

Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall

Oifig Riarthóir na gCruinnithe,
Aras an Chontae,
Leifear.

1 Méan Fómhair, 2015

Fógra Cruinnithe

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall ar siúl **De Máirt 8 Mean Fomhair 2015, ag 2.00 i.n. in Ionad Serbhísí Pobail, Bhaile Dhún na nGall.**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS DÚN NA nGALL

A Chara,

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

Mise, le meas

Liam Mac a'Bhaird
p.p. Riarthóir Cruinnithe

Municipal District of Donegal

Office of Meetings Administrator,
County House,
Lifford.

1st September, 2015

NOTICE OF MEETING

The next Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal will be held on **Tuesday 8th September 2015, at 2.00 p.m. in the Donegal Public Services Centre.**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL

Dear Councillor,

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

Yours sincerely,

for Liam Ward,
Meetings Administrator

AGENDA

1. Consideration of Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 14th July 2015.
2. Consideration of Minutes of Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 31st July 2015.
3. Update Reports from Council Services:
 - 3.1 Housing & Corporate Services
 - 3.2 Roads / Transportation
 - 3.3 Planning & Economic Development
 - 3.4 Update from Central Planning Unit
 - 3.5 Community, Enterprise and Cultural Services
 - 3.6 Environment Services
4. Motions
 - 4.1 Cllr Noel Jordan
"That this Municipal District lobby the NRA to sanction works at Leghowney junction as it is a huge safety issue for motorists"
5. Correspondence
 - 5.1 Request for a Deputation from Donegal Bay Rowing Club
6. Date of Next Workshop - (Budget) Wednesday the 7th October 2015 at 4.00 p m.
Date of Next Meeting - Tuesday the 13th October 2015 at 2.00 p m.

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD AT
2.00 P. M. ON TUESDAY THE 14TH JULY 2015 IN THE PETER KENNEDY
CHAMBER, DONEGAL PUBLIC SERVICES CENTRE, DONEGAL**

MDD/119/15 MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MDD/120/15 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Garry Martin, Director Designate Donegal MD
Ms. Bridie McBrearty, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Roads/Transportation
Mr. Killian Smith, Executive Planner, Housing, Corporate and
Planning Control
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate
Services
Mr. Dearn McClintock, Waste Regulation Officer

MDD/121/15 Apologies

Cllr Sean McEniff
Mr. Barney McLaughlin, Administrative Officer, Community, Culture
and Planning Development

MDD/122/15 Best Wishes

Members expressed their best wishes to Cllr McEniff who was
absent as he was in hospital undergoing an operation.

**MDD/123/15 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON THE 9TH JUNE
2015**

On the proposal of Cllr Kennedy, seconded by Cllr O'Neill the
Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on
the 9th June 2015 were confirmed.

MDD/124/15 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF WORKSHOP OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON THE 9TH JUNE 2015

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 June 2015 were confirmed.

MDD/125/15 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON THE 26TH JUNE 2015

On the proposal of Cllr Conaghan, seconded by Cllr Jordan the Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 26th June 2015 were confirmed.

MDD/126/15 HOUSING AND CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

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

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

In relation to the reports presented Ms. B McBrearty thanked Cllr Campbell for his request to amend the reports to include the additional items and also advised that the format of the reports as circulated may be subject for further amendment for future meetings, as the Housing Service is in the process of agreeing a template with the Director that will be used in all of the Municipal Districts,.

In relation to the report presented on Housing Grants, Ms. B McBrearty informed Members that all of the applications that are pending have been reviewed and in these cases further information is awaited and reminders have issued accordingly to the applicants.

In relation to the Social Housing Investment Programme, Ms. B McBrearty informed Members that design for the houses for construction in Donegal Town should be progressed in next couple of months, with the recruitment of the Architectural Technicians, who will be carrying out the designs work.

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

Cllr Campbell thanked Ms. McBrearty for the revised reports.

In response to a query from Cllr O'Neill regarding the 25 houses to be constructed in Donegal Town, Ms. B McBrearty informed

Members that the 24 are in addition to the 25 units that are to be provided by an Approved Housing Body which could be made up of e.g new builds, unfinished estates, or purchases. This would be approximately an additional 50 houses for Donegal Town.

In response to a further query from Cllr O'Neill regarding the 22 Units proposed for Ballyshannon, Ms. B McBrearty informed Members these would be on the same basis as the units in Donegal Town i.e. through an Approved Housing Body supported by Donegal County Council.

MDD/127/15 ROADS / TRANSPORTATION SERVICES REPORT

Schedule of Road Works 2015

Members noted the progress report on the schedule of Road Works 2015 for the Municipal District of Donegal as circulated with the Agenda and presented by Mr. Mark Sweeney.

Mr. M Sweeney also briefed Members in relation to a number of issues as raised at the previous meeting as follows:

Street Cleaning in Ballyshannon

Mr. M Sweeney informed Members street cleaning would continue in Ballyshannon at weekends for June, July and August and thereafter would cease owing to budgetary constraints as notified to Members via e-mail.

Cashelard Road, Ballyshannon.

Mr. M Sweeney informed Members the allocation would be spent as noted in the works programme on the Cashelard Road as far as the monies allocated would allow and as confirmed by E-mail to Members.

Carpark in Glencolmcille (opposite the folk village in Cashel)

Mr. M Sweeney informed Members in relation to the carpark in Glencolmcille, the Council would arrange to fill the potholes but that no additional works would be carried out at this time. He also advised in relation to the ownership issue that he had met with the landowner and that the purchase price requested was considered excessive for the particular portion of land and that an independent valuation is being sought in the meanwhile.

Bridge at Kilcar

Mr. M Sweeney informed Members that the bridge in Kilcar would be re-surfaced this year.

‘Supers turn’ at Fintra

Mr. M Sweeney informed Members that the issue raised in relation to the ‘Supers turn’ at Fintra has been referred to the Road Design Section in Lifford for survey and with a view to clarifying works that are required at this location.

Footpaths in Killybegs

In relation to the concerns raised at the previous meeting regarding the footpaths in Killybegs, Mr. M Sweeney informed Members that the concerns raised have been forwarded to Mr. Brendan O’Donnell, Senior Engineer, Roads to be included in future works.

Pedestrian Crossing, Killybegs

Mr. M Sweeney informed Members that the request for the pedestrian crossing in Killybegs has been referred to the Road Design Section in Lifford to ascertain if this may be accommodated. This will be included on their work programme for the last quarter of the year.

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

Traffic Lights in Dunkineely

In response to a query from Cllr Kennedy regarding traffic lights in Dunkineely, Mr. M Sweeney informed Members this matter is being worked on by the Road Design Section at present.

Footpath in Dunkineely

In response to a query from Cllr Kennedy regarding works on the footpath in Dunkineely, Mr. M Sweeney informed Members this work would be carried out this year.

High Grass at Fintra Bridge and on the St. John’s Point Road

In response to a request to have grass cut which is high at Fintra Bridge and on the St. John’s Point Road, Mr. M Sweeney informed Members that the Council does not generally cut grass on local roads but that he would arrange for the grass to be cut at Fintra Bridge where it is restricting vision.

Parking Charges, Ballyshannon

Cllr O’Neill referred to the parking charges in Ballyshannon, which he requested are abolished from the 1st September 2015. He submitted that the charges are not economically viable, detrimental to businesses in the town and not favoured by businesses or residents in the town. He also submitted that the Municipal District has the powers to abolish the charges and requested the support of the Members for this.

Mr. M Sweeney informed Members that the Council is in the process of reviewing the Parking Bye-laws in Ballyshannon and Donegal Town and that a report would be brought before the Members at the September meeting of the Municipal District for consideration.

Road from Causeway to Harbour Lights, Killybegs

Cllr Campbell complimented the Roads Service on the good progress being made on this year's programme. Cllr Campbell referred to the road from the 'Causeway' to the Harbour Lights, which he advised the surface is in a poor state and asked if this could be looked at for future works. Mr. M Sweeney undertook to investigate same and to revert to Members at a later date.

Road Widening Works at Teelin/Sliabh League

Cllr Campbell referred to the recent road widening works that had been undertaken at Teelin/Sliabh League and advised that speed appears to have significantly increased on the road and asked if the matter could be reviewed. Mr. M Sweeney undertook to investigate the matter and to revert to Members at a later date.

Junctions at Leghowney and Barnesmore

In response to a query from Cllr Jordan for an update on progress regarding the junctions at Barnesmore and Leghowney on the national primary road (Clar/Barnes) Mr. M Sweeney informed Members this matter is being reviewed by the Road Design Office and thereafter would have to be referred to the National Roads Authority. This is on the works programme for Road Design for the last quarter of the year.

Request for a Protocol/Guidance for referrals to the Road Design Section

Cllr Campbell submitted that with the number of items referred to the Road Design Section from the MD and also referrals from the Plenary Council requested that some guidance/protocol be provided to Members to indicate what works can be met by the Road Design Section. Mr. M Sweeney advised he would discuss this matter with the Road Design Section and revert to Members at a later date.

Donegal/Ballyshannon/Killybegs Streets – detailed breakdown of works

In response to a request from Cllr Campbell for a detailed breakdown of the works on Donegal/Ballyshannon/Killybegs Streets, Mr. M Sweeney informed Members he would forward the details by e-mail in the coming days.

MDD/128/15 PLANNING CONTROL REPORT

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

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

Casual Trading

Mr. Smith also confirmed to Members (as referred to earlier) that there would be a workshop of the Plenary Council to review the Casual Trading Bye-laws most likely in September 2015.

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

An Taisce – letter issued in respect of planning application in Kilcar Area

Cllr Kennedy made a lengthy submission in relation to a letter An Taisce had sent to the Council regarding a planning application in the Kilcar Area (for proposed sea weed harvesting). The particular proposed development would, if granted, create additional jobs in the area. The submission from An Taisce, she advised, raised concern regarding the carbon footprint that would be left by 5 additional cars in the area travelling to and from work. She submitted that in her opinion this made little sense in the current economic climate where efforts are being made to create jobs. She asked that the Municipal District consider writing to An Taisce to express the difficulties Members have with such submissions.

