

Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall

Oifig Riarthóir na gCruinnithe,
Aras an Chontae,
Leifear.

1ú Nollaig, 2020

Fógra Cruinnithe

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall ar siúl **De Máirt 08 ú Nollaig, 2020, ag 11.30 r.n. in Ionad Pobail Naomh Eoin Bosco, 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

Municipal District of Donegal

Office of Meetings Administrator,
County House,
Lifford.

01st December 2020

NOTICE OF MEETING

The next Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal will be held on **Tuesday 08th December, 2020, at 11.30 a.m. in the St John Bosco Community Centre, Donegal Town.**

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 13th October 2020.
2. Consideration of Minutes of MD Budget Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 5th October 2020
3. Consideration of Minutes of the Budget Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 30th October 2020.
4. Consideration of Minutes of Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 30th October 2020.
5. Consideration of Minutes of Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 11th November 2020.
6. **Update Reports from Council Services:**
 - 6.1 Housing & Corporate Services
 - 6.1.1 Proposal to dispose of two plots of ground at Harbour View Drive Housing Scheme, Killybegs
 - 6.1.2 Schedule of MD Donegal Meetings 2021
 - 6.2 Roads / Transportation
 - 6.3 Economic Development, Information Systems and Emergency Services
 - 6.4 Environment Services
 - 5.5.1 Community Development
 - 5.5.2 Planning Services

Motions

7. Cllr Niamh Kennedy

“That this MD and its Cllrs work together to compile a thorough list of potential tourism locations, hidden gems and outdoor recreational activities throughout the district. To highlight the potential of the region including the lesser known areas to be in a position to prepare for future funding mechanisms going forward.

To start working on this during the winter period and to have an initial list by Summer 2021. This list to remain open to all new potential projects.”

8. Cllr Barry Sweeney

“That this Municipal District calls on Minister of State for Heritage and Electoral Reform, Malcolm Noonan, to fund the Donegal Heritage office led “Thatch Repair Scheme” on an annual basis and that this project be evaluated as a pilot scheme to be rolled out in other counties nationally.”

Questions

8. Cllr Tom Conaghan

“In relation to the Old Abbey Graveyard, Donegal Town, Can the Heritage Office provide funding and or assistance to rectify the wall at the entrance to the graveyard at the Pier side? It has been cordoned off for health & safety reasons.”

9. Cllr Tom Conaghan

What are the Environmental Services immediate plans for the recycling centre in Donegal Town, how often is it inspected and how often is the recycling collected? At the moment its upkeep is unacceptable?”

10. Cllr Barry Sweeney

“Can DCC heritage office engage with the Insurance Federation of Ireland to request a reasonable scheme of insurance for thatched buildings be examined in the interest of making ownership and preservation of traditional thatched structures a viable option and, by extension, halt the decline of these traditional structures, the craft of thatching and the growing of materials?”

11. Cllr Barry Sweeney

“Has progress been made in relation to the commissioning of a public art project under the Percent for Art scheme as part of the N56 Mountcharles to Inver Road scheme?”

12. **Date of Next Meeting/Workshops**

- **MD Meeting at 11.30 am on Tuesday the 12th January 2021 (as per standing orders)**

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD AT
11.30 A. M. ON TUESDAY THE 13TH OCTOBER 2020 IN THE ST JOHN
BOSCO CENTRE, DONEGAL TOWN**

MDD/107/20 MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MDD/108/20 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Garry Martin, Director Designate, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Pauric Sheerin, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Roads/Transportation
Ms. Donna Callaghan, Assistant Planner, Planning
Mr. Paul Gallagher, Administrative Officer, Environment
Ms. Brenda Hegarty, Assistant Head of Enterprise, Local Enterprise Office
Mr. Paddy Doherty, Divisional Manager, Community Development
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services
Ms. Caroline Britton, A/Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

MDD/109/20 VOTES OF SYMPATHY

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

The late Joe Smyth, Finner Avenue, Bundoran, Co. Donegal and formerly of Drumkeerin, Co. Leitrim, father of Shane Smyth, Tourism Officer in Bundoran

The late Peter McTaggart, Rosemount, Kilmacrennan, father of Joseph McTaggart, Chief Fire Officer.

**MDD/110/20 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 08TH
SEPTEMBER 2020**

On the proposal of Cllr Conaghan, seconded by Cllr Jordan, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 08th September 2020 were confirmed.

**MDD/111/20 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP OF THE
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 08TH
SEPTEMBER 2020**

On the proposal of Cllr Kennedy, seconded by Cllr Jordan, the Minutes of the Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 08th September 2020 were confirmed.

MDD/112/20 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP (1ST) OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 17TH SEPTEMBER 2020

On the proposal of Cllr Conaghan, seconded by Cllr Jordan, the Minutes of the Workshop (1st) of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 17th September 2020 were confirmed.

MDD/113/20 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP (2ND) OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 17TH SEPTEMBER 2020

On the proposal of Cllr McMahon, seconded by Cllr Conaghan, the Minutes of the Workshop (2nd) of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 17th September 2020 were confirmed.

MDD/114/20 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 25TH SEPTEMBER 2020

On the proposal of Cllr Conaghan, seconded by Cllr Jordan, the Minutes of the Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 25th September 2020 were confirmed.

MDD/115/20 HOUSING CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

CORPORATE SERVICES

HOUSING SERVICES

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

Members noted the update reports as presented by Mr Sheerin. Mr Sheerin wished to convey Mr John Gallagher's (Housing Capital) appreciation for the assistance provided during and post the workshop held in September. It is envisaged the next Housing Capital on-line workshop will be organised within 7 to 10 days. Mr Sheerin informed the Members the housing grants applications are progressing with a number of initial inspections being carried out recently. In terms of repairs and maintenance works, due to the upcoming winter months and COVID-19 restrictions, repairs / maintenance will be categorised as either 'Emergency', 'Urgent' or 'Routine'. In order to protect tenants, staff and contractors, a risk

assessment may need to be carried out prior to accessing the property. Finally, Mr Sheerin advised that casual vacancies works are ongoing.

MDD/116/20 ROADS / TRANSPORTATION SERVICES REPORT

2020 Roadworks Programme Status Report

Members noted the update report on the 2020 Road Works Programme as presented by Mr Sweeney. Mr Sweeney informed the Members the majority of the Roads Maintenance and the Restoration Improvement Programme has been completed. Mr Sweeney highlighted that three of the nine approved Community Involvement Schemes, namely Eglish Road Old Killymard Chapel, St Cummins Hill, Killybegs and Ardnagesson Road, Copany Crollly have not progressed and may need to be reallocated to alternative projects.

Follow up Issues from previous meeting

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

- The Part VIII Donegal Town One Way System report was presented to the Members at the plenary council meeting held on 28th September 2020 and the Council approved this application.
- The Members' agreement for the allocation of €50,000 towards the Council's application for the Donegal Town One Way System under the Specific Purpose Grants programme is acknowledged.
- The footpath remedial works from the West End to the roundabout in Bundoran and between the Allingham Hotel and the Bridge Bar in Bundoran will be reviewed in advance of finalising the footpath repair works in Bundoran next season.
- Road safety issues and car parking facilities will be considered in the context of the Killybegs Master Regeneration Plan.
- The community group in Carrick may consider FLAG funding under the Leader scheme as one avenue to source funding to repair / upgrade the footbridge and re-establish and develop further the river walk.
- The Area Roads Office are already planning to carry out resurfacing works at Scoil Aodh Rua agus Nuala in Donegal Town during the Halloween mid-term break and these resurfacing works will include new road markings. It is hoped that these measures will make the crossings more visible to motorists and help prevent motorists breaking the red lights at the crossings. The Area Office are also arranging for the sequencing of the lights to be adjusted so as to delay the time between when the red

light comes on and the green man is displayed and this gives the pedestrian more time to see that vehicles are stopped before they cross the road. In addition an online meeting has been arranged with the school and the Parents Association to discuss this issue.

- The section of road at the Rock side of the Father Tierney Park in Ballyshannon lies within the 50kph zone. The School Ahead sign with the flashing beacon is already erected at this location but the Roads Office will review this location to see what additional measures can be considered.
- The sign at the Drimark junction where the L1855 meets the N56 is signed for Ballydevitt as this is the final destination for the road and this is in keeping with the signage strategy that was used for all public roads leading off national routes. Note also that prior to the installation of the current signage there was a sign on the opposite the junction along the N56 that also signed Ballydevitt so the new signage matched same.
- The Area Roads Office will endeavour to address the issues with water gullies identified at the East End, Bundoran. The intention is to try to replicate what has been done to date closer to the town centre along this section of footpath.

Community Involvement Schemes

Members were reluctant to withdraw the proposed CIS's at Eglis Road Old Killymard Chapel, St Cummins Hill, Killybegs and Ardnagesson Road, Copany Crolly and recommended keeping the projects on the current list. As work is ongoing with the local promoters, the Area Roads Office agreed to await updates on same. The Members noted the short timeframe involved.

Foot Bridge

Cllr Kennedy advised that Carrick community group are currently preparing an application under the FLAG funding programme for repairs to the footbridge at Carrick.

Grass Verges & Litter Issue

Cllr Sweeney commended the road surfacing works carried out recently on the Rossnowlagh road, however, was disappointed that road surfacing materials remained in parts of the grass verges at the Abbey graveyard area. Cllr Sweeney also advised that small stones remained on the new road surface which is a hazard for cyclists. Mr Sweeney advised that an external contractor carried out these works and agreed to discuss same with them. Both Cllr Sweeney and Cllr McMahon highlighted the roadside litter issue along the Bundoran Finner Road. Mr Sweeney submitted that the outdoor staff are currently prioritising other work programmes and will revert as soon as is possible.

College Street, Ballyshannon

Cllr Sweeny advised that the road surface on sections of College Street in Ballyshannon requires resurfacing. Mr Sweeney agreed to consider as part of the Ballyshannon street works next year.

Culverts & Water Tables

Cllr Sweeny noted the heritage value of stone culverts and suggested that where possible, these stone culverts be repaired rather than replaced with pipes. Mr Sweeney submitted that the Roads Office do endeavour to strengthen existing culverts, however, depending on the size and potential flooding issues, on occasion it is more effective and efficient to replace with a pipe. Cllr McMahon advised that the water tables at Drumacrin Road require attention. Mr Sweeney agreed to consider same.

Active Travel Measures & Climate Change Adaptation Allocations

Cllr Sweeny acknowledged the funding received under the Active Travel Measures & Climate Change Adaptation Programmes and queried when the lights along the Jim White road will be operational and sought an update on Phase 2. Mr Sweeney advised that the lights are nearing completion and consideration is currently being given to procuring design consultants for the Phase 2 stage.

West End, Bundoran

Cllr McMahon advised that a landslide had occurred recently at the West End in Bundoran and queried when the works to the West End walk are due to commence. Mr Sweeney advised that a contractor has been engaged to rectify the landslide and Road Design is due to forward a map to a landowner along the West End walk.

Footpath Works

Cllr McMahon submitted that remedial works are required to sections of the footpath at Cloghore, near the Straddle Filling Station. Mr Sweeney agreed to consider same as part of the hedgecutting contract.

Bundoran Water Treatment Plant

Cllr McMahon highlighted the ongoing issue with Irish Water regarding restoring the green area at the Bundoran Treatment Plant to its original condition. Mr Sweeney agreed to engage with Irish Water again.

Donegal Town – Road Traffic Incident

Cllr Naughton acknowledged the upcoming works outside Scoil Aodh Rua agus Nuala in Donegal Town during the Halloween break. Mr Sweeney submitted that the technician responsible for the sequencing of the traffic lights is based in Co Laois, and once Donegal exits Level 3 Covid-19 restrictions these works will also be completed.

Signage

Cllr Naughton noted Mr Sweeney's response regarding the directional signage on the Killybegs road for Drimark and queried could an additional sign for Ballydevitt be included on the Drimark sign post. Mr Sweeney agreed to consider same.

