

**Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall**

Oifig Riarthóir na gCruinnithe,  
Aras an Chontae,  
Leifear.

1ú Márta, 2016

**Fógra Cruinnithe**

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall ar siúl **De Máirt 8ú Márta 2016, ag 11.30 r.n. in Ionad Serbhísí Pobail, Bhaile Dhún na nGall.**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS DÚN NA nGALL

A Chara,

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

Mise, le meas

Seosamh O'Piopla  
p.p. Riarthóir Cruinnithe

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**Municipal District of Donegal**

Office of Meetings Administrator,  
County House,  
Lifford.

1<sup>st</sup> March, 2016

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

The next Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal will be held on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016, at 11.30 a.m. in the Donegal Public Services Centre.**

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 Joe Peoples  
Meetings Administrator

## AGENDA

1. Consideration of Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2016.
2. Consideration of Minutes of Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2016.
3. Update Reports from Council Services:
  - 3.1 Housing & Corporate Services
  - 3.2 Roads / Transportation
  - 3.3 Planning & Economic Development
  - 3.4 Community, Enterprise and Cultural Services
  - 3.5 Environment Services
4. Schedule of Municipal District Works
  - 4.1 Letter to Elected Members
  - 4.2 Schedule of MD Works Background 2016
  - 4.3 Circular LG27
  - 4.4 Appendix 1 Housing
  - 4.5 Appendix 2 Water Environment
  - 4.6 Appendix 4 Roads Areas
  - 4.7 Appendix 5 Dev Fund Allocations 2016
  - 4.8 Resolution for SMDW adoption
  - 4.9 Area Manager Request to include with MD Agenda
5. Motions
  - 5.1 Cllr Sean McEniff  
"That this Municipal District discuss the up to date position re the repair of the clock in Ballyshannon".
  - 5.2 Cllr Barry O'Neill  
"That this Municipal District immediately address the development of a proper access to Tullan Strand in Bundoran ahead of the Summer season for the general public and for the Bundoran Surf Industry and that the Municipal District hold a Special Meeting with the Surf Industry Representatives to discuss a development plan for same."
6. Questions
  - 6.1 Cllr Barry O'Neill  
"Will this Municipal District seek a meeting with the owners of the old Millstone Hotel site on Main Street in Ballyshannon to see what plans are being considered for the Town Centre site as it's too long derelict for a prime location?"

6.2 Cllr Barry O'Neill

"What are both the Council and the Local Enterprise Office doing to encourage business and further development at the Portnason Industrial Park?"

7. Date of Next Meeting - Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 at 11.30 A. M.

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD AT  
11.30 A. M. ON TUESDAY THE 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2016 IN THE PETER  
KENNEDY CHAMBER, DONEGAL PUBLIC SERVICES CENTRE, DONEGAL**

**MDD/015/16 MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MDD/016/16 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE**

Ms. Bridie McBrearty, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal  
Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Roads/Transportation  
Mr. Barney McLaughlin, Administrative Officer, Community & Enterprise  
Mr. Killian Smith, Executive Planner, Housing, Corporate and Planning Control  
Ms. Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer  
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

**MDD/017/16 Apologies**

Mr. Garry Martin, Director Designate Municipal District of Donegal

**MDD/018/16 Votes of Sympathy**

Votes of sympathy were passed in respect of the following recent deaths:

The late James McBrearty, former Councillor, Bogagh, Carrick  
The late Dom Breslin, Drumcliffe, Donegal Town  
The late Ernan McIntyre, The Glebe, Donegal Town  
The late James White Jnr, Danby, Ballyshannon  
The late Mary Branley, Ballyshannon

**MDD/019/16 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY,  
2016**

On the proposal of Cllr McEniff, seconded by Cllr Conaghan the Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016 were confirmed.

## **MDD/020/16 HOUSING AND CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

### **Corporate Services**

#### **Standing Orders.**

Members noted the Standing orders as amended at the previous meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal had been circulated to Members.

#### **Request to re-name “The Mall”, Ballyshannon to the “James White Mall”**

Ms. B McBrearty referred to the discussion at the workshop of the 1<sup>st</sup> February and presented the report circulated with the Agenda in relation to the request to re-name “The Mall”, Ballyshannon to the “James White Mall”.

She informed Members that in order for this matter to be progressed, it would require a formal resolution of the Municipal District, in the first instance, and thereafter of the Plenary Council with the final decision resting with the Chief Executive.

Following a short discussion on the proposal of Cllr O'Neill, seconded by Cllr McEniff, Members agreed to the re-name “The Mall”, Ballyshannon to the “James White Mall” agus as gaeilge “Meal Shéamuis de Faoite”. The matter will be brought before the next meeting of the Plenary Council.

#### **Workshop**

The workshop as agreed at the previous meeting of the District was held on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016.

#### **Ballintra Sewerage Scheme – Irish Water**

Following Cllr McEniff's question at the previous meeting of the relating to Ballintra Sewerage Scheme, Members were advised that the matter had been referred to Irish Water and it is understood that a reply was to issue directly to Cllr McEniff. Cllr McEniff advised he did not receive the reply. Ms. B McBrearty confirmed that she would raise this matter again with Irish Water.

### **Housing Services**

#### **Progress reports on Grants, Loans, Casual Vacancies, and Social Housing Support Programme**

Members noted the update reports on Grants, Loans, and Casual Vacancies, Housing Assistance Payments and Social Housing Support Programme as circulated with the Agenda and presented by Ms. B McBrearty.

Ms. B McBrearty informed Members of further progress since the reports had been prepared and gave update in relation to Tenant

Purchase Scheme. She also advised that the annual review of rent is ongoing.

### **Casual Vacancies**

Arrangements are currently being made to have the four properties in Ballyshannon transferred to Cluid Housing in line with the Section 183 passed by the Plenary Council.

In relation to the SI Cottage at Ballintra, Ms. B McBrearty informed Members that the High Court had granted the repossession order in favour of the Council but understands the matter is going to be further appealed.

In relation to 60 St Benildus Avenue, Ballyshannon, which had been advertised for sale, Ms. B McBrearty informed Members that the offers received fell short of the market value and given that it would not present value for money to repair the dwelling further consideration would need to be given to this matter.

In relation to No. 16 O'Cleirigh Avenue, Donegal Town, some additional works are required before the property can be offered for letting.

She also confirmed there are 4 units in the District for which there is currently no demand i.e. Carrick, Pettigo and in Dunkineely.

Ms. B McBrearty confirmed that she would email all Members details of the breakdown of social housing need in the District following a request from Cllr. Campbell.

### **Social Housing Support Programme**

In relation to the Building Programme for Donegal Town Ms. B McBrearty informed Members that the project is with the Department for Stage 2 approval following which it would be ready to move to Part VIII for planning permission.

In relation to the unit purchased at the Water Front in Killybegs, Ms. B McBrearty informed Members that this property will be let shortly.

She also informed Members that the CAS project in Donegal Town will move to Part VIII along with the Donegal Town new builds as referred to above.

In relation to the 22 Units in Ballyshannon, Ms. B McBrearty informed Members that another Approved Housing Body is working with a developer in the area and is hopeful that the project will go ahead with approximately a 15 month timeframe.

Ms. B McBrearty informed Members that 4 had been allocated for 2016 of which 3 have been agreed and a further purchase will be

sought in Bundoran as there is currently no housing programme for 2015 – 17.

In response to a query from Cllr McEniff, Ms. B McBrearty informed Members that the existing residents of Erne Dale Heights will be re-housed temporarily during the refurbishment works and that meetings were ongoing with the residents in this regard.

### **Housing Assistance Payments**

In relation to HAP, Ms. B McBrearty informed Members that there are 640 payments being made under the HAP scheme in the County at present.

In relation to the property inspections, Ms. B McBrearty informed Members that a member of staff had been appointed to carry out the inspections which would commence the following week. The administrative work attached to this would be carried out by the staff in the Municipal Districts.

In response to a query from Cllr Campbell, she confirmed that the staff member is based in Letterkenny with a county wide brief. The work programme will be determined by the date inspections fall due. In response to a further query from Cllr Campbell in relation to private rented inspections generally, Ms. B McBrearty informed Members that the Council is legally obliged to inspect HAP properties and these will be done in the first instance and thereafter inspections will be extended to the rest of the private rented sector.

## **MDD/021/16 ROADS / TRANSPORTATION SERVICES REPORT**

### **3 Year Restoration Programme 2016 – 2018**

Mr. M Sweeney referred to the workshop held on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016 at which the draft Roads Restoration Programme for the period 2016 – 2018 was presented to Members. He confirmed that the amendments as sought by Members have been made and the proposed programme is as circulated with the agenda for today's meeting.

On the proposal of Cllr Campbell seconded by Cllr McEniff, Members confirmed their agreement to the 3 Year Restoration Programme 2016 – 2018 as circulated.

### **Roads Matters arising from the previous meeting**

#### **Report on Parking Charges in Ballyshannon**

Mr. M Sweeney referred to the report on parking charges as presented to Members at the recent workshop and requested direction from Members as to how they wished the matter to proceed. In response to a query from Cllr O'Neill, Mr. M Sweeney

confirmed to Members that the review of the Parking Bye-Laws for the County will be a matter for the Plenary Council to finalise and that this Districts views would be taken into consideration by the Plenary Council.

Cllr O'Neill made a lengthy submission in relation to why he felt the Parking Charges in Ballyshannon should be abolished in Ballyshannon with particular reference to poor economic situation in the town; the fact that both the community and the local businesses are opposed to the charges and that the charges are not economically viable. He submitted that the resources for implementing the charges in Ballyshannon could be re-distributed elsewhere if the charges were abolished.

In conclusion Cllr O'Neill proposed that the parking charges in Ballyshannon be abolished and that this be communicated to the review of parking bye-laws for the County by the Plenary Council. Cllr O'Neill's proposal was seconded by Cllr McEniff.

Following a short discussion, it was agreed that the matter be put to a recorded vote as not all Members were in favour of the motion

Those who voted in favour of abolishing the parking charges in Ballyshannon were;-

Cllrs O'Neill, McEniff, Kennedy and Jordan

Those who voted against abolishing the parking charges in Ballyshannon were;-

Cllrs. Campbell and Conaghan.

Members noted that the decision of the Members at today's meeting would be considered by the Plenary Council when the Parking Bye-Laws are being reviewed.

### **Footpaths**

Mr. M Sweeney informed Members as previously communicated by email on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2016 that a workshop would be scheduled later in the year when funding has been made available for a footpath programme. He advised Members it would probably be in May 2016 but in the meantime, Roads would prepare a programme.

### **Condition Survey**

Members noted that a demonstration on the conditions survey (Map Road) had been done at the recent workshop.

### **Cashelard Creamery to St. Mary's Church**

Members noted this road had been included in the 2016 Roads Restoration Programme as agreed.



**Public Lighting at Clyhore**

Members noted the public lighting at Clyhore is currently being investigated and that he would revert to Members when the extent of the works has been priced.

**Jolly Farmers Junction**

Members noted that the request to construct a roundabout at the Jolly Farmers Junction is being investigated and will require input from Road Design to determine if a new junction layout is possible within the lands available.

**School Lights at Kilcar**

Members noted the School lights at Kilcar would be included in the Lighting Replacement Programme in 2016 as the current lights cannot be repaired.

**Leghowney and Harvey's Point Junctions**

Members noted that both junctions are included in the 2016 review list for HD15 Network Safety. Each junction will be assessed and thereafter approval will be sought for each scheme on the list and if approved works will be completed by end of November.

**Motion passed regarding the footpath from Craft Village to Donegal Town.**

Members noted that funding in the region of €65,000 is required to complete approximately 135m of footpath from the Craft Village to Donegal Town and that these works will be carried out when the necessary funding has been secured.

**Other Roads Matters**

**Traffic Calming at Dunkineely**

In response to a query from Cllr Campbell regarding traffic calming at Dunkineely, Mr. M Sweeney informed Members that the HD 28 design is being prepared at present and that final clarification is awaited. He also advised he would revert to Members when the matter is finalised.

**Election Posters**

Mr. M Sweeney asked that the message go out to Election Candidates not to erect posters at Roundabouts due to the road safety concern. He advised that the Roads Staff had taken down some posters where they were a road safety hazard but that these can be collected in the local areas.

## **MDD/022/16 PLANNING CONTROL 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.)

Mr. Smith also informed Members that An Bord Pleanala had upheld the decision of Donegal County Council to grant permission for a Sea Weed processing plant in Kilcar. This was welcomed by Cllr Kennedy.

Mr. K Smith referred to the sewerage issue raised at the previous meeting of the District and confirmed he had reverted to Cllr Jordan in this regard. He confirmed that the Council as the Planning Authority is obliged to take cognisance of submissions from Irish Water in relation to deciding planning applications as they are one of the prescribed bodies for planning.

Cllr Jordan submitted that he was dissatisfied at this, as he had understood from a previous meeting of the Plenary Council that Irish Water should not have any part in relation to planning applications and that it was unsatisfactory that planning applications could not be granted in areas that are waiting on Irish Water to carry put capital works.

Cllr Campbell queried if planning applications could be considered e.g. with a condition of onsite treatment and an obligation to connect to the main sewer once this becomes available. In response Mr. K Smith advised he would investigate the possibility of pre-treatment including reviewing the EPA licence for Mountcharles. Cllr Campbell advised the EPA licence for Mountcharles expired in Dec 2015 and according to Irish Water, the capital works to connect Mountcharles to the Donegal Town Treatment Plant is scheduled for completion in Quarter 3 of 2017.

Cllr Cambell referred to a recent European Commission direction regarding discharges into Lough Foyle and queried if this would have an impact on this Municipal District.

## **MDD/023/16 COMMUNITY, CULTURE AND PLANNING DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

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

1. Bundoran Tourism Office update
2. Marine Tourism Update
3. Donegal Gathering
4. Go Visit Donegal Website

A number of comments / queries were dealt with as follows;-

Members complimented Mr. McLaughlin and his staff on the work being carried out in the section and at the World Holiday Shows.

In response to a query from Cllr Jordan if assistance would be available for towns who wished to 'green up' for St Patrick's Day, Mr. B McLaughlin informed Members that no funding available for this purpose. He advised that it is relatively inexpensive to apply green jell to existing flood lights to provide the green effect.

In response to a request from Cllr Campbell for updated figures from Failte Ireland on Tourism for 2015, Mr. B McLaughlin undertook to follow up with Failte Ireland and forward the details to Members when received.

## **MDD/024/16 ENVIRONMENT SERVICES REPORT**

Members welcomed Ms. Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer to the meeting. She presented the report circulated to Members dealing with the following updates:

- Waste Enforcement Report
- Civic Amenity Sites
- Waste Awareness
- Beaches
- Coastal Erosion

A number of comments / queries were dealt with as follows;-

In relation to blue flag beaches, Cllr Kennedy advised that a lot of the life rings have blown away or gotten buried in sand with the recent bad weather and suggested that there be buildings supplied to store the life rings for the winter period. In response to the request, Ms. Suzanne Bogan advised Members she would bring the concerns to the attention of the Water Safety Officer who in any

event would be ensuring that the maintenance of life rings on the blue flag beaches is dealt with in the coming months. She also advised that as the life rings have to be operational all year round, and easily available on the beaches it would not be possible to store these in a building. In response to a query from Cllr Jordan if the life rings could be re-positioned on the beaches to avoid them getting caught up in the sand dunes/buried, Ms. S Bogan informed Members she would ask the Water Safety Officer to take this request into account when doing the review of beaches.

