

**Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall**

Oifig Riarthóir na gCruinnithe,  
Aras an Chontae,  
Leifear.

7 Aibreán, 2015

**FOGRA CRUINNITHE**

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall siúl **De Máirt 14 Aibreán 2015, ag 2.00 i.n. in Ionad Serbhísí Pobail, Bhaile Dhún na nGall.**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS DÚN NA nGALL

A Chara,

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

Mise, le meas

Liam Mac a'Bhaird  
p.p. Riarthóir Cruinnithe

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**Municipal District of Donegal**

Office of Meetings Administrator,  
County House,  
Lifford.

7<sup>th</sup> April, 2015

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

A Meeting the Municipal District of Donegal will be held on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 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 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015.
2. Consideration of Minutes of Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015.
3. Update Reports from Council Services:
  - 3.1 Housing & Corporate Services
  - 3.2 Roads / Transportation
  - 3.3 Planning & Economic Development
  - 3.4 Community, Enterprise and Cultural Services
4. Motions
  - 4.1 Cllr Niamh Kennedy  
*"That this Municipal District seek alternative funding for Fintra bridge through cross border co-operation with Larne Borough Council as a continuation from the Gobbins Sliabh Liag project."*
  - 4.2 Cllr Noel Jordan  
*"That this Municipal District seek the necessary funding from the NRA to upgrade a stretch of road at Turrishill, Mountcharles to a satisfactory condition".*
5. Questions
  - 5.1 Cllr Niamh Kennedy  
*"Can this Municipal District answer the question, why is it that a Body (An Taisce) could put in a submission to An Bord Pleanala on a European issue which is beyond the control or remit of a, or any, private company in Ireland? In this instance jeopardising a 40 million euro investment and 120 jobs to our local economy in the fishing industry in Donegal which could effect the entire fishing industry of this Country."*
6. Request for a Deputation from Bundoran Surf Industry
7. Date of Next Meeting (Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015)

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD AT  
2.00 P. M. ON MONDAY THE 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2015 IN THE PETER KENNEDY  
CHAMBER, DONEGAL PUBLIC SERVICES CENTRE, DONEGAL**

**MDD/40/15 MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MDD/41/15 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. Denis Kelly, Senior Executive Planner, Central Planning Unit  
Mr. Killian Smith, Executive Planner, Planning & Economic  
Development  
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate  
Services

**MDD/42/15 VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

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

The late Martin Burke, father of Martin Burke, Litter Warden,  
Municipal District of Donegal

The late Noel Gallagher, uncle-in-law of Catherine Murrin, Housing /  
Corporate, Municipal District of Donegal

The late Jim Snow, uncle-in-law of Enda Monaghan, Housing /  
Corporate Services, Municipal District of Donegal.

**MDD/43/15 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE DONEGAL  
ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY  
2015**

Cllr Campbell referred to the minutes of the meeting of the Municipal  
District of Donegal held on the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2015 and noted an  
error in relation to minute reference no. **MDD31/15 – Discussion on  
Bridge Priority.** The draft minute in relation to the request to defer  
the motion read:

...Following further debate, the request to defer the motion was put to a vote as follows:

For: Cllrs Conaghan, McEniff and O'Neill  
Against: Cllrs Kennedy, Campbell and Jordan....

The correct recording of this vote should have read:

***“...Following further debate, the request to defer the motion was put to a vote as follows:***

***Against: Cllrs Conaghan, McEniff and O'Neill  
For: Cllrs Kennedy, Campbell and Jordan....”***

On the proposal of Cllr Conaghan, seconded by Cllr Jordan the Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2015 were confirmed subject to the above correction.

**MDD/44/15 Attendance of Deputation from Creevy & District Development Co-operative Society Ltd.**

Members welcomed Ms. Margaret Storey, Manager, Ms. Molly Reynolds, Company Secretary and Mr. Stewart Doyle, Treasurer from Creevy & District Development Co-operative Ltd to the meeting. The deputation made a detailed presentation on the background, services provided, knowledge of services required, and future requirements of the area. They also circulated the Creevy – Pettigo Map, details of the Creevy Experience and played a video outlining their activities.

The deputation made a number of requests for assistance and in particular the following:

- Repairs and improvements to Creevy Pier
- Repair and upgrade of road from Crossroads to Pier as there are only two places where vehicles can pass
- Reinstate Kildoney Car Park
- Remove debris from Creevy Road
- Develop Greenway Project
- Develop Children's Playground and Service Facilities for campervans
- Collection of Fishing Heritage located in the Heritage Office – interested in facilitating and housing in their Marine Facility
- Need financial support from the Council to continue to insure the 10 mile coastal walk as it costs €1500 per year
- Part of the commercial rates from the Acres Wind Turbines to be given to Creevy Co-op to re-invest in to the community.

A number of comments / queries were dealt with at the meeting. Members thanked the deputation for their professional and detailed presentation and advised the Council would revert to them through the Council Services in due course.

#### **MDD/45/15 HOUSING AND CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

##### **Progress reports on Grants, Loans and Casual Vacancies**

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

Ms. B McBrearty also updated Members in detail in relation to the casual vacancies noting the progress being made on same.

##### **SHIP PROGRAMME 2015 – 2020**

Members noted the draft proposals presented for the Programme at the Workshop.

##### **Flood Mapping Consultation on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

Ms. B McBrearty informed Members of the public consultation which is taking place in the County in March in relation to Flood Mapping. Members noted the consultation is taking place in Donegal Public Services centre on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015 in the Peter Kennedy Chamber at 2.00 pm for Members and 3.00 p.m for members of the public.

#### **MDD/46/15 ROADS / TRANSPORTATION SERVICES REPORT**

##### **Schedule of Road Works 2015**

Mr. P Thomas referred to the earlier workshop and the discussion on the Schedule of Road Works for the Municipal District of Donegal which included Surface Dressing, Restoration Works and Maintenance. He confirmed the Schedule breaks down the allocation for 2015 into operations and is the full Schedule for the year. On the proposal of Cllr McEniff, seconded by Cllrs Campbell and Conaghan the Schedule of Works for Roads was agreed.

#### **MDD/47/15 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.)
- Report on Unfinished Estates in the MD of Donegal

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

In response to a query from Cllr Jordan if additional unfinished estates can be added to the programme, Mr. K Smith informed Members that it depends if the Developer is still active.

In response to a query from Cllr Campbell if the Council is still accepting applications for takeover of Housing Estates, Mr. K Smith confirmed to Members it is and Mr. Frank Sweeney (SEP) is the contact person in relation to same.

In response to a request from Cllr Campbell for a regular update report on takeover of housing estates for the Municipal District of Donegal, Mr. K Smith informed Members he would refer this request to Mr. F Sweeney.

**Fence at Magheracar.**

In response to a query from Cllr O'Neill in relation to a fence at Magheracar, Mr. K Smith informed Members he was precluded from discussing as this is a 'live' enforcement case.

**MDD/48/15 COMMUNITY & ENTERPRISE REPORT**

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

- Marine Tourism Marketing & Development
- 'Sail West project promoting the Malin Waters brand.

**Town Clock at Gallogley's, Ballyshannon**

Mr. B McLaughlin referred to the discussion at previous meetings regarding the Town Clock in Ballyshannon and informed Members he exploring options for making an application for funding and would revert to Members in due course.

**Exploring Links with Craigavon Borough Council**

Mr. B McLaughlin informed Members there is ongoing discussion with Craigavon Borough Council and that he would revert to Members in relation to same.

**Briefing for Members by the EU Unit**

Mr. B McLaughlin informed Members he would revert to them with a date for the requested briefing from the EU Unit.

**Arts Funding**

Mr. B McLaughlin informed Members he would revert to them with the breakdown of the expenditure under Arts Funding as requested at the previous meeting.

**Support for St. Patrick's Day Parade in Bundoran.**

In response to a request from Cllr McEniff for an allocation of €3500 towards the St Patrick's Day Parade in Bundoran, Members were informed the only mechanism at present for such would be through

the Strategic Development Fund for which applications are currently being received from groups and which will be allocated at the next meeting of the Municipal District.

**MDD/49/15 Report on Litter Pollution Act 1997 in the Municipal District of Donegal**

Members noted the report circulated with the Agenda in relation on Litter Pollution Act 1997 for the Municipal District of Donegal.

**MDD/50/15 Schedule of Municipal District Works**

Mr. G Martin referred to the earlier discussion at the workshop in relation to the Schedule of Municipal District Works where Members reviewed and considered the Schedule of Municipal District Works for Housing, Roads and Environmental Services. Following a short discussion the following resolution was passed by Members:

*Adoption of the Schedule of Municipal District Works 2015*

*Proposed by Cllr Campbell*

*Seconded by Cllr McEniff*

*and resolved that the Municipal District of Donegal hereby adopt for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015, the Schedule of Municipal District Works as set out in Appendices 1, 2 and Roads , as required by Section 103A of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) and in line with the requirements of Circular LG27/2014/Fin21/2014.*

Members noted this is the first year of this legislation and that the process is likely to evolve over the coming years.

**MDD/51/15 DISCUSSION ON BUNDORAN OFFICES**

Cllr McEniff submitted the following motion:

“That the Council discuss what is going to happen the Council Offices in Bundoran now that the Town Council has been abolished.”

Following a short discussion an amendment to the motion was submitted by Cllr McEniff as follows:

That the Municipal District of Donegal discuss what is going to happen the Council Offices in Bundoran now that the Town Council has been abolished.”

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

Members were advised :

As Members are aware Bundoran Offices closed to the public with effect from 16th February. The Council is currently in the process of archiving the old files and distributing the current files to the

relevant Sections - some files have already been transferred since 1st June last year e.g. housing application files, rent files etc.

The options for re-letting the office are being considered in conjunction with all other vacant property that is available for letting by the Council.

Cllr McEniff submitted he was not satisfied with the response and that it was grossly unfair that Buncrana had remained open and Bundoran had closed.

Mr. G Martin informed Members that while he understood the sentiments being expressed, the decision has already been taken to close Ballyshannon and Bundoran Offices with the provision of a pilot outreach service via the Libraries. He further advised it remains to be seen how Buncrana would evolve overtime and submitted the preferred option should be for an outreach service.

In response to a further query from Cllr Campbell if the Council had looked at the available space in Bundoran, Mr. G Martin informed Members there is an ongoing process/interest in relation to the offices and due to commercial sensitivity it would not be appropriate to comment further.

In response to a query from Cllr Jordan to the availability of figures / statistics for the pilot outreach services, Ms. B McBrearty informed Members while there has been some activity, the period of time is too short to-date to make any determinations. She also informed Members that as from the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2014 the Housing functions carried out in the Bundoran Office had transferred to the Donegal Town Public Services Centre.

Cllr O'Neill submitted the former Town Council Areas should be treated uniformly across the County. He referred to a number of items he is requesting be discussed at a Workshop with the Chief Executive including: Funding for the Abbey Arts Centre, The Handball Alley in Ballyshannon, Library in Ballyshannon. On the proposal of Cllr O'Neill, seconded by Cllr McEniff Members requested that the Chief Executive be invited to attend a workshop with the Members of the Municipal District. In response to the request, Mr. G Martin informed Members he would bring their request back to the Chief Executive.

