

**Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall**

Oifig Riarthóir na gCruinnithe,  
Aras an Chontae,  
Leifear.

7ú Eanáir, 2020

**Fógra Cruinnithe**

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall ar siúl **De Máirt 14ú Eanáir, 2020, ag 11.30 r.n. in Ionad Serbhísí Pobail, Bhaile Dhún na nGall.**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS DÚN NA nGALL

A Chara,

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

Mise, le meas

Padraig O'Sirin  
Riarthóir Cruinnithe

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**Municipal District of Donegal**

Office of Meetings Administrator,  
County House,  
Lifford.

7<sup>th</sup> January 2020

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

The next Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal will be held on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2020, at 11.30 a.m. in the Donegal Public Services Centre.**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL

Dear Councillor,

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

Yours sincerely,

Pauric Sheerin  
Meetings Administrator

## AGENDA

1. Consideration of Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2019.
2. Consideration of Minutes of Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019.
3. [www.Mywaste.ie](http://www.Mywaste.ie) Upcycling Champions 2019 – Killybegs Men’s Shed
4. **Update Reports from Council Services:**
  - 4.1 Housing & Corporate Services
  - 4.2 Roads / Transportation
  - 4.3 Economic Development
  - 4.4 Environment Services
  - 4.5.1 Community Development
  - 4.5.2 Planning Services

### **Motions**

5. Cllr Barry Sweeney

“That this Municipal District provide information and awareness sessions to local community groups and schools in relation to the All Ireland Pollinator Plan which DCC signed up to in November, and that staff from Environment, Heritage and Roads sections work together to identify sites suitable for pollinator friendly habitats and reconsider mowing regimes as springtime approaches.”

### **Questions**

6. Cllr Barry Sweeney

“When is the next planned review of speed limits in South Donegal towns as there are a number of safety concerns that speed limits are insufficient?”
7. Cllr Barry Sweeney

“What is the update on the engineer’s report relating to Ballyshannon’s public toilets and what action is being taken in relation to the next steps to refurbish and maintain the facility?”

### **8. Date of Next Meeting/Workshops**

- **MD Meeting at 11.30 am on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020 (as per standing orders)**

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD AT  
11.30 A. M. ON TUESDAY THE 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2019 IN THE PETER  
KENNEDY CHAMBER, DONEGAL PUBLIC SERVICES CENTRE, DONEGAL**

**MDD/148/19 MEMBERS PRESENT**

Cllr Noel Jordan, Cathaoirleach  
Cllr Michéal Naughton  
Cllr Niamh Kennedy  
Cllr Tom Conaghan  
Cllr Michael McMahon  
Cllr Barry Sweeny

**MDD/149/19 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr. Garry Martin, Director Designate, Municipal District of Donegal  
Mr. Pauric Sheerin, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal  
Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Roads/Transportation  
Mr. Barney McLaughlin, Administrative Officer, Economic  
Development  
Ms. Fiona Kelly, Staff Officer, Environment Section  
Ms. Alana Greene, Executive Planner, Central Planning  
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate  
Services  
Ms. Caroline Britton, A/Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate

**MDD/150/19 APOLOGIES**

Ms. Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer, Environment  
Section

**MDD/151/19 Votes of Sympathy**

A vote of sympathy was passed in respect of the following recent  
death:-

To the family of the late Mary McMonagle (nee Smyth) mother of Cllr  
Gerry McMonagle, Letterkenny

**MDD/152/19 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER  
2019**

On the proposal of Cllr Naughton, seconded by Cllr Kennedy, the  
Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on  
the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019 were confirmed.

**MDD/153/19 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORKSHOP  
OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 2<sup>ND</sup>  
OCTOBER 2019**

On the proposal of Cllr Conaghan seconded by Cllr Naughton, the  
Minutes of the Budget Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal  
held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019 were confirmed.

**MDD/154/19 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE BUDGET MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2019**

On the proposal of Cllr Kennedy seconded by Cllr Sweeny, the Minutes of the Budget Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019 were confirmed.

**MDD/155/19 HOUSING CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

Prior to the commencement of the reports, G Martin presented the Chain of Office to the Cathaoirleach of the MD.

**Housing Services**

**Progress reports on Grants, Loans, Casual Vacancies, and Housing Capital Programme, Tenant Purchase Scheme 2016, Housing Assistance Payments/Private Rented Inspections and Lease & Repair Scheme and Housing Need**

Members noted the update reports on Grants, Loans, and Casual Vacancies, Tenant Purchase Scheme, Housing Assistance Payments, Private Rented Inspections, Housing Capital Programme, Housing Need in the MD, and Leasing & Repair Scheme as circulated with the Agenda and presented by Mr. P Sheerin.

**Casual Vacancies and Maintenance Repairs**

Cllr McMahon, Cllr Sweeny and Cllr Kennedy queried the number of vacancies within the Ballyshannon area and the refurbishment turnaround times. P Sheerin advised that there is a number of vacant properties in Ballyshannon that require substantial work and funding is targeted appropriately to ensure the houses are brought up to current standards. In terms of maintenance repairs, P Sheerin informed Members that unfortunately there is a shortage of contractors within this area, however, an additional contractor with good capacity has been appointed recently and the Donegal MD has a member of staff who is currently servicing heating systems as part of a pilot project within the Municipal District.

**Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)**

Cllr Kennedy queried if the standards Landlords are required to adhere to when renting property under the HAP Scheme could be relaxed and noted that Donegal's average payments under the HAP Scheme is €395, which is somewhat lower than other counties. P Sheerin advised that Local Authorities and Landlords are obliged to adhere to the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2019. Within 8 months of a tenant taking up a HAP property the Local Authority is required to carry out an inspection of the property to ensure it is fully compliant. P Sheerin further advised the HAP rent limits are set nationally for each county and these differ from County to County and would be higher in the more urban areas.

### **Phase III Housing Development in Donegal Town**

Cllr N Jordan welcomed Phase III of the housing development in Donegal Town reaching preliminary design stage. Cllr N Jordan recommended utilising derelict properties in towns and villages to facilitate social housing requirements.

### **MDD/156/19 ROADS / TRANSPORTATION SERVICES REPORT**

#### **2019 Road Works Programme Status Report**

Members noted the update report on the 2019 Road Works Programme circulated with the Agenda as presented by Mr. M Sweeney.

#### **Follow up Issues from previous meeting**

Mr M Sweeney provided an update, which had been previously circulated by e-mail, on the follow up issues from the October meeting and were dealt with as follows:-

- A meeting was arranged with Cllr Kennedy to discuss St Catherine's Road (behind LYIT) in Killybegs, Castleview, Dunkineely, the stone wall at the Silver Strand Beach in Malin Beg and a possible enhancement project for the bridge on the approach road to Killybegs.
- Correspondence to issue to the Department of Marine.
- The footpath works at Tirconnell Street, Ballyshannon are to commence shortly.
- Contact made with the Senior Engineer regarding the 2019 LIS allocation.
- The safety concerns at the Cavangarden junction outside Ballyshannon were discussed with the Guards.
- A meeting has been arranged with the landowner to discuss the footpath at East End, Bundoran.
- Gullies have been checked and cleared at the bottom of Erne Street in Ballyshannon.
- Drainage systems are regularly cleared of debris at Drumlonagher.

#### **Footpaths Repair and Public Lighting Infill Funding 2020**

The allocations for the 2020 footpath repair and public lighting infill funding that was agreed at the workshop earlier this morning was proposed by Cllr Naughton and seconded by Cllr Sweeney.

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2020 Donegal MD Footpath Repair & Public Lighting Programme			
<b>2020 Budget Details</b>			
€4,200,000.00	Overall 3 year budget		
€2,200,000.00	2020 County budget (€4.2 million less €2 million spent in 2018 & 2019)		
16.60%	DMD Portion of bu (based on the population of each Municipal District based on the 2016 Census).		
€365,200.00	2020 DMD budget		
The Members have agreed to attribute 78% of the funding to footpath repairs and 22% to public lighting infill works in 2020			
€284,856.00	2020 Footpath Rep	78%	Agreed split
€80,344.00	2020 Public Lightin	22%	
<b>2020 Footpath Repair Works – Budget € 284,856.00</b>			
RSS Area	Location, Town	Amount	%
14 Dunkineely	Mountcharles	€24,350.00	25%
	Dunkineely	€23,432.00	
	Frosses	€23,432.00	
15 Killybegs	Killybegs	€50,000.00	25%
	Kilcar	€3,200.00	
	Glencolumbkille	€16,314.00	
	Carrick	€1,700.00	
16 Ballyshannon	Ballintra	€11,214.00	25%
	Ballyshannon	€35,000.00	
	Bundoran	€25,000.00	
17 Donegal	Donegal Town	€47,214.00	25%
	Laghey	€8,000.00	
	Pettigo	€10,000.00	
	Bridgetown	€6,000.00	
		€284,856.00	

