## Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall

Oifig Riarthóir na gCruinnithe, Aras an Chontae, Leifear.

> 6 Eánair, 2015

## **FOGRA CRUINNITHE**

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall siúl <u>De Máirt 13 Eánair 2015</u>, <u>ag</u> 2.00 i.n. in Ionad Serbhísí Pobail, Bhaile Dhún na nGall.

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS DÚN NA nGALL

A Chara,

larrtar ort bheith i lathair ag an gcruinniú seo Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall. Tá Clar an Cruinnithe le seo.

Mise, le meas

p.p. Riarthóir Cruinnithe

## **Municipal District of Donegal**

Office of Meetings Administrator, County House, Lifford.

6<sup>th</sup> January, 2015

## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

A Meeting the Municipal District of Donegal will be held on <u>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January</u>, <u>2015 at 2.00 p.m. in the Donegal Public Services Centre.</u>

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL

Dear Councillor,

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

Yours sincerely,

for Liam Ward, Meetings Administrator

## **AGENDA**

- 1. Consideration of Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014.
- 2. Consideration of Minutes of Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014.
- 3. Attendance of Deputation from Allingham Arts Association (2.15 P.M.)
- 4. Update Reports from Council Services:
  - 4.1 Housing & Building
  - 4.2 Roads / Transportation
  - 4.3 Planning & Economic Development
  - 4.4 Community, Enterprise and Cultural Services

#### 5. Motions

5.1 Cllr Noel Jordan

"That the Municipal district of Donegal put Footpath Repairs in Marian Villas, Donegal Town on the works programme for 2015"

5.2 Cllr Niamh Kennedy

"that this Municipal District start negotiations with the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine to seek a lease agreement for the car park and old weighbridge area at the auction hall pier in order to progress future development of Killybegs for a public amenity to include parking and public toilets at this location which is adjacent to the bus stop and beside the playground".

## 6. Questions

6.1 <u>Cllr. Noel J</u>ordan

"Can the Municipal District of Donegal seriously try to address some of the parking issues that Donegal Town Business Focus Group brought forward to our meeting in December 2014?"

- 6.2 Cllr Niamh Kennedy
  - "Has there been any progress on the previous motion regarding a pedestrian crossing at the playground in Killybegs?"
- 6.3 Cllr Niamh Kennedy

How was the allocation of €26,000.00 for Muckross from Failte Ireland spent?

## 7. Date of Next Meeting (10<sup>th</sup> February 2015)

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD AT 2.00 P. M. ON TUESDAY THE 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2014 IN THE PETER KENNEDY CHAMBER, DONEGAL PUBLIC SERVICES CENTRE, DONEGAL

## MDD/29/14 MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr Sean McEniff

Cllr. John Campbell

Cllr Barry O'Neill

Cllr Noel Jordan

Cllr. Niamh Kennedy

Cllr. Tom Conaghan

### MDD/30/14 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr.Garry Martin, Head of Finance & Director of Information Systems and Emergency Services

Ms. Bridie McBrearty, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal

Mr. Peadar Thomas, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal

Mr. Barney McLaughlin, Administrative Officer/CEDO, Community & Enterprise

Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

Mr. Killian Smith, Executive Planner, Planning & Economic Development

## MDD/31/14 VOTES OF SYMPATHY

A minutes silence was observed in respect of the following recent deaths:

Mr. Tom Campbell, Bundoran

Mr. Dom Murray, (Retired Superintendant) West End Bundoran.

Mr. Tom Cullen, Clyhore, Ballyshannon.

# MDD/32/14 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE DONEGAL ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2014

On the proposal of Cllr McEniff, seconded by Cllr Conaghan the Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2014 were confirmed subject to the following addition to minute No. MDD/20/14 – "Mr. P Thomas agreed to consult with Headquarters in Lifford to see if any funding is available to provide the Pedestrian Crossing at Shore Road, Killybegs"..

# MDD/33/14 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF BUDGET MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2014

On the proposal of Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr McEniff, the Minutes of the Budget Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal were confirmed.

# MDD/34/14 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF WORKSHOP OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2014

On the proposal of Cllr Kennedy, seconded by Cllr McEniff, the Minutes of the Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2014 were confirmed.

# MDD/35/14 ATTENDANCE OF DEPUTATION FROM DONEGAL TOWN BUSINESS FOCUS GROUP

Members welcomed the Deputation from the Donegal Town Business Focus Group which was represented by Ms. Tanya McGroarty, Ms. Aine Enright and Mr. George Henderson. The presentation included the results of a recent survey which had been carried out by the Group and an outline of the issues being experienced by businesses in relation to parking in the town. They presented their recommendations as follows:

## Amend the current by laws to adopt

- 1.5 hour maximum stay on the Diamond and Street Areas of Donegal Town
- 30 minutes of this maximum stay is free with the remaining 1 Hour on a ticket basis
- excluding the All Day Employee Car Parks have Max Stay 3 Hours in other Car Parks
- dedicated adequate reduced rate Car Parks for employees in convenient locations
- move the Taxi Rank to outside the Central Hotel to the Reveller and have it a dedicated Public Transport hub for Bus and Taxi's.
- introduce Pedestrian Crossings from the Four Master Bookshop to the Diamond and from Vintage Gems to the Diamond.
- have a dedicated loading bay where the current taxi rank is
- introduce a dedicated Loading Bay on Upper Mian Street at Location to be agreed

A number of queries from Members were dealt with by the Deputation. In conclusion, Cllr O'Neill thanked them for their attendance and advised that presented to Members would be discussed and the Council would revert to the Donegal Business Focus Group in due course via the Roads / Transportation Section.

