

Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain

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20ú Feabhra 2024

FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain ar siúl Dé Luain 26ú Feabhra 2024, **ag 9.00 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

**Una Cresswell
Riarthóir Cruinnithe**

Municipal District of Inishowen

Office of Meetings Administrator
County House
Lifford
20th February 2024

NOTICE OF MEETING

A Meeting of the Municipal District of Inishowen will be held on Monday 26th February 2024 **at 9.00a.m. in the Public Services Centre, Carndonagh, Co. Donegal.**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF INISHOWEN

Dear Councillor

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

Yours sincerely

Una Cresswell

**Una Cresswell
Meetings Administrator**

AGENDA

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the December Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District held on 16th January 2024
2. Planning
3. Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services
4. Environment
5. Community Development
6. Roads & Transportation
7. Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services
8. Correspondence

MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 16th January 2024 AT 2.00pm IN CARNDONAGH PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE

Councillors Present:

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

Officials Present:

Bryan Cannon, 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, Elaine Harley, Executive Architect, Housing Capital, Fiona Doherty, Development Officer, Community & Enterprise, Ryan Nolan, Executive Planner, Matthew Byrne, Waste Regulation Officer (online), Philip O’Kennedy, Business Advisor, Local Enterprise office (online).

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

24.01 Expression of Sympathy

As requested by Cllr Terry Crossan, a minute’s silence was observed in memory of Cllr Noreen McGarvey who sadly passed away.

Cllr Terry Crossan, on behalf of all the members of the Inishowen Municipal District also expressed condolences to Sinéad McLaughlin, Executive Librarian, on the death of her father, Mario Comiskey.

24.02 Consideration of the Minutes of the Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District held on 05th December 2023

On the proposal of Cllr Rena Donaghey, seconded by Cllr Martin Farren, the minutes of the Inishowen Municipal District Meeting held on 05th December 2023 were agreed.

24.03 PLANNING

Ryan Nolan, Executive Planner presented the planning report to the members, and it was taken as read.

24.03.01 Planning Applications

Ryan Nolan advised the members that the Inishowen Municipal District had the highest number of planning applications for 2023. He advised that Inishowen MD also had the highest number of invalid applications in Donegal.

Cllr Paul Canning requested that the electoral divisions map be updated on the Donegal County Council website.

24.03.02 Vacant Property - Inishowen

The members advised that they had received several queries from members of the public outlining concerns about a vacant property in the Inishowen area and its potential change of use in the future. A discussion took place around the suitability of the vacant property for alternative use and possible, potential planning irregularities. Ryan Nolan advised that he could not comment on individual cases. However, if there are any unauthorised works carried out at any property, this matter would be dealt with through Planning Enforcement.

20.03.03 IPAS (International Protection Accommodation Services)

The members expressed their frustration with the lack of information from IPAS regarding properties, sometimes suggested as unsuitable, being considered for refugee accommodation. Bryan Cannon advised and clarified that if a property is made available to house refugees the contract would be between the private property owner and the International Protection Accommodation Service (IPAS). As noted, any unauthorised works on such properties would be dealt with by Planning Enforcement.

24.03.04 Defective Concrete Blocks Grant Scheme

Cllr Martin McDermott raised concerns around the timeframe in obtaining a Certificate of Compliance with Planning Permission when applying for the Enhanced Defective Concrete Blocks Grant Scheme in certain cases. Ryan Nolan agreed to follow up on this matter.

Cllr Paul Canning highlighted the difficulty in obtaining plans/drawings for a dwelling if the owner had not made the original planning application. The original plans/ drawings can only be obtained from the Planning Office if consent is given from the original applicant. This is not always possible, and Cllr Canning requested that this consent be waived in the cases when the applicant intend to rebuild under the Defective Concrete Blocks Grant Scheme.

24.03.05 Draft County Development Plan - Workshop

It was agreed that a Workshop be held on 30th January 2024 at 10am regarding the Draft County Development Plan.

24.03.06 Croi Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant

Cllr Albert Doherty referred to the 125 Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant applications that were received for the Inishowen Municipal District area and requested that these applications be progressed. He expressed his gratitude to the team for the work that was carried out to date in relation to this scheme.

24.03.07 Tús Nua Project

Cllr Albert Doherty requested an update in relation to the Tús Nua Project.

24.04 ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION

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

24.04.01 Roads Programme 2024 - Workshops

It was agreed that workshops would be held on 30th January 2024 and 09th February 2024 in relation to the 2024 Roads Programme.

24.04.02 Inishowen Roads Team

The members acknowledged the huge amount of work that was completed by the Inishowen Roads team during 2023.

24.04.03 LIS/CIS

Michael McFadden requested that any applications under LIS/CIS should be submitted as soon as possible.

24.04.04 Battery Brae2, Greencastle

Cllr Martin Farren acknowledged the work that was carried out at Battery Brae, Greencastle.

24.04.05 Traffic Calming Measures

Cllr Martin Farren requested that traffic calming measures be put in place at the Movice/Greencastle Road.

24.04.06 Clar Corner, Redcastle

Cllr Martin Farren requested that traffic speed be monitored at Clar Corner, Redcastle.

24.04.07 Clar Bridge, Redcastle

Michael McFadden advised that the outlets at Clar Bridge were cleared following a request by Cllr Martin Farren.

24.04.08 Mill Bridge, Buncrana

Cllr Rena Donaghey highlighted her concern regarding the Mill Bridge in Buncrana and requested that a solution be found as soon as possible.

24.04.09 Glentogher Road, Carndonagh

Cllr Martin McDermott referred to funding for the Glentogher Road, Carndonagh as outlined at previous meetings and asked that this be followed up.

24.04.10 Francistown Junction, Malin

Cllr Martin McDermott referred to Francistown Junction as discussed at previous meetings. He asked that this matter be followed up and progressed and a solution be found.

24.04.11 Car Parking Facilities at Wild Alpaca Way, Malin Head

Cllr Albert Doherty requested that car parking facilities be provided at Wild Alpaca Way, Malin Head.

24.04.12 Footbridge, Culdaff

Cllr Johnny McGuinness requested an update regarding the provision of the footbridge in Culdaff.

24.04.13 Tooban/Fahan Road

Cllr Jack Murray requested an update regarding the provision of a crossing at Tooban/Fahan Road.

24.04.14 McCarter's Road, Buncrana

Cllr Jack Murray requested that appropriate measures be put in place at McCarter's Road, Buncrana to allow pedestrians to cross the road safely.

24.04.15 Winter Maintenance

Cllr Rena Donaghey requested that St Joseph's Nations School, Illies, Buncrana be included in the Winter Maintenance Programme. She stated that there is a water treatment plant close to this school and suggested that contact be made with Irish Water requesting that they also assist with gritting the road. Cllr Martin McDermott concurred with these comments. Michael McFadden agreed to follow up with Irish Water.

24.04.16 Infrastructural Fund

Following a request from Cllr Paul Canning, Michael McFadden agreed to update him on the Infrastructural Fund that is available to members.

24.04.17 Donagh Park, Carndonagh

Cllr Albert Doherty thanked Michael McFadden and his team in relation to assistance that was provided at Donagh Park recently.

24.05 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Philip O’Kennedy, Business Advisor, Local Enterprise office, presented the report, and it was taken as read. He highlighted the following items from the report –

- Holiday World Show 2024 – Event taking place in RDS 26th to 28th January 2024.
- New Tourism Brochure 2024
- Event in London Irish Centre on 08th February – Packie Bonner and Shay Given will be promoting the relocation campaign and employment opportunities in the County.
- Six events will take place in 2024/205 aimed at connecting SMEs with International buyers with the first event taking place on 31st January 2024 which will focus on Food and Nutrition and the second event will take place on 09th February 2024 which will focus on Construction, Engineering and Sustainable Energy.

24.05.01 Tourism - Workshop

Philip O’Kennedy requested a date for a workshop with the members during the first quarter of 2024. The date of this workshop is to be confirmed.

24.05.02 Local Enterprise Office

Cllr Nicholas Crossan requested a report on the benefits of the different events organised by the Local Enterprise Office, that take place as outlined in the report.

24.05.03 Relocation Marketing Campaign

Cllr Albert Doherty referred to the high interest in the #MoveToDonegal campaign as outlined in the report and asked if there were adequate housing, healthcare, education and transport in Donegal to support this campaign.

24.05.04 Golf Tourism

Cllr Albert Doherty referred to the Golf Cluster Meetings that take place as outlined in the report and raised issues with coastal erosion and the effect on our golf clubs and beaches and asked that these issues be considered.

24.05.05 Grianán of Aileach

Cllr Jack Murray queried the opening hours of Grianán of Aileach and the importance to Donegal tourism to have this attraction open to the public. He requested that this matter be followed up with the OPW. The members concurred with these comments. Cllr Paul Canning requested a meeting with the OPW in this regard.

24.05.06 Ballyliffin Golf Club

Cllr Martin McDermott referred to the R&A Amateur Championship which will take place at Ballyliffin Golf Club in June 2024 for two weeks. He advised that this will be an excellent opportunity to promote

Donegal. He requested that Donegal Tourism and Go Visit Inishowen contact Ballyliffin Golf Club in order to make the most of this opportunity.

24.05.07 Regional Festival & Events Grant Scheme

Cllr Nicholas Crossan queried if the Regional Festival & Events Grant Scheme was closed for applications.

24.05.08 Tourism – Inishowen

Cllr Johnny McGuinness raised concerns around the lack of bed nights available in Inishowen which was having a detrimental effect to the tourism sector. He said that this has led to a reliance on day trippers to Inishowen and outlined the need to have our tourist attractions fully supported. He outlined the negative effect on businesses throughout Inishowen and asked that these concerns be addressed. He requested a meeting with Fáilte Ireland and Donegal Tourism.

24.06 ENVIRONMENT

Matthew Byrne, Waste Regulation Officer presented the report, and it was taken as read. He highlighted the following items from the report –

- Climate Action Plan – Pack will issue to all members in relation to the CAP in mid-January which will allow time for members to review prior to the adoption of the CAP at the Plenary meeting on 21st February 2024.
- Community Climate Action Fund – Public information session will be held in the Public Service Centre, Carndonagh on 23rd January from 7-8pm. The closing date for applications will be 22nd March 2024.
- Deposit Return Scheme – Commencement date 01st February 2024. Any queries can be referred to Environment Section.

24.06.01 Jet Skis, Merville Beaches

Cllr Martin Farren expressed his disappointment that the Jet Ski signs that were erected at Glenburnie Beach and Sweet Nellie's Beach were removed again. He requested that this matter be investigated further and a solution be found.

24.06.02 Lifeguard Provision at Beaches

Cllr Martin Farren asked that he be kept up to date on the provision of lifeguards during the summer period.

24.06.03 Buncrana Anglers Association

Cllr Jack Murray requested that Buncrana Anglers Association be provided with additional resources in the provision of public amenities in the area. Cllr Terry Crossan concurred with these comments.

24.06.04 Public Conveniences

Cllr Johnny McGuinness acknowledged the provision of temporary public convenience facilities at Culdaff Beach over the Christmas period. He requested that a more permanent solution be found for the area and suggested converting the existing structure that was already there. Cllr Nicholas Crossan also queried if there was any progress in the provision of public conveniences at Ned's Point.

24.06.05 Crana River, Buncrana Clean Up

Cllr Nicholas Crossan and Cllr Rena Donaghey thanked Pearse McCrory, Litter Warden for his prompt action in the removal of rubbish from the Crana River over the Christmas period.

24.07 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Fiona Doherty presented the report, and it was taken as read.

24.07.01 Clár Funding

Fiona Doherty updated members that Carrowmenagh Community Centre, Malin GAA and Gleneely Colts recently received Clár Funding.

Cllr Albert Doherty requested a letter be issued from Inishowen MD to Minister Humphreys in relation to the inclusion of additional areas to the Clár Programme following the recently published Pobal HP Deprivation index where the number of people living in area classed as very or extremely disadvantaged has increased from 143,506 individuals to 195,992. Cllr Rena Donaghey and Cllr Terry Crossan concurred with these comments.

24.07.02 Capital Projects

Fiona Doherty updated members on the completed projects in 2023 as outlined in the report. She thanked the members and community groups for their support in the delivery of the projects. She also highlighted the upcoming Capital Projects that will be completed and progressed in 2024.

Cllr Martin Farren thanked Fiona Doherty and the team for the work carried out in 2023.

24.07.03 Development Fund Initiative 2024

Fiona Doherty advised members that the closing date for receipt of completed applications under the Development Fund Initiative 2024 is 4pm on Friday 02nd February 2024.

24.07.04 Workshops

The members agreed the following workshop will take place on 23rd February 2024 -

- Development Fund Initiative at 10am
- Local Economic Community Plan will take place directly after.

24.07.05 Pride of Place Awards

Cllr Albert Doherty congratulated Carndonagh Traders Association in winning the IPB Pride of Place Award in category population 1500-4000. He thanked Fiona Doherty for the support and assistance she provided to Carndonagh Traders Association.

24.07.06 Friar Hegarty's Coastal walk, Bunrana

Cllr Terry Crossan welcomed the update in regarding Friar Hegarty's Coastal Walk, Bunrana. Fiona Doherty advised that she would meet with members in relation to proposed works.

24.07.07 Repowering Bunrana

Cllr Nicholas Crossan requested an update in relation to Repowering Bunrana. Fiona Doherty agreed to follow up with Patricia McIntyre.

24.07.08 Muff Féile Group

Cllr Terry Crossan thanked Fiona Doherty for meeting with the newly formed Muff Féile Group.

24.07.09 Malin Head Visitor Management Plan

Fiona Doherty advised members that Community Development directorate are working on a roadmap/timeline for the advancement of the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan as advised at the workshop meeting held on the 28th of November 2023.

24.08 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES

Una Cresswell, A/Area Manager, presented the Housing and Corporate report, and it was taken as read. She welcomed Elaine Harley, Executive Architect, Housing Capital, to the meeting.

24.08.01 Social Housing Developments

Cllr Nicholas Crossan welcomed the report in relation to the provision of social housing in the Inishowen Municipal District. Cllr Rena Donaghey raised concerns around lack of suitable land in the Buncrana area for future Social Housing developments. Cllr Jack Murray concurred with these comments. Elaine Harley advised that the land team continue to identify further land parcels across the Inishowen Municipal District area and assess their suitability for social housing. Una Cresswell advised of the huge demand for Social Housing in the Buncrana area and stated that the Council continue to strive to find solutions to increase housing supply.

24.08.02 Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition

Following a query raised by Cllr Albert Doherty in relation to potential turnkey acquisition at Carndonagh, Elaine Harley advised that the Council has made an increased offer to the Developer for the acquisition of the units.

24.08.03 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. Una Cresswell advised that the process is ongoing, and applications are progressing.

24.08.04 Defective Concrete Blocks

Cllr Martin McDermott requested an update in relation to the remediation of social housing stock. Una Cresswell agreed to follow up.

Martin McDermott also stated that he wanted to clarify the building regulations were the same for both private and social houses.

24.08.05 Homeless Accommodation

Following a query from Cllr Albert Doherty, Una Cresswell outlined the emergency accommodation options which may be available in certain situations. She outlined the need for more focused homeless accommodation for people that find themselves in extremely difficult circumstances.

24.08.06 Deputation Go Visit Inishowen

Una Cresswell advised that a request has been received from Go Visit Inishowen for a deputation with members. It was agreed by the members that a deputation would take place at the next Inishowen Municipal District meeting on 26th February 2024.

