

Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain

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16ú Bealtaine 2023

FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain ar siúl Dé Luain 22ú Bealtaine 2023,
ag 3.00 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
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Riathóir Cruinnithe

Municipal District of Inishowen

Office of Meetings Administrator
County House
Lifford
16th May 2023

NOTICE OF MEETING

A Meeting of the Municipal District of Inishowen will be held on Monday 22nd May 2023 **at 3.00p.m. in the Public Services Centre, Canrdonagh, 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
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Meetings Administrator

AGENDA

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the Inishowen Municipal District Meeting held on 11th April 2023
2. Planning
3. Environment
4. Community Development
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 11th APRIL 2023 AT 2.00pm IN CARNDONAGH PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE

Councillors Present:

Cllrs Paul Canning, Nicholas Crossan, Terry Crossan, Albert Doherty, Rena Donaghey, Martin Farren, Martin McDermott, Johnny McGuinness.

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 (online), Brian McBrearty, Waste Enforcement Officer, Fiona Doherty, Development Officer, Community Development (online), Sarah Nolan, Tourism Development Co-Ordinator, Economic Development (online).

Apologies

Cllr Jack Murray

The meeting was opened by the Cathaoirleach, Cllr Paul Canning who welcomed all to the meeting.

23.16 Consideration of the Minutes of the Inishowen Municipal District meeting held on 07th March 2023.

On the proposal of Cllr Rena Donaghey and seconded by Cllr Terry Crossan, the minutes of the Inishowen Municipal District meeting held on 07th March 2023 were adopted.

23.17 PLANNING

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

23.17.01 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 four estates, as listed below in the Inishowen Municipal District to Members and sought approval to complete the Taking in Charge process.

- 1 Whitehill Close, Muff
- 2 Meadowfield Manor, Newtowncunningham
- 3 Glenbree, Gleneely
- 4 Close Sean Oran, Buncrana

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.

Whitehill Close, Muff

On the proposal of Cllr Terry Crossan seconded by Cllr Martin Farren 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 Whitehill Close, Whitehill Road, Muff 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 Terry Crossan seconded by Cllr Martin Farren 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 Whitehill Close, Whitehill Road, Muff 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.

Meadowfield Manor, Newtowncunningham

On the proposal of Cllr Paul Canning seconded by Cllr Martin Farren 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 Meadowfield Manor, Newtowncunningham 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 Paul Canning seconded by Cllr Terry Crossan 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 Meadowfield Manor, Newtowncunningham 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.

Glenbree, Gleneely

On the proposal of Cllr Johnny McGuinness seconded by Cllr Martin McDermott 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 Glenbree, Gleneely 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 Albert Doherty seconded by Cllr Johnny McGuinness 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 Glenbree, Gleneely 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.

Close Sean Oran, Buncrana

On the proposal of Cllr Rena Donaghey seconded by Cllr Nicholas Crossan 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 Close Sean Oran, Buncrana 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 Rena Donaghey seconded by Cllr Nicholas Crossan 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 Close Sean Oran, Buncrana 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.

23.17.02 Tús Nua Project

Cllr Albert Doherty requested an update on Tús Nua project and this was seconded by Cllr Martin McDermott.

23.17.03 Commencement Notices

Cllr Martin McDermott sought clarification around the Commencement Notice with opt out option for demolish and rebuild. He requested a meeting/workshop with building control. Cllr Albert Doherty concurred with the comments. Killian Smith agreed to raise the issue with Building Control and request a workshop.

23.17.04 Planning Permission Requirement

Following a query raised by Cllr Johnny McGuinness, Killian Smith confirmed that planning permission is required when rebuilding a property that was destroyed due to a fire. However Killian Smith advised that if the house is the same, it is likely that the planning permission will be approved

23.18 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFORMATION SYSTEMS & EMERGENCY SERVICES

Sarah ah Nolan, Tourism Development Co.-Ordinator, Economic Development presented the planning report, and it was taken as read.

23.18.01 Fire Service

Cllr Martin McDermott requested a reply on his request for an updated on the number of times the Northern Ireland, Fire & Rescue Service were mobilized in Donegal (23.13.02). Sarah Nolan advised that she follow up with the fire service and respond directly to Cllr Martin McDermott.

23.18.02 Relocation Marketing Campaign

Cllr Albert Doherty requested an update on the Relocation Marketing Campaign for the next Inishowen MD Meeting. He had previously raised concerns in relation to the current housing deficit (23.13.04). Sarah Nolan agreed to follow up.

23.19 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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

23.19.01 Clár Funding Scheme 2023

The closing date for receipt of expression of interest under the Clár Funding Scheme 2023 is 12 noon on Thursday 04th May 2023. Cllr Albert Doherty requested that a further letter be issued from Inishowen Municipal District for the attention of Minister McConalogue and Minister Humphreys in relation to the request for inclusion of additional areas to the Clár programme. Terry Crossan seconded this motion.

23.19.02 Greencastle to Scotland Crossing

Cllr Rena Donaghey referred to the recent announcement of the 7.6million funding for Shared Island tourism initiatives to link the Wild Atlantic Way and the Causeway Coastal Route. She requested that exploratory talks would begin around the possibility of a crossing from Greencastle to Scotland. Cllr Martin Farren seconded this request.

23.19.03 Buncrana Tourist Office

Cllr Nicholas Crossan requested that information signs be placed on the pier in Buncrana which would direct visitors using the ferry to the different attractions around Inishowen. Cllr Rena Donaghey concurred with these comments. Fiona Doherty agreed to follow up on this request.

23.19.04 Grianán of Aileach

Cllr Paul Canning requested that the opening hours at an Grianán of Aileach be extended. Fiona Doherty advised that she was in contact with OPW in relation to this issue and will update members further once she received a response.

23.20 ENVIRONMENT

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

23.20.01 Jet Skis

Brian McBrearty advised the members that “jet skis prohibited” signs will be erected at Glenburnie beach and Cornashamma Bay by the weekend.

23.20.02 Lifeguards

Cllr Martin Farren and Cllr Johnny McGuinness requested an update on the 2023 recruitment of beach lifeguards for the summer season. Brian McBrearty advised that pool tests are taking place next weekend with forty-eight applicants participating.

23.20.03 Culdaff Beach

Cllr Johnny McGuinness requested a date for the launch of wheelchair access at Culdaff beach.

23.20.04 Community Clean Up

Cllr Martin Farren acknowledged the efforts of the Moville Tidy Towns in the recent clean-up of the area. Cllr Rena Donaghey advised that a community clean-up will take place in Buncrana on 22nd April 2023. The members thanked the environment team for their assistance.

23.20.05 Dog Fouling

Cllr Terry Crossan requested an update on his previous requests to have dog fouling bins installed at each end of the Muff Greenway). Cllr Martin Farren requested that two dog fouling bins in Moville be replaced.

23.20.06 Bins

Cllr Nicholas Crossan queried if it was possible to change the bins around the Buncrana area as the small opening on the bins were getting blocked with rubbish and cannot be used. Cllr Paul Canning also raised concerns around birds scavenging from bins. Brian McBrearty agreed to pass on the concerns to the relevant personnel.

23.20.07 Paint Recycling

Cllr Albert Doherty requested that paint recycling facility be promoted.

23.20.08 Defective Concrete Blocks

Cllr Martin McDermott asked if there was a plan in place in relation to the disposal of Defective Concrete Blocks.

23.20.09 Seagulls

Cllr Rena Donaghey stated that several people are complaining about the number of seagulls in Buncrana and particularly at Lisfannon that are causing damage to properties. She asked that signs be erected asking the public not to feed the seagulls as feeding was adding to the problem. She referred to measures used by other local authorities to reduce the number of seagulls.

23.20.10 Swan Park

Cllr Rena Donaghey requested that a sign be erected at Swan Park advising the public to keep their dogs on a leash.

23.21 ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION

Michael McFadden, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, and Transportation presented the report to the members, and it was taken as read. Michael McFadden updated the members on the following -

- **Buncrana to Carndonagh Greenway**
There will be a public consultation in Inishowen Gateway Hotel on 25th April and at Carndonagh Public Service Centre on 26th April. Public displays will then be made available until the 12th May in Carndonagh PSC and Buncrana community Library.
- **Muff to Quigley Point Greenway**
There is a notice of advertisement for a temporary speed limit sign along the R238 -Muff to Quigleys Point which will be implemented from the 23rd May.

23.21.01 Roadworks Muff

Cllr Terry Crossan congratulated the Council and contractor on the work that was carried out on Muff Main Street.

23.21.02 Ballynally Lane, Merville

Cllr Martin Farren followed up on previous concerns raised in relation to Ballynally Lane, Merville (23.11.05). Michael McFadden agreed to meet with Cllr Farren along with the Area Road's Engineer.

23.21.02 Road Markings

Cllr Martin Farren followed up on issue of Road Markings around Merville Town (23.11.03). Michael McFadden advised that he was in contact with contractors and had requested that the Inishowen area is prioritised. Cllr McGuinness queried the possibility of purchasing the equipment necessary to carry out road lining. Michael McFadden advised that this was a very specialised function delivered nationally and it was not possible to be delivered by Council staff.

23.21.03 Aghilly Road

Cllr Rena Donaghey acknowledged the work that was carried out at Aghilly Road. However, there is still significant works to be carried out on this road. Michael McFadden advised that this road was to be considered under NTA funding and are working closely with Road design Office.

23.21.04 Ned's Point

Cllr Rena Donaghey raised the need for handrails at the slipway at Ned's Point as there are a lot of open sea swimmers using the area. Michael McFadden advised that he would liaise with Piers and Harbours on this matter.

23.21.05 Heather Park, Buncrana

Cllr Rena Donaghey requested that the footpath into Heather Park be extended. She added that Donegal County Council carried out works in the past but were unable to complete the footpath due a hedge which is now removed. Michael McFadden advised that he will follow up on this matter.

23.21.06 Gully Cleaning

Following a query from Cllr Albert Doherty in relation to gully cleaning contract, Michael McFadden advised that this was for jetting services only, and cleaning would be completed by the roads team.

23.21.07 Malin Head Traffic Management

Cllr Albert Doherty requested that the Council erect traffic signage in Malin Head to assist in managing the significant increase in traffic due to increased tourism and to ensure the smooth ongoing of farming activity in the area. Michael McFadden agreed to follow up with the Area Engineer. Cllr Albert Doherty also requested that 'Residents Only' signs be erected in housing estates due to increased visitors to the area. Cllr Michael McFadden advised that this was not enforceable.

23.21.08 N13 – National Primary Road - Bridgend to Manorcunningham

Cllr Paul Canning requested an update in relation to N13. Michael McFadden advised that funding has been secured for the patching works along this stretch of road. Tenders are currently being sought and it is anticipated that a contractor will be appointed by the end of April. Cllr Paul Canning highlighted that TII contractors had previously damaged drains and gullies. Michael McFadden advised that this would be considered, and works would be monitored.

23.21.09 Piers and Harbours

Cllr Johnny McGuinness queried the by-laws around piers and harbours. He asked who was responsible for potential safety issues. Bryan Cannon, A/Director of Service Roads & Transportation advised that he follow up on the matter

23.22 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES

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

23.22.01 Specific Instance Housing (SI)

Cllr Martin McDermott requested an update on the progress of delivering SI properties to those qualified on the housing list within the Inishowen MD area. He expressed his frustration at the lack of progress in relation to the delivery of SI dwellings by the Council. He stressed the need to build homes in rural Ireland. Cllr Albert Doherty and Cllr Johnny McGuinness concurred with

these comments. Una Cresswell advised members that there is an ongoing review of all SI applications, and it is hoped that this would be completed shortly.