MDD/117/20 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFORMATION SYSTEMS & EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT

Ms Brenda Hegarty, Assistant Head of Enterprise, was in attendance to represent the Economic Development, Information Systems and Emergency Services Directorate. Members noted the reports as circulated with the agenda dealing with the following updates:-

1. Economic Development
 - a. Economic Development Unit
 - b. Tourism Marketing Unit
 - c. Research & Policy Unit
 - d. Strategic Funding Unit
2. Local Enterprise Office
3. Information Systems
4. Emergency Services
 - a. Fire Service
 - b. Civil Defence

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

Rural Fibre Network in Ballyshannon

Cllr McMahon expressed his dismay and disappointment that a number of businesses within the Portnason, Cornhill and Cashelard area are being seriously disadvantaged with regards to the absence of broadband facilities. Cllr Sweeny also conveyed his disappointment and noted that the decision regarding the location of the broadband facilities was outside the remit of Donegal County Council. Cllr Jordan proposed inviting one of the broadband providers to a meeting; this was seconded by Cllr McMahon. As Donegal County Council do not have responsibility for the provision of broadband facilities, Mr Martin suggested making contact with the Council's Broadband Officer, Mr Daragh McDonough, who may be able to advise on interim solutions. Mr Martin also acknowledged the work done by Mr Brian Boyle, Head of Information Systems in relation to the Broadband services in the County.

Caravan & Camping Study

Cllr Kennedy acknowledged the work of the Economic Development Unit, particularly, during the current economic climate and queried if all the caravan and camping stakeholders would be afforded the opportunity to feed into the study. Mr Martin advised that the report

will assess and evaluate the opportunities and challenges facing the caravan & camping sector in Donegal and all stakeholders will have the opportunity to feed into the report.

Tourism

Cllr Naughton highlighted the current operating difficulties within the tourism sector and called for a reduction in the VAT rate, a 12 month waiver for commercial rates and supports to be made available to businesses in light of the upcoming Brexit. Cllr Naughton noted Donegal's dependency on the Northern Ireland market and expressed the view that a greater level of cross border co-operation should be developed with Fermanagh and Omagh for the South of the County, similar to what is in place between North Donegal and Derry/Strabane. Cllr Naughton also welcomed the feasibility study for the port of Killybegs.

MDD/118/20 ENVIRONMENT SERVICES REPORT

Mr Paul Gallagher presented the update reports for the Environment Section, as circulated with the Agenda dealing with the following matters:-

- Waste and Litter Management
 - School Bikes Africa – Strong Sturdy Bikes Wanted
 - October is National Reuse Month
 - Community Grants
 - Online “People for Bees” Workshop
- Coastal Management
 - End of Bathing Season

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

Lifeguards

In light of the busy year on Donegal's beaches, Cllr McMahon suggested the employment of lifeguards for a longer duration next year. Cllr Sweeny recommended collaboration with the private sector eg surf schools to provide lifeguard support.

Waste Facilities

Cllr Kennedy sought confirmation on the number of fines issued for illegal dumping at bottle banks.

Recycling & Tidy Towns Initiatives

Cllr Sweeny commended the reuse and repair initiatives and was particularly impressed with the School Bikes Africa project. Cllr Sweeny also acknowledged the supports given to community groups in terms of the Approach Roads Grants and Tidy Towns Improvement Grants.

MDD/119/20 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING SERVICES

Community Development

Mr Doherty, Divisional Manager, Community Development & Planning Services was in attendance to represent the Community Development Division. Members noted the Community Development reports as circulated with the agenda dealing with the following;-

- Town & Village Renewal – Donegal MD
 - Donegal Town
 - Glencolmcille
 - Killybegs
- Town & Villages Accelerated Measures Round 1
 - Bundoran
- Town & Villages Accelerated Measures Round 2
 - Donegal Town
- Playground Maintenance
- Peace IV Shared Spaces Project - Playgrounds in Bruckless and Rossnowlagh
- Sliabh Liag Development Project
- Leader/RDP Programme Update
- Community Enhancement Programme

Planning Services

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

- Development Applications
- Enforcement
- Planning Clinics
- Regeneration Report
- Central Planning Unit
 - Letterkenny Plan & Local Transport Plan
 - Buncrana Strategic Study
 - County Development Plan 2018-2024
- Weekly Lists of Applications & Decisions

Planning Query

Cllr McMahon sought confirmation on septic tank regulations in relation to approved planning applications. Ms Callaghan agreed to follow up with Cllr McMahon in relation to any specific queries.

Rural Regeneration & Development Fund (RRDF)

Cllr Sweeny commended the work of the team in terms of the Back to Ballyshannon project, however, was disappointed the project is not at the stage to enable the submission of a Category 1 shovel

ready funding application to the RRDF by the 1st December 2020 deadline.

MDD/120/20 DISCUSSION ON THE OPENING HOURS OF THE BANK OF IRELAND, BUNDORAN

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

"That this council write to the governor of the bank of Ireland with the concerns of closure of the Bank in Bundoran, Co.Donegal."

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

In speaking to his motion, Cllr McMahon submitted that residents, businesses and international tourists experience a lack of adequate banking services in the town of Bundoran. With reduced operating hours, no facilities available to lodge cash and intermittent ATM services, customers have no option but to go to Ballyshannon to carry out their banking. Cllr McMahon requested on behalf of the Municipal District to issue a letter to the Governor of the Bank of Ireland regarding these ongoing issues. Cllr Naughton concurred with Cllr McMahon and highlighted the difficulty experienced by businesses when lodging cash. Cllr Jordan suggested other financial institutions such as Post Offices augment their banking services.

MDD/121/20 DISCUSSION ON THE FINANCIAL STRAIN EXPERIENCE BY VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY GROUPS WHEN DRAWING DOWN FUNDING

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

"I am calling on Donegal County Council to contact the funding agencies (BIM FLAG, LEADER etc) for small local community groups to assist them with the serious issue of groups having to spend the grant monies before they receive the grants. This also goes for Donegal County Council. It is putting serious financial strain on small groups to try to borrow in advance of financial assistance in order for these groups to get any funding necessary for their communities to deal with local projects and activities. This is putting many groups out of the equation."

Members were given a response to the motion by Divisional Manager, Community Development.

Cllr Kennedy highlighted the difficulties experienced by voluntary community groups when drawing down grants. In the majority of

instances, the voluntary community group must incur the expenditure prior to receiving the grant; this can result in groups having to obtain external finances. Cllr Kennedy welcomed the response from the Divisional Manager in terms of making representation to the relevant Departments and providing grant payments in advance to groups awarded funding under the Members Development Fund Scheme. Review of the procedures under the Development Fund Initiative was also welcomed. Cllr Jordan concurred with Cllr Kennedy and reiterated that community groups can experience difficulties sourcing funds to co-finance projects.

MDD/122/20 Representation to the National Broadband Company regarding a number of areas in Ballyshannon

The following Question was submitted by Cllr McMahon;-

“Has this Municipal District made representations to the national broadband company ie EIR regarding the broadband at Portnason, Corrin Hill and Cashelard, Ballyshannon, Co.Donegal. Businesses are being seriously disadvantaged at the absence of broadband in these areas.?”

Cllr McMahon received a response from the Director of Economic Development, Information Systems and Emergency Services in relation to the above.

MDD/123/20 Cleaning part of Termon River, Pettigo

The following Question was submitted by Cllr McMahon;-

“Has the Council made any arrangements to clean the lower part of the Termon river in Pettigo of brush, bushes and grass to prevent an overflow on to the main road and cause endangerment to houses.?”

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

MDD/124/20 Number of house completion in County Donegal

The following Question was submitted by Cllr Kennedy;-

“How many new private homes were built in County Donegal in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and if possible 2020 to date please.?”

Cllr Kennedy received a response from the Area Manager, Planning & Economic Development in relation to the above.

MDD/125/20 Date of next Meeting/Workshops

- **MD Donegal Budget Meeting**
Friday, 30th October 2020 at 10am in St John Bosco Centre, Donegal Town
- **Community Development On-line Workshop**
Friday, 30th October 2020 at 1.30pm
- **MD Donegal Meeting as per Standing Orders**
Tuesday, 8th December 2020 at 11.30am in St John Bosco Centre,
Donegal Town

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Area Manager
Municipal District of Donegal

Cathaoirleach
Municipal District of Donegal

Minutes of the Virtual Budget Workshop of Municipal District of Donegal held on Monday the 5th October 2020 commencing at 10.00 a.m.

Members Virtually Present:

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

Officials virtually in Attendance:

Mr. Richard Gibson, Head of Finance
Mr. Garry Martin, Director Designate, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Pauric Sheerin, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services
Ms. Caroline Britton, A/Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

Apologies

Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal

1. Date for Statutory MD Donegal Budget Meeting

Members noted Friday the 30th October 2020 at 10am as the date and time agreed for MD Donegal Budget meeting. R Gibson noted legislation may change to allow the Budget meeting to take place virtually.

2. Overview of Budget Processes, including approach to General Municipal Allocations for 2020

Mr R Gibson briefed Members in relation to the Budget Processes including the Local Property Tax consultation, CPG meetings, Meetings with Directors and Divisional Managers, MD Budget Workshops, MD Budget meetings etc. He confirmed that the Plenary Council have agreed to maintain the increase of 15% in the Local Property Tax for 2021. He also confirmed that the Plenary Budget meeting is due to held on the 25th November 2020 and that the Capital Programme will be presented to the Members on the 30th November 2020. He also advised that as in previous years the Schedule of Municipal District Works 2021 would be dealt with in March 2021. Mr Gibson further advised that the final date for the Council to adopt the Budget is the 8th December 2020.

3. LPT Allocation for 2021

Mr Gibson informed Members that as per the Members decision at the September 2020 Plenary Council meeting the increase of 15% in the Local Property Tax (LPT) will be maintained in 2021. 17% / €26.1m of the Council's budget is derived from LPT, with €1.7m of this amount relating to the percentage increase of 15% of the baseline. Mr Gibson further advised that €12.9m LPT is collected locally with €2.2m being forward to the equalisation fund. In turn Donegal receives €16.1m from the equalisation fund transfer. He also briefed Members in relation to possible changes in the LTP in the coming years. A number of comments/queries were dealt with at the workshop in relation to LPT.

4. Commercial Rates – 2021 Projections

Mr Gibson advised Members that the 2020 rates income had been projected at €34.4m (24% of the total income) before an adjustment of €6.9m for vacant properties / write offs etc. Collection rates were promising for the start of 2020; however, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a major impact. A waiver of commercial rates for 6 months has been applied to a number of businesses in Donegal and the Council including the Local Enterprise Office has been proactive in delivering a number of grant schemes to assist businesses throughout the county. Mr Gibson further advised that the National Budget is due to be held on the 13th October 2020 and the Council will await an announcement of any further measures under this scheme. He also advised Members that a 1% increase in commercial rates would generate an additional €240,000.00 approximately, however, at this juncture it is difficult to predict the ability to collect rates in the forthcoming year. Mr Gibson also advised Members that the Valuation Office is currently carrying out a review of the valuations and it is expected the new bills will issue in January 2022. A number of comments/queries in relation to commercial rates, eradicating vacant properties and pursuing owners of derelict / dangerous properties were dealt with at the Workshop.

5. Possible Approaches to Rates Vacancy for 2021 in line with Section 31(1) of the Local Government Reform Act 2014

Mr Gibson advised that the rates for vacant properties would be dealt with as per the current arrangements.

6. Emerging Issues in preparation of 2021 Revenue Budget

Mr Gibson informed Members that the expenditure out-turn for 2020 has increased due to additional COVID-19 related expenditure such as PPE, computer hardware / software, the need to support our leisure centres and structural changes within the buildings. On the income side, parking charges and planning fees have reduced; however, funding from the Government has assisted in the cost of the 6 month waiver in commercial rates. Housing rents and loans incomes are broadly as projected. As it stands it is unlikely that the current revenue budget will balance at the end of year and there may be a need to extract funding from reserves to balance the books. It was noted the importance of maintaining reserves to assist with future co-funding projects which help to stimulate local economic development.