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Donegal Municipal District												
Public Lighting Infill Works												
2018 Agreed budget		€16,600.00	10% of available footpath infill & public lighting repair budget									
2019 Agreed Budget		€33,200.00	20% of available footpath infill & public lighting repair budget									
Total budget to date		€49,800.00										
€365,200.00		DMD 2020 budget for Footpath Repairs & Public Lighting Infill Works - Split agreed at 22%										
2020 Proposed Budget		€80,334.00	22% of available footpath infill & public lighting repair budget									
Number	Priority No (2018 & 2019)	Area	Location	Description	No of lights	Civil cost	Electrical cost	Total Cost	Works to be advanced with 2018 & 2019 funding	Notes	Proposed 2020 Works	Total per RSS Area
1	1	14	Drimark, Donegal Town	Infill lighting - 7 additional lights at Drimark on Local Road L-1855-2 (6 new columns & 1 light on pole)	7	€5,000.00	€5,871.00	€10,871.00	€10,871.00			
2		14	Kilgattee, Dunkineely	Additional light at Kilgattee at junction of the L595-1 with N56 outside Dunkineely (may be included in TII public lighting upgrade works)	2	€3,500.00	€3,250.00	€6,750.00				
3	2	14	Mountcharles	Lower End Mountcharles - Extend lighting along L2615 to 50kph speed limit sign at the entrance to Mountcharles.	2	€3,500.00	€3,250.00	€6,750.00			€6,750.00	
4		14	Mountcharles	Halle Demanse Mountcharles - Infill lighting between doctors surgery and entrance to Murray's yard to light bad bend.	1	€5,000.00	€3,250.00	€8,250.00				
5		14	Castlereagh, Bruckless	Dark spot near Oily River Bridge on N56 (may be included in TII public lighting upgrade works)	2	€5,000.00	€4,480.00	€9,480.00				
6		14	Milpark Hotel, Doonan	Proposed lighting from Doonan Roundabout to entrance to hotel (some ducting already laid) LP1845-4	7	€3,000.00	€6,500.00	€9,500.00			€9,500.00	
												€27,121.00
7		15	Killybegs	One additional light at the junction of the Industrial Road in Killybegs with the regional road near Norfolk Ltd (issues with connection)	1	€2,500.00	€2,900.00	€5,400.00				
8	3	15	Killybegs	Replace broken decorative lighting column on the Diamond in Killybegs.	1	€500.00	€2,200.00	€2,700.00		Not needed now due to planned development works of the Diamond Area		
9	1	15	Kilcar	Lighting improvement works at the Aislann Centre in Kilcar along the L-1175-1. (alternatives to erection of new columns to be considered in consultation with Aislann Centre - may works out a lower cost alternative)	1	€5,000.00	€5,650.00	€10,650.00	€10,650.00			
10	2	15	Killybegs	Old Fintra Rd near Glenlee Roundabout (old R263)	6	€12,000.00	€6,725.00	€18,725.00			€18,725.00	
11		15	Kilcar, Drumnafinnagle	Entrance to Kilcar at Drimnafinnagle, issue with ESB connection	4-5	?	awaiting design	?				
12		15	Kilcar, Drumnafinnagle	Infill from Tom Glynn's house at Drimnafinnagle towards the town.	10			?				
13		15	Carrick	Meenaneary Road Carrick (PL1125-1), infill required as existing lighting is spaced at twice the recommended distances. This problem will increase when light are changes to LED.	6			?				
14		15	Carrick	Glen Road Carrick R263 (within speedlimit), infill required as existing light spacing is greater than recommended distances. This problem will increase when light are changes to LED.	3			?				
15		15	Carrick	Glen Road Carrick R263 (outside speedlimit), infill required to existing light at junction with LP1085-2.	8							
16		15	Glencolmcille	Gannev R230-1, infill required as existing lighting is spaced at twice the recommended distances. This problem will increase when light are changes to LED.	2			?				
17		15	Glencolmcille	Gannev, extend the existing lighting to the speedlimits on R230-2	5-6							
18		15	Glencolmcille	Infill required from village towards Oideas Gael R263-14	7-8			?				
19		15	Teelin	Replace/Repair solar powered lighting in Teelin				?				
												€29,375.00
20		16	Bundoran	Lighting improvement works along main Street in Bundoran	?			€0.00				
21	1	16	Ballyshannon	Infill lighting on the Ballure lane L-24851	9	€117,754.00	€18,172.00	€135,926.00		Land acquisition needed to accommodate lights, ducting, footpath and the creation of lay-bye's & accommodation works. (May be better as a CIS)		
22	2	16	Bundoran	Tullan Strand Housing Estate	?	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00		Completed out of the Bundoran Capital balances		
23		16	Ballyshannon	Rosnowlagh Link Road. Lighting of footway installed by CIS	24	€0.00	€30,000.00	€30,000.00	€16,679.00	Civil works done as part of CIS	€19,321.00	
												€30,000.00
24	2	17	Tirconnall Street & Castle Street, Donegal Town	Infill lighting needed along the public road at Tirconnall Street on local Road L-1925-3 between the Court House and Castle Street and at upper and lower end of Castle Street	4	€5,000.00	€5,000.00	€10,000.00		1 No new lighting column and 4 No wall mounted lights	€10,000.00	
25		17	Ballintra	Infill lighting at Ballintra beside the chapel between the junctions of where the L7145-2 meets the L-2175-1 to where the L-2175-1 meets the L-2185-1 at the chapel carpark at St Brigid's Church.	2			€0.00				
26		17	Donegal Town	Infill lighting needed along the public road near the Bosco Centre on local Road L-1925-5.	?			€0.00				
27		17	Pettigo	R232 - Infill light missing on Donegal side of national school at Pettigo	1			€0.00				
28	1	17	Killymard, Donegal Town	Extend existing public lighting past the school and church to beyond the old church at Killymard.	4	€2,000.00	€9,600.00	€11,600.00	€11,600.00			
29		17	Killymard Road	Killymard Church to Drumroose Housing Estate. Lighting of footway installed by CIS	18	€0.00	€22,500.00	€22,500.00		Civil works done as part of CIS	€22,500.00	
												€44,100.00
								2018 & 2019			Proposed 2020	Check
								€49,800.00	Total Cost	€80,796.00	€130,596.00	
								€49,800.00	Budget	€80,334.00	€130,134.00	
								€0.00	Balance	-€462.00	-€462.00	
Notes - The works will be advanced based on the schemes prioritised above.												
It was agreed that I would revert to the members to review budget when the costing for the schemes prioritised was available.												
Items in red have been added since the previous discussion with the Members												

**Christmas Lights – Donegal Town & Bundoran**

The members agreed to allocate €6,000 from the Donegal Town Pay & Display fund to towards the Donegal Town Christmas lights and €1,500 from the Bundoran Pay & Display fund for the Bundoran Christmas lights.

**Proposed Section 183 – Disposal of Lands at Séne Lane, Donegal Town, Co. Donegal to the Office<sup>3</sup> of Public Works to facilitate the construction of the extension to the Garda Station.**

Mr. M Sweeney presented the details of a Proposed Section 183 – Disposal of Lands at Séne Lane, Donegal Town, Co. Donegal to the Office of Public Works to facilitate the construction of the extension to the Garda Station as circulated with the Agenda. Following a discussion, on the proposal of Cllr Conaghan, seconded by Cllr Naughton, Members confirmed their agreement to the proposed Section 183 and noted the matter would be on the Agenda for the Plenary Council meeting in the New Year.

**Proposed One Way Systems for Killybegs & Donegal Town**

On the proposal of Cllr McMahon and seconded by Cllr Naughton it was agreed to proceed with the proposed one way system for Killybegs. The Members agreed to revise the proposed one way system for Donegal Town and that the Part VIII for the full one way system when prepared could go to the Plenary Council to initiate the Public Consultation.

**Bundoran Signage**

Cllr McMahon advised that signage repair was required at the Finner Road roundabout in Bundoran and at the Astoria junction. M Sweeney advised signage on the National routes are dealt with by the NRO office and undertook to refer same to the National Roads Office.

**Steps at Ballyshannon Port**

Cllr McMahon advised that the steps at the Port in Ballyshannon require upgrading as they are currently a potential slip hazard. M Sweeney agreed to review same with the landowner.

**Flooding at Creevy**

Cllr McMahon advised that due to flooding a bridge at Creevy requires piping. The adjacent landowner is willing to assist with the repair works. M Sweeney agreed to review same with the landowner.

**Bundoran Golf Club - Signage**

Cllr Naughton queried if the Roads Section could erect signage for the Golf Club in Bundoran. M Sweeney advised as this was a private enterprise, a Section 254 application should be



independently submitted to the Planning Department by the Golf Club.

#### **Junction at Cavangarden, Ballyshannon**

Cllr Sweeny welcomed the discussion held with the Gardai and Bus Eireann regarding the safety concerns at the Cavangarden junction however noted that the vision lines may require review. Mr M Sweeney advised the TII are aware of this junction and are currently considering options.

#### **Irish Water works on the Rossnowlagh Road**

Cllr Sweeny advised the recent works carried out by Irish Water on the Rossnowlagh Road has resulted in water pooling on the road surface. M Sweeney advised the current work is temporary and will discuss same with the Irish Water to ascertain the timeframe for the permanent works.

#### **Signage at Abbey Graveyard**

Cllr Sweeny queried if the position of the signage at the junction adjacent to the Abbey Graveyard could be reviewed as they are currently creating visibility issues. M Sweeney agreed to review the position of the signage.

#### **EuroVelo Signage**

Cllr Sweeny advised that in some areas around Ballyshannon the EuroVelo signage are pointing in the wrong direction. M Sweeney advised these signs were erected recently. B McLaughlin advised the position of the signs will be considered; however, the Trails Officer position is vacant, at present.

#### **Coastal Erosion at Kildoney**

Cllr Sweeny advised that coastal erosion is occurring at Kildoney. M Sweeney agreed to discuss this further with Cllr Sweeny.

#### **Bruckless Road Markings & St John's Point Road Lining**

Cllr Kennedy queried if the red road markings could be laid again in Bruckless and the road lining be completed at St John's Point. M Sweeney advised these road markings will be renewed as part of the next surfacing works.

#### **Killaghtee Junction (Dunkineely)**

Cllr Kennedy advised that the Gardai have provided a report on the Killaghtee junction and will forward a copy of same to the Roads Section.

#### **Fintra Bridge**

Cllr Kennedy emphasised the importance of moving the Fintra Bridge project forward.

#### **Laghey Junction**

Cllr Jordan thanked the work of the Roads Team and advised as a result of a Parliamentary Question by Deputy Pearse Doherty, the Council is required to prepare a report on previous collisions and proposed design solutions. M Sweeney advised that the Road Design office is currently reviewing this junction. Based on their findings, the report will then be submitted to the NRO. Cllr Sweeney advised he had raised this junction at the TII meeting last week.

#### **Lough Eske Junction**

Cllr Jordan advised that he understood the TII are considering not closing the Birchhill junction and that the options at this location will go to public consultation. M Sweeney advised that proposals for the junction are with the TII and three options are currently being considered.

#### **Community Involvement Scheme, Ballyshannon**

Cllr Sweeney complimented the work of the Roads Team and wished to pass on the gratitude of the Community Group in Ballyshannon for the work carried out by the local Roads Team on the CIS Scheme recently completed.

### **MDD/157/19 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

#### **Tourism Unit Report**

Members noted the Activity Report circulated with the Agenda and presented by Mr. B McLaughlin dealing with the following:

1. Marine Tourism Officer Update
2. Community Tourism Officer Update
3. Tourism Officer (Bundoran)
4. Project Officer Update

The following comments were made:-

#### **Fáilte Ireland Destination Towns**

Cllr McMahon thanked Barney McLaughlin for the report and was delighted Bundoran was awarded €500,000 under the Fáilte Ireland Destination Town funding. Cllr McMahon commended the work of the Bundoran Tourism Officer. Cllr Sweeney joined Cllr McMahon in congratulating Bundoran on the Fáilte Ireland award and looked forward to working with the Tourism Officer on the Discover Ballyshannon project.