Cllr Campbell submitted that the Council is obliged to receive submissions from An Taisce as a prescribed body under the Planning Acts. He further submitted the Planning Policy is set down by Members in the County Development Plan and that Members should not thereafter get involved in the planning process/decision making and should leave it to the Planning Officers to make the decisions as is required. He also confirmed there is nothing to prevent a Member contacting An Taisce in an individual capacity if they so wished.

Cllrs Jordan and O'Neill confirmed their support for the sentiments expressed by Cllr Kennedy.

In response to the comments, Mr. K Smith informed Members that as An Taisce is a prescribed body under the planning regulations, the Council is obliged to refer planning applications to them as part of the planning process. He further advised the processing of Planning Applications is solely an Executive Function.

ESB Application, Ballyshannon

Cllr O'Neill made a lengthy submission in relation to the application for retention of the fence that the ESB had erected in Ballyshannon. He noted that both Donegal County Council and An Bord Pleanála (on appeal) had granted the application. He submitted that in his opinion that it was a disgrace as the fence prevented access to the river and to Life Rings and raised concerns in relation to this matter. He contended that the ESB did not own the lands on which the

development was carried out but rather it belonged to Donegal County Council and that a Section 183 had not been brought before Council disposing of the land to the ESB. He requested that Donegal County Council investigate the land ownership in this case as a matter of urgency.

Cllr Campbell submitted that as the matter had been dealt with through the planning process including by appeal to An Board Pleanala, the only option open to the Member if he wished to pursue same was by means of a Judicial Review.

Cllr Jordan expressed his support for Cllr O'Neill's comments in relation to this matter.

Cllr O'Neill further advised he would be raising the matter with the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government rather than going the route of a judicial review.

In response to the issues raised, Mr. K Smith informed Members that the decision to grant retention had been done in accordance with the statutory framework. In relation to land ownership, he advised that the Planning Authority does not carry out land searches on planning applications prior to making a decision (as their functions would be limited in this regard) and although an application may be granted for a development, this would not be an ultimate right to carry out development, in particular if ownership was an issue. He submitted the ownership matter can be checked if required.

Rock Breaking in Glencolmcille

In response to the concern raised under Environment Section regarding rock breaking in Glencolmcille, Mr. K Smith informed Members he would investigate same from a Planning Perspective and inform Members of any issues in this regard.

Rural Housing

Cllr Jordan expressed his concerns regarding a submission made by the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government to the proposed Variation No3 (Rural Housing to the County Donegal Development Plan 2012-2018, where the minister's reasons were that the proposed variation did not fit with the Rural Housing Guidelines. He advised the matter would be discussed at the July meeting of the Plenary Council and that Members should be fighting to ensure rural areas are enhanced rather than devastated.

MDD/129/15 COMMUNITY, CULTURE AND PLANNING DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Members noted apologies from Mr. Barney McLaughlin who was unavailable to attend today's meeting as he had to accompany a few representatives from the New Found Land Trade Commission on an excursion around the County. Members noted the Activity Report circulated with the Agenda and presented by Ms. B McBrearty in relation to the following activities:

- Donegal Town – Development Hub
- Commemorative Grant Scheme
- Community Tourism Diaspora Initiative 2015
- Donegal Gathering Website & Facebook Advertising
- Library Update
- Summer Reading Programmes
- Cultural Services Update
 - 27th. annual Earagail Arts Festival
 - 15th. Donegal Bay and Blue Stacks Festival
- Museum Update
 - “A Donegal Photo Album” Exhibition
- Heritage Update
 - New County Donegal Heritage Plan
 - County Donegal ‘Heritage Week’ Event Guide
 - ‘A Field Guide to the Dry-Stone Walls of County Donegal’
 - ‘Learning Through The Landscape’ Continuing Professional Development Course for Primary Teachers
 - ‘County Donegal in 1916’ Heritage Education Pack
- DONEGAL YOUTH COUNCIL
- E U Bulletin

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

Cllr Campbell referred to the event run by Mr. Joe Gallagher of the Heritage Office on dry stone walls in Glencolmcille which he advised was very successful and asked that congratulations be passed onto the Heritage Officer for this work.

Cllr Kennedy thanked the Council for flags for Killybegs Town that had been provided through the Community & Enterprise Section.

MDD/130/15 ENVIRONMENT SERVICES REPORT

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

- Recycling
- Awareness
- Legislation
- Blue Flag Beaches
- Green Coast Beaches
- Water Quality – Blue Flag/Gren Coast Beaches
- Lifeguards and Beach Infrastructure
- Septic Tanks
- Enforcement
- Poster Campaign

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

Household Waste/Holiday homes

In response to a query from Cllr Kennedy as to how Holiday Homes will be affected next year with the new pay by weights regulations for households, Mr. D McClintock informed Members that Holiday Home owners will have to comply with the regulations in the same way as other householders. Holiday Home owners will have to either make arrangements to have their waste collected by a waste collector or alternatively bring their waste to one of the Civic Amenity sites in the County. In either case, the home owner will have documentation to prove where they are disposing of their waste. He also confirmed that users of the e.g. yellow bags should ensure that they leave these out at the appropriate time and not for days before they are collected to avoid littering/bags getting damaged. He further confirmed that the 'yellow bags' will not be an option for householders in 2016.

Waste Food Collections/Brown Bins

In response to a query from Cllr O'Neill as to how the 'brown bin's were progressing in Letterkenny, Mr. D McClintock informed Members that the Waste Collectors are abiding by the regulations and that the processes are there for the public to avail of. He advised that the Council is continuing to promote public awareness of the brown bins and anticipated with the continued awareness and the pay by weight coming into force in 2016 that the brown bins would be much more extensively used in time. He also clarified for Members the collection of brown bin frequency as is required by the

regulations. He also informed Members that in time the 'brown bins' would take a lot of the weight out of the 'black bins' thus reducing the amount of waste to landfill and referred to the positive environmental impact this would have.

In response to a query from Cllr Campbell as to how towns are selected for brown bins, Mr. D McClintock informed Members the decision is based on population.

Hazardous Waste Collections/WEEE Collections

In response to a query from Cllr Jordan regarding the dates for WEEE and Hazardous Waste Collections in the MD of Donegal, Mr. D McClintock informed Members the WEEE collection will be August with the date soon to be published and that the Hazardous Waste Collection would be later in the year with the date being published closer to the time.

Noise Issue in Glencolmcille

Cllr Kennedy referred to a noise issue in Glencolmcille where there are rock breaking works ongoing which is very noisy and affecting customers staying in the holiday homes in the area. In response to the concerns raised Mr. D McClintock informed Members that Donegal County Council, while having the capability to monitor noise through the Laboratory, is not the enforcement body for dealing with excessive level of noise. He advised this can be dealt with through the District Courts by the complainant i.e. the resource is in the hands of the individual.

Green Coast Beach – failed water sample

Cllr Campbell asked if the Council knew the cause of the non-compliance which had resulted in loss of green flag beach, Mr. D McClintock informed Members that the samples can be weather dependent and in very wet weather 'run-off' can affect samples which is unfortunate.

Portaloos for non-blue flag beaches

In response to a query from Cllr Jordan if Portaloos are allowed at non-blue flag beaches if they are paid for by local committees/community groups, Mr. D McClintock informed Members that this may be an issue for the Planning Authority.

Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting

Ms. Bridie McBrearty dealt with a number of matters arising from the previous meeting as follows:

In relation to the issues raised regarding Rossnowlagh Beach, Ms. B McBrearty informed Members she has been advised that the Beach Bye-laws are to be reviewed in September with the Water & Environment Strategic Policy Committee. She also informed Members that the Planning SPC had agreed that a workshop of the

Plenary Council should be held to discuss Casual Trading and that the date for same is to be agreed at the next meeting of the Plenary Council.

In relation to the recruitment and assignment of Beach Lifeguards, Ms. B McBrearty briefed Members on the process of selection including initial qualifying criteria, interview and thereafter placing on a panel in order of merit with successful candidates being offered their preferred area based on their placing on the panel.

MDD/131/15 DISCUSSION ON IMPROVING TRAFFIC FLOW AND PARKING IN DONEGAL TOWN

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

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

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

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

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

Members were advised:

“The Council are currently reviewing the following Bye-Laws:

1. The Donegal County Council (Parking Places) Bye-Laws 2004 which relate to the towns of Ballybofey, Stranorlar, Donegal Town & Ballyshannon.
2. The Donegal County Council (Donegal Town Car Parks) Bye-Laws 2004.
3. The Bundoran Town Council (Parking Places) Bye-Laws 2007
4. The Bundoran Town Council (Car Park) Bye-Laws 2011.

As part of the review of the Bye-Laws relating to Donegal Town the Council will consider each of the points noted above and report to the Members at the September meeting.”

Cllr Campbell in proposing the motion welcomed the confirmation that a report would be brought before Members at the September meeting of the Municipal District. He submitted there is an issue with the one hour parking in the centre of Donegal Town and also in relation to taxis and loading bays. He submitted that in order to address some of these issues, workers in the Town should be afforded parking elsewhere with an incentive to use same e.g. a special rate. He also submitted the motion would provide an opportunity to improve traffic flow in the Town with a one way system.

Cllr Jordan in seconding the motion submitted he supported the motion and looked forward to the report to the next meeting in September.

Cllr Kennedy asked if Cllr Campbell had discussed the proposed one-way-street system with members of the public. In response Cllr Campbell advised that the process for reviewing the parking/traffic bye-laws is set out in the Roads Acts which included public consultation. He submitted it would be a matter for the Council to provide a draft to go to public consultation and to consult with other bodies e.g. RSA, Taxi Regulator etc. as part of the process. Thereafter any submissions received from the consultation process would have to be considered prior to making the Bye-laws.

Cllr Conaghan submitted that the Council needed to have a proper look at this before making any amendments. He submitted that the matter of repair to Tirconnell Bridge would need to be addressed in addition to the parking of buses on the Diamond. He also submitted the residents in the Town may have concerns that will be required to be taken into account in any proposed changes.

