

**Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall**

Oifig Riarthóir na gCruinnithe,  
Aras an Chontae,  
Leifear.

6ú Méan Fómhair, 2022

**Fógra Cruinnithe**

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall ar siúl **De Máirt 13ú Méan Fómhair, 2022, 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.

06<sup>th</sup> September 2022

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

The next Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal will be held on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 11.30 am 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 the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022.
2. Consideration of Minutes of the Roads, Economic Development & Housing Workshop held on the 09<sup>th</sup> August 2022.
3. **Update Reports from Council Services:**
  - 3.1 Housing & Corporate Services
  - 3.2 Roads & Transportation
  - 3.3 Economic Development, Information Systems and Emergency Services
  - 3.4 Environment Services
  - 3.5 Community Development
  - 3.6 Planning Services

### **Motions**

4. Cllr Tom Conaghan  
*“That this Municipal District finds an alternative location for the Bus Stop outside the Abbey Hotel in Donegal town as there was a lot of traffic congestion caused by buses double parking over the summer months”.*
5. Cllr Michéal Naughton  
*“That this Municipal District request funding to install a footpath or walkway from Laghey Village to Greagh Crossroads on the Pettigo Road.”.*
6. Cllr Michael McMahon  
*“That this MD look at the panel for the way it is set up on the recruitment of more staff for road maintaining and other works as it stands at the moment it is unsatisfactory?”*
7. Cllr B Sweeny  
*“That this Municipal District undertakes a survey of disabled parking spaces to ensure they are kept in good condition, that road markings are refreshed, appropriate signage is in place and that there are a sufficient number of suitable spaces available in our towns and villages within the Donegal MD.  
I would suggest that this survey would involve the input of wheelchair users, carers and/or disability groups and that existing resources including Walkability Audits of Killybegs, Donegal Town and Ballyshannon be utilised where necessary”.*

## Questions

8. Cllr Tom Conaghan

*“Why are camper vans currently parking illegally with no consequences at Donegal Town Pier taking up 2/3 carpark spaces and blocking footpaths/wheelchair access? Has a permanent traffic warden been appointed?”*

9. Cllr Tom Conaghan

*“Can this municipal district move forward with a plan to tackle illegal parking of camper vans at Donegal Town Pier?”*

10. Cllr Michéal Naughton

*“Whats the up todate on the funding received for Murvagh beach in May 2021 for outdoor shower and foot wash?”*

11. Cllr Barry Sweeny

*“Now that our schools are up and running again can I get a reopening date for Ballyshannon Library?”*

12. Cllr Barry Sweeny

*“Can I request a meeting to discuss detail of footpath repair schedule and budget in Ballyshannon?”*

13. **Date of Next Meeting(s) / Workshop(s)**

- Budget Workshop on Wednesday the 5th October 2022 at 2pm in the Peter Kennedy Chamber
- MD Meeting on Tuesday the 11th October 2022 at 11.30 am in the Peter Kennedy Chamber (as per standing orders)
- Budget Meeting on Wednesday the 26th October 2022 at 2pm the Peter Kennedy Chamber

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL  
HELD AT 11.30 AM ON TUESDAY THE 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022 IN THE PETER  
KENNEDY CHAMBER, DONEGAL PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE**

**MDD/096/22 MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MDD/097/22 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr. Garry Martin, Director Designate, Municipal District of Donegal  
Mr. Pauric Sheerin, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal  
Mr. Declan Gillespie, Executive Engineer, Roads/Transportation  
Ms. Aideen Quinn, A/Executive Planner, Planning  
Ms. Mary McBride, Executive Planner, Economic Development  
Mr. Paul Gallagher, Administrative Officer, Environment Section  
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services  
Ms. Caroline Britton, A/Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

**MDD/098/22 APOLOGIES**

Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Roads/Transportation  
Mr. Paddy Doherty, Divisional Manager, Community Development

**MDD/099/22 STANDING ORDERS**

Cllr Kennedy welcomed all attendees and referred to Standing Order No. 64 which stipulates that the use of recording devices and / or the taking of photographs of the meeting is prohibited.

**MDD/100/22 VOTE OF SYMPATHY**

The late Lorna Doherty, Main Street, Dungloe, former Library Assistant, Dungloe and Clerical Officer, Donegal PSC  
The late James (Jim) Duncan, The Abbey, Ballyshannon  
The late Patrick McGurran, Dinglei Cough, West End, Bundoran  
The late Brendan Sheridan, Bundoran  
The late Christopher Meehan, New York  
The late John Byrne, Bruckless  
The late Anthony McGrenra, Listillion, Letterkenny, brother of Aidan McGrenra, Executive Engineer, Facilities & Energy Manager

**MDD/101/22 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022**

On the proposal of Cllr Jordan, seconded by Cllr Sweeny the Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022 were confirmed.

**MDD/102/22 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022**

On the proposal of Cllr Conaghan, seconded by Cllr Naughton the Minutes of the Planning & Roads Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were confirmed.

**MDD/103/22 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

**CORPORATE SERVICES**

**Follow up Issues from previous meeting**

Mr Sheerin provided an update on the follow up issues from the previous meeting:-

- a) Correspondence issued to Irish Water and the Department of Social Protection. A response was received from the Department of Social Protection and forwarded to the Members for consideration.
- b) Additional correspondence issued to the Minister of Housing, Local Government & Heritage regarding the previous housing motion.

**Opening Hours**

Mr Sheerin informed the Members that the Council's public business hours have returned to those prior to the implementation of the Haddington Road agreement and the offices are now open from 9am to 4.30pm. The Motor Tax counter continues to open on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9.15am to 12.15pm and 1.15pm to 3pm. The Cash Office is open daily between 9am to 12.30pm and 1pm to 4pm.

**RSS, Tús and CE Scheme**

Cllr Jordan welcomed the response received from the Department in relation to the removal of the six-year time limit for all participants on the Rural Social Scheme and noted that this will allow existing participants remain in their roles until retirement.

Cllr Sweeny noted that a number of representations have been made to the Department in this regard and welcomed the positive response received. Cllr Sweeny asked for further clarification from the Department in relation to Ukrainians' eligibility to participate in the Tús Scheme.

Cllr Kennedy also asked for clarification from the Department with regards to the Ukrainians' eligibility to participate in the Community

Employment Scheme and both Cllr Sweeny and Cllr Kennedy noted how these schemes would positively assist in the integration of Ukrainians into the local communities.

Cllr Naughton wholeheartedly empathised with the Ukrainians and their ongoing suffering, however, noted that the supports and forms of assistance offered should be equitable as it can lead to the perception of double standards. Cllr Naughton referred to supports such as driving lessons and suggested that the services offered should be fair and equitable and available to all Irish citizens. Cllr McMahon submitted that a further discussion is required in relation to the distribution of refugees throughout the country and Cllr Kennedy noted tensions are rising in relation to some of the services being offered.

Mr Sheerin agreed to seek further clarification from the Department of Social Protection and advised that the accommodation offered to Ukrainians is separate from the Local Authority system. It is expected the Council will shortly appoint a senior official to oversee the integration of the services being offered to the Ukrainians.

### **Bus Eireann**

Cllr Jordan expressed his disappointment that no response has been received from Bus Eireann in relation to the ongoing cancellation of services, with little or no notice given to service users. Cllr Jordan submitted that a number of staff were redeployed during the period of COVID restrictions and only two additional drivers have been re-employed since for the Donegal to Dublin route.

Cllr McMahon concurred with Cllr Jordan and emphasised the importance of a public transport system that works. Cllr McMahon noted the existing service is affecting the tourism market and advised that he had recently spoke to one of the bus drivers to get a better understanding of the situation; passengers who book their tickets on-line have no guarantee they will get a seat on the bus as on occasions the bus is already full and bus drivers are having to deal with disgruntled customers. Cllr McMahon suggested Bus Eireann invest in a proper booking system and larger buses ie double deckers and asked that Bus Eireann be invited to a meeting with the Elected Members to discuss the situation. Mr Sheerin agreed to forward a further letter to Bus Eireann.

### **HOUSING SERVICES**

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

Members noted the update reports. Mr Sheerin referred to the ongoing housing capital projects and informed the members that a request is being finalised to seek approval from the Department to proceed to Tender (Stage 3) for the Bundoran Phase 1. It is expected the tender process will commence towards the end of the summer. A Part VIII public consultation process will commence on the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022 for an SI in Kilcar and it is anticipated approval for same will be sought from the Members at the September Plenary meeting.

The second phase of Oak Meadows is substantially complete with 12 units available for allocating towards the end of the summer. As 22 housing units in this development will be occupied shortly, the contractor has been asked to develop the communal space in conjunction with the next phase of the development. In terms of casual vacancies, two properties are at assessment stage and a number of properties are at tender stage. It is anticipated contractors will be appointed shortly.

Finally, Mr Sheerin submitted that the Department has released a circular regarding changes in the discretionary flexibility available in respect of the HAP rent limits. The main changes include an increase in the HAP discretion rate from the current 20% to a maximum of 35% to both new and existing tenancies and the flexibility to apply a couple rate to a single person household to new tenancies only. It is expected a meeting will be arranged to consider the detail and the implementation of the changes.

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

#### **Changes to the HAP Discretion Levels**

Cllr Jordan and Cllr Kennedy welcomed the changes to the HAP discretion levels and Cllr Kennedy noted that this may go some way to assist housing applicants with their monthly rental payments.

#### **Additional Housing Projects**

Cllr Sweeny noted that the town of Ballyshannon has had no social housing developments in over twenty years and referred to the five turnkey properties at Rockview, Ballyshannon which are receiving a high degree of interest locally. Cllr Kennedy emphasised the importance of ensuring the smaller towns and villages are also included in the housing capital programme and noted that although there may be a smaller waiting list in these towns and villages it is vitally important housing applicants are housed in their area of choice.

Mr Sheerin submitted that it is anticipated the Members will be invited in September to a Housing Workshop regarding the progression of the Housing Delivery Action Plan submitted under the auspices of the Housing for All Plan which was published towards the end of 2021. It is expected details will be available on the housing plans for each

town and village throughout the MD and noted the active projects ongoing within the larger towns.

In terms of Ballyshannon, Mr Sheerin was aware of five / six different options currently being considered for developments in Ballyshannon and advised discussions are at an advance stage with Apex in relation to a project within the centre of Ballyshannon. The Housing Capital Office is also recruiting additional staff to assist in the delivery of the Housing Capital Programme.

#### **Deep Retrofit Programme**

Cllr McMahon sought an update on the deep retrofit programme and the tenant engagement process. Mr Sheerin advised the tenders for the project has been returned and the contract has been awarded. It is expected works will commence towards the end of July. Mr Sheerin advised that out of the forty-nine houses selected, approximately three to four households have opted out of the programme. These households have been advised of the implications. Mr Sheerin informed the Members that there has been some queries received in relation to the removal of chimneys, types of windows and doors etc and noted that all aspects of the programme were required to be updated in order to achieve a B2 energy rating.

#### **Land sold by Section 183 to Liam Clancy**

In response to a query from Cllr McMahon if land sold to Mr. Liam Clancy via a Section 183 is in process of being transferred to him, Mr. P Sheerin informed Members that this matter is being progressed by the Council's Solicitors.

### **MDD/104/22 ROADS / TRANSPORTATION SERVICES REPORT**

#### **2022 Roadworks Programme Status Report**

Members noted the reports on the Road Works programme circulated with the Agenda.

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

Mr Gillespie advised Mr Sweeney had provided an update on the follow up issues from the previous meeting, as circulated by e-mail, that dealt with the following matters: -

#### **Consider the erection of signage at Brownes Garage to deter buses using this road to access the two hotels.**

This matter has been referred to the Donegal National Roads Office to consider the provision of additional signage along the N15 National Primary route that will help alleviate this issue.

#### **Consider creating additional space at St Francis National School to alleviate safety concerns.**



This matter is being looked at and Cllr Naughton has indicated that some of his Members fund could be used to facilitate the works. The Area Engineer will arrange for the application form to be sent to Cllr Naughton so that it can be filled out.

**Discuss the possibility of a joint maintenance project on the Lisachully Road with colleagues in Northern Ireland.**

As part of the 2022 Restoration Improvement works programme a 1km section of the L-7985-1 Lissacholly road to the border is being resurfaced this year. There are two other roads leading to the border in this area, namely the L-8055-1 Lissacholly to Clontyseer Road and the L-2545-1 Manger Road that will need to be prioritised in future programmes so as to upgrade the road network leading to the border with Northern Ireland.

**Oversee the allocation of €1,000 from the Bundoran Car Parking charges to Bundoran Tidy Towns Committee.**

This payment has been processed.

**Arrange a meeting with ESB to discuss the kiosk on the Diamond in Donegal Town.**

Initial contact has been made with the ESB and a date is to be arranged after their holidays at the end of July to meet on site to discuss proposals for the upgrading of the transformer opposite the Abbey Hotel. The ESB have however advised that burying part of the transformer is not an option as this will make the transformer vulnerable to water ingress.

**Consider including the Rock area in Ballyshannon as a proposal under the Active Travel Plan.**

Following on from the Motion adopted on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 to “Request for a Part 8 process and traffic management system at the Rock Ballyshannon” this request was referred to Road Design to consider. At present and due to limited resources, the Road Design team are only working on the development of schemes throughout the County that are funded so this request has not been advanced to date. Note, however, that an Active Travel Scheme may not be the best option for this location as the focus of such schemes is to provide adequate venerable road user provision by way of widening footpaths and given the limited space available at West Rock this would necessitate the need to remove on street parking and I don’t believe this is what the locals want. Consideration will therefore be given to what alternatives can be introduced to help manage traffic flows in the area.

**Review the condition of the access road to Rossnowlagh in terms of potholes.**

This issue was referred to the Road Services Supervisor and arrangements were made to have the potholes filled.

### **Carpark at the Folk Village in Glencolmcille**

The Council are currently working on plans to further develop this carpark and when these are finalised and agreed, funding will then be sought to implement the proposed works.

### **Workshop – RI & RM Projects**

The Members agreed to an in-person workshop to discuss the RI & RM project on Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 10am.

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

### **Bundoran**

Cllr McMahon sought an update on the following road issues within the environs of Bundoran:-

- Erection of bollards at Tullan Strand to prevent double parking
- Astoria Car Parking Lining
- Stop sign at the T-junction adjacent to the Great Northern Hotel's entrance / exit.

Mr Gillespie agreed to liaise with the Executive Engineer responsible for the Bundoran area.

### **Roads Surfacing Works**

Cllr Sweeny welcomed the resurfacing works on the N15 between Ballyshannon and McCafferty's Quarry. Cllr Sweeny was disappointed that realignment works were not implemented at the Cashelard Crossroads junction and noted there may be a drains issue at this location caused by the works completed. Cllr Naughton sought an update on the right-hand turning lane at the Coolcholly junction on the N15.

Cllr Sweeny also welcomed the resurfacing works between Ballyshannon and Bundoran on the Finner Road and was delighted to see the Active Travel Scheme incorporating a cycle lane along this route. In advance of the new road surface being laid, Cllr Sweeny suggested contact should be made with Irish Water regarding the proposed installation of a new watermain along the route.

Mr Gillespie agreed to discuss the points raised with the Executive Engineer responsible for the Ballyshannon area and query the road lining issues with the TII Office.

### **Creevy Road, Ballyshannon**

Due to the number of cars parked close to the pier at Creevy, Cllr Sweeny referred to an incident last week which resulted in a delivery lorry hitting a railing. Cllr Sweeny sought an update on the road lining at this location.

Mr Gillespie agreed to raise the issue with the Executive Engineer responsible for the Ballyshannon area.

### **Donegal Town Crossing Points**

Cllr Sweeny sought clarification on who has the highest priority at the crossing points in Donegal Town and suggested an awareness campaign be conducted. Mr Gillespie advised that these crossing points are not zebra crossing but courtesy crossings, where cars stop to allow pedestrians to cross. Mr Gillespie agreed to raise the issue with the Area Manager.

### **Ballydevitt Junction**

Cllr Jordan referred to Cllr Conaghan's question regarding the Ballydevitt junction and queried what safety measures were being put in place to prevent further accidents. Cllr Conaghan referred to the old school and queried if the grounds adjacent to the school could be maintained.

Mr Gillespie advised that an anti-skid surface is being laid along with the erection of additional signage and road lining works. Mr Gillespie was aware that the Area Manager was seeking further details on the ownership of the old school and agreed to ensure the vegetation in this vicinity would be cut back.

### **Footpath Works**

Cllr Sweeny and Cllr Naughton welcomed the commencement of the footpath works in Ballyshannon and Cllr Naughton queried if a contractor was in place to complete the outstanding programme of works, particularly at Ardeskin Heights and Laghey and noted that including Active Travel funding there was a balance of approximately €1.5 million to deliver these projects. Cllr Naughton suggested, that in light of increased construction costs, to move funding between jobs to ensure certain jobs are fully completed.

Mr Gillespie advised that the Active Travel funding is specific to the project, however, if Members wished they could agree to reallocate the annual footpath repair funding.

### **Glencolmcille Pier**

Cllr Kennedy submitted that the access road to Glencolmcille Pier is in very poor condition and queried if the Roads Office were in a position to carry out minor remedial works.

Mr Gillespie advised that this road is in private ownership and is aware an application has been submitted under the LIS scheme.

### **Roadside Verges**

Cllr Kennedy referred to the overgrown grass along roadsides, particularly at junctions and queried when the grass cutting contract would commence. Cllr McMahon referred to the grass verges

adjacent to the Four Masters Bridge and suggested rather than waiting on the hedge cutter to carry out the work, the vegetation at dangerous junctions could be strimmed.

Mr Gillespie advised hedge cutting will commence along the national secondary roads first and will then move to the roads with lower traffic volumes.

#### **High Road, Kilcar – Take-over**

Cllr Kennedy sought an update on the timeframe for the take-over of the High Road in Kilcar.

Mr Gillespie agreed to seek an update on the take-over process.

#### **Church Road, Killybegs**

Cllr Kennedy submitted that resurfacing works were required along the Church Road in Killybegs as well as the cutting back of trees on the left hand side and remedial works to the barrier at the children's playground.

Mr Gillespie stated that the tenders have been returned and are currently being assessed in accordance with MEAT criterion. Thereafter, consideration will be given to the funding requirements and contact will be made with the Department. In terms of the broken barrier, Mr Gillespie agreed to liaise with the Outdoor staff.

#### **Water Ingress – Ballyshannon**

Cllr McMahon submitted three to four business operating within the environs of the Old Barracks in Ballyshannon have been flooded on several occasions and have advised that the cleaning of the manholes has not improved the issue.

Mr Gillespie agreed to discuss the issue with the Executive Engineer and the Area Manager.

### **MDD/105/22 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFORMATION SYSTEMS & EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT**

Ms McBride updated the meeting with the reports from the Divisions within the Directorate namely:-

1. Economic Development
  - a. Economic Development Unit
  - b. Tourism Marketing Unit
  - c. Strategic Funding Unit
  - d. Project: Trail Gazers Bid
  - e. Donegal Diaspora Unit
2. Local Enterprise Office

### 3. Emergency Services: Fire Service

Ms Mc Bride referred to the Caravan & Camping Grant Scheme and the talent mapping currently being undertaken by Abodoo to develop a mapping platform to demonstrate the range of skills in the region to help attract FDI to the north west region. Ms McBride also referred to the AER Summer Academy event scheduled to take place the week of the 29<sup>th</sup> August and encouraged the Members to promote this event.

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

#### **Caravan & Camping Grant Scheme**

Cllr Sweeny sought additional information on the number of applications received to date and the level of interest amongst community groups.

Ms McBride advised that the second phase of the grant scheme closed for applications on the 30<sup>th</sup> June and noted that there was a low level of applications received from community groups. Ms McBride agreed to seek further information from Mr C Martin.

#### **Bundoran Waterworld**

Cllr McMahan wished to convey his thanks to all those involved in ensuring Bundoran Waterworld reopened this year and noted that the venue is a welcome addition to Bundoran's offerings.

#### **Donegal Town – Outdoor Public Space Scheme & the Donegal Town Pier and Diamond Masterplan**

Cllr Jordan expressed his disappointment at the ESB's response regarding the relocation of the kiosks in the Diamond, Donegal Town. Cllr Naughton and Cllr Conaghan submitted that due to the Part VIII consultation for the enhancement work on the Diamond, a number of calls have been received regarding the cutting down of trees within the Diamond area.

Mr G Martin advised the condition of the trees are being examined and only those showing evidence of disease or poor root structure will be removed. Mr G Martin noted the points raised with regards to the kiosk and agreed to consider the issue. It is expected a workshop with the Members will be arranged in early September, prior to the Plenary meeting.

### **MDD/106/22 ENVIRONMENT SERVICES REPORT**

Ms S Bogan presented the report for the Environment Section, as circulated with the Agenda dealing with the following matters:-

- Waste & Litter Management

- Buncrana community encouraged to participate in 'Donate Don't Waste' textiles research pilot
- Community Grants from Environment Section
- WEEE Collection Day Opportunities
- Summer Campaign
- Coastal Management
  - Beach Wheelchair Launch at Bundoran Beach
  - New Step-Down Changing Place at Beach Carpark, Narin, Portnoo
- Central Laboratory
  - Agri-Environment Training Scheme (AETS)
  - Septic Tank Inspection – EPA Annual Report
  - Environment Section – Public Engagement Activities

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

### **Beach Wheelchair**

Cllr McMahon noted the great asset the new beach wheelchair is to Bundoran beach and queried if a mat could be placed at the end of the promenade to allow the wheelchair to enter the sanded area on a firmer surface. As the wheelchair is currently stored by a private business owner, Cllr McMahon queried if arrangements are being put in place for a suitable storage facility. Cllr Sweeny commended the facilities developed at Narin, Portnoo and suggested a similar building should be developed in Bundoran to allow wheelchair users access the beach wheelchair with the use of a hoist system. Cllr Kennedy noted the importance of appropriate changing places and advised the recent Killybegs Walkability Audit identified this need.

Mr Gallagher advised that he is aware similar facilities as those developed in Narin will be available in due course in Bundoran and agreed to liaise with the Coastal Management Team in relation to the placement of a mat at the end of the promenade.

### **CCTV Legislation**

Cllr McMahon submitted that dumping of waste material including grass cuttings are being placed at the bring banks in Bundoran and sought an update on the CCTV legislation.

Mr Gallagher advised that the legislation is not enacted yet, however, he agreed to revert to the members of the Waste Management Team.

### **Bundoran Wastebins**

Cllr McMahon sought an update on a possible new bin design for the coastal town of Bundoran as birds continue to extract rubbish from the existing bins.

Mr Gallagher agreed to liaise with members of the Waste Management Team with regards to a new bin design for the Bundoran area.

### **Waste Materials - MICA**

Cllr Sweeny commended the work of the Environment Team, particularly, the funding allocations to community groups and sought an update on his motion on the recycling of materials such as windows and doors from MICA homes.