7. Proposed Approach to 3 Year Capital Budget Preparation 2021 - 2023 as required by Section 135 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended)

Mr Gibson informed Members that the 3 Year Capital Programme would be brought to the Plenary Council on the 30th November 2020.

8. Discussions on MD priorities on 2021 Revenue Budget

Mr R Gibson referred to the workshop as being an opportunity to note Members priorities for the MD and to relay points raised to the Senior Management Team. The following comments were made:-

Cllr McMahon suggested extra funding should be obtained for the maintenance of the housing stock and an increase in the timeframe/season for the employment of lifeguards on our beaches. He also submitted that funding should be provided to

provide public lighting in a number of estates in Bundoran that have yet to be taken in charge.

Cllr Jordan emphasised the importance of tourism for our county and submitted that the walkway requested for Mountcharles Pier which is on the Wild Atlantic Way should be pursued in the context of the Capital Plan. Cllr Jordan queried the impact of the SLA expiring with Irish Water in 2021.

Cllr Kennedy noted the current difficult landscape and submitted the importance of improving the visitors experience to the county, particularly, increasing the number of public conveniences throughout the MD. Cllr Kennedy also highlighted the difficulty for Community Groups who are obliged to submit proof of payment prior to the drawdown of the funding award.

Cllr Naughton queried the process for the administration of the Minor Infrastructure Fund of €5,500 per Elected Member.

Cllr Conaghan commended the fellow Elected Members on the points raised and noted the importance of allocating funding towards the Take-Over of Estates.

Cllr Sweeny queried if the Project 2040 Vision may be reviewed in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and noted the importance of continuing to invest in projects such as Greenways and to ensure a reserve is available for match funding purposes. Cllr Sweeny submitted that funding should be sought for the delivery of additional LIS's, Fire Stations, additional life guard cover, support to the Arts & Cultural Sector, and consideration should be given to supporting the Camper Van sector. He further submitted that support is required for the taking in charge of private estates and also for the progression of Local Authority Housing projects.

Mr R Gibson thanked the Members for their submissions and advised he would bring the requests to the meetings with the Directors and Divisional Managers for discussion. He also referred to a number of flagship projects for the District including the RRDF for Killybegs and Ballyshannon. He further referred to additional funding allocated to the Council's Housing stock over the last three years and advised that a revised process for the distribution of community grant funding would require a policy change at SPC level. Mr Gibson informed the Members that the Minor Infrastructure Fund will be administered by DCC and could be delivered via the Area Roads Section or procured Contractors. Members will be afforded the opportunity to combine their funding allocation to deliver a specific project(s). Mr Gibson advised that no confirmation had been received in terms of the SLA with Irish Water expiring in 2021. Members thanked Mr Gibson for attending.

This concluded the business of the Workshop.

**Area Manager,
Municipal District of Donegal**

**Cathaoirleach,
Municipal District of Donegal**

Minutes of Municipal District of Donegal Budget Meeting held at 10.00 a.m. on Friday 30th October 2020 in the St. John Bosco Community Centre, Donegal Town.

MDD/148/20

Members Present

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

MDD/149/20

Officials in attendance

Mr. Garry Martin, Director Designate, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Pauric Sheerin, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Municipal District of Donegal.
Ms. Caroline Britton, Staff Officer, Municipal District of Donegal

MDD/150/20

Apologies

Mr. Richard Gibson, Head of Finance
Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal

MDD/151/20

Draft Budgetary Plan and General Municipal Allocation for the Municipal District of Donegal for 2021

Mr. G Martin, Director Designate for the Municipal District of Donegal conveyed apologies from Mr. R Gibson, Director of Finance. Mr. Martin informed Members that it had been agreed that the relevant Director for the MD would deal with this Budget meeting. He advised Members the purpose of the meeting was to confirm and put on record the approach adopted in consideration of the Draft Budgetary Plan for the Municipal District of Donegal for 2021.

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

1. Draft Budgetary Plan & General Municipal Allocation for 2021 – Donegal Municipal District
2. Draft Budgetary Plan 2021 – Donegal Municipal District

A number of queries/comments, and in particular in relation to the timing of the MD Budget meeting prior to knowing what the overall Plenary Budget is for 2021, Development Fund Initiative, Local Property Tax, Commercial Rates, Plenary Budget Arrangements, Costs, Local Improvement Schemes, Roads Works Programme, Discretionary Funding etc. were dealt with by Mr. Martin at the meeting.

A number of follow up issues were raised as follows;-

Members asked that clarification be provided to them in relation to the Minor Infrastructure Scheme in terms of monies not spend in 2020 being carried over into 2021. Mr. Martin advised he would request the Director of Roads / Transportation to provide this clarification to Members.

Members also requested if it was possible for an additional allocation for Roads for 2021 to deal with matters such as Secondary Roads in need of urgent repair and also Local Improvement Schemes. In response to same Mr. Martin referred to the possibility of utilising the Members Development Fund or a portion of same for such matters if Members so decide.

Members also sought clarification in respect if there would continue to be an allocation for Tidy Towns Committees in 2021. Mr. Martin advised he would request that Ms. S Bogan revert to Members in this regard.

Members also sought clarification as to when minutes of the SPC meetings can be made available to them. Mr. Martin undertook to seek this clarification from the Director of Housing & Corporate Services.

Members sought action in relation to the alleged substandard works that were carried out on behalf of Irish Water in the Centre of Bundoran at the Waste Water Treatment Plant and Mr. Martin undertook to follow up on this matter through the Director of Water & Environment Services.

Following a discussion on the proposal of Cllr Kennedy seconded by Cllr Sweeny the following resolution was adopted by;-

“In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 and associated regulations, that this Municipal District adopts a provisional General Municipal Allocation in the amount of €120,000.00 for 2021 at this time”.

Mr. Martin thanked Members for their adoption of the Draft Budgetary Plan for 2021 for the Municipal District of Donegal.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Area Manager
Municipal District of Donegal

Cathaoirleach
Municipal District of Donegal

**Minutes of the Virtual Workshop of Municipal District of Donegal held on Friday
the 30th October 2020 1.30 pm**

Members Present:

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

Officials in Attendance:

Mr. Pauric Sheerin, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. John Gallagher, Senior Executive Engineer, Housing Capital
Mr. Paddy Doherty, Divisional Manager, Community Development
Mr. James Kelly, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Community Development
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services
Ms. Caroline Britton, A/Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

Apologies

Mr. Garry Martin, Director Designate, Municipal District of Donegal

Minutes

Housing Capital

1. Proposed Social Housing Scheme at Drumacrin, Bundoran

Following the previous workshop held in September 2020, Mr. John Gallagher, Senior Executive Engineer, Housing Capital, Lifford, updated Members on the proposed Social Housing Scheme at Drumacrin, Bundoran which has been awarded funding of €10.9m under the Social Housing Investment Programme (SHIP). In order to identify possible alternative access routes, Mr. Gallagher advised that a number of adjacent landowners have been approached individually to ascertain their views on alternative options. The majority of the responses from the landowners were positive and it was noted that in order to avoid the risk of losing the SHIP funding, these options could be further pursued in parallel with delivering the housing scheme. Members welcomed the developments and conveyed their support for the housing scheme, however, emphasised the importance of liaising with the Planning Department and other relevant sections of the Council in terms of prioritising the updating of the current County Development Plan 2018 to 2024 or instigating a specific Bundoran Town Plan to facilitate the strategic infrastructural development that would allow for the further development of the Bundoran area. The Members thanked Mr. Gallagher for his work on this project to date.

Community Development

2. Sliabh Liag – Car Parking Bye-Laws Update

Following the previous workshop held in February 2020. Mr. Paddy Doherty updated Members on the proposed Sliabh Liag car parking bye-laws. Due to the huge influx of visitors following the re-opening of the facilities in July, Mr Doherty outlined the importance of putting in place car parking bye-laws to reduce traffic congestion and

Workshop - Municipal District of Donegal on 30th October 2020

prevent environmental damage. Taking into consideration the submissions received and the contributions by the Members at the last workshop, Mr Doherty conveyed a number of revised charging options including the issuing of annual permits to Donegal residents which is proposed. The Members welcomed the revised charging arrangements and looked forward to obtaining a full report in advance of the December MD meeting. A number of comments/queries were dealt with at the workshop. Mr. Doherty agreed to forward his presentation at the workshop to Members for their information. The Members requested that the Council inform people who had made submissions how their concerns were being addressed within the revised proposals. The Members thanked Mr. Doherty for the work on the project to date.

This concluded the business of the Workshop.

**Area Manager,
Municipal District of Donegal**

**Cathaoirleach,
Municipal District of Donegal**

Donegal Municipal District

Roads & Transportation Workshop

Date: 11th November 2020

Time: 10:00am

Venue: On-line video meeting

Present: Cllr Naughton, Cllr Kennedy, Cllr Jordan, Cllr Sweeney, Cllr Conaghan, Michael Canning, Donna Callaghan & Mark Sweeney

Apologies: Cllr McMahon

Topics discussed:

1. Bundoran Christmas Lights – Request for funding €2,000.00
2. Additional funding request - To cover additional expenditure on the construction of the car park in Donegal Town.
3. Halls Junction – Briefing the Members on the submissions received during the public consultation process on the Part 8 planning application for the new road alignment.

1. Bundoran Christmas Lights:

The members were advised that the Bundoran Christmas Lights Committee submitted a written request for financial support for the Christmas lights in Bundoran in 2020. An amount of €2,000.00 was requested:

The Members agreed to fund this amount from the Bundoran Pay & Display Fund.

Proposed By Cllr Conaghan and seconded by Cllr Sweeney.

2. Additional Funding Request:

The Members were advised that additional funding from the Donegal Town Parking Charges Reserve fund is needed to cover the actual costs of the construction of the town centre car park in Donegal Town. An additional amount of €45,000.00 is being requested to cover additional costs associated with scaffolding, repair of roof cladding to adjacent property, the construction of a new loading bay and associated footpath works, footpath extension works and the stamp duty on the purchase of the property.

The Members agreed that this amount can be sourced from the Donegal Town Parking Charges Reserve Fund.

Proposed By Cllr Conaghan and seconded by Cllr Naughton.

3. Halls Junction:

The Members were briefed on the submissions received following the public consultation on the Part 8 application for the new junction improvement and road alignment works at Halls Junction.

A total of 13 submissions were received, 3 submissions from statutory consultee's and 10 submissions from members of the public.

The main concern highlighted by the 10 submissions received from the members of the public was the economic impact the proposed reprioritised junction was going to have on the village of Kilcar.

Submissions received and DCC responses were presented to the Members. Members feedback does not materially alter the proposed scheme and shall be considered at detailed design.

All Members were happy for the scheme to be included on the agenda at the forthcoming Plenary Council meeting on 30th November 2020 for the Council to decide on the Part 8 application.

Proposed by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Jordan

Minutes compiled by: Mark Sweeney A/SEE Roads & Transportation Office,
Donegal Municipal District.



