Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall

Oifig Riarthóir na gCruinnithe, Aras an Chontae, Leifear.

3 Feabhra, 2015

FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall siúl <u>De Máirt 10 Feabhra 2015</u>, <u>ag 2.00 i.n. in Ionad</u> Serbhísí Pobail, Bhaile Dhún na nGall.

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS DÚN NA nGALL

A Chara,

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

Mise, le meas

p.p. Riarthóir Cruinnithe

Municipal District of Donegal

Office of Meetings Administrator, County House, Lifford.

3rd February, 2015

NOTICE OF MEETING

A Meeting the Municipal District of Donegal will be held on **Tuesday 10th February**, **2015 at 2.00 p.m. in the Donegal Public Services Centre.**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL

Dear Councillor,

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

Yours sincerely,

for Liam Ward, Meetings Administrator

AGENDA

- 1. Consideration of Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 13th January 2015.
- 2. Consideration of Minutes of Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 13th January 2015.
- 3. Update Reports from Council Services:
 - 3.1 Housing & Building
 - 3.2 Roads / Transportation
 - 3.3 Planning & Economic Development
 - 3.4 Community, Enterprise and Cultural Services
- 4. Motions
 - 4.1 <u>Cllr Tom Conaghan</u>

"That Tir Chonaill Bridge, Donegal Town receives joint priority alongside Fintra Bridge on the list of priorities for major funding. Therefore whatever project is ready for development first shall then proceed"

4.2 Cllr Niamh Kennedy

"That this Municipal District request from Lifford the employment of a number of litter wardens and cameras at bottle banks and other litter black spots".

5. Questions

5.1 <u>Cllr Noel Jordan</u>

"Can the Council advise if any progress has been made in having Irish Water Staff attend meetings of the Municipal District of Donegal in relation to ongoing water problems?"

5.2 Cllr Noel Jordan

"What input does the Municipal District of Donegal have in relation to the National Roads Authority in identifying accident black spots in the Municipal District of Donegal?"

5.3 Cllr Niamh Kennedy

"What can this Council do to help tidy towns committees to ask owners of private dwellings and properties which are in need of care and attention e.g. painting, weeds, run down properties etc.?"

- 6. 6.1 Request for a Deputation from Creevy & District Community Development Co-Operative Society Ltd.
- 7. Date of Next Meeting (10th March 2015)

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD AT 2.00 P. M. ON TUESDAY THE 13TH JANUARY 2015 IN THE PETER KENNEDY CHAMBER, DONEGAL PUBLIC SERVICES CENTRE, DONEGAL

MDD/01/15 MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MDD/02/15 Apologies Cllr Sean McEniff

MDD/03/15 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr.Garry Martin, Head of Finance & Director of Information Systems and Emergency Services

Ms. Bridie McBrearty, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal Mr. Peadar Thomas, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal Mr. Barney McLaughlin, Administrative Officer, Community & Enterprise

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

Mr. Killian Smith, Executive Planner, Planning & Economic Development

MDD/04/15 VOTES OF SYMPATHY

A vote of sympathy was passed in respect of the recent death of Mr. Dan O'Neill, formerly of Failte Ireland

MDD/05/15 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE DONEGAL ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 9TH DECEMBER 2014

On the proposal of Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr Kennedy the Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 9th December 2014 were confirmed.

MDD/06/15 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF WORKSHOP OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON THE 9TH DECEMBER 2014

On the proposal of Cllr Kennedy, seconded by Cllr Jordan, the Minutes of the Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 9th December 2014 were confirmed.

MDD/07/15 ATTENDANCE OF DEPUTATION FROM THE ALLINGHAM ARTS ASSOCIATION

Members welcomed the Deputation from the Allingham Arts Association which was represented by Mr. Tom Sigafoos, Chairperson, Mr. Carl Duggan, Committee Member and Mr. Padraic Lynch, Public Relations. The Deputation circulated and presented a detailed submission to Members which also included a short video. The submission/presentation covered such matters as:

- Background
- Goals
- Themes
- Four Strands of the Allingham Festival
- The support the Allingham Arts Association had received from Ballyshanon Town Council
- Funding and Support received from Donegal County Council
- Goals for 2015
- Successes of the Festival to-date
- Similar support / funding being sought from the Municipal District of Donegal / Donegal County Council for 2015.

A number of queries from Members were dealt with by the Deputation. In conclusion, Cllr O'Neill thanked them for their attendance and acknowledged the deputation's call for funding and support. He confirmed their request would receive consideration and that the Municipal District of Donegal would revert to the Allingham Arts Association in due course through the Community and Enterprise Section.

MDD/08/15 HOUSING AND CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

Progress reports on Grants, Loans and Casual Vacancies

Members noted the update reports on Grants, Loans, and Casual Vacancies as circulated with the Agenda and presented by Ms. Bridie McBrearty, Area Manager. Ms. B McBrearty also briefed Members in relation to further update on the Casual Vacancies.

Proposed sale of Rural Cottage at Inver, Co. Donegal

Ms. B McBrearty briefed Members in relation to a Rural Cottage at Inver which had been advertised for sale on two occasions but which had not received any offers near the asking price. She informed Members an increased offer has recently been received which is receiving consideration. She confirmed to Members that there was no housing need in the area and because of its rural location it was unlikely the Council would ever be able to let the property. She asked Members for approval to proceed to Section 183 if it was considered appropriate. Following a short discussion, Members unanimously agreed the matter could go as a Section 183 to the Plenary Council.

Handball Alley, Ballyshannon

Cllr O'Neill referred to the Handball Alley in Ballyshannon which the Council owns and advised that one of the walls is subsiding with a large crack appearing in it and raised safety concerns. He asked who would be responsible for having the matter dealt with. Following a short discussion, Ms. McBrearty agreed to arrange to have the matter investigated under dangerous structures.

MDD/09/15 ROADS / TRANSPORTATION SERVICES REPORT

Road Works Programme 2015

Mr. P Thomas referred to the workshop on Friday the 9th January 2015 at which the Road Works Programme for 2015 was discussed. He circulated the proposed programme for 2015. On the proposal of Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr Conaghan, Members resolved to adopt the programme for 2015 subject to €30,000 of the allocation of €77,800 being specifically allocated for works at Marine Drive and Harbour View.

Winter Maintenance

Mr. P Thomas informed Members that Roads Staff were concentrating on winter maintenance given the weather conditions. Following this pot holes would need to be repaired.

In response to a query from Cllr Campbell, Mr. P Thomas confirmed that grit is available to the public at a number of locations which are published on the Council's Website. Otherwise if they contact the office it can be delivered.

In response to a query from Cllr Jordan if the road from Ardaghey to Castleogary could be gritted earlier in the mornings given the difficulties locals were having in getting to work, Mr. P Thomas informed Members that this road is not on one of the agreed gritting routes. As the gritting routes are maximised to grit as much road as possible per load of salt it is not possible to extend routes further. Additional gritting is done after the agreed routes have been completed usually after 9.00 am.

Flooding at Castle Street, Donegal Town.

In response to a request from Cllr Conaghan, Mr. P Thomas undertook to arrange to meet on site with Cllr Conaghan and the roads Area Engineer to review this matter.

Road at Creevy Pier, Ballyshannon

Cllr O'Neill referred to a large drop near Creevy Pier and he requested a crash barrier/fence be erected and some roads surface repairs be carried out. In response to same, Mr. P Thomas undertook to investigate with a view to having some works carried out from maintenance monies.

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Flooding at Shannon's Corner, Ballyshannon

In response to a request for the Council to carry out some works at Shannon's Corner, Ballyshannon to relieve flooding, Mr. P Thomas undertook investigate and revert to Members.

Barrier at the Playground in Killybegs

In response to a request from Cllr Kennedy that a barrier be erected at the playground in Killybegs, Mr. P Thomas undertook to investigate this matter and revert to Members.

Marine Programme for 2015

Following a request from Cllr Campbell to have a presentation on the Marine Programme in the Municipal District of Donegal for 2015 at the next meeting, Mr. P Thomas undertook to refer the matter to the Marine Section for attention.

MDD/10/15 PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

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

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

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

Application at Laghey

In response to a query from Cllr Jordan regarding an application for planning permission for a Montessori School at Laghey, Mr. K Smith confirmed that he was unable to discuss this as it was a 'live' application.

Letter of Bona Fides

In response to a query from Cllr Campbell as to whether there were any guidelines issued in relation to 'letter of bona fides', Mr. K smith informed Members he was not aware of any yet but would refer the matter to the Central Planning Unit.