**MDD/025/16 DISCUSSION ON REQUEST FOR COUNCIL TO PAY FOR UPKEEP OF LIGHTING IN BUNDORAN – RAILWAY ROAD TO CATHOLIC CHURCH**

On the proposal of Cllr McEniff, seconded by Cllr Conaghan the following motion was adopted;-

" That the Co. Council pay for the upkeep of the public lighting system which was erected between Railway Road and the Catholic Church in Bundoran".

Members were advised;-

The road that has been constructed between Railway Road and the Catholic Church on the Kinlough Road in Bundoran is a private road therefore the upkeep of the lights erected on same should not be borne by the Local Authority.

If however the landowner wishes for the Council to take in charge this road then this can be considered in line with the Draft Take - Over of Roads Policy when it is adopted by the Council. If the road meets the requirements set out in the draft policy and it is decided by the Council to make this road a public road then the upkeep of the lights and maintenance of the road will then be bourn by the Council.

Following a discussion, Mr. M Sweeney informed Members he would request Airtricity to investigate the implications of taking over these lights and revert to Members in due course.

**MDD/026/16 DISCUSSION ON ACCESS TO SITE AT KILLYBEGS**

The following motion as submitted by Cllr Conaghan was withdrawn;-

"That this Municipal District Committee agree to facilitate Mr. Gary Rodgers with his proposed access to his site at Killybegs. Planning Permission 15/51375 refers."

**MDD/027/16 DISCUSSION ON TIMEFRAME FROM THE OPW ON FLOOD WORKS**

On the proposal of Cllr Jordan, seconded by Cllr Kennedy the following motion was adopted;-

"I am asking this council to get a time frame from the OPW of when works will be carried out in areas of this municipal that has been seriously damaged by recent flooding".

Members were advised;-

The OPW have two different schemes that relate to flooding; the first being the OPW's Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Study (CFRAMS).

The CFRAM study covers 300 different locations throughout the Country. Within the Donegal MD the areas that are being investigated as part of this study are Donegal Town, Killybegs and Bundoran. The OPW have informed us that it is their intention to present the draft Preliminary Options Report in March 2016 to the relevant stakeholders, elected members and members of the public and this will be done by way of local public meetings. The draft Preliminary Options Report will identify the preferred options for proposed flood mitigation works. Once all 300 of the draft Preliminary Options Reports have been presented the OPW will then finalise this report, prioritise the 300 schemes. The OPW indicated that they hope to be in a position to present the Final Options Report by the middle of 2016.

The second scheme that is available to source funding to address flooding issues is through the OPW's Minor Works Programme for costal and non-costal minor works.

At present in the Donegal MD we are in the process of preparing three separate applications to source funding under this programme. Funding applications will be submitted for the following:

1. Flood protection works at Murvagh - Non-Costal Minor Works
2. Erosion protection works at the old Ecclesiastical Remains at Inver Glebe - Non-Costal Minor Works
3. Costal Protection works at Fanaghans, Inver - Costal Minor Works.

Discussions are underway with the relevant stakeholders such as the landowners, NPWS, Fisheries and the OPW with a view to finalising these applications. Every effort is being made to advance these applications as soon as possible but they are being done in parallel with the workload associated with delivering the annual Roadwork's programme as well as other works associated with the Roads office.

Cllr Jordan commended Mr. M Sweeney and his team for all their assistance to those affected by flooding in the Municipal District. He stressed the importance of the OPW coming back to the public with timeframes and funding as there are a lot of householders who are very worried and nervous of another flood and the damage caused to their homes. He thanked Mr. Sweeney for this reply and submitted that he OPW is fully aware of the flooding issues.

Cllr Kennedy supporting the motion also stressed the importance of reassurance for those affected that something will be done in a particular timeframe.

Mr. M Sweeney informed Members that was his understanding that solutions would be presented by the OPW at the forthcoming public meetings.

**MEMBERS NOTED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:-**

**MDD/028/16 Local Area Plan Killybegs – zoning for residential development**

The following question was submitted by Cllr Conaghan;-

“When the Local Area Plan for Killybegs is being considered, can an extension of the zoning for residential development at Killybegs be included?”-

Cllr Conaghan was informed that:-

“Work has commenced on the preparation of a draft Tier 2 Local Area Plan for a number of towns, which includes Killybegs. One of the issues to be considered in the preparation of that plan shall be the zoning of land, including the zoning of land for Primarily Residential purposes. In that regard the extent of land to be zoned for primarily residential purposes shall be informed by the provisions of the Core Strategy contained within the County Donegal Development Plan 2012-2018, which provides for 14 Hectares of land for Killybegs.”

**MDD/029/16 Date of next meeting**

**Members agreed the date of the next meeting on Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 commencing of 11.30 am as per standing orders.**

**This concluded the business of the meeting.**

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**Area Manager  
Municipal District of Donegal**

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**Cathaoirleach  
Municipal District of Donegal**

**Minutes of Municipal District of Donegal Workshop held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016 at 11.30 am 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, Director Designate, Municipal District of Donegal/Director of Finance, Emergency Services and Information Systems  
Ms. Bridie McBrearty, Area Manager, Housing & Corporate Services  
Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Roads/Transportation  
Mr. William Freney, Executive Engineer, Roads / Transportation  
Mr. Declan Gillespie, Executive Engineer, Roads / Transportation  
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing / Corporate Services  
Mr. Brendan O'Donnell, A/Senior Engineer, Roads / Transportation  
Mr. Denis Kelly, Senior Executive Planner, Central Planning Unit  
Ms. Collette Beatty, Assistant Planner, Central Planning Unit

**Minutes**

**Roads Condition Survey Data System**

Mr. M Sweeney provided a demonstration to the Members on the Council's Condition Survey System which details the condition of the roads in the County into 10 different categories. He also dealt with a number of queries in relation to the system, surveying, prioritising/works, rating conditions, materials used to fill potholes, cleaning of water outlets on roads etc.

**Roads Restoration Programme 2016 – 2018**

Mr. M Sweeney circulated a proposed draft Roads Restoration Programme – 2016 – 2018. Following a lengthy discussion, Members agreed to amend the programme, details of which were noted by Mr M. Sweeney and would be presented for formal adoption of the Members to the next meeting of the Municipal District.

**Report on Pay and Display in Ballyshannon**

Mr. M Sweeney circulated and presented a detailed report on Pay and Display in Ballyshannon which had been prepared in response to a motion that was submitted by Cllr O'Neill at the Municipal District meeting of the 13<sup>th</sup> October 2015. The report dealt with such matters as;-



- Bye-laws
- Ballyshannon Parking Statistics
- Pay & Display Income from 2005 – 2015
- Pay & Display Expenditure
- History of the proposal to extend Pay & Display into the Market Yard
- The benefits of the car park development
- Potential Income from Pay & Display in Ballyshannon
- Analysis of the Statistics
- Income Collected from Pay & Display – what it can fund
- Decision Making
- Recommendation

Members thanked Mr. M Sweeney and a number of comments/queries were dealt with as follows:-

In a detailed submission in relation to this matter in Ballyshannon Cllr O'Neill advised that the Markey Yard Trust had transferred the lands to the Council during the 1990's subject to the agreement that the Council would not introduce parking charges on these lands. He outlined that Ballyshannon had suffered greatly from economic decline, citing 7 businesses that have closed in the past 12 months alone and advised that the town requires assistance rather than the introduction of additional charges. The fact that there is no Pay & Display in Bundoran during the winter months is a further disadvantage to Ballyshannon. He submitted that the decline in income from Pay & Display was a reflection of the decline in economic activity in Ballyshannon rather than a lack of enforcement. In addition Ballyshannon is not like the other towns in the County as there are no major supermarkets located there. Despite the fact that they have no pay and display the Council has carried out improvement works on the car parks in these towns.

He advised that if required a motion would be submitted to the Plenary Council seeking to abolish the charges in Ballyshannon.

Mr. G Martin informed Members that it would appear from a county wide review of pay and display income by the Internal Audit Department that the trend is that income in the County is down despite an increase in traffic and it appears that it is a result of enforcement. In terms of practical application of the Pay & Display, there is an unwritten rule that a period of free parking is applied as the wardens monitor vehicles for a period prior to issuing a ticket. He informed Members where if a stated period of 'free parking' were to be introduced there would be a substantial fall in income as has been evident in other towns where this was applied. He cited Donegal Town as being a good example of where income from this source has benefited the town but that he also recognises the challenges in Ballyshannon. He noted as identified in the report that a significant number of free parking spaces would remain and that experience to date is that there is no link to parking charges driving out business. Mr. Martin informed the Members that the Council would clarify the position in relation to the transfer of the lands in Ballyshannon from the Trust to determine if there were

any conditions attached thereto. He acknowledged that parking charges can be an emotive issue but also that charges have a benefit for traffic management/economic development.

Cllr O'Neill submitted if an anchor supermarket could be located in Ballyshannon, he would support a review of the charges in five years time.

Cllr Campbell supporting the recommendation from the Roads Department queried the savings to the District of abolishing the charges in the town. In response, Mr. M Sweeney informed Members the income generated from the charges in Ballyshannon would have to be found elsewhere.

Cllr Conaghan submitted there should be a more stringer effort to ensure compliance with the charges and to parking in Donegal Town to both improve traffic management and increase the income generated for re-investment into the town.

### **Memorial to the late James White.**

Ms. B McBrearty referred to the Members decision at a recent MD meeting to erect a memorial in honour of the late Mr. James White further to correspondence received from his cousin. She sought the advice of the Members as to what would be appropriate if funding could be sourced through Community and Enterprise as no funding was available for this purpose. Following a short discussion, Members agreed to explore the option of renaming "The Mall, Ballyshannon" to the "James White Mall". Ms. B McBrearty informed Members she would explore this option with the Place Names Committee revert to Members in due course.

### **Winter Maintenance Routes**

Mr. Brendan O'Donnell, A/Senior Engineer, Roads / Transportation briefed Members in relation to the Winter Maintenance Programme as a follow up to the workshop was held at Plenary Council with Members in March 2015. Mr. O'Donnell advised Members that at the workshop a number of requests were made by Members for additional roads be to included on the Programme but that Members had acknowledged there were not seeking additional plant to be allocated but rather to rationalise as far as possible the current routes.

Mr. O'Donnell detailed the length of road on the agreed gritting programme and the cost during 2014/2015 season; he would forward full details by email to the Members. He advised that one of the concerns expressed by staff involved in the Programme was the actual length of the individual routes and the difficulty in keeping them open during very bad weather conditions.

He advised that the routes are largely at full capacity and briefed Members on the prioritisation of the individual routes and outlined in detail the difficulties experienced in trying to keep routes open during extreme weather conditions. Therefore there is very little capacity to add any new routes to the Programme. In addition the risk assessment to be carried out on all routes has not been fully completed.

Mr. O'Donnell also requested that where Members have requests for gritting on a particular day e.g. for a funeral, that such requests should be made to the Area Engineers / Area

Managers rather than by contacting the duty engineer or drivers as Management need to be aware of the overall situation.

A number of comments were dealt with at the workshop and in particular the following;-

In response to a request from Cllr Conaghan to add the Driminin Slip Road onto the gritting programme, Mr. B O'Donnell informed Members this could be considered as a priority 3 but only if the gritter was directly passing this road following completion of the programmed route.

In response to a query from Cllr Jordan in relation to the Letterbarrow area, as to whether it is gritted as a priority 3 from Glencoagh or is it from Doonan, Mr. B O'Donnell informed Members it would be from Doonan and only in extreme weather conditions if there is a need and capacity to respond to local circumstances.

In response to a request from Cllr Jordan for the addition of a 3 kms of the Ardaghey to Ardara Road, Mr. B O'Donnell informed Members the Council could not commit to gritting local roads and the purpose of today's briefing was to try to give an understanding of the challenges facing the Council in bad weather and for the requirement to prioritise. In extreme circumstances he advised the Council can try to respond to requests.

### **Casual Trading**

Mr. Denis Kelly, Senior Executive Planner and Ms. Collette Beatty, Assistant Planner were in attendance to discuss with Members the proposed Casual Trading – General Bye-Laws 2016 and presented in detail the working document on same to Members.

Mr. D Kelly advised Members of the process involved in the drafting of new casual trading bye-laws for the county. He asked Members for feedback on the working document presented and advised that all comments would be presented to the Plenary Council before finalisation of the bye-laws.

A number of comments / queries were dealt with as follows;-

In response to a request from Cllr O'Neill for clarification on No. 4 of the working document, Mr. D Kelly informed Members that this proposes to take away the exemption for 'chip vans' for trading at events. He also informed Members that the National Legislation is the basis on which the bye-laws are drafted.

In response to a query from Cllr O'Neill regarding Beach Bye Laws, Mr. D Kelly confirmed that these are separate and suggested to the Members that they might consider the designation of a trading area at Rosstown. He advised that the fees for casual trading would be reviewed at plenary level and that any conditions which would be attached to trading areas would be a matter for Members to consider with designating areas.

In response to a query from Cllr Campbell as to the necessity for the Food Festival in Donegal Town to require a casual trading licence, Mr. D Kelly advised that this would

require review from a legal point of view. The effect that it would have on other Festivals e.g. the Rory Gallagher Festival would also need to be considered.

Mr. D Kelly informed Members he would bring back the Members comments for consideration at plenary in due course.

This concluded the business of the Workshop.

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**Area Manager,  
Municipal District of Donegal**

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**Cathaoirleach,  
Municipal District of Donegal**

# Municipal District of Donegal

Housing/Corporate Update as at 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016

## Casual Vacancy as at 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Location of Vacancy	Area	BED	Dwelling Vacated	Repairs Completed
SI Cottage at Ballinacarrick	BALLINTRA	3	24th March, 2013 (Tenant Deceased)	Possession Order Granted 25/6/15
60 St Benildus Avenue	BALLYSHANNON	2	Repossessed on 28/04/2010	Offers too low
30 Cluain Barron	BALLYSHANNON	3	11 October 2013	LTV Fund
6 Erne Street	BALLYSHANNON	2	16 January 2016	Referred for inspection
29 Saimer Drive	BALLYSHANNON	2	16 January 2016	Works ongoing
12 St Therasas Terrace	Bruckless	3	07 January 2016	Works ongoing
25 Benwhisken	Bundoran	3	23 February 2016	Works ongoing
73 Slieve League Avenue	CARRICK	3	16-Jun-2015	No need
11 St Marys Park	DONEGAL	2	Tenant deceased Jan 2016	Referred for inspection
16 O'Cleirigh Avenue	DONEGAL	1	18-Aug-2015	Works ongoing
21 O'Cleirigh Avenue	DONEGAL	3	22-Sep-2015	LTV Fund
201 Castleview	DUNKINEELY	3	27-Jun-2014	LTV Fund
224 Castleview	DUNKINEELY	1	30-Dec-2015	No need
226 Castleview	DUNKINEELY	1	14/12/2015 (Tenant Deceased)	No need
93 Conlin Road	Killybegs	2	1-Jan-2016	Works ongoing
SI Cottage at Stragar North	KILLYBEGS	2	17th Aug 2012	LTV Fund
56 St Cummins Hill	Killybegs	1	17 February 2016	ready for letting
29 Termon Villas	PETTIGO	3	30 March 2015	Requires survey - no immediate demand

Position as at the 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016

### HOUSING GRANTS

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HO	2015	12	5	3	0	4
HO	2016	1	1	0	0	0

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	FURTHER INFO.	REFERRED TO OT	REFERRED TO ENGINEER	PENDING
HD	2015	36	9	13	0	0	0	14
HD	2016	3	0	1	1	0	0	1

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HM	2015	1	0	1	0	0
HM	2016	0	0	0	0	0

### Housing Loans

There are no housing loan applications to date in 2016 and no outstanding applications to be dealt with.