23.22.02 Turnkey Development - Carndonagh

Cllr Albert Doherty requested an update in relation to the turnkey development in Carndonagh. Shaun Doherty advised members that negotiations are currently ongoing between Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the developer.

23.22.03 Social Housing List

Cllr Albert Doherty expressed his concern of the number of applicants that are availing of the Housing Assistance Payment. Cllr Paul Canning acknowledged the work completed to date in relation to the net social housing list and thanked the Housing team for the work. Cllr Paul Canning advised members of a possible site in Killea that could be used for social housing.

23.22.04 Defective Concrete Blocks

Cllr Albert Doherty requested an update in relation to the Defective Concrete Blocks and what plans were in place for existing Council properties. Una Cresswell advised that she follow up in requesting a workshop for members.

23.22.05 Tenant-in-Situ Scheme

Cllr Johnny McGuinness requested clarity around the tenant in situ scheme where council are encouraged to purchase homes where the landlord is selling up and the tenant is received supports such as HAP or RAS. Una Cresswell briefed the members in relation to the scheme and advised that each situation would be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

23.22.06 Cockhill Celtic FC

Cllr Rena Donaghey requested that a letter be issued to Cockhill Celtic FC on behalf of the elected members, to wish the team success in the Intermediate Cup Final being held on Sunday 23rd April.

23.22.07 Other Business

Cllr Rena Donaghey raised the ongoing issue with water supply in Urris and Clonmany particularly during peak holiday season. This is adding extra pressure to the water supply in the area which is causing some households to have no water supply. Cllr Martin McDermott agreed with the comments.

23.22.08 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the Date of the next meeting to be held on 22nd May 2023 at 3.00pm.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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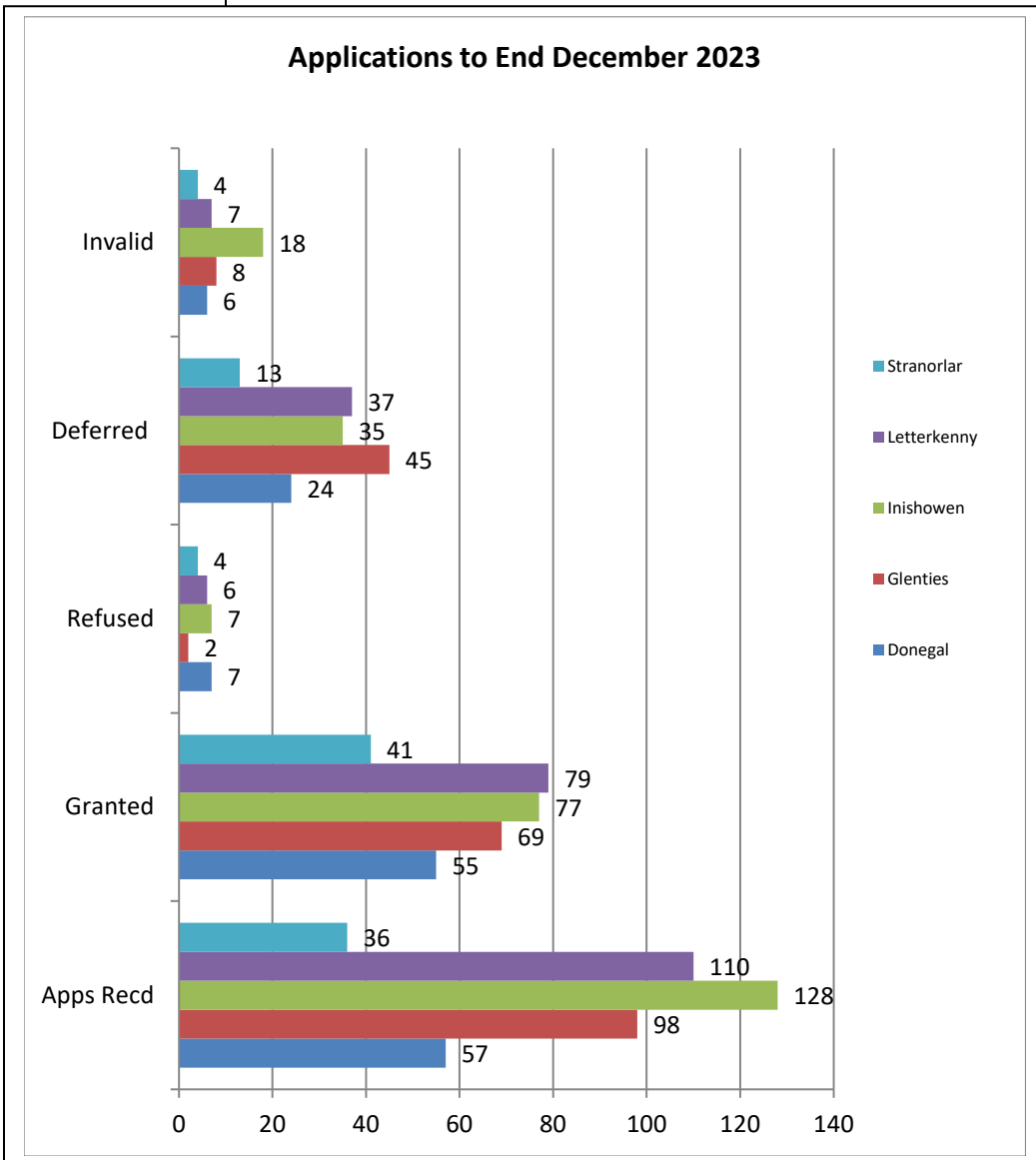
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Inishowen MD Meeting
22nd May 2023

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Appendix A



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

Report to May (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 now 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.

Further to the public consultation period on the draft plans held in October-November 2022, the Team is continuing to engage with key stakeholders in relation to the feedback received. This includes the local Business Chamber, ESB and Bus Éireann. Good progress is being made in this regard and further arrangements will also be made for a further workshop with Members to update on this evolving consultation and design process.

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

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

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

The Detailed Design phase is now completing and it is intended to open a construction tender in May 2023 ahead of a projected commencement on site in early Q3 of 2023. The Team will continue to update and advise Members on progress and key milestones as this project moves towards commencement on site. The process of project handover to the Council’s Capital Project Delivery Unit (CPDU) has also commenced in anticipation of

imminent progression to site. CPDU will manage the construction and handover stage of the project.

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

On 10th November 2022 the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys announced that €6.3m had been awarded under the Fourth Call for Category 1 Projects of the RRDF for the “Ramelton Re-Imagined” regeneration Project. This represents a full award of the RRDF funding sought. Work is now nearing completion on the Detailed Design and preparation of a Tender Package for this project, together with arrangements for handover to the Capital Project Delivery Unit for onward delivery.

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

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

Due diligence has been completed on this project and a formal letter of Offer together with an associated Funding Agreement was received on 10th May 2022. The Funding Agreement was subsequently accepted and formally returned to the Department on 18th May 2022. The project will now progress to procurement of the required consultancy services before commencement of the planning and statutory consents stages of this project enabled by the funding award.

The Elected Members of the Inishowen Municipal District were updated on the status of this project at workshop on Friday 27th January 2023. It is now intended to progress this project to tender in Q2 of 2023 and in this regard the project was 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. Preparations are continuing in this regard.

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

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

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

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

On 10th November 2022 the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys announced that €6.3m had been awarded under the Fourth Call for Category 1 Projects of the RRDF for the “Ramelton Re-Imagined” regeneration Project. Work will now continue to complete the Detailed Design and preparation of a Tender Package for this project, together with arrangements for handover to the Capital Project Delivery Unit for implementation on site.

1.4 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 will now continue 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.

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, are now undertaking a 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 already undertaken, which will be presented in a Stage 1 Report entitled 'Milford TCF Plan Baseline Profile' to the Elected Members at a workshop targeted for early May 2023. This Report will then directly inform the Draft Milford Town Centre First Plan.

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

Note: Please refer to Capital Project Delivery Unit MD reporting for update as regards the public realm sub-project.

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

The Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy was officially launched on Monday 5th December 2022 in the Radisson Hotel, Letterkenny followed by a cross- directorate Letterkenny Public Information Event.

This concludes the project to prepare Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy which now transitions into project specific development and implementation. The project website and all published documents are available at www.letterkenny2040.ie

(ii) Acquisition of key town centre regeneration site.

The Donegal County Council (Letterkenny Strategic Urban Regeneration Site) CPO 2021 was confirmed in October 2022 and became operative in November 2022. Notices to Treat were served on 7th March 2023 followed by Notices to Enter served on 23rd March 2023 advising that the Council intends to enter on, take possession of and use the lands on or after 11th April 2023. The CPO will enable the delivery of Phase 1 development of the site as regards Alpha/Beta office accommodation and public realm infrastructure which was approved Part 8 planning consent at the Special Council meeting on 24th February 2022, detailed design of which is being led by the Councils Capital Projects Delivery Unit. Please refer to the MD update report provided by the Capital Projects Delivery Unit in this regard.

In addition, in collaboration with Housing, options are being explored as regards 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). 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’ secured a provisional allocation for total project cost of €18.1m (comprising €13.6m URDF support together with match funding committed by the Council in the sum of €4.5m). Total project uplift was secured at Decision Gate 1 in relation to Preliminary Business Case to take account of inflation resulting in total project cost of €19.3m (comprising €14.5m URDF support and €4.8m match funding by Donegal County Council). 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 five sub-projects to varying stages as follows:

- The further enhancement of the Cathedral Quarter
- 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.

In line with the Public Spending Code, a Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy was submitted to DHLGH on 29th July 2022 for review and consideration. DHLGH approval to proceed was secured by letter dated 7th February 2023. A number of clarifications were sought on Monday 13th February 2023 and as a result, amended correspondence was received on 7th 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.

Next steps set out in letter of approval to proceed.

Sub-project	Nature of DHLGH approval
Sub-project A: Market Square element	<p>Proceed to procurement of architect-led team for detailed design and site supervision</p> <p>This project will now hand-over to the Capital Projects Delivery Unit for progression of detailed design with feed-in from the Regeneration and Development Team.</p>
Sub-Project A: Cathedral Quarter Park and Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme	<p>Proceed acquisition processes for land required. Valuer appointed for refresh of a number of market valuations. Structural engineer appointed to carry out structure reports on a number of properties.</p> <p>Proceed to procurement of architect-led team for all design stages (planning consent, detailed design & site supervision)</p>

	This project will be led through the next stage, inclusive of acquisitions, by the Regeneration and Development Team with feed-in from the Capital Projects Delivery Unit.
Sub-project C: Revival of the Courthouse	<p>Proceed to procurement of consultancy services to prepare ‘Product identification/Visitor Experience Plan.’</p> <p>Initial engagement has been received from Letterkenny Tourism as regards an early stakeholder engagement to assist in informing the consultancy brief.</p> <p>This project will be led through the next stage by the Regeneration and Development Team. Once consultancy services are procured, a workshop with Letterkenny-Milford MD will be arranged.</p>
Sub-project D: Strategic acquisition to enable a Regional Transport Hub	<p>Proceed acquisition processes for land required.</p> <p>This project will be led through the next stage by the Regeneration and Development Team.</p>
Sub-Project E; Strategic acquisition to enable LK Green Connect	<p>Proceed acquisition processes for land required</p> <p>This project will be led through the next stage by the Regeneration and Development Team.</p>

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. Detailed design of this project has now been enabled in the context of the further development of the concept contained in the Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy via the appointment of The Paul Hogarth Company and O’Connor Cronin Sutton Engineers. The Regeneration Team now provide support and input into the detailed design process which is led by Community Development with a target for opening of tender for construction contractor imminently.