Fence at Magheracar, Bundoran.

Cllr O'Neill referred to a fence at Magheracar, Bundoran which he had raised a number of times and asked if the fence could be removed. In response to the request, Mr. K Smith informed Members that the original decision was to prosecute the developer for erecting the fence. However, a receiver had been appointed for as the developer is insolvent. He advised as the case was now over 7 years old it is 'statute barred' and the Council was unable to prosecute. He did however inform Members that discussions/negotiations are ongoing with the appointed receiver in an effort to resolve the matter.

The Battery, Clyhore, Ballyshannon

Cllr O'Neill referred to the Battery, Clyhore, Ballyshannon where the residents have been affected by the removal of a turning bay and other works which had been carried out. He asked that the Council ensure that access to the turning bay and bridge etc. is restored. In response Mr. K Smith informed Members he was not in a position to discuss this as the matter remains before the courts. Furthermore the application for retention is still a live application.

MDD/11/15 COMMUNITY & ENTERPRISE REPORT

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

- Public Area Enhancement Scheme
- Donegal Craft Village
- Donegal Film Office
- Archives Section
- 'Sail West' project promoting the Malin Waters Brand.

Mr. B McLaughlin also confirmed that Mr. Traolach O'Fionnainn, Arts Officer and Ms. Maria Ferguson, Strategic Policy Unit was dealing with the 'Creative Europe' project.

Telescopes for Sliabh Liag

In response to a query by Cllr Campbell, Mr. McLaughlin confirmed that he had not used the 'talking telescopes' provided at Malin Head. Telescopes will be provided at Sliabh Liag but not 'talking ones'.

Industrial Site at Portnason, Ballyshannon

Cllr O'Neill queried what works were carried out at the old IDA site at Portnason, Ballyshannon from the funding provided by the IDA. He also requested that the entrance to the site be enhanced and new signage be erected which could be used to provide a better image for the advertisement on the Donegal Portal. Mr. McLaughlin confirmed that in agreement with the IDA some of the grant had been used to refurbish and replace the asbestos roof at the Craft Village in Donegal Town. Mr. Garry Martin, Director informed Members he would arrange for engagement between Mr. Eamonn Boyle and the IDA regarding possible enhancement works to the entrance of the site.

Malin Waters Video Production/Tourism

In response to a query from Cllr Kennedy in relation to the Malin Waters Video Production, Mr. B McLaughlin informed Members that this is located on <u>www.govisitdonegal.ie</u> as an embedded video.

In response to a further query from Cllr Kennedy regarding funding under this area, Mr. B McLaughlin confirmed that funding is awaited for 2015.

He also informed Members that Ms. Joy Harron is the Project Officer on the website development and that while the Tourism Officer had left this matter is being addressed. The Members asked that their compliments be passed on to the staff working on the marketing campaign.

Cllr O'Neill enquired if there was any link between Donegal County Council and Donegal TV and submitted that this would be an opportunity for the Council to promote the County and asked if this could be pursued. Mr. McLaughlin confirmed that this had not been done as of yet. Mr. G Martin advised that the Chief Executive would highlight the priority strategic areas for the next few years in the meeting to follow. He submitted that it was hoped that there would be a second phase to the Malin Waters project. He confirmed that marketing is moving to a focus of digital marketing which is being promoted at conferences for the trade so that they may take best advantage of this. However funding is likely to be more focused on infrastructure.

In response to a query from Cllr Campbell regarding the circulation of the Donegal Tourism News Letter, Mr. B McLaughlin informed Members there were 500 printed copies distributed to the Libraries and other digital circulation. Cllr Campbell submitted it was important for the trade to be advsied that they can receive the newsletter digitally to keep them informed.

In response to a query from Cllr Campbell regarding the availability of Tourism funding through INTERREG, Mr. B McLaughlin informed Members there would not be included in this programme.

In response to a query from Cllr Campbell regarding Peace Funding, Mr. B McLaughlin informed Members that details of the finalised programmes should be available for the next meeting.

In response to a query from Cllr Campbell regarding the Greener Transport funding Mr. B McLaughlin confirmed that the Council would try to maximise the opportunities from available funding while staying within the rules governing the specific funds.

In response to a request from Cllr Campbell for the EU Unit to do a presentation to brief the Members of the Municipal District of on funding opportunities, readiness of community groups etc., Mr. G Martin informed Members that a County-Wide Workshop for this purpose is being given consideration by Management at present. Given the time pressures on the EU Unit he advised it would be more efficient to hold one County Wide workshop rather than five Municipal Workshops and undertook to revert to Members in this regard at a later date.

Town Clock at Gallogleys, Ballyshannon

Cllr O'Neill made a lengthy submission regarding the repair of the Town Clock at Ballyshannon, the importance of same to the Town, and the need for assistance/funding to repair/restore same. He asked that the Heritage Office and the EU-Unit review the matter to see if funding can be sourced for its repair.

Mr. G Martin advised that the fact that the clock is in private ownership there is difficulty in accessing public funding. He also submitted that the costs involved would need to be assessed and it may come back to the Municipal District for consideration to see if it is a sufficient priority for funding. Mr. B McLaughlin also advised that funding was previously provided through the Leader programme for some mechanical and improvement works. It was agreed that the matter would be investigated by Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Martin and be brought back before the Municipal District at a later date.

MDD/12/15 Representation from Water & Environment Section

Cllr Campbell expressed his dissatisfaction as there was nobody attending the meetings to deal with environmental issues including the increasing problem of litter in the area. Mr. G Martin informed Members he would discuss this with the relevant Director of Service and the Chief Executive so that a solution can be provided moving forward.

MDD/13/15 DISCUSSION ON FOOTPATH REPAIRS AT MARIAN VILLAS, DONEGAL TOWN.

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

"That the Municipal District of Donegal put Footpath Repairs in Marian Villas, Donegal Town on the works programme for 2015"

Members were informed that:-

"When this type of funding is received the Elected Members will have to prioritise footpath repairs throughout the entire Municipal Area".

MDD/14/15 DISCUSSION ON STARTING NEGOTIATIONS WITH DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND THE MARINE TO LEASE LAND FOR CARPARK AND AMENITY AREA AT KILLYBEGS

On the proposal of Cllr Kennedy, seconded by Cllr Jordan the following motion was adopted.

"That this Municipal District start negotiations with the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine to seek a lease agreement for the car park and old weighbridge area at the auction hall pier in order to progress future development of Killybegs for a public amenity to include parking and public toilets at this location which is adjacent to the bus stop and beside the playground"

Members were informed that:-

"Mr. P Thomas would enquire from the Sanitary Services section of Donegal County Council as to any plans for Public Toilets at this location".

Cllr Kennedy thanked Mr. Thomas and submitted that it is not a complete answer. She submitted that the Council should commence negotiations with the Department as outlined in the motion. She submitted the area is a perfect location to provide amenities for Killybegs including public toilets, car parking, Wild Atlantic Way etc. Cllr Campbell, supporting the motion queried if there would be more details presented to Members in advance of the Council being committed to expenditure in this case and in response to the query, Mr. P Thomas undertook to revert to Members prior to finalising any leases or other commitments regarding this motion.

MEMBERS NOTED THE FOLLOWING QUESTION:-

MDD/15/15 PARKING ISSUES- DONEGAL TOWN

The following question was submitted by Cllr Noel Jordan:-

"Can the Municipal District of Donegal seriously try to address some of the parking issues that Donegal Town Business Focus Group brought forward to our meeting in December 2014?-

Cllr Jordan was informed that:-

"This issue is to be addressed at the forth coming roads workshop.

MDD/16/15 Pedestrian Crossing at Killybegs

The following question was submitted by Cllr Niamh Kennedy:-

"Has there been any progress on the previous motion regarding a pedestrian crossing at the playground in Killybegs?-

Cllr Kennedy was informed that:-

"Specific funding has not been acquired for this project yet but efforts to acquire such funding are on going.

MDD/17/15 Allocation for Muckross

The following question was submitted by Cllr Niamh Kennedy:-

"How was the allocation of €26,000.00 for Muckross from Failte Ireland spent"?-

Cllr Kennedy was informed that:-

"Under the Wild Atlantic Way – Discovery Points scheme funded by Failte Ireland the roads section of Donegal County Council spent approx \notin 9,000 repairing local stone walls and road verges. A further \notin 6,000 has been retained by Failte Ireland for information signage at this location which will be provided at a later stage..