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

Municipal District of Donegal

8th December 2020

Housing & Corporate

REPORT

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Area	BED	Dwelling Vacated	Comment
Ballintra	1	Keys returned 09/05/2018	Contract tendered
Ballintra	1	Tenant Deceased on 10/6/2019	Contract tendered
Ballintra	1	Tenant deceased - keys returned 19/06/2020	Referred for Assessment
Ballintra	1	Tenant Deceased on 09/01/2020	2020 Voids Programme SD
Ballintra	3	Tenancy terminated and keys returned 06/08/2020	Referred for Assessment
Ballyshannon	3	Keys returned 13/01/2020	2020 Voids Programme SD
Ballyshannon	3	Tenant Deceased - Mar 2018	2020 Voids Programme LTV
Ballyshannon	3	House Fire - property vacant from 29/01/2020	2020 Voids Programme SD
Ballyshannon	3	Keys returned 08/07/2019	2020 Voids Programme LTV
Ballyshannon	3	Tenant Deceased - April 2020	Referred for Engineers feasibility report
Ballyshannon	2	Keys returned by 25/06/2020	2020 Voids Programme SD
Donegal Town	1	Keys returned 31/07/2020	Works to be completed Dec 2020
Donegal Town	1	Tenant deceased - keys returned 28/06/2018	Works to be completed Dec 2020
Donegal Town	3	Keys returned by tenant on 17/08/2020	Works to be completed Dec 2020
Donegal Town	3	Keys returned on 21/8/2020	Works to be completed Dec 2020
Frosses	2	Keys returned by Tenant on 19/11/2020	Works to be completed Dec 2020
Dunkineely	3	25/08/2017	2020 Voids Programme LTV
Dunkineely	3	15/12/2017	2020 Voids Programme LTV
Glencolmcille	3	Keys returned 08/01/2020	2020 Voids Programme SD
Pettigo	1	Tenant deceased - keys returned 23/04/2020	2020 Voids Programme SD

<u>HOUSING GRANTS</u>						
	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED\INVALID	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HO	2019	85	64	17	0	4
HO	2020	69	55	3	1	10

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED\INVALID	REAPPLIED UNDER HM GRANT	FURTHER INFO.	REF. TO OT	REF. To ENGINEER	PENDING
HD	2019	34	14	11	4	0	0	0	5
HD	2020	37	20	2	0	3	1	0	11

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED\INVALID	REAPPLIED UNDER HD GRANT	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HM	2019	56	31	9	8	0	8
HM	2020	42	24	3	5	2	8

HOUSING LOANS

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	PENDING	Further information
Housing Loans	2019	13	0	0	13	0	0
Housing Loans	2020	7	1	0	1	2	3

Tenant Purchase Applications 2019 - 2020

Year	No. of Apps Received	Incomplete Returned	Open Applications	Refused/ Not Eligible	Offer letters Issued	Completed
2019	9	1	0	0	8	4
2020	9	2	5	0	2	0

**Housing Capital Update Report
Donegal Municipal District Meeting
8th December 2020**

1. Social Housing Developments – Construction Schemes

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

Location	Status	No. of Units
Construction Stage		
Donegal Town	Construction works ongoing onsite. Scheme consists of 24 social housing units and 2 no. group homes. Works were suspended due to Covid 19 and recommenced 18 th May 2020. Expected completion date Q1 2021.	24
Killybegs	Complete	9
Sub Total		33
Design Stage		
Donegal Town Phase 3	Preparation of tender documentation. (Part 8 approved).	24
Bundoran Phase 1	Preparation of tender documentation. (Part 8 approved).	42
Sub Total		66
Total		99

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.

2. House Acquisition Programme

Donegal County Council has acquired, or is in the process of acquiring, properties under the House Acquisition Programme. In the Donegal Municipal District during 2018-2020, 5 properties were purchased under this programme.

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

3. Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition

Donegal County Council's turnkey acquisition process is continuing throughout the county. This competitive dialogue procurement process will result in a major capital investment in social housing, with the initial projects in the county. 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.

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.

Stage 4 approval has now been obtained from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) for a turnkey development at Rockview, Ballyshannon. The development which will be delivered by Parkfort Developments Ltd. will comprise 5 no. 2 bedroom units. Council staff is currently working to complete the acquisition of the properties with VP McMullins Solicitors following which the development will commence on-site and Members will be kept informed of progress.

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

4. Lands / Property for Social Housing Purposes

The Council is actively seeking lands in towns where there is a social housing need where there are currently no viable housing delivery options. Offers to acquire land have been made in a number of towns and Members will be kept informed.

The Council also recently advertised for expressions of interest for parcels of land, derelict sites / buildings with the potential to deliver social housing. A significant response has been received, right across the five Municipal Districts and the submissions are currently being assessed.

Approved Housing Bodies Developments - Donegal Municipal District

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

HAP/PRD	
HAP Tenancies	
Municipal District	Number
Donegal	250
Letterkenny	742
Glenties	137
Stranorlar	274
Inishowen	454
Sub Total	1857
Tenancies Closed	1762
Overall Total	3619

Private Rented Dwelling Inspections (MDD) to 24.11.2020	352
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Municipal District		Waiting List (Net Need)	Transfer List	Total Gross Need
Donegal		164	224	388
	Ballintra	4	6	10
	Ballyshannon	31	44	75
	Bruckless	4	2	6
	Bundoran	24	52	76
	Carrick	4	2	6
	Donegal	62	86	148
	Drimarone	1	0	1
	Dunkineely	2	3	5
	Frosses	2	2	4
	Glencolmcille	4	0	4
	Inver	0	0	0
	Kilcar	2	2	4
	Killybegs	16	13	29
	Laghey	3	4	7
	Mountcharles	4	6	10
	Pettigo	1	2	3
	Total	164	224	388
Updated 23.11.2020				

Repair & Lease Scheme Summary

Applications						
MD	Received	No. of Units	Awaiting assessment	Rejected	Progressing	Total
Inishowen	17	20	1	16	0	17
Donegal	15	39	1	14	0	15
Glenties	15	15	0	15	0	15
Letterkenny	20	25	5	15	0	20
Stranorlar	17	33	5	12	0	17
Total	84	132	12	72	0	84

Updated 17/11/2020

Housing & Corporate Services
Milford PSC
Main Street
Milford
Co Donegal

12th November, 2020

To: EACH MEMBER OF THE DONEGAL MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Proposal to dispose of two plots of ground at Harbour View Drive Housing Scheme, Killybegs

Dear Councillor

Donegal County Council acquired land in the Townland of Killybegs in 1971 for the purpose of housing and it was developed in the mid 1970's with the Harbour View Drive Housing Scheme constructed thereon. Believed to be some time later, a dividing wall was erected around the adjoining property at the entrance to the scheme enclosing two small sections of the land owned by the Council therein. It is now proposed to regularise the matter through the disposal of the two sections of land to the owner of the adjoining property, Eamonn Gallagher, Little Oaks, The Green, Church Road, Killybegs subject to:-

- Approval of the Elected Members of the Council
- Payment of the sum of €3,000 being the full value of the lands.
- Eamonn Gallagher being responsible for the payment of land registration fees, stamp duty and his own legal fees and costs associated with the transfer.

Plot one comprising 0.0018 hectares proposed for transfer is edged in red, cross hatched in orange and lettered "B" on the attached map "CS-20222-EG" with plot two comprising 0.005 hectares being edged in red, cross hatched in blue and lettered "D" also on the said map. Both plots form part of the lands registered under Folio DL42752, Property Number 1, Plan Number 32D_1.

The matter is now being brought before the Municipal District Members for approval prior to the issue of the formal Notice under Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 to the full Council.

Yours sincerely

PMcLaughlin

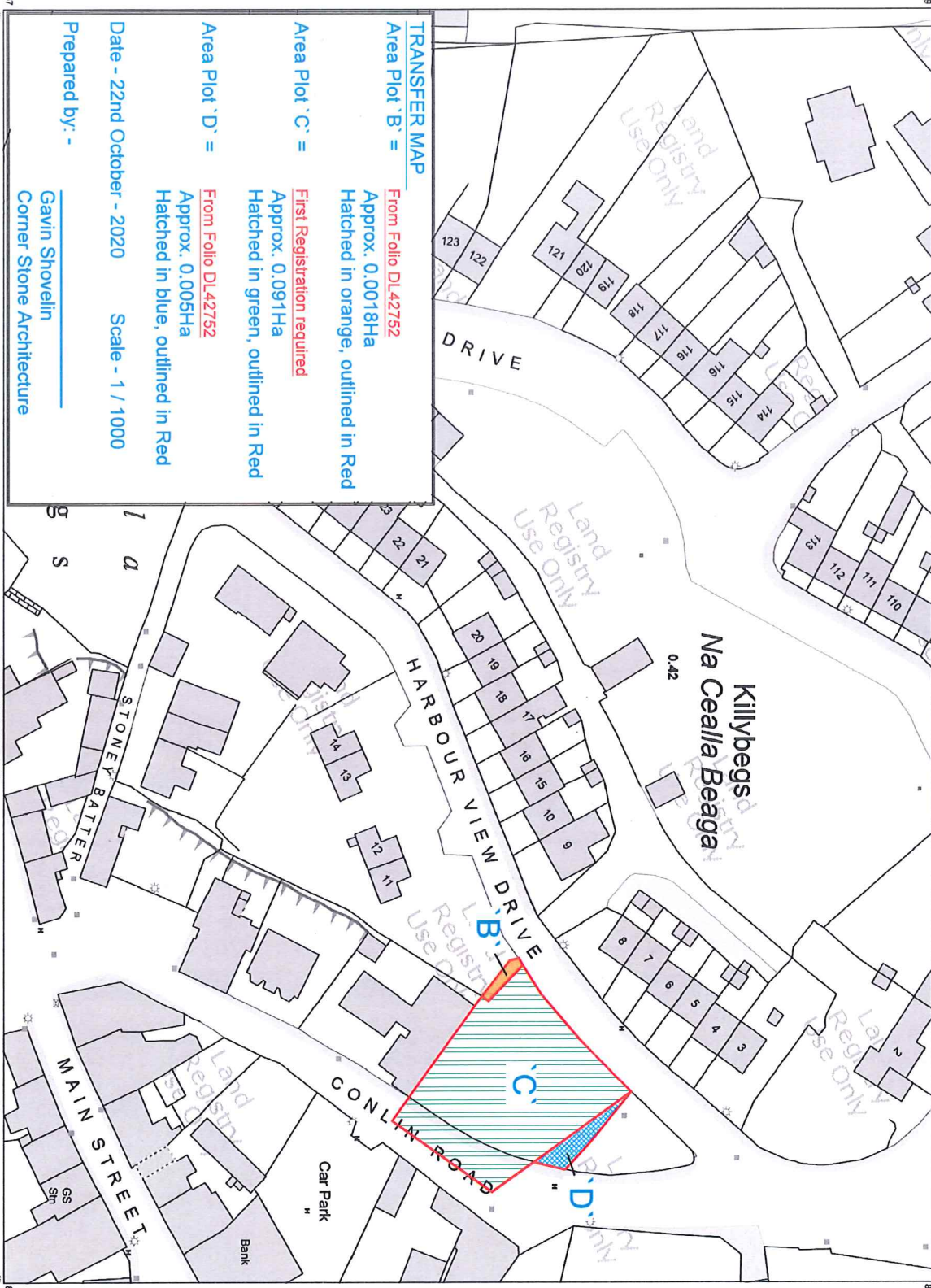
Senior Executive Officer

Encl: Map showing plots of land to be disposed of

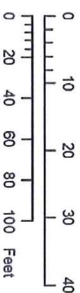
Land Registry Compliant Map

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TRANSFER MAP
Area Plot 'B' = From Folio DL42752
 Approx. 0.0018Ha
 Hatched in orange, outlined in Red
Area Plot 'C' = First Registration required
 Approx. 0.091Ha
 Hatched in green, outlined in Red
Area Plot 'D' = From Folio DL42752
 Approx. 0.005Ha
 Hatched in blue, outlined in Red
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Schedule of MD Donegal Meetings 2021

MD Donegal meetings commence at 11.30 am as per Standing Orders.

Venue for 2021 MD Meetings.

Subject to the resolution of the Members at the Donegal MD meeting in December 2020, provisional arrangements are being made to continue to use the St. John Bosco Community Centre, Donegal Town as the MD meeting venue for January 2021, February 2021 and March 2021 due to Covid -19 requirements for holding meetings.

