

Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall

Oifig Riarthóir na gCruinnithe,
Aras an Chontae,
Leifear.

2 Meitheamh, 2015

FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniú Bliantúil de Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall ar siúl **De Máirt 9 Meitheamh 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.

2nd June, 2015

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal will be held on **Tuesday 9th June 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. Election of Cathaoirleach
2. Election of Leas-Cathaoirleach
3. Consideration of Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 12th May 2015.
4. Consideration of Minutes of Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 12th May 2015.
5. Consideration of Minutes of Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 25th May 2015

6. Update Reports from Council Services:
 - 6.1 Housing & Corporate Services
 - 6.2 Roads / Transportation
 - 6.3 Planning & Economic Development
 - 6.4 Community, Enterprise and Cultural Services
 - 6.5 Environment Services

7. Motions
 - 7.1 Cllr Noel Jordan
“That this Municipal District calls on Irish Water to provide a timeframe and a costing for linking the Mountcharles sewer to the new sewer in Donegal Town.”

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

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

8. Questions
 - 8.1 Cllr Niamh Kennedy
“Why are there no camper van parking spaces on the pier in Donegal Town as there are for buses?”

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

9. Date of Next Meeting (Tuesday the 14th July 2015)

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD AT
2.00 P. M. ON TUESDAY THE 12TH MAY 2015 IN THE PETER KENNEDY
CHAMBER, DONEGAL PUBLIC SERVICES CENTRE, DONEGAL**

MDD/74/15 MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MDD/75/15 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Garry Martin, Head of Finance & Director of Information Systems and Emergency Services
Ms. Bridie McBrearty, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Barney McLaughlin, Administrative Officer, Community & Enterprise
Mr. Killian Smith, Executive Planner, Planning & Economic Development
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

MDD/76/15 VOTES OF SYMPATHY

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

The late Barney McCabe, Cloughan, Rossinver, Co. Leitrim, father of Rita Chapman, Senior Library Assistant, Bundoran Library.

MDD/77/15 WELCOME TO MARK SWEENEY

Members welcomed Mr. Mark Sweeney, Acting Area Manager, Roads/Transportation to this his first meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal.

MDD/78/15 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON THE 14TH APRIL 2015

On the proposal of Cllr McEniff, seconded by Cllr Kennedy the Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 14th April 2015 were confirmed.

MDD/79/15 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF WORKSHOP OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON THE 14TH APRIL 2015

On the proposal of Cllr Kennedy, seconded by Cllr Jordan the Minutes of the Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 14th April 2015 were confirmed.

MDD/80/15 ATTENDANCE OF DEPUTATION FROM BUNDORAN SURF INDUSTRY

Members welcomed Mr. Killian O'Kelly, Mr. Collie Phelin, and Mr. Aidan Browne representatives of the Bundoran Surf Industry to the meeting. Mr. K O'Kelly made a detailed presentation to Members in relation to the issues of importance to the Surf Industry in Bundoran with particular reference to the following:

- Access to Tullan Strand Beach –the importance of having a safe and proper access to Tullan Strand for the four surf schools and the wider tourism industry
- The future of the surfing industry in Bundoran is being jeopardised as there is no access for emergency vehicles to the beach and it is competing with other towns for surfing and other water related tourism
- The benefits a proper access would have for further tourism development in Bundoran including walking, Horse Riding, Fishing, Paragliding etc.
- Point of Interest on the Wild Atlantic Way
- Transatlantic Conference will be in Bundoran in January 2016
- Funding has been ring-fenced by the former Bundoran Town Council to part fund the cost of the replacement Access
- The urgency of the situation to have access restored to Tullan Strand Beach

Cllr O'Neill thanked the attendees for the sincerity of the presentation and Cllr. McEniff advised that he was very much aware of the situation and expressed the view that it was unbelievable the amount of time that has elapsed. He further advised that he would do his utmost to have the matter rectified.

A number of comments / queries from Members were dealt with by the deputation.

All Members expressed their support for the restoration of access to Tullan strand and thanked the deputation for their attendance.

MDD/81/15 HOUSING AND CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

Progress reports on Grants, Loans and Casual Vacancies

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

Ms. B McBrearty also informed Members that a further three casual vacancies had been let since the report had been prepared and that a further few properties on the list would be ready and let shortly.

Housing Assistance Payments (HAP)

Ms. B McBrearty briefed Members in relation to Housing Assistance Payments as referred to at the previous meeting of the District. She advised that HAP processing in Donegal would commence on 25th May 2015 for any new applications for rent supplement (HAP replaces rent supplement). Rent Supplement will no longer be paid to new applicants by Community Welfare Officers except in cases where the applicant has recently become unemployed.

She advised Members of the new process and that applications for HAP would be dealt with in each of the Public Services Centres and Lifford for their respective areas. The procession of payments to landlords and collecting of rents is being carried out in the Shared Service Centre with Limerick County Council (HUB). Customers on HAP will pay weekly rent calculated on the Council's Differential Rent Scheme and once the applications have been processed and set up on the system, the HUB will monitor rent payments and make the payments to the Landlords. The Rent Supplement limits will continue to be the maximum amount which is payable to Landlords.

The main benefits of HAP are that over time, rental accommodation should improve in quality as the local authorities are obliged to inspect properties within 8 months of a property entering into HAP. Applicants entering HAP are deemed to have their housing need met and may remain on the transfer list for Local Authority Housing. It is the property owner who is the landlord rather than the Council and the tenant has the protections of the Private Tenancy Board in relation to their tenancy. HAP recipients can retain HAP if they so wish, if they take up employment or their income amount improves as part of the scheme and their rent will be reviewed accordingly. This will provide stability/security and encourage return to employment.

She further informed Members that the change will mean all housing supports are dealt with by the one government department i.e. Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government rather than a number of departments. Within a couple of years it is intended that all Rent Supplements will transfer to HAP with those applicants changing address from September 2015 to move to HAP

and the balance of those in receipt of Rent Supplement to be transferred to HAP thereafter in manageable numbers. She also advised that there are arrangements in place with the Community Welfare Officers to ensure that no applicants will fall between the two schemes.

In response to a query from Cllr Kennedy, Ms. B McBrearty confirmed to Members she would send out the detailed information in relation to HAP to Members.

SHIP (Social Housing Investment Programme 2015 - 2017).

Ms. B McBrearty briefed Members in relation to SHIP 2015 – 2017. She advised in particular there are 24 units at Railway Park, Donegal Town, in the programme with an additional 2 Community Group Homes for persons with intellectual disabilities. She also confirmed to Members that the houses are being designed in-house at present and a revised Part VIII planning will come before Members shortly for consideration.

Members welcomed the return of the local authorities to the construction of social housing.

MDD/82/15 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. M Sweeney.

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

In response to a query from Cllr O'Neill regarding a recent discussion he had with Mr. P Thomas in relation to the resurfacing of a portion of the road at Tonragee (Rossnowlagh Road, Ballyshannon). Mr. M Sweeney undertook to check the matter and to revert in respect of same.

In response to a query from Cllr O'Neill regarding street cleaning in Ballyshannon which appears to have ceased at the weekends, Mr. M Sweeney undertook to check same and to revert to Members with the position.

In response to a request from Cllr Jordan as to when works would start on the 'hostel' road at Dooley in Glencolmcille, Mr. M Sweeney undertook to check the matter and to revert to Members.

In response to a query from Cllr Jordan if there is any discretionary funding in the Marine Area, Mr. M Sweeney informed Members that there wasn't.

MDD/83/15 PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

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

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

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

Town Design Statement

Cllr Campbell requested an update on progress on the Town Design Statement for Donegal noting relation to this matter was adopted by the Municipal District. He also requested that a workshop for the Members of the Municipal District be arranged at an early date to discuss this and have it moved forward without further delay.

In response to the matters raised, Ms. B McBrearty informed Members that she has been in contact with Mr. Denis Kelly, Senior

Executive Planner, Central Planning Unit in relation to the Town Design Plan. She advised that it is preferable to have a 'step by step' process developed prior to commencing so that any work would complement the process for Local Development Plans and to ensure clarity for all involved. She advised that she will check with Mr. Kelly to ascertain if this has been completed and undertook to revert to Members at an early date.

Draft Landscape Character Assessment of County Donegal

Cllr Campbell referred to the Draft Landscape Character Assessment of County Donegal which is due to go on public display shortly and noted that other Municipal Districts had held a workshop on this in recent times. It was agreed that this matter would be included in the next workshop of the area.

Rosstown Beach - Casual Trading and Other Issues

Cllr O'Neill referred to previous discussion in relation to Rosstown Beach and the issues which had previously been raised including trading, quad hire, selling goods that are available locally, ice cream/ chip vans etc. On the proposal of Cllr O'Neill, seconded by Cllr McEniff requested that an immediate meeting be called at which the following would be invited to attend:

An Garda Síochána
Environmental / Beach Officers
Planning Officials
Enforcement Officers

In response to the request, Mr. K Smith informed Members that Mr. E Quinn, Senior Planner would be in contact with Cllr O'Neill to arrange to meet with him in this regard. Mr. K Smith undertook to follow up on same with Mr. Quinn.

MDD/84/15 COMMUNITY & ENTERPRISE REPORT

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

- Craft Village Update
- New Tenants – Donegal Craft Village
- Marine Tourism Report
- 'Cool Route' Cruising Oceans on Latitudes above 51° North
- Donegal Tourism
- Bealtaine 2015 – Library highlights
- Collaboration with the Gallery of Photography – Photographic Exhibitions and Scanning Workshops
- Bealtaine: reminiscence and seeking 1916 archives and artefacts
- Regional Cultural Centre

- New County Donegal Heritage Plan.
- Register 'National Heritage Week' Events in County Donegal.
- County Donegal Heritage Plan Funding
- 'County Donegal in 1916' Heritage Education Pack
- Junior IPB Achievement Programme 2015
- Pride of Place Competition 2015
- E U Bulletin

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

In response to a query from Cllr Kennedy if disabled access had been provided to the pontoons at Teelin, Mr. B McLaughlin informed Members there was not. He further confirmed that the matter was considered at the early stage of the project but due to the height/gradient it was not possible. Following further discussion on the proposal of Cllr Kennedy seconded by Cllr Jordan, Members requested that the Council seek to provide disability access via a 'crane' under 'flag funding'. Mr. B McLaughlin undertook to investigate same and to revert to Members in due course.