Mr Gallagher agreed to feedback the comments regarding the funding to Ms Bogan and liaise with Mr M Byrne, Waste Regulation Officer regarding the recycling of materials from MICA homes.

### **Waste Collection Facilities**

Cllr Kennedy wished to convey her gratitude to the Environment Team for developing a information leaflet regarding waste collection facilities for holiday home clients.

## **MDD/107/22 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING SERVICES**

### **Community Development**

Apologies were noted from Mr. Paddy Doherty, Divisional Manager, Community Development who was unable to attend today's meeting due to another commitment.

Members noted the update reports for the Community Development Section, as circulated with the Agenda dealing with the following matters:-

- Town & Village Renewal – Donegal MD
  - Donegal Town
  - Glencolmcille
  - Rossnowlagh
  - Carrick
  - Bruckless
- Town & Villages Accelerated Measures
  - Donegal Town – Round 2
- Playground Maintenance
- Walks & Trails
- Sliabh Liag Development Project
- Leader/RDP Programme Update

A number of comments were noted as follows;

### **Creevy Coastal Walk**

Cllr Sweeny thanked Darryl Connor for the works completed on the reopened Creevy Coastal Walk, submitting that great work was done on this project.

### **Community Development General**

Cllr Kennedy commended the work being done in the Community Development Section and thanked the Section for the drive and ambition that they bring to their work. Cllr McMahon also commended the good work being done in the section submitting that it is good to highlight the positive things being done by the Council.

### **Killybegs Town Centre**

Cllr Kennedy expressed her disappointment at the delay on the Killybegs Town Centre works noting that the matter was back on the Minister's desk due to increased costs and hopes that the matter can receive approval to proceed shortly. She also requested more information come from the Council Sections to Members in this regard and also hoped for progress on the Council taking in charge the carpark in Killybegs and looked forward to an update at the September meeting.

### **Bundoran**

Cllr McMahon noted that he hoped the Bundoran works will soon proceed with the bunching of projects and anticipated they will move to contract shortly. He also noted the progress on the outdoor dining and public toilets for Bundoran.

### **Planning Services**

Ms Aideen Quinn presented the Planning Service Reports as circulated with the Agenda dealing with the following: -

- Development Applications
- Enforcement
- Q2/3 2022 Planning Clinics
  - 14<sup>th</sup> July & 28<sup>th</sup> July, 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> August
- Regeneration Report
- Central Planning Unit
  - Proposed Variation on a Wind Energy Policy Framework
  - Letterkenny Plan and Local Transport Plan
  - County Development Plan 2024-2030 Incorporating Buncrana Local Area Plan, A Bundoran Local Area Plan and Review of the Ballybofey Stranorlar Local Area Plan (TEN-T Issues)
- Further Information

### **Query on County Development Plan 2024 - 2030**

In response to a query from Cllr Kennedy if there would be further consultations on the Draft County Development Plan 2024 to 2030 and in particular the Wind Energy element of the plan, Ms. A Quinn informed Members that the Pre-Draft consultations are the first step in the process to prepare a consultation document. The consultation documents will be released for a full public consultation at a later date.



She also informed Members if someone wants land re-zoned, they should make a submission during the consultation process.

**MDD/108/22 DISCUSSION ON REQUEST TO CALL ON THE MINISTER OF HEALTH STEPHEN DONNELLY FOR THE RETENTION OF THE CAT SCAN AT SLIGO UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL**

On the proposal of Cllr McMahon, seconded by Cllr Jordan the following motion was adopted: -

*“That this MD call on the Minister of Health Stephen Donnelly for the retention of the Cat Scan at Sligo University Hospital.”*

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

In speaking to his motion, Cllr McMahon submitted that the Cat Scan services in Sligo University Hospital are extremely important to the people of Donegal, Sligo and Leitrim. He submitted that there are concerns that this service will be taken away from Sligo University Hospital but he hoped that common sense would prevail and that the service would be retained and that any further downgrading of services in Sligo University Hospital is a matter of serious concern. He referred to the inconvenience for patients having to travel to Galway for cancer services and queried if the Hospital in Enniskillen could work in conjunction with Sligo University Hospital to provide shared services and recommended this topic is put on the next agenda for the Cross Border Working Group for discussion. He stated with the large investment made at the Sligo Hospital buildings in recent times, that he is calling on the Minister for Health to change his mind and to retain and return services in Sligo Hospital. He submitted that reducing services in Sligo is not progress.

In seconding the motion, Cllr Jordan supported Cllr McMahon in his comments. Cllr Jordan also referred to the importance of retaining services at Sligo University Hospital for the people of Donegal, Sligo and Leitrim. He submitted that there was a lot of anger and shock at the cancer services being taken from Sligo and that taking services from the hospital should not be accepted and that he fully supported the motion.

In conclusion, Mr. P Sheerin confirmed that a letter would issue to the Minister for Health, Stephen Donnelly conveying the Members discussion and adopted motion.

**MDD/109/22 DISCUSSION ON REQUEST TO SEEK A SOLUTION FOR REPAIR WORK, DRAINAGE AND ADDITIONAL LIGHTING AT THE ROCK STEPS IN BALLYSHANNON**

On the proposal of Cllr Sweeny, seconded by Cllr McMahon the following motion was adopted:-

*“That this MD seeks a solution for repair work, drainage and additional lighting at the Rock Steps in Ballyshannon. The worsening condition of the steps is a safety concern to local residents, school children and many visitors who use the route at sporting and other events.”*

Members were given a response to the motion by the Area Manager of the Roads and Transportation Services.

In speaking to this motion, Cllr Sweeny referred to the condition of the steps at the Rock, Ballyshannon, which he submitted, are in urgent need of works, for decades, given their current state of repair. He referred to a number of issues that need to be addressed, namely drainage, improvement works to the steps and also additional lighting. He submitted that there is a high volume of pedestrian traffic using the steps given the schools, church, child-care facilities and GAA pitches and other facilities in this area of the town and emphasised the importance of works being carried out. He also emphasised the need for the drainage issue to be sorted in the Rock Area of Ballyshannon. He welcomed the response from the Area Manager, Roads and Transportation to his motion. Cllr Sweeny submitted that funding will be one of the next steps in the process and advised he would allocate funding through his allocation of the Minor Infrastructure Fund and requested that the Roads Department would match this contribution. He concluded by emphasising the importance of the carrying out works to the Rock Steps for Ballyshannon.

Cllr McMahon in seconding the motion also referred to the importance of the steps and to the drainage problems in the Rock area of Ballyshannon. He referred to the water running which is causing gravel to accumulate at the bottom of the steps. He concluded by stating that he hoped that the matter could be looked at as soon as possible.

#### **MDD/110/22 CROSSROAD JUNCTION AT BALLYDEVITT (OLD SCHOOL)**

The following question was submitted by Cllr Conaghan: -

*“What road safety measures can be put in place at the dangerous crossroad junction at Ballydevitt (old school)? A number of accidents have happened at this junction recently”*

Cllr Conaghan received a response from the Roads & Transportation Directorate in relation to the above.

#### **MDD/111/22 GUIDELINES REGARDING THE USE OF ELECTRIC BIKES/SCOOTERS ON FOOTPATHS IN TOWNS**

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The following question was submitted by Cllr Conaghna: -

*“What are the current guidelines regarding use of electric bikes/scooters on footpaths in towns?”*

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

### **MDD/112/22 Date of Next Meeting / Workshops**

- Roads and Housing Workshop on the 9<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 10.00 am. (May also include the Minor Tourism Infrastructure workshop - Economic Development)
- MD Meeting at 11.30 am on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022 (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 the Roads, Economic Development & Housing Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on Tuesday the 09<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 10 am in the Peter Kennedy Chamber, Donegal Public Service Centre, Donegal Town**

**Members Present:**

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

**Officials in Attendance:**

Mr Mark Sweeney, Area Manager, Roads & Transportation  
Mr Brian Fegan, Student, Roads & Transportation  
Mr Pauric Sheerin, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal  
Mr Barney McLaughlin, Head of Tourism Marketing Unit  
Ms Martina Tuffy, Clerical Officer, Economic Development Unit

**Minutes**

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr Kennedy welcomed all attendees to the Workshop.

**1.0 ROADS**

Topics discussed:

- 1.1 Adjustments to the 2022 Road Maintenance (Surface Dressing) programme to cater for the increase in material costs.
- 1.2 Adjustments to the 2022 Road Improvement programme to cater for the increase in material costs.
- 1.3 Discussion on the distribution of the additional funding received for public lighting infill and footpath repair works. Budget €165,510.00.

**1.1 Adjustments to the 2022 Road Maintenance (Surface Dressing) programme.**

The members were presented with the previously agreed 2022 Road Maintenance (Surface Dressing) programme and were advised on the list of projects that will be dropped or curtailed to cover the increase in material costs.

Detailed below is the list of schemes discussed.

This revised programme is to be formally agreed at the DMD meeting scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

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Road No	Description	RSS Area	Width	Length	Estimated cost	Items discussed at workshop on 09.08.2022. Adjustments to programme to cover increased costs.
LP1865-1	Ballydevitt - Drumark	14	4.75	1025	€23,011.74	It is proposed to postpone this job until 2023 due to over expenditure on other jobs
LS5015-1	Port	15	3	2000	€30,559.24	This job has been extended by an additional 1200m with the additional funding coming from the Loghaherk - Straboy job.
LS5015-3	Loughaherk toward Straboy	15	3.5	1500	€26,809.24	It is proposed to postpone this job until 2023. The budget will be added to the Port job.
R231	Rossnowlagh	16	7.00	850	€33,714.67	It is proposed to postpone this job until 2023 to cover the costs on other RM's
L-2595-2	Birchill old N15	17	6	639	€20,066.44	It is proposed to postpone this job until 2023 to cover the costs on other RM's

## 1.2 Adjustments to the 2022 Road Improvement programme.

The members were presented with the previously agreed 2022 Road Improvement programme and were advised on the list of projects that will be dropped or curtailed to cover the increase in material costs.

Detailed below is the list of schemes discussed.

This revised programme is to be formally agreed at the DMD meeting scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

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R232-3	Frosses Meenagran	14	5.8	750	€128,000.00	Adjust length to allow for remaining budget in the RSS area
LP1515-3	Ardaghey – Ardra Road	14	7	500	€76,000.00	An additional 200m of this road has been resurfaced.
LS5695-2	Killmacreddan	14	5	100	€22,310.00	It is proposed to drop this job from the RI programme and use the funding on an overspend on the Ardaghey Ardara Road due to additional works on this road.
LP1295-1					€44,000.00	Works on this road will be cut back due to the completion of urgent bridge replacement works. We are currently in discussions with the Environment section regarding resurfacing sections of this road following works at the old dump
	Balbane	15	3.0	800		
	Drumaghey towards curraghfagan	15			€135,000.00	Cut back on length to cover costs
LP1365-1			4.5	1000		
	Meenaveen to Carrick	15			€140,000.00	Cut back on length to cover costs
R263-11			6.3	800		
	Meenaveen	15	5.0	1000	€110,000.00	Cut back on length to cover costs
LP1025-3					€118,081.94	Cut back on length to cover costs
R 231	Rossnowlagh RD	16	7.0	750		
					€57,750.00	Dropping this to cover costs on other RI's
L 8065-2	Crilly Lettercran	17	3.5	1000		

### 1.3 Discussion on the distribution of the additional funding received for public lighting infill and footpath repair works. Budget €165,510.00.

The members were advised that a further €165,510.00 has been made available for public lighting infill and footpath repair works and agreement is being sought on the distribution of this funding throughout the Municipal District.

The Members agreed to allocate all this funding towards footpath repair works and agreed the following breakdown.

Budget	RSS Area	% Allocation	Allocation
€165,510.00	14	3.83%	€6,346.67
	15	10.42%	€17,246.37
	16	63.74%	€105,492.62
	17	22.01%	€36,424.34

This programme is to be formally agreed at the DMD meeting scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

## 2.0 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Barney McLaughlin, Head of Tourism Marketing Unit, advised members of the funding available i.e. €50,000 for Community led applications and €50,000 for Council led applications.

Martina Tuffy informed members of the Council Service and Community Group who had submitted applications. She provided an overview of each application, including a project summary, cost of project, funding required and estimated completion date.

Members discussed the applications in detail and the following was agreed:

Council Service Led Applications	
Council Service & Project title	Funding agreed
EDU in partnership with Road & Environment - Caravan, camping & campervan signage programme	€0
EDU in partnership with Water & Environment - Thrupenny pool regeneration project	€20,000
Community Development - Craft Village Improvement Works	€10,000
Environment Dept - Glencolmcille Beach Access & Car Park	€20,000

<b>Community Led Applications</b>	
<b>Group name &amp; Project title</b>	<b>Funding agreed</b>
Pettigo & District Angling Club - Bannus Lough Enhancement Works	€15,000
Co Donegal Railway Restoration CLG (Donegal Railway Heritage Museum) - Museum Accessibility Upgrade	€10,000
Muileann Coirce Leitir CTR- Leitir Corn Mill Machinery Project	€15,000
Dunkineely Community CLG- Heritage Signage	€10,000

### **3.0 HOUSING**

#### **3.1 Update on current Section 183 Disposals**

Mr Sheerin briefed the Members regarding the various Section 183 disposals that were previously agreed by the Members in March 2021. The updates included the following disposals:-

- No 12 St Benildus Ave Ballyshannon – Offer recently withdrawn and options to progress now being considered.
- SI at Clar Donegal – Further work to be progressed regarding the registration of title before the property can be advertised for sale.
- SI at Dooley, Glencolumcille – This file is currently with the Council's solicitors for legal proceedings.
- Land at Finner, Ballyshannon – This file is currently with McMullins for completion of sale process.
- SI at Ballinacarrick, Ballintra – Offer has been accepted and monies due to be paid in the coming weeks.
- East Rock, Ballyshannon – Terms and conditions for S183 have issued to the proposed purchaser for consideration.

#### **3.2 SI at Trummon, Laghey, Co Donegal**

Mr Sheerin briefed the Members regarding the background to the request received by the Council from the deceased tenant's family to consider disposing of this house through the Section 183 process. Mr Sheerin outlined the detail of the technical assessment completed and the housing need in the Laghey/Ballintra area for houses of this size. A number of queries were raised and dealt with including a wider discussion in relation to the housing capital programme's plans for the Laghey/Ballintra area. Following further discussion on the matter, the Members agreed to have arrangements



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made to advertise the house for sale to determine if offers received will exceed the independent valuation at which stage the Members will review the position in relation to the potential disposal of the property through the Section 183 process.

**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**



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Donegal County Council

## Municipal District of Donegal

13<sup>th</sup> September 2022

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### **Housing & Corporate**

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## **REPORT**

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## Casual Vacancies

Area	BED	Dwelling Vacated	Comment
Laghey	2	Tenancy surrendered - keys returned 03/06/2022	Assessment Stage
Ballintra	3	Keys returned 17/06/2021	Contractor on site
Ballintra	3	Keys returned 09/07/2021	Contractor on site
Ballintra	1	Tenant deceased - keys returned 19/06/2020	Contractor on site
Ballintra	1	Tenant deceased on 09/01/2020	Contractor on site
Ballyshannon	3	Keys returned 08/07/2019	Tender documents to be prepared
Donegal Town	2	Keys returned 1/6/22	Complete
Donegal Town	3	Keys returned 12/05/2022	Complete
Mountcharles	1	Tenant deceased - keys returned 11/04/2022	Contractor on site
Frosses	2	Tenant returned keys on 12/08/2022	Assessment Stage
Dunkineely	3	25/08/2017	Tender documents to be prepared
Dunkineely	3	15/12/2017	Tender documents to be prepared
Killybegs	1	Tenant deceased - keys returned 23/05/2022	Assessment Stage
Carrick	3	Tenant returned keys 17/12/2021	Contractor on site
Glencolumcille	1	Keys returned 10/5/22	Contractor on site

Position as at 2nd September 2022

**HOUSING GRANTS**

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED\INVALID	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HO	2021	111	97	8	2	4
HO	2022	56	40	7	3	6

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED\INVALID	REAPPLIED UNDER HM GRANT	FURTHER INFO.	REF. TO OT	REF. To ENGINEER	PENDING
HD	2021	57	46	1	1	0	7	0	2
HD	2022	34	13	2	1	3	9	0	6

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED\INVALID	REAPPLIED UNDER HD GRANT	REF. TO OT	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HM	2021	39	29	4	6	0	0	0
HM	2022	30	22	2	3	1	0	2

**HOUSING LOANS**

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	PENDING	Further information
Housing Loans	2021	13	0	2	11	0	0
Housing Loans	2022	4	0	0	4	0	0

**Tenant Purchase Applications 2021 - 2022**

Year	No. of Apps Received	Incomplete Returned	Open Applications	Refused/ Not Eligible	Offer letters Issued	Completed
2021	14	0	6	2	6	1
2022	2	0	1	1	0	0

## Housing Capital Update Report Donegal Municipal District Meeting

**September 2022**

### 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>		
Railway Park, Donegal Town (Phase 3)	Construction works commenced. Due for completion Q2 2023	24
<b>Design / Tender Stage</b>		
Drumacrin, Bundoran Phase 1	Tender preparation nearing completion and project to be advertised for tenders in September 2022.	42
Largymore, Kilcar (SI)	Part 8 public consultation process commenced on the 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2022. Approval of the Elected Members to be sought at the September 2022 Council Meeting.	1
<b>Preliminary Design Stage (No of units subject to change)</b>		
New Row, Fintra Road, Killybegs	Concept/preliminary design stage.	16
<b>Total</b>		<b>83</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 / shortfall.

### 2. House Acquisition Programme & Buy & Renew Programme

The Council is currently in the process of acquiring 2 no. units under the Buy & Renew Programme at Donegal Town. This acquisition will see 2 no. long-term vacant properties brought back into productive use for social housing purposes. Significant works will be required to the properties following the completion of the contract stage and in advance of letting.

### **3. Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition**

Donegal County Council's turnkey acquisition process is continuing throughout the county. This competitive dialogue procurement process will result in a major capital investment in social housing and initial projects have now been completed under this process. This is a very effective mechanism enabling the Council to feed into the design of the proposal so as to ensure that the end product is suitable for the needs of social housing tenants. Proposals are subject to meeting the requirements of the procurement process, planning, departmental approval and contract.

In order to safeguard the nature of the process and bearing in mind the commercial sensitivities of the process as well as the extent of the approvals required, the Council will continue to provide Elected Members with detailed information of the proposals upon receipt of final departmental approval (i.e. stage 4). Notwithstanding this approval, proposals are subject to contract.

Construction works to the approved turnkey development at Brookfield, Donegal Town are ongoing by Developer PJ McDermott. The development will provide a total of 38 social housing units as follows: Phase 1 of the development containing 10 units has been completed and allocated to tenants. Phase 2 consisting of 12 units is substantially complete and the new properties will be allocated to tenants in the coming weeks. Phase 3 of the development will provide an additional 16 families/tenants with new homes and is expected to be completed by the end of October 2022.

Stage 4 approval has also been obtained from the Department for a turnkey development at Rockview, Ballyshannon. The development is being delivered by Parkfort Developments Ltd. will comprise 5 no. 2 bedroom units. The Council has entered into a contract with the Developer and delivery of the 5 no. units is expected by the end of October 2022.

In addition, Council officials are continuing to dialogue with Developers in relation to additional valid proposals for Donegal Municipal District and Members will be fully informed of these proposals upon receipt of final departmental approval.

### **4. Lands / Property for Social Housing Purposes**

The Council is planning to develop further projects on existing landbank in various locations throughout the county. Preliminary designs are underway for a number of these sites and are informed by the pertaining approved social housing need at local level. Land negotiations are ongoing to acquire additional lands for housing in areas of need.

There is an open advertisement on the Council's website for expressions of interest for parcels of land, derelict sites / buildings with the potential to deliver social housing. A significant response has been received. A number of suitable parcels of land have been identified and the Council is progressing to conveyance stage on a number of land acquisitions.

