Woodland-Dooish	Ballybofey	Lifford Stranorlar	Taken Over
9	Tirhomin	Milford	Letterkenny	Submitted to IW
10	Labbadish/ Drumoghill	Drumoghill	Letterkenny	Taken Over
11	Moyle Magheradrumman	Milford	Letterkenny	Taken Over
12	Tullygay	New Mills	Letterkenny	Submitted to IW
13	Ballygallen/Breenagh	Glenswilly	Letterkenny	Submitted to IW
14	Leitir	Kilmacrennan	Letterkenny	Taken Over
15	The Bog	Cranford	Letterkenny	Submitted to IW
16	Brea Road	Bridgend	Inishowen	Taken Over
17	Glengad Mountain	Malin	Inishowen	Submitted to IW
18	Ballymacarthur No. 2	Greencastle	Inishowen	Taken Over
19	Ture	Muff	Inishowen	Taken Over
19	Lisfannon	Buncrana	Inishowen	Taken Over
20	Ballyderowen	Burnfoot	Inishowen	Taken Over
21	Ardmore	Muff	Inishowen	Submitted to IW
22	Ballymacgroarty	Ballintra	Donegal	Taken Over
23	Rath/Lisminton	Ballintra	Donegal	Taken Over
24	Lurgan	Ballintra	Donegal	Taken Over
25	Teelin	Carrick	Donegal	Taken Over
26	Driminardagh	Donegal Town	Donegal	Taken Over

	27	Owenteskna	Meenaneary	Donegal	Submitted to IW
	28	Lisahully	Ballyshannon	Donegal	Taken Over
	29	Roshine	Killybegs	Donegal	Taken Over
	30	Tullywee	Laghey	Donegal	Taken Over
	31	Ardcrone/Craugheybolye	Dungloe	Glenties	Submitted to IW
	32	Meenlaragh No. 2	Gortahork	Glenties	Submitted to IW
	33	Loughros Point	Ardara	Glenties	Taken Over
	34	Lochnanoran	Annargy	Glenties	Taken Over
	36	Lower Knocknastoller	Bunbeg	Glenties	Taken Over
	<p>In the coming months continued engagement with promoters and trustees of GWSs that have applied for takeover will continue. Members will be advised of progress in further updates given via the Municipal District Meetings. Project works are taking place by contractors on various GWSs across the county that have been procured through the rural water section on behalf of GWSs. These works involve works to the network and pumping stations comprising of Civil, Mechanical and Electrical in nature to ensure the minimum UÉ standards are met to achieve the takeover of the GWS.</p>				
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Activity / Project Title	Orphan Schemes																																																																				
Description/ Activity	<p>An Orphan scheme is defined as any scheme where there is no active committee and where the emergency and maintenance works are carried out by Donegal County Council on behalf of Uisce Éireann. Donegal County Council is part of a pilot programme to commence the takeover of these types of scheme. Uisce Éireann has agreed to review 10 schemes from each county involved in this pilot programme. This list below sets out the parameters for which Uisce Éireann will consider takeover for these schemes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • less than 10 connections • two-thirds of the GWS members have signed consent for IW takeover • no wayleaves on scheme • no land transfers on scheme • no pumping on scheme • no reservoirs • no debt <p>The desk study of all 1104GWSs within the county was utilised to identify all orphan scheme within the county. 295 GWS were classified as orphan through this process and have decreased to 273 based on the takeover programme to date. These 295 schemes were investigated further to identify GWSs with less than 10 connections. 158 GWSs were identified after this review. A detailed analysis of each scheme is currently being conducted to establish if these schemes meet additional parameters set out by Uisce Éireann as mentioned above. All 158 schemes have been reviewed and 37 schemes have been deemed to meet the criteria set out by the programme. These 37 schemes will be checked on site to confirm if conditions match the desk study. The total number of Orphan schemes is now 273 due to the progress made on the takeover programme to date.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="298 1234 1520 1980"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th><u>GWS Name</u></th> <th><u>Location</u></th> <th><u>Municipal District</u></th> <th><u>Status</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>Ballinaboe</td> <td>Clonmany</td> <td>Inishowen</td> <td>Taken Over</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>Carnowen Road</td> <td>Raphoe</td> <td>Lifford Stranorlar</td> <td>Taken Over</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>Corraine No. 2</td> <td>Ballybofey</td> <td>Lifford Stranorlar</td> <td>Taken Over</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>Dooras</td> <td>Ballindrait</td> <td>Lifford Stranorlar</td> <td>Taken Over</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>The Roughan</td> <td>Lifford</td> <td>Lifford Stranorlar</td> <td>Taken Over</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6</td> <td>Sandymills</td> <td>Castlefin</td> <td>Lifford Stranorlar</td> <td>Taken Over</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7</td> <td>Creevy</td> <td>Ballyshannon</td> <td>Donegal</td> <td>Taken Over</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8</td> <td>Clontyseer</td> <td>Ballyshannon</td> <td>Donegal</td> <td>Taken Over</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9</td> <td>Springhill</td> <td>Quigley's Point</td> <td>Inishowen</td> <td>Taken Over</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10</td> <td>Fallask</td> <td>Drumfreis</td> <td>Inishowen</td> <td>Taken Over</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11</td> <td>Glebe Road</td> <td>Burt</td> <td>Inishowen</td> <td>Taken Over</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12</td> <td>Carronamaddy</td> <td>Burt</td> <td>Inishowen</td> <td>Taken Over</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>					<u>GWS Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Municipal District</u>	<u>Status</u>	1	Ballinaboe	Clonmany	Inishowen	Taken Over	2	Carnowen Road	Raphoe	Lifford Stranorlar	Taken Over	3	Corraine No. 2	Ballybofey	Lifford Stranorlar	Taken Over	4	Dooras	Ballindrait	Lifford Stranorlar	Taken Over	5	The Roughan	Lifford	Lifford Stranorlar	Taken Over	6	Sandymills	Castlefin	Lifford Stranorlar	Taken Over	7	Creevy	Ballyshannon	Donegal	Taken Over	8	Clontyseer	Ballyshannon	Donegal	Taken Over	9	Springhill	Quigley's Point	Inishowen	Taken Over	10	Fallask	Drumfreis	Inishowen	Taken Over	11	Glebe Road	Burt	Inishowen	Taken Over	12	Carronamaddy	Burt	Inishowen	Taken Over
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	16	Rathmullan Coastguard	Rathmullan	Letterkenny	Taken Over
	17	Grail Craugheyboyle	Dungloe	Glenties	Taken Over
	18	Sanfield	Ardara	Glenties	Taken Over
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Activity / Project Title	Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2019-2021				
Description/ Activity	A number of GWSs received funding under the Multi Annual Rural Water Programme under various measures. A summary of progress is listed below:				
	<u>Measure</u>	<u>GWS</u>	<u>Funding</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Current Status</u>
	Source Protection	Dunlewey	€3,200	To install a barrier around the source	Work are complete
	Public Health Compliance	Tory Island	€262,861	To ensure compliance with Drinking Water Regulations	Treatment System trial ongoing and sampling process also ongoing. Awaiting confirmation for GWS that filter media has been replaced. Hydrogeologist completed desktop study and further investigations ongoing
		Townawilly	€38,500	To ensure compliance with Drinking Water Regulations	Sedimentation filter and UV systems replaced. Ongoing monitoring for THM compliance. GWS pursuing connection to public water supply
	Enhancement of Existing Schemes	Townawilly	€15,300	To improve Operation efficiency of GWS	Not proceeding as GWS are progressing the connection to the Public Network.

		Dunlewey	€68,000	To carry out pipeline replacement works	Consultant appointed and Feasibility report being finalised. GWS compiling Tender Documents for upgrade and extension works.
	New Group Water Schemes	Dunlewey Extension	€661,900	Extend the GWS to serve Dunlewey	Consultant appointed and Feasibility report being finalised. GWS compiling Tender Documents for upgrade and extension works.
	Transition of Existing GWS to IW	Multiple GWSs	€699,299	Funding to upgrade GWSs to IW Standards	Takeover programme as described above
		Maghera	€360,000	Funding to transfer GWS to IW	Hydrogeologist completed desktop study. DCC completed alternative options for water supply report. Initial door to door survey along Maghera Road completed. Request for additional funding submitted to Department, Preparing documents for procurement of consultant.
		Townawilly		Funding to transfer GWS to IW to ensure THM compliance	DCC have appointed a consultant to examine the work required to connect GWS to the public network. Feasibility Study complete. Procurement of SI contractor ongoing.
	Community Connections	Goland	€108,470	To provide funding to Connect to IW Network	Works on site complete. Applicants are receiving water.

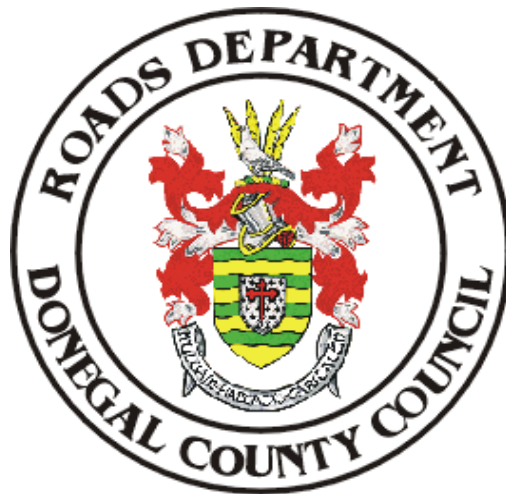
		Glenalla	€315,000	To provide funding to Connect to IW Network	Project not feasible based on current market rates. Letters issued to applicants informing them of same.
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Activity / Project Title	Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2022-2025
Description/ Activity	<p>The promoter or trustees of any group water scheme that wishes to be considered for an application under the Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2023-2025 should do so by writing to the Rural Water Liaison Officer, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford or by emailing ruralwater@donegalcoco.ie.</p>
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Activity / Project Title	Measure A8 – Wastewater Collection and Treatment Needs for Villages and Settlements without access to Public Waste Water Services
Description/ Activity	<p>In April 2022, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage announced €50m in funding under measure A8 of the Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme 2022-2025 for waste water collection and treatment needs for villages and settlements without access to public wastewater services.</p> <p>Donegal County Council submitted an application for funding to the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage for Bonagee in September of this year under this measure. The Rural Water Section are awaiting confirmation if bid was successful.</p>
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Activity / Project Title	Well Grants
Description/ Activity	<p>Well grants are available for the installation or upgrade of a well the purpose of domestic supply. The property must;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• be the householders permanent place of residence• be at least seven years old• be located a reasonable distance from an existing water supply or GWS. <p>Application forms are available on the DCC website www.donegalcoco.ie/services/water/ruralwaterprogramme/wells</p> <p>Over the last 5 years, the annual average of well grant applications is 30.1. We received 29 applications in 2022 and have 8 to date in 2023.</p>
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ROADS & TRANSPORTATION UPDATE