**MDD/52/15 DISCUSSION ON RESOURCES TO DEAL WITH LITTER**

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

“That the Litter bins along the shore road in Killybegs be replaced by more suitable bins, the bins along the shore front have extra wide openings enabling the sea gulls pull the rubbish out onto the roadside on a daily basis”.



Members were informed that:-

The Area Engineer has advised that this matter will be investigated and all bins with large openings will be replaced with bins of smaller openings.

Cllr Kennedy welcomed the reply to the motion adding without street cleaning at the weekends, the replacement of the bins would save a lot of mess which is particularly important with the cruise ships visiting Killybegs.

**MDD/53/15 DISCUSSION ON ESTABLISHING A COMMITTEE TO OVERSEE A TOWN DESIGN STATEMENT FOR DONEGAL TOWN**

Cllr Campbell submitted the following motion:

“This Municipal District resolves to establish a committee to oversee the commissioning and completion of a town design statement for Donegal town, the costs of which will be met from accumulated parking revenue from the Town”.

Cllr Campbell requested the following amendment to the motion to add the following text:

...This committee shall consist of the elected members of the municipal district of Donegal and four members to be drawn from interested community groups and/or persons with suitable professional experience from the Donegal town area. These members are to be co-opted at the first meeting of the committee.

On the proposal of Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr Jordan the following amended motion was adopted as referred to above:

“This Municipal District resolves to establish a committee to oversee the commissioning and completion of a town design statement for Donegal town, the costs of which will be met from accumulated parking revenue from the Town. This committee shall consist of the elected members of the municipal district of Donegal and four members to be drawn from interested community groups and/or persons with suitable professional experience from the Donegal town area. These members are to be co-opted at the first meeting of the committee.”

Members were advised:

Work has been initiated in advance of the preparation of a local plan for Donegal Town, which has included discussions with a number of local groups. The suggestion of a Town Design Statement is consistent with the policy outputs in respect of other settlements and it is considered that Donegal Town would also benefit from this approach. The Council’s C&E and Central Planning Unit would be in

a position to provide guidance in this regard. Donegal County Council through its Central Planning Unit could oversee this work in collaboration with the local community and all other relevant stakeholders. This work could be a good fit with the drafting of the Local Area Plan, Local Economic and Community Plan and with ongoing work being pursued through the development of a local action plan as part of the development of the Donegal Town Development Centre/Hub.

Cllr Campbell submitted he had discussed the motion with a number of Members and had taken this particular approach in accordance with the provisions in Schedule 3 of the Local Government Act 2014 (Reserved Functions) as follows:

Reference No. 5 - Establishing a committee – amends Section 51 of the Local Government Act 2001 and Reference No. 27 making a resolution to determine the manner in which parking fees shall be disposed of - amends Section 36 of the Road Traffic Act 1994.

Cllr Campbell submitted he would like to see Members use the legislation to meet the needs of the Municipal District and stated a town design statement would fit in as a consideration and as a separate part of the Town Plan. He further submitted this would alleviate pressure on the Central Planning Unit as the motion has no effect on the Budget for the Central Planning Unit, by undertaking the town design statement in this manner. He submitted he wants the Committee established and for the Members and professionals to drive the statement which would involve Community participation and also meet statutory obligations.

Mr. D Kelly Senior Executive Planner, Central Planning Unit confirmed it would be useful to work with Community Groups on any plans and would be happy for the Central Planning Unit to facilitate the work. He also advised the Planning Service has a Conservation Architect employed and with other planning staff would be well placed to guide and facilitate the process. He further advised Members it would be beneficial for the Central Planning Unit to be in attendance at the meetings of the Committee, to engage with the community groups, to provide a robustness to the process to ensure that when the town design plan is completed it can be incorporated to the town plan and also from a Council governance perspective.

Mr. G Martin advised that with the involvement of the Central Planning Unit, that there should be no requirement to meet the costs from the Donegal Town Parking Charges. He advised that if the revenue is used for this purpose that it wouldn't be available to spend on the works for which it is usually used.

In response Cllr Campbell submitted the drawing up of a town design plan for Donegal town is a specific piece of work and if elements need be tendered, this could be done locally rather than through the Central Planning Unit.

It was also noted the Central Planning Unit would provide the services of the Conservation Officer and a Planner from Development Control to assist with the process.

**MEMBERS NOTED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:-**

**MDD/54/15 Money retained for Village Enhancement Works in Killybegs**

The following question was submitted by Cllr Niamh Kennedy:-

“How much money was retained by the Council for the 2nd phase of the village enhancement works carried out on the main street, Killybegs?”-

Cllr Kennedy was informed that:-

“The information available to me is that there are no monies retained on this project and that at some stage the project was considered to be completed to a satisfactory standard and the contractor was fully paid.

**MDD/55/15 Village Enhancements, Killybegs**

The following question was submitted by Cllr Niamh Kennedy:-

“When is the works going to be completed to an acceptable standard, the slabs and bollards are unsuitable and are not fit for purpose?”-

Cllr Kennedy was informed that:-

“The information available to me is that there are no Village enhancements schemes at the moment but that the Council are continually striving to acquire this type of funding for Enhancement of all Towns and Villages”.

**MDD/56/15 Income From Parking Charges**

The following question was submitted by Cllr John Campbell:-

“Please provide income and expenditure figures for 2009 – 2014 for each of the towns in the MD where parking charges are in place including any revenue surplus currently held?”-

Cllr Campbell was informed that:-

“see attached report.”

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**Pay and Display**

Car Parking			Year					Grand Total	Comments
JOB	JOB(T)	Type	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013		
22316001	BALLYSHANNON	Expenditure	15,071.08	4,336.21	15,243.85	22,942.95	483.58	58,077.67	Traffic Warden charged elsewhere
		Income	-13,405.00	-9,255.00	-6,700.00	-5,255.00	-6,865.00	-41,480.00	
22316001 Total			1,666.08	-4,918.79	8,543.85	17,687.95	-6,381.42	16,597.67	
22317001	DONEGAL TOWN	Expenditure	276,453.89	207,298.96	227,885.42	131,807.28	187,056.83	1,030,502.38	Shows surplus of approx €42,000
		Income	-243,570.00	215,865.26	210,046.43	215,021.07	-188,334.76	1,072,837.52	
22317001 Total			32,883.89	-8,566.30	17,838.99	-83,213.79	-1,277.93	-42,335.14	
D2302201	BUNDORAN	Expenditure	49,321.48	19,652.77	59,593.35	37,565.51	36,560.68	202,693.79	Although the income is showing as a surplus this is fact has been

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									applied to each revenue budget up to and including 2014 and has therefore already been expended	
		Income	-185,749.80	161,532.79	-	-	138,233.10	144,369.08	-140,279.97	-770,164.74
D2302201 Total			-136,428.32	141,880.02	-	-	-78,639.75	106,803.57	-103,719.29	-567,470.95

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**MDD/57/15 Date of next meeting**

On the proposal of Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr McEniff, Members agreed the date of the next meeting on Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> April **2015 as per the agreed standing orders.**

It was also agreed that a **workshop for the Members of the Municipal District of Donegal be held at 2.00 pm on the Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015 to deal with the following item:**

- Community & Enterprise – Strategic Development Fund

**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**

## Appendix 1

	2015 Overall Adopted	Non Discretionary Payroll / Overheads	Discretionary
Hsg Maint - Inishowen EA	329,264.99	112,146.23	217,118.76
Hsg Maint - Donegal EA	235,895.99	119,251.58	116,644.41
Hsg Maint - Glenties EA	247,540.01	74,589.62	172,950.39
Hsg Maint - Letterkenny EA	428,450.01	122,701.62	305,748.39
Hsg Maint - Stranorlar EA	273,049.99	57,366.95	215,683.04
<b>Sub-total for Area Maintenance:</b>	<b>1,514,200.99</b>	<b>486,056.00</b>	<b>1,028,144.99</b>
<b>HQ Maintenance</b>	<b>1,311,567.99</b>		
<b>Total Maintenance</b>	<b>2,825,768.98</b>	As per Budget Book (Division A 1.2)	
Insurance	342,000.00		
Loan Charges	21,004.00		
Write Down of Capital Balances	66,000.00		
<b>Sub Total Other</b>	<b>429,004.00</b>		
Overall Total	<b>3,254,772.98</b>	As per Budget Book (Division A 1.2)	
Routine Maintenance Budget allocated on a per house basis equally across all areas.			

HSG ESTATE MANAGEMENT - INISHOWEN EA	10,752.00		10,752.00
HSG ESTATE MANAGEMENT - DONEGAL EA	10,758.00		10,758.00
HSG ESTATE MANAGEMENT - GLENTIES EA	5,758.00		5,758.00
HSG ESTATE MANAGEMENT - LETTERKENNY EA	16,516.00		16,516.00
HSG ESTATE MANAGEMENT - STRANORLAR EA	5,758.00		5,758.00
<b>Sub-total for Estate Management:</b>	<b>€49,542.00</b>		
<b>HQ Estate Management</b>	<b>€17,458.00</b>		
<b>Total Estate Management</b>	<b>€67,000.00</b>	As per Budget Book (Division A 1.5)	
Estate management budget previously allocated equally across all areas with an additional €5,000 added in 2015 for areas taking on the former town councils.			
Letterkenny also benefited from the amalgamation of Milford into Letterkenny			

**Appendix 2**

Description	Adopted Budget 2015	Budget Adjustments	Revised Budget 2015	Payroll	Loan Charges	Others	Total	Balance	Inishowen	Donegal	Glenties	Letterkenny	Stranorlar	Total
<b>Water &amp; Environment</b>														
Litter Control - Clean Up Campaign	126,000		126,000				0	126,000	29,000	16,000	33,000	25,000	23,000	126,000
Maintenance of Beaches	208,700		208,700				0	208,700	38,700	87,000	31,000	40,000	0	196,700
	334,700	0	334,700	0	0	0	0	334,700	67,700	103,000	64,000	65,000	23,000	322,700

**Background**

The table above details clean –ups and beach maintenance with the various distributions per each MD.

In both cases it is proposed that these will be centrally managed to give maximum flexibility to respond to priorities in a county wide context. An example would be instances of large scale dumping being more prevalent in one area than another and similarly with unexpected maintenance/repair work at beaches. As a consequence it is difficult to suggest that an MD has discretion for the spend. However, we do clearly provide for indicative expenditure on an area by area basis as set out in the schedule circulated.

The basis of allocation will be kept under review.