24.08.07 Disposal of Property at Greencastle Harbour

Members were asked to consider the request that was circulated to them on 15th January 2024 by Michael McFadden, Senior Executive Engineer that Donegal County Council proposes to lease various sites at Greencastle Harbour to entities associated with the Marine/Fishing Industry as outlined below.

Site Details	Leasee	Area sq m
Old Esso Site on main Greencastle Pier	Seabound Engineering	180
Behind Original BIM Ice Plant on main Greencastle Pier	Tardrum Fisheries - Gerard Kelly	135.36
Old BIM Ice Plant on main Greencastle Pier	Foyle Fisherman's Co-Op	186
Box Pen Site at Boat Yard	Seabound Engineering	180
Behind Queensport Pier	Foyle & Marine Dredging Ltd.	500

Notice under Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 will be presented to the full Plenary Council meeting in Lifford on 29th January 2024 with full details of all leases to be approved.

24.08.08 Meeting with Superintendent, An Garda Siochana

Cllr Martin Farren requested that a meeting take place with Superintendent following several burglaries in the area. Cllr Albert Doherty supported this request. Cllr Terry Crossan advised that he raised this matter at the Joint policing Committee. Cllr Johnny McGuinness highlighted concerns around the closure of local Garda Stations in the area.

24.08.09 Book Signing – Pat McArt

Una Cresswell advised that a book signing will be organised in the Carndonagh Library with Pat McArt, publisher of 'War, Peace and the Derry Journal.' She will update members with the date as soon as it is confirmed.

24.08.10 Inishowen Municipal District Meetings 2024

Cllr Martin Farren proposed that the dates for the Inishowen Municipal District meetings would commence at 10am going forward. Cllr Martin McDermott seconded this proposal.

24.09 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the Date of the next meeting to be held on 26th February 2024 at 9am.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

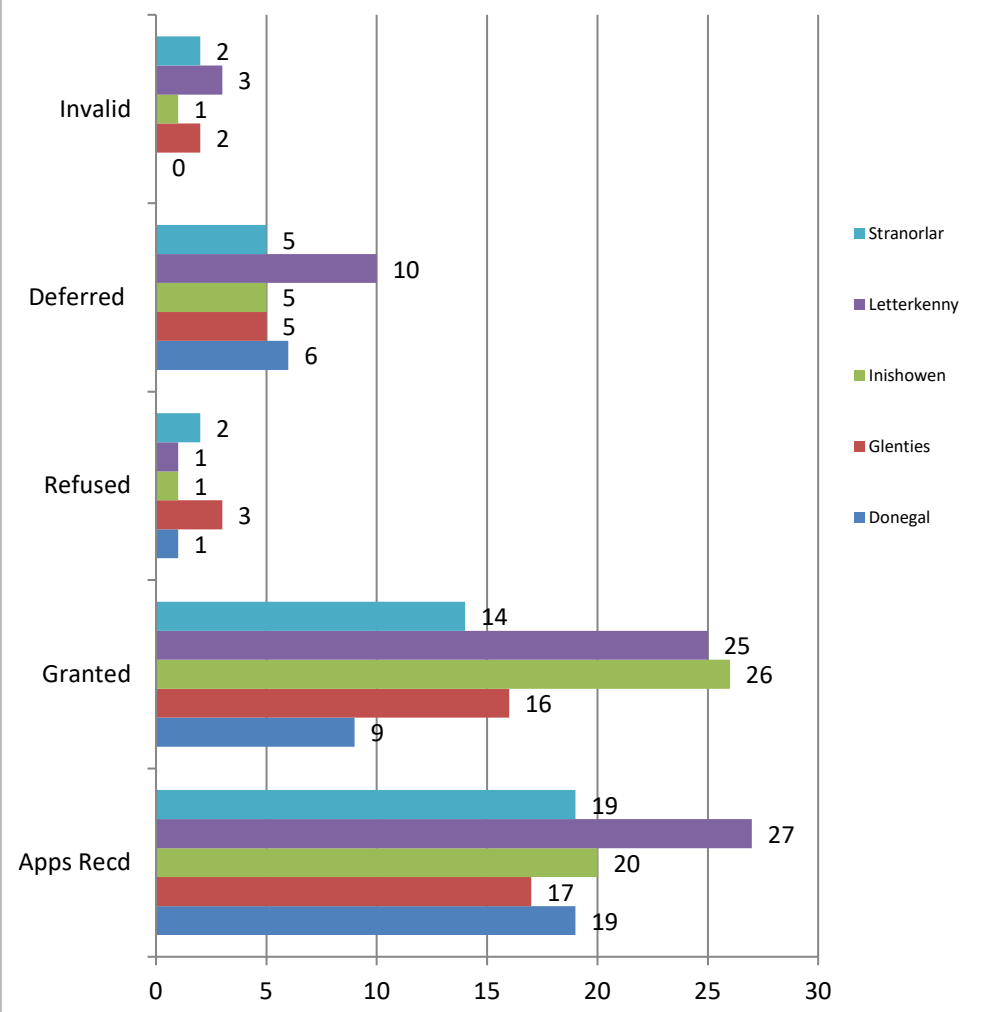
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Inishowen MD Meeting
27th February 2024

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4	Casual Trading									
5	Regeneration & Development	See Appendix A								
6	Building Control & Taking in Charge	See Appendix B								
7	Central Planning Unit									
8	Capital Projects Delivery Unit									
9	Conservation									
10	Further Information <i>Click on web links to access information.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly List of applications and decisions: http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weekly-planninglists/ • Planning Service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service): planning@donegalcoco.ie • Planning Webpage: www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/ • Planning Application Online Query – https://www.eplanning.ie/DonegalCC/SearchTypes 								



		File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and planning search requests: www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/fileretrieval/File%20Retrieval.pdf
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APPENDIX A



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Regeneration & Development Team Community Development and Planning Services

REPORT TO THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETINGS FEBRUARY 2024

1.0 Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF)

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

1.1 Summary update of Projects

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

Table 1: Rural Regeneration and Development Fund Projects

Project	Type	Value (includes DCC co- funding)	Current Status/Delivery
Back to Ballyshannon	Category 2 (2020)	€247,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site acquisition completed. Team working towards the publication of a planning scheme. To be targeted for future Category 1 Funding
Ramelton Re-imagined/Historic Town Centre	Category 2 Category 1 (2022)	€249,159 €7,949,868	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 8 approved April 2022 Construction tender to open in Q1 2024. Handover to CPDU imminent. Estimate to commence on site in Q2 2024 (through the CPDU).

Repowering Buncrana	Category 2 (3 rd Call)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sale agreed on former Garda Barracks property. • Tender for consultants to be advertised January 2024 to include public consultation and publication of a planning scheme. • To be targeted for future Category 1 Funding.
Rathmullan (in partnership with The Way Forward Rathmullan CLG).			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 8 approved February 2023. • FPM Accountants (Ireland) Limited appointed in November 2023 to undertake an Economic Appraisal. • To be submitted for funding under the fifth call (closing date 8th February 2024).
Milford Town Centre First Plan		€100,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Centre First Plan launched November 2023 • GM Design Associates preparing a statutory planning scheme for the lands at Lower Mount Marian (including further public consultation) to be completed by Q2 2024. • DCC to progress other priority projects identified in the Plan. • Projects to be targeted for future funding calls.
Creeslough Village Plan and Community Regeneration Project (in association with the Creeslough Working Group, Creeslough Community Association and Arup).			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village Plan to be launched in early 2024 (prepared by Arup on a pro bono basis). • Part 8 for Community Regeneration Project approved in September 2023. • FPM Accountants (Ireland) Limited appointed in November 2023 to undertake an Economic Appraisal. • To be submitted for funding under the fifth call (closing date 8th February 2024).

1.2 Fifth Call for Category 1 Projects (shovel ready) under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF).

In November 2023 a fifth call for Category 1 projects was announced. This is a competitive application process and Local Authorities can submit a maximum of 3 applications for large scale and ambitious in nature projects. The minimum request per project is €500,000 with no upper limit but projects seeking over €10m would be considered exceptional in nature.

In recognition of the classification by the EU Commission of the North West Region as a Transition Region, grant aid of 90% will apply with 10% to be provided in matching contributions by the Council – this 10% matching contribution can be in the form of Local Authority investment, community investment or philanthropic contributions.

The deadline for submission of applications is **12 pm on Tuesday 8th February 2024**. As confirmed to Elected Members at the November 2023 Plenary meeting of the Council, work is underway to bring forward applications for Regeneration Projects in Rathmullan and Creeslough under this Call.

2.0 Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF).

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

2.1 Summary update of Projects

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

Table 2: Urban Regeneration and Development Fund Projects

Call	Value of Project (includes DCC co-funding).	Projects and current Status/Delivery
<p>Call 1 (approved September 2019)</p> <p>3 Sub-Projects</p>	€3m	<p>1 Prepare Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed 2022. <p>2 Letterkenny Urban Regeneration site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DCC took possession of the former ESB site and adjacent lands through a CPO in 2023. Site to be developed for the Alpha/Beta Office accommodation, public realm and Housing. <p>3 Public Realm/Linear Park Phase 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opened June 2023.

<p>Call 2 (May 2020 and approved March 2021)</p> <p>6 Sub Projects</p>	<p>€19.3m (€4.8m DCC co-funding)</p>	<p>1. Reimagine public space at Market Square.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please refer to report from the Capital Projects Delivery Unit Report who are delivering this project. <p>2. Cathedral Quarter Park and Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valuations obtained and land acquisition offers made. • Avison Young appointed in Q4 2023 to take forward all previous engagement and act on Council's behalf as regards further offers/acquisitions/CPO. • Council to consider further offers and advance any acquisitions/CPOs. • Proceed to procurement of architect-led team for all design stages (planning consent, detailed design and site supervision) – procurement process to open as soon as possible. <p>3. Renewal at Lower Main Street</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valuations obtained and land acquisition offers made. • Avison Young appointed in Q4 2023 to take forward all previous engagement and act on Council's behalf as regards further offers/acquisitions/CPO. • Council to consider further offers and advance any acquisitions/CPOs. <p>4. Revival of the Courthouse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPIC Heritage Consulting Ltd appointed to prepare a Visitor Experience Plan/ Product Identification Plan and Business Plan for the development of a major visitor attraction at the Courthouse. Inception Workshop with Letterkenny-Milford MD held on 21st November 2023. • Letterkenny-Milford MD workshop and separate Stakeholder Forum workshop held on the 16th January 2024. • Public drop-in event held on the 17th January 2024 with over 40 attendees. • Letterkenny-Milford MD workshop: 1st February at 11am. • Application submitted to the Built Heritage Investment Scheme for minor repair works.
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		<p>Next Steps: Letterkenny-Milford MD Workshop planned for the 13th February 2024 to provide feedback on the consultation events and agree the concepts to advance to market testing.</p> <p>5. Strategic acquisition to enable a Regional Transport Hub</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avison Young appointed to take forward all previous engagement and act on Councils behalf as regards further offers/ acquisitions/ CPO. • Funding commitment secured from the NTA to enable the engagement of consultancy services to move the project forward to the next level as regards scale, scope, further engagement with transport providers and operational requirements. • Draft tender package sent to the NTA in December 2023 for feed-in prior to opening of a procurement process. • Consultation with Local Link ongoing in relation to private bus operators. <p>6. Strategic acquisition to enable LK Green Connect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 8 in relation to the Cultural Corridor element of the project approved by Donegal County Council at the November 2023 Plenary meeting. • In-house team has commenced steps to develop a Part 8 for Phase 2 (from constructed Phase 1 to Pearse Road). • Valuation services of Avison Young being engaged in relation to phase 2 (from constructed Phase 1 to Pearse Road) and lands required for the Cultural Corridor element of the Scheme.
<p>Call 3 (March 2023 and approved July 2023).</p>	<p>€4m</p>	<p>Revolving fund for acquisition costs of long-term vacant property or sites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In December 2023, 15 letters issued to property owners and 23 Notices of Enquiries affixed to properties to try and identify the owners. • Majority of property owners have been identified and meetings to take place over the next few weeks.

“The Eat Out’ Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Project		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 8 approved November 2022 and contractor due to commence 6th February 2024. • Please refer to the report from Community Development who are delivering this project.
Letterkenny Cultural Corridor		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 8 approved November 2022. • Valuation services of Avison Young being engaged in relation to lands required for the delivery of the Scheme. • Services of Quantity Surveyor being engaged to provide cost estimates for the scheme. • To be targeted for future URDF funding call.
Youth/Community focused project at Lower Main Street		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early engagements with Letterkenny Youth Club and Donegal Youth Services have commenced. • Avison Young appointed in Q4 2023 to take forward all previous engagement and act on Council’s behalf as regards further offers/acquisitions/CPO. • In tandem, targeted to carry out capacity testing of potential lands available to clarify viability of the project and to undertake further engagement with stakeholders- NB this is subject to availability of in-house architectural resources.

3.0 Croi Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme.

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

Table 3: Summary of Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Applications

Applications Received	560
Applications Finalised	340
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved 	320
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deemed not eligible (eligibility criteria not met – vacancy/proposed works). 	20
In progress (first technical inspection/awaiting information from applicant).	204
Withdrawn (by applicant)	16
Properties Refurbished	8
Grants Recouped	1
Requests for grant recoupment (in progress & will be complete by end of week 7).	7
Breakdown of Applicants received per Municipal District	

Letterkenny – Milford MD	135
Inishowen MD	129
Lifford – Stranorlar MD	88
Glenties MD	112
Donegal MD	96
Total	560

- Grants are recouped on completion of works and on submission of vouched expenditure. The applicant must also complete a Charge Document which is prepared by the Local Authority to register a charge on the property to the value of the grant obtained.
- The timeframe for processing application is approximately 5 – 6 weeks where the applicant has submitted all supporting documentation at the outset.
- Donegal currently have the highest number of grant applications processed nationally.
- Plans have been announced to extend the Local Authority Home Loan scheme to applicants of the Vacant Property Refurbishment grant scheme also and more detail are due in early January.
- Drop in events are to be arranged in 10 further locations in February 2024 – further details will issue to the Elected Members in the next week or so.

4.0 Compulsory Purchase Order Activation Fund/Survey of Vacant Properties

In April 2023, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage launched the CPO Activation Programme for the activation of vacant and derelict properties.

The main steps of the programme include:

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

The Council have undertaken Step 1 to identify vacant and derelict properties through the GEO Directory. This survey has been undertaken in the towns listed in

Table 4 below and will be carried out in further towns over the coming months:

Table 4: Towns Surveyed under the CPO Activation Fund

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

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

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

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

Regeneration and Development Team.
February 2024.