Inishowen Municipal District

17th October 2023

Maintenance Programme 2023

RSS	Engineer	Job Code	Road Name	Budget	Expenditure	Balance	Notes
Moville	Inish North	1B304001	Own Resources Regional Roads	€ 170,239.00	€ 118,747.09	€ 51,491.91	
Moville	Inish North	1B404002	Own Resources Local Roads	€ 315,376.00	€ 240,859.57	€ 74,516.43	
Moville	Inish North	1B404009	Works Overheads	€ 100,397.00	€ 130,909.99	-€ 30,512.99	
Moville Total				€586,012.00	€490,516.65	€95,495.35	
Carndonagh	Inish North	1B303001	Own Resources Regional Roads	€ 203,820.00	€ 132,210.45	€ 71,609.55	
Carndonagh	Inish North	1B403002	Own Resources Local Roads	€ 377,580.00	€ 283,553.21	€ 94,026.79	
Carndonagh	Inish North	1B303010	Works Overheads	€ 109,524.00	€ 103,577.11	€ 5,946.89	
Carndonagh Total				€690,924.00	€519,340.77	€171,583.23	
Buncrana	Inish South	1B306001	Own Resources Regional Roads	€ 191,981.00	€ 96,592.93	€ 95,388.07	
Buncrana	Inish South	1B406002	Own Resources Local Roads	€ 355,661.00	€ 282,796.40	€ 72,864.60	
Buncrana	Inish South	1B306012	Works Overheads	€ 136,904.00	€ 109,764.05	€ 27,139.95	
Buncrana Rural Total				€684,546.00	€489,153.38	€195,392.62	
Buncrana	Inish South	1B402004	Own Resources Non-National Roads Buncrana Urban	275,143.00	119,607.79	€ 155,535.21	
Buncrana Urban Total				€275,143.00	€119,607.79	€155,535.21	
Newtown	Inish South	1B305001	Own Resources Regional Roads	€ 133,258.00	€ 81,338.22	€ 51,919.78	
Newtown	Inish South	1B405002	Own Resources Local Roads	€ 246,869.00	€ 231,967.13	€ 14,901.87	
Newtown	Inish South	1B305013	Works Overheads	€ 91,270.00	€ 92,081.64	-€ 811.64	
Newtown Total				€471,397.00	€405,386.99	€66,010.01	
Grand Total				€ 2,708,022.00			

Maintenance Operations 2023

Operation	Band	Moville RSS Amount		Carn RSS Amount		Buncrana RSS Amount		Newtown RSS Amount	
		Moville RSS %		Carn RSS %		Buncrana RSS %		Newtown RSS %	
Drainage (B300)	40% - 50%	€218,527	45%	€261,630	45%	€246,439	45%	€171,057	45%
Road Surface Repairs (B553)	35% - 45%	€194,246	40%	€232,560	40%	€219,057	40%	€152,051	40%
Verge Maintenance (B586)	0% - 10%	€24,281	5%	€29,070	5%	€27,382	5%	€19,006	5%
Sign Maintenance (B780)	0% - 5%	€12,140	3%	€14,535	3%	€13,691	3%	€9,503	3%
Bridge Maintenance (B782)	0% - 5%	€12,140	3%	€14,535	3%	€13,691	3%	€9,503	3%
Emergeny RTC (B550)	0% - 5%	€0	0%	€0	0%	€0	0%	€0	0%
Street Cleaning (B556)	0% - 15%	€24,281	5%	€29,070	5%	€27,382	5%	€19,006	5%
		€485,615	100%	€581,400	100%	€547,642	100%	€380,127	100%

Adopted Restoration Maintenance Programme 2023

RSS	Engineer	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name	Works Type	Length or work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	LP	L1411-2	Crucknanonian	SD	500	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L7291-1	Archies Road	SD	1,500	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L6161-1	Mount Scourge	SD	1,300	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L6311-3	Busmans Clar	SD	850	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L6291-1	Tullynavin (Ph 2)	SD	1,000	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L7741-1+ L7701-1	Calhame	SD	1,400	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L6534-2	Carrowtrasna	SD	600	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LP	L1371-2	Cooks Hill	SD	1,500	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L6041-2	Moneydarragh (Ph 2)	SD	1,300	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LP	L1891-1-2	Iskaheen to Gap	SD	1,220	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	R	R241-4-5	Tardrum Rd	SD	1,400	Complete	Complete	
Moville Total						12,570			
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R 242-2	Lagg Road	SD	1,500	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-5661-1	Whinpark	SD	2,300	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L-1271-2-3	Gorey/Lime Q	SD	2,000	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-5611-1	Trawbrega Strand Rd	SD	1,000	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-1011-2-3	Port Ronan X/Ardmalin	SD	1,640	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L-1281-1	Cashel to Choill	SD	1,000	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-5161-2	Coulhons Road	SD	2,300	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L-1331-1	Drumagesson/Tremone	SD	2,300	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L5361-1	Stoneys Culdaff	SD	650	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L12116	Gortnamara	SD	650	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L1391-4	Lough Inn	SD	1,850	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L5021-1	Port Ronan	SD	400	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh Total						17,590			
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-7081	McGee Clongash Phase 2	SD	1,700	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-7111	Cleenagh to McGee	SD	560	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-1851	Inch Road	SD	1,400	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-1721	Illies Road	SD	1,800	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-1741	Ludden Road	SD	1,400	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L		Tonduff	SD	750	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-16914	Old Sleadrin Road	SD	700	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-1181	Cloontagh to Carn Mountain	SD	1,650	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-6731	Smithys road to O'Donnells	SD	1,600	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-7091	Ballymagan Hill (Big House)	SD	1,200	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural Total						12,760			
Newtown	Inish South	L	L-1971	Moss Road - Callaghans Road	SD	2,150.00	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L-1881	Bray Road Burnfoot	SD	1,800.00	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L-8071	McKeagues Road Dundrean	SD	1,400.00	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	R	R265	5 Road Ends to Burkes	SD	1,300.00	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L-7921 & L-7911	Inch Levels Farm Road	SD	2,000.00	Complete	Complete	
Newtown Total						8,650			
IMD TOTAL						51,570			

Adopted Bridge Strengthening Programme 2023

Area	Engineer	Road Class	Bridge Number	Location	Description of Works	Length of work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes
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2023 Bridge Strengthening Programme (Discretionary)

Moville	Road Design	LS 6161	2262	Mount Scourge	Strengthening	6	2023	2023	contract
Moville	Road Design	L 13411	2624	Claggan	Strengthening	6	2023	2023	contract

2023 DOT Funding Application

Newtown	Road Design	L5064	5064	Drumbarnett	Strengthening	2	2023	2023	Twin span calpper, 1 span failed
Buncrana	Road Design	LS6831/1	245	McCarrons	Strengthening	2	2023	2023	Exposed reinforcement in deck & spalling concrete

2023 Specific Improvement Grants

Moville	Area Roads	R240	DLR240-011	Coyles/Beggars Bridge	Widening/realignment	20	2023	2023	Works started June 2023
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Low Cost Safety Programme 2023

Overseer	Engineer	Road Class	Road Number	Location	Description of Works	Length of work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes
B Moyne	Jim McLaughlin	R	R238	Three Trees Tromaty, Quigleys Point	Stage 1A VRS Risk Assessment and Stage 1B detailed VRS design	1400	2023	2023	It is proposed to carry out a Stage 1A VRS Risk Assessment and Stage 1B detailed VRS design to that will consider approx 1.4km section of the R238 along waters edge. As this section of the R238 is located within a designated SPA area, an environmental assessment may be required before any works can commence.
Moville Total						1,400			
James Gill	Kevin Lake	R/L	R238	R238, L-5411 & L-1151	local road widening to reduce the severity of the bend	200	2023	2023	Proposed to carry out local road widening to reduce the severity of the bend while also providing safe egress for traffic on the L-1151 increasing visibility for all road users.
Buncrana Total						200			
						1,600			

Adopted Drainage Provision Programme 2023

Overseer	Engineer	Location	Description of Works	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	Ardmore Muff LP1891-3	120m of 300mm dia plus gullies and MH. Dig out old conc pipes.	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	Bolin L1911-2	150m of 600mm dia pipe + MH + 2 Gullies to prevent flooding.	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	Rd crossing at Keady LT19113	Replace bridge parapet walls,railing and Road. Remove gravel and debree.	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	Crawford Square	Flood preven wk. 30m of deep dig 300 dia, 2 MH's, 4 Gullies, 2 Crossings	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	Carrowtrasna Hill Rd	110m of 600 and 300mm dia + Rd crossing. To protect Rd.	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	Crockglass L7161-1 + Breslins	150m of 600mm dia + 2 Mh's + 4G's reqd to protect rd and prevent flooding	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	Coastguard Ctgs + Thompsons R238-41	100m of 300mm dia + gully + MH to prevent flooding.	Complete	Complete	
Moville Total						
Carndonagh	Inish North	MH Lid Replacement various locations	7 No. MH lids need replacing in Carn general area.	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	Foxhole Road Culvert replacement LT57812	Replace 40m of 600mm dia culvert in hill rd to prevent flooding.	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	R240 at Charlie Devlins+Robert Smyths	50m of 600mm dia road crossing. 2 MH's. 2G's. 150m 600 dia in garden.	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	2 No Rd X on R240 (Napoleons+Planting)	400mm dia road crossings+ MH reqd at two separate locations	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	Culoort LS5081-1	Sheuch cleaning and repair banking at Marie Stephens	2023	2023	Nov-23
Carndonagh	Inish North	Ourt Gleneely R244-6	125m of 400mm dia + 2 MH's + 3 Gullies along road edge.	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	Galwilly Rd Crossing LS5721-1	20m of 600mm dia crossing reqd to prevent flooding onto R240	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	Top of Black Mtn LP1041-1	400m of 300mm dia pipe +10 gullies + 1 MH	2023	2023	Nov-23
Carndonagh Total						
Buncrana	Inish South	laybys btween tullydish and annasie	200 metre of 450 mm pipes ,No4 Gullies and No Manhole @ €172.41 per metre	2023	2023	
Buncrana	Inish South	Hill Head Buncrana	120 metre of 300 mm pipe, No 3 Gullies and No1 Manhole @ €104.73 per metre	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Military Road	150 metre of 300mm pipe No 4 Gullies and No1 Manhole @ €110 per metre	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Crislakeel Burnfoot	60 metre of 300mm pipe @ €98.00 per metre	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Monreagh Burnfoot	No1 New Roadcrossing with 600mm pipe and Manhole	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Inch Road	No1 New Roadcrossing with 300 mm pipe - and Manhole	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Main ILLies road	64 metre of 450mm pipe @ €163.30 per metre	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Total						
Newtown	Inish South	Castruse L2111-3	100m of 300mm pipe with 2 gullies	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	Glenn Road Newtown L8271-1	120m of 300mm pipe 3 gullies and 1 Manhloe	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	Bridgend to Burnfoot Regional R238	5 no. gullies required along this road to prevent surface water on carriage way	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	Drumbarnet Gladonagh L5064-1	Replace Bridge/culvert with a 1.2m pipe and bulid new parpet walls	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	Dunmore Carrigans R236	120m of 300mm pipe, 4 gullies and 2 Manholes	Complete	Complete	
Newtown Total						
Grand Total						