### **MDD/158/19 ENVIRONMENT SERVICES REPORT**

Ms F Kelly presented the update reports for the Environment Section, as circulated with the Agenda dealing with the following matters:-

- Waste and Litter Management
  - Donegal Men's Sheds Showcase 2019
  - Kilybegs Men's Shed
  - National Reuse Month
  - WEEE Collections 2019 – Tonnages
  - It's Not in Our Nature – Awareness Campaign
  - Impact of Burning Smoky Coal on Air Quality in Letterkenny

Ms F Kelly provided an update on the follow ups from the previous meeting held in September as follows:-

- The Waste Regulation Officer will discuss asbestos collections at the next regional meeting.
- Discussions have taken place with the Roads Section regarding ad-hoc collections of dumped materials.
- Bundoran will be suggested as a suitable location for the 2020 WEEE collections.

### **Killybegs Men's Shed**

Cllr Kennedy commended the Killybegs Men's Shed on winning the Men's Shed category of the MyWaste.ie National Upcycling Competition held for Reuse month in October. Cllr Kennedy requested the Group be invited to the next Municipal District meeting in January and to also display their winning entry in the Public Service Centre and this was agreed.

### **Air Pollution**

Cllr Naughton referred to the smoky coal report and noted whilst it is extremely important to ensure our air quality is of the highest standards, here in Donegal the majority of houses are heated using peat and turf. There is a need to ensure the proper infrastructure is in place before certain bans are implemented. F Kelly advised that there is national talks being held however new policies may be held up for legal reasons.

### **Recycling Facilities & Cameras**

Cllr Sweeny thanked the Environment Team for their work throughout the year. Cllr Sweeny noted the value for money that can be obtained by dropping off paper and cardboard at local recycling centres. Cllr Sweeny and Cllr McMahon sought an update on the security cameras adjacent to the waste collection banks in Ballyshannon and Bundoran and suggested a workshop is arranged to discuss further. Cllr Sweeny further advised that the site at Ballyshannon requires maintenance as there is a tree growing out of a wall adjacent to the collection banks. F Kelly advised that replacement cameras are erected when a camera has been taken away for analysis. Cllr Jordan suggested that covert cameras would be preferable at these locations and Ms Kelly advised that covert cameras are used at more remote locations and Ms Kelly also advised that the Senior Engineer is currently scoping out the current

procedures and will report back early next year. F Kelly agreed to highlight the need for maintenance at the Ballyshannon site.

## **MDD/159/19 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING SERVICES**

### **Community Development**

Ms. Alana Greene, Executive Planner was in attendance to represent the Community Development and Planning Service. Members noted the Community Development reports as circulated with the agenda dealing with the following;-

- Town & Village Update Reports
  - Kilcar
  - Mountcharles
  - Donegal Town
  - Killybegs

### **Planning Services**

Ms. A Greene presented the Planning Service Reports as circulated with the Agenda dealing with the following;-

- Development Applications
- Enforcement
- Planning Clinics – next ones on, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020.
- Central Planning Unit
  - Letterkenny Local Area Plan
  - Bunrana Local Area Plan
  - Bundoran
  - Town & Village Renewal Programme (2016) projects
  - Town Centre Health Checks for South Donegal Towns
- Regeneration & Development including RRDF for Killybegs
- Further Information

Ms. Greene also briefed Members in relation to the Hericoast Project and Sminver Bridge.

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

### **RRDF Funding for Killybegs**

Cllr Kennedy welcomed the RRDF Funding in the regions of €5m for Killybegs.

### **Hericoast**

Cllr Kennedy submitted that there is a lot that can be taken from the Hericoast Project.

### **Sliabh Liag Car Parks Bye-Laws**

In response to a query from Cllr Kennedy in relation to the closing date for submissions on the Sliabh Liag bye-laws, Members were advised the closing date for submissions remains at 12 noon on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2019.

**Re-zoning request for Donegal Town**

In response to a request from Cllr Jordan for an update on the Re-zoning request received, and if the matter could be dealt with, as it may require a variation on the Donegal Town Local Area Plan, Ms. A Greene informed Members that the Senior Planner would be in contact with Members in due course to discuss this matter.

**MDD/160/19 DISCUSSION ON A REQUEST TO SEEK FUNDING FOR 'HALLS JUNCTION', KILCAR**

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

" That this MD of Donegal takes action and urgently seeks road safety funding for the dangerous junction known as Halls Junction, Kilcar."

Members were given a response to the motion by the Area Manager, Roads / Transportation

In proposing her motion, Cllr Kennedy referred to the incidents that have occurred at this junction in recent years and also referred to the requests from An Garda Siochana, Kilcar Parish Council and others to have safety works carried out on this Junction. She also referred to the steep incline at this junction. Cllr Kennedy referred to the increase in traffic in this area with the Wild Atlantic Way etc. and stressed the importance of improving this junction in the interests of safety.

In seconding the motion, Cllr Jordan submitted that he was fully supportive of the motion and that the junction is probably the biggest roads issue in the Municipal District after Fintra Bridge and that it will take substantial funding to carry out the necessary works.

Mr. M Sweeney also submitted it is anticipated that the Director of Roads will be convening a county-wide workshop to discuss prioritising such projects in each Municipal District in the New Year. He further informed Members that the Road Design Section has already commenced on preparatory design works on Halls Junction and agreed that this is a necessary priority for the MD which would require a major scheme and associated funding.

**MDD/161/19 DISCUSSION ON UNFINISHED HOUSING ESTATES IN THE SOUTHWEST CONSTITUENCY**

On the proposal of Cllr McMahon, seconded by Cllr Naughton the following motion was adopted;-

"That this M.D make known all the unfinished housing estates in the southwest constituency."

Members were given a response to the motion by the Area Manager, Community & Planning.

Cllr McMahon in speaking to his motion welcomed the response received and submitted it is important for persons to know the unfinished estates in the District and in particular anyone seeking to purchase a house. Cllr Naughton seconded the motion.

### **MDD/162/19 DISCUSSION ON CALL TO BAN SALE OF SMARTPHONES AND TABLETS TO CHILDREN UNDER 13 YEARS OF AGE**

On the proposal of Cllr Naughton, seconded by Cllr McMahon the following motion was adopted;-

" That this Municipal District call on Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment Mr. Richard Bruton and Minister for Children, and Youth Affairs Ms. Katherine Zappone to ban the sale of smartphones and tablets to children under 13 years of age".

Members were given a response to the motion by the Area Manager, Housing & Corporate Services.

In speaking to his motion, Cllr Naughton submitted he intends to submit the same motion to the Plenary Council in January 2020. He made a lengthy submission in support of his motion including in particular the following issues for young children using smart devices;-

- Mental Health
- Eye Sight
- Cyber Bullying
- Access to Pornography
- Lack of hand – eye co-ordination due to over use of smart phones rather than traditional play methods for younger children
- Access to all kinds of harmful websites
- Lack of regulation on young children using such devices
- The impact of exposure to such material in later life on young children
- The importance that something positive could be done to protect young children
- Feedback from Teachers and Doctors on the effects of such devices on young children
- The need to start a debate on such issues

Cllr McMahon in seconding the motion also spoke in favour of same and of the importance of protecting our younger and more vulnerable citizens from the negative impacts of such devices and of the importance of the role of parents in this regard.

**MDD/163/19 Update on the road design / plans for the N56 Lough Eske junction**

The following Question was submitted by Cllr Kennedy;-

“Can you please give an update on the road design / plans for the N56 Lough Eske junction?”

Cllr Kennedy received a response from the Area Manager, Roads and Transportation in relation to the above.

**MDD/164/19 Update on the Public Toilets in Ballyshannon**

The following Question was submitted by Cllr McMahon;-

“What is the latest regarding the public toilets in Ballyshannon?”

Cllr McMahon received a response from the Divisional Manager, Water & Environment in relation to the above.

**MDD/165/19 Date of next Meeting/Workshops**

**Members noted the next meeting would be held at 11.30 am on Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020 as per Standing Orders. Members also noted the Schedule of meetings for 2020 as per Standing Orders.**

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

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

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





**Minutes of Workshop of Municipal District of Donegal held on Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019 in the Peter Kennedy Chamber, Donegal Public Services Centre, Donegal commencing at 10.00 a.m.**

**Members Present:**

Cllr Noel Jordan, Cathaoirleach  
Cllr Barry Sweeny  
Cllr Micháel Naughton  
Cllr Tom Conaghan,  
Cllr Niamh Kennedy  
Cllr Michael McMahon

**Officials in Attendance:**

Mr. Garry Martin, Director Designate, Municipal District of Donegal  
Mr. Pauric Sheerin, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal  
Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal  
Mr. Michael Canning, A/Executive Engineer, Road Design  
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services  
Ms. Caroline Britton, A/Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

## **Minutes**

### **Roads**

#### **1. Update to Members on the proposed one Way system for Donegal Town**

Mr. Michael Canning presented a draft report on Part VIII on the proposed one way system for Donegal Town. The report dealt with the proposed one-way system for Castle and Tirchonail Streets with some modifications in footpaths etc. to allow for the one way system. A number of comments/queries were dealt with at the workshop. Following a discussion it was proposed that the Part VIII would be revised to include one way system for Water Street & New Row in the public consultation and that the Part VIII for the full one way system when prepared could go to the Plenary Council to initiate the Public Consultation.

#### **2. Update to Members on the proposed one way system for Killybegs**

Mr. Michael Canning presented a draft report on Part VIII on the proposed one way system for Killybegs. A number of comments / queries were dealt with at the workshop. Members welcomed the progress on the Part VIII for the Killybegs one way system and confirmed it was in order to proceed with the Plenary Council with the Part VIII to initiate the public consultation.

#### **3. Update to Members on the R263 Fintra Bridge and Road Realignment**

Mr. Sweeney briefed Members on the R263 Fintra Bridge and Road Re-alignment. It was noted that the Route Options Report should be with the Department in January 2020 for their consideration and feedback.

## Workshop - Municipal District of Donegal on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019

A number of comments/queries were dealt with at the workshop. Member's welcomed the progress on this and submitted that the scheme should be pursued with every urgency.