2.4 Letterkenny Cultural Corridor

Design development in respect of a future Part 8 proposed development for the ‘Cultural Corridor’ section of LK Green Connect is progressing and is at an advanced state of readiness. A presentation in this regard was made to Letterkenny MD workshop on 17th April 2023. Part 8 is being prepared with the support of Pasparakis Friel Architects appointed to provide Part 8 drawings while the Regeneration and Development Team manage and lead all other elements of the Part 8 process including review of design, specific development of High Road design elements, AA and EIA screening. This project

will also provide for a long-term public realm scheme at the front of An Grianan Theatre taking account of ‘The Eat Out’ and for enhancements to the existing pathway and environment adjacent to the Boxing Club. The project also includes consultation with the Cultural Partners (An Grianan Theatre, the Regional Cultural Centre and Donegal County Museum) and other stakeholders including Letterkenny Tennis Club, the Boxing Club and a number of landowners. Target for publication of Part 8 is end of Q2 2023 however this is noted as dependant on ongoing stakeholder engagement.

2.5 2nd Phase of LK Green Connect

Early design work using in-house resources commenced in January 2023 on Part 8 proposed development for Phase 2 of LK Green Connect to link walking and cycling infrastructure at Phase 1 (currently under construction) to Pearse Road. This would, in due course secure Phase 2 to shovel ready status. Given the early stage in the design process, the timeline for publication of the Part 8 is yet to be confirmed and is subject to capacity of staff resources across both URDF and RRDF programmes. The preferred scenario is to publish a part 8 by Q3 2023. Workshops at MD level will be arranged as this project develops.

2.6 Youth/Community focused project at Lower Main Street

Early engagements with Letterkenny Youth Club and Donegal Youth Service have commenced 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 Q3/4 of 2023 and is highly dependent on capacity of in-house resources. 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

Minister O’Brien launched URDF Call 3 on 30th January 2023 alongside the launch of the Governments Vacant Homes Action Plan. 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 workshop with Letterkenny-Milford MD took place on 27th February 2023 to explore the Councils submission which was thereafter submitted to DHLGH on 10th March 2023. Members of the team attended a workshop for Local Authorities organized by DHLGH on 31st March 2023 following which all Local Authorities have been requested to undertake a simple review of the submission made. DHLGH indicate a target for announcement of allocations in May/June

2023. A summary of the submission and update was provided at the workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD held on 17th April 2023.

2.9 Other

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

Regeneration & Development Team
May 2023



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CAPITAL PROJECTS DELIVERY UNIT

Community Development and Planning Services

Report to Inishowen Municipal District Members: May 2023

Activity / Project Title	Tús Nua Project
Project Description/Activity	<p>The Tús Nua Project is a transformative town centre regeneration project in Carndonagh.</p> <p>The project elements are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alteration of the former Leprechaun Bar to create a new through access and public amenities including a changing places facility,• Restoration, alteration and extension of a former Department Store and associated outbuildings to the rear providing for:<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. a new Digital Fabrication Laboratory (FabLab) and co-working Hub (CoLabora), office space,ii. a Social Space for Young People and Teenagersiii. a community Kitchen,iv. Communal storage, andv. A public realm courtyard with sensory garden.• Creation of a new Pedestrian Street and public realm park between Pound Street/Bank Place and the Supervalu Retail Complex,• The restoration and alteration of a stone outbuilding to a Creative Makers Hub for creative and craft industries;• New demountable canopy feature(s) in the existing Diamond area civic space;• New public realm improvements on Back Lane connecting the Diamond to the Town Car Park and Bridge Street;• Acquisition of a town centre site (The Mart) which will enable separate progression of a town centre housing development by the Councils Housing Capital Team at an estimated value of €5-5.5m.
Budget	€ 9.6m
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p>Tenders for both the Integrated Design Team and the Land Valuation Services have been advertised and tenders have been returned to the CPDU.</p> <p>The Land Valuation Services tender has been assessed and a successful tenderer has been appointed. The valuer has commenced negotiations with landowners.</p>

	The Integrated Design Team tender has been assessed and a successful tenderer has been appointed. Robin Lee Architecture are the IDT and have commenced works in early March.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	It is anticipated that the Land Valuer will have progressed negotiations with landowners, and the Integrated Design Team will have developed the initial design for the scheme.
Contact Person(s)	Ardal McDermott, A/Senior Executive Engineer



Activity / Project Title	Fort Dunree
Project Description/Activity	<p>Donegal County Council (DCC) has been awarded grant funding of €9,251,000 for Fort Dunree, Co. Donegal under Fáilte Ireland's, Capital investment scheme Platform for Growth – A Programme for Tourism Investment, Platform 1: Immersive Heritage and Cultural Attractions. This will be supported by €3.2 million match funding committed by Donegal County Council providing a total Project value of €12.5 million investment.</p> <p>The transformational tourism project at Fort Dunree is informed by a vision to reimagine the visitor experience at this spectacular Fort and Discovery Point along the Wild Atlantic Way.</p> <p>The project will physically link the 3 unique elements of Fort Dunree: Lough Swilly below the Fort; the Promontory Fort and the 'High Guns' Fort; provide immersive heritage and cultural touch points with a new route that opens up the site, with viewing points via modern interventions such as the proposed Funicular (the only one in Ireland) and interpretive installations, including the development of the Dunree Lighthouse.</p> <p>The proposed Project comprises of the following key components.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Works to improve existing High Fort 2. Provision of an iconic inclined elevator to the High Fort 3. Works to improve High Guns installation 4. Provision of improved distribution roads & parking 5. Upgraded and new walkways and watchtower works 6. Lighthouse conservation works 7. Military Museum & Night Skies space 8. Stabilise, repair or remove existing billet buildings 9. Provide new public spaces and facilities.
Budget	€12.5m


<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</p>	<p>The Integrated Design Team (IDT) has completed Stage 1 (Preliminary Design) and submitted a report detail their findings from surveys undertaken, review of background information and presentation of design options.</p> <p>Work is now underway developing the design options and design workshops have been held internally to assess options to deliver each of the key elements. A Part 8 planning application will be submitted in Q3 of 2023.</p> <p>The Visitor Experience & Interpretation Consultant are now working on developing the story of Fort Dunree to fit within the construction project. In addition, they are developing the branding strategy for the site.</p> <p>The Quantity Surveyor has been examining costs and engaging with both the IDT and VEIC as the design develops. Initial cost estimates are higher than the funding award and we are engaging further with both Failte Ireland and the IDT to manage costs.</p> <p>The Project Programme has been agreed as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="639 976 1501 1238"> <thead> <tr> <th>Stage</th> <th>Start Date</th> <th>Finish Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Stage 1 – Preliminary Design</td> <td>14/07/2022</td> <td>22/12/2022</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stage 2 (a) – Developed Design</td> <td>03/01/2023</td> <td>30/05/2022</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stage 2 (b) – Detailed Design</td> <td>31/05/2023</td> <td>06/09/2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stage 3 – Tender Action</td> <td>21/09/2023</td> <td>23/08/2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stage 4 - Construction</td> <td>26/08/2024</td> <td>12/03/2026</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stage 5 - Handover</td> <td>13/03/2026</td> <td>06/04/2026</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Stage	Start Date	Finish Date	Stage 1 – Preliminary Design	14/07/2022	22/12/2022	Stage 2 (a) – Developed Design	03/01/2023	30/05/2022	Stage 2 (b) – Detailed Design	31/05/2023	06/09/2023	Stage 3 – Tender Action	21/09/2023	23/08/2024	Stage 4 - Construction	26/08/2024	12/03/2026	Stage 5 - Handover	13/03/2026	06/04/2026
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<p>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</p>	<p>Continue developed design.</p> <p>Submit Part 8 planning application in July 2023</p>																					
<p>Contact Person(s)</p>	<p>Shane Sweeney, A/ Senior Executive Engineer</p> <p>Brendan O’Donnell, Senior Engineer</p>																					





ENVIRONMENT MD REPORT – May '23

WASTE AND LITTER MANAGEMENT

Activity / Project Title	Anti-Dumping Initiative 2023
Project Description/ Activity	<div data-bbox="722 655 1104 871" data-label="Image"></div> <p>This year, the environment section have applied for funding of over €100,000 under the Anti-Dumping initiative for a range of projects from community environmental projects to the purchase of clean-up materials and equipment. Funding is due to be announced in mid-May.</p> <p>In 2022, the Environment section of Donegal County Council secured €133,618.23 to deliver a range of projects throughout the county. Projects included community clean ups, environmental awareness campaigns, resources to support community groups, bulky goods collections, reduced price recycling events, paint reuse scheme and a household waste awareness project that was delivered to 500 households county-wide.</p> <p>The Anti-Dumping initiative (ADI) was developed to support a multi-faceted approach to tackling illegal dumping incorporating enforcement, public awareness and education. The initiative is co-ordinated through the Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authorities (WERLAs) and €15 million has been provided to date which has supported the completion of 1500 projects across all 31 local authorities and the removal of over 18,000 tonnes of waste from our landscape.</p> <p>The Environment team would like to thank everyone who took part in projects in 2022 and look forward to working with individuals and groups again this year as we work collaboratively to keep Donegal beautiful.</p>
Contact Person	Matthew Byrne, Waste Regulation Officer. MBYRNE@DONEGALCOCO.IE

Activity / Project Title	Network for Irelands Environmental Compliance & Enforcement (NIECE) - 'Sharing Experiences in Waste Enforcement'
Project Description/ Activity	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>On the 29th and 30th April, 2023 delegates from all over Ireland directly involved in environmental legislation and in particular waste enforcement came together for an event organised by the Network for Irelands Environmental Compliance and Enforcement (NIECE) in conjunction with the Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authorities (WERLAs).</p> <p>The event “Sharing Our Experiences in Waste Enforcement” was held in the Mullingar Park Hotel, Westmeath and was attended by more than 120 delegates from 42 organisations. Workshops were divided into five sessions with opportunities for discussion, knowledge transfer and networking.</p> <p>Donegal County Council presented at this event along with speakers from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the WERLAs, the National TransFrontier Shipment Office (NTFSO) and local authorities throughout Ireland. Detailed presentations were provided on a diverse range of case studies and the sessions were chaired by representatives from the EPA, WERLAs and the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC).</p> <p>The shared learning and experiences from this event are extremely valuable as we work together to strengthen waste enforcement nationally.</p>
Contact Person	Matthew Byrne, Waste Regulation Officer. MBYRNE@DONEGALCOCO.IE

Activity / Project Title	Solid Fuel Enforcement Activities
Project Description/ Activity	Inspections at coal merchants were held over the month of April in Cresslough, Inver and Letterkenny. More engagements and passing on of information regarding the New Solid Fuel Regulations will be held during the month of May.
Contact Person	Matthew Byrne, Waste Regulation Officer. MBYRNE@DONEGALCOCO.IE

Activity / Project Title	<p style="text-align: center;">Donegal Recycling Centres @ Lahey, Stranorlar, Dungloe, Letterkenny, Milford & Carndonagh</p>
Project Description/ Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Bikes Africa appeal – suitable bikes are still being accepted on a year-round basis. • Credit/Debit Card Payment accepted at all sites. • Paint Collection available at all sites - €1 for 5ltr tin. In 2022, over 38,000kgs of waste paint was collected across the 6 Recycling Centres. • Paint Reuse currently available at 4 sites, Letterkenny, Carndonagh, Stranorlar & Dungloe. In 2022, over 400kgs of suitable paint was re-distributed to the local community. Local community groups and the general public are welcome to come along and take a look to see what is available. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div>
	<p>Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer sbogan@donegalcoco.ie</p>

**Activity /
Project Title**

**Food Waste Recycling Week
5th – 11th June 2023**

**Project
Description/
Activity**

National 'Food Waste Recycling Week' will take place from the 5th -11th June 2023.