APPENDIX B

Municipal District of Inishowen February 2024

Building Control & Taking in Charge
Community Development & Planning Services

REPORT

1. Building Control Activity
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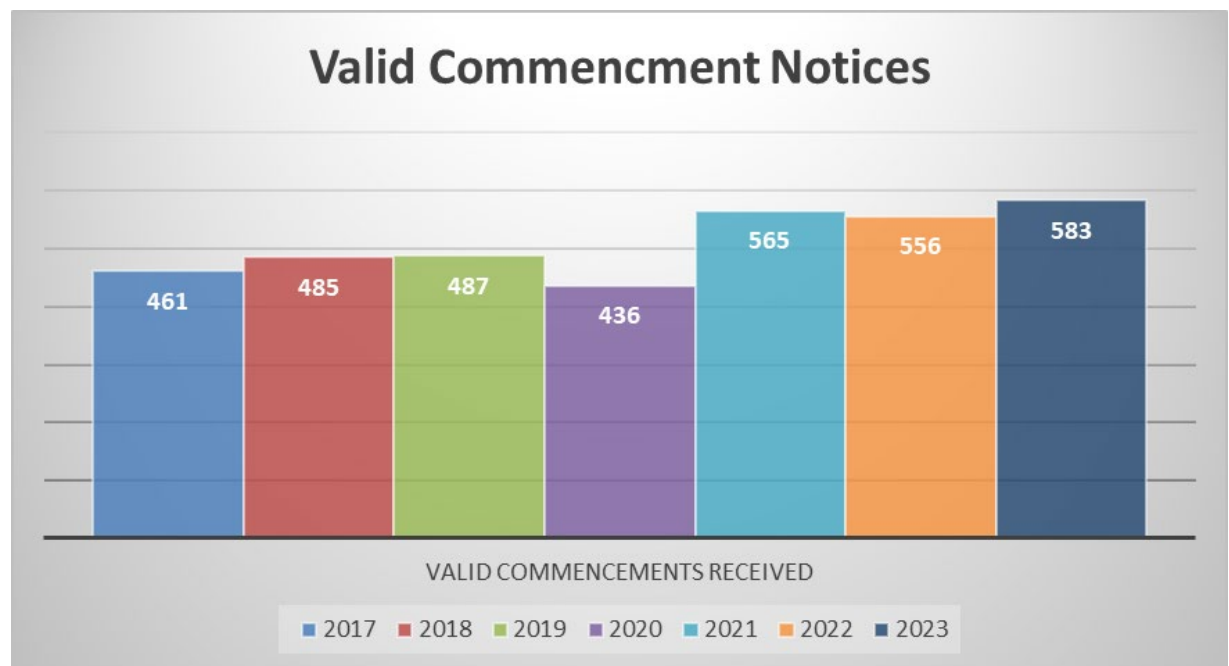
Building Control Activity

a. Commencement Notices

In 2023, 583 Commencement notices were submitted, representing 616 new buildings and 167 building alterations or extensions. This compares with 556 Commencement Notices in 2022 representing 429 new buildings and 127 building alterations or extensions and 565 Commencement notices in 2021 representing 634 new builds and 138 building alterations or extensions.

The number of “Opt-out” Commencement Notices submitted in 2023 was 299, 52% of the overall total submitted.

As reported previously, this consistent level of submission of these type of Commencement Notices remains a concern. Where these types of Commencement Notices are being used the owners have declared themselves to be competent to ensure that the works comply with the Building Regulations and are therefore taking on ALL the responsibility for ensuring compliance with the Regulations.



Types of Commencement Notices:

- i) Commencement Notice with Compliance Documentation: An Assigned Certifier is appointed to oversee the construction and to ensure that there is compliance with the Building Regulations.
- ii) Commencement Notice with Opt Out: This can be used for single dwellings only. The owner is given the option to “opt out” from the Certification Process. They are still legally obliged to comply with the Building Regulations. For this type of commencement notice, an assigned certifier is not appointed, and the owner must sign a declaration to ensure that the building is constructed in accordance with the relevant Building Regulations.

It needs to be stressed here that if this option is chosen, then the Owner is declaring that they are “Competent” and will ensure that the works comply with the Building Regulations. These are still subject to spot check inspections and must provide compliance documentation upon request.

- iii) Commencement Notice without Compliance Documentation: This is referred to as a Short Commencement Notice and requires minimal documentation. It cannot be used for:
- The construction of a new dwelling house.
 - An extension to a dwelling involving a total floor area greater than 40m².
 - Any works that require a fire certificate
- iv) 7 Day Notice: This type of notice is used, where a fire certificate has been applied for but has not yet been granted.

2023- Jan 1st to December 31st				
Type	No. Of CNs	New Builds	Building Alterations/Extensions	Multi Dwelling
				1 no. 11 Unit, 1 No. 8 unit, 1 no. 10 unit, 1 no. 10 unit, 1 no. 12 unit, 1 no. 29 unit, 1 no. 22 unit, 1 no. 6 unit, 1 no. 7 unit, 1 no. 21 unit
CN with Documentation	166	303	56	
7 day notice	61	34	27	
CN without Documentation	57	36	28	
CN with Opt Out	299	243	56	
Total	583	616	167	

b. Disability Access Certificates (DAC):

A Disability Access Certificate (DAC) is a Certificate issued by the Building Control Authority and states that the works or building to which the application relates will, if constructed in accordance with the plans and specifications submitted, comply with

the requirements of Part M of the Second Schedule to the Building Regulations 1997 - 2011.

Except for houses and certain agricultural buildings, a DAC is generally required for all new buildings, including apartments and flats. A certificate is also required for material changes of use and certain alterations and extensions to buildings.

A building may not be opened, operated, or occupied or permitted to do so unless a DAC has been granted or pending determination of an appeals process.

The Building Control Authority is obliged to determine all DAC applications within 8 weeks of receipt unless an extension of time is agreed with the applicant.

The Building Control Department received 96 DAC applications in 2023 which compares with 87 DAC applications in 2022, 99 applications in 2021, 58 applications in 2020 and 53 in 2019.



Taking in Charge of Private Residential Estates.

The Taking in Charge team is today presenting the following estate in the Municipal District to Members seeking approval to complete the Taking in Charge process:

- Wheatfield, Muff,
- The Woods/Doonwood in Buncrana.

Where it is proposed to Declare a road to be a Public Road under Section 11 of the Roads Act, Members are obliged, under subsection (1)(b)(ii) to consider the financial implications for the Authority of the proposed declaration. However, in the case of a development which has not been completed satisfactorily and an application for takeover has been received and the Planning Authority has not commenced enforcement proceedings within the appropriate period, subsection (1)(b)(ii) of section 11 of the Roads Act shall be disregarded.



In this instance however, the financial implications are not significant, with no specific issues within the estates being raised by the Area Roads Engineers.

Planning & Development Act (2000 as amended) – Section 207
Roads Act, 1993 – Section 11
Planning and Development Act, (2000 as amended) – Section 180

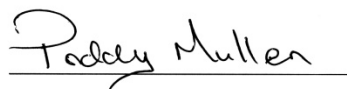
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Furthermore, the Planning Authority for the Inishowen Municipal District is seeking a resolution for the making of an **ORDER**, in accordance with Section 11(1) of the Roads Act 1993, that the roads within the housing estate **Wheatfield, Muff**, over which a public right-of-way will now exist, as shown on the attached map, are hereby declared to be public roads.

It is **noted** that consequent on the making of this Order, the Council is required to take in charge any sewers, watermains, or service connections and the public open spaces or car park within the attendant grounds of the development in accordance with Section 180(4)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

When water services infrastructure is taken in charge by a planning authority pursuant to section 180(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), the water services legislation provides that it will be subsequently transferred to Irish Water by Ministerial Order.

Section 11 of the Roads Act requires that the financial implications of the declaration as a public road be considered. The financial implications are not significant, with no specific issues within this estate being raised by the Area Roads Engineers.



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Senior Executive Engineer
Community & Planning Services

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Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) whereby this Council will
also take in charge the water services infrastructure and the public open
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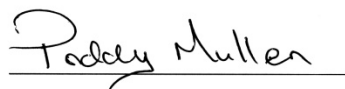
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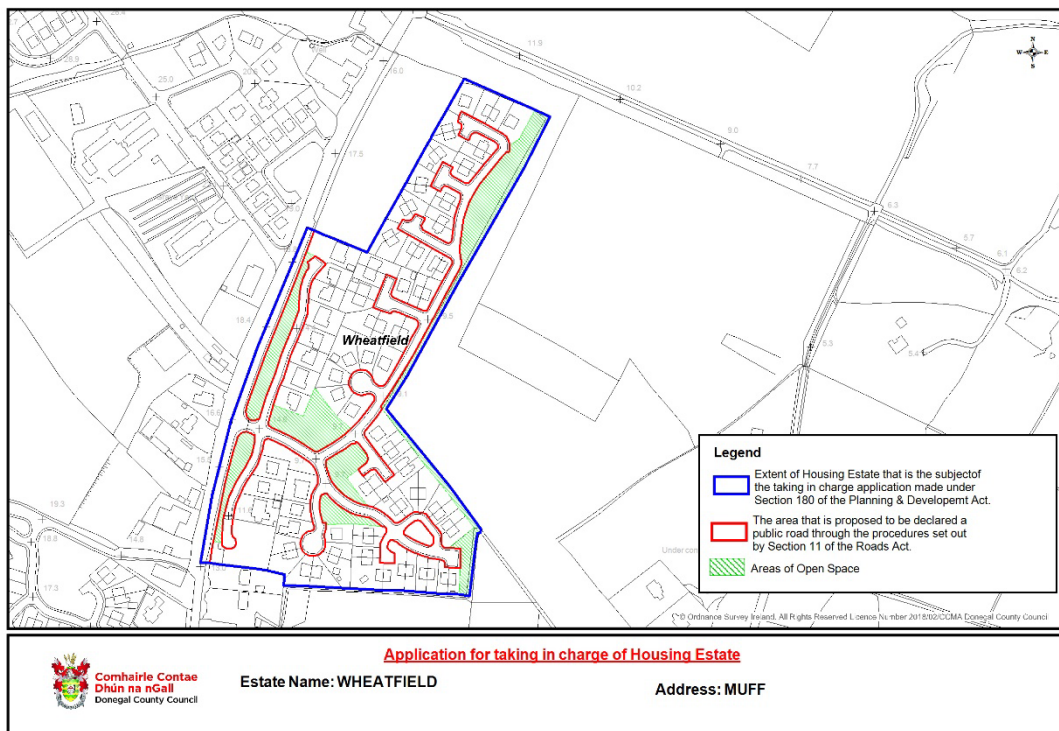
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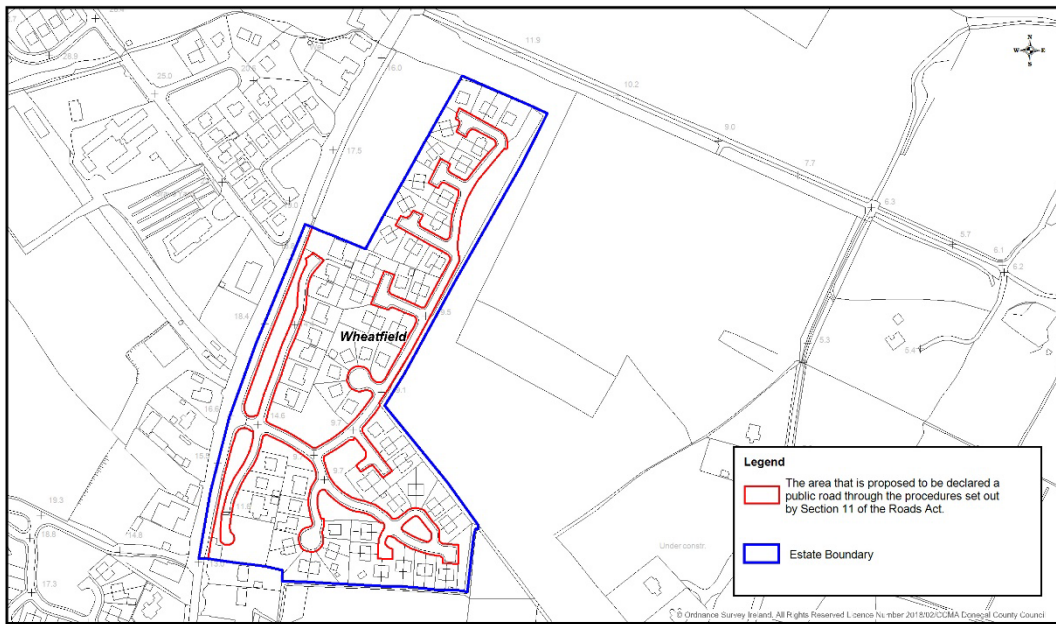



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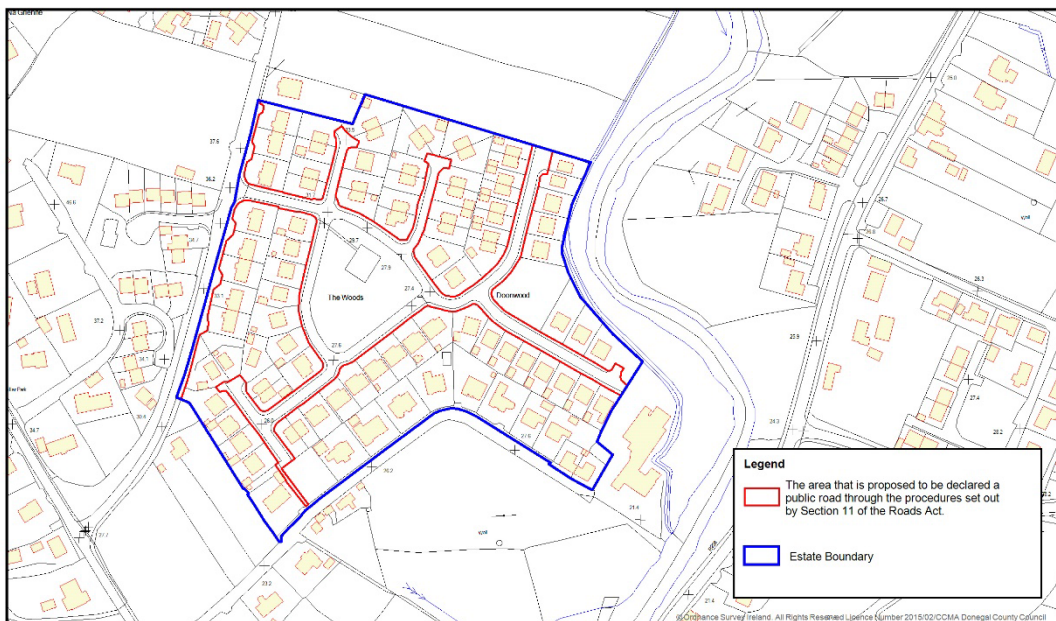





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Creation of public rights of way under S.207 of the Planning & Development Act 2000-2018

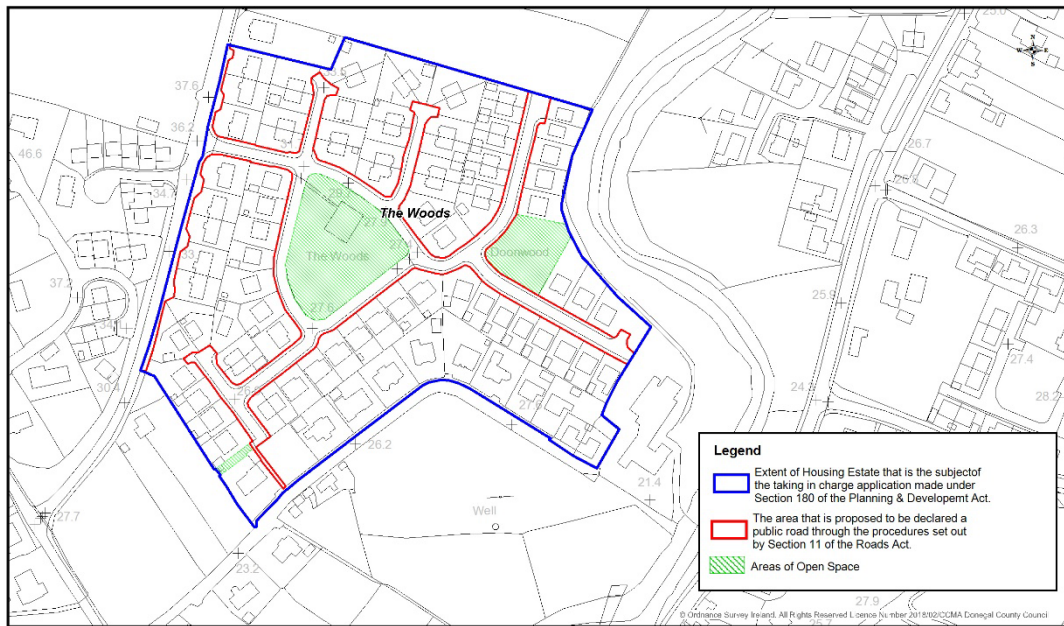
Estate Name: WHEATFIELD **Address: MUFF**