Mr. G Martin submitted that an important part of the review of the bye-laws is the income from the charges and that this would form part of the report to Members in September 2015.

MDD/132/15 MOTION ON REQUEST FOR LIGHT ON THE PORT ROCK, INVER.

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

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

Members were advised;-

“The Commissioners of Irish Lights (CIL) are the General Lighthouse Authority (GLA) for the island of Ireland. Along with the provision and maintenance of General Aids to Navigation (AtoN) around the coast, CIL have a duty of superintendence and management of Local Aids to Navigation. CIL discharge this duty through a combination of annual inspection of AtoN and regular audits of Local Authorities policies and procedures relating to the provision and maintenance of Local AtoN. Donegal Co Council is the Local Lighthouse Authority and is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of approx. 220 (AtoN's) around the coast of Donegal. An amount of €100k is included in the Council's budget each year to cover the maintenance and upgrade of these AtoN's with funding for additional AtoN's or damaged structures being sought from the Dept. of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

Earlier this year an application for a Statutory Sanction was made to the CIL for an additional AtoN at Port Inver. Sanction has not been given yet, however it is likely that it will be after they meet later this month. An application for funding for a structure to support the AtoN was made to the Dept. of Agriculture, Food and the Marine also this year under the Fishery Harbour and Coastal Infrastructure Development Programme 2015, however funding was not granted in this case. The decision not to fund this element of work has been appealed as it is considered important for the safety of harbour users at Port Inver.”

Cllr Jordan in proposing the motion submitted the importance of having a light installed at this location which would cost in the region of €20,000 which he advised that Irish Lights are not in a position to fund. Cllr Jordan also advised he had been in contact with Deputy Pearse Doherty who is submitting a parliamentary question in relation to this matter.

Cllr Campbell in supporting the motion submitted of the importance of same to the fishing industry.

MEMBERS NOTED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:-

MDD/133/15 Application for flood mitigation works at Fanaghan's Inver

The following question was submitted by Cllr John Campbell:-

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

Cllr Campbell was informed that:-

"The Council will investigate this matter and will liaise with the OPW with a view to submitting an application. Note, applications under the OPW's, Minor Flood Mitigation Works & Coastal Protection Scheme the proposed works/scheme must pass the Assessment of Benefits criteria before it is considered."

MDD/134/15 Correspondence Received from Donegal Town Business Focus Group

Members noted the correspondence received from the Donegal Town Business Focus Group requesting a deputation to the September meeting of the District to put forward and progress the previously presented parking presentation and plan for the Town Design Statement.

Following a discussion on the proposal of Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr Conaghan, Members agreed that it was premature at this stage given recent developments. It was agreed that a letter to issue on behalf of the Members outlining recent developments in relation to the Parking Bye-Laws and the Local Area Plans.

MDD/135/15 Request from Cllr Jordan for representatives of the Undocumented Irish in America to sent a Deputation to the Plenary Council.

Cllr Jordan referred to a request he had received for representatives of the Undocumented Irish, living in the United States to send a deputation to the next meeting of the Council. Following a short discussion, Members unanimously agreed that this request should be referred to the Plenary Council with the support of the Municipal District of Donegal for same.

MDD/136/15 Date of next meeting

Members agreed the date of the next meeting on Tuesday the 8th September 2015 as per the agreed standing orders.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Area Manager
Municipal District of Donegal**

**Cathaoirleach
Municipal District of Donegal**

**Minutes of Municipal District of Donegal Workshop held on 31st July, 2015 at 2.00 p.m.
in the Peter Kennedy Chamber, Donegal PSC.**

Members present:

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

Officials in Attendance:

Mr. Mark Sweeney, Area Manager, Roads / Transportation

Apologies:

Cllr Sean McEniff

Minutes

Consideration of further works for Road Works Programme

Members noted the additional allocation and list as circulated with the Agenda. Following a short discussion on the proposal of Cllr Campbell Seconded by Cllr O'Neill, Members confirmed their agreement to the additional works as circulated.

This concluded the business of the Workshop.

Area Manager,
Municipal District of Donegal

Cathaoirleach,
Municipal District of Donegal

List of Regional and Local Roads Projects funded from 2015 RLR Grants
Additional RI Funding July 2015

Budget Allocation - County - €1,589,050.00

Budget Allocation - Donegal MD - €330,754.00

Project Number	Local Authority Code	Municipal District	Engineering Area	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and / or Townland Name	Works Type	Budget (€)
1	DL	Donegal MD	14	Regional	R-262-1	Drumbeigh	RR	€69,458.00
2	DL	Donegal MD	15	Local	L-1125-1	Carrick Upper	RR	€52,000.00
3	DL	Donegal MD	15	Local	L-5055-1	Cashel & Straid	RR	€20,766.00
6	DL	Donegal MD	16	Local	LT19151	Mullans	RR	€20,000.00
7	DL	Donegal MD	16	Local	LP1815-7	Sruell	RR	€35,000.00
8	DL	Donegal MD	16	Local	LS6581-1	Clarcam	RR	€38,530.00
4	DL	Donegal MD	17	Local	LP2335-3	Rockhill	RR	€45,000.00
5	DL	Donegal MD	17	Local	LP2225-2	Ballydermot-Pollnaranny	RR	€50,000.00
							Total	€330,754.00

Municipal District of Donegal

Housing/Corporate Update as
at 31st August 2015

Position at 31st August, 2015

HOUSING GRANTS

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HO	2013	17	13	3	0	1
	2014	22	14	5	0	3
	2015	7	3	3	0	1

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	FURTHER INFO.	REFERRED TO OT	REFERRED TO ENGINEER	PENDING
HD	2011	33	15	18	0	0	0	0
	2012	21	7	13	0	0	0	1
	2013	25	3	22	0	0	0	0
	2014	16	8	7	0	0	0	1
	2015	25	2	8	0	0	0	15

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

HOUSING LOANS

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

Location of Vacancy	Area	BED	Dwelling Vacated	Repairs Completed
SI Cottage at Ballinacarrick	BALLINTRA	3	24th March, 2013 (Tenant Deceased)	Possession Order Granted 25/6/15
1 Erne Dale Heights	BALLYSHANNON	1	23rd March, 2013	Negotiations ongoing
1B Ernedale Heights	BALLYSHANNON	1	10/02/2009	Negotiations ongoing
2 Erne Dale Heights	BALLYSHANNON	1	15th July 2009	Negotiations ongoing
2B Erne Dale Heights	BALLYSHANNON	1	4th January 2011	Negotiations ongoing
60 St Benildus Avenue	BALLYSHANNON	2	Repossessed on 28/04/2010	Tenders in 10th July
13 Saimer Drive	BALLYSHANNON	3	23 June 2015	Works ongoing
30 Lawne Park	BALLYSHANNON	3	10th July 2015	Works ongoing
30 Cluain Barron	BALLYSHANNON	3	11 October 2013	Major Refurb required
8 Elaghmore	BUNDORAN	3	13-Jul-2015	Works ongoing
19 Elaghmore	BUNDORAN	3	30-Jun-2015	Works ongoing
73 Slieve League Avenue	CARRICK	3	16-Jun-2015	Works ongoing
8 Clós Naomh Columba	CARRICK	3	18-Jul-2014	Advertised as CBL
39 Millrace Crescent	DONEGAL	3	16-Jun-2015	Tenancy Offered - Refused
7 Railway Park	DONEGAL	3	20-Aug-2015	Works ongoing
425 O'Duignan Avenue	DONEGAL	1	25-Jun-2015	Works ongoing
201 Castleview	DUNKINEELY	3	27-Jun-2014	Major Refurb required
222 Castleview	DUNKINEELY	1	15-Mar-2015	Offered - Refused
14 Springfield Park	DUNKINEELY	3	26/02/2015	Works ongoing
6 Drumard Park	FROSSES	3	16/02/2015	Advertised as CBL
SI Cottage at Stragar North	KILLYBEGS	2	17th Aug 2012	Major Refurb required
29 Termon Villas	PETTIGO	3	30 March 2015	Requires survey

SOCIAL HOUSING SUPPORT PROGRAMME

Position at 31st August 2015

Scheme	2 bed	2 bed	3 bed	4 bed	5 bed	Total	Status			Under Con	Comple
	apts (own door)	2 storey	2 storey	2 storey	bungalow		Design	Planning	Tender		
Building Programme 2015 - 2017											
Donegal Town	8	8	6	2		24	24	Nov/Dec			
Purchases 2014 and 2015											
Killybegs*		1	1			2	Price agreed and with Solicitors				
Carrick*				1		1	Price agreed and with Solicitors				
Donegal Town*			2	1		3	2 Completed and 1 price agreed and with Solicitors				
Bundoran		1				1	Did not Proceed				
Extensions 2015											
Ballyshannon						2				1	
CAS 2015											
2 Com Group Homes*						2	2	2	Being built in conjunction with Donegal Town and awaiting CAS approval		

Other Supply

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

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

HAP Tenancies	
Municipal District	Number
Donegal	16
Letterkenny	38
Glenties	17
Stranorlar	20
Inishowen	15
Total	106

**Donegal Municipal District
2015 Roadworks Programme
Status Report - 8th September 2015**

Surface Dressing 2015

Regional Road Surface Dressing

No	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area (14)	Estimated Cost of work (EURO)	Status	Percentage Complete
1	R-262-2/3	Frosses - Glenties	Dunkineely	€22,759	Completed	100.00%
1	R-230-8	Crowlar, Crove	Killybegs	€40,312	Completed	
1	R 232 -8	Pettigoe Road	Ballyshannon	€63,071	Completed	