# MDD/36/14 ATTENDANCE OF DEPUTATION FROM PARENTS OF CHILDREN ATTENDING KILLYMARD NATIONAL SCHOOL

Members welcomed the Deputation from the Parents of Children attending Killymard National School which were represented by Mr. Paul Jordan, Mr. Cathal Feeney and Ms. Catriona Boyle. The Deputation submitted and presented a detailed submission in relation to their request for a footpath to be constructed from Killymard to Donegal Town to allow for pedestrians to walk this road safely. A signed petition was presented to Mr. Peadar Thomas, Area Manager in this regard. A number of queries from Members were dealt with by the deputation.

In conclusion Members thanked the deputation for attending and advised the matter would receive consideration and the Council would revert to the Deputation in due course via the Roads / Transportation Section.

#### MDD/37/14 HOUSING AND CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

# Progress reports on Grants, Loans and Casual Vacancies Members noted the update reports on Grants, Loans, and Casual Vacancies as circulated with the Agenda and presented

by Ms. B McBrearty, Area Manager.

## **Housing Strategy Announced**

Ms. B McBrearty referred to the recent announcement in relation to the National Housing Strategy and advised it is likely it will be the first quarter of 2015 when it is clear what the strategy means for County Donegal and that she will keep Members informed.

# Proposal to transfer a plot of Land to Oaklee Approved Housing Body

Ms. B McBrearty briefed Members in relation to a proposal to transfer a plot of Land to Oaklee Approved Housing Body as previously discussed with Members to provide community housing for disabled persons. She asked Members for their support to proceed to sketch design stage as it was likely that there may be a call for funding for this purpose early in 2015. On the proposal of Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr Kennedy Members confirmed their support to the proposal as outlined by Ms. B McBrearty. In response to a query from Cllr Jordan,

Members were advised the lands are at Railway Park, Donegal Town.

## One Bed-roomed houses at Ballyshannon

In response to a query from Cllr O'Neill regarding the one-bed houses at Ballyshannon if they had been transferred to the approved housing body, Ms. B McBrearty informed Members this is likely to happen in the new year.

#### MDD/38/14 ROADS / TRANSPORTATION SERVICES REPORT

## **Road Works Programme 2014**

Members noted the update report on the Roads Programme 2014 as circulated with the Agenda and presented by Mr. Peadar Thomas, Area Manager. Mr. Thomas informed Members that the Restoration Programme for 2015 would be considered early in the New Year. In this regard it was to hold a Roads Workshop on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 10.00am in the Donegal Public Services Centre.

Members complimented the Roads Staff on the good works carried out during the course of the roads programme.

## Roundabout at the MillPark, Donegal Town

In response to a query from Cllr Kennedy regarding which was the correct lane to enter the roundabout at the Millpark when coming in from the Donegal Town Bypass as it appears there is some confusion in relation to this matter, Mr. P Thomas informed Members the normal 'rules of the road' would apply in this case. In response to a further query if the lanes could be marked for clarity, Mr. P Thomas informed Members it was not possible due to the size of this roundabout and the need for lorries to take a wider swing than cars, thus moving into the other lane in order to make the roundabout.

#### MDD/39/14 PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Members noted the update reports circulated with the Agenda and presented by Mr. Killian Smith, Executive Planner on the following matters:

- Statistics
- Appeals
- Significant Cases (incl. Transboundary applications)
- Other cases (Part 8's etc.)

## MDD/40/14 COMMUNITY & ENTERPRISE REPORT

Members noted the Activity Report circulated with the Agenda and presented by Mr. B McLaughlin in relation to the following activities:

- Youth Council update
- Pride of Place
- Public Enhancement Scheme
- E U E-Zine Issue
- Cultural Services Update
- County Museum
- Libraries
- Regional Cultural Centre
- Arts Service
- Sailwest Project.

In relation to Pride of Place, Mr. B McLaughlin informed Members he would be seeking funding support from Members.

In relation to the Sailwest Project, Mr. B McLaughlin informed Members that possible sources of funding is being examined for the project and a meeting is due to be held in January to review this matter. In response to a query from Cllr Kennedy as to whether funding was being sought for marketing or other aspects of the project, Mr. B McLaughlin informed Members the Council was looking at EU funding for marketing, infrastructure and environmental and this would be dependent on what funding is provided in the future.

In response to a query from Cllr Campbell if there were any winners from County Donegal in the Pride of Place awards this year, Mr. B McLaughlin confirmed there was in the Gaeltacht. Cllr Campbell noted the benefits of the Pride of Place to local communities.

In response to a query from Cllr O'Neill regarding the amount of funding that had been provided for that Carnival and other activities under the annual Donegal Bay and Bluestacks Festival in 2014, Mr. B McLaughlin informed Members it was €47,000.

In response to a query from Cllr O'Neill as to who was dealing with the Creative European Culture, he informed Members it is dealt with through the Arts Section in Letterkenny and advised he would ask the staff to send details out to Members.

In response to a query from Cllr Jordan in relation to the History and Heritage Church in Killybegs, as to the availability of funding through the heritage section or other to assist this group Mr. B McLaughlin informed Members he understood there would possibly be funding available from the next round of Leader

funding in the summer of 2015 but only if works have not yet commenced.