**SOCIAL HOUSING SUPPORT PROGRAMME**

**Position at 29th February 2016**

Scheme	2 bed	2 bed	3 bed	4 bed	5 bed	Total	Status					
	apts (own door)	2 storey	2 storey	2 storey	bungalow		Design	Planning	Tender	Under Con	Completed	
<b>Building Programme 2015 - 2017</b>								final layout				
Donegal Town	8	8	6	2		24	24	to Dept 29/1				
<b>Purchases 2015 and 2016</b>												
Killybegs*		1	2			3		awaiting keys for 2 and One works complete and let				
Carrick*				1		1		awaiting keys				
Donegal Town*	1		2	1		4		One complete and let and Works ongoing other 2				
Bundoran			1			1		awaiting keys				
<b>CAS 2015</b>								Being built in conjunction with Donegal Town				
2 Com Group Homes*					2	2	2					

**Other Supply**

Proposals for provision of 25 no. units in Donegal Town and 22 no. units in Ballyshannon have been supported by Council and the AHB is currently seeking to supply these through either purchasing units or having units built in the towns

<b>HAP Tenancies</b>	
<b>Municipal District</b>	<b>Number</b>
Donegal	72
Letterkenny	372
Glenties	64
Stranorlar	92
Inishowen	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>700</b>



**Donegal Municipal District  
2016 Roadworks Programme  
Status Report - 8th March 2016**

## Surface Dressing 2016

### Regional Road Surface Dressing

No	Road No.	Road Name and /or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Length (m)	Area (sq.m)	Estimated cost (€)	Status
1	R-263-9	Carrick Bogagh	Killybegs	400	3000	€16,500	
2	R-262-3	Glenlee - Supers corner	Killybegs	814	5291	€29,005	
3	R-263-4/5	Kitty Kellys - Largy	Killybegs	400	2400	€13,200	
4	R262/3	Drumbeagh Ballybrollaghan	Dunkineely	1000	3500	€12,416	
5	R231-1	Rossnowlagh Rd	Ballyshannon	900	5400	€29,584	
6	R232-3	Pettigoe Rd	Laghey	1050	7350	€39,436	

**Total Budget €140,141**

### Local Road Surface Dressing

No	Road No.	Road Name and /or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Length (m)	Area (sq.m)	Estimated cost (€)	Status
1	L-5035-1	Straid - Garveross	Killybegs	700	2240	€10,080	
2	L-5065-2	Drim - Cloghan	Killybegs	700	2240	€10,080	
3	L-1035-2	Curreen - Glencolmcille	Killybegs	600	1920	€8,640	
4	L-1245-2	Fintra	Killybegs	850	3187.5	€14,344	
5	L-5365-1	Ballyara Upper	Killybegs	700	2100	€9,450	
6	L-5475 & L-1345	Carricknagore - Harbour Lights	Killybegs	250	1250	€5,625	
7	L-1335-1	Carricknagore - 5Pts Jnc	Killybegs	700	2,450	€11,025	

8	L-5465-2	Aghayeevoge (Glashey)	Killybegs	340	1,530	€6,885	
9	L-1325/1	Commons (Dohertys Rd) Patching	Killybegs	250	938	€4,219	
10	L-12151	Tawney Cottages ( Patching)	Killybegs	350	1312.5	€5,906	
11	L-5565	Gilbertstown	Killybegs	800	2400	€9,478	
12	L-6135-1	Bartaws - Drumgorman Barr	Dunkineely	1000	3500	€14,700	
13	L-1825-3	Ogherbeg - Lackrom	Dunkineely	1000	3500	€14,700	
14	L-1915-1	Drumgornan - Killymard Chapel	Dunkineely	1000	3500	€14,700	
15	L-1855-1	Ballyweal - Ballyboyle	Dunkineely	1000	4000	€15,770	
16	L-6395-2	Eddrim Glebe - Dromore	Dunkineely	1000	3500	€14,700	
17	L-1815-6	Ardbane - Meenaguise	Dunkineely	1100	3850	€16,170	
18	L-6325-2/1	Meenaguise - Disert	Dunkineely	1100	3850	€16,170	
19	L 2225-6	Belault-Rushen	Ballyshannon	2000	6400	€25,600	
20	L 2365-2	Carricknahorna	Ballyshannon	1600	5120	€20,275	
21	L 7775-1	Tullyhorkey-Behey	Ballyshannon	2200	7040	€28,000	
22	L 24851	Balure Lane	Ballyshannon	1000	3300	€13,200	
23	L 79151	Ardfarna	Ballyshannon	1500	4800	€19,200	
24	L6765-2	Cuilly/Copany	Laghey	1200	4800	€21,600.00	
25	L1835-3	Corabber	Laghey	1000	4500	€20,250.00	
26	L6945-1	Raw Hill	Laghey	500	1750	€7,875.00	
27	L2185-2	Rath	Laghey	1000	5000	€22,489.00	
28	L7065-1	Carrickbreaney	Laghey	600	2100	€9,450.00	
29	L22652	Carn	Laghey	1000	3500	€15,600.00	
30	LS6915-2	Lisnapaste - Shannagh	Laghey	1000	3500	€17,225.25	

**Total  
Budget €423,407**



## 2016 Regional and Local Road Improvement Works

No	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area (14)	Own Resources / Contractor	Budget	Status	Percentage Complete
1	R-262-1	Drumbeagh - Ballybrollaghan	Dunkineely	C & O R	€68,177		
2	L-1445-2	Ballybodonnell	Dunkineely	O R	€36,750		
3	L-5875-1	R-262 - Dibbin School	Dunkineely	O R	€46,200		
4	L-1815-4/5	Letterbarra - Drumboarty	Dunkineely	O R	€40,450		
5	L-1855-2	Drumark	Dunkineely	O R	€50,150		
6	L-6375-1	Dromore Upper - Eddrim Glebe	Dunkineely	O R	€49,500		
7	L-6395-1	Eddrim Glebe	Dunkineely	O R	€35,000		
8	L-6495-1	Altilow - Heney's	Dunkineely	O R	€29,000		
9	L-1615-1	Tullycumber - Lettermore	Dunkineely	O R	€38,500		
10	L-6425-1	Drumboarty	Dunkineely	O R	€44,000		
11	L-18451	Revlin (GAA Pitch - Bank Walk)	Dunkineely	O R	€30,000		
12	L-1875-3	Station Road (Pipe Drain & Widen)	Dunkineely	O R	€12,000		

No	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area (15)	Own Resources / Contractor	Budget	Status	Percentage Complete
1	R-263 & L	Killybegs Streets (Various locations)	Killybegs	C	€70,000		
2	R-263-7	Bavin - Kilcar	Killybegs	C & O R	€33,600		
3	R-230-6	Meenaneary - Croweighter	Killybegs	O R	€64,400		
4	R-263-3	Supers Corner	Killybegs	C & O R	€14,400		
5	R-263-5	Largymore (Patch)	Killybegs	C & O R	€5,000		
6	L-5435-1	Roshine School - Drimanoo	Killybegs	O R	€48,000		
7	L-1315-3	Bungosteen - Stragar	Killybegs	O R	€72,000		

8	L-1085-2	Carrick - Teelin	Killybegs	C & O R	€30,800	
9	L-10451	Ummerawirrinan	Killybegs	O R	€28,800	
10	L-5195-2	Derrylaghan - Kilbeg	Killybegs	O R	€51,200	
11	L-1195-1	Line Road Kilcar	Killybegs	C & O R	€28,160	
12	L-1265-4	Roshine Road	Killybegs	C & O R	€15,311	
13	L-1255-1	Letter - Meenyhooghan	Killybegs	O R	€38,196	

No	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area (16)	Own Resources / Contractor	Budget	Status	Percentage Complete
1	LP2425-1	Ballyshannon Streets	Ballyshannon	C	€80,000		
2	R231-1	Rossnowlagh RD	Ballyshannon	C	€60,000		
3	LP7245-1	Ballymagoarty Irish	Ballyshannon	C & O R	€15,000		
4	LP2365-1	Cavangarden	Ballyshannon	C	€65,873		
5	LS7335-1	Glaskerragh	Ballyshannon	O R	€40,000		
6	LS7295-1	Big Park	Ballyshannon	O R	€42,240		
7	LS7265-2	Glasbolie	Ballyshannon	O R	€64,800		
8	LS7235-1	Ballymagoarty Scotch	Ballyshannon	O R	€39,600		
9	LS7385-1	Ballinacarrick (old dump rd)	Ballyshannon	O R	€35,000		
10	LP2375-1	Roshin Lough RD-Cashelard	Ballyshannon	O R	€30,000		
11	L7285-1	Ballyhalla	Ballyshannon	O R	€30,000		

No	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area (17)	Own Resources / Contractor	Budget	Status	Percentage Complete
1	LT20855	Donegal Streets	Laghey	C	€80,000		
2	R232-9	Pettigo Rd	Laghey	C	€85,000		
3	LT22652	Carn	Laghey	O R	€61,600		

4	LP1972 -2	Tawnawilly	Laghey	O R	€77,000	
5	LS6585-1	Clarcam	Laghey	O R	€21,000	
6	LS6565-1	Birchill	Laghey	O R	€35,000	
7	LT68152	Druminardagh (Givens)	Laghey	O R	€25,200	
8	LT18352	Goladoo	Laghey	O R	€60,000	
9	LS6915-1	Listnapaste/Shannagh	Laghey	O R	€40,000	
10	LP 1945-2	Lough Eske Demense (Patches)	Laghey	C	€42,557	
11	LT20751	Tullygallon	Laghey	O R	€25,000	

**€2,034,464.00**      **Total  
Budget**

# Donegal Municipal District

## Severe Weather Repairs Works

No	Road Number	RSS Area	Road Name and / or Townland Name	Proposed Works (Description)	Cost	Status
1	L-5945-1	Dunkineely	Creevins, Mountcharles.	Creevins bridge replacement.	€ 60,000.00	
2	L-1855-1	Dunkineely	Summerhill Donegal Town.	Installation of rock armour to the support a short section of the road that has been undermined by wave action.	€ 5,000.00	
3	L-6095-1	Dunkineely	Drumbeigh, Frosses	Repair damage to existing road surface.	€ 2,000.00	
4	L-2525-1	Ballyshannon	Ardfarn, Ballyshannon.	Repair of flood damage to the Four Masters Bridge.	€200,000.00	
5	L-7865-1	Ballyshannon	Ardfarn, Ballyshannon.	Road restoration works.	€ 62,000.00	
6	LS-7075-1	Ballyshannon	Drumholme.	Immediate pothole repair followed by road restoration later in the year	€ 15,000.00	
7	LP-2325-1	Ballyshannon	Ballymagroarty Scotch, Ballintra.	Immediate pothole repair followed by road restoration later in the year. Culvert in roadway needs to be upsized to cater for flooding.	€ 48,000.00	
8	LP-23151	Ballyshannon	Coolmore, Rossnowlagh.	Installation of rock armour to repair landslide along road verge.	€ 3,000.00	
9	Footway	Laghey	Bank Walk, Drumrooske, Donegal Town.	Repair of landslide along public footway. Piling required to retain slippage.	€ 26,000.00	
10	L-2165-1	Laghey	Murvagh Upper.	Ongoing pothole repair followed by road restoration works later in the year.	€ 20,000.00	
11	LP-2135-2	Laghey	Drumbristan Glebe, Murvagh.	Patch & surface dress	€ 6,000.00	
12	L6845-1	Laghey	Carrick Lane, Laghey.	Full width road restoration required as well as increasing the size of the roadside drainage.	€ 45,000.00	



13	L-8045-1	Laghey	Drumnawark, Pettigo.	Immediate pothole repairs has been completed, additional culverts & road restoration works required later in the year.	€ 25,000.00	
14	R-232-2	Laghey	Lough Derg Road, Pettigo.	Installation of rock armour to the support a short section of the road verge that has been undermined by the nearby Ominey river.	€ 15,000.00	

**Total Budget Allocation €532,000.00**

## Donegal Municipal District

### Severe Weather Preventative Works

No	Road Number	RSS Area	Road Name and / or Townland Name	Proposed Works (Description)	Cost	Status
1	L-7775-2	Ballyshannon	Parkhill, Ballyshannon	Installation of new drainage network to address flooding.	€ 20,000.00	
2	R231-4 & LS-7175	Ballyshannon	Rossnowlagh Road and Ardeelan Lower junction.	Repairs to existing culvert.	€ 3,612.00	
3	R-232-9	Laghey	Mulnagoad, Pettigo. (Bannus Lough)	Culvert replacement.	€ 20,000.00	
4	LT-65351	Laghey	Clareden Drive, Drumlonagher, Donegal Town	Installation of new drainage network and the reinstatement of road surface damaged due to the flooding.	€ 30,000.00	
5	LP-2195-2	Laghey	Rafoarty (Ballintra - Laghey Road)	Installation of new drainage network to address flooding.	€ 25,000.00	

**Total Budget Allocation € 98,612.00**



# Donegal Municipal District

## LOW COST REMEDIAL WORKS

Programme of works yet to be announced

Low cost safety measures						
Engineering Area	Location	Site Location	Road No	Budget (€)	Description of works	Status

NRA - HD 28 Works - Management of Skid Resistance						
Engineering Area	Location	Site Location	Road No	Budget (€)	Description of works	Status

NRA - HD 15 Works - Network Safety Ranking						
Engineering Area	Location	Site Location	Road No	Budget	Description of works	Status

Area				(€)		



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Municipal District of Donegal

8<sup>th</sup> March 2016

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**Community & Development Division**

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## **REPORT**

1. Funding Programmes
  - a. Development Fund Initiative
  - b. Community Tourism Diaspora Initiative
2. Help Make Donegal the Greenest County in Ireland for St. Patrick's Day 2016
3. Donegal Walks and Trails
4. Bundoran Tourism Officer Update
5. Playgrounds
6. Donegal Youth Council



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**Municipal District: ALL**

**Activity / Project Update**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	Development Fund Initiative  Community Tourism Diaspora Initiative
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Funding Programmes
<b>Details</b>	<p><b><u>Development Fund Initiative</u></b></p> <p>Donegal County Council wishes to invite applications in respect of the Development Fund Initiative 2016. This fund is available to support initiatives in various forms of development including: economic, social, cultural, heritage and various related initiatives which will benefit local communities, areas and groups throughout the county. Further details can be obtained from <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie">www.donegalcoco.ie</a> or by contacting (074) 9172471.</p> <p><b>The closing date for receipt of completed applications is 1pm Monday 21st March 2016.</b></p> <p><b><u>Community Tourism Diaspora Initiative</u></b></p> <p>The key objective of this Fund is to provide support to local and community event organisers and activities / projects that will harness diaspora links for the benefit of local and community tourism.</p> <p>Further information and application form can be obtained from <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie">www.donegalcoco.ie</a> or by contacting Iga Lawne on <a href="mailto:iga@countydonesaltourism.com">iga@countydonesaltourism.com</a></p> <p><b>The closing date for receipt of completed applications is Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016.</b></p>
<b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	Barney McLaughlin (074) 97 24465