€126,142 Total Budget

Local Road Surface Dressing

No	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area (14)	Estimated Cost of work (EURO)	Status	Percentage Complete
1	LP-1425-2	St. John's Point - Ballycroy	Dunkineely	€23,694.00	Completed	100%
2	LP-1685-1	Frosses - Drumbarron	Dunkineely	€17,160.00	Completed	
3	LP-1715-1	Letterbarra - Lettertreane	Dunkineely	€12,012.00	Completed	
4	LP-1665-1	Doorin Line - Mullanboys	Dunkineely	€7,722.00	Completed	
5	LP-1675-1	Tullyvoose - Tullinlagan	Dunkineely	€15,000.00	Completed	
6	LS-6065-1	Lettertreane - Drumboarty	Dunkineely	€16,058.00	Completed	
7	LS-5555-1	Tullaghacullion - Benroe	Dunkineely	€15,000.00	Completed	

No	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area (15)	Estimated Cost of work (EURO)	Status	Percentage Complete
1	LP-1275-2	Croaghlin - Conlin Bridge	Killybegs	€14,400.00	Not Started	80%
2	LP-1115-1	Roxborough - Derrylahan	Killybegs	€19,622.00	Completed	
3	LP-1065-1	Pilgrims Path Teelin	Killybegs	€9,180.00	Completed	
4	LP-1015-4	Stranagartan	Killybegs	€16,000.00	Completed	
5	LS-5285-1	Meenychannon	Killybegs	€13,317.00	Completed	

No	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area (16)	Estimated Cost of work (EURO)	Status	Percentage Complete
1	L2365-3	Carricknahorna	Ballyshannon	€20,400.00	Completed	100%
2	L2225-7	Belalt South	Ballyshannon	€22,313.00	Completed	
3	L8035-1	Grousehall Pettigo	Ballyshannon	€17,340.00	Completed	
4	L2375-1	Cavangarden	Ballyshannon	€21,120.00	Completed	
5	L7095-1	Foyagh	Ballyshannon	€19,200.00	Completed	
6	L7895-1	Ardfarn	Ballyshannon	€20,769.00	Completed	
7	L-2485-4	Cliff Road	Ballyshannon	€6,876.00	Completed	

No	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area (17)	Estimated Cost of work (EURO)	Status	Percentage Complete
1	LP1965-2	Tawnyvorga(Harveys pt)	Laghey	€18,000.00	Completed	100%
2	LP2185-3	Shannagh Rd	Laghey	€25,200.00	Completed	
3	LP2585-2	Tullywee	Laghey	€13,400.00	Completed	
4	LS6545-2	Druminnin	Laghey	€20,800.00	Completed	
5	LP1845-4	Ballydevitt-Clanborrin x rds	Laghey	€28,000.00	Completed	
6	LS6615-2	Clarcam	Laghey	€14,000.00	Completed	

€426,583 Total Budget

2015 Regional and Local Road Improvement Works

No	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area (14)	Own Resources / Contractor	Budget	Status	Percentage Complete
1	R-262	Sir Albert's Bridge,	Dunkineely		€29,270.00	Not Started	
2	L-1365-4	Drimaghy - Tullinteane	Dunkineely		€47,700.00	Completed	
3	L-1375-2/3	Croagh Orbal - Meenagoland	Dunkineely		€37,700.00	Completed	
4	L-1415-1	Loughmuilt - Ballywoges	Dunkineely		€37,700.00	Completed	
5	L-1645-1/2	Raneely - Drumcoe	Dunkineely		€35,425.00	Completed	
6	L-1685	Seicas - Letterfad	Dunkineely		€38,800.00	Completed	
7	L-6085	Edenamuck - Drimaheark	Dunkineely		€35,425.00	Completed	
8	L-6035-1	Lettermore - Letterfad	Dunkineely		€22,300.00	Completed	
9	L-1565-2	Inver Port - Hillhead - Fanaghans	Dunkineely	RMS	€28,180.00	Started	
10	L-5895-1	R262 - Dibbin School	Dunkineely		€47,500.00	Completed	
11	L-1565-1	N56 - Inver	Dunkineely		€25,200.00	Not Started	
12	L-1345-2	Ballyloughan - Benroe	Dunkineely		€24,200.00	Completed	
13	L-1515-5	Ardaghey Glebe	Dunkineely		€14,523.00	Not Started	
14	R-262-1	Drumbeigh	Dunkineely		€69,458.00	Not Started	64.00%

No	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area (15)	Own Resources / Contractor	Budget	Status	Percentage Complete
1	R-263-2	Killybegs Streets	Killybegs	Mc Caffrey's	€92,214.00	Started	
2	R-263-14	Cashel Village - (Fire Station)	Killybegs		€39,200.00	Completed	
3	L-5085-1	Dooley (Hostel Road)	Killybegs		€57,700.00	Completed	
4	L-1315-2	Faiafannan - Stragar	Killybegs		€41,200.00	Completed	
5	L-1125-1	Carrick - Meenaneary	Killybegs		€53,199.00	Completed	
6	L-1085-2	Carrick - Teelin	Killybegs	Northstone	€66,700.00	Not Started	
7	L-1315-1	Church Road Killybegs	Killybegs	RMS	€36,700.00	Not Started	
8	L-1195-1	Line Road Kilcar	Killybegs		€27,700.00	Completed	
9	L-1185-3	Ballymoon Road	Killybegs		€33,400.00	Completed	
10	L1125-1	Carrick Upper	Killybegs		€52,000.00	Completed	
11	L5055-1	Cashel & Straid	Killybegs		€20,766.00	Not Started	64%

No	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area (16)	Own Resources / Contractor	Budget	Status	Percentage Complete
1	LP 2425-2/4	Ballyshannon Streets	Ballyshannon	Mc Caffrey's	€99,000.00	Completed	
2	R231	Rossnowlagh rd	Ballyshannon	Mc Caffrey's	€95,000.00	Completed	
3	LP2175-1	Ballintra Street	Ballyshannon	Mc Caffrey's	€39,000.00	Not Started	
4	LP2365-2	Cashelard	Ballyshannon	Tendered	€65,500.00	Not Started	
5	LP2535-1	Ballymunterhiggins	Ballyshannon		€32,000.00	Completed	
6	LS8065-1	Tievermore-Lettercran	Ballyshannon	RMS	€70,000.00	Started	
7	L7475-2	County Bridge	Ballyshannon		€43,000.00	Completed	
8	LS7265-2	Ballymagroarty	Ballyshannon		€28,000.00	Completed	
9	LS7515-2	Alla	Ballyshannon		€32,000.00	Completed	
10	LS8005-1	Clyhore	Ballyshannon	Mc Caffrey's	€20,000.00	Not Started	
11	R-231-1	Rossnowlagh rd	Ballyshannon		€10,418.00	Started	
12	L-79651-0	Ardloughill	Ballyshannon		€15,000.00	Completed	
13	LP-2335-3	Rockhill	Ballyshannon		€45,000.00	Not Started	
14	LP-2225-2	Baklydermot - Polfnaranny	Ballyshannon		€50,000.00	Started	50%

No	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area (17)	Own Resources / Contractor	Budget	Status	Percentage Complete
1	LP1955-1/25-1	Donegal Streets	Laghey	Mc Caffrey's & Northstone	€99,000.00	Completed	
2	R232 1-4	Pettigoe Rd patches	Laghey & Ballyshannon	Mc Caffrey's & Northstone	€158,000.00	Completed	
3	LS6585-1	Clarcam	Laghey		€20,000.00	Completed	
4	LP1945-3	Lough Eske Demensne	Laghey		€79,000.00	Completed	
5	LS6495-1	Heneys	Laghey		€49,000.00	Completed	
6	LP1815-5	Drumboarty - Drumalost	Laghey		€37,610.00	Completed	
7	LP1965-1	Friary Road	Laghey		€37,000.00	Completed	
8	LP-1865-1	Ballydevitt-Drumstevlin	Laghey		€51,000.00	Completed	
9	LS6421-1	Spierstown	Laghey		€69,000.00	Completed	
10	L-6565-1	Birchill	Laghey		€14,000.00	Completed	
11	LT19151	Mullans	Laghey	Tendered	€20,000.00	Not started	
12	LP-1815-7	Sruell	Laghey		€35,000.00	Started	
13	LS-6581-1	Clarcam	Laghey		€38,530.00	Started	77%

€2,365,218.00 Total Budget

Donegal Municipal District

Capital Improvement Works 2015

Programme of works

Footpath upgrade works						
Eng. Area	Location	Road No	Description	Budget	Status	Budget per Eng Area
14	Dunkineely	N56	The footpath above the national school	€12,000.00	Started	€12,000.00
15	Kilcar	R 263-8	The footpath leading to St Cartha's Church, Kilcar from Kilcar town.	€9,000.00	Not started	€18,000.00
	Killybegs	L 13152	Footpath outside the Corporation Cottages just off Church Road in Killybegs	€9,000.00	Completed	
16	Ballintra	L 2175-1	Main Street, Ballintra	€9,000.00	Not started	€27,000.00
	Ballyshannon	L 2425 & L-2445-1	Erne Dale Heights & Westport	€18,000.00	Not started	
17	Donegal Town	L 1905-1	Marian Villas	€18,000.00	Not started	€23,000.00
	Mountcharles	L 2615-1	School crossing point at Main Street, Mountcharles	€5,000.00	Started	
Total						€80,000.00

<p>Housing Corporate & Planning Control Services</p> <p>Planning Control Report</p>

Donegal Municipal District Meeting – 8th September 2015

Content:

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

Summary of planning applications for each Municipal District (2015)

	Period	Apps Recd	Granted	Refused	Deferred	Decisions < 2 months	Invalid
Donegal	01/01/15- 31/07/15	233	164	28	48	140	35
Glenties	01/01/15- 31/07/15	163	118	7	53	88	20
Inishowen	01/01/15- 31/07/15	232	140	15	52	101	53
Letterkenny	01/01/15- 31/07/15	221	168	21	66	114	23
Stranorlar	01/01/15- 31/07/15	143	105	10	39	73	19
County Totals*		992	695	81	258	516	150

Received (04/07/2015 – 28/08/2015) – 5 in total - 2 in the Donegal Municipal District

Decisions Notified (04/07/2015 – 28/08/2015) – 3 in total – 1 in the Donegal Municipal District