The Council is planning to run some local events to celebrate this week and will be distributing starter packs for households on food waste reduction and recycling. Keep an eye out on the Council's social media pages and local press for more details.

Optum Letterkenny – Promoting Food Waste Recycling



Well done to Optum's Sustainability Team who recently hosted the 'My Waste - Food Waste Recycling' display provided by Donegal County Council as part of their Earth Week activities. The display helped to engage staff on the importance of food waste segregation.

**Contact
Person**

Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer
sbogan@donegalcoco.ie

**Activity /
Project Title**

Big Donegal Clean-Up in full swing!

**Project
Description/
Activity**

A big thank you to all the groups and individuals taking part in local clean-ups throughout Donegal. The impact of these clean-ups is there for all to see. Each volunteer is having a positive impact on their local environment and influences those around them. Remember the Council will continue to support clean-ups all year around - just get in touch.

Environment team members Martin Roarty, Brendan McBride and Noel O'Donnell provided support to Kerrykeel NS school's recent clean-up and delivered an engaging talk to the pupils.



Kerrykeel NS recent clean-up and talk





Swilly Hikers recent clean-up



Scoil Naomh Treasa, Tiernasligo N.S, Urris, Clonmany staff and pupils playing their part in a clean-up around their school.



Kilmacrennan Tidy Towns recent clean-up

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Community Development and Planning Directorate
Community Development Division

Municipal District of Inishowen Meeting – Monday 22nd May, 2023

1. Malin Head Visitor Management Plan
2. An Grianán of Aileach Fort
3. 2019 Buncrana Town and Village Renewal Scheme
4. 2019 Clonmany Town and Village Renewal Scheme
5. Rural Development Programme/LEADER
6. Playground Maintenance
7. Donegal Walks and Trails
8. Buncrana School Campus
9. Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme. - Merville playground
10. Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme. – Barrack Hill Town Park
11. 2021 Town and Village Renewal – Newtoncunningham
12. 2021 Town and Village Renewal funding – Merville
13. 2021 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) project Development Measure for a pontoon at the existing jetty in Bunagee
14. 2021 Clár funding for Killea Community Park – Community Pod
15. 2021 Clár funding - Outdoor Gym at Bath Green Merville
16. 2021 Clár funding – Upgrading existing parking facilities servicing the sports playing fields at Desertegney
17. 2022 Town and Village Renewal funding – Barrack Hill Town Park Multi-functional accessible sheltered structure for all the community



Municipal District: Inishowen Activity / Project Update: May 2023

Activity / Project Title	Malin Head Visitor Management Plan
Activity / Project Description	<p><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</p>
<p>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p><u>Visitor Management Plan for Malin Head Signature Discovery Point Project</u></p> <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.
<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p><u>May update for Malin Head</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council are committed to progressing the Malin Head project in partnership with Fáilte Ireland as described above and are proceeding to acquire the necessary lands for the project. • Work is ongoing with the appointed consultants to prepare the necessary planning documentation for submission to An Bord Pleanála in Q2 2023.
Contact Person	James Kelly, A/Senior Engineer at 087 2236923



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Activity / Project Update: May 2023

Activity / Project Title	An Grianán of Aileach Fort
Project Description/Activity	Development /Improvement of Visitor facilities/Conservation Plan
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p>Historical background</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 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 Fáilte Ireland with suggested dates for a meeting to follow.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	<p><u>May 2023 update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fáilte Ireland have a Strategic Partnership with the Office of Public Works. The Community Development Officer, Area Roads Engineer Manager and Area Executive Roads Engineer held an online meeting on the 21st April with Fáilte Ireland. • We await notification from Fáilte Ireland regarding a date for a meeting with the Office of Public Works and subsequently suggested dates for the OPW and Fáilte Ireland to meet with the Elected Members.
Contact Person	Fiona Doherty, Development Officer, 087 3678954

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Engineers are in discussions with a contractor to start the works. • James Kelly, A/Senior Executive Engineer, is liaising with the Dept of Environment and Local Government in relation to the project and sought an extension of the funding drawdown period to facilitate the appointment of the contractor to undertake the construction work of the project. • Refurbishment work commenced at the end of September 2022 by Seamus Friel & Sons Ltd. • Work scheduled to be completed in 12 weeks. • The facilities currently available to campervans will be unavailable until the work is completed. • This information has been included on Donegal Tourism and Total Motorhome Ireland social media platforms. <p><u>Contact: James Kelly and Brian Keogh</u></p>
<p>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>May 2023 update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2nd phase of the project relating to the refurbishment capital work is completed. • The contractor is working through the snagging list.
<p>Contact Person</p>	<p>James Kelly A/Senior Executive Engineer 087 2236923 Contact for capital works.</p>



Municipal District: Inishowen

Activity / Project Update: May 2023

Activity / Project Title	PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE 2022/23
Project Description/Activity	<p>List of Playgrounds</p> <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 2022 Maintenance/repair plan has been Completed. • The funding works associated with Ballyliffin playpark is completed. • Annual maintenance of playgrounds, annual ROSPA inspection reports completed with necessary repairs identified. Proposed successful playground maintenance contractor identified appointed. • Culdaff Playground • Merville Playground • Buncrana Festival Park Playground • Clós Phádraig Playground • Barrack Hill Playground • Cill Bhríde MUGA • Ballyliffin Playground • Manorcunningham Playground • Killea Playground • 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 • Tender assessment to appoint a playground maintenance contractor for 2023 has been completed and a Letter of Acceptance issued. • Local fund raising is currently ongoing by a family to purchase and install a wheelchair accessible swing into the Festival playground in Buncrana. The technical staff are advising on the type of equipment.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period * Delete irrelevant reporting period.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>May 2023</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance repair works are underway
	John Deeney, Executive Engineer, 087 7197619



Activity / Project Update

May 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	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	The next LCDC/LAG meeting will be held on 31 st May 2023. LDCs will continue to engage with promoters on the ground however no new projects will be developed as all funding awarded to the Donegal LAG under the Transitional LEADER programme and EURI programme has been allocated. 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 are currently working together to develop our LEADER strategy which must be submitted no later than 14th July 2023. Preferred Consultants have been identified to support the development of the strategy and it is expected they will be in place by the beginning of May 2023.
Contact person	Ciaran Martin cmartin@donegalcoco.ie



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Dhún na nGall**
Donegal County Council

Municipal District: Inishowen

Activity / Project Update No.5

May 2023

<p>Activity / Project Title</p>	<p>Donegal Walks and Trails</p>
<p>File:</p>	
<p>Project Description/Activity</p>	<p>Maintenance, development and promotion of walks & trails in Donegal including cycle routes and Greenways.</p>
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>ORIS Projects North West Community Development along side IDP were successful in been granted funding for the following projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stragill Bridge and beach access path, Linsfort, Buncranna €29,700 • Shara gore Multi access wetland trail €29,750 • Leenan Coastal trail Extension, Urris, Clonmany €29,700 <p>A brief discussion with a group rep some of the works has been tendered out with contractor been appointed. Two of the above projects are now advanced on the ground with expected completion in Q2. The works on these projects are well advanced with the expected completion in the next month.</p> <p>Inishowen Head There is need to have surface improved and the few items on the inspection report addressed. It would be an option to consider this trail as a possible ORIS 2023 project. We proposed to submit measure 1 application for improvement works on this trail.</p> <p>Malin Head/Bamba Pathway/walk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed improvement works will commence when on-going issues are resolved. • The Sport Ireland inspection report is available on request • No change
<p>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</p>	<p>May 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ORIS 2023 fund launch is expected towards end of May
<p>Contact Person</p>	<p>Darryl Connor (Outdoor Recreational Development Officer) (087)3613811 email dconnor@donegalcoco.ie</p>



**Comhairle Contae
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Donegal County Council

Activity / Project Update: May 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.
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>*Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<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>May 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.• 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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Donegal County Council

Municipal District: Inishowen

Activity / Project Update: May 2023

Activity / Project Title	Donegal LCDC Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme Enhancement Funding – MOVILLE
Project Description/Activity	Upgrade and improvement of Playpark on Moville Shoregreen.
Budget (if applicable)	€81,027.08
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status <i>*Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meetings and consultation took place with Moville Tidy Towns Committee and Cllr Martin Farren to agree, progress and finalise the works associated with the project• Tenders were advertised on e-tenders in March 2022• Tenders received and are being assessed• A contractor is to be appointed• All work to be completed within the 2nd Quarter of 2022• A contractor has been appointed to carry out the works associated with the Sláintecare project for the playground.• Work will commence on the 1st week in September, duration of completion is 7 weeks.• The appointed Contractor Garden Escapes (Ireland) Ltd will commence work on the last week in October.• The upgrading of the playpark will be completed in 7 weeks from commencement of the work• Prior notification will be provided to the local community.• The Moville playground re-opened to the public on the 11th January 2023.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	<u>May 2023</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Following the upgrade and improvement works to the playpark and its re-opening in January.• All snags are now completed.
Contact person(s)	John Deeney, Executive Engineer 087 719 7619 Fiona Doherty, Development Officer 087 3678954