In response to a query from Cllr Jordan as to when the jetties/pontoons would be installed at Teelin, Mr. B McLaughlin informed Members they this would happen shortly.

Cllr O'Neill referred to an agreement between the IDA and the Council in relation to the Enterprise Park at Ballyshannon (Portnason) where the IDA was to provide a grant to the Council of around €400,000.00 to redevelop/refurbish the entrance to the Enterprise Park and requested an update in relation to this matter. In response to the request Mr. B McLaughlin informed Members he would check the up to date on this matter with Mr. Eamonn Boyle, the engineer working on this area and revert to Members.

Members thanked Mr. McLaughlin for his very comprehensive report and commended the work being carried out by the Section.

MDD/85/15 DISCUSSION ON ACCESS TO TULLAN STRAND

Cllr Jordan submitted the following motion:

"That this Municipal District carry out the necessary works to the entrance to Tullan Strand Beach."

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

Members were advised:

"The Council is reviewing an approach to dealing with the long term access to Tullan Strand Beach and will advise on a proposed strategy of approach in the near future."

Cllr Jordan in proposing the motion referred to the following issues: Timeframe, Funding, Alternative Routes, and the importance that the access to Tullan Strand Beach is restored given the competition Bundoran faces from other seaside town for water tourism.

Cllr McEniff supporting the motion advised he had met recently with the Surfing Industry in Bundoran and was fully aware of the importance of the access to the industry.

Mr. Garry Martin briefed Members in detail on the access issue. He went through the history of the access, the involvement of the former Bundoran Town Council and him as Town Manager, routes assessed to provide the access with the options being narrowed down to one preferred route, which was presented to the Town Council as the intended route. He advised the intended route required that it be started closer to the car park but that it would still have a steep but technically acceptable gradient. Other issues include ownership of land, current dangerous state of the access and the restriction on the Council to carryout works on privately owned lands, buying lands, detailed designs that must stand the test of time given the exposed location on the Atlantic Ocean. He also confirmed the former Bundoran Town Council had capitalised some funding for the purpose of restoring the access but it is not clear what the costs of the project will be at this stage. In summary he confirmed the Council is committed to providing access to Tullan Strand Beach and that this is an ongoing matter which is being pursued.

Cllr Jordan thanked Mr. Martin for the response and briefing in relation to the matter.

Members unanimously supported the motion as adopted.

MDD/86/15 DISCUSSION ON MARRIAGE EQUALITY

On the proposal of Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr O'Neill the following motion was moved.

“Whereas the Municipal District of Donegal supports equality of access for all citizens of Ireland to all state recognised services and institutions, the Municipal District of Donegal fully supports the proposition of marriage equality and call for a yes vote in the upcoming referendum on May 22nd”

Cllr Campbell called for the unanimous support of Members of the Municipal for the motion submitting that state marriage is not available to all members of society currently and that all the main parties have called for a ‘Yes’ vote in the referendum.

Cllr McEniff submitted that it was a matter of individual choice as to how a citizen would vote and therefore opposed the motion. Cllr Conaghan in advising that it was his opinion that the matter had not been fully discussed by every party and that every person is entitled to vote as they see fit and seconded Cllr McEniffs proposal.

Cllr Kennedy sought clarity as to what was the intention of the motion submitting that voting in a referendum is a matter for the individual. Cllr Jordan submitted that while he would be supporting his party stance it was a matter for every individual as to how they vote.

Following further discussion an amended motion as follows was proposed by Cllr Campbell and seconded by Cllr Jordan:

“Whereas the Municipal District of Donegal supports equality of access for all citizens of Ireland to all state recognised services and institutions, including marriage equality”.

The revised motion was put to a vote with the following result:

In favour: Cllrs Campbell, Kennedy and Jordan (3)
Against: Cllr McEniff and Conaghan (2)
Abstention: Cllr O’Neill. (1)

The motion was carried by 3 votes to 2.

MEMBERS NOTED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:-

MDD/87/15 Money spent on Inver Pier

The following question was submitted by Cllr Niamh Kennedy:-

“How much money was allocated to and spent on Port Inver pier in the last number of years?”-

Cllr Kennedy was informed that:-

“Donegal Co. Council received €18,000 under the Fishery Harbour and Coastal Infrastructure Development Programme 2014 - Storm Damage Programme and were required to provide €2,000 in co-funding. A total of €15,541.14 was spent on repairs to the back of the pier, repairs to the toe of the wall along the beach, hand rails and toe rails, new lights and rings. €4,458.86 has been carried over to be spent at Port Inver in the current year. This will be spent on the pier wall and the steps at the head of the pier. It is also proposed to provide an ESB power outlet at the pier this year.

No other funding has been received at Port Inver in recent years.”

MDD/88/15 Plans for camp site / camper van site at Sliabh Liag

The following question was submitted by Cllr Niamh Kennedy:-

“Are there plans from Donegal County Council to provide a campsite / camper van site at Sliabh Liag if so can we get a copy of these plans?”

Cllr Kennedy was informed that:-

“There are no specific plans for a campsite/camper van site at Sliabh Liag, however the Council are currently in discussions with the community representatives in respect of operational arrangements associated with the transportation hub.”

MDD/89/15 Footpath programme for 2015 MD Donegal

The following question was submitted by Cllr Campbell:-

“Can this Municipal District provide a current breakdown of intended footpath works for 2015, in tabular form, including prioritisation, location, cost, estimated completion date?”

Cllr Campbell was informed that:-

“I propose to have a workshop with the Elected Members to agree a footpath programme. The date of this meeting can be agreed at the next Municipal meeting.”

MDD/90/15 Marine Works for 2015 - MD Donegal

The following question was submitted by Cllr Campbell:-

“Can this Municipal District provide a current breakdown of intended marine works within the Municipal District for 2015, in tabular form, including project description, location, cost, estimated completion date?”

Cllr Campbell was informed that:-

“The following funding provided under the Fishery Harbour and Coastal Infrastructure Development Programme - Storm Damage 2014 has been carried over to be spent in 2015.

Malinmore Pier	€3,972.86	Concrete refurbishment Works
Bruckless Pier	€7,979.37	Re-construction of stone quay wall

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Port Inver €4,458.86 Repairs to pier wall and
construction of steps at head of pier

Malinbeg, Gortalia €8,610.50 Concrete refurbishment Works
Tawney, Ballyederlan

All works will be complete by end of current year. There is no other funding or works planned other than general maintenance works to all piers and harbours.”

MDD/91/15 Date of next meeting

Members agreed the date of the next meeting (AGM) on Tuesday the 9th June 2015 as per the agreed standing orders.

It was also agreed that a workshop for the Members of the Municipal District of Donegal be held at 2.00 PM on the Tuesday the 26th May 2015 to deal with the following items as referred to above:

- Draft Landscape Character Assessment of County Donegal
- Prioritisation of Footpaths in the Municipal District

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 12th May 2015 at 12.00 noon in the Peter Kennedy Chamber, Donegal PSC.

Members present:

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

Officials in Attendance:

Mr. Garry Martin, Manager, Municipal District of Donegal/Director of Finance, Emergency Services and Information Systems
Ms. Bridie McBrearty, Area Manager, Housing & Corporate Services
Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Roads/Transportation
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing / Corporate Services
Mr. Killian Smith, Executive Planner, Planning & Economic Development
Mr. Barney McLaughlin, Community & Enterprise

Minutes

Infrastructural Deficits and Coastal Erosion in the MD of Donegal

Mr. Garry Martin briefed the Members in relation to “Infrastructural requirements for the County” document previously circulated and discussed at Plenary Council. He advised that the summary of Infrastructural Requirements is being prepared in response to a previous motion and when complete will serve as a combined Requirements Document to assist in applying for additional funding for infrastructural developments in the County. It was noted that a further workshop was held in Lifford with the Plenary Council on the 11th May 2015 to discuss the requirements of the districts and that the feedback from today’s workshop would feed into the process.

Following a lengthy discussion the Members agreed to the following strategic priorities under the headings below:

Roads Directorate

National Roads

1. N56 Mountcharles to Killybegs
2. Belleek to Ballyshannon

Non-National Roads

1. Old Road from Ballyshannon to Bundoran
2. Disability Improvements
3. Footpaths and Public Lights
4. Teelin to Killybegs – Donegan’s Corner (bad bend and narrow bridge) – facilitates traffic to Sliabh Liag
5. Fintra Bridge / Tirconnail Bridge
6. Pettigo - Laghey Road
7. Glenties - Frosses Road
8. Town and Village Renewal Programme for the MD
9. Wild Atlantic Way – Improvements on this route in the MD to facilitate Coaches where possible e.g. lay-bys on Coastal Road, Kilcar and also to improve signage in the area
10. Increase Surface Dressing and pavement Strengthening allocations

Piers and Harbours

1. Creevy Pier
2. Muckross Pier
3. Teelin Pier
4. Inver – Conservation report to ascertain how to prevent graveyard being eroded, installation of rock armour and repairs to walls of graveyard
5. Water Street – Flooding issues
6. “Breakwater” for the Mall Quay, Ballyshannon
7. Access roads to the Piers and Harbours
8. Coastal Erosion

Housing Capital Investment

1. Continue funding 5-Year Capital Housing Programme
2. Funding for upgrading existing stock (at least €40,000.00 for the MD Annually)
3. Funding to regenerate areas in Estates

Community & Enterprise

1. Public Art Projects
2. Ballyshannon – develop library as part of regeneration work on Rock Hospital and provide new facilities Donegal Town Library
3. Development of Walking Ways

Information Systems and Emergency Services

1. Funding for Broadband for the Development Hub Towns of Bundoran, Ballyshannon, Donegal Town and Killybegs.
2. Ballyshannon/Bundoran and Glencolmcille Fire Stations
3. Replacement of Fire Vehicles

Water Services

1. To be dealt with at specific Plenary Workshop for Water Services.

A number of other queries were dealt with at the workshop.

It was agreed that the items listed above be brought forward to the plenary Council.

This concluded the business of the Workshop.

Area Manager ,
Municipal District of Donegal

Cathaoirleach,
Municipal District of Donegal

**Minutes of Municipal District of Donegal Workshop held on 26th May, 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:

Ms. Bridie McBrearty, Area Manager, Housing & Corporate Services
Mr. Mark Sweeney, Area Manager, Roads / Transportation

Apologies:

Cllr McEniff

Minutes

Mr. Sweeney outlined the footpaths programme as outlined below. It was noted in Cllr McEniff's absence that monies are available for the Bundoran footpaths and have not yet been assigned to Mr. Sweeney. He advised Members that he was following this up and would present a separate programme for Bundoran to them in due course.