### 4. Footpath Repair and Public Lighting Infill Funding 2020.

Mr. M Sweeney briefed Members in relation to the 2020 Footpath Repair and Public Lighting Infill Funding and sought discussion with Members to allocate the funding for 2020. Following a short discussion, Members agreed the following priority to go to the Municipal District meeting immediately after the workshop for confirmation.

2020 Donegal MD Footpath Repair & Public Lighting Programme			
<b>2020 Budget Details</b>			
€4,200,000.00	Overall 3 year budget		
€2,200,000.00	2020 County budget (€4.2 million less €2 million spent in 2018 & 2019)		
16.60%	DMD Portion of bu (based on the population of each Municipal District based on the 2016 Census).		
€365,200.00	2020 DMD budget		
The Members have agreed to attribute 78% of the funding to footpath repairs and 22% to public lighting infill works in 2020			
€284,856.00	2020 Footpath Rep	78%	Agreed split
€80,344.00	2020 Public Lightin	22%	
<b>2020 Footpath Repair Works – Budget € 284,856.00</b>			
RSS Area	Location, Town	Amount	%
14 Dunkineely	Mountcharles	€24,350.00	25%
	Dunkineely	€23,432.00	
	Frosses	€23,432.00	
15 Killybegs	Killybegs	€50,000.00	25%
	Kilcar	€3,200.00	
	Glencolumbkille	€16,314.00	
	Carrick	€1,700.00	
16 Ballyshannon	Ballintra	€11,214.00	25%
	Ballyshannon	€35,000.00	
	Bundoran	€25,000.00	
17 Donegal	Donegal Town	€47,214.00	25%
	Laghey	€8,000.00	
	Pettigo	€10,000.00	
	Bridgetown	€6,000.00	
		€284,856.00	

# Workshop - Municipal District of Donegal on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Donegal Municipal District													
Public Lighting Infill Works													
2018 Agreed budget		€16,600.00	10% of available footpath infill & public lighting repair budget										
2019 Agreed budget		€33,200.00	20% of available footpath infill & public lighting repair budget										
Total budget to date		€49,800.00											
€365,200.00		DMD 2020 budget for Footpath Repairs & Public Lighting Infill Works - Split agreed at 22%											
2020 Proposed Budget		€80,334.00	22% of available footpath infill & public lighting repair budget										
Number	Priority No (2018 & 2019)	Area	Location	Description	No of lights	Civil cost	Electrical cost	Total Cost	Works to be advanced with 2018 & 2019 funding	Notes	Proposed 2020 Works	Total per RSS Area	
1	1	14	Drinark, Donegal Town	Infill lighting - 7 additional lights at Drinark on Local Road L-1855-2 (6 new columns & 1 light on pole)	7	€5,000.00	€5,871.00	€10,871.00	€10,871.00				
2		14	Kilaghtee, Dunkineely	Additional light at Kilaghtee at junction of the L595-1 with N56 outside Dunkineely (may be included in TI public lighting upgrade works)	2	€3,500.00	€3,250.00	€6,750.00					
3	2	14	Mountcharles	Lower End Mountcharles – Extend lighting along L2615 to 50kphg speed limit sign at the entrance to Mountcharles.	2	€3,500.00	€3,250.00	€6,750.00			€6,750.00		
4		14	Mountcharles	Halle Demanse Mountcharles – Infill lighting between doctors surgery and entrance to Murray's yard to light bad bend.	1	€5,000.00	€3,250.00	€8,250.00					
5		14	Castlereagh, Bruckless	Dark spot near Oily River Bridge on N56 (may be included in TI public lighting upgrade works)	2	€5,000.00	€4,480.00	€9,480.00					
6		14	Milpark Hotel, Doonan	Proposed lighting from Doonan Roundabout to entrance to hotel (some ducting already laid) LP1845-4	7	€3,000.00	€6,500.00	€9,500.00			€9,500.00		
<b>€27,121.00</b>													
7		15	Killybegs	One additional light at the junction of the Industrial Road in Killybegs with the regional road near Morfish Ltd (issues with connection)	1	€2,500.00	€2,900.00	€5,400.00					
8	3	15	Killybegs	Replace broken decorative lighting column on the Diamond in Killybegs.	1	€500.00	€2,200.00	€2,700.00		Not needed now due to planned development works of the Diamond Area			
9	1	15	Kilcar	Lighting improvement works at the Aislinn Centre in Kilcar along the L-1175-1. (alternatives to erection of new columns to be considered in consultation with Aislinn Centre - may works out a lower cost alternative)	1	€5,000.00	€5,650.00	€10,650.00	€10,650.00				
10	2	15	Killybegs	Old Fintra Rd near Glenlee Roundabout (old R263)	6	€12,000.00	€6,725.00	€18,725.00			€18,725.00		
11		15	Kilcar, Drumnafinnagle	Entrance to Kilcar at Drimnafinnagle, issue with E88 connection	4-5	?	awaiting design	?					
12		15	Kilcar, Drumnafinnagle	Infill from Tom Glynn's house at Drimnafinnagle towards the town.	10			?					
13		15	Carrick	Meenaneary Road Carrick (PL1125-1), infill required as existing lighting is spaced at twice the recommended distances. This problem will increase when light are changes to LED.	6			?					
14		15	Carrick	Glen Road Carrick R263 (within speedlimit), infill required as existing light spacing is greater than recommended distances. This problem will increase when light are changes to LED.	3			?					
15		15	Carrick	Glen Road Carrick R263 (outside speedlimit), infill required to existing light at junction with LP1085-2.	8			?					
16		15	Glencolmcille	Gannew R230-1, infill required as existing lighting is spaced at twice the recommended distances. This problem will increase when light are changes to LED.	2			?					
17		15	Glencolmcille	Gannew, extend the existing lighting to the speedlimits on R230-2	5-6								
18		15	Glencolmcille	Infill required from village towards Oideas Gael R263-14	7-8			?					
19		15	Teelin	Replace/Repair solar powered lighting in Teelin				?					
<b>€29,375.00</b>													
20		16	Bundoran	Lighting improvement works along main Street in Bundoran	?			€0.00					
21	1	16	Ballyshannon	Infill lighting on the Ballure lane L-24851	9	€117,754.00	€18,172.00	€135,926.00		Land acquisition needed to accommodate lights, ducting, footpath and the creation of lay-bye's & accommodation works. (May be better as a CIS)			
22	2	16	Bundoran	Tullan Strand Housing Estate	?	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00		Completed out of the Bundoran Capital balances			
23		16	Ballyshannon	Rosnowlough Link Road. Lighting of footway installed by CIS	24	€0.00	€30,000.00	€30,000.00	€16,679.00	Civil works done as part of CIS	€13,321.00		
<b>€30,000.00</b>													
24	2	17	Tirconnahill Street & Castle Street, Donegal Town	Infill lighting needed along the public road at Tirconnahill Street on local Road L-1925-3 between the Court House and Castle Street and at upper and lower end of Castle Street	4	€5,000.00	€5,000.00	€10,000.00		1 No new lighting column and 4 No wall mounted lights	€10,000.00		
25		17	Ballintra	Infill lighting at Ballintra beside the chapel between the junctions of where the L745-2 meets the L-2175-1 to where the L-2175-1 meets the L-2185-1 at the chapel carpark at St Brigid's Church.	2		€0.00						
26		17	Donegal Town	Infill lighting needed along the public road near the Bosco Centre on local Road L-1925-5.	?		€0.00						
27		17	Pettigo	R232 – Infill light missing on Donegal side of national school at Pettigo	1		€0.00						
28	1	17	Killymard, Donegal Town	Extend existing public lighting past the school and church to beyond the old church at Killymard.	4	€2,000.00	€9,600.00	€11,600.00	€11,600.00				
29		17	Killymard Road	Killymard Church to Drumrooske Housing Estate. Lighting of footway installed by CIS	18	€0.00	€22,500.00	€22,500.00		Civil works done as part of CIS	€22,500.00		
<b>€44,100.00</b>													
						2018 & 2019		Total Cost		Proposed 2020		Check	
						€49,800.00		€80,796.00		€80,796.00		€130,596.00	
						€49,800.00		Budget		€80,334.00		€130,134.00	
						€0.00		Balance		-€462.00		-€462.00	
Notes -													
The works will be advanced based on the schemes prioritised above.													
It was agreed that I would revert to the members to review budget when the costing for the schemes prioritised was available.													
Items in red have been added since the previous discussion with the Members													

Members thanked the Roads Staff for attending.

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**

**23<sup>rd</sup> December 2019**

**Martin McDevitt  
Niall Mór Centre  
Killybegs  
Co Donegal**

**RE: Invitation to the January 2020 Municipal District Meeting**

**Dear Martin,**

To acknowledge the recent award obtained by the Killybegs Men's Shed at the National Upcycle Challenge awards, I have been requested by the Members of the Municipal District of Donegal, to write to you, to invite representatives from the Killybegs Men's Shed to attend the next Municipal District meeting. This meeting is scheduled to take place on **Tuesday** the **14<sup>th</sup> January 2020** at **11.30am** in the Donegal County Council offices at Donegal Public Service Centre, Drumlonagher, Donegal Town. At this meeting you will be addressed by Members of the Municipal District and there will also be a photo opportunity for your Group and the Members of Municipal District.

As previously discussed, the Council also agreed to display the up cycled item in the front foyer of Donegal Public Service Centre for a period of time, to acknowledge this achievement.

Please note refreshments will be served in advance of the meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> January. I would be grateful if you can confirm the number of attendees in advance of the meeting by calling **(074) 97 24401**.

