

Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall

Oifig Riarthóir na gCruinnithe,
Aras an Chontae,
Leifear.

7 Iúil, 2015

FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniú Bliantúil de Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall ar siúl **De Máirt 14 Iúil 2015, ag 2.00 i.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

Liam Mac a'Bhaird
p.p. Riarthóir Cruinnithe

Municipal District of Donegal

Office of Meetings Administrator,
County House,
Lifford.

7th July, 2015

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal will be held on **Tuesday 14th July 2015, at 2.00 p.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 Liam Ward,
Meetings Administrator

AGENDA

1. Consideration of Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 9th June 2015.
2. Consideration of Minutes of Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 9th June 2015.
3. Consideration of Minutes of Special Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 26th June 2015
4. Update Reports from Council Services:
 - 4.1 Housing & Corporate Services
 - 4.2 Roads / Transportation
 - 4.3 Planning & Economic Development
 - 4.4 Community, Enterprise and Cultural Services
 - 4.5 Environment Services
5. Motions
 - 5.1 Cllr John Campbell

“With a view to improving traffic flow and parking in Donegal town this municipal district resolves that:

A report be prepared and submitted for consideration of the members at the September meeting outlining possible options and draft byelaw wording to achieve the following:

- 1) Provide for 1 hour parking for all onstreet parking on: a) The Diamond, b) Bridge St, c) Main St (Diamond to Water St)
- 2) Alleviate the existing problem of inadequate PSV spaces and loading bays
- 3) Provide for lower rate employer/employee parking permits in carparks excluding 1 hour parking zone
- 4) Provide that resident parking permits are issued exclusively to persons who provide proof that it is related to their principal private residence
- 5) Designate Tirchonail St one-way from Tirchonail Bridge to Bridge St junction with traffic flow towards Diamond
- 6) Designate Castle St one-way with traffic flow from Water St. towards Tirchonail St
- 7) Extend on street parking from Castle St along Tirchonail St towards C of I

8) Any other matter the relevant roads engineers deem significant

And thereafter begin the process as outlined in the road traffic acts, to amend existing and/or make new byelaws.”

5.2 Cllr Noel Jordan

“That this Municipal District requests the Department of the Marine and Natural Resources to install a light on “the Port Rock”, at the Port, Inver in the interest of safety for fishing boats”.

6. Correspondence

6.1 Request for a deputation from Donegal Town Business Focus Group

7. Questions

7.1 Cllr John Campbell

“Will this MDC submit an application under the OPW's, Minor Flood Mitigation Works & Coastal Protection Scheme to replace failing protections at Fanaghans, Inver. This area was identified after the storms of January 2014 and temporary measures were taken at the time. There is now a substantial risk to property emerging once again?”

9. Date of Next Meeting (Tuesday the 8th September 2015)

**MINUTES OF MEETING (AGM) OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL
HELD AT 2.00 P. M. ON TUESDAY THE 9TH JUNE 2015 IN THE PETER
KENNEDY CHAMBER, DONEGAL PUBLIC SERVICES CENTRE, DONEGAL**

MDD/92/15 MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MDD/93/15 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Garry Martin, Director Designate Donegal MD
Ms. Bridie McBrearty, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Barney McLaughlin, Administrative Officer, Community, Culture and Planning Development
Mr. Killian Smith, Executive Planner, Housing, Corporate and Planning Control
Mr. Willie Freney, Executive Engineer, Roads / Transportation
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services
Mr. Dearn McClintock, Waste Regulation Officer

MDD/94/15 Also In Attendance

Mr. Martin Keeney, Youth Council Co-ordinator
Ms. Alva McGowan, Youth Councillor
Mr. Erick Byrne, Youth Councillor
Ms. Megan McGee, Youth Councillor
Mr. Francis Barron, Youth Councillor
Ms. Chloe Kennedy, Youth Councillor

MDD/95/15 Apologies

Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal

MDD/96/15 VOTES OF SYMPATHY

A vote of sympathy was passed and a minute silence was held in respect of the recent deaths:

The late Joe Roper, Corker, Ballyshannon, brother of Danny and Charlie Roper, Roads, Ballyshannon Area.

The late Sergeant Mick Galvin, Ballyshannon Garda Station,

Tribute to the late Sergeant Mick Galvin

Cllr O'Neill extended his sympathies to the late Sergeant Mick Galvin's wife and family. He paid a lengthy tribute to the late Sergeant Galvin noting the shock and sadness with his passing. He referred to all the great work he had done in his position as Garda Sergeant and in his role in the community including in GAA circles. He submitted he was the ultimate professional, and acknowledged the great assistance he was to the Council and the Ballyshannon Community.

All Members wished to be associated with the tribute together with Mr. Garry Martin on behalf of Council management and staff.

MDD/97/15 Thanks from outgoing Cathaoirleach

Cllr O'Neill thanked both Members and Officials for their co-operation and assistance during the previous 12 months. He noted that it had been the first year of the new Municipal Districts and acknowledged the all inclusive manner in which the Municipal District does its business. He submitted he looked forward to working with the incoming Cathaoirleach and Members for the next year. He then vacated the chair and asked Ms. B McBrearty to chair the meeting during the election of the Cathaoirleach.

MDD/98/15 Election of Cathaoirleach

Ms. B McBrearty called for nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach. On the proposal of Cllr Campbell seconded by Cllr Kennedy, Members agreed to elect Cllr Jordan to the position of Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Donegal for the next year.

Cllr Jordan then took the Chair. He thanked Members for their faith in him and for electing him to the position of Cathaoirleach. He also paid tribute to Cllr O'Neill for all his hard work in the position in the past year.

MDD/99/15 Election of Leas-Cathaoirleach

Cllr Jordan called for nominations for the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach. On the proposal of Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr O'Neill, Members agreed to elect Cllr Kennedy as Leas-Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Donegal for the year.

Minutes of Meeting (AGM) of Municipal District of Donegal on 9th June 2015

MDD/100/15 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON THE 12TH MAY 2015

On the proposal of Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr Kennedy the Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 12th May 2015 were confirmed.

MDD/101/15 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF WORKSHOP OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON THE 12TH MAY 2015

On the proposal of Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr O'Neill the Minutes of the Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 12th May 2015 were confirmed.

MDD/102/15 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF WORKSHOP OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON THE 25TH MAY 2015

On the proposal of Cllr Kennedy, seconded by Cllr O'Neill the Minutes of the Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 25th May 2015 were confirmed.

MDD/103/15 ATTENDANCE OF YOUTH COUNCILLORS

Members welcomed the Youth Councillor Co-ordinator together with the Youth Councillors to the meeting.

The Youth Councillors outlined in a presentation to Members their activities since they have been elected as follows:

- Main Functions – Organise Events, Consultative Body and Sit on Boards e.g. Road Safety Working Group
- Residential in Breesy Centre
- Road Safety Advertisements
- Chalk it up campaign
- Young Carers Video
- Shake It Up Sports
- European Youth Week Quiz
- Partnership
- Lets Go Mental
- Yes Equality
- Meeting Councillors in the MD's
- To attend Plenary Council meeting on the 3rd July

Members thanked the Youth Councillors for their very comprehensive presentation and a number of comments/queries

were dealt with by the Youth Councillors with additional information being explained by the Youth Councillors on their activities including on Gender Balance, Carers, Sports Activities etc.

The Youth Councillors thanked Members for the opportunity to meet with them and Members wished the Youth Councillors well and commended them in their great work.

MDD/104/15 HOUSING AND CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

Progress reports on Grants, Loans and Casual Vacancies

Members noted the update reports on Grants, Loans, and Casual Vacancies as circulated with the Agenda and presented by Ms. B McBrearty.

Ms. B McBrearty advised that some of the properties are ready for letting but that the paperwork has not yet been complete.

She also informed Members that 60 St Benildus Avenue, Ballyshannon will be advertised for sale in the local press with closing date of 12 noon on the 10th July 2015 for receipt of completed Tenders in the County Secretary's Office, at County House, Lifford. Information will also be available on the different social media channels.

Housing Assistance Payments (HAP)

Ms. B McBrearty advised Members that HAP processing had now commenced with a number of applications already processed.

In response to a query from Cllr Campbell, Ms. B McBrearty confirmed to Members she amend the Housing accordingly.

SHIP (Social Housing Investment Programme 2015 - 2017).

Ms. B McBrearty briefed Members in relation to SHIP 2015 – 2017.

She advised that the 24 social housing units and 2 community group homes are currently being designed by the Housing Capital Section with Part VIII Planning due for processing in September 2015. She also advised the Council is actively pursuing 4 house purchases in the Municipal District.

In response to a request from Cllr Campbell for an inventory of Council owned lands suitable for housing to be sent out to Members, Ms. B McBrearty undertook to forward same to Members.

MDD/105/15 ROADS / TRANSPORTATION SERVICES REPORT

Members noted an apology from Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Roads/Transportation, who was unable to attend today's

meeting. Mr. Willie Freney, Executive Engineer was in attendance to represent the service.

Schedule of Road Works 2015

Members noted the progress report on the schedule of Road Works 2015 for the Municipal District of Donegal as circulated with the Agenda.

A number of comments/queries were dealt with as follows:

Street Cleaning in Ballyshannon

In response to a query from Cllr O'Neill regarding street cleaning in Ballyshannon at weekends which he understands has been suspended Mr. W Freney undertook have Mr. Declan Gillespie, Area Engineer revert to Cllr O'Neill in relation to this matter as soon as possible.

Road at Cashelard – Breesy Centre to Creamery at Cashelard.

In response to a query from Cllr O'Neill regarding an allocation of €65,500 which he stated he and Cllr McEniff understood was to be spend on the road from the Breesy Centre to the Creamery at Cashelard but are now concerned it is going to be spent elsewhere Mr. W Freney undertook to contact Mr. D Gillespie to request that a reply issue to Members in this regard.

Carpark at Cashel Village (opposite the Folk Village)

In response to a query from Cllr Kennedy in relation to the car park at Cashel Village, Mr. W Freney informed Members that the Council is in a position to fill the potholes in the car park, but as regards more extensive works, is not in a position to carry out same at present.

In response to a further queries from Cllrs Campbell and Jordan in relation to the car park in Glencolmcille as regard ownership, Mr. W Freney informed Members that there is a small strip of land that is in private ownership that has not yet been bought by the Council but that this would not prevent 90% of the work the Council needs to carryout proceeding. In response to a further query from Cllr Campbell, Mr. W Freney undertook to contact the landowner again.

Missing Signs in Glencolmcille

In response to a query from Cllr Kennedy regarding missing signs in the Glencolmcille area which can leave tourists missing the turn for Glencolmcille and ending up in Ardara, Mr. W Freney undertook to investigate same.

Resurfacing at Bridge in Kilcar

In response to a query from Cllr Kennedy regarding an update on re-surfacing works at the Bridge in Kilcar, Mr. W Freney to revert to Members regarding same.

'Supers' turn at Fintra

In response to a query from Cllr Kennedy, regarding the condition of the road at 'Supers' turn at Fintra, Mr. W Freney undertook to investigate same and to revert to Members.

Footpaths in Killybegs

In response to a query from Cllr Kennedy regarding footpaths in Killybegs, Mr. W Freney informed Members due to the requirements of the Environmental Improvements Scheme in Killybegs some years ago which required a certain finish on the footpaths, which has not stood the test of time, Mr. W Freney informed Members the Council has replaced some sections as funding permits. In relation to this ongoing issue he advised he would bring this matter to the attention of Mr. Brendan O'Donnell, Senior Engineer, Roads Areas, Lifford.

Pedestrian Crossing, Killybegs

Cllr Kennedy referred to the question she had submitted for this meeting in relation to the pedestrian crossing in Killybegs. She advised that the Council needs to deal with this as a matter of urgency, owing to the difficulties the lack of a crossing is causing for schools etc in the area. In response to the matter, Mr. W Freney informed Members he had spoken with Mr. Donal Murphy, Executive Engineer, Road Design in Lifford, who is examining the options given the difficulties with conflicting accesses at the location.

Works on Inver Road at the small bridge

In response to a query from Cllr Jordan as to when works on the road at the 'small bridge on the Inver road would be carried out, Mr. W Freney informed Members it would be in approximately 6 to 8 weeks as the 'road train' is on a 6 week rota between the 6 roads Supervisor's areas

In response to a request from Cllr Jordan as to when works would start on the 'hostel' road at Dooley in Glencolmcille, Mr. W Freney informed Members the works would be carried out at a later date. He further advised that the road at Ballymoon was currently being done and an area including Crove, and Roxborough would be completed in the coming week.

MDD/106/15 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.)

A number of comments/queries were dealt with as follows:

Casual Trading

Cllr O'Neill acknowledged the correspondence issued by Mr. E Quinn, A/Senior Planner regarding the Casual Trading to Members. He acknowledged that the Casual Trading Bye-Laws had to go through the statutory process but queried if there would be a presence on Rosstown Beach during the summer months to prevent unauthorised trading on the Beach.

In response to the query raised, Mr. K Smith informed Members the enforcement of the Beach Bye-laws is a matter for the Environment/Beach Management Section and noted that this could be raised with the representative of that Section who would be in attendance later at the meeting.

MDD/107/15 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:

- Donegal Craft Village
- Donegal Craft Village – Update on New Tenants
- Donegal Tourism
- Donegal Gathering Website
- Community Tourism Diaspora Initiative 2015
- Maritime Activity
- Youth Council
- Heritage Office Update
- County Museum Update
- Regional Culture Centre
- Scotland Brass and Wind Ensemble Visiting Donegal.

A number of Comments/queries were dealt with and in particular the following:

Mr. B McLaughlin paid particular tribute to Ms. Joy Harron on the excellent work she has undertaken on the Malin Waters Website.

In response to a query from Cllr Kennedy as to whether disabled access to the pontoons at Teelin had been progressed, Mr. B McLaughlin informed Members he will examine this matter and would revert to Members shortly.