Month	Date
January	Tuesday 12 th
February	Tuesday 9 th
March	Tuesday 9 th
April	Tuesday 13 th
May	Tuesday 11 th
June	Tuesday 8 th
July	Tuesday 13 th
September	Tuesday 14 th
October	Tuesday 12 th
October	MD Budget meeting – date to be agreed
December	Tuesday 14 th

**Donegal Municipal District
2020 Roadworks Programme
Status Report - 8th December 2020**

Donegal Municipal District

2020 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
2020 Regional Road Surface Dressing										
Regional	R262/5	Frosses - Glenties (Meenagran)	Dunkineely	SD	2020	600	5.75	3450	€18,500.65	Completed
Regional	R230-3	Braadge Lower	Killybegs	SD	2020	1300	4.5	5850	€31,900.00	Completed
Regional	R230-2	Faugher-Drumroe	Killybegs	SD	2020	850	4.5	3825	€22,000.93	Completed
Regional	R263-16	Malinmore	Killybegs	SD	2020	800	5	4000	€22,000.00	Completed
Regional	R230-11	Crove Road	Killybegs	SD	2020	1200	4.5	5400	€29,820.00	Completed
Regional	R 321-4-5	Rossnowlagh RD	Ballyshannon	SD	2020	1150	7	8050	€44,080.00	Completed
Regional	R233	Lough Derg Road	Laghey	SD	2020	1300	6	7800	€42,259.42	Completed
Regional	R267	Drumgowan	Laghey	SD	2020	250	12	3000	€16,500.00	Completed
									Total	€227,061.00

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
2020 Local Road Surface Dressing										
Local	LS6495/1	Heeneys	Dunkineely	SD	2020	1000	3.5	3500	€15,750.00	Completed
Local	LP1515-5	Ardaghey - Ardara	Dunkineely	SD	2020	800	6	4800	€21,600.00	Completed
Local	LP1685-1	Frosses - Drumbarron	Dunkineely	SD	2020	800	3.75	3000	€13,500.00	Completed
Local	LP6385-1	Dromore Upper (Mick Griffins)	Dunkineely	SD	2020	1150	3.25	3738	€16,500.00	Completed
Local	5945/2	Drumcoe - Creevins	Dunkineely	SD	2020	700	3.25	2275	€10,000.00	Completed
Local	LP1665-1	Doorin Line - Phone box Jn	Dunkineely	SD	2020	1000	4.75	4750	€21,202.31	Completed
Local	LP6175-2	Leonards C/R - Kellys Garage	Dunkineely	SD	2020	900	4	3600	€16,200.00	Completed
Local	1545-2	Fanaghans - Hillhead Link Road	Dunkineely	SD	2020	430	3.75	1613	€7,256.25	Completed
Local	1535-1	Port Road Inver	Dunkineely	SD	2020	630	3.75	2363	€10,631.25	Moved to 2021
Local	L1575-1	Kelloges	Dunkineely	SD	2020	800	3.5	2800	€10,631.25	Completed
Local	LP1485-1	Brenter	Dunkineely	SD	2020	1000	3.25	3250	€14,625.00	Completed
Local	LP1415-4	Dunkineely - Croagh	Dunkineely	SD	2020	720	4	2880	€12,960.00	Completed
Local	1425/1	St Johns Point	Dunkineely	SD	2020	910	4	3640	€16,380.00	Completed
Local	L-1015-2	Meenacross	Killybegs	SD	2020	1300	3.5	4550	€20,000.00	Completed
Local	L-1235-1	Croughnasilla	Killybegs	SD	2020	1400	3	4200	€18,900.00	Completed
Local	L-1215-4	Shalwey	Killybegs	SD	2020	1000	3.5	3500	€15,750.00	Completed
Local	L-1125-1	Carrick towards Meenaneary	Killybegs	SD	2020	1000	4.5	4500	€20,439.99	Completed
Local	L-1345-1	Binroe	Killybegs	SD	2020	1000	4.5	4500	€20,300.00	Completed
Local	L-5185-2	Bogagh Glebe	Killybegs	SD	2020	1400	3.5	4900	€22,000.00	Completed
Local	L-1315-2	Commons	Killybegs	SD	2020	1000	5	5000	€22,500.00	Completed
Local	L-1395-1	Bruckless towards Croagh	Killybegs	SD	2020	1000	5	5000	€0.00	Amount redistributed.
Local	L 7655-1	Cashel	Ballyshannon	SD	2020	1500	3.5	5250	€23,193.18	Started
Local	L 2225-3	Tievebrack	Ballyshannon	SD	2020	1600	3.5	5600	€25,200.00	Started
Local	L2485-2	Knader	Ballyshannon	SD	2020	1300	6	7800	€35,000.00	Started
Local	L7785-2	Doobally	Ballyshannon	SD	2020	1600	3.5	5600	€25,000.00	Started
Local	L2525-1	Moy RD	Ballyshannon	SD	2020	1000	6	6000	€27,000.00	Started
Local	L7695-1	Tonregee-Creeve	Ballyshannon	SD	2020	2550	3.5	8925	€40,162.50	Started
Local	LP-2075-1	Drumbar - Old Laghey Rd	Laghey	SD	2020	950	5	4750	€21,638.69	Completed
Local	LP-2095-2	Golard	Laghey	SD	2020	800	4.5	3600	€16,240.83	Completed
Local	LP-6825-1	Rathnenny East	Laghey	SD	2020	400	3.4	1360	€6,120.00	Completed
Local	LP-2035-1	Tullyearl Rossmore	Laghey	SD	2020	1000	4	4000	€18,000.00	Completed
Local	LP-6815-2	Skreen	Laghey	SD	2020	600	3.5	2100	€9,450.00	Completed
Local	LP-6895-1	Trummon East	Laghey	SD	2020	1000	3.5	3500	€15,750.00	Completed
Local	LP-6525-1	Spierstown	Laghey	SD	2020	600	4	2400	€10,800.00	Completed
Local	LP-6525-1	Drumrenanagh	Laghey	SD	2020	500	4	2000	€9,000.00	Completed
Local	LS-80452	Gortnesinessy	Laghey	SD	2020	1400	3.5	4900	€22,050.00	Completed
Local	LS-22651	Ballymacavany	Laghey	SD	2020	700	3.5	2450	€11,025.00	Completed
Local	LP-1915-2	Killymard	Laghey	SD	2020	900	6	5400	€24,300.00	Completed
Local	LP-1975-2	Tawnawully - Mullanalamphry - Miltown	Laghey	SD	2020	1000	5.5	5500	€24,750.00	Completed
									Total	€691,806.25

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Donegal Municipal District

2020 Restoration Improvement Programme 2020

No	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Length (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)	Status
1	R	R-262-2	Frosses - Gargrim	14	600	3,600	€80,000.00	Completed
2	LS	L-6445-2	Newtown - Ballydevitt	14	1000	3,200	€44,540.00	Completed
3	LP	L-1825/2/3	Meenatagart - Altילו	14	1500	4,800	€67,200.00	Completed
4	LP	L1575/3	Killian - Meenagran	14	1000	3,000	€45,000.00	Completed
5	LP	L1845/2	Altadoo	14	1000	4,500	€58,500.00	Completed
6	LP	L-1615/2	Tullynatrasna (Wild cats Bush)	14	1000	3,000	€45,000.00	Completed
7	LP	L-1425/1	St Johns Point (end)	14	1000	3,200	€49,866.96	Completed
8	LP	L-1815/1	Glencoagh - Drumkeelan	14	1000	3,200	€44,800.00	Completed
9	LP	L-1875-1	Station Road Mountcharles	14	750	3,250	€48,750.00	Completed
10	LP	L-1845/3	Ballydevitt - Altadoo	14	1000	4,000	€60,500.00	Completed
11	LS	L5745/2	Altcor - Corraduffy	14	850	2,720	€46,080.00	Completed
12	LP	L-1645-4	Doorin Line	14	1000	4,000	€52,000.00	Completed
13	LS	L5835/1	Drumletterfinn	14	1000	4000	€52,000.00	Completed
14	LP	L2615/1	Mountcharles Street Junctions	14	300	1800	€40,000.00	Completed
15	LP	L-1515/2-3	Ardaghey - Ardara	14	400	2400	€37,000.00	Completed
1	R	R-263-14	Glen streets	15	200	1,200	€64,500.00	C
2	R	R-263-03	Killybegs streets	15	400	2400	€90,000.00	Completed
3	LP	L-1135-1	Strafinn	15	450	1,800	€30,000.00	Completed
4	R	R-263-4	Fintra - Tullid	15	350	2100	€60,000.00	Completed
5	LS	L-5025-1	Lougheraherk - Meenasillagh	15	750	2,250	€43,444.20	Completed
6	R	R-263-8	Halls Junction	15	300	2400	€40,000.00	Completed
7	LP	L-1265-1	Drumbarity - Glenlee	15	900	3,600	€60,000.00	Completed
8	LP	L-1075-1	Meenacharvey / tin shop	15	600	1800	€40,000.00	Completed
9	LS	L-5425-1	Crocknafola	15	500	1,500	€28,000.00	Completed
10	R	R- 263-5	Largymore- Bavin	15	400	2600	€74,000.00	Completed
11	R	R-263-9	Carrick Bridge - Bogagh	15	400	1,800	€75,000.00	Completed
12	R	R-263-8	Drumnafinnagle -Kilcar	15	500	2875	€60,000.00	Completed
13	R	R-263-13	Lime Kil towards Glencolmcille	15	300	2,400	€50,000.00	Completed
14	LP	L-1045-2	Sliabh Liag	15	300	2400	€30,000.00	Completed
15	LP	L-1035-1	Gannew	15	300	2,400	€23,000.00	Completed
16	LP	L-1365-2	Tullenteanne	15	500	2000	€36,000.00	Completed
1	R	R231	Rossnowlagh RD	16	400	2000	€75,200.00	Completed
2	R	R267-6	Bundoran Rd	16	250	2250	€130,000.00	Moved to L2275-1
	L	L2275-1	Straight Mile, Rossnowlagh	16	1300	6500	€130,000.00	Completed
3	R	R267	Bundoran Streets	16		2000	€50,000.00	Completed
4	LT	LT77451	Park Hill	16	900	3600	€60,400.00	Completed
5	LS	LS7635-1	Garvanagh	16	1400	4620	€64,680.00	Completed
6	LT	LP-22151	Pollaranny (Extension Whiterock	16	1300	4550	€63,700.00	Completed
7	LP	LP2175-1	Ballintra Streets	16		1000	€40,000.00	Completed
8	LS	LS7665-1	Carricknahorna/Tober	16	1000	3200	€54,800.00	Completed
9	LP	L-7515-3 / L-7655-1	Ardpatton / Cavangarden	16	1500	6000	€84,000.00	Completed
10	LS	LS73351	Tamur	16	700	2310	€32,340.00	Completed
11	LS	LS7415-1	Rockhill	16	500	1600	€22,400.00	Completed
12	LS	LS7885-1	Rathmore	16	900	2700	€37,800.00	Completed
13	LT	LT25353	Higginstown	16	300	990	€17,440.02	Completed
14	LP	LP2335-2	Rockhill (Abbotoir)	16	1100	3850	€53,900.00	Completed
15	LS	L-7625-1	Tober	16	450	1575	€21,209.05	Completed
1	R	R233-2	Lough Derg Rd	17	1000	6000	€102,000.00	Completed
2	R	R267	Donegal Town Streets	17			€40,000.00	Completed
3	R	R232	Pettigo Rd	17	450	2700	€54,000.00	Completed
4	R	R232	Pettigo Street	17	400	2800	€60,000.00	Completed
5	R	R232	Carrick East - Laghey Depot	17	230	1380	€30,306.00	Completed
6	LP	LP1995-2	Drumlaght	17	500	1750	€22,750.00	Completed
7	LS	LS6515-1	Drumbaran	17	500	1750	€22,750.00	Completed
8	LP	LP2125-6	Kellys Bridge	17	1500	4875	€63,375.00	Completed
9	LS	LS6965-1	Blue Road Shannagh	17	1250	4375	€56,875.00	Completed
10	LT	LT68153	Skreen	17	1000	3500	€47,250.00	Completed
11	LT	LT21851	Ballanakillew Mtn	17	1000	3500	€45,500.00	Completed
12	LP	LP1945-3	Lougheske Demesne	17	1200	6600	€89,100.00	Completed
13	LP	LP2145-2	Carrick West	17	880	4400	€57,797.00	Completed
14	LP	LP2095-5	Leghawry	17	800	3600	€48,600.00	Completed
15	LP	LT6815-1	Druminardagh	17	1300	4550	€61,425.00	Completed
16	LP	LP2075-1	Drumbar - Old Laghey Rd	17	1000	4445	€85,946.76	Completed
							€3,400,724.99	
62 Projects								