Draft Footpath Provision Programme 2023 Additional Works

Overseer	Engineer	Road Class	Road Number	Location	Priority	Description of Works	Length of work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes	
Moville	Inish North	R+L	L-1341-1/ L-1342-1	Moville (Glencrow /Quay St)		Replacement and New infill footpath to connect Moville Business Park, House Estates, Football Pitch and Health Centre to the Town Centre and Quay Street and the Pier and provide a safe walking route and infill lighting over a 1.2km distance.	860	2021	2023	(40m of Retaining Wall) landowner issues	
Moville	Inish North	R+L	L-1891-3 R-238-50	Muff Village		Construct FP to connect Muff Village with the school, chapel, grave yd, football pitches and playpark. Subject to Road Design input	400	2021	2023	Design ONLY to be completed by Road Design,2023	
Moville	Inish North	L	Various	O'Gara Villas and St Finniains Pk	1	Footpath repair continuation of works	200	2022	2023	Works in progress. 50% complete	
Moville	Inish North	R+L	Various	Greencastle Battery Brea	3	Footpath construction	100	2021	2023	Lands secured - Nov / Dec 23	
Moville	Inish North	R	R238	Sections at Admiralty House	2	Footpath Repair	200	2023	2023	Connecting works done on LCA scheme done in 2022	
Moville Total											
Carndonagh	Inish North	L/R	R-238-27 R-244-1 L-1231-1	Churchtown/Derry rd		Replacement and New infill footpath to connect up 2 Hospitals, 2 National Schools , 3 house Estates, Carn Community School and Carn Chapel and provide a safe walking route over a 2 km circuit.	800	Complete	Complete	(400m of replacement and 400m of new infill) In progress	
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R-238-33	Bocan Culdaff		Construct 200m of footpath to connect the Play School , Community Hall, Chapel, Bocan Stone Circle and Temple of Deen at Bocan with Culdaff Village and provide a safe walking route link.	200	Complete	Complete	90% complete awaiting lights and bitmac footpath section	
Carndonagh	Inish North	L	LP1121	Bunagee Rd Culdaff	4	New Footpath	100	2021	2023	Currently being designed by Road Design Consultant	
Carndonagh	Inish North	R+L	Various	Malin Town	3	Footpath repair	100approx	Complete	Complete	Ongoing	
Carndonagh	Inish North	L	L	Carrowreagh Road to Pound St	2	Repair of 340m of Footpath & Drainage	340	2023	2023	new works 2023	
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R238	Community School to Shopping centre	1	Repair of 290m of 2 metre Footpath & Drainage	290	2023	2023	new works 2023	
Carndonagh Total							1,100				
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R-238-4	Rockhead Burnfoot - Phase 1		Provision of 750m of Hard Shoulder including rock armour retention - land aquisition		2018	2023	Land aquisition negotiations concluded awaiting a response	
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238 / Main St	Main St Buncrana		Replacement of circa old drainage channels and upgrade of footpaths	800	2022	2023	Second pahse to start in 1st Quarter of 2022	
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238	Ballyliffin Village - Carn Rd		100 meters of footpath within the speedlimits (Phase 1)	100	2021	2023	Requires landowner consent / agreement	
Buncrana	Inish South	L	L-1551-2	Straid Rd / Clonmany Village to GAA Pitch (Phase 1)		250 meters of hardshoulder and accommodation works	250	2021	2022	Requires landowner consent / agreement	
Buncrana	Inish South	L	L-1671-1	Buncrana Slavery Rd		250 meters of new footpath and accommodation works	250	2022	2023	CPO Process necessary to aquire lands for footpaths, consultants appointed to progress	
Buncrana	Inish South		N/A	Buncrana Urban Footpaths repairs / Claim issues		Various locations in Buncrana and the locations identified by IPB (10 NO)	1	2021	2023	10 locations to be identified by IPB - Additional Locations to be identified by Walkability Audit ONGOING	
Buncrana	Inish South	L		Clonmany Village		1.5m wide footpath resurfaced	600	2023	2023	Started April 2023	
Buncrana	Inish South			Railway road Buncrana		2.1 metre Footpath Resurfaced	370	2023	2023		
Buncrana	Inish South			Gransha Road Buncrana		Replace footpath	100	2023	2023		
Buncrana	Inish South			Willow Grove Pt 1		Replace footpath	130	2023	2023		
Buncrana	Inish South			Willow Grove Pt 2		Replace footpath	54	2023	2023		
Buncrana	Inish South			Ludden Road		resurface footpath	150				
Buncrana Total							2,805				
Newtown	Inish South			Newtowncunnigham Main Street		Main Street and Safe routes to School funding approved	1500	2023	2023	Works start Monday 28th August 2023	
Newtown	Inish South		Various	Killea Village		General Patch and Repair works	100	2023	2023	Additonal patching still required	
Newtown	Inish South		Various	Bridgend - Footpaths at Bonemanie		General Patch and Repair works	100	2023	2023	Additonal patching still required	
Newtown	Inish South			Pound Cottages Burt		General Patch and Repair works	50	2023	2023	paths in very poor condition. Overlay required.	
Newtown Total											
Grand Total											

Active Travel

IPB

Completed Footpath Programme to date

Overseer	Engineer	Road Class	Road Number	Location	Description of Works	Length of work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	R	Various	Ard Foyle/Bath Tce/Ballynally	Footpath repair	500	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	R	R-238-42	Community College Phase II	Provision of 150m of footpath	150	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	R	R-241-1	Main street Moville/Rd to Greencastle	Footpath repair	60	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	R	R-238-50	Muff Main street	New footpath at St Mary's Hall	200	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	L	LP1901	Muff to Grove at Border	Footpath repair and surface	120	Complete	Complete	Ongoing - 3 lights required. Pots are installed, Order confirmed with Suppliers. Awaiting lights
Moville	Inish North	R+L	Various	Moville	Footpath repair	100approx	Complete	Complete	Pedestrian lights area complete
Moville Total						910			
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R-238-35	Gleneely Main street Ph I	New footpath from Crossroads to school	225	Complete	Complete	Final overlay to one section (100m)
Carndonagh	Inish North	L	L-1041-2	Carpenter's Corner Phase II	Extension of footpath	50	Complete	Complete	Specific Development Charge - in cooperation with development group.
Carndonagh	Inish North	L	L-12713	Bridge St	Provision of 50m of footpath	50	Complete	Complete	Contractor works complete, accommodation works for landowner
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R-238-28	Malin Rd	Replacement and New infill footpath to connect Malin Rd with the commercial centre of the town and Schools and Church and Hospitals.	600	Complete	Complete	(200m of replacement and 500m of new infill) Action tactile paving to be installed at crossings
Carndonagh	Inish North		No Number	Ard Colgan old housing est	Footpath repair	50	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R-240	At Grave Yd Wall	Footpath repair	50	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R-238	Ard Colgan new housing est	Footpath repair	50	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	L	LP1131	Middle Lane Culdaff	Footpath resurface and repair	170	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	R+L	Various	Carndonagh	Footpath repair/slabs/paving Town Ctr	120approx	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R-240-1	Malin St Carndonagh	Repair of 100m of footpath & drainage		Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh Total						2,420			
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238	Westbrooke / Cockhill Road	100m of New Surfacing to footpath	100	Complete	Complete	Location of Public Liability Claims (x2) from Westbrooke along Cockhill Road
Buncrana	Inish South	L	L-1036-0	Millfield Heights	Replacement of surface on concrete Footpaths on Millfield brae	200	Complete	Complete	Ralumac surface with Concrete pathing beforehand
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238	Fahan Village	Replacement of surface on Bitmac Footpaths through Village		Complete	Complete	Bitmac replacement to footpaths
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238	Lisfannon - Tank Road Safety Improvements	Provision of new footpaths and crossing facilities	200	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238	Buncrana - At Victoria Bridge (McKenna's Shop)	Provision widened footpaths	200	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238	Buncrana - Cockhill Road crossing	Pedestrian Safety Improvements	200	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238	Ballyliffin Village	Repairs to existing footpaths within the speedlimits	100	Complete	Complete	Bitmac replacement to footpaths
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238-6/7	Fahan Village (Phase 2)	150 meters of resurfacing of footpath within the speedlimits	150	Complete	Complete	Bitmac replacement to footpaths
Buncrana	Inish South	L	L-5156-0	Buncrana Swilly rd and Buncrana Pier Area	250 meters of repairs and replacement to footpaths	250	Complete	Complete	Patch and remove concrete and overlay with Ralumac - Contracted
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238	Buncrana Road to North West Golf Links	Patch and Resurface existing footpath	500	Complete	Complete	Ralumac thin surfacing - to be contracted
Buncrana Total						3,301			
Newtown	Inish South	R	R-239-5	Sappagh Phase II	Provision of 400m of hard shoulder	400	Complete	Complete	100m to complete 2018 - Continue with Hard shoulder works - works commenced
Newtown	Inish South	L	Various	Colehill Housing estate Newtown	Removal of old Concrete footpaths and placement of new Bitmac footpaths with kerbing	1000	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	R+L	R-237-1 L-2031-1	Killea Village PHASE I	50 metres of footpath from the middle of the village	50	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L-2141-2	Rushfield Rd Carrigans Village (L-2141-2 / R236)	Completion of the Rushfield road Footpath with tactile crossing to serve and link Coxtown National School with 4 housing estates (60 units) and IMD Rushfield Rd Carrigans Village (L-2141-2 / R236) Carrigan's Main Street - local	70	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L-2051-1	Newtown village towards Castleforward	250 meters Construction of New Footpath	250	Complete	Complete	250 meters of new footpath and accommodation works
Newtown	Inish South		Various	Carrigans Village	General Patch and Repair works	100	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	L		Newtown Linnk from N13 to Colehill	100m of New footpath and road widening	100	Complete	Complete	
Newtown Total						1,400			
Grand Total									

