

Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall

Oifig Riarthóir na gCruinnithe,
Aras an Chontae,
Leifear.

1ú Deireadh Fómhair, 2019

Fógra Cruinnithe

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall ar siúl **De Máirt 8ú Deireadh Fómhair, 2019, ag 11.30 r.n. in Ionad Serbhísí Pobail, Bhaile Dhún na nGall.**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS DÚN NA nGALL

A Chara,

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

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Padraig O'Sirin
Riarthóir Cruinnithe

Municipal District of Donegal

Office of Meetings Administrator,
County House,
Lifford.

01st October, 2019

NOTICE OF MEETING

The next Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal will be held on **Tuesday 8th October, 2019, at 11.30 a.m. in the Donegal Public Services Centre.**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL

Dear Councillor,

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

Yours sincerely,

Pauric Sheerin
Meetings Administrator

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AGENDA

1. Consideration of Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 10th September, 2019.
2. Consideration of Minutes of Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 10th September, 2019.
3. Consideration of Minutes of the (second) Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 10th September, 2019.
4. Consideration of Minutes of Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 27th September, 2019.
5. **Update Reports from Council Services:**
 - 5.1 Housing & Corporate Services
 - 5.2 Roads / Transportation
 - 5.3 Economic Development
 - 5.4 Environment Services
 - 5.5.1 Community Development
 - 5.5.2 Planning Services

Motions

6. Cllr Barry Sweeny

“That the new library in Donegal Town be named in honour of the poet, Francis Harvey. The renowned writer who has been called “The Seamus Heaney of Donegal” lived most of his life in Donegal. The cultural offering of the town would be greatly enhanced, and the wider area could benefit by raising the profile of Francis Harvey locally.”

7. Date of Next Meeting/Workshops

- **MD Budget Meeting at 10.00 am on Wednesday 23rd October 2019**
- **MD Meeting at 11.30 am on Tuesday 10th December 2019 (as per standing orders)**

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD AT
11.30 A. M. ON TUESDAY THE 10TH SEPTEMBER 2019 IN THE PETER
KENNEDY CHAMBER, DONEGAL PUBLIC SERVICES CENTRE, DONEGAL**

MDD/107/19 MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr Noel Jordan, Cathaoirleach
Cllr Michéal Naughton,
Cllr Niamh Kennedy
Cllr Tom Conaghan
Cllr Michael McMahon
Cllr Barry Sweeny

MDD/108/19 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Pauric Sheerin, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Roads/Transportation
Mr. Barney McLaughlin, Administrative Officer, Economic
Development
Mr. Bryan Cannon, Senior Engineer, Water Capital and Environment
Ms. Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer, Environment
Section
Ms. Alana Greene, Executive Planner, Central Planning
Ms. Corina Higgins, Assistant Planner, Central Planning Unit
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate
Services

MDD/109/19 APOLOGIES

Mr. Garry Martin, Director Designate, Municipal District of Donegal

MDD/110/19 Votes of Sympathy

A vote of sympathy was passed in respect of the following recent deaths:-

To the family of the late Willie Freney, former Area Roads Engineer,
MD of Donegal

The late Tom Lawne, Ballydevitt Beg, Donegal Town, Father in law
of Iga Lawne, Tourism Unit, Donegal Town PSC

The late Theo Crossan, Cahir O' Doherty Avenue, Bunrana brother
of the Cathaoirleach Cllr Nicholas Crossan.

The late Kathleen Kelly, Belcoo, Fermanagh – mother of Denis Kelly
(former Senior Executive Planner, Donegal co Co.)

Thanks were also conveyed to Members by the Hegarty Family for
their sympathies for the late Gerry Hegarty at the July 2019 meeting.

MDD/111/19 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 9TH JULY 2019

On the proposal of Cllr Naughton, seconded by Cllr Kennedy, the Minutes of the meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 9th July 2019 were confirmed.

MDD/112/19 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 4TH JULY 2019

On the proposal of Cllr McMahon seconded by Cllr Conaghan, the Minutes of the workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 4th July 2019 were confirmed.

MDD/113/19 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 9TH JULY 2019

On the proposal of Cllr Kennedy seconded by Cllr Conaghan, the Minutes of the workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 9th July 2019 were confirmed.

MDD/114/19 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 23RD JULY 2019

On the proposal of Cllr Kennedy seconded by Cllr Conaghan, the Minutes of the workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 23rd July 2019 were confirmed.

MDD/115/19 Foodie Destinations Awards 2019

Cllr Jordan welcomed and congratulated the representatives from the recipients of the Foodie Destination Award 2019 which he submitted is a great achievement for Donegal Town and surrounding areas. Members paid tribute to all involved in securing the award for Donegal Town. Members paid tribute to all those putting in the hard work including volunteers, those involved in the hospitality industry, Food Festival Committee, Donegal Town Community Chamber, Leghowney Market and acknowledged the importance of the award in promoting the area for tourism. Ms. Mary McGettigan, Donegal Food Festival Committee spoke on behalf of the representatives of the award recipients submitting that the award was achieved by a lot of hard work by a large number of people and in particular acknowledged the volunteers, the various bodies, including collaboration with Food Coast and also the co-operation and assistance the Council and many others in the area. Everyone acknowledged the fantastic achievement and what it means for Donegal Town.

A short adjournment was held to facilitate a photograph to be taken of the representative group with Members and officials.

MDD/116/19 HOUSING CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

Follow ups from previous meeting

Mr. P Sheerin informed Members that follow up matters from the previous meeting had been dealt with as follows

- Housing Capital Workshop had been held earlier.
- Further letter issued to the Department regarding the Lease and Repair Scheme.
- The Chain of Office for the Cathaoirleach of the MD should be ready for the October meeting.

Housing Services

Progress reports on Grants, Loans, Casual Vacancies, and Housing Capital Programme, Tenant Purchase Scheme 2016, Housing Assistance Payments/Private Rented Inspections and Lease & Repair Scheme and Housing Need

Members noted the update reports on Grants, Loans, and Casual Vacancies, Tenant Purchase Scheme, Housing Assistance Payments, Private Rented Inspections, Housing Capital Programme, Housing Need in the MD, and Leasing & Repair Scheme as circulated with the Agenda and presented by Mr. P Sheerin. Members also noted further updates on the matters since the reports had been prepared as provided by Mr. Sheerin, in particular, on Casual Vacancies, Housing Grants, Housing Loans and Housing Capital Programme and associated comments.

No queries were raised in respect of Housing & Corporate Services.

MDD/117/19 ROADS / TRANSPORTATION SERVICES REPORT

2019 Road Works Programme Status Report

Members noted the update report on the 2019 Road Works Programme circulated with the Agenda as presented by Mr. M Sweeney. Mr. M Sweeney also informed Members of an additional allocation of €300,000.00 for the Laghey-Pettigo road in 2019 which was welcomed by Members.

Follow up Issues from previous meeting

Mr. Sweeney provided an update on follow up issues from the July meeting as circulated by e-mail dealing with the following;-

- Proposed Bundoran Taxi Rank Bye-laws.
- Follow up on Legal advice on parking of caravans and campervans.
- Update on Fintra Bridge.
- Proceed with Public Lighting on Diamond from Parking Reserve Fund as agreed.

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- Proceed with quotations on Four Master Memorial in Donegal Town.
- Follow up on calming measures at Laghey.
- Road Signs cleaned at Killybegs and Five Points.
- Accessibility of Footpaths in Killybegs – investigate.
- Arrange for additional emptying of street bins at Kilcar, Killybegs and Sliabh Liag – (Sliabh Liag to be referred to the manager of Sliabh Liag Facility).
- Part VIII's for one-way-systems in Donegal Town and Killybegs to progress to MD Meeting as soon as possible.
- Acknowledged permission granted for plaque at Bank Walk in remembrance of the late Michael McGettigan.
- Area in the vicinity of the holding tank in Bundoran – noted Irish Water own this area. Irish Water advise they have made arrangements to cut the grass in this area.

Community Involvement Scheme priority List 2020

Mr. M Sweeney referred to the discussion at the earlier workshop in relation to the Community Involvement Scheme priority list for 2020. On the proposal of Cllr Sweeney, seconded by Cllr Kennedy the following priority list was agreed as discussed at the workshop;-

Road No.	Road Name	Eng Area	RSS Area	Priority
L-5845-1	Keelogs Inver	Donegal	14	1
L-53251-0	Croaghbeg Kilcar	Donegal	15	2
L-2135-1 & L-2145-1	Mullinasloe Laghey	Donegal	17	3
L-6185-1	Dromore Lane Mountcharles	Donegal	14	4
L-1275-11	St Cummins Hill, Killybegs	Donegal	15	5
L-6785-2	Ardnagesson Road Copany Crolly (50% of)	Donegal	17	6
L-1915-1 & L1825-1 &3	Eglis Road Old Killymard Chapel	Donegal	14	7
L-51851-0	Straleel/Coguish Hill Road Phase 1 Coguish Kilcar	Donegal	15	8
L-21252-0	Cormullin Road Cormullin	Donegal	17	9
L-25751-0 & L-11451-3	Straleel/Coguish Hill Road Phase 2 Straleel Kilcar	Donegal	15	10
L-6965-2	Blue Road Shannagh	Donegal	17	11

Laghey Pettigo Road

Cllr Jordan commended the improvement works ongoing on the Pettigo Laghey Road and thanked both the Roads Section and the Department for the progress. Cllr Naughton also commended the works on this road and submitted that he hoped there would be a further €500,000 allocation for the Laghey Pettigo Road in 2020 advising it is important to keep pursuing same from the Department. Mr. M Sweeney submitted that further funding for this road would be both welcome and necessary.

Campervans and Caravans – proposed bye-laws

Cllr McMahon emphasised the importance of regulating the parking of campervans and caravans and also referred to safety issues with gas fires and generators associated with these vehicles in public places. He requested that the matter receive urgent attention. In response to this matter, Mr. M Sweeney informed Members that the advice received had to be considered by the Senior Management Team and the county wide implications considered. Members also noted that a question had been submitted for today's MD meeting for which a response has been provided.

Area of land at Holding Tank in Bundoran

Cllr McMahon was critical of the manner in which Irish Water has left the holding tank area in Bundoran and submitted that it is not good enough that the matter has not been dealt with properly before now. He was also critical of Irish Water for not agreeing to attend meetings of the Municipal District. In response to the issue raised in relation to the area around the holding tank, Mr. M Sweeney advised Members he would follow up with Irish Water.

Belleek Roundabout

In response to a request from Cllr McMahon where an area at Belleek coming into Clyhore requires attention and signage improvement, Mr. M Sweeney informed Members he would make contact with his Roads Counterpart in Fermanagh District Council to discuss the matter as the issues raised relate to the Fermanagh side of the border.

Request to takeover LP18354 Corracramph

Cllr Naughton requested that the Road Department investigate the taking over of LP18354 Corracramph road. In response to same, Mr. M Sweeney confirmed to Members he would investigate same.

Drumacrin Avenue, Bundoran

Cllr Naughton enquired if it is possible to rename Drumacrin Avenue in Bundoran to Sean McDermott Avenue. In response to same, Mr. M Sweeney informed Members that there is a process to rename an area which would require consideration by Members in the first instance.

Fairgreen, Ballyshannon

Cllr Sweeny commended the works carried out at Fairgreen, Ballyshannon and noted that a document had been sent out to him by the Roads Department in relation to the use of the Fairgreen.