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**Municipal District: ALL**

**Activity / Project Update**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Help Make Donegal the Greenest County in Ireland for St. Patrick's Day 2016</b>
<b>Details</b>	<p>Donegal Tourism Ltd in association with Donegal County Council launched an initiative to help make 'Donegal <b>the Greenest County in Ireland for St. Patrick's Day</b>' for the first time last year. Local communities and trade providers in Donegal are encouraged to get involved in the greening of their local area. Whether it is the greening of an attraction, business premises, local beauty spot or church!</p> <p>Greening of Donegal for St. Patrick's Day is an excellent way to kick start the season and offers an excellent opportunity to show that Donegal is very much connected and that communities are ready and waiting to welcome visitors.</p> <p>A plan is in place to promote the greening through a variety of Donegal Tourism Ltd and Donegal County Council websites, social channels and e-mail marketing campaigns. Groups and individuals that have organised the 'greening' of any location are asked to e-mail photos and details to <a href="mailto:greeningdonegal@gmail.com">greeningdonegal@gmail.com</a> From there they will be circulated online. Local people and visitors are encouraged to take photos of greened locations and post them online using the hashtag #greeningdonegal. These locations will be featured on a specially developed digital map.</p>
<b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	Iga Lawne <a href="mailto:greeningdonegal@gmail.com">greeningdonegal@gmail.com</a>



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**Municipal District: Donegal**

**Activity / Project Update March 2016**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Donegal Walks and Trails</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Maintenance, development and promotion of walks & trails in Donegal including cycle routes and Greenways.
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	
<b>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 3 -inclusive of current status</b>	<p>A number of applications / expressions of interest have been lodged to the Department under the Recreation Funding 2015 to initiate some proposed walks and improve some existing ones. The department informed us that they have now made a limited amount of funding available for 2016 to progress recreational projects. To this end the National Rural Development Section are currently formulating the terms and conditions of a formal scheme and will announce this shortly.</p> <p>All those who submitted an expression of interest in 2015 will be notified of the details of this new scheme in due course and are welcome to apply for funding if the projects they are pursuing meet the criteria that will be set down.</p> <p>The EOIs submitted in this Municipal District included: Sli Cholmcille (Bealach na Gaeltacht), Kingfisher Cycle Route incorporating Ballyshannon cycle loops and NW Cycle route.</p> <p>Sli Cholmcille has also been included in an application for a project called Hiking Europe and confirmation of funding is awaited here which will allow for marketing of the Bealach na Gaeltacht and the re mapping of the routes.</p> <p>Counters have been checked at Sliabh Liag and are indicating a 25% increase in visits at Sliabh Liag in 2015 over 2014.</p> <p>Other proposed projects include: The upgrading of the existing walks and trails to an acceptable standard to meet the requirements of the National Trails Office.</p> <p>Further exploration of the Ballyshannon / Belleek trail, access to famine graveyard Ballyshannon and Creevey walks and scoping out proposed walks in the Kilcar area.</p> <p>Ongoing consultation with agencies including National Parks &amp; Wildlife Services, Failte Ireland, Udaras na Gaeltachta, Donegal Tourism and Donegal Local Development Company.</p>
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly 1 reporting period</b>	<p>Identification of some funds to progress local walks at Kilcar and completion of outstanding issues with Sli Cholmcille.</p> <p>An application is currently being submitted to Interreg V for funding for Greenway development under the Sustainable Transport measure in conjunction with Derry / Strabane Council however criteria dictates</p>



	<p>that it must be cross-border therefore any initial funding will be for works commencing at the border with Derry and Tyrone.</p> <p>A delivery strategy is being developed in conjunction with the NW Greenway Plan for any proposed greenway routes into the future and will follow the model of the Errigal Project where a stake-holders steering group will be convened for any identified route.</p> <p>The NW Greenway Plan was prepared by Sustrans on behalf of the former North West Region Cross-border Group with Donegal County Council contributing along with Derry Strabane District Council.</p> <p>First quarter readings of the counters will be done in Spring 2016</p> <p>Proposed projects will be assessed for LEADER funding.</p>
<p><b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i></p>	<p>Francis Conaghan (Paths &amp; Trails Development Officer) 087 2371219 fconaghan@donegaltrailsoffice.com</p>



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**Activity / Project Update**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	Bundoran Tourism Officer Update
<b>Project Description</b>	Promotional Activities
<b>Current Activities</b>	<p><u>Information Panels at Fairy Bridges/Wishing Chair Bundoran</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3 information panels to be installed beside the Fairy Bridges/Wishing Chair/Crash Memorial at Roguey Walk, Bundoran</li><li>• Planning permission process underway with planning authority.</li><li>• Design to be started on the 3 panels</li></ul> <p><u>Recruitment of new members of Discover Bundoran Tourism Partnership</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continuous invoicing of members for membership fees.</li></ul> <p><u>Discover Bundoran brochure distribution</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Distribution plan to get brochure out to Tourist Offices and Accommodation providers/tourist attractions</li><li>• Distribution of 9000 brochures so far to local businesses and accommodation providers</li><li>• Phase 2 of distribution to be completed in coming weeks</li></ul> <p><u>Events for 2016</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Greening of Bundoran for St Patrick's Day. Businesses contacted and green filter paper acquired for greening of Bundoran which will begin w/c 7<sup>th</sup> March.</li><li>• Easter Egg Painting and Treasure Hunt – distribution of posters underway.</li><li>• Assistance to Magh Ene Historical Society with 1916 Centenary Events.</li></ul> <p><u>Discover Bundoran website and social media</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ongoing management of <a href="http://www.discoverbundoran.com">www.discoverbundoran.com</a> and social media channels</li><li>• Updating of website with news blogs, photo galleries and event/gig guide listings.</li><li>• Increased strategy for gaining new followers on Facebook/Twitter and Instagram accounts.</li><li>• March newsletter recently sent out. Plan to do these once per month with Bundoran news and offers/events that are going on.</li><li>• To improve the content an update more frequently with content that matters to Bundoran target market.</li></ul> <p><u>Marketing of Bundoran Waterworld</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Marketing plan for year 25 (2016) of Waterworld completed and begun to be actioned.</li></ul>

	<p><u>Management and Staffing of Bundoran Tourist Office</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2 new staff sourced via Tús scheme – beginning March 7<sup>th</sup>.</li><li>• Rostering of same to ensure Tourist Office is open at appropriate times.</li><li>• Recruiting some volunteers via Donegal Volunteer Centre</li><li>• Ensuring office is stocked with current brochures</li></ul>
<p><b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i></p>	<p>Shane Smyth – <a href="mailto:shane@discoverbundoran.com">shane@discoverbundoran.com</a> 087 3737817</p>



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**Municipal District: Donegal**

**Activity / Project Update: March 2016**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>PLAYGROUNDS</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Annual Maintenance of Playgrounds 2015/2016 <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Glencolmcille</li><li>2. St John Bosco, Donegal Town</li><li>3. Mall Park, Ballyshannon &amp; Outdoor Fitness Equipment</li><li>4. Kilcar</li></ol>
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€19,974
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Works consists of:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Replacement of broken equipment</li><li>• Replace worn safety tiles and remove trip hazards</li><li>• Grease all equipment that contains bushes, bearings , shackles, etc.</li><li>• Fitting of new 'Smoking Cessation' signs</li><li>• Fitting of new 'Rules' signs</li></ul></li></ol> <p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rospa Inspections and identification of necessary repairs have been carried out.</li><li>• Tenders assessed December 2015</li><li>• Annual Maintenance Tender awarded to Murphy Playground Services Ltd.</li><li>• Works are ongoing at present.</li></ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maintenance works have commenced and due for completion by early April 2016.</li></ul>
<b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	Eamon Boyle Executive Engineer Three Rivers Centre Tel: 087 1788623 <a href="mailto:eamonb@donegalcoco.ie">eamonb@donegalcoco.ie</a>



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**Municipal District: ALL**

**Activity / Project Update**

<p><b>Activity / Project Title</b></p>	<p>DONEGAL YOUTH COUNCIL</p>
<p><b>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status</b></p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>County Meetings have taken place on Saturday January 16<sup>th</sup> and Sat February 13<sup>th</sup> - January meeting mainly looked at project planning for 2016 and election of new Chairperson Bridget McDyer from Rosses CS. February meeting saw the group participate in an introductory Sexual Health training and preparing for Pre-Election debate.</p> <p><b>Pre Election Debate</b> The group recently completed for a Pre-Election debate called "Let's Talk" in LYIT with 10 candidates attending. This is a Community Foundation for Ireland funded partnership project with the DYS World Wide Voices group and has been really interesting to hear the issues effecting young people from ethnic minorities in the county.</p> <p><b>Road Safety</b> The group are due to complete another road safety radio with GAA Health &amp; Wellbeing Committee and Donegal GAA Road Safety Ambassador Ryan McHugh to launch a road safety campaign ahead of St Patricks Day and Easter period</p> <p><b>Young Carers Week</b> -Through involvement in Donegal CYPSC Young Carers Working Group our Youth Councillors are planning to have their Young Carers video shown in schools and Youthreach Centres across the county during the planned Young Carers Week from 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> April</p> <p><b>IN THE LONG RUN</b> - The Youth Council are involved in a new event which will be highlighting the issue of Human Trafficking called "In the Long Run". The group come to Donegal on March 30<sup>th</sup> and will be hosted by the Donegal Anti Human Trafficking Group.</p> <p><b>New projects</b> - Youth Councillors voted at their January meeting to make Bullying as their main priority for project work in 2016. They hope to work to develop a series of animated videos.</p> <p><b>NORWEGIAN PARTNERSHIP YEP PROJECT</b> DYC are planning a youth exchange for the Youth Council in 2016, which has seen us develop a partnership with the Nordland Youth Council. The Norwegian group will now come to Letterkenny for a week on Easter Monday with the Youth Council returning to visit them in Bodo Norway on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Advanced planning visit took place last week with 2 workers from the Nordland Youth Council visiting Donegal.</p>
<p><b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b></p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>Development of Bullying Project &amp; Sexual Health project Completion of Road Safety campaign Completion of first leg of YEP Exchange project hosting Norwegian group Planning for recruitment of new Youth Council for 2016 with review of current model</p>
<p><b>Contact Person</b> (to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</p>	<p>Martin Keeney 0876806676 <a href="mailto:youthcouncil@donegalyouthservice.ie">youthcouncil@donegalyouthservice.ie</a></p>

<p><b>Community, Enterprise &amp; Planning Services</b></p> <p><b>Planning Services Report</b></p>
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**Donegal Municipal District Meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

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**Content:**

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- 3. Significant Cases (incl. Transboundary applications)**
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### Summary of planning applications for each Municipal District (2016)

	Period	Apps Recd	Granted	Refused	Deferred	Decisions < 2 months	Invalid
<b>Donegal</b>	01/01/16-31/01/16	16	16	2	11	13	5
<b>Glenties</b>	01/01/16-31/01/16	17	17	6	14	14	2
<b>Inishowen</b>	01/01/16-31/01/16	24	6	4	3	10	2
<b>Letterkenny</b>	01/01/16-31/01/16	19	19	2	3	15	3
<b>Stranorlar</b>	01/01/16-31/01/16	9	17	1	5	12	0
<b>County Totals</b>		<b>85</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>12</b>

**Received (01/02/2016 – 04/03/2016)** – 1 in total - Donegal Municipal District

**Decision Notified (01/02/2016 – 04/03/2016)** – 2 in total - 1 in the Donegal Municipal District

**Appeal's Received (01/02/2016 – 04/03/2016)**

<b>REF NO</b>	<b>APPLICANTS NAME</b>	<b>APP. TYPE</b>	<b>DECISION DATE</b>	<b>L.A. DECISION</b>	<b>DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION</b>	<b>BORD PLEANALA RECD DATE</b>
15/51345	KIERAN CUMMINS	P	14/01/2016	C	PROVISION OF A NEW VEHICULAR ENTRANCE ONTO THE COUNTY ROAD TO SERVICE EXISTING PROPERTY AND ALL ASSOCIATED SITE WORKS ROXBOROUGH GLEBE KILCAR DONEGAL P O	10/02/2016



**Decision Notified (01/02/2016 – 04/03/2016) – Donegal Municipal District**

<b>REF NO</b>	<b>APPLICANTS NAME</b>	<b>APP. TYPE</b>	<b>DECISION DATE</b>	<b>L.A. DECISION</b>	<b>DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION</b>	<b>BORD PLEANALA DEC. DATE</b>	<b>DECISION</b>
14/51305	CLOGHERAVADDY WIND FARM LIMITED	P	08/01/2015	R	A WIND ENERGY PROJECT COMPRISING UP TO SEVEN WIND TURBINES, CONSTRUCTION OF NEW INTERNAL ACCESS TRACKS, UPGRADING EXISTING ACCESS TRACKS, A NEW SITE ENTRANCE (ON THE L5795 LOCAL ROAD), UNDERGROUND CABLING, ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION, TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION COMPOUND AND ASSOCIATED WORKS. EACH WIND TURBINE WILL HAVE AN OVERALL MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF 126.5M, COMPRISING A TOWER 65-80 METRES HIGH, TO WHICH THREE BLADES OF 45-56 METRES LENGTH WILL BE ATTACHED. AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND NATURA IMPACT STATEMENT IS SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION CLOGHERAVADDY MEENAGRANOGE & MEENACAHAN DONEGAL P O		

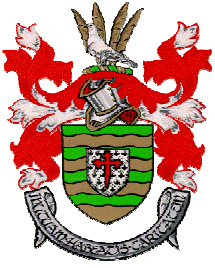
## Transboundary Applications

Ref.No:	N.I. Ref.No:	Date Rec'd	App./Contact	Type	Description / Location	Case Officer	Status
TB 12/03	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, Castledearg.	P Kelly	Active
TB 13/04	C/2013/0248/F	08/11/2013	D.O.E. N.I.-	Environmental Impact Assessment Procedure	Windfarm at Windy Hill	P Kelly	Active
TB 14/01	J/2013/0287/F	07/01/2014	D.O.E. N.I.	Environmental Impact Assessment Procedure	Windfarm at Meenamullan near Killeter	P Kelly	Active
TB14/03	J/2014/0124/LCB	28/04/2014	D.O.E. N.I.	Consultation	Installation of Street Lighting ballards at Clady Bridge (Listed Building), Urney Road, Clady	P Kelly	Active
TB14/04	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
TB15/01	J/2014/0624/F	10/02/2015	D.O.E. N.I.	Initial Consultation	Wind Turbine at 290m S.W. of 30 Creevagh Road, Co. Derry	P Kelly	Active
TB15/02	A/2015/0049/F	10/202/2015	D.O.E. N.I.	Initial Consultation	Wind Turbine with a hub height on lands 108m N.W. of 18 Killea Road, Derry.	P Kelly	Active
TB15/03	LA11/2015/0066/F49/F	05/05/2015	Derry City & Strabane District Council	Initial Consultation	erection of a single wind turbine - 30m hub height with 17.3m blades, associated access and 2 no. electricity cabinets on lands 250m N.W. of 9 Elagh Road, Derry	P Kelly	

TB15/04	J/2013/0187/F Appeal Ref.No: 2014/A0180	08/09/2015	P.A.C.	Appeal Procedures	Extension to of consented Seagronan Windfarm Ltd	P Kelly	Active
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**Part 8- Donegal Municipal District - 1 Active at 04/03/2016**

<b>M.D.</b>	<b>Ref.No:</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Section</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Status</b>
Donegal	PG16.01	Creevins, Donegal	Road Design	01/02/2016	Active



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#### **ENVIRONMENT SECTION REPORT FEBRUARY 2016.**

#### **Pay by Weight**

Right across the country waste collectors use a variety of different methods to charge for their services. To create a level playing field and to encourage positive environmental behaviour, changes are coming into force. From July each householder will be charged for their waste on a pay by weight basis and a service charge.

The advantage of pay by weight is that it gives the householder more control over their waste bills. The less the bin weighs, the less we pay so there is a great incentive to prevent waste, recycle and compost where possible.