## Donegal Electoral Area

### Roadworks Programme

**2015**

<b>National Primary</b>	<b>Allocation</b>
Maintenance	143,696
<b>National Secondary</b>	
Maintenance	52,580
<b>Regional</b>	
OR Maintenance	133,674
Surface Dressing	119,406
<b>Local</b>	
OR Maintenance	299,337
Surface Dressing	403,807
Discretionary	718,758
MD Works Overheads (Annual Leave/Sick Pay Etc)	294,737
<b>Reg &amp; Local Restoration Improvement</b>	
Regional Road Ineligible	87,323
Local Road Ineligible	195,543

Former Town Councils OR Roads	195,786
Former Town Councils Street Sweeping	65,003
Parks & Open Spaces	68,648
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,743,607</b>

## Donegal Municipal Area

### General Maintenance Programme 2015

#### National Primary & Secondary Roads

		54.2 Km	28,9 Km
<b>Code</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Nat Pri</b>	<b>Nat Sec</b>
<b>B300</b>	Drainage Maintenance	25,000	17,000
<b>B550</b>	Emergency Works	5,000	2,000
<b>B553</b>	Pothole Repair	34,000	2,000
<b>B556</b>	Street Cleaning/ Litter Removal	15,000	6,000
<b>B586</b>	Verge Maintenance	40,000	16,580
<b>B780</b>	Maintenance of Signs/Lines	10,000	4,000
<b>B782</b>	Amenity Areas	14,696	5,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>143,696</b>	<b>52,580</b>

**Funding**      *Nat Primary Maintenance*      €143,696

*Nat Secondary Maintenance*      €52,580

## Donegal Municipal Area    General Maintenance 2015

<b>Code</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Including</b>	<b>Cost</b>
B010	Health, Safety & Welfare	Eating/Toilet Facilities, Tools, Clothing.	€10,000
B300	Drainage	Outlets/Water tables/Gully Cleaning	€264,000
B550	Emergencies/Contingencies	Fire Brigade Call out; Oil/Fish Spillages; Festivals Clean Up; Campsite Clean Up; Flooding; Removal of dead Animals ;Vox Pro	€60,769
B552	Winter Maintenance	Non National roads	€25,000
B553	Pothole Repair		€260,000
B556	Street Cleaning	Litter Removal; Street Bins	€310,000
B559	Minor Storm Damage		€12,000
B586	Verge Maintenance		€45,000
B650	Safety Barrier/Fencing	Crash Barriers etc	€15,000
B750	Grass/Hedgecutting	Weed Control/Grass verge/ Junctions /Central Reserve.	€25,000
B751	Footpaths	Replace sections of damaged footpaths.	€60,000
B780	Maintenance of Signs/Lines	Wash,Repair,Renew.	€10,000

B781	Street Furniture	Litter Bins/Seating/ Lighting/Security Barriers.	€7,000
B782	Bridges/Culverts Mant/Repairs	Collapsed Culverts/Pipes	€10,000
B783	Amenity Areas Maintenance	Open Spaces/Picnic Areas/Weed Control	€25,000
B785	Supervision/Administration	Expenses	€10,000
B786	Staff Training	Safe Pass, Machine Tickets etc	€3,000
			<b>€1,151,769</b>

<b><i>Funding</i></b>	<i>Regional OR Maintenance</i>	€133,674
	<i>Local OR Maintenance</i>	€299,337
	<i>Discretionary Maintenance</i>	€718,758
	<i>Total</i>	<b>€1,151,769</b>

## Surface Dressing Programme 2015

Road Class	Road no.	Townland	Engineering Area	Year	Length (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimate €	Cumulative Cost of work €
<b>Regional</b>								
R	R-230-8	Crowlar, Crove	Killybegs	2015	1,400	7000	€38,628	€38,628
R	R-262-2/3	Frosses - Glenties	Dunkineely	2015	740	4070	€21,075	€59,703
R	R 232 -8	Pettigoe Road	Ballyshannon	2015	1600	10400	€59,703	€119,406
								<b>€119,406</b>

Road Class	Road no.	Townland	Engineering Area	Year	Length (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimate €	Cumulative Cost of work €
<b>Local</b>								
LP	LP-1275-2	Croaghlin - Conlin Bridge	Killybegs	2015	1,000	3200	€14,400	€14,400
LP	LP-1425-2	St. John's Point - Ballycroy	Dunkineely	2015	1,200	4200	€18,000	€32,400
LP	L2365-3	Carricknahorna	Ballyshannon	2015	1500	5100	€20,400	€52,800
LP	LP1965-2	Tawnyvorga(Harveys pt)	Laghey	2015	1000	4,000	€16,000	€68,800
LP	LP-1115-1	Roxborough - Derrylahan	Killybegs	2015	1,000	3500	€15,750	€84,550
LP	LP-1685-1	Frosses - Drumbarron	Dunkineely	2015	1,000	4000	€17,160	€101,710
LP	L2225-7	Belalt South	Ballyshannon	2015	1500	5250	€22,313	€124,023

LP	LP2185-3	Shannagh Rd	Laghey	2015	1500	6,300	€25,200	€149,223
LP	LP-1065-1	Pilgrims Path Teelin	Killybegs	2015	680	2040	€9,180	€158,403
LP	LP-1715-1	Letterbarra - Lettetreane	Dunkineely	2015	700	2800	€12,012	€170,415
LS	L8035-1	Grousehall Pettigo	Ballyshannon	2015	1200	4080	€17,340	€187,755
LP	LP2585-2	Tullywee	Laghey	2015	670	3,350	€13,400	€201,155
LP	LP-1015-4	Stranagartan	Killybegs	2015	1,200	3600	€16,000	€217,155
LP	LP-1665-1	Doorin Line - Mullanboys	Dunkineely	2015	400	1800	€7,722	€224,877
LP	L2375-1	Cavangarden	Ballyshannon	2015	1600	5280	€21,120	€245,997
LS	LS6545-2	Druminnin	Laghey	2015	1300	5,200	€20,800	€266,797
LS	LS-5285-1	Meenychannon	Killybegs	2015	1,000	3000	€13,317	€280,114
LP	LP-1675-1	Tullyvoose - Tullinlagan	Dunkineely	2015	1,000	3500	€15,000	€295,114
LS	L7095-1	Foyagh	Ballyshannon	2015	1600	4800	€19,200	€314,314
LP	LP1845-4	Ballydevitt-Clanborrin x rds	Laghey	2015	1600	6,400	€25,666	€339,980
LS	LS-6065-1	Lettreane - Drumboarty	Dunkineely	2015	1,100	3850	€16,058	€356,038
LS	L7895-1	Ardfarn	Ballyshannon	2015	1500	5250	€20,769	€376,807
LS	LS6615-2	Clarcam	Laghey	2015	1050	3,150	€12,000	€388,807
LS	LS-5555-1	Tullaghacullion - Benroe	Dunkineely	2015	1,000	3500	€15,000	€403,807
								<b>€403,807</b>



## 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	Ballyshannon Streets	Ballyshannon	600	4800	100,000	100,000
L	LP1955-1/25-1	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	Dooley (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 Inver Port - Hillhead - Fanaghans	Laghey	1000	4000	52,000	1,713,505
LP	L-1565-2	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	<b>1,998,985</b>

### Stand By Depending on Funding

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 Bridge	Dunkineely	1000	5500	79,000	1,815,505
R	R-263-8		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

**Minutes of Municipal District of Donegal Workshop held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015 at 10.30 a.m. in the Peter Kennedy Chamber, Donegal PSC.**

**Members present:**

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

**Officials in Attendance:**

Mr. Garry Martin, Manager, Municipal District of Donegal/Director of Finance, Emergency Services and Information Systems  
Ms. Bridie McBrearty, Area Manager, Housing & Corporate Services  
Mr. Peadar Thomas, Area Manager, Roads / Transportation  
Mr. Barney McLaughlin, Community & Enterprise  
Mr. Willie Freney, Executive Engineer, Roads / Transportation  
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing / Corporate Services

**Minutes**

**Housing**

**Vacant Property Ballyshannon**

***One Bed Units, Erne Dale Height***

Members noted the report circulated electronically and presented by Ms. B McBrearty, Area Manager in relation to One Bed Units at Erne Dale Heights, Ballyshannon. Members noted that an agreement had been reached with an Approved Housing Body for the refurbishment of the units. On the proposal of Cllr McEniff seconded by Cllr Jordan it was agreed to proceed to Section 183.

***77 Erne Dale Heights***

Members noted that tender documents are currently being prepared to have the necessary works carried out to bring this unit back into stock.

***60 St Benildus Avenue***

Members noted the report in relation to 60 St Benildus Avenue as presented by Ms. B McBrearty. Following a short discussion, on the proposal of Cllr McEniff, seconded by Cllr O'Neill, Members agreed to proceed to make arrangements to dispose of the dwelling on the open market.

## **Housing Provision**

### ***Approved Housing Bodies***

Members noted that the Council had invited Cluid Housing, following an evaluation of submissions against the stated selection criteria, to submit a CALF proposal to purchase 16 no. units in Donegal Town and to acquire land and develop 22 no. units in Ballyshannon.

### ***SHIP Programme 2015 - 2020***

Members noted the report on SHIP 2015 - 2020 presented by Ms. B McBrearty. Members noted the programme provided for 70 housing units in the Municipal District of Donegal during the duration of the programme. Ms. McBrearty also briefed Members in detail on interagency working, purchases in 2015, housing in Donegal Town, Ballyshannon and Kilybegs. She briefed Members on her recent meeting with the Council's Architect in relation to Donegal Town and circulated a map detailing the proposals in relation to developing 26 Social Housing Units in the only available site in Donegal Town. She advised she would keep them apprised of progress and that the matter would come before the Council at a later date as a Part VIII Planning.

### ***Specific Instance Cottages***

Ms. B McBrearty informed Members the Council had not built any SI Cottages since 2011. She informed Members that towards the latter half of the Social Housing Investment Programme, consideration may be given to the provision of Specific Instance Cottages.

### ***Housing for people with Special Needs***

Members noted the report as presented by Ms. B McBrearty in relation to Housing for People with Special Needs – CAS. Members also noted the two tables included in the report detailing the overview of Current Accommodation Requirements and Future Accommodation Requirements. Members also noted the Council is working with the HSE and an Approved Housing Body in relation to this. Ms. B McBrearty also informed Members they would be keep updated on all the proposals in this regard.

A number of comments / queries were dealt with at the workshop. Members expressed their appreciation for the good work underway by Ms. B McBrearty and the Housing Section.

## **Roads**

### **Surface Dressing & General Maintenance**

Mr. Peadar Thomas circulated and presented the proposed Surface Dressing and General Maintenance programme for 2015. He informed Members the programme was based on available funding and split between the four Roads Supervisors' areas. Members noted the Restoration Programme for 2015 had already been agreed. He also informed Members the allocation for Bundoran is to continue in 2015 as in previous years and would be utilised in particular on Street Cleaning, parks and open spaces and grass cutting (but not in housing estates).

A number of queries were dealt with as follows:

In response to a query from Cllr Campbell if the former Bundoran Town Council allocation will be spent in Bundoran this year, Mr. P Thomas confirmed it would.