Yours sincerely,

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**Pauric Sheerin  
Area Manager  
Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services  
Municipal District of Donegal  
/CB**



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

Municipal District of Donegal

14<sup>th</sup> January 2020

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**Housing & Corporate**

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## **REPORT**

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9. Lease & Repair Scheme Summary

Area	BED	Dwelling Vacated	Current Status
Ballintra	1	Keys returned 09/05/2018	Application for funding submitted
Ballintra	1	Tenant Deceased on 10/6/2019	referred for assessment
Ballyshannon	3	Keys returned by tenant 12/11/18	Partial works completion.
Ballyshannon	3	Tenant Deceased - Mar 2018	Application for funding submitted
Ballyshannon	3	29/07/2019	Assessment and Specification of works
Ballyshannon	3	30/04/2018	Application for funding submitted
Ballyshannon	3	08/07/2019	Assessment completed - Full refurbishment required.
Bundoran	3	15-Apr-2019	Works complete - Offer issuing in January 2019
Laghey	2	Tenant deceased - keys returned on 04/12/2019	Referred for assessment.
Donegal	1	Tenant deceased - keys returned 28/06/2018	Application for funding submitted
Donegal Town	3	Keys returned by tenant on 02/12/2019	Referred for assessment.
Donegal Town	3	28/08/2019	to be referred for assessment 29/8/2019
Donegal Town	1	Tenant deceased 7/7/2019	referred for assessment
Donegal Town	4	08/07/2019	referred for assessment
Dunkineely	2	25/11/2019	Works to be completed by Fri 10/1/2020
Dunkineely	3	25/08/2017	Application for funding submitted
Dunkineely	3	15/12/2017	Application for funding submitted
Dunkineely	1	15/04/2019	Offer issued and accepted.
Killybegs	1	Temporary tenancy expired 19th Nov 2018	Tender documents being completed
Killybegs	3	Key returned 2/5/19	Tender documents being completed
Pettigo	1	Tenant deceased - 13/3/2017	Application for funding submitted
Frosses	2	29/07/2019	Offer refused - further offer to issue.

Position as at 6th January 2020

**HOUSING GRANTS**

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED\INVALID	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HO	2018	74	62	11	0	1
HO	2019	86	55	16	3	12
HO	2020					

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED\INVALID	REAPPLIED UNDER HM GRANT	FURTHER INFO.	REF. TO OT	REF. To ENGINEER	PENDING
HD	2018	62	23	30	1	0	0	0	8
HD	2019	37	11	9	4	0	0	0	13
HD	2020								

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED\INVALID	REAPPLIED UNDER HD GRANT	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HM	2018	2	1	0	1	0	0
HM	2019	54	19	8	4	1	22
HM	2020						

**HOUSING LOANS**

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	PENDING	Further information
Housing Loans	2018	12	0	3	9	0	
Housing Loans	2019	13	0	0	12	1	
Housing Loans	2020						

**Tenant Purchase Applications 2018 - 2019**

Year	No. of Apps Received	Incomplete Returned	Open Applications	Refused/ Not Eligible	Offer letters Issued	Completed
2018	9	0	0	1	8	3
2019	9	1	3	0	5	0
2020	0	0	0	0	0	0



**Housing Capital Update Report  
Donegal Municipal District Meeting  
14<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

**1. Social Housing Developments – Construction Schemes**

Donegal County Council is currently progressing the following Social Housing developments within the Donegal Municipal District:

Location	Status	No. of Units
<b>Construction Stage</b>		
Donegal Town	Construction works ongoing onsite. Scheme consists of 24 social housing units and 2 no. group homes – see section no. 4 below.	24
Killybegs	Commenced on-site September 2018. Substantially complete at Q4 2019.	9
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>33</b>
<b>Design Stage ( No. of units subject to change)</b>		
Donegal Town Phase 3	Preliminary Design	23
Bundoran Phase 1	Preliminary Design	39
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>62</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>95</b>

In tandem with the above construction programme, the Council is actively pursuing the acquisition of lands suitable for housing purposes, in towns and villages where there is currently not a social housing solution available. In this regard, the Council has identified suitable lands in Ballyshannon which are currently at contract / conveyance stage.

**2. House Acquisition Programme**

Donegal County Council has acquired, or is in the process of acquiring, properties under the House Acquisition Programme. In the Donegal Municipal District during 2018-2019, 4 properties were purchased under this programme. Additionally there are 4 property acquisitions currently in progress which are progressing through conveyance.

Following acquisition and prior to allocation to approved applicants on the social housing list, improvement works are carried out on the properties to provide high quality, sustainable homes to individuals and families throughout the county.

**3. Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition**

Donegal County Council initiated a turnkey acquisition public procurement process in early 2018 seeking to acquire social housing through turnkey acquisition developments. A competitive dialogue procurement process is continuing to be progressed to enable the Council to accelerate the delivery of social housing throughout the county. This process requested submissions for a total of 17 towns across the county from Developers in a position to deliver (i) completed units, (ii) units under construction and (iii) units to be constructed on suitable sites, within a reasonable timescale.

The Council has received a significant response to this process. Submitted proposals have been assessed at appropriate stages and remaining valid proposals are being worked through for the following towns in the Donegal Municipal District:

Donegal Town

Ballyshannon

It should be noted that multiple submissions have been received from some towns and the Council is continuing to dialogue with developers in relation to valid submissions in the above towns with the aim of progressing these turnkey proposals to approval stage.

## 2. Approved Housing Bodies Developments - Donegal Municipal District

Funding Programme	Scheme/Project Name	No. of Units	Approved Housing Body	Current Status
CAS Construction	Drumrooske, Donegal Town	10	Oaklee	Construction works ongoing as part of overall housing development at Drumrooske.

<b>HAP/PRD</b>			
<b>HAP Tenancies</b>			
<b>Municipal District</b>	<b>Number</b>		
Donegal	246		
Letterkenny	703		
Glenties	141		
Stranorlar	276		
Inishowen	415		
Sub Total	1781		
Tenancies Closed	1438		
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>3219</b>		
<b>Private Rented Dwelling Inspections (MDD) to 02.01.2020</b>			<b>304</b>

<b>Municipal District</b>	<b>Waiting List (Net Need)</b>	<b>Transfer List</b>	<b>Total Gross Need</b>
<b>Donegal</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>376</b>
Ballintra	4	5	9
Ballyshannon	32	38	70
Bruckless	5	4	9
Bundoran	22	47	69
Carrick	3	2	5
Donegal	52	90	142
Drimarone	2	0	2
Dunkineely	3	3	6
Frosses	3	1	4
Glencolmcille	0	0	0
Inver	1	1	2
Kilcar	1	2	3
Killybegs	15	18	33
Laghey	4	5	9
Mountcharles	7	4	11
Pettigo	0	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>376</b>
Updated 02.01.2020			

## Lease & Repair Scheme Summary

Applications						
MD	Received	No. of Units	Awaiting assessment	Rejected	Progressing	Total
Inishowen	15	18	0	15	0	15
Donegal	15	39	2	13	0	15
Glenties	15	15	0	15	0	15
Letterkenny	20	25	5	15	0	20
Stranorlar	15	31	3	12	0	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>80</b>

Updated 02/01/2020

<b>Donegal Municipal District</b>
<b>2020 Roadworks Programme</b>
<b>Status Report - 14th January 2020</b>

## Donegal MD footpath repair & public lighting infill works

### 3 Year Programme

Footpath Works								
RSS Area	Location	Year 1 Budget 2018	Year 2 Budget 2019	Year 3 Budget 2020	Overall Total Amount	Status Year 1 2018	Status Year 2 2019	Status Year 3 2020
14	Mountcharles	€5,729.00	€16,600.00	€24,350.00	€46,679.00	Completed	60% completed	Yet to commence
	Dunkineely			€23,432.00	€23,432.00			Yet to commence
	Frosses		€16,600.00	€23,432.00	€40,032.00		Yet to commence	Yet to commence
15	Killybegs	€15,568.00	€16,600.00	€50,000.00	€82,168.00	Completed	60% completed	Yet to commence
	Kilcar			€3,200.00	€3,200.00			Yet to commence
	Glencolumbkille		€8,300.00	€16,314.00	€24,614.00		Yet to commence	Yet to commence
	Carrick		€8,300.00	€1,700.00	€10,000.00		Yet to commence	Yet to commence
16	Ballintra			€11,214.00	€11,214.00			Yet to commence
	Ballyshannon	€95,244.00	€16,600.00	€35,000.00	€146,844.00	70% completed	Yet to commence	Yet to commence
	Bundoran		€16,600.00	€25,000.00	€41,600.00		Yet to commence	Yet to commence
17	Donegal Town	€32,897.00	€16,600.00	€47,214.00	€96,711.00	84% completed	Yet to commence	Yet to commence
	Laghey		€8,300.00	€8,000.00	€16,300.00		Yet to commence	Yet to commence
	Bridgetown			€6,000.00	€6,000.00			Yet to commence
	Pettigo		€8,300.00	€10,000.00	€18,300.00		Yet to commence	Yet to commence
<b>Totals</b>		<b>€149,438.00</b>	<b>€132,800.00</b>	<b>€284,856.00</b>	<b>€567,094.00</b>			

Public Lighting Infill Works				
Area	Location	Description	Total Cost	Status
14	Drimark, Donegal Town	Infill lighting - 7 additional lights at Drimark on Local Road L-1855-2 (6 new columns & 1 light on pole)	€10,871.00	Yet to commence
	Mountcharles	Lower End Mountcharles – Extend lighting along L2615 to 50kphg speed limit sign at the entrance to Mountcharles.	€6,750.00	Yet to commence
	Mill Park Hotel, Doonan	Proposed lighting from Doonan Roundabout to entrance to hotel (some ducting already laid) LP1845-4	€9,500.00	Yet to commence
15	Kilcar	Lighting improvement works at the Aislann Centre in Kilcar along the L-1175-1.	€10,650.00	Yet to commence
	Killybegs	Old Fintra Rd near Glenlee Roundabout (old R263)	€18,725.00	Yet to commence
16	Ballyshannon	Rossnowlagh Link Road. Lighting of footway installed by CIS	€30,000.00	Yet to commence
17	Killymard, Donegal Town	Extend existing public lighting past the school and church to beyond the old church at Killymard.	€11,600.00	Yet to commence
	Tirconnail Street & Castle Street, Donegal Town	Infill lighting needed along the public road at Tirconnail Street on local Road L-1925-3 between the Court House and Castle Street and at upper and lower end of Castle Street	€10,000.00	Yet to commence
	Killymard, Donegal Town	Killymard Church to Drumrooske Housing Estate. Lighting of footway installed by CIS	€22,500.00	Yet to commence
<b>Total amount</b>			<b>€130,596.00</b>	





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**Tourism Unit**

**Economic Directorate**

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**REPORT**

1. Tourism Officer Update
2. Marine Tourism Officer Update
3. Gaeltacht Tourism Officer
4. Community Tourism Officer



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### Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Tourism Unit/Development Hubs
Project Description/Activity	<p><b>Donegal Tourism Brochure 2020:</b></p> <p>Work was completed prior to Christmas on the 2020 Donegal Tourism Brochure and will be launched in the next few weeks. The 2020 is an updated 64 page full colour brochure; Following launch this brochure it will be distributed nationally and will be available for all marketing events.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Boot Dusseldorf 2020 :</b></p> <p>Preparations and registration for Boot Dusseldorf – Jan 2020. Staff will travel to Dusseldorf on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January. Boot Dusseldorf is the world’s largest Maritime Trade Show and Donegal will have a stand in Hall 14 – Holiday World Hall. Every day on both the Travelworld large stage and the Events stage we will have an opportunity to present a presentation on Donegal. Some members of the Maritime Trade in the County will also travel to Dusseldorf and promote their businesses at the Donegal Tourism stand.</p> <p>Boot Dusseldorf tradeshow set records in 2019 (its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary) with over 2,000 exhibitors from 70 different countries presenting yachts, boats and</p>

accessories for all water sports activities. The tradeshow is held over 18 exhibition halls and boot 2019 confirmed its position as the world’s top trade fair emphatically, with visitors from over 100 different countries. More than 2,000 journalists reported live from the biggest water sports trade fair in the world. The trade fair succeeded in increasing the number of international visitors too. The success of Boot Dusseldorf in 2019 shows that the water sports industry is booming and that the maritime industry is benefitting from the positive overall economic situation throughout Europe. Donegal County Council/Donegal Tourism is delighted to again be part of this very exciting tradeshow to promote Donegal.