In response to a query from Cllr Kennedy for refurbishment works to be carried out to the picnic tables at Largy, Kilybegs, Mr. B

McLaughlin undertook to investigate the possibility of getting works done to the tables through TUS scheme.

Cllr Kennedy also submitted the signs at Largy, Killybegs need to be reviewed, (including enforcement) given the fact that this location is a stop off point on the Wild Atlantic Way. In response, Mr. K Smith informed Members that signs that have been in place in excess of 7 years cannot be the subject of enforcement proceedings as they are statute barred.

In response to a query from Cllr Kennedy for assistance to promote 'planting' Mr. B McLaughlin requested that interested persons should contact him.

Enterprise Park at Portnason

Cllr O'Neill referred to a request for an update on the Enterprise Park at Portnason, Ballyshannon as referred to at the previous meeting. In response Mr. B McLaughlin informed Members he is awaiting a report to update Members.

Town Clock, Ballyshannon

Cllr O'Neill asked for an update on progress in relation to the Town Clock in Ballyshannon. In response to same, Mr. B McLaughlin informed Members that the Council is working on the matter but that he had been unable to get contact with the owner despite several attempts. He agreed to follow up again.

Members thanked Mr. McLaughlin for his very comprehensive report and commended the work being carried out by the Section, in particular the marketing work on social media.

MDD/108/15 ENVIRONMENT SERVICES REPORT

Members welcomed Mr. Dearn McClintock, Waste Regulation Officer to the meeting. He presented the report circulated to Members dealing with the following updates:

- SI 196 of 2015 The European Communities (Classification, Packaging, Labelling and Notification of Dangerous Substances) Regulations 2003 (SI No. 116 of 2003)
- SI 197 of 2015 – Waste Management (Collection Permit) (Amendment) Regulations 2015; New Household Kerbside Waste Collector Obligations
- SI 198 of 2015 – Waste Management (Facility Permit and Registration) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 – Pay to use compactor units (PTU's) under a certificate of Registration
- Future Regulations on Household Waste Collection in the Summer

- Household and Commercial Food Waste Regulations Amendments
- Regional Waste Management Plans
- Community Clean Ups
- Dog Fouling Patrols
- Litter Fines & Prosecutions
- Blue Flag Beaches
- Green Coast Beaches
- Water Quality
- Lifeguards and Beach Infrastructure

A number of comments / queries were dealt with as follows:

Rosstown Beach

Cllr O'Neill referred to an earlier discussion in relation to trading on Rosstown Beach and queried if the Environment Section would be policing the Beach Bye-Laws and enforcing 'no trading' on Rosstown Beach. He noted that there is a conflict with the Casual Trading Bye-Laws.

In response to same, Mr. D McClintock confirmed that the Litter Warden would have a presence on the Beaches in the Municipal District and will challenge persons in breach of the Maritime and Litter Acts. He advised that the Environment Section is committed to keeping the beaches clean and a lot of effort is put into this by both the Litter Warden and the Mobile Litter Units.

In relation to trading on the Beaches and the potential conflicts with the Casual Trading Bye-Laws, following a short discussion, it was agreed to refer this matter to the next meeting of the Environment Strategic Policy Committee for discussion to determine how this matter might be resolved.

Cllr O'Neill also raised concerns in relation to the litter that is generated as a result of trading on Rosstown Beach. He advised that the local community have to clean up the area after weekends.

In response to the concerns raised Mr. D McClintock advised that the message that should be going out to beach users is that they should leave no trace behind them i.e. they should take their rubbish home with them and noted that the Litter Unit would be present at the Beaches during the summer months.

Life Rings

In response to a query from Cllr O'Neill regarding missing Life rings at Bundoran Beach and submission that an audit be carried out at all the beaches in the Municipal District Mr. D McClintock undertook to review this matter.

Selection and Training of Beach Life Guard

In response to queries from Cllr O'Neill regarding the selection and training for Beach Life Guards Mr. D McClintock advised that while he was not involved in the selection process he would bring the concerns back to Headquarters.

Cameras

Cllr Kennedy submitted there needs to be additional cameras in the Municipal District as a deterrent to littering and in particular in scenic areas where local groups have carried out clean ups only for the areas to be littered again afterwards.

In response to the request for additional cameras, Mr. D McClintock informed Members that the Council has a significant number of cameras and advised that these work well as a deterrent to littering given the requirements to erect signage to inform the public that an area is being recorded on a camera. He further advised if the Litter Warden is contacted with a request for a camera in particular areas, this can be examined. He also confirmed that the litter fines are very effective as a deterrent as it would be extremely rare there would be a repeat offense.

Dog Fouling Bins

In response to Cllr Kennedy for additional Dog Fouling Bins in the Municipal District, Mr. D McClintock informed Members that not all areas are suitable and that requests for additional Dog Fouling Bins can be discussed with the Litter Warden with a view to providing additional if possible.

New Regulations for Collecting Household Waste

In response to a query from Cllr Campbell as to whether Waste Collectors are set up to comply with the new Household Waste Regulations, Mr. D McClintock informed Members that Longford County Council deals with the Licensing of Waste Collectors. In the Country there are in the region of 100 Waste Collectors of which there are 9 in County Donegal.

As part of the new regulations all Waste Collectors will have their permits reviewed as they have to provide an indicative cost for the service to the Households. He further advised there is a lead in time for the Collectors in which to comply. He also briefed Members in relation to 'brown' bins and the collection of same with an emphasis on waste reduction.

From 2016 each household will be required to use a 'bin' otherwise they will have to prove how they are disposing of their waste. Members also noted the 'yellow bags' that would have been purchased in the past and left out for the Waste Collectors to dispose of waste would soon no longer be available with the requirement to weigh and report on volume of waste collected at households.

Staffing for increased Regulation

In response to a query from Cllr Campbell with the increasing regulation if there will be any issues from a staff resources point of view, Mr. D McClintock informed Members that this may be an issue.

Septic Tank Inspections

In response to a query from Cllr Campbell regarding the number of Septic Tank inspections that have been carried out in the County as this was to be a matter of public record, and a request that it be incorporated into the Environment Reports, Mr. D McClintock advised he would bring the request back to Headquarters.

Control of Dogs

Cllr Jordan referred to control of dogs in public areas/beaches and to some peoples' fear of dogs. He asked if the signage could be reworded to include 'that dogs can be taken to the compound in Letterkenny if they are not kept under control. In response to same, Mr. D McClintock informed Members that on Rossnowlagh Beach, dogs should be kept on a lead at all times. He also advised he would bring the request regarding signage back to the Litter Warden for consideration.

Blue Flag Beaches

In response to a query from Cllr Campbell if there were any plans to increase the number of Blue Flag Beaches in the County, Mr. D McClintock informed Members there is not at present as same would require significant infrastructural investment. In response to a further query from Cllr Campbell if there is an application process for Blue Flags status, Mr. D McClintock informed Members that a very strict criteria has to be met including water quality and the application process would have to be supported by Members.

MDD/109/15 DISCUSSION ON CALLING FOR IRISH WATER TO LINK MOUNTCARLES SEWER TO NEW SEWER IN DONEGAL TOWN

Cllr Jordan submitted the following motion:

"That this Municipal District calls on Irish Water to provide a timeframe and a costing for linking the Mountcharles sewer to the new sewer in Donegal Town."

On the proposal of Cllr Jordan, seconded by Cllr Campbell the motion as above was adopted.

Members were advised:

“The Council can arrange to seek the information from Irish Water. Alternatively this information can be sought directly from Irish Water by contacting the dedicated contact for elected representatives on the following email, localrepsupport@water.ie. Irish Water also provide clinics for the elected members in Lifford to coincide with the Council meetings where queries such as this can be raised directly with Irish Water.”

Cllr Jordan in proposing the motion referred to the following issues: He submitted he proposed the motion due to having received a lot of queries from people in the Mouncharles area. He submitted connecting the Mouncharles sewer to the new Sewerage Scheme in Donegal Town would be only a relatively small job for Irish Water as much of the pipe work has already been laid. He also referred to the EPA Licences on the existing treatment plants in Mouncharles and queried why Irish Water would not regard the extension to the Donegal Town Sewer as a necessity. He further advised that planning applications in the Mouncharles area are being refused due to lack of capacity on the existing treatment plants in Mouncharles.

In supporting the motion, Cllr Campbell noted that the EPA licences for the Treatment Plants in Mouncharles are due to run out in December 2015 and the initial response from Irish Water in relation to same was that some interim maintenance work is necessary in Mouncharles which isn't satisfactory in the circumstances. He further advised he had lodged a complaint with the Environmental Protection Agency in relation to the matter, for which he had yet to receive an acknowledgement. He submitted that Irish Water need to get the works done immediately to connect the Mouncharles sewer to the Donegal Town Sewerage Scheme as this is having a big effect on the water quality in Mouncharles Bay and on shell fish. He submitted he was not satisfied with the response from Irish Water.

Members unanimously supported the motion as adopted.

MDD/110/15 MOTION ON PROPOSED LAND DISPOSAL

On the proposal of Cllr McEniff seconded by Cllr Conaghan it was agreed that the following motion that as submitted by Cllr McEniff for the meeting be withdrawn:

“That this Council dispose of the land on the attached map under Section 183 to Mr. Garry Rodgers, Fintra Road, Killybegs”.

MDD/111/15 MOTION ON PROPOSED LAND DISPOSAL

On the proposal of Cllr Conaghan seconded by Cllr McEniff it was agreed that the following motion as submitted by Cllr Conaghan for the meeting be withdrawn:

“That this Council dispose of the land on the attached map under Section 183 to Mr. Garry Rodgers, Fintra Road, Killybegs”.

MEMBERS NOTED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:-

MDD/112/15 Camper Van Parking Spaces at the Pier in Donegal Town

The following question was submitted by Cllr Niamh Kennedy:-

“Why are there no camper van parking spaces on the pier in Donegal Town as there are for buses?”-

Cllr Kennedy was informed that:-

“Camper van parking spaces have not been provided at the pier car park in Donegal Town for the following reasons:

1. The carpark has not been identified as a designated camper van stoppingpoint.
2. The facilities such as toilets, water supply, washing and desludging facilities normally provided at designated camper van stopping points are not available at the pier car park.”

MDD/113/15 Request for an update on the Pedestrian Crossing, Killybegs

The following question was submitted by Cllr Niamh Kennedy:-

“What is the update on the pedestrian crossing at the playspace in Killybegs as per motion adopted by this Municipal District in October 2014?”

Cllr Kennedy was informed that:-

“I have asked Road Design to review the matter and advise whether or not a pedestrian crossing could be accommodated given the layout of the road in the immediate vicinity of the playground. I hope to be able to revert to the members with a report on same at the July MD meeting.”

(See also discussion under Roads Reports as noted earlier in the meeting.)

MDD/114/15 Date of next meeting

Members agreed the date of the next meeting on Tuesday the 14th July 2015 as per the agreed standing orders.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Area Manager
Municipal District of Donegal**

**Cathaoirleach
Municipal District of Donegal**

**Minutes of Municipal District of Donegal Workshop held on 9th June 2015 at 11.00 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. Killian Smith, Executive Planner, Planning Control Services
Mr. Barney McLaughlin, Community, Culture and Economic Development
Mr. Denis Kelly, Senior Executive Planner, Central Planning Unit
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing / Corporate Services
Ms. Clare McCallan, Conservation Architect, Central Planning Unit
Ms. Sinead Harkin, Executive Planner, Central Planning Unit
Ms Margaret Fitzgerald, Clerical Officer, Central Planning Unit
Ms. Donna McCorkell, Graduate Planner

Apologies

Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Roads/Transportation

In the absence of Cllr O'Neill, (who was delayed) Cllr Jordan chaired the workshop for start of the first item.

Minutes

Town Design Plan for Donegal Town

Members welcomed the planning staff to the workshop. Mr. D Kelly also introduced Ms. Sinead Harkin, Executive Planner and Ms. Clare McCallan, Conservation Architect who have already undertaken some familiarisation work in Donegal Town including discussion with a number of groups and who would be central to the process to prepare the Donegal Town Local Area Plan.

Mr Kelly advised the members that there are 3 areas of work in respect of Donegal Town and referred to the potential complementarities and inter- relationship between each of the work areas. He briefed members on the 8 steps envisaged by the Heritage Council for a community led Village Design Statement with an approximate turnaround time of two years.

He referred to a meeting with community groups held on 10th March 2015, at which Barney McLaughlin, Sinead Harkin, Clare McCallan and himself were invited to attend; Mr Kelly advised that he was asked to address the group regarding a Town Design Statement. He also advised the Members in relation to the Action Plan for the Donegal Town Development Centre which is currently being progressed through Mr. B McLaughlin, Community & Enterprise. He advised that the action plan will identify actions that will be necessary to support the further economic development of the town with a particular focus on Tourism. The purpose of all three processes i.e., The Town Design Statement, the Local Area Plan and the Development Centre Action Plan is to bring about the enhancement of the town for the benefit of the community. He advised that a preferred method would be to run the three work areas in tandem as they all fit together and would not rely solely on the capacity of the Community to deliver the Town Design Statement.

Mr. Kelly invited Ms. McCallan to address the meeting with reference to the development of a Town Design Statement. She made a number of observations in relation to Donegal Town with particular reference to the footfall in the Diamond. She advised that it was necessary that this area maintain its authenticity and it therefore should be managed adequately to ensure that this is so. There is also need for rationalisation of signage, to maintain 'browsing shops' in the town centre and to consider options in respect of interpretive panels as examples and that a Town Design Statement could focus on this type of guidance. She also advised that this focus would complement the outputs of the Local Area Plan and Development Centre Action Plan.

Ms. S Harkin advised that the initial phase of work to prepare a Local Area Plan is the evidence and information gathering phase and that much of this work will also inform the Action Plan and the Town Design Statement. She advised that the Local Area Plan provides the statutory framework for development in the town. She submitted the local area plan is both economic and community based and must build on the strengths of the area. She also briefed Members on what worked well in other Towns and why the plan is important for the Town including a level of protection and guidance for new developments. She indicated that the Local Area Plan process could commence in September 2015 with a draft plan likely to be available by March 2016 and submitted the importance of establishing the collaboration phase in September 2015 to meet the timeline outlined. She submitted that the Design Statement could run in parallel with this and would be a much speedier way and the Design Statement would be a very positive interaction that would be a tangible result for the town.