In response to a query from Cllr Campbell if the R195 is included on the surface dressing programme, Mr. P Thomas confirmed it is.

In response to a query from Cllr McEniff if the tarmacing of Tullan Strand Road is included in the Roads Programme, Mr. G Martin informed him that it wasn't as there is a specific works programme for take-over of estates in Bundoran as previously agreed by the Town Council. In response to a query from Cllr Campbell Mr. P Thomas informed Members it the road length being taken over from Council was in the region of 17kms.

In response to a request from Cllr Jordan for surface dressing to be carried out at Ardaghey Chapel to the corner where the road is very smooth, Members were advised this would require some adjustment to the programme if this were to be carried out. Mr. W Freney, Executive Engineer, Roads / Transportation suggested that this issue may be addressed by 'jetting' this portion of the road instead and agreed to investigate this.

In response to a query from Cllr McEniff as to whether the work on the footpaths in Ballintra could be completed, Mr. P Thomas informed Members it was hoped to come back to Members later in the year with a proposed footpath programme for the four areas for consideration.

In response to a request from Cllr O'Neill for some surface dressing to be carried out at Clontyseer/Station Road, Ballyshannon (approx 500m) Mr. P Thomas undertook to investigate this matter and to facilitate by reducing some of the other works in the area of Ballyshannon to off-set the cost in the programme.

In response to a request from Cllr O'Neill for some works to be undertaken at Creevy Crossroads, Mr. P Thomas informed Members the Restoration Programme has already been agreed but undertook to investigate to see if some works could be done at Creevy.

### **Fintra Bridge and Tir Chonaill Bridge**

Mr. P Thomas circulated a report on Fintra and Tir Chonaill Bridges.

### **Review of Parking Bye-Laws**

Members noted the Parking Bye-Laws circulated electronically. Mr. P Thomas submitted it may be more appropriate for the Bye – Laws to be reviewed by his successor with Members as he has only one meeting of the Municipal District left to attend before he retires in May 2015 and the process would not be concluded by that time. This was accepted by Members.

### **Report on Lands at Salt Barn, Tullaghcullion TD., Killybegs**

Members noted the report as circulated and presented by Mr. W Freney, Area Engineer, Roads. A number of comments / queries were dealt with at the workshop. Following a short discussion, Members agreed the matter could proceed to the Plenary Council as a Section 183 as recommended in the report.

## **Schedule of Municipal District Works**

Mr. Garry Martin briefed Members in relation to the Schedule of Municipal District Works as circulated electronically. He advised the Council is initiating the process of Schedule of MD Works this year and it is likely to develop further in future years. The purpose of the Schedule is to agreed the plan for the District for Repair and Maintenance Work within the parameters of the Adopted Budget. He also informed Members the Strategic Development Fund may be used by Members to add to programmes in the Schedule of MD Works.

### ***Roads Schedule of Works***

Members noted the Roads Schedule is as agreed.

### ***Housing Schedule of Works***

Members noted the proposed Schedule of Housing MD Works as presented in detail by Ms. B McBrearty.

### ***Environment***

Members noted the proposed Schedule of Environment Works as presented by Mr. G Martin.

He also informed Members that representation from the Environment Service to the Municipal District meetings should be addressed shortly and that the Council has very diligent Waste Enforcement staff working in this area.

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

In relation to a query from Cllr Campbell regarding the allocation to environment in the MD of Donegal, Members were advised these works are reactionary i.e. to deal with illegal dumping, investigations, clean ups etc. and some of the other areas would unfortunately have a higher level of littering/illegal dumping.

Cllr Kennedy submitted there was a discussion in relation to litter at the recent Environment Strategic Policy Committee meeting with particular reference to encouraging Community Groups to take ownership of areas in terms of assisting in dealing with litter through the Community & Enterprise Division of the Council.

It was also agreed that a briefing would be sought for Members from the Environment Section in relation to the role of Litter Wardens and Enforcement Staff.

There was also a discussion in relation to customer contacts e.g. reporting illegal dumping and the feedback to individuals who have reported same.

Members confirmed their agreement to the Schedule of Municipal District Works for the MD of Donegal as circulated and noted same is on the Agenda for the MD meeting at 2.00 p.m.

**Strategic Development Fund (C&E)**

Members noted the Strategic Development Fund allocations as circulated electronically. Mr. B McLaughlin informed Members that the closing date for applications for the SDF is the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2015 for the Municipal District of Donegal and that there are already circa 50 applications received some of which are County Wide applications.

Following a brief discussion it was agreed that a workshop would be held on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 2.00 p.m. which would allow the Community & Enterprise Section to process the applications and Members to agree the allocations for the April 2015 meeting of the MD.

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



<p><b>MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL MEETING</b> <b>14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2015</b></p>
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**UPDATE REPORT**

**HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES**

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

24th March, 2015

**HOUSING**  
**GRANTS**

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

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

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

**HOUSING LOANS @ 24th March 2015**

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

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

As at 24<sup>th</sup> March 2015 – Casual Vacancies

Location of Vacancy	Area	BED	Dwelling Vacated	Repairs Completed
SI Cottage at Ballinacarrick	BALLINTRA	3	24th March, 2013 (Tenant Deceased)	Legal matter
2 Fair Green	BALLINTRA	3	16/02/2015	Works ongoing
1 Erne Dale Heights	BALLYSHANNON	1	23rd March, 2013	Major Refurb required
1B Ernedale Heights	BALLYSHANNON	1	10/02/2009	Major Refurb required
2 Erne Dale Heights	BALLYSHANNON	1	15th July 2009	Major Refurb required
2B Erne Dale Heights	BALLYSHANNON	1	4th January 2011	Major Refurb required
77 Erne Dale Heights	BALLYSHANNON	3	23/08/2012	Major Refurb required
60 St Benildus Avenue	BALLYSHANNON	2	Repossessed on 28/04/2010	For Sale
30 Cluain Barron	BALLYSHANNON	3	11 October 2013	Major Refurb required
19 Mountain View	BUNDORAN	1	Oct-13	Works Completed
20 Elaghmore	BUNDORAN	3	1-Mar-2014	Works Completed
13 Bunholvil	BUNDORAN	4	18-Feb-2015	Works Completed
22 Bunholvil	BUNDORAN	3	25-Jul-2014	Works Completed
25 Ben Whisken View	BUNDORAN	3	29-Sep-2014	Works Completed
8 Clós Naomh Columba	CARRICK	3	18-Jul-2014	No demand
12 St Mary's Park	DONEGAL	2	26-Jan-2015	Works ongoing
18 Railway Park	DONEGAL	3	3-Nov-2014	Works ongoing
201 Castleview	DUNKINEELY	3	27-Jun-2014	Major Refurb required
222 Castleview	DUNKINEELY	1	15-Mar-2015	Works ongoing
11 Springfield Park	DUNKINEELY	2	19/12/2014 (tenant deceased)	Works ongoing
14 Springfield Park	DUNKINEELY	3	26/02/2015	Works ongoing
6 Drumard Park	FROSSES	3	16/02/2015	Works ongoing
SI Cottage at Stragar North	KILLYBEGS	2	17th Aug 2012	Major Refurb required
26 Termon Villas	PETTIGO	3	30th January 2013	Works Completed



# ROADS / TRANSPORTATION

**Donegal Electoral Area  
As Constructed 2015**

Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Estimated Cost of work (EURO)	Status
<b>Restoration</b>				
LP 2425-2/4	Ballyshannon Streets	Ballyshannon	100,000	Not Started
LP1955-1/25-1	Donegal Streets	Laghey	100,000	Not Started
R-262	Sir Albert's Bridge,	Dunkineely	30,070	Not Started
R-263-2	Killybegs Streets	Killybegs	77,800	Not Started
R-263-14	Cashel Village - (Fire Station)	Killybegs	40,000	Not Started

R231	Rossnowlagh rd	Ballyshannon	96,000	Not Started
R232 1-4	Pettigoe Rd patches	Laghey/Bally	160,000	Not Started
L-1365-4	Drimaghy - Tullinteane	Dunkineely	48,500	Not Started
L-5085-1	Dooley (Hostel Road )	Killybegs	58,500	Not Started
LP2175-1	Ballintra Street	Ballyshannon	39,900	Not Started
LS6585-1	Clarcam	Laghey	20,000	Not Started
L-1375-2/3	Croagh Orbal - Meenagoland	Dunkineely	38,500	Not Started
L-1315-2	Faiafannan - Stragar	Killybegs	42,000	Not Started
LP2365-2	Cashelard	Ballyshannon	66,500	Not Started
LP1945-3	Lough Eske Demensne	Laghey	80,000	Not Started
L-1415-1	Loughmuilt - Ballywoges	Dunkineely	38,500	Not Started
L-1125-1	Carrick - Meenaneary	Killybegs	54,000	Not Started
LP2535-1	Ballymunterhiggins	Ballyshannon	32,400	Not Started
LS6495-1	Heneys	Laghey	50,000	Not Started
L-1645-1/2	Raneely - Drumcoe	Dunkineely	36,225	Not Started
L-1085-2	Carrick - Teelin	Killybegs	67,500	Not Started
LS8065-1	Tievemore-Lettercran	Ballyshannon	72,000	Not Started
LP1815-5	Drumboarty	Laghey	38,000	Not Started
L-1685	Selicas - Letterfad	Dunkineely	39,600	Not Started
L-1315-1	Church road Killybegs	Killybegs	37,500	Not Started



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L7475-2	County Bridge	Ballyshannon	43,200	Not Started
LP1965-1	Friary Road	Laghey	38,000	Not Started
L-6085	Edenamuck - Drimaheark	Dunkineely	36,225	Not Started
L-1195-1	Line Road Kilcar	Killybegs	28,500	Not Started
LS7265-2	Ballymagroarty	Ballyshannon	28,985	Not Started
L-6035-1	Lettermore - Letterfad	Dunkineely	23100	Not Started
LP-1865-1	Ballydevitt-Drumstevlin	Laghey	52,000	Not Started
L-1565-2	Inver Port - Hillhead - Fanaghans	Dunkineely	28,980	Not Started
L-1185-3	Ballymoon Road	Killybegs	34,200	Not Started
LS7515-2	Alla	Ballyshannon	33,000	Not Started
L-5895-1	R262 - Dibbin School	Dunkineely	48,300	Not Started
LS6421-1	Spierstown	Laghey	70,000	Not Started
L-1565-1	N56 - Inver	Dunkineely	26,000	Not Started
LS8005-1	Clyhore	Ballyshannon	20,000	Not Started
L-1345-2	Ballyloughan - Benroe	Dunkineely	25,000	Not Started
<b>Regional Surface Dressing</b>				
<b>Road No,</b>	<b>Type of Work / Location</b>		<b>Estimate Euro</b>	
R-230-8	Crowlar, Crove	Killybegs	€38,628	Not