Municipal District: Inishowen

Activity / Project Update: May 2023

Activity / Project Title	Donegal LCDC Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme Enhancement Funding – BARRACK HILL TOWN PARK, CARNDONAGH
Project Description/Activity	Re-imagining of Barrack Hill Town Park. Upgrade of existing facility to include equipment for children with mobility issues, development of 5k park walk/run/cycle lane, development of a Multi Use Games Area or Synthetic Turf Pitch and installation of an accessible Covered Outdoor Space.
Budget (if applicable)	€124,204.19
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>*Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An overall assessment of Barrack Hill Town Park will take place later this month by the Engineers within Community development More Consultation will take place with the Barrack Hill Steering Group Committee with regards to prioritising and finalising the work associated with the groups objectives and achievable within the funding allocated budget. • An onsite meeting is scheduled to take place with the Barrack Hill Town Park Steering Committee on Friday 20th May. An overall assessment of the Playground, Activity space and Barrack Hill town park to take place • Works to be agreed and tendered • Contractor to be appointed by the end of the 2nd Quarter 2022 • A strategic meeting took place on site with the Barrack Hill Town Park Steering Committee, the community development staff and senior staff from the roads directorate on Friday 20th May, 2022. • It was decided to re-locate, upgrade and re-develop the community outdoor recreation playground and activity space • An assessment of the two sites is complete. • The Community Development Engineers will be in a position to progress the project to design and tender stage in collaboration with the group in September/October 2022 • The Community Development Officer & Executive Engineer held a site meeting on the 16th August with the BHTPC group. A draft design with indicate costs was considered and the detail scoped out. • Following this meeting and on-going communication with the group. A re-design was completed. It was decided it was more prudent to re-develop the existing playground and carry out remedial work to allow the activity space to re-open to the community. • Tender documents have been published on e-tenders • The submission deadline for submission of tenders is Friday 30th September, 2022. • Detailed assessment of tender submissions received within the 30th September deadline are been finalised by the technical staff in line with the Most Economically Advantageous Tender (MEAT)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting is scheduled to take place with the BHTP committee, technical staff and Development Officer to agree and prioritise the final playground equipment and work that can be achieved within the funding budget. • Engagement with the contractor will take place with a view to prior to signing a Contract to deliver the project within the end of year deadline. • The Development Officer and Executive Engineer met with the BHTP Committee on the November and agreed and prioritised the final playground equipment and work that can be achieved within the funding • The detailed final project work is been finalised with the successful contractor. • A Letter of Acceptance issued to the successful Contractor (Play and Leisure Services) • Works are expected to commence at the end of February 2023. • The contractor will commence the work on the 6th of March, 2023 and it will be completed in 8 weeks.
<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</p>	<p><u>May 2023</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The capital work for the refurbishment of the playground and Activity space is in progress and is now scheduled for completion within the next few weeks. • A number of Meetings and regular engagement have taken place with the Barrack Hill Town Park Committee in the process of progressing the project.
<p>Contact person(s)</p>	<p>John Deeney, Executive Engineer 087 719 7619 Fiona Doherty, Development Officer 087 3678954</p>



Municipal District: Inishowen

Activity / Project Update No.4 May 2023

Activity / Project Title	2021 Newtoncunningham Town and Village Renewal
Project Description/Activity	€100,000 funding allocation €11,500 Match funding by Donegal County Council Budget for Capital works €75,500 Budget for consultancy work €36,000 <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.
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting per</i>	<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 projectThe 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 projectA 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.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<u>May 2023 update</u> <u>Masterplan element of the project</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Following the public engagement event. GM Consultants are working on a draft document incorporating submissions and observations. <u>Capital element of the project.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A planning application was submitted by the group for the Capital element of the scheme.The Group have sought to lease a portion of property from the Parish.
Contact Person	Capital work – Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer Masterplan – Claire McCallan, Architect



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Activity / Project Update No.4 May 2023

Activity / Project Title	2021 Moville Town and Village Renewal Project Funding Allocation of €100,000 from the Department on 25 th February, 2022. Match funding €11,500 by Donegal County Council
File:	
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	<u>May 2023 Update</u> The Contractor, Garden escapes Ltd have commenced work with an 8 week delivery deadline.
Contact Person	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer and Fiona Doherty, Development Officer



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Activity / Project Update May 2023

Activity / Project Title File:	2022 Killea Clár funded project <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>May 2023 update</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tender documents have been published on e-tenders website by the group
Contact Person	John Deeney, Executive Engineer,



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Activity / Project Update May 2023

Activity / Project Title	2022 Movice Clár funded project
File:	Funding Allocation of €50,000 from the Department on 25 th February, 2022 Match funding €2,500 by Donegal County Council and Movice Tidy Towns
Project Description/Activity	<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.
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 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.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<u>May 2023 update</u> The Contractor, Garden escapes Ltd have been appointed and work has now commenced parallel with the Town and Village Renewal capital work which will be completed in July 2023.
Contact Person	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer and Fiona Doherty, Development Officer



May 2022 Update

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial meeting took place with the community group. The 'Letter of Offer' will issue this month.• The 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">• The group are in the process of appointing a contractor for the work. Works will be completed within the next 12 weeks.
Contact Person	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer



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Activity / Project Update: 2022 Carndonagh Town and Village Renewal

May 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	<u>May 2023 update</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tender documents are being prepared for the project.
Contact Person	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer & Fiona Doherty, Development Officer




Activity / Project Update May 2023

Activity / Project Title	PEACEPLUS Programme 2022-2027
<p>Project Description/Activity</p>	<p>What is PEACEPLUS PEACEPLUS is a new European Union funding programme designed to support peace and prosperity across Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland, building upon the work of the previous PEACE and INTERREG Programmes. The overall objective of the PEACEPLUS Programme is to build Peace and Prosperity and ensure that the Programme will leave a lasting and tangible legacy across Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland. The Programme’s strategy is to continue to take the opportunities and address the needs arising from the peace process in order to boost economic growth, stimulate social and economic regeneration and secondly, to promote social inclusion, particularly for those at the margins of economic and social life. If you need information on the wider PEACEPLUS Programme managed by SEUPB, please see their website where detailed information is available: https://www.seupb.eu/</p> <p>PEACEPLUS Local Community Action Plan Three thematic strands have been selected upon which to design the content of the PEACEPLUS Action Plan for Donegal are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local community regeneration and transformation • Thriving and peaceful communities • Building Respect for All Cultural Identities <p>Donegal’s PEACEPLUS Partnership As part of the PEACE PLUS Programme there is a requirement to establish a PEACEPLUS Partnership in each Local Authority Area. Donegal County Council established a PEACEPLUS Partnership as a sub-structure of the Local Community Development Committee as was the position under Peace IV. The principal role of this Committee is to oversee the design and implementation of a co-designed process in the County which will be used to inform the development of an overarching PEACEPLUS Action Plan. The Local Community Development Committee agreed the establishment of the PEACEPLUS Partnership for Donegal of 28 members from across four membership pillars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elected Members from each Municipal Districts and the Chief Executive or his nominee • Nominated public sector representatives • Social partners representing the different geographies of our area (e.g., Municipal Districts area or county wide) • Social partners representing PEACEPLUS and other social inclusion PPN Target Groups <p>The formulation of the Co- Design Action Plan for Donegal will enable and empower local community partnerships, to select and deliver priority projects on a cross-community basis which will result in shared and inclusive local services, facilities and spaces and will make a significant and lasting contribution to peace and reconciliation.</p>
<p>Budget</p>	<p>Under Theme 1 Investment Area 1.1 Co-designed Local Community PEACEPLUS Action Plans have been allocated €110m, Donegal County Council has been awarded an indicative allocation of €7,635,396. The PEACEPLUS Local Action Plan provides the scope to incorporate projects which will span across a range of different sectors and activities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth development Programmes

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and wellbeing • Community Regeneration Projects • Redevelopment and reimagining of new and existing community facilities for shared usage • Initiatives to building positive relations • Social innovation/ enterprise initiatives • Education and skills development Programmes. • Programmes that increase social inclusion and promotes civil leadership
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</p>	<p>Donegal County Council is coordinating a consultation process with the wider community to develop a PEACEPLUS Local Community Action Plan for Donegal. The Plan, informed by a local community engagement process, will enable, and empower communities to assist in the development of priority projects and programmes for Donegal under the PEACEPLUS Programme.</p> <p>The engagement for the PEACEPLUS programme should as far as reasonably possible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow people from across the county to participate. • Engage with key stakeholders. • Ensure appropriate balance. • Allow Council, Partnership and others to feed into the process at all stages. • Independently identify needs, gaps, and strategic opportunity within the priority themes. • Highlight and promote the PEACEPLUS programme. • Adhere to SEUPB guidelines. <p>To satisfy all criteria for the consultation it is proposed to engage with communities as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held launch of the consultation process in February 2023 with the Partnership to provide opportunities for people to get involved and get engaged – with access to a survey and polling technology to promote brainstorming and identify priority issues. • Held a series of Stage 1 consultation workshops across all the municipal areas February-April 2023. • Held numerous Zoom sessions for those who are unable to attend consultation meetings in person February -April 2023. • Published a PEACEPLUS Survey. • In the Process of Holding themed workshops as determined by the Partnership March-April 2023. • Social media promotion of events as a mechanism for people to feed into the process. • Utilization of existing reports and recent consultations by Council and other stakeholders.
<p>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</p>	<p>Interim Report</p> <p>After completion of the initial Stage 1 engagement process an interim report will be produced identifying gaps and priority areas. The interim report will suggest a timeline for what happens next including how longlisting and shortlisting of project /programme concepts can be identified for inclusion in the plan. Further workshops to facilitate the next stage of the consultation process will continue.</p>
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ALL
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>One Donegal - Social Inclusion Week 2023, 25 March – 1 April The Launch One Donegal Social Inclusion Week took place at the Festival of Colours. There was a fantastic atmosphere at An Griannán Theatre on Saturday, 25 March with the Festival of Colour Holi celebration.</p> 

The AGM of Donegal Older Persons Council took place in the Clanree Hotel, Letterkenny as part of One Donegal Social Inclusion Week.



One Donegal Social Inclusion Week finished on Saturday afternoon 1 April on a high with the Diversity Showcase in An Grianan Theatre. One Donegal Social Inclusion Week was an action packed, educational, and insightful week with opportunities for community and voluntary groups, services, and educators from right across the County to showcase the work they do.

The Diversity Showcase, with 20 different acts was received very well by a full An Grianan Theatre auditorium. The talent, variety and diversity shown was outstanding. The Diversity Showcase gave us poems, songs, drama and dances from all over the world.

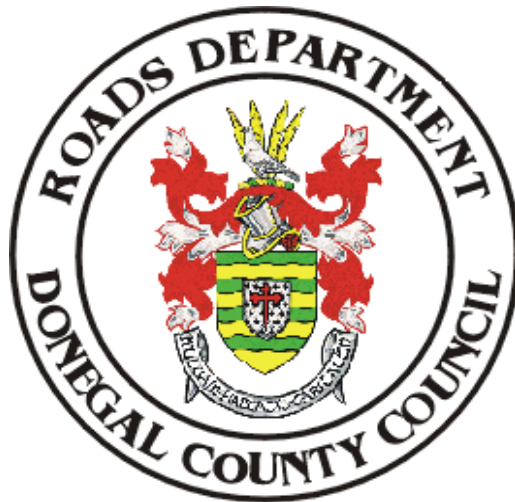


Picture Special below of some of the acts



<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>Africa Day 2023</p> <p>Donegal County Council announced its plans for Africa Day 2023, which will include exhibition, workshops and family fun day to celebrate the occasion.</p> <p>On Saturday, 27 May at 12- 6pm, Donegal County Council in conjunction with Donegal Intercultural Platform will host a free family fun day at An Grianan Theatre Plaza, which will include drumming workshops, musical performances, a taste of African Food and kids games.</p> <p>Africa Day, which falls on Wednesday, 25th May, celebrates the richness of African cultures and the contribution of people of African descent to Irish life. Africa Day celebrations are organised by Irish Aid at the Department of Foreign Affairs in partnership with African embassies in Ireland and local authorities around the country.</p> <p>Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion Strategy</p> <p>The secretariate will meet in May to agree the Terms of Reference. All Stakeholders that have not submitted their Workplan has been followed up. The meetings on the individual Themes are pushed to June to explore where the gaps are in what is being done and what can be done.</p> <p>EU Belong</p> <p>Donegal as lead on work package 4(delivery of integration strategy) has been holding online meetings with 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.</p> <p>EU Belong project attend the recent YOUTHopia Future Fair which was aimed at young people and was thought provoking event covering a range of topics such as youth issues, skills and education, entrepreneurship, reconciliation, diversity and social inclusion.</p> <p>EU Belong will be having a stand at upcoming events such as the celebration of Europe Day and Ireland's 50th Anniversary of joining the EU, highlighting Ireland's membership of the European Union over the last 50 years and the upcoming PPN Plenary meeting.</p>
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ROADS & TRANSPORTATION UPDATE



