

**Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall**

Oifig Riarthóir na gCruinnithe,  
Aras an Chontae,  
Leifear.

6ú Nollaig, 2016

**Fógra Cruinnithe**

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall ar siúl **De Máirt 13ú Nollaig, 2016, ag 11.30 r.n. in Ionad Serbhísí Pobail, Bhaile Dhún na nGall.**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS DÚN NA nGALL

A Chara,

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

Mise, le meas

Seosamh O'Piopla  
p.p. Riarthóir Cruinnithe

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**Municipal District of Donegal**

Office of Meetings Administrator,  
County House,  
Lifford.

6th December, 2016

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

The next Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal will be held on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016, at 11.30 a.m. in the Donegal Public Services Centre.**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL

Dear Councillor,

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

Yours sincerely,

for Joe Peoples  
Meetings Administrator

## AGENDA

1. Consideration of Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2016.
2. Consideration of Minutes of Budget Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2016.
3. Consideration of Minutes of Budget Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2016
4. Consideration of Minutes of Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2016
5. Attendance of Deputation from Friends of Rossnowlagh Beach Committee (11.45am)
  
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 Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) to reclassify the regional road which is the R263 from the Five Points Killybegs to Glencolmcille from regional to a national secondary road”.
  
  - 7.2 Cllr Niamh Kennedy  
“That this Municipal District calls on Donegal County Council, Irish Water and the Glen Folk Village Trust to enter into negotiations with regard to extending the sewerage pipe line to the Glencolmcille Folk Village”.
  
8. Date of Next Meeting - Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 at 11.30 am.

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD AT  
11.30 A. M. ON TUESDAY THE 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2016 IN THE PETER  
KENNEDY CHAMBER, DONEGAL PUBLIC SERVICES CENTRE, DONEGAL**

**MDD/122/16 MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MDD/123/16 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE**

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

**MDD/124/16 VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

Members passed a vote of sympathy in respect of the following recent death;-

The late Mr. Patrick Hilley, Drumadoney, Donegal Town brother of Brian Hilley, Plant Operator, Roads, Donegal.

The late Mrs. Eilish Johnston, Copany, Donegal, sister-in-law of David Johnston, Donegal Roads.

Also noted a thank you card received from the wife and family of the late James McBrearty, former Councillor, Bogagh, Carrick in relation to a previous vote of sympathy.

**MDD/125/16 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup>  
SEPTEMBER, 2016**

On the proposal of Cllr Jordan, seconded by Cllr Conaghan the Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016 were confirmed.

**MDD/126/16 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2016**

On the proposal of Cllr Jordan, seconded by Cllr Conaghan the Minutes of the Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016 were confirmed.

**MDD/127/16 Attendance of Deputation from Bundoran Surf Industry**

Members welcomed Mr. Killian O'Kelly, Mr. Owen Murphy and Mr. Aidan Brown from the Bundoran Surf Industry and invited them to make their presentation.

Mr. Killian O'Kelly made a detailed submission in relation to the access issues to Tullan Strand in Bundoran. He referred to two previous deputations, one to the Donegal Electoral Area Committee and a further deputation later to the Municipal District of Donegal.

The main issues that of concern to the deputation are in particular the following;-

- Need a safe public access to Tullan Strand
- Had been advised of the process the Council was going to pursue to deal with the access issue
- Timeframe for the provision of same
- Surf Industry have paid contributions over the years to the landowner to keep the existing access open following winter storm damage which is unsustainable in the longer term
- Expressed concerns that no access exists to beach for emergency vehicles
- Lack of proper access is detrimental to the Surf Industry in Bundoran and other businesses
- Requested confirmation that the funding allocated a few years ago by Bundoran Town Council is still 'ring fenced' to deal with the access to Tullan Strand.

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

Cllr O'Neill supported the view of the Surf Industry and submitted there are concerns in relation to public safety, insurance issues and a need for consultations with other landowners to decide the best route for the access. He submitted he continued to support the issues raised and noted that the funding allocated is still available for same. He stated that the lack of proper access is of concern where e.g. emergency vehicles could not access the beach and cited the recent tragedy. He asked that a concentrated effort be made by the Council to deal with the access issue that will be a long-term lasting suitable solution with proper facilities for Tullan Strand.

Cllr Jordan supported the deputation and also Cllr O'Neill's submission in relation to this matter.

In response to a query from Cllr Campbell regarding the frequency of payments made by the Surf Industry for the repair of the access, Mr. K O'Kelly advised that it was usually on a two year basis and is dependent on winter weather storms. He also confirmed that the costs have been reasonable to-date for the works carried out and that they had received a contribution from the Council towards the costs.

In response to a further query from Cllr Campbell as to where the Council contribution came from, Cllr McEniff informed Members it was from the Members Development Fund.

Cllr McEniff also supported the deputation and submitted that this issue has been ongoing for a long number of years and that he would continue to work with the Executive to resolve the access issue. He submitted that the funding is in place and that he hoped the matter could be resolved during 2017.

Mr. Garry Martin welcomed the deputation to the meeting and outlined the history of the issue since the 1980s. He advised that the preferred route that had been initially selected, which is the current unauthorised route, had received an engineering review which has led to the need for further engagement with all of the stakeholders (Bundoran Surf Industry, Local Residents, Defence Forces, Gardai, Emergency Services, Planning Department, Roads Department, and the Department of the Marine) so that the best access route can be agreed.

The Council has procured the services of a consultant to examine the feedback received from the stakeholders and to recommend the best route and way of progressing this. This will involve a lot of delicate negotiations with the various stakeholders and is broadly in line with the original process and what is being sought is an amicable solution that will be agreeable to all concerned.

Mr. Martin also reported that the funding has been set aside and should be sufficient to provide the current preferred access route although until such time as the matter has been closed out with all of the stakeholders there is nothing agreed as of yet.

In response to a query from Cllr McEniff as to time-frame for the consultants to complete their work, Mr. Martin advised that the matter is a priority for the consultants and he anticipated good progress in the next two to three months but this is dependent on consultations with the stakeholders.

Members thanked the deputation for their attendance.

## **MDD/128/16 HOUSING CORPORATE AND CULTURAL SERVICES REPORT**

### **Corporate Services**

#### **Development Contribution Scheme 2016 – 2021**

Ms. B McBrearty informed Members that the Development Contribution Scheme 2016 – 2021 is now available at the reception desk for the public to either view or purchase at a cost of €5.00.

#### **Mental Health Week**

Members noted there is a publicity event immediately after meeting to mark and promote Mental Health Week.

### **Housing Services**

#### **Progress reports on Grants, Loans, Casual Vacancies, and Social Housing Support Programme, Tenant Purchase Scheme 2016 and Housing Assistance Payments.**

Members noted the update reports on Grants, Loans, and Casual Vacancies, Tenant Purchase Scheme 2016, Housing Assistance Payments and Social Housing Support Programme as circulated with the Agenda and presented by Ms. B McBrearty.

#### **Casual Vacancies**

In relation to Casual Vacancies, Ms. B McBrearty further reported that the Long Term Void funding had been secured for a number of properties on the list that that these works should be completed in the coming months.

#### **Social Housing Support Programme**

Ms. B McBrearty informed Members that House Purchases had been completed for this District for 2016 and that she was working with an AHB on other purchases.

#### **Tenant Purchase Scheme 2016**

Ms. B McBrearty informed Members that 6 valuations are currently being examined with offer letters to these to issue shortly.

#### **CAS**

In relation to CAS, Ms. B McBrearty informed Members she is working with Oaklee Housing Association in relation to a site for a third Community Group Home in Donegal Town. She also informed Members that the 25 units for Donegal Town under the CALF Scheme had not been realised but the Department have approved CALF for 24 units in Ballyshannon.

She advised Members she has had a query from an Approved Housing Body to provide a further, 8 – 10 units in Ballyshannon which is being supported by the Council.

### **Ballyshannon ErneDale Heights**

Ms. B McBrearty informed Members that the tender documents are prepared for the 11 units in Ballyshannon for the refurbishment works by the Approved Housing Body.

### **Lands in Bundoran**

Ms. B McBrearty informed Members that there are 4 acres of land in Bundoran in the ownership of the Council, which is not currently serviced land, and that arrangements are being made to remedy this for the next Housing Programme.

### **Housing Assistance Payments (HAP)**

Ms. B McBrearty presented the HAP report as circulated with the Agenda.

### **Housing Needs Assessment 2016**

Ms. B McBrearty informed Members the Housing Needs Assessment 2016 has been completed and forwarded to the Department and that arrangements will be made to brief Members in relation to same at a County level.

### **Insulation Programme**

Ms. B McBrearty informed Members that 60 Housing Units in Killybegs have had insulation works completed and that further insulation works will be completed in the coming months, with the older stock being completed first.

### **Other Housing Matters**

#### **Section 183 Disposal**

Ms. B McBrearty briefed Members in relation to the proposed Section 183 which is a disposal of a Small Farmers Cottage in Ballywogs, Dunkineely which is in effect a correction to title. She informed Members this matter would go to the next Plenary Meeting of the Council for consideration of the Members.

#### **Houses purchased by Cluid in Mountcharles**

Ms. B McBrearty informed Members that the four houses recently purchased by Cluid Approved Housing Body in Mountcharles will be let by Cluid in the coming week which is to be welcomed.

#### **Repair & Leasing Scheme**

Ms. B McBrearty referred to a recent enquiry from Cllr Jordan in relation to a pilot scheme that has recently in County Carlow. She advised that she had just sourced the information on same and would forward the document via e-mail to Members after the meeting. She also advised that the intention is that the scheme will be rolled out across the Country follow the initial 6 months pilot.

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

Cllr O'Neill welcomed the good progress being made in the Housing area including the refurbishment works in Ballyshannon, the insulation works, and the new Social Housing provision. He submitted it would be of great benefit to Ballyshannon.

## **MDD/129/16 ROADS / TRANSPORTATION SERVICES REPORT**

### **2016 Roads Programme**

Mr. M Sweeney presented the update reports circulated with the Agenda on the 2016 Road Works Programme including,

- Regional Road Surface Dressing,
- Local Road Surface Dressing,
- 2016 Regional and Local Road Improvements,
- Severe Weather Repair Works,
- Severe Weather Preventative Works
- Low Cost Safety Measures
- NRA – HD 15 Works
- Footpath Programme

He also updated Members in relation to Dunkineely, he is working with Road Design to get additional works done as there had been a surplus in the allocation that the National Roads Office had received for these works.

In relation to the Severe Weather Works, there is a surplus of funding from the Four Master Bridge repairs which will be re-allocated to other severe weather works that are required in the Ballyshannon Area and that same would be reported to the next meeting.

### **Crossing in Killybegs**

Cllr Kennedy thanked the Roads Department for the works completed on the crossing in Killybegs, noting that this was her first motion to the Municipal District and a great improvement to the Area.

### **Contribution towards Christmas Lights in Donegal Town**

Mr. M Sweeney referred to a request he had received from the Christmas Lights Committee in Donegal Town seeking a contribution of €6000.00 towards the Christmas Lights in Donegal Town as circulated to Members via e-mail. Mr. M Sweeney informed Members that this is similar to what the Council provided in previous years and was funded out of the parking charges in Donegal Town. Following a short discussion on the proposal for Cllr Conaghan, seconded by Cllr Campbell, Members agreed to allocate the sum of €6000.00 from Donegal Town Parking Charges monies to the Christmas Lights Committee in Donegal Town.



**Matters arising from the previous meeting.**

Mr. M Sweeney presented the update on matters raised at the previous meeting as circulated to Members by e-mail which dealt with the following updates;-

- Footpath Programme 2016 – proceed
- Footpath to the Craft Village, Donegal Town
- Works at Dunkineely
- Entrance to old IDA Site, Ballyshannon
- Shannon’s Corner, Ballyshannon
- Road to Kileen off the Beleek Road
- Noisy Manholes in Ballyshannon
- Request for a Deputation to Minister in relation to Tirconnell and Fintra Bridges

**Parking Charges Ballyshannon**

Cllr O’Neill made a lengthy submission in relation to parking charges in Ballyshannon. He submitted that it was unfair for charges to remain in Ballyshannon that are not economically viable and also that for the winter period, Ballyshannon is at a disadvantage with there being no charges in Bundoran for the winter. He also expressed his disappointment that businesses in Ballyshannon get no contribution towards Christmas Lights. He again requested that the parking charges in Ballyshannon be abolished.

**MDD/130/16 PLANNING CONTROL REPORT**

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

- Statistics
- Appeals – 2 with An Board Pleanala
- Significant Cases (incl. Transboundary applications)
- Other cases (Part 8’s etc.)

Mr. K Smith informed Members in response to the issues raised by Cllr Campbell at the previous meeting, he has been advised by the Central Planning unit, that due to limited resources and time that the Local Area Plans process will be run in tandem with the County Development Plan review in order to maximise efficiencies on these consultations.

A number of queries were dealt with as follows;-

Cllr Jordan welcomed the planning permission granted for three waste water treatment plants in Mountcharles and submitted that he hoped this would lift the planning embargo on new housing development in Mountcharles, which Mr. K Smith noted.

### **ESB Fence in Ballyshannon**

Cllr O'Neill made a lengthy submission in relation to the ESB Fence in Ballyshannon. In particular he raised concerns in relation to water safety, landscaping, access for emergency services, provision of lifebuoys, height of the fence, walkways, ownerships of the lands that have been fenced off by the ESB and requested that the Council pursue enforcement procedures with the ESB.

In response to the concerns raised Mr. K Smith informed Members the landscape plan submitted by the ESB is being considered by the Central Planning Unit to see if it is appropriate. He also informed Members the submission from the ESB in relation to water safety is being considered by Council Officials and that a response had not yet issued yet in respect of this.

### **Quarries**

Cllr O'Neill made a lengthy submission in relation to two quarries which he submitted are operating at Cashelard and Caricknahorna, both of which are unauthorised, and subject of a lot of public anger. He referred to the proximity of the quarries to county roads, special area of conservation and other matters. He asked if the planning section is pursuing the matters, Mr. K Smith informed Members he was precluded from commenting on live enforcement cases.

## **MDD/131/16 COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

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

1. Donegal Walks and Trails
2. Bundoran Tourism Office Update
3. Playgrounds
4. Donegal Town Development HUB
5. CEDRA Project – Donegal's Atlantic Coastal Trail
6. 'Cool Route' Cruising Oceans on Latitudes above 51° North

Mr. McLaughlin also briefed Members in relation to Connect 16 held in Dublin recently and the Tourism Seminar held in Letterkenny last week. Cllr O'Neill complimented the Section on the great work being carried out by them.

### **Development Fund Initiative 2016**

Mr. McLaughlin also informed Members in relation to the Development Fund Initiative 2016 where a number of reallocations had been requested as set out hereunder;-

Cllr T Conaghan	
St Patrick's Centre	€0
Four Master GAA	€2500

Cllr N Jordan  
Comhairle Paroiste Ghleann Cille           €0  
Mountcharles Heritage & Walking Group       €2500

Cllr N Kennedy  
Comhairle Paroiste Ghleann Cille           €0  
A Taste of Donegal                           €3291.50

On the proposal of Cllr O'Neill seconded by Cllr McEniff this was agreed.

### **MDD/132/16 ENVIRONMENT SERVICES REPORT**

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

- Tidy Towns
- October is Reuse Month
- Smoky Coal Halloween Bonfires
- FREE Household Hazardous Waste Collection 2016
- Dog Fouling
- 2016 Bathing Season Report
- Enforcement Figures

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

#### **Dead Stag on private lands**

In response to a query from Cllr Jordan regarding who to contact to remove a dead stag from private lands, Ms. S Bogan advised that the Parks and Wildlife should be contacted in the first instance.

#### **Tidy Towns**

Cllr Kennedy commended all those involved in the Tidy Towns and in particular the work put into Killybegs Tidy Towns which had much improved the appearance of the town.

### **MDD/133/16 DISCUSSION ON REQUEST TO ERECT A BUILDING AT TULLAN STRAND, BUNDORAN (TOILETS, SHOWERS AND RETAIL UNIT)**

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

"That this Municipal District erect a building at Tullan Strand, Bundoran to house toilets, showers & a retail unit so that it can be commercially viable".