**Approved Housing Bodies Developments - Donegal Municipal District**

<b>Funding Programme</b>	<b>Scheme / Project Name</b>	<b>No of Units</b>	<b>Approved Housing Body</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
CAS Construction	Drumrooske, Donegal Town	10	Oaklee	Construction works complete

<b>HAP/PRD</b>			
<b>HAP Tenancies</b>			
<b>Municipal District</b>	<b>Number</b>		
Donegal	227		
Letterkenny	704		
Glenties	110		
Stranorlar	265		
Inishowen	435		
Sub Total	1741		
Tenancies Closed	2461		
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>4202</b>		
2022 Private Rented Dwelling Inspections (MDD)			100

Municipal District		Waiting List (Net Need)	Transfer List	Total Gross Need
<b>Donegal</b>		<b>172</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>408</b>
	Ballintra	7	6	13
	Ballyshannon	35	54	89
	Bruckless	5	1	6
	Bundoran	34	64	98
	Carrick	2	1	3
	Donegal	63	72	135
	Dunkineely	4	4	8
	Frosses	1	2	3
	Glencolmcille	4	0	4
	Kilcar	3	3	6
	Killybegs	6	16	22
	Laghey	1	5	6
	Mountcharles	4	6	10
	Pettigo	3	2	5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>408</b>
Updated 05.09.2022				

Repair & Lease Scheme Summary						
	Applications					
MD	Received	No. of Units	Awaiting assessment	Rejected	Progressing	Total
Inishowen	23	26	6	17	0	23
Donegal	16	40	0	16	0	16
Glenties	19	19	3	16	0	19
Letterkenny	24	30	8	16	0	24
Stranorlar	22	70	10	12	0	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>104</b>
Updated 02/09/2022						



**Donegal Municipal District  
2022 Roadworks Programme**

**Status Report -13th September 2022**

# Donegal Municipal District

## Agreed 2022 Road Maintenance (Surface Dressing) Programme

Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Works Type	Year	Length (m)	Width (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)	Status
<b>2022 Regional &amp; Local Road Surface Dressing</b>										
Regional	R262-6	Frosses Glenties Rd	Dunkineely	SD	2022	510	5.75	2932.5	€20,105.08	Completed
Local	LS5585-1	Darney Bruckless	Dunkineely	SD	2022	900	3.75	3375	€16,292.58	Completed
Local	LP1535-2	Drumnakilly - Drumfinn	Dunkineely	SD	2022	1300	3.4	4420	€20,905.08	Completed
Local	LP1375-3	Croagh - Leagans	Dunkineely	SD	2022	900	3.3	2970	€14,470.08	Completed
Local	LS6325-1	Sallows - Meenaguise	Dunkineely	SD	2022	1600	3.3	5280	€24,805.08	Completed
Local	LS6425-1	Drumboarty - Meenacally	Dunkineely	SD	2022	1200	4.8	5760	€27,025.08	Completed
Local	LS6465-1	Glenborin	Dunkineely	SD	2022	850	3.75	3187.5	€15,405.08	Completed
Local	LP1865-1	Ballydevitt - Drumark	Dunkineely	SD	2022	1025	4.75	4868.75	€23,011.74	Posponed until 2023
Local	LP1645-5	Old Road Mountcharles	Dunkineely	SD	2022	1200	3.2	3840	€20,305.08	Completed
Local	LS6385-1	Dromore (Patching)	Dunkineely	SD	2022	1050	3.75	3937.5	€21,105.08	Completed
Local	LP1645-1	Doorin Eagles Nest	Dunkineely	SD	2022	1100	3.3	3630	€17,440.08	Completed
Regional	R230 - 4	Altclough - Meenaneary	Killybegs	SD	2022	1700	4	6800	€37,664.24	Completed
Local	LS5015-1	Port	Killybegs	SD	2022	2000	3	6000	€30,559.24	Completed
Local	LP1395-1	Calhame	Killybegs	SD	2022	1000	5	5000	€25,559.24	Completed
Local	LP1115-1	Roxborough to Derrylaghan	Killybegs	SD	2022	1000	4	4000	€20,559.24	Completed
Local	LP1215-4	Gortalia	Killybegs	SD	2022	1000	4	4000	€20,559.24	Completed
Local	LP1415-2	Loughmult - Balwoges	Killybegs	SD	2022	1000	4	4000	€20,559.24	Completed
Local	LS5075-1	Laghill towards Kinakillew	Killybegs	SD	2022	1000	3.5	3500	€17,559.24	Completed
Local	LP1185-3	Ballymoon - Meenychanon	Killybegs	SD	2022	1150	3.3	3795	€19,809.24	Completed
Local	LS5015-3	Loughaherk toward straboy	Killybegs	SD	2022	1500	3.5	5250	€26,809.24	Posponed until 2023
Local	LS5375-1	Ballyara	Killybegs	SD	2022	1200	3.5	4200	€20,559.53	Completed
Local	LS5635-2	Meenacloy - Corkermore	Killybegs	SD	2022	650	4	2600	€13,559.24	Completed
Local	LS5645-1	Meenadreen - Meenabraden	Killybegs	SD	2022	1000	4.5	4500	€23,059.24	Completed
Regional	R231	Rossnowlagh	Ballyshannon	SD	2022	850	7.00	5950	€33,714.67	Posponed until 2023
Local	L7765-1	Behy	Ballyshannon	SD	2022	600	3.50	2100	€12,082.40	Completed
Local	L2325-2	Moy Road	Ballyshannon	SD	2022	1000	6.00	6000	€31,057.40	Completed
Local	L7475-2	Tober	Ballyshannon	SD	2022	1100	3.50	3850	€22,116.69	Completed
Local	L2365-4	Tober-Cashelard	Ballyshannon	SD	2022	1100	3.60	3960	€20,857.40	Completed
Local	L2215-1	Aghadowey	Ballyshannon	SD	2022	1000	3.50	3500	€18,557.40	Completed
Local	L7145-1	Lacklom	Ballyshannon	SD	2022	900	4.00	3600	€19,057.40	Completed
Local	L2305-1	Lisminton	Ballyshannon	SD	2022	1000	4.00	4000	€22,674.89	Completed
Local	L7395-1	Cashelard-Garvanagh	Ballyshannon	SD	2022	1850	4.00	7400	€38,057.40	Completed
Local	L-7075-1	Drumoske	Ballyshannon	SD	2022	1350	4.00	5800	€30,057.40	Completed
Regional	R234-1	Mulnagoat Aghnahoo Glebe	Laghey	SD	2022	1300	6	7800	€43,793.94	Completed
Regional	R267-1	Abbots	Laghey	SD	2022	275	12	3300	€19,043.94	Completed
Local	L-7165-1	Tobernahoorly Bridgetown	Laghey	SD	2022	1700	3.5	5950	€30,643.94	Completed
Local	L-2595-2	Birchill old N15	Laghey	SD	2022	639	6	3834	€20,066.44	Posponed until 2023
Local	L-2175-1	Tobernahoorly Ballintra	Laghey	SD	2022	300	6	1800	€9,893.94	Completed
Local	L-2135-2	Murvagh (Bitmac 2021)	Laghey	SD	2022	800	6	4800	€24,893.94	Completed
Local	L-2135-1	Road to Beach Carpark	Laghey	SD	2022	900	3.5	3150	€16,643.94	Completed
Local	L-21651	Rathinny Gleb Hammons Rd	Laghey	SD	2022	1200	3.5	4200	€21,893.94	Completed
Local	L-7015-1	Kilgoal	Laghey	SD	2022	900	3.5	3150	€16,643.94	Completed
Local	L-6995-1	Coxtown	Laghey	SD	2022	1500	3.5	5250	€27,143.94	Completed
Local	L-6875-1	Greaghs	Laghey	SD	2022	1000	3.5	3500	€18,393.94	Completed
Local	L-6545-1	Druminnin	Laghey	SD	2022	1500	4	6000	€30,893.94	Completed
									<b>€1,025,868.99</b>	

# Donegal Municipal District

**2022**

Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Year	Width	Length (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)	Status
R	R262-3	Frosses - Meenagran	14	2022	5.8	750	4315	€128,000.00	Completed
LP	LP1845-3	Ballydevitt - Altadoo	14	2022	5.0	800	4000	€90,000.00	Completed
LP	LP1875-1	Station Road Mountcharles	14	2022	4.5	500	2250	€45,000.00	Completed
LP	LP1515-3	Ardaghey - Ardara Road	14	2022	7.0	700	4900	€76,000.00	Completed
LS	LS6175-2	Salthill	14	2022	3.8	1000	3750	€83,000.00	Completed
LP	LP1825-3	Lacrom - Ogherbeg	14	2022	3.2	1000	3200	€54,000.00	Completed
LP	LP 1815-1	Glencoagh	14	2022	5.0	500	2500	€62,000.00	Completed
LS	LS5695-2	Killmacreddan	14	2022	5.0	100	500	€22,310.00	Posponed until 2023
LP	LP1485-2	Brenter - Tieveooly	14	2022	3.0	1000	3000	€44,500.00	Completed
LS	LS675-1	Lissavaddy	14	2022	3.3	1000	3300	€51,419.00	Completed
LS	LS5945-1	Creevins to Roses Fish Farm	14	2022	3.2	700	2240	€40,000.00	Completed
LS	LS5955-1	Doorin (Michael Meehans)	14	2022	3.2	500	1600	€27,000.00	Completed
LP	LP1645-1	Doorin (Eagles nest)	14	2022	3.2	500	1600	€27,000.00	Completed
LT	LT64452	Drumgorman	14	2022	3.2	500	1600	€32,000.00	Completed
LT	LT64451	Newtown (Sean McGroarys Road)	14	2022	3.2	300	960	€19,200.00	Completed
LS	LS5925-1	Bonyglen	14	2022	3.2	680	2200	€40,000.00	Completed
LS	LS5825-1	Curraduffey - Killian High Road	14	2022	3.2	1000	3200	€58,000.00	Completed
R	R263-14	Glen streets	15	2022	6.0	300	1800	€60,000.00	
LP	LP1275-5	Killybegs streets	15	2022	5.7	700	4000	€131,543.88	Started
LP	LP1295-1	Balbane	15	2022	3.0	800	2400	€44,000.00	Started
S	LS525-1	Aghaveeveoge at the 5 points	15	2022	6.0	400	2400	€53,000.00	Completed
LP	LP1365-1	Drumaghey towards curraghfagan	15	2022	4.5	1000	4500	€135,000.00	Completed
R	R263-11	Meenaveen to Carrick	15	2022	6.3	800	5000	€140,000.00	Completed
R	R263-6	Bavin	15	2022	7.0	400	2800	€90,000.00	Completed
LP	LP1415-2	Loughmult	15	2022	4.0	800	3200	€45,000.00	Completed
LS	LS5335-1	Bavin Gate to shalwey road ( Link rd)	15	2022	4.0	200	800	€25,000.00	Completed
LP	LP1025-3	Meenaveen	15	2022	5.0	1000	5000	€110,000.00	Completed
R	LS5065-2	Kinakilwee	15	2022	3.0	400	1200	€54,000.00	Completed
LP	LP1265-1	Drumbraity	15	2022	5.0	350	1750	€50,000.00	Completed
R	R 231	Rossnowlough RD	16	2022	7.0	750	5250	€118,081.94	
R	R 267	Bundoran Streets	16	2022	9.0	500	4500	€73,649.84	
R	R267	Ballyshannon Streets	16	2022	7.0	350	2450	€80,000.00	Completed
LP	L-2225-1	Ballintra Streets	16	2022	6.0	300	1800	€36,000.00	
LP	L 7665-1-2	Carricknahorna-Tober	16	2022	3.5	1000	3500	€70,000.00	Started
LP	L 7745-1	Ardgillew	16	2022	3.5	1100	3850	€65,450.00	Started
LP	L 7875-2	Rathmore	16	2022	3.7	1100	4070	€67,155.00	Completed
LP	L 7795-1	Cashelard Lough colm Cille	16	2022	3.5	1000	3500	€57,750.00	Completed
LP	L 7765-1	Behy	16	2022	3.5	600	2100	€35,700.00	Completed
LP	L 7935-1	Ardfarn	16	2022	3.5	1400	4900	€80,850.00	Started
LP	L7125-1	Drumoske	16	2022	3.3	1000	3300	€54,450.00	Completed
LP	L2535-1	Ballymunterhiggin	16	2022	5	630	3150	€63,050.00	Completed
LP?	L7985-1	Lisahully South	16	2022	3.5	1000	3500	€70,000.00	Started
LP?	L7645_1	Laheen	16	2022	3.5	1000	3500	€70,000.00	Completed
R	R267	Donegal streets (Old Laghey Road Donegal T	17	2022	7	500	3500	€97,650.00	Completed
R	R232	Pettigo Road	17	2022	7	500	3500	€133,326.60	Completed
L S	L 8065-2	Crilly Lettercran	17	2022	3.5	1000	3500	€57,750.00	
L S	L8015-1	Drumawark	17	2022	4.5	1100	4950	€99,000.00	Completed
LP	L2075-1	Old Laghey Rd (West)	17	2022	5	750	3750	€75,000.00	Completed
LP	L1945-1	Killymard Rd	17	2022	5	650	3250	€68,250.00	Completed
LP	L1835-1	Harveys Point entrance towards Greenan	17	2022	4.5	1300	5850	€88,750.00	Completed
LP	L2135-2	Murvagh crossroads to salmon inn junction	17	2022	3.5	1500	5250	€86,625.00	Completed
LS	L6685-2	Meenadreen	17	2022	3.5	1000	3500	€57,750.00	Completed
LT	L21951	Trummon	17	2022	3.5	750	2625	€38,062.50	Started
LS	L7065-1	Carrick Breenny	17	2022	3.5	1600	5600	€88,441.00	Completed
LS	L6765-2	Joel Mc Creas junction towards Drumcroagh	17	2022	3.5	1300	4550	€68,250.00	Completed
LS	L7345-3	Kimmid Depot to Lough Derg Rd	17	2022	3.5	1100	3850	€77,000.00	Completed
								<b>€3,814,965</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	Spent to date Year 1 2018	Spent to date Year 2 2019	Spent to date Year 3 2020	Overall total spent	Remaining balance
14	Mountcharles	€5,729.00	€16,600.00	€24,350.00	€46,679.00	€5,729.00	€5,779.84	€0.00	€11,508.84	€35,170.16
	Dunkineely			€23,432.00	€23,432.00			€9,650.00	€9,650.00	€13,782.00
	Frosses		€16,600.00	€23,432.00	€40,032.00		€2,759.75	€0.00	€2,759.75	€37,272.25
15	Killybegs	€15,568.00	€16,600.00	€50,000.00	€82,168.00	€15,575.78	€16,600.00	€13,279.44	€45,455.22	€36,712.78
	Kilcar			€3,200.00	€3,200.00			€0.00	€0.00	€3,200.00
	Glencolumbkille		€8,300.00	€16,314.00	€24,614.00		€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€24,614.00
	Carrick		€8,300.00	€1,700.00	€10,000.00		€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€10,000.00
16	Ballintra			€11,214.00	€11,214.00			€11,214.00	€11,214.00	€0.00
	Ballyshannon	€95,244.00	€16,600.00	€35,000.00	€146,844.00	€79,716.00	€8,994.15	€19,442.60	€108,152.75	€38,691.25
	Bundoran	€16,600.00	€25,000.00	€41,600.00	€83,200.00		€16,600.00	€25,000.00	€41,600.00	€0.00
17	Donegal Town	€32,897.00	€16,600.00	€47,214.00	€96,711.00	€2,152.68	€16,783.20	€0.00	€18,935.88	€77,775.12
	Laghey		€8,300.00	€8,000.00	€16,300.00		€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€16,300.00
	Bridgetown			€6,000.00	€6,000.00			€0.00	€0.00	€6,000.00
	Pettigo		€8,300.00	€10,000.00	€18,300.00		€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€18,300.00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>€149,438.00</b>	<b>€132,800.00</b>	<b>€284,856.00</b>	<b>€567,094.00</b>				<b>€249,276.44</b>	<b>€317,817.56</b>

#### DMD 2022 Footpath Repair works

RSS Area	Location	Budget 2022	Overall spent	Remaining balance
14	Ardaghey Area	€6,346.67	€0.00	€6,346.67
15	Killybegs Area	€17,246.37	€0.00	€17,246.37
16	Ballyshannon Area	€105,492.62	€0.00	€105,492.62
17	Donegal Area	€36,424.34	€0.00	€36,424.34

#### Public Lighting Infill Works

Area	Location	Description	Total Cost	Status	Total Spent	Remaining balance
14	Drimark, Donegal Town	Infill lighting - 7 additional lights at Drimark on Local	€10,871.00	Completed		
	Mountcharles	Lower End Mountcharles –	€6,750.00	Completed		
	Mill Park Hotel, Doonan	Proposed lighting from Doonan Roundabout to	€9,500.00	Completed	€27,662.46	-€541.46
15	Kilcar	Lighting improvement works	€10,650.00	Completed		
	Killybegs	Old Fintra Rd near Glenlee	€18,725.00	Yet to commence	€11,181.57	€18,193.43
16	Ballyshannon	Rossnowlagh Link Road.	€30,000.00	Completed	€25,864.00	€4,136.00
17	Killymard, Donegal Town	Extend existing public lighting past the school and church to	€11,600.00	Completed		
	Tirconnail Street & Castle Street, Donegal Town	Infill lighting needed along the public road at Tirconnail Street on local Road L-1925-	€10,000.00	Yet to commence		
	Killymard, Donegal Town	Killymard Church to Drumrooske Housing Estate.	€22,500.00	Completed	€26,025.48	€18,074.52
<b>Total amount</b>			<b>€130,596.00</b>		<b>€90,733.51</b>	<b>€39,862.49</b>

Donegal Municipal District							
Agreed list of projects to be funded from the 2022 Drainage Grant							
County Budget		€1,351,690.00					
Donegal MD %		20.65%					
Donegal MD Budget		€279,059.00					
Area	% of Budget	Budget	Description of Works	Road No.	Estimated Cost €	Area totals	Status
14	23.58%	€65,791.96	Inver Village - Pipe roadside Drain with 900mm S&S pipe	LP1565-1	€19,819.38	€65,792.06	
			Buncronin - Pipe roadside drain for a distance of 30m, and replace existing road crossing with 450mm Dia	LS 5965-1	€14,000.00		Completed
			Beaugreen, St Johns Point Rd - Reshape road surface and provide drainage to prevent ponding. 100m * 5.5	LP1425-4	€12,500.00		Completed
			Drumstevlin - Pipe existing open drain for a distance of 75m with 225mm Twinwall pipe.	LP1865-1	€12,000.00		Completed
			Meenagran - Remove existing pipe at MI Gavigans and replace with 300mm Twinwall pipe	LP1615-1	€7,472.68		
15	24.58%	€68,579.92	Drumaghey - pipe existing roadside drain in order to improve a narrow section of road.	LP1365-1	€18,854.09	€68,580.01	Completed
			Corkermore - Balwogs - pipe existing roadside drain to prevent road slippage.	LP1415-1	€12,000.00		Completed
			Gortalia - Pipe roadside drain to improve road edge.	LP1215-3	€10,000.00		Completed
			Stranagarten - pipe existing roadside drain to prevent road slippage.	LP1015-3	€19,000.00		Completed
			Small road Carrick - pipe existing roadside drain.	LP1085	€8,725.92		Completed
16	24.70%	€68,915.90	Ballintra - Flooding - Main St Drainage (Diversion)	L-2175-1	€15,858.28	€68,058.00	Completed
			Lissacholly - Culvert Crossing (Flooding)	L-7985-1	€15,000.00		
			Lisaholly - Culvert Crossing - Forest (Flooding)	L-7975-1	€15,000.00		Completed
			Derries (Culvert Crossing) (Flooding)	L-2335-4	€15,000.00		
			Ballyshannon - Replace culvert section with pipe (Possible blockage)	R-267-4	€8,058.00		
17	27.15%	€75,771.22	Cullinbuoy Barnesmore Road crossing and road repair tar	L-2095-6	€15,943.65	€75,770.65	
			The Haugh - Road crossing chamber road repair and tar	L-1945-1	€15,000.00		
			Carrick Road crossing raise road level and tar	L-6845-1	€15,000.00		Cpmmpleted
			Bridgetown Replace road crossings and pipe road side	L-7065-1	€10,000.00		Cpmmpleted
			Murvagh Replace road crossing and also pipe road side	L-2135-2	€10,000.00		Cpmmpleted
			Afoarty Rock breaking to lower existing pipe and up size	L-6905-1	€9,827.00		Cpmmpleted
			<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>€279,059.00</b>		

## 2022 Donegal MD Safety improvement Works

### 2022 Donegal MD Safety improvement Works

MD	Road Number	Location	Description	LA Allocation	Status
Donegal	L-1845 & L-1865	Ballydevitt Cross Roads	Safety improvement works to junction	€30,000	
	R267-7 & L-1058	Junction at Finner Road / Tullan Strand Road	Safety improvement works to junction	€15,000	
<b>Total</b>				<b>€45,000</b>	

## July Stimulus 2020: List of proposed Projects for Active Travel Measures for Regional and Local Roads 2020

### Donegal Municipal District

No	Road Number	Description of location of proposed scheme	Details of Active Travel Schemes	Specify if Design or Works	Length	Width	Approved Amount	Cost 2020	Cost 2021	Status
2	L-2465-1	Ballyshannon - Bishop Street Stage 1	Provision of new infill section of footpath	Works	60m	2m	€20,000.00		€20,000.00	Completed
5	Extension to Bank Walk	Donegal Town - Bank Walk	Design work associated with the provision of new greenway	Design	1.8km	2.5m	€20,000.00		€20,000.00	Consultant appointed to complete the design works. Design works ongoing
6	L-1875-2	Installation of greenway, cycle/walkway along the Shore Road Mountcharles.	Design work associated with the provision of new greenway	Design	2km	2.5	€20,000.00		€20,000.00	
7	R-252	Donegal Town - Killybegs Road	Provision of new footpaths oand crossing facilities	Design	110m	2m	€10,000.00		€10,000.00	
8	L-1915	Donegal Town - Lough Eske Road	Provision of new footpaths	Design	325m	2m	€20,000.00		€20,000.00	
9	R263	Glencolumbcille - Malin More Road	Provision of new footpaths	Design	275m	2.0	€20,000.00		€20,000.00	
10	R232	Pettigo	Provision of new footpaths	Design	230m	4.5	€20,000.00		€20,000.00	
11	L-2465-1	Ballyshannon - Bishop Street Stage 2	Provision of new footpaths	Design	240m	2m	€20,000.00		€20,000.00	
<b>Total</b>							<b>€150,000.00</b>	<b>€0.00</b>	<b>€150,000.00</b>	
<b>Overall total</b>							<b>€150,000.00</b>	<b>€150,000.00</b>		
							€130,000.00			

**2021 NTA Active Travel Funding**
**Donegal Municipal District**

No	Road Number	Description of location of proposed scheme	Details of Active Travel Schemes	Specify if Design or Works	Length	Width	Approved Amount	Status
1	R263	Glencolmcille	Proposed footpath improvement works in Glencolmcille	Works	160		€40,000.00	Completed
2	R263 & L1125	Carrick	Proposed footpath improvement works in Carrick	Works	30		€12,000.00	Completed
3	L-2575-1	Bundoran	Construction of an infill section of footpath along the L-2575-1 to link the Crest of the Wave housing estate to the existing public footpath.	Works	180		€60,000.00	Carried forward to 2022
4	R263-8	Kilcar	Proposed footpath extension past local church to nearby car park (R263-8)	Works	110		€30,000.00	Carried forward to 2022
5	L-1315-1	Killybegs	Construction of infill section of footpath, drainage and public lighting on Church Road (LP1315-1)	Works	310		€80,000.00	Carried forward to 2022
6	R-263-8	Kilcar	Proposed footpath extension to Kilcar National School (R263-8)	Works	30		€10,000.00	Completed
							€272,000.00	
8	L-2155-1	Donegal Town	Design associated with the construction of an infill section of footpath on the Old Golf Course Road (L-2155-1) linking a large residential area to the school, town centre etc.	Design	300		€45,000.00	Consultant appointed to complete the design works. Design works ongoing
9	L-2465-1	Ballyshannon	Design associated with the construction of an infill section of footpath linking the residential area with the town centre.	Design	300		€40,000.00	
10	R925 & L-1915-2	Donegal Town	Design associated with the construction of an infill section of footpath on the R925 Killybegs Road and on the Lough Eske Road (L-1915-2).	Design	400		€20,000.00	
							€105,000.00	

**2022 Active Travel Projects**

No	Road Number	Description of location of proposed scheme	Details of Active Travel Schemes	Specify if Design or Works	Length	Width	Approved Amount	Status
1	Various	Footpath Improvement Package A:	Donegal Town, Bundoran, Ballyshannon, Kilcar, Killybegs	Design			€250,000.00	
2	Various	Footpath Improvement Package B:	Glencolmcille & Carrick	Works			€52,000.00	As above
3	Various	Donegal Towns Local Transport Plans	All tier 2 towns	Design			€150,000.00	
4	Various	Donegal Town	Detailed design on One Way System	Design			€50,000.00	
5	R267	Ballyshannon to Bundoran	Light Segregation Cycle Scheme	Design			€100,000.00	
6	R232	Pettigo	Pettigo National School Footpath	Design			€50,000.00	
7	L2055-1	Laghey	Footpath extension along the Old Laghey Road	Design			€15,000.00	
8	R263	Glencolmcille	Footpath along the Malinmore road to the Irish college	Design			€10,000.00	