MDD/18/15 REQUEST TO EXPLORE LINKS WITH CRAIGAVON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Cllr O'Neill referred to a recent delegation from Ballyshannon that went to visit a World War I commemoration in France. He advised that the delegation had met with the Mayor of Craigavon on the trip and there was interest in exploring links with Craigavon Borough Council and Donegal County Council and he requested that the Mayor be invited to attend the next meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal. In response to a query from Cllr Campbell if it was the Municipal District there was the interest in forging links with or just Ballyshannon, Cllr O'Neill clarified it was the Municipal District.

In response to the request above, Mr. G Martin advised it would be more appropriate for the body corporate to engage and suggested that Mr. B McLaughlin would explore this and engage at an Executive level. This was agreed. Mr. B McLaughlin advised he would revert to Members at a later date in relation to this matter.

MDD/19/15 Date of next meeting

Members noted the date of the next meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal is due to be held **on Tuesday the 10th February 2015 commencing at 2.00 p.m**. as per the agreed Stranding Orders.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Area Manager Municipal District of Donegal

Cathaoirleach Municipal District of Donegal

Members present:

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

Apologies:

Cllr Sean McEniff

Officials in Attendance:

Mr. Seamus Neely, Chief Executive
Mr. Garry Martin, Manager, Municipal District of Donegal/Director of Finance, Emergency Services and Information Systems
Mr. Bartley McGlynn, Divisional Manager, Finance Services
Ms. Bridie McBrearty, Area Manager, Housing & Corporate Services
Mr. Peadar Thomas, Area Manager, Roads / Transportation
Mr. Barney McLaughlin, Administrative Officer, Community & Enterprise
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing / Corporate Services

Minutes

Budget for Municipal District of Donegal 2015 / Service Plan

Members welcomed Mr. Seamus Neely, Chief Executive and Mr. Bartley McGlynn, Divisional Manager to the workshop. Mr. Garry Martin, Director of Finance, Information Systems and Emergency Services outlined the purpose of the workshop and briefed Members on legislative requirements. A schedule of maintenance and repair works for the Municipal District must be prepared for adoption by the Municipal District Members before the end of March. The process for this is being considered at the forthcoming Corporate Policy Group meeting and workshops will be held in February to update Members further. In turn these schedules will be incorporated in the Service Delivery Plans which will come before the Plenary Council to be adopted.

Mr. Seamus Neely, Chief Executive outlined to the Members the changes in local government in the past year with the abolition of the Town Councils, the establishment of Local Enterprise Offices and the role of Local Authorities in the oversight of Local Development Companies. He informed Members that he sees a strong leadership role at local level for the Municipal District and that the emphasis will be placed on providing a strategic focus to the development of the district. An Economic Development Plan will be adopted in each Municipal District which will facilitate in lobbying Agencies to maximise funding/outcomes for the area. He confirmed the importance of the cross border element in relation to the Council's role as a development agency in leveraging funding working with groups such as ICBAN, North West Regional Cross Border Group, ICLRD etc. The Chief Executive also advised Members there is a role for the Council involving Community Groups and other Agencies to ensure that all parties are positioned to have plans ready to be submitted to the outside funding agencies as opportunities arise. He also submitted that no one is better placed to decide what the priorities are for the Area than the Municipal District Members.

Comments and queries raised were dealt with by Mr. Neely at the meeting.

In conclusion he advised that the matters discussed at the workshop would be summarised and brought back to the full Council as would a summary of the issues raised in the other Municipal Districts. The process for agreeing the Service Plans would be ironed out by the Corporate Policy Group in the coming days and this would come back to the Municipal Districts at the next round of meetings.

This concluded the business of the Workshop.

Area Manager , Municipal District of Donegal Cathaoirleach, Municipal District of Donegal

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL MEETING 10TH FEBRUARY, 2015-01-30

UPDATE REPORT

HOUSING SERVICES

- 1. Follow-up report on issues raised at previous meeting
- 2. Progress report Social Housing Supports
- 3. Casual vacancies
- 4. Proposed Section 183 Meenaneary, Carrick
- 5. Any other business

30th January 2015

<u>HOUSING</u>	
<u>GRANTS</u>	

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

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

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

HOUSING LOANS @ 30th January 2015

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

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

Location of Vacancy	Area	BED	Dwelling Vacated	Repairs Completed
SI Cottage at Ballinacarrick	BALLINTRA	3	24th March, 2013 (Tenant Deceased)	Referred to Solictors
1 Erne Dale Heights	BALLYSHANNON	1	23rd March, 2013	Major Refurb required
1B Ernedale Heights	BALLYSHANNON	1	10/02/2009	Major Refurb required
2 Erne Dale Heights	BALLYSHANNON	1	15th July 2009	Major Refurb required
2B Erne Dale Heights	BALLYSHANNON	1	4th January 2011	Major Refurb required
77 Erne Dale Heights	BALLYSHANNON	3	23/08/2012	Major Refurb required
60 St Benildus Avenue	BALLYSHANNON	2	Repossessed on 28/04/2010	Major Refurb required
30 Cluain Barron	BALLYSHANNON	3	11 October 2013	Major Refurb required
19 Mountain View	BUNDORAN	1	Oct-13	Works ongoing
20 Elaghmore	BUNDORAN	3	1-Mar-2014	Works ongoing
22 Bunholvil	BUNDORAN	3	25-Jul-2014	Works ongoing
25 Ben Whisken View	BUNDORAN	3	29-Sep-2014	Works ongoing
8 Clós Naomh Columba	CARRICK	3	18-Jul-2014	No demand
12 St Mary's Park	DONEGAL	2	26-Jan-2015	Awaiting return of keys
18 Railway Park	DONEGAL	3	3-Nov-2014	Works ongoing
201 Castleview	DUNKINEELY	3	27-Jun-2014	Major Refurb required
11 Springfield Park	DUNKINEELY	2	19/12/2014 (tenant deceased)	Awaiting return of keys
3 An Glasán	KILCAR	2	02 December 2014	Works ongoing
SI Cottage at Stragar North	KILLYBEGS	2	17th Aug 2012	Major Refurb required
26 Termon Villas	PETTIGO	3	30th January 2013	Work Commenced

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 211 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 AND SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 – DISPOSAL OF LAND AT MEENANEARY, CARRICK, CO. DONEGAL TO MR. OLIVER KENNEDY

Dear Councillor,

Notice is hereby given that Donegal County Council proposes to dispose of a plot of land at Meenaneary, Carrick, County Donegal to Mr. Oliver Kennedy, Meenaneary, Carrick, County Donegal, subject to terms and conditions as follows:

It is proposed to dispose of a plot of land located at Meenaneary, Carrick, Co. Donegal to Mr. Oliver Kennedy, Meenaneary, Carrick Co. Donegal. The area of the property is 0.27 Hectares and is outlined in red on the attached map. Folio No. DL22700F.

The land was transferred to the Council in May 1985 to build an SI Cottage for the late Connie Doherty who passed away in August 2012. However the house was built in error on Folio No. DL18329 which remained registered to the Late Patrick Doherty. This house (on Folio No. DL18329) was subsequently sold to Mr. Oliver Kennedy (nephew of the deceased) by means of Section 183 disposal approved by the Council at the meeting held on 28th April 2014.

Folio no. DL22700F is of no value to the Council and was incorrectly transferred to the Council in 1985.