# MDD/41/14 DISCUSSION ON PROVISION OF A ROADWAY FROM THE MARKET YARD IN BALLYSHANNON TO THE NEW HEALTH BOARD OFFICES IN COLLEGE STREET.

On the proposal of Cllr McEniff, seconded by Cllr Campbell the following motion was adopted.

"That the Council provide a Roadway from the Markey Yard in Ballyshannon to the New Health Board Offices in College Street"

Members were informed that:-

"This type of project requires proper design, consultation, planning, land acquisition, cost benefit analysis etc, and specific funding to progress it. However this project along with other similar type projects like Fintra Bridge, Tyrconnell Bridge, Adaghy-Ardara Road, Laghey-Pettigo Road etc. could be considered by the Municipal Members when or if ever substantial funding returns for these type of specific but expensive projects. The New Health Board may consider becoming involved in the Project".

Cllr McEniff submitted it should have been a planning condition for the new development and referred to concerns in relation to volumes of traffic in this area with the church car park and schools in the vicinity. He requested that the Council Roads Department get in contact with the Health Service Executive to seek to have the project Roadway constructed and that the matter should be kept under review.

Cllr O'Neill also submitted with the number of employees and the number of day clinics that are planned to take place in the new HSE Building, traffic will be a difficulty and he supported the motion. He also queried the suitability of the location of the new building given alternatives that would have been available. In response to a query from Cllr O'Neill as to whether the Council had acquired any property in College Street, Ballyshannon to facilitate a pedestrian access, Mr. P Thomas confirmed the Council had not.

In conclusion, Mr. P Thomas undertook to contact the Health Services Executive to seek to progress the matter and Members requested to discuss the matter again in February 2015 to review progress.

# MDD/42/14 REQUEST FOR DEPUTATION FROM ALLINGHAM ARTS ASSOCIATION

On the proposal of Cllr Kennedy, seconded by Cllr Jordan Members resolved to receive a deputation from the Allingham Arts Association.

#### MEMBERS NOTED THE FOLLOWING QUESTION:-

# MDD/43/14 LAND ACQUISITION CONTRACTS FOR BALLYSHANON WATER SUPPLY SCHEME

The following question was submitted by Cllr O'Neill:-

"What is the current status of the Ballyshannon Water Supply Scheme and in particular with Land acquisition contracts that have been signed by Donegal County Council for same?-

Cllr O'Neill was informed that:-

"to refer to report to plenary Council from Director of Water and Environment on 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2014.

## MDD/44/14 EMERGENCY MOTION – EU WATER FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE

The following emergency motion was submitted by Cllrs Kennedy, Jordan and Conaghan and on the proposal of Cllr Kennedy, seconded by Cllr Jordan was adopted:-

"That this Municipal District of Donegal calls on the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government, Minister Alan Kelly to act in accordance with the Article 9.4 of the EU Water Framework Directive which provides a specific exemption to Ireland from Domestic Water Charging and which is embedded in Ireland's 2008 River Basin Management Plan. This plan is due for its 7 year renewal on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 and we are calling on the Minister, as is within his power and responsibility, to retain the exemption when he submits Ireland's River Basin Management Plan and strategy".

## MDD/45/14 Date of next meeting

Members noted the date of the next meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal is due to be held **on Tuesday the 13**<sup>th</sup> **January 2015 commencing at 2.00 p.m**. as per the agreed Stranding Orders.

Members also agreed that a workshop would be held on the same day commencing at 4.00 pm in relation to the Budget for 2015

Members also requested that a reminder issue to them in relation to last date of receipt for questions and motions.

This concluded the business of the meeting	J-
Area Manager Municipal District of Donegal	
Cathaoirleach Municipal District of Donegal	

Minutes of Municipal District of Donegal Workshop held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at 11.00 a.m. in the Peter Kennedy Chamber, Donegal PSC.

## **Members present:**

Cllr Barry O Neill Cllr John Campbell Cllr Niamh Kennedy Cllr Tom Conaghan Cllr Noel Jordan Cllr Sean McEniff

## Officials in Attendance:

Mr. Garry Martin, Manager, Municipal District of Donegal

Ms. Bridie McBrearty, Area Manager, Housing & Corporate Services

Mr. Peadar Thomas, Area Manager, Roads / Transportation

Mr. Denis Kelly, Senior Executive Planner, Central Planning Unit

Mr. Killian Smith, Executive Planner, Planning & Economic Development

Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing / Corporate Services

## Also in Attendance:

Sgt Tony Cornyn, An Garda Siochana, Donegal Town

## **Minutes**

## Casual Trading Bye-Laws in the Municipal District of Donegal

Mr. Denis Kelly SEP attended and gave a detailed presentation on Casual Trading including the legislation, current Bye-Laws, licensing, designated trading areas, events licences, enforcement and exemptions. Members also noted the designated Casual Trading area at the Carpark at Tullan Strand in Bundoran, now falls under the remit of Donegal County Council (previously Bundoran Town Council). The current Casual Trading Bye-Laws were adopted by the Members in 2004.