Members were advised;-

“Discussions are on going with landowners, homeowners and related stakeholders to conclude agreement on an access route to service Tullan Strand.

Consideration can be given to, as part of a conclusive consideration on design and infrastructure supporting such an access route, the elements included in this motion.

Any infrastructure to be included as part of a final design plan must be rational and clearly facilitate a need in those utilising this location.”

Cllr McEniff in speaking to his motion submitted that he would like this to progress with either private enterprise or the Council and that a unit that could provide eg. teas/coffees/other commercial activity would be of benefit to the area.

Mr. G Martin informed Members that he was mindful of the sensitivities as per the earlier discussion in relation to access to Tullan Strand but that the options for the provision of the proposed unit would be examined.

**MDD/134/16 DISCUSSION ON REQUEST TO CARRY OUT REPAIRS / SURFACE IMPROVEMENTS TO ACCESS ROAD AT BACK OF CLUAIN BARRON, BALLYSHANNON**

On the proposal of Cllr O'Neill, seconded by Cllr Jordan the following motion was adopted;-

“That this Municipal District carry out the necessary Repairs / Surface Improvements to the public access road to the rear of the houses at Cluain Barron in Ballyshannon as a matter of urgency and also address the overgrowth on the pathway from the same public access road to the Donegal Road”

Members were advised;-

“Donegal County Council owns 750 units of social housing stock located in 59 different estates in the Donegal Municipal District. The current annual housing maintenance budget at Municipal District level of €341,168 is prioritised to cover routine maintenance works to the actual housing stock, together with vacant properties which is supplemented by allocations from the Department under the Return of Vacant Stock to Productive Use Programme.

In a number of the estates, the Council own a very limited number of dwellings which is primarily down to the fact that in these instances, individual dwellings were bought in private estates whereas in other

instances, most of the houses as originally constructed or acquired by the Council are now bought out.

Under the Roads Act, the roads department of Donegal County Council is responsible for the maintenance of 'Public Roads'. A Public Road is defined as 'a road over which a public right of way exists and the responsibility for the maintenance of which lies on a road authority'. In this regard Donegal County Council maintains a Roads Schedule detailing all of the Public Roads for which the Roads Dept. has responsibility for maintenance.

An examination of this Schedule indicates that while the main roads within a council housing estate, providing access to the front door of each house will generally be on the Schedule, there are no back lanes between and through council housing estates providing access to the rear or side of each house registered and therefore the Roads Dept. do not take responsibility for maintenance of these access roads/paths/back lanes. Until such times as privately constructed housing estates are taken over by the council the Roads Dept. has no responsibility for maintenance of any roads or back lanes within these estates even if the council has acquired individual houses or groups of houses within a private estate. In relation to the maintenance of the "non public" back lanes, existing funding does not provide for the maintenance or repair of back lanes in estates.

Earlier this year the Roads Department confirmed that 'back lanes' that provide access to the rear of individual properties would be viewed as being similar to local private roads constructed to facilitate development and would not fall within the responsibility of the Roads Authority unless they were formally declared as a public road under Section 11 of the Roads Act. Having regard to the resources available in housing budgets, the Housing Service agreed that it was not possible to be spending monies on back lanes which are in essence deemed private roads. If Members wish to have monies spent on these back lanes, they need to have them considered for inclusion on the Roads Schedule in the context of the Council's policy on the takeover of roads generally."

Cllr O'Neill in speaking to his motion submitted that he has raised this matter on number of occasions and thanked the Housing Section for the response. He appealed to the Council to keep this matter on the agenda advising that this is a public right of way which is in a poor state and there are 60 houses affected by it. He submitted he would like to see some funding set aside from the Roads Budget in 2017 to address the matter.

Cllr Jordan in seconding the motion advised he was glad to support same and noted there are similar issues county-wide.

Cllr McEniff submitted that he wanted to be associated with the motion also.

Ms. B McBrearty informed Members that since the response to the motion had been prepared there has been re-launch of the Clar Programme and she would investigate if works could be carried out at this access road through this funding mechanism. She advised Members that previously such works would have on occasion been addressed through the Local Improvement Schemes. In the meanwhile she informed Members that she would seek a costing on the necessary works from the Roads Department and keep Members informed in relation to this matter.

**MDD/135/16 REQUEST FOR A DEPUTATION FROM ROSSNOWLAGH BEACH COMMITTEE – CHANGE OF DATE**

Members noted the correspondence circulated with the Agenda from the Rosstown Beach Committee seeking to send a Deputation to the December 2016 meeting of the District rather than today's meeting due to the unavailability of some members of their deputation.

On the proposal of Cllr McEniff, seconded by Cllr Campbell it was agreed to accept the Deputation to the December 2016 meeting of the District.

**MEMBERS NOTED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:-**

**MDD/136/16 SIGNAGE and MARKINGS AT SHANNON'S CORNER, BALLYSHANNON**

The following question was submitted by Cllr O'Neill:-

"Can this Municipal District address the signage and road markings at upper Main Street in Ballyshannon at the junction to Rosstown between "The Thatch Pub" and "Shannon's Corner Restaurant? This junction needs to be addressed with immediate improvements and signage replacement?"

Cllr O'Neill was informed that:-

"The Council will undertake the lining works as soon as we can arrange for a lining contractor to carry out the works. We will also assess the current condition of the road signage and replace where necessary."

**MDD/137/16 Date of next meeting**

On the proposal of Cllr Conaghan, seconded by Cllr Campbell it was agreed that the **Budget Meeting** for the Municipal District of Donegal would be held **at 5.00 pm on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016.**

It was also agreed that there would be a **Planning Workshop** commencing **at 10.00 am on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016.**

Members agreed the next **Municipal District meeting** would be held on **Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 commencing at 11.30 am** as per Standing Orders.

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

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**Area Manager**  
**Municipal District of Donegal**

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**Cathaoirleach**  
**Municipal District of Donegal**

**Minutes of Budget Workshop of Municipal District of Donegal held on Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016 in the Peter Kennedy Chamber, Donegal Public Services Centre, Donegal commencing at 10.00am.**

**Members Present:**

Cllr. Niamh Kennedy  
Cllr Noel Jordan  
Cllr Barry O'Neill

**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. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

**Apologies**

Cllr. Tom Conaghan  
Cllr. John Campbell  
Cllr. Sean McEniff

**Presentation of Three Jeep Rangers to Fire Service**

Mr. G. Martin invited Members to attend the presentation of three new vehicles – Jeep Rangers to the Fire Service at 6.30 pm in Ballyshannon today; one for the Ballyshannon, one for Bundoran and the other for Glencolmcille Fire Stations.

**Proposed Approach to General Municipal Allocations for 2017**

Mr. G. Martin, Director of Service, briefed Members in relation to the proposed approach to the General Municipal District Allocations for 2017.

He asked that Members advise of their priorities for the area in order to ensure that all items can receive consideration in the preparation of the Budget. They could contact him by email or phone.

The Members who were unable to attend would be contacted by e-mail to afford them the opportunity to do likewise. Ms. B McBrearty undertook to do this.

Having briefed the Members in relation to the background, the 2016 General Municipal Allocations and the requirements of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 and associated regulations, and asked that the Municipal District consider the adoption of a provisional general municipal allocation in the amount of



€120,000.00. This figure will be reviewed in conjunction with the consideration of the 2017 revenue budget.

#### **Date for MD Donegal Budget meeting**

Mr. G Martin outlined the timelines required to meet the statutory obligations and it was agreed that the Budget meeting for the Municipal District of Donegal would be held at **5.00 pm on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016** in the Peter Kennedy Chamber, Donegal PSC. It was noted that the Plenary Budget Meeting will be held on Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016 and that the 3 Year Capital Programme would be presented to Members at that stage.

#### **Commercial Rates Harmonisation & Base Year Adjustment – Draft Revenue Budget 2017**

Mr. Martin circulated and presented a detailed report to Members on the background, main features, issues for consideration and requirements in relation to Commercial Rates Harmonisation and Base Year Adjustment. Members were advised that it was proposed to continue the small business grant up to a maximum of €250.00 to rate payers which could mitigate against increases arising from the harmonisation subject to the affordability of same in Budget 2017.

#### **Proposed Approach to Rates Vacancy in line with Section 31(1) of the Local Government Reform Act 2014**

Mr. Martin briefed Members in relation to proposed approach to Rates Vacancy in line with Section 31(1) of the Local Government Reform Act 2014. He submitted that any change in this matter would have to be at a County level and that no change is proposed at an Executive Level in this regard.

#### **Emerging Issues in Preparation of 2017 Revenue Budget**

Mr. Martin briefed Members on emerging issues for the 2017 Budget including as follows:

- No variation in Local Property Tax in Donegal
- Lesser income anticipated in 2016 from Non Principal Private Residence Charge
- Payroll Costs/National Agreements
- Rates Valuations
- Irish Water – seeking to reduce costs
- Insurances
- Housing Capital increasing
- Reserves/Legacy issues
- The importance of maintaining services

Mr. Martin re-iterated that if Members had any feedback in relation to the Budget for 2017 to let him know at an early date so that this can be reflected in the Budget preparation.

**Proposed Approach to 3 Year Capital Budget preparation 2016 – 2018 as required by Section 135 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended)**

Mr. G Martin informed Members it is intended to present the 3 year Capital Programme to Members for consideration. He advised that the capital programme is largely dependent for co-funding on the Development Contribution Scheme for all services.

**Feedback from Municipal Districts on 2017 Budget Requirements**

Cllr O'Neill submitted that there needs to be a substantial allocation for footpaths in the Municipal District. He also queried the position on major capital projects for tourism in the area and identified the Mall Quay in Ballyshannon should be explored in this regard. He also referred to the impact Tayto Park is generating in the east of the County and a discussion took place around a 'whiskey trail' on the Wild Atlantic Way as being a potential tourism product.

Cllr Jordan advised that there is a large demand in the area for the re-introduction of the Local Improvements Scheme for Roads and that this should be made available by the Department rather than being funded from the Development Fund Initiative or the Roads Maintenance monies. Together with this there is a need for a village enhancement scheme and Member could prioritise one village in each Municipal District every year.

He also submitted that 'food tourism' needs to be further supported by the Council e.g. a funding package to build food co-operative e.g. muscles growers and also encouraging people to train as chefs. He asked if there were any jurisdictional issues for the fishing industry as a result of Brexit.

He referred to the pilot schemes in Carlow and Kilkenny to put out of use housing stock back into use and a discussion took place in relation to housing in this regard including net housing need, Housing Needs Assessment 2016 and Housing Assistance Payments, private rented accommodation and Social Housing.

Cllr Kennedy confirmed her agreement that footpaths and village renewal should be prioritised in Budget 2017. She also submitted that consultations should be had with the Tidy Towns committees who are well placed to know what improvements are needed. Mr. G Martin informed Members this was raised at another Municipal District and confirmed he would speak with the Director of Roads to see if a number of pilots in this regard and have budgeted monies spent in a targeted manner.

Cllr Kennedy also submitted that in areas where there are vacant strategic buildings that are not genuinely available for let and are vacant, that these should be rated to encourage the use of same.

She also submitted playgrounds require funding assistance and Mr. Martin advised that playgrounds do receive assistance with maintenance and inspections and but new playgrounds which require funding to develop could be pursued through Leader funding by the Community Groups.

Cllr Kennedy requested that the food industry in the County be supported by the Council in the Budget and referred to the Donegal Bay Food Coasts meeting recently held which was well supported. She submitted that there is a site owned by the Department of the Marine in Killybegs that would be ideally suitable for a 'virtual sealife centre' and outlined the benefits of such to the area. She also requested that this be supported as a strategic initiative for the Area.

Mr. Martin informed Members that he had noted the comments by Members for consideration in the budget preparation. He also reiterated that if Members (in particular those who could not attend today's workshop) had any further matters they wished to convey to him in the context of the Budget preparation to e-mail them to him in the coming days. Mr. Martin thanked Members for their time in attending today's workshop.

## **Other Matters**

### **Planning Workshop**

Following a short discussion it was agreed to hold a planning workshop on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016 commencing at 10.00am. The Workshop is in relation to the following matters;-

- EU-funded Hericoast Project
- Selection of one no. Tier 3, and one no. Tier 4 town/village in Donegal MD for detailed consideration of regeneration/renewal capacity as per the 'Chief Executive's (CE's) Report On The Public Consultation Period For The Review Of the County Donegal Development Plan 2012-2018 (As Varied).

Agenda will issue in due course

**This concluded the business of the Workshop.**

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**Area Manager,  
Municipal District of Donegal**

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**Cathaoirleach,  
Municipal District of Donegal**

**Minutes of Municipal District of Donegal Budget Meeting held at 5.00 p.m. on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016 in the Peter Kennedy Chamber, Donegal Public Services Centre.**

**MDD/138/16**

**Members Present**

Cllr. Tom Conaghan  
Cllr. Sean McEniff  
Cllr. Noel Jordan

**MDD/139/16**

**Officials in attendance**

Garry Martin, Director of Finance, Information Systems and Emergency Services  
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Municipal District of Donegal.

**MDD/140/16**

**Apologies**

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

**MDD/141/16**

**Chairing of the meeting**

In the absence of the Cathaoirleach, Cllr Kennedy, who was unable to attend today's meeting and had conveyed her apologies, Cllr Conaghan as Leas-Cathaoirleach, chaired the meeting. Apologies were also noted from Cllr Campbell and O'Neill.

**MDD/176/16**

**Draft Budgetary Plan for the Municipal District of Donegal for 2017**

Mr. Garry Martin, Director of Finance, Information Systems and Emergency Services, briefed Members as to the purpose of the meeting which was to confirm and put on record that the approach adopted in consideration of the Draft Budgetary Plan for the Municipal District of Donegal for 2017 was in line with existing regulations. He advised that it was a statutory meeting required by Section 102 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) and associated regulations, including the Local Government (Financial & Audit Procedures) Regulations 2014 and the Local Government (Financial & Audit Procedures) (Amended) Regulations 2015 as advised to Members at pre Budget meetings. He also confirmed to Members that the 2017 Plenary Budget meeting will be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016 in Lifford.

Mr. Martin informed Members that a similar approach was being taken as that of previous years, and it is in line with the current legislation governing Local Authority budgets. Members were advised that it was a reserved function of the Member to either adopt the Draft Budget as presented with or without amendments and as provided in the legislation, (Section 102 (4A) (e) the Chief Executive “shall take account of any budgetary plan adopted...in preparing the draft local authority budget (in accordance with subsection (2))”.

Mr. Martin also briefed Members in relation to the sequencing of decisions as currently set out in the legislation which it is hoped will be amended in time, to allow for the Municipal Districts to adopt their budgets after the plenary budget meeting, when it is clear what discretionary funding is available to the Municipal Districts.

The following documents as circulated with the Agenda and presented by Mr. G Martin were noted by Members;-

1. Draft Budgetary Plan & General Municipal Allocation for 2017 – Donegal Municipal District
2. Draft Budgetary Plan 2017 – Donegal Municipal District

Following a discussion on the proposal of Cllr McEniff, seconded by Cllr Jordan, in line with the requirements of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 and associated regulations, the Municipal District of Donegal adopted a provisional general municipal allocation in the amount of €120,000.00 at this time for 2017 without amendment.

Mr. Martin thanked Members for their consideration and adoption of the provisional general municipal allocation for 2017 for the Municipal of Donegal.

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

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**Area Manager  
Municipal District of Donegal**

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**Cathaoirleach  
Municipal District of Donegal**

**Minutes of Municipal District of Donegal Workshop held 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at  
10.00 a. m. in the Peter Kennedy Chamber, Donegal PSC.**

**Members present:**

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

**Officials in Attendance:**

Mr. Garry Martin, Director Designate, Municipal District of Donegal  
Ms. Bridie McBrearty, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal  
Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Roads/Transportation  
Ms. Claire McCallan, Conservation Architect  
Ms. Alana Green, Executive Planner  
Ms. Sinead Harkin, Executive Planner  
Mr. Eamon Boyle, Executive Engineer

**Apologies:**

Cllr Sean McEniff

Members wished Cllr McEniff well and asked that a card be sent to him on their behalf.