**Donegal MD Community Involvement Schemes 2022**

Project Number	RSS Area	Road Number	Road Name	Length of work (m)	Total Area of work	Overall Cost of work	% LC	LC	WIL	Budget	Status
363	14	LT68153	Glencoagh Mountcharles	235	1292	€23,000.00			€4,600.00	€18,400.00	Completed
362	14	LS6365-1	School Lane Mountcharles	305	1600	€55,000.00			€11,000.00	€44,000.00	Started
393	14	LP1845-1/2/3	Ballydevitt Altidoo (Phase 2)	N/A	N/A	€15,034.00			€3,007.00	€12,027.00	
435	15	R263-2	Donegal Road Lough Head Killybegs	160	480	€100,000.00			€20,000.00	€80,000.00	
448	16	L-24851-0	Cotton Hill, Ballyshannon			€18,000.00		€3,600.00		€14,400.00	
440	16	L-7685-1	Legaltan	800	2400	€10,000			€2,000.00	€8,000.00	
449	16	L-7965-1	Station Road	35		€15,000.00			€3,000.00	€12,000.00	
444	17	L68153-0	Finmore road, Croghnameal	650	1800m2	€45,000.00			€9,000.00	€36,000.00	
										€224,827.00	

Donegal MD										
2022 LIS Agreed Priority List -										
2022 Budget <b>Yet to be announced</b>										
DMD % <b>18.6715%</b>										
DMD Budget <b>€144,995.00</b>										
Total										
RSS Area	Location	Percentage of budget	Budget	Priority	LIS No	PSCI Rating	Townland	Engineers cost estimate	Notes	Status
14	Ardaghey	44.73%	€64,856.26	1	170111	4	Drimconnor	€24,000.00		Completed
				2	170827	4	Cadleogary	€12,481.00		Completed
				3	190232	3	Rossylongan	€18,336.00		Completed
15	Killybegs	27.64%	€40,076.62	1	170750	3	The Braes, Fintra	€38,278.00	Phase 1 - Insufficient funding to do the whole scheme so split into two phases. Total cost is €47,770.00	Started
16	Ballyshannon	9.82%	€14,238.51	1	180227	1	Carricknahorna	€33,000.00		
17	Laghey	17.82%	€25,838.11	1	190174	3	Sessiaghkettla	€18,900.00		Started
<b>Total</b>								<b>€144,995.00</b>		
<b>Budget</b>								<b>€144,995.00</b>		
<b>Balance</b>								<b>€0.00</b>		

2022 DMD Clar Schemes					
No.	RSS Area	Location	Project	Budget	Status
1	17	Donegal	St Francis National School Barnesmore	€48,300.00	Completed

2022 Specific improvement Grant					
MD	Road Number	Location	Description	LA Allocation	Status
Donegal	R232	R232 Laghey to Pettigo Road	Road widening & resurfacing works	€226,000	
	R232	Glenmore Bridge	Design Works on bridge widening project	€100,000	Started

2022 Former National Roads					
MD	Road Number	Location	Description	LA Allocation	Status
Donegal	R267- 6/7	Finner road - between Ballyshannon and Bundoran	Drainage, kerbing, replacement and full overlay & lining	€350,000	



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**Economic Development, Information Systems and  
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# 1. Division: Economic Development

## 1.1 Economic Development Unit

### Project / Activity Report

Title	Economic Development Unit
Donegal MD	<b>Ballyshannon Vision Project:</b> A pilot initiative to support and empower the capacity and capabilities of key stakeholders in Ballyshannon area will commence on Wed Sept 21 <sup>st</sup> and involve a series of high energy workshops with consultant Charlie Boyle of Customer Service Excellence Ireland.
Countywide	<p><b>Property Solutions:</b> The team is progressing 13 property solution opportunities across the county. This involves working closely with local business or inward investment opportunities to provide suitable property solutions including Council owned land or property as well as opportunities for acquisition.</p> <p><b>Donegal – Irelands DNA – Clothing Range:</b> To drive further visibility of the Donegal Place Brand, a partnership has been agreed with O’Neills Sportswear to develop a range of Donegal branded clothing.</p> <p>The range launched in early August and includes t-shirts, polo-shirts, jackets and hoodies with a total range of 13 items across a range of sizes. Initially these are for sale through three sports retail outlets in Donegal; McElhinneys of Ballybofey, All Sports Donegal Town, and Michael Murphy Sports, Letterkenny. It is envisaged that more stockists will come on board following the initial launch and a request has been made to explore options for Irish language versions following an initial positive response to the range.</p> <p><b>Remote Working:</b> The Remote Working Holiday campaign has received a fantastic response since launching on May 18<sup>th</sup> with over 300 sign-ups to date. Each of the 13 digital hubs across Donegal has received a number of requests from which to remote work and feedback from participants has been very positive. Cut off for new vouchers is 31<sup>st</sup> August with remote workers requested to use vouchers by end September. Sign-ups have included remote workers based across Ireland, the UK, US and even Australia.</p>

**Killybegs Marine Cluster:** The Economic Development Unit are working with key stakeholders to support the development of the Blue Economy, and to drive awareness about the opportunities presenting in new and emerging growth sectors. This involves working collaboratively with key stakeholders on the Killybegs Marine Cluster Enterprise Ireland, the Atlantic Technological University and the Local Enterprise Office.

**Caravan, Camping and Campervan Study:** Work is progressing on the implementation of recommendations as set out in above study for the future sustainable development of the Caravan, Camping and Campervan sector in the county in co-operation with the external and internal stakeholder groups. These include:

- **The Caravan, Camping, Campervan and Motorhome Facilities grant Scheme:** the grant scheme, targeting the Private Sector and Community and Voluntary sector has now been evaluated and grants awarded. The scheme is aimed at supporting an increase in the overnight accommodation options for those visiting the county from the sector

MD	Applications	Awarded	Total Awarded
Donegal	5	3	€45,000

- **Code of Conduct:** Donegal County Council have launched a Code of Conduct that was developed with key internal divisions and external stakeholders including Motorhome Ireland, Total Camping Ireland, Failte Ireland, Irish Caravan and Camping Council and Donegal Camping and Caravan Parks Association. The Code of Conduct is being promoted through key stakeholders and online.
- **Marketing:** The Tourism Unit have redeveloped the GoVisitDonegal website with a dedicated caravan, camping, campervan and motorhomes webpage for the sector. This section will include a map for visitors pinpointing accommodation, Aire de Services, recycling centres, dining out options etc.
- **Aire de Service review:** A review of the workings, ongoing issues and the management of existing Council owned Aire de Service units is underway.
- **Signage:** A working group to look at signage in the sector has been set up, to identify issues of concern including where camping/campervan use is

an issue, to dissuade bad practice and encourage responsible camping/campervan usage. An audit of priority locations is ongoing.

**InvestDonegal Communications Update:** Latest key stats for the InvestDonegal LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram and web accounts are as follows;

	Impressions (last 28 days)	Total Followers
Linked In	113,431	4,026 (+229)
Twitter	162,000	2,148 (+40)
Instagram	31,900	2,361 (+154)
Facebook	68,059	1,644 (+11)
Donegal.ie	8.5K Web Users (4 weeks 23 July – 22 August)	

9 News Items Published

### **North West City Region**

Donegal County Council continue to work in partnership with Derry City and Strabane District Council on a number of key projects for supporting and stimulating Inward Investment in the region.

- **Inward Investment Strategy:** both councils have worked with OCO Global to develop a three-year Investment strategy for the region. Follow up actions and potential funding options are being actioned on this, with a Joint Investment events currently being planned for later in 2022.
- **Talent Solutions:** both councils are working with Abodoo to develop a mapping platform to demonstrate the range of skills in the region to help attract FDI to the Northwest of Ireland. DCC and DSCDC are now seeking online survey feedback from both businesses and employees on current skills in the region as well as any future skills needs. Surveys can be completed at <https://irelandnw.com/talentmap/>
- **Communications:** The EDU continue to collaborate with DCSDC on promoting the North West City Region for investment and business opportunities including via LinkedIn and Twitter platforms. This work will tie into the Inward Investment Strategy in the coming year, with a current focus on the Talent Solutions survey.

	<p>You can follow respective LinkedIn and Twitter Platforms NorthWestCityRegionIreland</p> <p><b>Atlantic Economic Corridor:</b> Donegal County Council are working with Local Authority partners along the western coast to progress mutually beneficial projects and initiatives including Digital Hubs.</p> <p>The WDC is now commencing a pilot Digital AEC programme via a competitive call to work closely with a group of five hubs across the Western region focussing on the upskilling of the hub managers to enable them to advance the economic and community growth of their locality through the use of the 'Digital First Communities' framework. Donegal Hubs have been invited to participate.</p> <p><b>Concierge Service:</b> The EDU are available to support existing businesses, potential business start-ups or businesses looking to relocate or wishing to expand and who need advice on accessing a wide range of Council services and supports. Please contact the EDU by email <a href="mailto:economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie">economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie</a>.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Ciaran Martin - <a href="mailto:ciaran.martin@donegalcoco.ie">ciaran.martin@donegalcoco.ie</a> (086) 8261760</p> <p>Rosita Mahony – <a href="mailto:rosita.mahony@donegalcoco.ie">rosita.mahony@donegalcoco.ie</a> (087) 2510128</p>

**1.2 Tourism Marketing Unit**

**Project / Activity Report**

<b>Donegal MD</b>	<p><b>Bundoran Marketing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distribution of 2022 Discover Bundoran brochure.</li> <li>• Activation of summer marketing campaign.</li> <li>• Weekly podcast production.</li> <li>• Compilation and distribution of monthly email newsletter.</li> </ul> <p><b>Bundoran Tourist Office</b></p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tourist Office open 7 days a week.</li> <li>• Currently one TÚS employee working and one volunteer.</li> <li>• Free weekly Historical Walking Tours on Thursdays have continued throughout the summer and have proven popular.</li> </ul> <p><b>Website and Social Media</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintaining a social media presence for the town on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Scheduling of content to direct social media users to the website to increase traffic. Users of discoverbundoran.com up 40% Jan 1<sup>st</sup> – Aug 21<sup>st</sup> v 2021, Page views up 48% on same period &amp; Sessions up 43% on same period.</li> </ul> <p><b>Waterworld/Seaweed Baths</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuous activation of Waterworld Marketing Plan – successful cross promotion with Bundoran Adventure Park, Portbeg &amp; Selkie Restaurant.</li> <li>• Tweaking the booking system.</li> <li>• Bundoran Seaweed Baths reopened on the 26<sup>th</sup> of July.</li> <li>• Marketing plan activated for Bundoran Seaweed Baths.</li> </ul> <p><b>Other</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working with DCC team on Bundoran Oceanside project/Public Toilets.</li> <li>• Working on activating elements of the Tourism Masterplan with Failte Ireland.</li> <li>• Working with Failte Ireland on finalising other elements of Oceanside project above.</li> <li>• Working on European Festival of Music to take place October 14-16<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Promoted successful vintage and classic car show on July 17<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Maintaining a social media presence for the town on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Generating content and repurposing other content. Users of discoverbundoran.com up 63% Jan 1<sup>st</sup> – Jun 26<sup>th</sup> v 2021, Page views up 74% on same period &amp; Sessions up 133% on same period.</li> </ul>
<b>Countywide</b>	<p><b>Online &amp; social media information – Go Visit Donegal</b></p> <p>Tourism Unit assisted the DCC Environment Section with the delivery of a digital campaign through the Go Visit Donegal social media platforms including Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn. This campaign just ended as of yesterday &amp; has</p>

been delivered over the summer period from 18<sup>th</sup> July – 31<sup>st</sup> August (6 weeks). Final campaign metrics will be provided to the Environment Team.



**Social media - Numbers overview for July & August**

- We have gained 551 new followers on Facebook, 115 posts were shared over these 2 months, as well as Stories and Reels
- Instagram gained 246 new followers, over 100 Stories were shared during this period, as well as Posts and Reels
- Twitter gained 121 new followers, 92 posts were shared during that period
- LinkedIn gained 103 new followers, 35 posts were shared during that period

**Trade Newsletter**

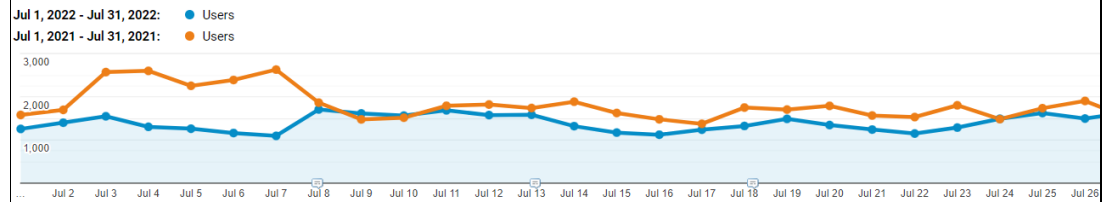
A monthly newsletter to the Trade went out at the beginning of July and August respectively & additional trade related correspondence has also been circulated with regards to the Cluster Event with East Antrim business and a call for submissions to attend the Holiday World Show 2023 in Dublin.

**GoVisitDonegal.com Website**

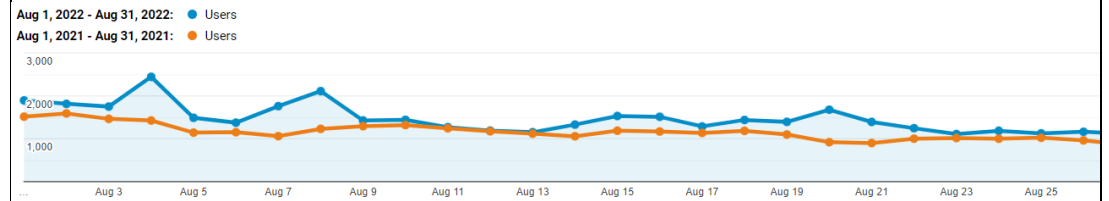
**Year to Date Stats - 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 until 31<sup>st</sup> August**

	YTD	Performance vs in 20
<b>Page Views</b>	595,210	<b>+31%</b>
<b>Users</b>	206,331	<b>+32%</b>

Traffic website in July has been lower compared to the same period in 2021, which can be a reflection of people spending their holidays abroad this year.



Traffic website in August has been slightly up compared to the same period in 2021



**Website views by country:**

July				August			
Traffic came from <b>102 countries</b> in total				Traffic came from <b>94 countries</b> in total			
Top 10 countries:				Top 10 countries:			
Country	Users	% Users		Country	Users	% Users	
1.  Ireland	21,759	53.96%	<div style="width: 53.96%;"></div>	1.  Ireland	20,751	33.33%	<div style="width: 33.33%;"></div>
2.  United Kingdom	13,865	34.38%	<div style="width: 34.38%;"></div>	2.  United Kingdom	12,678	33.33%	<div style="width: 33.33%;"></div>
3.  United States	1,964	4.87%	<div style="width: 4.87%;"></div>	3.  United States	1,811	4.74%	<div style="width: 4.74%;"></div>
4.  Germany	342	0.85%	<div style="width: 0.85%;"></div>	4.  China	299	0.78%	<div style="width: 0.78%;"></div>
5.  France	271	0.67%	<div style="width: 0.67%;"></div>	5.  Russia	299	0.78%	<div style="width: 0.78%;"></div>
6.  China	268	0.66%	<div style="width: 0.66%;"></div>	6.  France	297	0.78%	<div style="width: 0.78%;"></div>
7.  Canada	210	0.52%	<div style="width: 0.52%;"></div>	7.  Germany	289	0.76%	<div style="width: 0.76%;"></div>
8. (not set)	194	0.48%	<div style="width: 0.48%;"></div>	8.  Canada	196	0.51%	<div style="width: 0.51%;"></div>
9.  Spain	165	0.41%	<div style="width: 0.41%;"></div>	9.  Italy	189	0.49%	<div style="width: 0.49%;"></div>
10.  Italy	163	0.40%	<div style="width: 0.40%;"></div>	10.  Netherlands	180	0.47%	<div style="width: 0.47%;"></div>

Traffic came from **102 countries** in total

	<p><b>TIDE – Atlantic Network for Developing Historical Maritime Tourism</b></p> <p>Donegal County Council has developed three Virtual Reality experiences. All three experiences were launched in July by Cathaoirleach Cllr Liam Blaney – Napoleonic era – ‘The Storm, The Sea – The Saldanha’, the Spanish Armada experience – ‘Wrath of the Atlantic, Wrecks of the Armada’ &amp; World War 1 - ‘Beware! Convoy Below!’ (joint North West Partner’s shared VR experience).</p> <p>The Display Units (tailor made) &amp; VR experiences have been installed in three sites - Fanad Lighthouse, Fort Dunree &amp; Inishowen Maritime Museum &amp; Planetarium.</p> <p>A Virtual Reality experience 30 second video has been launched and promoted on websites &amp; social media platforms. Promotional videos/social media clips which will include footage from the launches are scheduled for promotion end August.</p> <p>Information panels are procured and gone out to tender.</p> <p>The TIDE Capitalisation plan (to sustain &amp; continue to develop the projects) to be finalised &amp; implemented. The TIDE platform to include all historical maritime links to all 5 eras.</p>
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**1.3 Strategic Funding Unit**

**Project / Activity Report**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Strategic Funding Unit – exploring EU and National Funding Opportunities that support the objectives set out in the Donegal County Council Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024</b>
All MD’s	<b>AER Summer Academy event in Donegal</b>



The Assembly of European Regions Summer Academy event took place in Donegal on the week of 29<sup>th</sup> August 2022. The event is fully booked with over 150 delegates from 19 regions across Europe planning to attend. Registration is now closed. There will be a plenary conference, workshops and excursions. Donegal County Council is co-hosting the event in partnership with Udarás na Gaeltachta and celebrates Ireland's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of joining the EU and the European Year of Youth 2022. This event is also part funded via the Communicating Europe Initiative 2022 from the Department of Foreign Affairs. More details can be found on <https://donegal.ie/en/aer-summer-academy-2022>

### **Brexit Blue Economy Enterprise Support Scheme Now Open**

The [Brexit Blue Economy Enterprise Support Scheme](#) is now open to businesses only within a 10km distance from the coast. It is 50% funded.

### **IFI Funding Application Successful**

The Strategic Funding Unit team has been working with Donegal Sports Partnership on the EU funded URBACT project around active play in public spaces to promote health and well-being. Donegal Sports Partnership has successfully applied for funding under the International Fund for Ireland to deliver an innovative cross-border project to promote reconciliation through active community play initiatives. Over €115k has been awarded to DSP for this project, which will include three pilot areas, Donegal Town, Letterkenny and Derry City.

### **SFU Webinars 2022**

Dates for the next series of SFU webinars taking place in 2022 have been confirmed as the 21<sup>st</sup> September and 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

### **Project Partnership & Development**

There are several new EU project proposals being reviewed on a daily basis. The SFU is receiving invitations to join consortiums from a number of sources. These are being reviewed and sent to the relevant Directorates on an ongoing basis.

### **Other areas of work include:**

- EU Funding Programme Reviews

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation in project scoping meetings with potential partners</li> <li>• Participation in EU network meetings such as CPMR, AER etc.</li> <li>• Funding Needs Analysis of Council Divisions</li> <li>• Regular Strategic Funding Newsletters</li> </ul>
Donegal MD	<p><b>Donegal Diamond – Outdoor Public Space Scheme</b></p> <p>Part 8 planning is ongoing in relation to the enhancement work on Donegal Diamond funded under the Outdoor Public Space Scheme 2021 is ongoing. A member’s workshop has been planned for 6<sup>th</sup> September to discuss the part 8 submissions. Capital works/construction procurement is in preparation and the project must be completed within 12 months i.e. before the end of 2022 pending successful approval of Part 8 planning. The Part 8 for the Donegal Diamond is expected to go before the September Council Plenary meeting for approval. The final deadline for drawdown of funding is March 2023.</p> <p><b>Donegal Town Pier and Diamond Masterplan</b></p> <p>The Masterplan for both the Pier and the Diamond is well developed and nearing completion of the first draft, which will be made public following the Part 8 process for the Diamond with a view to further stakeholder consultation before the draft Masterplan is finalised and approved.</p> <p><b>Fáilte Ireland Local Authority Weatherproofing &amp; Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Scheme</b></p> <p>The project to develop Bundoran Oceanside, an outdoor dining and entertainment facility in the West End car park is ongoing. The existing toilets located at the Tourist Office will be refurbished to include disabled access toilets, work will commence on the toilets at the end of August. The Part 8 for this project is expected to go before the September Council Plenary meeting for approval. If approved, construction will commence in October with a view to completing the project by the end of the year. A company has been appointed to manufacture ‘Bundoran’ lettering as a focal point/photo opportunity in the town, the lettering is expected to take 10 – 12 weeks to be completed.</p>

	<p><b>Minor Tourism Related Grant Scheme Application</b></p> <p>The Strategic Funding Unit has been successful in applying to the Minor Tourism Related Grants Scheme to refurbish the promenade at the Thrupenny Pool in Bundoran. This is a cross-directorate project supported by a team from Economic Development, Roads and Water &amp; Environment. The project team will soon commence procurement of a construction company to carry out the work.</p>
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**1.4 Project: Trail Gazers Bid**

**Project / Activity Report**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	Trail Gazers Bid Project
<b>Activity / Project Description</b>	‘To quantify the return to the local economy for every euro invested in walks and recreational trail infrastructure ‘
<b>Budget</b>	€2.6 M
<b>Progress to date within quarter* - inclusive of current status</b>	<p>In 2018, Donegal County Councils Research &amp; Policy Unit successfully led an application to the Atlantic Area Programme under objective 4.2 ‘Enhancing natural and cultural assets to stimulate economic development’.</p> <p>This transnational project is managed by the Research &amp; Policy Unit (Lead Partner), working with 9 different partners located across Ireland, UK, France, Spain and Portugal.</p> <p>The project sets out to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quantify the impact of key strategic investments in walks and recreational trail infrastructure can have on stimulating rural communities, using sensors data, counters, surveys of users, businesses, communities etc.</li> </ul>

- Develop and trial a range of practical initiatives and interventions such as business to consumer initiatives, digital marketing tools etc to enhance the return.
- Work with communities, businesses and other key stakeholders in the area to develop community plans and initiatives around the site.
- Develop a range of community trail ambassadors to champion the sites as catalysts for the development of rural economies.
- Our site for research purposes is Inch Levels and post project completion it is likely that key learning and methodology can be applied to other sites in the county and region through an extensive capitalisation programme.