Donegal Municipal District

Capital Improvement Works 2015

Draft programme of works

Footpath upgrade works			
Location	Road No	Description	Budget
Ballintra	L 2175-1	Main Street, Ballintra	€9,000.00
Ballyshannon	L 2425 L 2445-	Erne Dale Heights Westport	€9,000.00 €9,000.00

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Donegal Town	L 1905-1	Marian Villas	€18,000.00
Dunkineely	N56	The footpath above the national school	€12,000.00
Mountcharles	L 2615-1	School crossing point at Main Street, Mountcharles	€5,000.00
Kilcar	R 263-8	The footpath leading to St Cartha's Church, Kilcar from Kilcar town.	€9,000.00
Killybegs	L 13152	Footpath outside the Corporation Cottages just off Church Road in Killybegs	€9,000.00
Total			€80,000.00

On the proposal of Cllr. Conaghan and seconded by Cllr. Campbell the programme was approved.

Cllr. Kennedy queried if the area outside Cara Pharmacy and Church Road, Killybegs could also be included together with the completion of the portion at St. Cummins Hill. Mr. Sweeney advised that he would have this investigated further. She also advised that there was an issue at the traffic lights in Dunkineely and queried if the Council would be wasting money putting in an extended footpath. Mr. Sweeney advised that he is currently reviewing the traffic lights in Donegal with the Road Safety Officer and he would include the lights in Dunkineely and revert to Members.

Mr. Sweeney advised Cllr. Jordan that the footpath works would commence after the approval at the forthcoming meeting of the MD and after resurfacing work is complete.

Other Matters Arising

Leghowney Junction

Members requested that Mr. Sweeney check the turn off to Leghowney with the Road Safety Officer as this is a particularly dangerous junction. The junction to Barnes school

should also be checked. Mr. Sweeney agreed to do this and revert to Members in due course.

Date for Workshop on Draft Character Landscape Assessment for County Donegal

Members agreed to hold this workshop on before next meeting on 9th June at 12 o'clock. They further requested that the Town Design Plan for Donegal Town would be included in this workshop as the first item and that this should commence at 11 a.m.

This concluded the business of the Workshop.

Area Manager ,
Municipal District of Donegal

Cathaoirleach,
Municipal District of Donegal

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UPDATE REPORT

HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES

1. Follow-up report on issues raised at previous meeting
2. Progress report – Social Housing Supports
3. Casual vacancies
4. Housing Assistance Payments (HAP)
5. Any other business

HOUSING LOANS @ 29th May 2015

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

	Year	Total	Approved	Refused /	Undecided
		Received		Cancelled	
Housing Loans	2014	0			0
Tenant Purchase Loans	2014	0	1	0	0
Reconstruction Loans	2014	0		0	0

Donegal Electoral Area

29th May 2015

HOUSING GRANTS

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

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	FURTHER INFO.	REFERRED TO OT	REFERRED TO ENGINEER	PENDING
HD	2011	33	15	17	0	0	0	1
	2012	21	6	6	0	0	0	9
	2013	25	2	16	0	0	0	7
	2014	16	6	7	0	0	0	3
	2015	15	1	3	0	0	0	11

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	FURTHER INFO.	REFERRED TO OT	REFERRED ENGINEER	PENDING	REAPPLIED UNDER HD
HM	2014	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2015	0							

As @ 29th May 2015

Location of Vacancy	Area	BED	Dwelling Vacated	Repairs Completed
SI Cottage at Ballinacarrick	BALLINTRA	3	24th March, 2013 (Tenant Deceased)	Legal Matter
2 Fair Green	BALLINTRA	3	16/02/2015	ready for letting
1 Erne Dale Heights	BALLYSHANNON	1	23rd March, 2013	Major Refurb required
1B Ernedale Heights	BALLYSHANNON	1	10/02/2009	Major Refurb required
2 Erne Dale Heights	BALLYSHANNON	1	15th July 2009	Major Refurb required
2B Erne Dale Heights	BALLYSHANNON	1	4th January 2011	Major Refurb required
77 Erne Dale Heights	BALLYSHANNON	3	23/08/2012	Major Refurb required
60 St Benildus Avenue	BALLYSHANNON	2	Repossessed on 28/04/2010	For Sale
30 Cluain Barron	BALLYSHANNON	3	11 October 2013	Major Refurb required
13 St Theresa's Terrace	BRUCKLESS	2	07 April 2015	ready for letting
8 Clós Naomh Columba	CARRICK	3	18-Jul-2014	CBL Advertised in May
12 St Mary's Park	DONEGAL	2	26-Jan-2015	ready for letting
25 Millrace Crescent	DONEGAL	3	23-Apr-2015	Works ongoing
201 Castleview	DUNKINEELY	3	27-Jun-2014	Major Refurb required
222 Castleview	DUNKINEELY	1	15-Mar-2015	Offered. Response awaited.
11 Springfield Park	DUNKINEELY	2	19/12/2014 (tenant deceased)	Offered
14 Springfield Park	DUNKINEELY	3	26/02/2015	Works ongoing
6 Drumard Park	FROSSES	3	16/02/2015	Works ongoing
SI Cottage at Stragar North	KILLYBEGS	2	17th Aug 2012	Major Refurb required
4 Forge Road,	Mountcharles	3	7th May 2015	Works ongoing
26 Termon Villas	PETTIGO	3	30th January 2013	Ready to Let

ROADS / TRANSPORTATION

Donegal Electoral Area

As Constructed 2015

Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Length	Width	Estimated Cost of work (EURO)	Status
Restoration						
LP 2425-2/4	Ballyshannon Streets	Ballyshannon			99,000	Not Started
LP1955-1/25-1	Donegal Streets	Laghey			99,000	Started
R-262	Sir Albert's Bridge,	Dunkineely			29,270	Not Started
R-263-2	Killybegs Streets	Killybegs			92,214	Not Started
R-263-14	Cashel Village - (Fire Station)	Killybegs			39,200	Not Started
R231	Rossnowlagh rd	Ballyshannon			95,000	Not Started
R232 1-4	Pettigoe Rd patches	Laghey/Bally			158,000	Not Started
L-1365-4	Drimaghy - Tullinteane	Dunkineely			47,700	Not Started
L-5085-1	Dooley (Hostel Road)	Killybegs			57,700	Not Started
LP2175-1	Ballintra Street	Ballyshannon			39,000	Not Started
LS6585-1	Clarcam	Laghey			20,000	Completed
L-1375-2/3	Croagh Orbal - Meenagoland	Dunkineely			37,700	Not Started

L-1315-2	Faiafannan - Stragar	Killybegs			41,200	Completed
LP2365-2	Cashelard	Ballyshannon			65,500	Not Started
LP1945-3	Lough Eske Demensne	Laghey			79,000	Not Started
L-1415-1	Loughmuilt - Ballywoges	Dunkineely			37,700	Not Started
L-1125-1	Carrick - Meenaneary	Killybegs			53,199	Not Started
LP2535-1	Ballymunterhiggins	Ballyshannon			32,000	Not Started
LS6495-1	Heneys	Laghey			49,000	Completed
L-1645-1/2	Raneely - Drumcoe	Dunkineely			35,425	Completed
L-1085-2	Carrick - Teelin	Killybegs			66,700	Not Started
LS8065-1	Tievemore-Lettercran	Ballyshannon			70,000	Not Started
LP1815-5	Drumboarty	Laghey			37,610	Not Started
L-1685	Selicas - Letterfad	Dunkineely			38,800	Completed
L-1315-1	Church road Killybegs	Killybegs			36,700	Not Started
L7475-2	County Bridge	Ballyshannon			43,000	Completed
LP1965-1	Friary Road	Laghey			37,000	Completed
L-6085	Edenamuck - Drimaheark	Dunkineely			35,425	Completed
L-1195-1	Line Road Kilcar	Killybegs			27,700	Not Started
LS7265-2	Ballymagroarty	Ballyshannon			28,000	Not Started
L-6035-1	Lettermore - Letterfad	Dunkineely			22,300	Completed
LP-1865-1	Ballydevitt-Drumstevlin	Laghey			51,000	Not Started
L-1565-2	Inver Port - Hillhead -	Dunkineely			28,180	Not

	Fanaghans					Started
L-1185-3	Ballymoon Road	Killybegs			33,400	Not Started
LS7515-2	Alla	Ballyshannon			32,000	Completed
L-5895-1	R262 - Dibbin School	Dunkineely			47,500	Completed
LS6421-1	Spierstown	Laghey			69,000	Completed
L-1565-1	N56 - Inver	Dunkineely			25,200	Not Started
LS8005-1	Clyhore	Ballyshannon			20,000	Not Started
L-1345-2	Ballyloughan - Benroe	Dunkineely			24,200	Not Started
L-79651-0	Ardloughill	Ballyshannon			15,000	Completed
L-6555-1	Birchill	Laghey			14,000	Started
L-1515-5	Ardaghey Glebe	Dunkineely			14,523	
R-231-1	Rossnowlagh rd	Ballyshannon			10,418	Not Started
Regional Surface Dressing						
					Estimate Euro	
Road No,	Type of Work / Location					
R-230-8	Crowlar, Crove	Killybegs			€40,312	Not Started
R-262-2/3	Frosses - Glenties	Dunkineely			€22,759	Not Started
R 232 -8	Pettigoe Road	Ballyshannon			€63,071	Not Started
Local Surface Dressing						
Road No.	Type of Work / Location				Amount	Not