Nationally this process is picking up with an emphasis on the obligations of the Household Waste Collectors to provide an acceptable system of collection. Planned waste enforcement activities will ground truth what is actually happening in all the Local Authority areas in March and June of this year prior to the commencement of Pay by Weight in July, and the commencement of Brown Bins to all agglomerations >500, also in July this year. Non-compliance by the waste collectors will be reported to the NWCPO, as well as leaving the collectors liable to Fixed Penalty Notice fines of up to €500 per offence.

The Connaught Ulster Waste Management Region will be organising a regional awareness campaign on Pay By Weight in association with the region's Local Authorities in the coming months. A Pay By Weight information leaflet will be circulated to members.

#### **End of Life Tyres**

New Regulations regarding the obligation by importers and retailers of tyres is expected shortly. This will improve the existing legislation to ensuring that such wastes are correctly disposed or recovered when their owners discard end-of-life tyres.

A new Approved Body, REPAK ELT has been established to manage this process, which Local authority Waste Enforcement will be involved with over the coming months.

#### **WERLA Offices**

Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authority (WERLA) offices have been put in place in the three Irish waste regions, with Donegal and Leitrim County Councils responsible for the Connacht Ulster Region.

An intensive round of introductions has begun to advise all Local Authority managements and waste enforcement officers as to the role of the WERLA offices in ensuring a consistent approach to waste enforcement across the country.

In addition to the Connacht Ulster Region there are similar WERLA offices in the Southern and Eastern Regions, led by Cork County and Dublin City Council respectively.

In Donegal the Connacht Ulster WERLA met with Donegal County Council Environment SPC on the 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016 and delivered a presentation to that meeting as to the role and current progress of the office.

The WERLA offices will work in close conjunction with the Waste Management Plan Lead Authorities (WMPLA) to ensure that the objectives of the current Regional Waste Management Plan are carried out, to that end both offices met with the relevant Regional Steering Committees on the 25<sup>th</sup> February to advise them of progress to date and take guidance from that meeting as to work going forward.

### **Recycling**

Donegal County Council has secured 3 new Bring Bank sites in the County since the last report; these include Pettigo, Stanorlar and Letterkenny. The new Letterkenny site is to replace a site that had unfortunately become unavailable to the Council, but work is in progress to secure a further site in town, which will hopefully come on line in March.

Currently there are 73 Bring Bank site in Co. Donegal, with over 330 glass and can banks and 70 textile banks in place.

The Council is engaged in a process of replacing as many of the older bring banks with new stock and last year 48 new banks were purchased, with the intention of repeating this number for the year ahead.

The maintenance of bring bank sites is a priority of the Council and between the work of the Mobile Litter Units and the Litter Wardens there is a determination to prevent the abuse of these sites, the loss of which has a profound effect on the ability of the local communities to recycle glass, cans and textiles.

### **#Big Donegal Clean Up '16**

We have branded this years Spring Summer Clean ups and the #Big Donegal Clean Up '16 and are planning a launch mid March. Applications for clean up equipment are now available online and through the Council offices. We are encouraging as many groups as possible to promote their clean up through social media and by sending in photographs and details so we can also promote through the Council's website etc.

For more information or to apply for equipment for #Big Donegal Clean Up '16 contact Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer on 074 91 76276 or by email at [suzannebogan@donegalcoco.ie](mailto:suzannebogan@donegalcoco.ie) or go online to [www.donegalcoco.ie](http://www.donegalcoco.ie)

## Waste Prevention Initiatives

Waste Prevention is a key priority in the new regional waste management plan. The Council will be implementing a number of waste prevention campaigns and initiatives per year over the lifetime of the plan.

For 2016, the Council is in the early planning stages of:

- Hosting a Tidy Towns seminar on the theme of Sustainable Waste and Resource Management.
- Working with the Clonmany Agricultural Show which includes "A Taste of Inishowen" and "A Taste of Donegal" Food festival with a view to implementing some waste prevention initiatives and the early beginnings of greening these festivals.
- Conducting a regional "No To Junk Mail" campaign.
- Ongoing promotion of the national Stop Food Waste campaign including facilitating a numbers of workshops.

## Enforcement Progress year to date

Environment Complaints 2016, 188

Litter and waste Complaints 2016, 165 (88%)

Litter Fines served 2016, 27

Litter Fines paid 2016 3, (11 %)

## Beaches

Donegal County Council has 21 beaches which are actively managed, tested for water quality or adhering to strict promotional initiatives such as Blue Flag or Green Coast awards. Table 1 below summarises the beaches involved. Dooley and Magheroarty are currently being prepared for Designation Bathing Area status in March.

Beach	Designated Bathing Area	Blue Flag	Green Coast
Ballyhiernan			
Bundoran			
Carrickfinn			
Culdaff			
Dooley			
Downings			
Drumatinney			

Fintra			
Killahoey			
Ladys Bay			
Lisfannon			
Magheroarty			
Marble Hill			
Murvagh			
Naran, Portnoo			
Port Arthur			
Port Na Blagh			
Portsalon			
Rathmullan			
Rossnowlagh			
Stroove			

Table 1. Donegals Beach Designations.

Designated, Blue Flag and Green Coast beaches all must meet the same excellent water quality standard. To qualify for the Green Coast award, these beaches are often more remote and will not necessarily require the same infrastructure as Blue Flag standard beaches. The locations of the Blue Flag and Green Coast beaches are shown in Figure 1.

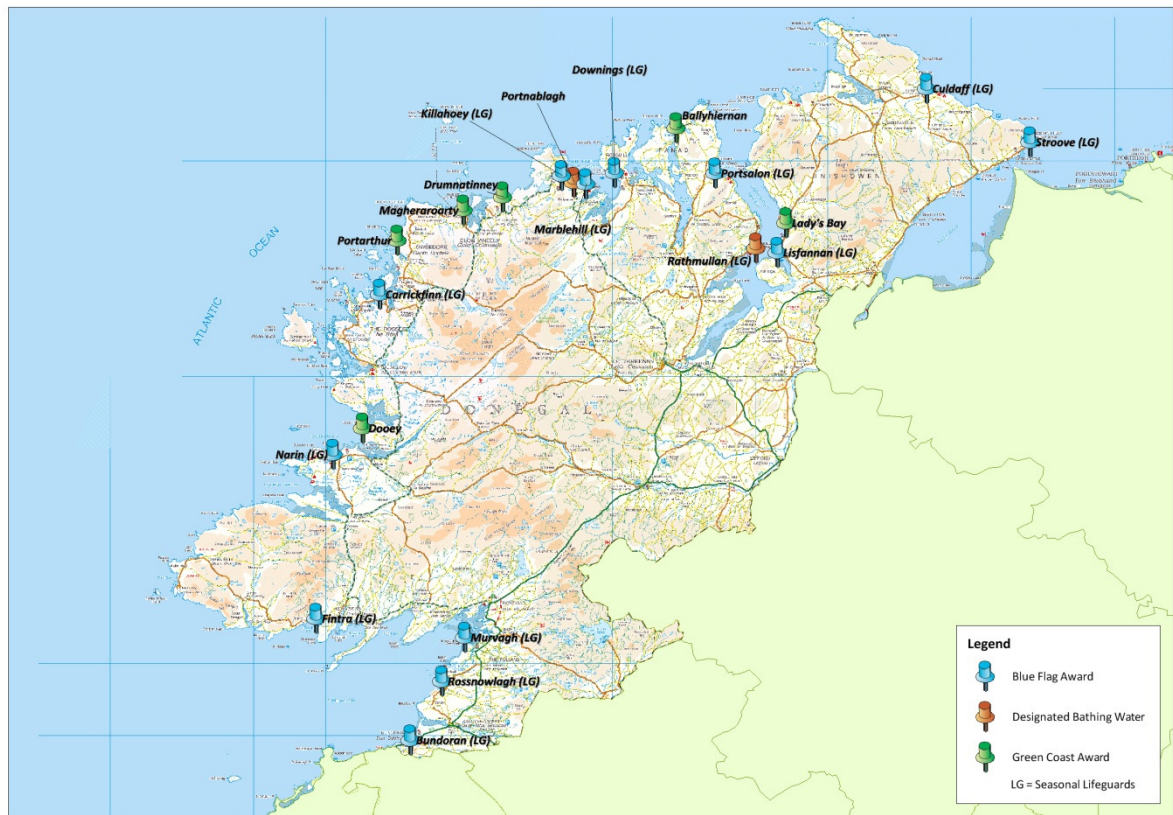


Figure 1. The locations of the Blue Flag, Green Coast and Designated Bathing beaches in County Donegal.

There are 4154 Blue Flag beaches in 49 countries across the world. Donegal had 13 Blue Flag beaches in 2015 and is hopeful of retaining these in 2016 (awards will be made in May). To achieve the flag an application is made to An Taisce, scrutinised by a National Jury and, if appropriate, awarded by an International Jury (see Figure 2).



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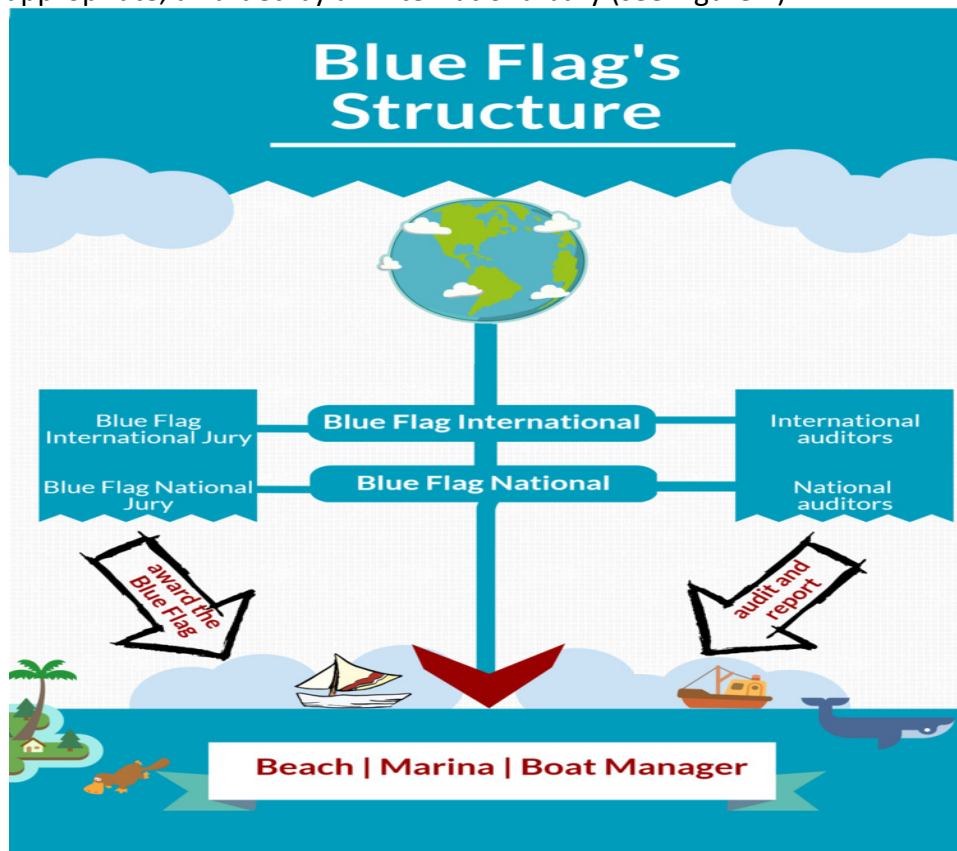


Figure 2. Blue Flag awarding structure.

To achieve the award requires compliance with 33 strictly monitored criteria which fall under 4 headings:

1. Environmental Education and Information Provision
2. Water Quality
3. Environmental Management
4. Safety and Services

The Coastal Officer recently attended the An Taisce beach conference in Dublin. It was indicated that increased emphasis will be placed on adherence to certain criteria in 2016. As a result, these areas will require extra focus and expenditure in the coming season. These areas include;

**Criterion 14. Sensitive area management.**

Accreditation is only given to sites that can demonstrate management of visitors and recreational use that prevents long-term irreversible damage to the local natural environment.

**Criterion 23. Access to the beach by dogs and other domestic animals must be strictly controlled.**

Dog fouling on a beach can seriously impact the bathing water quality. One dog can contaminate the equivalent of four Olympic Swimming Pools. Dog waste disposal should be available at all relevant beaches.

**Criterion 26. A sustainable means of transportation should be promoted in the beach area.**

This criterion refers to all actions that encourage public and collective transport or encourage bicycling and facilities for bike parking.

**Criterion 31. There must be safety measures in place to protect users of the beach.**

The car park surface must be in good order. Parking places reserved for the use of disabled persons must be available and must be clearly marked. Access by emergency vehicles must be clearly identified and always available.

Applications have been published for the recruitment of suitably qualified candidates to the position of Beach Lifeguard for the upcoming season. In 2015 a total of 44 Beach Lifeguards were employed. It is anticipated a similar number will be necessary to cover the County's requirements as determined by beach Risk Assessments.

**Coastal Erosion**

Work on addressing erosion concerns around the coastline continues with applications for funding to the OPW. The status of these applications is summarised in Table 2.

<b>Beach</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>OPW Response</b>	<b>Directorate(s) Responsible</b>
Ballyliffen/5 Finger Strand/Binbane Hd Road	Application submitted for collective study (as recommended by OPW) for funding.	Pending.	Environment & Roads.
Magheroarty	Application submitted for funding.	Pending.	Environment.
Narin/Portnoo	Site assessment complete with the Golf Club. Awaiting input from Roads before submitting an application to OPW for funding.		Environment & Roads.
Maghery	Survey complete by Coleraine University. Dr. Judit Kelemen, Regional Manager, North Western Region, NPWS, invited by DCC to meet stakeholders re additional local recommendations before progressing. Awaiting her response.		Environment.
Inver	Application submitted for funding.	Pending.	Roads.
Drung	Application submitted for funding.	Pending.	Roads.

Table 2. Summary of progress addressing coastal erosion issues.

29<sup>th</sup> February 2016

**To: Each Elected Member**

**Re: Schedule of Municipal District Works 2016**

Please find attached documentation in respect of the Schedule of Municipal District Works for 2016.

I also attach the Development Fund details in respect of 2016 for information only as they do not form part of the Schedule of Municipal District Works.

The Schedule of Municipal District Works has been included on the agenda for the next Municipal District Meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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**Area Manager**

## **Schedule of Municipal District Works (SMDW)**

### **1.0 Background**

- 1.1 Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 amends Section 103 of the Local Government Act 2001, inserting a new section (Section 103A), (extract attached) regarding the preparation of a Schedule of Municipal District Works in respect of maintenance and repair for each Municipal District.
- 1.2 Circular LG27/2014/Fin/21/2014 dated 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014, (copy attached) provides further detail in relation to the operational application of this relatively new principle within the Municipal District.

### **2.0 Primary Issues of Consideration**

- 2.1 The Schedule of Municipal District Works is a relatively new concept that details a plan of repair and maintenance work in each of the respective Municipal Districts and in respect of a number of local service areas. The requirement to prepare a Schedule of Municipal District Works first arose for the financial year 2015.
- 2.2 The preparation and adoption of the Schedule of Municipal District Work is mandatory, is required to be prepared under the direction of the Chief Executive and requires consideration by the Municipal District and adoption by resolution, with or without amendment, by the members of each Municipal District.
- 2.3 Whilst it is intended in future years that the Schedule of Municipal District Works is to be prepared and completed broadly in parallel or very soon after the adoption of the Annual Revenue Budget, a deadline date of the 31<sup>st</sup> March is being applied for the adoption of this resolution in respect of 2016, as was the case in 2015 (as per Circular LG27/2014/Fin/21/2014). It is anticipated that further direction will be provided in future years in relation to the form and content of the Schedule of Municipal District Works.
- 2.4 The members must have due consideration to the adopted revenue budget (essentially requiring that the schedule as adopted and the expenditure associated with that must be within the parameters of adopted Revenue budget for the County as a whole).
- 2.5 Should the Schedule not be adopted by the members, the Schedule of Municipal District Work reverts to the full council for the elected members consideration and adoption with or without amendment but in line with subsection 4 of Section 103A.