**Minutes**

**EU-Funded HERICOAST Project**

A presentation by Ms. Claire McCallan informed the Members that Donegal County Council had been awarded €279,408 funding by INTERREG Europe as part of the HERICOAST Project. A total of €1,738,032 has been made available for the Project and the Council is one of eight international partners, led by Vest-Agder County Council in Norway. The project aims at improving the management of coastal heritage through an integrated approach which will assist coastal regions achieve a better balance when redeveloping coastal landscapes.

Ms. McCallan advised that in Donegal the project will focus on the unique character of coastal settlements and examine the built, cultural, non renewable, manmade and natural resources, traditions and lifestyle that form part of the coastal landscape in order to develop a policy framework which will be informed by the wider shared experience across the partner regions.

In response to a query from Cllr Campbell, Ms. McCallan informed the Members that a specific and detailed work programme would be developed when a full time Assistant Planner takes up their post that will involve undertaking a baseline study centred around an

integrated approach that could be used to inform other plans and funding applications. In addition Ms. McCallan advised that all stakeholders would be involved and the project would inform the new County Development Plan.

Ms. Alana Green advised that no decision had been made as of yet as to whether community engagement would be formal or informal but that this was an element of the research and would be decided at a later date.

Cllr. O'Neill welcomed the study as it would have a positive impact when preparing applications for funding in the future.

Mr. G. Martin thanked the staff for the hugely useful presentation and advised that it was important that all of learning from the work over the past 10 – 15 years on such projects as Malin Waters, Wild Sea Europe etc. be captured as part of the project and the potential for other such projects should be identified.

**Selection of one Tier 3 and one Tier 4 Town/Village for detailed consideration of Regeneration/Renewal Capacity**

Ms. Sinead Harkin reported to Members that, following the recommendation in the Chief Executive’s report on the Public Consultation Period for the Review of the County Development Plan 2012-18 to examine the characteristics of the Tiers 3 and 4 towns and villages ‘that have potential for economic, social, and community regeneration’, it was suggested that a reasonable way to proceed would be to select one Tier 3, and one Tier 4 settlement in each Municipal District. Ms. Harkin outlined that the towns selected by the Elected Members would be given some further detailed assessment and consideration through the ongoing review of the County Development Plan 2012- 2018 (as varied) as regards renewal and regeneration in particular and that this work would be published around April 2017 as part of the draft County Development Plan 2018. Ms Harkin also advised that this would provide a level of readiness for future Town and Village Renewal funding applications.

Ms. Harkin recommended that the level of vacancy, dereliction and known community activity be considered when selecting the two towns from the schedule below. She advised that the Letterkenny and Glenties MD’s had requested a further meeting to consider the proposal.

MD	Tier 3	Tier 4
Donegal	Mountcharles	Ballintra
		Bruckless
		Carrick
		Dunkineely
		Frosses
		Glencolmkille

		Kilcar
		Laghey
		Pettigo
		Rossnowlagh

Members welcomed the approach and Cllr. O'Neill asked that a decision be reached today rather than having to hold another meeting.

Following discussion on each of the towns it was agreed that the following be selected:

Tier 3: Mountcharles

Tier 4: Dunkineely

It was further agreed that a third town should be selected in the event that a further iteration of the work is undertaken and it was agreed that Kilcar be identified as the reserve No. 2 town in Tier 4.

### **Section 183 – Land at Railway Park to Oaklee Housing Trust**

Ms. B. McBrearty advised members that the Section 183 which they had already agreed would be forwarded to a forthcoming Plenary Meeting as soon as possible.

This concluded the business of the Workshop.

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**Area Manager,  
Municipal District of Donegal**

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**Cathaoirleach,  
Municipal District of Donegal**



**5<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

**Ms. Zia McClean,  
Friends of Rossnowlagh Committee  
Via E-Mail**

**Re: Request for Deputation from Friends of Rossnowlagh  
Committee**

**Dear Ms. McClean,**

I refer to previous correspondence, on behalf of the above group, and to our subsequent telephone conversation, in relation to your request that a deputation attend a meeting of the **Municipal District of Donegal in December 2016**.

I wish to confirm that the Members have agreed to your request and will receive your deputation at their December meeting which will be held on **Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016**, in the Peter Kennedy Chamber, Donegal Public Services Centre, Donegal Town.

In the meanwhile I set out hereunder, for your information, an extract from the Municipal District of Donegal Standing Orders in relation to the attendance of a deputation,

### **Deputations**

- 55. The Municipal District members may by resolution decide to receive a deputation. Subject to the direction of the Cathaoirleach, up to a maximum of three (3) persons may speak on behalf of the deputation for not more than fifteen (15) minutes, unless permitted by the Cathaoirleach.**

**Request for a deputation to be heard by the Municipal District members shall not be considered unless the subject matter to be raised be notified, in writing, on the motion of a Municipal District member, or direct application by the body concerned, is sent to the Meetings**

**Administrator at least fourteen (14) clear days before the date of the meeting.**

**The deputation may only be questioned by Municipal District members but shall not be entitled to ask questions.**

**When the members of a deputation have addressed the meeting, they shall withdraw from the meeting.**

**The Municipal District members may, by resolution, decide to receive a deputation without notice, provided three quarters (rounded up) of the members present vote for the resolution.**

Please arrange to be in attendance on the **morning of the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 11.45 am**. Please also let me know the names of the three persons who will be speaking on behalf of the deputation.

If you have any documentation you wish to have circulated to Members in advance of the meeting, please forward same by e-mail to [enda.monaghan@donegalcoco.ie](mailto:enda.monaghan@donegalcoco.ie) and I will arrange for this.

If you have any queries in relation to this matter, please contact Enda Monaghan on 0749724401.

I look forward to seeing you on the day.

Yours sincerely,

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**Bridie McBrearty,**  
**Area Manager**  
**Municipal District of Donegal**  
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# Municipal District of Donegal

## Housing/Corporate Update as at 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016

1. Casual Vacancies
2. Housing Grants
3. Housing Loans
4. TP Applications
5. Social Housing Support Programme
6. HAP Tenancies
7. HAP Inspections

Location of Vacancy	Area	BED	Dwelling Vacated	Repairs Completed
SI Cottage at Ballinacarrick	BALLINTRA	3	24th March, 2013 (Tenant Deceased)	Possession Order Granted 25/6/15
60 St Benildus Avenue	BALLYSHANNON	2	Reposessed on 28/04/2010	For Sale in New Year
30 Cluain Barron	BALLYSHANNON	3	11 October 2013	Out top tender
6 Erne Street	BALLYSHANNON	2	16 January 2016	For Sale in New Year
33 Lawne Park	BALLYSHANNON	3	10th August 2016	Works ongoing
5 Clos Naomh Columba	Carrick	3		Awaiting Keys
21 O'Cleirigh Avenue	DONEGAL	3	22-Sep-2015	Tenders in - works in New Year
444 O'Duignan Avenue	DONEGAL	3		Awaiting Keys
201 Castleview	DUNKINEELY	3	27-Jun-2014	Works Tendered
224 Castleview	DUNKINEELY	1	30-Dec-2015	LTV Fund
226 Castleview	DUNKINEELY	1	14/12/2015 (Tenant Deceased)	No need
SI Legnawley Glebe, Croagh	Inver	2		Awaiting keys
SI Cottage at Stragar North	KILLYBEGS	2	17th Aug 2012	Tender shortly
SI Lough Head	Killybegs	3	10 August 2016	Tenders in - works in New Year
2 Bircog Cottages	Pettigo	1	4th March 2016	Offered and refused

***HOUSING GRANTS***

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HO	2015	12	6	4	0	2
HO	2016	39	28	6	0	5

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	FURTHER INFO.	REFERRED TO OT	REFERRED TO ENGINEER	PENDING
HD	2015	36	11	15	0	0	0	10
HD	2016	44	6	21	0	0	0	17

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HM	2015	1	0	1	0	0
HM	2016	3	1	1	0	1

***HOUSING LOANS***

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	Undecided
Housing Loans	2016	2	0	1	1 (prov letter)

***Tenant Purchase Applications 2016***

No. of Applications Received	Incomplete Returned	Open Applications	Refused/ Not Eligible	Offer letters Issued	Completed
13	0	8	5	1	0

**SOCIAL HOUSING SUPPORT PROGRAMME**

Position at 6th December 2016

Scheme	2 bed	2 bed	3 bed	4 bed	5 bed	Total	Status			Under Con	Completed
	apts (own door)	2 storey	2 storey	2 storey	bungalow		Design	Planning	Tender		
<b>Building Programme 2015 - 2017</b>								Planning Approved	<b>being</b>		
Donegal Town	8	8	6	2		24	24	01/07/2016	prepared		
<b>Purchases 2016</b>											
Killybegs*			2			2					
Carrick*				1		1					
Donegal Town*			2			2					
Bundoran		2	4			6					
<b>CAS 2015/2016</b>											
2 Com Group Homes*					2	2	2				
1 Com Group Home*											
											Being built in conjunction with Donegal Town
											Donegal Town
<b>CALF Approved</b>											
Ballyshannon						22					
Ernedale Heights Ballyshannon						11					
<b>HAP Tenancies</b>											
<b>Municipal District</b>	<b>Number</b>										
Donegal	153										
Letterkenny	531										
Glenties	122										
Stranorlar	189										
Inishowen	277										
Sub Total	1272										
Tenancies Closed	178										
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>1450</b>										

<b>HAP Inspections carried out at 4th October 2016</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>599</b>



**Donegal Municipal District**  
**2016 Roadworks Programme**  
**Status Report - 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016**



## Surface Dressing 2016

### Regional Road Surface Dressing

No	Road No.	Road Name and /or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Length (m)	Area (sq.m)	Estimated cost (€)	Status	Percentage complete
1	R-263-9	Carrick Bogagh	Killybegs	400	3000	€16,500	Completed	100%
2	R-262-3	Glenlee - Supers corner	Killybegs	814	5291	€29,005	Completed	
3	R-263-4/5	Kitty Kellys - Largy	Killybegs	400	2400	€13,200	Completed	
4	R262/3	Drumbeagh Ballybrollaghan	Dunkineely	1000	3500	€12,416	Completed	
5	R231-1	Rossnowlagh Rd	Ballyshannon	900	5400	€29,584	Completed	
6	R232-3	Pettigoe Rd	Laghey	1050	7350	€39,436	Completed	

**Total Budget €140,141**

### Local Road Surface Dressing

No	Road No.	Road Name and /or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Length (m)	Area (sq.m)	Estimated cost (€)	Status	Percentage complete
1	L-5035-1	Straid - Garveross	Killybegs	700	2240	€10,080	Completed	100%
2	L-5065-2	Drim - Cloghan	Killybegs	700	2240	€10,080	Completed	
3	L-1035-2	Curreen - Glencolmcille	Killybegs	600	1920	€8,640	Completed	

4	L-1245-2	Fintra	Killybegs	850	3187.5	€14,344	Completed	
5	L-5365-1	Ballyara Upper	Killybegs	700	2100	€9,450	Completed	
6	L-5475 & L-1345	Carricknagore - Harbour Lights	Killybegs	250	1250	€5,625	Completed	
7	L-1335-1	Carricknagore - 5Pts Jnc	Killybegs	700	2,450	€11,025	Completed	
8	L-5465-2	Aghayeevoge (Glashey)	Killybegs	340	1,530	€6,885	Completed	
9	L-1325/1	Commons (Dohertys Rd) Patching	Killybegs	250	938	€4,219	Completed	
10	L-12151	Tawney Cottages ( Patching)	Killybegs	350	1312.5	€5,906	Completed	
11	L-5565	Gilbertstown	Killybegs	800	2400	€9,478	Completed	
12	L-6135-1	Bartaws - Drumgorman Barr	Dunkineely	1000	3500	€14,700	Completed	
13	L-1825-3	Ogherbeg - Lackrom	Dunkineely	1000	3500	€14,700	Completed	
14	L-1915-1	Drumgornan - Killymard Chapel	Dunkineely	1000	3500	€14,700	Completed	
15	L-1855-1	Ballyweal - Ballyboyle	Dunkineely	1000	4000	€15,770	Completed	
16	L-6395-2	Eddrim Glebe - Dromore	Dunkineely	1000	3500	€14,700	Completed	
17	L-1815-6	Ardbane - Meenaguise	Dunkineely	1100	3850	€16,170	Completed	
18	L-6325-2/1	Meenaguise - Disert	Dunkineely	1100	3850	€16,170	Completed	100%
19	L 2225-6	Belault-Rushen	Ballyshannon	2000	6400	€25,600	Completed	
20	L 2365-2	Carricknahorna	Ballyshannon	1600	5120	€20,275	Completed	
21	L 7775-1	Tullyhorkey-Behey	Ballyshannon	2200	7040	€28,000	Completed	
22	L 24851	Balure Lane	Ballyshannon	1000	3300	€13,200	Completed	
23	L 79151	Ardfarna	Ballyshannon	1500	4800	€19,200	Completed	100%
24	L6765-2	Cuilly/Copany	Laghey	1200	4800	€21,600.00	Completed	
25	L1835-3	Corabber	Laghey	1000	4500	€20,250.00	Completed	
26	L6945-1	Raw Hill	Laghey	500	1750	€7,875.00	Completed	100%

27	L2185-2	Rath	Laghey	1000	5000	€22,489.00	Completed
28	L7065-1	Carrickbreeney	Laghey	600	2100	€9,450.00	Completed
29	L22652	Carn	Laghey	1000	3500	€15,600.00	Completed
30	LS6915-2	Lisnapaste - Shannagh	Laghey	1000	3500	€17,225.25	Completed

**Total  
Budget €423,407**

Total Number of RM Jobs	36
Number of jobs completed	36
Percentage completed	100.00%

## 2016 Regional and Local Road Improvement Works

No	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area (14)	Own Resources / Contractor	Budget	Status	Percentage Complete
1	R-262-1	Drumbeagh - Ballybrollaghan	Dunkineely	C & O R	€68,177	Completed	100%
2	L-1445-2	Ballybodonnell	Dunkineely	O R	€36,750	Completed	
3	L-5875-1	R-262 - Dibbin School	Dunkineely	O R	€46,200	Completed	
4	L-1815-4/5	Letterbarra - Drumboarty	Dunkineely	O R	€40,450	Completed	
5	L-1855-2	Drumark	Dunkineely	C & O R	€50,150	Completed	
6	L-6375-1	Dromore Upper - Eddrim Glebe	Dunkineely	O R	€49,500	Completed	
7	L-6395-1	Eddrim Glebe	Dunkineely	O R	€35,000	Completed	
8	L-6495-1	Altilow - Heney's	Dunkineely	O R	€29,000	Completed	
9	L-1615-1	Tullycumber - Lettermore	Dunkineely	O R	€38,500	Completed	
10	L-6425-1	Drumboarty	Dunkineely	O R	€44,000	Completed	
11	L-18451	Revlín (GAA Pitch - Bank Walk)	Dunkineely	O R	€30,000	Completed	
12	L-1875-3	Station Road (Pipe Drain & Widen)	Dunkineely	O R	€12,000	Completed	

No	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area (15)	Own Resources / Contractor	Budget	Status	Percentage Complete
1	R-263 & L	Killybegs Streets (Various locations)	Killybegs	C	€70,000	Completed	100%
2	R-263-7	Bavin - Kilcar	Killybegs	C & O R	€33,600	Completed	
3	R-230-6	Meenanearry - Croweighter	Killybegs	O R	€64,400	Completed	
4	R-263-3	Supers Corner	Killybegs	C & O R	€14,400	Completed	
5	R-263-5	Largymore (Patch)	Killybegs	C & O R	€5,000	Completed	
6	L-5435-1	Roshine School - Drimanoo	Killybegs	O R	€48,000	Completed	
7	L-1315-3	Bungosteen - Stragar	Killybegs	O R	€72,000	Completed	