Footpaths at Tirconnell Street, Ballyshannon

In response to a query from Cllr Sweeny as to when works on Footpaths at Tirconnell Street and Church Carpark in Ballyshannon would be completed, Mr. M Sweeney informed Members he would revert to them on a timeframe in this regard taking into account priority works.

Dog Fowling Bins

Cllr Sweeny requested that dog fowling bins be provided in Ballyshannon with appropriate collection/emptying system. In response to this matter, Mr. M Sweeney informed Members the emptying of bins/dog bins has been referred to the Health & Safety Section due to implications for staff safety. He advised that he would liaise with the Environment Section regarding the matter after the Health & Safety review of this matter has been completed.

Hedges & Grass verges

Cllr Kennedy submitted that many landowners are not cutting hedges etc. as required and enquired how this might be addressed as there are ongoing issues in particular on back roads. She also advised that the TUS schemes are no longer permitted to cut hedges due to Health & Safety concerns.

Cllr Naughton supported Cllr Kennedy in respect of this matter submitting that the Council should provide additional resources into hedge cutting.

In relation to the matter raised, Mr. M Sweeney informed Members that hedge cutting is a massive drain on resources and alternative arrangements will have to be investigated on a county-wide basis.

Roads awaiting LIS

Cllr Kennedy referred to roads that are awaiting LIS and which are in poor condition and enquired if the Council could carry out some repair works on these e.g. pot hole filling. In response to same, Mr. M Sweeney informed Members that these roads referred to are private roads and therefore not the responsibility of the Council.

Height Barrier at Fintra Beach Carpark

In response to a request for an update on the proposed height restriction barrier at Fintra Beach Carpark to be provided, Mr. M Sweeney informed Members if funding is available that same would be done.

Stop Line needed at Junction L1425-4 with the L1435-1 on the Road to St. John's Point

Cllr Kennedy sought an update on the lining of the Junction L1425-4 with the L1435-1 on the Road to St. John's Point. In response to same, Mr. M Sweeney undertook to follow up.

Roundabout at Glenlee, Killybegs – request for signage

In response to a request from Cllr Kennedy for signage to be provided at the Glenlee Roundabout, Killybegs to better direct traffic, Mr. M Sweeney undertook to investigate same.

Millpark Roundabout – Lane Signage

In response for an update on the proposed lane signage at the Millpark Roundabout, Donegal Town Mr. M Sweeney informed Members he would seek an update from the National Roads Office.

Staffing resources in Roads Department

Cllr Conaghan queried if the Roads Department had adequate staffing numbers to carryout all of the works in the District given the large area they have to cover and submitted that the Council should review same with a view to employing additional road workers. In response to same, Mr. M Sweeney informed Members that the Roads Section employs a number of seasonal staff where this is required and where funding is available for same. He also noted that works such as footpaths are done at year end as these are capital monies and are not required to be spent prior to the end of November to make better use of resources.

MDD/118/19 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Tourism Unit Report

Members noted the Activity Report circulated with the Agenda and presented by Mr. B McLaughlin dealing with the following:

1. Marketing Office Update
2. Project Officer Update
3. Bundoran Tourism Report

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

Donegal Connect

In response to a submission from Cllr McMahon regarding the issues that arise for the Diaspora when returning from abroad to Donegal in obtaining important things like PPS no's and Driving Licences, Mr. B McLaughlin informed Members that a full day is set aside as part of the Donegal Connect Calender in Letterkenny, where Public Bodies will be available to provide information and assistance needed for anyone interested in returning to Donegal. In

response to a further submission from Cllr McMahon regarding the plans for Milwaukee in 2020, Mr. B McLaughlin informed Members that the planning for next year for Milwaukee has already commenced and it is intended to be as broad a representation of all aspects of Donegal with an even higher profile of the County being presented at the Donegal Village of Trade at Milwaukee in 2020.

Members thanked Mr. McLaughlin for his reports and for the ongoing work in his Unit.

MDD/119/19 ENVIRONMENT SERVICES REPORT

Ms. S Bogan presented the update reports for the Environment Section, as circulated with the Agenda dealing with the following matters;-

- Waste and Litter Management
 - Community Environment Action Fund 2019
 - Upcoming WEE Collections
 - Household Food Waste Bin – Update
- Coastal/Water Safety
 - Clean Coasts'-Big Beach Clean 2019
 - An Taisce Inspections
 - Bathing Water Quality
 - Bathing Season
 - Rossnowlagh Boardwalk

Draft Climate Change Adaptation Strategy 2019-2024

Members also welcomed Mr. Bryan Cannon, Senior Engineer, Environment Section to the meeting. Mr. Cannon circulated and made a presentation in relation to Draft Climate Change Adaptation Strategy. The presentation focused on the process to date and the next steps. Members noted that the Draft Climate Change Adaptation Strategy 2019 – 2024 document would be presented to Members for consideration at the next meeting of the Plenary Council on the 30th September 2019.

Following a discussion, and as requested by Members, Mr. B Cannon agreed to facilitate a workshop to present the detail of the Draft Climate Change Adaptation Strategy 2019 – 2024 document to Members in advance of the Council meeting on the 30th September 2019. It was also agreed that a workshop would be arranged for all Members of the Council on 23rd September 2019 in County House, Lifford.

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

Litter

Cllr McMahon referred to his request at the previous meeting for a workshop in relation to Litter. Following a discussion, it was agreed

that Cllr McMahon would discuss the matter after the meeting with Mr. B Cannon to scope out what the workshop would involve so that arrangements could be made for the appropriate agenda items could be prepared and the attendance of relevant officials. The date for this proposed workshop is to be agreed in due course. Cllr McMahon also referred to the issue of litter at bottle banks which can re-appear within hours of such areas being cleaned up.

Portaloo at Tullan Strand Road

Cllr McMahon thanked all involved in providing the Portaloo at Tullan Strand Road, Bundoran.

Green Schools

Cllr Sweeny referred to schools in Ballyshannon where the lunches provided are no longer in single use plastics and which have been sourced from a local supplier. Cllr Sweeny commended the efforts of the schools and students in this regard. He submitted that this initiative should be extended to all schools. In response to same Ms. S Bogan confirmed that this will be pursued via the Green Schools Programme.

Entrance to Pettigo from Co. Fermanagh

Cllr Naughton referred to his submission at the previous meeting in relation to the entrance to Pettigo from Co. Fermanagh where is a need for hoarding to be erected to improve the appearance of the area. Cllr Naughton queried if any progress had been made in relation to this matter. In response to same, Mr. B Cannon advised that he would liaise with colleagues in other services to see if a solution can be found and would keep Members informed of progress.

MDD/120/19 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING SERVICES

Community Development

Ms. Alana Greene, Executive Planner was in attendance to represent the Community Development and Planning Service. Members noted the Community Development reports as circulated with the agenda dealing with the following;-

- Town & Village Update Reports
 - Kilcar
 - Mountcharles
 - Donegal Town
 - Killybegs

Planning Services

Ms. A Greene presented the Planning Service Reports circulated with the Agenda dealing with the following;-

- Development Applications

- Enforcement
- Planning Clinics – next ones on, 18th September, 9th and 23rd October, and 6th November.
- Central Planning Unit
 - Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy
 - Letterkenny Local Area Plan
 - Buncrana Local Area Plan
 - Bundoran
 - Town & Village Renewal Programme (2016) projects
- Regeneration & Development
- Further Information

Ms. Greene also informed Members that the health checks for the towns of Ballyshannon and Bundoran will be launched on 27th September 2019 in Donegal PSC.

No queries were raised in respect of the planning service.:

MDD/121/19 DISCUSSION ON A REQUEST TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON PROPOSED NEW TRAFFIC BYE-LAWS FOR DONEGAL TOWN

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

" That this Municipal District receives an update on the proposed new traffic byelaws (including parking and one way system) for Donegal Town from the Roads Directorate as a matter of urgency."

Members were given a response to the motion by the Area Manager, Roads and Transportation.

In proposing his motion, Cllr Conaghan referred to the current issues facing Donegal Town in terms of traffic congestion and parking. He also referred to issues with Campervans, buses parking on double yellow lines, the need for An Garda Síochána to be more involved in traffic enforcement in the town and the requirement for one way traffic to be introduced in areas as previously discussed and emphasised the urgency on progress in these issues being made.

Cllr McMahon seconded the motion and submitted he was fully supportive of same.

MDD/122/19 DISCUSSION ON A REQUEST TO INVESTIGATE TAKING OVER HOUSING ESTATES IN BUNDORAN

On the proposal of Cllr McMahon, seconded by Cllr Naughton the following motion was adopted;-

" That this Municipal District investigates taking over the following housing estates re: water, footpaths, roads, lighting (esp lighting) the

housing estates in question are crest of a wave, bunholvil, armada cottages, sections of sea road and sections of tullan strand.”

Members were given a response to the motion by Senior Executive Engineer, Planning & Economic Development.

In proposing his motion, Cllr McMahon referred to the outstanding issues in these estates and made particular reference to public lighting, potholes and other issues. He requested that this matter receive urgent attention.

In seconding the motion, Cllr Naughton submitted that was fully supportive of the motion.

MDD/123/19 DISCUSSION ON A REQUEST TO EXPEDITE WORKS ON THE PUBLIC TOILETS IN BALLYSHANNON

On the proposal of Cllr Sweeny, seconded by Cllr McMahon the following motion was adopted;-

" That this Municipal District expedite the engineer's report on the roof of Ballyshannon's public toilets and that additional funding be made available to complete the necessary works in addition to the finance already ringfenced for their refurbishment and provide or redirect temporary staffing resources to allow the toilets to reopen after being closed for the summer season. Furthermore I propose that a Portaloo be installed at the Mall Quay/Mall Parks area of the town."

Members were given a response to the motion by the Senior Engineer, Environment Section.

In proposing his motion, Cllr Sweeny referred to the period of time that the Toilets have been closed in Ballyshannon and urged that the toilets be re-opened as soon as possible. He submitted that funding and whatever surveys of the property are required be carried out with urgency. He submitted that in the interim until the toilets are re-opened, a portaloo should be provided.

In seconding the motion, Cllr McMahon submitted that he was fully supportive of the motion and that the toilets should be refurbished and re-opened as soon as possible. Mr. B Cannon submitted that the Engineers survey of the toilets would be undertaken as soon as possible which will include a review of interim measures for the toilets.

MDD/124/19 DISCUSSION ON A REQUEST FOR A MEETING WITH MINISTER CREED REGARDING FUNDING FOR KILLYBEGS HARBOUR

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

" I am calling on Donegal Municipal District to arrange a meeting with Mr. Michael Creed TD, Minister of Agriculture Food and the Marine, with us Councillors along with the Killybegs Harbour Development Group in relation to securing funding for the development of the harbour.."

Members were given a response to the motion by the Director of Economic Development

In proposing his motion, Cllr Naughton referred to critical need for an extension to the Pier in Killybegs and also for the provision of a dry dock facility. He outlined how this could support developing activities in Killybegs e.g. cruise ships and cargo ships with the associated economic impact of same, and also boat building and boat refurbishment works for which this facility is lacking at the present. He outlined in detail how this could benefit Killybegs and the surrounding area from employment and increased economic activity.

In seconding the motion, Cllr Kennedy submitted that was fully supportive of the motion and outlined the benefits of same to Killybegs. It was noted as per the response to the motion that Mr. G Martin would follow up on the request for the meeting.

MEMBERS NOTED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

MDD/125/19 Accessibility review of Ballyshannon Streets

The following Question was submitted by Cllr Sweeny;-

"Can the Roads Department carryout a review of accessibility for wheelchair users and visually impaired persons in Ballyshannon Streets?"