Draft Lighting Provision Programme 2023 Additional Works

Overseer	Engineer	Location	Description of Works	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	Battery Brae Greencastle (Fort)	Connection of existing lights and provision of 2 additional lights	2018	2023	Meeting with PL supplier to agree civil works.
Moville	Inish North	Moville (Glencrow /Quay St)	Provision of any additional infill lights & civils	2021	2023	(160m of replacement FP and 700m of new infill FP and 200m of infill Lighting and 40m of Retaining Wall)
Moville	Inish North	Muff Village & Racecourse road	Provision of any additional infill lights & civils	Complete	Complete	50% complete Infills required (to be funded by Clr T Crossan Members lighting) subject to final
Moville	Inish North	Redcastle	Provision of additional lights & civils	2021	2023	3No pots & ducting installed
Moville	Inish North	Moville	Repair to decorative lighting COLUMNS	2021	2022	PL supplier to repair Meeting to arranged in site.
Moville Total						
Carndonagh	Inish North	Churchtown/Derry rd	Provision of any additional infill lights & civils	2021	2022	5 no Lights New
Carndonagh	Inish North	Bocan Culdaff	Provision of any additional infill lights & civils	Complete	Complete	4 Lights as part of NTA Design awaiting enervo design
Carndonagh	Inish North	Carrick Brea (Back road walk route)	Provision of 2 additional lights & civils	2021	2023	2 Lights
Carndonagh	Inish North	Malin Bridge Lights	Repairs and Replacements to Deck and Arch	Complete	Complete	Deck lighting to be repaired
Carndonagh	Inish North	Culdaff Green Lights	Repair / Replace uplighters			estimates only awaiting enervo action
Carndonagh	Inish North	New FP Black Mtn Rd Malin	Provision of 7 additional lights & civils	17th January	2023	Pots and ducting installed to meet Enervio
Carndonagh Total						
Buncrana	Inish South	Clonmany Village	Provision of 4 new lights to existing poles on R238 into Clonmany	2021	2023	4 New lights from speed limit in / Awaiting quote from Airtricity
Buncrana	Inish South	Buncrana Castle Park Junction	Provision of 2 new lights for pedesatrian safety	2021	2023	Civils to be undertaken By DCC Roads
Buncrana	Inish South	Clonmany Village	Provision of 1 light on Access Rd to Community Center	2021	2023	Airtricity to install light
Buncrana	Inish South	Linsfort / Desertegney School	Provision of 4 upgraded lights at Desertegney school / Chapel and supply of 1 new light	2021	2023	Civils to be undertaken By DCC Roads
Buncrana	Inish South	Tooban - Dispensary Junction with R238	Provision of 2 no 8 meter columns for Road / Junction safety	2021	2023	Civils to be undertaken By DCC Roads
Buncrana	Inish South	Replacement and Upgrade of 3 no Pedestrian Crossing Lights	Pedestrian crossing along R238 Cockhill Road	2021	2023	Meeting with PL supplier to agree civil works.
Buncrana Total						
Newtown	Inish South	19th Hole footpath	Provision of 2 additional lights on existing wooden poles	2018	2023	Planning application pending
Newtown	Inish South	Killea Village PHASE I	Provision of any additional infill lights & civils	2022	2023	to be done with footpaths
Newtown	Inish South	Burnfoot village / Slab Rd Junction	Provision of 3 - 8M additional lights	Complete	Complete	Civils complete awaiting Airtricity to erect lights.
Newtown	Inish South	Carrigans Main Street (St Johnston side Side)	Provision of 3 - 8M lights	Complete	Complete	Civils complete awaiting Airtricity to erect lights.
Newtown	Inish South	Newtown Link from N13 to Colehill	Provision of 5 - 6m lights	Complete	Complete	awaiting switching
Newtown	Inish South	Bridgge End Bonniemaie	Provision of 1light (Clr Jack Murray)	2023	2023	Members Allocation
Newtown	Inish South	Railway Road	Provision of 1light (Clr Jack Murray)	2023	2023	Members Allocation
Newtown Total						
Grand Total						

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Completed Lighting Programme

Overseer	Engineer	Location	Description of Works	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	Moville	Repair to decorative lighting	Complete	Complete	Complete but under review
Moville Total						
Carndonagh	Inish North	Gleneely	Provision of 6 additional lights	Complete	Complete	Wearing course to be installed on footpath
Carndonagh	Inish North	Barrack Hill and Decorative Tn Ctr	Problem with low level and decorative lighting	Complete	Complete	Barrack Hill complete
Carndonagh	Inish North	Malin Rd	Provision of any additional infill lights & civils	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	Bocan Chapel Jn/Carpark	Provision of 1 additional lights & civils	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh Total						
Buncrana	Inish South	Buncrana Ludden Junction	Provision of 4 additional lights	Complete	Complete	Airtricity design for 300m requested
Buncrana	Inish South	Ballyliffen to Clonmany	Assistance for Clonmany TT and Ballyliffen TT with Provision of 15 lights	Complete	Complete	TT assisting with costs
Buncrana	Inish South	Buncrana Car Park Shore Front	Replacement of 4 x 10m lights	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Buncrana Pier Car Park	Replacement of 2 x 10m lights (columns x 2)	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Buncrana St Marys Rd Car Park	Provision of upgrade Lighting to St Marys Car Park	Complete	Complete	Anti - social issue with Library and Car Park - more lighting needed
Buncrana	Inish South	Lisfannon - Tank Road Safety Improvements	Provision of any additional infill lights & civils	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Buncrana - At Victoria Bridge (McKenna's Shop)	Provision of any additional infill lights & civils	Complete	Complete	Awaiting ESB / Airtiricity to activate lights
Buncrana	Inish South	Buncrana - Cockhill Road crossing	Provision of any additional infill lights & civils	Complete	Complete	Awaiting ESB / Airtiricity to activate lights
Buncrana	Inish South	Clonmany Rooskey Rd	Provision of 1 new light before bridge on the Rooskey Rd	Complete	Complete	1 New light to be erected from a previous agreement -Awaiting quote from Airtricity
Buncrana	Inish South	Buncrana Town Clock	Repair of streetlight	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Buncrana Walkers Lane - Pedestrian Access	Provision of New lighting to the Pedestrian Arch walkers lane Buncrana	Complete	Complete	Awaiting ESB / Airtiricity to activate lights
Buncrana Total						
Newtown	Inish South	Burt Graveyard - along side N13	Provision of 2 - 6M additional lights	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	Carrigans Low Cost Safety	Provision of 3 - 8M additional lights	Complete	Complete	Civils complete - Airtricity to install
Newtown	Inish South	Carrigans Main Street (Derry Side)	Provision of 3 - 8M additional lights	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	Burnfoot village / Slab Rd Junction	Provision of 3 - 8M additional lights	Complete	Complete	Civils complete awaiting Airtricity to erect lights.
Newtown	Inish South	Carrigans Main Street (St Johnston side Side)	Provision of 3 - 8M lights	Complete	Complete	Civils complete awaiting Airtricity to erect lights.
Newtown	Inish South	N13 to Bonmenaine / Bridgend school (Phase 1)		Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	Newtown Linnk from N13 to Colehill	Provision of 5 - 6m lights	Complete	Complete	Civils complete awaiting Airtricity to erect lights.
Newtown Total						
Grand Total						

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Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services Directorate

Inishowen Municipal District Report October 2023

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1. Division: Economic Development

1.1 Economic Development Unit

Project / Activity Report

Title	Economic Development Unit
Countywide	<p data-bbox="448 455 1029 489">Recent and Upcoming Events and Initiatives</p> <p data-bbox="448 531 1036 564">ALPHA Innovation - Disrupt by the Sea 2023:</p> <p data-bbox="448 575 1406 699">ALPHA Innovation held its first annual Disrupt by the Sea 2023 Shark Tank event in The Pavilion on the grounds of Rathmullan House, on Friday 15 September and 100 guests attended the event.</p> <p data-bbox="448 709 1409 877">This <i>Shark Tank</i> event saw 6 Irish scaleups pitching to a panel of US judges in front of a live audience. The pitchers represented scaleups operating in various industries including the agricultural, health, satellite communications and sports fields.</p> <p data-bbox="448 919 1414 1043">Scaleups competed for their chance to win a share of \$100,000 investment, provided by the US judges (Sharks), one year’s membership of <i>ALPHA Innovation</i>, and access to meeting space on the US coast.</p> <p data-bbox="448 1085 1398 1253">Letterkenny native Seán McVeigh, who represented <i>Precision Sports Technology</i>, picked up the Audience Choice Award and Overall prize from the sharks. They will now enter negotiations with the sharks to secure investment.</p> <p data-bbox="448 1295 1406 1463">The event also had a panel discussion titled <i>Connect the Dots</i>, moderated by <i>IDA Ireland</i>, and featured leaders of FDI companies operating in Donegal including Charlene Kennedy, CEO, PGIM Ireland; David Gildea, VP of Product, Druva; Paul Phelan, VP of Operations, Optum</p> <p data-bbox="448 1505 1300 1589">The panel explored a range of topics including, scaling innovation, ambition, collaboration and partnerships, talent and culture.</p> <p data-bbox="448 1631 1321 1755">ALPHA were delighted to welcome 100 guests made up of support agencies from across the wider Atlantic coast, small businesses and dignitaries for coming on the day.</p> <p data-bbox="448 1797 1117 1831">Check out the full press release and highlights here.</p>

#LoveDonegal 2023 reached 85 million globally

#LoveDonegal day 2023 took place on September 14th, 2023, and had a global reach of 85 million on the day and trended throughout the weekend to reach 123.9 million across the world, trending in countries including Ireland, the UK, the USA, Canada, New Zealand, India and across Europe. Highland Radio showcased and promoted the campaign with a #LoveDonegal tour across the county throughout the day. The campaign was also highlighted on national radio channels including RTÉ 2FM and Today FM.

Details on the #LoveDonegal campaign available on Donegal.ie/LoveDonegal

Tip O’Neill Irish Diaspora Awards 2023

Donegal County Council hosted the Tip O’Neill Irish Diaspora Awards 2023 on Saturday, 16th September, at the Inishowen Gateway Hotel in Buncrana. The award recognised those who excelled in their chosen field whilst honouring their contribution to Ireland and its Diaspora. Three individuals were honoured with the Award this year, Professor William C. Campbell, Caroline McLaughlin and John T Fries.

The night’s ceremony was opened by Cathaoirleach Cllr Martin Harley with a keynote address by Minister of State at the Department of Foreign Affairs with responsibility for International Development and Diaspora Sean Fleming TD. This year’s event was attended by over one hundred and fifty people of both local and international origin and offered an opportunity to develop the relationships with our Diaspora and continue to promote Donegal’s interests and what we have to offer internationally.

Asia Matters Summit Letterkenny: 2nd - 3rd October 2023

Asia Matters hosted an international Business Summit in Letterkenny on 2nd and 3rd October 2023. This Summit was held in Partnership with Atlantic Technological University and Údarás na Gaeltachta. Donegal County Council supported this event alongside the Letterkenny Chamber. This Summit showcased the unique strengths of Donegal and the wider Northwest region, promoting the region’s global offering driven by Tech Talent onto the Asian stage.

This event focused on highlighting trade and investment opportunities for businesses in Donegal and the Northwest in Asian markets and is an ideal opportunity for those who wish to understand the Asian markets, learn

how to access these markets, build partnerships and drive their business. It was an opportunity to network with government and corporate leaders and highlighting key sectors of business opportunity including RegTech.

Navigating the Future of Regulation - North West RegTech Conference: 25th October 2023

This conference is being hosted as part of the North West RegTech Initiative being developed by Donegal County Council, Derry City & Strabane District Council, ATU and Catalyst, to establish an all-island national institute in Regulatory Technology. Shared Island funding has been awarded towards feasibility assessment including a feasibility study and business case.

The conference will bring together policy makers, regulators, experts and regulated organisations from around the world to discuss the future of regulation. It will provide an opportunity for partners to share their vision of creating the world's first multi-sector Regulatory Supercluster, building on the unique multi-jurisdictional advantages of the North West cross-border region, to position key stakeholders at the forefront of solving complex global regulatory challenges.

The conference will take place in ATU in Letterkenny on Wednesday 25th October 2023. Registration of interest and further details are available by emailing economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie.

Property Solutions

Lifford Lands: Planning application for enabling infrastructure for this 30-acre site has been approved An Bord Pleanála. Procurement for construction of enabling infrastructure is progressing. The EDU is engaging with prospective companies and other parties in relation to the development of this site.

The EDU, under the auspices of Donegal 2040 DAC, is working with the Councils Regeneration Team and Capital Delivery team to deliver a number of economic development property solutions including Enterprise Centre, Burtonport, Island House, Killybegs and the Ritz, Ballybofey.

The EDU is also available to engage with businesses looking to access Council owned land or property and a number of queries are currently being dealt with.