Mr. D Kelly submitted that the Council worked closely with the community in the preparation of the 2005 Local Area Plan for Donegal Town and this model was very successful. He suggested this would be a good model to work with again.

Mr. B McLaughlin advised that this methodology would also have the advantage of collective working together to identify projects for the action plan which is required to access funding and deliver outcomes for the town and would negate competition between groups and facilitate the Town working together.

Cllr Campbell acknowledged that the submissions from Officials were encompassing his idea from the motion passed by the Municipal District in March 2015 but he noted the matter

hadn't moved forward since then. He submitted the Town Design Statement would be a technical statement of what you want to retain in the Town and would not be looking for projects etc. He submitted the idea from his motion was that the Committee would be established made up of the six Members and four others who would decide and source outside expertise to do the Town Design Statement. He also submitted this would alleviate any capacity issues internally in the Council to deliver the design statement. He acknowledged that the ideas are the same just the delivery of the statement was different to his proposal and felt that the Action plans for development centres are a separate matter and that the Design Statement would be more of a technical document and didn't see where the confusion could arise.

Cllr McEniff agreed with the sentiments of Cllr Campbell.

Cllr Kennedy submitted that the process should commence in September 2015 with the consultations.

Cllr Campbell submitted that the Council should advertise looking for expressions of interest and that the Committee could then drive the matter forward with expertise from the Planning Department.

Ms. McCallan submitted that the Village Design Statements were established first in the UK in 1996 for small settlements. She submitted the 'fit' for a Design Statement appropriate to Donegal Town is to follow the Local Area Plan in order that it is a material consideration when the Planning Authority is making a decision on a planning application i.e. that they have to take it into account as part of the decision process, and that this adds value to the preparation of the Design Statement.

Mr. D Kelly submitted the 3 processes could be merged into one to move the processes forward together.

Mr. G Martin submitted that the three processes are trying to achieve the same objectives and the importance of having a singular outcome. He also advised that the groups in the town have the same objectives but some differing views and that leading out on the plans through the Community, Cultural and Economic Development Section may be of assistance to facilitate the community working together. He also submitted the renewed approach to Village Renewal requires proper plans and applications for funding to deliver outcomes.

In referring to the meeting held in March 2015 with the Community, Mr. B McLaughlin submitted there had been four representatives agreed and submitted that advertising for representatives from the Community for the Committee could undermine the works commenced since the meeting held in March on the Local Action Plan.

Cllr Conaghan submitted that it would be preferable for the town to bring all the processes and plans together to collectively work with all the groups.

Mr. Kelly informed Members that the Local Area Plan has to proceed in any case and that the Development Centre Action Plan is being progressed. He submitted the Town Design

statement should be developed in tandem with the Local Area Plan which would be slightly different to what was proposed but would move the Town Design Statement at a much greater pace and queried what would be the best option to engage with the Community. Mr Kelly suggested that consultation on the Local Area Plan could be commenced before summer break and that this would require an advertisement in local newspapers by the end of June and the preparation of an information leaflet to inform the community about the purpose and content of the Local Area Plan. This was agreed by the Members including that draft of the information leaflet would be forwarded to Members in advance of publication for comments.

It was further agreed that this would be the best approach given that four representatives of the Community had already been nominated at the Abbey Hotel at the March 10th meeting and that the advertisement of consultation as regards the Local Area Plan would avoid confusion at this stage.-

Mr Kelly advised that he would work on having the public notice issued by the end of June but in any event before the July MD meeting, where an update will be given on progress. He also suggested that a verbal update could be given in September on submissions received arising from this initial consultation, as the timeline would not likely enable a written report due to staff holidays. This was agreed by Members.

Draft Landscape Character Assessment of County Donegal.

Mr. D Kelly introduced the presentation on the Draft Landscape Character Assessment of County Donegal and advised Members that a presentation had already been made at the March meeting of the Economic, Enterprise and Planning Policy SPC Strategic Policy Committee and the SPC had asked that the presentation be delivered to all the Municipal Districts.

The detailed presentation was given by Ms. Alana Green and included the following:

- Background
- Legislative Context
- Methodology (4 steps)
 1. Landscape Character Assessment Process
 2. Identify Landscape character Types
 3. Field Work
 4. Classification and Description
- Landscape Character Area Examples
- Next Steps

Members noted the Assessment once published may be used to inform Planning Policy, Tourism and Renewable Energy Strategies, Agriculture, Forestry, and further Research and Funding applications.

A number of comments / queries were dealt with as follows:

Members thanked the Central Planning Unit, Community Culture and Development Planning for the enormous amount of work involved in the Assessment and for the detailed presentation.

In response to a query from Cllr Campbell as to where the Landscape Assessment would fit into the County Development Plan, Mr. D Kelly informed Members that for the review of the County Development Plan the Assessment would inform all of the policies.

This concluded the business of the Workshop.

Area Manager ,
Municipal District of Donegal

Cathaoirleach,
Municipal District of Donegal

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL
HELD AT 1.00 P. M. ON FRIDAY THE 26TH JUNE 2015 IN THE PETER
KENNEDY CHAMBER, DONEGAL PUBLIC SERVICES CENTRE, DONEGAL**

MDD/115/15 MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr Noel Jordan
Cllr Tom Conaghan
Cllr Sean McEniff

MDD116/15 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

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

MDD/117/15 Apologies

Cllr John Campbell
Cllr Barry O'Neill
Cllr Niamh Kennedy
Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal

MDD/118/15 Nomination of Member from Municipal District of Donegal to the Corporate Policy Group

Following a short discussion, on the proposal of Cllr McEniff seconded by Cllr Conaghan, it was agreed that Cllr Noel Jordan as Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Donegal would represent the Municipal District of Donegal on the Corporate Policy Group for the next year.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Area Manager
Municipal District of Donegal**

**Cathaoirleach
Municipal District of Donegal**

Municipal District of Donegal

Housing/Corporate Update as
at 3rd July 2015

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
2 Fair Green	BALLINTRA	3	16 February 2015	Works ongoing
1 Erne Dale Heights	BALLYSHANNON	1	23rd March, 2013	Negotiations ongoing
1B Ernedale Heights	BALLYSHANNON	1	10/02/2009	Negotiations ongoing
2 Erne Dale Heights	BALLYSHANNON	1	15th July 2009	Negotiations ongoing
2B Erne Dale Heights	BALLYSHANNON	1	4th January 2011	Negotiations ongoing
77 Erne Dale Heights	BALLYSHANNON	3	23/08/2012	Negotiations ongoing
60 St Benildus Avenue	BALLYSHANNON	2	Reposessed on 28/04/2010	Tenders in 10th July
13 Saimer Drive	BALLYSHANNON	3	23 June 2015	Works ongoing
30 Cluain Barron	BALLYSHANNON	3	11 October 2013	Major Refurb required
22 Bunholvil	BUNDORAN	3	25-Jul-2014	Temporary Tenancy
19 Elaghmore	BUNDORAN	3	30-Jun-2015	Works ongoing
73 Slieve League Avenue	CARRICK	3	16-Jun-2015	Works ongoing
8 Clós Naomh Columba	CARRICK	3	18-Jul-2014	Tenancy offered
12 St Mary's Park	DONEGAL	2	26-Jan-2015	Offer Made
25 Millrace Crescent	DONEGAL	3	23-Apr-2015	Tenancy offered
39 Millrace Crescent	DONEGAL	3	16-Jun-2015	Works ongoing
425 O'Duignan Avenue	DONEGAL	1	25-Jun-2015	Works ongoing
201 Castleview	DUNKINEELY	3	27-Jun-2014	Major Refurb required
222 Castleview	DUNKINEELY	1	15-Mar-2015	Offered - Response awaited
14 Springfield Park	DUNKINEELY	3	26/02/2015	Works ongoing
6 Drumard Park	FROSSES	3	16/02/2015	CBL - to be advertised at end of month
SI Cottage at Stragar North	KILLYBEGS	2	17th Aug 2012	Major Refurb required
4 Forge Road	MOUNTCHARLES	3	05 May 2015	Tenancy offered
SI Cottage (Grousehall)	PETTIGO	3	15 March 2015	Works ongoing
29 Termon Villas	PETTIGO	3	30 March 2015	Requires survey

HOUSING GRANTS

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HO	2013	17	12	2	0	3
	2014	22	13	5	0	4
	2015	4	2	1	0	1

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	FURTHER INFO.	REFERRED TO OT	REFERRED TO ENGINEER	PENDING
HD	2011	33	15	17	0	0	0	1
	2012	21	6	6	0	0	0	9
	2013	25	2	16	0	0	0	7
	2014	16	6	7	0	0	0	3
	2015	17	2	3	0	0	0	12

There are no Housing Mobility Grants applications.

HOUSING LOANS

There are no housing applications to date in 2015 and no outstanding applications to be dealt with.

SOCIAL HOUSING SUPPORT PROGRAMME

Position at 3rd July

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	Comp
Building Programme 2015 - 2017											
Donegal Town	8	8	6	2		24	24	Sept/Oct			
Purchases 2014 and 2015											
Killybegs*		1	1			2		Price agreed			
Carrick*				1		1		Price agreed			
Donegal Town*			2	1		3		2 Completed and 1 price agreed			
Bundoran		1				1		Further inspection required			
Extensions 2015											
Ballyshannon						2				1	
CAS 2015											
2 Com Group Homes*					2	2	2	Being built in conjunction with Donegal Town and awaiting CAS approval			

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

2 no. other units being made available through the HSCA in Donegal Town, contracts being finalised by 4/9/15 (1 no. 2 bed apt and 1 no. 3 bed duplex)

HAP Tenancies	
Municipal District	Number
Donegal	2
Letterkenny	14
Glenties	6
Stranorlar	4

Inishowen	5
Total	31

ROADS / TRANSPORTATION

MD Donegal – 14th July 2015

**Donegal Electoral Area
As Constructed 2015**

Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Estimated Cost of work (EURO)	Status
Restoration				
LP 2425-2/4	Ballyshannon Streets	Ballyshannon	100,000	On going
LP1955-1/25-1	Donegal Streets	Laghey	100,000	On going
R-262	Sir Albert's Bridge,	Dunkineely	30,070	Not Started
R-263-2	Killybegs Streets	Killybegs	77,800	Not Started
R-263-14	Cashel Village - (Fire Station)	Killybegs	40,000	Not Started
R231	Rossnowlagh rd	Ballyshannon	96,000	Completed
R232 1-4	Pettigoe Rd patches	Laghey/Bally	160,000	Completed
L-1365-4	Drimaghy - Tullinteane	Dunkineely	48,500	Completed
L-5085-1	Dooley (Hostel Road)	Killybegs	58,500	Not Started
LP2175-1	Ballintra Street	Ballyshannon	39,900	Not Started

LS6585-1	Clarcam	Laghey	20,000	Completed
L-1375-2/3	Croagh Orbal - Meenagoland	Dunkineely	38,500	Completed
L-1315-2	Faiafannan - Stragar	Killybegs	42,000	Completed
LP2365-2	Cashelard	Ballyshannon	66,500	Not Started
LP1945-3	Lough Eske Demensne	Laghey	80,000	Not Started
L-1415-1	Loughmuilt - Ballywoges	Dunkineely	38,500	Completed
L-1125-1	Carrick - Meenaneary	Killybegs	54,000	Not Started
LP2535-1	Ballymunterhiggins	Ballyshannon	32,400	Completed
LS6495-1	Heneys	Laghey	50,000	Completed
L-1645-1/2	Raneely - Drumcoe	Dunkineely	36,225	Completed
L-1085-2	Carrick - Teelin	Killybegs	67,500	Not Started
LS8065-1	Tievemore-Lettercran	Ballyshannon	72,000	Not Started
LP1815-5	Drumboarty	Laghey	38,000	Not Started
L-1685	Selicas - Letterfad	Dunkineely	39,600	Completed
L-1315-1	Church road Killybegs	Killybegs	37,500	Not Started
L7475-2	County Bridge	Ballyshannon	43,200	Completed
LP1965-1	Friary Road	Laghey	38,000	Completed
L-6085	Edenamuck - Drimaheark	Dunkineely	36,225	Completed
L-1195-1	Line Road Kilcar	Killybegs	28,500	Not Started
LS7265-2	Ballymagroarty	Ballyshannon	28,985	Completed
L-6035-1	Lettermore - Letterfad	Dunkineely	23100	Completed

LP-1865-1	Ballydevitt-Drumstevlin	Laghey	52,000	Completed
L-1565-2	Inver Port - Hillhead - Fanaghans	Dunkineely	28,980	Not Started
L-1185-3	Ballymoon Road	Killybegs	34,200	Completed
LS7515-2	Alla	Ballyshannon	33,000	Completed
L-5895-1	R262 - Dibbin School	Dunkineely	48,300	Completed
LS6421-1	Spierstown	Laghey	70,000	Completed
L-1565-1	N56 - Inver	Dunkineely	26,000	Not Started
LS8005-1	Clyhore	Ballyshannon	20,000	Not Started
L-1345-2	Ballyloughan - Benroe	Dunkineely	25,000	Not Started
LT79651	Ardloughill	Ballyshannon	€15,000	Completed
LS6565-1	Birchill	Laghey	€14,000	Completed
R231	Rossnowlagh Rd	Ballyshannon	€10,418	Not Started
R263-2	Killybegs Streets	Killybegs	€15,214	Not Started
LP1515	Ardaghey Glebe	Dunkineely	€14,523	Not Started
			€2,068,140	
Regional Surface Dressing				
Road No,	Type of Work / Location		Estimate Euro	
R-230-8	Crowlar, Crove	Killybegs	€38,628	Completed
R-262-2/3	Frosses - Glenties	Dunkineely	€21,075	Not Started
R 232 -8	Pettigoe Road	Ballyshannon	€59,703	Completed
R232	Pettigroe Road	Ballyshannon	€3,367.50	Completed