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Donegal County Council

Creation of public rights of way under S.207 of the Planning & Development Act 2000-2018

Estate Name: THE WOODS **Address: TULLYARVAN, BUNCRANA**



Application for taking in charge of Housing Estate

 <p>Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall Donegal County Council</p>	Estate Name: THE WOODS	Address: TULLYARVAN, BUNCRANA
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**Comhairle Contae
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Donegal County Council

Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services Directorate

Master Municipal District Report February 2024

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1. Economic Development

1.1. Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location / Further Info	Point of Contact
8th February 24	Fireside Chat with Shay Given and Packie Bonner.	London Irish Centre. Networking event targeting Irish and Donegal connections in London promoting employment and relocation opportunities in Donegal alongside the HSE and ATU.	Daniel McChrystal – dmcchrystal@donegalcoco.ie
25th April 24	Scottish Diaspora Event showcasing Donegal Tweed and Local Businesses	Event organised in conjunction with ETB, LEO and Irish Consulate Service in Edinburgh to develop connections between Donegal and Scottish Tweed and strengthen connections with Donegal and Irish diaspora in Scotland.	Daniel McChrystal – dmcchrystal@donegalcoco.ie
6th March 24	Donegal Tourism Seminar	Harvey's Point, focusing on sustainable tourism as part of Local Enterprise Week.	Sarah Nolan – sarahnolan@donegalcoco.ie
2nd Wed of Each Month	Innovation Campfire	<p>Hosted by Alpha Innovation - this series provides employees and entrepreneurs an opportunity to take a moment out of their busy days to see the world through a different lens. Over the coming months, our 10-minute sessions will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Showcase inspiring innovation stories from around the world. ● Learn from the experiments, tests, fails, quick wins, and big successes of others. ● Enable participants to be part of a growing community of like-minded individuals. ● Allow participants to shape future sessions by volunteering to tell a story they are passionate about 	Kevin Sexton - kevinsexton@alphainnovation.eu

		You can watch back by visiting ALPHA Innovation Innovation Campfire — ALPHAInnovation.eu	
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1.2 Economic Development Unit

Marketing & Campaigns Updates
<p>#MoveToDonegal Campaign Donegal will feature in an upcoming TG4 series ‘Move West’ in the coming weeks telling the story of people who have made the move to Donegal in recent years and the impact that this has had on their lives, their business and their career and the lives of their family. It will also showcase the services and supports available including the network of co-working spaces as well as the good broadband connectivity that allows people to work from home. The team have been working with TG4 and WDC on the TV show ‘Move West’. The Donegal episode will be aired in early 2024.</p> <p>#BuyDonegal / #CeannaighDúnnanGall 2023 The annual #BuyDonegal campaign took place in November and December encouraging customers to purchase Donegal products and 250+ Donegal businesses participated in the campaign. Each year new features are incorporated into the campaign including themed days, competitions and featured business news stories. The campaign reached of over 5.5 million with more than 11.5K interactions across social media in countries including Ireland, the UK, the United States of America, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, the Philippines, and across Europe. This campaign was shortlisted in the 2023 ‘All Ireland Community & Council Awards’ under the category “Best Communications”.</p> <p>Business Concierge Service The Councils Economic Development Division provides a Business Concierge Service for businesses looking to access Council Services and supports. This service can be accessed by emailing economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie.</p>
Donegal 2040 DAC
<p>Board and Corporate Governance The new enhanced board of Donegal 2040 DAC is now in place and work is progressing in relation to a range of areas including putting in place mechanisms to ensure good corporate governance and establishing a clear strategic framework for Donegal 2040 DAC.</p> <p>Update on Projects:</p> <p>Alpha Innovation Centre and Beta Business Centre Current Status: Main construction contract to go to tender in February 2024, with construction expected to commence on site in Q4 2024. Enabling works / Demolition works to commence on site by Q2, 2024.</p>

Estimated project completion date: Q1 2026.

Remote Working Hub Carrigart:

Status: In operation. Annual management agreement in place.

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

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

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

Marketing Campaign: to commence Q1 2024.

Operation & Management of Burtonport Enterprise Centre (Post Construction)

Current Status: Contractor appointment. Construction to commence Q1 2024.

Current Estimated Completion date: Q1 2025.

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

Current Status: Detailed design.

Current Estimated Completion Date of overall The Seed Project: Q1 2026.

Inward Investment Activity

North West City Region

Golden Bridges and the US Trade Mission

Continuing to follow up and engage with connections established via the Golden Bridges Trade and Investment mission to US in November including potential collaborations with the Alpha Innovation Centre and potential delegation visit to Donegal in April. Plans for 2024 are underway collaboration with partners and stakeholders in Donegal and the wider North West City Region.

The NWCR Inward Investment Strategy

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

Service Land Initiative at The Commons, Lifford

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

Disposal of Council owned Land to support Economic Development

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

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1.2: Tourism Marketing Unit

Project Activity

Holiday World Show 2024

Donegal was showcased to thousands of visitors and members of the trade at the Holiday World Show in Dublin from 26th- 28th January and was attended by 30,000. Donegal Tourism hosted a branded stand at the Holiday World. Fifteen tourism businesses from each MD were represented under the umbrella of Donegal Tourism

New Tourism Brochure 2024

The new Donegal Tourism 2024 brochure was unveiled at the Holiday World Show. The brochure will be promoted on the govisitdonegal.com and social media channels, the content will be used over the summer months as part of ongoing marketing. The brochure will also be distributed to attractions and airports servicing the region. With the environment and sustainability in mind, a limited amount of printed promotional material with QR codes for the brochure will also be distributed to tourism businesses to make it easy for visitors to access information on what to see and do once they arrive.

Tourism Ireland Marketing Plans 2024

Donegal Tourism attended the launch of Tourism Ireland's Marketing Plans for 2024 in January, where the team had an opportunity to meet on a one-to-one basis with TI representatives working across many different countries. Following these several promotional events and opportunities have arisen, which includes an interview on Spanish national radio in relation to Donegal.

Shoulder Season Campaign Spring 2024

Donegal Tourism will re-start its shoulder season campaign on Monday 19th February for a four-week period. The aim of this campaign is to drive incremental visitors to our county in the non-peak period. This campaign enjoyed phenomenal success during Oct/Nov 2023.

Beyond the Stage Festival and Events Workshop

"Beyond the Stage - Insider Insights for Festival and Event Organisers" was held on 25th January in the Silver Tassie Hotel in Letterkenny. This was attended by 60 people. Industry speakers, including Colm Croffy from AOIFE (Association of Irish Festivals and Events), as well as representatives from Failte Ireland and Donegal County Council offered advice on funding opportunities, marketing, logistics, etc. One-to-one clinics (bookable in 10-minute slots) were available with AOIFE, Ballyshannon Folk Festival, Donegal County Council, and Failte Ireland, where attendees could talk about festival issues and have their questions answered.

Donegal Tourism Seminar 2024

This year's Donegal Tourism Seminar will take place on Wednesday 6th March, in Harvey's Point, as part of Local Enterprise Week. The theme this year will be Sustainable Tourism.

TOURBO Project

Progression into the second phase of the Interreg European TOURBO project, led by Seville Chamber of Commerce, is ongoing which will support small and medium sized tourism businesses with green and digital transformation. For more information visit <https://www.interregeurope.eu/tourbo>

Sustainable Arctic and Peripheral Biking Tourism Project

SUB (Sustainable Arctic and Peripheral Biking Tourism Project) is progressing into phase two and will provide businesses supporting sustainable tourism biking with an opportunity to learn from various good practice approaches across Europe.

Supporting the development of Golf Tourism

The Donegal Golf Cluster met on Wed 31 January and 15 of the 17 golf clubs in the county were represented. Plans for 2024 and 2025 were discussed and it was agreed to host a networking event between clubs and hotels in Donegal in April with the aim of building stronger connections between the two.

Donegal 550

Donegal Tourism is part of the Steering Group looking at celebrating Donegal Town 550 in 2024. A calendar of events is currently being collated and a final weekend of celebrations taking place in the fourth quarter of 2024.

GoVisitDonegal.com Website

2024 (Jan 1 – Jan 28) - Users 18K- Page Views 43K.
Festival and Events is the most viewed page – views 3.1K

Online & Social Media Updates – Go Visit Donegal

Facebook: Facebook had a reach of 294.5K The Power of the Sea Malin Head, was the highest reaching post.

Instagram: Instagram had a reach of 66.4K.

LinkedIn: 1,426 followers. 87 new followers in the last 28 days.

Twitter: 6K impressions over the last 28 days.

TikTok: TikTok has 98 followers, an increase of 40 new followers.

Donegal Tourism CLG

Donegal Tourism CLG and the Associated Members Committee continue to enable meaningful engagement, co-ordination and collaboration of key stakeholders in the tourism sector in Donegal.

The board of Donegal Tourism CLG and the Associated Members Committee met collectively on 10 January 2024 and this provided a good opportunity to exchange information and get a good insight into the opportunities and challenges facing the sector. There was a review of activities undertaken in 2023 and plans for 2024 were discussed and agreed.

Grant Schemes

Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme

All successful applicants under the 2023 MTWGS have been issued letters of offer and applicants are getting works underway. The 2024 application form is being prepared with the aim of having this available in early March.

Regional Festival & Events Grant Scheme

The 2023 scheme is now closed. County Donegal has been allocated funding of €49,750 under the 2024 scheme. The application form is being finalised for release in the coming weeks.

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1.4: Strategic Funding Unit

Strategic Funding Unit – Exploring EU and National Funding Opportunities that support the objectives set out in the **Donegal County Council Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024**

PEACE Plus

SEUPB has provided a new timetable of calls for applications to the PEACEPLUS Programme for 2021-2027 on their website. Please visit: <https://www.seupb.eu/funding/current-funding-opportunities>

ICC – Intelligent Cities Challenge

Donegal County Council is a partner along with Derry City and Strabane District Council on the EU funded Intelligent Cities Challenge project led by ERNACT. This project looks at working with experts from Europe and local SME's to develop LGD's (Local Green Deals), which are commitments to support the transition towards carbon neutrality.

NPA Funded Target Circular Project

Donegal County Council is an associate partner on the Target Circular project led by MTU (Munster Technological University), the Hincks Centre for Entrepreneurship Excellence. This is an EU funded project under Interreg NPA called 'Target Circular – Supporting SMEs to Success'. Target Circular aims to improve the service that business support organisations offer client SME's with the aim of increasing their chances of business success with the circular economy as a focus. The project is comprised of 7 Partners and 2 Associate Partners from Ireland, Finland, Norway, Sweden and Iceland – all actively engaged in supporting businesses. The lead partner plans to host an information event in Donegal in Q4 of 2024.

CPMR General Assembly

Donegal County Council will continue its membership of the CPMR in 2024. Atlantic Arc Commission Hub meetings will be held on 31 January & 1st February 2024 incorporating meetings of the Fisheries & Aquaculture Working Group and the Atlantic Tourism & Culture Working Group.

AER Youth Regional Network (YRN)

Peter McNelis, a youth representative from Ardara, Donegal has been selected as part of AER's YRN delegation to the LevelUp! event at the European Parliament, organised by the European Youth Forum (YFJ), on 12-13 April. 1,200 participants are expected, with many youth organisations across Europe being represented. The YFJ received 3,000+ applications, but thanks to our partnership with AER, Donegal will be well represented with Peter attending on behalf of the YRN network.

AER Summer Academy 2024

DCC hosted the Summer Academy in Donegal in 2022 in partnership with Udarás na Gaeltachta. The next Summer Academy youth focused event will take place in Norway in August 2024. There will be an opportunity for Donegal County Council to send 2 delegates to this event, 1 youth and 1 adult and host a workshop at the event, which is expected to bring over 150 people from across EU member states and beyond.

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2. Local Enterprise Office

Summary of January 2024 Outputs/Events:

Grant Aid (M1) –The first EVAC meeting for 2024 is taking place on 1st February 2024.

Trading Online Vouchers – YTD: 2 applications for Trading Online Vouchers received.

Mentoring 2024 – YTD: 14 Applications for mentoring have been received.

Training – YTD: 63 Attendees on 5 Courses held.

Digital Start – YTD: 3 applications received.

Green for Business – YTD: 1 application received.

Energy Efficiency Grants - YTD: 0 applications received.

Lean For Business – YTD: 0 applications received.

Start Your Own Business Programme 2024

The Start Your Own Business Programme recommenced on 9th January 2024, and was fully booked. This is the first of 7 Programmes scheduled to take place during 2024. The February programme is starting on 6th February and is fully booked.

Upcoming Events/Programmes:

Lean, Green & Digital for Business Information Sessions

Information Sessions for Lean, Green and Digital productivity supports are taking place in January and early February to raise awareness and encourage take up. Businesses can sign-up for these free events through the Local Enterprise Office website: <https://www.localenterprise.ie/donegal>

European Enterprise Network (EEN)

An online event, “Access to Finance – How a Microfinance loan can help your business” was held on 25th January 2024, with 36 businesses in attendance.

LEO Donegal, on behalf of the LEO network and the Enterprise Europe Network in Ireland, will be delivering 6 Brokerage Events in 2024/2025 aimed at connecting SMEs with international buyers. The first two events of the programme taking place are as follows:

- “Meet the Buyer – Food and Nutrition” 31st January 2024, at the Merits Innovation Think Space in Naas County Kildare.
- “Meet the Buyer – Construction, Engineering, & Sustainable Energy” 9th February 2024 at Mount Lucas, County Offaly.

Food Coast Donegal

The first Restaurant/Chef and Producer Cluster meetings for 2024 were held at the LEO offices on 23rd and 24th January 2024.

Donegal Engineering Network

Engineering Profitnet meeting and information workshop will take place at the Radisson Hotel, Letterkenny on 7th February 2024.

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

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3. Information Services

Information Services (IS)

National Broadband Plan Fibre Network

Both the Letterkenny and Creeslough deployment areas are complete and actively connecting customers. This deployment area covers 6,006 premises or 18% of the Intervention Area.

Network build is in progress in the 3 deployment areas of Bunbeg, Tamney and St. Johnston totalling 7,679 premises or 23% of the IA. Surveying is complete in the Bundoran, Ballyshannon, Fintown, Moville, Carndonagh, Tory Island and Bunrana deployment areas covering 9,433 premises or 28% of the IA.

10,027 premises in the deployment areas of Donegal, Kilcar, Ardara, Pettigo, Arranmore and Ballybofey/Stranorlar are at survey pending stage.

NBI are planning to accelerate the rollout to the two main Islands of Tory and Arranmore. To keep informed of the rollout plan in Donegal we encourage people to register their interest with;
<https://www.nbi.ie>

Up to date information for each Deployment Area in Donegal is available at <https://www.nbi.ie/rep>s

Other Fibre Networks

OpenEir are actively deploying fibre in some towns and villages, but no deployment plan is available due to commercial sensitivities. They are active in Lifford, Dungloe, Milford and Raphoe.