18TH - 26TH JANUARY  
**BOOT DÜSSELDORF 2020**  
**MARITIME TRADE SHOW**  
 WWW.GOVISITDONEGAL.COM



**Donegal Gathering Website/Social Media:**

Update events on all platforms

<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€ Work under the relevant Tourism budget/project budgets
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting</b>	<b>Donegal Tourism Brochure</b> – launch 2020 brochure and have it distributed nationwide.

<p><b>period</b></p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p><b>Donegal Town – Development Hub:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with Donegal Chamber on various events</li> <li>• Foodie Destination Award – Donegal Town</li> <li>• Continue to work with Donegal Community Chamber on its annual calendar of events</li> <li>• Continue to work alongside Donegal Town Business Focus Group on its retail strategy</li> </ul> <p><b>Donegal Tourism/Gathering</b> – continue to assist in updating all platforms</p> <p><b>Boot Dusseldorf 2020 - Final</b> preparations in relation to presentations and trade for January. Engagement with tour operators and media prior to travelling.</p>
<p><b>Contact Person</b> (to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</p>	<p>Mary Daly Tourism Officer Development Hubs Tourism Unit Economic Development Donegal County Council Drumlonagher Donegal Town Co. Donegal</p> <p>T.: 074/9724484 M.: 087/6782196</p> <p><a href="mailto:mdaly@donegalcoco.ie">mdaly@donegalcoco.ie</a></p>

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Marine Tourism  
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Electoral Area: Donegal

## Marine Tourism Marketing & Development Activity Report

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	Marine Tourism Marketing & Development
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Various Marine Tourism Projects
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	N/A
<b>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 4 - inclusive of current status</b>	<p><b>DIVE 2019</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Donegal County Council Tourism Unit representatives attended DIVE 2019 in the NEC Birmingham funded by the EASME funded WAOH! Route (Wildsea Atlantic Ocean Heritage) project to promote diving in Donegal on the weekend of 26th and 27th October 2019. Donegal County Council shared a stand with project partners Visit Cornwall.</li><li>• At this trade show the new Blue Box Adventures initiative was launched. Blue Box Adventures is a “collection of the very best coastal &amp; marine ecotourism adventures along the WILDSEA Atlantic Ocean Heritage (WAOH!) Route, delivered by tourism operators who love and respect the ocean” including operators in County Donegal. The Blue Box Adventures are to be commercialised in 2020 and made available for purchase on <a href="http://www.wildsea.eu">www.wildsea.eu</a> and various outlets across Europe.</li></ul>

	<p><b>County Donegal profiled in DUIKEN Magazine Editorial</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• County Donegal has recently been profiled as a fantastic destination for world class diving by a very popular Dutch magazine called DUIKEN (which means Diver in Dutch). This was the result of collaboration between Donegal Tourism CLG and representatives from the marine tourism sector in Donegal, notably Declan Burke of DivinDec Scuba Dive School.</li> </ul> <p><b>Marine Tourism Virtual Reality Project - CAPITEN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Virtual Reality cardboard goggles have been produced and will be distributed at promotional events and trade shows such as Milwaukee Irish Fest in 2020.</li> <li>• A taster of the VR experience at Fanad Head was showcased at the Donegal Marine Tourism Conference using the cardboard VR Goggles. This was a sample of the films that are being produced by Emagine.ie</li> <li>• Production of the VR films showcasing our signature discovery points on the Wild Atlantic Way and a range of marine activities is ongoing.</li> <li>• Emagine.ie are working with local stakeholders in each of the three regions to develop an authentic localised script and local people will provide the voiceover for the films.</li> </ul> <p><b>WAOH! Route Project</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The final meeting of the WAOH! Route project Steering Committee took place in Porto on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> November and was attended by the Project Officer from the European Commission. The Project Officer was very pleased with the project outputs and the positive partnership collaboration. The project has now concluded and the final financial and technical reports will be completed by the end of December 2019.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarter 1 2020 reporting period</b></p>	<p><b>Wildsea Europe</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Those listed on the website <a href="http://www.wildsea.eu">www.wildsea.eu</a> have reported receiving bookings for their businesses so it is important to continue to provide training and support for SME's and to continue to support the marketing activities to increase traffic and bookings on the website.</li> </ul>

	<p><b>MalinWaters Marketing Activity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marketing activity is ongoing to promote <a href="http://www.malinwaters.com">www.malinwaters.com</a> across a variety of marketing channels. Further activities to promote the MalinWaters brand across a range of marketing platforms including e-mail, display, PPC, content, SEO and more will be ongoing in 2020.</li> </ul> <p><b>CAPITEN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work will continue on the development of new VR footage focused on maritime experiences.</li> <li>A financial and technical report and claim will be completed in Spring 2020.</li> </ul> <p><b>Cruise Tourism</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In 2020 continued promotion of Donegal as a cruise tourism destination will be ongoing.</li> </ul> <p><b>Marine Tourism Newsletter</b></p> <p>Further updates will be sent out to over 200 marine tourism contacts via the e-mail newsletter including details of any funding calls for maritime festivals and events and any other opportunities that may arise.</p>
<p><b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i></p>	<p><b>Joy Harron</b> <b>Marine Tourism Officer</b> <b>Donegal County Council</b> <b>Donegal Public Service Centre</b> <b>Drumlonagher</b> <b>Donegal Town</b> <b>Co. Donegal</b></p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="font-size: small;"> <p><b>Comhairle Contae</b> <b>Dhún na nGall</b> Donegal County Council</p> </div>  </div> <p><b>Tel:</b> + 353 (74) 9724431 <b>Mobile:</b> +353 (87) 0619360 <b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:joyharron@donegalcoco.ie">joyharron@donegalcoco.ie</a> <b>LinkedIn:</b> <a href="http://www.linkedin.com/in/joyharron">www.linkedin.com/in/joyharron</a></p>





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## Gaeltacht Tourism

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	Gaeltacht Tourism
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	
<b>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 3 -</b>	<b>Liffey Valley Shopping Centre Promotion</b>

**inclusive of current status**



Donegal Tourism, along with Donegal trade spent five days in the Liffey Valley Shopping centre promoting Donegal at the end of November 2019. An e-mail went out to the trade to request expressions of interest and as a result a number attended over the course of the 5 days leading up to Black Friday. The passing trade was brisk and great interest was shown by the public in Donegal and in particular its islands and Gaeltacht.

#### **Donegal South West Working Group**

Members of the tourism trade and community groups in South West Donegal (Dunkineely, Kilcar, Carrick, Glencolmcille area) had expressed an interest in the establishment of a working group to market and promote the area as a whole.

The Gaeltacht tourism officer has helped to facilitate the setting up of this group which now has a working group representing the different strands of businesses involved in tourism in the area. These include representatives from travel, outdoor pursuits, community groups, activities, accommodation and shops. Representatives from the working group will be attending the Holiday World Show in Dublin at the end of January.

**Contact Person**  
*(to include telephone number & e-mail address)*

Máire Ní Fhearraigh

Oifigeach Turasóireachta Gaeltachta / Gaeltacht Tourism Officer



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### Activity / Project Update: End of December 2019

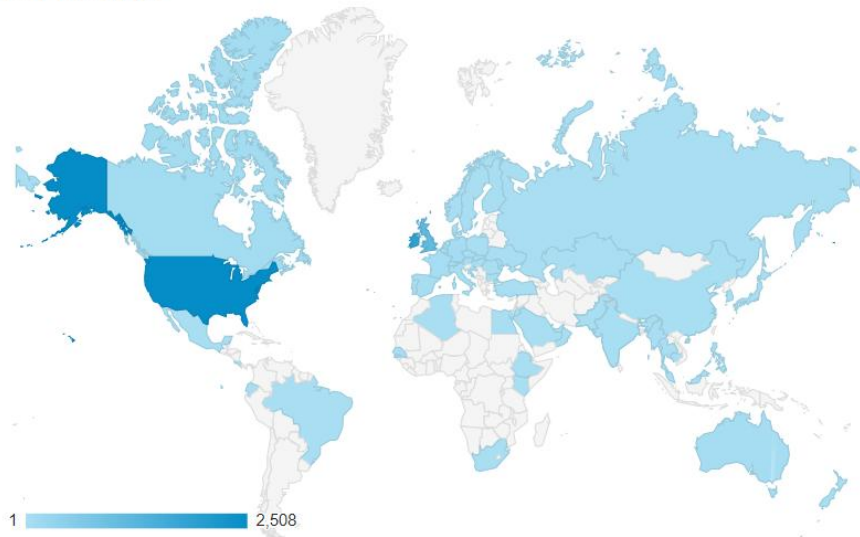
<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Go Visit Donegal website</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	GoVisitDonegal.com is County Donegal's Tourism Destination portal. The Go Visit Donegal website provides information on accommodation, festivals and events, visitor attractions, blue flag beaches and travel information. The website is free for service providers to register and promote their business.