				Started
R-262-2/3	Frosses - Glenties	Dunkineely	€21,075	Not Started
R 232 -8	Pettigoe Road	Ballyshannon	€59,703	Not Started
<b>Local Surface Dressing</b>				
<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Type of Work / Location</b>		<b>Amount</b>	Not Started
LP-1275-2	Croaghlin - Conlin Bridge	Killybegs	€14,400	Not Started
LP-1425-2	St. John's Point - Ballycroy	Dunkineely	€18,000	Not Started
L2365-3	Carricknahorna	Ballyshannon	€20,400	Not Started
LP1965-2	Tawnyvorga(Harveys pt)	Laghey	€16,000	Not Started
LP-1115-1	Roxborough - Derrylahan	Killybegs	€15,750	Not Started
LP-1685-1	Frosses - Drumbarron	Dunkineely	€17,160	Not Started
L2225-7	Belalt South	Ballyshannon	€22,313	Not Started
LP2185-3	Shannagh Rd	Laghey	€25,200	Not Started
LP-1065-1	Pilgrims Path Teelin	Killybegs	€9,180	Not Started
LP-1715-1	Letterbarra - Lettertreane	Dunkineely	€12,012	Not Started
L8035-1	Grousehall Pettigo	Ballyshannon	€17,340	Not Started
LP2585-2	Tullywee	Laghey	€13,400	Not Started
LP-1015-4	Stranagartan	Killybegs	€16,000	Not Started
LP-1665-1	Doorin Line - Mullanboys	Dunkineely	€7,722	Not Started

L2375-1	Cavangarden	Ballyshannon	€21,120	Not Started
LS6545-2	Druminnin	Laghey	€20,800	Not Started
LS-5285-1	Meenychannon	Killybegs	€13,317	Not Started
LP-1675-1	Tullyvoose - Tullinlagan	Dunkineely	€15,000	Not Started
L7095-1	Foyagh	Ballyshannon	€19,200	Not Started
LP1845-4	Ballydevitt-Clanborrin x rds	Laghey	€25,666	Not Started
LS-6065-1	Lettertreane - Drumboarty	Dunkineely	€16,058	Not Started
L7895-1	Ardfarn	Ballyshannon	€20,769	Not Started
LS6615-2	Clarcam	Laghey	€12,000	Not Started
LS-5555-1	Tullaghacullion - Benroe	Dunkineely	€15,000	Not Started

PROPOSED EXPENDITURE OF ADDITIONAL €104,554

ROAD NO	JOB LOCATION		LENGTH	WIDTH	AREA	COST	Total
<b>Discretionary Grant</b>		Needed for unforeseen emergencies				<b>€5,886</b>	€5,886
<b>Regional Road Surface Dressing</b>							
R232	Pettigroe Road	Existing project	150	6.5	975	€3,367.50	
R-230	Crowlar, Crove	Existing project	100	5	500	€1,684.00	
R-262	Frosses-Glenties	Existing project	60	5.5	330	€1,684.00	
	Total					<b>€6,736</b>	€6,736
<b>Local Road Surface Dressing</b>							
LP1965-2	Tawnyvorga Harvey's point	Existing project	200	4	800	€2,000	
L1845-3	Ballydevitt-Clanborrin x rds	Existing project	200	4	800	€2,334	
L6615-1	Clarcam	Existing project	Existing estimate low			€2,000	
LP2485-4	Cliff Road	New Project	400	4	1600	€6,876	
LP1425-2	St. John's Point-Ballycroy	Existing project	600	3	1800	€5,694	
LP1115-1	Roxborough-Derrylahan	Existing project	250	3.5	750	€3,873	
	Total					<b>€22,777</b>	€22,777
<b>Regional &amp; Local Rd Restoration</b>							
LT79651	Ardloughill	New Project	440	3	1320	€15,000	
LS6565-1	Birchill	New Project	250	6	1500	€14,000	
R231	Rossnowlagh Rd	New Project	300	4	1200	€10,418	
R263-2	Killybegs Streets	Existing Project	100	4	400	€15,214	
LP1515	Ardaghey Glebe	New Project	300	4.5	1,350	€14,523	

Total

€69,155 €69,155

**Overall Total**

**€104,554**

<p><b>Housing Corporate &amp; Planning Control Services</b></p> <p><b>Planning Control Report</b></p>
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**Donegal Municipal District Meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

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### Summary of planning applications for each Municipal District (2015)

	Period	Apps Recd	Granted	Refused	Deferred	< 2 months	Invalid
<b>Donegal</b>	<b>01/01/15-31/03/15</b>	108	60	9	11	47	11
<b>Total</b>		<b>108</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Glenties</b>							
	<b>01/01/15-31/03/15</b>	72	50	1	16	32	7
<b>Total</b>							
<b>Inishowen</b>		<b>72</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>7</b>
	<b>01/01/15-31/03/15</b>	87	50	2	18	25	20
<b>Total</b>							
<b>Letterkenny</b>							
		<b>87</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>20</b>
	<b>01/01/15-31/03/15</b>	86	52	7	21	25	8
<b>Total</b>							
<b>Stranorlar</b>							
		<b>86</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Total</b>							
<b>County Totals*</b>		<b>399</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>52</b>

**Appeal's Received (14/02/2015 – 31/03/2015)**

<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>
14/50993	BIOMARINE INGREDIENTS IRELAND LTD.	R	16/02/2015	C	(1) SITE WORKS INCLUDING REDUCED LEVEL EXCAVATIONS TO PROVIDE SUITABLE LEVELS FOR THE BUILDING, VEHICULAR ACCESS & CIRCULATION, CAR PARKING & YARD. THE EXCAVATION WORK MAY NECESSITATE ROCK BREAKING USING A CONTROLLED BLASTING TECHNIQUE IN CONJUNCTION WITH MECHANICAL ROCK BREAKING ACTIVITY. (2) CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FISH PROCESSING FACILITY WITH ASSOCIATED OFFICES, LABORATORIES, PLANT, EQUIPMENT, COLD STORAGE, PRODUCT STORAGE, STAFF CHANGING & REST ROOMS. THE FACILITY WILL PROCESS UP TO 50,000 TONNES OF FISH PER ANNUM PRODUCING HIGH END PROTEINS, OILS AND CALCIUM FOR DESPATCH AS FOOD INGREDIENTS. CONSTRUCTION WORK WILL INCLUDE A DETACHED 30M HIGH CYLINDRICAL DRIER BUILDING, CHIMNEY STACK AND OTHER ASSOCIATED ITEMS OF PLANT & EQUIPMENT OUTSIDE THE MAIN BUILDING ENVELOPE. AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND A NATURA IMPACT STATEMENT HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION. THE APPLICATION RELATES TO A DEVELOPMENT WHICH IS FOR AN ACTIVITY REQUIRING AN INDUSTRIAL EMISSIONS LICENCE UNDER CLASS 7.8 (A) (1) OF THE NEW FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE EPA ACT AS AMENDED STONEY HILL INDUSTRIAL PARK, KILLYBEGS DONEGAL PO CO. DONEGAL	16/03/2015



14/50014	MCENIFF HOLDING LTD	P	05/03/2015	C	ERECTION OF AN ADVERTISEMENT SIGN AND ASSOCIATED SITE WORKS PARIS BAR, MAIN STREET DRUMACRIN BUNDORAN DONEGAL PO, CO. DONEGAL	30/03/2015

**Appeal's Decision Notified (14/02/2015 -31/3/2015 )**

<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>
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## Transboundary Applications

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

TB 14/02	A/2014/0134/F	21/03/2014	D.O.E. N.I.	Environmental Impact Assessment Determination	Treatment Facility for End of Life Vehicles at Buncrana Road, Derry	P Kelly	Case Closed
TB14/03	J/2014/0124/LCB	28/04/2014	D.O.E. N.I.	Consultation	Installation of Street Lighting ballards at Clady Bridge (Listed Building), Urney Road, Clady	P Kelly	Active
TB14/04	J/2011/0433/0	17/04/2014	D.O.E. N.I.	Addendum to Environmental Statement & Information	Major mixed use cross border development	P Kelly	Active
TB15/01	J/2014/0624/F	10/02/2015	D.O.E. N.I.	Initial Consultation	Wind Turbine at 290m S.W. of 30 Creevagh Road, Co. Derry	P Kelly	Active
TB15/02	A/2015/0049/F	10/202/2015	D.O.E. N.I.	Initial Consultation	Wind Turbine with a hub height on lands 108m N.W. of 18 Killea Road, Derry.	P Kely	Active

**Part 8 (Active) Donegal MD None at 31/03/2015**

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

14<sup>th</sup> April 2015

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**Community, Development & Enterprise**

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**REPORT**

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**Comhairle Contae  
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Donegal County Council

**Municipal District: Donegal Town**

**Activity / Project Update, 31 March 2015**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	Community Tourism Diaspora Project
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	The key objective of the Fund is to provide support to local and community event organisers and activities / projects that will harness diaspora links for the benefit of local and community tourism. The Fund is being administered by your local city / county council.
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€30,000
<b>Progress to date within the last two months-inclusive of current status</b>	<p>The Fund was officially launched The Minister of State for Tourism and Sport, Michael Ring TD on Monday, 9th March 2015.</p> <p>Details about the Funding have been uploaded on the Donegal County Council website: <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/business/developingourtourismsector/communitytourisminitiative/">http://www.donegalcoco.ie/business/developingourtourismsector/communitytourisminitiative/</a></p> <p>And also on <a href="http://www.donegalgathering.com">www.donegalgathering.com</a> website and Donegal Gathering and Donegal Diaspora Facebook pages linking back to Donegal CoCo site.</p> <p>The application process for 2015 is now open and will close on Friday 17th April 2015.</p> <p>An email with information about the Funding &amp; Application Form was circulated to all DCC Councillors, extensive database of Community Event Organisers, as well as the Members of the Tourism Sectoral For a Group.</p>
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assessment of received applications</li><li>• Money allocation to successful project</li><li>• Sending out Letters of Offer / Unsuccessful Letters</li><li>• Providing advice and support to successful Applicants</li></ul>
<b>Contact Person (to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</b>	Iga Lawne, Tourism Community Support Officer, Donegal Tourism Ltd. E: <a href="mailto:igalawne@gmail.com">igalawne@gmail.com</a> / T: 074-972 4475



**Activity / Project Update: March 2015**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>PLAYGROUNDS</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Annual maintenance of Playgrounds  1. Glencolmcille 2. St John Bosco, Donegal Town 3. Mall Park, Ballyshannon & Outdoor Fitness Equipment 4. Kilcar
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	1. €4,271.60 incl. VAT
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>	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></ul> <u>Current Status:</u> Works nearing completion.
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i> <b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Works to be completed by mid April, 2015.</li></ul>
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i> <b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	Eamon Boyle Executive Engineer Three Rivers Centre Tel: 087 1788623 <a href="mailto:eamonb@donegalcoco.ie">eamonb@donegalcoco.ie</a>