Link to Map of Digital Hubs in the County

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

4. Emergency Services

4.1 – Fire Service

Fire Service Monthly MD Report (February)

Activity	Number of: (November) ¹		Total for year	
<u>Fire Service Operations</u>				
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	53		702	
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	61		892	
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	3		70	
<u>Operational Activity Breakdown November 2023</u>				
	Turnouts		Incidents in County	
	Fires	Special Services	Fires	Special Services
Donegal Fire Service	20	41	14	37
Northern Ireland Fire Service	2	1	2	0
Sub Total	22	42	16	37
Total	64		53	
<u>Fire Prevention</u>				
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	22		221	
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	47		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:	18	200
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	0	11
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	0	0
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	5	38
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	7	221
Fire Safety Complaints received:	0	26
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	0	25
During Performance Inspections carried out:	0	1
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	0	55

Current data is only available up to the end of November 2023.

4.3 Civil Defence

Project / Activity report			
Non Emergency Response Activity	Number	Total (2023)	Volunteer Man – Hours
Patient Transfers to Primary Care Centres	1	1	7hrs
Assisting the Irish Blood Transfusion Services with admin and social spacing at blood donor clinics in, Letterkenny, Donegal Town, Buncrana, Ballybofey and Carndonagh	61	61	610hrs

Patient Transfers to Sligo, Dublin, Hospitals Cardiology interventions.	2	2	36hrs
Supported Agencies; Irish Blood Transfusion Service, ALONE, HSE, and MS Society			
Major Emergency Management			
As part of the MEM structure, Civil Defence continues to support the Principal Response Agencies (PRAs) when the need arises. Already in January of this year, Civil Defence AFS units has been placed on standby to assist with Storm Isha and Strom Joclyn.			
Health Service Executive: Severe Weather Events:			
During severe weather events, such as snow, frost and icy conditions, Civil Defence provides transport support to the HSE and National Ambulance Service with their 4x4 vehicles. In January of this year, Civil Defence provided transport services to the HSE Home Care Support Teams from 17 th January – 20 th January inclusive. This service allows the Home Care Support workers to continue their twice daily care of the vulnerable in the community, during the severe weather.			
Civil Defence Officers Association Conference:			
The 3-day National Civil Defence Officers Association Conference was held in Farnham Estate, Cavan on 7th, 8th and 9th November. In attendance was, 234 delegates, over the course of the event, 33 traders exhibited their latest equipment for potential future Civil Defence use.			
Funding			
Funding Type			Amount
The Civil Defence Branch secured funding under the Dormant Accounts Fund to purchase a Swift Water Flood Response Crew Cab Van			€36,000
Income from Non-Community Support Charges			€6,200.00
Community Engagement			
Non-Emergency Community Support			
Ambulance and Medical cover have been provided to 35 Community Events in 2023. Over the course of these events, volunteers provided 1240 volunteer manhours supporting their communities.			
Community Training			
Civil Defence in partnership with the Raphoe Diocesan Society, delivered their Cardiac First Responder (CFR) and Defibrillator Programme to 16 parishioners to have them in a state of preparedness to use their Defibrillators in the various churches around the parish, should the need arise. CPR Training was also delivered to members of Naomh Colmcille, Sean MacCumhails and Convoy GAA Clubs as part of the Irish			

Heart Foundation, Save a Life campaign, which raises awareness of the importance of good CPR in the chain of survival for persons suffering a heart attack in the community.

Training	
Training Activities	Delivered to No. of Volunteers
Weekly Auxiliary Fire Fighting (Flood Response and Wild Land Fire training)	16
Emergency First Responder Medical (EFR) Training	7
Refresher Emergency First Responder Training continued monthly for certified EFR's.	18
A successful PHECC Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course was held by the Civil Defence College during the first and second quarter of the year with a 100% pass rate for the participating students, providing the service with an additional 1 EMTs	1
Swift Water and Life Jacket Competency refresher training was delivered	23
Induction training was delivered to 2 new recruits	2
Radio Communications L1, Introductory Training and L2 - Network Operator	15
The Civil Defence Officer attended the Civil Defence College, Civil Defence Branch, Roscrea and received training on the Volunteer Equipment Management (VEMS) Services which went live on 19 July 2023.	



ENVIRONMENT MD REPORT – February '24

WASTE AND LITTER MANAGEMENT

Activity / Project Title	Re- Turn Ireland's New Deposit Return Scheme
Project Description/ Activity	<div data-bbox="706 621 1135 949" data-label="Image"></div> <p data-bbox="316 995 527 1024">Main Provisions</p> <ul data-bbox="365 1075 1526 1967" style="list-style-type: none">• It is estimated that about 1.9 billion drinks bottles and cans are consumed each year in Ireland, in-house and 'on the go'.• The Deposit Return Scheme aims to boost the recycling rate for these drinks containers by charging a small, refundable deposit for each plastic bottle or cans.• The Scheme will be operated by Deposit Return Scheme Ireland CLG, trading as Re-turn, who Minister Smyth appointed in July 2022.• The Scheme will include PET plastic bottles and aluminium and steel cans between 150ml and 3 litres.• A deposit of 15c will apply to containers 500mls or less and a deposit of 25c for each container above 500ml.• All producers and retailers are legally obliged to register with Re-turn. Registration is open at www.re-turn.ie.• Customers get this money back when they return the container to a retailer or other collection point to be recycled.• Places supplying beverage bottles and cans will be obliged to take back the containers and reimburse the deposit.

NOTE – Not every place supplying drinks has to take back containers (e.g. chip vans, small shops) but they have to apply for an exemption and if granted have to display their exemption

- The scheme will be up and running from 1st February 2024.

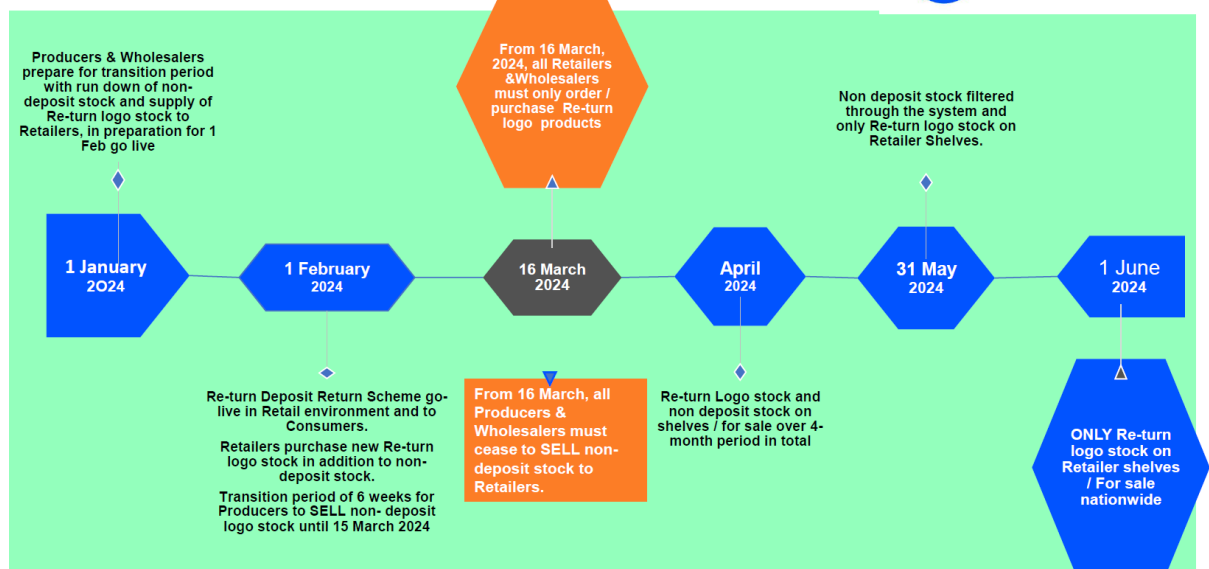
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This is a deposit return scheme commencing on the 1st February 2024 geared towards promoting recycling and addressing littering concerns by assigning a monetary value to beverage containers. If you purchase a drink in a plastic bottle, aluminium, or steel can bearing the Re-turn logo, a small deposit is added to the drink's price. Upon returning the empty, undamaged container to any retail outlet, the full deposit is refunded. Container size determines the deposit amount, with 15c for 500ml or less and 25c for containers exceeding 500ml. The scheme covers PET plastic bottles and aluminium/steel cans ranging from 150ml to 3 litres.

Designed for convenience, Re-Turn offers return points throughout Ireland. Any establishment selling drinks with the Re-turn logo is obligated to accept and refund deposits for empty, undamaged containers, except those with a Take Back Exemption. This exemption is applicable to on-site drink-serving businesses (hotels, restaurants, bars, cafes), off-site sellers with small store sizes (250 sq. meters or less), and online drink retailers. These exempted businesses must display a QR code and website link indicating the nearest return points.

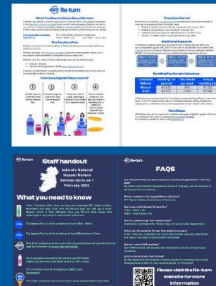
Beyond convenience, the scheme is expected to benefit communities by promoting recycling as a potent tool for addressing climate change. Re-Turn seeks to transition away from the 'take-make-dispose' mindset, encouraging the return of valuable materials to the economy for prolonged use.

Re-turn Transition Period Timeline



Re-turn Brand Assets

- Logos
- Retailer Toolkit
- Social Media branding
- Technical & Labelling Specification Manual
- Producer Guidelines & Logo Assets
- RVM Brand Guidelines
- Retailer & Staff Handouts
- Variety of POS



Final Checklist for Retailers

Re-turn is encouraging all Retailers to do a final checklist in preparation for go live of the Deposit Return Scheme on 1 February. This applies to all Retailers regardless of whether they have been granted a Take Back Exemption.

Further Information

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Activity / Project Title	Everyone, Everywhere is Entitled to a Brown Bin Collection Service in 2024
Project Description/ Activity	<div data-bbox="722 279 1122 678" data-label="Image"> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From January 2024, new EU legislation means every household will be entitled to avail of a brown bin collection service; • Approximately 69% of households in Ireland up until now, are able to avail of a food waste collection service from their waste service collector; • MyWaste.ie is encouraging everyone, here, there, and everywhere to contact their waste collector and request a brown bin service in 2024, because <i>“you’re never too remote to recycle!”</i> <p>There is good news for households in rural areas. New legislation, came into effect in January 2024, meaning all householders in Ireland are entitled to a brown bin recycling collection service from their waste collector.</p> <p>The brown bin service accepts all types of food including raw and cooked meat and fish, plate scrapings, along with fruit and vegetable peelings. Other items that can go into the brown bin include food-soiled paper napkins, paper towels, pizza boxes as well as grass clippings and light garden waste. There is lots of information available at https://www.mywaste.ie/brown-bin-service/</p> <p>MyWaste.ie has information on how to manage all waste types including preventing and recycling food waste in your home.</p> <p><i>“Every single person can make a huge difference in helping our environment and contributing positively to Ireland achieving a recycling rate of 60% by 2030”</i> said Pauline McDonogh, Spokesperson for MyWaste.ie.</p> <p>For more information, please visit https://www.mywaste.ie/brown-bin-service/</p>
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Activity / Project Title	Donegal household waste collectors will be taking part in the National Food Waste Recycling Project in 2024
Project Description/ Activity	<div data-bbox="703 216 1172 527" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>The EPA estimates that Ireland generated 753,000 tonnes (t) of food waste in 2021. Growing, processing and transporting food uses a huge amount of resources, such as land, water, energy and fertiliser. If food is wasted, these resources are wasted too. The EPA estimates that food waste costs the average Irish household about €60 per month or €700 per year. That’s an annual national cost of €1.29 billion.</p> <p>In order to help households to separate their waste and to reduce contamination in the food waste stream Donegal household waste collectors will be taking part in the National Food Waste Recycling Project this year.</p> <p>This project is funded by the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) and is being led by the Regional Waste Management Planning Authorities under the guise of mywaste.ie.</p> <p>Through the project Donegal collectors will be provided with thousands of kitchen caddy packs to distribute to their customers.</p> <p>Each pack consists of a 7 litre kitchen caddy, a starter pack of compostable liners and an information leaflet. Householders can use the caddy and liners to separate their food waste in the kitchen and when the liner is full, place it in their kerbside food waste bin.</p> <p>In addition to the caddy packs there are a range of toolkit supports available for the collectors to use at https://www.mywaste.ie/food-waste-campaign-toolkit/</p> <p>The toolkit includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posters • Stickers • Leaflets • Social media images • E-Newsletter header • Information Videos
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Activity / Project Title	Community Climate Action Fund – Public Information Sessions
Project Description/ Activity	<div data-bbox="391 243 1409 1005" data-label="Image"> </div> <p data-bbox="313 1045 1422 1073"><i>Picture: Community Groups pictured at a Community Climate Action Fund – Public Information Session.</i></p> <p data-bbox="313 1119 1451 1188">The Community Climate Action Fund - Public Information Sessions are ongoing and are being well attended by community groups across the county.</p> <p data-bbox="313 1234 1484 1381">The Public Information Sessions allow community groups the opportunity to engage with staff to explore their project proposals that meet the objectives of the fund to, ‘Shape and build low carbon, sustainable communities in a coherent way to contribute to national climate and energy targets’.</p> <p data-bbox="313 1428 1463 1612">The Community Climate Action Programme (CCAP) is a new programme to support small and large, rural and urban communities to take climate action at a local level. Donegal County Council in association with the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC), will provide funding to local communities for projects that promote community climate action.</p> <p data-bbox="313 1659 867 1686">There are two strands of funding available:</p> <ul data-bbox="362 1732 1458 1843" style="list-style-type: none"> • Strand 1: focuses on direct climate action building low carbon communities; • Strand 1A: focuses on cross-border projects in partnership with communities and organisations in Northern Ireland. <p data-bbox="313 1885 1130 1913">The fund is open to not-for-profit community groups and clubs.</p>

	 <p>COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION FUND</p> <p>Now Open!</p> <p>The Community Climate Action Fund is now open to support climate action in local communities. Apply online at www.donegalcoco.ie</p> <p>Public Information Sessions</p> <p>30th Jan '24 - 7pm - 8pm - Donegal Town Public Service Centre</p> <p>1st Feb '24 - 7pm - 8pm - Dungloe Public Service Centre</p> <p>7th Feb '24 - 7pm - 8pm - Carndonagh Public Service Centre</p> <p>For more information visit www.donegalcoco.ie</p> <p>Applications will be invited from communities located in Donegal for small, medium and large projects.</p> <p>  Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall Donegal County Council  Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall GNÍOMHÚ AR SON NA HAERÁIDE CLIMATE ACTION Donegal County Council  Rialtas na hÉireann Government of Ireland  Tionscadal Éireann Project Ireland 2040 </p> <p>Any group considering making an application is advised to contact the Community Climate Action Officer at climateactionfund@donegalcoco.ie in advance of making an application.</p> <p>For more information on the fund and the application process visit www.donegalcoco.ie</p> <p>Closing Date for Applications 22nd March 2024.</p>
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Activity / Project Title	Adoption of the Final Climate Action Plan 2024-2029
Project Description/ Activity	<p>The Climate Action Plan, environmental reports (SEA and AA) and the Chief Executive's Report on Public Consultation submissions were emailed to Members on 24th January.</p> <p>Adoption of the Plan will be the first item on the Agenda at upcoming Special Council meeting (Housing) on 21st February.</p> <p>Please contact the climate action team with any queries.</p>
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RURAL WATER PROGRAMME

Activity / Project Title	Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme 2024-2026 Applications for Funding
Project Description/ Activity	<p>The Minister has approved the Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme 2024-2026 (MARWP 2024-2026). A letter will be issued to the elected members with the circular and MARWP documentation.</p> <p>The Rural Water Section, within Donegal County Council are currently receiving applications for this Programme.</p> <p>The programme outlines the 9 measures which Group Water Schemes and members of the public can apply for funding. If you are aware of any Group Water Scheme or member of public seeking funding under this programme to contact the Rural Water Section at ruralwater@donegalcoco.ie.</p> <p>All applications should be submitted to the Rural Water Section of Donegal County Council by close of business on Thursday 28th March 2024, to allow the Local Authority to compile all the applications for the county before the final submission date of the 12th of April 2024.</p> <p>The Rural Water Team are proposing to notify the private regulated Group Water Schemes, Public Group Water Schemes who avail of the Annual Subsidy and any other Group Water Scheme that has contacted the Rural Water Team in relation to Taking in Charge.</p>
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Buncrana Flood Relief Scheme–Briefing Note No.10

Progress Summary

1.1 Hydrology and Hydraulics:

The revised hydrology report was issued and reviewed by the Steering Group. The project team are currently addressing any remaining comments and will reissue the hydrology report shortly.