R-230	Crowlar, Crove	Killybegs	€1,684.00	Completed
R-262	Frosses-Glenties	Dunkineely	€1,684.00	Not Started
Local Surface Dressing				
Road No.	Type of Work / Location		Amount	Not Started
LP-1275-2	Croaghlin - Conlin Bridge	Killybegs	€14,400	Not Started
LP-1425-2	St. John's Point - Ballycroy	Dunkineely	€18,000	Not Started
L2365-3	Carricknahorna	Ballyshannon	€20,400	Completed
LP1965-2	Tawnyvorga(Harveys pt)	Laghey	€16,000	Completed
LP-1115-1	Roxborough - Derrylahan	Killybegs	€15,750	Completed
LP-1685-1	Frosses - Drumbarron	Dunkineely	€17,160	Not Started
L2225-7	Belalt South	Ballyshannon	€22,313	Completed
LP2185-3	Shannagh Rd	Laghey	€25,200	Completed
LP-1065-1	Pilgrims Path Teelin	Killybegs	€9,180	Completed
LP-1715-1	Letterbarra - Lettertreane	Dunkineely	€12,012	Not Started
L8035-1	Grousehall Pettigo	Ballyshannon	€17,340	Completed
LP2585-2	Tullywee	Laghey	€13,400	Completed
LP-1015-4	Stranagartan	Killybegs	€16,000	Completed
LP-1665-1	Doorin Line - Mullanboys	Dunkineely	€7,722	Not Started
L2375-1	Cavangarden	Ballyshannon	€21,120	Completed
LS6545-2	Druminnin	Laghey	€20,800	Completed

LS-5285-1	Meenychannon	Killybegs	€13,317	Completed
LP-1675-1	Tullyvoose - Tullinlagan	Dunkineely	€15,000	Completed
L7095-1	Foyagh	Ballyshannon	€19,200	Completed
LP1845-4	Ballydevitt-Clanborrin x rds	Laghey	€25,666	ongoing
LS-6065-1	Lettertreane - Drumboarty	Dunkineely	€16,058	Not Started
L7895-1	Ardfarn	Ballyshannon	€20,769	Completed
LS6615-2	Clarcam	Laghey	€12,000	Completed
LS-5555-1	Tullaghacullion - Benroe	Dunkineely	€15,000	Not Started
LP1965-2	Tawnyvorga Harvey's point	Laghey	€2,000	Completed
L1845-3	Ballydevitt-Clanborrin x rds	Laghey	€2,334	Not Started
L6615-1	Clarcam	Laghey	€2,000	Completed
LP2485-4	Cliff Road	Ballyshannon	€6,876	Not Started
LP1425-2	St. John's Point-Ballycroy	Dunkineely	€5,694	Not Started
LP1115-1	Roxborough-Derrylahan	Killybegs	€3,873	Completed

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Donegal Municipal District Meeting – 14th July 2015

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Summary of planning applications for each Municipal District (2015)

	Period	Apps Recd	Granted	Refused	Deferred	< 2 months	Invalid
Donegal	01/01/15-31/03/15	108	60	9	11	47	12
	01/04/15-31/05/15	76	58	8	22	55	11
Total		184	118	17	33	102	23
Glenties	01/01/15-31/03/15	72	50	1	16	32	8
	01/04/15-31/05/15	47	39	1	12	28	5
Total		119	89	2	28	60	13
Inishowen	01/01/15-31/03/15	86	50	2	18	25	21
	01/04/15-31/05/15	68	44	3	18	35	12
Total		154	94	5	36	60	33
Letterkenny	01/01/15-31/03/15	88	52	7	21	25	8
	01/04/15-31/05/15	61	51	7	25	38	9
Total		149	103	14	46	63	17
Stranorlar	01/01/15-31/03/15	46	30	4	16	12	6
	01/04/15-31/05/15	48	36	4	12	30	6
Total		94	66	8	28	42	12
County Totals*		700	470	46	171	327	98

Appeal's Received (16/05/2015 – 01/07/2015)

REF NO	APPLICANTS NAME	APP. TYPE	DECISION DATE	L.A. DECISION	DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION	BORD PLEANALA RECD DATE
14/51428	CATHAL AMPBELL & FIONNULA DOHERTY	P	30/04/2015	C	CHUN TEACH CONAITHE, GARÁISTE AR LEIGHT, CORAS CÓIREÁLA SÉARACHAIS AGUS ACHAR SÍOHLAITHE A THÓGÁIL, CHOMH MAITH LE HOIBREACHA SUÍIMH MACHAIRE CHLOCHAIR DOIRÍ BEAGA	22/05/2015
15/50265	ALTNAGAPPLE WIND LTD	P	30/04/2015	R	CONSTRUCTION OF A WINDFARM CONSISTING OF 13 NO. WIND TURBINES WITH 65M HUB HEIGHT AND 82M ROTOR DIAMETER, ASSOCIATED SITE ROADS AND ACCESS TRACKS TO INCLUDE PERMISSION FOR UPGRADE AND USE OF SECTION OF EXISTING FORESTRY ROAD THAT EXITS ONTO THE L2923-1 FORM PART OF ACCESS TO THE WINDFARM, DRAINAGE WORKS, FOUNDATIONS AND HARDSTANDING, A 38KV SUBSTATION BUILDING, REMOVAL OF 1.9HA FORESTRY PLANTATION, 2 NO. PEAT REGENERATION STORAGE AREAS, A BORROW PIT, TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION FACILITITES AND ALL ASSOCIATED SITE DEVELOPMENT WORKS ALTNAGAPPLE, MEENTANADEA, LETTERKENNY P O	26/05/2005

Appeal's Decision Notified (16/05/2015 – 01/07/2015)

REF NO	APPLICANTS NAME	APP. TYPE	DECISION DATE	L.A. DECISION	DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION	BORD PLEANALA DEC. DATE	DECISION
14/50633	ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD	R	16/01/2015	C	(A) 442M OF REPLACEMENT FENCING (2.4M HIGH RESISTA MESH) & ASSOCIATED GATES, NORTH OF CATHLEEN'S FALL DAM. (B) 199M OF REPLACEMENT FENCING (2.4 M HIGH PALISADE) & ASSOCIATED GATES AT ESB FISHERIES COMPOUND . (C) 75M REPLACEMENT FENCING (2.4M HIGH RESISTA MESH) AT BELEEK ROAD (D) 640M OF 2.4M RESISTA MESH FENCING & ASSOCIATED GATES, WITHIN THE ESB GENERATING STATION COMPOUND SOUTH OF CATHLEEN'S FALL DAM. (E) 662MOF 2.4m HIGH RESISTA MESH FENCING, ON NORTH SIDE OF ESB TAIL RACE CANAL. (F) 637M OF 2.4m HIGH RESISTA MESH FENCING, ON SOUTH SIDE OF ESB TAIL RACE CANAL CATHLEEN'S FALL GENERATING STATION, BALLYHANNA, TOWNPARKS & CARRICKBOY , BALLYSHANNON , DONEGAL PO,	12/06/20152	C

15/50864	JOSEPH & AMY WILSON	R	29/01/2015	C	RELOCATION OF VEHICULAR ENTRANCE WITH ACCESS ROAD TO DWELLINGHOUSE APPROVED UNDER PLANNING REF.13/50727 CLONCARNEY, TRENTAGH	17/06/2015	C
14/51280	EUGENE BYRNE & MICHELLE MCGINLEY	P	16/01/2015	C	CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE STOREY DWELLINGHOUSE, TWO CAR DOMESTIC GARAGE, WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM AND SECONDARY TREATMENT SYSTEM PLUS ALL ASSOCIATED SITE WORKS TO SAFELY COMPLETE THE PROJECT TAWNY, KILCAR	15/06/2015	R
14/51344	CAPE VERDE SOL IRL LTD	R	16/01/2015	C	(1) TWO TENT CANOPIES CONTAINING MOBILE PIZZA OVER AND A STAINLESS STEEL COOKER; (2) STEEL STORAGE CONTAINER FOR STORAGE OF GARDEN TOOLS; (3) HIGH LEVEL TIMBER SCREEN AND ASSOCIATED TIMBER SUPPORT STRUCTURE; (4) CHANGE OF USE OF FORMER STORAGE SHED TO A DINING AREA ASSOCIATED WIT THE EXISTING BUSINESS AT PATSY DAN'S BAR MAIN STRET, DUNFANAGHY	12/06/2015	PART GRANT/PART REFUSAL

14/51367	DECLAN CLARKE	P	22/01/2015	C	AN AMENDMENT TO THE TEN YEAR PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED UNDER REG.REF:12/70002 (PL 05A.240394) FOR 2 NO. WIND TURBINES. THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT WILL CONSIST OF AN INCREASE OF THE OVERALL TIP HEIGHT OF THE 2 NO. PERMITTED WIND TURBINES FROM 116M TO 119.33M, COMPRISING AN INCREASE OF HUB HEIGHT FROM 69M AS PERMITTED TO 78.33M AND A REDUCTION IN THE ROTOR DIAMETER FROM 94M AS PERMITTED TO 82M. CROCKBRACK HILL, CARROWBEG & MEENLETTERBALE, MOVILLE		
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Transboundary Applications

Ref.No:	N.I. Ref.No:	Date Rec'd	App./Contact	Type	Description / Location	Case Officer	Status
TB 12/02	J/2011/0148/F	01/10/2012	D.O.E. N.I.	Environmental Impact Assessment Procedure	11 no. Wind turbines at Meenablagh Tullycar, Altamullan, Aghyaran, Castlederg	P Kelly	Case Closed
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, Castlederg.	P Kelly	Active
TB 13/02	A/2012/0146/Preapp	25/10/2013	D.O.E. N.I.	Preliminary Enquiry	Re-deployment of end of life vehicle (ELV) facility from Lenamore Road	P Kelly	Case Closed
TB 12/04	2012/A0070	29/10/2013	PAC N.I.	Transboundary Appeal - Further Environmental Information (FEI 111)	Amendment to Windfarm at Altgolan & Meenclogher, Killen, Castlederg	P Kelly	Case Closed.
TB 13/03	J/2013/0281/RM	30/10/2013	D.O.E. N.I.	Environmental Impact Assessment Procedure	Roads - Lifford Road & Strabane Road	P Kelly	Case Closed.
TBSR08/01	J2007/0700/F	01/11/2013	D.O.E. N.I.	Further Environmental Information and Revised Plans	Amendment to Windfarm at Whisker Hill, Tullywhisker, Sion Mills.	P Kelly	Case Closed
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

TB 14/02	A/2014/0134/F	21/03/2014	D.O.E. N.I.	Environmental Impact Assessment Determination	Treatment Facility for End of Life Vehicles at Buncrana Road, Derry	P Kelly	Case Closed
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	Active

Part 8 (Active) Donegal MD None at 28/05/2015

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Municipal District of Donegal

14th July 2015

Community, Development & Enterprise

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Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Town – Development Hub
Project Description/Activity	The broad elements to this Development Hub are Enterprise Development, Retail Strategy and Tourism
<p>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p><u>Promotion of Donegal Craft Village</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Social Media Site launched • New brochure designed/printed (attached) • Signage improved • All units now occupied • September – Craft Day to celebrate 30 years in business <p><u>Outdoor Gym/St. John Bosco Committee</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location identified and Sports Capital funding applied for. Waiting for Sports Capital Funding application status <p><u>Launch of Donegal Bike Week</u> Donegal County Council/Donegal Sports Partnership Launch took place at 12.30pm on Thursday 11th June 2015 – Cllr. John Campbell lead lunchtime cycle with approximately 120 taking part.</p> <p><u>Retail Strategy – Donegal Town</u> Donegal Town – Business Focus Group Meetings held with Business Focus Group, projects identified</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September Shopping Event • Christmas Shopping Event <p>‘Shop Donegal’ Voucher Scheme</p> <p>Donegal Town Summer Festival – Donegal Community Chamber 2nd to 5th July</p> <p>A Taste of Donegal Food Festival – 28th to 30th August, Donegal Community Chamber</p>
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support the work of Donegal Community Chamber in the lead up to its two main summer events – Donegal Town Summer Festival and A Taste of Donegal Food Festival, helping with marketing of both events. • Continue to work alongside Donegal Town Business Focus Group on its retail strategy • Donegal Craft Village – Craft Open Day September – Promotion and assistance
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Donegal County Council

Municipal Area: Donegal

Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	2016 Commemorative Grant Scheme
Project	Donegal County Council invites applications from local groups and organisations as part of the Ireland 2016 Centenary Programme
Description	<p>This scheme will support inclusive and appropriate community participation in the commemorations of the 1916 Rising.</p> <p>Completed Application Forms may be submitted electronically or in hard copy.</p> <p>The closing date for receipt of completed applications is 4.00pm on Friday 24th July 2015.</p> <p>Ireland 2016 is a year-long programme of activity, in which everyone is invited to participate, to commemorate the events of the 1916 Rising, to reflect on our achievements as a democratic state over the last 100 years and to look towards Ireland's future.</p>
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	For further information on the Ireland 2016 Programme visit www.ireland.ie



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Donegal County Council

Municipal District: Countywide

Activity / Project Update, 26th June 2015

Activity / Project Title	Community Tourism Diaspora Initiative 2015
Project Description/Activity	The key objective of the 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. The Fund is being administered by your local city / county council.
Budget (if applicable)	€ 32,223.00
Progress to date within the last two months-inclusive of current status	Signed copies of letters of offer have been received from majority of the Community Groups. Last 3 groups are yet to submit their letters. First Post-Event reports have been received; 2 Community Groups have submitted all necessary documents and payments have been processed. Funding draw-down process is ongoing.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Progress on post-event reports
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Iga Lawne, Tourism Community Support Officer, Donegal Tourism Ltd E: igoalawne@gmail.com / T: 074-972 4475



Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Gathering website and Facebook www.donegalgathering.com
Project Description/Activity	Donegal Gathering is a key initiative of the Donegal Diaspora project bringing together young and old, from near and far, for a truly unique experience. The Donegal Gathering calendar is packed with amazing exhibitions, fun festivals, cracking concerts and sporting events taking place in Donegal.
Budget (if applicable)	€ 247.33+VAT – recent Facebook campaign
Progress to date within the last two months -inclusive of current status	<p>Donegal Gathering website</p> <p>Donegal Gathering statistics show continuous increase of visits to the website in 2015 compare to last year.</p> <p>Total website traffic since January 2015: 70,334 (website views in the first 6 months of 2015 have exceeded total website views in 2014)</p> <p>Monthly traffic in 2014 & 2015 was as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apr:- 2014: 5,079 / 2015: 9,075 (up 78%)• May:- 2014: 5,899 / 2015: 12,585 (up 113%)• June:- 2014: 7,395 / 2015: 21,220 (up 287%)• <p>Total increase in traffic for Q2 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apr-Jun:- 2014: 18,373 / 2015: 42,880 (up 233%) <p>Donegal Gathering Facebook Page</p> <p>Current Status: Facebook advertising campaign has now finished. The main objective was to raise the brand awareness and build up Facebook Page 'Likes' in advance of the busy summer months.</p> <p>The campaign proved to be very successful; Donegal Gathering has gained approx. 1,500 new likes with weekly posts reaching an audience of over 12,000 people. As a result, there is much more activity on the Facebook profile with people liking, commenting and sharing content with friends.</p> <p>A busy weekly schedule promoting local events is in place.</p>
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Website stats update for Q3 2015• Facebook traffic over the summer months 2015
Contact Person (to include telephone number & e-mail address)	Iga Lawne, Tourism Community Support Officer E: igalawne@gmail.com T: 074-9724475



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Donegal County Council

Municipal District: All _____

Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	Summer Reading Programmes
Project Description/Activity	Summer Reading Programmes are underway in libraries across the County. These themed reading programmes help parents prevent a dip in their child's reading levels during the school holidays. Evidence shows that reading for pleasure has a bigger impact on a child's reading development than educational background or economic and social status of parents. To accompany the Summer reading programmes libraries in Bundoran, Ghaath Dobhair, Letterkenny Buncrana and Carndonagh will hold science and art workshops throughout the summer. For more information parents can contact their local library or visit the website www.donegallibrary.ie
Budget (if applicable)	€4,000
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status	Programmes started in July and will run to the end of August
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Donna Cavanagh, 074 9124950 dcavanagh@donegalcoco.ie



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Dhún na nGall**
Donegal County Council

Municipal District: ALL

Activity / Project Update

<p>Activity / Project Title</p>	<p>27th. annual Earagail Arts Festival Friday to Sunday, July 10 -26. Iarthar Dhún na nGall, Letterkenny /Balybofey, Inishowen.</p>
<p>Project Description/Activity</p>	<p>Donegal County Council established the Earagail Arts Festival in 1989 as a primary annual focus and showcase, for arts activities in the county. The Festival was incorporated as a limited company in 2004 and the event is now managed and administered on behalf of Donegal County Council by Earagail Arts Festival Management Company Limited. 2015 is the 27th year of the Festival and in response to the success of Fáilte Ireland's 'Wild Atlantic Way' initiative, the Festival's programme will highlight and animate a number of popular locations along the North and West Donegal coastline – including Ards Forest Park, Oileán Árann Mhór, Doire Beag, Dún Lúiche, Machaire Rabhartaigh, An Falcarrach, Rathmullan, Malin and Carndonagh. The programme will include Visual Art, Theatre, Music and Song, Dance, Spectacle, Childrens and Spoken Word events, in both English and Irish, throughout North and West Donegal.</p>
<p>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status</p>	<p>The Festival production partners and funders include Earagail Arts Festival Management Company Ltd., Donegal County Council Cultural Services (including the Regional Cultural Centre, Donegal County Museum, Donegal County Library and the County Arts Service), An Grianán Theatre, the Balor Arts Centre, the OPW (Glebe House and Gallery, Churchill), An Gailearaí Doire Beag, An tSeanbheairic ar An bhFál Carrach, An Comhairle Ealaíon, Fáilte Ireland, Fondúrthacht Colmcille agus Ealaíon na Gaeltachta.</p>
<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>Festival highlights in the Letterkenny Ballybofey catchment will include the inaugural Donegal International Folk and Roots Weekend from July 10-13 which will feature performances from, among others, Altan, Máire Ní Bhraonain, Mary Chapin Carpenter, The Henry Girls, Máirtín O'Connor Band and The RTE Contempo Quartet, Martin Tourish, Clann Mhic Ruairí, Eve Belle, Ciarán ó Maonaigh and Caitlín Nic Gabhann. The Balor Arts Centre will host Festival performances by Mundy, local bands Makings and The Other Breed, and childrens theatre company, Bollesapone, from Italy.</p> <p>Festival highlights in Inishowen will include a literary weekend in Malin village, featuring highly successful, emerging new Irish writing talent, including Belinda McKeon, Kevin Barry, Sinéad Gleeson and others; Gospel music from Nashville with the McCrary Sisters at McGrorys' of Culdaff and a major concert with the Henry Girls and Friends – including the Carndonagh Back to Brass Octet – at the Colgan Hall, Carndonagh.</p> <p>In Iarthar Dhún na nGall, tá áthas ar an bhFéile go mbeidh</p>

	<p>ealaíontóirí An Cosán Glas ag pilleadh arís ar Thrá Mhachaire Rabhartaigh i mbliana, lena thaispeántas iontach, Loinnir. Beidh Loinnir ar oscailt don pobail óna 10.00pm go dtí Meánoíche, ar An Satharn is ar An Domhnaigh, 18ú agus 19ú Iúil.</p> <p>Tá nua-dráma ar leith, 'Cniotáil / She Knit The Roof', coimisiúnaithe ag Féile Ealaíne an Earagail a dhéanann fiosrú is ceiliúradh ar thionscail tí na cniotála láimhe, fá pobail Rann na Feirste, Croith Slí agus Anagaire ach go háirithe, a raibh clú agus cáil ar fud an domhain bainte amach fá dtaobh de. Páirteach sa bhfoireann cruthaitheach a thug faoin toghra drámaíochta ar leith seo, tá Róise Goan agus Caitriona McLaughlin, a ndeachaigh i mbun an phobail ar dtús chun éisteacht le scéalta is cuimhnithe is amhráin na niotálaithe.</p> <p>Tarlóidh an seó seo i Seanmhonarcha na mBábóga Chroith Slí, ar an gCroc Slí, ón gCéadaoin go dtí An Satharn, 22ú – 25ú, Iúil, ag a 8.00pm achan oíche.</p> <p>Roghnaigh an Féile Eoghan Mac Ghiolla Bhríde – ealaíontóir, aisteoir agus scríbhneoir, as Carraic, Doire Beag - chun clár ar leith liteartha, idir Gaeilge agus Gaidhlig na hAlban, a roghnú is a chur i láthair fán teideal, Na Baird Nua-aoiseach. Páirteach sa chlár seo liteartha agus ceoil, a tharlóidh in Ionad Phobail Dhún Lúiche agus in óstán an Chúirt i nGaoth Dobhair, ar An Chéadaoin, 22ú Iúil, beidh Eoghan agus Doimnic Mac Ghiolla Bhríde, Séamas Barra Ó Súilleabháin as Chondae Chiarraí, comh maith le beirt as Alban, Griogair Labhruidh agus Niall O’Gallagher.</p> <p>Comh maith le sin, beidh oíche airneáil ag Dámhlann an Ghleanna (teach an fhile, Chathail Uí Shearcaigh), Míin a’ Lea, Gort a’Choirce, ar An Deardaoin, 16ú Iúil. Páirteach san ócáid sin beidh Cathal Ó Searcaigh fhéin agus a aoíanna speisialta, an scríbhneoir Gabriel Rosenstock agus an tamhránaí, Una o’Boyle.</p> <p>Beidh oíche eile Airneáil fosta an lá dar gcionn, ag an tSean Bheairic ar An bhFál Carrach, nuair a bhéas Ceolas – grúpa amhránaithe as Oileán Uibhist na hAlban – agus Clann Mhic Ruairí, agus rogha d’amhránaithe ar an tsean-nós de chuid Ghaeltacht Dhún na nGall, sa teach.</p> <p>Exhibitions at the Regional Cultural Centre</p> <p>The Gilles Caron and Omar Yashruti photographic exhibitions at the Regional Cultural Centre form the core of the Festival’s visual arts programme, which in turn, is curated by the RCC. Omar Yashruti is a freelance Palestinian / Irish photographer, based in Los Angeles but whose mother is from Milford, where he is a regular visitor. His exhibition at the RCC – entitled Dúchas/Homeland – will be his first in Ireland and it documents images of Northern Ireland and Palestine.</p> <p>French photographer Gilles Caron, a legendary figure in the field of photojournalism, was a regular visitor to Northern Ireland during The Troubles. His ‘Gilles Caron - In Colour’ exhibition at the RCC will show a remarkable new series of largescale colour prints of individuals caught up in the events that became known as The Battle of the Bogside, in Derry, in August 1969.</p>
<p>Contact Person (to include telephone number & e-mail address)</p>	<p>Traolach Ó Fionnain Arts Officer, Donegal County Council T: 074 9121968 E; traolach@donegalcoco.ie</p> <p>Paul Brown Director, Earagail Arts Festival T: 074 9123288 E: director@eaf.ie</p>



Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	15th. Donegal Bay and Blue Stacks Festival
Project Description/Activity	Annual, multi-diciplinary arts festival, initated and managed by Donegal County Council, taking place in South and South West Donegal. The event is a project of Donegal County Council Arts Service's local authority arts programme, as assisted by The Arts Council / An Comhairle Ealaíon, through its Local Authority Annual Programme, grant scheme.
Budget (if applicable)	An allocation of €25,000 towards the Festival has been included in the Donegal County Council Estimates 2015.
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter* -inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>The 15th. annual Donegal Bay and Blue Stacks Festival will take place this year from Friday to Sunday, September 25th. to October 4th. Festival events will take place in a host of towns and villages in South and South West Donegal including Ballyshannon, Bundoran, Ballybofey, Donegal, Killybegs, Cill Chartha, An Carraig, Gleann Choilm Cille, Ardara and Glenties.</p> <p>A combined audience of over 5,500 people enjoyed the Festival in 2015 and this year's celebratory 15th. annual programme will include touring theatre, traditional music and dance, literary events, visual arts, arts in schools, carnival arts workshops and a carnival parade, as well as classical and contemporary music performances.</p> <p>This year's Festival Carnival Parade in Ballyshannon – scheduled for Saturday night, October 3rd. – with have an Irish dancing theme, taking its inspiration from a WB Yeats poem, 'To a Child Dancing in The Wind'. The Festival will also premier a new play on the life and times of the great Fr. James McDyer of Glencolmcille, which will be seen in Glencolmcille, Ballyshannon and Glenties. In addition, the Festival is delighted that RTE Radio 1 will record two editions of its iconic Sunday Miscellany radio programme, in The Abbey Arts Centre, Ballyshannon on Sunday afternoon, October 4. The Donegal Bay and Blue Stacks Festival will, once again, work closely with the Johnny Donerty Festival of Music and Dancing in Ardara (September 25-28) and the annual Donegal Fiddlers Gathering in Glenties (October 2-4), so as to maximise programing and promotional opportunities for all three events.</p>



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Donegal County Council

Municipal District: ALL

Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	"A Donegal Photo Album" Exhibition
Project Description/Activity	Exhibition of "A Donegal Photo Album" from 10 th July to 19 th September 2015
Budget (if applicable)	€
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status	<p>"A Donegal Photo Album" opens in Donegal County Museum on the 10th July 2015 at 7pm as part of the 27th Earagail Arts Festival. The exhibition will be officially opened by Moya Doherty, Donegal Person of the Year 2015.</p> <p>This exhibition presents an insight into the life of musician Mairéad Ní Mhaonaigh, and the vibrant Donegal traditional music scene. The exhibition has been jointly curated by The Gallery of Photography, Dublin and Donegal County Museum and this is its first showing in Donegal. The exhibition, originally organised as part of Tradfest 2015, presents personal family photographs as well as those charting Mairéad's career with Altan and musical collaborations with leading Irish and international musicians. A selection of archival press cuttings which have been carefully collected by Mairéad's mother Kitty, charting her impressive career will also be on show along with items relating to Mairéad's life and musical career. The exhibition will be on display until 20th September.</p>
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Judith McCarthy, 074 9124613, museum@donegalcoco.ie



Activity / Project Update

Activity Title	New County Donegal Heritage Plan
Activity Description	The County Donegal Heritage Office and the County Donegal Heritage Forum in partnership with The Heritage Council is in the process of preparing the new, five-year County Donegal Heritage Plan. The aim of the Heritage Plan is to raise awareness, understanding and appreciation of the rich and diverse heritage of our county; to promote its conservation, enhancement and enjoyment; and to sustainably harness the economic, social and cultural benefits of heritage for current and future generations. The objectives of the Heritage Plan are to: (i) increase knowledge and awareness, and promote appreciation and enjoyment of County Donegal's heritage to reinforce our sense of place and identity, (ii) promote and encourage best practice in the conservation and management of our heritage, (iii) encourage partnership, networking and active engagement with our heritage, (iv) promote heritage education, training, tourism and outreach activities, and (v) collect data on heritage, inform decision-making and promote economic, cultural and social development. The County Donegal Heritage Forum prepares and submits an annual application to The Heritage Council for matching funding for the implementation of Heritage Plan actions. The plan will also be implemented through other functions undertaken by Donegal County Council, including its Culture, Community and Economic Development functions. Over the lifetime of the County Donegal Heritage Plan (2007-2013), it is estimated that Donegal County Council, The Heritage Council and other County Donegal Heritage Forum partners have invested at least €750,000 in the implementation of County Donegal Heritage Plan actions.
Progress to date within the last two months – inclusive of current status	The County Donegal Heritage Forum is finalising the draft County Donegal Heritage Plan (2014-2019). The preliminary screening for Appropriate Assessment has concluded that the proposed actions in draft Heritage Plan will have no significant impacts on the integrity of any Natura 2000 sites.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	The County Donegal Heritage Forum will present the County Donegal Heritage Plan (2014-2019) to the elected members of Donegal County Council for adoption.
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Joseph Gallagher, Heritage Officer, County Donegal Heritage Office, Donegal County Council, Station Island, Lifford, County Donegal Telephone: (074) 917 2576 E-mail: heritage@donegalcoco.ie