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

No	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area (16)	Own Resources / Contractor	Budget	Status	Percentage Complete
1	LP2425-1	Ballyshannon Streets	Ballyshannon	C	€80,000	Completed	100%
2	R231-1	Rossnowlagh RD	Ballyshannon	C & O R	€60,000	Completed	
3	LP7245-1	Ballymagoarty Irish	Ballyshannon	C & O R	€15,000	Completed	
4	LP2365-1	Cavangarden	Ballyshannon	C	€65,873	Completed	
5	LS7335-1	Glaskerragh	Ballyshannon	O R	€40,000	Completed	
6	LS7295-1	Big Park	Ballyshannon	O R	€42,240	Completed	
7	LS7265-2	Glasbolie	Ballyshannon	O R	€64,800	Completed	
8	LS7235-1	Ballymagoarty Scotch	Ballyshannon	O R	€39,600	Completed	
9	LS7385-1	Ballinacarrick (old dump rd)	Ballyshannon	C	€35,000	Completed	
10	LP2375-1	Roshin Lough RD-Cashelard	Ballyshannon	O R	€30,000	Completed	
11	L7285-1	Ballyhalla	Ballyshannon	O R	€30,000	Completed	

No	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area (17)	Own Resources / Contractor	Budget	Status	Percentage Complete
1	LT20855	Donegal Streets	Laghey	C	€80,000	Completed	100%
2	R232-9	Pettigo Rd	Laghey	C & O R	€85,000	Completed	
3	LT22652	Carn	Laghey	O R	€61,600	Completed	

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

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

Total Number of RI Jobs	47
Number of jobs completed	47
Percentage completed	100.00%

# Donegal Municipal District

## Severe Weather Repairs Works

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

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

**Total Budget Allocation €532,000.00**

## Donegal Municipal District

### Severe Weather Preventative Works

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



5	LP-2195-2	Laghey	Rafoarty (Ballintra - Laghey Road)	Installation of new drainage network to address flooding.	€ 25,000.00	Completed
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**Total Budget Allocation** €  
**98,612.00**

## Donegal Municipal District

### Severe Weather Repairs Works - Tranche 2

No	Road Number	RSS Area	Road Name and / or Townland Name	Proposed Works (Description)	Cost	Status
1	L6575-1	14	Summerhill Donegal Town.	Raise road level & resurface.	€15,000.00	Completed
2	L-60451-1	14	Drimagira	Rise road level by 0.75m & resurface	€10,000.00	Completed
3	LP 1125/2	15	Meenaneary	Culvert replacement	€ 25,000.00	Completed
4	LP 1025/3	15	Meenaveen	Culvert replacement		Completed
5	LS 5065/1	15	Farrenmcbride	Culvert replacement		Completed

6	I-7965-1	16	Clontyseer, Co. Donegal	Repair damaged section of road following flooding	€ 20,000.00	Completed
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**Total Budget Allocation €70,000.00**

## Donegal Municipal District

### Severe Weather Funding

**Surplus monies left over from Four Masters Bridge Repair - 2B146144**

No	Road Number	RSS Area	Road Name and / or Townland Name	Proposed Works (Description)	Budget	Status
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1	L-2485-1	16	Ballure Lane, Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal	Installation of new drainage network to prevent flooding of road in localised dip in the road.	€ 3,174.00	Complete
2	L-2525-2	16	Moy Road, Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal	Raise the level of the road to above flood water level.	€ 10,000.00	Complete
3	LS 7125-1	16	Dromore (ED Ballintra)	Provide additional drainage overlay and double surface dress damaged road	€ 40,000.00	Complete
4	LP 7855-3	16	Carricknahorna	provide additional drainage and resurface damaged road	€ 38,000.00	Complete
5	L2325-1, L7245-2	16	Ballymagroarty Scotch	Budget used to cover overspend on existing existing works at Ballymagroarty Scotch	€ 9,000.00	Complete

**Total Budget Allocation**    €  
**100,174.00**

# Donegal Municipal District

## LOW COST REMEDIAL WORKS

Low cost safety measures						
Engineering Area	Location	Site Location	Road No	Budget (€)	Description of works	Status
15	Killybegs	SAFETY IMP 2016 R-263 DONEGAL ROAD, KILLYBEGS	R263	€20,000.00	B070103-Low Cost Remedial Measures Non National (DOT)	Substantially completed. Solution to facilitate wide loads being investigated.

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

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

Area				(€)		
14	Dunkineely	N56 Dunkineely Traffic Calming	N56	€22,000.00	Low cost remedial measures - National Secondary - Traffic calming measures	Completed
17	Laghey	Laghey Junction	N15 / R230	€40,000.00	Junction realignment	Phase 1 commenced Phase 2 in 2017

## Donegal Municipal District

### Development Contribution Scheme Funded Capital Improvement Works 2016

#### Programme of works

Footpath upgrade works						
Engineering Area	Location	Road No	Description	Budget	Budget per Engineering Area	Status
14	Mountcharles	L-1895-1	Upgrade works to the footpath between main Street Mountcharles to the carpark adjacent to the church on Station Road.	€15,500.00	<b>€15,500.00</b>	Completed
15	Killybegs	R263-2	Upgrad works to footpath at Main Street Killybegs	€10,000.00	<b>€15,500.00</b>	Completed
		L-12751	Upgrade works to footpath at Housing Estate at St Cummins Hill, Killybegs.	€5,500.00		
16	Ballyshannon	R-963-1	Upgrade works to footpath and hardshoulder along the Beleek Road in Ballyshannon	€15,500.00	<b>€15,500.00</b>	Yet to commence
17	Donegal Town	L-20855-0	Upgrade works to footpaths at Ardeskin Heights in Donegal Town	€15,500.00	<b>€15,500.00</b>	Completed
					<b>€62,000.00</b>	

# Donegal Municipal District

## OPW Funded Costal & Non-Costal Protection Works

### Costal Protection Works

Engineering Area	Location	Site Location	Costal Non-Costal	Budget (€)	Description of works	Status
14	Dunkineely	Inver	Costal	€40,000.00	Installation of rock armour to repair the failing sea wall at Inver	Completed

### Non - Costal Protection Works

Engineering Area	Location	Site Location	Costal Non-Costal	Budget (€)	Description of works	Status
14	Dunkineely	Inver	Non-Costal	€13,500.00	Installation of rock armour along the Eany River bank to protect the old graveyard and ecclesiastical remains at Inver.	Yet to commence. Deadline 30th June 2017

<p><b>Community, Enterprise &amp; Planning Services</b></p> <p><b>Planning Services Report</b></p>
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**Donegal Municipal District Meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

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- 4. Other case types [Part 8's etc]**



**1. Summary of Planning Applications For Each Municipal District**

	Period	Apps Recd	Granted	Refused	Deferred	Decisions < 2 months	Invalid
<b>Donegal</b>	01/01/16-31/10/16	335	231	42	84	174	61
<b>Glenties</b>	01/01/16-31/10/16	293	193	63	96	138	52
<b>Inishowen</b>	01/01/16-31/10/16	395	243	41	107	197	66
<b>Letterkenny</b>	01/01/16-31/10/16	350	219	29	80	178	61
<b>Stranorlar</b>	01/01/16-31/10/16	210	144	21	52	103	34
<b>County Totals</b>		1583	1020	196	419	790	274

**Appeals Received (01/10/2016 – 30/11/2016)** – 6 in total – 2 in Donegal Municipal District

**Decision Notified (01/10/2016 – 30/11/2016)** – 6 in total – 4 in Donegal Municipal District

**Appeals Received (01/10/2016 – 30/11/2016)**

<b>REF NO</b>	<b>APPLICANTS NAME</b>	<b>APP. TYPE</b>	<b>DECISION DATE</b>	<b>L.A. DECISION</b>	<b>DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION</b>	<b>BORD PLEANALA RECD DATE</b>
16/51167	EMER CARR	P	22/09/2016	C	EXTENSION TO DWELLING HOUSE PLUS ALL ASSOCIATED SITE WORKS AT CROAGHBEG, KILCAR	18/10/2016
16/51355	CREEVY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD	P	27/10/2016	C	ERECTION OF 2 NO. SEMI-DETACHED DWELLING HOUSES WITH CONNECTION TO EXISTING EFFLUENT TREATMENT UNIT AND ASSOCIATED SITE WORKS AT CLOGHBOLIE, BALLYSHANNON	16/11/2016

**Decision Notified (01/10/2016 – 30/11/2016)**

<b>REF NO</b>	<b>APPLICANTS NAME</b>	<b>APP. TYPE</b>	<b>DECISION DATE</b>	<b>L.A. DECISION</b>	<b>DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION</b>	<b>BORD PLEANALA DEC. DATE</b>	<b>DECISION</b>
14/51324	SHAUN MOLLOY & SONS LTD	P	17/09/2015	C	DEVELOPMENT OF A WASTE RECOVERY, RECYCLING AND TRANSFER DEPOT CONSISTING OF (A) CONSTRUCTION OF A SHED FOR SORTING/LOADING OF WASTE AND RECYCELED MATERIALS (B) CONSTRUCTION OF AN OFFICE BUILDING WITH STAFF WELFARE FACILITIES AND PARKING; (C) INSTALLATION OF A WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM AND PERCOLATION AREA TO SERVE THE OFFICE BUILDING AND (D) ALL ASSOCIATED SITE DEVELOPMENT WORKS AT ARDLENAGH & LURGANBOY, DONEGAL TOWN	16/11/2016	C
16/50473	CLOGHERAVADDY WIND FARM LIMITED	P	08/06/2016	R	A TEN YEAR PERMISSION FOR 2.3 KM OF THREE PHASE UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL CABLES LAID IN DUCTS, WITH COMMUNICATIONS CABLE, DRAW PITS, JOINTING BAYS AND ASSOCIATED WORKS. THE UNDERGROUND CABLE WILL CONNECT THE PERMITTED CLOGHERAVADDY WIND FARM TO THE NATIONAL GRID AT ESB BINBANE SUBSTATION AT CLOGHERAVADDY & MEENACAHAN, DONEGAL P O		

<b>REF NO</b>	<b>APPLICANTS NAME</b>	<b>APP. TYPE</b>	<b>DECISION DATE</b>	<b>L.A. DECISION</b>	<b>DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION</b>	<b>BORD PLEANALA DEC. DATE</b>	<b>DECISION</b>
16/50827	ROSIE CROMIE	P	28/07/2016	R	CONSTRUCTION OF A DETACHED TWO STOREY DWELLINGHOUSE, SEPARATE BOILER HOUSE AND ALL ASSOCIATED SITE WORKS AT ROSSNOWLAGH UPPER OR CROCKAHANY, ROSSNOWLAGH.	24/11/2016	R
16/50868	KAREN MALLON	P	04/08/2016	R	CONSTRUCTION OF ONE DETACHED DWELLING HOUSE WITH USE OF ATTIC SPACE IN THE FORM OF A WALLPLATE DORMER (ONE AND A HALF STOREY BUILDING) AND ALSO A SEPARATE SMALL BOILER/STORE BUILDING (SINGLE STOREY) AND ALL ASSOCIATED SITE WORKS AT CROCKAHANY OR ROSSNOWLAGH UPPER, ROSSNOWLAGH.	24/11/2016	R

## Transboundary Applications

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

TB15/04	J/2013/0187/F Appeal Ref.No: 2014/A0180	08/09/2015	P.A.C.	Appeal Procedures	Extension to of consented Seagronan Windfarm Ltd	P Kelly	Active
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**Part 8- Donegal Municipal District - 1 Active at 31/11/2016**

<b>M.D.</b>	<b>Ref.No:</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Section</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Status</b>
Donegal	PG16.07	Emerald Drive, Cashelcummin, Killybegs	Housing	03/11/2016	Active

## **ENVIRONMENT REPORT November, 2016**

### **1. Green Business Seminar – 10<sup>th</sup> November**

A successful Green Business seminar was held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November in the Enterprise Fund Business Centre. The Green Business programme is an EPA funded programme that provides free advice and assistance to SME's in the area of resource efficiency. A number of very interesting case studies from businesses were delivered to businesses attending. There are also many resources available to businesses available on [www.greenbusiness.ie](http://www.greenbusiness.ie) including a Tool for Resource Efficiency. All businesses are encouraged to visit [www.greenbusiness.ie](http://www.greenbusiness.ie) and to complete the online tool.

### **2. Smoky Coal**

We are once again in the heating season, Donegal County Council is reminding householders in the Letterkenny and environs area that there is a ban on the burning of "Smoky" Coal.

It is important to remember that the sole purpose of this law is to deliver cleaner air. It is only through the continued support of householders, coal retailers and merchants that improvements in air quality will continue.

Since May 2013 householders in Letterkenny have played their part by only using smokeless fuels. These actions have resulted in improved air quality in Letterkenny for all those living, working and visiting the town. We ask that households continue to make cleaner fuel choices by only burning smokeless fuels such as;

- smokeless coal, remember, bags must be clearly labelled smokeless coal,
- wood, kindling, fire logs, fire starter logs,
- turf or turf products.

The other key part of this legislation is that coal retailers and coal merchants are not permitted to market, sell or distribute smoky coal inside the ban area. Donegal County Council is currently involved in awareness and enforcement activities with the coal retail / merchant sector. Part of these enforcement activities also involves the inspection of delivery lorries. New legislation has also made provision for fixed penalty notices for breaches of the legislation within the coal sector ranging from €250 - €1,000.

Donegal County Council encourages members of the public to report instances of the flouting of the law, which will result in enforcement action being taken by the Council.

### **Beach Equipment Removal**

The month of September saw the removal of all Bathing Season equipment and supporting services. Lifeguard stations, portaloos, waste storage huts, etc, have all now been removed. Water safety equipment has been serviced and repaired/replaced, as necessary, and placed in storage until the 2017 season. Where necessary, permanent/built infrastructure (huts, boardwalks, etc) have also been repaired, ahead of the winter storms.

### **Coastal Erosion Surveys**

Donegal County Council is progressing two Coastal protection Scheme Studies with approved OPW funding, namely; Sloddan Port to Binbane Head (€76,500), and the Carrickfinn Peninsula (€76, 500). It is important to note these are studies only and not physical protection measures which may follow in due course.

The tender process is currently underway to employ a suitably qualified Consultancy practice to carry out the specialist Coastal protection Scheme Study in Inishowen. We do not anticipate that the noted studies will be completed in the current year.

This study of the Carrickfinn Peninsula will also identify any necessary physical protection measures. Maintenance of any such measures would be the responsibility of DCC. If, however, this location fell under the CFRAMS Flood Risk Management Plan for the County, the OPW would be fully responsible for installation and ongoing maintenance costs of same. The OPW has been contacted to consider this location as an Area for Further Assessment under the CFRAMS initiative.

Four further sections of coastline suffering erosion have applications for funding under the OPWs Coastal protection Scheme. These are shown in Table 1 below.

<b>Beach</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>OPW Response</b>
Magheroarty	Application for funding declined. A revised application was again submitted for funding.	Pending.
Narin/Portnoo	Application submitted for funding.	Pending.
Maghery	Application submitted for funding.	Pending.
Port a Chabhlaigh, Kilcar	Application submitted for funding.	Pending.

Table 1. Applications for funding under the OPWs Coastal protection Scheme awaiting decision.



## **Bundoran Lifeguard Station Upgrade**

The Bundoran Lifeguard Station has undergone a major facelift, sponsored by Dulux Paints, and carried out by the local Tús Scheme. The unit is now fully decorated in the distinctive red over yellow colours (see Plates 1 and 2 below). This makes the unit easily recognisable from the water/beach for access to the Lifeguards and associated services during the bathing season.



Plate 1. Bundoran Lifeguard Station before facelift.



Plate 2. Bundoran Lifeguard Station following recent facelift.

### **Ring Buoy Survey**

I attended the Irish Water Safety end of season meeting of all Water Safety Development Officers (WSDO) in Mullingar on September 27<sup>th</sup>. New technology was displayed by two service providers whereby ringbuoys are remotely monitored. This involves solar/battery power supply and GPS technology, all linked to a control/call centre. The costs involved could be substantial however economies of scale would be an advantage. As a result, all WSDOs agreed to submit the number of ringbuoys in their County. A potential total number could then be given to the service providers to allow them to revisit their costs.