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS**

Website: [www.trailgazers.eu](http://www.trailgazers.eu)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/TrailgazersB](https://www.facebook.com/TrailgazersB)

Twitter: [twitter.com/hashtag/TrailGazers](https://twitter.com/hashtag/TrailGazers)

Instagram: [www.instagram.com/trail.gazers](https://www.instagram.com/trail.gazers)

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/trailgazers>

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#### **PROGRESS**

- Our last monthly communication and coordination meeting with all transnational partners was held on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022, these meetings are led by Donegal County Council and provide a great opportunity to ensuring that progress in delivering key project outputs remains on track.
- Following the formal launch of the Trails Forecasting Dashboard in Merthyr on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June by the University of Ulster, data is continually being fed to this dashboard through continued footfall counting technology, data visualisations and footfall analysis enables the trail partners to monitor the trails and assists in trail management and will inform future trail development.
- In line with our development options arising from our stakeholder engagements, Informational Signage for key interest points around Inch Levels was on tender in June. This phase has now closed and a contractor has been appointed. This was key output from the Trail Gazers Project and will play an important role in creating more public awareness of the site.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All partners are currently developing and populating their Community Trail Plans for each of our pilot sites, these plans will form an integral part of the legacy of the Trail Gazers project as they can be adapted by any trail going forward.</li> <li>• The project closure will take place in Navarra between the 14<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> September. This will offer DCC the opportunity to showcase the Inch Wild Fowl Reserve at the closure event.</li> <li>• The Trail Gazers Project will be presented at the AER Summer Academy event and the Donegal Connect event in September.</li> </ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next quarterly* reporting period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuous uploading of information on project results to the Atlantic Area Website.</li> <li>• All Community Trail Plans to be uploaded to our website.</li> <li>• CTAP event for July and September.</li> <li>• Preparations for Navarra closure event 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> June.</li> <li>• Draft final report for the project including chapters on all the work packages will be worked on over the next number of weeks.</li> </ul>
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## 1.5 Diaspora Unit

### Project / Activity Report

<b>Title</b>	<b>Donegal Diaspora Unit</b>
Countywide	<p><b>Donegal Connect 2022</b></p> <p>Donegal Connect 2022 is a county-wide collaborative weekend event and aims to showcase the county to a wide and varied audience through a range of events from 22nd to 25th September. The programme is currently being finalised and further information can be found at <a href="http://www.donegal.ie/en/donegal-connect">www.donegal.ie/en/donegal-connect</a> .A photocall will take place in early September in partnership with Failte Ireland and a formal launch scheduled for 22<sup>nd</sup> September in Letterkenny.</p>

	<p><b>Tip O’Neill Irish Diaspora Awards 2022</b></p> <p>The key anchor event is the Tip O’Neill Irish Diaspora Awards taking place at the Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana on Friday 23rd September. Tickets are now on sale via the <a href="#">Eventbrite link</a> and are shared via our social media channels &amp; newsletter.</p> <p><b>Donegal Diaspora Website</b></p> <p>A communications plan is currently underway on the use of the Diaspora website and associated social media channels. Donegal Diaspora social media statistics as of 19/08/2022 are as follows:</p> <p>LinkedIn – 971 (+18) connections</p> <p>Twitter – 3,879 (+16) followers</p> <p>Facebook – 5,552 (+52) followers</p> <p>Instagram – 222 (+16) followers</p> <p><b>Donegal Connections Newsletter</b></p> <p>The Donegal Connections newsletter returned in July with a positive response with a 44.3% open rate from over 1100 subscribers. The newsletter will be issued on a monthly basis.</p> <p><b>London Vintage Club Day</b></p> <p>A Diaspora delegation will travel to London for Vintage Club Day on September 4<sup>th</sup> at Tir Conaill Gaels. Packie Bonner will be in attendance as Donegal is promoted for Relocation, Remote Working and to showcase investment opportunities and the new Donegal DNA branded apparel.</p> <p><b>Diaspora Consultation</b></p> <p>The Diaspora Officer is currently working on plans for a consultation exercise to ascertain the views of the Diaspora and relevant organisations in relation to developing Diaspora connections/networks that will inform the future strategy.</p>
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## 2. Division: Local Enterprise Office

### Project / Activity Report

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>The Local Enterprise Office (LEO)</b>
<b>Role and Remit</b>	<p>The Local Enterprise Offices is positioned nationally as the “<i>First Stop Shop</i>” for anyone seeking information and support on starting or growing a business in Ireland. The Local Enterprise Office Donegal provides advice, information and support to those starting up or growing their business in Donegal. Grant is potentially available for businesses that meet the eligibility criteria.</p> <p>Further information available here - <a href="http://localenterprise.ie/donegal">localenterprise.ie/donegal</a></p> <p>Contact number: 074-9160735</p>

<b>Outline of Work</b>	<p><b>General Overview – Highlights:</b></p> <p><b><u>Summary of August Outputs:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grant Aid – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 27 Businesses have been approved Grant Aid.</li> <li>○ Value of total Grant Aid Approvals YTD is €628,655.47</li> <li>○ Next EVAC meeting will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> September</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Trading Online Vouchers – 27 Businesses approved support to a value of €53,951.34</li> <li>• Mentoring YTD – 90 Businesses have received this support</li> <li>• Training - 814 Business Attendees YTD.</li> <li>• Student Enterprise Programme – 790 Donegal students participated in 10 schools. Promotion of programme in schools begins in September for this academic year.</li> </ul>
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**Upcoming Programmes:**

**Ambition**

Ambition is a pre-accelerator programme of Local Enterprise Office Donegal. The programme focuses on early-stage female entrepreneurs and promotes the skills and resilience needed to develop globally scalable ventures, attract investment and create jobs. LEO Donegal has appointed Alinea to bring ideas from concept to pitch, following in the footsteps of local role models such as Gillian Doyle (Cerebreon), Larissa Feeney (Accountancy Online) and Sharon McDaid (Silver Birch Gallery). Up to twelve business ideas are selected to receive mentoring and support through a series of workshops.

**Who is eligible?**

The Ambition programme is open to:

- Any Female Founder or Co-Founder
- Residents of County Donegal or anyone part of the Donegal Diaspora within Ireland or worldwide
- With a concept for a new product or services across any sector with a particular focus on technology and digital solutions
- Global scalability potential
- A team (preferably more than one person)
- Should be at the pre-seed investment stage
- With a commitment to grow a business from Donegal,

Further Info:

<https://www.localenterprise.ie/Donegal/Training-Events/Ambition-Female-Pre-Accelerator/>

DEADLINE for applications 7<sup>th</sup> September

**Scale-X Blue Economy**

Scale-X Blue Economy is an 11-week Accelerator Programme which is targeted at start up entrepreneurs with the potential for fast growth in the Blue Economy i.e. the Marine engineering, marine research, marine energy, value added fish processing sectors. The programme focuses on giving you a deep understanding of the metrics that can drive your success, the skills to build financial models that



stand up to investor scrutiny, and industry engagement and mentorship that give you valuable insights to adapt your business model to create the perfect fit.

**Who is eligible?**

- Any founder(s) with ambitions to grow their business globally.
- Any founder(s) with the potential for fast growth in the marine engineering, marine research, marine energy or value added fish processing sectors
- A potential spin-out from an existing firm or third level institution
- A commitment to grow your business from Donegal, no matter where in the world you live right now.
- The programme is open to residents of County Donegal

Further Info:

<https://www.localenterprise.ie/Donegal/Training-Events/SCALE-XBLUE/>

The programme will begin in September 2022

**Ongoing Programmes:**

**Digital Start YTD - 9 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support**

The objective of the pilot of Digital Start is to help businesses prepare and implement a plan for the adoption of digital tools and techniques across the business.

Digitalisation supports competitiveness, productivity, and value creation, it covers five main areas:

1. Data processing and analysis (i.e. gathering customer trends, values insights)
2. Cloud computing (i.e. moving software/data to the cloud for accessibility)
3. Cybersecurity (i.e. protecting records, information, IP and data from attacks)
4. Internet of Things (software/technology connectivity)
5. Industry 4.0 (i.e. process automation in manufacturing facilities and utilisation of AI)

Digital Start provides strategic intervention for businesses to work for FREE with third party consultants worth up to €4,500 to:

- assist them identify where they are on their digital business journey,
- develop a digital adaptation plan based on their identified need,
- implement their digital adaptation plan.

**Green for Micro YTD - 7 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support**

This is a FREE programme that helps small businesses take the first step towards becoming more sustainable, giving them access to a green consultant worth up to €2,500 who'll show them the small changes that can have a big impact on their company.

Developing a 'greener' policy can offer many benefits to business, including:

- Increased cost savings
- Improved resource efficiency (for example: using less energy, water, and materials)
- Reduced environmental footprint and greenhouse gas emissions
- Opportunities for higher and additional value on products and services
- Increased access to customers, improved corporate image and reputation.
- Increased resilience to climate change impacts

**Lean For Micro YTD - 12 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support**

LEAN provides strategic intervention for businesses to work with third party consultants worth up to €4,500 (Client contribution €200). It is designed to encourage clients to adopt Lean business principles in their organisations to increase performance and competitiveness. Lean is for all companies, regardless of sector – it is not just for manufacturing companies.

Lean tools and techniques address competitiveness issues within their businesses by building the capability of their people to identify problems, improve operations and create a more innovative organisation. In a nutshell, Lean is about doing things quicker, better and saving costs. Lean strives to remove waste and to continually improve a company.

**Ongoing Cluster Development Programmes:**

***Food Coast Donegal***

The Food Coast Donegal is an initiative facilitated by the LEO to support, celebrate and grow the Donegal Food Sector.

- 40 certified members.
- Just under 200 network members.

**Current activities:**

- Food Coast Strategy Review close to completion and should be finalised by October.
- Food Coast Donegal working with Donegal Town Community Chamber-Savour The Flavour Festival to promote Donegal food and drink sector.
- The festival will take place from the 26<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> of August.
- Assisting a group from Scotland with their itinerary etc, visiting Donegal in September on a food tourism learning journey, to learn from the success of The Food Coast Donegal and indeed local businesses.
- Blas na hEireann – The Irish Food Awards 7 Donegal Producers in the final, winners will be announced on the 30 Sept-01 Oct.
- In the planning stage of taking a group of Donegal food producers to St Joseph's University in Philadelphia for a week to attend lectures and field trips. The visit is proposed to take place this winter.

***Creative Coast Donegal***

Creative Coast Donegal aim is to support the building of a strong creative and digital economy in Donegal with businesses that are robust, confident, financially viable, and collaboration-friendly, all impacting positively the local economy in terms of job creation, as well as being pro-active and competitive on an international stage.

There are currently 201 members of the Creative Coast Donegal network. These members are creative business owners throughout Donegal from various sectors within the Creative industry. We are organising a number of events in the coming months to support these members and provide them with the skills to grow their businesses.

The LEO Donegal is working with a consulting firm Consortia to develop a 3 year action plan to develop the sector that will be launched in November.

Throughout September, we have organised pilot Creative Network Meetings for the Design and Craft sectors in Donegal. These network meetings have been created based on the feedback directly from the creatives themselves identified in the Creative Coast Donegal Skills Audit Insight report. The meetings will provide an opportunity for the creatives to network with one another and learn from industry experts in Ireland, who will focus on presenting key business skills that will empower creative entrepreneurs to grow their businesses.

In November, Creative Coast Donegal will host a conference that will celebrate the strength and heritage of the Fashion & Textile industry of the northwest region. In

collaboration with Strabane City Derry City Council, the event will take place in Letterkenny and Derry on the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> of November. There will be various high-profile speakers from within the creative industry in Ireland facilitating workshops, delivering 1:1 training, and presenting keynote addresses in an effort to increase ambition, build skills, and inspire the creative community in the Northwest.

### ***Donegal Engineering Cluster***

The ambition of the ***Donegal Engineering Cluster*** is to expand, strengthen and enhance the existing engineering group in Donegal by,

- Facilitating inter-firm knowledge sharing and enhance learning.
- Increasing market knowledge within the cluster.
- Identifying new opportunities for the sector in the county through co-operation and collaboration among cluster partners,
- Enhancing the skills and innovation capabilities of the engineering firms through training, peer learning and management development,
- Enhancing the attractiveness of the sector as a potential source for future employment opportunities and business start-ups.
- Developing collaborative opportunities into meaningful outcomes and outputs for cluster members.
- Promoting the cluster as a centre of engineering excellence both nationally and internationally

The LEO Donegal will support this by the appointment of a full-time executive (on three year contract). This appointment will start in September 2022

### **Upcoming Activities:**





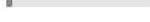
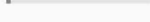

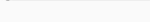


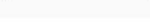

- Start Your Own Business Programme – starts on 13<sup>th</sup> September – evening course – online. Book [here](#)
- Small Business Accounts Programme – starts on 6<sup>th</sup> September – evening course – online. Book [here](#)
- Food Starter Programme – starts on 19<sup>th</sup> September – online. Book [here](#)
- Trading Online Information Session – 14<sup>th</sup> September - Book [here](#)
- Business Information Session & Grant Aid workshop –Next one is 30<sup>th</sup> September at 10am – online. Information & Booking [here](#)
- Food Photography & Styling Workshop – 12<sup>th</sup> September - Book [here](#)


	<b><i>Donegal Stories:</i></b> Website highlighting the businesses of Donegal that have been supported by the LEO. <a href="https://donegalstories.ie/">https://donegalstories.ie/</a>
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### 3. Division: IS Services

#### Project / Activity Report: Public WiFi Stats on WiFi4EU Network

#### Donegal MD:

Name	Model	# Clients	Usage	% Usage
Donegal Failte Ireland Office	MR70	3515	438.44 GB	 19.04%
Donegal Little Mamma's	MR70	7601	390.9 GB	 16.98%
Killybegs - Harbour Bar	MR70	3499	353.41 GB	 15.35%
Reveller Bar	MR70	7037	311.79 GB	 13.54%
Killybegs Centra	MR70	3058	183.35 GB	 7.96%
Ballyshannon Keons	MR70	2538	124.05 GB	 5.39%
Carrick Byrnes Store	MR70	1524	104.08 GB	 4.52%
Glencolmcille Byrnes Foodstore	MR70	724	75.73 GB	 3.29%
Bundoran Lifeguard Hut	MR70	2011	73.94 GB	 3.21%
Bundoran Failte Ireland Office	MR70	2291	59.84 GB	 2.60%
Pettigo Termon complex	MR70	92	59.51 GB	 2.59%
Dunkineely Community Centre	MR70	657	52.49 GB	 2.28%
Kilcar	MR70	703	34.99 GB	 1.52%
Ballyshannon Bridgend	MR70	1382	33.53 GB	 1.46%
Mount Charles Comm Centre	MR70	132	6.14 GB	 0.27%

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### Client stats

TOTAL UNIQUE CLIENTS	AVERAGE # OF CLIENTS PER DAY	AVERAGE USAGE PER CLIENT
15156	619	155.5 MB

### Clients per day



## 4. Division: Emergency Services: Fire Service

5. Activity	Number of: (June)*		Total for year	
<b><u>Fire Service Operations</u></b>				
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	48		402	
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	51		436	
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	7		37	
<b><u>Operational Activity Breakdown June 2022</u></b>				
	Turnouts		Incidents in County	
	Fires	Special Services	Fires	Special Services
Donegal Fire Service	26	23	20	21
Northern Ireland Fire Service	5	2	5	2

<b>Sub Total</b>	31	25	25	23
<b>Total</b>	56		48	
<b><u>Fire Prevention</u></b>				
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	10		59	
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	13		N/A	
Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from Applicant / Agent:	51		N/A	
Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	9		57	
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	2		3	
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	1		2	
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	10		24	
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	10		41	
Fire Safety Complaints received:	2		7	
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	0		5	
During Performance Inspections carried out:	3		3	
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	1		79	

\* Current data only available up to end of June 2022.

\*\* Provisional Figures.



**During Performance Inspections**

3 No. During Performance Inspections carried out at Sea Sessions Festival, Bundoran.

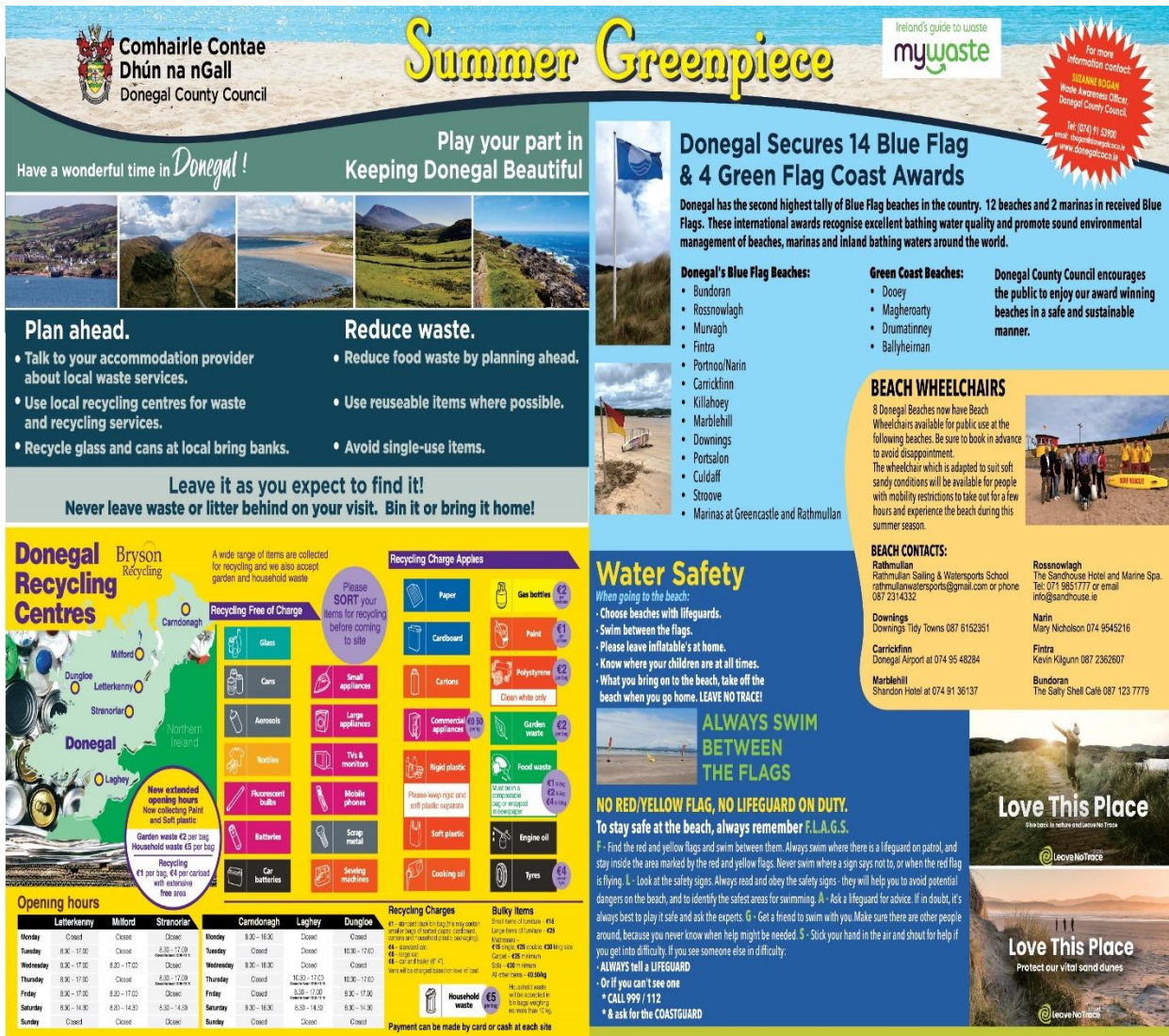
**Fire Safety Awareness**

Letterkenny Fire Brigade attended a fun day at O'Donnell Park, Letterkenny, which included distribution of fire safety awareness leaflets and speaking with members of the public.



**ENVIRONMENT MD REPORT – September '22**

**WASTE AND LITTER MANAGEMENT**

Activity / Project Title	Summer Greenpiece
<p><b>Project Description/ Activity</b></p>	<p>Advertorial with information on recycling, litter campaigns, beach information, water safety etc. The pages featured in local papers.</p>  <p>The advertorial collage includes several sections:         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Header:</b> 'Summer Greenpiece' with logos for Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall and mywaste.</li> <li><b>Top Left:</b> 'Have a wonderful time in Donegal! Play your part in Keeping Donegal Beautiful' with scenic photos.</li> <li><b>Top Right:</b> 'Donegal Secures 14 Blue Flag &amp; 4 Green Flag Coast Awards' with a list of beaches and marinas.</li> <li><b>Middle Left:</b> 'Plan ahead. Reduce waste.' with tips like 'Talk to your accommodation provider about local waste services' and 'Reduce food waste by planning ahead'.</li> <li><b>Middle Right:</b> 'BEACH WHEELCHAIRS' section mentioning 8 beaches with wheelchairs available.</li> <li><b>Bottom Left:</b> 'Donegal Recycling Centres' map and list of items accepted (Paper, Cardboard, Glass, etc.) with recycling charges.</li> <li><b>Bottom Middle:</b> 'Water Safety' section with 'ALWAYS SWIM BETWEEN THE FLAGS' and 'NO RED/YELLOW FLAG, NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY'.</li> <li><b>Bottom Right:</b> 'Love This Place' sections with 'Protect our vital sand dunes' and 'Leave No Trace' logos.</li> </ul> </p>
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Activity / Project Title	Holidaying in Donegal Summer Campaign				
Project Description /Activity	 <div data-bbox="483 443 1325 808"> <p>Have a wonderful time in <b>Donegal!</b> <span style="float: right;">Bíodh am ar dóigh agat i nDún na nGall</span></p> <p>Play your part in Keeping Donegal Beautiful <span style="float: right;">Déan do pháirt le Dún na nGall a choinneáil gleoite galánta</span></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p><b>Plan ahead.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talk to your accommodation provider about local waste services.</li> <li>• Use local recycling centres for waste and recycling services.</li> <li>• Recycle glass and cans at local bring banks.</li> </ul> </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p><b>Reduce waste.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce food waste by planning ahead.</li> <li>• Use reusable items where possible.</li> <li>• Avoid single-use items.</li> </ul> </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p><b>Leave it as you expect to find it!</b> Never leave waste or litter behind on your visit. Bin it or bring it home!</p> </td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p><b>Fág an láthair mar ba mhaith leat féin i a fháil!</b> Ná fág dramhail ná bruscair i do dhiaidh choice le linn cuairte. Cuir sa bhosca bruscair é nó beir abhaile leat é!</p> </td> </tr> </table> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div data-bbox="495 730 592 802"> <p><b>DONEGAL</b> Donegal County Council</p> </div> <div data-bbox="609 730 901 802"> <p>For more information visit  <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie">www.donegalcoco.ie</a>  <a href="http://www.govisitdonegal.com">www.govisitdonegal.com</a>  <a href="http://www.stopfoodwaste.ie">www.stopfoodwaste.ie</a>  <a href="http://www.brysonrecycling.org">www.brysonrecycling.org</a>  <a href="https://twitter.com/donegalcouncil">@donegalcouncil</a> <a href="https://facebook.com/donegalcoco">donegalcoco</a></p> </div> <div data-bbox="917 730 1015 802"> <p><b>DÚN NA nGALL</b> Donegal County Council</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1031 730 1323 802"> <p>For more information visit  <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie">www.donegalcoco.ie</a>  <a href="http://www.govisitdonegal.com">www.govisitdonegal.com</a>  <a href="http://www.stopfoodwaste.ie">www.stopfoodwaste.ie</a>  <a href="http://www.brysonrecycling.org">www.brysonrecycling.org</a>  <a href="https://twitter.com/donegalcouncil">@donegalcouncil</a> <a href="https://facebook.com/donegalcoco">donegalcoco</a></p> </div> </div> </div>	<p><b>Plan ahead.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talk to your accommodation provider about local waste services.</li> <li>• Use local recycling centres for waste and recycling services.</li> <li>• Recycle glass and cans at local bring banks.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Reduce waste.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce food waste by planning ahead.</li> <li>• Use reusable items where possible.</li> <li>• Avoid single-use items.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Leave it as you expect to find it!</b> Never leave waste or litter behind on your visit. Bin it or bring it home!</p>	<p><b>Fág an láthair mar ba mhaith leat féin i a fháil!</b> Ná fág dramhail ná bruscair i do dhiaidh choice le linn cuairte. Cuir sa bhosca bruscair é nó beir abhaile leat é!</p>
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	<p>Over the summer months the Council has been running a campaign aimed at those holidaying in the County, asking them to plan ahead and make themselves familiar with waste and recycling services that are available. Posters have been printed and distributed to local shops etc. A social media campaign delivered through the Council’s Tourism Section and the Council’s Communications office ran throughout July and August 2022.</p>				
					



**This initiative was funded under the Anti-Dumping Initiative 2022.**

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**Activity /  
Project  
Title**

**Household Waste Management Survey**

**Project  
Description  
/Activity**



During August households in Letterkenny, Buncrana, Ballybofey, Donegal Town and Glenties were visited and given the opportunity to take part in a survey gathering information about recycling and waste management practices and opinions.