Promoting Donegal as a place to work, invest and do business.

Relocation Marketing Campaign: Donegal County Council’s Relocation marketing campaign #MoveToDonegal has reached over 3.5 million across all social media platforms and received over 65 relocation enquiries. The team will be working with TG4 and WDC on the upcoming period on their Move West initiative which will add impetus to this campaign.

This campaign has been shortlisted in the Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards 2023 for “Promoting Economic Development”.

Remote Working: The 2023 Remote Working Holiday campaign is in collaboration with Donegal Hubs Forum and Healthy Ireland’s initiative ‘Civic Dollars’ encouraging social inclusion, mental and physical wellbeing, and supporting local businesses.

The focus of the Working Holiday campaign is on promoting the wide network of Digital Hubs across the county and showcasing the unique offering Donegal has for a work-life balance without compromise. Details of the campaign are available at: <https://donegal.ie/workhold>

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

	Impressions (last 28 days)	Total Followers
Linked In	39,277	4,925(+100)
Twitter	34.9K	2,985 (+45)
Instagram	5,706	4,091(+117)
Facebook	54,186	2,009 (+76)
Donegal.ie	4.3K Web Users (4 weeks 28 August – 24 September)	
14 News Items Published.		

Shared Island Funded Projects Update

North West RegTech Initiative is a proposal to develop an all-island national institute in Regulatory Technology in the North West with partners DCSDC, Catalyst and ATU. Work is well underway by the appointed consultants (Stratagem Partners) for the Scoping/Feasibility Study and Business Case/Economic Appraisal for completion by the end of October 2023. **Navigating the Future of Regulation** conference is planned for 25th October 2023 in ATU Letterkenny (see above for info).

Crossborder Innovation Plaza to develop cross-border innovation campuses in Ballyshannon and Irvinestown in partnership with Fermanagh and Omagh District Council (FODC). Following scoping and consultation the sectoral scope has been expanded to also include provision for non-food/renewable options. Site appraisal and benchmarking are well underway by the appointed consultants with development options due early October 2023. The completed Feasibility Study, Economic Appraisal/Business Case is on track for delivery by early November 2023.

Regenerative Tourism Project is a proposal to develop a cross border slow tourism destination which preserves and showcases the region's rich, social, cultural and natural heritage while enabling tourism enterprise clusters to grow and prosper. Option refinement and economic appraisal is now underway. The Draft Feasibility Study, Economic Appraisal/Business Case is due mid-October 2023 with Final Report on track for delivery by end of October 2023.

Slí Cholmcille Project is a proposed 250 km pilgrimage route linking key Colmcille related sites across Donegal and Derry, with the ambition to link across NI to Scotland. DCC is leading feasibility assessment with partners DCSDC and Slí Cholmcille CLG. Work is well underway by the appointed consultants for the Scoping Study, Business Case/Economic Appraisal and Design Toolkit (Outdoor Recreation NI) for completion by the end of October 2023. A wider stakeholder engagement event in June 2023 was followed by local engagement in August/September as well as cross-border animation planned for October 2023.

	<p>Investment in the North West City Region:</p> <p>Donegal County Council and Derry City and Strabane District Council on a number of key projects for supporting and stimulating Inward Investment in the region as follows:</p> <p>Collaborative NWCR Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans are ongoing in preparation for the following events: • Irish Embassy Event in London - 4th December 2023. • Golden Bridges and US trade mission - November 2023 <p>Inward Investment Strategy: pitch propositions, factsheets and a marketing plan, a promotional video and the final branding for the North West City Region focusing on key investment have been completed.</p> <p>Irelandnw.com Website: An audit and revamp of the NWCR website is in progress to reflect the new marketing and branding collateral.</p> <p>Communications: The EDU continues to collaborate with DCSDC on promoting the North West City Region for investment and business opportunities across multiple platforms including irelandnw.com and via LinkedIn and Twitter platforms.</p> <p>Atlantic Economic Corridor: Donegal County Council is working with Local Authority partners along the western coast to progress mutually beneficial projects and initiatives around economic development. The various Councils are currently working with the WDC to develop an AEC Strategy for the seaboard counties that will promote economic development and investment.</p> <p>Concierge Service: The Concierge Service provides support to those interested in doing business in Donegal. The EDU team is planning a social media campaign to promote it over the coming months. The contact email for this service is economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie</p>
Contact Person	<p>Daniel Mc Chrystal – dmcchrystal@donegalcoco.ie</p> <p>Joy Browne - joybrowne@donegalcoco.ie (087) 0619360</p>

1.2: Tourism Marketing Unit

Project/Activity Report:

Title	Tourism Unit
Countywide	<p>Donegal County Council's Tourism Unit undertakes a range of tourism marketing and industry support initiatives. The team also administers a number of grant supports including the Festival and Events Grant Scheme and the Minor Tourism Works Grant scheme. The team also supports the operation of Donegal Tourism Clg.</p> <p>Launch of Autumn Donegal Tourism Campaign</p> <p>Donegal Tourism is working on a seasonal marketing campaign, highlighting Donegal through the autumn months, and this €90,000 multi-channel marketing campaign will launch in October.</p> <p>Award-winning creative agency, Big O has been procured to work alongside tourism businesses to develop this campaign which will spotlight all regions in Donegal.</p> <p>The autumn campaign will encourage visitors to slow down and immerse themselves in Donegal. The campaign will promote off-season visits encouraging visitors to enjoy a slower pace and to immerse themselves in local experiences. This will maximise the visitors' experience and people, places, and their stories are key pillars of the overarching campaign that will attract visitors to experience these places for themselves.</p> <p>The campaign will include a suite of new autumn videos and imagery. The govisitdonegal.com website will enable visitors to avail of bespoke offers from businesses throughout Donegal.</p> <p>Virtual workshops are being hosted to allow tourism trade in Donegal to get involved in this campaign.</p> <p>Launch of Donegal Travel Concierge Service</p> <p>The concept of pre-arrival and travel concierge is becoming more and more popular. Donegal County Council and Donegal Tourism Clg will launch a new Travel Concierge Service for tour operators worldwide.</p>

The Donegal Tourism team has extensive knowledge of accommodation, transportation, tourist attraction sites, hospitality, and guiding services throughout the county and aims to bring this to tour operators and travel agents in our key markets. The service will include assistance in channelling the best fit for a tour operator requirement to our local businesses on the ground.

Supporting the development of Golf Tourism

Golf Cluster Meeting was hosted on Wednesday, 27th September 2023 in Cruit Island Golf Club. All golf clubs in the county are invited to attend these meetings which provide a good forum for clubs to work collaboratively, share learning and insights and identify opportunities to cross promote and co-operate further so as to help build Donegal's world-class golf reputation and in turn increase number of high yield visitors to the county.

International Association of Golf Tour Operators (IAGTO) Golf Convention took place in Derry in October. Between 50 to 75 Golf Tour Operators from across all key markets travelled to Derry for this convention. Donegal County Council and Derry City and Strabane District Council worked in partnership with Tourism Ireland to arrange to meet these tour operators and provide them with information about the region as well as assisting them with hosting fam trips to the region.

Golf Media Fam Trip to Donegal: Donegal County Council's tourism team is working on a collaboration between Fáilte Ireland, Donegal Airport, and Emerald Airlines to bring a number of golfers into the county.

The venture aims to showcase the unparalleled beauty and excellence of Donegal's golf courses and will bring some of the most influential golf reporters who have the power to spotlight Donegal on the global stage.

The following reporters have been invited:

- Shane O'Donoghue - BBC-CNN-FOX Sports.
- Philip Reid - The Irish Times.
- Greg Allen – RTE.
- Ronan MacNamara - Irish Golfer.
- John McHenry - Irish Examiner.
- Brian Keogh - The Irish Golf Desk.

Online & Social Media Updates – Go Visit Donegal

Facebook

Facebook reach increased by 523.4% and Instagram reach increased by 37.6% in the last month This was due to a variety of campaigns on the platform.

Instagram

Instagram had a reach of 25K up 37.6%. This peaked during Daithi O Se and Brian Mc Dermot’s tour of Donegal.

LinkedIn

In the last month, there was an increase in page views, with a rise of 200%. LinkedIn saw an increase of 27 new followers.

Twitter

Twitter impressions show an increase of 303.9% over the last 28 days.

TikTok

Since launching in July, we have made consistent progress on this platform. Over the last month we have had 4,790 plays. This will continue to drive reach, brand awareness and drive people to the website.

Website Redevelopment

Govisitdonegal.com is the primary source of tourism information for Donegal. The website plays a critical role in terms of proactively promoting the county and in enabling visitors and/or potential visitors to easily access essential information to allow them to make decisions and plan their holiday in Donegal.

The tourism team is working on the website redevelopment, and this is being informed from the findings of extensive research into user behaviour as they plan holidays. The aim of this redevelopment is for the new website to become much more focused on the needs of users. It will continue to serve the tourism industry by driving referrals to businesses and growing the tourism economy throughout the county.

Donegal Tourism

Associate Members Committee

The Associate Members Committee of Donegal Tourism Clg provides a forum that enables its members to share views, opinions and insights and to provide a connection between associate members and the Board of Directors of Donegal Tourism Clg.

The committee is made up of associate members nominated and voted by the associate members of Donegal Tourism and a poll is taken every two years.

In April 2023, the process for nomination of associate members onto the committee commenced. Each associate member was assigned a business category and was invited to vote on the membership of the committee.

The Associate Members Committee election process was completed in July and the first meeting of the new Associates Members Committee took place on September 13th at the Silver Tassie Hotel Letterkenny. This meeting focused on exploring the role of the committee, its members and the work of Donegal Tourism Clg. Three associate members from the committee were also selected to sit on the board of Donegal Tourism. The next board meeting for Donegal Tourism Clg is scheduled for October 3rd.

Grant Schemes

Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme

All successful applicants under the 2023 MTWGS have been issued letters of offer and applicants are getting works underway.

The team will continue to liaise with all applicants to ensure the smooth drawdown of funds in a timely manner.

Regional Festival & Events Grant Scheme

All successful applicants to this grant scheme have been issued letters of offer and work is underway with the various festivals that have been completed to drawdown this funding. All funding must be drawn down by December 2023 as this is then recouped from Failte Ireland at the end of each year.

Ireland West Airport

Ireland West Airport is enjoying a record-breaking year for passenger traffic in 2023. Statistics show that a record 367,000 passengers passed through the airport during the period January to June 2023, making it the busiest six-month period in the airport's 38-year history.

Donegal Tourism is working with the Ireland West Airport marketing team to update branding and imagery on all digital screens and billboards within the airport and ensure that Donegal has maximum exposure throughout the airport. In addition, a monthly distribution of brochures is provided to the airport for arrivals.

Two new models of the Saldanha

Tides Project

Donegal County Council Tides Project has appointed a Marketing company to promote the three pilot VR sites – Fanad Lighthouse, Greencastle Maritime Museum, and Fort Dunree.

The campaign will include a competition centred around these sites and procurement of new imagery from the catchment areas around these regions – Inishowen and Fanad. The agency will work closely with the Fanad Lighthouse, Greencastle Maritime Museum, and Fort Dunree to promote their offering.