Inishowen Municipal District

22nd May 2023

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	2023	2023	starting 15/05/23
Moville	Inish North	LS	L7291-1	Archies Road	SD	1,500	2023	2023	starting 15/05/23
Moville	Inish North	LS	L6161-1	Mount Scourge	SD	1,300	2023	2023	starting 15/05/23
Moville	Inish North	LS	L6311-3	Busmans Clar	SD	850	2023	2023	starting 15/05/23
Moville	Inish North	LS	L6291-1	Tullynavin (Ph 2)	SD	1,000	2023	2023	starting 15/05/23
Moville	Inish North	LS	L7741-1+ L7701-1	Calhame	SD	1,400	2023	2023	starting 15/05/23
Moville	Inish North	LS	L6534-2	Carrowtrasna	SD	600	2023	2023	
Moville	Inish North	LP	L1371-2	Cooks Hill	SD	1,500	2023	2023	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L6041-2	Moneydarragh (Ph 2)	SD	1,300	2023	2023	
Moville	Inish North	LP	L1891-1-2	Iskaheen to Gap	SD	1,220	2023	2023	
Moville	Inish North	R	R241-4-5	Tardrum Rd	SD	1,400	2023	2023	starting 15/05/23
Moville Total						12,570			
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R 242-2	Lagg Road	SD	1,500	2023	2023	
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	2023	2023	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-1011-2-3	Port Ronan X/Ardmalin	SD	1,640	2023	2023	
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	2023	2023	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L5361-1	Stoneys Culdaff	SD	650	2023	2023	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L12116	Gortnamara	SD	650	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L1391-4	Lough Inn	SD	1,850	2023	2023	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L5021-1	Port Ronan	SD	400	2023	2023	
Carndonagh Total						17,590			
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-7081	McGee Clongash Phase 2	SD	1,700	2023	2023	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-7111	Cleenagh to McGee	SD	560	2023	2023	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-1851	Inch Road	SD	1,400	2023	2023	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-1721	Illies Road	SD	1,800	2023	2023	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-1741	Ludden Road	SD	1,400	2023	2023	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L		Tonduff	SD	750	2023	2023	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-16914	Old Sleadrin Road	SD	700	2023	2023	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-1181	Cloontagh to Carn Mountain	SD	1,650	2023	2023	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-6731	Smithys road to O'Donnells	SD	1,600	2023	2023	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-7091	Ballymagann Hill (Big House)	SD	1,200	2023	2023	
Buncrana Rural Total						12,760			
Newtown	Inish South	L	L-1971	Moss Road - Callaghans Road	SD	2,150.00	2023	2023	starting 6th June
Newtown	Inish South	L	L-1881	Bray Road Burnfoot	SD	1,800.00	2023	2023	starting 6th June
Newtown	Inish South	L	L-8071	McKeagues Road Dundrean	SD	1,400.00	2023	2023	starting 6th June
Newtown	Inish South	R	R265	5 Road Ends to Burkes	SD	1,300.00	2023	2023	starting 6th June
Newtown	Inish South	L	L-7921 & L-7911	Inch Levels Farm Road	SD	2,000.00	2023	2023	starting 6th June
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

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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	Widening/realignment
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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.	2023	2023	
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.	2023	2023	
Moville	Inish North	Crockglass L7161-1 + Breslins	150m of 600mm dia + 2 Mh's + 4G's reqd to protect rd and prevent flooding	2023	2023	
Moville	Inish North	Coastguard Ctgs + Thompsons R238-41	100m of 300mm dia + gully + MH to prevent flooding.	2023	2023	
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.	2023	2023	
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.	2023	2023	
Carndonagh	Inish North	2 No Rd X on R240 (Napoleons+Planting)	400mm dia road crossings+ MH reqd at two separate locations	2023	2023	
Carndonagh	Inish North	Culoort LS5081-1	Sheuch cleaning and repair banking at Marie Stephens	2023	2023	
Carndonagh	Inish North	Ourt Gleneely R244-6	125m of 400mm dia + 2 MH's + 3 Gullies along road edge.	2023	2023	
Carndonagh	Inish North	Galwilly Rd Crossing LS5721-1	20m of 600mm dia crossing reqd to prevent flooding onto R240	2023	2023	
Carndonagh	Inish North	Top of Black Mtn LP1041-1	400m of 300mm dia pipe +10 gullies + 1 MH	2023	2023	
Carndonagh Total						
Buncrana	Inish South	Shandurm/Umyrcan R238	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	2023	2023	
Buncrana	Inish South	Military Road	150 metre of 300mm pipe No 4 Gullies and No1 Manhole @ €110 per metre	2023	2023	
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	2023	2023	
Newtown	Inish South	Drumbarnet Gladonagh L5064-1	Replace Bridge/culvert with a 1.2m pipe and bulid new parpet walls	2023	2023	
Newtown	Inish South	Dunmore Carrigans R236	120m of 300mm pipe, 4 gullies and 2 Manholes	2023	2023	
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	(160m of replacement FP and 700m of new infill FP and 200m of infill Lighting and 40m of Retaining Wall)	
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	3	Footpath repair	100approx	2021	2023	Legal Issues Wall issue Battery Brea Third Party legal issues to be resolved	
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	2021	2023	(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	2021	2023	Land Acq and Construction	
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 I		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		Minor Junction Improvements	50	2023	2023	Advance works t	
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											

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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 Castlefordard	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	2021	2023	Infills required (to be funded by Clr T Crossan Members lighting) subject to final Design
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	2021	2022	4 Lights as part of NTA 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	2021	2023	Deck lighting to be repaired CHECK Price
Carndonagh	Inish North	Culdaff Green Lights	Repair / Replace uplighters			estimates only
Carndonagh	Inish North	New FP Black Mtn Rd Malin	Provision of 7 additional lights & civils	17th January	2023	Pots and ducting installed waiting PL supplier
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	Briddge End Bonniemaine	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						
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 Active Travel

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Donegal County Council

Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services Directorate

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1.1 Economic Development Unit

Project / Activity Report

Title	Economic Development Unit
Countywide	<p>Property Solutions: The team is progressing 13 property solution opportunities across the county. These are queries relating to the purchase of council owned lands for Economic Development purposes.</p> <p>Killybegs Marine Cluster: Work with the Killybegs Marine Cluster is ongoing with a number of activities over the last number of months including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Killybegs Marine Cluster attendance at the Skipper Expo, Limerick in Feb-23.• Donegal Career Counsellors, Donegal ETB and BIM visited Killybegs Marine Ecosystem on Tuesday 21st March• The Killybegs Marine Cluster exhibit at the Scottish Skipper Expo, on May 12th & 13th• Minister Dara Calleary visited Killybegs in Feb-23, Minister Simon Coveney visited & discussed Killybegs and ORE industry in Mar-23 and Leo Clancy, Enterprise Ireland visited in Jan-23.• Northwest Regional Enterprise Plan Cluster event held in Killybegs in Mar-23. <p>Caravan, Camping and Campervan Study: DCC are continuing to implement the recommendations of the study and work with the Internal and External Steering groups on renewed actions in 2023 to include promotion of the Code of conduct, increasing marketing and provision of information of the sector and completing the Grant scheme as developed in 2022.</p> <p>Remote Working: Continuing to implement the various strands of the Donegal Remote Working Strategy including supporting the Donegal Hubs Forum and participating in the Digital Hubs Showcase Day (on April 26th). The Donegal Hubs Forum held a meeting with its members on April 20th in the Craoibhin Centre.</p> <p>Relocation Marketing Campaign: A relocation marketing campaign to attract talent nationally and from overseas continues to roll out, supported</p>

by two showreel videos and testimonials from those who have relocated, to encourage people to #MoveToDonegal. So far it has reached over 3 million across all social media platforms and received over 60 relocation enquiries.

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	9,100	4,696 (+35)
Twitter	16,900	2,860 (+30)
Instagram	1,770	3,864 (+45)
Facebook	6,178	1,908 (+10)
Donegal.ie	9.6K Web Users (4 weeks 28 March – 24 April)	

5 News Items Published in last month

Shared Island: Work continuing on Shared Island funded projects as follows:

- **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. Stratagem appointed to undertake 'Scoping and Feasibility Study and Business Case/Economic and work has already commenced.*
- **Innovation Plaza** *to develop cross-border innovation campuses in Ballyshannon and Irvinestown in partnership with Fermanagh and Omagh District Council (FODC). No tenders received in initial call for tenders. Terms of reference has been adjusted to provide for a more focused approach including a sectoral focus on food innovation.*
- **Regenerative Tourism** *involving engagement with the region's place, past and people, seeking to attract high-yield environmentally conscious visitors. DCC is leading the project with project partners FODC. Tender evaluation to undertake a feasibility study has taken*

place and the most economically advantageous tender is being appointed and work is expected to commence in early May.

- **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. Consultant has been appointed to undertake a Scoping Study, Business Case/Economic Appraisal and Design Toolkit including four small animation pilots, marketing plan and branding guidelines.

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

- **Inward Investment Strategy:** draft pitch propositions, a marketing plan and the final branding for the North West City Region focusing on key investment sectors are almost complete. It is proposed to launch this work in June.
- **Talent Solutions:** Both Councils are currently working with Abodoo to implement a communications plan with a view to developing a final report that will highlight and map the skills and talents within the region. This work will complement that of the Inward Investment Strategy. The talent map will be available on an online dashboard in mid-May.
- **Communications:** The EDU continue to collaborate with DCSDC on promoting the North West City Region for investment and business opportunities including via LinkedIn and Twitter platforms. This work will tie into the Inward Investment Strategy in the coming year, with a current focus on the Talent Solutions survey. Both Councils are working as part of the proposition development for future events.