Donegal MD footpath repair & public lighting infill works

3 Year Programme

Footpath Works								
RSS Area	Location	Year 1 Budget 2018	Year 2 Budget 2019	Year 3 Budget 2020	Overall Total Amount	Status Year 1 2018	Status Year 2 2019	Status Year 3 2020
14	Mountcharles	€5,729.00	€16,600.00	€24,350.00	€46,679.00	Completed	34% completed	Yet to commence
	Dunkineely			€23,432.00	€23,432.00			41% completed
	Frosses		€16,600.00	€23,432.00	€40,032.00		Yet to commence	Yet to commence
15	Killybegs	€15,568.00	€16,600.00	€50,000.00	€82,168.00	Completed	95% completed	Yet to commence
	Kilcar			€3,200.00	€3,200.00			Yet to commence
	Glencolumbkille		€8,300.00	€16,314.00	€24,614.00		Yet to commence	Yet to commence
	Carrick		€8,300.00	€1,700.00	€10,000.00		Yet to commence	Yet to commence
16	Ballintra			€11,214.00	€11,214.00			Completed
	Ballyshannon	€95,244.00	€16,600.00	€35,000.00	€146,844.00	83% completed	54% completed	Yet to commence
	Bundoran		€16,600.00	€25,000.00	€41,600.00		Completed	Completed
17	Donegal Town	€32,897.00	€16,600.00	€47,214.00	€96,711.00	84% completed	Yet to commence	Yet to commence
	Laghey		€8,300.00	€8,000.00	€16,300.00		Yet to commence	Yet to commence
	Bridgetown			€6,000.00	€6,000.00			Yet to commence
	Pettigo		€8,300.00	€10,000.00	€18,300.00		Yet to commence	Yet to commence
Totals		€149,438.00	€132,800.00	€284,856.00	€567,094.00			

Public Lighting Infill Works				
Area	Location	Description	Total Cost	Status
14	Drimark, Donegal Town	Infill lighting - 7 additional lights at Drimark on Local	€10,871.00	Completed
	Mountcharles	Lower End Mountcharles	€6,750.00	Started
	Mill Park Hotel, Doonan	Proposed lighting from Doonan Roundabout to	€9,500.00	Yet to commence
15	Kilcar	Lighting improvement	€10,650.00	Completed
	Killybegs	Old Fintra Rd near Glenlee	€18,725.00	Yet to commence
16	Ballyshannon	Rossnowlagh Link Road.	€30,000.00	Completed
17	Killymard, Donegal Town	Extend existing public lighting past the school	€11,600.00	Completed
	Tirconnail Street & Castle Street, Donegal Town	Infill lighting needed along the public road at Tirconnail Street on local Road L-1925-3 between	€10,000.00	Yet to commence
	Killymard, Donegal Town	Killymard Church to Drumrooske Housing	€22,500.00	Completed
Total amount			€130,596.00	

Donegal Municipal District					
2020 Drainage Works					
Area	Description of Works	Road No.	Estimated Cost €	Area totals	Status
14	Raise the road level leading to Keelogs NS, Heavy rain and high tides cause this road to flood	LP1575/1	€15,000.00	€64,370.74	Yet to commence
	Tullinlough, Pipe road side drain with 450mm Twinwall pipe, 280 mtrs	R262/5	€20,000.00		Yet to commence
	Drumkeelan at Sean Kellys shed, Remove ditch and create layby	LP1815/2	€10,000.00		Completed
	Road Leading to Inver village. Pipe open drain & create laybys	LP1685/2	€19,370.74		Yet to commence
15	Straleel: pipe road side and put gullies in various locations, open outlets and clean drains.	L-1125-1	€21,098.48	€67,098.48	Yet to commence
	Carrick Lower: pipe parts of the road to divert water off the road.	L-5165-1	€9,000.00		Yet to commence
	Shalwy- Croaghbeg - Pipe open drains, provide additional drainage in order to provide a number of laybys.	LP1215-3	€16,000.00		Yet to commence
	Creeveen - Malinmore: Pipe open drains, provide additional drainage in order to provide a number of laybys.	L-1025	€11,000.00		Yet to commence
	Croagh: Clean drainage & pipe where required.	L-1395-4	€10,000.00		Completed
16	Property Flooding - Drainage required	N3	€10,000.00	€67,427.20	Completed
	Moy Road - Flooding	L2525-1	€7,000.00		Completed
	Parkhill - Drainage - Flooding	LT77451	€15,427.20		Completed
	Portnason - Flooding - Drainage	R267	€15,000.00		Completed
	Ballintra - Flooding - Drainage	LP-2175	€10,000.00		Completed
	Rockhill - Flooding - Drainage	L-2345-2	€10,000.00		Completed
17	Road Crossing (Replace Old Stone Culvert Crossing) - Rossilly Barr (9" to 15")	L-69651-1	€3,500.00	€74,134.44	Completed
	Road Crossing (Replace Old Stone Culvert Crossing) - Harveys Point Road (Jane Swan) (18" to 24")	L-1965-1	€5,500.00		Completed
	Road Crossing (Replace Old Stone Culvert Crossing) - Drumgun Kimmid (24" to 36")	L-2245-1	€6,000.00		Completed
	Road Crossing (Replace old Stone Culvert Crossing + Road Edge Drainage) - (12" to 15") - Leghawney	L-6675-3	€6,000.00		Completed
	Maintenance of french drain on R232 Laghey (300m)	R232 - 1	€10,000.00		Yet to commence
	Road Crossing (New) on Mullinasole Road (Between Salmon Inn and Nursing Home) (15")	L-2145-1	€3,000.00		Completed
	Road Crossing (New) on Carrick West (Junction at JJ Travers) (15")	L-2145-2	€3,000.00		Completed
	Raise Road Level due to flooding of existing road at Bircog Road (Beside DJ Moss) - Amount moved to Grouse Hall road to address drainage issue and road collapse.	L-7345-3	€6,000.00		Completed
	Milltown (Near Irwins) Sealing Pipes	L-1925-4	€5,000.00		Yet to commence
	Replacing Road Edge Drainage (70m of pipe in rock)	L-7165-2	€8,000.00		Completed
	Replacing Calloped Stone Culvert (Lettercran Road)	L-8065-1	€3,000.00		Yet to commence
	Replacing Pipe on Haugh Killymard (J Coghlan) - Amount moved to Finnabannes to address drainage issue and potential road collapse.	L-1945-1	€11,000.00		Completed
	Replacing Pipe at Lagheybarr (Raneany Barr)	L-2125-2	€4,134.44		Completed
TOTAL			€273,030.86		
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2020 Donegal MD Safety improvement Works					
MD	Road Number	Location	Description	LA Allocation	Status
Donegal	L-1395-4,L-1515	Ardaghey Ardara	Junction improvement works to achieve better vision lines	€30,000	Completed
Donegal	R-263-3,L-1215	Fintra Beach	Junction improvement works	€30,000	Completed
Donegal	L-6595	Spierstown (Clar Chapel)	Installation of bollards on footpath near the junction to ensure vision lines are not being impeded by parked vehicles	€15,000	Bollards to be erected in January
Total				€75,000	

Donegal MD Community Involvement Schemes

Project No	Road Number	RSS Area	Road Name	Houses	Works Type Code	Length of work (m)	Total Area of work	Overall Cost of work	% LC	LC	WIL	Budget	2020 works based on available budget (Amount)	Status
107	L-5845-1	14	Keelogs Inver Keelogs Inver	1	G D	540	1620	€26,730.00	30.00%	€0.00	€8,019.00	€18,711.00	€18,711.00	Completed
302	L-6185-1	14	Dromore Lane Dromore, Mountcharles	9	G D	590	2065	€29,529.50	30.00%	€0.00	€8,858.85	€20,670.65	€20,670.65	Completed
298	L-1915-1 & L1825-1 & 3	14	Eglis Road Old Killymard Chapel	35	G, D, P	370		€50,000.00	30.00%	€0.00	€15,000.00	€35,000.00	€35,000.00	Satrted
108	L-53251-0	15	Croaghbeg Kilcar	4	G D	370	1110	€21,800.00	30.00%	€0.00	€6,540.00	€15,260.00	€15,260.00	Completed
161	L-1275-11	15	St Cummins Hill Killybegs	15	G	188	564	€50,000.00	15.00%	€7,500.00	€0.00	€42,500.00	€42,500.00	Not progressing
213	L-51851-0	15	Straleel/Coguish Hill Road Phase 1 Coguish, Kilcar	0	G D	2500	6250	€20,000.00	30.00%	€0.00	€6,000.00	€14,000.00	€14,000.00	Not progressing
155	L-21252-0	17	Cormullin Road Cormullin	1	G, D, P	1300	4160	€72,800.00	33.33%	€0.00	€24,266.66	€48,533.34	€48,533.34	Completed
317	L-2135-2 & L-2145-1	17	Mullinasole Mullinasole, Laghey	40	G, D, P	850	4250	€83,316.87	30.00%	€0.00	€24,995.06	€58,321.81	€58,321.81	Completed
345	L-6785-2	17	Ardnagesson Road Copany Crolly	10	G, D, P	1000	3350	€65,492.50	30.00%	€0.00	€19,647.75	€45,844.75	€45,844.75	Completed

Local contribution or works in lieu was not forthcoming.

Donegal MD

2020 LIS Agreed Priority List

€677,456.00	County Budget
1221	Number of schemes qualified in the County
228	Number of schemes qualified in the Donegal MD
18.67%	DMD Percentage of Schemes qualified
€ 126,502.84	DMD Budget

RSS Area	Location	LIS No	Townland	Total Cost (Incl admin)	Status
14	Ardaghey Area	170407	Dromore	€32,197.00	Completed
		190044	Stonepark	€11,264.00	Completed
		170249	Drimgorman	€7,855.10	Completed
15	Killybegs Area	170500	Roshine Road	€15,400.00	Completed
		170694	Teelin	€14,850.00	Completed
16	Ballyshannon Area	171249	Mullins	€23,100.00	Completed
17	Laghey Area	170880	Gortnessy	€24,523.00	Completed

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
1	R263-9	Carrick - Bogagh Road	Provision of new footpaths	Works	80m	2m	€35,000.00	€35,000.00		Completed
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	Yet to commence
3	R263	Glencolumbcille	Footpath Improvements	Works			€45,000.00	€23,745.00	€21,246.00	Started
4	R263	Killybegs - Industrial Road Footpath - Stage 1	Design work associated with the provision of new footpath	Works	650	2.0	€200,000.00	€80,000.00	€120,000.00	Started
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	
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	
Total							Total	€430,000.00	€138,745.00	€291,246.00
							Overall total	€429,991.00		

2020 Job Stimulus Allocations

Donegal County Council Climate Change Measures Allocations 2020-proposed carryover

MD	Road Number	Location	Description of Works	LA Allocation	Amount of Allocation that will be Spent in 2020 (End November)	Amount of Allocation Requested for Transfer into 2021:	Status
Donegal	LT-51481	Bundoran - West End	Protection measures for roads which would be vulnerable to severe weather events such as embankment stability measures to protect the road and prevent slippage	€50,000		€50,000	Yet to commence
Donegal	R263/3	Frosses - Tullycumber	Preventative works (such as drainage works) to prevent flooding	€100,000	€70,000	€30,000	Started
				€150,000	€70,000	€80,000	