<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	N/A
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<b>Progress to date within the last two months -inclusive of current status</b>	<p><b>Website performance stats</b></p> <p><b>Q4/2019 vs Q4/2018</b></p> <p>Page Views: 52,738 vs 24,019 (+119.6%)  Users: 20,237 vs 8,837 (+129%)</p> <p><b>December 2019</b></p> <p>Page views: Dec 2019 vs Dec 2018  13,732 vs 6,935 (+98%)</p> <p>Users: Dec 2019 vs Dec 2018  5,960 vs 2,686 (+122%)</p>
	<p><b>Website Traffic by country</b></p> <p>In December 2019 website traffic came from <b>65 countries</b> worldwide.</p> <p><u>Top 10 countries:</u></p>

1.  United States
2.  Ireland
3.  United Kingdom
4.  Canada
5.  Germany
6.  Australia
7.  Netherlands
8.  France
9.  Spain
10.  Japan

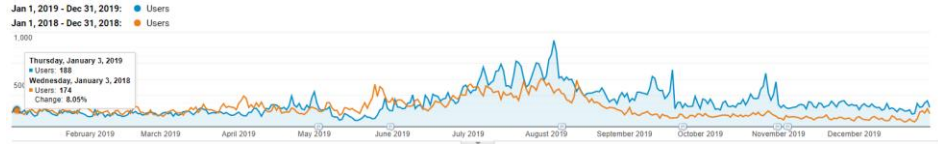
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## 2019 End of Year Report

Website stats 2019 vs 2018

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>Change %</b>
Page Views	260,215	202,931	+28.23%
Users	80,729	62,556	+29.05%
Sessions	101,541	74,931	+35.51%
Number of sessions per user	1.26	1.20	+5.01%
Avg. Session Duration	00:02:03	00:02:02	+0.93%
Countries	138	130	+8



Other comments:

- Trade Resources page on the Go Visit Donegal website is aimed at tourism providers in Donegal where they can find the following information:
  - How to register in the Tourism Hub & get listed on the website
  - How to manage the Tourism Hub account
  - Submission of Festivals and Events
  - Donegal Tourism Associate Membership
  - Donegal Tourism Survey for Accommodation providers

This section can be accessed via '**Trade Resources**' link in the footer of the website or by clicking on this address:

<https://www.govisitdonegal.com/trade-resources>

- New 'Northern Lights' page is now available under Explore Donegal heading: <https://www.govisitdonegal.com/explore-donegal/northern-lights>

**Project Targets for the next reporting period**

Go Visit Donegal - website updates January 2020

**Contact Person**  
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**ENVIRONMENT REPORT – January 2020**

**WASTE AND LITTER MANAGEMENT**

**Municipal District: All**

<p><b>Activity / Project Title</b></p>	<p><b>Christmas Recycling Campaigns</b></p>
<p><b>Project Description /Activity</b></p>	<p>The Christmas 'Greenpiece' Recycling Advert was circulated in local newspapers in the run up to Christmas to promote waste prevention and waste recycling information in the County eg. Opening Times of Recycling Centres, information on recycling and having a greener Christmas.</p>  <p>Radio Advertising took place throughout the festive period along with online advertising on Donegal Daily. Social media posts were also scheduled throughout this time.</p>
<p><b>Contact Person</b></p>	<p>Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer <a href="mailto:suzannebogan@donegalcoco.ie">suzannebogan@donegalcoco.ie</a></p>

Activity /  
Project  
Title

Recycle your Real Christmas Trees - 4th - 18th January 2020

Project  
Description  
/Activity

# RECYCLE THOSE REAL CHRISTMAS TREES!

(Saturday 4th – Saturday 18th January 2020)



LOCATION	SITE	OPENING TIMES
CARNDONAGH	Carndonagh Recycling Centre	<b>Council Yards</b> Monday - Thursday 9.00am - 4.00pm, Friday 9.00am - 3.00pm
BUNCRANA	Nailors Row Car Park, Buncrana	<b>Carndonagh Recycling Centre</b> Monday, Wednesday, Saturday 8.30am - 4.30pm
MOVILLE	Council Chip Depot	<b>Dungloe Recycling Centre</b> Thursday 10.30am - 5pm, Friday 8.30am - 2.30pm, Saturday 8.30am - 2.30pm.
NEWTOWNCUNNINGHAM	Council Chip Depot	<b>Laghey Recycling Centre</b> Thursday 10.30am - 5pm, Friday & Saturday 8.30am-2.30pm
LETTERKENNY	Letterkenny Recycling Centre	<b>Letterkenny Recycling Centre</b> Tuesday & Wednesday 8.30am - 5pm, Thursday 10.30am - 7pm, Friday 8.30am -5pm, Saturday 8.30am-2pm
LIFFORD	Council Machinery Yard	<b>Milford Recycling Centre</b> Wednesday 10.30am - 7pm, Friday 8.30am - 5pm, Saturday 8.30am - 2pm
MILFORD	Milford Recycling Centre	<b>Stranorlar Recycling Centre</b> Tuesday 8.30am - 5pm, Thursday 10.30am - 7pm, Saturday 8.30am - 2pm.
GLENTIES	Council Yard, Gortnamucklagh	
DUNGLOE	Dungloe Recycling Centre	
BUNBEG	Council Chip Yard, Coshclady	
FALCARRAGH	Kilult Quarry	
STRANORLAR	Stranorlar Recycling Centre	
KILLYBECS	Council Yard, Bridge Street	
LAGHEY	Laghey Recycling Centre	
BALLYSHANNON	Council Yard, The Rock	
BUNDORAN	Sea Front Car Park	

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE TREES OUTSIDE COUNCIL PREMISES AFTER THE SPECIFIED TIMES!  
TREES LEFT AT SITES NOT LISTED ABOVE WILL BE CONSIDERED ILLEGAL DUMPING.

Contact  
Person

Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer

[suzannebogan@donegalcoco.ie](mailto:suzannebogan@donegalcoco.ie)



<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Litter Statistics: January – December 2019</b>
<b>Project Description /Activity</b>	Litter Fines: 114 Issued, 69 Paid
<b>Contact Person</b>	Matthew Byrne, Waste Regulation Officer <a href="mailto:matthewbyrne@donegalcoco.ie">matthewbyrne@donegalcoco.ie</a>

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>National Waste Enforcement Priorities 2020</b>
<b>Project Description /Activity</b>	<p>The DCCAE outlined the National Waste Enforcement Priorities (NWPs) for 2020.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Waste Collection – Commercial &amp; Household Food Waste</li> <li>2. Construction and Demolition Waste</li> <li>3. End of Life Vehicles</li> <li>4. Unaccounted for Waste</li> <li>5. Producer Responsibility Initiatives</li> </ol>
<b>Contact Person</b>	Matthew Byrne, Waste Regulation Officer <a href="mailto:matthewbyrne@donegalcoco.ie">matthewbyrne@donegalcoco.ie</a>



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**Community Development & Planning Services**

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## **REPORT**

1. T & V Update Reports
  - a. Kilcar
  - b. Mountcharles
  - c. Donegal Town
  - d. Killybegs



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**Activity / Project Update: January 2020**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>2017 T&amp;V Renewal - Kilcar</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	1. Development of a Gaeltacht Digital Hub
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€42,000 – Department of Arts, Heritage & Gaeltacht Affairs €10,500 – Own Resources
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fionntarlann Cill Chartha has finalising the detail of the project and procuring contractors / suppliers to undertake the work.</li><li>• Procurement of equipment, furniture, doors etc., been completed.</li><li>• Doors installation works completed.</li><li>• Procurements are underway for the other elements of the project.</li><li>• Electrician works completed.</li><li>• Final stages of all works are now completed.</li></ul>
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	Project complete.
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	Mark Gallagher Executive Engineer Community & Planning Services Three Rivers Centre Tel: 087-2289811 E-mail: mark.gallagher@donegalcoco.ie



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**Activity / Project Update: January 2020**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>2017 T&amp;V Renewal - Mountcharles</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	2. Enhancement of the Streetscape.
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€100,000 – Department of Arts, Heritage & Gaeltacht Affairs € 25,000 – Own Resources
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Paul Doherty Architects has been procured to manage the project on behalf of the Committee.</li><li>• Contractors have been procured to complete the works on the streetscape including painting of a number of derelict buildings.</li><li>• Works are currently being completed.</li></ul>
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	All works due to be complete by end of Q1 2020.
<b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	Mark Gallagher Executive Engineer Community & Planning Services Three Rivers Centre Tel: 087-2289811 E-mail: mark.gallagher@donegalcoco.ie



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**Activity / Project Update: January 2020**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>2018 T&amp;V Renewal– Donegal Town</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Enhancements & Development Works  <b>Works consists of:</b>  3. Provision of a footpath 4. Provision of lining trail markings / App 5. Installation of interpretative panels / signage
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€100,000 – Department of Rural & Community Development € 25,000 – Own Resources
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A number of meetings have been held with Donegal Chamber of Commerce to finalise the details of the project including the options available to deliver the various elements of the project.</li><li>• Letter of Offer has been issued out to Group, signed and returned.</li><li>• Design of the proposed footpath is currently been progressed and will be tendered in Q1 of 2020.</li><li>• Designs and procurements are underway for the other elements of the project.</li></ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	Works designed and tendered. All works to be complete by Q2 2020.
<b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	Mark Gallagher Executive Engineer Community & Planning Services Three Rivers Centre Tel: 087-2289811 E-mail: mark.gallagher@donegalcoco.ie