**Activity / Project Update: March 2015**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Donegal Craft Village</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	1. Removal and Replacement of Glass Units at Donegal Craft Village
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	2. €12,069.50 incl. VAT
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>	1. Works consists of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Removal and replacement of Glass Units with 20mm Double Glazed Units (toughened glass)</li></ul> <p><u>Current Status:</u> Works nearing completion.</p>
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i> <b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Works to be completed by end of March, 2015.</li></ul>
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i> <b>Contact Person</b> (to include telephone number & e-mail address)	Eamon Boyle Executive Engineer Three Rivers Centre Tel: 087 1788623 <a href="mailto:eamonb@donegalcoco.ie">eamonb@donegalcoco.ie</a>



**Municipal District:** ALL

**Activity / Project Update**

Activity / Project Title	DONEGAL YOUTH COUNCIL
<p><b>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status</b></p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The group launched a new road safety radio advert on St Patrick's weekend highlighting the importance of wearing seatbelts in conjunction with the Donegal Road Safety Working Group which is running on Highland Radio and Ocean FM for 3 weeks and also on Iradio for one week.</li> <li>• The group have received funding through the Irish Carers Association to produce a video which will highlight the issue of Young Carers in the county and highlight a new support service which is now up and running. Filming begins on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.</li> <li>• The group have been doing lot of work on development of new "Alternative Sports" taster days which would run firstly on Social Inclusion Week</li> <li>• NYC planning for Chalk It Up Positive Messages initiative in post primary schools in county in support of Stand Up Against Homophobic Bullying week April 20<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Youth Council have also partnered with Europe Direct Information Centres and Library Service to run 5 European themed quizzes for schools to celebrate European Youth Week at end of April – beginning of May - Events will take place in Carndonagh, Bundoran, Letterkenny, Gweedore and Ballybofey. Gweedore quiz will be delivered through Irish.</li> <li>• Youth Councillors from Stranorlar Municipal Area are meeting with County Councillors at Municipal District Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> April.</li> <li>• Maria Ferry National Executive Representative Maria Ferry will be chairing information session in the Dail for TDs on April 22nd on new Mental Health Initiative "Lets Go Mental" Youth Mental Health event which will take place in Donegal later this year which as part of a national Comhairle Na Nog Initiative</li> <li>• The group are also beginning the process of developing a short film to highlight young people's experience of bullying in the county and will be linking in other agencies to identify ways of having DVD shown as part of seminars and workshops they offer in schools and other youth centres – this will be a summer project for the Youth Council.</li> <li>• The group are holding a project development residential in Breesy Centre on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March.</li> <li>• Group have also been receiving training on issues such as public speaking and youth participation at county meetings in February and March.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b></p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completing another new radio interview on speed awareness for young drivers which will go out from May Bank Holiday weekend on Highland Radio, Ocean Fm and iradio</li> <li>• Completing LGBT Stand Up Chalk It UP events in schools</li> <li>• Completing European Youth Week quizzes in 5 different regions</li> <li>• Finalising details for first Alternative Sports Taster Day in June.</li> <li>• Completing training and project development residential in Breesy Centre.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i></p>	<p>Martin Keeney 0876806676 <a href="mailto:youthcouncil@donegalyouthservice.ie">youthcouncil@donegalyouthservice.ie</a></p>



**Activity / Project Update**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	Donegal County Museum's Travelling Exhibitions
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Donegal County Museum has developed a number of travelling exhibitions, which are available for loan to organisations and venues throughout Donegal. The exhibitions consist of either pop-up display stands or hanging display boards on a variety of themes such as the Flight of the Earls; the Plantation of Ulster; the Emergency/World War II; the First World War; the Ulster Covenant 1912; Connection and Division 1910-1931 and Donegal's Sporting Heroes.
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter* -inclusive of current status</b>	In 2014 these exhibitions travelled to events and venues locally and nationally including, the 48 <sup>th</sup> plenary meeting of the British Irish Parliamentary Assembly in Dublin; a conference on the "Emergency in Ireland" held in NUIG, Galway; the "Carols in the Trenches" event in Christchurch Cathedral, Dublin; Magill Summer School, Glenties; the Tip O'Neill Diaspora Award, Buncrana; the Diaspora Conference, Letterkenny; An tSean Bhearraic, Falcarragh; the Courtyard Shopping Centre, Letterkenny; Corcreggan Mill, Dunfanaghy; Annagry Community Hall; Fort Dunree, Inishowen; Balor Theatre, Ballybofey
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	In 2014 the Museum's travelling exhibitions were viewed by nearly 6,000 people in venues throughout Donegal and nationally (with 144,000 people visiting the Courtyard Shopping Centre while our exhibitions were on display).
<b>Project Targets for the next quarterly* reporting period</b>	The WWI exhibition will be on display at the Cloughaneely and WWI memorial night in Óstan Loch Altan on the 26th of March and in the Cathedral Hall, Raphoe on 23rd April; Connection and Division will be on display in Letterkenny PSC in April.
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
<b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	Caroline Carr, Donegal County Museum, 074 9124613, museum@donegalcoco.ie



**Activity / Project Update**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	Donegal in 1916 Study Pack
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	The ‘ <b>County Donegal in 1916</b> ’ <b>Heritage Education Pack</b> is a collaborative effort between the Archives, Museum and Library Services and the Heritage Office. The study pack will be composed of an illustrated booklet and 15-18 facsimile documents in a folder, that address the material heritage related to key selected themes. The study pack will be aimed at teachers, students and a general audience and 5,000 copies will be produced. The aims of the project are to: (i) raise awareness of society and culture in County Donegal in 1916, (ii) set national events (such as the Easter Rising) and international events (such as the First World War, the Battle of the Somme and the Battle of Jutland) in the context of their effects on society in County Donegal, (iii) recognise the role that key individuals from County Donegal played in national/international events in 1916 and (iv) communicate the material culture of County Donegal in 1916 through key documents and artefacts. This is an action of the Heritage Plan and is funded in part by the Heritage Council.
<b>Budget</b> (if applicable)	€10,000
<b>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status</b>	First draft of text of booklet almost completed.  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b>	Full text in draft form and facsimiles decided on.  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>
<b>Contact Person</b> (to include telephone number & e-mail address)	Niamh Brennan (074 9172490; <a href="mailto:nbrennan@donegalcoco.ie">nbrennan@donegalcoco.ie</a> )



### Activity / Project Update

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	Bealtaine 2015 – library highlights
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<p>This year the <i>Bealtaine Festival</i> celebrates its eighteenth year in Donegal. As usual, a wide and varied programme of events including art exhibitions, book promotions, storytelling, music, dance and crafts takes place in the libraries, Taobh Tíre Centre's and other venues throughout the county.</p> <p>There are a number of highlights this year including <i>Reminiscence</i> with Frank Galligan; <i>Cumann na mBan and Donegal women</i> with Helen Meehan; <i>Personal Safety in the home</i> with Neil Martin; <i>Knit and Stitch</i> with Donegal Designer Edel McBride; and our ever popular Rhymetime for Grandparents and toddlers will also take place in libraries throughout the county. The Europe Direct Information Centres in Central Library and Leabharlann Phobail Ghaoth Dobhair have sponsored four events in four different library locations throughout Donegal to highlight active citizenship in the older community in Donegal.</p> <p>Bealtaine 2015 will be launched on May the 1<sup>st</sup> in the Central Library, Letterkenny.</p>
<b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	<b>Frances Crampsie.</b> Tel. 074 91 61818 E: frances.crampsie@donegalcoco.ie

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>New Technologies in Donegal Libraries</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<p>Library members can now download and borrow from a selection of hundreds of e-books and e-audio books through the library website for free.</p> <p>Other recent technology introduced to the library service is the option to borrow from a choice of 30 digital magazines including Auto Express, The Economist, Hello, Kitchen Garden, National Geographic, and Webuser. Free to library members anywhere in the county, issues can be downloaded to your smartphone, laptop or tablet from Zinio.</p> <p>Library members can also read thousands of newspapers and other magazines through PressDisplay.</p> <p>See the Online Library section of <a href="http://www.donegallibrary.ie">www.donegallibrary.ie</a> for more details.</p>
<b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	<b>Maureen Kerr.</b> Tel. 074 91 21968 E: maureenkerr@donegalcoco.ie



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Donegal County Council

**Municipal District:** ALL

**Activity / Project Update**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Ren Net - Renewable Energy Business Network</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€406,247
<b>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status</b>	<p>The Interreg IVA funded Renewable Energy Business Network (Ren Net) marked the end of its funding by hosting a Low Energy Buildings and Supply Chains Conference on the 27th February in the Clanree Hotel, Letterkenny. Donegal County Council Chief Executive, Seamus Neely, and Cathaoirleach, John Campbell officially opened the conference which illustrated how the North West can become a low carbon economy by engaging all the key stakeholders. Guest speakers included Dr. John Doran, LYIT; Lis O'Brien, LIT and John Flynn, SEAI. Ren Net Project Officer, Joanne Holmes, talked about the success of Ren Net since its inception, which provided supports to small businesses involved in the Green Economy in the North West.</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p> <p>Members of the network were given the opportunity to showcase their renewable energy and energy efficiency products and services at the Ren Net Build and Renovate Show. The show was a great success with almost 1,500 people through the doors over the two days. The supervised Ren Net children's garden proved very popular for the younger visitors and the energy saving talks given by Ren Net members and SEAI were very well attended. Ministers Paudie Coffey and Joe Mc Hugh took time out of their busy schedules to visit the show. Donegal TV were there to capture all the activities and highlights including all the talks will be available to view on <a href="http://www.ren-net.org">www.ren-net.org</a></p> <p>Although the EU funding has now come to an end, the businesses involved in Ren Net are committed to continuing the network and growing the Green Economy in the North West. It is hoped that through participation in the Profitnet model run by the Local Enterprise Office within Donegal County Council that the momentum of the Ren Net Group will be maintained.</p>
<b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	Joanne Holmes Project Officer <a href="mailto:jholmes@donegalcoco.ie">jholmes@donegalcoco.ie</a>



**Activity / Project Update**

<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>Development and launch of new Killybegs.ie website and presentation folder. Ongoing IT Training provided for Killybegs Information Centre staff.</p> <p>New permanent pontoon has now been put in place at Greencastle Pier. Delivery of new pontoons and access gangways to Teelin Pier, Mountcharles Pier will take place shortly.</p> <p>A revised Marketing Plan has been produced to compliment the Sliabh Liag/The Gobbins INTERREG project which includes significant digital elements.</p> <p>A list of Marine Tourism potential projects has been developed and will be included as part of the Donegal County Council Strategic Plan for the next 5 years.</p> <p>Donegal County Council is a partner on the EU funded Cool Route project which has recently been successfully awarded funding. This project sees the development of a sailing trail along the peripheral coasts of Europe including the Nordics. This project includes both infrastructure development and marketing activity. Currently a new logo for the project is in development and a meeting has been planned for early April to bring partners together to discuss the plan of action.</p> <p>The proposed Atlantic Area Programme project called 'Tides of Time' has now been circulated to potential partners around Europe including Sail West partners. Expressions of interest have been received and the EU Unit are working to determine the best project partners to form consortium. This project incorporates both education and tourism in the development of a marine touring route of locations where marine events of historic significance took place such as the Spanish Armada, World Wars etc. Donegal has a huge amount of shipwrecks. This project seeks to educate, to conserve and enhance locations of historic importance and to promote the coast a location of marine heritage and history.</p> <p>A teleconference took place on 5<sup>th</sup> March with the Brittany Regional Council to determine the requirements of Donegal County Council in relation to the project work packages. Donegal County Council have</p>