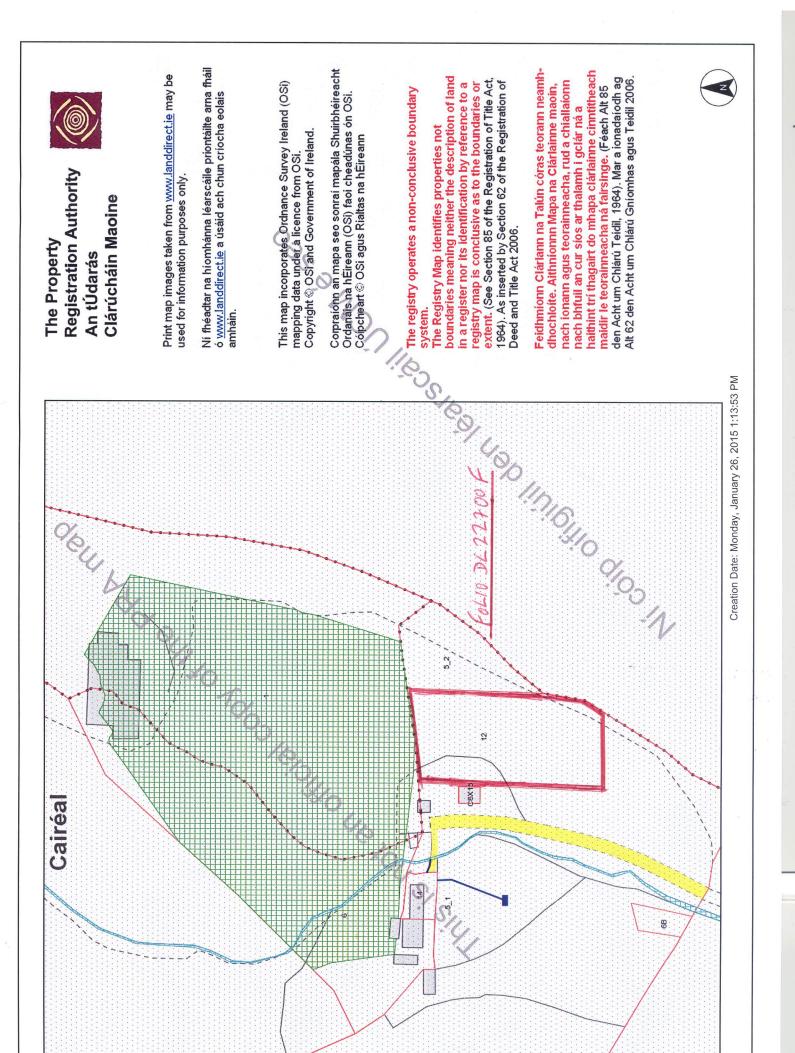
In order to rectify this matter it is proposed to dispose of the plot to Mr. Oliver Kennedy who is the sole beneficiary of Mr. Doherty's Estate subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The purchaser will be responsible for Donegal County Council's legal costs regarding the transfer.
- 2. The purchaser will be responsible for the preparation of land transfer mapping required to facilitate the transfer.
- 3. Any future development on these plots will be subject to the approval of the Planning Authority.

The approval of the Members of Donegal County Council is hereby sought to proceed to formally dispose of the land, as outlined above, under Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

Yours sincerely,

For Director of Services Housing/Corporate



3.2 Roads / Transportation Reports – MDD February 2015

Donegal Municipal Area Roads Schedule Of Works

Restoration 2015

Road Class	Road No.	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Length of work (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost of work (EURO)	Cumulative Cost of work (EURO)
L	LP 2425-2/4 LP1955-	Ballyshannon Streets	Ballyshannon	600	4800	100,000	100,000
L	1/25-1	Donegal Streets	Laghey	600	4800	100,000	200,000
R	R-262	Sir Albert's Bridge,	Dunkineely	250	1500	30,070	230,070
R	R-263-2	Killybegs Streets	Killybegs	800	3200	77,800	307,870
R	R-263-14	Cashel Village - (Fire Station)	Killybegs	250	1500	40,000	347,870
R	R231	Rossnowlagh rd	Ballyshannon	800	4800	96,000	443,870
R	R232 1-4	Pettigoe Rd patches	Laghey/Bally	1000	5000	160,000	603,870
LP	L-1365-4	Drimaghy - Tullinteane	Dunkineely	1300	4550	48,500	652,370
LS	L-5085-1	Dooey (Hostel Road)	Killybegs	1300	3900	58,500	710,870
LP	LP2175-1	Ballintra Street	Ballyshannon	350	2100	39,900	750,770
LS	LS6585-1	Clarcam	Laghey	500	1500	20,000	770,770
LP	L-1375-2/3	Croagh Orbal - Meenagoland	Dunkineely	1000	3500	38,500	809,270
LP	L-1315-2	Faiafannan - Stragar	Killybegs	800	2800	42,000	851,270
LP	LP2365-2	Cashelard	Ballyshannon	700	3500	66,500	917,770
LP	LP1945-3	Lough Eske Demensne	Laghey	1200	4800	80,000	997,770

LP	L-1415-1	Loughmuilt - Ballywoges	Dunkineely	1000	3500	38,500	1,036,270
LP	L-1125-1	Carrick - Meenaneary	Killybegs	800	3600	54,000	1,090,270
LP	LP2535-1	Ballymunterhiggins	Ballyshannon	1000	4000	32,400	1,122,670
LS	LS6495-1	Heneys	Laghey	1000	3500	50,000	1,172,670
LP	L-1645-1/2	Raneely - Drumcoe	Dunkineely	1000	3500	36,225	1,208,895
LP	L-1085-2	Carrick - Teelin	Killybegs	1000	4500	67,500	1,276,395
LS	LS8065-1	Tievemore-Lettercran	Ballyshannon	1600	4800	72,000	1,348,395
LP	LP1815-5	Drumboarty	Laghey	1000	3000	38,000	1,386,395
LP	L-1685	Selicas - Letterfad	Dunkineely	1000	3600	39,600	1,425,995
LP	L-1315-1	Church road Killybegs	Killybegs	500	2500	37,500	1,463,495
LS	L7475-2	County Bridge	Ballyshannon	1200	3600	43,200	1,506,695
LP	LP1965-1	Friary Road	Laghey	1000	3000	38,000	1,544,695
LS	L-6085	Edenamuck - Drimaheark	Dunkineely	1000	3500	36,225	1,580,920
LP	L-1195-1	Line Road Kilcar	Killybegs	400	1900	28,500	1,609,420
LS	LS7265-2	Ballymagroarty	Ballyshannon	850	2635	28,985	1,638,405
LS	L-6035-1	Lettermore - Letterfad	Dunkineely	600	2100	23100	1,661,505
LP	LP-1865-1	Ballydevitt-Drumstevlin	Laghey	1000	4000	52,000	1,713,505
LP	L-1565-2	Inver Port - Hillhead - Fanaghans	Dunkineely	800	2800	28,980	1,742,485
LP	L-1185-3	Ballymoon Road	Killybegs	570	2280	34,200	1,776,685
LS	LS7515-2	Alla	Ballyshannon	1000	3000	33,000	1,809,685
LS	L-5895-1	R262 - Dibbin School	Dunkineely	1200	4200	48,300	1,857,985
LS	LS6421-1	Spierstown	Laghey	1500	3500	70,000	1,927,985

LP	L-1565-1	N56 - Inver	Dunkineely	300	450	26,000	1,953,985	
LS	LS8005-1	Clyhore	Ballyshannon	200	1000	20,000	1,973,985	
LP	L-1345-2	Ballyloughan - Benroe	Dunkineely	700	2450	25,000	1,998,985	
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LS	LS6795-1	Drumnahoul	Laghey	1000	3500	42,000	1,703,505	
LP	LP2335-2	Rockhill	Ballyshannon	1000	3000	33,000	1,736,505	
R	R-262	Frosses - Glenties O'Haras Corner to Caslings	Dunkineely	1000	5500	79,000	1,815,505	
R	R-263-8	Bridge	Killybegs	700	4200	60,000	1,875,505	
LT	LT67652	Ardnagassan	Laghey	800	2400	35,000	1,910,505	
LS	LS7335-1	Carnhugh-Glasskeeragh	Ballyshannon	1000	3000	36,000	1,946,505	
LS	L-5325-1	Croaghbeg	Killybegs	1300	3900	58,500	2,005,005	
LS	LS7325-1	Rath Mountain	Laghey	1500	4500	63,000	2,068,005	
LT	LT80351-1	Tievemore	Ballyshannon	1000	3500	49,000	2,117,005	
LP	LP1975-2	Townawully	Laghey	1300	5200	65,000	2,182,005	

	<u>Car Parking - In</u>	Income & Expenditure 2015	enditure 20)15	
			Exp	Expenditure	
Job Code	Description	Income	Fixed Costs	Discretionary	Comments
Donegal Town					
22317001	Car Parking Charges	190,000			Estimate
72375001	Car Parking Enforcement & Fines	7,000			Estimate
22317001	Traffic Warden		51,236		Inc overheads
22317001	Co-ordinator	Annal Barrier	27,799		Half with Ballybofey
22317001	VAT		23,000		2
22317001	Van		5,000		Half with Ballybofey
22317001	Car Park Sweeper		4		Weekends and Bank Hols
22317001	Tickets and Machine Parts		5,000		
	Total	197,000	152,035	Tov Rep Car Foo 44,965 etc.	Town Projects; Repair and Improvements to Car Parks, Road Lining, Footpaths, Christmas Lights, etc.