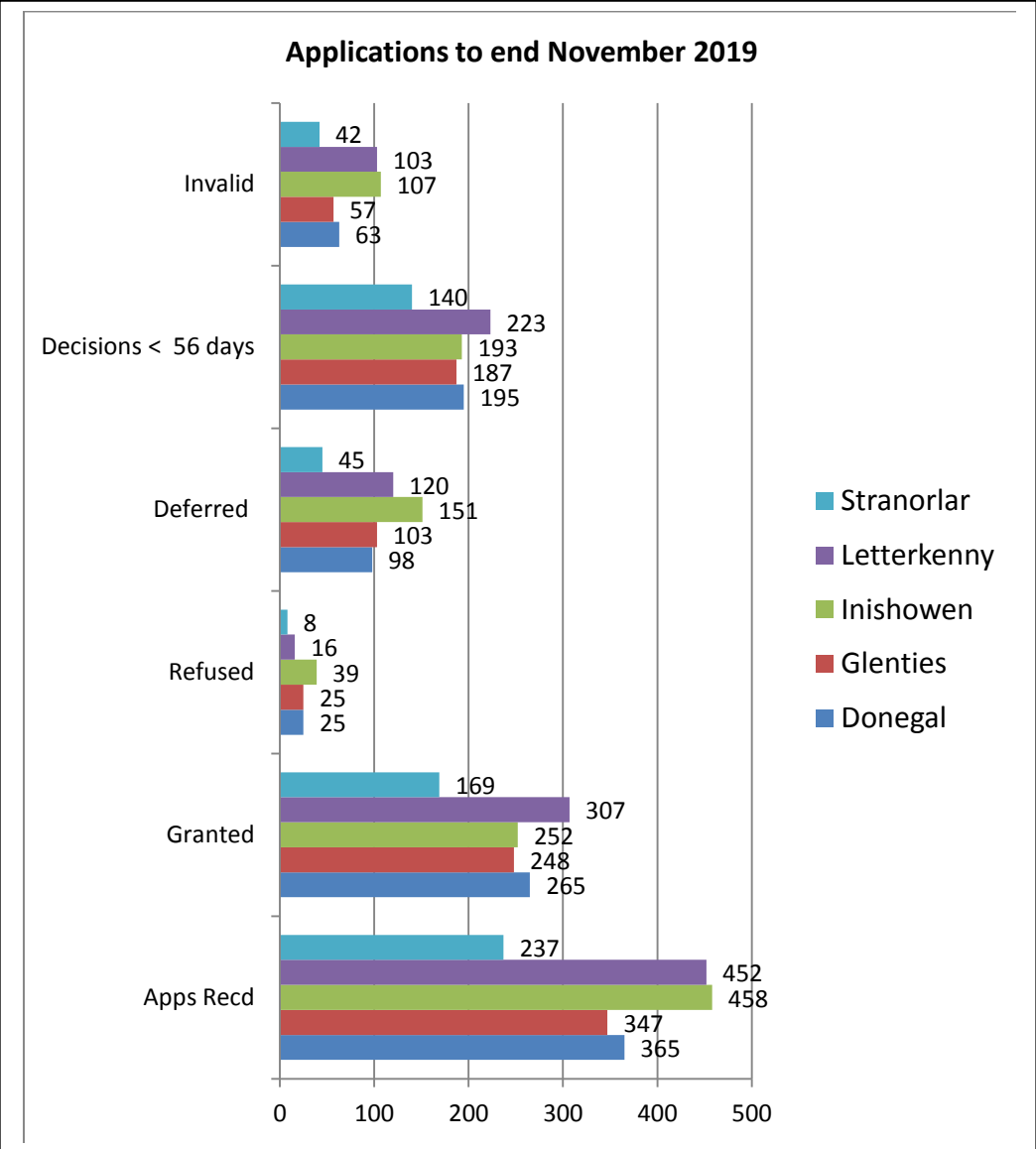
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**Municipal District: Donegal**

**Activity / Project Update: January 2020**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>2018 T&amp;V Renewal – Killybegs</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Enhancement of Streetscape  Works consist of: ➤ Street Furniture ➤ Information Panels / Directional Signage ➤ Development of Food Hub ➤ Enhancement of Bridge Street
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€100,000 – Department of Rural & Community Development € 25,000 – Own Resources
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A number of meetings have been held with Killybegs Tidy Towns Committee to finalise the details of the project including the options available to deliver the various elements of the project.</li> <li>• Letter of Offer has been issued out to Group.</li> <li>• Advance Payment issued out to the Group.</li> <li>• Food hub works complete, food markets up and running.</li> <li>• Painting enhancement ongoing.</li> <li>• Works Tendered for proposed new shop fronts.</li> <li>• Enhancement signage, maps and brochures are currently at design stage.</li> </ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	All works expected to be complete by Q1 2020
<b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	Mark Gallagher Executive Engineer Community & Planning Services Three Rivers Centre Tel: 087-12289811 E-mail: mark.gallagher@donegalcoco.ie

**Donegal MD Meeting**  
**14<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

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	<p>Planning and Water Services sections, of a Wastewater Network Development Plan for the town, which Plan will set out how the town's foul sewer network should be expanded to accommodate the growth ambitions for the town..</p> <p>Other areas of work are also continuing including, inter alia, continued engagement with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~the Economic Development section with regard to the economic development strategy for Letterkenny and how this should inform the Letterkenny Plan; and</li> <li>~ the Regeneration and Development Team to ensure that both areas of work dovetail appropriately .</li> </ul>
<i>(2) Buncrana Local Area Plan</i>	<p>With the agreement of the Inishowen MD Members, the Central Planning Unit issued an invitation to specialist consultants to quote for work on the preparation of a high level report to look at the strategic future direction of Buncrana.</p> <p>Consultants, the ICLRD (International Centre for Local and Regional Development), have now been appointed and will officially commence work on the preparation of the report for Buncrana on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 for a 10 week contract period. It is anticipated that the Consultants will engage with the Inishowen MD members throughout this process including an MD workshop during January 2020.</p> <p>The work will conclude towards the end of March 2020 following the presentation to the Inishowen Members of the findings of the report.</p> <p>This Study will assist in informing both the Local Area Plan for the town and decisions around the future strategic positioning and direction(s) of Buncrana, in addition to potential future strategic regeneration funding applications.</p>
<i>(3) Bundoran</i>	<p>Preliminary work has begun in relation to the targeted intervention measures previously discussed and agreed in principle with Members. Further details will be provided in due course.</p>
<i>(4) County Development Plan 2018-2024 Variations</i>	<p>During 2020, Variations will be prepared for the following policy areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Wind Energy; and</li> <li>2. TEN-T Priority Roads Project</li> </ol> <p>The requirement for the Wind Energy Variation has been accelerated following the publication of the Draft Revised Wind Energy Guidelines, December 2019. A link to this document was forwarded to Members on 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 and Members were advised that a detailed report on the Draft Guidelines will be prepared for the January 2020 Plenary Council Meeting.</p>



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	<i>(5)Town &amp; Village Renewal Programme (2016) projects</i>	Specialist Conservation Architect, Duncan McLaren of Dedalus Architecture is continuing the work to prepare the Ramelton Action Plan for Renewal and Regeneration including identification of proposals for enhancement of civic and public space. An updated timeline for the Action Plan is being currently prepared for delivery.
<b>5</b>	<b>Further Information</b> <i>Click on web links to access information.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly List of applications and decisions: <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weeklyplanninglists/">http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weeklyplanninglists/</a></li> <li>• Planning service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service): <a href="mailto:planning@donegalcoco.ie">planning@donegalcoco.ie</a></li> <li>• Planning Webpage: <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/">www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/</a></li> <li>• Planning Application Online Query – planning reference number required: <a href="http://www.donegalcdb.ie/eplan/internetenquiry/rpt_querybysurforrecloc.asp">www.donegalcdb.ie/eplan/internetenquiry/rpt_querybysurforrecloc.asp</a></li> <li>• File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and when requesting planning searches: <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/fileretrieval/File%20Retrieval.pdf">www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/fileretrieval/File%20Retrieval.pdf</a></li> </ul>



## Donegal Municipal District - 14th January 2020 Motions

**Agenda Item No.5**

Office Ref:DLMD-2020-01001

**Submitted By:** Cllr. Barry Sweeny

**Assigned To:** Cultural Services

**Motion** "That this Municipal District provide information and awareness sessions to local community groups and schools in relation to the All Ireland Pollinator Plan which DCC signed up to in November, and that staff from Environment, Heritage and Roads sections work together to identify sites suitable for pollinator friendly habitats and reconsider mowing regimes as springtime approaches."

**Signed Off By:** Eileen Burgess

**Response:** Under the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan agreement signed between Donegal County Council and the National Biodiversity Data Centre in November 2019, Donegal County Council has committed to adopting a cross-directorate approach that considers the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan in its policies, plans and management decisions. Furthermore, it has committed to undertake a number of actions each year to help pollinators. The National Biodiversity Data Centre has outlined 30 potential actions that local authorities can take to help pollinators and Donegal County Council will report annually on progress. It is intended that a cross-directorate meeting will be established to explore how some of these actions can be implemented for 2020. Expertise and experience exists within Buncrana Tidy Towns that can be drawn upon in relation to implementing All-Ireland Pollinator Plan actions as Buncrana Tidy Towns won the regional Local Authority 'Tidy Towns' Pollinator Award for the third year in a row and the National Pollinator Award in the Tidy Towns competition in 2019. In April 2020, Dr. Úna Fitzpatrick at the National Biodiversity Data Centre will provide a short workshop for staff on a cross-directorate basis to provide advice on actions selected by Donegal County Council and to help identify other All-Ireland Pollinator Plan actions that could be implemented in the future. Information booklets on what local community groups and schools can do in relation to the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan are available from the County Donegal Heritage Office or on-line at [www.pollinators.ie](http://www.pollinators.ie).



## Donegal Municipal District - 14th January 2020 Questions

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**Agenda Item No.6**

Office Ref:DLMD-2020-01002

**Submitted By: Cllr. Barry Sweeney**

**Assigned To:** Roads and Transportation

**Question** "When is the next planned review of speed limits in South Donegal towns as there are a number of safety concerns that speed limits are insufficient? "

**Signed Off By:** MARK SWEENEY

**Response:** Speed limit reviews are usually carried out every 5 years. The last speed limit review was completed in 2017. My understanding is that the Department plan to issue new speed limit guidelines to local authorities so the Council are unlikely to want to commence the next review until these guidelines become available. At present I am unable to provide a date as to when the Department are likely to issue the new guidelines.

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**Agenda Item No.7**

Office Ref:DLMD-2020-01003

**Submitted By: Cllr. Barry Sweeney**

**Assigned To:** Water and Environment

**Question** "What is the update on the engineer's report relating to Ballyshannon's public toilets and what action is being taken in relation to the next steps to refurbish and maintain the facility?"

**Signed Off By:** BRYAN CANNON

**Response:** The inspection of the facility by the structural engineer has highlighted that remedial rather than replacement works may be suitable with respect to various elements of the structure. This may result in a more economic solution than had been expected. Given this further investigation is now underway with respect to various details and costs. This further investigation has delayed the completion of the report. It is hoped that this report can be completed by mid February. In parallel with progressing the recommendations of the report consideration will be given to how a public convenience service may be provided within Ballyshannon in the interim and in the long term.



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

Why was Seaview house not opened yesterday (Monday 13th) after all the promises from the minister and the HSE.

It is very disappointing for the patients and the families.

We need an immediate answer to find out what is happening

Names

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Cllr. Michael M. Mahon  
Cllr. M. J. O'Connell  
Cllr. Sean Lee  
Niamh Kennedy  
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