Cllr Sweeny received a response from the Area Manager, Roads/Transportation in relation to the above.

MDD/126/19 Methodology for Charges for new Water Connections (Irish Water)

The following Question was submitted by Cllr Conaghan;-

"Can Irish Water be asked to provide clarity on their methodology for charging for new connections as new connection fees in some cases are extremely expensive.

Cllr Conaghan received a response from the Senior Engineer, Environment in relation to the above.

MDD/127/19 Update on Parking Bye-laws

The following Question was submitted by Cllr McMahon;-

“Can the Road Department provide an update on the recent motion regarding Parking Bye-laws and in particular overnight parking?”

Cllr McMahon received a response from the Area Manager, Roads and Transportation in relation to the above.

MDD/128/19 Update on maintenance of holding tank area in Bundoran

The following Question was submitted by Cllr McMahon;-

“Can the Roads Section confirm the party responsible for the maintenance of the grass area at the location of the holding tank at West End, Bundoran.

Cllr McMahon received a response from the Area Manager, Roads and Transportation in relation to the above.

MDD/129/19 Timeframe for taking over estates in Ballyshannon

The following Question was submitted by Cllr Sweeny;-

“Can Donegal County Council provide a time frame as to when it will take over both Woodlands housing estate and Ashbrook housing estate in Ballyshannon including an update on connecting the Woodlands estate to the public sewer?.

Cllr Sweeny received a response from the Senior Executive Engineer, Planning and Economic Development in relation to the above.

MDD/130/19 Update position on Fire Stations in Ballyshannon and Bundoran

The following Question was submitted by Cllr Naughton;-

“What is the update position in relation to the Bundoran & Ballyshannon Fire Stations?”

Cllr Naughton received a response from the Senior Executive Engineer, Planning and Economic Development in relation to the above.

Cllr Naughton supported by Cllr Sweeny submitted that the response to the question was not adequate and requested that a meeting be sought with the Minister responsible for the Fire Service given that some 14 months had passed since the correspondence had issued and no response had been received from the Department.

MDD/131/19 Date of next meeting/workshops.

Following a discussion the following meetings/workshop were agreed;-

- Rural Water Workshop at 10.00 am on Friday the 27th September 2019
- MD Meeting at 11.30 am on Tuesday the 8th October 2019 as per standing orders
- MD Budget Workshop at 10.00 am on Wednesday the 2nd October 2019
- MD Donegal Budget meeting at 10 am on Wednesday the 23rd October 2019

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Area Manager
Municipal District of Donegal

Cathaoirleach
Municipal District of Donegal

Minutes of Workshop of Municipal District of Donegal held on Tuesday the 10th September 2019 in the Peter Kennedy Chamber, Donegal Public Services Centre, Donegal commencing at 10.00 a.m.

Members Present:

Cllr Noel Jordan, Cathaoirleach
Cllr Barry Sweeny
Cllr Micháel Naughton
Cllr Tom Conaghan,
Cllr Niamh Kennedy
Cllr Michael McMahon

Officials in Attendance:

Mr. Pauric Sheerin, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. John Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Housing Capital
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

Apologies

Mr. Garry Martin, Director Designate, Municipal District of Donegal

Minutes

Housing

1. Update on Design of social housing to be built on lands at Drumacrin, Bundoran

Mr. J Gallagher briefed Members on proposals for social housing units to be built on lands at Drumacrin, Bundoran. (site map circulated at the workshop)
The proposals were welcomed by Members. A number of other comments/queries in relation to were dealt with at the workshop.

2. Land Acquisition for Social Housing in Ballyshannon

Mr. J Gallagher briefed Members in relation to proposed land acquisition for social housing in Ballyshannon. (site map circulated at the workshop)
Members welcomed the proposal. A number of other comments/queries were dealt with at the workshop.

3. Update on design of social housing to be built on remaining lands at Drumrooske, Donegal Town (Phase III Railway Park).

Mr. J Gallagher briefed Members in relation to design of social housing to be built on remaining lands at Drumrooske, Donegal Town. (map circulated at the workshop)
A number of comments/queries were dealt with at the workshop including ongoing consultations with the residents in this area, following their meeting with Council Officials in July 2019.

4. Update on Killybegs and Donegal Town Schemes at construction and Acquisitions and Donegal Town Library

Mr. J Gallagher briefed Members in relation to progress on the social housing schemes at construction in Donegal Town and Killybegs. He also briefed Members in relation to Long-Term Lease, Lease & Repair, and Acquisitions for the provision of Social Housing. He further informed Members in relation to expressions of interest that are currently being assessed for the provision of a Library in Donegal Town. Mr. J Gallagher also confirmed he would discuss the Lease & Repair scheme when he next meets department officials with a view to making Members views known in relation to their request that the amount of funding available to carry out repairs under the scheme is increased as previously discussed at Municipal District meetings and conveyed by letters to the Department by Mr. P Sheerin in March and July 2019.

A number of comments/queries in relation to the above were dealt with at the workshop including in relation to derelict buildings and infill etc.

5. Housing Need

Mr. P Sheerin briefed Members in relation to the housing need in the District which is taken into account in the Capital Programme so that the appropriate mix of house types is provided in the areas where housing is being provided. Mr. J Gallagher also confirmed that the Capital Office works close with the Municipal Districts in identifying appropriate locations for Social Housing to meet the need.

A number of comments/queries in relation to this matter were dealt with at the workshop.

In particular Members thanked Mr. J Gallagher for attending and expressed their support for the items dealt with above.

6. Proposed Section 183 for Donegal Family Resource Centre

Mr. P Sheerin briefed Members in relation to the proposed Section 183 for the Donegal Town Family Resource Centre and Members noted that the Section 183 is no longer proceeding.

Roads

7. Prioritisation of list of Community Involvement Schemes 2020.

Mr. M Sweeney briefed Members in relation to list of Community Involvement Schemes 2020 and for which he asked for Members priorities which has to be communicated to the Department shortly. Following a short discussion, Members the following priority to go to the Municipal District meeting immediately after the workshop for confirmation.

Road No.	Road Name	Eng Area	RSS Area	Priority
L-5845-1	Keelogs Inver	Donegal	14	1
L-53251-0	Croaghbeg Kilcar	Donegal	15	2
L-2135-1 & L-2145-1	Mullinasloe Laghey	Donegal	17	3
L-6185-1	Dromore Lane Mountcharles	Donegal	14	4
L-1275-11	St Cummins Hill, Killybegs	Donegal	15	5
L-6785-2	Ardnagesson Road Copany Crolly (50% of)	Donegal	17	6

Workshop - Municipal District of Donegal on 10th September 2019

L-1915-1 & L1825-1 &3	Eglis Road Old Killymard Chapel	Donegal	14	7
L-51851-0	Straleel/Coguish Hill Road Phase I Coguish Kilcar	Donegal	15	8
L-21252-0	Cormullin Road Cormullin	Donegal	17	9
L-25751-0 & L-11451-3	Straleel/Coguish Hill Road Phase 2 Straleel Kilcar	Donegal	15	10
L-6965-2	Blue Road Shannagh	Donegal	17	11

Members thanked the Housing & Roads Staff for attending.

This concluded the business of the Workshop.

**Area Manager,
Municipal District of Donegal**

**Cathaoirleach,
Municipal District of Donegal**

Minutes of Workshop of Municipal District of Donegal held on Tuesday the 10th September 2019 in the Peter Kennedy Chamber, Donegal Public Services Centre, Donegal commencing at 2.45 pm.

Members Present:

Cllr Noel Jordan, Cathaoirleach
Cllr Barry Sweeny
Cllr Micháel Naughton
Cllr Tom Conaghan,
Cllr Niamh Kennedy
Cllr Michael McMahon

Officials in Attendance:

Mr. Pauric Sheerin, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Paul Kelly, Senior Executive Planner, Central Planning
Mr. Bryan Cannon, Senior Engineer, Environment & Water Capital Section
Ms. Monica O'Donnell, Clerical Officer, Central Planning
Ms. Sinead McCauley, Executive Planner, Central Planning
Ms. Ruth Diver, Assistant Planner, Central Planning
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

Apologies

Mr. Garry Martin, Director Designate, Municipal District of Donegal

Minutes

1. Water Capital

Mr. Bryan Cannon referred to the discussion at the earlier MD meeting and requested Members agreement to facilitate the workshop on the Draft Climate Change Adaptation Strategy 2019-2024 in Lifford. He advised that following discussion with his Director it was intended to facilitate this workshop for all MD's on the 23rd September 2019 in Lifford immediately after the Plenary workshop on the Corporate Plan. Members confirmed their agreement to this.

2. Killybegs RRDF (Planning)

Ms. Sinead McCauley made a detailed power point presentation to Members in relation to Killybegs 2040 – A Town Centre Regeneration Project. The presentation dealt with the following:-

- RRDF Call for funding announced on 12th April 2019
- 2nd Call – Key Terms and Eligibility
- 30th April 2019 – on the ground visit
- Killybegs Town Centre Insert
- Emerging RRDF Project
- Part VIII proposed development published on the 21st May 2019
- The Modified scheme (PartVIII) resulting from consultations and approved by Council on the 22nd July 2019.
- The final scope of the project for submission to the 2nd Call RRDF
- Supporting Assessments
- Computer Generated Photographs of the proposed scheme

A number of comments / queries in relation the Killybegs RRDF were dealt with at the workshop. Members commended the manner in which the proposed Town Centre Regeneration Project had been dealt with and submitted that they hoped that the Department would grant the funding application.

3. Proposed Sculpture at Tirconnell St., Bridge, Donegal Town (Roads)

Mr. M Sweeney referred to three large tree stumps that remain at Tirconnell St. Bridge where it is proposed to shape these into a sculpture and he passed around a sketch drawing of what was being considered. Following a discussion it was agreed that other options be explored that may be more in keeping with the Town/Castle and 'Red Hugh' themes. Mr. M Sweeney confirmed he would revert to the Artist to seek alternative proposals for Members consideration in due course.

This concluded the business of the Workshop.

**Area Manager,
Municipal District of Donegal**

**Cathaoirleach,
Municipal District of Donegal**

Minutes of Workshop of Municipal District of Donegal held on Tuesday the 27th September 2019 in the Peter Kennedy Chamber, Donegal Public Services Centre, Donegal commencing at 10. 00 a.m.

Members Present:

Cllr Noel Jordan, Cathaoirleach
Cllr Barry Sweeny
Cllr Micháel Naughton
Cllr Tom Conaghan,
Cllr Niamh Kennedy
Cllr Michael McMahon

Officials in Attendance:

Mr. Pauric Sheerin, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Bryan Cannon, Senior Engineer, Rural Water Department
Mr. Pauric Feely, Executive Engineer, Rural Water Department
Mr. Francis McGinley, Technician, Rural Water Department
Mr. Paddy Doherty, Senior Executive Officer, Community Development
Mr. James Kelly, Senior Executive Engineer, Community Development
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

Apologies

Mr. Garry Martin, Director Designate, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal

Minutes

1. Group Water Schemes and Well Grants – Rural Water Department

Cllr Jordan welcomed the Rural Water Department Officials to the Workshop. Mr. Pauric Feely did a detailed presentation to Members dealing with the following;-

- Rural Water in Donegal
- The Rural Water Team
- Group Water Schemes
- Types of Group Schemes
- Group Scheme Responsibilities
- Rural Water in Donegal
- Public & Private GWS
- GWS Annual Subsidy
- Group Water Scheme Takeover Process
- Formal Takeover Priority List
- IW Formal Takeover Process
- Takeover Application Forms
- Formal Takeover Process
- Orphan Schemes Progress
- Donegal MD Progress
- Well Grants
- Well Grant Application Process
- Well Grant Review Process
- Well Grant Applications in Donegal
- Multi Annual Water Programme – 2019-2021

A number of comments / queries were dealt with at the workshop. Members thanked the Rural Water Department for attending and clarifying matters for Members.