The project team have incorporated the updated hydrology output into the hydraulic model. The hydraulic model build is near completion with the Hydraulic Modelling Report expected to be delivered early next year.

1.2 Environmental Assessments:

Specialist environmental surveys, including noise & vibration, air quality and landscape & visual will be carried out once the possible flood measures are identified.

1.3 Natural Water Retention Measures:

Natural Water Retention Measures (NWRM) Report is currently being reviewed by the project team and will be issued to the steering group shortly.

1.4 Stakeholder and Third-Party Communications

1.4.1 Project Website

The project website is being updated on an ongoing basis. The September 2023 Newsletter has been uploaded since the last Briefing Note in August 2023.

1.4.2 Elm Park Participation Event

A meeting with Elm Park residents was held on the 16th of October 2023. The purpose of this event was to present draft baseline flood extents to the residents impacted by the August 2017 flood event and gain meaningful feedback to inform option development. The event generated a lot of responses from the group of residents with 12 Elm Park residents attending. A follow up meeting is being organised in February 2024.

1.5 Contracts

The targeted invasive alien species (IAS) treatment process for 2023 is complete at locations where there is a potential interface with the flood relief scheme.

BURNFOOT FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

Briefing Note 12 – January 2024

Progress Summary

RPS have now submitted the Final Report for Stage I of the scheme to the Steering Group. Following review and addressing of final queries the Stage I documents will be made available on the project website. This will conclude Stage I of the scheme.

RPS are currently developing the Planning Drawings and identifying the lands which will be required for the Scheme as part of the Stage II (Planning) tasks.

The Preferred Scheme will provide a 1 in 200 year return period Standard of Protection (SoP). A Climate Change Adaptation Plan and a Buildability, Operations & Maintenance Plan have also been developed. Minor alterations have been made to the Preferred Scheme as a result of these plans. The scheme is as per the September briefing note.

The Ground Investigation to support the outline (Planning) design of the scheme is largely complete. RPS have reviewed the draft deliverables and are liaising with Northwest Geotech to get these finalised.

RPS have developed a specification for the additional topographical survey that is required to support the design of the Scheme. This will be procured shortly.

The draft Environmental Assessment Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and the Natura Impact Statement (NIS) for the Preferred Scheme are complete. These have been reviewed by the project Steering Group and RPS are amending the documents in response to comments raised.

Invasive species treatment for Japanese Knotweed was completed in October. This was the 3rd year of treatment at Burnfoot.

Archaeological test trenching and underwater archaeological surveys have been completed. Following a meeting with National Monument Service (NMS) further assessments of the impact of the scheme on the archaeological heritage related to Burnfoot Bridge have been completed. Photogrammetry and a Heritage Survey of the bridge have been completed. To date, the archaeological assessments have not returned any findings which would have a significant impact on the project.

Next Steps

Stage I of the Project will conclude shortly with the finalisation of reporting, including the supporting Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement for the Preferred Scheme. Stage I documentation will be uploaded to the project website once finalised. RPS have commenced Stage II of the Project where permission will be sought from the relevant Planning Authority. Tasks which are ongoing to support this are the procurement of further surveys required, assessment of landowner impacts and the preparation of planning documents.

Projected Key Milestone Dates

- Completion of Environmental Impact Assessment Report – March 2024
- Preparation of draft documents for Planning Submission – March 2024
- Submission for planning – June 2024

2 NEXT STEPS

- **Hydrology:** Submission of revised report.
- **Hydraulic Modelling:** Complete baseline modelling and issue of Hydraulic Report.
- **Environmental Assessment:** Continue with specialist surveys required by option development.
- **Natural Water Retention Measures:** Complete the assessment of potential for Natural Water Retention Measures in river catchments to alleviate flood risk.
- **Option development:** Once hydrology and baseline hydraulic modelling have been finished and approved, option development of flood mitigation measures will commence.

Community Development and Planning Directorate
Community Development Division



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

Municipal District of Inishowen
MD Meeting Monday 26th February 2024.

1. Adoption of the 2024 Development Fund Initiative allocations.
2. S183 Extension of leasing agreement at Culdaff
3. Malin Head Visitor Management Plan
4. S183 Extension of leasing agreement to Culdaff Football Club
5. An Grianán of Aileach Fort
6. Rural Development Programme/LEADER
7. Playground Maintenance
8. Donegal Walks and Trails
9. Bunrana School Campus
10. 2021 Town and Village Renewal – Newtoncunningham
11. 2021 Town and Village Renewal funding – Merville
12. 2021 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) project Development Measure for a pontoon at the existing jetty in Bunagee
13. 2021 Clár funding for Killea Community Park – Community Pod
14. Merville Shore Path Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme
15. 2022 Town and Village Renewal funding – Barrack Hill Town Park Multi-functional accessible sheltered structure for all the community



Municipal District: Inishowen Activity / Project Update: February 2024

Activity / Project Title	Malin Head Visitor Management Plan
Activity / Project Description	<u>Malin Head Access & Amenity Improvement Project.</u> Phase 1 of the project includes the delivery of major works at Malin Head to create the 'Must See' visitor attraction. This also includes the provision of additional car parking close to Banba's Crown and the implementation of traffic management arrangements
<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. • A workshop took place on the 28th November 2023 • The Community Development directorate are working on a roadmap/timeline for the advancement of the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan. This will be circulated to the Elected Members by the end of January. This commitment was provided by Mr. Liam Ward, Director of Service at the workshop meeting held on the 28th of November 2023.
<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>February 2024 update</u></p> <p>Mr. Liam Ward, Director of Service circulated a report on Wednesday 31st January, 2024 outlining a roadmap with timelines to deliver the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan.</p>
Contact Person	James Kelly, A/Senior Engineer at 087 2236923



Activity / Project Update: February 2024

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 meeting took place on Tuesday 7th February 2017 with Mr. Frank Shalvey and Mr. Eoghan Moyla, senior OPW officials, Fáilte Ireland, Council Officials and various stakeholders. Mr. Shalvey agreed to initiate the process for a Conservation and Management Plan of the entire site. The timeframe for completion of the plan is early 2018. The Council will work in collaboration with the OPW, Fáilte Ireland and the stakeholders in relation to the development of the site.• The Office of Public Works have given a commitment to commission a Conservation and Management Plan . This is on the way to being achieved currently and this will set out the options for the future management of the Grianán an Aileach site.• In June 2019, the OPW officially appointed Blackwood Associates Architects to provide a Conservation and Management plan.• Alice Bentley of Blackwood Associate Architects, Claire Cotter, Archaeologist, Jackie Hunt, Ecologist and Michele O’ Dea from the Office of Public Works attended a workshop meeting regarding the Conservation and Management report with the Members on Monday 18th November, 2019. Contributions from the Councillors was documented by the consultations and will be addressed in the plan.• A copy of the completed Conservation and Management plan was circulated to the Elected Members in January 2021.• This plan sets out the implementation strategy and Action Plan for the conservation and protection of the monument.• The OPW have indicated that the list of Actions contained in the plan will guide the way forward for servicing the tourism potential of the site achieved collaboratively with the OPW and other partners and official agencies such as Donegal County Council and Fáilte Ireland• The Elected Members have sought a virtual meeting with the OPW regarding the report and this request has been made to the body.• The OPW officials will meet with the Elected Members and relevant Council officials at the site later in the Summer when health restrictions permit to discuss any issues associated with the site and the Conservation and Management plan• A meeting with the Office of Public works and the Elected Members has again been requested regarding the Conservation and Management plan. A response has not yet been received.• A request by the Members to meet with the OPW and Fáilte Ireland regarding enhancing the visitor experience at An Grianan of Aileach was issued.• A positive response was received from OPW to Fáilte Ireland with suggested dates for a meeting to follow.• The Area Roads Manager and Development Officer met with Fáilte Ireland & the OPW with the objective to improve the visitor experience at the site• A Memorandum of Understanding document is been signed highlighting the Council, OPW and Fáilte Irelands shared ambition to significantly enhance the visitor experience of Grianán of Aileach through the successful execution of the various site management actions highlighted within the Conservation Management Plan for the Grianán of Aileach and also contained within the Inishowen Peninsula Destination Experience Development Plan (DEDP).The document will serve as a basis to establish a workshop meeting date with the Elected Members, Fáilte Ireland, Council Officials and the OPW.

Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period

February 2024

The Office of Public works is responsible for An Grianan of Aileach monument. Donegal County Council have agreed in principal to agree a Memorandum of Understanding with the OPW and Fáilte Ireland. We are committed to working with all stakeholders to meet the objectives of Fáilte Irelands Inishowen Peninsula Destination Experience Development Plan (DEDP) with the shared ambition to enhance the visitor experience in line with the successful execution of the various site management actions highlighted within the OPWs Conservation and Management plan for the site.

Community Development will continue to work to facilitate a forthcoming workshop meeting between the agencies as requested by the Members.

Contact Person

Fiona Doherty, Development Officer, 087 3678954

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Activity / Project Update: February 2024

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 • Bunrana Festival Park Playground • Clós Phádraig Playground • Barrack Hill Playground • Cill Bhríde MUGA • Ballyliffin Playground • Manorcunningham Playground • Killea Playground
Budget (if applicable)	€6,444.79 incl. VAT
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The funding works associated with Ballyliffin playpark phase 1 is completed. • Annual maintenance of playgrounds, annual ROSPA inspection reports completed with necessary repairs identified. Proposed successful playground maintenance contractor identified appointed. • The Annual ROSPA inspections for the maintenance of all DCC playgrounds was completed in November 2022. • Repairs have been identified and a tender competition has been published to secure a playground maintenance contractor for 2023. Tender submissions are due back in February. • 2023 Playground maintenance contractor appointed.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p><u>Ballyliffin Playground Refurbishment Phase 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designs have been prepared to replace several items of playground equipment at the Ballyliffin playground which are approaching the end of their serviceable life. Works have been tendered and a contractor has been identified to undertake the works. Pre-contract meeting held with the contractor. • Contractor to confirm proposed works programme. Expected works to be undertaken in Q4 2023/Q1 2024 with the playground closed for 4/5 weeks. • Works are completed and the playground is open <p><u>Festival Park Playground (Bunrana)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A local community group are working under the guidance of the playground Engineer to install a wheelchair swing and other inclusive equipment. • The Annual ROSPA inspections for the maintenance of all DCC playgrounds was completed in November 2023. • Repairs have been identified and a tender competition has been published to secure a playground maintenance contractor for 2024. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>February 2024 update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tender assessment currently underway to appoint maintenance contractor. <u>Bunrana Playground</u> • Work is to commence soon to install a wheelchair swing, wheelchair accessible picnic tables and sensory play equipment.
Contact Person	John Deeney, Executive Engineer, 087 7197619

Municipal District: All

Activity / Project Update

February 2024

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.
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	All funding awarded to the Donegal LAG under the Transitional LEADER programme and EURI programme has been allocated but LDCs will continue to engage with promoters on the ground regarding any potential underspend or decommitments. 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 completed the draft LEADER Local Development Strategy, with this Strategy approved in October. Contract agreements have now been signed on behalf of the Donegal LCDC, Donegal County Council and local Implementing Partners to deliver the programme in 2024. Draft Operating rules for the new LEADER programme have been circulated and the DCC are meeting the local Implementing Partners to ensure a smooth finish to the LEADER 2021-2022 programme and to prepare for the roll out of the LEADER 2023 – 2027 Programme.
Contact Person (number & e-mail address)	Ciaran Martin cmartin@donegalcoco.ie



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Activity / Project Update No.10

February 2024

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



Activity / Project Update: February 2024- 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 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;">February 2024</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



December Municipal District: Inishowen

Activity / Project Update February 2024

Activity / Project Title	2021 Newtoncunningham Town and Village Renewal
Project Description/Activity	<p>€100,000 funding allocation €11,500 Match funding by Donegal County Council Budget for Capital works €75,500 Budget for consultancy work €36,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The provision of a centrally located outdoor space for young people to 'hangout/stay' in the centre of the village designed in consultation with the local school/youth community exploring the themes of place and identity. The preparation of a Strategy and Action Plan for Newtowncunningham and Environs to inform the strategic sustainable development of the village and setting.
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting per</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Newtoncunningham Focus Group have issued a Request for Quotations for Consultancy Services to prepare a Regeneration Strategy for Newtowncunningham & Environs. This work will inform the capital element relating to the Outdoor Space. The Newtoncunningham Focus Group are working with the Council in relation to the procurement and appointment of consultants to produce a Regeneration Strategy, Action Plan and Health check for the village and Environs. <p>It is envisaged that the outcome of this will inform the capital element of the project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Newtoncunningham Focus Group have appointed a consultant and the Council are working with the group to progress a master plan for Newtoncunningham which will also inform the capital element of the project A successful community engagement 'Drop In' event took place on the 9th February from 2pm to 8pm. The appointed consultants are working to produce a draft document. Following the public engagement event. GM Consultants are working on a draft document incorporating submissions and observations The Community are considering options for The Multi-functional Pod Stage one of the Regeneration and Strategy Action plan is complete and The Newtoncunningham Focus Group and consultants GM Designs held another community engagement event on the 14th June at the Columban Hall. There were no tenders received from the e-tenders procurement process for the capital works
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<p>February 2024 update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The re-tendered documents are currently being reviewed and a company will be employed soon A Draft Strategic and Action plan has been developed.
Contact Person	<p>Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer – Capital element Claire McCallan, Architect in the community – Action Plan enquires.</p>



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Activity / Project Update No.4 February 2024

<p>Activity / Project Title</p> <p>File:</p>	<p>2021 Moville Town and Village Renewal Project Funding Allocation of €100,000 from the Department on 25th February, 2022z. Match funding €11,500 by Donegal County Council</p>
<p>Project Description/Activity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancement of existing Outdoor Recreational Amenities at The Bath Green, Moville • Health Check and Regeneration Plan for Moville
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>The Minister for Rural and Community Development announced the funding allocation 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
<p>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>February 2023 Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The capital works are completed with minor elements to be installed in the coming weeks • The Health Check and regeneration plan will be progressed and a meeting will take place on Friday 23rd February with the Town Centre First Manager
<p>Contact Person</p>	<p>Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer and Fiona Doherty, Development Officer</p>



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Activity / Project Update No.4 February 2024