There will also be a launch of the two new models of the Saldanha, which were delivered to the two sites (Fanad and Dunree) in July.

TOURBO Project

The Council has commenced the implementation of an Interreg Europe consortium, led by Seville Chamber of Commerce to deliver the TOURBO project, which will help small and medium sized tourism businesses with green and digital transformation known as the 'Twin Transition'.

The project includes an analysis of the tourism sector in terms of green and digital skills/capabilities, training businesses and pilot actions such as new technology trials and knowledge/expertise collaboration. Tourism businesses will be eligible to apply for a grant of up to €5000 under the TOURBO programme. For more information visit

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

Sustainable Arctic and Peripheral Biking Tourism Project

The Council has secured €428,600 to deliver this project which will provide businesses with an opportunity to learn from various good practice approaches across Europe to encourage sustainable biking business. The implementation of this project has commenced and will progress in the coming period.

Chicago – Milwaukee Aug 2023 – Post Event Report

Donegal County Council Tourism team under the auspices of Donegal Tourism participated in the Milwaukee Irish Fest 2023 on 17th to 20th August. This included a meeting with tour operators and travel agents in Chicago in advance of the festival.

The below report sets out details of the objectives of the event, details of the team attending, details of the events held, and a summary of the benefits accrued from the events.

Objectives

The objective of attending this event was:

1. To target potential visitors, attending the Milwaukee Irish Fest who have a strong interest in Irish cultural and music, on the attractiveness of Donegal as a destination to visit on the island of Ireland.
2. To build a database of potential visitors to be targeted via a range of marketing campaigns to convert intentions/desires into visitors to the county.
3. To build connections and relationships with US based tour operators and travel agents who are already featuring Ireland in their itineraries and to highlight Donegal as a strong and attractive destination for their customers.
4. To raise awareness among US based tour operators and travel agents of the bespoke Donegal Travel Concierge Service available to assist and support tour operators in building their itineraries in Donegal.

The team

Three members of staff attended the Chicago Donegal Showcase and the Milwaukee Irish Fest 2023, and this included Anne Marie Conlon, Head of Economic Development, Sarah Nolan, A/Head of Tourism and Mary Daly, Tourism Officer. Unfortunately, the Cathaoirleach Cllr. Martin Harley and Leas Cathaoirleach Cllr. Gerry McMonagle was not in a position to attend this event.

The Donegal Tourism trade was also invited via an open call to participate in this trade event and Harvey's Point Resort participated and provided one staff member to attend this event.

Chicago Donegal Showcase

On Wednesday 16th August, Donegal Tourism, in conjunction with industry partner Harvey's Point Hotel, hosted over 30 tour operators, travel agents and diaspora connections at the Donegal Showcase event in Chicago. This event provided an opportunity to present to those attending the key compelling reasons for visiting Donegal and for including Donegal in their Ireland itineraries.

Positioning Donegal as an emerging and exciting destination on the Wild Atlantic Way and as a new and relatively undiscovered destination on the island of Ireland was received positively by the various tour operators attending.

This event was also an excellent opportunity for the team to learn more about the changing consumer preferences in this US market and a number of tour operators referred to the desire for return visitors to Ireland to experience new destinations on the island and that Donegal was emerging strongly as a preferred location in this regard.

The showcase event also provided an opportunity to connect with a small number of Donegal diaspora in Chicago and these relationships will be developed further in the coming period through the proactive engagement of the Donegal Diaspora project. These individuals continue to play a key role in advocating for Donegal and promoting the county as a place to visit and there is an opportunity to nurture these relationships and support them in their efforts.

Milwaukee Irish Fest

The Milwaukee Irish Fest is the largest Irish Festival in the world and is attended by over 120,000 people from the US each year. This event is supported by Tourism Ireland with a number of counties attending to promote their own counties as destinations for US visitors. In 2023 Galway, Clare, Mayo, Leitrim and Donegal manned stands in the Irish Destinations area.

There were also a number of Donegal businesses showcasing their products at the festival and this included Edel McBride, Oideas Gael, Raithlin Knitwear, Brenda Hewitt, James O'Donnell Photography, Harvey's Point Resort and Study Abroad Ireland and this meant that Donegal was very well represented at the Milwaukee Irish Festival in 2023.

Visitors to the festival were encouraged to stop at the Irish Destinations area to find out what there is to do and see in Ireland. The Irish Destinations area provided information on where to visit during a trip to Ireland.

At the Donegal stand a variety of information was available for visitors to the stand including the new Donegal tourism brochure, tips on top 10 things to see and visit in Donegal, Aer Lingus voucher for flights to Dublin and Aer Lingus Donegal Airport offers. In addition, to this information and Donegal merchandise, the Donegal stand hosted a competition for visitors to the stand with a number of prizes and this resulted in 600 entries to the Donegal Tourism potential customer database. This information will be used for future direct marketing campaigns.



Donegal stand at the Milwaukee Irish Fest in 2023



Visitors attend the Donegal stand at Milwaukee Irish Fest 2023



Audience attending Milwaukee Irish Fest 2023

	<p><u>Benefits</u></p> <p>Chicago Donegal Showcase</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with 30 tour operators who deal with Ireland and presented an overview of what their clients can expect when visiting Donegal. • One to one conversation with tour operators and influencers with good opportunity to learn more about US customer travel preferences to help position Donegal more effectively in this market. • Raised awareness with tour operators and travel trade on the new Donegal Travel Concierge Service and how this can benefit them and encourage them to feature unique Donegal experiences in their itineraries. • Established connections with Donegal diaspora contacts in Chicago. <p>Milwaukee Irish Fest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raised awareness about Donegal as an attractive location to visit on the island of Ireland. • Provided in depth and specific information to individuals planning to visit Ireland in the coming period and encouraging them to visit Donegal as part of their trip. • Networked and built positive relationships with travel trade and stakeholders including Tourism Ireland, Aer Lingus, other Irish destinations and Donegal businesses showcasing at the event. • Engaged with members of the Donegal diaspora and encouraged them to keep in contact with Donegal by visiting home and engaging with the Donegal diaspora project. • Collected additional customer details via the Donegal competition, to use in future direct marketing campaigns.
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1.3. Strategic Funding Unit Report

Project/Activity Report

Title	Strategic Funding Unit – exploring EU and National Funding Opportunities that support the objectives set out in the Donegal County Council Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024
Countywide	<p>PEACE Plus</p> <p>The SFU is exploring opportunities in relation to PEACE Plus, which has 6 themes and 22 investment areas. The SFU is currently working with Alpha Innovation on a potential concept note focused on the Innovation Challenge Fund under PEACE Plus.</p> <p>SEUPB has provided a new timetable of calls for applications to the PEACEPLUS Programme for 2021-2027 on their website. Please visit: https://www.seupb.eu/funding/current-funding-opportunities</p> <p>The Wheel EU Funding Roadshow</p> <p>On 4th October 2023, funding organisation, the Wheel will be hosting a funding roadshow in Donegal to take place in the Europe Direct Letterkenny office in the Central Library. Delivered in collaboration with Donegal County Council and the Western Development Commission, this free full-day event provides an opportunity for community groups, individuals and other organisations to learn more about the Wheel’s online Access Europe funding platform and the following:</p> <p>Learn about different types of funding opportunities available to your organisation – at a local, national and EU level.</p> <p>Talk directly to funders about your project (full details coming soon).</p> <p>Network with other community and voluntary organisations.</p> <p>More details can be found here: https://www.wheel.ie/training/2023/10/wheels-funding-roadshow-donegal</p>

	<p>CPMR Workshop on the Brexit Adjustment Reserve Fund</p> <p>On 19th September the CPMR held a workshop on the Brexit Adjustment Reserve funding that was attended by members of the CPMR from across Europe and representatives from the Economic Development Directorate. Head of Economic Development, Anne Marie Conlon gave a presentation on the impact of Brexit in the North West region and highlighted some of the challenges such as the deadline of end December 2023 for completion of projects.</p> <p>Assembly of European Regions Engagement</p> <p>The AER Summer Academy 2022 held here in Donegal co-hosted by Donegal County Council and Udarás na Gaeltachta has been awarded the prestigious European Citizen's Prize for Ireland. The Award Ceremony will take place at the European Parliament in Brussels, on Tuesday 7 November. The European Citizens' Prize goes to projects "organised by people or organisations that encourage mutual understanding and closer integration between people in the EU, cross-border cooperation that builds a stronger European spirit, and EU values and fundamental rights."</p> <p>Donegal County Council has joined the AER Green Hydrogen Working Group to explore EU project opportunities in renewable energy.</p> <p>Project Partnership & Development</p> <p>The SFU is exploring a number of project opportunities under the Atlantic Area Programme and is liaising with Council staff and other potential partners on project concepts related to air quality, green infrastructure, fishing sector ecosystem innovation and tourism.</p> <p>Other areas of work include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● EU Funding Programme Reviews ● Participation in project scoping meetings with potential partners ● Participation in EU network meetings such as CPMR, AER etc. ● Funding Needs Analysis of Council Divisions ● Regular Strategic Funding Newsletters
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1.3. Donegal Diaspora Unit

Project/Activity Report

Title	Donegal Diaspora Unit
Countywide	<p>Tip O’Neill Irish Diaspora Awards 2023</p> <p>Donegal County Council hosted the Tip O’Neill Irish Diaspora Awards 2023 on Saturday, 16th September, at the Inishowen Gateway Hotel in Buncrana. See above for more information.</p> <p>Donegal Diaspora Website / Social Media</p> <p>Donegal Diaspora social media statistics as of 25/09/2023 are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. LinkedIn – 1,269 (up 25) connections2. X (formerly Twitter) – 4,024 (down 2) followers3. Facebook – 5,655 (up 17) followers4. Instagram – 343 (up 19) followers <p>Donegal Connect 2024</p> <p>A funding application for the Global Irish Festival Series 2024 has been submitted with an update due from Fáilte Ireland in October.</p> <p>Donegal Diaspora Website / Social Media</p> <p>A communications plan on the use of the Diaspora website and associated Diaspora social media channels is currently taking place with further updates to follow. <i>Donegal Diaspora social media statistics as of 25/09/2023 are as follows:</i></p> <p>LinkedIn – 1,269 (up 25) connections</p> <p>X (formerly Twitter) – 4,024 (down 2) followers</p> <p>Facebook – 5,655 (up 17) followers</p> <p>Instagram – 343 (up 19) followers</p>

	<p>London Irish Vintage Club Day</p> <p>Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council Cllr. Martin Harley led a small delegation to attend the London Irish Vintage Club day on September 3rd. Donegal County Council’s Diaspora Project had a stand at this event where information was shared with attendees on various initiatives currently underway including Love Donegal Day, Remote Working Holiday Campaign, Co Working Hubs, holiday opportunities in Donegal. A competition to win flights from London to Derry was also hosted and over 60 entries were received from this event, and this will also help build the database of diaspora contacts that the Council currently holds.</p> <p>Scottish Diaspora</p> <p>The Council’s Diaspora Office is working with the Donegal Scotland Diaspora group on a number of upcoming initiatives including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosting events to collate material in Scotland for the Donegal Emigrant Working lives in Scotland project in conjunction with Donegal County Councils Heritage Office. • An event in the Irish Consulate in Scotland to showcase the unique relationship between Donegal and Scotland. The Diaspora office is working with stakeholders to progress this initiative.
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2. Local Enterprise Office

Project / Activity Report:

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

Outline of Work	<p>General Overview – Highlights:</p> <p><u>Summary of September 2023 Outputs:</u></p> <p>Grant Aid (M1) – Business Expansion & Priming (Start Up) 45 Businesses have been approved Grant Aid.</p> <p>Value of total Grant Aid Approvals YTD is €301,791</p> <p>Next EVAC meeting will take place on 2nd November 2023.</p> <p>Trading Online Vouchers – 44 Businesses approved support to trade online with a value of €97,677.</p> <p>Mentoring YTD – 193 Businesses have received this support.</p> <p>Training – 1,079 Business attendees at 75 Events YTD.</p> <p>The next Start Your Own Business (SYOB) online programme is commencing on 3rd October and is already fully booked with 21 participants registered. This is the last SYOB programme in 2023.</p> <p>The next LEO Business Support clinic is an in-person event and is taking place in The Base Enterprise Centre, Stranorlar on 29th September @ 10am.</p>
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National Women's Enterprise Day – “Empowering Business Together” is taking place on 19th October 2023 in Solis Lough Eske Hotel. This event aims to inspire, motivate and empower women across the country in running their own businesses.