### **3.0 Rationale**

- 3.1 The principle of the SMDW is in line with stated objectives incorporated in various government policy documents associated with Local Government Reform.
- 3.2 It is expected that as the concept embeds that the prospect of additional and wider ranges of activities may be considered for incorporation into the overall schedule.

#### **4.0 Practical Applications - 2016**

- 4.1 This is only the second year of the application of this new concept. An approach has been taken to apply a limited number of works areas and to include areas of strategic importance at Municipal District level in the Schedule of Municipal District Works. In this context various aspects of housing maintenance and repair, road maintenance and repair, beach management and maintenance have been incorporated.
- 4.2 The schedule as presented to the Municipal District members does not report on, or represent, all aspects of local expenditure and as such it is expected that as the principle of the SMDW matures over subsequent years that further areas can be incorporated as required. It is proposed that this matter be kept under review by the Corporate Policy Group of the Council and their advice and direction be sought in relation to same.
- 4.3 It should be noted that in certain instances budgets are held locally e.g. roads maintenance areas whilst others are held centrally e.g. beach management. The rationale and logic for same will be presented at each workshop / meeting where the schedule will be considered but considerations relating to value for money, efficiency, synergies and contingency capacity are all areas that are reflected in instances where budgets may be held centrally for the provision of services locally.

#### **5.0 Further Information**

- 5.1 Also included for your information is a schedule of the discretionary development funds that are available to you through the Development Fund Initiative (monies which were allocated as part of the budget 2016 allocation process) and, furthermore, a schedule of available monies per electoral area in respect of the members development funds, a sum in the amount of €6,350 which is available for allocation by each individual elected member.

#### **6.0 Required**

- 6.1 In line with section 103A of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) that the members consider the Schedule of Municipal District Works as presented.
- 6.2 That the members resolve with or without amendment but within the parameters of available adopted budget the schedule as presented, be adopted in line with the suggested resolution wording as presented.

**Extract from Local Government Act 2001 (as amended)**

Schedule of Municipal District Works 103A

- (1) As soon as may be following the adoption of the local authority budget, a schedule of proposed works of maintenance and repair to be carried out during the financial year in each municipal district shall be prepared under the direction of the chief executive, having regard to the availability of resources, in the manner, format and within the timescale that may be prescribed by regulations made by the Minister.
- (2) A schedule prepared for the purposes of subsection (1) shall be considered by the municipal district members concerned and be adopted by resolution, with or without amendment by it, within such time limit and in accordance with such conditions and requirements as may be prescribed by the regulations made by the Minister.
- (3) In making an amendment under subsection (2) the municipal district members shall have due regard to the local authority budget adopted in accordance with section 103(9).
- (4) If the schedule prepared for the purpose of subsection (1) is not adopted by the municipal district members in accordance with subsection (2) and any regulations made under that subsection, then the local authority concerned shall consider that schedule and by resolution adopt it with or without amendment (having due regard to the local authority budget adopted in accordance with section 103(9)) within such time limit as may be prescribed by the regulations made by the Minister.



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Environment, Community and Local Government



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Dear Chief Executive,

**Schedule of Municipal District Works  
(SMDW)**

**Legislative provisions**

1. Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 inserts a new section 103A in the Local Government Act 2001 providing that, following the adoption of the annual budget, a schedule of proposed works of maintenance and repair to be carried out during the financial year in each municipal district shall be prepared, for adoption by the municipal district<sup>1</sup> members. The SMDW is, in effect, a plan of works that prioritises and apportions the use, within each municipal district, of funding provided in the overall local authority revenue budget for particular purposes. In the case of local authority areas which do not have municipal districts, while the requirements in this circular relating to the SMDW *per se* do not apply, it is considered that it would be good practice to prepare a schedule of works in any event to identify where works will be prioritised in the local authority area during the year.
  
2. The relevant extract from the 2001 Act is attached in the Appendix to this circular. The main elements of this provision are as follows: -
  - Preparation and adoption of the SMDW is a mandatory requirement.
  - The SMDW must be prepared under the direction of the Chief Executive.
  - The SMDW is to be prepared as soon as may be following the adoption of the annual budget, for consideration and adoption by resolution, with or without amendment, by the municipal district members.
  - If not adopted by the municipal district members, the SMDW reverts to the full council for the elected members consideration and adoption, with or without amendment.

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<sup>1</sup> The term municipal district should be taken to include metropolitan districts and borough districts.

### **Policy Context**

3. By virtue of being adopted at district level, the SMDW represents an important enhancement of subsidiarity in local government. The provision is fundamentally important to the new system of governance at sub-county level, giving effect to measures set out in the *Government's Action Programme for Effective Local Government, Putting People First*, which indicated, in particular, that: -
  - matters to be decided at municipal district level would include decisions in relation to local facilities and amenities and determination of priorities and programmes of works or services in the area, within global funding allocations decided by the overall county council /city and county council or the use of locally generated revenue (paragraph 6.5.2);
  - provision would be made for the adoption by members at municipal district level of programmes/plans setting out priorities for works, services or activities within their functional remit that are contained within, or specific to, the district and expenditure in respect of matters that are appropriate for decision locally, within the overall budgetary and policy framework (paragraph 6.5.9); and
  - wide discretion would be given to members at municipal district level insofar as priorities in matters decided at that level are concerned (paragraph 6.7.1).

The scope for widening the extent of reserved functions of elected members would be pursued fully and a number of new measures set out in the programme would add important new functions to the range of powers of elected members (paragraph 11.5.2); to this end, the adoption of the SMDW is among the most important new reserved functions introduced by the Reform Act 2014.

### **Guidance on preparation and adoption of SMDW**

4. The legislation provides that the Minister may make regulations outlining the manner, format, conditions, requirements and timescale for the preparation, consideration and adoption of the SMDW. Further consideration will be given to the possible need for regulations under section 103A of the 2001 Act. Pending the possible making of regulations, interim guidelines are being provided on the preparation, amendment and adoption of the SMDW for the year 2015, as follows: -
  - (a) While the legislation provides that the SMDW be prepared as soon as may be following the adoption of the annual budget, it is considered reasonable, in the first year of its operation, to allow adoption of the SMDW by 31 March 2015, in order to allow for appropriate arrangements to be made and to afford members adequate time to familiarise themselves with this important new function. This will also enable account to be taken of more definitive details of Government maintenance grants for roads, housing, etc.
  - (b) The SMDW in respect of each municipal district should be formulated on the basis of the amount of funding provided for maintenance and repair in the annual budget of the local authority in respect of each relevant service division (e.g. housing, roads,



amenities, street cleaning, drainage work, burial ground maintenance, etc.), subject to any variations arising subsequent to adoption of the budget, for example, in relation to funding levels from State grants. Classification of items in the budget should largely determine what works and related expenditure are included in the SMDW but insofar as it may be necessary to make judgments in particular instances, it is considered that the term “maintenance” can include not only maintenance of the physical condition or fabric of items, but also more operational type matters such as grass cutting or tree pruning.

- (c) Within the level of funding available, details of the SMDW should be prepared on the basis of identified needs (taking account of relevant factors, for example, in the case of housing, age profile of stock) and priorities throughout the local authority area and taking due account of requirements in relation to standards and frequency of maintenance work. This should be informed by details of relevant requirements which were considered in the formulation of the overall local authority budget. It will also be relevant to have regard to the pattern of works and expenditure in previous years. It is emphasised that adoption of the SMDW *per se* cannot involve revision of the adopted budget.
- (d) It is essential to maximise return on investment by avoiding dilution of expenditure which could result from spreading allocations too thinly across the local authority and the constituent municipal districts each year. This could be minimised by taking a multi-annual approach where possible in the preparation of the SMDW.
- (e) Maximising value for money, overall effectiveness, and return from investment should also be a key objective in prioritising works and allocating available funding within each municipal district, along with the need to ensure appropriate balance in the allocation of resources as between urban and rural areas in the district. Apportionment of funding on a thematic basis within the district over the life of the council could help to this end. For example, specific housing estate(s) in one location could be prioritised for refurbishment in year one, with a commitment to undertake works in another area in subsequent years. Similarly, where an overall local authority maintenance programme is drawn up for a particular purpose (say windows and doors in local authority dwellings) which might need to extend over a number of years, the required works would be reflected in relevant annual SMDWs.
- (f) Any maintenance type functions, for example, grass cutting, planting or other maintenance of open spaces, that are carried out by means of specific purpose grants for such purposes to community groups such as tidy towns committees can be provided for, as appropriate, through the SMDW.
- (g) The GMA, which is a budgetary element providing funding for discretionary expenditure at municipal district level to be decided by the elected members in respect of each municipal district, is separate from the “strategic” budgetary funding for maintenance and repair, the utilisation of which is to be determined in the SMDW. However, it is open to the municipal district members to apply GMA funding to supplement maintenance and repair funding otherwise available in the overall budget.

- (h) It is suggested that the resolution for adoption of the SMDW be worded so as to be flexible enough to allow for possible emergencies or reallocation of funding from scheduled works that cannot, for some reason, proceed. Any such re-allocation of funding should, as always, be within the overall budgetary framework and could be notified to the members as part of the Monthly Management Report. Account should be taken of any such changes in the preparation of the following year's SMDW.
- (i) Section 134A of the 2001 Act provides that, in preparing the Service Delivery Plan, account shall be taken of any local authority plan, statement, strategy or any other document. Accordingly, the SMDW should, ideally, be prepared and adopted in advance of the annual Service Delivery Plan. If this is not feasible in the context of the time frame allowed for 2015, the preparation of the annual Service Delivery Plan should, at least, be informed by proposals for the SMDW.
5. The following conditions and requirements shall apply in relation to any amendments to the SMDW, as prepared under the direction of the chief executive, being considered by the municipal district members under section 103A (2) and (3) of the 2001 Act: -
- (a) Any proposed amendments to the SMDW must take account of
- the need to confine overall expenditure on works of maintenance within the total amount provided in the adopted local authority budget for such purposes;
  - actual requirements and priorities for relevant works within the district and prioritisation of the use of funding available to the district for particular purposes having regard to such requirements and priorities;
  - the most effective use of available resources;
  - requirements and priorities for funding in respect of works to which the SMDW relates during the entire term of office of the council so as to prevent dilution and ineffective use of funding by spreading it too thinly across the local authority/district each year;
  - other factors/criteria set out in these guidelines;
  - compliance with the regulations and guidelines regarding the performance of functions by municipal district members as provided in S.I. 231 of 2014 and circular LG10/2014, including the need for consistency with overall local authority policy and avoidance of duplication;
  - any views in relation to proposed amendments provided by the chief executive.
- (b) If the municipal district members decide not to adopt the SMDW or propose to make an amendment to the SMDW which would result in the total expenditure in respect of works included in the schedule in respect of a particular service division exceeding that envisaged in the schedule as prepared by the chief executive, the latter shall submit a report to the local authority indicating that the SMDW has not

been adopted in accordance with subsection (2) of section 103A and the local authority shall adopt the SMDW in accordance with subsection (4) of section 103A.

- (c) Pending a decision on the adoption of the SMDW by the municipal district members or the local authority, as the case may be, works or services may be undertaken in accordance with the schedule as prepared by the chief executive. Failure to adopt, or delay in adoption of, the SMDW in respect of a particular district by the municipal district members or the local authority, as the case may be, will not affect the validity of the SMDW adopted by the municipal district or the local authority, as the case may be, in respect of another district in the local authority area. Accordingly, where the SMDW has been adopted by the members for a particular municipal district, it cannot be revisited by the plenary Council even in the event that the SMDW for another district is referred back to it because of failure of the members for that district to adopt.
  - (d) In the event of a decision by the municipal district members or the local authority, as the case may be, not to adopt the SMDW or to make an amendment to the SMDW which would result in the total expenditure in respect of works included in the schedule exceeding that envisaged in the schedule as prepared by the chief executive, only such works or services to which the SMDW relates as are considered by the chief executive to be essential shall be undertaken pending the adoption of the SMDW within the level of expenditure envisaged in the schedule as prepared by the chief executive.
6. Specific procedures (beyond the requirements in the legislation) or a definitive format for the SMDW, are not being prescribed at this time. The procedures and structures already applied by most authorities for non-statutory agreement of annual road works programmes at area committee level should provide a relevant analogy and a template that can be adapted for the statutory SMDW process. It is understood that some authorities intend to have non-statutory consultations with the municipal district members on the SMDW early in 2015, which could be helpful in advance of formal adoption. It should also be noted that it is a matter for the executive to determine the most appropriate and effective operational and organisational arrangements to implement the measures decided by the municipal district members in the adoption of the SMDW.
7. A copy of this circular, which is available on the SharePoint system, should be given to each elected member. In view of its importance to their role at municipal district level, all necessary support should be provided to the members in the performance of their functions in relation to the schedule of municipal district works.

Any queries on this matter relating to finance aspects can be made to Emma.Reeves@environ.ie, or relating to municipal district functions generally to Brendan Buggy or Michael Murphy at 01-8882826 or 01-8882162, respectively or, by e-mail at Brendan.buggy@environ.ie or [Michael.murphy@environ.ie](mailto:Michael.murphy@environ.ie).

Yours sincerely,

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**To each local authority Chief Executive**

**Extract from Part 12, Chapter 1 (Financial Procedures)  
of the Local Government Act 2001**

**Schedule of municipal district works**

103A.— (1) As soon as may be following the adoption of the local authority budget, a schedule of proposed works of maintenance and repair to be carried out during the financial year in each municipal district shall be prepared under the direction of the chief executive, having regard to the availability of resources, in the manner, format and within the timescale that may be prescribed by regulations made by the Minister.

(2) A schedule prepared for the purposes of subsection (1) shall be considered by the municipal district members concerned and be adopted by resolution, with or without amendment by it, within such time limit and in accordance with such conditions and requirements as may be prescribed by the regulations made by the Minister.

(3) In making an amendment under subsection (2) the municipal district members shall have due regard to the local authority budget adopted in accordance with section 103(9).

(4) If the schedule prepared for the purpose of subsection (1) is not adopted by the municipal district members in accordance with subsection (2) and any regulations made under that subsection, then the local authority concerned shall consider that schedule and by resolution adopt it with or without amendment (having due regard to the local authority budget adopted in accordance with section 103(9)) within such time limit as may be prescribed by the regulations made by the Minister.

## Appendix 1

	2016 Overall Adopted	Non Discretionary Payroll / Overheads	Discretionary
Hsg Maint - Inishowen EA	480,085.30	119,815.05	360,270.25
Hsg Maint - Donegal EA	341,168.00	64,662.40	276,505.60
Hsg Maint - Glenties EA	357,671.91	73,712.05	283,959.86
Hsg Maint - Letterkenny EA	620,179.58	242,060.22	378,119.36
Hsg Maint - Stranorlar EA	394,768.29	57,580.29	337,188.00
<b>Sub-total for Area Maintenance:</b>	<b>2,193,873.08</b>	<b>557,830.01</b>	<b>1,636,043.07</b>
<b>HQ Maintenance</b>	<b>1,106,120.92</b>		
<b>Total Maintenance</b>	<b>3,299,994.00</b>		
Insurance	342,000.00		
Loan Charges	266,194.00		
Local Property Tax Payments	412,290.00		
Write Down of Capital Balances	66,000.00		
<b>Sub Total Other</b>	<b>1,086,484.00</b>		
Overall Total	<b>4,386,478.00</b>	As per Budget Book (A0101)	
Routine Maintenance Budget allocated on a per house basis equally across all areas.			