Due to extent and remoteness of much of the Donegal Coastline, providing and maintaining ringbuoys can be a challenge. Inspections are time consuming, especially when visiting our offshore islands. Electronically monitoring the presence of a ringbuoy and throw rope within a ringbuoy enclosure would be a smarter health and safety system. Technology is now available whereby an alarm is triggered when a ringbuoy is removed from the enclosure. This helps reduce loss of life due to a stolen/absent lifebuoy and would also immediately alert Donegal County Council to the need of a repair/replacement of the equipment at that particular location. The benefits of this system would include;

1. Helps reduce loss of life caused by missing/stolen ringbuoys
2. Real time monitoring of ringbuoys with instant alarms and notifications
3. Increase efficiency of staff by enabling remote monitoring through web interface
4. Solar powered- energy efficient requirements

5. Retrofitting of all existing Donegal County Council's standard ringbuoy enclosures
6. Immediate repairs/replacement of used/missing lifesaving equipment, allowing for prompt response and continuity of service.

DCC is unusual Nationally in that two Directorates are responsible for ringbuoy maintenance. Roads (Marine Section) maintain the ringbuoys on our piers/harbours/slipways and Environment maintain the beach ringbuoys. Environment and Roads will work together to submit ringbuoy figures for inclusion in the National database. We will then receive the potential costs to install remote monitoring technology.

### **Coastal Shipwrecks**

Environment and Roads Directorate work together to maintain coastal safety from unstable vessels. This can be from threat of pollution our public health and safety. On October 19<sup>th</sup> last a yacht was stranded on rocks off St. Johns Point with 80L of diesel fuel. It subsequently was washed up on the nearby rocks (see plates 3 and 4 below). While it no longer poses a threat to the environment, the wreck is attracting curious onlookers and scavengers to this unstable cliff face and treacherous coastline. As such, there is a public health and safety concern associated with the wreck. Following contact to the Environment Section by the Receiver of Wrecks, our Marine Section is making contact with the vessels owners to make arrangements for the vessels disposal under the Merchant Shipping (Salvage and Wreck) Act, 1993.

The Coastguard had a marine salvage team assess the vessel but unfortunately it is not feasible for them to salvage the vessel. Similarly, the Environment Section had two permitted salvage operators assess the wreck from the land. Their initial response is that it could prove problematic but they are considering options. However, their costs may prove prohibitive.



Plate 3. Shipwrecked yacht off St. Johns Point (tide in)



Plate 4. Shipwrecked yacht off St. Johns Point accessible by scavengers when the tide is out.

## Bundoran Public Convenience

The Seashell Unit Public Convenience (PC) in Bundoran has undergone a major facelift, sponsored by Dulux Paints, and carried out by the local Tús Scheme (see Plates 5 and 6 below). It is hoped that this upgrade may be an added attraction to the private sector to make more business use of this facility.



Plate 5. The Seashell Public Convenience Unit, Bundoran, before



facelift.

Plate 6. The Seashell Public Convenience Unit, Bundoran, following facelift.

## **Bundoran Sea Pools**

The two sea swimming pools in Bundoran have had Risk Assessments to determine any safety measures required. This follows an incident at the Tuppyeny Pool (see Plate 7 below) where a young male injured his finger. We hope to receive the completed Risk Assessments in the New Year, in time to implement any recommendations ahead of the 2017 Bathing Season.



Plate 7. The Tuppyeny Sea Pool in Bundoran, recently Risk Assessed.

## **Ballyshannon Public Conveniences**

The Ballyshannon Regeneration Group has submitted plans and drawings for the local Ballyshannon PC. The group includes an architect which is very helpful. DCC installed a footfall counter in the PC to assess visitor numbers to assist determine the needs of the town. While there would be a greater need during the summer season, the data recorded to date is very helpful (see Table 2 below).

# Footfall Survey



Monday 24 October 2016 - 15 52

**Ballyshannon: Ballyshannon Counter (PPT1315)**

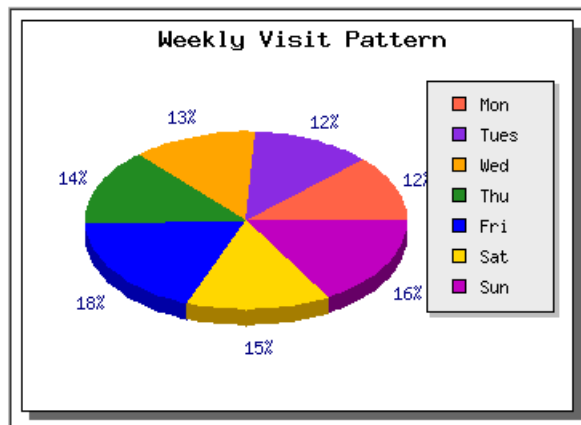
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## Actual counts

Week beginning	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Total
19 Sep 2016	-	-	-	31	38	32	29	130
26 Sep 2016	25	26	20	28	34	25	37	195
3 Oct 2016	30	12	22	18	27	26	27	162
10 Oct 2016	19	19	12	24	20	16	13	123
17 Oct 2016	23	18	26	30	28	17	25	167
24 Oct 2016	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	0

## Daily Averages

<b>Weekdays</b>	113	
<b>Weekends</b>	49	
<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>
19	19	20
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
26	29	23
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Full week</b>	
26	162	



## Pattern through the day

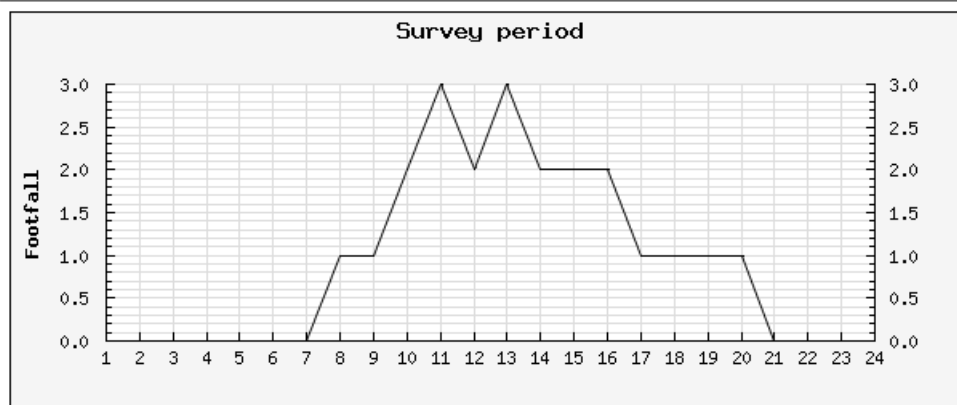


Table 2. Data of footfall at the Ballyshannon Public Convenience.

**Enforcement Figures 2016.**

Total number of environment complaints for the year to date 1,125 of which 89% (998 complaints) were for waste and litter. 127 complaints received in relation to Sewage/Noise.

Total number of Fixed Penalty Notices served under the Litter Pollution Act 1997 is 137 of which 44% collection rate





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

**Municipal District: Donegal**

**Activity / Project Update November 2016**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Donegal Walks and Trails</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Maintenance, development and promotion of walks & trails in Donegal including cycle routes and Greenways.
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	
<b>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 2 - inclusive of current status</b>	<p>Funding received through the Recreation Grant 2016 made an allocation of €7,385 to Sli Cholmcille for maintenance and upgrade of this route.</p> <p>We are also finalising the routes for proposed local walks in and around Kilcar with the support of DFI Funds.</p> <p>We were also successful in an EU funded project called Hiking Europe where the Four routes of Bealach na Gaeltachta and the three Island walks will be marketed along with routes in Catalonia in Spain, Italy and Croatia to support rural tourism in areas of low density population. Work has commenced on this and a data base is being compiled of all the available attractions and assets of the area along the Sli Cholmcille routes. The route is being mapped to reflect the up to date information required and community consultation was held in Oideas Gael in Glencholmcille in August 2016 to gather further information. The other partners on this project have huge data bases of membership and will be hugely beneficial to the area from a tourism connection point of view. Service providers along the route can submit their details for inclusion in marketing the area which will promote the Bealach na Gaeltachta as a Hiking destination. Anyone interested can click on <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/business/developingourtourismsector/hikingeurope/">http://www.donegalcoco.ie/business/developingourtourismsector/hikingeurope/</a></p> <p>Work is continuing on the Bealach na Gaeltachta to complete the walks and allow for an inspection from National Trails Office. This material has been delivered to the RSS schemes in the area who will do the off road repairs (posts and markers) while the local area roads team will erect the required advance warning road signs and this work is complete. The trail inspections to be carried out in November 2016 and this will include the two looped walks at Glen ie the Tower loop and the Drum loop.</p> <p>Repair works was also carried out at Slieve League where the wooden fencing was upgraded at the viewing area. Counter stats here show 75,000 vehicles visited the main car park in the past year and applying the average 2.5 persons per car show 187,500 visitors to the site in one year.</p> <p>Other proposed projects include: The upgrading of the existing walks and trails to an acceptable standard to meet the requirements of the National Trails Office.</p> <p>Ongoing consultation with agencies including Roinn na Gaeltachta, Udaras na</p>

	Gaeltachta, National Parks & Wildlife Services, Donegal Tourism and Donegal Local development Committee.
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarter 4 reporting period</b>	<p>Completion of the first phase of the Kilcar local walks in 2016.</p> <p>Explore funding options for Ballyshannon to Belleek walk.</p> <p>National Trails Office route inspections in November.</p> <p>Continuation of maintenance programme where damage to the existing routes can be repaired.</p>
<b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	<p>Francis Conaghan (Paths &amp; trails Development Officer)</p> <p>087 2371219</p> <p>fconaghan@donegaltrailsoffice.com</p>



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**Activity / Project Update**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	Bundoran Tourism Officer Update
<b>Project Description</b>	Promotional Activities – November 2016
<b>Current Activities</b>	<p><u>Information Panels at Fairy Bridges/Wishing Chair Bundoran</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3 Panels installed since start of November and generating some good feedback.</li><li>• Fairy Bridges remains #2 Thing To Do in Bundoran on TripAdvisor</li><li>• New website <a href="http://www.fairybridgesandwishingchair.com">www.fairybridgesandwishingchair.com</a> live.</li></ul> <p><u>Recruitment of new members of Discover Bundoran Tourism Partnership</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New members target list established for 2017. New “benefits of joining Discover Bundoran” flyer being sent out with letter to be listed in new brochure.</li></ul> <p><u>Discover Bundoran brochure distribution</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approx 200 brochures remain of 2016 stock. Distribution plan being examined currently for 2017. Brochure to be launched in early January with first distribution at Holiday World Belfast &amp; Dublin.</li></ul> <p><u>Marketing of Bundoran</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Production of 2017 brochure underway. New photos and information being sought from members.</li><li>• Gathering final information for Christmas events for promotion.</li><li>• Marketing and promotional plan for 2017 drafted.</li></ul> <p><u>Events for 2016</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Halloween Pumpkin Carving Event took place on Tuesday November 1<sup>st</sup>. Well attended. Parade followed down Main Street to library area where prizes were presented.</li></ul> <p><u>Discover Bundoran website and social media</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ongoing management of <a href="http://www.discoverbundoran.com">www.discoverbundoran.com</a> and social media channels</li><li>• Ongoing updating of website with news blogs, photo galleries and event/gig guide listings.</li><li>• Website performing well – Most visitors searching for events/gigs/things to do. Jan-Nov 2016 users = 60,912. Jan-Nov 2016 page views = 155,740.</li><li>• Over 8300 followers on the Discover Bundoran facebook page which is steadily growing by the week.</li></ul>

	<p><u>Marketing of Bundoran Waterworld</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• White Flag awarded – PR coverage to follow.</li> <li>• 2017 Marketing Plan drafted</li> <li>• Waterworld remains #1 Thing to Do in Bundoran on TripAdvisor.</li> </ul> <p><u>Management and Staffing of Bundoran Tourist Office</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently open Monday to Saturday.</li> <li>• Visitor numbers to office increased year on year.</li> <li>• Currently looking at staffing options for 2017.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
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**Activity / Project Update – November 2016**

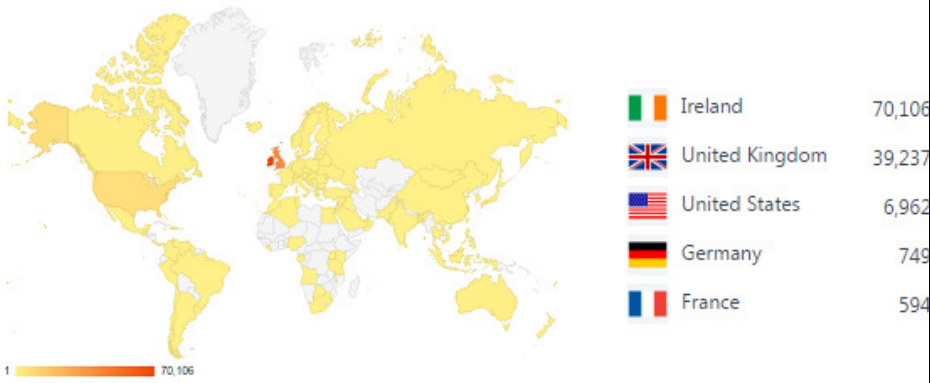
<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	Community Tourism Diaspora Initiative 2016
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<p>The key objective of the Fund is to provide support to local and community event organisers and activities / projects that will harness diaspora links for the benefit of local and community tourism. This is a three-way project partnership between IPB, Fáilte Ireland and DCC. The Fund is being administered by Donegal County Council.</p> <p>This is the third and final year of this Initiative.</p>
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€34,561.50
<b>Progress to date within the last two months reporting period</b>	<p>Regular emails are circulated to Community Groups to remind organisers about the submission deadline of their paperwork.</p> <p>Organisers are urged to submit all outstanding paperwork by Wednesday, <b>30<sup>th</sup> November 2016</b>.</p> <p>Claim status (as per November 18th) – all funded events have already taken place. 38 no. claims have been processed; 7 no. claims in progress; 9 no. groups are yet to submit their Post-Event documentation.</p>
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period</b>	Final project report. Outstanding claims.
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**Activity / Project Update – November 2016**

<p><b>Activity / Project Title</b></p>	<p>Donegal Gathering website and Facebook <a href="http://www.donegalgathering.com">www.donegalgathering.com</a></p>															
<p><b>Project Description/Activity</b></p>	<p>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.</p>															
<p><b>Budget (if applicable)</b></p>	<p>€460 – Facebook Advertising Campaign (27 June – 9 Sept)</p>															
<p><b>Progress to date within the last two months - inclusive of current status</b></p>	<p><b>Donegal Gathering website</b></p> <p>The donegalgathering.com domain has been recently renewed &amp; extended for the next 9 years.</p> <p>Donegal Gathering statistics show continuous increase of visits to the website.</p> <p><b>All-time website views: 480,102</b></p> <p>Total number of events listed: 196          Total 2016 website views: 121,924          Total 2016 website visitors: 57,739 from <b>121 countries worldwide</b></p> <p>Monthly traffic in Q3 of 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• July: 28,5K views / 11K visitors</li> <li>• August: 17K views / 9K visitors</li> <li>• September: 8K views / 4K visitors</li> </ul> <p>➔ Q3 website views numbers are up 3% on 2015</p> <p>Top 5 views by country:</p>  <table border="1" data-bbox="1189 1675 1497 1904"> <tr> <td></td> <td>Ireland</td> <td>70,106</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>United Kingdom</td> <td>39,237</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>United States</td> <td>6,962</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Germany</td> <td>749</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>France</td> <td>594</td> </tr> </table>		Ireland	70,106		United Kingdom	39,237		United States	6,962		Germany	749		France	594
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	<p><b>Donegal Gathering Facebook Page</b></p> <p>Promotional Facebook Campaign ran from 27<sup>th</sup> June till 9<sup>th</sup> September. The main aim was to promote the Donegal Gathering platform &amp; attract new Facebook likes from a targeted group of people across 5 markets: Ireland, UK, USA, France, and Germany.</p> <p><u>Campaign Results:</u></p> <p>851 New Likes 33,440 people reached</p> <p><b><u>Current Status:</u></b> 3,590 Facebook Likes</p>
<p><b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period</b></p>	<p>Website stats update for Q4 2016</p>
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**Activity / Project Update**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	Donegal Tourism
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	The Marketing aspects of Donegal Tourism / Go Visit Donegal
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	N/A
<b>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 3 - inclusive of current status</b>	<p><b>Go Visit Donegal Website</b></p> <p>The website <a href="http://www.govisitdonegal.com">www.govisitdonegal.com</a> is performing strongly with an overall increase of 20% from August to November than in the same period last year.</p> <p>Overall for the year to date on <a href="http://www.govisitdonegal.com">www.govisitdonegal.com</a></p> <p>Page Views: 308,561</p> <p>Sessions: 106,077</p> <p>Users: 89,706</p> <p>New Visitor: 84.2% / Returning Visitor: 15.8%</p> <p><b>Top 5 views by country:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Ireland</li><li>2. UK</li><li>3. USA</li><li>4. Germany</li><li>5. Canada</li></ol> <p><b>Go Visit Donegal Social Media Channels</b></p> <p>Facebook and Twitter is going from strength to strength and engagement on both pages is rising on a monthly basis. The numbers of followers are as follows:</p> <p>Facebook fans: 16,548</p>



**Facebook:**

International reach for a one month period from 21<sup>st</sup> October – 17<sup>th</sup> November was 149,185



A Facebook advertising campaign took place on [www.facebook.com/govisitdonegal](http://www.facebook.com/govisitdonegal) from Sept - November 2016. This campaign delivered 29,448 reach and 2,890 video views and Facebook 'Likes' increased to over 16k.