2. Sliabh Liag – Draft Bye Laws

Members welcomed Mr. Paddy Doherty, SEO and Mr. James Kelly, SEE, Community Development to the Workshop. Mr. Paddy Doherty did a detailed presentation on what was proposed in relation to the Sliabh Liag Bye-laws in particular in relation to;-

- Sliabh Liag Bye-laws 2020
- Key elements of project including funding
- Timeframes
- Proposed charges for various vehicle types

A number of comments / queries were dealt with at the meeting including in relation to over night parking and the various charges at Sliabh Liag that are proposed. Members noted that the draft bye-laws, when prepared, would be presented at a future meeting with a view to obtaining Members' approval to proceed to public consultation. Members also noted that a public meeting would be held shortly with the community to keep them informed of developments.

3. Rossnowlagh Proposed Part VII

Mr. James Kelly did a presentation to Members in relation to a proposed Part VIII for Rossnowlagh. The presentation dealt with the proposed playground and other amenities etc. proposed for Rossnowlagh which were put forward for a Town & Village Renewal Scheme and also peace funding (playground). A lengthy discussion took place. It was noted that Members are in favour of proceeding with the Part VIII which includes all that is proposed by the Local Community and this would afford an opportunity for submissions during the Public Consultation Process. It was also noted that this would not incur a delay for the playground works as these works had an associated cost that did not exceed the monetary threshold for the Part VIII process. A number of comments/queries were dealt with at the workshop.

Members thanked Mr. Doherty and Mr. Kelly for attending.

This concluded the business of the Workshop.

**Area Manager,
Municipal District of Donegal**

**Cathaoirleach,
Municipal District of Donegal**



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

Municipal District of Donegal

8th October 2019

Housing & Corporate

REPORT

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9. Lease & Repair Scheme Summary

Property Code	Area	BED	Dwelling Vacated	Current Status
100100	Ballintra	3	Legal issues etc - Keys received on June 1st 2018	Technical option appraisal re costs
100102	Ballintra	1	Keys returned 09/05/2018	Application for funding submitted
100103	Ballintra	1	Tenant Deceased on 10/6/2019	referred for assessment
107020	Ballyshannon	3	21/12/2017	offered and refused (Currently On Offer)
107021	Ballyshannon	3	Keys returned by tenant 12/11/18	Application for funding submitted
107200	Ballyshannon	3	Tenant Deceased - Mar 2018	Application for funding submitted
107212	Ballyshannon	3	29/07/2019	referred for assessment
107035	Ballyshannon	3	30/04/2018	Application for funding submitted
100160	Ballyshannon	3	08/07/2019	Assessment completed - Full refurbishment required.
150017	Bundoran	2	Tenant in long-term residential care - 01/03/2019	Contract out to Tender
150062	Bundoran	3	15-Apr-2019	Contract out to Tender
150098	Bundoran	3	Tenant returned the keys on 07/02/2019	Contract out to Tender
100321	Donegal	1	Tenant deceased - keys returned 28/06/2018	Application for funding submitted
108165	Donegal Town	3	28/08/2019	to be referred for assessment 29/8/2019
100294	Donegal Town	1	Tenant deceased 7/7/2019	referred for assessment
108175	Donegal Town	4	08/07/2019	referred for assessment
100687	Dunkineely	3	25/08/2017	Application for funding submitted
100691	Dunkineely	3	15/12/2017	Application for funding submitted
100698	Dunkineely	1	15/04/2019	Works complete - Offer will issue in October 2019
109362	Frosses	2	29/07/2019	Works to be completed in October 2019
100868	Killybegs	1	Temporary tenancy expired 19th Nov	Application for funding submitted
100843	Killybegs	3	Key returned 2/5/19	Referred for inspection
100364	Pettigo	1	Tenant deceased - 13/3/2017	Application for funding submitted
100343	Pettigo	1	Tenant deceased on 23/5/2019	referred for assessment
100356	Pettigo	1	13/08/2019	Works complete - Offer will issue in October 2019

Position as at 25th September 2019

HOUSING GRANTS

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED \ INVALID	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HO	2018	74	62	10	0	2
HO	2019	53	26	8	2	17

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED \ INVALID	REAPPLIED UNDER HM GRANT	FURTHER INFO.	REF. TO OT	REF. To ENGINEER	PENDING
HD	2018	62	22	27	1	0	0	0	12
HD	2019	36	6	4	3	2	2	0	19

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED \ INVALID	REAPPLIED UNDER HD GRANT	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HM	2018	2	1	0	1	0	0
HM	2019	36	7	4	1	4	20

HOUSING LOANS

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	PENDING	Further information
Housing Loans	2018	12	0	3	9	0	
Housing Loans	2019	12	1	0	7	2	2

Tenant Purchase Applications 2018 - 2019

Year	No. of Apps Received	Incomplete Returned	Open Applications	Refused/ Not Eligible	Offer letters Issued	Completed
2018	9	0	0	1	8	3
2019	8	1	7	0	1	0

**Housing Capital Update Report
Donegal Municipal District Meeting
10th October 2019**

1. Social Housing Developments – Construction Schemes

Donegal County Council is currently progressing the following Social Housing developments within the Donegal Municipal District:

Location	Status	No. of Units
Construction Stage		
Donegal Town	Construction works ongoing onsite.	24
Killybegs	Commenced on-site September 2018. Proposed completion date Q4 2019.	9
Sub Total		33
Design Stage		
Donegal Town Phase 3	Preliminary Design	23
Bundoran Phase 1	Preliminary Design	39
Sub Total		62

In tandem with the above construction programme, the Council is actively pursuing the acquisition of lands suitable for housing purposes, in towns and villages where there is currently not a social housing solution available. In this regard, the Council has identified suitable lands in Ballyshannon which are currently at contract land conveyance stage.

2. House Acquisition Programme

Donegal County Council has acquired, or is in the process of acquiring, properties under the House Acquisition Programme. In the Donegal Municipal District during 2018-2019, 2 properties were purchased under this programme. Additionally there are 6 property acquisitions currently in progress, with further acquisitions planned.

Improvement works are carried out to previously owned acquired properties to provide high quality, sustainable homes to individuals and families throughout the county.

2. Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition

Donegal County Council initiated a turnkey acquisition public procurement process in early 2018 seeking to acquire social housing through turnkey acquisition developments. A competitive dialogue procurement process is being utilised enabling the Council to negotiate on all aspects of proposed projects including design, cost and delivery timescale. This process requested submissions for a total of 17 towns across the county with the aim of obtaining accelerated delivery of social housing. Proposals were sought from Developers in a position to deliver (i) completed units, (ii) units under construction and (iii) units to be constructed on suitable sites, within a reasonable timescale.

The Council received a significant response to this process. Submitted proposals have been assessed at appropriate stages and remaining valid proposals are being worked through for the following towns in Donegal Municipal District:

Donegal Town Ballyshannon

It should be noted that multiple submissions have been received from some towns and the Council is continuing to dialogue with developers in relation to valid submissions in the above towns with the aim of progressing these turnkey proposals to approval stage.

3. Approved Housing Bodies Developments - Donegal Municipal District

Funding Programme	Scheme/Project Name	No. of Units	Approved Housing Body	Current Status
Construction	Drumrooske, Donegal Town	10	Oaklee	Construction works ongoing as part of overall housing development at Drumrooske.

HAP/PRD

HAP Tenancies	
Municipal District	Number
Donegal	240
Letterkenny	706
Glenties	137
Stranorlar	269
Inishowen	420
Sub Total	1772
Tenancies Closed	1324
Overall Total	3096

Private Rented Dwelling Inspections (MDD) to 27/09/2019

270

Municipal District	Waiting List (Net Need)	Transfer List	Total Gross Need
Donegal	152	212	364
Ballintra	2	4	6
Ballyshannon	26	41	67
Bruckless	4	4	8
Bundoran	23	42	65
Carrick	3	1	4
Donegal	55	87	142
Drimarone	2	0	2
Dunkineely	3	2	5
Frosses	3	2	5
Glencolmcille	0	0	0
Inver	0	1	1
Kilcar	1	2	3
Killybegs	15	16	31
Laghey	4	5	9
Mountcharles	9	4	13
Pettigo	2	1	3
Total	152	212	364

Lease & Repair Scheme Summary

	Applications					
MD	Received	No. of Units	Awaiting assessment	Rejected	Progressing	Total
Inishowen	15	18	0	15	0	15
Donegal	14	38	1	13	0	14
Glenties	15	15	0	15	0	15
Letterkenny	20	25	5	15	0	20
Stranorlar	15	31	5	10	0	15
Total	79	127	11	68	0	79

Updated 24/09/2019

**Donegal Municipal District
2019 Roadworks Programme
Status Report - 8th October 2019**

Donegal Municipal District

2019 Regional & Local Road Restoration Maintenance Programme

Regional Roads Restoration Maintenance - Budget €165,591.52

No	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Year	Length (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)	Status
1	R	R262/5	Frosses - Glenties (Meenagran)	14	2019	500	2875	€14,671.54	Completed
2	R	R263-16	Malinmore malinbeg	15	2019	800	3600	€19,800.00	Completed
3	R	R230-4	Braidge	15	2019	1000	4000	€22,000.00	Completed
4	R	R263-12	Lime kill towards Meenaveen	15	2019	750	5250	€27,572.86	Completed
5	R	R231-3	Rossnowlagh Rd	16	2019	900	6300	€34,958.12	Completed
6	R	R267-1	Drumgowan	17	2019	250	3250	€18,065.00	Completed
7	R	R233	Lough Derg Rd	17	2019	1000	5200	€28,524.00	Completed
Total								€165,591.52	