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

**Economic Development, Information Systems &
Emergency Services Directorate**

Report to Municipal District of Donegal

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1. Division: Economic Development

1.1 Division: Economic Development – Economic Development Unit

Project / Activity Report

Title	Economic Development Unit
Outline of Work	<p>The Economic Development Unit proactively engages in economic development opportunities, supporting job creation and strategic investment in Donegal and is focusing on the following areas of work:</p> <p>Alpha Innovation Centre: The Letter of Offer from Enterprise Ireland for €3.66m has been received. The Donegal County Council is now working through the various requirements associated with this to ensure compliance. The project will support businesses and early idea entrepreneurs to develop their innovation capability and business resilience post Brexit and post Covid.</p> <p>Donegal Place Brand initiative:</p> <p>Work on the new place brand initiative is ongoing with Phase 1 underway and involves extensive research with key stakeholders across the five platforms of invest, live, work, explore and study in Donegal, through both in-depth interviews and creative workshops.</p> <p>Elected Members will also get an opportunity to input into research with consultation due to take place through online workshops coinciding during w/c November 30th and December 7th.</p> <p>This project will also involve the revamp of the Donegal.ie website as the online home for the new Donegal place brand. The project commenced on Friday October 1st with work likely to be completed in early 2021.</p> <p>Buy Donegal Weekend become #BuyDonegal:</p> <p>Over 200 businesses from designers & makers, food & drink producers and retailers were involved in showcasing the best of Donegal business through #BuyDonegalWeekend. 85% of businesses surveyed stating a positive impact on sales and an overwhelmingly positive response to the campaign.</p> <p>Through online channels it received an exceptional response reaching an audience of over 5 million on Twitter alone. Similar responses on Facebook and Instagram saw the campaign reach a global audience and the buydonegal.com site received many thousand visitors from over 40 countries.</p> <p>With the emphasis on supporting Donegal business still very much to the fore,</p>

#BuyDonegalWeekend has now become #BuyDonegal. A #BuyDonegal December campaign will coincide with the reopening of business across Donegal and each week will focus on specific areas within the county, supported by a strong marketing effort with radio, press and digital features all enticing consumers to go out and #BuyDonegal.

Economic Development Covid-19 Recovery: The Unit is continuing to be proactive in supporting businesses during this Covid-19 pandemic and activities include:

Communications on business supports: The EDU is proactively promoting and sharing information on the various supports available to businesses at this time including supports available through LEO, Enterprise Ireland, Failte Ireland and the Councils Business Restart Grant Plus Scheme on all our platform including Donegal County Council and Invest Donegal platforms.

Outdoor Space & Social Distancing: The scheme supports businesses in the tourism and hospitality sectors to reopen by facilitating additional outdoor dining and seating areas, while also meeting statutory requirements and ensuring accessibility for all. Businesses apply for a Section 254 license and the Council is committed to a prompt assessment of applications within 10 working days of receipt of a complete application and temporarily waiving fees from 1 June 2020 to 31 December 2020. More info at

<http://www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/applicationfor ms/Scheme%20for%20Outdoor%20Spaces%20during%20a%20time%20of%20.pdf>

Concierge Service is a dedicated point of contact for existing businesses, potential business start-ups or businesses looking to relocate or wishing to expand, by offering support and advice and connecting them with key personnel for a wide range of Council services and supports.

Queries are directed to economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie.

The Concierge Service responds swiftly and proactively to the needs of businesses including businesses looking to re-open and adapting their operation to meet social distancing requirements in a post-Covid society. To date approx 50 queries have been dealt with through this service.

Property Solutions: involves identification, marketing, option appraisal of Council owned property and land for economic development opportunities including provision of soft landing and second site location opportunities for business. The Unit is dealing with several queries relating to potential property solutions across the county and is liaising with colleagues in various Council divisions.

Collaboration: Working with our colleagues in Community Development and

Planning Services to progress a range of strategic projects including:

- Platforms for Growth, Stage 3 Application for large scale investment at Fort Dunree with the submission of Part B Business Case on August 31st, awaiting final decision on funding.
- Various Regeneration and Development Proposals under the URDF and the RRDF to ensure that an economic development focus is derived for the respective locations prioritised. These projects are in locations across the county in all Municipal Districts including Bundoran, Stranorlar/Ballybofey, Carndonagh, Burtonport and Letterkenny.

Caravan & Camping Study: The EDU is currently engaging a study to assess and evaluate the opportunities and challenges facing the Caravan & Camping sector in Donegal and to make recommendations on how best to support the future development of this sector with a view to ensuring a sustainable and viable sector going forward. This assignment will include extensive consultations with key stakeholders and the recommendations will inform a range of interventions that will assist in addressing the challenges currently being experienced.

This study has been evaluated, with appointment to be confirmed and it is expected that this study will be complete in Q1 2021.

Global engagement: work is continuing to proactively target potential FDI opportunities in the US market in collaboration with Derry City & Strabane District Council and working to create a Donegal/North West bias for businesses interested in exploring investment opportunities in the EU and UK. This includes the provision of essential baseline data and information for location decision makers.

Golden Bridges 2020: The EDU in partnership with Derry/Strabane District Council delivered the Golden Bridges 2020 which took place virtually on the 20th November. The purpose of this event was to promote partnerships between Ireland Northwest and Boston, Massachusetts but also to highlight community, business, and education initiatives by bringing together influential leaders from Ireland Northwest and their counterparts in Boston and Massachusetts.

The conference saw conversations around issues such as remote working, attracting FDI to Ireland Northwest and Brexit. The conference was followed by an annual awards ceremony recognising those in the US who are doing great work to keep relationships and connections with Ireland as strong as ever.

InvestDonegal Communications Update: Latest key stats for the InvestDonegal

LinkedIn and Twitter (@DonegalInvest) accounts are as follows;

	Impressions (last 28 days)	Total Followers
Linked In	31,395	1,174
Twitter	270,000	902

The EDU continue to inform businesses of the range of Covid-19 government supports alongside insightful business and original content features.

In addition to the above accounts, the EDU works closely with the Council's Communications Office to share information on the Councils corporate social media channels.

Other publicity achievements aligned to this Donegal Place Brand strategy are referred to below as part of our Remote Working Strategy.

The EDU asks elected members to follow InvestDonegal on Twitter and LinkedIn.

Remote Working: Following on from a public consultation which was held in July 2020, the EDU is developing a new Remote Working Strategy for Donegal to maximise the opportunities arising for the county as a destination of choice for remote working which will form a key part of the COVID-19 recovery plan. This document is currently in draft format.

The EDU is also working with various Innovation and Digital Hubs in Donegal. A Grow Remote Donegal Chapter has been initiated to promote remote working opportunities to the unemployed and underemployed across the county and to market Donegal as a great place to live and work.


Atlantic Economic Corridor: working with Local Authority partners along the western coast to progress mutually beneficial projects and initiatives. The EDU are currently managing €34,549.99 of funding support (Hub Opening Scheme) from the Department of Rural and Community Development/Western Development Commission to digital hubs in the county to enable them to open safely over the coming months. Most of the works are now complete and Hubs are moving to drawdown of funds.

The EDU and Western Development Commission are also developing a photobank to be used for promotion of the region; showcasing Donegal based companies, the quality of life and co-working spaces. This work is currently ongoing with the successful photographer but has been restricted recently owing to limited access to local business.

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1.2 Division: Economic Development – Tourism Marketing Unit

Activity Report

	<p>Donegal Tourism Strategy: Tenders are currently being invited for a new 5-year Strategy will guide the work of Donegal County Council by providing strategic direction for the recovery and development of the sector over the next 5 years.</p> <p>Wedding Brochure: In response to queries from overseas tour operators, a wedding brochure focusing on unique wedding venues across the county has recently been designed. This brochure along with a list of hotels and wedding suppliers will be made available online and will be updated on an ongoing basis. It will target specialised group tour operators in the US providing an invaluable tool to enable them develop bespoke itineraries for the wedding market.</p>  <p>The image shows the cover of a brochure titled 'Wedding Venues Donegal'. It features a bride and groom standing on a grassy cliffside overlooking the ocean. The Donegal Tourism logo and the County Council crest are in the top left corner. The title 'Wedding Venues Donegal' is written in a large, elegant script font on the right side of the image.</p>
	<p>Digital and Online Marketing</p> <p>GoVisitDonegal.com GoVisitDonegal.com is County Donegal’s Tourism Destination portal which provides information on accommodation, festivals, attractions, travel information etc. The website is free for service providers to register and promote their business.</p> <p>Website performance stats *to date: Page views (Jan - Nov 2020): 427,680 (up 76% on 2019)</p>

Users to date (**Jan – Nov 2020**): 130,967 (up 77% on 2019)

Traffic from 63 countries

- Regular Newsletter updates to the trade – a newsletter is circulated to the trade on a regular basis.

Go Visit Donegal - Social Media update – November 2020 (to date)

- **Facebook Page:**

*Last 28 days

Page Likes: 39,482 | Page Followers: 41, 791 | Post Reach: 139,111 | Post Engagement: 17,856

- **Twitter:**

*Last 28 days

Followers: 14,452 | New followers: 94 | Tweet impressions: 42.7K | Profile Visits: 477 | Mentions 477

- **Instagram:**

*Last 30 days

Followers: 18,305 | Impressions: 136,225 | Top post reach: 17,014

Donegal/ Derry Campaign – North West Regional Development Fund

- Donegal County Council is also working with Derry City & Strabane District Council (DCSDC) to deliver a new crossborder North West Tourism Product Development Programme. €100,000 has been secured from the NWRDG and the programme aims to support approximately 30 businesses which means that 15 businesses in Donegal and Derry will benefit from the programme. This programme will be closely aligned with the crossborder tourism marketing campaign planned for late Q1/Q2 referred to above.

All Ireland Domestic Campaign - 'Reset, Reconnect, Rediscover'

Creative Design company MMGY has been appointed to develop and deliver this campaign targeting the domestic or 'staycation' market once the Covid 19 restrictions are lifted. It has been necessary to adapt plans for the roll out of this campaign due to the Covid 19 restrictions and it is now expected to be rolled out early Q1 2020.

Donegal Tourism Recovery Taskforce

	<p>The Councils Tourism Unit has been working with Failte Ireland in developing a digital interactive publication targeting visitors in the shoulder season and which is tailored to intuitively guide visitors on itineraries and experiences that they can enjoy when visiting various parts of the county. Accommodation providers including hotels will be in a position to provide visitors with useful information that will not only encourage visitors to come to Donegal but when it is safe to do but will encourage them to travel around the county, extend their stay and increase their spend.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gareth Wray has been appointed to deliver a suite of seasonal photography
	<p>TIDE – Atlantic Network for Developing Historical Maritime Tourism The Project Partners are lead by ERNACT EEIG (Lead Partner) along with 7 Partners (Donegal Co Council) representing 5 countries (Ireland, United Kingdom, Spain, Portugal & France) & 10 Associated Partners.</p> <p>The objective is to develop a niche historical maritime tourism package for Atlantic based on connecting & marketing assets from historical period across different regions ie World Wars, Atlantic Migrations, Napoleonic Era & Spanish Armada.</p> <p>The experience will use digital technology to enrich the visitor experience such as Virtual Reality & Archaeology Techniques that will be used in the visitor attractions.</p> <p>Website: www.tide-atlantic.eu</p>
	<p>Atlantic on Bike Donegal County Council is one of 22 partners working on the Atlantic on Bike project funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) through the INTERREG Atlantic Area Programme which began July 2017 comes to an end 31st December 2020. This is a cycle tourism development project which aims to increase visitor numbers, boosting local economies, creating new activities and creating new jobs within the tourism industry.</p> <p>To date signage has been installed along this transnational cycle route EuroVelo1 (the Atlantic Coastal Route) and a route evaluation report has been completed on the route which enters Donegal at Bridgend and leaves the County at Bundoran.</p>



Bicycle/pedestrian counters have been installed at Moyle Junction, Newtowncunningham and Drowes Bridge, Bundoran for data collection and analysis.