Twitter 'Followers' for Go Visit Donegal have increased to: **5,258**

**Translation of the Donegal videos**

Donegal Tourism has been working with a translation company and has successfully translated the family activity video in Donegal into French and German. These videos are now being advertised heavily to the French and German markets using facebook advertising.

**Belfast Airport**

The design for Belfast airport advertising has been created. Donegal is now featured in the baggage reclaim in arrivals and departures and will remain here for the next 10 months. The design illustrates the three signature points of the Wild Atlantic Way.

**Take Off Magazine**

Go Visit Donegal advertised in the Donegal Airport 'Take Off' magazine. This incorporated a nine page spread of editorial and advertising.

**Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly 1 reporting period**

**Donegal Tourism Marketing Campaign**

Donegal Tourism staff are attending the Tourism Ireland 2017 Marketing Plans Launch in Belfast in December 2016 to generate ideas for marketing activity for 2017.

### **Social Media**

The Go Visit Donegal facebook and twitter pages will be updated daily and further advertising and development of the social media channels will be ongoing.

### **Donegal Tourism Survey**

Donegal Tourism is working with the tourism trade in Donegal in order to gain a more accurate picture of our successes and challenges in terms of reaching our target base. We have sent a survey to the all the tourism trade in Donegal about their visitors and we are currently analysing the results of this.

This information will help us to understand where our tourist is coming from and also identify regions, both nationally and internationally, with a potential for growth.

This information will be invaluable for making well-informed future decisions towards the allocation of marketing budgets. Results of this survey will be distributed to the trade in December.

### **Translations of Printed literature into French and German**

We are currently working with a translation company to create a map in German and French that tourists can access online or in tourist offices and tourism business across Donegal.

5,000 maps will be printed in German and 5,000 in French, Signature points along the Wild Atlantic way, driving routes and a map will be featured in this brochure. The brochure will be completed and printed in early February.

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**General Marine Tourism Marketing & Development Activity**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	Marine Tourism Marketing & Development
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	The Marine Tourism Marketing & Development Plan covers a range of locations, activities and projects.
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	N/A
<b>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 3 - inclusive of current status</b>	<p><b>WILDSEA Europe</b></p> <p>WILDSEA Europe is a project with partners in Spain, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Croatia and Italy. The lead partner is Travelecoology based in Spain and the project is of 18 months duration ending in December 2016. The Project is a European, public-private cooperation effort that is supported by the COSME programme of the European Union through the Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME).</p> <p>The WILDSEA Europe website has delivered over 20k visits since its launch. The website address is <a href="http://www.wildsea.eu">www.wildsea.eu</a>. A new online booking engine for experience providers has now also been launched and live on the website.</p> <p>Businesses who deliver wildlife watching experiences along the coast of Donegal are listed on this website for free. Initially this project focused on the Malin Head area this project has now been extended all along the coast of Donegal as there is huge potential in this sector.</p> <p>A Facebook page has been set up for WILDSEA Europe at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/wildseaeurope">https://www.facebook.com/wildseaeurope</a></p> <p>A new WILDSEA Europe map, posters, postcards and stickers have been produced and printed for distribution at promotional events.</p> <p>This project was promoted by Donegal Tourism Ltd at two major maritime events in 2016 including SeaFest in Galway and DIVE 2016 at the NEC in Birmingham.</p> <p>Representatives from Donegal Tourism Ltd attended a WILDSEA Europe Steering Committee meeting in Porto, Portugal from 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016 and presented Donegal at a major marine conference called Business2Sea, which took place to coincide with the Steering Committee meeting. Future and current projects were discussed with representatives of the EU Commission who were in attendance at this event. The EU Commission have asked if they can use this project as a best practice case study for best project management and delivery of results.</p> <p>A new <b>YouTube channel</b> for Wildsea Europe has been developed with three new videos to promote the project. Two videos are aimed at consumers covering experiences and the destinations. The trade video is aimed at tourism providers encouraging them to sign up and</p>

get involved in the network. YouTube channel link:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCajSxRdfzevTQxBNO8eP3A>

### **DIVE 2016**

Over 16,000 diving and outdoor adventure enthusiasts attended DIVE 2016 in the NEC, Birmingham in October to plan their holidays for 2017. Donegal County Council in association with Donegal Tourism Ltd took a promotional stand at DIVE 2016 on 22nd and 23rd October 2016 representing County Donegal and the EU funded marine tourism project WILDSEA Europe amongst 250+ exhibitors.

The event was a great success with a huge interest from visitors in wreck diving and nature tourism along our coastline with many visitors looking for new and unique diving experiences in places that offered much more than just diving, but providing a range of experiences to suit all the family. For this reason, Donegal really has it all.

Joy Harron from Donegal Tourism Ltd also had the opportunity to meet famous adventurer Monty Halls and discuss all that Donegal has to offer in terms of our fantastic outdoor adventure opportunities. Monty Halls is a broadcaster, speaker, naturalist, former Royal Marine, marine biologist, travel writer and leadership specialist. His experience covers over two decades of leading teams in some of the most remote environments on earth, presenting wildlife and adventure documentaries, and working with blue chip companies both in the UK and overseas. Monty was also very interested in the WILDSEA Europe project and said that he would love to visit Donegal in the future to get a firsthand experience of our Wild Atlantic Way, which he would love to explore.

### **Marine Sector Newsletter**

A new e-mail newsletter aimed at experience providers and businesses in the marine tourism sector has been developed. Several newsletters aimed at the marine tourism sector have been sent out to over 200 contacts on the marine tourism sector database. This e-newsletter contains digital tips, funding information and other useful news relevant to the sector.

### **Donegal Tourism Ltd – Trade Website**

A website has been developed to assist tourism providers in Donegal to make the most of their business and also to inform them of the work of Donegal Tourism Ltd. This website is available at [www.countydonegaltourism.com](http://www.countydonegaltourism.com) and features sections such as news, events (tourism conferences etc), useful downloads, resources, digital tips and much more. There is also a Facebook page where the trade can keep up to date with latest news from the tourism sector at [www.facebook.com/donegaltourism](http://www.facebook.com/donegaltourism)

### **Cruise Tourism**

Donegal County Council in association with Donegal Tourism Ltd are working towards the development of the cruise tourism sector in Donegal with both Killybegs and Greencastle promoted as cruise ports of excellence on the Wild Atlantic Way.

Donegal County Council has joined in membership of Cruise Ireland with a view to participating in promotional events, networking, funding opportunities and knowledge exchange. Numerous promotions have been carried out in the Cruise Business Review publication both online and offline with a specific advertisement designed to promote cruise tourism in Donegal. Work initially commenced with development of a website, promotional materials and flags for Killybegs and now this will also be provided for Greencastle in 2017.

Donegal Tourism Ltd works closely with Visit Inishowen and the Killybegs Information Centre to continue to develop this sector. News has been confirmed that the Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth cruise ships will visit Killybegs for the first time in 2018. The Carnival Cruise Line have also announced for the first time that they will be adding Donegal to their cruise itinerary with a visit to Killybegs by the MS Seabourn Ovation planned for September 2018.

#### **CEDRA – Donegal’s Atlantic Coastal Trail**

The launch of the Donegal Atlantic Coastal Trail project took place in Killybegs in June 2016. Work continues on the project to develop 'Donegal Atlantic Coastal Trail'. This funding comes from the Department of Food, Agriculture and Marine and seeks to develop a tourism trail focused on seafood and marine leisure activities along the coast of Donegal including the islands to compliment the Wild Atlantic Way and the work done on Go Visit Donegal. This project is a partnership between Donegal County Council and Údarás na Gaeltachta, who have both provided additional match funding.

The Tourism College LYIT developed a bespoke training course for those in the food and marine leisure sector, which commenced September 2016 at full capacity with 30 students. This course is being delivered by LYIT in Killybegs and covers areas such as marketing your business on the WAW, digital and offline, seafood preparation, creating packages, selling online and much more. This project will also cover a range of complimentary online and offline marketing activities to promote the trail that will be linked in with the current Donegal Tourism websites such as Govisitdonegal.com and Malinwaters.com.

In order to ensure the continuation of the success of this project another application for funding has been submitted to the Department of Food, Agriculture and Marine in November 2016 in order to allow for LYIT to roll out the course again in January 2017 due to phenomenal demand for places. In addition to this another course is planned for development and launch in 2017, which involves the introduction of a new programme of study for Transition Year students in secondary schools in Donegal combining both training and real world experience in the marine tourism and seafood sector. Subject to funding, this course will also be rolled out in January 2017.

Joy Harron of Donegal Tourism Ltd also had the opportunity to lecture the students on marine tourism marketing and development activities in Donegal at the college in Killybegs on 9th November. Practical assignments were set to give students the experience of marketing Donegal in a real world environment.

#### **Fanad Lighthouse**

Donegal Tourism Ltd has delivered a new online booking engine and website for Fanad Lighthouse and this has been delivering bookings since the lighthouse opened so that online accommodation bookings can be facilitated. The Fanad Lighthouse website is performing well with over 28k visits to the new website to date which was launched in May 2015. Facebook.com/fanadlighthouse and has over 3419 likes. @fanadlighthouse on Twitter has 656 followers.

#### **Sliabh Liag**

Donegal Tourism Ltd set up and is managing the Sliabh Liag online profile until such time as a manager has been appointed to the Visitor Centre and this will be handed over with training provided. The Sliabh Liag Experience Facebook page is growing from strength to strength with over 5015 likes on the page. The Facebook page is [www.facebook.com/sliabhliagexperience](http://www.facebook.com/sliabhliagexperience). The website [www.sliabhliag.com](http://www.sliabhliag.com) is also performing well. Sliabh Liag has been

	<p>awarded a Certificate of Excellence on TripAdvisor. @visitsliabhliag on Twitter has 182 followers.</p>
<p><b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarter 4 reporting period</b></p>	<p><b>WILDSEA Europe Project</b>  A WILDSEA Europe online training webinar for tourism providers in Donegal and Northern Ireland will be facilitated and delivered by Donegal Tourism Ltd on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016.</p> <p>While EU funding will end in December 2016 discussions regarding the continuation of this project into 2017 are in discussion with the project partners. Further marketing campaigns are underway to continue to promote the website.</p> <p><b>MalinWaters Partner Meeting</b>  A meeting of the MalinWaters partnership will take place on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016 to discuss plans for 2017 and possible collaboration with Wildsea Europe’s network and other organisations. At this meeting the partnership agreement and arrangements for 2017 will be discussed. The marketing activities for 2016 will also be presented at the meeting.  Marketing activity to promote the MalinWaters brand will continue in Q4 including a range of campaigns across multiple platforms including social media, PPC, video, display etc.</p> <p><b>MalinWaters Marketing Plan</b>  The MalinWaters Marketing Plan for 2017 will be developed in collaboration with partners in Q4.</p> <p><b>Sliabh Liag Project</b>  Work will continue on updating the content on the Sliabh Liag website. The Facebook and Twitter pages will continue to be maintained by Donegal Tourism Ltd. The TripAdvisor page will also be managed here.</p> <p><b>Fanad Lighthouse Developments</b>  Donegal Tourism Ltd continues to provide support and maintenance for the <a href="http://www.fanadlighthouse.com">www.fanadlighthouse.com</a> website.</p> <p><b>BIM – FLAG North</b>  The launch of the new FLAG programme will take place in early December 2016. Donegal Tourism Ltd will be involved in the launch and promoting the programme to marine tourism contacts.</p> <p><b>Marine Tourism Newsletter</b>  Further updates will be sent out to over 200 marine tourism contacts via the e-mail newsletter.</p> <p><b>CEDRA</b>  Marketing activity in relation to Donegal’s Atlantic Coastal Trail will be prepared for promotion of the region as part of the 2017 marketing campaigns from Donegal Tourism Ltd.</p>
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**MalinWaters Activity**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	MalinWaters
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	The MalinWaters project is funded by 12 partners following the completion of EU funding. Membership of the MalinWaters project consortium is reviewed on an annual basis. This project aims to develop marine tourism within the shared maritime regions of North West Ireland, Northern Ireland and Western Scotland.
<b>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 2 - inclusive of current status</b>	<p>A new and updated MalinWaters map has been printed including new infrastructure additions at Bunagee funded under the INTERREG Programme and Killybegs sailing facilities funded by the Dept for the Marine.</p> <p>The Marine Blast App continues to list marine facilities in Donegal. This app is free to download and is hugely popular with the sailing community. It is available for iPhone and will soon be available on Android.</p> <p>Website statistics from MalinWaters.com have shown a continuous increase in traffic during 2016 in comparison with previous years. Figures show a 37.02% increase in traffic to MalinWaters.com in Q1 and a 43.61% increase in traffic to MalinWaters.com in Q2</p> <p>Adverts and an editorial have been placed in Jan/Feb and March/April edition of Scottish Diver magazine to highlight our excellent diving opportunities here in Donegal in particular shipwrecks off Malin Head. This is a specialist magazine aimed at diving enthusiasts. Adverts have been placed in the Scottish Paddler Magazine to promote kayaking in the MalinWaters. This agreement covers ads up to March 2017.</p> <p>A MalinWaters Google Ad Words campaign ran from May – June 2016, which was highly segmented targeting key audiences for marine tourism activities in target markets. CTR increased by 24% to 0.56% and the campaign delivered 994,695 Ad Impressions and over 6k visits to the MalinWaters website.</p> <p>As part of the MalinWaters project three new videos were produced in 2016 with advertising campaigns to promote the videos on YouTube. The videos covered each of the MalinWaters regions including Scotland, Northern Ireland and North West Ireland. YouTube Advertising Campaign completed. For example the North West Ireland campaign delivered 38,623 Ad Impressions and over 18,686 views to date.</p> <p>Continued functionality updates have taken place on MalinWaters.com. The News section on the website has been updated with fresh regular content. There is a new section on the website covering ferry transport in the MalinWaters regions.</p> <p>A Facebook advertising campaign took place on <a href="http://www.facebook.com/malinwaters">www.facebook.com/malinwaters</a> from April - July 2016. This campaign delivered 29,448 reach and 2928 video views and Facebook 'Likes' increased to over 9k. Twitter 'Followers' for MalinWaters have increased to over 851 from 425.</p>