Appeal's Received (04/07/2015 – 28/08/2015)

REF NO	APPLICANTS NAME	APP. TYPE	DECISION DATE	L.A. DECISION	DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION	BORD PLEANALA RECD DATE
14/51400	DERRYKILLEW COMMUNITY WIND FARM LIMITED	P	10/06/2015	R	A TEN YEAR PLANNING PERMISSION TO CONSTRUCT A FIVE (5) TURBINE WINDFARM, THE DEVELOPMENT WILL COMPRISE OF UP TO 5 NO. ELECTRICITY GENERATING WIND TURBINES WITH AN OVERALL HEIGHT OF THE TURBINES NOT EXCEEDING 150 METRES. THE DEVELOPMENT WILL ALSO COMPRISE OF HARDSTANDINGS, AN ELECTRICAL COMPOUND AND SUB-STATION BUILDING WITH GRID SYSTEM SERVICES EQUIPMENT, ASSOCIATED SITE ROADS AND SITE WORKS. THE PLANNING APPLICATION IS ACCOMPANIED BY AN ENVIRONMENT IMPACT STATEMENT AND A SCREENING FOR APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT REPORT AT DERRYKILLEW BALLYSHANNON	15/07/2015
15/50482	CAROL STURAT	P	18/06/2015	C	CONSTRUCTION OF A DOMESTRIC GARAGE AND ALL ASSOCIATED SITE WORKS AT LETTERFAD LETTERBARROW	16/07/2015

Appeal's Decision Notified (04/07/2015 – 28/08/2015)

REF NO	APPLICANTS NAME	APP. TYPE	DECISION DATE	L.A. DECISION	DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION	BORD PLEANALA DEC. DATE	DECISION
15/50014	MCENIFF HOLDING LTD	P	05/03/2015	C	ERECTION OF AN ADVERTISEMENT SIGN AND ASSOCIATED WORKS AT PARIS BAR MAIN STREET DRUMACRIN BUNDORAN	27/07/2015	C

Transboundary Applications

Ref.No:	N.I. Ref.No:	Date Rec'd	App./Contact	Type	Description / Location	Case Officer	Status
TB 12/03	J/2011/0082/F	08/10/2013	D.O.E. N.I.	Further Environmental Information and Revised Plans	Amendment to Windfarm at Crighshane & Crighdenis, Killeter, Castledearg.	P Kelly	Active
TB 13/04	C/2013/0248/F	08/11/2013	D.O.E. N.I.-	Environmental Impact Assessment Procedure	Windfarm at Windy Hill	P Kelly	Active
TB 14/01	J/2013/0287/F	07/01/2014	D.O.E. N.I.	Environmental Impact Assessment Procedure	Windfarm at Meenamullan near Killeter	P Kelly	Active
TB14/03	J/2014/0124/LCB	28/04/2014	D.O.E. N.I.	Consultation	Installation of Street Lighting ballards at Clady Bridge (Listed Building), Urney Road, Clady	P Kelly	Active
TB14/04	J/2011/0433/0	17/04/2014	D.O.E. N.I.	Addendum to Environmental Statement & Information	Major mixed use cross border development	P Kelly	Active
TB15/01	J/2014/0624/F	10/02/2015	D.O.E. N.I.	Initial Consultation	Wind Turbine at 290m S.W. of 30 Creevagh Road, Co. Derry	P Kelly	Active
TB15/02	A/2015/0049/F	10/202/2015	D.O.E. N.I.	Initial Consultation	Wind Turbine with a hub height on lands 108m N.W. of 18 Killea Road, Derry.	P Kelly	Active
TB15/03	LA11/2015/0066/F49/F	05/05/2015	Derry City & Strabane District Council	Initial Consultation	erection of a single wind turbine - 30m hub height with 17.3m blades, associated access and 2 no. electricity cabinets on lands 250m N.W. of 9 Elagh Road, Derry	P Kelly	Active

Part 8- Donegal Municipal District - None Active at 28/08/2015

Update to Donegal Municipal District regarding the preparation of a Tier 2 Local Area Plan (for Ballybofey- Stranorlar, Ballyshannon, Bridgend, Carndonagh, Donegal Town, Dungloe and Killybegs).

Since the Donegal Municipal District workshop on 9th June 2015 a notice dated 16th July 2015 was published in local newspapers to commence a preliminary consultation in respect of a Local Area Plan (LAP) for Tier 2 Towns, including Donegal Town, Ballyshannon and Killybegs within the Donegal MD. To inform the consultation, a series of Information Booklets were prepared and made available to provide background information on the purpose, process and scope of the LAP and also to identify specific information and issues that relate to each individual town that is to be covered by the LAP.

The preliminary consultation period will close on Friday 11th September 2015 and in the interim, it will continue to be promoted through the Councils Facebook and Twitter pages. To date, a total of 7 submissions have been received, 1 of which is specific to Ballyshannon, 2 of which are specific to Donegal Town and 1 of which relates specifically to Killybegs. In addition, a number of communications regarding the LAP have been made verbally to the Council and as a consequence a number of meetings have been scheduled. As a result, additional submissions are anticipated to be received before the end of the consultation period.

The next step is that it will be necessary to close out the consultation period (11th September 2015) and subsequently take cognisance of the submissions that are received at that point. As this is a preliminary consultation, it is anticipated that further targeted consultation within the relevant communities will be organised so as to engage further locally and to encourage positive community participation in the process. It is therefore proposed to revert to Municipal District Members after the completion of the consultation period and when the full extent and scope of the submissions is apparent, with a view to scheduling a workshop of Municipal District to further consider the preparation of the LAP.

Denis Kelly
Senior Executive Planner
31st August 2015



Municipal District of Donegal

8th September 2015

Community, Development & Enterprise

REPORT

1. Pride of Place
2. Marine Tourism Update
3. Community Tourism Diaspora Initiative 2015
4. Donegal Gathering Update
5. 15th Donegal Bay and Blue Stacks Festival
6. Library Update
 - Read Your Mind Project
7. Heritage Office Update
 - New County Donegal Heritage Plan
 - County Donegal 'Heritage Week' Event Guide
 - 'County Donegal in 1916' Heritage Education Pack
 - 'Learning Through The Landscape' Continuing Professional Development Course for Primary Teachers
8. Bundoran Tourism Officer Update



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

Municipal District: All

Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	IPB Pride of Place 2015
Project Description/Activity	IPB Pride of Place National Adjudication Co Donegal 23 rd Aug – 26 th Aug
Budget (if applicable)	€
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCC Social Inclusion Week June 2015: Six Pride of Place 2015 were awarded with a framed Pride of Place Donegal Certificate and a grant of €250.00 each in recognition for their outstanding Community Work • The Pride of Place IPB initiatives were advised by DCC Coordinator on preparation for the adjudication • The IPB National Adjudication took place from 24rd Aug – 26th Aug 2015 by Declan Nelson (Monaghan) & Eddie Sheehy (Wicklow). Those adjudicated were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Killybegs Community Council - Sliabh Sneacht Centre, Drumfries - Coiste Pobail Ghort a'Choirce - The Workhouse, Dunfanaghy <p>The adjudicators were pleased with the high standard of all the initiatives</p>
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	The National IPB Pride of Place Awards will take place in Ennis, Co Clare on 14 th November 2015.
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Caitlin Uí Chochláin Caitlin.uichochoilainn@donegalcoco.ie P: 087 9084888




Electoral Area: Donegal

General Maritime Activity

Activity / Project Title	Marine Tourism Marketing & Development
Project Description/Activity	The Marine Tourism Marketing & Development Plan covers a range of locations, activities and projects.
Budget (if applicable)	N/A
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 2 -inclusive of current status	<p>Killybegs Tourism A town map has been developed for inclusion in the new Killybegs presentation folder and has been printed and delivered to Killybegs Information Centre.</p> <p>Sliabh Liag Branding and Website Development New branding has been developed for Sliabh Liag including a logo, letterheads, business cards etc. The new website www.sliabhliag.com is now live and a new Facebook page has been set up at www.facebook.com/sliabhliagexperience A number of promotional materials have been developed including a brochure, flyer, nomadic stand, pop-ups and online banners that will be used in the future promotion of Sliabh Liag when the new Visitors Centre opens.</p> <p>Fanad Lighthouse A new website and Facebook page have been developed for Fanad Lighthouse and include a booking engine for the accommodation section using Super Control software for self-catering systems. The website can be viewed at www.fanadlighthouse.com The booking engine will go live when the official launch of the accommodation and website takes place in the Autumn of 2015, date TBC.</p> <p>All Ireland Rowing Championships 2016 Donegal Bay Rowing Club put forward a bid for the All Ireland Rowing Championships 2016 to take place at the Lakeside Centre in Ballyshannon. This bid has been successful. Much of the accommodation in Donegal has already been booked. Large numbers of people will attend the event which will have a significant economic boost for Donegal. Donegal County Council is assisting with plans including a brochure for the event. MalinWaters will also sponsor the event.</p> <p>A new website has been development to promote rowing and the All Ireland Championships in Donegal www.donegalbayrowingclub.com The website features a blog, social media integration, e-mail</p>