Activity / Project Title File:	Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) project Development Measure for a pontoon at the existing jetty in Bunagee €50,000 for Project Development
Project Description/Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preparation work for Jetty at Bunagee, Culdaff
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A meeting took place with the Culdaff Development Association and Donegal County Council's Executive Engineer and Development Officer.• The next steps were discussed and the way forward to deliver the project agreed.• Tenders are being prepared for Appropriate Assessment and all relevant documentation and reports necessary to deliver the capital works.• A Consultant is to be appointed to carry out an Appropriate Assessment.• The relevant documentation to deliver the capital design of the project element is been prepared.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<u>February 2024 Update</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Tender documents for a design are completed and will issue this week for a consultant to design the project.• The consultants 'Greentrack' have been appointed to carry out an ecology screening report.
Contact Person	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer



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Activity / Project Update February 2024

Activity / Project Title	2022 Killea Clár funded project.
File:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Funding Allocation of €50,000 from the Department on 25th February, 2022• Match funding €2,500 by Donegal County Council and €2,500 from Killea Tidy Towns
Project Description/Activity	To install a Community Pod providing a meeting space and ancillary services for the community sited within the Killea Community Park
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Minister for Rural and Community Development announced the funding allocation under the 2022 Clár programme.• John Deeney, Executive Engineer has met with the committee and provided technical guidance and outlined the pathway forward to advance the project.• The Project is being led by the Killea Tidy Towns community group with guidance and support from the Executive Engineer within Community Development.• A Provisional letter of offer has been issued to the group.• The Group are to prepare documents to seek quotations from a contractor to undertake the proposed construction works.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	February 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Works underway on site for the construction of the new Community Hub.• Awaiting updates from the group on its progress
Contact Person	John Deeney, Executive Engineer,



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Activity / Project Update: January 2024

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 <i>(if applicable)</i>	€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.• The Barrack Hill Town Park Committee have been issued a letter of offer and work under the guidance of the Engineers to deliver the project.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<u>February 2024 update</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A recent meeting took place with the group and a design has been agreed for progression
Contact Person	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer & Fiona Doherty, Development Officer



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Activity / Project Update February 2024

Activity / Project Title	Moville Shore Path Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme
File:	€200,000
Project Description/Activity	Upgrade and Enhancement of a portion of Moville shore walk <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Capital Works• Interpretation work /seating
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Progress to date</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Project is at Design Stage establishing the scope.• The work will be tendered in the 1st quarter of 2024• Site meeting to take place in January with the group. <u>February 2024 update</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A site meeting took place with the Tidy Towns Committee and Community Development staff,• The tendering work has been finalised and the work will be tendered after consultation with other internal directorates.• It is anticipated that the capital work will commence in April 2024

Contact Person	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer, Fiona Doherty
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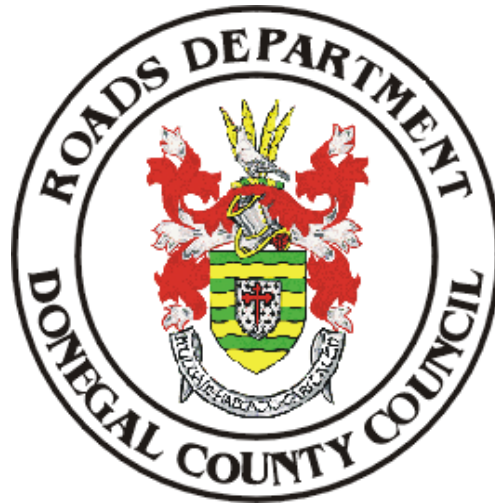


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Activity / Project Update February 2024

Activity / Project Title	Community Recognition Fund
File:	Budget 50,000
Project Description/Activity	Remedial work, Enhancement, interpretation of Friar Hegarty's Coastal walk, Bunrana
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The work is been scoped out and will be tendered in the 1st quarter of 2024. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>February 2024 update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Site assessments have taken place along with a few meetings on site with relevant parties and Councillors.• The final scope of agreed works will be contained in next month's report.
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	

Contact Person	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer, Fiona Doherty
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Inishowen Municipal District

Meeting 27th of February 2024

Roads and Transportation Agenda

- 1. Roads Restoration Improvement, Restoration Maintenance & Drainage Programmes 2024.**
- 2. Community Involvement Schemes 2024**
- 3. Safety Improvement works on Regional and Local Roads for Inishowen MD 2024.**
- 4. Specific Improvement Grant 2024**
- 5. Climate Adaption Funding for Inishowen MD 2024**
- 6. Roads & Footpaths in Council Housing Estates 2024**

1. Restoration Improvement, Restoration Maintenance & Drainage Programmes 2024.

On the 15th of February, the Department of Transport announced funding for the non-National Roads Programme.

The total allocation received by Inishowen MD for the Restoration Maintenance Programme is € 1,261,737 which represents no change from last year's allocation.

Inishowen MD received a total allocation of € 4,919,340.00 for the Restoration Improvement programme, which represents an increase of 1.7% from last year's allocation.

The total allocation for Drainage works is € 301,364.00 which represents a reduction of 10% from last year's allocation.

At the Roads Workshops of 23rd of January & 9th of February the proposed Restoration Improvement, Restoration Maintenance & Drainage programmes were agreed on the principle that any additional monies would be distributed over the proposed programme or added to the next job on the reserve list. Details of these programmes are shown within the roads report template in Appendix I.

2. Community Involvement Schemes 2023.

Donegal County Council has received an allocation of € 891,000 for the 2024 Community Involvement Scheme. This has been distributed to the MDs on a per Km basis. The Inishowen MD has received an allocation of € 220,725.00, which represents no change compared to last year. At the last Roads Workshop, a priority list of schemes was agreed with the Members. Details of these programmes are shown within the roads report template in Appendix I.

3. Safety Improvement works on Regional and Local Roads for Inishowen MD 2023.

As part of the funding announcement for Non-National Roads the Department of Transport allocated Donegal County Council € 535,300 and Inishowen MD received € 260,000 in total for three projects which are listed in Appendix I.

- € 200,000 - Three Trees & Tromaty, Quigleys Point Vehicle Restraint System.
- € 30,000 - Gleneely Crossroad
- € 30,000 - Buncrana to Fahan @ Lisfannon.

4. Specific Improvement Grants 2024

As part of the funding announcement for Non-National Roads the Department of Transport allocated Donegal County Council €395,000 from the Specific Improvement Grant. Inishowen MD received over 65% of the allocation, € 260,000 in total for the completion of Coyle's/Beggars bridge.

- €260,000 - Coyle's/Beggars bridge R240

5. Climate Adaption Funding for Inishowen MD 2024

As part of the funding announcement for Non-National Roads the Department of Transport announced an allocation of €928,000 for the Climate Adaption and Resilience works in County Donegal. Inishowen MD received 27.4% of this allocation of €255,00 for three schemes.

- €150,000 - Lagg Road R242- strengthening of seawall
- € 75,000 - Seawall at Easky Bay Malin Head
- € 30,000 - Continuation Glentogher Regional Road R240

6. Roads & Footpaths in Council Housing Estates 2024

At the Roads SPC meeting in February 2021, a policy was agreed around the maintenance of roads, footpaths and public lighting in council housing estates. This was subsequently adopted at plenary level at the March 2021 Council Meeting.

Funding of €70,000 has been allocated to each municipal district in the 2024 Revenue Budget. The Road Office in collaboration with the Housing & Corporate recommended a 4-year programme, where year 3 (2024) was identified as Kilbreadagh in Carndonagh. Inishowen MD report dated July 2022 included in Appendix II.

Appendix I

Draft Restoration Improvement Programme 2024

RSS	Engineer	Road Class	Road Name	Works Type	Length or work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	LS	Carrowmenagh Middle Rd	SR	2,100	2024	2024	
Moville	Inish North	R	Noones Br to Mt Scurge	RR	1,100	2024	2024	
Moville	Inish North	L	Ballymacarthur	SR	1,000	2024	2024	
Moville	Inish North	L	Logues Br to R240	SR	750	2024	2024	
Moville	Inish North	R	Muff St (Ph2)	RR	600	2024	2024	
Moville	Inish North	LP	Culineen/Crucknanonia	SR	2000	2024	2024	
Moville	Inish North	LP	Illies (Ph2)	SR	1500	2024	2024	
Moville Total 2024					10,350			
Carn	Inish North	R	Carn Mountain	RR	800	2024	2024	
Carn	Inish North	LP	Pound St/Old Co-oP	RR	600	2024	2024	
Carn	Inish North	R	R238 Collin	RR	1,000	2024	2024	
Carn	Inish North	LS	Cashel Carn	SR	2,280	2024	2024	
Carn	Inish North	LS	Norrira (Flanagans)	SR	600	2024	2024	
Carn	Inish North	LP	R244 to McDevitts	SR	650	2024	2024	
Carn	Inish North	R	R244 Carrowmore	RR	1,000	2024	2024	
Carn	Inish North	LP	R238 Jn to Redford	SR	1,700	2024	2024	
Carn	Inish North	LS	Drenagh Road	SR	2,000	2024	2024	
Carn	Inish North	R	Lagg at Quigleys	RR	600	2024	2024	
Carn	Inish North	LS	Drimsdale to R244	SR	800	2024	2024	
Carn Total 2024					12,530			
Buncrana	Inish South	L	Annaslee to Crislakeel Rd	RR	2,100	2024	2024	
Buncrana	Inish South	R	Straid Rd - Corner Cash to Waterfall	RR	1,000	2024	2024	
Buncrana	Inish South	L	Cloontagh School Rd from R238 Bridge	RR	1,000	2024	2024	
Buncrana	Inish South	L	Tullydish to bottom of Scalp (ph 1)	SR	1,600	2024	2024	
Buncrana	Inish South	L	Gaddyduff Brae Clonmany	SR	800	2024	2024	
Buncrana	Inish South	R	Cockhill Road	SR	651	2024	2024	
Buncrana	Inish South	L	Tonduff (above sand Rd) Dunree	SR	1,100	2024	2024	
Buncrana	Inish South	L	St. Patricks Road	SR	180	2024	2024	
Buncrana	Inish South	L	Hill Head Road	SR	470	2024	2024	
Buncrana Total 2024					10,801			
Newtown	Inish South	L	Newtown Main Streets	RR	1,700	2024	2024	
Newtown	Inish South	L	McCombs Roads	RR	1,000	2024	2024	
Newtown	Inish South	L	Kesh Ends (Logan Recycling) to Newtown Village	SR	900	2024	2024	
Newtown	Inish South	L	Kildrum Lower Ph 1	SR	1,100	2024	2024	
Newtown	Inish South	L	Garshooey to Kildrum Lower Final Ph	SR	300	2024	2024	
Newtown Total 2024					5,800			
IMD TOTAL								

Draft Restoration Maintenance Programme 2024

RSS	Engineer	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name	Works Type	Length or work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	LT	L72811	Spinks Glackmore	SD	1,600	2024	2024	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L7721-1	Lisnagra	SD	1,500	2024	2024	
Moville	Inish North	LT	L18913	Kilderry Lane	SD	600	2024	2024	
Moville	Inish North	LP	L1341-3	Tiryrona Ph1	SD	1,000	2024	2024	
Moville	Inish North	LP	L1361-1	Glenagivney	SD	2,000	2024	2024	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L13916	Mc Coles Drung	SD	400	2024	2024	
Moville	Inish North	R	R238-38	Noones Br/Mt Scurge	SD	1,000	2024	2024	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L7731-1	Mullanaghy	SD	800	2024	2024	
Moville	Inish North	LP	L1371-3	Drumaweer	SD	1,300	2024	2024	
Moville	Inish North	LP	L1411-1/2	Crucknanonia	SD	1,500	2024	2024	
Moville	Inish North	L	No Number	Grove Cottages	SD	390	2024	2024	
Moville	Inish North	LT	L13211	Drumley Lough Rd	SD	850	2024	2024	
Moville Total						12,940			
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R242-2	Lagg Rd Malin	SD	2,000	2024	2024	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L1011-1	X Rds MH/Port Ronan X Rds	SD	1,000	2024	2024	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L1211-1/2	Tirernaleague/Corvish	SD	1,500	2024	2024	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L1081-2	Urbelreagh	SD	2,200	2024	2024	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LT	L51611	Killen Mast Rd	SD	690	2024	2024	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L5051-1	Culort/Ballygorman	SD	1,700	2024	2024	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LT	L10311-0	Cahirs Hill Rd	SD	600	2024	2024	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L5811-1	Gortyarn/Hill Hd	SD	1,100	2024	2024	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L1391-4	Lough Inn	SD	1,900	2024	2024	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L1081-3	Urbelreagh 2	SD	1,000	2024	2024	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LT	L57811 and 12	Foxhole/Buildings Rd	SD	1,900	2024	2024	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L1301-2	Drumagessan	SD	2,000	2024	2024	
Carndonagh Total						17,590			
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L 17214	Big Hill	SD	1,475	2024	2024	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L 7061	Upper Kinngeo	SD	1,700	2024	2024	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L 6981	Upper Liafin	SD	1300	2024	2024	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L 6921	Upper Sharagore	SD	760	2024	2024	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L 6941	Blackland	SD	780	2024	2024	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L 1831	Church Brae	SD	1,200	2024	2024	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L1831	Boosom	SD	1,200	2024	2024	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L7321 /L7331	Rooskey	SD	3,500	2024	2024	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L 5441	Culcross coal yard to Annagh	SD	1,150	2024	2024	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L1161	Upper Annagh to Culcross road	SD	2,200	2024	2024	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L16112	Adderville	SD	2,400	2024	2024	
Buncrana Rural Total						17,665			
Newtown	Inish South	L	L 7491-2	Brigg to Strachack	SD	1750	2024	2024	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L2041-2	Moyle Road	SD	1720	2024	2024	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L8271-2	Creve road Upper	SD	1000	2024	2024	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L8261-2	Jack Porters road	SD	1450	2024	2024	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L 8111-1	Hardys to Millbay Inch Island	SD	1300	2024	2024	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L1881-1	Bray Roads Phase 2	SD	1650	2024	2024	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L7961-1	Glebe Road Burt	SD	850	2024	2024	
Newtown Total						9,720			
IMD TOTAL						57,915			