## Rossnowlagh / Belalt Strand

The issues identified by Members included the impact on the business of smaller traders and the local ratepayers from selling on the beach in ice cream vans, chip vans, horse hire, quad hire, and Vans selling / hiring wet suits and surf boards; the use of quads; the use of jet skis; the cleaning of the beach; that there should be a ban of trading on the beach; that there should be a designated casual trading area located at the car park; that licences

should only be granted for selling of items not available in the local area and that enforcement should become a priority.

Mr. Kelly submitted clarified that there was a specific exemption provided in the existing bye-laws for 'chip vans and ice cream vans' and Sergeant Cornyn explained that with this exemption there was little scope for enforcement. He further advised that An Garda Siochana can enforce the Road Traffic Laws in relation to quads given the beach is a 'public place' and therefore vehicles in use on the beach are subject to motor tax and insurance. He would present a report on the matter to his Superintendent. Sgt Cornyn also sought clarification if 'hiring' came under the definition of 'selling goods' in the Bye-Laws for enforcement purposes.

It was considered that the Council would need to be careful in the consideration of an outright ban on selling given that the matter could incur significant costs in defending potential court action.

The crossover between the Casual Trading laws and the Beach Bye laws was also considered.

## **Killybegs**

Currently no issues are being raised in this area.

## Ballyshannon

Again the issues identified in this area were of location, enforcement and the impact on the rate payers in the town. Suggestions improvements included review of existing system of licensing, relocation of trading area to Ballyhanna and adequate enforcement by the Council.

Mr. D Kelly advised Members that the procedure for relocating casual trading areas or amending existing licensing practices would require the full statutory process of reviewing bye-laws which includes public consultation period etc.

Following discussion it was agreed that Denis Kelly would present the matter for consideration to the SPC given the county wide implications under headings to include; allocation of dedicated resources, reconfiguration of areas, crossover between beach and casual trading laws, consultation with relevant stakeholders etc. Sergeant Cornyn agreed that the Gardai would review enforcement of quads being used on beaches. The matter would again be considered by the Municipal District following this.

This concluded the business of the Workshop.


Area Manager ,
Cathaoirleach,
Municipal District of Donegal
of Donegal

Municipal District

15<sup>th</sup> December 2014

Ms. Marina Flood, Treasurer, Allingham Arts Association, West Rock, Ballyshannon, Donegal PO., Co. Donegal

RE: Request for Deputation – Allingham Arts Association

Dear Ms. Flood,

I refer to your correspondence on behalf of the above group in relation to your request that a deputation attend a meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal.

I wish to confirm that the Members have agreed to your request and will receive your deputation at their next meeting, **which will take place on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015 i**n the Peter Kennedy Chamber, Donegal Public Services Centre.

In the meanwhile I set out hereunder, for your information, an extract from the Municipal District of Donegal Standing Orders, in relation to the attendance of a Deputation,

## **Deputations**

55. The Municipal District members may by resolution decide to receive a deputation. Subject to the direction of the Cathaoirleach, up to a maximum of three (3) persons may speak on behalf of the deputation for not more than fifteen (15) minutes, unless permitted by the Cathaoirleach.

Request for a deputation to be heard by the Municipal District members shall not be considered unless the subject matter to be raised be notified, in writing, on the motion of a Municipal District member, or direct application by the body concerned, is sent to the Meetings Administrator at least fourteen (14) clear days before the date of the meeting.

The deputation may only be questioned by Municipal District members but shall not be entitled to ask questions.

When the members of a deputation have addressed the meeting, they shall withdraw from the meeting.

The Municipal District members may, by resolution, decide to receive a deputation without notice, provided three quarters (rounded up) of the members present vote for the resolution.

Please arrange to be in attendance at the Peter Kennedy Chamber, Donegal Public Services Centre, Drumlonagher, Donegal Town at 2.15 p.m. on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

If you have a written submission, which you wish to circulate to Members, please let me have it as soon as possible. Please also confirm the names of those who will be attending. I look forward to seeing you on the day.

Yours sincerely,

Bridie McBrearty, Area Manager Municipal District of Donegal

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# MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL MEETING 13<sup>TH</sup> JANAURY, 2015

## **UPDATE REPORT**

## **HOUSING SERVICES**

- 1. Consideration of minutes of previous meeting
- 2. Follow-up report on issues raised at previous meeting
- 3. Progress report Social Housing Supports
- 4. Casual vacancies
- 5. Any other business

## **Donegal Electoral Area**

## HOUSING GRANTS

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
но	2013	17	12	2	0	3
	2014	22	13	5	0	4
	2015	0				

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		RECEIVED		CANCELLED	INFO.	TO OT	TO ENGINEER	
HD	2011	33	15	17	0	0	0	1
	2012	21	6	6	0	0	0	9
	2013	25	2	16	0	0	0	7
	2014	16	6	7	0	0	0	3
	2015	0						

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	2015	0							

## HOUSING LOANS @ 6th January 2015

	Year	Total	Approved	Refused /	Undecided
		Received		Cancelled	
Housing Loans	2013	0			0
<b>Tenant Purchase Loans</b>	2013	1	1	0	0
Reconstruction Loans	2013	0		0	