Activity / Project Update

Activity Title	County Donegal 'Heritage Week' Event Guide
Activity Description	National Heritage Week takes place from Saturday, August 22 until Sunday, August 30, 2015. National Heritage Week is coordinated by The Heritage Council & Local Authority Heritage Officers with support from Fáilte Ireland. 'Heritage Week' is an opportunity to raise awareness of, and engender pride in, the cultural, built and natural heritage of County Donegal. There are over 100 'Heritage Week' events taking place in County Donegal including family open days, guided walks, built heritage open houses, heritage site visits, fieldtrips, exhibitions, illustrated presentations, photographic competitions, children's activities, genealogical research, storytelling sessions, traditional music, craft fairs and traditional skills demonstrations. The County Donegal Heritage Office will compile the free, pocket-size County Donegal 'Heritage Week' Event Guide based on information submitted to the National Heritage Week website at www.heritageweek.ie
Budget (if applicable)	€1,800
Progress to date within the last two months – inclusive of current status	Liaising with potential 'National Heritage Week' event organisers and The Heritage Council.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	Compilation of County Donegal 'Heritage Week' Event Guide
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Joseph Gallagher, Heritage Officer, County Donegal Heritage Office, Donegal County Council, Station Island, Lifford, County Donegal Telephone: (074) 917 2576 E-mail: heritage@donegalcoco.ie



Activity / Project Update

Activity Title	'A Field Guide to the Dry-Stone Walls of County Donegal'
Activity Description	The County Donegal Heritage Office in association with The Heritage Council published 'A Field Guide to the Dry-Stone Walls of County Donegal' by Patrick McAfee as part of the implementation of the County Donegal Heritage Plan (Action 4.1). The free booklet is the third in the 'Donegal Heritage Series'. The A5-booklet is an illustrated field guide to the identification and recording of dry-stone wall types and their features. The booklet was written by Patrick McAfee, expert stonemason and author of 'Irish Stone Walls'.
Budget (if applicable)	€2,000
Progress to date within the last two months – inclusive of current status	'A Field Guide to the Dry-Stone Walls of County Donegal' by Patrick McAfee was launched in Glencolmcille on Friday, June 19, 2015.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	Distribution of 'A Field Guide to the Dry-Stone Walls of County Donegal'
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Activity / Project Update

Activity Title	'Learning Through The Landscape' Continuing Professional Development Course for Primary Teachers
Activity Description	The Donegal Education Centre, National Parks & Wildlife Service, Inland Fisheries Ireland, Nature North West and the County Donegal Heritage Office have organised a 'Learning Through The Landscape' Continuing Professional Development Course for Primary Teachers in Glenveagh National Park from Monday, July 6 until Friday, July 10, 2015. Themes addressed will relate to the primary curriculum and will include reading the landscape and habitats (such as rivers and bogs) as well as transferable skills such as using maps, surveying, fieldwork and GIS. As part of the implementation of the County Donegal Heritage Plan (Action 4.16), the County Donegal Heritage Office has secured the participation of ecologist, author and broadcaster Éanna Ní Lamhna who will deliver a training day on bogs as habitats and will contribute towards the provision of teaching materials.
Budget (if applicable)	€1,000
Progress to date within the last two months – inclusive of current status	Meetings with Donegal Education Centre and other partners. Course has been sanctioned by the Department of Education & Skills and is fully subscribed (25 primary teachers).
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	Acquisition of teaching materials and liaise with Donegal Education Centre and partners.
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Joseph Gallagher, Heritage Officer, County Donegal Heritage Office, Donegal County Council, Station Island, Lifford, County Donegal Telephone: (074) 917 2576 E-mail: heritage@donegalcoco.ie



Activity / Project Update

Activity Title	'County Donegal in 1916' Heritage Education Pack
Activity Description	The 'County Donegal in 1916' Heritage Education Pack is a collaborative effort between the Donegal County Archives, Donegal County Museum, County Donegal Heritage Office and Donegal County Library Service. The heritage education pack will be composed of an illustrated booklet and 15-18 facsimile documents contained within a designed folder that address the material heritage related to key selected themes. The heritage education pack will be aimed at teachers, students and a general audience and 5,000 copies will be produced. The aims of this Heritage Plan action are to: (i) raise awareness of society and culture in County Donegal in 1916, (ii) set national events (such as the Easter Rising) and international events (such as the First World War, the Battle of the Somme and the Battle of Jutland) in the context of their effects on society in County Donegal, (iii) recognise the role that key individuals from County Donegal played in national/international events in 1916 and (iv) communicate the material culture of County Donegal in 1916 through key documents and artefacts. The production of the heritage education pack is an action of the County Donegal Heritage Plan (Action 3.4).
Budget (if applicable)	€11,334
Progress to date within the last two months – inclusive of current status	Initial meetings and on-going research by Donegal County Archives, Donegal County Museum, County Donegal Heritage Office and Donegal County Library Service.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	On-going research by Donegal County Archives, Donegal County Museum, County Donegal Heritage Office and Donegal County Library Service.
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Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	DONEGAL YOUTH COUNCIL
<p>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>The group launched a new road safety radio ad on Donegal Rally weekend highlighting dangers of speeding in conjunction with the Donegal Road Safety Working Group which ran on Highland Radio, Ocean FM and also iradio for the weekend.</p> <p>The group will complete 3 more radio ads on different topics between now and the end of the year.</p> <p>The group have launched a short film highlighting the issue of Young Carers in the county which also highlights a new support service which is now up and running.</p> <p>Donegal Youth Council launched their <i>Shake Up Sports</i> initiative in the Finn Valley Centre in Stranorlar recently. <i>Shake Up Sports</i> is a major project that members of the Youth Council have been responsible for developing since the beginning of this year, with the first event welcoming 100 6th Class students from surrounding Finn Valley area Primary schools.</p> <p>The group are planning another event for Inishowen in September. The group met with Donegal MD County Councillors on June 9th in Donegal town.</p> <p>Donegal Youth Service and Donegal Youth Council are combining to complete a special project to launch Connecting for Life Donegal – the new county suicide prevention action plan. The new strategy will be launched on July 13th in LYIT in Letterkenny. Donegal Youth Councillors are combining with DYS to create a unique photography and film project to help launch the strategy in Donegal and raise awareness.</p> <p>The group are working on a major Party in the Park “Lets Go Mental” event on Wed August 26th which will promote positive mental health messages throughout the day with music and other fun activities.</p> <p>The group received a Pride of Place award for their youth initiatives and will now go forward to the National awards in Ennis in Clare in November.</p>
<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>Lets Go Mental event on August 26th Planning for Shake Up Sports Inishowen Completing film and photography project for “Connecting for Life” Donegal launch.</p>
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WELCOME / FAILTE

This bulletin is produced by the EU Funding and Strategic Policy Unit of Donegal County Council. The EU Unit works with all services of Donegal County Council to proactively target external funding opportunities, influence policy and identify EU networks of benefit to the Council. The Strategic Policy Unit promotes and support inter-agency networking and partnership across the wider north west region through a range of collaborative structures and projects. This bulletin will provide you with all the latest news in relation to Donegal County Councils involvement in this important area of work.

Michael Heaney / Micheál Ó hÉanaigh, Director of Services

SEAEUROPE

A new European project initiative in support of nature and biodiversity tourism was launched on June 1st 2015. Project SeaEurope will focus on building a transnational Sustainable Biodiversity Tourism Route connecting European coastal destinations that offer a rich marine biodiversity that can be responsibly experienced through water sports & coastal trails (diving, kayaking, hiking, etc), thriving on current scientific efforts to better understand and preserve marine ecosystems and species.

The Project is a joint initiative of Partners from 5 European Member States (Spain, UK, Ireland, Italy and Croatia) and includes Donegal County Council. With the financial support of the European Agency for Small and Medium Enterprises (EASME) of the European Commission (EU), the Project consortium will work towards developing innovative, collaborative marketing tools that will allow

tourism destinations and experience providers to improve their market position.

The project results will include:

- Development of the Management Plan, Business Plan and Marketing Strategy of the Transnational Route;
- Mapping of Key “SeaEurope” Route Resources, Attractions & Stakeholders;
- Capacity Building on Sustainable Tourism Practices & Sustainable Tourism Experiences Development;
- Promotion of the Route through specialized Tourism channels and own marketing resources. (including producing promotional video);
- Workshop “Bringing Natural Values to Life in Coastal &

Maritime Tourism Destinations across Europe” & Closure.

The Project Kick-Off meeting and commencement of the project and a formal Press Conference will be held in Barcelona (Catalonia) in July 2015. Donegal County Council’s Chief Executive Seamus Neely said “this is a new and exciting partnership of regions for the Council. The outputs from the project will include new resources which can help to effectively market the regions for unique marine bio-diversity and species to create a truly pan-European network of nature tourism experiences.”

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LADDER Launching Conference

5 June 2015 - Brussels

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LADDER

LOCAL AUTHORITIES AS DRIVERS FOR DEVELOPMENT
EDUCATION AND RAISING AWARENESS



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The LADDER project - Local Authorities as Drivers for Development Education and Raising Awareness seeks to enhance the action of Local Authorities for Development Education and Raising Awareness in the EU and European Neighbourhood. Local Authorities, in cooperation with Civil Society Organisations, have a considerable multiplier capacity and become drivers for change. The final beneficiaries of LADDER are ordinary citizens, enhancing their awareness on global issues (short term), promoting their engagement in global challenges and poverty eradication (mid Term) and leading to a change of attitudes (long term).

The launching conference for LADDER; "Empowering and engaging citizens in Global Issues - Stepping up the LADDER with Local Authorities and Civil Society Organisations on DEAR policies", took place at the Offices of the Committee of the Regions in Brussels, Belgium on the 5th June 2015. Christina O' Donnell and Joanne Holmes from the Community, Culture and Planning Directorate

represented Donegal County Council who are one of 26 partners and 20 associate partners from 18 EU and 17 non-EU Countries participating in the project.

Development Education and Awareness Raising (DEAR), aims to inform EU citizens about development issues, mobilise greater public support for action against poverty, give citizens tools to engage critically with global development issues, fostering new ideas and changing attitudes.

The LADDER project started in January 2015 and will continue until December 2017.

Its main objectives are to:

- increase capacities of local authorities as drivers for development
- improve cooperation between Local authorities and Civil Society Organizations at all levels (European, National and Local)

- improve information of EU citizens on development cooperation
- enhance methods and tools for promoting development education and awareness raising
- raise awareness of the interdependencies between the European Neighborhood and Europe

The Hague Academy of Local Governance (Netherlands) will train LADDER partners at EU level so they can deliver DEAR training at National and Local level in their respective Countries ensuring a 'cascade' effect. The first of these training sessions will take place in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny 15-17 July 2015 with approx 50 international delegates expected to take part.

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activities will take place throughout all partner regions and will include high level transnational collaboration of technology transfer and information exchange.

TIDAL Partners are a unique sector mix of public, private and academia with the consortia Donegal Co. Council, Conseil general de la manche-France, Letterkenny I.T Ireland, University Caen Basse-Normandie France, Ghent University Belgium with the opportunity to include private sector industrial partners such as tidal turbine industries. Such a mix will facilitate innovative processes between organisations and sectors.

The bid was made to 'Priority Axis 2 - 'Low carbon' 'Specific objective - SO3: To facilitate the uptake of low carbon technologies, products, processes and services in sectors with high energy saving potential, to reduce GHG emissions in NWE'. The objective of the project is to increase territorial knowledge-sharing leading to

commercial tidal energy with storage and smart grid integration in the long term. Expected changes include development of 'Knowledge Transfer Centres' based in each of the partner States to increase marine energy transnational cooperation, formalised student exchanges and increased societal awareness of tidal and marine energy. The long-term commercial integration of tidal energy will yield changes in carbon emission reduction of up to 430-480tc/GWh benefiting the whole of the NWE region.

The bid closed on 18th May and a decision is due in July 2015. If successful the project partnership will be invited to submit a second bid under stage 2 of the process with a final decision in December 2015 and commencement of the 5 year project in February 2016. For Further information contact:

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Project T.I.D.A.L is an acronym for '**T**echnology, **I**nnovation, **D**emonstration, and **L**earning' and was the subject of the Donegal County Council led bid made to the first opening call of the North West Europe Interreg VB programme in May 2015. This Inter regional territorial cooperation programme provides opportunities for large scale trans-national collaboration through capital investment. T.I.D.A.L will seek to explore tidal energy exploitation through tidal arrays with electrical storage demonstration in Ireland and Smart Grid integration research in France and Belgium. The

FUNDING AND PROJECTS



In March 2015 Cork Institute of Technology were notified that they were successful in their bid for INTEREG VB funding under the Northern Periphery & Arctic programme 2014-2020. Donegal County Council is a project partner on the Cool Route project. Other project partners include Glasgow Caledonian University, Royal Cork Yacht Club, Derry City Council, Port Authority Torshavn Faroe Islands, Blue Seas Marinas Scotland, Western Norway Research Institute and associated partners Donegal Tourism, the Irish Cruising Club and Sail Scotland.