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Housing Corporate & Planning Control Services

Planning Control Report

Donegal Municipal District Meeting – 10th February 2015

Content:

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

	ry or planning app	Apps				< 2	
	Period	Recd	Granted	Refused	Deferred	< 2 months	Invalid
Donegal	01/01/14-31/03/14	92	51	19	18	47	18
	01/04/14-30/6/14	107	64	11	22	59	11
	01/07/14-30/09/14	93	69	13	21	66	20
	01/10/14-31/12/14	77	57	6	26	46	9
Total		369	241	49	87	218	58
Glenties	01/01/14-31/03/14	86	60	2	26	37	10
	01/04/14-30/6/14	81	68	3	21	46	9
	01/07/14-30/09/14	57	61	8	18	56	4
	01/10/14-31/12/14	68	54	3	15	37	5
Total		292	243	16	80	176	28
Inishowen	01/01/14-31/03/14	82	62	8	22	49	17
	01/04/14-30/6/14	69	48	8	21	38	15
	01/07/14-30/09/14	85	50	7	30	41	13
	01/10/14-31/12/14	78	51	9	31	46	14
Total		314	211	32	104	174	59
Letterkenny	01/01/14-31/03/14	117	60	7	17	49	22
	01/04/14-30/6/14	120	79	11	29	70	24
	01/07/14-30/09/14	93	68	11	36	55	20
	01/10/14-31/12/14	87	51	11	21	45	18
Total		417	258	40	103	219	84
Stranorlar	01/01/14-31/03/14	46	33	5	24	16	9
	01/04/14-30/6/14	43	36	2	15	29	7
	01/07/14-30/09/14	42	25	3	20	16	8
	01/10/14-31/12/14	45	35	2	19	20	6
Total		176	129	12	78	81	30
County Tot	tals*	1568	1082	149	452	868	259

Summary of planning applications for each Municipal District

*Includes Town Council stats for full year

Appeal's Received (01/01/2015 – 29/01/2015)

REF NO	APPLICANTS NAME	APP. TYPE	DECISION DATE	L.A. DECISION	DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION	BORD PLEANALA RECD DATE
14/90009	SHAUN PURCELL CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF BUNCRANA ADULT EDUCATION & TRAINING BOARD	Ρ	04/12/2014	С	CONSTRUCTION OF AN EXTENSION TO BUNCRANA ADULT EDUCATION AND TRAINING CENTRE, COMPRISING OF A NEW STAIRWELL, LIFT, STAFF ROOM AND CLASSROOM, INCLUDING TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION ACCESS AND CONNECTION TO EXISTING ON- SITE SERVICES.	06/01/2015

Appeal's Decision Notified (01/01/2015-29/01/2015)

REF NO	DEVELOPMENT	APP. DECISIO	BORD	DECISION
	DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION	TYPE DATE	PLEANALA DEC. DATE	
12/50965	Permission - granted for refurbishment of and extension to existing former dwelling building, installation of an approved proprietary wastewater treatment system and polishing filter and construction of a new entrance and associated site works Retention permission granted for existing mobile home on site for the duration of the above works Ardvalley	P 22/8/201	07/01/2015	Refused
	Ardara			
14/50792	Construction of a storey and a half type dwelling house, domestic garage with treatment system/percolation area and all associated site works Owenboy	DARY P 21/8/201	15/01/2015	Refused
	as Ov		sociated site works	sociated site works wenboy

Transboundary Applications

Ref.No:	N.I. Ref.No:	Date Rec'd	App./Contact	Туре	Description / Location	Case Officer	Status
TB 12/02	J/2011/0148/F	01/10/2012		Environmental Impact Assessment Procedure	11 no. Wind turbines at Meenablagh Tullycar, Altamullan, Aghyaran, Castlederg	P Kelly	Case Closed
TB 12/03	J/2011/0082/F	08/10/2013	D.O.E. N.I.	Further Environmental Information and Revised Plans	Amendment to Windfarm at Crighshane & Crighdenis, Killeter, Castlederg.	P Kelly	Active
TB 13/02	A/2012/0146/Preapp	25/10/2013	D.O.E. N.I.	Preliminary Enquiry	Re-deployment of end of life vehicle (ELV) facility from Lenamore Road	P Kelly	Case Closed
TB 12/04	2012/A0070	29/10/2013	PAC N.I.	Transboundary Appeal - Further Environmental Information (FE1 111)	Amendment to Windfarm at Altgolan & Meenclogher, Killen, Castlederg	P Kelly	Case Closed.
TB 13/03	J/2013/0281/RM	30/10/2013	D.O.E. N.I.	Environmental Impact Assessment Procedure	Roads - Lifford Road & Strabane Road	P Kelly	Case Closed.
TBSR08/01	J2007/0700/F	01/11/2013	D.O.E. N.I.	Further Environmental Information and Revised Plans	Amendment to Windfarm at Whisker Hill, Tullywhisker, Sion Mills.	P Kelly	Case Closed
TB 13/04	C/2013/0248/F	08/11/2013	D.O.E. N.I	Environmental Impact Assessment Procedure	Windfarm at Windy Hill	P Kelly	Active
TB 14/01	J/2013/0287/F	07/01/2014	D.O.E. N.I.	Environmental Impact Assessment Procedure	Windfarm at Meenamullan near Killeter	P Kelly	Active

TB 14/02	A/2014/0134/F	21/03/2014	D.O.E. N.I.	Environmental Impact Assessment Determination	Treatment Facility for End of Life Vehicles at Buncrana Road, Derry	P Kelly	Case Closed
TB14/03	J/2014/0124/LCB	28/04/2014	D.O.E. N.I.	Consultatation	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

Part 8 (Active)

M.D.	Ref.No:	Location	Section	Received	Status
Inishowen	PG14.08	Manorcunningham	Arch Office	03/11/2014	Finalised
Letterkenny	PG14.09	Glencar Scotch, Lky	Arch Office	03/11/2014	Active



Municipal District of Donegal

10th February 2015

Community, Development & Enterprise

REPORT

- 1. Killybegs Marketing Activities
- 2. Donegal Craft Village
- 3. Junior Achievement Programme
- 4. IPB Pride of Place Competition 2015
- 5. Film Office Website Launch
- 6. Donegal Diaspora Project
- 7. Library Services Update
 - a. Central Library New Technology
 - b. Seachtain na Gaeilge 2015
- 8. Cultural Services Update
 - a. County Donegal in 1916 Document Study Pack
 - b. Donegal County Council Scheme of Arts Grants 2015
- 9. Heritage Update
 - a. New County Donegal Heritage Plan
 - b. Historic Landscape Characterisation
 - c. Audit of Geological Heritage Sites in North Donegal
- 10. Museum Update
 - a. Archaeology Box for Schools
- 11. 'Sail West' Project promoting the MalinWaters Brand



Municipal District: Donegal

Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	Support of Killybegs Marketing Activities			
Project Description/Activity	Website and Facebook Revamp Production of Killybegs Presentation Folder			
Budget (if applicable)	€2,251,94			
Progress to date within the quarter* -inclusive of current status * Delete irrelevant reporting period	 In recent months, with the assistance of Donegal County Council, the Killybegs Information Centre website: www.killybegs.ie and Killybegs Tourism Facebook page have been fully revamped. The latest Killybegs presentation folder was created to compliment the branding of the website and was designed and produced by Letterkenny based company Browne Printers. The presentation folder will hold flyers, maps and other literature promoting tourism in the area to both cruise visitors and day trippers. The folder features information on local attractions and activities, a map of Donegal on the Wild Atlantic Way and contact information for Killybegs Information Centre should visitors require assistance. Joy Harron delivered a training session to the Killybegs Information Centre staff incl. basic page updates & blog writing. Launched of the Presentation Folder, website and Facebook page took place on Friday, 6th February 2015 in the Bay View Hotel in Killybegs, hosted by The Cathaoirleach Cllr John Campbell and Chief Executive, Seamus Neely. 			
Project Targets for the next quarterly* reporting period	• In 2015 Killybegs prepares to welcome 6,240 cruise ship passengers and crew, one ship alone having over 1,822 passengers on board. Donegal County Council is working in association with local groups to further extend the opportunities for cruise tourism with future plans to decorate parts of the town with welcome flags and banners.			
* Delete irrelevant reporting period				
Contact Person	Barney Mc Laughlin			
(to include telephone	barney.mclaughlin@donegalcoco.ie			
number & e-mail address)	074-972 4465			