You can follow respective LinkedIn and Twitter Platforms :
@NorthWestCityRegionIreland

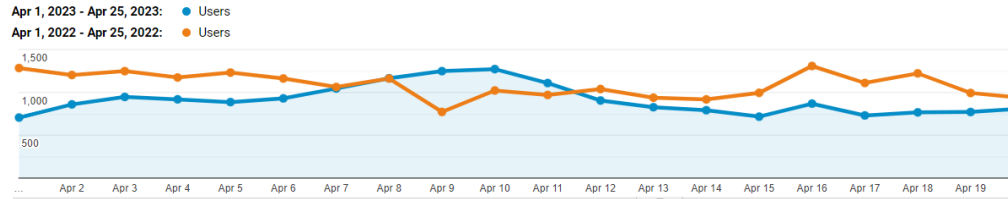
Atlantic Economic Corridor: The Donegal County Council is working with Local Authority partners along the western coast to progress mutually beneficial projects and initiatives around economic development. The various Councils are currently working with the WDC to explore an AEC

	<p>Strategy for the seaboard counties that will promote economic development and investment.</p> <p>Concierge Service: The EDU are available to support existing businesses, potential business start-ups or businesses looking to relocate or wishing to expand and who need advice on accessing a wide range of Council services and supports including broadband connectivity. Please contact the EDU by email economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie.</p>
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1.2 Tourism Marketing Unit

Project / Activity Report

Countywide	<p>Online & social media updates – Go Visit Donegal</p> <p>Countywide</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>GoVisitDonegal.com Website</u></p> <p>Year to Date Stats - 1st January – 25th April 2023</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>YTD 2022</th> <th>YTD 2023</th> <th>Change</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Page Views</td> <td style="text-align: center;">203,600</td> <td style="text-align: center;">212,612</td> <td style="text-align: center; color: green;">Up 4.43%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Users</td> <td style="text-align: center;">77,136</td> <td style="text-align: center;">77,854</td> <td style="text-align: center; color: green;">Up 0.93%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Website traffic in the month of April (1st – 25th) was slightly up vs the same period in 2022.</p> <p>Page views: 59,007 (down 4.57%) / Users: 20,878 (down 12.28%)</p>		YTD 2022	YTD 2023	Change	Page Views	203,600	212,612	Up 4.43%	Users	77,136	77,854	Up 0.93%
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Website views by country:

1st-25th April 2023			
Traffic came from 86 countries in total			
Top 10 countries:			
Country	Users	% Users	
1. Ireland	9,562	45.9%	<div style="width: 45.9%;"></div>
2. United Kingdom	7,538	35.9%	<div style="width: 35.9%;"></div>
3. United States	1,644	7.83%	<div style="width: 7.83%;"></div>
4. China	347	1.65%	<div style="width: 1.65%;"></div>
5. Germany	221	1.05%	<div style="width: 1.05%;"></div>
6. France	205	0.98%	<div style="width: 0.98%;"></div>
7. Canada	200	0.95%	<div style="width: 0.95%;"></div>
8. Australia	175	0.83%	<div style="width: 0.83%;"></div>
9. Netherlands	120	0.57%	<div style="width: 0.57%;"></div>
10. (not set)	115	0.55%	<div style="width: 0.55%;"></div>

April KPIs – 5,193 goals have been completed on the website to the value of €51,930

Marketing Updates

Donegal Tourism Seminar 2023

- Tourism Seminar took place on Thursday, 30th March in the Mount Errigal Hotel and was attended by over 100 tourism providers in the county.
- Partner organisations availed of information stands on the day including: Donegal LEO, Fáilte Ireland, DCC Cultural Services, DCC Environment Section, Errigal Project, Discover Bundoran, Tourism Unit.
- The event was very engaging and interactive, our colleagues in ALPHA Innovation have conducted the workshop. The key insights

that arose from the seminar are being gathered and the analysis will be available at a later date.

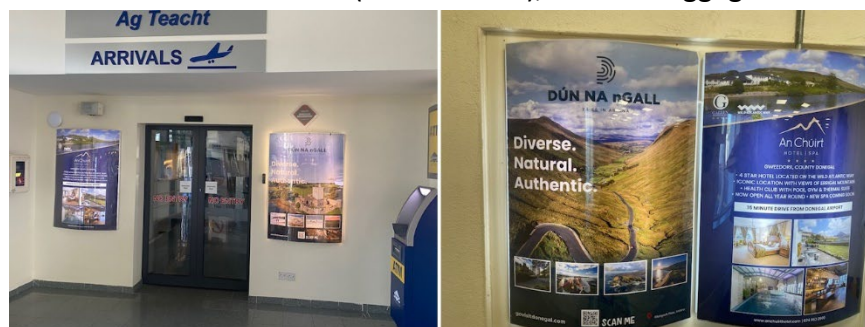
- Digital Delegate Pack is available on our website and includes the images, presentations, and the agenda with speakers' bios, available at: <https://www.govisitdonegal.com/trade-resources/tourism-seminar-2023>

Editorials

- Donegal Tourism continues to support the TakeOff magazine (the official Donegal Airport magazine) – a double page spread will feature in this year's issue. Artwork has been designed and submitted for print.
- Double page spread editorial has also been booked with the Go West magazine (the official Ireland West Airport Knock mag) & we also avail of an additional page free of charge as part of the marketing collaboration with the airport. Artwork is being finalised.

Advertising throughout Donegal Airport

- As part of the marketing partnership with Donegal Airport, advertising has been produced and is featured at the Airport for 2023 in the main terminal (arrivals door), and the luggage carousel.



Balmoral Show

Donegal Tourism will host a promotional stand at the Balmoral Show from the 10th to the 13th May and will be joined each day by different members

of the trade in Donegal. Balmoral Show is Northern Ireland's largest agri-food event with an extensive marketing and exhibition hall which is visited by thousands each day.

- Expression of Interests have gone out to the trade in each MD via the newsletter and follow up calls.
- 13 businesses have confirmed attendance, each provider will avail of a place at Donegal Tourism Stand under the Donegal Tourism brand for 2 days.
- The show is 80% subsidised by Donegal Tourism to encourage business to avail.
- Stand set up, branding, competition prizes and booking are being managed by the Tourism Unit.

North West Regional Development Fund (NWRDF)

Marketing Campaign

Donegal County Council and Derry City & Strabane District Council (DCSDC) launched a co-ordinated North West Tourism marketing campaign in April.

£30,000 was granted by NWRDF to fund this campaign.

The campaign consisted of:

- Regional PR campaign, targeting regional media and travel media
- An Influencer trip to the region
- Digital campaign on the govisitdonegal.com and visitderry.com
- Facebook and Instagram advertising
- Radio campaign on iradio and Downtown radio
- A competition for a weekend in the region

The campaign results are pending and will be reported in the next report.

Inflight Flix

The Tourism Unit are creating a new video for inflight flix. This will be a 30 second video promoting 10 reasons to visit county.

The video will be placed onboard 18 transatlantic aircraft with a predetermined route to the USA for a period of 12 months.

This is a great opportunity to reach the right people globally, pre arrival, without a global advertising budget, to engage and inspire interest with a 30 second video promoting the experience as one of 10 great reasons to visit the county (experiences will be chosen from each area of the county).

Online marketing

- Ongoing work by Tourism Unit managing social media profiles: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn
- Management of Festivals & Events and updates of content submitted by festival providers – ongoing, the calendar of events can be viewed on: <https://www.govisitdonegal.com/festivals-and-events>
- Regular maintenance and management of the govisitdonegal.com website and the Tourism Hub.

Spirit of Ireland

Donegal Tourism have taken out substantial advertising in the Spirit of Ireland Magazine.

Five pages of advertising will feature in the magazine with one page per MD.

The Spirit of Ireland Magazine targets the North American Tourist. The magazine is the official publication of the North American Celtic Trade Association (NACTA). NACTA brings visitors to Ireland to the value of 3.6 million annually. NACTA and Tourism Ireland work very closely and attend major shows in America where the magazine is distributed.

This magazine is used as a travel brochure by the 2,500 tour operators that specialise in Ireland.

Fáilte Ireland Festival Funding

38 applications were received under the fund.

	<p>An assessment panel was set up to <i>review the applications and identify a shortlist of events that are suitable</i> for funding.</p> <p>Letters of offer issued to 30 of these applications on the 20th April. The total amount of funding from Fáilte Ireland for these events is €49,750.</p> <p>Laurentic Forum – Donegal Tourism continues to attend monthly meetings in relation to exploring mutual opportunities.</p> <p>Age Friendly Beach Nairn – Donegal Tourism is now participating on a strategic working group to secure the first Age-Friendly beach in Ireland for Nairn.</p> <p>Dungloe to Glenties Cycleway – Donegal Tourism have met, and a working group is now formed to organise and market an official opening, and to promote the 25km cycleway going forward. The group will meet again in July.</p> <p>TIDE Project: The final output of our project is now underway, a successful tender for two models of the ship Saldanha has been awarded and development is underway. The final conference of the Tide Project will take place, over two days, in Sligo on the 24th and 25th May.</p> <p>Project Targets for the next quarterly* reporting period</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign Agreement with Tbx Conference • Tides Project ongoing development of two models of the Saldanha ship for display in two locations. • Tides final conference
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1.3 Strategic Funding Unit

Project / Activity Report

Title	Strategic Funding Unit – exploring EU and National Funding Opportunities that support the objectives set out in the Donegal County Council Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024
All MD's	<p>PEACE Plus</p> <p>The SFU representative has attended a number of PEACE Plus workshops hosted by SEUPB in Dungannon. The SFU hosted a workshop in Letterkenny PSC on 17th April with over 20 staff in attendance and a presentation on the key investment areas was provided. The SFU is currently working with Alpha Innovation on a potential concept note focused on the Innovation Challenge Fund under PEACE Plus.</p> <p>EU50 Event – Europe Day 2023</p> <p>The SFU working in collaboration with Europe Direct Letterkenny and the Library Service has been successful in securing funding under the Department of Foreign Affairs EU50 funding opportunity to host a Europe Day conference will take place on 9th May in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny. MEP's Colm Markey and Chris MacManus will be participating by video link. MC for the day will be Brendan Mooney from the North West Regional Assembly. More details are on www.donegal.ie/europeday</p> <p>EU Funding Conference Athlone</p> <p>The SFU recently attended the EU Funding Conference in Athlone on 19th April hosted by the Irish Regions European Office and the Regional Assemblies. The Chief Executive took part in a panel discussion at the event, which was also attended by Minister Paschal Donohoe.</p> <p>YOUTHopia Future Fair 2023</p> <p>The YOUTHopia project Future Fair took place on 27th April at Oakfield Park in Raphoe and was very successful with over 150 young people registered. The event included keynote speakers on topics such as</p>

	<p>entrepreneurship, health and well-being, peace and reconciliation and climate change. This event was held in collaboration with the North West Tertiary Education Cluster. A number of businesses from the North West and other organisations were present.</p> <p>FLAG Board</p> <p>The SFU continues represent the Council on the FLAG Board. The call for the Brexit Blue Economy Enterprise Scheme is open until August 2023 and projects must be delivered by the end of the year.</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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1.4 Donegal Diaspora Unit

Project / Activity Report

Title	Donegal Diaspora Unit
Countywide	Global Irish Civic Forum

The Diaspora Officer recently attended the Global Irish Civic Forum in Dublin on 20-21 April. This was the first Diaspora themed civic forum to be held since 2017 and the forum provided an opportunity for new contacts to be made and existing connections strengthened.

Tip O’Neill Irish Diaspora Awards 2023

The award ceremony will take place on Saturday, 16th September, 2023 at the Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana. Further procurement of additional requirements along with the shortlisting process for awardees has commenced for completion by the end of May.

Donegal Connect 2023 / 2024

Plans for 2023 have already commenced and dates are hoped to be agreed upon, in conjunction with the Tip O’Neill Irish Diaspora Awards, over the coming weeks. A funding application for the Global Irish Festival Series 2024 is due for submission in Q2 2023.

Donegal Diaspora Website / Social Media

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. Donegal Diaspora social media statistics as of 28/04/2023 are as follows:

LinkedIn – 1,185 (up 16) connections

Twitter – 4,038 (up 2) followers

Facebook – 5,603 (up 26) followers

Instagram – 293 (up 8) followers

London Events

A contingent from Donegal County Council will attend the London Irish Vintage Club Day event on September 3rd. The successful event was held last year building on those existing relations within London to create further ancillary events around the day in 2023.