	<p>marketing options etc. Training will be provided to the rowing club members so that they can update the Wordpress CMS system themselves.</p> <p>Tides of Time Project A list of over 15 interested partners in this project has been compiled. The proposed Atlantic Area Programme project called ‘Tides of Time’ is in circulation to potential partners around Europe including Sail West partners. Expressions of interest have been received and the EU Unit are working to determine the best project partners to form consortium. This project focuses on developing an educational marine touring route of locations where marine events of historic significance took place such as the Spanish Armada, World Wars etc. Donegal has a huge amount of shipwrecks. This project seeks to educate, to conserve and enhance locations of historic importance and to promote the coast a location of marine heritage and history. The call for applications takes place in Q4 2015.</p> <p>NEA 3 Project Donegal County Council is working with the council in Brittany on NEA 3 an Atlantic Area project. Applications will be submitted for consideration in Q4 of this year. Donegal County Council has specified the areas of interest to them as part of this project that would provide the best benefits for Donegal. The project is based on the development of three centres of excellence including tourism, waste and seaside sports, industry & trade services and pleasure boating, ports development. The project seeks to develop a ‘Destination Atlantic’ to promote marine tourism activities on the Atlantic coastlines. Donegal County Council has made suggestions as to a new name for the project as requested by Brittany County Council.</p>
<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarter 3 reporting period</p>	<p>Sea Europe Project The EASME EU funded Sea Europe project was launched in July 2015 in Barcelona. The project seeks to develop a touring route, research and conservation of an EU wide marine wildlife and biodiversity trail. Malin Head will be the pilot area for this project due to its rich wildlife and biodiversity, including the basking shark and dolphin population. The Sea Europe delegation will be coming to Donegal from 7th – 9th October 2015 for a meeting hosted by Donegal County Council. This meeting will co-inside with our Wild Atlantic Way Tourism Conference and a tour of Malin Head. Check out #wildseaeurope on Twitter for more details, a website and Facebook page will be coming soon.</p> <p>Arranmore Island Website A new website for Arranmore Island is currently in development with the addition of a blog and mobile responsive design.</p> <p>Fanad Lighthouse Developments A launch event has been planned for Fanad Lighthouse when it is ready to open; the date has to be confirmed. The website will continue to be developed in the coming weeks. The booking engine will go live once the launch has happened and the accommodation officially opens. An e-mail marketing campaign will be set up to</p>

	<p>target all customers who expressed interest in the lighthouse letting them know they can now book online.</p> <p>Poll an tSnamh A potential marine themed project for the old swimming pool in Rannafast is under early stage consideration with a consultant having been employed to carry out a feasibility study in the area and develop plans. The Natura Impact Statement will be part of the feasibility study which is due for completion at the end of September.</p>
<p>Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i></p>	<p>Joy Harron Marine Marketing Development Officer Donegal Tourism Ltd Donegal Public Service Centre Drumlonagher Donegal Town Co. Donegal</p>  <p>Tel: + 353 (74) 9724431 Mobile: +353 (87) 0619360 E-mail: info@malinwaters.com Facebook: www.facebook.com/malinwaters Twitter: www.twitter.com/sailmalinwaters LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/in/joyharron</p>

Sail West Activity

Activity / Project Title	'Sail West' project promoting the MalinWaters brand.
Project Description/Activity	<p>The Sail West project aims to develop marine tourism within the shared maritime regions of North West Ireland, Northern Ireland and Western Scotland. The project is funded by the EU INTERREG IVA programme. Led by DCC the project commenced in 2010 and good progress was made in the initial 3 years.</p> <p>The Marketing Plan for 2015 has been approved by SEUPB and will continue promotions into 2015. The Marine Marketing Development Officer has been employed by Donegal Tourism Ltd to continue to develop marine themed opportunities and promote the MalinWaters brand.</p>
Budget (if applicable)	€86,500.00 SEUPB funding. Match funding currently at €95,399.00
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 1-3 -inclusive of current status	<p>Marine Blast App The marinas, pontoons and coastal attractions of Donegal have now been listed on the popular Marine Blast app for iPhones. The app previously only featured the UK and Scotland but now lists Donegal and Sligo, plus Northern Ireland as part of the MalinWaters, Sail West project. This app is free to download and is hugely popular with the sailing community. It will soon be available on Android.</p> <p>MalinWaters.com Website Statistics Q2 Google Analytics statistics have revealed a significant increase in traffic to MalinWaters.com since the new CMS and mobile functionality went live. The website has seen a 210.38% increase in mobile visitors since the website is now mobile friendly. Overall traffic increased by 83.04%, which is 34,910 vs 19,072 visits with a significant increase in organic search. Page Views increased by 48.57%.</p> <p>Yachting Life Advert An advert was placed in the September/October 2015 issue of Yachting Life magazine. This issue was chosen as it is distributed at two major sailing events – The Scotland Boat Show and The Southampton Boat Show with an additional 20,000 copies circulated on top of the regular print quantities for this purpose.</p> <p>Marketing Plan Planned marketing activity detailed in the MalinWaters marketing plan for Q2 of 2015 has been completed. The marketing plan contains a detailed digital marketing strategy which will see the deployment of the latest digital tactics to increase MalinWaters brand awareness and increase business for tourism partners in the regions.</p>

MalinWaters Video Production

The new MalinWaters video is now live on YouTube and has had over 409 views so far. The link to the video is

<https://youtu.be/tqsYexmDGJk>

MalinWaters Website Development

Functionality updates have now been completed on MalinWaters.com, new completely mobile friendly CMS system installed, updates to backend CMS for SEO and future proofing complete. Front end design remains the same, functionality on the backend of the website has been revamped and future proofed.

Facebook Paid Advertising Campaign

Several paid Facebook advertising campaigns have been completed with a selection of promotional banners used in conjunction with Facebook news feed advertising to reach a specific target audience. Facebook adverts in French and German languages have been launched to target markets in the local language. The Facebook page now has over 6.3k likes and continues to grow.

Sail Scotland Campaign

MalinWaters banners are now live on SailScotland.co.uk. There are also several new blog posts dedicated to promoting MalinWaters now published on SailScotland.co.uk. These blog posts have been shared on Sail Scotland's Facebook and Twitter pages with a combined reach of over 30k of a targeted marine tourism audience.

Welcome Anchorages 2015

Copies of Welcome Anchorages 2015 are in the process of being distributed to tourist offices and marinas across County Donegal.

MalinWaters Map Reprint

The new map has been printed and is being distributed at promotional events, marinas and harbours throughout the MalinWaters regions.

Chelsea Magazine Company Ltd

The display advertising campaign including MPU and leaderboard banners went live on 2nd February across three prominent websites -- Classic Boat, Sailing Today and Yachts and Yachting with a combined audience of over 67k web, 49k e-mail subscribers and 142k social media followers. This campaign highlights Donegal as a sailing and marine tourism destination to a wide audience in the UK market. The campaign also incorporates an e-mail marketing element with MalinWaters newsletters being distributed across the network. This campaign was completed in March 2015.

Sailing Today Campaign

A MalinWaters advert featured in Sailing Today. MalinWaters was advertised in the digital flipbook version and print version of the publication. An extensive banner campaign over partner websites has been completed. Over 60k reach online. This campaign was completed in March 2015.

	<p>Google Ad Words Campaign The Google Ad Words campaign completed at the end of March 2015 and drove over 10k visits to MalinWaters.com. So far there have been 519 clicks (traffic) to the website from ads on the Google Search Engine Results Page (SERP), and 4,616 clicks to the website from text and banners ads on the Google Display Network (GDN), so a total of 5,135 times. Malin Water ads have been seen a total of 1,201,040 times (Impressions) on the search and display networks combined. Click-through rate (CTR) on search ads is 1.27%, and 0.40% on display ads. Average cost per click (CPC) on search ads is €0.57, which is 43% lower than originally forecasted. Average position of search ads on the SERP is high at 2.2, and display ads are in position 1 on the GDN.</p> <p>MalinWaters Design Creatives and Video Production A professional suite of over 20 banner adverts, Facebook covers and YouTube/Twitter background imagery have been designed to promote MalinWaters and represent each region equally. These can be found across social media channels and are being used in campaigns such as the Chelsea Magazine Campaign detailed above.</p> <p>E-mail Marketing E-mail Marketing is ongoing with a fortnightly MalinWaters dedicated e-mail sent out to over 700 subscribers in which County Donegal is promoted along with the partner regions. The subscribe tab that has been added to the MalinWaters Facebook page continues to gather additional subscriptions via social media.</p> <p>Time Inc E-mail Campaign Time Inc 3rd Party e-mail campaign completed with 7 emails sent, 3 solus varieties, over 162k reach. The e-mails were sent to Practical Boat Owner, Yachting Monthly, Yachting World, Motorboat and Yachting, YBW.com.</p> <p>Branded Merchandise A selection of branded merchandise for promoting MalinWaters at strategic festivals and events has been produced and delivered. It will be used at various promotional events throughout 2015.</p>
<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarter 3 reporting period</p>	<p>Marketing Plan 2016 The Marketing Plan for 2016 is in development with new campaigns planned for the coming year. Partners have been encouraged to contribute to this plan and make suggestions for campaigns in their particular regions.</p> <p>Website Content Updates The website has now been updated in terms of functionality. The next phase is to update the content. This includes areas such as the events section, itineraries, the blog etc. Details of marinas, activity providers etc. also need to be updated. This work will commence in Q3.</p> <p>Q3 Project Targets</p>

	<p>Continued promotion of MalinWaters as a marine tourism destination to niche target markets.</p> <p>World Boat Angling Championships The World Boat Angling Championships will take place in Bundoran and Mullaghmore in September 2015 and MalinWaters will provide sponsorship and other support such as digital marketing. 22 teams of 5-8 anglers from all over the world are set to take part in this week long event.</p> <p>Social Media Continued updating and development of the social media channels.</p> <p>E-mail Marketing In Q3 we will continue the MalinWaters e-mail marketing campaign with regular newsletters sent out to subscribers.</p> <p>Sail West Partnership Continuation Sail West partners have agreed to continue support the MalinWaters.com marketing by contributing financially in order to keep the project going for 2016. Partners wish to keep the consortium together for the purposes of joint marketing activity and future opportunities to work towards additional EU funding applications and projects.</p>
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Donegal County Council

Municipal District: Countywide

Activity / Project Update, 25th August 2015

Activity / Project Title	Community Tourism Diaspora Initiative 2015
Project Description/Activity	The key objective of the Fund is to provide support to local and community event organisers and activities / projects that will harness diaspora links for the benefit of local and community tourism. The Fund is being administered by your local city / county council.
Budget (if applicable)	€ 32,223.00
Progress to date within the last two months-inclusive of current status	Funding draw-down process is ongoing. 51 Events have already taken place.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	Progress on submissions of Post Event Reports
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Iga Lawne, Tourism Community Support Officer, Donegal Tourism Ltd E: igalawne@gmail.com / T: 074-972 4475