HSG ESTATE MANAGEMENT - INISHOWEN EA	10,752.00		10,752.00
HSG ESTATE MANAGEMENT - DONEGAL EA	10,758.00		10,758.00
HSG ESTATE MANAGEMENT - GLENTIES EA	5,750.00		5,750.00
HSG ESTATE MANAGEMENT - LETTERKENNY EA	16,516.00		16,516.00
HSG ESTATE MANAGEMENT - STRANORLAR EA	5,758.00		5,758.00
<b>Sub-total for Estate Management:</b>	<b>€49,534.00</b>		
<b>HQ Estate Management</b>	<b>€17,458.00</b>		
<b>Total Estate Management</b>	<b>€66,992.00</b>	As per Budget Book (A0401)	
Estate management budget previously allocated equally across all areas with an additional €5,000 allocated to areas taking on the former town councils.			
Letterkenny also benefited from the amalgamation of Milford into Letterkenny			

## Appendix 2

Description	Adopted Budget 2016	Budget Adjustments	Revised Budget 2016	Payroll	Loan Charges	Others	Total	Balance	Inishowen	Donegal	Glenties	Letterkenny	Stranorlar	Total
<b>Water &amp; Environment</b>														
Litter Control - Clean Up Campaign	131,753		131,753				0	131,753	32,553	16,000	33,000	27,200	23,000	131,753
Maintenance of Beaches	215,700		215,700				0	215,700	38,700	87,000	46,500	24,500	0	196,700
	<b>347,453</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>347,453</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>347,453</b>	<b>71,253</b>	<b>103,000</b>	<b>79,500</b>	<b>51,700</b>	<b>23,000</b>	<b>328,453</b>

### Background

The table above details clean –ups and beach maintenance with the various distributions per each MD.

In both cases it is proposed that these will be centrally managed to give maximum flexibility to respond to priorities in a county wide context. An example would be instances of large scale dumping being more prevalent in one area than another and similarly with unexpected maintenance/repair work at beaches. As a consequence it is difficult to suggest that an MD has discretion for the spend. However, we do clearly provide for indicative expenditure on an area by area basis as set out in the schedule circulated.

The basis of allocation will be kept under review.

## Roads Areas Division Draft Budget Distribution 2016

	Totals	Non-Roads Areas Controlled Funding	Roads Areas Centrally Controlled Funding	Donegal MD	Glenties MD	Inishowen MD	Letterkenny MD	Stranorlar MD
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
<b>Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)</b>								
NP Ordinary Maintenance	€422,199			€148,614		€62,063	€52,775	€158,747
NP Winter Maintenance	€265,000		€265,000					
National Primary Total =	€687,199	€0	€265,000	€148,614	€0	€62,063	€52,775	€158,747
NS Ordinary Maintenance	€286,208			€54,380	€191,759		€40,069	
NS Winter Maintenance	€165,000		€165,000					
National Secondary Total =	€451,208	€0	€165,000	€54,380	€191,759	€0	€40,069	€0
LA Support (Maintenance) 2016	€64,000		€64,000					
LA Support (Winter Maintenance) 2016	€10,000	€10,000						
National Secondary Total =	€74,000	€10,000	€64,000	€0	€0	€0	€0	€0
Total TII Roads Areas Funding =	€1,212,407	€10,000	€494,000	€202,994	€191,759	€62,063	€92,844	€158,747
<b>Department of Transport, Tourism &amp; Sport (DTTAS)</b>								
Winter Maintenance (Note 4)	€800,000		€800,000					
Bridge Refurbishment	€250,000	€250,000						
Regional & Local Roads Disc Maintenance	€3,256,939			€673,665	€617,044	€819,807	€686,931	€459,493
Discretionary Grant (DG) Total =	€4,306,939	€250,000	€800,000	€673,665	€617,044	€819,807	€686,931	€459,493
Regional Roads Restoration Maintenance	€772,318	€0		€126,141	€190,690	€177,583	€196,898	€81,006
Local Roads Restoration Maintenance	€1,985,959			€423,407	€359,459	€506,221	€406,129	€290,744
RM Overspend Adjustment 2015	€0			€14,000	€14,000	€-20,000	€-22,000	€14,000
Restoration Maintenance (RM) Total =	€2,758,277	€0	€0	€563,547	€564,148	€663,804	€581,027	€385,751
Materials Testing	€25,000		€25,000					
Restoration Improvement	€9,774,242			€2,021,702	€1,851,781	€2,460,282	€2,061,515	€1,378,962
RI Overspend Adjustment 2015	€0			€0	€75,000	€-50,000	€-100,000	€75,000
Restoration Improvement (RI) Total =	€9,799,242	€0	€25,000	€2,021,702	€1,926,781	€2,410,282	€1,961,515	€1,453,962
Bridge Rehabilitation	€200,000	€200,000						
Low Cost Safety Improvements	€215,000	€215,000						
Speed Limits	€215,860		€215,860					
Specific Grants	€2,500,000				€500,000	€2,000,000		
DTTAS Non-Roads Areas Total =	€3,130,860	€415,000	€215,860	€0	€500,000	€2,000,000	€0	€0
Total DTTAS Roads Areas Funding =	€19,995,318	€665,000	€1,040,860	€3,258,914	€3,607,973	€5,893,892	€3,229,473	€2,299,205
<b>DCC Own Resources Roads Areas (OR) and Specific Funding for Roads Related items</b>								
Training	€15,000	€15,000						
Scrim Test	€30,000		€30,000					
Materials Testing	€20,000		€20,000					
Road Lining	€200,000		€200,000					
Bridges (Preventative Maintenance)	€220,000		€220,000					
Depots & Health & Safety	€75,000		€75,000					
Crash Barriers	€80,000		€80,000					
Co-finance Capital	€50,000	€50,000						
Reflecting Road Studs	€50,000		€50,000					
Japanese Knotweed Pilot	€50,000		€50,000					
Contingency Reserve	€500,000		€500,000					
Former Town Councils Roads (Note 7)	€657,000			€195,786		€198,414	€262,800	
Former Town Council Street Sweeping (Note 8)	€365,003			€65,003		€76,000	€224,000	
MD Works Overheads	€1,400,000			€347,879	€271,515	€288,485	€296,970	€195,152
Regional Roads Own Resources	€874,795			€142,878	€215,992	€201,146	€223,024	€91,755
Regional Roads OR (Ineligible under Grants)	€534,650			€87,323	€132,008	€122,935	€136,306	€56,078
Local Roads Own Resources	€1,489,516			€319,948	€271,688	€382,359	€295,967	€219,555
Local Roads OR (Ineligible under Grants)	€910,350			€195,543	€166,048	€233,687	€180,887	€134,186
Own Resources Roads Areas Total =	€7,521,314	€65,000	€1,225,000	€1,354,361	€1,057,251	€1,503,025	€1,619,953	€696,724
Parks & Open Spaces (Note 9)	€940,781			€68,648	€5,399	€140,148	€725,348	€1,238
Moville Green (Note 10)	€40,000					€40,000		
Car Parking	€894,730	€37,513		€349,865		€60,000	€297,352	€150,000
School Wardens	€71,000	€71,000						
Road Opening Charges	€25,000			€5,000	€5,000	€5,000	€5,000	€5,000
Burial Grounds	€40,000		€2,800	€7,200	€4,800	€9,600	€10,800	€4,800
DCC Specific Funding Total =	€2,011,511	€108,513	€2,800	€430,713	€15,199	€254,748	€1,038,500	€161,038
Total DCC Funding =	€9,532,825	€173,513	€1,227,800	€1,785,074	€1,072,450	€1,757,773	€2,658,453	€857,763
<b>TOTAL 2016 FUNDING =</b>	<b>€30,740,550</b>	<b>€848,513</b>	<b>€2,762,660</b>	<b>€5,246,982</b>	<b>€4,872,182</b>	<b>€7,713,729</b>	<b>€5,980,770</b>	<b>€3,315,715</b>



## Roads Areas Division

### Draft Budget Distribution 2016 - Municipal Districts Summary

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<b>Discretionary Road Maintenance Funding Total =</b>	<b>€9,488,253</b>		<b>€2,028,025</b>	<b>€1,674,295</b>	<b>€2,322,832</b>	<b>€2,306,884</b>	<b>€1,156,217</b>
Regional Roads Restoration Maintenance	€772,318		€126,141	€190,690	€177,583	€196,898	€81,006
Local Roads Restoration Maintenance	€1,985,959		€423,407	€359,459	€506,221	€406,129	€290,744
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Specific Grants	€2,500,000			€500,000	€2,000,000		
<b>Specific Grants Total =</b>	<b>€2,500,000</b>			<b>€500,000</b>	<b>€2,000,000</b>		
<b>Total Non-National Roads Funding =</b>	<b>€24,520,772</b>		<b>€4,613,275</b>	<b>€4,665,223</b>	<b>€7,396,917</b>	<b>€4,849,426</b>	<b>€2,995,930</b>
<b>Specific Funding for Roads Related items</b>							
Parks & Open Spaces (Note 9)	€940,781		€68,648	€5,399	€140,148	€725,348	€1,238
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Road Opening Charges	€25,000		€5,000	€5,000	€5,000	€5,000	€5,000
Burial Grounds	€37,200		€7,200	€4,800	€9,600	€10,800	€4,800
<b>Roads Related Items Total =</b>	<b>€1,900,198</b>		<b>€430,713</b>	<b>€15,199</b>	<b>€254,748</b>	<b>€1,038,500</b>	<b>€161,038</b>
<b>Total Roads Related Items Funding =</b>	<b>€1,900,198</b>		<b>€430,713</b>	<b>€15,199</b>	<b>€254,748</b>	<b>€1,038,500</b>	<b>€161,038</b>
<b>TOTAL 2016 FUNDING =</b>	<b>€27,129,377</b>		<b>€5,246,982</b>	<b>€4,872,182</b>	<b>€7,713,729</b>	<b>€5,980,770</b>	<b>€3,315,715</b>

# Roads Areas Division

## Draft Budget Distribution 2016

### Notes:

- 1 TII allocations must be spent in accordance with the NRA Memorandum on Road Grants.
- 2 TII allocations announced to date do not contain any allocation for HD 28, High Collision Locations or Crash Barrier repairs. It is expected that funding under these headings will be announced by TII aimed at specific locations on the national road network in the coming months.
- 3 DTTAS allocations must be spent in compliance with DTTAS Circular RW1/2016 and the Memorandum on Non-national Road Grants.
- 4 Winter maintenance budget is weather dependent and will be supplemented as necessary from the OR Contingency Reserve.
- 5 DTTAS Circular RW1/2016 permits LAs to use up to 15% of their Discretionary Grant for Local Improvement Schemes (LIS). Elected Members at Municipal District level may provide for an LIS programme in their SMDW on this basis if they wish.
- 6 DTTAS Circular RW1/2016 permits LAs to use up to 7.5% of their Restoration Improvement (RI) and Restoration Maintenance (RM) funding for Community Involvement Schemes (CIS). Elected Members at Municipal District level may provide for a CIS programme in their SMDW on this basis however it is recommended that RM monies are not used for this purpose.
- 7 As per 2015 €657,000 has been allocated to those MDs now incorporating former Town Councils (FTC) to replace the FTC OR allocations made previously. This has been distributed according to the amounts of OR allocated by the TCs in 2014.
- 8 As per 2015 specific provision has again been made in the Council's Budget 2016 for Street Sweeping. In previous years street sweeping was funded from roads general maintenance monies and only the former Town Councils made specific allocation. As such Donegal, Inishowen & Letterkeny MDs have received a specific amount for street sweeping and the remainder has been included in Roads OR. MDs may provide for street sweeping from their Roads OR as normal in accordance with their individual preferences.
- 9 Parks and Open Spaces budget provision for 2016 has been distributed in the same manner as 2015 which was based on 2013 expenditure under this heading.
- 10 Merville Green has been separately budgeted as per historic commitments.
- 11 It is expected that Roads Own Resources funds will continue to be spent as normal as per the following breakdown:

Drainage Works on Roads	40% - 50%
Road Surface Repairs	35% - 45%
Verge Maintenance	0% - 10%
Sign Maintenance	0% - 5%
Bridge Inspections	0% - 5%
Emergency RTC and Flooding Response	0% - 5%
Street Cleaning	0% - 15%
- 12 Where specific allocations are made to MDs on the basis of their having former Town Councils it is expected that these allocations will be spent in the former Town Council areas and will not be used to supplement budgets outside of these areas

## Development Fund Allocations 2016

Municipal District	Strategic Development Fund €	Members Development Fund * <sup>1</sup> €	Totals €
Letterkenny	200,000	63,500	263,500
Inishowen	180,000	57,150	237,150
Donegal	120,000	38,100	158,100
Glenties	120,000	38,100	158,100
Stranorlar	120,000	38,100	158,100
<b>Totals</b>	<b>740,000<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>234,950<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>974,950</b>

\*<sup>1</sup> 6,350 per member

\*<sup>2</sup> Standard rounding rules apply / Revenue Budget allocation €236,000

**FORMAL RESOLUTION FOR SMDW ADOPTION**

**ADOPTION OF THE SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS 2016**

Proposed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

and resolved "that the \_\_\_\_\_ Municipal District hereby adopt for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016, the Schedule of Municipal District Works as set out in \_\_\_\_\_ as required by Section 103A of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) and in line with requirements of Circular LG27/2014/Fin21/2014.

29<sup>th</sup> February 2016

**To: Each Area Manager**

**Re: Schedule of Municipal District Works**

Please circulate attached notification (see template) and attached documents to each elected member in your Municipal District on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016 so as to ensure all elected members receive the documentation at the same time.

Please include the attached documentation with the agenda for the next Municipal District Meeting.

Please also note the requirement that the Schedule of Municipal District Works be adopted by formal resolution.

Yours sincerely,

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**Garry Martin,**  
**Director of Finance, I.S. & Emergency Services.**

# Submissions for Donegal Municipal District

Donegal Municipal District meeting of the 8th March 2016

Agenda No.	Type	Information
5.1	Motion	<p><b>Submitted by:</b> Clr. Sean McEniff</p> <p><b>Assigned to:</b> Community, Enterprise &amp; Planning</p> <p><b>Details:</b> That this Municipal District discuss the up to date position re the repair of the clock in Ballyshannon</p> <p><b>Signed off by:</b> Paddy Doherty</p> <p><b>Response:</b> Council Staff met with the Property owner on February 16th at the request of Cllr Mc Eniff and provided the owner with information on funding sources that may be available for them to apply to This included the Heritage Council Management Grant Scheme closing on March 7th, with a view to engaging in a phased programme of works to restore the face of the clock. The property owner considered the potential grant support under this scheme unsatisfactory.</p> <p>The property owner did not apply for the Conservation Grant Scheme advertised in October 2015 for an allocation in 2016 , administered through Donegal County Council . A total of €50,000 was allocated across the county to 8 successful applicants.</p> <p>The Property owner may consider preparing an application for the next round of the Rural Development Programme and could seek to make this through Donegal Local Development Company Ltd..</p>

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5.2	Motion	<p><b>Submitted by:</b> Clr. Barry O'Neill</p> <p><b>Assigned to:</b> Finance, Information Systems &amp; Emergency</p> <p><b>Details:</b> That this Municipal District immediately address the development of a proper access to Tullan Strand in Bundoran ahead of the Summer season for the general public and for the Bundoran Surf Industry and that the Municipal District hold a Special Meeting with the Surf Industry Representatives to discuss a development plan for same.</p> <p><b>Signed off by:</b> Garry Martin</p> <p><b>Response:</b> The proposition to develop a sustainable long term access to Tullan Strand is progressing at present with a range of landowners and other stakeholders having being consulted already and with a number of additional stakeholders due to be consulted in the coming weeks.</p> <p>This will include ongoing engagement with the surfing industry, one of the relevant stakeholders in question.</p> <p>Funding that was ring-fenced by the former Bundoran Town Council remains</p>
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in place to facilitate the completion of any works on the appropriate conclusion of discussions with interested parties.