						Started
LP-1275-2	Croaghlin - Conlin Bridge	Killybegs			€14,400	Not Started
LP-1425-2	St. John's Point - Ballycroy	Dunkineely			€23,694	Not Started
L2365-3	Carricknahorna	Ballyshannon			€20,400	Not Started
LP1965-2	Tawnyvorga(Harveys pt)	Laghey			€18,000	Not Started
LP-1115-1	Roxborough - Derrylahan	Killybegs			€19,622	Not Started
LP-1685-1	Frosses - Drumbarron	Dunkineely			€17,160	Not Started
L2225-7	Belalt South	Ballyshannon			€22,313	Not Started
LP2185-3	Shannagh Rd	Laghey			€25,200	Not Started
LP-1065-1	Pilgrims Path Teelin	Killybegs			€9,180	Not Started
LP-1715-1	Letterbarra - Lettertreane	Dunkineely			€12,012	Not Started
L8035-1	Grousehall Pettigo	Ballyshannon			€17,340	Not Started
LP2585-2	Tullywee	Laghey			€13,400	Not Started
LP-1015-4	Stranagartan	Killybegs			€16,000	Not Started
LP-1665-1	Doorin Line - Mullanboys	Dunkineely			€7,722	Not Started
L2375-1	Cavangarden	Ballyshannon			€21,120	Complete
LS6545-2	Druminnin	Laghey			€20,800	Not Started
LS-5285-1	Meenychannon	Killybegs			€13,317	Not Started
LP-1675-1	Tullyvoose - Tullinlagan	Dunkineely			€15,000	Not Started
L7095-1	Foyagh	Ballyshannon			€19,200	Not Started

LP1845-4	Ballydevitt-Clanborrin x rds	Laghey			€28,000	Not Started
LS-6065-1	Lettertreane - Drumboarty	Dunkineely			€16,058	Not Started
L7895-1	Ardfarn	Ballyshannon			€20,769	Not Started
LS6615-2	Clarcam	Laghey			€14,000	Not Started
L-2485-4	Cliff Road	Ballyshannon			€6,876	Not Started
LS-5555-1	Tullaghacullion - Benroe	Dunkineely			€15,000	Not Started

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

Donegal Municipal District Meeting – 9th June 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	< 2 months	Invalid
Donegal	01/01/15-31/03/15	108	60	9	11	47	11
Total		108	60	9	11	47	11
Glenties							
	01/01/15-31/03/15	72	50	1	16	32	7
Total							
Inishowen		72	50	1	16	32	7
	01/01/15-31/03/15	87	50	2	18	25	20
Total							
Letterkenny							
		87	50	2	18	25	20
	01/01/15-31/03/15	86	52	7	21	25	8
Total							
Stranorlar							
		86	52	7	21	25	8
Total							
County Totals*		399	242	23	82	141	52

Appeal's Received (25/04/2015 – 15/05/2015)

REF NO	APPLICANTS NAME	APP. TYPE	DECISION DATE	L.A. DECISION	DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION	BORD PLEANALA RECD DATE
14/51424	SINEAD MCDEVITT	P	16/04/2015	C	CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW DWELLING HOUSE WITH A DOMESTIC GARAGE TOGETHER WITH A SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM AND PERCOLATION AREA AND ALL ASSOCIATED SITE DEVELOPMENT WORKS DRUMENAN NEWMILLS LETTERKENNY	11/05/2015

Appeal's Decision Notified (24/04/2015 -15/05/2015)

REF NO	APPLICANTS NAME	APP. TYPE	DECISION DATE	L.A. DECISION	DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION	BORD PLEANALA DEC. DATE	DECISION
14/50716	WILLIAM GALLAGHER & LINDA BOURNE	P	20/11/2015	R	DEMOLITION OF AN EXISTING PORCH AND DETACHED STORE AND CONSTRUCTION OF A TWO STOREY EXTENSION TO THE REAR OF EXISTING DWELLINGHOUSE AND A SINGLE STOREY BAY WINDOW TO THE FRONT ELEVATION AND ALL ANCILLARY SITE DEVELOPMENT WORKS NO. 28 LISOWEN AVENUE ARDARAVAN BUNCRANA	27/04/2015	C
14/90009	SHAUN PURCELL CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF BUNCRANA ADULT EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD	P	04/12/2014	C	CONSTRUCTION OF AN EXTENSION TO BUNCRANA ADULT EDUCATION AND TRAINING CENTRE, COMPRISING OF A NEW STAIRWELL, LIFT, STAFF ROOM AND CLASSROOM, INCLUDING TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION ACCESS AND CONNECTION TO EXISTING ON SITE SERVICES SHORE ROAD/AILEACH ROAD BUNCRANA	11/05/2015	C

Transboundary Applications

Ref.No:	N.I. Ref.No:	Date Rec'd	App./Contact	Type	Description / Location	Case Officer	Status
TB 12/02	J/2011/0148/F	01/10/2012	D.O.E. N.I.	Environmental Impact Assessment Procedure	11 no. Wind turbines at Meenablagh Tullycar, Altamullan, Aghyaran, Castlederg	P Kelly	Case Closed
TB 12/03	J/2011/0082/F	08/10/2013	D.O.E. N.I.	Further Environmental Information and Revised Plans	Amendment to Windfarm at Crighshane & Crighdenis, Killeter, Castlederg.	P Kelly	Active
TB 13/02	A/2012/0146/Preapp	25/10/2013	D.O.E. N.I.	Preliminary Enquiry	Re-deployment of end of life vehicle (ELV) facility from Lenamore Road	P Kelly	Case Closed
TB 12/04	2012/A0070	29/10/2013	PAC N.I.	Transboundary Appeal - Further Environmental Information (FEI 111)	Amendment to Windfarm at Altgolan & Meenclogher, Killen, Castlederg	P Kelly	Case Closed.
TB 13/03	J/2013/0281/RM	30/10/2013	D.O.E. N.I.	Environmental Impact Assessment Procedure	Roads - Lifford Road & Strabane Road	P Kelly	Case Closed.
TBSR08/01	J2007/0700/F	01/11/2013	D.O.E. N.I.	Further Environmental Information and Revised Plans	Amendment to Windfarm at Whisker Hill, Tullywhisker, Sion Mills.	P Kelly	Case Closed
TB 13/04	C/2013/0248/F	08/11/2013	D.O.E. N.I.-	Environmental Impact Assessment Procedure	Windfarm at Windy Hill	P Kelly	Active
TB 14/01	J/2013/0287/F	07/01/2014	D.O.E. N.I.	Environmental Impact Assessment Procedure	Windfarm at Meenamullan near Killeter	P Kelly	Active

TB 14/02	A/2014/0134/F	21/03/2014	D.O.E. N.I.	Environmental Impact Assessment Determination	Treatment Facility for End of Life Vehicles at Buncrana Road, Derry	P Kelly	Case Closed
TB14/03	J/2014/0124/LCB	28/04/2014	D.O.E. N.I.	Consultation	Installation of Street Lighting ballards at Clady Bridge (Listed Building), Urney Road, Clady	P Kelly	Active
TB14/04	J/2011/0433/0	17/04/2014	D.O.E. N.I.	Addendum to Environmental Statement & Information	Major mixed use cross border development	P Kelly	Active
TB15/01	J/2014/0624/F	10/02/2015	D.O.E. N.I.	Initial Consultation	Wind Turbine at 290m S.W. of 30 Creevagh Road, Co. Derry	P Kelly	Active
TB15/02	A/2015/0049/F	10/202/2015	D.O.E. N.I.	Initial Consultation	Wind Turbine with a hub height on lands 108m N.W. of 18 Killea Road, Derry.	P Kelly	Active
TB15/03	LA11/2015/0066/F49/F	05/05/2015	Derry City & Strabane District Council	Initial Consultation	erection of a single wind turbine - 30m hub height with 17.3m blades, associated access and 2 no. electricity cabinets on lands 250m N.W. of 9 Elagh Road, Derry	P Kelly	Active

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

Ref.No:	Location	Section	Received	Description
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Municipal District of Donegal

9th June 2015

Community, Development & Enterprise

REPORT

- 1. Donegal Craft Village**
- 2. Donegal Craft Village – Update on New Tenants**
- 3. Donegal Tourism**
- 4. Donegal Gathering Website**
- 5. Community Tourism Diaspora Initiative 2015**
- 6. Maritime Activity**
 - Marine Tourism Marketing & Development
 - 'Sail West' project promoting the MalinWaters brand
 - 'Cool Route' Cruising Oceans on Latitudes above 51⁰ North
- 7. Youth Council**
- 8. Heritage Office Update**
 - New County Donegal Heritage Plan
 - Register 'National Heritage Week' Events in County Donegal
 - Dry-Stone Walls Seminar
 - Launch of 'A Field Guide to the Dry-Stone Walls of County Donegal'
 - 'Learning Through The Landscape' Continuing Professional Development Course for Primary Teachers
- 9. County Museum Update**
 - 'County Donegal in 1916' Heritage Education Pack
 - Exhibition of the Bell and Shrine of St Conall Cael
- 10. Regional Culture Centre**
 - Summer Programme incl. Earagail Arts Festival Visual Arts and Music Programmes
- 11. Scotland Brass and Wind Ensemble Visiting Donegal**



Activity / Project Update: June 2015

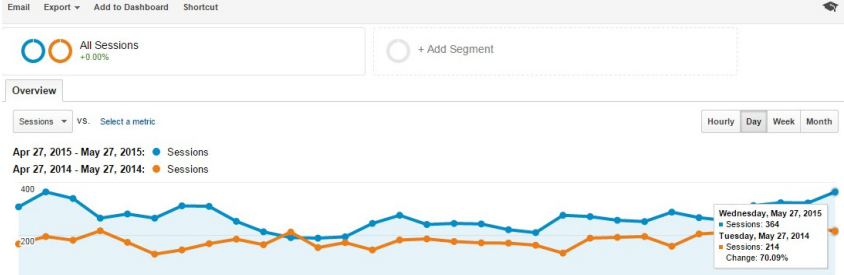

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Craft Village
Project Description/Activity	1. Refurbishment of Units 2, 3 & 4, Donegal Craft Village
Budget (if applicable)	1. €2,681 incl. VAT - Unit 2 2. €12,735 - Units 3 & 4
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	1. Unit 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Upgrading of plumbing system• Installation of new doors• Supply and apply paint• Hedge trimming and general clean up of exterior 3. Unit 3 & 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Upgrading electrical systemb. Painting interior and exterior of unitsc. Replacement of Stove with back boilerd. Installation of radiatorse. Servicing of plumbing systemf. Check light fittingsg. Hedge trimming and general clean up of interior and exterior <p><u>Current Status:</u> Works complete</p>
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Works completed with new artists taking up tenancies week beginning 18th May, 2015.
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Eamon Boyle Executive Engineer Three Rivers Centre Tel: 087 1788623 eamonb@donegalcoco.ie