Donegal County Council partnered with [VOICE Ireland](#), an environmental charity, who went door to door to find out how residents of Donegal manage their waste and each household participating in the survey was provided with an information brochure, a pocket guide full of useful information for managing household waste and recycling and useful tips on how to save money by avoiding food waste.

This project has been funded through the Anti-Dumping Initiative (ADI) which encourages a multi-facetted approach to tackling the problems associated with illegal dumping incorporating enforcement, public awareness and education.

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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Paint Reuse Pilot project at Letterkenny Recycling Centre</b>
<b>Description /Activity</b>	<div data-bbox="630 212 1182 627" data-label="Image"> </div> <p data-bbox="769 667 1044 699" style="text-align: center;"><b>“CHOOSE TO REUSE”</b></p> <p data-bbox="407 728 1406 760" style="text-align: center;"><b>Are you in need of a little bit of paint for your house or community project?</b></p> <p data-bbox="295 787 1515 875">A Paint Reuse Scheme has been launched at Letterkenny Recycling Centre by Bryson Recycling where paint is available free of charge to householders and community organisations.</p> <p data-bbox="295 961 1503 1283">Bryson Recycling operate six Recycling Centres on behalf of Donegal County Council. They started accepting paint at their sites in February 2022 and since then have filled over 120 large bins with what they have collected and are keen to redistribute suitable paints as a useful resource within the local community. As a social enterprise, Bryson are keen to look at innovative ways to promote reuse and recycling and also to engage and work with the local communities in the areas where they operate.</p> <p data-bbox="295 1369 1511 1749">Connie Gallagher, General Manager at Bryson Recycling said “We are delighted to launch this new scheme that will see the paint we collect going to good use. When we receive paint our specially trained staff will screen it and set aside any that is suitable for reuse in the dedicated container at our Letterkenny site. The paint is available now for community groups and individuals to collect, free of charge, to use in projects to improve their local area or for their own personal use. We would encourage anyone who needs paint to visit our site to see what is available”.</p> <p data-bbox="295 1835 1495 1923">Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer at Donegal Council said “Most households have partly filled pots of paint hiding in the loft or garage. When it’s time for a clear out, paint can</p>

	<p>be taken to any of our six Recycling Centres across County Donegal. Paint suitable for reuse can be redistributed to the public and local communities. This is a fantastic example of the Circular Economy at work. The Paint Reuse scheme is currently only operating at the Letterkenny site but we hope to extend this out to further areas later in the year.”</p> <p>For more information on Recycling Centres in Donegal please visit <a href="http://www.brysonrecycling.org">www.brysonrecycling.org</a> .</p> <p>For tips on reducing waste paint please visit <a href="https://www.facebook.com/MyWasteIreland/videos/749840002905245/">https://www.facebook.com/MyWasteIreland/videos/749840002905245/</a></p>
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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Refill.ie at the Irish Legends presented by The McGinley Foundation</b>
<b>Description /Activity</b>	<p>Refill.ie provided free refills of water to visitors to the Irish Legends Golf Tournament in The Rosapenna, Downings in August 2022. The aim was to reduce waste and in particular plastic waste.</p> <div data-bbox="480 390 1333 800" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>The Council’s Environment Section had been working with the Tournament organisers on waste reduction initiatives and the diversion of waste for recycling.</p> <div data-bbox="652 1010 1159 1717" data-label="Image"> </div>
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Activity / Project Title	<b>IFFPG Farm Plastics Bring Centre – 2022 Donegal Schedule</b> <b>The collection of Farm Plastics is organised by IFFPG.</b>		
<b>Description /Activity</b>	Newtowncunningham, Clonleigh Co-op	Wed 21st Sept	
	Buncrana, Inishowen Co-op (Hrs 8.30-4.30pm)	Fri 23rd Sept	
	Carndonagh, Inishowen Co-op (Hrs 8-3pm)	Sat 24th Sept	
	Milford Mart	Thurs 29th Sept	
	Ballybofey & Stranorlar Mart	Sat 1st Oct	
	Raphoe Mart	Fri 7th Oct	
	Ballyshannon Mart	Thur 13th Oct	
	Donegal Mart	Sat 15th Oct	
	<p><b>WHAT YOU CAN RECYCLE – BRING CENTRE</b></p>		
<p>You can recycle the following farm plastics at our bring-centres:</p>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Silage wrap &amp; sheeting</b></li> </ul>			
			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Netting &amp; twine</b></li> </ul>			
			

- Large fertilise & feed bags (liners removed) – in association with **REPAK**  
Business funding recycling



- Small fertiliser & feed bags – in association with **REPAK**  
Business funding recycling



- Drums (triple rinsed) – in association with **REPAK**  
Business funding recycling



### Collection Charges – bring centre

It is very important that farmers provide the 6 digit label code on all Silage wrap/Sheets and Netting/Twine at bring-centres or when booking a farm collection, as this entitles them to significantly reduced collection fees.

*Escalating fuel and energy costs caused by the war in Ukraine have recently significantly increased recycling costs.*

### Silage Plastic (wrap & sheeting) Collection Charges 2022

	With Code	Without Code
0.5 tonnes plastic (approx 250 wraps, 3 covers)	€35	€95

### Non-Silage Plastics Collection Charges (per half tonne bulk fertiliser bag) 2022

Plastic type	Charge per half tonne bag
*Large fertiliser & feed bags	€10
*Small fertiliser & feed bags	€10
*Drums	€10
Netting & twine	€5

\*In association with 

#### 6-DIGIT LABEL CODE


The code proves that you are purchasing levied plastic. It qualifies you for a significant reduction in collection fees if presented to IFFPG prior to, or at, collection. Label codes will be validated before / at collection by IFFPG. When purchasing silage plastic wrap, ensure that you receive a 6 digit label code on the invoice / receipt.



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## COASTAL MANAGEMENT

Activity / Project Title	Big Beach Clean 2022
Project Description/ Activity	<div data-bbox="760 506 1133 877" data-label="Image"></div> <p data-bbox="329 926 1315 961">The Big Beach Clean will take place between 16th to the 18th of September.</p> <p data-bbox="329 1005 1539 1155">The Big Beach Clean is an annual call to action as part of the International Coastal Cleanup (ICC), operated internationally by Ocean Conservancy. This call to action invites communities and volunteers around the country to remove litter from around the Irish coast after the end of the bathing season.</p> <p data-bbox="329 1199 1533 1388">This initiative is also an opportunity for volunteers to get involved in a worldwide citizen science project, which entails collecting the amount and types of litter on Irish beaches and filling in Clean Coasts' Marine Litter Data Cards. This will help heighten awareness about the issue of marine litter serving as an indicator of the magnitude of the problem and help shape future policies and campaigns.</p> <p data-bbox="329 1432 1510 1543">Registration are open to all residents of Ireland, no matter how far from the coast they are based. Statistics show that the number one cause of marine litter is litter dropped in towns and cities.</p> <p data-bbox="329 1587 1565 1701">Getting involved in the Big Beach Clean is a way for residents of non-coastal counties to help prevent litter entering our waterways and seas by holding a clean-up no matter where they are in the country and tackling the problem at source.</p> <p data-bbox="329 1745 885 1780">Register on-line at: <a href="https://cleancoasts.org">https://cleancoasts.org</a></p>

**CENTRAL LABORATORY**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Environment Section - Public Information Message for Farmers</b>
<b>Description/ Activity</b>	<p>The following public information message will be aired on local radio stations in September:</p> <p><i>“As the silage making season reaches an end for another year, Donegal County Council would like to remind farmers of the need to check that all silage effluent is collected in a properly sealed storage tank, as it is the worst source of water pollution on the farm. When spreading slurry, Farmers &amp; contractors should pay particular attention to the weather forecast &amp; not apply slurry to land which is waterlogged, flooded, likely to flood or if rain is forecast within 48 hours. Play your part in keeping Donegal clean and green”.</i></p>
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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Agri-Environmental Training for Farmers</b>
<b>Description/ Activity</b>	<p>Donegal County Council’s Central Laboratory team were invited to speak at a number of Agri-Environmental Training events for farmers over recent months. Our presentations focussed on Best Practice and Safe Disposal of Spent Sheep Dip and its potential impact on river water quality.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"></div>
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**Comhairle Contae  
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Donegal County Council

**Municipal District of Donegal**

**13th September 2022**

1. Town & Village Renewal – Donegal MD
  - Donegal Town
  - Glencolmcille
  - Rossnowlagh
  - Carrick
  - Bruckless
2. Town & Villages Accelerated Measures
  - Donegal Town- Round 2
3. Playground Maintenance
4. Walks & Trails
5. Sliabh Liag Development Project
6. Leader/RDP Programme Update



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**Activity / Project Update: September 2022**

<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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Provision of a footpath</li><li>2. Provision of lining trail markings / App</li><li>3. Installation of interpretative panels / signage</li></ol>
<b>Budget</b> (if applicable)	€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 2021.</li><li>• Designs and procurements are underway for the other elements of the project.</li><li>• Tender assessment complete, successful contractor to be appointed.</li><li>• Following further consideration, it is now proposed that footpath proposal at this time be deferred pending future development of adjacent lands</li></ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Further engagement with the Department in relation to the overall project</li></ul>
<b>Contact Person</b> (to include telephone number & e-mail address)	Brian Keogh Executive Engineer Community, Development & Planning Services Tel: 074-9172569 E-mail: <a href="mailto:bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie">bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie</a>



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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>2019 T&amp;V Renewal – Glencolmcille</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Enhancements & Development Works <b>Works consists of:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Development of a Town Plan</li><li>• Upgrade existing footpaths</li><li>• Provision of directional and interpretative signage</li><li>• Provision of a bus shelter</li></ul>
<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 the community group for the area 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>• Designs of the proposed works are currently underway and will be presented to the community group.</li><li>• The group have procured an architect/designer to progress the design and to prepare tender documents for a number of elements of the scheme.</li><li>• Works designed and currently out to tender.</li><li>• Tender evaluation report complete and successful contractor identified.</li><li>• Site meeting with successful contractor.</li><li>• Construction has commenced on site.</li><li>• Construction work is substantially complete.</li><li>• There are a few outstanding snags to be addressed.</li></ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contractor to complete works on site by end of September 2022.</li></ul>
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**Activity / Project Update: September 2022**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>2019 T&amp;V Renewal – Rossnowlagh</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Enhancements & Development Works  <b>Works consists of:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Provision of a Traders Hub</li><li>2. Provision of a Sheltered Community/shared meeting area</li><li>3. Provision of Street Furniture &amp; landscaping</li><li>4. Upgrade existing paths</li><li>5. Development of playground</li></ol>
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€100,000 – Department of Rural & Community Development €25,000 – Own Resources €100,000- Peace IV Action Plan
<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 the community group for the area to finalise the details of the project including the options available to deliver the various elements of the project.</li><li>• Design of the proposed works completed and presented to the community group.</li><li>• The Part 8 planning application was approved by Members at the 2021 May Monthly meeting of Donegal county Council. The designs and tender documents for the Rossnowlagh playground and Town &amp; Village works are complete and approved by the SEUPB.</li><li>• Tender evaluation report complete and successful contractor identified.</li><li>• Meeting with successful contractor, contractor notified DCC that a lead time of 17 weeks for supply of materials to construct the works.</li><li>• Contractor appointed to carry out works.</li><li>• Construction on site commenced January 2022 and progressing well.</li><li>• Car Park resurfacing works complete.</li><li>• New playground complete and open to the public.</li><li>• Works progressing on the new outdoor showers and canopy structure.</li><li>• Canopy structure complete and outdoor showers 80% complete.</li></ul>

<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contractor planned to complete works on site by early July 2022.</li></ul>
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**Activity / Project Update: September 2022**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>2020 T&amp;V Renewal – Carrick</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Enhancements & Development Works <b>Works consists of:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reinstatement of the pedestrian bridge crossing the Glen River</li><li>• Commission and prepare a Town Health Check</li><li>• Commission and prepare a Regeneration Strategy to inform the sustainable development of the town and immediate surrounding area</li></ul>
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€100,000 – Department of Rural & Community Development € 11,111 – 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 the community group for the area 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>• Designs of the proposed pedestrian bridge works are complete.</li><li>• The group are have procured and appointed a contractor to complete the pedestrian bridge</li><li>• Procurement documents prepared to appoint a consultant(s) to prepare a Town Health Check &amp; a Regeneration Strategy of the town and surrounding area.</li><li>• The pedestrian bridge crossing is complete.</li><li>• Consultant appointed to prepare a Town Health Check &amp; a Regeneration Strategy of the town and surrounding area</li></ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Progress the Town Health Check &amp; a Regeneration Strategy of the town and surrounding area and hope to be complete by end of October 2022.</li></ul>
<b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	Brian Keogh Executive Engineer Community, Development & Planning Services Tel: 074-9172569 E-mail: <a href="mailto:bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie">bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie</a>



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**Activity / Project Update: September 2022**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>2020 T&amp;V Renewal – Bruckless</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Enhancements & Development Works <b>Works consists of:</b> Landscaped garden park area with native trees, flowers, benches and pathways including the following. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Railway feature area</li><li>• Area with outdoor gym equipment</li><li>• Wheelchair accessible Sensory garden</li><li>• Wild meadow area</li><li>• Small public grass area suitable for casual sports and games</li></ul>
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€100,000 – Department of Rural & Community Development € 11,111 – 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 the community group for the area 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>• The group are have procured a design consultant to prepare contract documents to appoint a contractor to carry out the works on the proposed park.</li><li>• Design work commenced and preparation of contract documents also commenced</li><li>• Design of proposed park complete and approved by the community group.</li><li>• Project is currently on E-tenders.</li><li>• 2 Contractors have submitted tenders and the tender report will be issued this week</li><li>• Contractor appointed and commencing work in coming weeks.</li></ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Works to be completed in 40 working days.</li></ul>
<b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	Brian Keogh Executive Engineer Community, Development & Planning Services Tel: 074-9172569 E-mail: <a href="mailto:bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie">bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie</a>



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**Activity / Project Update: September 2022**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>2020 T&amp;V Accelerated Measures Round 2 – <u>Donegal Town</u></b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	➤ Project proposal to establish an outdoor food market, providing a safe place to meet, to shop within social distancing whilst building on the brand identity of Donegal Town as a foodie destination
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€25,000– Department of Rural & Community Development € 2,780 – 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>• Application submitted to Department in August in amount of €27,780</li><li>• Provides for the purchase of 8 no 6ft foldable tables for vendors, 4 sets of cafe style tables and stackable chairs to allow for 16 chairs</li><li>• The supply and fit of 21m awning with Donegal 'foodie destination' branding</li><li>• Funding granting in early September</li><li>• Letter of offer issued to the local group in mid-September</li><li>• Group have procured the awnings for the food market</li><li>• Site Meeting with Group and Area Roads</li></ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Further engagement required with the Department in relation to the project delivery</li></ul>
<b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	Brian Keogh Executive Engineer Community, Development & Planning Services Three Rivers Centre Tel: 074-9172569 E-mail: <a href="mailto:bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie">bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie</a>



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Activity / Project Title	<b>PLAYGROUNDS MAINTENANCE 2022</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<b>Annual maintenance of Playgrounds</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Glencolmcille.</li><li>2. Mall Park, Ballyshannon.</li><li>3. Mall Park Outdoor Gym, Ballyshannon.</li><li>4. Waterworld Playground, Bundoran.</li><li>5. Westend Playground, Bundoran</li><li>6. St. John Bosco, Donegal Town</li><li>7. Kilcar Playground.</li><li>8. Killybegs Playground.</li><li>9. Bruckless Playground</li></ol>
<b>Budget</b> <i>(if applicable)</i>	
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	1. Works consists of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Replacement of broken and damaged equipment.</li><li>• Replace worn safety tiles and remove trip hazards.</li><li>• Grease all equipment that contains bushes, bearings, shackles, etc.</li><li>• Carry out repairs along edges of safety surfaces.</li></ul> <p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Successful tender appointed to carry out Annual Rospa Inspections.</li><li>• Annual Rospa Inspection Reports have been completed with necessary repairs identified.</li><li>• Quick quotes tender issued on e-tenders to procure Maintenance contractor for 2022 maintenance contract works.</li><li>• Maintenance contractor appointed and repair works are currently underway across playgrounds.</li></ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b> <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Undertake playground repair works</li></ul>
<b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	John Deeney Executive Engineer Community, Development & Planning Services Tel: 087 7197619 E-mail: <a href="mailto:jdeeney@donegalcoco.ie">jdeeney@donegalcoco.ie</a>



	<p><b>ORIS 2022</b></p> <p>Announcement of the funds awarded under measure 1 ORIS 2022. Have seen the success of Rosssylongan been granted €30,000 and likewise through DLDC they were granted €30,000 funding for Donegal Rowability that will provide a disability hoist for water sports access from the pier in Donegal town.</p> <p><b>Rosssylongan</b></p> <p>A recent site visit with representatives from the associated departments within the Council proved very successful in that each Division knows what is been proposed for the site going forward and some discussion of future enhancement and potential link to the Town was voiced but will require a lot of background works. To establish if it feasible to follow up on the proposals.</p> <p><b>Sliabh Liag;</b></p> <p>Sport Ireland have issued the inspection report with recommended works and advisory work. A brief discussion on the report was had between DCC &amp; DLDC it has highlighted that a meeting needs to be arranged with NPWS to agree on any improvement works etc as site is designated under SAC.</p>
<p><b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Try to get counter tender finalised for upload on e-tenders</li> <li>• Site supervision of the works at Glencolmcille</li> </ul>
<p><b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i></p>	<p>Darryl Connor (Outdoor Recreational Development Officer) 0873613811 <a href="mailto:dconnor@donegalcoco.ie">dconnor@donegalcoco.ie</a></p>





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**Activity / Project Update: July 2022**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Sliabh Liag Development Project</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	The project has included the development of a Visitors Centre, Ranger Station and toilets, 2.5km of mountain paths works together with road improvement works from Carrick Village which represents a total investment of approx €5m
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status</b>	<p>The visitors centre opened to the public in May 2019 following the official opening. An operations manager was appointed in March 2019 together with 3 support staff since the summer of 2019.</p> <p>Remedial works have been completed on site. The shuttle service has been operating since June and the centre has been very busy during the summer period</p>
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b>	Further funding of €269k has recently been awarded in respect of further works to the mountain path.
<b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	Paddy Doherty Community & Planning Services Station Island, Lifford



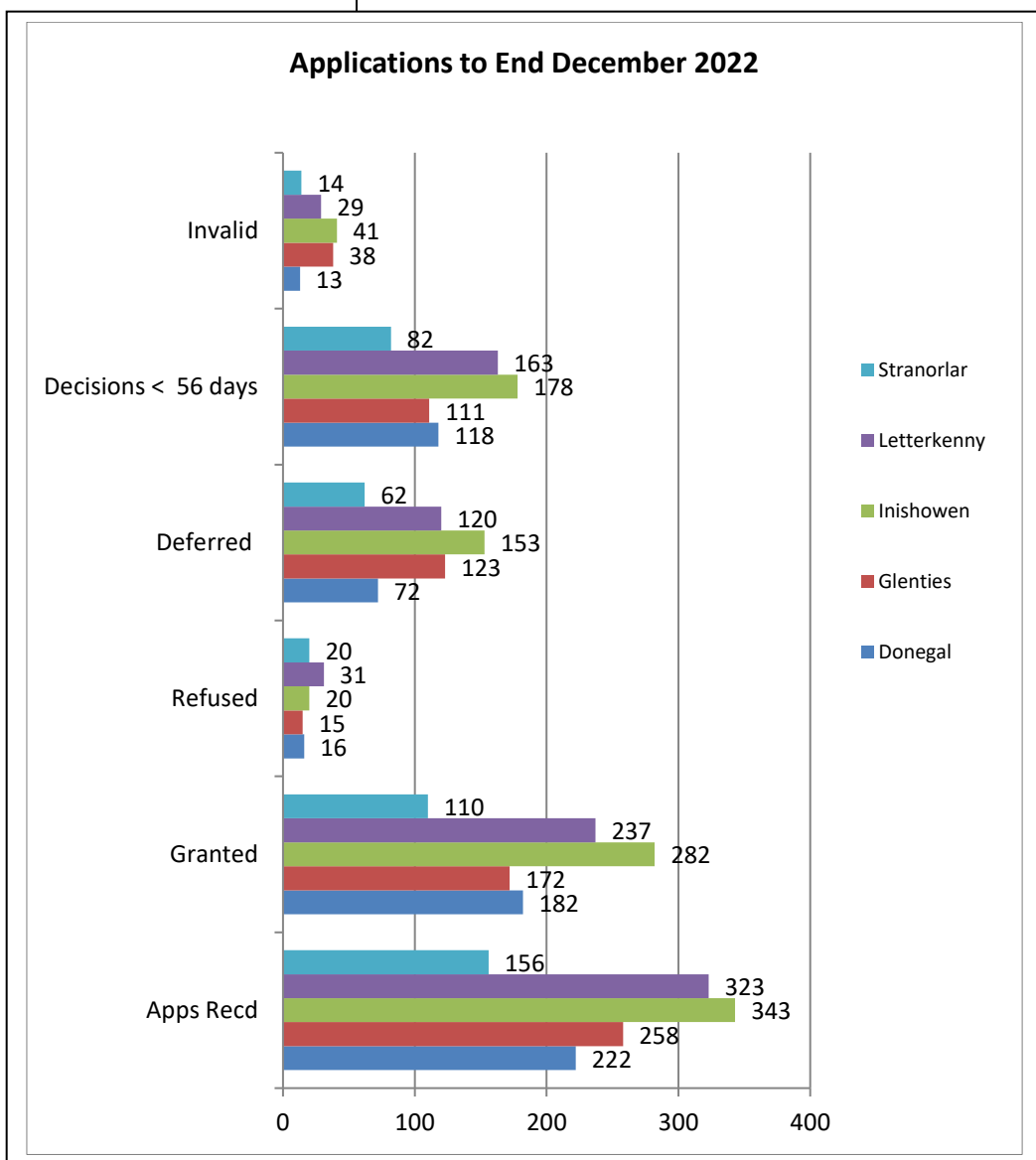
## Activity / Project Update- September 2022

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	Rural Development Programme/LEADER
<b>Activity / Project Description</b>	Donegal Local Community and Development Committee are the Local Action Group for County Donegal, with responsibility for the LEADER/Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 & Transitional LEADER Programme 2021-2022
<b>Budget</b>	€13,413,875 (Additional funding received 2019) <i>Note: Project costs €10,063,586, administration and animation costs €3,350,289</i>
<b>Transitional Programme</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021 – 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022 €2,861,598 project costs € 953,866 for Administration & Animation.
<b>Progress to date within the last two months-inclusive of current status</b>	There are 4 Implementing Partners within the county; Donegal Local Development Company (DLDC), Inishowen Development Partnership (IDP), Údarás Na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán, who are rolling out the LEADER Transitional programme on behalf of the LAG (Local Action Group). The LEADER Transitional programme is effective from 1st April 2021 and runs until 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022. €45 million is allocated nationally for the Transitional Programme and €20 million from the EURI programme. 38 projects in Donegal are now approved by Pobal under the Transitional & EURI programmes and Letters of Offer have issued/are pending, granting LEADER funding to a value of €1,971,609.