The project merges all aspects of the practical logistics and business potential to establish a bi-directional yacht cruising route along the offshore areas of the Northern Periphery Area, stretching from the South of Ireland, to the UK (Northern Ireland and Western Scotland) on onwards to Norway.

The objective of the project is to produce a Business and Marketing Plan, together with a Commercialisation Plan, together with and accompanied by a Logistical Study and Practical Guide for potential entrepreneurs in the NPA zone, for the establishment of small mooring, berthing and ancillary facilities- such as shower blocks and laundry facilities for cruising yachts in remote NPA coastal areas; providing new market opportunities in sectors such as Tourism and Catering, Craft Production, Food, Marine and General

Engineering Services, for remote local communities, mainly during the months of mid-April to mid-October. These opportunities will importantly also promote economic activity and interaction between communities across the programme area.

During the project Donegal County Council and Donegal tourism will lead on work package 2, which is external project communications and product dissemination. A new project website is under construction and will be launched on www.sailcoolroute.eu. Social media channels have been set up on Facebook and Twitter @eucoolroute. The project kicked off with a partner meeting in Cork in April 2015 and Donegal County Council look forward to the positive contribution this project will make to marine tourism in Donegal as part of the wider economic development strategy.



Donegal County Council have been invited to become a project partner in a project titled SCALE - SCaling up Assisted Living in Europe which is being developed and aimed to be lodged under the Interreg Europe funding programme. The project partner consortia is made up of members of the CORAL network which are regions of Europe who collaborate on assisting active and healthy ageing as well as ensuring those with serious illness and disabilities can remain to reside in their own homes. CORAL stands for 'The Community of Regions for Assisted Living' and the project is currently being developed by a number of project partner countries and led by Castilla y Leon from Spain. CORAL is a learning community and transfer platform for organisations and regions involved with a policy role and function. The network seeks to stimulate implementation and

upscaling of innovative solutions for active and healthy ageing. The project hopes to create the "Tripple Win" that can:

- Improve individuals health and wellbeing and the capacity to self care and live independently for longer;
- Provide efficient health and financial gains for the health and social care sectors
- Generate more productive and competitive regional, national and European economies.

The Social Inclusion unit of Donegal County Council will be involved in this project with responsibility for the management and implementation of the agreed actions for the project. The project aligns with the Donegal Age friendly Strategy which was recently launched by Donegal County Council's Chief Executive. The EU unit are attending the next project steering meeting due to take place in Brussels on 26th June which will work on the finalisation of the project for submission in early July 2015. For further information contact the EU Unit – on 0749153900.

Tides of Time

'Tides of Time' is a project proposal focusing on Maritime History and Heritage. The project seeks to develop a Maritime Heritage Trail linking sites of archaeological and historical

significance with particular reference to maritime conflicts and historic events in insular and coastal Atlantic Area regions. At the end of June Donegal County Council representatives will travel to a FEDETON (EU Federation of Nautical Tourism) event in Dunkerque in France to discuss the project with potential partners and to look for EU support. A meeting was also held with Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council in Northern Ireland to present the project and the Council expressed interest in becoming a partner. After the FEDETON event, potential partners will be asked to submit a more formal expression of interest and the project will be developed further. Donegal County Council may take the lead in this project, depending on interest from other stakeholders. The project has been circulated to potential partners across Europe with the assistance of the Assembly, the Irish Regions Office in Brussels and Sea Europe project leaders Travelecoology. There has been partner interest from various countries and the next stage of the development of this project will be to formalise partner commitments. The submission date of the project application to the Atlantic Area Programme is Q4 of 2015. For further information contact: EU unit Donegal County Council 0749153900

COSME

Programme for the Competitiveness of Enterprises and SMEs
2014-2020

Donegal County Council has been invited by the Spanish Catalan Tourist Board to join their consortium of partners in an application to the Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises' (EASME) COSME call for "Supporting Competitive and Sustainable Growth in the Tourism Sector" under theme 2, "Diversifying the EU tourism offer and products - Promoting transnational thematic tourism products".

The project entitled, Hiking Europe was submitted to the first call for this programme in October 2014 but did not receive approval in March 2015 despite receiving a very high score and only a few points off being awarded. As a result of the high scoring the partners consortia from Spain, Italy, Croatia, Germany and Austria are now aiming to re-submit an application that takes into account the evaluation feedback received from the Commission. The bid closes in July 2015.

HikingEurope will look to tackle the issue of tourism diversification in European regions that have traditionally focused and benefitted from mass tourism but are willing to commit to a more sustainable, responsible and high-quality alternative based in less explored European areas, specifically in inland/ rural locations. The project will place a focus on hiking activities considered as a unique way to unveil the local heritage in a sustainable manner, while contributing to physical activity and thus to a better health and quality of life of citizens. For more information contact the EU Unit Donegal County Council Tel: 074 9153900

MalinWaters^o SAIL WEST PROJECT UPDATE

The first of our MalinWaters supported strategic events took place from 24th – 26th April 2015. Sea Symposium is a kayaking event based in Moville, Donegal and surrounding areas. The event was promoted both online and offline through the MalinWaters marketing channels. Further events will be supported during the coming months including the Foyle Sailability Round Ireland Yacht Race and Regatta event in Greencastle taking place in June.

Marketing activity will continue into 2016 and partners are currently looking at plans to continue to promote the brand into next year through financial contributions from partner organisations. The general consensus amongst partners is that the MalinWaters brand has proved so successful and the consortium works well together that they wish to continue with the Sail West project.

Digital Marketing campaigns will continue to raise brand awareness over the summer months. A MalinWaters blog post published on Facebook in regards to 'top 10 dive sites for shipwrecks in Donegal' went viral with over 50,301 audience reach in Q1 of 2015. The Google Ad Words campaign completed at the end of March 2015 and delivered over 10k visits to MalinWaters.com. The MalinWaters Facebook page now has over 6300 'likes' and a wide audience reach around the world.

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Led by the Brittany Regional Council, Donegal County Council is partnering on the NEA 3 project. This project leads on from the successful NEA 2 project, which was successfully funded to develop the entire nautical sector and meets the requirements of Horizon 2020.

A detailed project application has been developed in consultation with all partners incl. e.g. Spain, Portugal, France, Ireland (Donegal and Limerick County Councils), Northern Ireland, UK (Devon and Scotland) and Iceland and will be submitted to the EU Atlantic Area Programme in spring 2015. The project is based on the development of three centres of excellence including tourism, water and seaside sports, industry & trade services and pleasure boating, ports development.

The NEA 3 project seeks to develop a 'Destination Atlantic' to promote marine tourism activities on the Atlantic coastlines, in particular to increase participation in sailing. The development of a cluster of marinas, ports and harbours that share best practice and knowledge through open communication is a priority. The project seeks to create new marine focused events across European coastal regions.

The project will also cover the development of new services and activities to support the economic development of a necklace of European ports. Training will be provided for port staff to ensure they have the best possible information to provide visitors and can offer additional marine leisure activities to effectively pool product innovation and offer new products.

Another of the project goals is to involve industry in a pilot scheme to develop new eco-friendly sailing boats for use in marine tourism and to create a cluster within the marine industry sector that would be dedicated to the creation of new eco-friendly boats, equipment and best practice.

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URBACT III

URBACT is a European Territorial Cooperation programme to foster sustainable integrated urban development in cities across Europe. It is an instrument of Cohesion Policy, co-financed by ERDF and by Member & Partner States and provides finance for transnational exchange and learning networks. The main aim of the programme is to enable cities and towns in different EU countries to work together and develop integrated solutions to common urban challenges.

This is achieved:

- By networking
- By learning from one another's experiences & from the experts
- By drawing lessons
- By identifying good practices to improve urban policies.

The programmes 4 main objectives are:

- To improve the capacity of cities to manage sustainable urban policies and practices in an integrated and participative way
- To improve the design of integrated urban & sustainable strategies/ action plans in cities
- To improve the implementation of integrated urban & sustainable strategies/ action plans in cities
- To ensure that practitioners and decision makers at all levels have access to knowledge and share know-how on all aspects of sustainable urban development.

The EU unit are currently involved in collaborative discussions on the possibilities of applying to the call opening in early 2016 with Inishowen Development partnership and with the Central planning unit of Donegal County Council around the area of social inclusion/ citizen economy and Spatial planning respectively.

ReNEW

Resource innovation Network
for European Waste



RENEW WORKSHOP AND BROKERAGE EVENT

The ReNew project closing workshop and Brokerage event took place in Brussels on 26th/28th May 2015. The event showcased technologies which create value from what has been previously seen as waste.

Areas highlighted included valorising organic waste, pelletisation of ash residues, pilot scale bio leaching for recouping of copper, the development of enzyme based technologies for bio energy and bio refinery applications in Galway.

The event provided the opportunity to discuss commercialisation of new technologies and bridging the gap between science and industry in the Donegal case, fish waste and potential for protein extraction from sludge together with opportunities the new discards rule may provide.

During the event new opening European Programmes were highlighted including, Horizon 20/20, SME Presentations, Interreg IVB opportunities and Ken Webster of the Ellen Mc Arthur Foundation posed the question for further discussion “is the Circular Economy inevitable”. The Irish delegation included Enterprise Ireland, The Green Way, The Rediscovery Centre, Technology Centre for Bio refining and Bio energy, National University of Galway and Donegal County Council/IDP. From developing high level technological partners Donegal can position itself in the forefront of innovation as we plan towards 2020. For further information contact the EU unit: trevorscanlon@donegalcoco.ie



Pictured above is the Irish Delegation at the ReNEW workshop



PROJECTS TO SUPPORT ACTIVITIES ON NON-DISCRIMINATION AND ROMA INTEGRATION

Donegal County Council are currently exploring the information provided from the Assembly of European Regions (AER) on a call for proposals for action grants based on the 2014 annual work programme of the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme (REC Programme). This call aims to co-fund national or transnational projects on non-discrimination and Roma integration.

The Commission’s, Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers will support project activities which contribute to the design, development and/or or monitoring of national, regional, or local policies aimed to fight against discrimination and/or to promote equality at the workplace and/or in society.

The Social Inclusion of Donegal County Council is currently exploring possible projects to submit to this call which closes on the 4th July 2015. The project will aim to address an objective that fall within the Social Inclusion units remit.

For more information contact the Social Inclusion Unit, Donegal County Council: 0749153900.



CREATE PROJECT UPDATE

The CREATE project, of which ERNACT is a partner on behalf of Donegal County Council, recently held a series of events in County Donegal.

CREATE (Connecting Rural Enterprise for A Transnational Economy) was awarded European Funding through the INTERREG IVB North West Europe programme. The project looks to overcome the barriers to growth and competitiveness experienced by SMEs in the predominantly rural areas of North West Europe. These barriers include geographic isolation, lack of infrastructure, lack of scale, poor clustering opportunities and critically,

lack of ICT expertise. Next Generation Access broadband and advanced ICT have the potential to overcome these barriers and transform the productivity of rural SMEs. CREATE joins a group of like-minded organisations spanning public sector authorities, private sector representative groups and business development agencies from France, the UK, Ireland and Belgium who share the aspiration of encouraging economic development in their regions.

ERNACT, through the CREATE project, organised four workshops for SMEs in the North West region over the past 12 months. These were practical workshops which focussed on empowering SMEs to take control of their online digital marketing activities. The primary focus was on using data to make better decisions and to attract and retain customers. SMEs were also given an overview of the best Digital platforms available to help scale and grow their businesses online.

On Tuesday 9th June, a Digital and Social Media Master Class took place in CoLab aimed at SMEs. The Masterclass

provided attendees with a 360 degree snapshot of what is happening right now in the digital and social media space and a detailed look at a wide range of online tools currently available to business users. Both the workshop series and the Digital Media Masterclass were a huge success having focused specifically on the needs of small businesses.

In addition, the CREATE project partners from around North West Europe travelled to Letterkenny on 8th to 11th June for their bi-annual project meetings. These were hosted in the CoLab building at Letterkenny Institute of Technology. Participants travelled from Nevers (France), rural Scotland, Flanders (Belgium), Limerick, Clare and Kerry (Ireland) and Herefordshire (UK).



Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme

2014-2020

IMPROVE PROJECT KICKS OFF

The IMPROVE project is led by ERNACT (based in Letterkenny) and has Donegal County Council as a partner. It was officially launched on 19th May 2015 in County Donegal.

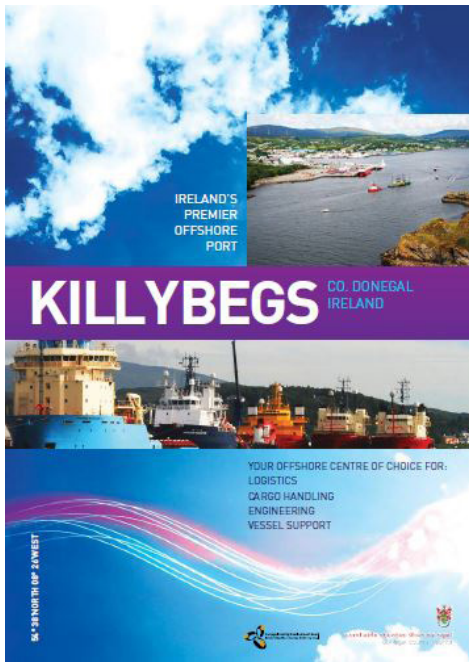
The project aims to increase innovation in six peripheral regions of Europe in the field of technology-driven public service solutions. It adapts a novel living labs-driven approach to maximise knowledge transfer between regions and stakeholders. Real communities

will demonstrate the approach by using it to co-produce services, and to develop tools and methodologies which can be used by other regions.

IMPROVE, co-funded by the European Union through the Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme, brings together partners from Ireland, UK, Sweden, Finland, Iceland and Norway.

The kick-off meetings in Donegal was the starting point for this exciting project and focused on project planning and other practical management issues. The meeting also provided an opportunity for the participating regions to visit County Donegal and see all it has to offer.