Local Roads Restoration Maintenance - Budget €555,868.91

No	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Year	Length (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)	Status
1	LP	LP1895-1	Beef Park - Medical Centre Mtcharles	14	2019	1200	6000	€27,000.00	Completed
2	LP	LP2615-1	Mtcharles Town To The Bypass	14	2019	660	3960	€17,820.00	Completed
3	LP	LP1515-5	Ardaghey - Ardara	14	2019	800	4400	€19,800.00	Completed
4	LP	LP1685-1	Frosses - Drumbarron	14	2019	800	3000	€13,500.00	Completed
5	LP	LP1645-4	Doorin Line, Leonards C/R - Phonebox	14	2019	1380	5796	€26,082.00	Completed
6	LP	LP1395-5	Thower	14	2019	850	3188	€14,343.75	Completed
7	LP	LP1535-4	Drumfinn - Castleogary	14	2019	650	2080	€9,360.00	Completed
8	LP/LS	LP1645-3	Munteemes - Drumcoe	14	2019	750	2813	€12,444.75	Completed
9	LP	LP-1385-1	Gilbertstown	15	2019	1000	3,000	€13,500.00	Completed
10	LP	LP-1185-1	Cougish school	15	2019	1000	3,000	€13,500.00	Completed
11	LP	LP-1125-2	Meenaneary	15	2019	850	5,525	€24,800.00	Completed
12	LP	LP-1025-1	Malinmore	15	2019	950	3,800	€17,100.00	Completed
13	LP	LP-1045-1	Sliabh Liag	15	2019	500	3,000	€13,500.00	Completed
14	LP	LP-1215-1	Towney	15	2019	1000	3,000	€13,500.00	Completed
15	LP	LP1315-2	Faiafannan- Carricknamoghill	15	2019	500	2,500	€13,576.38	Completed
16	LP	LP- 1395-1	Meenabrock-Croagh	15	2019	800	3,600	€16,190.00	Completed
17	LP	L2225-4	Rushen	16	2019	1600	5,120	€23,040.00	Completed
18	LP	L2485	Knader	16	2019	1550	7,750	€34,875.00	Completed
19	LS	L7715-1	Kildoney	16	2019	1600	4,800	€21,600.00	Completed
20	LS	L7385-1-	Ballymagorty Scotch	16	2019	600	1,920	€8,640.00	Completed
21	LS	L7435-1	Ballinacarrick	16	2019	1000	3,200	€14,400.00	Completed
22	LS	L7835-1	Corlea-Derrykillew	16	2019	1600	5,120	€23,040.00	Completed
23	LT	L76751	Cashel	16	2019	1000	3,000	€13,946.02	Completed
24	LP	L2185-1	Lismintan	17	2019	500	2,500	€11,250.00	Completed
25	LP	L2095-3	Ballykillowen	17	2019	500	2,000	€9,000.00	Completed
26	LP	L2175-1	Drumaneel	17	2019	800	5,000	€22,500.00	Completed
27	LP	L2165-1	Drumnacroil	17	2019	750	2,625	€11,812.50	Completed
28	LS	L6725-2	Drumgowan	17	2019	900	3,150	€14,175.00	Completed
29	LS	L6785-1	Cuilly	17	2019	500	1,700	€7,650.00	Completed
30	LS	L6695-1	Rarooley	17	2019	700	4,200	€18,900.00	Completed
31	LS	L6565-1	Clogher	17	2019	850	4,675	€21,037.50	Completed
32	LS	L6535-1	Spiertown	17	2019	500	1,750	€7,875.00	Completed
33	LS	L6525-1	Clardrumnaghan	17	2019	400	1,800	€8,138.20	Completed
34	LT	L80451-2	Drumnowark	17	2019	1200	3,960	€17,972.81	Completed
Total								€555,868.91	

Donegal Municipal District

2019 Agreed Restoration Improvement Programme

2019

Regional Roads

No	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Length (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)	Status
1	R	R-262-2	Frosses - Gargrim	14 - Dunkineely	600	3,600	€77,000.00	Completed
2	R & LP	R-263 & LP	Killybegs Streets (Various locations)	15 - Killybegs	500	3,000	€88,000.00	
3	R	R-263-7	Leitir, Kilcar	15 - Killybegs	400	2,100	€65,000.00	Completed
4	R	R-263-5	Largysillagh (Kitty Kellys)	15 - Killybegs	250	2,250	€58,000.00	Started
5	R & LP	R-263, LP 1215	Kilcar Streets	15 - Killybegs	250	1,500	€50,000.00	Started
6	R	R-263-10	Carrick- Meenavean	15 - Killybegs	500	3,500	€58,166.78	Completed
7	R	R267	Ballyshannon Streets	16 - Ballyshannon	600	4000	€160,000.00	
8	R	R267-7	Finner Roundabout	16 - Ballyshannon		1800	€40,778.68	Completed
9	R	R233-2	Lough Derg Rd	17 - Laghey	1000	4700	€77,550.00	
10	R	R267-3	Donegal Town Streets	17 - Laghey	300	2000	€40,000.00	
11	R	R232	Pettigo Rd	17 - Laghey	430	2500	€50,310.00	Completed
12	R	R232	Laghey Street	17 - Laghey	130	1170	€28,000.00	Completed
							€792,805.46	

2019

Local Roads

No	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Length (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)	Status
1	LS	L-6575/1	Summerhill - Ballyboyle	14 - Dunkineely	1500	6,000	€66,000.00	Completed
2	LS	L-6435-1	Tullinagreena - Orbeg (In The Farmer)	14 - Dunkineely	850	2,550	€33,000.00	Completed
3	LP	L-1845-4	Doonan - Ballydevitt	14 - Dunkineely	530	3,445	€70,000.00	Completed
4	LP	L-6445-2	Newtown - Ballydevitt	14 - Dunkineely	1000	3,250	€48,750.00	Completed
5	LT	L18251	Owenboy - Meenataggart	14 - Dunkineely	1050	3,150	€44,800.00	Completed
6	LP	L-1575-2	Keeloges - Killian	14 - Dunkineely	1000	3,000	€45,000.00	Completed
7	LS	L-5835/1	Drumletterfinn - Altcor	14 - Dunkineely	1000	3,000	€45,090.00	Completed
8	LP	L-1515/5	Ardaghey - Ardara (Patching)	14 - Dunkineely	500	4,800	€40,000.00	Completed
9	LP	L-1445/1/2	Ballybodonnell - Ballyederland St JnPt	14 - Dunkineely	1000	3,000	€45,000.00	Completed
10	LS	L-6115-1	Drumbeagh - Drumkeelan (N McGroart)	14 - Dunkineely	1000	3,250	€48,750.00	Completed
11	LP	L-1875-1	Station Road Mountcharles	14 - Dunkineely	750	3,250	€81,538.24	Completed
12	LP	LP-1825-1	Meenatagart - Altילו	14 - Dunkineely	1000	3,200	€44,540.00	Completed
13	LP	LP- 1315-3	Carrickmamohill	15 - Killybegs	800	3,200	€51,000.00	Completed
14	LS	LS-5635-2	Corkermore	15 - Killybegs	800	2,400	€40,000.00	Completed
15	LP	LP-1025-2	Meenavean - Malinmore	15 - Killybegs	700	3,500	€51,000.00	Completed
16	LP	L-1125-2	Meenaneary - Carrick	15 - Killybegs	550	2,750	€50,000.00	Completed
17	LS	L-5235-2	Drumreagh - Kilcar	15 - Killybegs	800	2,200	€33,000.00	Completed
18	LS	L-5285-1	Ballymoon - Crowmarudda	15 - Killybegs	600	1,100	€25,000.00	Completed
19	LP/LT	L-1095-2	Carrick back lane & cottages	15 - Killybegs	250	1,500	€53,000.00	Completed
20	LP	L-1175-1	Kilcar - Kilbeg	15 - Killybegs	650	3,100	€50,000.00	Completed
21	LS	L-5551-1	Tullaghacullion (Saltbarn)	15 - Killybegs	140	840	€22,518.00	Completed
22	LS	L-5565-1	Gilbertstown	15 - Killybegs	500	1,500	€24,000.00	Completed
24	LS	LS7885-1	Rathmore	16 - Ballyshannon	900	2700	€37,800.00	Completed
25	L	L7965-1	Clontyseer 3 patches	16 - Ballyshannon	470	1645	€23,200.00	Started
26	LP	LP2175-1	Ballintra Streets	16 - Ballyshannon			€35,000.00	
27	LS/LP	LS7755-1 /LP2375-1	Behy-Cavancarden	16 - Ballyshannon	600	1980	€25,740.00	Completed
28	LS	L7775-2	Ardgillew	16 - Ballyshannon	400	1600	€20,800.00	Completed
29	LS	LS7245-1	Glasbolie	16 - Ballyshannon	1300	4290	€63,972.00	Completed
30	LS	L7195-1	Killinangle	16 - Ballyshannon	1300	4290	€53,625.00	Completed
31	LT	L22751	Durnish	16 - Ballyshannon	800	2640	€36,830.00	Completed
32	LS	L7115-1	Drumlongfield	16 - Ballyshannon	1100	3300	€42,900.00	Completed
33	LS	L7745-1	Tullymore	16 - Ballyshannon	1000	3300	€42,900.00	Completed
34	LT	LT22151	White Rock	16 - Ballyshannon	1000	3300	€42,900.00	Completed
35	LS	L7655-2	Cashel	16 - Ballyshannon	1200	3600	€46,800.00	Completed
36	LP	L2225-4	Rushen	16 - Ballyshannon	900	2880	€48,960.00	Completed
37	LP	L2265-1	Tamlagh	17 - Laghey	1300	5200	€67,600.00	Completed
38	LS	LS6985-1	Drummus Glebe	17 - Laghey	900	3150	€40,950.00	Completed
39	LS	LS6765-1	Tullyloskan	17 - Laghey	1200	4200	€54,600.00	Completed
40	LP	LP1915-2	Drumrook West (Killymard Road)	17 - Laghey	950	5225	€70,537.50	Started
41	LP	LP2095-3	Ballykillowen	17 - Laghey	1000	4500	€58,500.00	Completed
42	LP	LP2185-1	Ballintra Chapel	17 - Laghey	120	720	€20,160.00	Started
43	LP	LP1945-2	Lough Eske Demesne	17 - Laghey	700	3290	€56,700.00	Completed
44	LP	LP1955-2	Lough Eske Demesne	17 - Laghey	900	4500	€60,750.00	Completed
45	LS	L6675-1	Tully - Old laghey Road	17 - Laghey	500	3000	€75,000.00	Started
46	LS	LS6765-2	Cuilly	17 - Laghey	500	1750	€22,750.00	Completed
47	LP	LP2095-5	Leghawny	17 - Laghey	770	3465	€46,975.68	Completed
48	LP	LP1995-2	Drumlaght	17 - Laghey	500	1750	€23,663.00	Completed
							€2,131,599.42	

Donegal Municipal District							
2019 Local Improvement Scheme Priority List							
RSS Area	Budget	No	LIS No	Cost Estimate	Total	Local Contribution paid	Status
14		1	170002	€25,344.00	€65,334.00	Yes	Completed
		2	170263	€21,037.00		Yes	Completed
		3	170867	€18,953.00		Yes	Completed
15		4	170689	€33,000.00	€44,550.00	Yes	Completed
		5	170218	€11,550.00		Yes	Completed
16		6	180086	€11,000.00	€11,000.00	Yes	Completed
17		7	180080	€16,500.00	€33,748.00	Yes	Completed
		8	170173	€17,248.00		Yes	Completed
Total	€153,452.84				€154,632.00		

2019 Safety Improvement Works

No	Road Number	Description	Engineering Area	Location	Estimated Cost of work (EURO)	Status
1	N15	Vision line improvement works at junction of N15 with L7145-2 at Drumnacroil, Ballintra	17	Laghey	€ 30,000.00	Started

Donegal Municipal District

3 year Footpath Repair and Public Lighting Infill Works Programme (2018 -2020)

2018 Footpath Repair Works - Budget €149,438.00			
RSS Area	Location, Town	Actual Budget received to date	Status
15 Killybegs	Killybegs	€15,568.00	Works commenced 85% completed
14 Ardaghey	Mountcharles	€5,729.00	
17 Donegal	Donegal Town	€32,897.00	Works commenced 70% completed
16 Ballyshannon	Ballyshannon	€95,244.00	Works commenced 80% completed
	Total	€149,438.00	

2019 Footpath Repair Works – Budget €132,800.00			
RSS Area	Location, Town	Amount	Status
14 Dunkineely	Mountcharles	€16,600.00	
	Frosses	€16,600.00	
15 Killybegs	Killybegs	€16,600.00	
	Glencolumbkille	€8,300.00	
	Carrick	€8,300.00	
16 Ballyshannon	Ballyshannon	€16,600.00	
	Bundoran	€16,600.00	
17 Donegal	Donegal Town	€16,600.00	
	Laghey	€8,300.00	
	Pettigo	€8,300.00	
	Total	€132,800.00	