Drainage Provision Programme 2024

Overseer	Engineer	Location	Description of Works	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	R238 at Noonies Bridge	200m of road edge protection & signage	2024	2024	Road edge collapsing into sheuch
Moville	Inish North	R238 at Bayview	100m of 300 dia pipes & road crossings	2024	2024	Ongoing water on road and flooding
Moville	Inish North	Illies Road LP1731	2no 600m diam crossings & head walls	2024	2024	600 dia crossings required at 2 locations
Moville	Inish North	Whitehill Rd LS7721	50m of 375 dia pipe & replace road crossings	2024	2024	Ongoing flooding problems
Moville	Inish North	Clanilly School Rd LP1821	180m of 450 dia pipes & road crossing	2024	2024	Ongoing flooding problems
Moville	Inish North	New Road Shroove LS6541	70mm of 375 dia pipes & road crossing	2024	2024	Flooding problem
Moville	Inish North	LP1451 Post Denis Barrs	Rockbreaking & 80 m of 300 dia pipes	2024	2024	Flooding problem
Moville	Inish North	Upper Rd Shrooveat James O'Donnells/Roads side collapse	50m of deep gabions, fencing & relocate Eir pole	2024	2024	IW to contribute also
Moville Total						
Carndonagh	Inish North	Drumcarbit Road LS5261	150m of 300 dia pipes and road crossing, gullies & manholes	2024	2024	Ongoing drainage problem
Carndonagh	Inish North	R238 Drumville (at Henry John Henry's)	70m of 300 dia pipes, manhole & gabions	2024	2024	road collapsing into sheuch
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP1071 at Ballynahona, Glengad	20m of deep gabions & 300 dia pipes	2024	2024	road side collapse
Carndonagh	Inish North	R240 at The Mullins (at Charlie Devlins)	80m of 600 dia pipes, manholes & Headwalls	2024	2024	ongoing flooding problem
Carndonagh	Inish North	Carrowreagh Rd LP 1391 to River (at Bussies)	250m of 600 dia pipe, road crossing & manholes	2024	2024	ongoing flooding problem
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP1071 Culkeeney (at Anthony McColgan)	20m of deep gabions & 300 dia pipe	2024	2024	roadside collapse
Carndonagh Total						
Buncrana	Inish South	Sharagore Praish	122 metre of 450mm pipe@ €112.00 per metre No2 gullies	2024	2024	
Buncrana	Inish South	Tullydish	120 metre of 300 mm pipe, No 3 Gullies and No1 Manhole @ €104.73 per m	2024	2024	complete drainage works from 2023
Buncrana	Inish South	Annaslee	144 metre of 300mm pipe No 4 Gullies and No1 Manhole @ €110 per metre	2024	2024	
Buncrana	Inish South	Crislamore	120metre of 450mm pipe @ € 115.23per metre and Manhole	2024	2024	
Buncrana	Inish South	Monreagh Burnfoot	72 metre of 300 mm pipe, No 3 Gullies and No1 Manhole @ €104.73 per metre	2024	2024	
Buncrana	Inish South	Coolcross	60 metre of 300mm pipe and No1 Manhole @ €102.35 per metre	2024	2024	blocked drains
Buncrana	Inish South	Green road	120metre of 300mm pipe @ € 86.75 per metre	2024	2024	protect side of narrow road road
Buncrana	Inish South	Umrycam	12m road crossing 600mm pipe	2024	2024	water running down road
Buncrana	Inish South	Hill Head Road Buncrana	50m of 450mm pipe, filled and surface dressed	2024	2024	Prevent water running across path
Buncrana Total						
Newtown	Inish South	Bellstown L-20201	Extend Bridge at junction to Grainan of Aileach	2024	2024	to improve access for larger vehicles and prevent flooding
Newtown	Inish South	Bray Road L- 881-1	120m of 300mm pipe 3 gullies and 1 Manhloe	2024	2024	to protect side of public road
Newtown	Inish South	Birdstown to Muff Reg	4 no. gullies required with associated works	2024	2024	surface water on carriage way
Newtown	Inish South	Inch island L-7531-4	110m of 300mm pipe to preserve side of public road	2024	2024	to protect side of public road
Newtown	Inish South	Watery Road L-1841-4	180m of 300mm pipe, 4 gullies and 2 Manholes	2024	2024	to protect side of public road
Newtown Total						
Grand Total						

Low Cost Safety Programme 2024

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	VRS installation contract	1400	2024	2024	It is proposed to procure a VRS contractor for installation of VRS along the R238 along waters edge. Extend of works subject to tender.
Moville Total						1,400			
James Gill	Kevin Lake	R	R238	Lisfannon	Junction realignment	150	2024	2024	Junction realignment, Signs and lining,
Buncrana Total						150			
Paddy Mc Laughlin	Jim McLaughlin	R/L	LP1411/R224/R238/	Gleneely	Junction realignment	30	2024	2024	Junction realignment signs and lining.
Candonagh Total						0			

Bridge Strengthening Programme 2024

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)

Newtown	Road Design	LS-8261-2	2570	Corncamble	Strengthening	6	2024	2024	contract
Buncrana	Road Design	LP1641/2	175	Old Mountain	Strengthening	6	2024	2024	contract

2023 DOT Funding Application

Buncrana	Road Design	R-244-5	2069	Magheraboy	Strengthening	2	2024	2024	
	Road Design	LP1111/1	117	Portaleen	Strengthening	2	2024	2024	

2023 Specific Improvement Grants

Moville	Area Roads	R240	DLR240-011	Coyles/Beggars Bridge	Widening/realignment	20	2024	2024	Contract ongoing
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Appendix II



Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall Donegal County Council

To: The Cathaoirleach and Each Member of Inishowen MD

Subject: Proposed programme of works for Maintenance of Council Housing Estates

Date: 25th July 2022

At the Roads SPC meeting in February 2021, a policy was agreed around the maintenance of Roads, Footpaths and Public Lighting in Council Housing Estates which assigned responsibility for this work to Roads. This was subsequently adopted at plenary level at the March 2021 Council Meeting.

Funding of €70,000 has been allocated to each municipal district in the 2022 Revenue Budget. It is expected that further funding will be made available in subsequent years.

The Road Office in collaboration with the Housing & Corporate are recommending a 4-year programme where the full allocation is allocated as follows:

Year	Estate	Proposed Works
Year 1	Moville RSS Area Ard Foyle & O'Gara Villas	Back lanes 250 metres resurfaced Replace broken kerbs Refurbish 8 No MH covers
2023	Newtowncunningham RSS Area Colehill in Newtowncunningham	Back lanes/ Footpaths To be agreed with elected members
Year 3	Carndonagh RSS Area Kilbreadagh	Back lanes/ Footpaths To be agreed with elected members
Year 4	Buncrana RSS Area	Back lanes/ Footpaths To be agreed with elected members



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

HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

Municipal District of Inishowen

26th February 2024

Corporate Services

- Deputation from Explore Inishowen at 9.15am
- Consider request for deputation/meeting from 'Irish Hands'
- Consider date for joint workshop with Fáilte Ireland and Donegal Tourism

Housing Service

- Progress Reports

Summary of Casual Vacancies Inishowen MD as 16 th January 2024	
Properties Refurbished and at Offer Stage	7
Properties being refurbished	8
Properties to be refurbished	8

Summary of DCC Housing Offers and Tenancies

Offers issued from 01/01/2024	Offers refused from 01/01/2024	Tenancies created from 01/01/2024
1	0	1

Summary of DCC Nominations to AHBs

Area	AHB	Nominated	Vacancy	Allocated
Carndonagh	SVP	4	1	0
Moville	Apex	1	1	0

Inishowen MD Housing Waiting List January 2024	
Gross Number of Approved Applicants on Social Housing Waiting List	638
Applicants currently accommodated with HAP assistance but who have remained on the Council Social Housing list	417
Tenants currently accommodated in Council Social Housing and who are approved for a Transfer	48
Net Social Housing Waiting List	173

Gross Need - by approved bedrooms

Municipal District		1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Inishowen	Ballyliffin	0	7	3	2	0	0	12
	Bridgend	0	16	5	1	0	0	22
	Buncrana	17	152	78	15	1	1	264
	Burnfoot	0	11	3	1	0	0	15
	Burt	0	3	4	0	0	0	7
	Carndonagh	11	67	40	6	0	0	124
	Carrigans	2	6	6	1	0	0	15
	Clonmany	1	7	9	1	0	0	18
	Culdaff	0	6	2	0	0	0	8
	Fahan	1	3	1	0	0	0	5
	Gleneely	0	3	4	0	0	0	7
	Glengad	0	3	1	0	0	0	4
	Greencastle	0	9	3	0	0	0	12
	Inch	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
	Killea	0	2	1	1	0	0	4
	Malin	0	2	9	0	0	0	11
	Malin Head	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
	Moville	7	16	10	1	0	0	34
	Muff	0	18	9	1	0	0	28
	Newtowncunningham	5	30	5	0	1	0	41
Redcastle	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	
Total		44	364	197	30	2	1	638

Housing Grants Report at 16th February 2024

Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2022	68	58	0	9	0	1
2023	79	49	3	10	12	5
2024	8	2	0	0	0	6

Mobility Aids Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2022	42	28	1	12	1	0
2023	41	31	0	8	0	2
2024	3	0	0	0	1	2

Housing Aid for Older People Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2022	126	114	6	6	0	0
2023	175	150	7	12	0	6
2024	22	0	0	4	5	13

Housing Capital Update Report Inishowen Municipal District Meeting

27 February 2024

1. Social Housing Developments – Construction Schemes

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

Location	Status	No. of Units
Construction Stage		
The Meadows, Buncrana	Works are progressing well and within programme. Internal work and external site finish ongoing. The project is within programme and Substantial completion week beginning 19 th February.	1
Crana Crescent, Buncrana	<p>Contract commenced on site in August 2023.</p> <p>Site excavation works have been completed. Boundary walls and drainage to eastern and northern boundaries completed. Main site drainage works complete. Block of four # 1: Block work on substructure is complete, slabs are installed, and Superstructure is up six courses. Block of four # 2 Block work on substructure is complete, slabs are installed. Foundations are complete to Apartments. Foundations to commence on remainder of structures week beginning 19th Feb.</p> <p>The project has a 16-month contract period with a programmed completion of December 2024.</p>	16
Detailed Design / Tender Stage		
Rockytown Phase 2	<p>A detailed design package from all disciplines, including a draft Bill of Quantities and Cost Estimate have been prepared for the proposed development.</p> <p>Housing Capital are carrying out a review of the package and a Value Engineering exercise along with the design team.</p> <p>Departmental approval to be sought in advance of tendering the construction contract in February / March 2024.</p>	54

Barrack Hill, Carndonagh	<p>Project progressing as Design & Build. The following tasks have also been completed/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Employers Rep. to be appointed in Feb 24. ▪ Continued engagement with stakeholders i.e., Barrack Hill Town Park Steering Group (BHTPSG). ▪ Inishowen Elected Members have been notified of the intention to use Section 179A exemption to progress this project at Municipal workshop held in Oct 2023. ▪ Notice of proposal to develop the site under 179A exemption will be advertised 18th October for decision January 2024. ▪ Proposed number of dwellings for this site has been reduced to 19, to set aside lands for additional community usage. ▪ Prequalification Stage 1 – Tender for Design & Build contractor to commence March 2024 	19
Detailed Design / Tender Stage		
Gleneely	<p>Project progressing as Design & Build. Preliminary designs and layout complete, initial investigations – Flood Risk Assessment, Site Suitability, and ground investigations underway. The following tasks have also been completed/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Employers Rep to be appointed in Feb 2024. ▪ Following consultation with Planning and as advised to Inishowen Elected Members, this project is progressing via the Part 8 approval process. ▪ It is intended that the Part 8 process will begin 21st Feb 2024 with presentation to the members at the May Plenary meeting. Elected Members will be kept informed of the opening of this public consultation process. 	10
Malin	<p>Project progressing as Design & Build. The following tasks have also been completed/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Employers Rep to be appointed in Feb 2024 ▪ Following consultation with Planning and as advised to Inishowen Elected Members, this project is progressing via the Part 8 approval process. ▪ The Part 8 process began on the 18th of October 2023 with submissions and observations accepted up until 1st December 2023. The Part 8 was approved at the January Plenary meeting. 	9
Total		109



Image 1: The Meadows Buncrana



Image 2: Crana Crescent, Buncrana

2. Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition

Donegal County Council has opened a new county-wide turnkey acquisition process seeking proposals from Developers to deliver turnkey social housing units to help meet the Council's social housing need. Proposals are sought for 1, 2, 3 & 4 bedroom housing units towns or villages throughout the county, on lands suitable for housing purposes.

ETenders (reference RFT 2461070) refers, where all documentation and information can be obtained. Submissions must be made in strict accordance with the requirements of the procurement documentation and the deadline for submission is 16.30 on Wednesday, 30th of September 2026.

During February, 6 public information events took place throughout the county and Municipal Districts targeted at Developers who are interested in making a turnkey proposal. Events were very well attended and significant interest in the process demonstrated. Developers were invited to continue to liaise with the Council officials on their proposals on an individual level to expedite the progression of proposals.

In relation to the potential turnkey acquisition at Carndonagh, the Council has made an increased offer to the Developer for the acquisition of the units.

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

3. Lands / Property for Social Housing Purposes

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

In parallel with the construction and turnkey programmes outlined above, the Council is actively pursuing the acquisition of lands suitable for housing purposes, in towns and villages where there is currently not a social housing solution available / shortfall. In addition to the current expression of interest advertisement on the Councils' website for parcels of land, derelict sites / buildings with the potential to deliver social housing, the Council is also separately identifying parcels of land with social housing potential in areas of need.

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

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

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

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To: DCCINFO <info@Donegalcoco.ie>
Subject: Ref: TTAS-MO-00178-2024

Our Ref: TTAS-MO-00178-2024

Dear Ms. Cresswell,

On behalf of the Minister for Transport, Eamon Ryan, T.D., I wish to thank you for your meeting request concerning the R240, the contents of which have been noted.

As the Minister was in Donegal last week and met with the Executive and Councillors I cannot schedule another meeting.

With best wishes,

Amanda Corley

Private Secretary to Minister Ryan

The Minister is a Designated Public Official under the Regulation of Lobbying Act, 2015 (details available on www.lobbying.ie)

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Our Ref: DRCD-MO-00140-2024

Dear Ms. Cresswell,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your email correspondence to Heather Humphreys T.D., Minister for Rural and Community Development.

The matter is currently being examined in the Department and a further reply will issue to you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Á%amonn Mc Cormack

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Programme Manager to Heather Humphreys T.D.

Minister for Rural and Community Development

An Roinn Forbartha, Tuaithe agus Pobail

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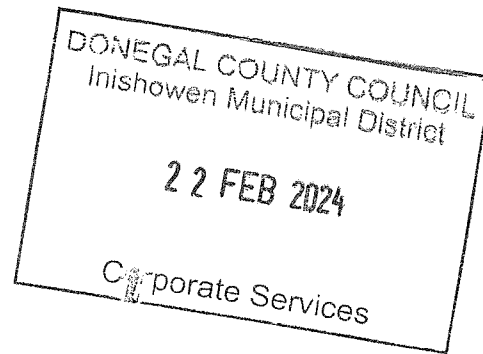
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Minister's Reference: OPW-MO-00061-2024

Ms. Una Cresswell
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Public Service Centre,
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21st February 2024

Dear Ms. Cresswell,

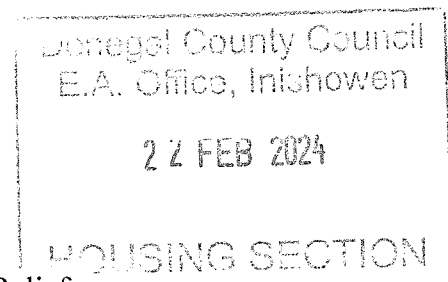
I wish to acknowledge receipt of your recent correspondence in relation to opening hours Grianán of Aileach, Burt, Co. Donegal.

Once enquiries have been completed in the matter you have raised, you will receive a substantive response.

Yours sincerely,

Patrick O'Donovan TD,

Minister of State at the Office of Public Works and Flood Relief





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Our Ref: DRCD-MO-00140-2024

22 February 2024

Dear Ms. Cresswell

Thank you for your correspondence following a recent meeting of the Inishowen Municipal District members.

The CLÁR Programme provides funding under a number of different measures for small-scale infrastructural projects in designated rural areas that have experienced significant levels of depopulation over a defined period.

A review of CLÁR areas nationally was undertaken in 2021 using the 2016 Census of Population data. The review examined the most recent changes in population patterns throughout the country on the basis of 2016 Census data.

It also examined the approach to developing the existing CLÁR designations, which is based on 2002 data and it considered how changes in population since then impacted on designations.

Many areas will have seen population growth in the relevant period, and indeed the most recent census data published by the Central Statistics Office point to population growth across all counties since 2016.

Any consideration of amendments to the current designations will be undertaken in the context of all areas rather than focusing on isolated changes to individual towns, villages or specific rural areas. The details of the review are being considered by my Department, taking into account the availability of more recent CSO data, in advance of any decisions being taken on changing the areas throughout Ireland which are to be designated as eligible for CLÁR.

I hope this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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