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SI Cottage at Ballinacarrick	BALLINTRA	3	24th March, 2013 (Tenant Deceased)
8 Fair Green	BALLINTRA	3	03/09/2014
35 Forge Avenue	BALLINTRA	3	09 May 2011
1 Erne Dale Heights	BALLYSHANNON	1	23rd March, 2013
1B Ernedale Heights	BALLYSHANNON	1	10/02/2009
2 Erne Dale Heights	BALLYSHANNON	1	15th July 2009
2B Erne Dale Heights	BALLYSHANNON	1	4th January 2011
77 Erne Dale Heights	BALLYSHANNON	3	23/08/2012
60 St Benildus Avenue	BALLYSHANNON	2	Repossessed on 28/04/2010
30 Cluain Barron	BALLYSHANNON	3	11 October 2013
19 Mountain View	BUNDORAN	1	Oct-13
20 Elaghmore	BUNDORAN	3	1-Mar-2014
22 Bunholvil	BUNDORAN	3	25-Jul-2014
25 Ben Whisken View	BUNDORAN	3	29-Sep-2014
8 Clós Naomh Columba	CARRICK	3	18-Jul-2014
18 Railway Park	DONEGAL	3	3-Nov-2014
1 Bluestack Drive	DRIMARONE	2	18-Jul-2014
201 Castleview	DUNKINEELY	3	27-Jun-2014
11 Springfield Park	DUNKINEELY	2	19/12/2014 (tenant deceased)
8 Towney Cottages	KILCAR	1	14th March, 2012
3 An Glasán	KILCAR	2	02 December 2014
SI Cottage at Stragar North	KILLYBEGS	2	17th Aug 2012
26 Termon Villas	PETTIGO	3	30th January 2013

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4.2 Roads / Transportation Reports – MDD January 2015

# Housing Corporate & Planning Control Services Planning Control Report

**Donegal Municipal District Meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015** 

## Content:

- 1. Summary of planning applications for the District
- 2. Appeals (Received & Decisions Notified).
- 3. Significant Cases (incl. Transboundary applications)
- 4. Other case types [Part 8's etc]

**Summary of planning applications for each Municipal District** 

Total Glenties	Period  01/01/14-31/03/14  01/04/14-30/06/14  01/07/14-30/09/14  01/10/14-30/11/14	90 106 93 48	49 63 69	Refused 18	<b>Deferred</b>	< 2 months	Invalid 17
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		337	226	43	73	206	56
	01/01/14-31/03/14	86	60	2	26	37	8
	01/04/14-30/06/14	81	68	3	21	46	9
	01/07/14-30/09/14	57	61	8	17	56	4
	01/10/14-30/11/14	43	36	3	10	26	2
Total		267	225	16	74	165	23
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	01/01/14-31/03/14	74	58	7	19	46	17
	01/04/14-30/06/14	61	44	7	19	33	12
	01/07/14-30/09/14	85	50	7	26	41	13
	01/10/14-30/11/14	54	34	5	21	29	7
Total		274	186	26	85	149	49
Letterkenny	01/01/14-31/03/14	94	51	7	15	46	17
	01/04/14-30/06/14	107	58	9	21	51	22
	01/07/14-30/09/14	93	68	11	35	55	20
	01/10/14-30/11/14	59	41	6	12	36	12
Total		353	218	33	83	188	71
	01/01/14-31/03/14	46	33	5	24	16	8
	01/04/14-30/06/14	43	36	2	13	29	8
	01/07/14-30/09/14	42	25	3	19	16	8
	01/10/14-30/11/14	29	27	1	12	15	6
Total		160	121	11	68	76	30
County Tota	als	1391	976	129	383	784	229

Appeal's Received (30/11/2014 – 31/12/2014)

REF NO	APPLICANTS NAME	APP. TYPE	DECISION DATE	L.A. DECISION	DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION	BORD PLEANALA RECD DATE
14/50716	WILLIAM GALLAGHER & LINDA BOURNE	P	20/11/2014	R	DEMOLITION OF AN EXISTING PORCH AND DETACHED STORE AND CONSTRUCTION OF A TWO STOREY EXTENSION TO THE REAR OF EXISTING DWELLING HOUSE AND A SINGLE STOREY BAY WINDOW TO THE FRONT ELEVATION AND ALL ANCILLARY SITE DEVELOPMENT WORKS AT NO. 28 LISOWEN AVENUE, ARDARAVAN, BUNCRANA	17/12/2014

14/50840	SEAN DONAGHER	RP	13/11/2014	C	A DRY FLOOR AGRICULTURAL SHED AND PLANNING PERMISSION FOR INSTALLATION OF UNDERGROUND EFFLUENT STORAGE TANK WITHIN EXISTING SHED AND EXTENSION OF EXISTING CALF CREEP AT PARKHILL, BALLYSHANNON	04/12/2014
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## Appeal's Decision Notified (30/11/2014 – 31/12/2014)

REF NO	APPLICANTS NAME	APP. TYPE	DECISION DATE	L.A. DECISION	DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION	BORD PLEANALA DEC. DATE	DECISION
13/51141	GLENMORE ESTATE AGHAVEAGH NW LTD	P	18/10/2013	REFUSAL	DEVELOPMENT OF AN ANAEROBIC DIGESTER FOR THE PRODUCTION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY AND FERTILISER INVOLVING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PRIMARY & SECONDARY DIGESTER WITH COLLECTION DOME, A CO-JOINING PUMP, TWO SEPARATE DIGESTATE STORAGE TANKS WITH COLLECTION DOMES & PUMP ROOMS, & OTHER STRUCTURES ASSOCIATED WITH THE OPERATION OF AN ANAEROBIC DIGESTER SYSTEM INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING: TWO FEED HOPPERS, PRE PIT, CHP BUILDING, ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION, FLARE AND BIOGAS BOTTLING UNIT. WORKS SHALL INCLUDE THE PROVISION OF A CONCRETE APRON, ALL DRAINAGE & ALL OTHER ASSOCIATED SITE WORKS AT COXTOWN, CARRIGANS	08/12/2014	CONDITIONAL
13/80081	STEPHEN & URSULA MULDOON	Р	11/09/2014	CONDITIONAL	ALTERATONS & EXTENSION TO EXISTING DWELLING, DECOMMISSIONING OF EXISTING SEPTIC TANK & CONNECTION INTO PUBLIC SEWER LOCATED IN ADJOINING PUBLIC ROAD AT PAPLEY, THE GLEBE, L'KENNY	10/12/2014	CONDITIONAL