Municipal District: Donegal

Activity / Project Update: February 2015

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Craft Village			
Project Description/Activity	 Removal and Replacement of Glass Units at Donegal Craft Village 			
Budget (if applicable)	1. €12,069.50 incl. VAT			
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	1. Works consists of:			
	 Removal and replacement of Glass Units with 20mm Double Glazed Units (toughened glass) 			
	Current Status: Contractor appointed.			
* Delete irrelevant reporting period				
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	 Contractor appointed and works to be completed by end of March, 2015. 			
* Delete irrelevant reporting period				
Contact Person (to include telephone number & e-mail address)	Eamon Boyle Executive Engineer Three Rivers Centre Tel: 087 1788623 <u>eamonb@donegalcoco.ie</u>			



Activity / Project Title	Junior Achievement Programme	
Project Description/Activity	Junior Achievement is the leading provider of enterprise education to young people aged between 5 – 18yrs. The twin aims are to teach young people about the world of work and encourage them to complete their education. Donegal County Council have been actively involved in the JA programme since 2003 and are recognised as being successful & popular participants. Participation in the programme is subject to funding allocation. The funding received over the years is very much appreciated and very worthwhile. JA provides excellent opportunities for both the DCC volunteers and students – volunteers develop presentation & training skills while students gain insight into business functioning and about career opportunities to strive for. There are 7 JA themes for different classes/age groups in Primary & Secondary Schools, e.g., Our Family (5-6yrs), Our City (8-9yrs), Ou nation (10 – 11yrs), Our World (11-12yrs). Training is given to the DCC volunteers before delivery of a particular programme and certificates are awarded on completion of programmes every year. The participating schools welcome the initiative every year due to involvement of all students, inclusiveness productiveness and the importance of understanding how education leads to success in life. The programme involves 1 hour per week fo 5/6 weeks.	
Budget (if applicable)	€4500 – Participation is subject to funding allocation	
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status	 DCC have introduced the JA programme to other industries in Co Donegal, i.e., Pramerica, Zeus and Randox Teo are the latest who seek to be involved with JA. DCC recognises the benefits of a worldwide company like Randox Teo who contribute positively to the local community in an active way while raising the awareness of the company amongst many future potential employees. The participating schools wish to be included in the 2015 JA programme A call will be made within DCC for volunteers within the next month. Junior Achievement Ireland will provide training to the volunteers. 	
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	 Call for Volunteers will made within a month The first few programmes hope to run from 1st April 	
Contact Person (to include telephone number & e-mail address)	Caitlín Uí Chochláin 074 9153900 / 087 9084888 <u>Caitlin.uichochlainn@donegalcoco.ie</u>	



Activity / Project Title	IPB Pride	of Place Com	petition 2015			
Project Description/Activit Y	The Pride of Place Competition is hosted by Cooperation Ireland under its Local Authority Programme which highlights the Local Authorities commitment to supporting active community groups who undertake initiatives to improve their communities and regions. Entry is by way of council nomination followed by interview on a county basis. Each local Authority may nominate groups in up to a maximum of five categories in all and one entry only in any individual category. Gaeltacht Beo, Fanad won the overall Coastal/Island award in 2014; Dore are through to the LivCom International competition in Tokyo in 2016. Clogher le Chéile, Barnesmore, won the overall Population Category in 2013. The funding allocation over the years is much appreciated by all concerned in the Pride of Place initiative.					
Budget (if applicable)				ocation		
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status	 €7,500 – participation is subject to funding allocation National meeting of Local Authority Liaison Officers took place on 21st Jan to discuss 2015 competition criteria Qualifying Pride of Place initiatives for 2015 will be acknowledged at an Awards ceremony during Social Inclusion Week in June 2015 IPB Pride of Place 2015 Categories This year there are four population categories, three single issue categories with designated themes, a Housing Estates category, an Islands and Coastal communities category and an Urban Neighbourhood category making ten categories in total. The three last named categories are not population specific. Each Local Authority may nominate groups in up to a maximum of five categories in all and one entry only in any individual category 					
		Category	Population/ Theme			
		1	0 – 300			
		2	300 - 1000			
		3	1000 - 20000			
		4	Over 2,000			
		5	Age Friendly Community Initiative			
		6	Young People in the Community Initiative			
		7	Community Health Initiative			
		8	Housing Estates (not pop specific)			
		9	Islands and Coastal Communities (ditto)			
		10	Urban Neighbourhoods (ditto)			
	Closing D	ate for Receip	ot of Entries:	20 March 2015		
Project Targets for the next bi- monthly/quarterly* reporting period	• Sh	plications / Nor ortlisting will ta erviews TBA fo		h 2015		
Contact Person (<i>to include telephone</i> <i>number & e-mail</i> <i>address</i>)	Caitlín Uí Chochláin 074 9153900 / 087 9084888 <u>Caitlin.uichochlainn@donegalcoco.ie</u>					



Municipal District:_All

Activity / Project Title	DIFIG SCANNAN DHUN NA NGALL
Project	Film Office Website launch 16 th January at Glenveagh National Park by Sean McGinley.
Description/Activity	
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 3 - inclusive of current status	FILM OFFICE HOME ABOUT US FILMING IN DONEGAL LOCATIONS PRODUCTION LIBRARY CONTACT Denergial County Council would like to invite you to the launch of the Donegal Film Office Website Website Website Website with Sean McClinley in Glenveagh Castle, Glenveagh National Park, Churchill, Letterkenny at 11-30am on Friday 16 th January 2015. RSVP filmoffice@donegalcoco.le
	Donegal born actor Sean McGinley returned home on Friday 16 th January to launch the new Donegal Film Office website at the stunningly scenic location of Glenveagh National Park.
	McGinley is well known for his roles in films and dramas such as The Republic of Doyle, Braveheart, The Butcher Boy and The Wind That Shakes the Barley.
	The new Donegal Film Office website will become the main calling card for promoting Donegal as a first choice destination for national and international filmmakers. The Film Office which is part of Donegal County Council, has been operating since 2003 and works in cooperation with location services at the Irish Film Board and participates in the network of regional offices country wide.
	Aideen Doherty, Manager of the Donegal Film Office explains that "the website has been developed to profile and market the county to the film and media sector. The website has information on the office and the resource that it provides to support film makers when they locate in the county. It contains details on local film and media courses available at LYIT and it provides images of a range of locations throughout the county including beaches, lakes, historical monuments, mountains, castles & homes and so on. It also has a production resources section that will be developed once launched".
	She added "the website is targeted at film and media companies and will hopefully become the first 'go to' site for location managers interested in finding information on Donegal. It is user-friendly and the office is open to guide and provide additional

Contact Person	Aideen Doherty Film Office Donegal County Council Malin Road Carndonagh Co. Donegal 074 937 3718 <u>www.donegalfilmoffice.ie</u>
	 Local & National media in attendance and well published Office has been inundated with media and industry enquires
	He added "I am delighted that Donegal Film Office is launching a new website that will showcase the wonderful offering that is Donegal. We have been working closely with the Donegal Film Office for a number of years and have been successful in attracting films such as Grabbers, Shine of Rainbows, Dead Long Enough and Wakewood and this new website will be an additional resource for ourselves and the Donegal Film Office to continue to promote Donegal as a great film location in Ireland".
	individuals. Naoise Barry from the Irish Film Board states that "the Irish film industry has grown hugely over the last decade and is going from strength to strength. The recent improvements to Irelands tax incentive Section 481 for film and television production has dramatically improved Ireland's competitive position as a film location. It was a great achievement to bring Star Wars to Skellig Michael during the summer and we have become home to some of the biggest TV shows including the Tudors, Vikings and Penny Dreadful. When these shows come to Ireland, they hire local talent and crews and make a huge contribution to the local economy".
	support where necessary." The Irish Film industry is estimated to be worth over €550million employing over 6,000



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Project Targets for the next	A range of events and seminars will be held throughout the year –
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reporting period	- Seminar May 2015
Contact Person	Aideen Doherty 0749373718 www.donegaldiaspora.ie