Activity / Project Update: June 2015

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Craft Village – Update on New Tenants
Project Description/Activity	2. Unit 2 – ‘Paper Tree Gifts’ – Laura McDowell 3. Units 3 & 4 - “Textile Artist – Hand Made Felt Pictures” - Michelle McKee
Budget (if applicable)	N/A
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	1. Unit 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New business – Specialising in unique paper crafted personalised giftware. 4. Units 3 & 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. New business using both units – Textile Art – Hand Made Felt Pictures – use of the unusual texture of felt combined with stitch & embroidery creating an exclusive one of a kind product. <u>Current Status:</u> Refurbishment works complete
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New tenants have taken up occupancy week beginning 18th May, 2015.
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Eamon Boyle Executive Engineer Three Rivers Centre Tel: 087 1788623 eamonb@donegalcoco.ie



<p>Activity / Project Title</p>	<p>Donegal Tourism</p>			
<p>Project Description/Activity</p>	<p>The Marketing aspects of Donegal Tourism / Go Visit Donegal</p>			
<p>Budget (if applicable)</p>	<p>N/A</p>			
<p>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 3 - inclusive of current status</p>	<p>Go Visit Donegal Website The website www.govisitdonegal.com is performing strongly with an overall increase of 70% on the same period last year.</p>  <p>In the month of April there were 8,328 visitors to the website in comparison to 5,478 in the same period last year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis displays that sessions are up of 52% • Users of the website have increased by 52% • Page views (The number of people looking at multiple pages on the website is up by 44%) • Analysis displayed that the UK and the US were the top counties visiting the website this month <p>Google analytics comparison from May 2014</p>  <table border="1"> <tr> <td> <p>Sessions</p> <p>52.03%</p> <p>8,328 vs 5,478</p> </td> <td> <p>Users</p> <p>52.88%</p> <p>7,077 vs 4,629</p> </td> <td> <p>Pageviews</p> <p>44.94%</p> <p>29,376 vs 20,267</p> </td> </tr> </table> <p>Facebook Paid Advertising Campaign Facebook has been performing very strongly with more and more people worldwide seeking information about Donegal. Last month saw the number of fans rise to 9,200. This is a percentage increase of 11% this month. This platform is proving to be very powerful in showcasing Donegal as a tourism destination. Facebook advertising campaigns are still ongoing with a selection of promotional banners used in conjunction with Facebook news feed advertising to reach a specific target audience. This month has seen a large rise in the number of followers from UK.</p>	<p>Sessions</p> <p>52.03%</p> <p>8,328 vs 5,478</p>	<p>Users</p> <p>52.88%</p> <p>7,077 vs 4,629</p>	<p>Pageviews</p> <p>44.94%</p> <p>29,376 vs 20,267</p>
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	<p>Donegal Tourism Marketing Campaign The Marketing Campaign for Donegal Tourism is underway and is incorporating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Video Production• TV advertising with UTV• TV3 Events Guide advertising events in Donegal• National Radio• UK Radio• Belfast and Derry Airport campaign• Outdoor advertising on Dublin Bus• Online banner advertising• Website advertising using Google Adwords <p>The elements of this campaign is currently underway and progress will be reported over the coming months.</p>
	<p>Sarah Meehan Marketing Officer Donegal Tourism Ltd Donegal Public Service Centre Drumlonagher Donegal Town Co. Donegal</p>  <p>Tel: + 353 (74) 9724431 Mobile: +353 (87) 2691977 E-mail: sarahmeehan@outlook.ie Facebook: www.facebook.com/govisitdonegal Twitter: www.twitter.com/govisitdonegal</p>



Activity / Project Update, 28th May 2015

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Gathering website www.donealgathering.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)	
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	Donegal Gathering website Donegal Gathering statistics show continuous increase of visits to the website in 2015 compare to last year. Monthly traffic in 2014 & 2015 was as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jan:- 2014: 2,475 / 2015: 4,087 (+65%)• Feb:- 2014: 3,270 / 2015: 6,466 (+97%)• Mar:- 2014: 8,362 / 2015: 14,586 (+74%) Total increase in traffic for Q1 2015: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jan-Mar:- 2014: 14,107 / 2015: 25,859 (+83%) Donegal Gathering Facebook Page Facebook page activities are ongoing, with the profile slowly gathering new 'Likes'. Current Status: Facebook advertising campaign started on 18 th May and is running for consecutive 28 days prior to the summer months in order to raise the brand awareness and build up Facebook Page 'Likes'.
Project Targets for the next quarterly reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Website stats update for Q2 2015• Results of Facebook Ad campaign
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Iga Lawne, Tourism Community Support Officer E: igalawne@gmail.com T: 074-9724475



Activity / Project Update, 28th May 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	<p>The application process for 2015 closed on Friday 17th April 2015. There were 78 applications received – twice the number of applications received in 2014.</p> <p>Assessment process took place late April/early May. 67 events in Donegal have been approved for funding, 11 were rejected. Summary Report 2015 has been sent to IPB.</p> <p>Letters of offer & letters of refusal have been sent out to all Applicants. Donegal County Council is currently awaiting return of signed copies of the letters of offer.</p>
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Progress on post-event reports
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Iga Lawne, Tourism Community Support Officer, Donegal Tourism Ltd E: igoalawne@gmail.com / T: 074-972 4475



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 1 -inclusive of current status	<p>Killybegs Tourism New flags have been produced and delivered to Killybegs. The flags will be a welcome flag for visiting cruise ships and are portable and weather proof. The flags feature a design of the maritime heritage of Killybegs, a welcome message and the website address www.killybegs.ie</p> <p>Marine Infrastructure A new permanent pontoon has now been put in place at Greencastle Pier. New access gangways and pontoons are also now in place at Teelin Pier and Mountcharles Pier.</p> <p>Sliabh Liag Branding and Website Development The development of the new Sliabh Liag branding and website is underway with OSD Design Company appointed to carry out the work following a formal procurement and assessment process. Procurement is underway for the items within the marketing plan such as pop-ups, online campaigns, display banners, photography etc. The new website will be www.sliabhliag.com and a new Facebook page has been set up at www.facebook.com/sliabhliagexperience A new logo has been developed for Sliabh Liag and promotion will focus on the Sliabh Liag as Ireland's Ultimate Sea Cliff Experience.</p> <p>Fanad Lighthouse A new website is being developed for Fanad Lighthouse to 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 A new Facebook page has been set up and is synchronised with Twitter. This development work is ongoing via Donegal Tourism Ltd.</p> <p>Donegal County Council Strategic Development Plan A list of Marine Tourism potential projects has been developed and</p>

	<p>will be included as part of the Donegal County Council Strategic Plan for the next 5 years.</p> <p>New Rowing Website A new website has been development to promote rowing in Donegal www.donegalbayrowingclub.com features a blog, social media integration, e-mail 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 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 incorporates both education and tourism in the development of a 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 Q3 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/quarterly 2 reporting period</p>	<p>Killybegs Tourism A town map has been developed for inclusion in the new Killybegs presentation folder. Print of the town map is currently in procurement. Further training will be provided for users of Killybegs.ie.</p> <p>Sliabh Liag Project The website for Sliabh Liag will continue to be developed in the coming weeks. The website will go live at the end of June. The project also includes an extensive online marketing campaign in association with The Gobbins.</p> <p>Donegal Rowing Association Work is ongoing with Donegal Bay Rowing Club on various activities to support and develop rowing in County Donegal including event organisation and sourcing funding for project development. The new website will continue to be developed.</p>

	<p>Gola Island Facilities Measures are underway to carry out a percolation test and produce a Natura Impact Statement as required by planning for the Gola Island facilities development.</p> <p>Arranmore Island Website A new website for Arranmore Island will be developed at the end of June 2015 including the addition of a blog and mobile responsive design.</p> <p>Fanad Lighthouse Developments The website will continue to be developed in the coming weeks. The booking engine will go live once the accommodation works have been completed. An e-mail marketing campaign will be set up. Social media channels will be promoting the Fanad Lighthouse project.</p> <p>Downings Project A potential project to develop a promenade in the Downings area is in consideration along with a revamp of the web presence for that area.</p> <p>Poll an tSnamh A potential marine themed project for the old swimming pool in Rannafast is under investigation. A Natura Impact Statement would have to be produced first. The location may make an excellent kayak training facility. Also potential to develop Bothy's, moorings and coastal walks.</p> <p>Under Investigation/TBC The following are being considered as part of future potential projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The addition of new picnic tables at suitable coastal and beach locations with hot plates for BBQ's would be most welcome for visitors in various locations. • Outdoor showers for use at beaches and along walking routes would allow visitors to clean their equipment e.g. surf boards before leaving the beaches. • SOS Points – in order to meet requirements for blue flag marina awards, it is necessary to have SOS points at each marina. These are secure points that offer first aid and fire equipment at marina locations. • Further development of a sailing trail around County Donegal to include more marinas, pontoons, visitor moorings and associated facilities. Facilities for servicing visiting yachts are required e.g. recycling, water, waste disposal.
<p>Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i></p>	<p>Joy Harron Marine Marketing Development Officer</p>

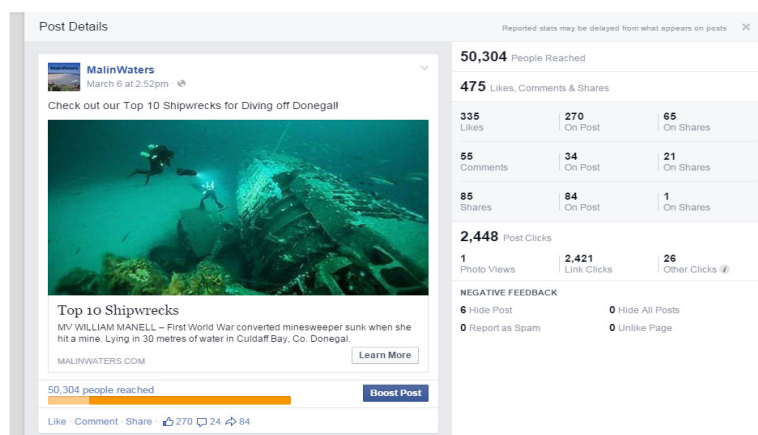
Sail West Activity

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 -inclusive of current status	<p>MalinWaters.com Website Statistics Targets for traffic to MalinWaters.com have been reached and exceeded in Q1. Traffic to date for Q1 on MalinWaters.com compared with the same period last year has shown a significant increase of 474.01% which translates as 14,465 visits vs 2,520 the previous year. Page views have seen a massive increase in line with traffic figures increasing by 261.31% which is 24,320 page views vs 6,731 the previous year.</p> <p>Marketing Plan Planned marketing activity detailed in the MalinWaters marketing plan for Q1 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> <p>MalinWaters Video Production The new MalinWaters video is now live on YouTube and has had over 250 views so far. The link to the video is https://youtu.be/tqsYexmDGJk</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>

launched to target markets in the local language. The Facebook page now has over 6.3k likes and continues to grow.