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.No:	N.I. Ref.No:	Date Rec'd	App./Contact	Type	Description / Location	Case Officer	Status
2/02	J/2011/0148/F	01/10/2012	D.O.E. N.I.	Environmental Impact Assessment Procedure	11 no. Wind turbines at Meenablagh Tullycar, Altamullan, Aghyaran, Castlederg	P Kelly	Case Closed
2/03	J/2011/0082/F	08/10/2013	D.O.E. N.I.	Further Environmental Information and Revised Plans	Amendment to Windfarm at Crighshane & Crighdenis, Killeter, Castlederg.	P Kelly	Active
3/02	A/2012/0146/Preapp	25/10/2013	D.O.E. N.I.	Preliminary Enquiry		P Kelly	Case Closed
2/04	2012/A0070	29/10/2013	PAC N.I.	Transboundary Appeal - Further Environmental Information (FE1 111)	Amendment to Windfarm at Altgolan & Meenclogher, Killen, Castlederg	P Kelly	Case Closed.
3/03	J/2013/0281/RM	30/10/2013	D.O.E. N.I.	Environmental Impact Assessment Procedure	Roads - Lifford Road & Strabane Road	P Kelly	Case Closed.
R08/01	J2007/0700/F	01/11/2013	D.O.E. N.I.	Further Environmental Information and Revised Plans	Amendment to Windfarm at Whisker Hill, Tullywhisker, Sion Mills.	P Kelly	Case Closed
3/04	C/2013/0248/F	08/11/2013	D.O.E. N.I	Environmental Impact Assessment Procedure	Windfarm at Windy Hill	P Kelly	Active
4/01	J/2013/0287/F	07/01/2014	D.O.E. N.I.	Environmental Impact Assessment Procedure	Windfarm at Meenamullan near Killeter	P Kelly	Active

4/02	A/2014/0134/F	21/03/2014	D.O.E. N.I.	Environmental Impact Assessment Determination	Treatment Facility for End of Life Vehicles at Buncrana Road, Derry	P Kelly	Case Closed
<b>l</b> ∕03	J/2014/0124/LCB	28/04/2014	D.O.E. N.I.	Consultatation	Installation of Street Lighting ballards at Clady Bridge (Listed Building), Urney Road, Clady	P Kelly	Active
1/04	J/2011/0433/0	17/04/2014	D.O.E. N.I.	Addendum to Environmental Statement & Information	Major mixed use cross border development	P Kelly	Active

## Part 8 (Active)

M.D.	Ref.No:	Location	Section	Received	Status
Inishowen	PG14.08	Manorcunningham	Arch Office	03/11/2014	Active
Letterkenny	PG14.09	Glencar Scotch, Lky	Arch Office	03/11/2014	Active

## Donegal County Council Community, Culture & Planning Community, Development & Enterprise

## Municipal District of Donegal

13<sup>th</sup> January 2015

## **Community, Development & Enterprise**

## **REPORT**

- 1. Public Area Enhancement Scheme
- 2. Donegal Craft Village
- 3. Donegal Film Office
- 4. Archives Section
  - a. Digitisation and placing online of Donegal County Council Archived Minutes, 1899 –
     1980
  - b. Digitisation and placing online of Donegal Grand Jury collection, 1753 1899
  - c. Daniel Doherty, Emigrant Exhibition
- 5. 'Sail West' project promoting the MalinWaters Brand



Municipal District: Donegal

## **Activity / Project Update: January 2015**

Activity / Project Title	Public Area Enhancement Scheme
Project Description/Activity	<ol> <li>Silver Strand, Malinbeg, Glencolmcille</li> <li>"A Greener Environment" - Ballyshannon</li> </ol>
Budget (if applicable)	1. €12,000 2. €27,000
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	Silver Strand, Malinbeg, Glencolmcille – Materials supplied by Donegal County Council and works were carried by local Community Group, i.e., replacement of railing along stepped access to Silver Strand Beach to improve access and safety measures to beach. Installation of picnic benches / seats at 2 location along the stepped access.
* Delete irrelevant reporting period	This is a Discovery Point on the Wild Atlantic Way.  Current Status: Works Complete  2.'A Greener Environment' – Ballyshannon Town Council – Provision of green landscape enhancing approach roads and enhancement of heritage town centre by the installation of trees and street furniture which is located along the Wild Atlantic Way.  Current Status: Works Complete
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	All works completed to the satisfaction of Donegal County Council.
* Delete irrelevant reporting period	<ul> <li>Funding claimed October 2014 from Department of the Environment, Community &amp; Local Government and full amount received and allocated to each Project.</li> </ul>
Contact Person (to include telephone	Eamon Boyle Executive Engineer

number & e-mail address)	Three Rivers Centre Tel: 087 1788623 eamonb@donegalcoco.ie