In conjunction with Letterkenny Institute of Technology, Donegal County Council have led the discussion to date on the development of a marine resource innovation centre based in Killybegs. To date a strong stakeholder representative group have been formed and meet on a regular basis to develop the concept through the formation of a scoping study. Continued development, collaboration and engagement with the sectoral stakeholder group has led to the emergence of a three sector focused scoping study based

on Ocean energy, Food product development and Tourism. The scoping study will now move onto developing individual action plans for each sector with strong input from experts within each discipline.

The long term goal is to align the objectives of the development of this Marine resource Innovation centre to the expertise, to the unique network of service providers already operating in the town and the region and with the potential to realise same through National and European funding programmes. In this regard Donegal County Council have been actively involved in a working group made up of a partner spread from Ireland, Northern Ireland and Scotland and actively examining the potential for funding under the research and innovation priority of the cross border Interreg VA programme. This is a longer term vision for the region and seeks to utilise capital funding for the development of the Innovation centre. The Interreg Cross Border VA programme will open in 2016 and work is continuing to progress on the formation of a Business Plan.

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Donegal Gateway Economic Forum

Donegal County Council continues to facilitate the Donegal Gateway Economic Forum. The Forum provides a platform for coordinating development activity across agencies and facilitating collaboration on projects. Donegal Gateway Economic Forum continues to work towards ensuring that the status of the Letterkenny Derry Cross Border Gateway is maintained in any future / replacement National Spatial Strategy and that assets such as the IDA Business Park are fully promoted and utilised. The most recent meeting of the Forum took place on the 5th May when the following key priority working areas were discussed:

- Infrastructural requirements in Letterkenny Town and surrounding area
- FDI Investment in Letterkenny
- Development of Tourism Brand
- Access
- Creating and sustaining positive PR
- Retail in Letterkenny
- Northwest Regional Science Park
- Donegal Clinical and Research Academy

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AN EARAGAIL

Donegal County Council are currently working with a steering group committee comprising of involved stakeholders to consider and investigate options to address the ongoing erosion of the existing access to Errigal Mountain due to the increased number of the visitors climbing Errigal in the last 20 years. The stakeholders include representatives from DCC, Mountaineering Ireland, National Parks and Wildlife Service and local representatives. The construction of a car park for visitors along the R251 in the mid-eighties has focused the majority of walkers into one access point and encouraged increased



usage, with this consequent negative environmental impact on this aspect of the mountain

The overall objective of the Errigal Mountain Steering Group is to cater for

the growing number of visitors to this wonderful natural and iconic resource, while minimising the environmental impact and creating opportunities for the local communities. The Group have recently commissioned a study which aims to capture objective baseline data on the condition of the path network and to prioritise path sections where management is required. This study will map the existing upland path network as well as assessing and systematically recording the current condition of each section of the path network. The next meeting is due to take place in July 2015 and for further information please contact Christina O'Donnell – codonnell@donegalcoco.ie.



EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF NAUTICAL TOURISM DESTINATIONS

FEDETON

The European Federation of Nautical Tourism Destinations (FEDETON) recently invited Donegal County Council to become a member of its network which the Council readily accepted. FEDETON aims to promote coastal, lakeside destinations and the water sports available in the various destinations of its members. The Federation also acts with the European Union's authorities as a recommendation force in terms of nautical tourism and yachting.

This is a great resource for Donegal considering the great coastal resources that are available in the county. This network provides invaluable contacts in relation to EU projects and funding.

As a new partner of the network, Donegal County Council will be invited to make a presentation on the county and its amenities in this area at the next meeting of FEDETON which is taking place in June 2015 in France. For more information contact: EU Unit Donegal County Council Tel: 074 91 53900

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PROJECT HERICOAST

Donegal County Council, Central Planning Unit representatives were invited to Amsterdam, Holland on 27th May to explore the potential of being a partner in an Interreg Europe funding application to spatial planning gaps in EU and Regional maritime policy to improve coherent regional policies for the management of sustainable heritage and coastal landscapes in maritime and fluvial regions in the context of the EU's Blue Growth Strategy. Thus, the project seeks to address the issue of Coastal and Fluvial Heritage

through improved regional policies for heritage management in these landscapes to achieve a better balance between accessibility, exploitation and preservation measures. Vest-Agder County Council, Norway is leading on this Interreg Europe funding application.

Claire Mc Callan, Architect and Alana Green, Executive Planner in the Central Planning Unit, represented Donegal County Council at the meeting and pitched a proposal for County Donegal to become involved through the proposed development of a series of linked action plans for towns around Donegal's coast

that have a considerable untapped heritage (cultural, built and natural heritage) that could be identified, conserved and harnessed to engender economic growth and community benefit that enables their sustainable development and conservation.

The project acronym, HERICOAST stands for: Management of Heritage in Coastal landscapes. The meeting was extremely worthwhile and Donegal County Council has been selected as partners in the proposed project application; work has been ongoing and an application will be submitted by the lead partner, Vest-Agder in July 2015. Other partners include 6 county and regional authorities from France, Spain (2), Italy, Romania, Lithuania and 2 advisory partners, CLUE University Amsterdam and CIVILSCAPE landscape forum Europe. For further information contact: EU unit Donegal County Council Tel.: 074 9153900

EU UNIT INPUT INTO DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCILS 'LOCAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY PLAN'



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The EU unit provided input into the compilation of the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) funding chapter. The LECP plan sets out an overarching vision, goals and objectives for the County and region which also supports the overarching policy and funding frameworks as set out at European level. Such funding and policy frameworks are given expression in Europe 2020 which sets out the European Unions 10 year strategy for job creation and growth and sets out a clear and distinct focus on three main priorities '*Smart Sustainable and Inclusive growth.*'; and in the multi-annual financial frameworks and programmes for the period 2014-2020. The ability to maximise and attract external funding to the county and wider region will be key in supporting the implementation of the plan. The input provided by the EU unit provides a summary profile of the key policy and funding programmes which will be of interest to all stakeholders in realising the goals and objectives contained within the LECP Plan.

NORTHWEST UPDATES

INTERREG FUNDING INFORMATION DAY JUNE 2015

The Southern Regional Assembly hosted a Interreg programme funding information day in Tullamore County Offaly and was attended by the EU unit of DCC. The day was also facilitated by the Northern and Western regional assembly and featured presentations and plenary sessions focusing on all Interreg VA, B and C programmes.

The information day was aimed at providing clear and comprehensive information on the European Territorial Cooperation programmes spanning from 2014- 2020 and began with a summary of the Interreg VA cross border programme involving border counties of Ireland, Northern Ireland and the west coast of Scotland. The Director of the Special EU programmes body outlined the priorities under this call and the expected measures and outcomes. The environment measure is anticipated to be the first to open in 2015 with health Sustainable Transport and Research & Innovation in 2016.

The transnational programmes were profiled and presented by the programme secretariats and featured the Northern Periphery and Arctic programme which involves Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Greenland, Faroe islands, Northern Sweden and Finland; the Atlantic Area programme which involves partner countries from Ireland, UK and Mediterranean Countries; The North west Europe programme which includes the urbanised countries of Ireland UK France, Belgium and Spain.

The information provided on these programmes relates to the opening calls, programme priorities, expected outcomes and the new focus on anticipated change to be brought about by the projects. All Interreg programmes over the next period 2014-2020 have a new and defined focus on outcomes and change in each region. For more information please contact Roisin Mitchell in the EU Unit at roisin.mitchell@donegalcoco.ie



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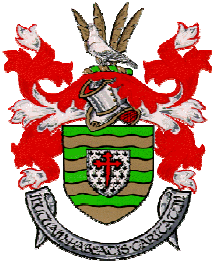
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Recycling.

Donegal County Council provides for the recycling of waste (excluding kerbside collection of household waste) in the County through a number of initiatives, including:

- 70 Bring Bank sites for glass and cans involving over 330 Bring Banks. In 2014 there were 2,607 tonnes of glass collected from Bring Banks, 122 tonnes cans.
- Textile banks on the above 70 sites, from which 68 tonnes of textiles were collected in 2014
- Annual Hazardous Household Waste collection (Chem Car), with 15 tonnes collected in 2014.
- Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Recover. In August 2015 there will be 7 collection days at various locations around Co. Donegal provided by WEEE Ireland to collect waste electrical equipment.
- There is an obligation on retailers to take back waste electrical items when a customer purchases a new one. In 2014 the total tonnage of WEEE collected in Co. Donegal was 733 tonnes;
- Licensing of Collection Centre for Scrap Saturday's 10 sites and Farm Film Plastics 15 sites.

Awareness.

In June 2015 the Council has been actively providing environmental awareness through the Council's Press Office to the print media, social networks and the radio on a number of issues, including:

- Household Food Waste Regulations
- Householder Pay By Weight Regulations
- Road side signage

- Dog Fouling
- Leave No Trace awareness on the County Beaches and Countryside.

Regarding radio interviews the Council has given interviews on both Highland Radio and Ocean FM over the month of June on current Environmental matters.

Legislation

The Household Food Waste Regulations extend to 10 towns in Donegal from 1st July 2015, Ballyshannon, Ballybofey-Stranorlar, Bunrana, Bunbeg-Derrybeg, Bundoran, Carndonagh, Donegal Town and Lifford. The Council has engaged in a comprehensive Public Awareness campaign regarding this as mentioned above.

The Household Pay By Weight Regulations commenced 1st July 2015, which requires the household waste collectors to have the appropriate equipment on the collection vehicles and in the collectors offices to provide the Pay- By -Weight service. Council staff are monitoring and will report to the National Waste Collection Permit Office (NWCPO) accordingly.

The NWCPO has already reviewed all collectors permits to include these Regulations as a condition of the Collection Permit. Non-compliance may result in a further review of the collectors permit.

From 1st July 2016 householders will be paying by weight.

Blue Flag Beaches

Thirteen of Donegal's beaches were awarded the prestigious Blue Flag award by Mr. Alan Kelly, T.D., Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government. The 13 Blue Flags awarded to Donegal places the County at joint top of the rankings with County Kerry having the most Blue Flags in the country. Blue Flag beaches are judged against a total of 33 criteria and the Council is delighted with this outcome considering the more stringent qualifying conditions and local difficulties arising from recent storms.

The 13 Blue Flags were awarded to Bundoran, Rossnowlagh, Murvagh, Fintra, Naran (Portnoo), Carrickfinn, Killahoey (Dunfanaghy), Marblehill, Portsalon (Magherawarden), Lisfannon, Shroove, Culdaff and Downings.

The Blue Flag is administered in Ireland by An Taisce on behalf of the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE). The Foundation for Environmental Education is an international organisation that has been promoting environmental education for sustainable development since 1981. FEE is an umbrella organisation with members in around 60 countries world-wide.

Green Coast Beaches

The Green Coast Award recognises beaches for their clean environment, excellent water quality and natural beauty. These beaches may not have the necessary built infrastructure required to meet the criteria set for Blue Flag status however they are exceptional places to visit and enjoy our rich coastal heritage and diversity. Donegal has retained 5 Green Coast Awards since 2014 at Ballyheirnan, Dooley, Drumnatinney, Magheroarty and Port Arthur. Unfortunately the Green Coast Award for Rathmullan was lost this year due to failure to comply with water quality requirements due to one poor result only in 2014, demonstrating the stringent requirements to achieve 'Excellent' water quality status.

Water Quality

For the evaluation of an applicant beach for Blue Flag/Green Coast Award purposes, the beach must comply with the 95th percentile compliance of the above limit values over a 4 year period. This is in accordance with the EU Bathing Water Directive 2006 as well as the recommendation of the World Health Organisation.

The percentile has to be calculated for each parameter and also met for each parameter. For example, if the 95th percentile is below the limit values for Escherichia coli but not for Intestinal Enterococci then the beach cannot be awarded with the Blue Flag.

Parameter	Coastal Limit Values	Inland Limit Values
E Coli	250 cfu /100ml	500 cfu/100ml
Intestinal Enterococci	100 cfu/100ml	u/100ml

The Blue Flag programme in Ireland has been the driving force behind improvements in water quality for many years and as an award of excellence the Blue Flag implemented the stricter standards in Ireland in 2012. The microbiological standards of the 2006 EU Directive are almost twice as strict as the 1976 EU Directive band representing a lowering of the risk threshold for bathers to ca. 3% with the more stringent category of "Excellent" water quality being applied.

Lifeguards and Beach Infrastructure

Beach Lifeguards have been deployed on all our Blue Flag Beaches since Saturday June 27th. Preparations began some weeks ago to provide all the required services at the beaches, including access, toilets, waste management and recycling, information boards, lifeguard stations, etc. These services are all required to provide an enjoyable and safe experience for all our beach visitors.

Septic Tanks.

Since the commencement of the National Inspection Plan in July 2013, a total of 125 septic tank inspections have taken place in Co. Donegal to the end of 2014.

For 2015, 95 have been planned, of which 39 have been completed to date.

Inspections are planned on a risk assessment basis, in collaboration with the EPA, prioritising for example Pearl Mussel and Shellfish catchment areas.

Registered septic tanks are eligible to apply for grant aid, up to a maximum of €4,000, however, these are means tested.

Enforcement.

Total number of Environmental complaints to Donegal County Council for year to date: 545 of which 474 are for waste and litter.

Number of Litter Fines served for year to date: 88

Number Litter Fines paid for year date: 34, equates to 39% paid.

Number NI and %: 13, which equates to 14% of total, with just 1 paid.

7 file forwarded to the Courts for non payment of Fixed Penalty Notices under the Litter Pollution Act 1997.

3 Litter Pollution Act 1997 prosecutions for the year to date.

Dearn Mc Clintock
Waste Regulation Officer.

6.1 Correspondence received from Donegal Town Business Focus Group

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Subject: September Meeting of the Municipal District

Good Afternoon

Following a meeting of the Donegal Town Business Focus Group last night we wish to request to have representatives from our group attend the September Meeting to put forward and progress the previously presented Parking Presentation and plan for the Town Design Statement.

Please advise if you can facilitate this.

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Regards

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