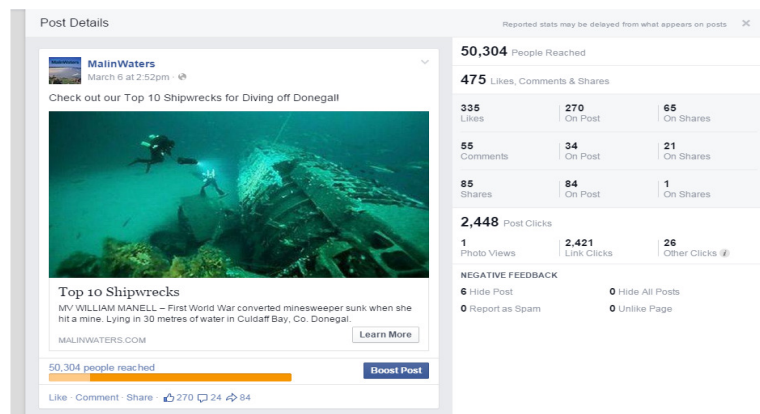
	<p>specified the areas of interest to them as part of this project that would provide the best benefits for Donegal. The project is based on the development of three centres of excellence including tourism, waste and seaside sports, industry &amp; trade services and pleasure boating, ports development. The project seeks to develop a 'Destination Atlantic' to promote marine tourism activities on the Atlantic coastlines. Donegal County Council have made suggestions as to a new name for the project as requested by Brittany County Council.</p>
<p><b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly 1 reporting period</b></p>	<p>In terms of cruise tourism in Killybegs, procurement is in progress to purchase flags and welcome banners to enhance the Shore Road for the arrival of cruise ships. A town map will also be produced for inclusion in the new Killybegs presentation folder. Further training will be provided for users of Killybegs.ie.</p> <p>Discussions will take place around the programme for the next Donegal County Council led Tourism and Marketing Conference in 2015.</p> <p>Work is ongoing with Donegal Bay Rowing Club on various activities to support and develop rowing in County Donegal including event organisation and sourcing funding for project development.</p> <p>New website development projects are planned for the coming weeks include a new website for promoting Arranmore Island including the addition of a blog and mobile responsive website.</p> <p>The delivery of a new website promoting Sliabh Liag is planned for the coming weeks including an extensive online marketing campaign in association with The Gobbins.</p> <p>The project to develop a toilet/shower facility on Gola Island to facilitate increased numbers of visitors to the Island is ongoing.</p> <p>Work is ongoing with the Fanad Lighthouse development project and support will be provided in terms of Digital Marketing and website consultancy for the project in the coming weeks.</p> <p>Leader and FLAG funding will be explored to identify potential funding that may assist in the further development of Marine Tourism in Donegal.</p> <p>A potential project to develop a promenade in the Dowings area is in consideration along with a revamp of the web presence for that area.</p>
<p><b>Contact Person</b></p>	<p><b>Joy Harron</b> <b>Marine Marketing Development Officer</b></p>

**Sail West Activity**

<p><b>Activity / Project Title</b></p>	<p><b>'Sail West' project promoting the MalinWaters brand.</b></p>
<p><b>Project Description/Activity</b></p>	<p>The Sail West project aims to develop marine tourism within the shared maritime regions of North West Ireland, Northern Ireland and</p>



	<p>Western Scotland. The project is funded by the EU INTERREG IVA programme. Led by DCC the project commenced in 2010 and good progress was made in the initial 3 years.</p> <p>The Marketing Plan for 2015 has been approved by SEUPB and will continue promotions into 2015. The Marine Marketing Development Officer has been employed by Donegal Tourism Ltd to continue to develop marine themed opportunities and promote the MalinWaters brand.</p>
<b>Budget</b> <i>(if applicable)</i>	€86,500.00 SEUPB funding. Match funding currently at €95,399.00
<b>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 3 -inclusive of current status</b>	<p><b>MalinWaters.com Website Statistics</b></p> <p>Traffic to date for Q1 on MalinWaters.com compared with the same period last year has shown a significant increase of 474.01% which translates as 14,465 visits vs 2,520 the previous year. Page views have seen a massive increase in line with traffic figures increasing by 261.31% which is 24,320 page views vs 6,731 the previous year.</p> <p><b>Marketing Plan</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Sail West Project Plan</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>MalinWaters Website Development</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Facebook Paid Advertising Campaign</b></p> <p>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. Facebook adverts in French and German languages have been launched to target markets in the local language. The Facebook page now has over 6k likes and continues to grow.</p> <p><b>MalinWaters goes Viral!</b></p> <p>A blog post published on Facebook in regards to 'top 10 dive sites for shipwrecks in Donegal' went viral with over 50,301 audience reach. See below stats...</p>



### Sail Scotland Campaign

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

### Welcome Anchorages 2015

Copies of Welcome Anchorages 2015 have now been delivered to Donegal PSC and will be distributed over the coming weeks.

### MalinWaters Map Reprint

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 2<sup>nd</sup> February across three prominent websites --- Classic Boat, Sailing Today and Yachts and Yachting with a combined audience of over 67k web, 49k e-mail subscribers and 142k social media followers. This campaign highlights Donegal as a sailing and marine tourism destination to a wide audience in the UK market. The campaign also incorporates an e-mail marketing element with MalinWaters newsletters being distributed across the network.

### Google Ad Words Campaign

The Google Ad Words campaign is underway until the end of March 2015 to drive traffic to MalinWaters.com. So far there have been **519** clicks (traffic) to the website from ads on the Google Search Engine Results Page (SERP), and **4,616** clicks to the website from text and banners ads on the Google Display Network (GDN), so a total of **5,135** times. Malin Water ads have been seen a total of **1,201,040** times (Impressions) on the search and display networks combined. Click-through rate (CTR) on search ads is **1.27%**, and **0.40%** on display ads. Average cost per click (CPC) on search ads is **€0.57**, which is 43% lower than originally forecasted. Average position of search ads on the SERP is high at **2.2**, and display ads are in position **1** on the GDN.

### 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.

### E-mail Marketing

	<p>E-mail Marketing is ongoing with a fortnightly e-mail sent out to over 700 subscribers. The subscribe tab that has been added to the MalinWaters Facebook page continues to gather additional subscriptions via social media.</p> <p><b>Strategic Events</b> In total 7 strategic events proposals have been received for various events in each of the three MalinWaters regions. 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. Decisions will be made about funding in early April.</p> <p><b>Branded Merchandise</b> A selection of branded merchandise for promoting MalinWaters at strategic festivals and events has been produced and delivered. It will be used at various promotional events throughout 2015.</p>
<p><b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly 1 reporting period</b></p>	<p><b>Q1 Project Targets</b> Continued promotion of MalinWaters as a marine tourism destination to niche target markets.</p> <p><b>Marketing Plan Action</b> In Q1 the aim is to deliver on the targets and marketing activity detailed in the marketing plan and approve by the Sail West Marketing Sub-Group.</p> <p><b>Social Media</b> Continued updating and development of the social media channels. The delivery of a Facebook paid advertising campaign is ongoing and due for completion in March 2015.</p> <p><b>Google Ad Words</b> A Google Ad Words campaign to promote MalinWaters is underway.</p> <p><b>Branded Merchandise and Map</b> The production of new MalinWaters branded merchandise and a reprint of the MalinWaters map has been completed.</p> <p><b>E-mail Marketing</b> In Q1 we will continue the MalinWaters e-mail marketing campaign with regular newsletters sent out to subscribers.</p> <p><b>Website Content</b> Work will be completed on the functionality development on the MalinWaters website by the end of March 2015.</p> <p><b>MalinWaters Video Production</b> The new MalinWaters video and YouTube channel will be launched at the end of March 2015.</p> <p><b>Sail West Partner Meeting</b> A meeting with Sail West partners was planned for March 2015, but will be postponed until after Easter due to partner availability requirements. The meeting is planned in order to discuss the next steps in the continuation of the project and to decide on project applications, programmes and structures. Sail West partners have been offered the opportunity to get involved with the new Tides of Time project via the Atlantic Area Programme.</p>
<p><b>Contact Person</b></p>	<p><b>Joy Harron</b></p>

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**Electoral Area: Donegal**

**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>Greening Donegal</b></p> <p>The Greening initiative led by Donegal Tourism Ltd and Donegal County Council took place to mark the celebrations of St. Patrick's Day 2015 when over 45 community groups, businesses and local people came together to 'green' county Donegal. With promotions and coverage online and offline including use of the hashtag #greeningdonegal, the production of a map pinpointing greening locations and the development of a video showing greening photos, the initiative was a huge success that will continue to be developed in the coming years.</p> <p>PR opportunities were sought on both print and broadcast media and the feedback from the community was extremely positive.</p> <p><b>Donegal Tourism Brochure Launch</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Glenveagh launch</b></li></ul> <p>The launch of a brand new tourism brochure and app, highlighting all that Donegal has to offer, was launched by Gay Byrne in Glenveagh Castle on 12th March.</p> <p>The brochure uses over forty different themes and headings from popular activities, such as Surfing, Golf, and Angling; to unique Donegal amenities and resources, such as Local Produce, Islands and the Gaeltacht, and Festivals, to allow the reader to easily plan their visit.</p> <p>The photography is captivating and demonstrates the strengths of Donegal as a major player in the tourism sector. The themes are all</p>

complemented with useful information and contacts for whatever your interest may be and it brings to life a strong visual image of Donegal for the potential visitor. The brochure also offers the visitor six recommended touring routes for different regions of the county in addition to the newly developed Wild Atlantic Way route.

- **Donegal Brochure launch in Glasgow**

The Donegal Tourism launch took place for the Scottish market on Wednesday (25<sup>th</sup> March) at Glasgow City Chambers.

The launch, performed by Lord Provost of Glasgow City Council Sadie Docherty, was attended by Pat Bourne, Ireland's Consul General in Scotland, staff of Tourism Ireland, Scottish tourism operators.

- **Nottingham for St Patricks Day**

The Donegal tourism brochure was launch in Nottingham on St Patrick's Day. Members of Donegal Tourism attended the St Patrick's Day parade. Donegal County Council were chosen as the lead partner for the St Patricks Day parade.

### **Marketing in Glasgow**

Members of the Donegal Tourism team promoted the new Donegal Tourism brochure in St Enoch's Shopping Centre in Glasgow. This centre is 50,000 sq ft of retail space over three level. This shopping centre has over 20 million shoppers per year. Members of staff engaged with shoppers throughout the day promoting Donegal and the response to this was very positive.