Municipal District: Letterkenny

Activity / Project Title	Central Library – New Technology
Project Description/Activity	Radio Frequency Identification Technology (RFID) has been introduced to the Central Library in Letterkenny in February 2015. RFID will greatly enhance the self-service facilities for library members. RFID is a quick and convenient means for library members to check out multiple items at the same time rather than one by one as at present. The new kiosks also have a payment facility so fines can be paid by self-service.
Budget (if applicable)	€
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status	Tens of thousands of individual items have been 'tagged' since the 19 th of January in preparation for the migration. RFID has the capability of added services in terms of library stock management and it is hoped to expand the range of functions gradually. The first step will be to encourage use of the new kiosks by the public, particularly children, who are very likely to welcome the opportunity to be independent of parents, teachers and library staff when borrowing reading material The new self service machine will be introduced in the coming weeks.
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Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	Full implementation of RFID self service in Central Library.
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Municipal District: All

Activity / Project Title	Seachtain na Gaeilge 2015
Project Description/Activity	Festival of Irish language and Culture held from the $1^{\rm st}$ to the 17 of March
Budget (if applicable)	€2,000-2,500
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status	The festival will be launched in Carndonagh Community Library on Friday the 27 th of February at 11.00am. The Library Service works closely with Oifigeach Forbartha Na Gaeilge in organsing an array of events across the county. Festival highlights this year include storytelling by Bríd Anna Ní Bhaoill, comic drawing workshops by Aidan Courtney, Puppets by Carmel Balfe, Tráth na gCéist, Bingo as Gaeilge, Rhyme Time as gaeilge, Irish Conversation for beginners The programme will be available online at <u>www.donegallibrary.ie</u> and www.donegalcoco.ie
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Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/ reporting period	Festival launched and events held across the county.
* Delete irrelevant reporting period Contact Person	Donna Cavanagh 074 9124950 dcavanagh@donegalcoco.ie
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Activity / Project Title	County Donegal in 1916 Document Study Pack
Project Description/Activity	The production of an education booklet and facsimiles on the subject of the 1916 Rising and life in County Donegal in general in the year 1916.
	This project is to mark the centenary of the rising next year, and is part of Cultural Services' programme of activities for the Decade of Commemorations in Donegal.
Budget (if applicable)	€12,000
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status	Committee of CS and Heritage Office staff formed, and research began. Funding for production of the pack has been sought by Heritage Officer from the Heritage Council.
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Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	First draft of pack produced; quotes for graphic designer sought. Funding stream established.
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Contact Person	Niamh Brennan
(to include telephone	074 9172490;
number & e-mail address)	archivist@donegalcoco.ie



Municipal District:_All

Activity / Project Title	Donegal County Council Scheme of Arts Grants 2015
Project Description/Activity	Under the Donegal County Council Arts Grants Scheme 2015, limited financial assistance will be available for the Promotion of Arts Activities in the County. Projects in the following art forms will be eligible for support – Theatre, Visual Art, Music (all forms), Dance, Traditional Arts, Literature, Film, Digital Media, Community Arts, Youth Arts and Arts Education.
	Particulars of the Scheme, and Application Forms in Irish and English, will be available from February 19 th from Donegal County Council Arts Service, Donegal County Library, Rosemount, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.
	Tel. 074 9121968 E. <u>traolach@donegalcoco.ie</u> and from the Donegal County Council website <u>www.donegalcoco.ie</u>
	The Closing Date for the receipt of completed Application Forms will be Friday , March 20 at 4.00pm
Budget (if applicable)	€10,000
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status	The Arts Grants Scheme 2015 will be advertised in the local press over the weekend of February 19-21.
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Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	
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Contact Person (to include telephone number & e-mail address)	Traolach O Fionnáin, Arts Officer, Donegal County Council. T: 074 9121968 E: traolach@donegalcoco.ie



Activity Title	New County Donegal Heritage Plan
Activity Description	The County Donegal Heritage Office and the County Donegal Heritage Forum in partnership with The Heritage Council is in the process of preparing the new, five-year County Donegal Heritage Plan. The Heritage Plan process is an opportunity to identify heritage issues and needs in the county and to address them locally, within a regional and national framework. The County Donegal Heritage Forum prepares and submits an annual application to The Heritage Council for matching funding for the implementation of Heritage Plan actions. Over the lifetime of the current County Donegal Heritage Plan to date, it is estimated that Donegal County Council, The Heritage Council and other County Donegal Heritage Forum partners have invested at least €750,000 in the implementation of County Donegal Heritage Plan actions.
Budget (if applicable)	N/A
Progress to date within the last two months – inclusive of current status	The draft County Donegal Heritage Plan (2014-2019) was unanimously adopted by the Elected Members of Donegal County Council at its September meeting.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	Draft County Donegal Heritage Plan (2014-2019) will be placed on public review and finalised. It will then be presented to the elected members of Donegal County Council for adoption.
Contact Person (to include telephone number & e-mail address)	Joseph Gallagher, Heritage Officer, County Donegal Heritage Office, Donegal County Council, Station Island, Lifford, County Donegal Telephone: (074) 917 2576 E-mail: heritage@donegalcoco.ie



Activity Title	Historic Landscape Characterisation
Activity Description	A Historic Landscape Characterisation of County Donegal was commissioned as part of the implementation of the County Donegal Heritage Plan (Action 1.3). Historic Landscape Characterisation identifies the contribution of the past to the landscape. Historic Landscape Characterisation improves public awareness, appreciation and understanding of the historic landscape, informs strategic planning and identifies further research opportunities.
Budget (if applicable)	€10,000
Progress to date within the last two months – inclusive of current status	Draft Historic Landscape Characterisation reviewed and amended.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	Peer review and finalisation of Historic Landscape Characterisation.
Contact Person (to include telephone number & e-mail address)	Joseph Gallagher, Heritage Officer, County Donegal Heritage Office, Donegal County Council, Station Island, Lifford, County Donegal Telephone: (074) 917 2576 E-mail: heritage@donegalcoco.ie



Activity Title	Audit of Geological Heritage Sites in North Donegal
Activity Description	The County Donegal Heritage Office in partnership with The Heritage Council and the Geological Survey of Ireland commissioned Dr. Ronan Hennessy, Dr. Vincent Gallagher, Dr. Robert Meehan & Dr. Matthew Parkes to undertake an audit of geological and geomorphological heritage sites in North Donegal as part of the implementation of the County Donegal Heritage Plan (Action 1.6). The aims of this Heritage Plan action are to undertake: (i) an audit of the significant geological and geomorphological heritage sites as listed by Geological Survey of Ireland in North Donegal, (ii) a bibliography of published sources relating to the geology and geomorphology of North Donegal, (iii) the identification of unique cultural/geological topics/issues, (iv) the compilation of the audit report and (v) a public presentation on the findings of the audit.
Budget (if applicable)	€19,500
Progress to date within the last two months – inclusive of current status	Field research undertaken and draft final report in preparation.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	Review and preparation of final audit and report.
Contact Person (<i>to include telephone</i> <i>number & e-mail address</i>)	Joseph Gallagher, Heritage Officer, County Donegal Heritage Office, Donegal County Council, Station Island, Lifford, County Donegal Telephone: (074) 917 2576 E-mail: heritage@donegalcoco.ie



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Electoral Area: All

Activity / Project Title	Archaeology Box for Schools
Project	
Description/Activity	Donegal County Museum working in partnership with the Donegal Education Centre delivers a series of Archaeology workshops to schools each year. Museum staff visit schools throughout Donegal and use the Archaeology Box to teach children about the history of the County. The box contains artefacts, both real and replica, dating from the Stone Age to the Viking period which children can handle. Staff from the Museum facilitates each visit.
Budget (if applicable)	€
Progress to date within the last quarter* -inclusive of current status	In 2014 Museum staff delivered Archaeology Box workshops to 2300 school children throughout the County including in the Dungloe, Donegal Town, Stranorlar and Letterkenny areas.
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Project Targets for the next quarterly* reporting period	The Museum in conjunction with the Donegal Education Centre is planning Archaeology Box sessions in the Inishowen and Killybegs areas in March and April.
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Contact Person (to include telephone number & e-mail address)	Caroline Carr, Donegal County Museum 074 9124613, museum@donegalcoco.ie