It should be noted that these works in any event will not be completed in advance of the 2016 Summer season.

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<b>6.1</b>	<b>Question</b>	<b>Submitted by:</b>	<b>Clr. Barry O Neill</b>
		<b>Assigned to:</b>	<b>Housing, Corporate &amp; Culture</b>
		<b>Details:</b>	Will this Municipal District seek a meeting with the owners of the old Millstone Hotel site on Main Street in Ballyshannon to see what plans are being considered for the Town Centre site as it's too long derelict for a prime location?
		<b>Signed off by:</b>	Bridie McBrearty
		<b>Response:</b>	Yes, contact will be made with Apex and a report will be provided to each member thereafter

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<b>6.2</b>	<b>Question</b>	<b>Submitted by:</b>	<b>Clr. Barry O Neill</b>
		<b>Assigned to:</b>	<b>Community, Enterprise &amp; Planning</b>
		<b>Details:</b>	What are both the Council and the Local Enterprise Office doing to encourage business and further development at the Portnason Industrial Park?
		<b>Signed off by:</b>	Paddy Doherty
		<b>Response:</b>	Donegal County Council are actively promoting and developing all sites with Economic Development potential owned by Donegal County Council including Portnason Industrial Park, Ballyshannon. The sites are advertised on all Donegal County Councils related websites under the heading of Economic Development lands.websites. Donegal County Council are currently working on a brochure to promote all Economic Development sites within the County.

The Design team are currently working on options to improve the entrance to the Portnason Industrial Park. which will include enhancement works and works are planned to be carried out in 2016. Servicing of additional sites within the park will be progressed as and when the market demands.

DDC are currently progressing the disposal of 3 Units to a local business to sustain the existing jobs and allow for the creation of additional jobs in the short to medium term.

Donegal County Council are available to meet with any companies that may be considering locating to Portnason Industrial Park.

Dear Enda,  
thank you for your response and apologies on the delay in my response back to you.

Our group would like opportunity to meet both with Community & Enterprise section and the local municipal members in respect of the " new phenomena " of the development of "Air de services" in the county.

Please see attached document for further information.

kind regards,

Christina, on behalf of the group.

**DONEGAL CARAVAN AND CAMPING PARKS ASSOCIATION**

Caravan and Camping Parks Tourism Providers

County Donegal

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On Tue, Feb 23, 2016 at 2:58 PM, ENDA MONAGHAN(DONEGAL)  
<[Enda.monaghan@donegalcoco.ie](mailto:Enda.monaghan@donegalcoco.ie)> wrote:

Christina,

I understand the Council's Community & Enterprise Section may be developing some proposals in this regard. Can you send me further details of the issues you wish to discuss with the MD Donegal Members. We can then bring your request to the Members' attention at their next meeting which is on Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016 and revert to you thereafter with their decision.

Regards,

Enda Monaghan

Municipal District of Donegal



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Dear Hunan, Lynda, Bridie, Paul,

I am writing on behalf of the above mentioned group. We are a new organisation of caravan park owners spread across the county of Donegal. We would most respectfully request that we could get a slot an the next municipal meetings so that we can bring to the attention of the Public Reps of the county an issue that we wish to discuss. That issue is the development of overnight Motorhome parking in the county.

We met with Inshowen Municipal district before Christmas and we hope to meet with the other municipal districts based on the fact that our businesses are spread right across donegal.

kind regards,

Christina Murray-McEleney

On behalf of

DCCPA

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# DCCPA

**Donegal  
Caravan & Camping Parks  
Association**



**Representative Document  
November 2015**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

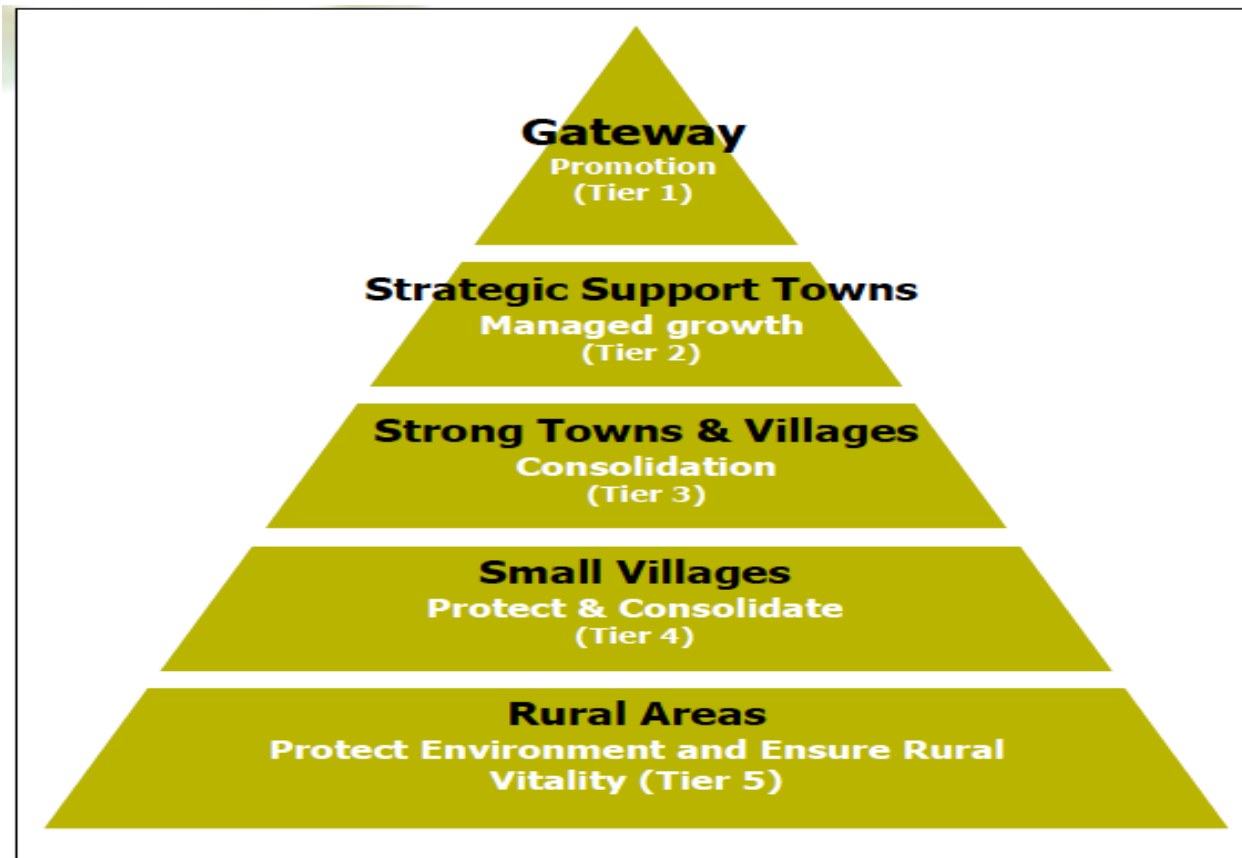
Donegal Caravan and Camping Parks Association (DCCPA) is a newly formed organisation, which consists of established tourism providers spread across the expanse of Donegal. The members of this tourism organisation provide for the niche market of static mobile homes, touring caravans, motorhomes and tents. Many of the establishments represented by this group have been in business for numerous decades.

## **PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT**

The purpose of this document is to inform, seek engagement and initiate a working partnership with County Donegal County Council officials and all Local Representatives of all Municipal Districts in County Donegal in respect of sustainability of current provisions of Motorhome parking.

DCCPA states that collectively and individually it plays a key role in overall economic development and sustainable employment in Donegal and more particularly in small villages and rurally isolated areas. Most of the caravan parks that are members of DCCPA are located in small villages and rural areas in “Tier 4 & Tier 5” according to the ‘(Donegal County Council Development Plan 2012-2018 p13). (See diagram overleaf).

## Hierarchy of Settlement



Tourism is a significant contributor to the local economy in these small villages and rural areas; as stated in the County Development Plan 2012-2018 "**as economic recovery takes hold, it will become an even more important revenue generator**". Within the County Donegal Development Plan tourism is identified as "**a key Sector for job creation in the County by the Council and the County Development Board**" (CDDP 2012-2018 pg113). DCCPA concur with this statement and endeavor to ensure provision of Motorhome pitches in Donegal.

## POTENTIAL ECONOMIC GENERATION

Donegal Caravan and Camping Association ( DCCPA) provide a significant supply of motorhome spaces available in the county per night over the established tourism season. The table below demonstrates the potential value to the local economy by direct 'overnight stay' exclusive of spin off value to the local economy. (see table below)

<b>No. Motor Home Pitches Available among DCCPA</b>	<b>No. Overnights available during High Season 1<sup>st</sup> March – 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>Total Potential Value to the local economy</b>
<b>372</b>	<b>245 nights</b>	<b>91,140</b>
<b>372 x €25 per night = €9,300</b>	<b>245 nights x €9,300</b>	<b>€2,278.500</b>

DCCPA estimates it currently operates at around 20% capacity over the span of the season with increases in numbers on Bank Holiday weekends or particular traditional holiday periods. DCCPA have noted that this niche market is now beginning to develop and visions good potential for sustainable local economic development in this niche market. DCCPA are well placed to absorb potential growth in this niche market.

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## **COMMISSION FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF RURAL AREAS (CEDRA) 2013.**

According to Professor Suzi Jarvis, October 2013 cited in CEDRA, Energising Ireland's Rural Economy, The Commission for the Economic Development of Rural Areas:

*"If we are to pull Ireland out of recession faster, and also reduce the brain drain leaving the country to seek out work, then we now need to home in on the regions..... We need to provide 'on the ground' supports for people in rural communities. This is so they can create ideas and spot opportunities to develop enterprises. The positive spin-offs could be new job creation at the local level, taking people off the dole, and generating local wealth that feeds back into rural economies" (pg.3) .*

It is very well understood by both Donegal County Council officials and local representatives that local indigenous businesses within the tourism sector are an integral and important factor in the sustainability of employment within small villages and rural areas. The majority of small villages and rural communities have experienced the negative impacts of the current economic crisis due chiefly to their "heavy reliance on declining employment sectors, particularly the construction industry, with the result that unemployment in rural areas increased by 192% between 2006 and 2011, compared to 114% in urban centres. The effects of this have been felt in particular in small and medium sized towns and the evidence of small town decline throughout the country is clear" (The Commission for the Economic Development of Rural Areas CEDRA p3).

(CEDRA pg.14)

<b>Commission for the Economic Development of Rural Areas: Recommendations</b>
<b>Tourism and Recreation in Rural Areas</b>
<p><b>Recommendation 26:</b> The Commission recommends the preparation of a national plan for the <b>development of tourism in rural areas</b> as a distinct part of the national tourism planning process. This plan should identify a clear strategy for an innovative approach to the promotion and product development of tourism in rural areas. <b>It should be informed by research and provide for on- going linkages between research and innovation in tourism.</b></p>
<p><b>Recommendation 27:</b> The Commission recommends that national State owned infrastructure that can support national, regional and local tourism initiatives should be prioritised for development. The Commission believes that this is essential to build on the success of initiatives such as the Great Western Greenway in Mayo, and the O’Sullivan Beara Way from West Cork to Leitrim.</p>
<p><b>Recommendation 28:</b> The Commission recommends that Local and Regional Tourism Destinations to complement National Destinations should be developed through a multi sectoral approach. This should be complemented by a destination management and marketing initiative.</p>

Based on the above recommendation 26 (above) DCCPA seek to provide up to date information on the current status of their provisions to both County Council Officials and Local Public Representatives. The recommendations mentioned in the CEDRA report are to support sustainability within small villages and rural areas. “This presents a significant challenge for government, the public, private and voluntary sectors, rural enterprises, rural communities and the various national agencies tasked with fostering, either directly or indirectly, rural development” (CEDRA pg4). With the decline in many industries and the current



economic recession it is vital that DCCPA are supported to continue to provide employment.

**DONEGAL LOCAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY PLAN (LECP) :***Report on submissions received following period of public consultation on the proposed Local Economic and Community Plan (2015)*

Recent community consultations found that "**Natural Resources and tourism was by far the dominant single theme with 59% of public submissions referencing it**", and many detailing the intrinsic and valuable natural resources that county Donegal has and the linkages and connectivity to other areas particularly 'Enterprise and Skills', the 'Creative Economy' and 'Community Development' (pg2). This evidences local community value on the sustainability and economic development of tourism in the region as an exceptionally important part of community life in small villages and rural areas.

## **CO-OPERATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS**

It is evident that a strategic cooperation is now required with DCCPA and Donegal County Council in respect of the potential growth in this Motorhome parking niche market.

DCCPA met with two Local Representatives recently and will also meet with each Municipal District in Donegal were permitted. The aim of these meetings are to engage and garner a level of cooperation for mutual benefit and also to ensure that we plan in partnership in a strategic way for economic and social benefit for

small villages and rural areas and to ensure that infrastructure and signage is adequate to ensure that potential problems are avoided i.e. see photo below.



### County Donegal Development Plan 2012-2018 States:

**"TOU-P-5** It is a policy of the Council to **support the development of indigenous tourism enterprises** and community-based tourism initiatives **in a manner that meet the principles of tourism sustainability**, and that accord with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area" (pg 115).

**"Ensure viable, long-term economic operations, providing socio-economic benefits to all stakeholders that are fairly distributed, including stable employment and income-earning opportunities and social services to host communities, and contribute to poverty alleviation"** (pg 114).

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Based on the previously - mentioned "Policy and Statement" from County Donegal Development Plan 2012-2018.

- DCCPA state there is adequate provision in the county for viable long-term economic operations within the established Motorhome parking sector provided by the sector itself.
- DCCPA state that the provision of Motorhome parking by Donegal County Council is a threat to the sustainability, growth and development of private indigenous, long established providers in small villages and rural areas.
- DCCPA state they cannot compete with Donegal County Council in this Motorhome parking niche market.
- DCCPA have been informed indirectly that a "Pilot Project" which provides free overnight parking is in operation currently.
- DCCPA state that the provision of free 'Overnight parking' or 'charged overnight parking provided by Donegal County council directly excludes the potential for private development of same.
- DCCPA state that the provision of free 'Overnight Parking' or 'charged' 'Overnight Parking' provided by Donegal County council directly displaces existing facilities provided at great expense by private citizens.

- DCCPA state that the provision of free 'Overnight Parking' or 'charged' 'Overnight Parking' provided by Donegal County council negates the planned or potential private development and investment into the future.

DCCPA request information on the said "Pilot Project"

- i. The aims and objectives of the Pilot Project.
- ii. The research underpinning the initiation Pilot Project.
- iii. Evidence of consultation with the Motorhome Parking Industry in the County.
- iv. Timeline of the Pilot Project.
- v. Proposed consultation with the Motorhome Parking Industry at the end of the "pilot project period".
- vi. Information on the funding for the "Pilot Project".

DCCPA respectfully request Donegal County Council Officials to engage with our 'Niche Tourism Sector' for mutual benefit. DCCPA are interested in developing a working partnership with Donegal County Council on the sustainability and development of Tourism in the county.