MalinWaters goes Viral!

A blog post published on Facebook in regards to 'top 10 dive sites for shipwrecks in Donegal' went viral with over 50,301 audience reach in Q1 of 2015. See below stats...



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 have now been delivered to Donegal PSC and 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>Strategic Events The first of our MalinWaters supported strategic events took place from 24th – 26th April 2015. Sea Symposium is a kayaking event based in Moville and surrounding areas. The event was promoted both online and offline through the MalinWaters marketing channels. Further events will be supported during the coming months.</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 2 reporting period</p>	<p>Q2 Project Targets Continued promotion of MalinWaters as a marine tourism destination to niche target markets.</p> <p>Marketing Plan Action In Q2 the aim is to continue to deliver on the targets and marketing activity detailed in the marketing plan and approve by the Sail West</p>

	<p>Marketing Sub-Group.</p> <p>Social Media Continued updating and development of the social media channels.</p> <p>Facebook Campaign Another Facebook campaign is underway for May – July 2015 to increase visits to MalinWaters.com and likes on the Facebook page.</p> <p>Google Ad Words A further Google Ad Words campaign will commence in June and run through until August 2015 to continue to drive traffic to MalinWaters.com. This campaign will feature more mobile adverts due to the functionality updates on the website.</p> <p>E-mail Marketing In Q2 we will continue the MalinWaters e-mail marketing campaign with regular newsletters sent out to subscribers.</p> <p>Sail West Partner Meeting A Sail West meeting took place in Donegal PSC on 5th May 2015. The meeting was planned in order to discuss the next steps in the continuation of the project and to decide on project applications, programmes and structures. Sail West partners have been offered the opportunity to get involved with the new Tides of Time project via the Atlantic Area Programme. The partners also shared a general consensus that they wanted the project to continue in 2016 and a proposal has been sent out to all 22 partners to offer them the opportunity to provide a partner financial contribution to continue promotion of the MalinWaters brand and to keep the consortium of partners in place.</p>
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Activity / Project Title	'Cool Route' Cruising Oceans on Latitudes above 51⁰ North
Project Description/Activity	<p>In March 2015 Cork Institute of Technology were notified that they were successful in their bid for INTEREG VB funding under the Northern Periphery & Arctic programme 2014-2020.</p> <p>Donegal County Council is a project partner on the Cool Route project. Other project partners include Glasgow Caledonian University, Royal Cork Yacht Club, Derry City Council, Port Authority Torshavn Faroe Islands, Blue Seas Marinas Scotland, Western Norway Research Institute and associated partners Donegal Tourism, the Irish Cruising Club and Sail Scotland.</p> <p>The project merges all aspects of the practical logistics and business potential to establish a bi-directional yacht cruising route along the offshore areas of the Northern Periphery Area, stretching from the South of Ireland, to the UK (Northern Ireland and Western Scotland) on onwards to Norway.</p> <p>As an eco-tourism product, exploiting the natural resources of the zone in a manner that is sustainable and environmentally viable; this new sea route will be marketed internationally and will have a common branding, booking and information system.</p> <p>The objective of the project is to produce a <i>Business and Marketing Plan</i>, together with a Commercialisation Plan, together with and accompanied by a <i>Logistical Study and Practical Guide</i> for potential entrepreneurs in the NPA zone, for the establishment of small mooring, berthing and ancillary facilities- such as shower blocks and laundry facilities for cruising yachts in remote NPA coastal areas; providing new market opportunities in sectors such as Tourism and Catering, Craft Production, Food, Marine and General Engineering Services, for remote local communities, mainly during the months of mid-April to mid-October.</p> <p>These opportunities will importantly also promote economic activity and interaction between communities across the programme area. During the project Donegal County Council and Donegal tourism will lead on work package 2, which is external project communications and product dissemination which will look at the development of a project website and logo and develop a social media communications strategy. The project kicked off with a partner meeting in Cork in April 2015 and we can look forward to the positive contribution this project will make to yachting tourism to the County and the NW. The project is managed by Joy Harron, Marine Tourism Marketing and Development Officer with Donegal Tourism Ltd with assistance from Claire Gallagher, Donegal County Council.</p>
Budget (if applicable)	Total of €1.26 Million Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme Funding for all partners.
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 1 -inclusive of current status	<p>Project Launch and Kick Off Meeting</p> <p>The Cool Route project was officially launched on 15th April 2015 at Cork Institute of Technology where kick off meetings were also held at the same time with partners. The partnership agreements were signed and each partner was required to present on their role within the project work packages. Donegal County Council/Donegal Tourism Ltd representative Joy Harron</p>

	<p>presented the plan for work package 2 – communications and dissemination of information.</p> <p>Logo/Branding The Cool Route project logo concepts were developed and a logo has now been selected and designed. Logo concepts were circulated to all partners and a favourite design was voted by each representative from the regions.</p> <p>Publicity Press release and photos of the project kick off meeting and launch has been circulated to media in Donegal as well as all national and relevant international media outlets e.g. Irish Times and Irish Examiner.</p> <p>Social Media Donegal County Council/Donegal Tourism Ltd have set up all the social media channels for the Cool Route project as follows: Facebook: www.facebook.com/eucolroute Twitter: www.twitter.com/eucolroute Please like and follow Cool Route online to keep up to date with project activities and progress.</p> <p>LinkedIn A closed Cool Route group has been set up on LinkedIn where project partners can discuss and share ideas.</p> <p>Mail Chimp – E-mail Marketing An e-mail marketing account with Mail Chimp has been setup and project partners details imported. The goal will be to set up multiple databases and e-mail campaigns to stakeholders and partners as the project progresses.</p> <p>Cool Route Website The domain www.sailcoolroute.eu has been registered. This will be the project website in the future when it has been developed.</p> <p>Cool Route Website The Terms of Reference for the procurement of a company to create and maintain the new Cool Route website at www.sailcoolroute.eu have been finalised and will be sent out in early June. The estimated go live date for the website will be end July 2015.</p> <p>Mail Chimp – E-mail Marketing A custom e-mail newsletter template for Cool Route partners has been designed and the first partner newsletter was sent out on 27th May.</p>
<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarter 2 reporting period</p>	<p>Social Media Post regular project updates on Facebook and Twitter.</p> <p>Design Creatives To design a suite of creatives relating to project Cool Route.</p> <p>Promotional Materials To procure for a range of promotional materials about the Cool Route project that can be used both offline and online.</p> <p>Project Presentation</p>

	<p>To create a project presentation in PowerPoint outlining the project objectives for use by all partners.</p> <p>Photography Donegal County Council/Donegal Tourism Ltd have responsibility for photography relating to the project. Dropbox will be used to start to build up an image bank of project photos.</p>
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Activity / Project Title	DONEGAL YOUTH COUNCIL
<p>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>The Youth Council launched a new road safety radio ad on St Patricks weekend highlighting importance of wearing seatbelts in conjunction with the Donegal Road Safety Working Group which was running on Highland Radio and Ocean FM for 3 weeks and also iradio for one week. They have completed another new radio ad on speed awareness for young drivers which will go out on Donegal Rally weekend on Highland Radio, Ocean Fm and iradio</p> <p>The Youth Council received funding through the Irish Carers Association to produce a video which will highlight the issue of Young Carers in the county and highlight a new support service which is now up and running. The film is being launched on June 10th in Donegal Youth Service.</p> <p>The Youth Council have been doing lot of work on development of new "Alternative Sports" taster days. They will run the first event on June 12th in the Finn Valley Centre.</p> <p>DYC are being awarded "Pride of Place" award for completing Chalk It Up Positive Messages initiative in post primary schools in county in support of Stand Up Against Homophobic Bullying in late April. 14 schools took part with 3 Youthreach centres also participating. Award being presented to Youth Council during Social Inclusion Week.</p> <p>Youth Council also partnered with Europe Direct Information Centres and Library Service to run 5 European themed quizzes for schools to celebrate European Youth Week at end of April – beginning of May - Events took place in Carndonagh, Bundoran, Letterkenny, Gweedore and Ballybofey. Gweedore quiz was delivered as Gaeilge.</p> <p>Maria Ferry National Executive Representative Maria Ferry chaired information session in the Dail for TDs on new Mental Health Initiative "Lets Go Mental" Youth Mental Health event which will take place in Donegal later this year which as part of a national Comhairle Na Nog Initiative</p> <p>Youth Councillors have also been receiving training on issues such as public speaking and youth participation at county meetings in February and March.</p>
<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>Complete Shake Up Sports Event for 100 young people in Finn Valley Centre June 12th Launch of Young Carers Film June 10th Meeting with Donegal Region County Councillors on June 9th Awards presentation for Pride of Place awards Social Inclusion week Road Safety Advertisement launch June 14th ahead of Rally week</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 (if applicable)	N/A
Progress to date within the last two months – inclusive of current status	The draft County Donegal Heritage Plan (2014-2019) was placed on public review and a Preliminary Screening Report for Appropriate Assessment was completed by the Central Planning Unit and issued to the Environmental Authorities on 22nd April 2015 giving the Environmental authorities until 20 th May to submit observations.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	The Screening for Appropriate Assessment shall be completed and if an Appropriate Assessment is not necessary, as indicated in the 'Preliminary Screening report', then the Draft County Donegal Heritage Plan (2014-2019) will be finalised. It will then be presented to the elected members of Donegal County Council for adoption.
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Activity / Project Update