	<p>MalinWaters has advertised with Go Visit Donegal in a joint promotion in the Donegal Airport 'Take Off' magazine. E-mail Marketing is ongoing with a MalinWaters dedicated e-mail sent out to over 700 subscribers in which County Donegal is promoted along with the partner regions. 3rd party e-mail campaigns with specialist companies such as Time Inc are also planned.</p> <p>Promotional campaigns with Sail Scotland are ongoing including display advertising, web content, social media and e-mail marketing.</p> <p>The MalinWaters project provided significant funding and marketing support for a number of strategic marine themed events including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Largs Viking Festival</li> <li>• West Highland Yachting Week</li> <li>• Rosses Point Sea Shanty Festival</li> <li>• J24 Northern Championships</li> <li>• Donegal Bay Maritime Festival</li> <li>• NORA Sailing Event Donegal</li> <li>• Crana Fest &amp; Sea Symposium</li> <li>• Hooked Killybegs</li> <li>• Rathlin Sound Maritime Festival</li> <li>• Foyle Sailability - St. Kilda Challenge</li> </ul>
<p><b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarter 4 reporting period</b></p>	<p><b>Partnership Agreement 2017</b> A formal partnership agreement for 2017 will be developed and distributed to partners for approval.</p> <p><b>MalinWaters Meeting</b> A meeting of the MalinWaters partners is due to take place in Glasgow on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016 during which activities taken place in 2016 in terms of marketing will be discussed.</p> <p>The MalinWaters Marketing Plan for 2017 is tabled to be agreed by partners. The formal partnership agreement for 2017 will be developed and distributed to partners for approval at this meeting.</p> <p>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. This plan is currently in development and is subject to approval by partners.</p> <p><b>MalinWaters</b> Three new MalinWaters videos have now been produced and are live on YouTube and will benefit from additional YouTube advertising campaigns to promote them in Q4.</p> <p><b>Marketing Plan</b> The MalinWaters Marketing Plan for 2017 to be agreed by partners. 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. This plan will be developed in Q4 2016.</p> <p><b>Website Content Updates</b> Website content updating is ongoing. More itineraries to include Bunagee have been planned. Content updates include areas such as the events section, itineraries, the blog etc. Details of marinas, activity providers etc. also need to be updated.</p>



	<b>E-mail Marketing</b> E-mail Marketing is ongoing with a MalinWaters dedicated e-mail sent out to over 700 subscribers in which County Donegal is promoted along with the partner regions. 3 <sup>rd</sup> party e-mail campaigns with specialist companies such as Time Inc are also planned.
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**Municipal District: Inishowen/ Glenties & Donegal**

**Activity / Project Update: November 2016**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Capital Grant Funding Scheme – Department of Children &amp; Youth Affairs</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<b>Provision of all inclusive Equipment in one playground in each of the Municipal Districts of Inishowen; Glenties and Donegal.</b>
<b>Budget</b> <i>(if applicable)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• €10,000 - Grant from Department of Children &amp; Youth Affairs 2015</li><li>• €16,200 own resources</li></ul>
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	1. Works consists of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Installation of all inclusive piece of equipment in three playgrounds</li></ul> <p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assessment of Playground regarding type of equipment/exact location within playground to take place shortly</li><li>• Quotations sought 12/10/16 with receipt of tenders on or before 27/10/16.</li><li>• Tenders assessed and successful contractor will be appointed before end of November, 2016.</li></ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Installation of equipment to be completed by January 2017.</li></ul>
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**Activity / Project Update: November 2016**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>PLAYGROUNDS</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Annual Maintenance of Playgrounds 2015/2016  <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Glencolmcille</li><li>2. St John Bosco, Donegal Town</li><li>3. Mall Park, Ballyshannon &amp; Outdoor Fitness Equipment</li><li>4. Kilcar</li></ol>
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€19,974
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Works consists of:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Replacement of broken equipment</li><li>• Replace worn safety tiles and remove trip hazards</li><li>• Grease all equipment that contains bushes, bearings , shackles, etc.</li><li>• Fitting of new 'Smoking Cessation' signs</li><li>• Fitting of new 'Rules' signs</li></ul></li></ol> <p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rospa Inspections and identification of necessary repairs have been carried out.</li><li>• Tenders assessed December 2015</li><li>• Annual Maintenance Tender awarded to Murphy Playground Services Ltd.</li><li>• Works complete</li></ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maintenance works complete.</li></ul>
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**Activity / Project Update: November 2016**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Ballyshannon Town &amp; Village Renewal Schem</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Enhancement of Bridgend Roundabout</li><li>2. Provision of Guidance document for Traditional Shopfronts and Colour Scheme for Ballyshannon Streets.</li></ol>
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€76,000 – Department of Arts, Heritage & Gaeltacht Affairs €13,110 – Own Resources
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Ballyshannon works consists of:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Paving</li><li>➤ Kerbing</li><li>➤ Street furniture, litter bins, interpretative panels</li><li>➤ Pedestrian crossing points – lining and bollards, tactile paving</li><li>➤ Landscaping of roundabout and surrounding area</li><li>➤ Enhancement of roundabout and approach islands</li></ul></li></ol> <p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approval obtained from Department</li><li>• Meetings / discussions taking place with Ballyshannon Town &amp; Village Renewal Committee</li></ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Formalise details of works to be carried out</li><li>• Seek Quotations</li><li>• Appoint Contractor / Consultant</li><li>• Carry out works</li></ul>
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# EU UNIT UPDATE



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## WELCOME / FAILTE

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

**Liam Ward, Director of Services, Donegal County Council**

### Interreg VB Atlantic Area Programme announces successful projects at Stage 1

The Monitoring Committee of INTERREG Atlantic Area, held on 7-8 September in Dublin, selected 102 Expressions of Interest (EOI) to submit an online full project application for the second stage of the ongoing call. Between April and May 2016, the Joint Secretariat received 425 EOI under the first stage of this application process. Donegal County Council has now been notified that 4 out of the 5 submitted projects have been successful at Stage 1. Stage 2 opened on October 31st and will close on December 19th 2016.

### TRAIL GAZERS PROJECT

Led by Donegal County Council through the Research and Policy Unit, the Trail Gazers partnership sets out to develop and test a transnational framework to enable the future management and promotion of trails across the Atlantic Area. The framework will use digital technologies and indicators to develop trails in an environmentally friendly, sustainable, cost effective and highly innovative manner. The project will analyse existing and future levels of activity on chosen trails by establishing a common set of economic, social and environmental indicators; by utilising innovative technologies and systems (sensors, GIS, augmented reality) to capture information on trails activity and by displaying these metrics via a 'Trails Dashboard'. The project will explore how new technologies such as Go Pro cameras, drones and Talking Heads can be used to showcase trails to Atlantic tourist visitors via virtual experiences.

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### ATLANTIC ON BIKE PROJECT

Working with Mayo and Sligo County Councils, Donegal County Council is a partner in the Atlantic On Bike project, which seeks to create a necklace of cycling routes from Portugal to Norway. This project will, if approved, attract additional funding for the marketing and promotion of cycleways, and connect existing cycleways in an EU context, while also connecting with Counties Sligo and Mayo into one overall EUROVELO route.

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*Trail Gazers Project Development Workshop in preparation for Stage 2 of the Atlantic Area Application.*

### TIDES OF TIME PROJECT (TIDES)

The TIDES project will develop new types of transnational tourism packages based on connecting and jointly marketing maritime sites, museums and historical archives in Atlantic regions related to the same historical period or event, e.g. Napoleonic Wars, World Wars or Atlantic migrations. The project will facilitate communities to create new local jobs, attract tourists, create synergies with existing tourism providers, and improve economic and social well-being in project regions. The lead partner is ERNACT working in partnership with Donegal County Council and EU partners.

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### CAPITEN PROJECT

Donegal County Council is a project partner in project Capiten which seeks to develop centres of excellence across Europe in the water and marine based leisure sports sector. Building on the malinwaters.com and Sailwest project, Capiten will provide support for marketing and communications of marine leisure opportunities and facilities in each partner region, provide training for SMEs in how to take advantage of spin offs from the sector, and support the development of marine leisure events (e.g. Atlantic International challenge). This project will focus on the marine leisure potential of County Donegal and building this further.

For further information please contact:  
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## Project Development Workshops for Atlantic Area Application - Stage 2

In preparation for stage 2 of the Atlantic Area Programme application, Donegal County Council held a one day project development workshop in Dublin on October 12th for the Trail Gazers project. The workshop provided the partners the opportunity to review key activities, scope out the work packages and develop the outputs, indicators and targets for the project. The workshop was attended by partners from Spain, United Kingdom, Portugal and Ireland.

On October 20th Donegal County Council also attended a development workshop for the CAPITEN project at the Maison de la Bretagne in Paris. The workshop was hosted by the project's lead partner The Conseil Regional de Bretagne and brought together all the partners from Ireland, N.Ireland, Scotland, France, Spain and Portugal. This provided an opportunity

for the partners to further develop the project work packages, timelines, key milestones and budgets.

Other project development workshops will take place over the coming weeks. Donegal County Council will attend

the Atlantic on Bike development workshop on November 23rd and 24th in Valladolid, Spain.

For further information please contact EU unit, Donegal County Council Tel.: 074 9153900.



CAPITEN project partners at the Project Development Workshop in Paris.

## CatchmentCARE Project



A decision on funding for the CatchmentCARE project is due by early December 2016 following submission of the Stage 2 Business Plan in July 2016.

Donegal County Council is leading the project which has 7 other partners; Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute (AFBI), Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI), Loughs Agency, University of Ulster, Armagh Banbridge and Craigavon Council, Geological Survey of Ireland (GSI) and the British Geological Survey/ Geological Survey of Northern Ireland (BGS/GSNI). The project partners are awaiting a decision by the SEUPB steering committee.

The bid for funding is being made under the Environment measure, specific objective 2.4 The

CatchmentCARE project will address the core challenge of restoring water-bodies in border area catchments by increasing catchment resilience (biophysical, social and economic) and developing stakeholder capacity (community, government and NGOs)

taking into consideration both surface and groundwater.

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## MalinWaters<sup>o</sup>

The MalinWaters brand is becoming more established with 43.61% increase in traffic to MalinWaters.com in Q2 of 2016. MalinWaters now has almost 10k likes on Facebook and continues to reach audiences.

A Google Ad Words campaign ran from May – June 2016 delivering over 994,695 Ad Impressions and over 6k visits to the www.malinwaters.com website. The News section on the website has been updated with fresh regular content and there is a new section on the website covering ferry transport in the MalinWaters regions. Three new YouTube videos promoting the MalinWaters regions are now

available on the MalinWaters YouTube channel and have over 20k views as a result of a specific video advertising campaign. Print adverts have also been placed in Welcome Anchorages, Yachting Life, Take Off magazine, Scottish Paddler and Scottish Diver publications.

Donegal County Council and Derry City and Strabane District Council (Donegal Tourism Ltd and Visit Derry) attended the Northern England Boat Show in Liverpool on 3rd – 5th June 2016 to promote MalinWaters and other marine themed activities in both regions. This was a collaborative approach to marketing with both sharing a stand promoting Donegal and Derry-Londonderry collectively. 200,000

visitors attended the Northern England Boat Show from UK and European markets.

A meeting of MalinWaters partners is planned for November 2016 during which the results of the 2016 marketing activities will be presented to partners and plans for the continued development of MalinWaters in 2017 will also be discussed. This project continues to deliver successful results and shows the importance of a collaborative approach to projects.

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## WILDSEA Europe

The new WILDSEA Europe website [www.wildsea.eu](http://www.wildsea.eu) is performing very well with over 10k visitors to date since the website was launched. There are now a significant number of businesses listed on the website, which offer fantastic wildlife watching experiences across Europe. The next phase in the development of the website will include the launch of a new online booking system specifically designed to allow experience providers to take instant bookings via the website. The WILDSEA Europe project marketing activity is underway. The Marketing Plan includes a Google Ad Words campaign to drive relevant targeted traffic to the website. Several new consumer videos have been created and a new YouTube channel called Wildsea.eu has been created. A multi-lingual trade video has also been launched aimed at encouraging experience providers to join the WILDSEA Europe network and get listed on the website.

WILDSEA Europe will be promoted at several events across Europe including DIVE 2016, which took place at the NEC in Birmingham in October. Donegal Tourism Ltd took the lead at this event promoting

Donegal in addition to the WILDSEA Europe project. In November 2016 the WILDSEA Europe project partners will host a workshop and take part in a promotional event called Business2Sea, which is organised by the Forum Oceano and will take place in Porto, Portugal with marine sector, tourism and EU Commission representatives in attendance.

At this event the project partners will also take part in a Steering Committee Meeting to discuss the future plans for the project, which is due to officially end in December 2016. The aim of partners will be to secure further EU funding in order to build on the success of WILDSEA Europe to date and to continue to increase brand awareness and direct traffic to [www.wildsea.eu](http://www.wildsea.eu) to

create a sustainable tourism future for experience providers. The Project is a European, public-private cooperation effort that is supported by the COSME programme of the European Union through the Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME).

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**WILDSEA**  
EUROPE



Co-funded by the COSME programme of the European Union



## COOL ROUTE PROJECT

Donegal County Council is a key partner in the Cool Route project with responsibility for project communications including the development of the project website [www.sailcoolroute.eu](http://www.sailcoolroute.eu). There has been an extraordinary level of engagement and buy-in by key sectoral actors and project awareness is growing in all regions. The Cool Route project received INTEREG VB funding under the Northern Periphery & Arctic programme 2014-2020 by lead partner Cork Institute of Technology.

In October, 2015 Cool Route partners initiated a very wide area survey on the preferences, priorities, needs and interests of the yacht cruising community. The purpose of the survey was to obtain accurate data on the views of people within the sector.

With over 500 responses, the study reached respondents throughout Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland, England, Wales, The Faroe Islands and Norway. Additionally, responses came in from Canada, USA, France and New Zealand.

Speaking at the launch of the study in July 2016, during Volvo Cork Week, Cool Route partner Dr. Breda Kenny, Head of Hincks Centre for Entrepreneurship Excellent, who leads the overall project stated:

*"This extensive engagement with its most important stakeholders in the sailing world, demonstrated clearly the value of developing the Cool Route and its strong potential to bring new business opportunities to a myriad of small enterprises in remote coastal locations- supporting local economic growth and job creation in Europe's Northern Periphery and Arctic Area."*

The findings of the Cruising Preferences Study, which is the widest and most comprehensive engagement with cruising sailors ever undertaken in Northern Europe, will now form an important input to the ongoing development of the Route Marketing and Business Plans.



*Pictured at the launch of the Cool Route Cruising Preferences Report are left to right: Kieran O'Connell, RCYC Chairman Volvo Cork Week, John McAleer, CIT, Gavin Deane, RCYC, Dr. Breda Kenny, CIT, Mark Ring, RCYC, Gerard O'Donovan, CIT and Paul Gallagher, CIT*



## Hiking Europe Conference Seminar



Donegal County Council recently attended the Hiking Europe Conference which took place in Barcelona on September 27th. The conference was hosted by the Catalan Tourist Board and attended by delegates from Spain, Italy, Germany Austria, Croatia, Iceland, Finland and France. A large crowd attended the conference where the discussion centred on marketing the routes and developing the links with partner states.

The Hiking Europe project aims to promote a transnational network of rural tourism routes. These routes will be structured around different itineraries of hiking trails around Europe to facilitate the discovery of natural and cultural heritage of the involved territories. The project is funded by the Competitiveness of Enterprises and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises programme (COSME) of the European Commission.

and businesses to enter their details and be included on the electronic map which can be amended and updated on a regular basis. The project will also include the completion of a Training Needs Assessment and the development of training material for stakeholders located along the Gaeltacht Way.

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Donegal County Council will be promoting the Bealach na Gaeltachta National way marked walking routes including: Sli an Earagail, Sli na Rosann, Sli na Finne and Sli Cholmcille along with the three island walks on Aran Mor, Gola and Tory islands. Donegal County Council has established an on-line expression of interest form for local communities



## ASCENT Project

ASCENT (an acronym for Apply Skills and Conserve our Environment with New Tools) will bring together local and environmental authorities to collectively address the environment challenges facing the conservation and enhancement of the areas of natural beauty in the five partner regions. ASCENT is a €1.6 million project which is funded by the Northern Periphery & Arctic Programme (2014-2020), with Donegal County Council as lead partner in addition to the four partner regions of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council in Northern Ireland, Metsähallitus Park and Wildlife in Finland, Hordaland County Council in Norway and the Soil Conservation Service of Iceland.

*Pictured at the Launch of the ASCENT project L-R: Seamus Neely Chief Executive Donegal County Council; Cllr Terence Slowey Cathaoirleach Donegal Co Co and Michael O'Brien of the Northern and Western Regional Assembly*



ASCENT commenced on the 1st of September 2016, with the inaugural steering committee meeting taking place on the 19th of October in

County Donegal. To coincide, ASCENT was officially launched by An Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council, Cllr Terence Slowey in the Dunlewey Community Centre on the 20th of October 2016. Members of the project team attended the Arctic Boost Conference and lead partner seminar in Akureyri in Iceland on the 28th and 29th of September and provided a presentation to delegates at that event.