2018 Public lighting infill works			
RSS Area	Location Town	Actual Budget received to date	Status
All areas	Priority list agreed - waiting on cost estimates	€16,600.00	Waiting on prices from Airtricity

2018 Public Lighting Infill Works - Budget €16,600.00			
RSS Area	Location, Town	Amount	Status
All areas	Priority list agreed - waiting on cost estimates	€33,200.00	Waiting on prices from Airtricity

Donegal Municipal District

Agreed list of projects to be funded from the 2019 Drainage Grant

County Budget	€1,348,500.00
Donegal MD %	20.68%
Donegal MD Budget	€278,923.74

Area	Job No	Budget	Description of Works	Road No.	Estimated Cost €	Area totals	Status		
14	1	€65,760.00	Drainage between Ballydevitt Crossroads and The Ambulance Center, (Mullans, Doonan)	LP1845/4	€31,760.00	€65,760.00	Completed		
	2		Upgrade Road Crossing to 750mm S&S Pipe at Disert, Drimarone (Flooding)	L6015/1	€6,000.00		Completed		
	3		Drainage at Keeloges, Inver. (Billy Cassidys), Up Grade Stone Culvert to S&S Pipe	LP1575/2	€7,500.00		Completed		
	4		Drainage at Keeloges, (Jim Lesleys) Inver. Pipe Roadside Drain with 300mm Twinwall	LP1575/1	€5,000.00				
	5		Drainage at Port Inver, (Jordans) Pipe roadside drain with 300mm pipe and provide gullies	LP1535/1	€7,500.00				
	6		Drainage at Summerhill, Pipe roadside drain with 300mm dia twinwall	LS6575/1	€8,000.00		Completed		
15	7	€68,546.00	Drainage works Crove - pipe sections of existing drain to prevent damage of road edge.	R-230	€18,260.00	€68,546.00	Started		
	8		New drainage works from chapel towards junction Drumfinnagle Kilcar	R-263	€25,000.00		Started		
	9		Drainage works Croagh - Repair/replace damaged pipe, extend existing pipe & provide gullies	L-1395-2	€7,000.00		Completed		
	10		Mc Cauls Croaghbeg (install new drainage with solve flooding issue on public road.	L-1215-4	€10,000.00		Completed		
	11		Loughraherk/Meenasillagh upgrade drainage system.	L-5015-2	€8,286.00				
16	12	€68,883.00	Tully - Station Road Ballyshannon - raise a 60m section of road and resurface	LS-7965-1	€8,000.00	€68,883.00			
	13		Rushen - Raise a 50m section of road and place new road crossing	LP-2225-6	€12,000.00		Completed		
	14		Garvanagh - Place new drainage system	LS-7615-2	€12,000.00				
	15		Rossnowlagh - Place drainage system to collect water rising in middle of road to the Sandhouse	LP-2295-1	€6,883.00		Completed		
	16		Laclom - Clean stream and strengthen roadside currently being undermined by stream	LP-7115-2	€22,000.00		Completed		
	17		Ballintra - Replace road crossing and reopen drains	LP-7155	€10,000.00		Change		
	18		Drumrooske East - Install new road crossing to address existing flooding.	LP - 1935-2	€3,000.00		Completed		
17	19	€75,734.00	Mullins - repair existing storm drain and place protection slab	LP-1925-2	€3,734.00	€75,734.00	Completed		
	20		Tullyearl (Taylors) - Replace existing crossing, raise the road and resurface.	LP-2035-1	€24,400.00		Started		
	21		Cullionboy - Replace/upsized existing road crossing	LP - 1985-1	€10,000.00		Completed		
	22		Carrick West - Raise road level and install new drainage system to alleviate flooding.	LP-2145-2	€20,600.00		Started		
	23		Haugh - Install new road side drain to collect water from draining off lands higher than road level.	LP-1945	€6,000.00		Completed		
	24		Drumgowan Road - Install new road crossing to address existing flooding.	LS-6715-1	€2,500.00		Completed		
	25		Tullyearl - Install new road crossing to address existing flooding.	LT-67251	€2,500.00		Completed		
	26		Shannagh - Install new road crossing to address existing flooding.	L P-2185-4	€3,000.00		Completed		
				€278,923.00	TOTAL			€278,923.00	

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Specific Improvement Grant

No	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Budget (EURO)	Status
1	Regional	R232	Laghey to Pettigo	17	€500,000.00	Started
2	Regional	R232	Laghey to Pettigo (Additional Funding)	17	€300,000.00	Started

Donegal MD Community Involvement Schemes

2019 Agreed priority list

Works Type: General (G), Drainage (D) and Pavement Works (P-RP, P-SR, P-SO, P-RR), Footpaths (F)

Project No	Road Number	RSS Area	Road Name	Works Type Code	Overall Cost of work	% LC	LC	WIL	Status
98	L-18151-0	14	Letterfad Bog Road Clogher, Letterbarrow	G D	€22,500.00	30.00%	€0.00	€6,750.00	Completed
148	L-1305-3	15	The Hill Chapel Lane, Killybegs	G, D, P	€20,000.00	15.00%	€3,000.00	€0.00	Started
223	R-231-0	16	Rossnowlagh Link Road Coolcholly	G, F	€101,331.03	15.00%	€15,199.66	€0.00	Started
97	L-66651-0	17	Drumadoney Road Drumadoney	G, D, P	€18,944.00	15.00%	€2,841.60	€0.00	Completed
101	L-1952-2	17	Lough Eske Road Gortloskey and Drumrooske West	G, D, F	€240,765.00	33.33%	€0.00	€80,255.00	

Priority list agreed by Councillors at MD meeting held on 14.05.19



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Municipal District of Donegal

8th October 2019

Tourism Unit

Economic Directorate

REPORT

1. Marine Tourism Officer Update
2. Community Tourism Officer Update
3. Project Officer Update



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Donegal

Marine Tourism
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Electoral Area: Donegal

Marine Tourism Marketing & Development Activity Report

Activity / Project Title	Marine Tourism Marketing & Development
Project Description/Activity	Various Marine Tourism Projects
Budget (if applicable)	N/A
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 3 - inclusive of current status	<p>Donegal Marine Tourism Conference 2019</p> <p>Donegal Marine Tourism Conference 2019 took place in the Redcastle Oceanfront Hotel on Thursday and Friday, 5th and 6th September 2019. Over 100 people attended the two-day conference which was hosted by Donegal County Council and Donegal Tourism CLG and funded under the EU funded CAPITEN project. The diverse range of speakers included renowned marine biologist and wildlife cameraman Doug Allan.</p> <p>Doug Allan enthralled the audience with fascinating stories, photography and film clips on tracking polar bears and getting up close and personal with killer whales and leopard seals. He concluded his presentation with a stark insight to the effects of climate change particularly at the poles where he has witnessed firsthand the effects of the change in sea ice cover on the populations of animals north and south and shared his insight on how best to develop marine tourism in Donegal in a sustainable and responsible way.</p>

Seamus Neely reflected on the progress made in the tourism product in Donegal and how the Wild Atlantic Way has delivered for Donegal including major investment in key visitor attractions such as Sliabh Liag, Malin Head and Fanad Lighthouse. He also acknowledged that the Donegal brand is a strong brand and that the focused approach to marketing Donegal has allowed the county to punch above its weight by pooling resources and achieving greater impact in the marketplace.

The availability of the necessary skills to deliver a world class experience for our visitors has and continues to be a key priority in growing the sector in Donegal and Seamus Neely acknowledged the fullest support from various partner organisations including Fáilte Ireland, LYIT and Donegal ETB.

Inishowen native and local entrepreneur William McElhinney from Wild Strands Caife shared his story of setting up his own family business and of his passion for seaweed. He talked about his journey which has seen him open-up an experiential Caife in Malin Head based on seaweed and devised around local organic produce.

Other speakers included Joan Crawford and Mark Rowlette from Fáilte Ireland, Dr. Peter Bolan from Ulster University, Dr. Stephen Hynes from NUI Galway, Peter Grogan from Emagine Media and Cormac McDonnell from Sport Ireland. While Trish Hegarty from Inis Communications, Kate Burns, Marine and Rural Resources expert, Dr. Margaret Rae from Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance and Gwénael Le Maguer from Université Bretagne Sud also spoke at the conference.

There were over 12 exhibitors from a variety of organisations including the North West Regional Assembly.

Leas Chathaoirleach of Donegal County Council Cllr. Niamh Kennedy provided a welcoming address to the conference while Garry Martin, Director of Service with Donegal County Council acted as MC.





Marine Tourism Virtual Reality Project - CAPITEN

- Virtual Reality cardboard goggles have been produced and will be distributed at promotional events and trade shows such as Milwaukee Irish Fest in 2020.
- A taster of the VR experience at Fanad Head was showcased at the Donegal Marine Tourism Conference using the cardboard VR Goggles. This was a sample of the films that are being produced by Emagine.ie
- Production of the VR films showcasing our signature discovery points on the Wild Atlantic Way and a range of marine activities is ongoing.
- The successful company doing this work is Emagine.ie, and award-winning creative agency, specialists in Digital Content: Brand, Web, Video & VR.
- VR equipment will be purchased as part of the CAPITEN project once the film footage is completed.
- Emagine.ie are working with local stakeholders in each of the three regions to develop an authentic localised script and local people will provide the voiceover for the films.

CAPITEN

- 15 maritime themed festivals and events have successfully been issued with letters of offer for funding under CAPITEN.
- A website for the CAPITEN project has been launched at www.capiten.eu
- Donegal County Council has completed the Marketing Plan for the festivals and events element of the project.
- Donegal County Council has produced a suite of tools for partners to use when dealing with maritime festivals and events in their regions including templates for 'calls for funding, post event reports, attendee surveys and

reporting to the EU'.



MalinWaters

- 19 festivals and events in partner regions have been successfully issued with funding via MalinWaters.
- MalinWaters now has 16,600 likes on Facebook and 1017 followers on Twitter. 57% male and 42% female.
- Top markets on social media - US, Ireland, UK, France and Germany.
- Welcome Anchorages 2020 will again feature all marinas, pontoons and sailing facilities in Donegal.

WAOH! Route Project

- In the framework of the WILDSEA Atlantic Ocean Heritage (WAOH!) Route, the Project Partners (amongst which Donegal County Council) have produced the Blue Adventure Box - a "gift box" that will be commercialized in 2019-2020 including some of the best coastal & marine ecotourism activities & experiences offered along the Route's destinations (Portimao, Sesimbra, Cascais, Galicia, Cornwall and Donegal in Portugal, Spain, UK and Ireland, respectively) in Atlantic Europe, and complimentary visits to maritime museums in each destination. For Donegal this Blue Adventure Box including diving and other maritime experiences plus promotion of attractions such as Inishowen Maritime Museum and Fanad Lighthouse. This will be launched at the DIVE 2019 event in Birmingham in October 2019.
- Green Traveller came to Donegal in June 2019 and completed a successful social media campaign. They did a social media takeover on the Wildsea Europe networks, wrote blog and news article content and provided video and film content about maritime experiences in Donegal. This was also shared across the Go Visit Donegal marketing channels and delivered very positive reach and engagement with the audience.
- Advertisements have been placed in Scuba Magazine promoting diving in Donegal and our presence at DIVE 2019 in the NEC, Birmingham.