<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period</b>	The next LCDC/LAG meeting will be held on 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2022. Monthly Evaluation Committee meetings will continue to be held to progress projects to LCDC/LAG stage and the LDCs will continue to engage with promoters on the ground to develop and assess potential applications and to promote the Transitional LEADER programme.
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**Donegal MD Meeting**  
**13<sup>TH</sup> September 2022**

Item	Update												
<b>1 Development Applications</b>													
(1) Statistics	<p><b>Donegal MD Totals Year to End July 2022</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Applications received</td> <td>222</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Granted</td> <td>182</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Refused</td> <td>16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Deferred</td> <td>72</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Decided in under 2 months</td> <td>118</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Invalid</td> <td>13</td> </tr> </table>	Applications received	222	Granted	182	Refused	16	Deferred	72	Decided in under 2 months	118	Invalid	13
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<b>2</b>	<b>Enforcement</b>		
		<b>Donegal MD</b>	<b>To end July 2022</b>
		New Cases	6
		Closed Cases	7
		Outstanding cases on record since 2012	191
<b>3</b>	<b>Notes &amp; Monthly Schedule</b>	<p><b>Pre planning clinics are on a telephone call only basis (ring 074 9153900) between 9.00am and 12.30pm on the dates outlined below.</b></p> <p><b>The pre planning clinic calls will be taken by the Executive Planners and shall be for substantial applications only.</b></p> <p><u>Planning Clinics 2022:</u>  22nd September 2022  6<sup>th</sup> October 2022  20<sup>th</sup> October 2022  3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022</p> <p>Please see website for further dates.  <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/planningclinics/">http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/planningclinics/</a></p>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Casual Trading</b>	No Report	
<b>5</b>	<b>Regeneration Report</b>	See Appendix A	
<b>6</b>	<b>Building Control &amp; Taking in Charge Community Development &amp; Planning Services</b>	No Report	
<b>7</b>	<b>Central Planning Unit</b>	No Report	
<b>8</b>	<b>Conservation Report</b>	No Report	
<b>9</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> </ul> <p>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></p>	

# Appendix A



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## **September (2022)**

### **Municipal District Meetings**

### **Report to Elected Members**

#### **1.0 RURAL REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (RRDF)**

##### **1.1 EXISTING APPROVED CATEGORY 1 RRDF PROJECTS (2019)**

##### **1.1.1 Killybegs 2040 – A Town Centre Regeneration Project** **Value: €4.84m**

This project proceeded to tender in February 2022 and closed on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022. The tender assessment and evaluation was completed and a tender report submitted to the DRCD on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022 for: (i) Decision Gate 3 Approval to appoint the preferred tenderer and to proceed to site, and (ii) enhanced funding to deliver the project.

Confirmation of enhanced funding to deliver the project, and Decision Gate 3 approval to appoint the successful contractor and proceed to site was received on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022. This project now has a revised total value of €5.4m. The capital project will be delivered by McDermott & Treaty Construction Ltd (MDT).

The process of project handover to the Council's new Capital Project Delivery Unit (CPDU) has also commenced in anticipation of imminent progression to site. CPDU will manage the construction and handover stage of the project. In advance of same the following arrangements to update the Elected Members and the general public have been made:

- 12pm - Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Members will be updated on this project, the delivery arrangements and associated timelines at a scheduled workshop of the Donegal Municipal District;
- 3-7pm - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022. An open public information event will be held in the Tara Hotel, Killybegs to update the general public on the project, the delivery arrangements and associated

timelines. This will be a drop in event, project information will be on display and relevant Council staff will be present to facilitate queries and clarifications etc.

### 1.1.2 **Burtonport and Aranmore Island – Harbour to Island Regeneration** **Value: €4.1m**

#### **Aranmore Island:**

This element of the project is now complete and the Forbairt Taitneamhachtaí Cois Cladaigh Oileán Árainn Mhór (Arranmore Island Shorefront Amenity Development) was officially opened by the Minister for Rural & Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 in the presence of Leas-Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council Cllr. Michael Naughton and representatives of Comharchumann Oileán Árainn Mhór CTR.



(L to R) John G. McLaughlin, Chief Executive Donegal County Council, Minister Charlie McConalogue TD, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Minister Heather Humphreys TD, Department of Rural and Community Development, Bainisteor of Comharchumann Oileán Árainn Mhór CTR, Nóirín Uí Mhaoldomhnaigh, Leas- Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council Cllr. Micheal Naughton, Cathaoirleach of the Glenties Municipal District Cllr. Anthony Molloy at the official opening of the Arranmore Island Shorefront Amenity Development.

The performance space has already been used on many occasions, including as a part of the Earigall Arts Festival and hosted its inaugural concert after the official opening when Clann Mhic Ruairí, Green Island & Special guests entertained everyone present.

#### **Burtonport Harbour**

The Phase 1 redevelopment of Burtonport Harbour has now commenced. These works are being delivered by the successful contractor McDermott & Treaty Construction Ltd and are already progressing well towards substantial completion.

The process of project handover to the Council's new Capital Project Delivery Unit (CPDU) is now complete in respect of this project. CPDU will now manage the completion of construction and handover stages of the project.

## 1.2 **EXISTING APPROVED CATEGORY 2 RRDF PROJECTS (2020)**

1.2.1 **Back to Ballyshannon** – A transformational project to re-energise, re-imagine and sustain the social, cultural, historical, physical and economic fabric of Ballyshannon's historic town centre.

**Value: €247,500. (RRDF funding approved €185,625)**

**Update:** The Team continues to work towards (i) progressing an acquisition interest in Ballyshannon Town Centre, and (ii) the publication of a planning scheme, so as to develop this project as a shovel ready capital project targeted for future Category 1 RRDF funding. Steady progress continues to be made through complex reporting and appraisals in relation to: the environment & ecology, archaeology and structural investigation and which will inform the next steps in the acquisition process and the planning consent pathway.

Members will be provided with a detailed progress update at workshop in September. The Regeneration & Development will make separate arrangements for same in due course.

1.2.2 **Ramelton Historic Town Centre** – A Restorative & Transformational Public Realm Scheme.

**Value: €249,159 (RRDF funding approved €186,869)**

**Update:** A Part 8 planning scheme for this project was published on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 and a Chief Executives Report on the proposed development was brought before the Elected Members at a Plenary Meeting of the Council on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 and it was decided to proceed with the development as proposed.

The Regeneration and Development Team subsequently completed the submission of a Category 1 capital funding application to the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund for the capital delivery of this project by the 12noon deadline on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2022. The submitted project has a total project value of €7,949,868 and is now under assessment. Meanwhile, work continues to advance on the Detailed Design of Project together with preparation of a completed Tender Package, which is scheduled for completion by the end of September of this year.

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##### **1.6.2 Killybegs Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan**

The Killybegs Regeneration Strategy was formally launched on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021 and is available at <https://bit.ly/KillybegsRegStrat>. It has also been

circulated across Donegal County Council Directorates and to key stakeholders.

The Strategy was commissioned by the Killybegs Regeneration Group in conjunction with Donegal County Council and was funded by BIM, FLAG with match funding by Donegal County Council. Its delivery was led by Pasparakis Friel Architects with the support and input of the Council's Community Development Section and the Regeneration and Development Team.

### **1.6.3 Ballybofey-Stranorlar Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan**

The Ballybofey-Stranorlar Regeneration Strategy was endorsed by the Committee of BASICC, as project partners, on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022 and subsequently endorsed by the Stranorlar-Lifford MD on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022. The Strategy was launched 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022 by means of press release and is currently being circulated across Donegal County Council Directorates and to key stakeholders. The Strategy is available at [Donegal County Council \(donegalcoco.ie\)](http://donegalcoco.ie)

### **1.6.4 Ballyshannon Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan**

The Ballyshannon Town Centre Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan was formally published, launched and circulated to Members on the 20th April 2022. The Strategy & Action Plan, and associated Town Centre Masterplan, is available to view/download online at [www.donegalcoco.ie](http://www.donegalcoco.ie) and at Council offices. It will also be circulated across Donegal County Council Directorates and to key stakeholders. The Strategy was commissioned and funded by Donegal County Council and its delivery was led by GM Design Associates with the support and input of the Council's Regeneration and Development Team.

### **1.6.5 An Clochán Liath (Dungloe) Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan**

The Draft an Clochán Liath (Dungloe) Town Centre Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan was made available for public consultation from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April until Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022. A drop-in public consultation event also took place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April from 2.00pm to 7.00pm at the Shopping Arcade, Main Street, Dungloe. In addition to the comments received and discussed during the drop-in event a total of 12 no. written submissions from members of the public were received.

A short report on the submissions has been completed and was considered at a workshop of the Glenties MD on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and at which Members endorsed the final Strategy and Action Plan subject to agreed amendments. Arrangements are now being made for final publication, launch and circulation across Donegal County Council Directorates and statutory bodies and community organisations and it is anticipated that this will take place at, or in advance of, the September Municipal District Meeting.

### 1.6.6 Rathmullan RRDF Project Development work

Work to complete the Draft Design & Design Report for this project is advancing, and targeted stakeholder group consultations took place in December 2021. This primarily included key internal Council services, external statutory bodies and a cross-section of community interests in Rathmullan identified by 'The Way Forward' group. A presentation on the Draft Design Report for this project was made to the Elected Members at a scheduled workshop on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 in advance of an informal public consultation event which took place later the same day from 3pm to 8pm in the St. Vincent de Paul Centre, Rathmullan. The closing date for observations on the draft designs was 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2022. The submission responses together with the Draft Design & Design Reports are presently being evaluated with a view to progressing a statutory planning scheme for the Project in Q3 of 2022.

## 2.0 URBAN REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (URDF)

### 2.1 Existing approved URDF project in Letterkenny (application submitted 2018; final approval to proceed received September 2019)

This first application secured €1.9m in URDF monies, match funded by €600,000 for three sub-projects, the detail and progress of which is set out below:

#### (i) Preparation of a Regeneration Strategy for Letterkenny Town Centre.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> and final phase of consultation on the Letterkenny Regeneration Strategy opened on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and closed on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 relating to Design Concepts for 11 key regeneration sites. In response, 52 online surveys were completed and 9 direct email submissions were received. The consultation period also included a public drop-in event on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022 in Dillons Hotel which was attended by circa 40 people.

The consultancy team, led by The Paul Hogarth Company presented the findings of the 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of consultation together with Draft Design Guidelines (Work Area 3), Draft Public Spaces and Linkages Action Plan (Work Area 4) and a Lower Main Street exemplar to a workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022 wherein Members endorsed the finalization and publication of the Regeneration Strategy thus the project reaching a significant milestone.

The consultancy team are currently working on the final write up and to bring together all strands of the project brief including Work Area 5 in respect of branding.

Plans are being formulated for a formal launch event which is expected to be held toward early October 2022. The services of AV Brown branding consultants, as part of the multi-disciplinary team are being engaged to create a video to inform the launch and to communicate the project effectively to the public, investors, visitors and funders. Members will be updated directly as the arrangements develop in relation to the launch event of the final Regeneration Strategy.

**(ii) Acquisition of key town centre regeneration site.**

Work to progress interests in the key regeneration site approved by DHLGH for acquisition continues with intent. The Donegal County Council (Letterkenny Strategic Urban Regeneration Site) CPO 2021 was published on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021. It was subsequently submitted to An Bord Pleanala for confirmation on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021. The period for the making of objections to the CPO expired on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and a single objection was received by An Bord Pleanala to this CPO. The next step is the fixing of date for oral hearing by An Bord Pleanala with the case now identified as a 'Priority.'

Alongside acquisition, Phase 1 development of the site was approved at a Special Meeting of Donegal County Council on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022. The proposed development includes for the demolition of former ESB buildings and the development of circa 60,500sqft business, enterprise and innovation space (Alpha/Beta) supported by access linkages and public realm. This project is now being progressed by the Capital Projects Team to its next stage of detailed design with input from the Regeneration and Development Team in relation to review of tender documents and participation in Steering Group and Design Team Review meetings.

Alongside the Part 8 proposed development, discussions are ongoing internally in relation to options for the business model as regards the residential component of the Concept Masterplan relating to the remainder of the strategic site (Phase 2). Further updates will be brought to the Letterkenny-Milford MD in this regard as this work develops.

**(iii) Public realm in the area of the Public Services Centre and Joe Bonnar Rd**

Members turned the sod on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022 on the project to construct public realm in the area of the Public Services Centre and Joe Bonnar Road. ACS Civils LTD have been appointed and commenced on site on the week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 with a build period in the region of 6 months. The development will deliver high quality walking, cycling and public realm infrastructure in the town centre. It forms the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the wider planned network known as 'LK Green Connect' that will ultimately connect across a series of town centre destinations.

## 2.2 Successful application to the Urban Regeneration & Development Fund (May 2020)

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021 Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O’Brien TD announced that a provisional allocation of €13.6m has been awarded under the URDF application Letterkenny 2040 (Phase 1) ‘Re-energise and Connect the Historic Town Centre’ supported by match funding committed by the Council in the sum of €4.5m.

Specifically this new investment will help to advance five projects to varying stages of as follows:

- The further enhancement of the Cathedral Quarter
- The re-purposing of the Courthouse
- Strategic land assembly towards:
  - Regeneration of Lower Main Street
  - Advancement of a Regional Transport Hub
  - Enhancement of ‘LK Green Connect,’ walking, cycling and parkland infrastructure.

The project continues to progress through funding approval steps required under the Public Spending Code. In this regard, a Preliminary Business Case (PBC) was submitted to DHLGH in March 2022 and for review and approval. This was followed by submission of Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

**The current status of the project is that the Preliminary Business Case secured approval of DHLGH on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2022.** This represents approval under Decision Gate 1 in the project life cycle and ‘*approval in principle to Donegal County Council to proceed to Design, Planning & Procurement Strategy.*’ As outlined, a Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy has already been submitted to DHLGH on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and is therefore actively under review and consideration by DHLGH.

Approval of Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy will lead to approval to proceed to tendering inclusive of satisfactory completion of the Final Business Case and thereafter each project will advance at varying paces dependent on nature, scale and complexity.

Alongside the above activity, a number of steps are being taken to develop each sub-project further. The table below sets out this activity.

Sub-project	Immediate next steps
<b>A: The Cathedral Quarter-Making a Creative District</b>	See breakdown for each of the 3 elements
<b>Creative Hub and Urban Parkland</b>	Site-specific design concept via LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy commission is now complete following a 3 <sup>rd</sup> phase of consultation and was endorsed at a workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD on 8 <sup>th</sup> July

Sub-project	Immediate next steps
	<p>2022.</p> <p>The Design Concept will inform the design process to prepare Part 8 proposed development or application to An Bord Pleanala, as appropriate, via procurement of architect led design and supervision team following pre-tender and tender approval by DHLGH.</p> <p>Engagement has been undertaken with Failte Irelands 'Tourism Office Network Team' and Letterkenny Chamber of Commerce in relation to the tourist office element of this project.</p> <p>Design concept is also informing acquisition processes. Landowner consultation RE acquisition pathways has already significantly progressed.</p> <p>It is intended to commence topographical survey from September 2022 onwards where landowners have given permission to do so.</p>
<b>Market Square</b>	<p>A Part 8 proposed development in respect of 'Letterkenny 2040-Reimagined Market Square' was published on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022 for public inspection until 19<sup>th</sup> August 2022. Submissions and observations may be made by 4.30pm on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022, after which a Chief Executives Report will be prepared and submitted for Members consideration at the scheduled plenary Council meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022.</p> <p>NOTE: This results in procurement of architect led design and supervision team for detailed design stage onwards rather than designs services for planning consent onwards</p>
<b>Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme</b>	<p>This project will be packaged with 'Creative Hub and Urban Parkland' as regards Architect-led design and supervision team following receipt of pre-tender approval by DHLGH.</p> <p>Part 8 is already secured through the works of Roads &amp; Transportation and will be reviewed as part of the overall design process package with specific consideration to accessibility/threshold treatment.</p> <p>It is noted that Irish Water are currently progressing works to replace an existing watermain on Church lane as a critical piece of infrastructure upgrade in advance of the URDF project progressing to site which is estimated as Q4 2024 and subject to a number of dependencies and unknowns.</p>
<b>B: Strategic acquisition in Lower Main Street</b>	<p>Site-specific design concepts for a number of Lower Main Street locations via LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy commission are now complete following a 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of consultation and were endorsed at a workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022.</p> <p>Landowner consultation RE acquisition pathways has commenced.</p> <p>Further engagement with Donegal Youth Service and Letterkenny Youth Club on future project development has also commenced.</p>
<b>C: Revival at the Courthouse</b>	<p>Draft terms of reference are currently being prepared for consultancy services to undertake a 'Product Identification/Visitor Experience Plan' to define the nature of proposed tourist attraction. The Draft Terms of Reference include for engagement with Members at MD level and are being informed by ongoing consultation with Failte Ireland inclusive of 'Attractions Team' and 'Tourism Office Network' team. The target is to complete the preparation of the Terms of Reference in advance of and in readiness of approval to proceed to tendering by DHLGH in order to fast track this stage as soon as possible.</p>

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	<p>The 'Product Identification/Visitor Experience Plan' will include for consideration of concept options and identification of the preferred story to be told, analysis of potential markets, competitor analysis, best practice examples, preliminary pricing, preliminary revenue projections, operational model (public or private).</p>
<p><b>Sub-Project D: Enabling a Regional Transport Hub</b></p>	<p>Preferred location for future Regional Transport Hub has emerged through the LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy process in the Pearse Road area. A Design Concept in respect of a future Transport Hub and its integration with LK Green Connect walking and cycling infrastructure and a new civic space is now complete following a 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of consultation and was endorsed at a workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022. This work has assisted in connecting with potential landowners affected.</p> <p>The Design Concept will inform acquisition processes and land owner consultation will now formally commence.</p> <p>Positive engagement with Bus Eireann was held at a meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 with commitment for further engagement and communication following ,consideration within Bus Eireann corporate structures. Further follow up communication to Bus Eireann issued on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022 to share the emerging design concept launched for public consultation and to seek further engagement. This communication was renewed on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2022 seeking a further engagement as a priority.</p>
<p><b>Sub- project E: LK Green Connect</b></p>	<p>Through the LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy commission, a Design Concept in respect of LK Green Connect is now complete following a 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of consultation and was endorsed at a workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022. The Design Concept integrates LK Green Connect with an urban wetland concept, future transport hub and new civic space. The Design Concept will inform engagement with landowners to progress the acquisition interests supported under URDF as regards LK Green Connect.</p> <p>In addition, it is targeted to progress a Part 8 proposed development using in-house resources in respect of LK Green Connect walking and cycling infrastructure to link Phase 1 (currently under construction) to Pearse Road and therefore to secure Phase 2 to shovel ready status. The timeline for Part 8 is yet to be confirmed and is subject to availability of staff resources across both URDF and RRDF programmes.</p> <p>Publication of a Part 8 proposed development in respect of the 'Cultural Corridor' section of LK Green Connect is targeted for Q4 of 2022. Pasparakis Friel Architects have been appointed in this regard to provide Part 8 drawings while the Regeneration and Development manage and lead all other elements of the Part 8 process including AA and EIA screening. This also includes consultation with the Cultural Partners (An Grianan Theatre, the Regional Cultural Centre and Donegal County Museum).</p> <p>Engagement with landowners has commenced as regards land acquisition interests necessary for the Cultural Corridor section of LK Green Connect and as supported under URDF and will be further advanced with greater certainty following Part 8 publication.</p>

### 2.3 Future URDF call for applications



Although there is no confirmed date available for a 3rd call for URDF applications, an announcement is anticipated as early as Q4 2022/Q1 2023 and following an ongoing review of funding commitments/ project costs currently being undertaken by DHLGH. Consideration is being given to the options in this regard including the further sequencing of investment to deliver on the LK 2040 ambition particularly in relation to the advancement of a Regional Transport Hub, associated accessibility infrastructure and capital projects at Lower Main Street. It is proposed to scope the options with Members of Letterkenny-Milford MD as part of a future MD workshop.

#### **2.4 Other**

The Regeneration and Development Team continue to engage in other regeneration related work areas and support other sections of Donegal County Council as required and across a number of other activities.

**Regeneration & Development Team  
September 2022.**

# Appendix A



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## **September (2022)**

### **Municipal District Meetings**

### **Report to Elected Members**

#### **1.0 RURAL REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (RRDF)**

##### **1.1 EXISTING APPROVED CATEGORY 1 RRDF PROJECTS (2019)**

##### **1.1.3 Killybegs 2040 – A Town Centre Regeneration Project** **Value: €4.84m**

This project proceeded to tender in February 2022 and closed on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022. The tender assessment and evaluation was completed and a tender report submitted to the DRCD on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022 for: (i) Decision Gate 3 Approval to appoint the preferred tenderer and to proceed to site, and (ii) enhanced funding to deliver the project.