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*Rosita Mahony presenting at Lead Partner Seminar in Akureyri, Iceland*

## WaterPro Project

The WaterPro Project is supported by the Interreg VB Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme and will develop sustainable systems to protect water quality from diffuse agricultural and mining pollution.

Donegal County Council are partnering with Savonia University of Applied Sciences Ltd, Finland, [Lead Partner], Geological Survey of Finland, Agricultural University of Iceland, Lulea University of Technology, Sweden, Agricultural Agency, Faroe Islands, Lough Neagh Partnership, Magherafelt, Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute, Belfast and Heriot Watt University, Edinburgh. Donegal County Council will attend a partners meeting in Sweden at the end of November which is being hosted by Luleå University of Technology.

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## ERNACT Success in Atlantic Area's first call for projects

ERNACT have two project proposals selected for the second stage of the Atlantic Area's first call for projects. This is a great achievement considering 425 applications were received by the Atlantic Area programme. Work will now commence on the second stage application process and successful applicants will be notified in February 2017. More information about the Atlantic Area Programme can be found at <http://www.atlanticarea.eu/>



## Donegal hosts IMPROVE events in October



Donegal County Council has hosted a number of events on behalf of IMPROVE in October. These included a seminar entitled 'Open Data as a source for digital public services co-production'.

A transnational meeting also took place in the county. The IMPROVE project is led by ERNACT, with Donegal County Council and Derry City & Strabane District Council being full partners.

It is part-funded project by the Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme 2014-

2020, has a total budget of €1.5 million, with €60,000 specifically benefitting the North West region.

IMPROVE aims to increase innovation in the area of technology-driven public service solutions. One of its goals is to maximise knowledge transfer through a living labs-driven approach.

Project partners are now designing services using a co-production methodology defined in the project. The co-production process is led by local digital champions.

More information can be found at [www.facebook.com/ImproveNPA](http://www.facebook.com/ImproveNPA)





## SECURE's Launch Conference to be held at Glenveagh National Park

The second meeting of the SECURE project was hosted by Donegal County Council in Letterkenny on the 8th November. An International Conference also took place at Glenveagh National Park on 9th November. This conference gave attendees an opportunity to learn about renewable energy technologies and energy efficiency solutions. It is also a key hub for stakeholders from Northern and Arctic areas of

Europe, and Atlantic Canada, to make valuable contacts and explore areas for cooperation.

Speakers include Duncan Stewart from RTE's Eco Eye programme and the Sustainable Energy Authority for Ireland. This is an ideal opportunity to promote Glenveagh National Park to a host of international delegates. SECURE (Smarter Energy Communities in Northern & Arctic

Regions) is part-funded by the Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme 2014-2020.

Check out the agenda and other relevant information at <http://bit.ly/2co2u5x> and connect with SECURE at [www.facebook.com/SECUREnpa/](http://www.facebook.com/SECUREnpa/)



## ERUDITE project to meet in Italy

The ERUDITE project (Enhancing Rural and Urban Digital Innovation Territories), of which ERNACT is a partner, is part-funded by Interreg Europe. The project kicked off in September and will provide input into the Donegal Digital Action Plan.

The main goal of ERUDITE is the design of new public services using open innovation with participation from businesses, citizens and public authorities. Development will be supported by socio-economic data to support investment, job creation, quality of life and to improve the attractiveness of partner regions.

More information can be found at [www.facebook.com/InterregErudite](http://www.facebook.com/InterregErudite).



## CLEAN Project

The Interreg Europe monitoring committee has approved the CLEAN (Technologies and Open Innovation for Low Carbon Regions) project, which was submitted by ERNACT to the second Interreg Europe call in May 2016.

CLEAN is a €1.6 million project which addresses the common challenge of meeting EU energy efficiency targets for buildings in Europe's regions. This project is particularly relevant for Donegal County Council who have a national obligation to achieve a 33% reduction in energy consumption by 2020.

CLEAN was one of 66 projects approved from 211 application submitted. The project will be led by ERNACT with partners from Sweden, Spain, Romania, France, Italy, Greece, Finland and Slovenia. For further information please contact: [ianire.renobales@ernact.eu](mailto:ianire.renobales@ernact.eu)



## HERICOAST Project



HERICOAST is an Interreg Europe funded project that aims to improve the management of coastal heritage to help achieve a better balance between exploitation and preservation measures in the development of coastal landscapes.

The opening conference of the HERICOAST project took place in Vest-Agder, Norway in June 2016 that examined the commonalities of coastal development and management of the varying coastal landscapes of each partner region. A presentation was given by Donegal County Council that set out the unique, diverse and complex nature of the Donegal coastal landscape and its rich built, natural and cultural heritage (a copy of the poster presented below).

The first project steering committee meeting agreed the path to progress the project, and the next steering group meeting and project workshop are scheduled to take place in Tulcea,

Romania at the end of October. A presentation shall be made by each partner region at the workshop concentrating on the digitization of various heritage elements within the coastal landscape of Donegal.

For Further information please contact:  
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Photograph of the archipelago, Vest-Agder, Norway, the project focus of the lead partner.



## LADDER Project

The Ladder Project aims to inform EU citizens about development issues, mobilise greater public support for actions against poverty, give citizens tools to engage critically with global development issues, to foster new ideas and ultimately to change attitudes.

In June, Donegal County Council coordinated a national training event in Galway for Local Authority and Local Development staff from around



the country which focused on local to global connections and how these can be incorporated into the workplace. Also in June, a Ladder workshop event in Letterkenny was organised for Elected Representatives of DCC which was attended by Minister of State for the Diaspora and International Development, Joe McHugh TD. The minister launched the Ladder re-granting scheme which aims to fund local grassroots projects that raise awareness and promote engagement with global development issues.

DCC are also inviting submissions from citizen journalists who wish to write about global development issues such as migration, human rights, poverty, climate change etc. for a chance to join the Ladder network of citizen's journalists and have their articles circulated to a wide audience.

For more information on these activities please contact Bobby on bobbysmith@donegalcoco.ie Tel.: 074 9153900 website: www.ladder-project.eu

## Interreg VA Sustainable transport Call - North West Greenways Network

The Stage 2 business case for this project was submitted on the 22nd April 2016. The SEUPB held the Steering and Monitoring committee Interreg VA Programme meetings on the 7th and 8th of September. Derry City and Strabane District Council has been advised that the SEUPB component of the assessment is now concluded.

The project will now be presented to the relevant Government departments

dealing with Interreg for a final decision. The aim of the North West Greenways Network (NWGWN) Project is to develop a number of cross-border Greenways and cycle networks to reduce car journeys in cross border transportation, based on the routes set out in the Interreg VA Operational Programme.

The lead partner is Derry City and Strabane District Council, with project partners Transport NI, Sustrans and Donegal County Council.

The Interreg VA programme result is to generate new cross-border Greenways to facilitate cross-border mobility with an overall target of 80km.

For more information please contact: Eunan O'Donnell, Donegal County Council, Tel.: 0749153900.



## ENTERPRISE EUROPE NETWORK - Local Enterprise Office

Enterprise Europe Network has entered the final quarter of its first two year programme. Events have taken place in many counties around the country with a few more coming up before the year end leading to a greatly increased profile for the network around Ireland.

3 Irish Micro Breweries from Limerick, Louth and Meath took part in a very successful Beer Mission to the Funen region of Denmark from 12th to 15th June 2016. They visited a number of breweries in the region and gained significant insight and knowledge from the trip on how to improve their own brewing techniques. They also learned how they could develop and grow the Irish microbrewery sector based on the Danish experience.

Cavan and Monaghan Local Enterprise Offices have recently ran an event to recruit businesses to participate in Enterprise Europe Network with a view to producing profiles which will help them to expand into international markets. A similar programme is planned for a number of other LEO's in the coming months including Carlow and Kilkenny on 16th November and you can book your place by e-mail [enterprise@carlowcoco.ie](mailto:enterprise@carlowcoco.ie) or phone 059 91 29783.

Mayo, Galway and Roscommon LEO's are busy working on a brokerage event attached to the forthcoming MeetWest event which takes place in Claremorris, Co Mayo on 24th November and provides an excellent opportunity to meet established businesses in the West of Ireland. Bookings can be made on [www.meetwest.ie](http://www.meetwest.ie) for this event.

The Donegal Local Enterprise Office team held their first brokerage event on 28th September in the Co-Lab at LYIT where a selection of local food business interests meet with some international colleagues who visited from Estonia, Finland, Greece, Northern Ireland, Poland and West Romania.

An Intellectual Property event took place in the Local Enterprise Office in Letterkenny on Thursday 13th October where information was available for small businesses and entrepreneurs on IP, copyright and patents.

Enquiries to Eileen Kelly, Enterprise Europe Network Co-ordinator by e-mail [eileen.kelly@leo.donegalcoco.ie](mailto:eileen.kelly@leo.donegalcoco.ie) or by phone 074 91 60735. Sign up for our newsletter on our Irish consortium website <http://www.een-ireland.ie/>



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## NICHE Project Launch

Donegal recently welcomed European delegates and guest speakers to a unique food conference in Letterkenny.

Hosted by Local Enterprise Office, Donegal County Council, the conference marked the launch of NICHE, a European project which aims to develop innovation in the food industry in seven European regions where food has been identified as key for jobs and economic growth.

The conference included a series of key talks as well as workshops and Q&A sessions. The next stage of the NICHE project will be to assess the current level of innovation among food businesses in each of the project partner regions, including Donegal.

Following this, the project will aim to facilitate collaboration among the project partners to further develop the level of innovation in the food sector in these regions.

For more information on the NICHE Project and to improve the level of innovation in your business, contact Patrick Devine, Local Enterprise Office, Donegal County Council.

For further information please contact: Eileen Kelly, Enterprise Europe Network Co-ordinator on 074 9160735, eileen.kelly@leo.donegalcoco.ie



*Speakers at the NICHE conference included (l-r):*

*Dr. Nils Dülfer - IMP<sup>3</sup>rove – European Innovation Management Academy,  
James Burke – James Burke Associates, Brian Boyle – Donegal County Council,  
Eve-Anne McCarron – Local Enterprise Office Donegal, Eunan Cunningham – WESTBIC,  
Raluca Cibu-Buzac - Regional Development Agency West Region, Romania,  
Dr. Séan Duffy – Letterkenny Institute of Technology, Pauline McGrellis – Nvolve Group,  
Cathaoirleach Cllr. Terence Slowey – Donegal County Council  
and Michael Tunney – Local Enterprise Office Donegal.*



## Network meeting with Cultural Services Team

The EU unit met with the Cultural Services team in July 2016 to discuss opportunities to develop networks, funding and policy areas of relevance. The broad areas of the Museum, Libraries, Heritage, Archives, Arts and Regional Cultural Centre, are all areas where opportunities exist to explore new partnerships in the EU in relation to funding and also learning of best practice models and partnerships of value.



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The new Strategy launched by Cultural Services in 2016 and the projects and proposals contained therein were also discussed and will provide a useful information resource and tool for EU partners who are trying to locate and identify suitable Irish partners.

## AER announces funding from the Leonardo Di Caprio Foundation

Donegal County Council is a member of the AER (Assembly of European Regions).

AER is the partner chosen by R20 and the Leonardo Di Caprio Foundation to select approximately 10 energy, waste and energy efficiency projects from AER member regions that require technical and financial support to be developed. This is part of a bigger initiative, aimed to identify 100 projects worldwide surrounding Financing Green solutions and AER has the opportunity of promoting the projects coming from European regions.



Donegal County Council in partnership with LYIT submitted two projects for consideration by AER:

- LED Street Lighting
- Tidal Energy and Renewable energy

Further information is awaited on these proposals from AER.

Please contact Agnese Pantaloni at [a.pantaloni@are.eu](mailto:a.pantaloni@are.eu) for additional information on AER.

## Mayo County Council and Local Enterprise Office meeting

The EU unit met with representatives from Mayo County Council earlier this year to share the experience of Donegal County Council in the EU unit. The meeting proved valuable in exploring common challenges in accessing EU funding and developing partnerships and networks of common interest. Sectoral interests including tourism, enterprise, culture and marine based developed are all examples of project areas which Mayo County Council are working on.

Donegal County Council and Mayo County Council are also partnering in a bid for funding for the EuroVelo Atlantic on Bike project, which has successfully passed the Stage 1 assessment process under the Interreg VB Atlantic Area programme.

For further information please contact EU unit Donegal County Council Tel.: 074 9153900

# PEACE IV Programme

The approval of the PEACE IV Action Plan by the Special European Union Programme Body (SEUPB) is a two stage process.

The Donegal PEACE IV Action Plan (Stage One Submission) was approved by the SEUPB Steering Committee on 12th September and subsequently Donegal County Council was invited to submit the Stage Two application. The Donegal Peace IV Action Plan (Stage 2 Submission) was submitted to the SEUPB on 23rd September by Donegal County Council.

The PEACE IV Action plan was prepared by the PEACE IV Partnership committee and informed by public consultation held during 2016. The PEACE IV Programme will build on the progress of previous Peace Programmes and the overall priority of the PEACE IV Programme is to promote social and economic stability by actions that promote cohesion between communities in Northern Ireland and the Border Region. The overall funding available for Donegal is €5.5 million divided over three themes:

Children and Young People	€1.17m
Shared Spaces	€0.97m
Building Positive Relations	€0.42m

For further information please contact Donegal County Council Peace IV office Tel.: 074 9153900



## Online Survey

The EU unit recently took part in an online good practice guidelines survey for the EAGLE project. EnhAnsed Government LEarning (EAGLE) develops a digital learning solution for local authorities. This solution includes:

- a computer-aided learning platform that local authorities can use to acquire and share knowledge - with less constraints of time, place and costs than existing training courses entail
- a concept for learning that is tailored for local governments and makes use of the learning platform

- a plan of how to best introduce this concept and the learning platform in local governments.

The computer-aided learning platform is based on open source software and open educational resources (OER), which allows for easy use and re-use of material and generates relatively low costs for access to high- quality learning material. Within the learning platform, employees of local governments can search and find the learning material they need, it helps them to learn what they find and, eventually, also allows them to share their knowledge with others. EAGLE is eager to involve more local governments, particularly in the

validation phase. As part of the survey, platform users had to discuss the good practice guidelines for cross-EU collaboration. Participants rated the structure, detail, clarity and usability of the guidelines. Over the coming months, participants will also take part in an online forum to discuss their views.

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## **Municipal District of Donegal meeting of the 13th December 2016 Motions & Questions**

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**Agenda Item No.**

Office Ref:DLMD-2016-18001

**Submitted by** **Clr. Noel Andrew Jordan**

**Assigned to:** Roads and Transportation

**Motion** That this Municipal District calls on Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) to reclassify the regional road which is the R263 from the Five Points Killybegs to Glencolmcille from regional to a national secondary road

**Signed off by:** MARK SWEENEY

**Response:** Subject to adoption of this Motion a report will be prepared requesting the reclassification of the R263 from Regional to National Secondary status.  
This report when completed will be forwarded to the Roads Office in Lifford for submission to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport for consideration.

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**Submitted by** **Clr. Niamh Kennedy**

**Assigned to:** Water and Environment

**Motion** That this Municipal District calls on Donegal County Council, Irish Water and the Glen Folk Village Trust to enter into negotiations with regard to extending the sewerage pipe line to the Glencolmcille Folk Village

**Signed off by:** Michael McGarvey

**Response:** Irish Water assumed role of Water Services Authority in January 2014 from Donegal Co. Co. and other local authorities across the country. Irish Water's role / authority provides for funding and delivery of major capital water services projects. These projects includes the Glencolmcille Sewerage Scheme.

DCC have been informed by Irish Water, all queries relating to Irish Water projects are to be issued directly to Irish Water. I have included below Irish Water's dedicated contact e-mail and telephone number for Local Elected Members.

e-mail: [localrepsupport@water.ie](mailto:localrepsupport@water.ie)

Tel: 1890 178 178

I trust the above enables the Folk Village Trusts' interests to be advanced directly with Irish Water.