<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarter 4 2019 reporting period</p>	<p>Wildsea Europe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those listed on the website www.wildsea.eu have reported receiving bookings for their businesses so it is important to continue to provide training and support for SME's and to continue to support the marketing activities to increase traffic and bookings on the website. • A meeting of the Wildsea Europe Board of Directors is due to take place in Porto in November 2019. <p>MalinWaters Marketing Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing activity is ongoing to promote www.malinwaters.com across a variety of marketing channels. Further activities to promote the MalinWaters brand across a range of marketing platforms including e-mail, display, PPC, content, SEO and more will be ongoing in quarter 4. <p>CAPITEN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work will continue on the development of new VR footage focused on maritime experiences. • The next meeting of the CAPITEN partners will take place in November 2019 in Limerick. • A financial and technical report and claim will be completed by the end of September 2019. <p>Marine Tourism Newsletter</p> <p>Further updates will be sent out to over 200 marine tourism contacts via the e-mail newsletter including details of any funding calls for maritime festivals and events and any other opportunities that may arise.</p> <p>Blueway Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A representative from the Donegal Tourism Unit team will attend the Blueway Developers workshop on 1st October 2019. • The purpose of the workshop is to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Create an opportunity for Blueway developers to meet each other ➢ Update all on the Blueway Accreditation process, ➢ Get an update from all developers on projects
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Discuss some of the issues that developers are facing and ➤ Visit the Suir Blueway in Clonmel and hear its story so far <p>WAOH! Route - DIVE 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through the WAOH! Route project Donegal County Council will be taking a promotional stand at the DIVE 2019 trade show event in Birmingham. • Donegal County Council will be giving a presentation at the DIVE show promoting diving in Donegal and the new Blue Box Adventures initiative.
<p>Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i></p>	<p>Joy Harron Marine Tourism Officer Donegal County Council Donegal Public Service Centre Drumlonagher Donegal Town Co. Donegal</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="font-size: small;"> <p>Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall Donegal County Council</p> </div>  </div> <p>Tel: + 353 (74) 9724431 Mobile: +353 (87) 0619360 E-mail: joyharron@donegalcoco.ie LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/in/joyharron</p>



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Municipal District: Countywide

Activity / Project Update: 24th September 2019

Activity / Project Title	Website updates - Go Visit Donegal Donegal Gathering
Project Description/Activity	Go Visit Donegal GoVisitDonegal.com is County Donegal's Tourism Destination portal. The Go Visit Donegal website provides information on accommodation, festivals and events, visitor attractions, blue flag beaches and travel information. The website is free for service providers to register and promote their business. Donegal Gathering – this platform is not only for professional acts but goes right down to the community level providing local festival & events organisers with the opportunity to promote their events free of charge on the www.donegalgathering.com website to reach local, national and international audiences.
Budget (if applicable)	N/A
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	Go Visit Donegal: Year-to-Date website performance Website Views Year to Date: 76,281 Users Year to Date: 60,301 Website views Q3: 202,765 Users Q3: 32,964 Website performance has significantly increased in Q3 2019 compared to the same period last year: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Users up 50%- New Users up 50%- Sessions up 63%

- Number of sessions per user up 8.75%
- Page views up 61.25%
- Avg. Session duration up 6.35%
- Bounce rate down 7.6%

Website traffic came from **123 countries** worldwide – Year to Date

Top 10 countries:

1. Ireland
2. United Kingdom
3. United States
4. Germany
5. Canada
6. France
7. Netherlands
8. Australia
9. Italy
10. Spain

- Two website training sessions for providers in Inishowen took place in Buncrana on the 3rd July 2019 and were attended by 16 people;
- Four video tutorials have been produced and circulated to our database of providers on 9th July 2019 – these videos together with detailed information on how to get listed on the Go Visit Donegal website and manage an account is available in the Trade Section of the website:
<https://www.govisitdonegal.com/trade-resources/register-your-business>
- Further 2 workshops for providers in West Donegal are taking place on Wednesday, 25th September in the Adult & Further Education Centre in Gortahork ;
- another 2 sessions are planned for South Donegal in the coming weeks;

Donegal Gathering: Year-to-Date website performance

Donegal Gathering website is currently in its last month of staying live. In October, the website will be redirected to the Festivals & Events section of the Go Visit Donegal site.

Details on how to get the event listed on the website are available in the 'Trade Resources' section which can be found in the footer of the website.

Link: <https://www.govisitdonegal.com/trade-resources>

Two calls have gone out recently to Festival Organisers in the County incl.

- call for submissions of Halloween and Christmas events;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - call for submission of 2020 festival dates – all the events have now been updated and are already live on the website;
Project Targets for the next reporting period	Go Visit Donegal –website activity update
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	<p>Iga Lawne, Community Tourism Officer Tourism Unit, Donegal County Council E: igalawne@donegalcoco.ie / info@govisitdonegal.com T: 074-972 4475</p>



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Municipal District: Donegal

Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Connect/Donegal Tourism Unit/Development Hubs/Donegal Gathering
Project Description/Activity	<p>Donegal Connect:</p> <p>Background</p> <p>Donegal Connect aims to attract our Donegal Diaspora back to the County for a 10 day celebration (27th September to 6th October). Through reconnecting with our Diaspora we aim to create new opportunities for investment, business development and employment. The primary message that Donegal Connect wants to communicate is that Donegal has lots of employment opportunities, investment opportunities and offers a superb quality of life. The steering group is made of public, private and voluntary representatives.</p> <p>A host of events took place over the 10 days. For more information on Donegal Connect, www.donegalconnect.com or on Facebook/Twitter and Instagram.</p> <hr/> <p>Boot Dusseldorf 2020 : Preparations and registration for Boot Dusseldorf – Jan 2020</p>

Day of Unity – German Embassy

We will be representing and promoting Donegal at the German Embassy on Friday 4th October.

Donegal Gathering Website/Social Media:

Update events on all platforms

Donegal Tourism Brochure 2020: We have started work on updating our 2020 Tourism Brochure and will engage with all providers over the coming weeks.

Enterprise Awards /Foodie Destination Awards, Donegal Town:

The closing date for the Enterprise Town Awards has now passed and an application from Donegal Town has been submitted. Judging for the Enterprise Town Awards will take place on the **3rd October at 2pm – venue is Donegal Bay Waterbus.**

Donegal Town – Foodie Town – members from Donegal Chamber and local food providers and traders attended the September Municipal District meeting to give a verbal presentation on the award. All members congratulated all involved.



Budget (if applicable)

€ Work under the relevant Tourism budget/project budgets

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

Donegal Connect:
Working on all the events over the 10 days and follow up publicity.

Donegal Town – Development Hub:

- Work with Donegal Chamber on the Enterprise Town Awards
- Foodie Destination Award – Donegal Town
- Continue to work with Donegal Community Chamber on its annual calendar of events
- Continue to work alongside Donegal Town Business Focus Group on its retail strategy

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Sliabh Liag:

- Work with the company on the final snagging for the completion of the Interpretation Strategy for Sliabh Liag
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Donegal Gathering – continue to update all platforms

Boot Dusseldorf 2019 – follow up connections from this exhibition and engagement with tour operators and media. Put arrangements in place for Boot Dusseldorf 2020.

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ENVIRONMENT MD REPORT – October '19

WASTE AND LITTER MANAGEMENT

Municipal District: All

Activity / Project Title	Bonfire Night - Bonfires can cause serious damage to the environment and our health
Project Description/Activity	<p>Halloween can be a lot of fun especially for our children and young people and while we want everyone to have an enjoyable time, it is the time of year when we ask the community to remember that bonfires can cause serious damage and injuries both to our environment and to our health.</p> <p>Bonfires can also very often be built close to houses and other property and can cause serious damage and injuries particularly where the burning of highly combustible materials is taking place.</p> <p>In the lead up to Halloween, Donegal County Council is asking local communities not to provide materials for bonfires. Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer with the Council states that, "While traditionally wood and straw were used on bonfires in recent times materials such as tyres, mattresses, furniture, plastics, metal etc. are burned on bonfires. This type of activity is illegal. It is also an offence to supply waste materials to parties collecting for 'Bonfire Night'. The burning of waste such as rubber, aerosols, plastics, foam, mattresses, couches and household waste material in bonfires is very damaging to our health and environment. When waste materials are burned on a bonfire harmful dioxins are created and released into the air that we breathe."</p> <p>She added "Donegal County Council is currently monitoring a number of locations where waste materials have been supplied as bonfire material over the past number of years and we are undertaking an audit of certain businesses to ensure that there is compliance under the relevant legislation and to ensure that waste materials are not supplied for burning on bonfires".</p> <p>Tips for a safe Halloween:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parents, businesses and householders should not provide any materials for bonfires.• Do not leave material lying around that may be taken for use in a bonfire; many garage or garden shed items such as petrol, white spirits, diesel, aerosols, batteries, tins of paint, bottles and tyres are especially dangerous if set on fire.• Explain the dangers of illegal bonfires to children and teenagers.• Keep pets indoors on bonfire night – they are sensitive to noise.• Respect the work of the Emergency Services, Council Staff and the Gardaí.• Contact the Fire Service by calling 999 or 112 if you see a bonfire being lit close to buildings, trees, overhead cables, underground services or car parking areas.
Contact Person	Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer suzannebogan@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	October is National Reuse Month - Events
Project Description/Activity	<p><u>Donegal Men's Shed Showcase at the CPI Castlefinn:</u> Wednesday 23rd October 11.30am - 2.30pm This event will be a Showcase of repaired and upcycled items made by Mens Sheds across the county and it will also be a networking opportunity. It is being organised in partnership with the Irish Men's Shed Association. The Highland Radio John Breslin show, "<i>Across the Northwest</i>", will once again broadcast live from the event.</p> <p><u>School Bikes 4 Africa:</u> In conjunction with Letterkenny Rotary & Bryson Recycling, Donegal County Council are once again appealing to public to donate teenage / adult bicycles in decent condition through any of the 6 Recycling Centres during the month of October. Bicycles are repaired at Loughlan House in Cavan and sent to The Gambia for use by Secondary School Students.</p> <p><u>National Upcycling Competition:</u> The Council is encouraging the public to enter this national competition and is promoting the competition via social media etc.</p> <p><u>'Dungloe Going Green' - sustainable community initiatives:</u></p> <p>Thursday 10th October 7pm -8.30 Rosses CDP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fashion upcycling & fashion fix-and-mend workshop with Deirdre Wilson, Dressmaker. <p>Thursday 17th October 7pm - 9pm Rosses CDP, and Thursday 24th October 7pm - 9pm Rosses CDP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Bike Maintenance Workshops with Declan Quinn, Dungloe Garden and Bikes
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Activity / Project Title	<p align="center">€coMerit Award for Donegal Airport</p>
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WEEE Collections 2019 – Free Electrical Recycling Days

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APPROVED RECYCLING SCHEME



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FREE ELECTRICAL RECYCLING DAYS 2019

Falcarragh

Dennis McCallions yard
(opposite Cassidy's Quarry)
Sat. October 5th 10am – 4pm

Carrigart

The Church Car Park
Sat. October 12th 10am – 4pm

Buncrana

Cockhill Road Car Park
Sat. October 19th 10am – 4pm

Killybegs

The Shore Car Park
Sat. October 26th 10am – 4pm



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An Fál Carrach

Clós Dhonnchadh Mhic Ailín
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Free collections of electronic and electrical waste will take place at the above locations and dates. WEEE Ireland will carry out a comprehensive advertising campaign in the lead up to each collection.