Thinking of Starting Your Own Food Business – a half day workshop took place on 30th August 2023 attended by 11 participants from all parts of the county. Food industry expert, James Burke, gave a comprehensive presentation on the dos and don'ts of starting a food business. Five of these businesses have registered for the Food Starter Programme.

LEO Donegal and Creative Coast Donegal are organising the “Meet the Makers” event, taking place on October 20th at Lough Eske Castle. “Meet the Makers” offers Donegal designers and manufacturers in the consumer products sector valuable opportunities to present their unique products and will allow Donegal’s innovative brands to connect with national and international buyers. LEO Donegal is currently receiving expressions of interest from Donegal based craft businesses to exhibit at the upcoming event.

Creelough Small Business Humanitarian Scheme. The Local Enterprise Office assisted the Red Cross in the administration of the Scheme. A total of €173,475 has been approved under Scheme A and Scheme B. Under Scheme A, €109,940 was awarded to 25 businesses ranging in value from €840 to €5,000. 6 of these businesses were awarded additional funding of €63,535 under Scheme B, ranging in value from €2,894 to €15,000. All applications under the Scheme have now been assessed.

The first IMMERSE workshop, took place on August 30th, 2023, and showcased how creative businesses are already generating revenues from immersive technologies. Attendees received a hands-on state-of-the-art experience of this technology.

O Reilly Sports was selected as the LEO Donegal client to exhibit in the Local Enterprise Village at the National Ploughing Championships in Rathiniska, Co Laois on 19-21 September.

The Pre-Accelerator programme AMBITION, developed by Local Enterprise Office Donegal to encourage more female entrepreneurs has been shortlisted in the twentieth annual Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards 2023. AMBITION is one of two projects shortlisted for Donegal County Council:

AMBITION in Diversity & Inclusion by the Donegal Local Enterprise Office

#MoveToDonegal Relocation Campaign by the Economic Development Unit

Upcoming Events/Programmes:

Student Enterprise 2023/2024

This year, Idea Generation Sessions are scheduled to take place on Tuesday & Wednesday 26th & 27th September 2023 at the Clanree Hotel in Letterkenny. Around 800 students will take part in the Idea Generation Workshops. These sessions will assist the participating students to come up with ideas for their mini company for this year's Student Enterprise competition and they will also get to hear inspiring stories from young entrepreneurs and innovation experts. This year's event will involve idea generation with Alpha Innovation and a keynote address from Jordan Casey, a 23 year old entrepreneur, software engineer and global speaker who has been working in the global technology space for the past 14 years.

LEO Business Supports Clinic

The next in-person Business Information Session will take place on Friday 29th September @ 10am in the Base Enterprise Centre, Stranorlar. Participants interested in starting and/or growing their business from Donegal are encouraged to attend.

This session will feature a guest business, Macs Deli, who will talk about the benefits of the Green programme for their business.

Future in-person sessions will incorporate guest speakers and networking opportunities in a range of venues across the county for the remainder of 2023.

North West Accountants - Breakfast Event

LEO Donegal has been invited to present to the North West Accountants event on 29th September 2023, in the Grianan Hotel, Burt. The accountants meet on a monthly basis and this networking opportunity will enable LEO Donegal to present on its supports and services which would be of benefit to both the accountants and their clients.

National Women's Enterprise Day

National Women's Enterprise Day strives to empower even more women to set up their own businesses and to increase national recognition of the essential role played by Ireland's female entrepreneurs.

We are delighted to bring together a range of female speakers to celebrate National Women's Enterprise Day on 19th October in Lough Eske Castle Hotel.

Host & MC for the day is Radio & TV Broadcaster, All Ireland Winning Captain, and Mindset Expert, Anna Geary. The keynote speaker is former dragon, successful businesswoman, magazine publisher, television personality and broadcaster, Nora Casey. There will also be a panel discussion with a number of female entrepreneurs from the North West including Áine Faughnan of Dromod Boxy, Isobel Sangha of Donegal Natural Soap and Helen Mulholland of Lough Gill Distillery.

Meet The Makers

LEO Donegal and Creative Coast Donegal are organising the "Meet the Makers" event, taking place on October 20th at Lough Eske Castle. "Meet the Makers" offers Donegal designers and manufacturers in the consumer products sector valuable opportunities to present their unique products and will allow Donegal's innovative brands to connect with national and international buyers. LEO Donegal is currently receiving expressions of interest from Donegal based craft businesses to exhibit at the upcoming event.

Donegal Enterprise Awards

Entries are now being invited for the 2023 Donegal Enterprise Awards which will take place on Friday December 1st in Rockhill House Estate, Letterkenny. A total prize fund of €14,000 across 11 categories is available for Donegal businesses who apply. Elected Members will be invited to attend the award ceremony. For more see

<https://www.localenterprise.ie/Donegal/Enterprise-Development/Donegal-Enterprise-Awards/localenterprise.ie/donegal>

Closing date for receipt of entries is Monday October 23rd at 12pm.

Food Coast

Food Coast Donegal is collaborating with Taste Causeway and Enterprise Causeway, Northern Ireland on a 2-day exchange. Food/drinks producers as well as food service & hospitality providers and agency representatives from each region engage in a cross-border visit exchange to collaborate and learn from each other. The first trip is to Bushmills on Monday, 25th September 2023 with the return visit to Donegal on Tuesday, 18th November 2023, venue to be confirmed.

Donegal Engineering Network

The following is a list of recent and upcoming events organised by the Donegal Engineering Network Executive: -

30th August 2023 – Good practice visit to Welditz, Carndonagh with members of Engenuity Midlands Engineering Network.

1st September 2023 - GEMX Industry 4.0 Showcase @ NWRC Springtown, Derry.

13th September 2023 – Energy Costs Saving workshop, Radisson Hotel, Letterkenny.

29th September 2023 – Good practice visit to Takumi, Limerick with members of the Engenuity Midlands Engineering Network.

7-10 November 2023 visit to BLECH Expo, Stuttgart, Germany.

All bookings for upcoming events and training can be made on

<https://www.localenterprise.ie/Donegal/Training-Events/Online-Bookings/>

Export Development

In line with our commitment to fostering economic growth and empowering local businesses, LEO Donegal is committed to the development of export-related initiatives. LEO Donegal has organised two in-person Export Information Sessions tailored to both new and existing exporters taking place in the LEO office, Ballyraine, Letterkenny on September 22nd. These sessions are tailored to those interested in beginning their exporting journey, and those who are currently exporting and wish to improve their exporting strategy. The information sessions aim to equip participants with the necessary knowledge, tools, and insights to navigate the complexities of international trade successfully.

Additionally, LEO Donegal is developing an Export Development Programme scheduled for late 2023. This program is designed to provide participants with a structured framework for enhancing their export capabilities, fostering global market access, and ultimately contributing to the economic strength of Donegal. Through these initiatives, we remain dedicated to empowering the Donegal small business community and positioning them for success on the global stage.

Enterprise Europe Network (EEN)

The EEN Annual Conference is the Enterprise Europe Network's flagship event. This year's edition will take place on 15-17 November in a hybrid format, at the Bilbao Exhibition Centre in Spain.

Under the theme 'The EEN at 15: showing the way forward for SMEs', the conference will celebrate the 15th anniversary of the network and bring together network partners, representatives of EU institutions, and key external stakeholders to discuss how the network's business support services can best meet the evolving needs of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

The conference has three main objectives:

- exchange ideas on how the Network can contribute to the European industrial transition.
- share best practices to improve the quality and visibility of the Network's services.
- foster cooperation and synergies across borders among network members.

High-level EU and national officials as well as representatives of the private sector are expected to join the opening session on 15 November.

Ongoing Programmes:

Digital Start

YTD – 33 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support.

The objective of Digital Start is to help businesses prepare and implement a plan for the adoption of digital tools and techniques across the business.

Digital Start provides strategic intervention for businesses to work for FREE with third party consultants worth up to €4,500 to:

assist them identify where they are on their digital business journey,
develop a digital adaptation plan based on their identified need,
implement their digital adaptation plan.

Green for Business

YTD – 18 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support.

This FREE programme, which has recently been re-branded to Green For Business, helps small businesses take the first step towards becoming more sustainable, giving them access to a green consultant worth up to €2,500 and showing them how small changes can have a big impact on their company.

Energy Efficiency Grant

YTD – 2 applicants. 2 receiving this support.

The recently launched Energy Efficiency Grant supports the investment in technologies and equipment identified in a Green for Business Report, Green Start Report or a SEAI Energy Audit with 50% of eligible costs up to a maximum grant of €5,000.

The aim of the scheme is to reduce the impact of enterprises on the environment thereby increasing the agility and resilience of these businesses.

For more information click on the link below:

[What is the Energy Efficiency Grant? - Local Enterprise Office](#)

Lean For Business

YTD – 18 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support.

LEAN provides strategic intervention for businesses to work with third party consultants worth up to €4,500 (Client contribution €200). It is designed to encourage clients to adopt Lean business principles in their organisations to increase performance and competitiveness. Lean is for all companies, regardless of sector – it is not just for manufacturing companies.

IMMERSE

LEO Donegal has received funding of €68,000 from Creative Ireland from the Creative Communities Action Fund, to deliver the IMMERSE project, a collaboration between Donegal County Council, Eirmersive, Connected Hubs, Regional Enterprise Offices (Midwest/Northwest/West), CREW, Údarás na Gaeltachta and the Western Development Commission. The project, a multi-agency, pan-regional proposition across the Atlantic Innovation region, will focus on the Content Creation Sector. Responsibility has been assigned to the Western Development Commission to handle project operations.

The Western Development Commission will submit a draft report to LEO Donegal in late November 2023, prior to final submission to Creative Ireland.

Scale-X

Scale-X North West began on Wednesday September 6th involving participants from Donegal and Leitrim.

The 11-week Accelerator Programme, aimed at start-up entrepreneurs with the potential for fast growth, will run until November 22nd. 12 entrepreneurs across a diverse group of businesses, sectors and backgrounds have been selected to take part in the programme. At the final event, each business will present their business pitch idea to a judging panel.