### **Online Marketing**

The website [www.govisitdonegal.com](http://www.govisitdonegal.com) is going from strength to strength and the numbers of visitors to the website has increased by 40% in comparison to the same period in 2014.

### **Facebook Paid Advertising Campaign**

The facebook page for Go Visit Donegal has increased from 1,600 fans to 6,800 fans in a three month period.

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. The page now has

over 6k likes and continues to grow. There has been a large rise in the number of followers from UK and USA.

### The Donegal Blog

The Donegal Blog is attracting as larger following each month. A blog written in January this year was posted on facebook and shared by 105 people and liked by 280 people from all around the world. In total this blog was seen by 27,968 people. The focus on the blog was to highlight tourism providers and promote their product offerings and what we have within the county.



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

### Donegal Tourism Marketing Campaign

#### Television


A TV advertising campaign is being investigated. Procurement has been sought for suitable video production companies to produce five videos showcasing Donegal and these videos will be used for TV campaigns. These campaigns will form part of a national campaign and subsequently will be used through social media promotion.

#### Radio

A radio advertising campaign is planned incorporating the UK which is 52% of all visitors to Ireland. In addition to the UK, this campaign will incorporate Scotland and the national radio stations in Ireland.

#### Online

A campaign will be rolled out over the coming months promoting the Donegal Tourism website with the aim of driving traffic to the site. Google adwords, facebook advertising, google places will be utilised

	<p>in the execution of this campaign.</p> <p><b>Social Media</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Blog</b></p> <p>Monthly blogging plan campaign will be executed and highlighted online.</p> <p><b>Email Marketing</b></p> <p>Design a template for monthly email marketing campaigns and a monthly email marketing campaign will commence.</p>
	<p>Sarah Meehan Marketing Officer Donegal Tourism Ltd Donegal Public Service Centre Drumlonagher Donegal Town Co. Donegal</p>  <p>Tel: + 353 (74) 9724431 Mobile: +353 (87) 2691977 E-mail: <a href="mailto:sarahmeehan@outlook.ie">sarahmeehan@outlook.ie</a> Facebook: <a href="http://www.facebook.com/govisitdonegal">www.facebook.com/govisitdonegal</a> Twitter: <a href="http://www.twitter.com/govisitdonegal">www.twitter.com/govisitdonegal</a></p>



# **ENVIRONMENT SERVICE**

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

The Environment Service operates in a number of activity areas to deliver a wide range of services as follows;

- Waste Management
- Waste Regulation
- Litter Management
- Beach Management
- Water Safety
- Pollution Control

## **2. WASTE MANAGEMENT/LITTER MANAGEMENT**

This body of work includes monitoring waste collection permits and waste facility permits, including Authorised Treatment Facilities for End-of-Life Vehicles. Waste Regulation staff are also responsible for enforcing the Farm Plastic Regulations, the Packaging Regulations and the Plastic Bag Levy, primarily by way of site inspections of retail and wholesale outlets. Other enforcement activities include investigation of illegal dumping, illegal burning, and responding to complaints from the public and the EPA.

### **2.1 Enforcement**

Their work includes dealing with breaches ranging from small-scale littering to large-scale illegal dumping and is led by the Waste Regulation Officer supported by Litter Wardens with responsibility for a municipal area and 2 Mobile Litter Units which routinely patrol the County.

Surveillance techniques through the use of covert camera surveillance technologies continue to be successful throughout the county. Resources continue to be targeted in areas where indiscriminate dumping has become more prevalent.

The Council also provides litter picking equipment and arranges for the removal of collected waste including the provision of skips to support the many Spring Clean Up campaigns that are organised through local community groups and tidy town committees.

### **2.2 Awareness**

The Council will continue to undertake a comprehensive awareness programme by working with many sectors including households, businesses, local community groups, the agricultural sector, island communities and schools. Various publicity campaigns, workshops exhibitions, and targeted advertising campaigns will be carried out throughout the year.

### 2.3 Recycling

The Council operates six Civic Amenity Sites at Carndonagh, Letterkenny, Milford, Dungloe, Stranorlar and Laghey. These sites accept a wide range of materials for recycling, including paper, plastic, batteries, oils, and electrical and electronic equipment.

The Council tendered for six sites for private sector operation. Bryson Recycling Ltd won the concession to operate the sites and the throughput has increased at the sites as a consequence of the charging regime in place.

## 3. BEACH MANAGEMENT

The Service is responsible for Beach Management, which covers a range of essential activities at our designated blue flag and green coast beaches, such as beach cleaning, litter control, toilet facilities and signage. The County currently has the highest number of Blue Flags in the country. In addition to the 13 Blue Flag beaches, Donegal also has 6 Green Coast designations.

## 4. WATER SAFETY

The council plays a significant role in promoting water safety and works closely with the Irish Water Safety Association. This involves the recruitment and training of lifeguards for our beaches during the summer, carrying out beach risk assessments, signage and the provision of lifesaving equipment such as ringbuoys.

## 5. POLLUTION CONTROL

Monitoring of surface waters (rivers, lakes etc) and designated bathing waters is also a significant body of work. The statutory monitoring and reporting of water quality and discharges to waters are now set out under the Water Framework Directive. Discharges to air are monitored, while other work falling under the Air Pollution legislation includes the granting of Certificates of Approval to Dry Cleaners and Vehicle Refinishers, as well as inspection of unregistered operations. A wide range of environmental complaints involving water, air and noise pollution are also dealt with. This work is undertaken by the Council's Laboratory staff who are based in Letterkenny and who also carry out the annual programme of inspections of septic tanks in line with the National Inspection Plan which is set out by the Environmental Protection Agency. It is expected that there will be 90 such inspections undertaken in Donegal in 2015.

## 6. ACTIVITY IN THE DONEGAL MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

There is a Litter Warden assigned to enforcement work in the Donegal Municipal District. The warden is supported from time to time by other enforcement personnel and by the Mobile Litter Unit should it be required depending on the nature of the work. As well as conducting routine patrols the warden responds to complaints from the public and the Environmental Protection Agency. The Warden has access to covert CCTV which are sited

at known dumping black spots where appropriate signage to alert of the CCTV is also erected.

In 2014 the Warden responded to 99 complaints and carried out in excess of 200 route patrols. As a consequence 36 fixed penalty notices (litter fines) were issued and 2 notices were issued for the removal of abandoned vehicles. Of the 36 fines issued 20 have been paid and 7 have been referred to the Council's Solicitors for prosecution.

In addition to the enforcement duties the Warden acts as the interface with the public (Community Groups & Tidy Towns Committees) on Community Clean – Ups.

The focus will also be on ensuring that our blue flag and green coast beaches are maintained to the requisite standard for the retention of the awards and the necessary plans are being put in place for this which will also involve a very significant voluntary effort from the local communities.

**13<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

**Mr. Killian O'Kelly,  
Bunroran Surf Industry,  
TurfnSurf Lodge & Surf School,  
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County Donegal.**

**Re: Request for Deputation from Bunroran Surf Industry**

**Dear Mr. Smyth,**

I refer to your letter dated the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015, 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 14<sup>th</sup> April 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 April 2015.

Yours sincerely,

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**Bridie McBrearty,  
Area Manager  
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**RE: Safe access to Tullan Strand Bundoran**

**Date: 10/03/2015**

**FAO: Bridie McBrearty**

**Dear Bridie,**

**May I request a deputation from the Bundoran Surf industry be allowed to attend the next meeting of the Municipal District for the Donegal Electoral area? As you may know we made a deputation to similar meeting 4 years ago.**

**Regards**

**Killian O'Kelly (TurfnSurf)**

**Liam Murray**

**Aidan Brown (Bundoransurfco)**

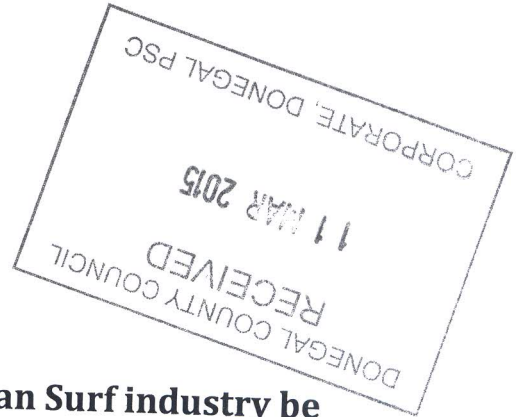
**Collie MacPháidín (Donegal Adventure centre)**

**Richard FitzGerald (Surfworld)**

**CC: Gary Martin**

**CC Sean McNiff**

**CC: Barry O'Neill**



## MD Donegal Meeting of 14th April 2015

### Donegal Municipal District

**4.1 Submitted by:** Clr. Niamh Kennedy

**Assigned to:** Community Culture & Planning

**Motion** "That this Municipal District seek alternative funding for Fintra bridge through cross border co-operation with Larne Borough Council as a continuation from the Gobbins Sliabh Liag project."

**Signed off by:** Paddy Doherty

**Response:** The Council would be anxious to continue with and build on our positive collaboration with Larne Borough Council and other relevant stakeholders in the future. In this context, we would be glad to discuss any possibilities for joint working with the newly formed Mid & East Antrim District Council in relation to the Fintra and Ballycarry Bridges. The Council are currently awaiting for suggestions as to possible dates that relevant people from our two organisations might be able to meet to discuss this further

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

**Assigned to:** Roads and Housing Capital

**Motion** "That this Municipal District seek the necessary funding from the NRA to upgrade a stretch of road at Turrishill, Mountcharles to a satisfactory condition".

**Signed off by:** Eamonn Canney

**Response:** The NRA systematically survey the National Network annually with specialised vehicles that measure structural stability, surface irregularities etc and from which a database is developed from which defective sections of the network are prioritised for rehabilitation either through the pavement improvement, the surface dressing, or the HD28 (improvement of Skid Resistance) programmes. The NRA pavement section are aware of the issues relating to the pavement at Turrishill through representations from the EE Donegal Roads Area. The HD 28 programme is still being evaluated by the NRA for 2015 and pavement improvements at this location may be included but as yet Donegal County Council have not received any allocation under this programme for 2015.

**MD Donegal Meeting of 14th April 2015**

**5.1 Submitted by: Clr. Niamh Kennedy**

**Assigned to: Housing, Corporate and Planning Control**

**Question** "Can this Municipal District answer the question, why is it that a Body (An Taisce) could put in a submission to An Bord Pleanála on a European issue which is beyond the control or remit of a, or any, private company in Ireland? In this instance jeopardising a 40 million euro investment and 120 jobs to our local economy in the fishing industry in Donegal which could effect the entire fishing industry of this Country."

**Signed off by:** Eunan Quinn

**Response:** An Taisce is a prescribed body identified in Article 28 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) and can appeal decisions of the Planning Authority as provided for in Part III of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended). The Planning Authority are in the process of addressing the grounds of the appeal through a submission to An Bord Pleanála in support of the decision made in this case.