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COASTAL/WATER SAFETY

Activity / Project Title	Clean Coasts' Big Beach Clean 2019																																						
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Activity / Project Title	2019 Bathing Season Report																																																
Project Description /Activity	<p>Incidents There were no major incidents this summer which is a testament to the level of beach lifeguard service provided. The most common first aids were treatment for cuts and grazes, weever fish and jellyfish stings. Jellyfish were common this year with a large volume of calls from the public reporting sightings of Lions Mane jellyfish.</p> <p>Table 1 below summarises all the statistics of the 2019 bathing season across the 14 Lifeguarded beaches.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="280 573 1407 898"> <thead> <tr> <th>Total</th> <th>Rescue Without craft</th> <th>Rescue using Craft</th> <th>1st Aid</th> <th>Lost Child</th> <th>Advice Given</th> <th>Accident Prevented</th> <th>Other</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>June</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>4</td> <td>0</td> <td>1432</td> <td>525</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>July</td> <td>0</td> <td>2</td> <td>74</td> <td>1</td> <td>6569</td> <td>1536</td> <td>7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Aug</td> <td>1</td> <td>4</td> <td>98</td> <td>3</td> <td>5390</td> <td>882</td> <td>11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sept</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>426</td> <td>29</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Overall</td> <td>1</td> <td>6</td> <td>176</td> <td>4</td> <td>13,817</td> <td>2,972</td> <td>18</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Table 1: Shows total statistics for the 2019 Bathing Seasons for all beaches.</p>	Total	Rescue Without craft	Rescue using Craft	1 st Aid	Lost Child	Advice Given	Accident Prevented	Other	June	0	0	4	0	1432	525	0	July	0	2	74	1	6569	1536	7	Aug	1	4	98	3	5390	882	11	Sept	0	0	0	0	426	29	0	Total Overall	1	6	176	4	13,817	2,972	18
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Activity / Project Update: October 2019

Activity / Project Title	2018 T&V Renewal– Donegal Town
Project Description/Activity	Enhancements & Development Works Works consists of: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Provision of a footpath2. Provision of lining trail markings / App3. Installation of interpretative panels / signage
Budget (if applicable)	€100,000 – Department of Rural & Community Development € 25,000 – Own Resources
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A number of meetings have been held with Donegal Chamber of Commerce to finalise the details of the project including the options available to deliver the various elements of the project.• Letter of Offer has been issued out to Group, signed and returned.• The group are currently in the process of procuring a consultant to manage the delivery of the project.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	Consultant currently being procured. All works to be complete by Mar 2020.
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Eamon Boyle Executive Engineer Community & Planning Services Three Rivers Centre Tel: 087-1788623 E-mail: eamonb@donegalcoco.ie



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Activity / Project Update: October 2019

Activity / Project Title	2017 T&V Renewal - Mountcharles
Project Description/Activity	4. Enhancement of the Streetscape.
Budget (if applicable)	€100,000 – Department of Arts, Heritage & Gaeltacht Affairs € 25,000 – Own Resources
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paul Doherty Architects has been procured to manage the project on behalf of the Committee.• Contractors have been procured to complete the works on the streetscape including painting of a number of derelict buildings.• Works are currently being completed.
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	All works due to be complete by end October 2019.
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Activity / Project Update: October 2019

Activity / Project Title	2018 T&V Renewal – Killybegs
Project Description/Activity	Enhancement of Streetscape Works consist of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Street Furniture➤ Information Panels / Directional Signage➤ Development of Food Hub➤ Enhancement of Bridge Street
Budget (if applicable)	€100,000 – Department of Rural & Community Development € 25,000 – Own Resources
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A number of meetings have been held with Killybegs Tidy Towns Committee to finalise the details of the project including the options available to deliver the various elements of the project.• A location for the 'Food Hub' is currently being secured which will allow works to commence.• Letter of Offer has been issued out to Group.• Letter of Offer signed and returned.• Advance Payment issued out to the Group.• Food Hub opened• Pint Scheme has commenced
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	All works expected to be complete for March 2020
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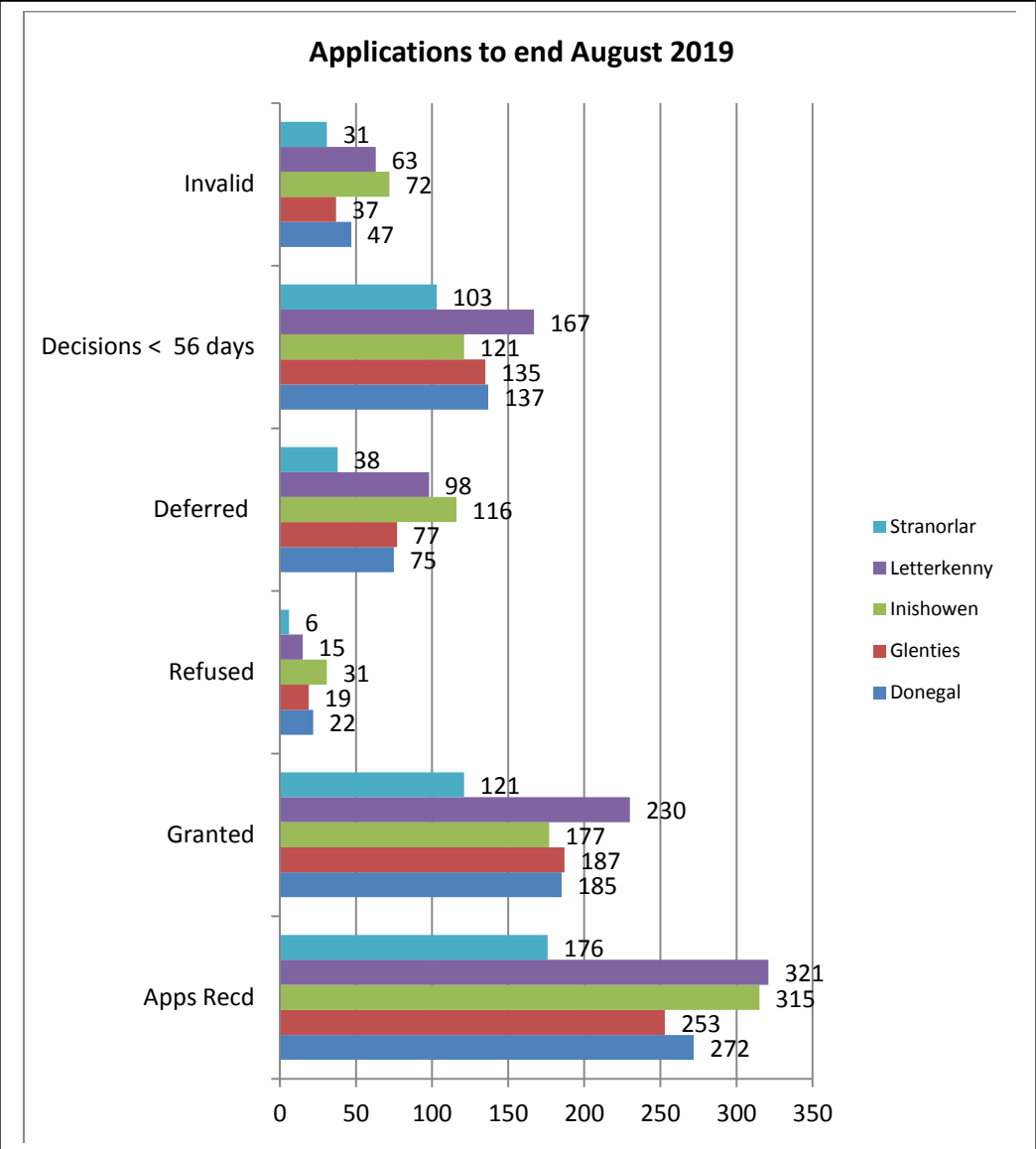
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Municipal District: Donegal

Activity / Project Update: October 2019

Activity / Project Title	2017 T&V Renewal - Kilcar
Project Description/Activity	5. Development of a Gaeltacht Digital Hub
Budget (if applicable)	€42,000 – Department of Arts, Heritage & Gaeltacht Affairs €10,500 – Own Resources
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fionntarlann Cill Chartha has finalising the detail of the project and procuring contractors / suppliers to undertake the work. • Procurement of equipment, furniture, doors etc., been completed. • Doors installation works completed. • Procurements are underway for the other elements of the project. • Electrician works completed. • Final stage of works are currently being completed.
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Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	All works expected to complete by end of October 2019.
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8th October 2019

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	(2) <i>Letterkenny Local Area Plan</i>	<p>A Letterkenny MD Workshop has been arranged for 8th October, 2019 at which Members will be updated on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • progress of the Letterkenny Plan and the future programme; • Project Letterkenny 2040 and the three specific project elements funded under the first call of the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (1) Strategic Visioning, branding, launch and 								

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	<p>procurement of consultants,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (2) Public Realm and Linear Park, and ○ (3) Acquisition of a key Intervention site; and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how the two projects will complement each other and be dovetailed to ensure the maximum beneficial impacts for the town. <p>At the MD meeting on 8th October, 2019 it is proposed to agree dates for the next two workshops to enable detailed consideration of targeted topics for the Letterkenny Plan. The proposed topics for consideration are: 1. Zoning Map; and 2. Town Centre.</p> <p>In the meantime, work is continuing on the Plan as detailed in the previous MD update report.</p>
(3) <i>Buncrana Local Area Plan</i>	<p>With the agreement of the Inishowen MD Members at the July meeting, the Central Planning Unit issued an invitation to specialist consultants to quote for work on the preparation of a high level report to look at the strategic future direction of Buncrana.</p> <p>Two consultants returned an expression of interest and lodged a quotation with the Central Planning Unit on 14th August 2019.</p> <p>These quotations have been assessed, a recommendation has been made, and it is hoped to make an appointment imminently.</p> <p>The Brief shall include at least one presentation to the Inishowen Members. This report will assist in informing both the Local Area Plan and decisions around the future strategic positioning and direction(s) of Buncrana, in addition to potential future strategic regeneration funding applications.</p>
(4) <i>Bundoran</i>	<p>Preliminary work has begun in relation to the targeted intervention measures previously discussed and agreed in principle with Members. Further details will be provided in due course.</p>
(5) <i>Town & Village Renewal Programme (2016) projects</i>	<p>Specialist Conservation Architect, Duncan McLaren of Dedalus Architecture is continuing the work to prepare the Ramelton Action Plan for Renewal and Regeneration including identification of proposals for enhancement of civic and public space. An updated timeline for the Action Plan is being currently prepared for delivery.</p>
5 Further Information <i>Click on web links to access information.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly List of applications and decisions: http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weeklyplanninglists/ • Planning service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service): planning@donegalcoco.ie • Planning Webpage: www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/



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EMERGENCY MOTION for Donegal Municipal District Meeting 8th Oct 2019 by Councillor Barry Sweeny.

Reason for Emergency Motion is due to the urgent nature of last Friday's flooding and the risk of a similar event the near future.

That Donegal County Council, under the Minor Works Programme, conduct remedial works on land to the rear of effected properties at Clareden Drive in light of last Friday's flooding. This work may ^{be in} the form of an open drain and/or an earthen bank along the southern perimeter to direct surface rainwater towards the river and may incorporate the planting of willow trees to help protect homes against further flooding in the short term while the longer term solution is being progressed.

Furthermore, that a delegation from Donegal County Council meet with Minister of state for Public Works and Flood Relief, Boxer Moran, to present and urgently discuss the CFRAM report in order to attain a higher priority on the list of the 29 Flood Risk Management Plans.

In addition, I propose that the recent incidents of flooding being mapped and recorded are used in order to prioritise drainage works along our roads, rivers and bridges in South and Southwest Donegal.

Signed by Members Barry Sweeny
Neil Jordan
Tom Donaghy
Michael McMahon
Niamh Kennedy
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