Activity / Project Update, 25th August 2015

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Gathering website and Facebook www.donegalgathering.com
Project Description/Activity	Donegal Gathering is a key initiative of the Donegal Diaspora project bringing together young and old, from near and far, for a truly unique experience. The Donegal Gathering calendar is packed with amazing exhibitions, fun festivals, cracking concerts and sporting events taking place in Donegal.
Budget (if applicable)	N/A
Progress to date within the last two months -inclusive of current status	<p>Donegal Gathering website</p> <p>Donegal Gathering statistics show continuous increase of visits to the website in 2015 compare to last year.</p> <p>Total website views since January 2015: 107,856 Total Visitors since January 2015: 54,102 (website views in the first 6 months of 2015 have exceeded total website views of 2014)</p> <p>Monthly traffic in 2014 & 2015 was as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> July:- 2014: 12,670 / 21,820 (up 72%) August:- 2014: 8,018 / approx. 18,000 (up approx. 124%) <p>Donegal Gathering Facebook Page</p> <p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <p>No of Likes: 2,500 Post Total Reach Jul & Aug 2015: 100,178 Post reach by people who like our Page Jul & Aug: 49,614</p> <p>A busy weekly schedule promoting local events is in place.</p>
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Website stats update for Q3 2015
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Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	15th Donegal Bay and Blue Stacks Festival
Project Description/Activity	Annual, multi-disciplinary arts festival, initiated and managed by Donegal County Council, taking place in South and South West Donegal. The event is a project of Donegal County Council Arts Service's local authority arts programme, as assisted by The Arts Council / An Comhairle Ealaíon, through its Local Authority Annual Programme, grant scheme.
Budget (if applicable)	An allocation of €25,000 towards the Festival has been included in the Donegal County Council Estimates 2015.
Progress to date within the last quarter* -inclusive of current status	<p>The 15th. annual Donegal Bay and Blue Stacks Festival will take place this year from Friday to Sunday, September 25th. to October 4th. Festival events will take place in a host of towns and villages in South and South West Donegal including Ballyshannon, Bundoran, Ballybofey, Donegal, Dunkineely, Killybegs, Gleann Choilm Cille, Ardara and Glenties.</p> <p>This year's celebratory 15th. annual programme will include touring theatre, traditional music and dance, literary events, visual arts, carnival arts workshops and a carnival parade, as well as classical and contemporary music performances.</p> <p>This year's Festival Carnival Parade in Ballyshannon – scheduled for Saturday night, October 3rd. – will have an Irish dancing theme, taking its inspiration from a WB Yeats poem, 'To a Child Dancing in The Wind'. Headlining the Festival's particularly strong theatre programme this year will be the premier of a new play on the life and times of the great Fr. James McDyer of Glencolmcille, which will be seen in Glencolmcille (September 27 & 28) , Glenties (September 30) and Ballyshannon (October 1). Further excellent new productions by Balor Rep Theatre Company, Bread and Roses Theatre and Donegal Drama Circle will be staged in Glenties, Ballyshannon, Bundoran, Dunkineely and Donegal Town, over the course of the Festival, while the brilliant agri-comedy, Charolais, direct from a hugely successful run at the Edinburgh</p>

* Delete irrelevant reporting period

	<p>Fringe, will be at the Balor Arts Centre, Ballybofey on October 1.</p> <p>Musical highlights will include the launch by virtuoso Castlefin fiddle player Brid Harper of her debut CD at the Balor Arts Centre on September 25 and an appearance by legendry folk band Scullion at the same venue on October 2.</p> <p>In addition, the Festival is delighted that RTE Radio 1 will record two editions of its iconic Sunday Miscellany radio programme, in The Abbey Arts Centre, Ballyshannon on Sunday afternoon, October 4. Among the Donegal writers to be featured on the programme will be Olive Travers, Frank Galligan, John Nee, Denise Blake, Caitlin Ni Ghallchoir, Joe Brennan and Martin McGinley. Music will be by Aidan O'Donnell, Danny Meehan, Amy Gillen, The Henry Girls and Seamie O'Dowd. Two editions of the iconic radio programme will be recorded in Ballyshannon and they will be broadcast to Sunday Miscellany's weekly audience of over 250,000 listeners, in Ireland and overseas.</p> <p>The Donegal Bay and Blue Stacks Festival will, once again, work closely with the Johnny Donerty Festival of Music and Dancing in Ardara (September 25-28) and the annual Donegal Fiddlers Gathering in Glenties (October 2-4), so as to maximise programing and promotional opportunities for all three events.</p>
<p>Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i></p>	<p>Traolach O Fionnain, Arts Officer, Donegal County Council. T: 074 9121968 E: traolach@donegalcoco.ie</p>



**Comhairle Contae
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Donegal County Council

Municipal District: All

Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	<i>Read Your Mind Project</i>
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status	<p>Donegal County Library is delighted to announce our new <i>Read your Mind</i> project will be launched by Tony Bates, clinical psychologist and Founding Director of Headstrong, in the Central Library, Letterkenny on Tuesday the 15th of September at 2pm.</p> <p>In supporting young peoples mental health, Donegal County library and Jigsaw Donegal, supported by the HSE and The National Office for Suicide Prevention, have collated a catalogue of books on mental health topics to meet the needs of young people aged 12 to 25 years. Topics such as stress management, anxiety, depression, loneliness, eating disorders and addiction are included in the collection.</p> <p>Young people, their parents and friends can access and borrow titles from the <i>Read Your Mind</i> collection through our network of libraries and Taobh Tíre centres across County Donegal. Many of the titles will also be available to access online through the library website www.donegallibrary.ie as an e-book.</p>
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Activity / Project Update

Activity Title	New County Donegal Heritage Plan
Activity Description	The County Donegal Heritage Office and the County Donegal Heritage Forum in partnership with The Heritage Council is in the process of preparing the new, five-year County Donegal Heritage Plan. The aim of the Heritage Plan is to raise awareness, understanding and appreciation of the rich and diverse heritage of our county; to promote its conservation, enhancement and enjoyment; and to sustainably harness the economic, social and cultural benefits of heritage for current and future generations. The objectives of the Heritage Plan are to: (i) increase knowledge and awareness, and promote appreciation and enjoyment of County Donegal's heritage to reinforce our sense of place and identity, (ii) promote and encourage best practice in the conservation and management of our heritage, (iii) encourage partnership, networking and active engagement with our heritage, (iv) promote heritage education, training, tourism and outreach activities, and (v) collect data on heritage, inform decision-making and promote economic, cultural and social development. The County Donegal Heritage Forum prepares and submits an annual application to The Heritage Council for matching funding for the implementation of Heritage Plan actions. The plan will also be implemented through other functions undertaken by Donegal County Council, including its culture, community and economic development functions. Over the lifetime of the County Donegal Heritage Plan (2007-2013), it is estimated that Donegal County Council, The Heritage Council and other County Donegal Heritage Forum partners have invested at least €750,000 in the implementation of County Donegal Heritage Plan actions.
Budget (<i>if applicable</i>)	N/A
Progress to date within the last two months – inclusive of current status	The County Donegal Heritage Forum finalised the County Donegal Heritage Plan (2014-2019) and it was adopted unanimously by the elected members of Donegal County Council at their meeting on July 27, 2015.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	Design of the new County Donegal Heritage Plan.
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**Comhairle Contae
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Donegal County Council

Municipal District:- ALL

Activity / Project Update

Activity Title	County Donegal 'Heritage Week' Event Guide
Activity Description	National Heritage Week took place from Saturday, August 22 until Sunday, August 30, 2015. National Heritage Week is coordinated by The Heritage Council & Local Authority Heritage Officers with support from the Department of Arts, Heritage & the Gaeltacht and Fáilte Ireland. 'Heritage Week' is an opportunity to raise awareness of, and engender pride in, the cultural, built and natural heritage of County Donegal. There were over 110 'Heritage Week' events taking place in County Donegal including heritage open days, guided walks, fieldtrips, exhibitions, conferences, illustrated talks, historical re-enactments, birds of prey displays, whale watching, garden tours, traditional skills demonstrations, craft fairs, skills training, launch events, film screenings, storytelling, traditional music and children's activities. The County Donegal Heritage Office compiled the free, pocket-size County Donegal 'Heritage Week' Event Guide based on information submitted to the National Heritage Week website at www.heritageweek.ie
Budget (if applicable)	€1,800
Progress to date within the last two months – inclusive of current status	The County Donegal 'Heritage Week' Event Guide was compiled by the County Donegal Heritage Office and launched by Dr. Lochlann McGill, President of the Donegal Historical Society, in the County Museum on Tuesday, August 11. Unprecedented demand for event guide despite 5,000 copies printed.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	N/A
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Activity / Project Update

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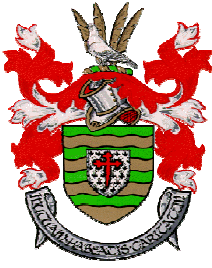