Activity Title	Register 'National Heritage Week' Events in County Donegal
Activity Description	National Heritage Week takes places from Saturday, August 22 until Sunday, August 30, 2015. National Heritage Week is coordinated by The Heritage Council & Local Authority Heritage Officers with support from Fáilte Ireland. 'Heritage Week' is an opportunity to raise awareness of, and engender pride in, the cultural, built and natural heritage of County Donegal. On-line registration of events has begun and the deadline for inclusion in the countrywide Heritage Week Event Guide has been extended until June 7. Last year, there were about 100 'Heritage Week' events taking place in County Donegal including family open days, guided walks, built heritage open houses, heritage site visits, fieldtrips, exhibitions, illustrated presentations, photographic competitions, children's activities, genealogical research, storytelling sessions, traditional music, craft fairs and traditional skills demonstrations. Further details are available at www.heritageweek.ie
Budget (if applicable)	N/A
Progress to date within the last two months – inclusive of current status	Liaising with potential 'National Heritage Week' event organisers.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	Liaise with potential 'National Heritage Week' event organisers and The Heritage Council.
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Activity Title	Dry-Stone Walls Seminar
Activity Description	<p>The County Donegal Heritage Office and the County Donegal Heritage Forum in association with The Heritage Council & the Dry Stone Wall Association of Ireland has organised a Dry-Stone Walls Seminar in Gleann Cholm Cille / Glencolmcille on Saturday, June 20 as part of the implementation of the County Donegal Heritage Plan (Action 1.6). The aims of the free seminar are to (i) raise awareness of dry-stone wall types and methods of construction; (ii) disseminate information on regional variations of dry-stone wall types, geology and historical field patterns; (iii) promote best practice in the management of dry-stone walls and engage people in their conservation; and (iv) convey their cultural heritage significance. Guest speakers include Dr. Kirstin Lemon, Geological Survey of Northern Ireland; folklorist and author Dr. Jonathan Bell; Mary Laheen, University College Dublin; Joanne Curran, Consarc Design and expert stonemason and author Patrick McAfee. In the afternoon, seminar participants will have the opportunity to view and take part in a dry-stone walls workshop in conjunction with the Tír Chonaill Stone Festival. There will also be a Rock Detectives Club for children led by Dr. Kirstin Lemon, Geological Survey of Northern Ireland and Úna Collier, Marble Arch Caves Global Geopark in the afternoon.</p>
Budget (if applicable)	€8,000
Progress to date within the last two months – inclusive of current status	Organising seminar and liaising with Dry Stone Wall Association of Ireland, partner organisations and guest speakers.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	Hold Dry-Stone Walls Seminar and Rock Detectives Club in Gleann Cholm Cille / Glencolmcille on Saturday, June 20, 2015.
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Activity Title	Launch of 'A Field Guide to the Dry-Stone Walls of County Donegal'
Activity Description	The County Donegal Heritage Office in association with The Heritage Council & Patrick McAfee will be launching 'A Field Guide to the Dry-Stone Walls of County Donegal' in Glencolmcille on Friday, June 19 as part of the implementation of the County Donegal Heritage Plan (Action 4.1). The booklet is the third in the 'Donegal Heritage Series'. The A5-booklet is an illustrated field guide to the identification and recording of dry-stone wall types and their features. The booklet was written by Patrick McAfee, expert stonemason and author of 'Irish Stone Walls'.
Budget (if applicable)	€2,000
Progress to date within the last two months – inclusive of current status	Preparation of booklet by author Patrick McAfee.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	Launch of field guide in Gleann Cholm Cille / Glencolmcille on Friday, June 19, 2015.
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Activity / Project Update

Activity Title	'Learning Through The Landscape' Continuing Professional Development Course for Primary Teachers
Activity Description	The Donegal Education Centre, National Parks & Wildlife Service, Inland Fisheries Ireland, Nature North West and the County Donegal Heritage Office have organised a 'Learning Through The Landscape' Continuing Professional Development Course for Primary Teachers in Glenveagh National Park from Monday, July 6 until Friday, July 10, 2015. Themes addressed will relate to the primary curriculum and will include reading the landscape and habitats (such as rivers and bogs) as well as transferable skills such as using maps, surveying, fieldwork and GIS. As part of the implementation of the County Donegal Heritage Plan (Action 4.16), the County Donegal Heritage Office has secured the participation of ecologist, author and broadcaster Éanna Ní Lamhna who will deliver a training day on bogs as habitats and will contribute towards the provision of teaching materials.
Budget <i>(if applicable)</i>	€1,000
Progress to date within the last two months – inclusive of current status	Meetings with Donegal Education Centre and other partners. Course has been sanctioned by the Department of Education & Skills and is fully subscribed (25 primary teachers).
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	Acquisition of teaching materials and liaise with Donegal Education Centre and partners.
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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	Initial meetings and on-going research by Donegal County Archives, Donegal County Museum, County Donegal Heritage Office and Donegal County Library Service. 'The Search for '16' public drop-in event held on Monday, May 18, 2015 in County Museum as part of Bealtaine Festival.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	On-going research by Donegal County Archives, Donegal County Museum, County Donegal Heritage Office and Donegal County Library Service.
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Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	Exhibition of the Bell and Shrine of St Conall Cael
Project Description/Activity	<p>Donegal County Museum is currently working closely with the British Museum to facilitate the loan of the Bell and Shrine of St Conall Cael from their collections, for display in Donegal County Museum for a period of 4 weeks between the 15th June and the 13th July 2015. The Bell and Shrine are considered to be among the highlights of the British Museum's collections and have never before been on public display in Ireland. This will be an important opportunity for the people of Donegal to view these significant artefacts and learn more about their links to the history of their County.</p> <p>The iron hand bell dates from 7th-9th century AD and is said to have originally belonged to St Conall Cael of Co Donegal. In the late 10th-11th century AD it was enshrined as a relic in an elaborate silver covering or "shrine" and was worshipped by pilgrims visiting St Conall's well on the island of Inishkeel, Co. Donegal.</p> <p>The Museum is also working with the British Museum and the local committee to facilitate the display of the bell and shrine in the Dolmen Centre, Kilclooney, Co. Donegal for one day (13th July 2015). The Dolmen Centre is close to the original location of the bell shrine on Inishkeel Island.</p>
Budget (if applicable)	€
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status	
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	
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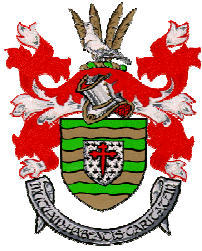
Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	Regional Cultural Centre Summer Programme incl. Earagail Arts Festival Visual Arts and Music Programmes.
Project Description/Activity	Multi-diciplinary Arts Centre, owned and managed by Donegal County Council.
Budget (if applicable)	€
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p>After a busy May programme that included the Bealtaine, Remote Photo and Distorted Perspectives festivals, the Regional Cultural Centre is preparing for the Earagail Arts Festival in July when it will host 20 events. Highlights include: the inaugural Donegal Folk & Roots music festival; the 'Beyond the Pale – Meet the Makers' community theatre weekend symposium; and two major photographic exhibitions.</p> <p>The Donegal Folk & Roots programme at the RCC includes concerts by leading English folk group The Unthanks, Clannad's Moya Brennan with Cormac De Barra and RTÉ Contempo Quartet with special guests The Máirtín O'Connor Band.</p> <p>The Earagail Arts Festival exhibitions at the RCC this year are 'Dúchas / Homeland' by Palestinian/Irish photographer Omar Yashruti, whose mother is from Milford. The exhibition consists of approximately forty images on the subject of homeland, juxtaposing images of Northern Ireland and Palestine, as well as 'In Colour' by legendary French photographer Gilles Caron, a remarkable new series of large colour prints of The Battle of Bogside in Derry, in August 1969.</p>
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	
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Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	Scotland Brass and Wind Ensemble Visiting Donegal in June
Project Description/Activity	Visiting Norwegian Brass and Wind Ensemble.
Budget (if applicable)	€500
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status	<p>The Norwegian brass and wind ensemble – Sortland Musikk Forening – will visit Donegal for their bi-annual international holiday from Friday to Sunday, June 26 -28 next. There will be up to 50 musicians travelling and they will give a series of free public performances and music educational workshops – in Letterkenny, Donegal Town and Ballyshannon – while they are in the county.</p> <p>Sortland is the capital of the Vesteralen region of Northern Norway - a series of 5 inter-connected islands, some 200 kms north of the Arctic Circle. Donegal County Council Cultural Services has been working with the Vesteralen Cultural Council on joint cultural projects for the past seven years, as part of the EDGES International Cultural Partnership.</p> <p>The ensemble will perform on the new Plaza in front of An Grianán Theatre, Letterkenny on Friday evening, June 26, and they have also agreed to lead a series of music educational workshops – hosted by Donegal Music Education Partnership - with brass and wind players from the Donegal Youth Orchestra & the Errigal Groove Orchestra (brass ensemble) on Saturday morning, June 27. They will travel to Donegal Town on Saturday afternoon for a performance in The Diamond, hosted by Donegal Town Chamber of Commerce. Thereafter, they will travel to Ballyshannon for a further public performance and to meet with members The Ballyshannon Brass and Reed Band.</p>
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	<p>www.sortland.musikkforening.no www.facebook.com/sortland.musikkforening.no</p> <p>Traolach Ó Fionnáin, Arts Officer, Donegal County Council. T: 074 9121968 E: traolach@donegalcoco.ie Odd Kjaereng, Band Manager, Sortland Musikkforening T: 0047 97585057 E: odd.kjaereng@vkbb.no</p>



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Recent Legislation.

SI 196 of 2015 The European Communities (Classification, Packaging, Labelling and Notification of Dangerous Substances) Regulations, 2003 (SI No 116 of 2003) transpose for the first time Commission Directive 2001/58/EC. They revoke the European Communities (Dangerous Substances) (Classification, Packaging and Labelling) Regulations, 2000 (SI No. 393 of 2000).

The aim of these Regulations is to protect man and the environment from the harmful effects of both new substances and existing dangerous substances. The Regulations apply to all substances which are intended to be placed on the market either on their own or in a preparation with exceptions for certain categories of substances such as medicinal, cosmetic, pesticide, waste, etc., products which are covered by other Directives.

S.I. 197 of 2015 - Waste Management (Collection Permit) (Amendment) Regulations 2015; New Household Kerbside Waste Collector Obligations

S.I. 197 of 2015 amends the Waste Management (Collection Permit) Regulations 2007 and defines 'household kerbside waste'. The Regulations require that conditions be attached to household waste collection permits, which will require that from 1 July, 2015:

- household kerbside waste collected in approved reusable receptacles (such as bins or caddies, but not bags) must be weighed by appropriate weighing systems and that this weight reported to the householder at a frequency of at least once a month and that only vehicles fitted with approved weighing mechanisms are authorised to collect such waste;
- recyclate collected from households be collected at least every two weeks and that a minimum list of recyclable materials set out in the seventh schedule to the Regulations be collected;
- a customer charter be prepared to the like effect of that set out in the sixth schedule to the Regulations and to the satisfaction of the nominated authority.