Confirmation of enhanced funding to deliver the project, and Decision Gate 3 approval to appoint the successful contractor and proceed to site was received on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022. This project now has a revised total value of €5.4m. The capital project will be delivered by McDermott & Trearty Construction Ltd (MDT).

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- 3-7pm - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022. An open public information event will be held in the Tara Hotel, Killybegs to update the general public on the project, the delivery arrangements and associated

timelines. This will be a drop in event, project information will be on display and relevant Council staff will be present to facilitate queries and clarifications etc.

#### 1.1.4 **Burtonport and Aranmore Island – Harbour to Island Regeneration** **Value: €4.1m**

##### **Aranmore Island:**

This element of the project is now complete and the Forbairt Taitneamhachtaí Cois Cladaigh Oileán Árainn Mhór (Arranmore Island Shorefront Amenity Development) was officially opened by the Minister for Rural & Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 in the presence of Leas-Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council Cllr. Michael Naughton and representatives of Comharchumann Oileán Árainn Mhór CTR.



(L to R) John G. McLaughlin, Chief Executive Donegal County Council, Minister Charlie McConalogue TD, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Minister Heather Humphreys TD, Department of Rural and Community Development, Bainisteor of Comharchumann Oileán Árainn Mhór CTR, Nóirín Uí Mhaoldomhnaigh, Leas- Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council Cllr. Micheal Naughton, Cathaoirleach of the Glenties Municipal District Cllr. Anthony Molloy at the official opening of the Arranmore Island Shorefront Amenity Development.

The performance space has already been used on many occasions, including as a part of the Earigall Arts Festival and hosted its inaugural concert after the official opening when Clann Mhic Ruairí, Green Island & Special guests entertained everyone present.

##### **Burtonport Harbour**

The Phase 1 redevelopment of Burtonport Harbour has now commenced. These works are being delivered by the successful contractor McDermott & Treaty Construction Ltd and are already progressing well towards substantial completion.

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**Value: €247,500. (RRDF funding approved €185,625)**

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Members will be provided with a detailed progress update at workshop in September. The Regeneration & Development will make separate arrangements for same in due course.

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The Ramelton Action Plan was formally launched on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020.

The Plan can be viewed at the following link:

<http://www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/rameltonactionplan/Ramelton%20Action%20Plan.pdf>

##### **1.10.2 Killybegs Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan**

The Killybegs Regeneration Strategy was formally launched on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021 and is available at <https://bit.ly/KillybegsRegStrat>. It has also been

circulated across Donegal County Council Directorates and to key stakeholders.

The Strategy was commissioned by the Killybegs Regeneration Group in conjunction with Donegal County Council and was funded by BIM, FLAG with match funding by Donegal County Council. Its delivery was led by Pasparakis Friel Architects with the support and input of the Council's Community Development Section and the Regeneration and Development Team.

#### **1.10.3 Ballybofey-Stranorlar Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan**

The Ballybofey-Stranorlar Regeneration Strategy was endorsed by the Committee of BASICC, as project partners, on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022 and subsequently endorsed by the Stranorlar-Lifford MD on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022. The Strategy was launched 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022 by means of press release and is currently being circulated across Donegal County Council Directorates and to key stakeholders. The Strategy is available at [Donegal County Council \(donegalcoco.ie\)](http://donegalcoco.ie)

#### **1.10.4 Ballyshannon Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan**

The Ballyshannon Town Centre Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan was formally published, launched and circulated to Members on the 20th April 2022. The Strategy & Action Plan, and associated Town Centre Masterplan, is available to view/download online at [www.donegalcoco.ie](http://www.donegalcoco.ie) and at Council offices. It will also be circulated across Donegal County Council Directorates and to key stakeholders. The Strategy was commissioned and funded by Donegal County Council and its delivery was led by GM Design Associates with the support and input of the Council's Regeneration and Development Team.

#### **1.10.5 An Clochán Liath (Dungloe) Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan**

The Draft an Clochán Liath (Dungloe) Town Centre Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan was made available for public consultation from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April until Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022. A drop-in public consultation event also took place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April from 2.00pm to 7.00pm at the Shopping Arcade, Main Street, Dungloe. In addition to the comments received and discussed during the drop-in event a total of 12 no. written submissions from members of the public were received.

A short report on the submissions has been completed and was considered at a workshop of the Glenties MD on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and at which Members endorsed the final Strategy and Action Plan subject to agreed amendments. Arrangements are now being made for final publication, launch and circulation across Donegal County Council Directorates and statutory bodies and community organisations and it is anticipated that this will take place at, or in advance of, the September Municipal District Meeting.

### 1.6.6 Rathmullan RRDF Project Development work

Work to complete the Draft Design & Design Report for this project is advancing, and targeted stakeholder group consultations took place in December 2021. This primarily included key internal Council services, external statutory bodies and a cross-section of community interests in Rathmullan identified by 'The Way Forward' group. A presentation on the Draft Design Report for this project was made to the Elected Members at a scheduled workshop on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 in advance of an informal public consultation event which took place later the same day from 3pm to 8pm in the St. Vincent de Paul Centre, Rathmullan. The closing date for observations on the draft designs was 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2022. The submission responses together with the Draft Design & Design Reports are presently being evaluated with a view to progressing a statutory planning scheme for the Project in Q3 of 2022.

## 2.0 URBAN REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (URDF)

### 2.1 Existing approved URDF project in Letterkenny (application submitted 2018; final approval to proceed received September 2019)

This first application secured €1.9m in URDF monies, match funded by €600,000 for three sub-projects, the detail and progress of which is set out below:

#### (iv) Preparation of a Regeneration Strategy for Letterkenny Town Centre.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> and final phase of consultation on the Letterkenny Regeneration Strategy opened on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and closed on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 relating to Design Concepts for 11 key regeneration sites. In response, 52 online surveys were completed and 9 direct email submissions were received. The consultation period also included a public drop-in event on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022 in Dillons Hotel which was attended by circa 40 people.

The consultancy team, led by The Paul Hogarth Company presented the findings of the 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of consultation together with Draft Design Guidelines (Work Area 3), Draft Public Spaces and Linkages Action Plan (Work Area 4) and a Lower Main Street exemplar to a workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022 wherein Members endorsed the finalization and publication of the Regeneration Strategy thus the project reaching a significant milestone.

The consultancy team are currently working on the final write up and to bring together all strands of the project brief including Work Area 5 in respect of branding.



Plans are being formulated for a formal launch event which is expected to be held toward early October 2022. The services of AV Brown branding consultants, as part of the multi-disciplinary team are being engaged to create a video to inform the launch and to communicate the project effectively to the public, investors, visitors and funders. Members will be updated directly as the arrangements develop in relation to the launch event of the final Regeneration Strategy.

**(v) Acquisition of key town centre regeneration site.**

Work to progress interests in the key regeneration site approved by DHLGH for acquisition continues with intent. The Donegal County Council (Letterkenny Strategic Urban Regeneration Site) CPO 2021 was published on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021. It was subsequently submitted to An Bord Pleanala for confirmation on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021. The period for the making of objections to the CPO expired on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and a single objection was received by An Bord Pleanala to this CPO. The next step is the fixing of date for oral hearing by An Bord Pleanala with the case now identified as a 'Priority.'

Alongside acquisition, Phase 1 development of the site was approved at a Special Meeting of Donegal County Council on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022. The proposed development includes for the demolition of former ESB buildings and the development of circa 60,500sqft business, enterprise and innovation space (Alpha/Beta) supported by access linkages and public realm. This project is now being progressed by the Capital Projects Team to its next stage of detailed design with input from the Regeneration and Development Team in relation to review of tender documents and participation in Steering Group and Design Team Review meetings.

Alongside the Part 8 proposed development, discussions are ongoing internally in relation to options for the business model as regards the residential component of the Concept Masterplan relating to the remainder of the strategic site (Phase 2). Further updates will be brought to the Letterkenny-Milford MD in this regard as this work develops.

**(vi) Public realm in the area of the Public Services Centre and Joe Bonnar Rd**

Members turned the sod on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022 on the project to construct public realm in the area of the Public Services Centre and Joe Bonnar Road. ACS Civils LTD have been appointed and commenced on site on the week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 with a build period in the region of 6 months. The development will deliver high quality walking, cycling and public realm infrastructure in the town centre. It forms the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the wider planned network known as 'LK Green Connect' that will ultimately connect across a series of town centre destinations.

## 2.2 Successful application to the Urban Regeneration & Development Fund (May 2020)

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021 Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien TD announced that a provisional allocation of €13.6m has been awarded under the URDF application Letterkenny 2040 (Phase 1) 'Re-energise and Connect the Historic Town Centre' supported by match funding committed by the Council in the sum of €4.5m.

Specifically this new investment will help to advance five projects to varying stages of as follows:

- The further enhancement of the Cathedral Quarter
- The re-purposing of the Courthouse
- Strategic land assembly towards:
  - Regeneration of Lower Main Street
  - Advancement of a Regional Transport Hub
  - Enhancement of 'LK Green Connect,' walking, cycling and parkland infrastructure.

The project continues to progress through funding approval steps required under the Public Spending Code. In this regard, a Preliminary Business Case (PBC) was submitted to DHLGH in March 2022 and for review and approval. This was followed by submission of Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

**The current status of the project is that the Preliminary Business Case secured approval of DHLGH on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2022.** This represents approval under Decision Gate 1 in the project life cycle and '*approval in principle to Donegal County Council to proceed to Design, Planning & Procurement Strategy.*' As outlined, a Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy has already been submitted to DHLGH on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and is therefore actively under review and consideration by DHLGH.

Approval of Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy will lead to approval to proceed to tendering inclusive of satisfactory completion of the Final Business Case and thereafter each project will advance at varying paces dependent on nature, scale and complexity.

Alongside the above activity, a number of steps are being taken to develop each sub-project further. The table below sets out this activity.

Sub-project	Immediate next steps
<b>A: The Cathedral Quarter-Making a Creative District</b>	See breakdown for each of the 3 elements
<b>Creative Hub and Urban Parkland</b>	Site-specific design concept via LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy commission is now complete following a 3 <sup>rd</sup> phase of consultation and was endorsed at a workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD on 8 <sup>th</sup> July

Sub-project	Immediate next steps
	<p>2022.</p> <p>The Design Concept will inform the design process to prepare Part 8 proposed development or application to An Bord Pleanala, as appropriate, via procurement of architect led design and supervision team following pre-tender and tender approval by DHLGH.</p> <p>Engagement has been undertaken with Failte Irelands 'Tourism Office Network Team' and Letterkenny Chamber of Commerce in relation to the tourist office element of this project.</p> <p>Design concept is also informing acquisition processes. Landowner consultation RE acquisition pathways has already significantly progressed.</p> <p>It is intended to commence topographical survey from September 2022 onwards where landowners have given permission to do so.</p>
<b>Market Square</b>	<p>A Part 8 proposed development in respect of 'Letterkenny 2040-Reimagined Market Square' was published on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022 for public inspection until 19<sup>th</sup> August 2022. Submissions and observations may be made by 4.30pm on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022, after which a Chief Executives Report will be prepared and submitted for Members consideration at the scheduled plenary Council meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022.</p> <p>NOTE: This results in procurement of architect led design and supervision team for detailed design stage onwards rather than designs services for planning consent onwards</p>
<b>Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme</b>	<p>This project will be packaged with 'Creative Hub and Urban Parkland' as regards Architect-led design and supervision team following receipt of pre-tender approval by DHLGH.</p> <p>Part 8 is already secured through the works of Roads &amp; Transportation and will be reviewed as part of the overall design process package with specific consideration to accessibility/threshold treatment.</p> <p>It is noted that Irish Water are currently progressing works to replace an existing watermain on Church lane as a critical piece of infrastructure upgrade in advance of the URDF project progressing to site which is estimated as Q4 2024 and subject to a number of dependencies and unknowns.</p>
<b>B: Strategic acquisition in Lower Main Street</b>	<p>Site-specific design concepts for a number of Lower Main Street locations via LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy commission are now complete following a 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of consultation and were endorsed at a workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022.</p> <p>Landowner consultation RE acquisition pathways has commenced.</p> <p>Further engagement with Donegal Youth Service and Letterkenny Youth Club on future project development has also commenced.</p>
<b>C: Revival at the Courthouse</b>	<p>Draft terms of reference are currently being prepared for consultancy services to undertake a 'Product Identification/Visitor Experience Plan' to define the nature of proposed tourist attraction. The Draft Terms of Reference include for engagement with Members at MD level and are being informed by ongoing consultation with Failte Ireland inclusive of 'Attractions Team' and 'Tourism Office Network' team. The target is to complete the preparation of the Terms of Reference in advance of and in readiness of approval to proceed to tendering by DHLGH in order to fast track this stage as soon as possible.</p>

Sub-project	Immediate next steps
	<p>The 'Product Identification/Visitor Experience Plan' will include for consideration of concept options and identification of the preferred story to be told, analysis of potential markets, competitor analysis, best practice examples, preliminary pricing, preliminary revenue projections, operational model (public or private).</p>
<p><b>Sub-Project D: Enabling a Regional Transport Hub</b></p>	<p>Preferred location for future Regional Transport Hub has emerged through the LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy process in the Pearse Road area. A Design Concept in respect of a future Transport Hub and its integration with LK Green Connect walking and cycling infrastructure and a new civic space is now complete following a 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of consultation and was endorsed at a workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022. This work has assisted in connecting with potential landowners affected.</p> <p>The Design Concept will inform acquisition processes and land owner consultation will now formally commence.</p> <p>Positive engagement with Bus Eireann was held at a meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 with commitment for further engagement and communication following ,consideration within Bus Eireann corporate structures. Further follow up communication to Bus Eireann issued on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022 to share the emerging design concept launched for public consultation and to seek further engagement. This communication was renewed on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2022 seeking a further engagement as a priority.</p>
<p><b>Sub- project E: LK Green Connect</b></p>	<p>Through the LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy commission, a Design Concept in respect of LK Green Connect is now complete following a 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of consultation and was endorsed at a workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022. The Design Concept integrates LK Green Connect with an urban wetland concept, future transport hub and new civic space. The Design Concept will inform engagement with landowners to progress the acquisition interests supported under URDF as regards LK Green Connect.</p> <p>In addition, it is targeted to progress a Part 8 proposed development using in-house resources in respect of LK Green Connect walking and cycling infrastructure to link Phase 1 (currently under construction) to Pearse Road and therefore to secure Phase 2 to shovel ready status. The timeline for Part 8 is yet to be confirmed and is subject to availability of staff resources across both URDF and RRDF programmes.</p> <p>Publication of a Part 8 proposed development in respect of the 'Cultural Corridor' section of LK Green Connect is targeted for Q4 of 2022. Pasparakis Friel Architects have been appointed in this regard to provide Part 8 drawings while the Regeneration and Development manage and lead all other elements of the Part 8 process including AA and EIA screening. This also includes consultation with the Cultural Partners (An Grianan Theatre, the Regional Cultural Centre and Donegal County Museum).</p> <p>Engagement with landowners has commenced as regards land acquisition interests necessary for the Cultural Corridor section of LK Green Connect and as supported under URDF and will be further advanced with greater certainty following Part 8 publication.</p>

### 2.3 Future URDF call for applications

Although there is no confirmed date available for a 3rd call for URDF applications, an announcement is anticipated as early as Q4 2022/Q1 2023 and following an ongoing review of funding commitments/ project costs currently being undertaken by DHLGH. Consideration is being given to the options in this regard including the further sequencing of investment to deliver on the LK 2040 ambition particularly in relation to the advancement of a Regional Transport Hub, associated accessibility infrastructure and capital projects at Lower Main Street. It is proposed to scope the options with Members of Letterkenny-Milford MD as part of a future MD workshop.

#### **2.4 Other**

The Regeneration and Development Team continue to engage in other regeneration related work areas and support other sections of Donegal County Council as required and across a number of other activities.

**Regeneration & Development Team  
September 2022.**



## Donegal Municipal District - 13th September 2022 Motions

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**Agenda Item No.4**

Office Ref:DLMD-2022-08001

**Submitted By: Cllr. Tom Conaghan****Assigned To:** Roads**Motion** "That this Municipal District finds an alternative location for the Bus Stop outside the Abbey Hotel in Donegal town as there was a lot of traffic congestion caused by buses double parking over the summer months."**Signed Off By:** MARK SWEENEY**Response:** Subject to this motion being adopted the Area Roads Office are happy to explore alternatives as the existing bus stop facility does not have the capacity to deal with the volume of busses coming and going to and from the town and this is contributing to the traffic congestion being experienced. Some work has already been undertaken and we will try again to open up discussions with the National Transport Authority with a view to trying to source an alternative bus stop location that has the capacity to deal with the volume of busses.

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**Agenda Item No.5**

Office Ref:DLMD-2022-08004

**Submitted By: Cllr. Michael Naughton****Assigned To:** Roads**Motion** "That this Municipal District request funding to install a footpath or walkway from Laghey Village to Greagh Crossroads on the Pettigo Road."**Signed Off By:** MARK SWEENEY**Response:** The section of road from Laghey village to the Greagh Crossroads on the Pettigo Road (R232) is approximately 900m in length. To provide a footpath at this location will require significant funding to acquire the lands necessary and to install the drainage, kerbing, public lighting and footpath. Part 8 planning will also be necessary. Currently the NTA Active Travel funding is limited to footpaths within urban areas with the objective of linking large residential areas with key education, employment and retail destinations. Currently it is difficult to see where the funding for these significant works can be sourced but if the Members adopt this motion we will keep this location in mind for any future funding that may become available for this type of work.

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**Agenda Item No.6**

Office Ref:DLMD-2022-08006

**Submitted By: Cllr. Michael McMahon****Assigned To:** Roads**Motion** "That this MD look at the panel for the way it is set up on the recruitment of more staff for road maintaining and other works as it stands at the moment it is unsatisfactory. "**Signed Off By:** MARK SWEENEY**Response:** Road Maintenance staff numbers throughout the County are agreed as part of the Work Force Plan and these numbers are accounted for as part of the agreed budget. In recent times there has been a number of retirements within the Donegal Municipal District but while we have been waiting for panels at the various grads to be set up we have retained our seasonal staff to cover these retirements. At present there is a General Operative panel in place and some new staff have been appointed of this panel to fill vacancies where they exist. At ganger level applications have been sought and the closing date for applications was 29th August 2022 so I expect these interviews will take place in the coming weeks and a panel will then be formed from which new gangers will be appointed where vacancies exist. It is likely that applications will then be sought for the Foreman position and a panel will be created following the interview process.

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**Agenda Item No.7**

Office Ref:DLMD-2022-08007

**Submitted By: Cllr. Barry Sweeny****Assigned To:** Roads**Motion** "That this Municipal District undertakes a survey of disabled parking spaces to ensure they are kept in good condition, that road markings are refreshed, appropriate signage is in place and that there are a sufficient number of suitable spaces available in our towns and villages within the Donegal MD. I would suggest that this survey would involve the input of wheelchair users, carers and/or disability groups and

that existing resources including Walkability Audits of Killybegs, Donegal Town and Ballyshannon be utilised where necessary. "

**Signed Off By:** MARK SWEENEY

**Response:** Subject to this Motion being adopted this survey will be undertaken.



## Donegal Municipal District - 13th September 2022 Questions

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**Agenda Item No.8**

Office Ref:DLMD-2022-08002

**Submitted By: Cllr. Tom Conaghan****Assigned To:** Roads**Question** "Why are camper vans currently parking illegally with no consequences at Donegal Town Pier taking up 2/3 carpark spaces and blocking footpaths/wheelchair access? Has a permanent traffic warden been appointed?"**Signed Off By:** MARK SWEENEY**Response:** Under the current Donegal county Council (Donegal Town Car Parks) Bye Laws 2004 Clause 19 states the following: A vehicle while parked in a car park shall not be used for the sale of goods, tickets, or any service in or from the vehicle or as an office. or for the purpose of camping or caravanning, nor shall any such vehicle be offered or displayed for sale or hire or as a prize. This bye law comes into effect during business hours which is from 9:00am to 6:00pm Monday to Saturday excluding public holidays. Outside of these hours the Donegal Town Car Park Bye-laws are not relevant. Note however that under the Road Traffic (Traffic & Parking) Regulations, 1997 - Section 36 Prohibitions on Parking allows for tickets to be issued to vehicles parked in a manner which interferer's with the normal flow of traffic or obstructs or endangers other traffic. The Council are aware that large numbers of camper vans visit the County each year and there is a lack of purpose built facilities available to accommodate these vehicles and so this has prompted the recent Caravan, Camping, Camper Van and Motor Home grant scheme that was launched earlier this year. It is hoped that private individuals will avail of this grant to develop such facilities which in turn will reduce the reliance on the public car parks that are not designed to cater for these larger vehicles. With regards to a permanent traffic warden, following the retirement of the previous warden interviews have taken place and a new panel of wardens is now in place. A request has been submitted to HR to have this position filled as soon as possible.

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**Agenda Item No.9**

Office Ref:DLMD-2022-08003

**Submitted By: Cllr. Tom Conaghan****Assigned To:** Roads**Question** "Can this municipal district move forward with a plan to tackle illegal parking of camper vans at Donegal Town Pier?"**Signed Off By:** MARK SWEENEY**Response:** The Council have already commenced this through the Caravan, Camping, Campervan and Motorhome Facilities Grant Scheme 2022. It is hoped that through this scheme that private individuals will avail of the grant to provide purpose built facilities for these vehicles that are too large for the standard sized parking bays that are at the pier car park in Donegal Town.

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**Agenda Item No.10**

Office Ref:DLMD-2022-08005

**Submitted By: Cllr. Michael Naughton****Assigned To:** Environment**Question** "Whats the up todate on the funding received for Murvagh beach in May 2021 for outdoor shower and foot wash? "**Signed Off By:** MICHAEL MCGARVEY**Response:** "The outdoor shower at Murvagh beach has been tendered and DCC Environment Section have met with the Contractor on site with other stakeholders to finalise details. Formal permission is currently being sought from Coillte on whose land the works are to take place. Following the successful conclusion on this process it is hoped the works will take place shortly thereafter. The Elected Members will be kept up to date on progress with works hoping to be completed before end of year".

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**Agenda Item No.11**

Office Ref:DLMD-2022-08008

**Submitted By: Cllr. Barry Sweeny****Assigned To:** Culture**Question** "Now that our schools are up and running again can I get a reopening date for Ballyshannon Library? "**Signed Off By:** PATSY LAFFERTY



**Response:** It is envisaged that Ballyshannon library will be reopening at an early date. The staff recruitment process has been completed and we expect that appointments will be finalised shortly. This will enable the library to reopen, and we will advise members as soon as a start date is confirmed.

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**Agenda Item No.12**

Office Ref:DLMD-2022-08009

**Submitted By: Cllr. Barry Sweeny**

**Assigned To:** Roads

**Question** "Can I request a meeting to discuss detail of footpath repair schedule and budget in Ballyshannon. "

**Signed Off By:** MARK SWEENEY

**Response:** The Area Roads office will arrange this meeting in the coming days.