Activity / Project Update

Activity Title	'Learning Through The Landscape' Continuing Professional Development Course for Primary Teachers
Activity Description	The Donegal Education Centre, National Parks & Wildlife Service, Inland Fisheries Ireland, Nature North West and the County Donegal Heritage Office organised a 'Learning Through The Landscape' Continuing Professional Development Course for Primary Teachers in Glenveagh National Park from Monday, July 6 until Friday, July 10, 2015. Themes addressed related to the primary curriculum and included reading the landscape and habitats (such as rivers and bogs) as well as transferable skills such as using maps, surveying, fieldwork and GIS. Course was sanctioned by the Department of Education & Skills and was fully subscribed (25 primary teachers). As part of the implementation of the County Donegal Heritage Plan (Action 4.16), the County Donegal Heritage Office secured the participation of ecologist, author and broadcaster Éanna Ní Lamhna who delivered a training day on bogs as habitats and contributed towards the provision of teaching materials.
Budget (if applicable)	€1,000
Progress to date within the last two months – inclusive of current status	Course took place in Glenveagh National Park from Monday, July 6 until Friday, July 10, 2015.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	N/A
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Bundoran Activity Report				
Staff Resource Shane Smyth				
Managed by Barney McLaughlin				
Action	Lead Actor / Agency	Progress to date	Next Steps	Resources & Source of Resource
Opening Ceremony for World Boat Angling Championships	Discover Bundoran	Meetings with organising committee. Plan and format of ceremony agreed. Invites issued.	Final logistics to be worked out. Liaison with various embassies who have been invited to ceremony	Discover Bundoran Failte Ireland grant
Souvenir Programme for World Boat Angling Championships	Discover Bundoran	All content secured and formatting taking place.	Proof approval. Programme distribution to all participants	Failte Ireland grant Discover Bundoran
Waterworld marketing	Bundoran Tourism Officer Waterworld Manager	Ongoing publicity of Waterworld until end of season in mid-September		Waterworld
Management of Bundoran Tourist Office	Discover Bundoran	Ongoing	Ongoing	Discover Bundoran
Heritage Weekend Planning	Discover Bundoran Magh Ene Historical Society Bundoran Community Development Group	Programme agreed. Marketing agreed.	Promotion of events, Events staged.	Discover Bundoran Magh Ene Historical Society
Advertising Campaign for Discover Bundoran	Discover Bundoran	Weeklong promotions on Q Radio Northern Ireland, KCLR FM, East Coast Radio. Other competitions on 2FM.	Post promotion appraisal	Discover Bundoran
Carnival/Fireworks/ Vintage Car Rally	Discover Bundoran Dark Daughter Productions South Donegal Vintage Car Club	Project Complete	Project appraisal.	Discover Bundoran Macks Amusements Olympic Amusements Bundoran Ad. Park

New information panels at Fairy Bridges	Discover Bundoran	Liaising with planning authority	Panels designed in English and Irish	Discover Bundoran
Pumpkin Carving and Parade	Discover Bundoran	Pumpkins ordered and poster ordered	Logistics with team	Discover Bundoran
John Lennon Bus	Donegal County Council Arts Donegal ETB	Assisted with coordination of Bundoran leg of John Lennon Bus tour		Donegal County Council
Christmas Lights	Discover Bundoran Christmas Lights Committee	Initial informal meeting	Public meeting called for September 3 rd	Christmas Lights Committee
Participation in European Surf Atlantic programme	Discover Bundoran	Attended Kick Off Meeting in Spain. Presented findings to surf partners in Bundoran.	Appoint project manager. Completion of information required for project deadlines	Discover Bundoran



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DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT SECTION

SEPTEMBER 2015 REPORT TO MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETINGS.

National Littering Pollution Monitoring System Report, 2014.

This annual report is commissioned by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government and collates the data returned by 57 local authorities in 2014. The report identifies the levels of national and local litter, the main constituents of litter pollution and the causes of that litter.

The scoring system is divided into 5 categories, which breaks down as follows:-
Nationally unpolluted 12%, slightly polluted 64%, moderately polluted 20%, significantly polluted 3% and gross polluted 0.3%.

For Donegal in 2014 this was reported as unpolluted 12% , slightly polluted 66%, moderately polluted 21%, significantly polluted 0% and grossly polluted 0%.

Nationally the main constituents of litter were identified as cigarette litter 54%, food related 16%, packaging 12%, sweet related 7% and paper items 5%.

In Donegal the survey reported that cigarettes litter was 33%, food 9%, packaging 31%, sweet related 15% and paper 8%

INTRODUCTION OF NEW PRIMARY WASTE MANAGEMENT LEGISLATION

A new legislative framework to give effect to previously flagged commitments around the management of household waste and new enforcement measures relating to producer responsibility by amending the Waste Management Act 1996 through the Environment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2015 have been introduced. The new legislation commences on 31 August 2015. A summary of the main provisions is set out below:

- Although the provisions of the Environment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2015 commence on 31 August 2015, the vast majority of the provisions – including the mandatory requirement for collectors and facilities accepting

household waste to charge on a pay by weight basis and the issuing of fixed payment notices for specified collector offences – will not impact operationally for waste enforcement authorities until 1 July, 2016;

- Many provisions will not be effective until such time as waste collection permits have been either reviewed or granted under the new legislation and for other provisions, until new collection and facility authorisation Regulations are in place;
- It is the intention that such Regulations will be signed in early 2016 following a consultation process which it is intended will conclude before the end of 2015;
- The key immediate impact for local authority enforcement is the introduction of fixed payment notices for specific Producer Responsibility initiative offences from 31 August, 2015;

Fixed payment notices (FPNs) for breaches of a waste collection permit will only apply to permits granted or reviewed under the amended Act. It is intended that all household waste collection permits will be granted under the new legislation containing specific conditions which will apply from 1 July, 2016. Therefore, FPNs will in practical terms apply to all household waste collection permits from 1 July, 2016. The above mentioned Regulations will also provide a template for such an FPN. Requirements around charging on a pay by weight basis for collecting and accepting household waste will also require Regulations and as previously signalled, will also apply from 1 July, 2016.

The legislation also amends the Waste Management Act 1996 to provide for the introduction of a range of fixed payment notices, ranging from €100 to €2,000 in respect of specified offences under regulations concerning Producer Responsibility Initiatives (PRIs). These come into effect from 31 August 2015. The measures are being introduced following extensive discussions with industry representative organisations, the EPA and local authorities through a range of well-established national monitoring groups and represent an alternative enforcement tool which will be a more flexible means of addressing low-level non-compliance thereby facilitating greater levels of enforcement and increased compliance overall.

Bring Banks Summer 2015 Campaign

The Council has endeavoured to ensure that the County's beaches, picnic areas and bring bank sites are kept clear of litter and fly tipping. In general the Council believes that it has managed to ensure that these amenity areas have been managed in a manner that ensures Donegal remains as unspoiled as possible.

The volume of material collected at the 72 Bring Bank sites increases an average by 25 tonnes per week (100 tonnes from 75 tonnes) during the peak season. This is focused on approximately 8% of the sites.

Enforcement.

The number of Environmental Complaints received by Donegal County Council for the year to date are 696, of which 590 is for waste and litter, representing nearly 85% of the total complaints.

The number of Litter Pollution Act 1997 Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) served for the year to date is 101.

The number of FPN paid for the year to date is 38.

The number of FPN served on person outside the jurisdiction for the year to date is 13.

Currently the number of prosecutions before the courts for unpaid FPN is 7, with 4 successful prosecutions for the year to date. There are a number of other files under the Litter Pollution Act 1997 being prepared for the attention of the Councils Solicitors and possible prosecution.

Summer Bathing Season/Water Safety

The 2015 bathing season was quieter than in previous years. However, despite the disappointing weather, some 236,866 visitors were recorded across our 14 Lifeguarded beaches. The 45 seasonal Lifeguards patrolling the 13 Blue Flag Beaches along with Rathmullan beach supervised over 67, 000 swimmers and prevented over 3,000 incidents. There were three helicopter evacuations of casualties from these beaches, overseen by the lifeguards. Due to their skill and training, all casualties were subsequently released from hospital and made full recoveries.

Month	Rescue	Craft Rescue	1st Aid	Lost Child	Advice Given	Accidents Prevented	Swimmers	Visitors
June	0	0	11	3	3000	1050	6,201	20,500
July	0	0	57	8	3348	1189	27,379	87,619
Aug	1	3	89	3	3388	1176	34256	128,747
TOTAL	1	3	157	14	9736	3415	67,836	236,866

Donegal County Council continues to improve water safety signage, awareness campaigns and infrastructure development around the coastline. The annual figures per county in 2014 and 2013 is summarised below.

	Number of Drownings	
	2014	2013
Donegal	6	8
Countrywide	114	123

Donegal County Council is developing an awareness campaign around our coastline in association with The Samaritans at our ringbuoy locations. By working together we may help to reduce the number of tragic incidents that occur at our National waterways.

Beach Access

Donegal County Council improved beach infrastructure to allow them be enjoyed by visitors of all abilities. Previously Rossnowlagh was the only beach promoted as being wheelchair accessible. We have now improved the situation to claim ten beaches as being wheelchair accessible. These comprise of; three Designated Bathing Waters, six Blue Flag and one Green Coast beach being wheelchair accessible. We hope to improve this further with some works in Murvagh, Shrove and Lisfannon before the year end.

Beach Maintenance

The Council has endeavoured to ensure that all beaches are kept as clean as possible throughout the bathing season. This has involved a 7 day week cleaning programme by the Mobile Litter Units, as well as routine patrolling by the Beach Lifeguards and Litter Wardens. Additional waste disposal and recycling facilities are provided on certain beaches, as required. This continues to be supported by Local Community involvement which has enabled the high standards to be maintained.

There have been a number of strandings of dead and alive whales/dolphins in addition to other farm animals being washed in. These were dealt with promptly as soon as the required permissions and licences were granted.

Donegal Municipal District meeting of 8th September 2015

Donegal Municipal District

- 4.1 Submitted by:** Clr. Noel Andrew Jordan
- Assigned to:** Roads and Housing Capital
- Motion** That this Municipal District lobby the NRA to sanction works at Leghowney junction as it is a huge safety issue for motorists"
- Signed off by:** MARK SWEENEY
- Response:** Currently the Road Design section have been asked to carry out a safety review of the following junctions:
1. The Leghowney junction off the N15
2. The Lough Eske junction off the N15.
As reported previously Road Design expect to have this safety review completed in the 4th quarter of 2015.
This report will then be forwarded to the Donegal National Roads Office for consideration.

From: Seamus Maguire [seamuspmaguire@gmail.com]
Sent: 21 August 2015 11:28
To: ENDA MONAGHAN(DONEGAL)
Cc: Shane mc gee; Milla Harvey
Subject: Deputation to Donegal County Council

Enda / Bridie

Donegal Bay Rowing Club request a deputation with Donegal County Council and the sitting Councillors regarding the 2016 All-Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships in Donegal.

Kindest regards
Séamus Maguire
Chairperson
Donegal Bay Rowing Club
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