S.I. 198 of 2015 - Waste Management (Facility Permit and Registration) (Amendment) Regulations 2015

Pay to use compactor units (PTUs) under a Certificate of Registration

The Waste Management (Facility Permit and Registration)(Amendment) Regulations 2015 provide for the introduction of additional rules for Pay To Use (PTU) compactors accepting household waste, in line with the new obligations for kerbside collectors. The additional rules provided in Part VII of the fourth schedule to the primary 2007 Regulations will require that PTUs provide separate receptacles to accept residual, recyclable and household waste, that each and every deposit of individual waste be weighed using an approved weighing mechanism, that this weight be reported to the householder, that customer charters be prepared and that PTUs accept a minimum list of recyclable materials.

Future Regulations on Household Waste Collection in the Summer. Provisions required for the introduction of a weight based charges for household kerbside waste collection and PTUs which accept such waste on 1 July 2016, as well as other measures (e.g. the introduction of fixed payment notices for

collectors) require the introduction of primary legislation. These provisions are being progressed through the Environment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill and a further circular will be issued by the Department of Environment in relation to the new primary legislation in due course.

Household and Commercial Food Waste Regulations Amendments. These amendments make provision for the definition of authorized treatment plants, which are composting, biogas and pet food manufacturing plants and excludes type 8 plants. Regarding Household Regulations, waste collectors have to provide a waste receptacle (brown bin) directly to a householders address. Food waste has to be collected at least every fortnight. In the case where the residual collection is more frequent, a brown bin service has to be collected as least as often as the residual bin.

Regional Waste Management Plans are published and are now available for public viewing. Connaught Ulster Waste Management Plan can be viewed on www.curwmo.ie or by contacting the Regional Waste Management Office in Mayo County Council.

Community Clean ups

There continues to be a very active participation by the public in clean up's in their local areas. In May 2015 there were further community Clean ups assisted by Donegal County Council. This has produced 43.5 tonnes of waste collected by the Council from various locations around the county as well as from local communities who have cleaned their estates, villages, roads, beaches and countryside.

Dog Fouling Patrols.

Donegal County Council Litter Wardens have continued with patrols regarding this matter and have used the opportunity to advice dog owners as to their responsibilities regarding this problem.

The Council has erected and maintains Dog Fouling bins throughout the County.

Litter fines

For the year to date there has 83 Litter fines issued, of which 23 have been paid.

13 of these fines were served on persons from outside the jurisdiction and to date 28 % have been paid.

The unpaid fines for the year to date include those which are still with the time limit to pay.

Prosecutions

There are currently 5 prosecutions before the Courts under the Litter Pollution Act 1997,

1 case was successfully prosecuted in the Donegal Town District Court in May 2015

Blue Flag Beaches

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

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

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

Green Coast Beaches

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

Water Quality

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

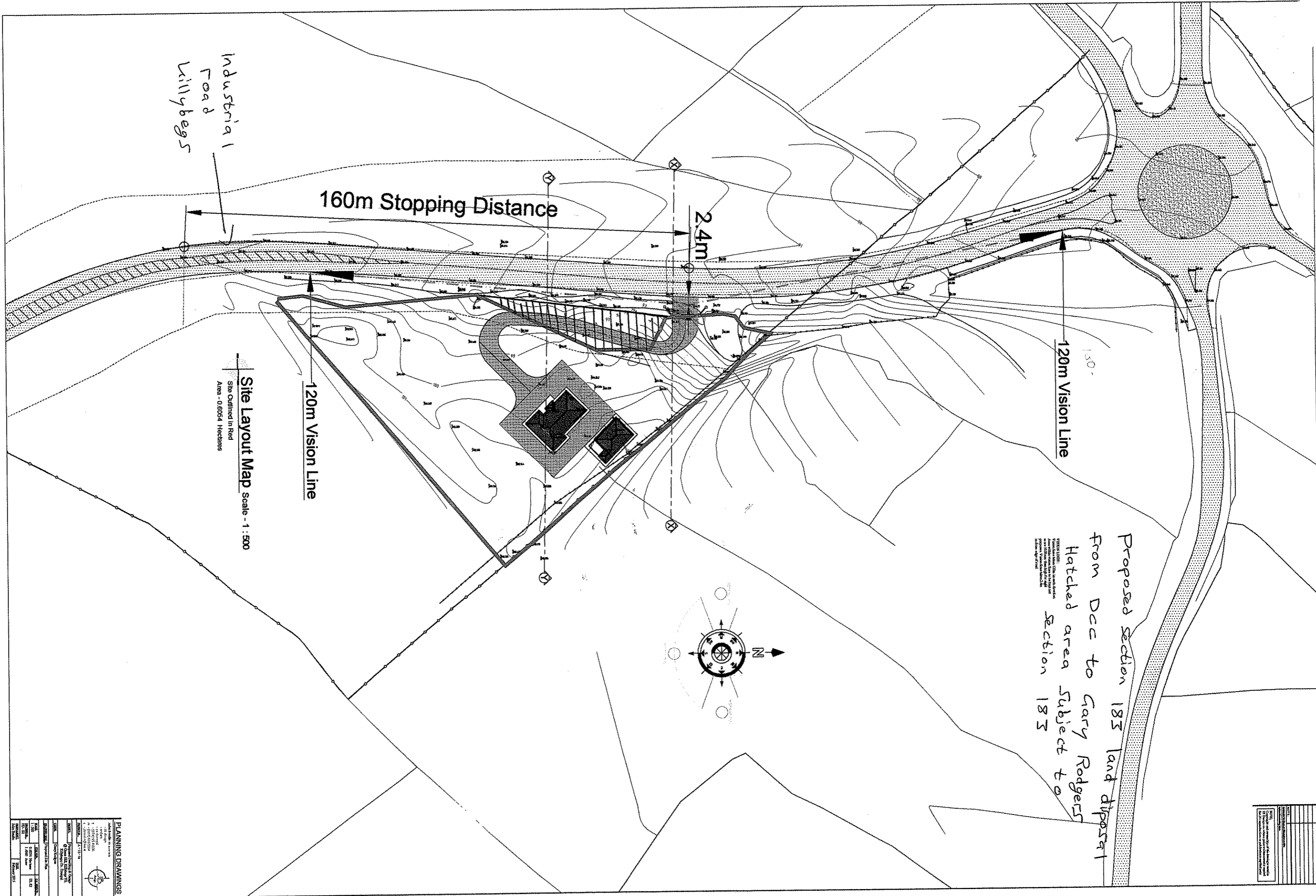
The percentile has to be calculated for each parameter and also met for each parameter. For example, if the 95th percentile is below the limit values for Escherichia coli but not for Intestinal Enterococci then the beach cannot be awarded with the Blue Flag.

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

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

Lifeguards and Beach Infrastructure

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



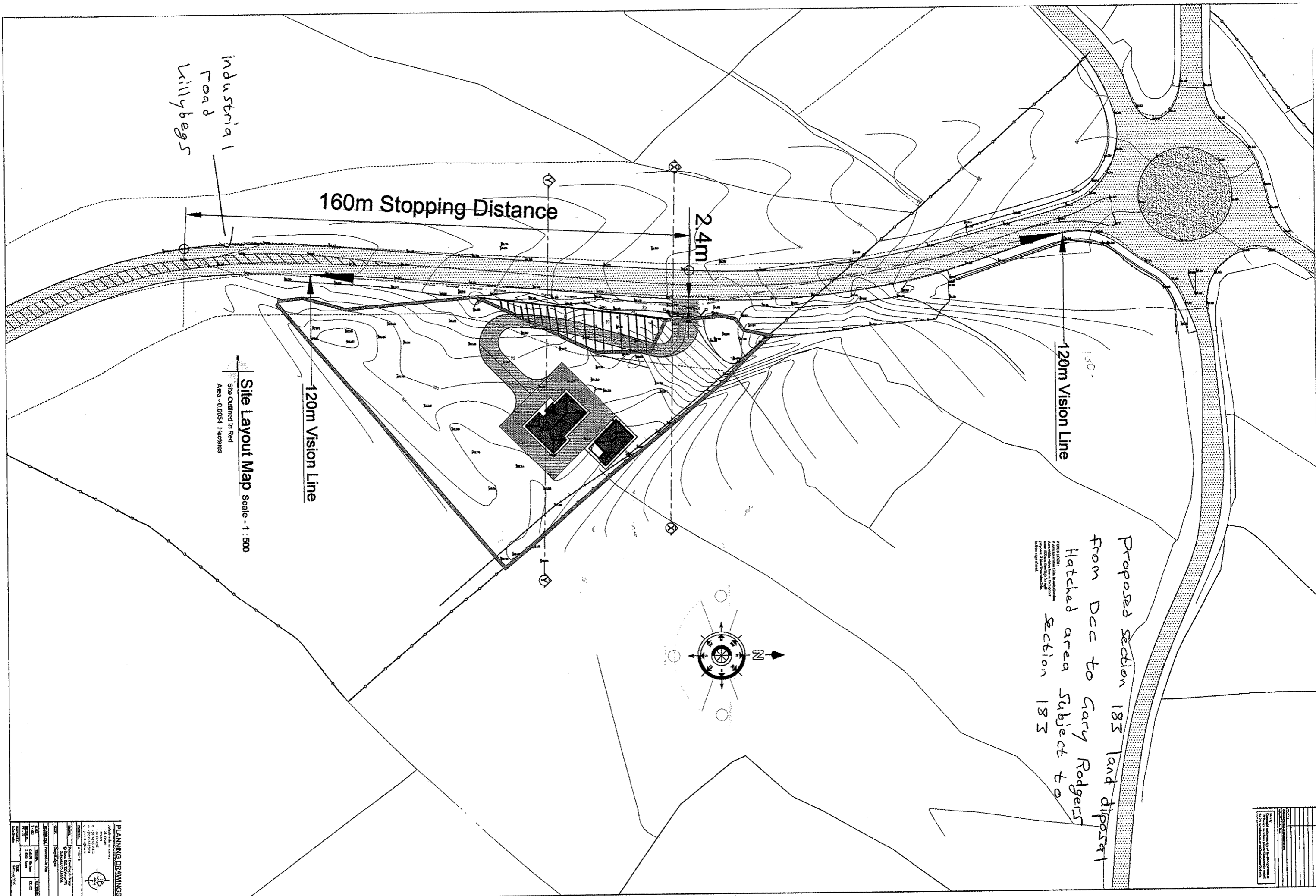
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