Scottish Diaspora

	A meeting will take place between DCC, Failte Ireland, Tourism Ireland and Donegal Airport in early May to discuss the potential synergies coming out of the recently announced new flight between Donegal and Glasgow. A further meeting of the wider Scottish Diaspora group is scheduled for 26 th June.
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2. Division: Local Enterprise Office

Project / Activity Report

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

Outline of Work	<p>General Overview – Highlights:</p> <p><u>Summary of April 2023 Outputs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant Aid – Business Expansion & Priming (Start Up) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 14 Businesses have been approved Grant Aid. ○ Value of total Grant Aid Approvals YTD is €230,763 ○ Next EVAC meeting will take place on 6th July, 2023
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- Trading Online Vouchers – 21 Businesses approved support to a value of €47,368.
- Mentoring YTD – 84 Businesses have received this support
- Training – 639 Business Attendees at 43 Events YTD.

Upcoming Programmes:

Business Cost-Saving Advice Clinic

LEO Donegal will host a business Cost-Saving Advice Clinic to communicate with micro businesses across Donegal, available productivity and competitive supports worth over €10,000.

The event is taking place on Monday May 22nd in the Mt. Errigal Hotel Letterkenny and feature experts in finance, digital, lean and green efficiency.

Pre-event registration will be required and Elected Members are asked to advise micro-businesses in your MD of this event.

Ambition

Ambition is an exciting pre-accelerator programme which focuses on female entrepreneurs and promotes the skills and resilience needed to develop globally scalable ventures, attract investment and create jobs.

We are looking for innovative new business ideas amongst Donegal's early-stage female entrepreneurs. Up to twelve businesses will be selected to participate in twelve half-day workshops. These will be chosen based on criteria including: the scale of ambition, the size of the problem to be solved, early market understanding, a clear competitive advantage, feasible business model and strength and diversity of the team.

Teams must be available to participate on all programme days. At the end of the programme showcase, a Judging Panel comprising leading entrepreneurs, executives and investors, will evaluate progress.

The programme will run from September 2023 to December 2023. An information session on the programme is taking place on 18th May, 2023.

Ongoing Programmes:

Scale-X Accelerator

Scale-X the 11-week Accelerator Programme aimed at start-up entrepreneurs with the potential for fast growth, kicked off on Wednesday April 19th with a very successful launch session in the County Enterprise Board building. There are a total of 14 participants with a diverse group of businesses, sectors and individuals involved. The programme focuses on giving a deep understanding of the metrics that can drive success, the skills to build financial models that stand up to investor scrutiny, and industry engagement and mentorship that give valuable insights to adapt a company's business model to create the perfect fit.

The Programme runs weekly until Wednesday June 28th , when each business will present their final business pitch.

Digital Start

YTD – 19 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 Micro

YTD – 3 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support

This is a FREE programme that helps small businesses take the first step towards becoming more sustainable, giving them access to a green consultant worth up to €2,500 who will show them small changes that can have a big impact on their company.

Lean For Micro

YTD – 4 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.

Ongoing Programmes:

Student Enterprise Program

Winners of the County Final 2023 - Local Lino Art of Errigal College, Letterkenny (Senior Category), Resin & Co of St Columba's College, Stranorlar (Intermediate Category) and Aoife's Rings and Things of Carndonagh Community School (Junior Category) will be representing

Donegal at the National Final in the Croke Park Hotel, Dublin, on Friday 5th May.

Food Coast Donegal

The Food Coast Donegal is an initiative facilitated by the LEO to support, celebrate and grow the Donegal Food Sector.

- 40 certified members.
- Just under 200 network members.

Current activities:

- The Food Coast Strategy Review has been completed and the new strategy will be launched at an event, which will also showcase Donegal produce in May.
- Donegal lamb promotion was successfully launched over Easter and will continue over the coming months.
- ATU Higher Diploma in Food Business & Product Innovation Level 8 programme - LEO Donegal and Food Coast Donegal has sponsored three food businesses from the county to participate and feedback is very positive.
- Food starter programme was successfully delivered in March. Donegal led out for the region and feedback from all participants was excellent.
- National Food Academy Steering Committee - this year is the 10th anniversary of the programme so please keep an eye out for Donegal producers on your local Super Valu shelves.

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. These members are creative business owners throughout Donegal from various sectors within the Creative industry.

LEO Donegal submitted an application to Creative Ireland for funding 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. Funding of €68,000 was awarded from the Creative Communities Action Fund, and 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.

The LEO Donegal and external consultants are developing a 3-year action plan for the creative industry in Donegal and expect to have it finalised in late Spring 2023.

Donegal Engineering Network

The ambition of the ***Donegal Engineering Network*** is to expand, strengthen and enhance the existing engineering group in Donegal.

A range of Good Practice visits, Exhibition Visits and collaborations with other cluster/network facilitators on reciprocal events are being scheduled.

Donegal Engineering Network will host a stand at the Manufacturing & Supply Chain Expo, RDS Dublin on the 23rd & 24th May. This will be an opportunity to showcase our excellent Donegal Engineering sector.

Monthly workshops are facilitated with the topics selected by the Engineers. Recent topics covered included HR and ISO certification.

Start You Own Business Programme

So far this year there has been 3 Start Your Own Business (SYOB) Programmes held on-line. A total of 53 applied to participate in the 3

	<p>programmes with a further 25 applicants scheduled to commence the May programme, commencing on 2nd May, 2023. A further 3 on-line programmes are scheduled to take place this year in June, September & October.</p> <p>A one day SYOB Bootcamp is to be held in late May where participants will have the opportunity to attend an in-person short intensive programme covering the main essentials of the on-line programme</p> <p><u>Upcoming Activities:</u></p> <p>National Enterprise Awards</p> <p>Silver Strand Rope Works Ltd, based in Moville, has been chosen to represent Donegal at the National Enterprise Awards, to be held in the Mansion House in Dublin on 1st June, 2023.</p> <p>The company’s application to the national competition was submitted in March and the national adjudication took place on 26th & 27th April, 2023, in Mullingar, Co. Westmeath.</p> <p>Other activities taking place in May are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trading Online Voucher Workshop – 10th May, 2023 • Business Information Sessions – 5th, 12th, & 19th May (On-Line) • Information Session – Ambition - Female Accelerator Programme 18th May <p><u>All bookings can be made here:</u></p> <p>https://www.localenterprise.ie/Donegal/Training-Events/Online-Bookings/</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. Division: Emergency Services – Fire Service

Project / Activity Report

Activity	Number of: (March)*		Total for year	
<u>Fire Service Operations</u>				
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	52		159	
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	55		180	
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	4		18	
<u>Operational Activity Breakdown March 2023</u>				
	Turnouts		Incidents in County	
	Fires	Special Services	Fires	Special Services
Donegal Fire Service	33	22	27	21
Northern Ireland Fire Service	2	2	2	2
Sub Total	35	24	29	23
Total	59		52	
<u>Fire Prevention</u>				
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	23		46	
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	22		N/A	

Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from Applicant / Agent:	66	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	20	57
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	0	6
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	0	0
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	3	4
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	7	33
Fire Safety Complaints received:	3	7
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	2	8
During Performance Inspections carried out:	0	0
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	0	0

*** Current data only available up to end of March 2023.**

HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

Municipal District of Inishowen

22nd May 2023

Corporate Services

- Consider request for deputation from Barrack Hill Town Steering Committee
- Consider date for Workshop - Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme –
Proposed Dates 20th to 23rd June

Housing Service

- Progress Reports

Summary of Casual Vacancies Inishowen MD as 22 nd May 2023	
Properties Refurbished and at Offer Stage	4
Properties being refurbished	6
Properties to be refurbished	9

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
7	4	3

Summary of DCC Nominations to AHBs

Area	AHB	Nominated	Vacancy	Allocated
Moville	Apex	9	5	3
Carndonagh	SVP	2	1	Pending
Clonmany	SVP	5	1	Pending
Buncrana	SVP	4	2	2

Inishowen MD Housing Waiting List at 22 nd May 2023	
Gross Number of Approved Applicants on Social Housing Waiting List	618
Applicants currently accommodated with HAP assistance but who have remained on the Council Social Housing list	427
Tenants currently accommodated in Council Social Housing and who are approved for a Transfer	44
Net Social Housing Waiting List	147

Gross Need - by approved bedrooms

Municipal District		1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Inishowen	Ballyliffin	0	4	2	1	0	0	7
	Bridgend	0	14	5	1	0	0	20
	Buncrana	15	151	77	13	1	1	258
	Burnfoot	0	12	3	1	0	0	16
	Burt	0	3	4	0	0	0	7
	Carndonagh	9	67	34	6	0	0	116
	Carrigans	2	5	4	1	0	0	12
	Clonmany	1	11	10	1	0	0	23
	Culdaff	0	7	2	0	0	0	9
	Fahan	1	4	2	0	0	0	7
	Gleneely	0	4	3	0	0	0	7
	Glengad	0	2	1	0	0	0	3
	Greencastle	0	8	1	1	0	0	10
	Inch	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
	Killea	0	2	2	1	0	0	5
	Malin	0	2	7	0	0	0	9
	Malin Head	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
	Moville	4	20	9	2	0	0	35
	Muff	0	16	8	0	0	0	24
	Newtowncunningham	6	30	6	0	1	0	43
Redcastle	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	
Total		38	365	184	28	2	1	618

Housing Grants Report at 12th May 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	70	59	0	9	2	0
2023	29	12	0	4	3	10

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	19	9	0	2	1	7

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	124	112	6	6	0	0
2023	60	35	3	4	0	18

DCB Scheme Update – as at 4th May 2023

STAGE 1 - CONFIRMATION OF ELIGIBILITY		
	No. of Applications	1242
DECIDED - Approved or pending approval	688	56%
With Applicant	213	17%
UNDECIDED - With or expected to go to Housing Agency.	200	16%
UNDECIDED - With DCC for assessment	141	11%
	1242	100%

STAGE 2 - GRANT APPROVAL		
	No. of Applications	143
DECIDED - Approved or pending approval	93	66%
With Applicant	21	15%
UNDECIDED - With DCC for assessment	29	19%
	143	100%

STAGE 3 - ON-SITE		
Completed	34	
On site	33	
	67	

Value of Grants paid to date by Donegal Co Co	
Stage 1 - Fees	€ 5,779,887.10
Essential Immediate Repairs	€ 1,532.25
Ancillary Grants	€ 395,250.00
Stage Payments for construction works.	€ 6,862,763.27
	€ 13,039,432.62

**Housing Capital Update Report
Inishowen Municipal District Meeting
May 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
Completed		
Rockytown Buncrana (Phase 1)	All units are now let.	21
Construction Stage		
The Meadows, Buncrana	Construction commenced on site in April. The construction period for the project is 10 months.	1
Detailed Design / Tender Stage		
Crana Crescent, Buncrana	The Letter of Intent was issued to the most economically advantageous contractor. The Council are continuing to engage directly with the contractor to progress mandatory contract requirements. Final approval has now been granted by the Department. Anticipated start date on site June 2023 (Subject satisfactory completion of contract requirements)	16
Preliminary Design Stage (No of units subject to change)		
Rockytown, Buncrana (Phase 2)	DAC and Fire Certificates have been approved. Civil and structural consultants along with an archaeologist have now been appointed. The archaeologist is due to commence investigation work in May 2023. Tenders have been returned for all other consultants and are currently being assessed. The detailed design package is currently being prepared. Department approval will be requested in advance of tendering for contractor.	56
Total		94

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.

The Council is currently liaising with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in respect of a project at Carndonagh and continues to dialogue with the Developer in an effort to seek agreement on costs.

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

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. In this regard the Council has currently 2 offers accepted (subject to contract) for land in Moville and Newtowncunningham.

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.