Ambition

Ambition is a pre-accelerator programme which focuses on female entrepreneurs.

15 businesses have been recently selected to participate in the fourth programme for Donegal's early-stage female entrepreneurs. Businesses will attend twelve half-day workshops and the programme will run from September 2023 to December 2023.

Creative Coast Donegal

Creative Coast Donegal's aim is to support the building of a strong creative and digital economy in Donegal with businesses that are robust, confident, financially viable, and collaboration-friendly, all impacting positively on the local economy in terms of job creation, as well as being pro-active and competitive on an international stage.

There are currently 204 members of the Creative Coast Donegal network. The LEO Donegal and external consultants are currently developing a 3-year action plan for the creative industry in Donegal.

LEO Donegal is developing a 'Meet The Makers Directory', a directory of craft businesses in County Donegal. This is currently being designed and will be made available at the Meet the Makers event, referred to earlier, which is taking place on October 20th at Lough Eske Castle.

Enterprise Europe Network

The Enterprise Europe Network Ireland helps Irish businesses to innovate and grow internationally and is delivered by a partnership between Enterprise Ireland, Cork Chamber of Commerce, Dublin Chamber of Commerce with Donegal County Council leading out on behalf of the Local Enterprise Office.

	<p>Services offered through the EEN help businesses to grow through tailored support, new business and technology partnerships, commercial opportunities, licensing deals, and partners searches for EU funded R&D. The services are tailored to SMEs but are also available to all other businesses, universities and research centres.</p> <p>Internationally, the Network is active in more than 60 countries worldwide bringing together 3,000 experts from more than 600 member organisations. EEN is the largest support network for SMEs and combine international business expertise with local knowledge to help you take your innovation into new markets.</p> <p>Two meet the buyer events will take place early 2024 with EENginex catering for the engineering sector and Food eirEEN for the food sector. 9 Donegal companies are engaged in EEN services to support them in both sourcing and selling internationally.</p> <p><u>Donegal Stories:</u> Website highlighting the businesses of Donegal that have been supported by the LEO. https://donegalstories.ie/</p>
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3. Emergency Services – Fire Service

Activity	Number of: (August) ¹		Total for year	
<u>Fire Service Operations</u>				
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	62		527	
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	101		684	
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	7		54	
<u>Operational Activity Breakdown August 2023</u>				
	Turnouts		Incidents in County	
	Fires	Special Services	Fires	Special Services
Donegal Fire Service	31	68	16	42
Northern Ireland Fire Service	3	4	0	4
Sub Total	34	72	16	46
Total	106		62	
<u>Fire Prevention</u>				
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	28		162	
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	51		N/A	
Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from Applicant / Agent:	60		N/A	
Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	18		148	

Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	1	8
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	0	0
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	5	26
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	57	151
Fire Safety Complaints received:	0	22
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	0	14
During Performance Inspections carried out:	0	1 ²
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	0	54 ³

1. Current data only available up to end of August 2023.

2. During Performance Inspection carried out at Sea Sessions Festival, Bundoran, on 16th June 2023.

3. As part of its community fire safety programme, Donegal Fire Service delivers the Primary Schools Programme (PSP) each year to 3rd year classes in the County's primary schools. The programme was delivered in person to 54 schools in May 2023.

HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

Municipal District of Inishowen

17th October 2023

Housing Service

- **Progress Reports**

Summary of Casual Vacancies Inishowen MD as 17 th October 2023	
Properties Refurbished and at Offer Stage	3
Properties being refurbished	5
Properties to be refurbished	7

Summary of DCC Housing Offers and Tenancies

Offers issued from 01/01/2023	Offers refused from 01/01/2023	Tenancies created from 01/01/2023
22	9	13

Summary of DCC Nominations to AHBs

Area	AHB	Nominated	Vacancy	Allocated
Moville	Apex	13	7	7
Carndonagh	Apex	2	1	1
Carndonagh	SVP	3	1	1
Clonmany	SVP	6	1	1
Buncrana	SVP	4	2	2

Inishowen MD Housing Waiting List October 2023	
Gross Number of Approved Applicants on Social Housing Waiting List	621
Applicants currently accommodated with HAP assistance but who have remained on the Council Social Housing list	425
Tenants currently accommodated in Council Social Housing and who are approved for a Transfer	45
Net Social Housing Waiting List	151

Gross Need - by approved bedrooms – October 2023

Municipal District		1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Inishowen	Ballyliffin	0	6	3	1	0	0	10
	Bridgend	0	15	5	1	0	0	21
	Buncrana	14	149	76	14	1	1	255
	Burnfoot	0	11	2	1	0	0	14
	Burt	0	4	4	0	0	0	8
	Carndonagh	9	66	37	6	0	0	118
	Carrigans	2	5	5	1	0	0	13
	Clonmany	1	8	9	1	0	0	19
	Culdaff	0	7	2	0	0	0	9
	Fahan	1	3	2	0	0	0	6
	Gleneely	0	3	4	0	0	0	7
	Glengad	0	2	1	0	0	0	3
	Greencastle	0	8	2	0	0	0	10
	Inch	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
	Killea	0	2	1	1	0	0	4
	Malin	0	3	7	0	0	0	10
	Malin Head	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
	Moville	7	20	10	1	0	0	38
	Muff	0	16	9	0	0	0	25
	Newtowncunningham	7	30	6	0	1	0	44
Redcastle	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	
Total		41	361	189	27	2	1	621

Housing Grants Report at 27th September 2023

Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2021	50	35	1	9	5	0
2022	68	58	0	9	1	0
2023	57	34	0	9	6	8

Mobility Aids Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2021	50	36	0	13	1	0
2022	42	28	1	12	1	0
2023	33	21	0	5	1	6

Housing Aid for Older People Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2021	114	93	10	11	0	0
2022	126	114	6	6	0	0
2023	137	106	6	10	1	14

Housing Capital Update Report Inishowen Municipal District Meeting October 2023

1. Social Housing Developments – Construction Schemes

Donegal County Council is currently progressing the following social housing developments within the Inishowen Municipal District:

Location	Status	No. of Units
Construction Stage		
The Meadows, Buncrana	Second fix internal works progressing. The project is within programme with a projected completion date in February 2024.	1
Crana Crescent, Buncrana	Contract commenced on site in August 2023. Excavation works commenced in early October and is 80% complete. The project has a 16-month contract period with a programmed completion of December 2024.	16
Detailed Design / Tender Stage		
Rockytown Phase 2	Detailed design and preparation of tender drawings including architectural, civil/structural, and mechanical/electrical packages ongoing and being coordinated. Ground investigation works nearing completion on site. Department approval will be sought in Qtr. 4 in advance of tendering the construction contract.	
Barrick Hill, Carndonagh	Project progressing as Design & Build. Preliminary designs and layout complete, archaeological testing complete and Flood Risk Assessment is underway. The following tasks have also been completed/underway: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Employers Design Team appointed. ▪ Project QS appointed. ▪ Project Assigned Certifier appointed. ▪ Project Employers Rep. to be appointed in Nov '23. ▪ Inishowen Elected Members have been notified of the intention to use Section 179A exemption to progress this project at Municipal workshop held in Oct 2023. ▪ Notice of proposal to develop the site under 179A exemption will be advertised 18th October. 	21

Detailed Design / Tender Stage		
Gleneely	<p>Project progressing as Design & Build. Preliminary designs and layout complete, initial investigations – Flood Risk Assessment, Site Suitability, and ground investigations underway. The following tasks have also been completed/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Employers Design Team appointed. ▪ Project QS appointed. ▪ Project Assigned Certifier appointed. ▪ Project Employers Rep to be appointed in Nov '23. ▪ Following consultation with Planning and as advised to Inishowen Elected Members, this project is progressing via the Part 8 approval process. ▪ It is intended that the Part 8 process will begin end of October with submissions and observations accepted to end of December. Elected Members will be kept informed of the opening of this public consultation process. 	10
Malin	<p>Project progressing as Design & Build. Preliminary designs and layout complete, Initial Ground Investigations complete. The following tasks have also been completed/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Employers Design Team appointed ▪ Project QS appointed ▪ Project Assigned Certifier appointed ▪ Project Employers Rep to be appointed in Nov '23 ▪ Following consultation with Planning and as advised to Inishowen Elected Members, this project is progressing via the Part 8 approval process. ▪ The Part 8 process will begin on the 18th of October 2023 with submissions and observations accepted up until 1st December 2023. 	9
Total		111

2. Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition

Donegal County Council's turnkey acquisition process is continuing throughout the county. This competitive dialogue procurement process will result in a major capital investment in social housing, with the initial projects in the county now complete.

In relation to the potential turnkey acquisition at Carndonagh, the Council made an increased and final offer to the Developer for the acquisition of the units, however the Council now understands that the Developer is considering options.

Council officials are continuing to dialogue with Developers regarding the additional valid proposal for Merville. Members will be fully informed of this proposal upon receipt of Irish Water requirements and final departmental approval.

Members have been advised that a new turnkey acquisition programme has now been advertised on eTenders. The process includes all towns and villages throughout the county with submissions open until the end of September 2026. Further information will be outlined in the Council's social media platforms. This process will continue to assist the Council in meeting the housing needs in the county.

3. Lands / Property for Social Housing Purposes

The Council is planning to develop further projects on existing landbank in various locations throughout the MD. Preliminary designs are underway for a number of these sites and are informed by the pertaining approved social housing need at local level.

In parallel with the construction and turnkey programmes outlined above, 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 / shortfall. In addition to the current expression of interest advertisement on the Councils' website for parcels of land, derelict sites / buildings with the potential to deliver social housing, the Council is also separately identifying parcels of land with social housing potential in areas of need.

A number of suitable land parcels have been identified in towns and villages across the Inishowen MD and engagement / negotiations are ongoing directly with multiple landowners / agents, to acquire these lands.

The Council has currently two offers accepted (subject to contract) for lands in Merville (potential for 30 housing units) and Newtowncunningham (potential for 20 housing units).

Going forward, the land team will continue to identify further land parcels across the MD and work with the Council's local service team to assess their suitability for new social housing.

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Dear Ms. Cresswell ,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your email correspondence to Minister Humphreys.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Ms. Cresswell

I have been asked by Heather Humphreys, T.D., Minister for Rural and Community Development, to refer to your recent correspondence regarding the maximum rate of aid for community groups applying for funding under the new LEADER programme.

Our Rural Future is a whole-of-Government policy for the sustainable development of rural Ireland for the period 2021-2025 and supports the delivery of other key Government policies and objectives. Implementation of the LEADER programme is a central element of Our Rural Future and the new LEADER programme will continue to build on the success of LEADER over the last 30 years.

Having regard to the maximum rate of aid of LEADER funding under the current programme, community applicants can avail of up to 90% funding depending on the project type in the following scenarios:

- if the project is under the sub-theme of Accessible Services, which focuses on improving access to basic services for people living in rural and remote areas and groups who are at risk of social exclusion; or
- if it is an analysis and development project; also
- 100% funding can be provided for training projects.

The operating rules for the 2023-2027 LEADER programme are currently being updated in line with EU Regulations and will be published once finalised.

I trust that this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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