Municipal District: Donegal

## **Activity / Project Update: January 2015**

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Craft Village
Project	Refurbishment of Unit 9 Craft Village, Lurganboy, Donegal Town  Town
Description/Activity	Removal and Replacement of Glass Units at Dongal Craft     Village
Budget (if applicable)	3. €28,980 excl. VAT
	4. €7,200 excl. VAT
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	Works consist of:         replacement of shop front         installation of double glazed unit         dry lining of the external walls         painting of interior/exterior walls         provision of stove for hot water and heating         installation of toilet facility         rewiring
	<u>Current Status:</u> Works Complete
	2. Works consists of:
* Delete irrelevant reporting period	Removal and replacement of Glass Units with 20mm Double Glazed Units (toughened glass)
	Current Status: Contractor appointed

Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	<ul> <li>Contractor appointed and works to be completed by end of February, 2015.</li> </ul>
* Delete irrelevant reporting period	
Contact Person (to include telephone number & e-mail address)	Eamon Boyle Executive Engineer Three Rivers Centre Tel: 087 1788623 eamonb@donegalcoco.ie



Municipal District: All

Activity / Project Title	OIFIG SCÁNNAN DHÚN NA NGALL
Project Description/Activity	Film Office Website Launch 16 <sup>th</sup> January Glenveagh National Park with Sean McGinley

Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 3 inclusive of current status



**Contact Person** 

Aideen Doherty Film Office Donegal County Council Malin Road Carndonagh Co. Donegal 074 937 3718 <a href="https://www.donegalfilmoffice.ie">www.donegalfilmoffice.ie</a>



Municipal District:	ALL
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Activity / Project Title	Digitisation and placing online of Donegal County Council Archived Minutes, 1899 - 1980
Project Description/Activity	The Donegal County Council archived minutes have already been microfilmed. This project involves the digitisation of these microfilms and placing them online on Donegal County Council Archives Service website.
Budget (if applicable)	No cost. €500 spent in 2014.
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status	The archived Minutes of meetings of Donegal County Council from 1899 – 1980 have now been fully digitised and are ready to be placed online on Council website, this is next step.
* Delete irrelevant reporting period  Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	Finish project by end March 2015.
* Delete irrelevant reporting period	

Contact Person	Niamh Brennan, Archivist
(to include telephone	
number & e-mail address)	



Municipal District:	ALL	
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Activity / Project Title	Digitisation and placing online of Donegal Grand Jury collection, 1753 - 1899
Project Description/Activity	The Donegal Grand Jury was a predecessor body to Donegal County Council. Its archives which date back to the mid eighteenth century are the oldest collection of archives held by Donegal County Archives. The collection has already been microfilmed. This project involves the digitisation of these microfilms and placing them online on Donegal County Council Archives Service website.
Budget (if applicable)	Not yet costed. Approximately €2,000.
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status	The Grand Jury collection has already been microfilmed. This next step for this project involves the digitisation to high resolution and archival standard of the microfilms and placing them on the Archives Service (County Council) website.
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Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	Finish project by end March 2015. Launch in April 2015.

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Contact Person	Niamh Brennan, Archivist
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number & e-mail address)	



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Activity / Project Title	Daniel Doherty, Emigrant Exhibition			
Project Description/Activity	Display of the archives of Daniel Doherty from Malin Head, Co Donegal. An emigrant to Boston in 1909, Doherty fought in World War 1, was a lobbyist for many years and chair of County Donegal Association of Greater Boston. Also the Chair of the Central Council of Irish County Clubs, Boston; and chairman of the Committee for the Unification and Liberation of Ireland. Archives include correspondence with the Kennedy brothers and other famous Irish- American political figures of the 1960s.			
Budget (if applicable)	No cost			
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status	The exhibition is ready to view at the County Archives, first floor, Three Rivers Centre, Lifford and will be on display till end of March 2015.			
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<b>Project Targets for the next</b>	Archive images from this collection which are being used in the Lifford			

bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	exhibition will be uploaded onto the Archives website, to be done by end January.
* Delete irrelevant reporting period  Contact Person (to include telephone number & e-mail address)	Niamh Brennan, Archivist



**Municipal District: Donegal** 

Activity / Project Title	'Sail West' project promoting the MalinWaters brand			
Project Description/Activity	The Sail West project aims to develop marine tourism within the shared maritime regions of North West Ireland, Northern Ireland and Western Scotland. The project is funded by the EU INTERREG IVA programme. Led by DCC the project commenced in 2010 and good progress was made in the initial 3 years.			
	The Marketing Plan for 2015 has been approved by SEUPB and will continue promotions into 2015. The Marine Marketing Development Officer has been employed by Donegal Tourism Ltd to continue to develop marine themed opportunities and promote the MalinWaters brand.			
Budget (if applicable)	€86,500.00 SEUPB funding. Match funding currently at €95,399.00			
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 3 - inclusive of current status	<ul> <li>MalinWaters.com Website Statistics</li> <li>Over 70% new visitors to MalinWaters.com</li> <li>Traffic increased by over 52%.</li> </ul>			

- Over 34% mobile visits
- 67.19% of traffic organic search
- Main Visits UK and Ireland, France, Germany, US

## **Marketing Plan**

A marketing plan has been produced for 2015 which outlines all of the key marketing activity planned for the MalinWaters brand over the coming year. The marketing plan contains a detailed digital marketing strategy which will see the deployment of the latest digital tactics to increase MalinWaters brand awareness and increase business for tourism partners in the regions.