Activity / Project Title	'Sail West' project promoting the MalinWaters brand.
Project Description/Activity	The Sail West project aims to develop marine tourism within the shared maritime regions of North West Ireland, Northern Ireland and Western Scotland. The project is funded by the EU INTERREG IVA programme. Led by DCC the project commenced in 2010 and good progress was made in the initial 3 years.
	The Marketing Plan for 2015 has been approved by SEUPB and will continue promotions into 2015. The Marine Marketing Development Officer has been employed by Donegal Tourism Ltd to continue to develop marine themed opportunities and promote the MalinWaters brand.
Budget (if applicable)	€86,500.00 SEUPB funding. Match funding currently at €95,399.00
Progress to date within the	MalinWaters.com Website Statistics
last two months/quarter 3 - inclusive of current status	 Over 70% new visitors to MalinWaters.com Traffic increased by over 52%. Over 34% mobile visits 67.19% of traffic organic search Main Visits - UK and Ireland, France, Germany, US
	Marketing Plan A marketing plan has been produced for 2015 which outlines all of the key marketing activity planned for the MalinWaters brand over the coming year. 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.
	Sail West Project Plan Following the meeting with Sail West partners in October 2014 and subsequent survey regarding project ideas and regional project needs, it was agreed that a further partner meeting be held in Q1 of 2015 to determine the next steps for the Sail West project. Many funding calls will open in Q1 of 2015 and so it is recommended that partners meet when a more definitive project strategy can be agreed. The Sail West project is likely to develop as a cluster of partners with different needs who will apply for funding via varying channels according to their project aims and objectives.
	MalinWaters Website Development The MalinWaters.com website will be future proofed with the transfer to a new CMS system in the coming weeks. The new CMS is mobile responsive and will ensure the continuation of the brand exposure online. The front end design of the website will remain the same. The new CMS has been chosen due to having the latest functionality to effectively carry out SEO. New development work on MalinWaters.com will include a revamp of functionality and content and is expected to be ongoing until March 2015.
	Facebook Paid Advertising Campaign Several paid Facebook advertising campaigns are ongoing with a selection of promotional banners used in conjunction with Facebook news feed advertising to reach a specific target audience. In the last

three weeks MalinWaters Facebook page has over 2k new likes taking the total number of likes to over 3k. This figure continues to grow as the advertising campaign is ongoing. Potential overall reach of this campaign will target over 20k and grow.

Sail Scotland Campaign

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

MalinWaters Map Reprint

The MalinWaters fold out map has undergone a design revamp to update the list of blue flag beaches, to include Donegal Airport and Derry Airport, to add new attractions and facilities. The new map has been printed and will be distributed at promotional events, marinas and harbours throughout the MalinWaters regions.

Chelsea Magazine Company Ltd

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

Google Ad Words Campaign

The tender process for the award of the Google Ad Words campaign to promote MalinWaters is almost complete. The campaign will target relevant keyword searches and audiences ensuring that visitors to the website are relevant users who want to be there. The contract will be awarded by the week commencing 9^{th} February with the campaign due to go live mid February.

MalinWaters Design Creatives and Video Production

A professional suite of banner adverts, Facebook covers and YouTube/Twitter background imagery have been designed to promote MalinWaters and represent each region equally. These can be found across social media channels and are being used in campaigns such as the Chelsea Magazine Campaign detailed above. The procurement process for the production of a professional MalinWaters video to showcase marine tourism in the three regions has commenced with production expected to being in mid-end February.

E-mail Marketing

E-mail Marketing is ongoing with a fortnightly e-mail sent out to over 607 subscribers. The subscribe tab that has been added to the MalinWaters Facebook page continues to gather additional subscriptions via social media.

Strategic Events

Some strategic events proposals have now been received, but event organisers have until March to submit proposals. Those currently received are under consideration in terms of financial assistance, but will be promoted via the website and social media channels as standard and at no cost. Any marine themed event organisers who wish to list their event on MalinWaters.com should contact Joy Harron by e-mailing <u>donegalmarinetourism@gmail.com</u>

Branded Merchandise

A selection of branded merchandise for promoting MalinWaters at strategic festivals and events has been produced and delivered. It will

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28th January 2015

Ms. Margaret Storey, Manager, Creevy & District Community Development Co-operative Society Ltd., Bun an tSruthain, Cloughbolie, Ballyshannon, Donegal PO County Donegal.

<u>Re:</u> Request for Deputation from Creevy & District Community Development Co-operative Society Ltd.,

Dear Ms Storey,

I refer to your correspondence received in this office on 22nd January 2015, addressed to Mr. Garry Martin, Director of Services, on behalf of the above group, in relation to your request that a deputation attend a meeting of the **Municipal District of Donegal.**

The procedure that I am required to follow upon receipt of such requests is to put this request to the Members at their next meeting. I confirm that I will put this request to the Members at their next meeting, which will take place on the 10th February 2015 and advise you of their response.

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.

I will contact you after the meeting in February 2015.

Yours sincerely,

Bridie McBrearty, Area Manager Municipal District of Donegal



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20th January 2015

Mr Garry Martin Director of Services Donegal County Council Donegal Public Services Building Donegal Town Co Donegal

Re: Meeting with Municipal District Committee

Dear Garry

To introduce ourselves, Creevy & District Community Dev Co-operative have been in existence for the last 21 years. We were formed by over 60 members who represent the community in the area.

We have been successful in forming a 10 mile coastal walk, promote 5 self catering cottages, a deep sea angling boat promoting tourism and fishing in our area and our Marine facility based in Creevy which boasts a storage unit for the fishing/tourism community. We work within the community and are represented in many community groups and organisations. As an approved member of Failte Ireland, we also are one of the 15 Failte Ireland ambassadors in Donegal and work hard to improve tourism to our area. Our 'Experience' is promoted on the Failte Ireland International brochure for the 2,700km route. Therefore, as expected our traffic increased this year.

We would appreciate a meeting as soon as can be facilitated to talk about our area, traffic congestion, Creevy Pier itself, our future proposed projects ie greenway route, media exposure and the tourism success which we would like to continue to increase in our area.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience. I can be contacted on 086 600 1966.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Storey Manager

CC: Cllr Barry O'Neill, Cllr Sean McEniff, Cllr Niamh Kennedy



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Municipal District of Donegal 10th February 2014 Donegal Municipal District

4.1 Submitted by: Clr. Tom Conaghan

Assigned to: Roads and Housing Capital

Motion That Tir Chonaill Bridge, Donegal Town receives joint priority alongside Fintra Bridge on the list of priorities for major funding. Therefore whatever project is ready for development first shall then proceed""

Signed off by: Peadar Thomas

Response: Fintragh Bridge and Tyrconnell Bridge are prioritised as Joint no 1 at the moment for major funding. However Tyrconnell Bridge has moved forward with funding from Donegal Town Pay and Display to a point where full planning has been approved.full design for new bridge replacement has been completed and full costings have been made. All that remains is to identify funding of approx €650,000 to allow the scheme to proceed to tender and construction.

4.2 Submitted by: Clr. Niamh Kennedy

Assigned to: Water & Environment

Motion That this Municipal District request from Lifford the employment of a number of litter wardens and cameras at bottle banks and other litter black spots

Signed off by: PAUL LYONS

Response: There is a Litter Warden already in place in the Donegal MD. He has very specialist mobile equipment for monitoring unauthorised dumping black spots. If the elected members of the Donegal MD wish to forward a priority list of locations for monitoring to the office, the necessary steps will be commenced starting with the advance required signage. The Donegal MD Litter Warden will follow up on any evidence captured through the full legal process.

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5.1 Submitted by: CIr. Noel Andrew Jordan Assigned to: Water & Environment

Question "Can the Council advise if any progress has been made in having Irish Water Staff attend meetings of the Municipal District of Donegal in relation to ongoing water problems?"

Signed off by: Joe Peoples

Response: Arrangements have been made by Irish Water to have regular clinics for the elected members and a fortnightly update will be circulated to members by Irish Water.There is also a dedicated contact point for members queries where issues can be raised in relation to the provision of water services. It is not expected that Irish Water will be represented at the municipal district meetings.

5.2 Submitted by: CIr. Noel Andrew Jordan Assigned to: Roads and Housing Capital

Question "What input does the Municipal District of Donegal have in relation to the National Roads Authority in identifying accident black spots in the Municipal District of Donegal?"

Signed off by: Peadar Thomas

Response: The Municipal Members can bring any concerns in relation to Black Spots to the attention of the Area roads Engineers who in turn will feed this information on to the relevent National Roads Engineers.

5.3 Submitted by: Clr. Niamh Kennedy Assigned to: Community Culture & Planning

Question "What can this Council do to help tidy towns committees to ask owners of private dwellings and properties which are in need of care and attention e.g. painting, weeds, run down properties etc.?"

Signed off by: PADDY DOHERTY

Response: The Council support local community groups including Tidy Town through both the Members Development Fund and Development Fund Initiatives.