## **Online Travel Media Campaign**

Procurement is underway for the appointment of a travel media and PR agency to engage with travel blog community and deliver a MalinWaters PR campaign to raise brand awareness.

## Sail West Project Plan

Following the meeting with Sail West partners in October 2014 and subsequent survey regarding project ideas and regional project needs, it was agreed that a further partner meeting be held in Q1 of 2015 to determine the next steps for the Sail West project. Many funding calls will open in Q1 of 2015 and so it is recommended that partners meet when a more definitive project strategy can be agreed. The Sail West project is likely to develop as a cluster of partners with different needs who will apply for funding via varying channels according to their project aims and objectives.

## **MalinWaters Website Development**

Ongoing SEO work is being carried out on the MalinWaters.com website and content is constantly updated. A detailed list of development requirements has been developed and is currently in the process of procurement. New development work on MalinWaters.com will include a revamp of functionality and content and is expected to be ongoing until March 2015.

#### Facebook Paid Advertising Campaign

The MalinWaters social media strategy is ongoing with regular updates on the blog, Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest. In addition an investment has been made for paid Facebook advertising which will drive traffic to both Facebook and the MalinWaters.com website through a variety of adverts with marine target audiences.

#### Sail Scotland Campaign

An extensive online and print campaign to promote MalinWaters has been launched on the new Sail Scotland website and in their magazine. This will promote Donegal as an ideal sailing destination and also highlight the many marine tourism activities available in the county.

### **Chelsea Magazine Company Ltd**

A digital and print advertising campaign is in development with Chelsea Magazine Company Ltd to promote MalinWaters both online and in the magazines of Classic Boat, Sailing Today and Yachts and Yachting with a combined audience of over 67k web, 49k e-mail subscribers and 142k social media followers. This campaign highlights

Donegal as a sailing and marine tourism destination to a wide audience in the UK market.

## **Google Ad Words Campaign**

The MalinWaters brand will be promoted via a targeted Google Ad Words campaign that will advertise aspects of each of the MalinWaters regions to the marine tourism audience. This campaign will be launched in mid-January.

#### **MalinWaters Design Creatives and Video Production**

To effectively promote MalinWaters online for example via Google Ad Words or YouTube then a suite of professional marketing design creatives is required including new online adverts for the brand which are currently in development and a MalinWaters video which will be produced in the Spring when weather conditions improve. Both will showcase the best of marine tourism resources available in the regions.

#### E-mail Marketing

E-mail Marketing is ongoing with a fortnightly e-mail sent out to over 607 subscribers. The subscribe tab that has been added to the MalinWaters Facebook page continues to gather additional subscriptions via social media.

## **Strategic Events**

Festival and event organisers in the MalinWaters regions of Scotland, Northern Ireland and North West Ireland have been contacted and invited to submit their strategic events proposals for 2015. The deadline for submissions is March 2015 and all submissions will have to be reviewed and approved by Sail West partners prior to any support being offered.

#### **Branded Merchandise**

A selection of branded merchandise for promoting MalinWaters at strategic festivals and events is in production and will be available for promotions in early January 2015.

#### **Other Project Opportunities**

INTERREG V themes are no longer specific to tourism, therefore consideration is being given to other programmes such as Atlantic Area Programme and the NPA (Northern Periphery & Arctic Programme) to facilitate the continuation of Sail West. Funding is very much focused on needs and work is being done to establish the main needs in the marine tourism sector in Donegal and indeed in the Sail West regions. It is likely that the future of Sail West will involve a number of projects with clusters of the original 22 Sail West partners coming together to work on projects that serve the needs of their own regions. The project partnership has always been very strong and partners are keen to work together going forward and will adapt to changes in funding programmes and project consortium structures.

Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly 1 reporting period

## **Q1 Project Targets**

Continued promotion of MalinWaters as a marine tourism destination to niche target markets.

## **Marketing Plan Action**

In Q1 the aim is to deliver on the targets and marketing activity detailed in the marketing plan and approve by the Sail West Marketing Sub-Group.

## **Social Media**

Continued updating and development of the social media channels. The delivery of a Facebook paid advertising campaign due for completion in March 2015.

## **Google Ad Words**

The delivery of a Google Ad Words campaign due for completion in March 2015.

## **Branded Merchandise and Map**

The production of new MalinWaters branded merchandise and a reprint of the MalinWaters map will be delivered in Q1 of 2015.

## **E-mail Marketing**

In Q1 we will continue the MalinWaters e-mail marketing campaign with regular newsletters sent out to subscribers.

#### **Website Content**

Work will commence on the functionality development on the MalinWaters website in Q1 of 2015.

## **MalinWaters Video Production**

When weather conditions improve in Q1 a video showcasing MalinWaters regions will be produced and launched on the MalinWaters YouTube channel.

## **Marketing Campaigns Launched**

Q1 will see the launch of several high profile marketing campaigns including Sail Scotland, Chelsea Magazine Company Ltd, Welcome Anchorages 2015, Google and Facebook Ad Campaigns and several other e-mail and advertising campaigns.