We are currently in the process of procuring 7 Bike Repair Stations with pump, bike stands and 6 E-Bikes to be provided.



These will be installed by the end of 2020 in:

- Donegal Town
- Newtowncunningham
- Milford
- Dungloe
- Ballyshannon
- Ballybofey
- Glenties

Bundoran Marketing

- Marketing grant from Department of Rural & Community Development deferred until end of March.
- Promotion of food businesses that are open for takeaway in Bundoran during Level 5 via www.discoverbundoran.com
- Draft basic planning for 2021 activities and initiatives should they go ahead.

Bundoran Tourist Office

- Remains closed until after Level 5 lockdown restrictions are lifted.
- Currently one TÚS employee working.
- EU Wifi installed
- Updating of internal systems and procedures.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of year accounting and admin. <p>Website and Social Media Maintaining a social media presence for the town on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Generating content and repurposing other content, particularly of historical interest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sourcing images for promotion of Bundoran on our Instagram account and scheduling daily. • “Bundoran Weekly” Podcast continues to be produced and released each Friday across our social media channels <p>Waterworld</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing with plans for the marketing of the 2021 season of Waterworld. <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked on “Buy Donegal” weekend promotion in November. Liaising with local businesses and influencers to ensure complete awareness and working on #BuyDonegal December campaign. • Assisted EU Wifi installation in Bundoran location. • Working with Christmas Lights committee on plans for this year’s installations • Working with Donegal Tourism team on American TV crew filming. • Ongoing work on Failte Ireland Destination Town project.
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1.3. Division: Economic Development Unit – Research and Policy

	Trail Gazers Bid Project ‘To quantify the return to the local economy for every euro invested in walks and recreational trail infrastructure ‘
Budget (if applicable)	€2.6 M
	<p>In 2018, Donegal County Councils Research & Policy Unit successfully led an application to the Atlantic Area Programme under objective 4.2 ‘ Enhancing natural and cultural assets to stimulate economic development’. This transnational project is managed by the Research & Policy Unit (Lead Partner), working with 9 different partners located across Ireland, UK, France, Spain and Portugal. The project sets out to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

- 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.

Progress

- Chaired the monthly Trail Gazers Communication & Coordination Meeting on the 6th November, 2020. This covered the progress on a wide variety of tasks including the development of 'community trail plans', 'trail care packs' and new and innovative ways to engage with communities through the community trail ambassador programme.
- Organised an evaluation panel on the 4th November to review the proposed sensor solution for Inch Levels that will provide accurate footfall patterns along different sections of the trail site. Appointment of supplier on the 13th November, 2020.
- Participated in a transnational workshop on the 25th November 2020 to share knowledge learning and expertise on developing a bespoke trail dashboard. This development will provide trail managers, policy and decision makers with accurate footfall data on trail usage that the impact that could have on environmentally sensitive areas.
- Participated in a transnational workshop on the 17th November, 2020 to share best practise on capturing virtual imagery that will portray the unique outdoor experience of a walking or cycling holiday in Donegal or other Atlantic Areas to new audiences around the world.
- Following on from the transnational workshops held with partners in August and September the team has continued to work with partners on the emerging options for the development along each of these trail sites that will capitalise on assets and minimise the constraints. This work will feed into the development of bespoke Community Trail Plans that will focus on innovative and practical way to harness footfall from walks and trails and divert visitors into surrounding towns and villages to explore, experience and spend.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in training on the Lost Stories and Folklore of the Trail App on the 24th November, 2020. Ongoing development of the conservation theme to tie together key stories around Inch Levels. • Development of a promotional video, vodcasts and 3D Character that will showcase Inch Levels and surrounding catchment area to new niche audiences around the world and also provide content for the 'Lost Stories & Folklore of the Trail App'. This app will allow visitors to explore Inch Levels trail site virtually and listen to local stories and folklore associated with key points of interest along the trail site. It will help to build up an affinity with the site that will last long after the visit has ended. • Coordinated the development of overall project claim. Working with the Joint Secretarial of the Atlantic Area Programme and all partners to ensure verified expenditure is received by the team as soon as possible. • Ongoing awareness raising of the work that is been led out by the Trail Gazers Team in utilising walks and trail infrastructure to stimulate economic development in the Atlantic Area . Most recently the project featured on Nationwide on the 16th November at 7pm on RTE. Please see https://www.rte.ie/player/series/nationwide/SI0000001172?epguid=IH000382904
<p>Project Targets for next reporting period</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission of overall Project Progress Report for all 10 Trail Partners December 2020. • Deployment of sensors on Inch Levels December 2020. • Population of Trail Care Template on Flora & Fauna surrounding Inch Levels. • Coordination of second iteration of emerging options for development of Community Trail Plans on the 4th Dec, 2020.
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1.4. Division: Economic Development Unit - Strategic Funding Unit Report

Title	Strategic Funding Unit – exploring EU and National Funding Opportunities that support the objectives set out in the Donegal County Council Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024
Outline of Work	<p>Donegal Town Pier</p> <p>A Situation Analysis report on Donegal Town Pier has been completed following consultation with local stakeholders and research into current activities at the Pier. This report has been considered by the members of Donegal MD and it has been agreed to proceed with developing a Masterplan for Donegal Town Pier and the wider area and that this would be funded from funds generated from parking in Donegal Town. A terms of reference for this masterplan is currently being finalized and it is expected that procurement will be undertaken in the coming weeks and it is anticipated that Consultants will be appointed in the New Year with a view to completing the Masterplan by Q2 of 2021.</p> <p>Strategic Funding Webinar 2</p> <p>The second Strategic Funding Unit webinar took place on 5th November. The theme for this webinar was Innovation and Digitisation in the Public Sector. Speakers included Catherine Madders, Innovation Fund Executive from the Public Service Innovation Team, Reform and Delivery Office who presented on the opportunities for public sector projects in the Innovation Fund 2021. Colm McColgan, General Manager from Ennact presented the latest updates in relation to the new Digital Europe Programme for EU funding and the types of project themes that could support the digital agenda for County Donegal. Joy Harron, Staff Officer from the Strategic Funding Unit provided an overview of a Funding Needs Analysis to introduce Council teams to the process of identifying and prioritising funding needs on a cross-directorate basis in order to determine the funding requirements and types of projects that could be developed in 2021 and beyond. Nickolas Takos from Georges River Council in Australia also joined the webinar to discuss their Innovation Strategy.</p> <p>Strategic Funding Unit Webinar 3</p> <p>The next Strategic Funding Unit webinar will take place on Tuesday 1st December 2020 and the theme is ‘cross-border funding opportunities’. Declan McGarrigle from SEUPB will present the new Peace Plus programme. Teresa Lennon from the Irish Regions European Office (IREO) will present on the latest news on EU funding and the Brexit Adjustment Reserve Fund. Joy Harron will provide a presentation on developing a project idea into a proposal.</p> <p>Strategic Funding Unit Newsletters</p> <p>Donegal County Council Strategic Funding Unit continues its targeted e-mail campaign. E-mail newsletters are being sent weekly to the team members in the various Divisions regarding funding opportunities, project development and events that are relevant to the work they are doing in line with the strategic objectives set out in the corporate plan. To date 8 targeted e-mail newsletters have been sent since the campaign commenced mid September.</p>

	<p>Funding Call Alerts & Reviews In addition to the e-mail newsletters, direct e-mails are sent to staff when a relevant funding opportunity arises that suits their work plan. Also, the Strategic Funding Unit prepares funding call reviews for circulation to the SMT e.g. the EU Innovation Fund review.</p> <p>Divisional Funding Needs Analysis The Funding Needs Analysis process is underway. Meetings are being arranged with each of the Council Divisions in order to determine the needs, priorities and to develop viable projects in advance of funding calls opening next year. A Funding Needs Analysis Survey has been prepared. A Funding Needs Analysis has taken place with the Diaspora Unit and a report is being produced.</p> <p>Networking & Partnerships The Strategic Funding Unit are working with a variety of networks such as CPMR and AER to explore project development and funding opportunities.</p> <p>Public Service Innovation Fund 2021 The Strategic Funding Unit is working with the IS team to develop project ideas with a view to develop a project and apply for funding under the Public Service Innovation Fund 2021.</p> <p>EURural Project The Strategic Funding Unit is working with the Municipality of Aras de los Olmos (Spain) on the development of a project under the EU funding call Europe for Citizens. If successful the project aims to foster democratic engagement and civic participation in rural areas and encouraging democratic participation of citizens at EU level and participation in the EU policy-making process.</p> <p>AER Summer Academy Event 2022 The SFU is in talks with AER (Assembly of European Regions) in regards to hosting their Summer Academy here in Donegal in 2022 depending on the pandemic situation. This would provide a positive economic boost to the county and international exposure. Fáilte Ireland are also working with the SFU to support this initiative.</p> <p>Other Funding Investigations The Strategic Funding Unit is investigating a number of funding opportunities in relation to themes around digital transformation including digital hubs, IoT, infrastructure, tourism innovation, sustainability, climate change and specific funding calls such as the Innovation Fund, NPA, Peace Plus, Atlantic Area Programme and Horizon 2020.</p>
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2. Division: Local Enterprise Office

Project / Activity Report

Activity / Project Title	The Local Enterprise Office (LEO)
	<p>The Local Enterprise Office (LEO) as part of the Economic Development, IS & Emergency Services Directorate, is the “first stop shop” for anyone planning, starting or growing a small business in Donegal. The LEO plays a major role in offering expertise, know-how and financial support to local small businesses, enabling them to grow and thrive. Supports available can be categorised under 4 core pillars, notably Financial, Capability Development, Enterprise Promotion and Economic & Other initiatives.</p>
Outline of Work	<p>A range of COVID 19 supports in addition to the regular LEO supports are on offer and a summary of the supports and the uptake is detailed below.</p> <p>Business Continuity Voucher</p> <p>The Business Continuity Voucher was designed for businesses across every sector that employ up to 50 people. The voucher worth up to €2,500 in third party consultancy costs could be used by companies and sole traders to develop short-term and long-term strategies to respond to the Covid-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Progress: 678 applications were received by Donegal LEO in the 8 week period to May 2020 with 574 applications approved to the value of €917,560. €772,359 has been paid out to date to 496 businesses across the County. <u>This scheme is now closed to new applications.</u></p> <p>Expert Mentoring</p> <p>Up to 12 hours of free online/telephone mentoring is available to any business seeking assistance in addressing COVID -19 issues including developing their cash flow projections, managing cashflow, drafting loan applications, HR advice, Risk Assessment, etc and developing short action plans to address</p>

the identified actions. Mentoring application forms are available to download [here](#).

Progress: To date, 133 COVID -19 Mentoring applications have been received.

Trading Online Voucher Scheme

The Trading Online Voucher (TOV) Scheme which has been updated from 8th April to offer more assistance for businesses looking to build an online presence has recorded significant demand. 90% Financial assistance up to €2500 is available to small businesses that have been trading for more than 6 months with less than 10 employees. Participation in the Trading Online Workshop is compulsory for approval for this scheme. The scheme has received further budget in the July stimulus package and additional vouchers are available which are monitored on a weekly basis.

Progress: 495 TOV applications have been received by the Local Enterprise Office in 2020 with 407 applications awarded €983,304 grant funding in line with the approved budget. Demand for the scheme remains high with significant bookings for the compulsory online training sessions. The Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment (DCCAE) has given instruction to continue to issue the vouchers with the budget under review on a weekly basis.

Micro-Enterprise Assistance Scheme

This is a NEW Scheme launched in September 2020. The objective COVID-19 Micro-Enterprise Assistance Scheme is to provide a grant of a minimum of €500 to a maximum €1,000 in respect of vouched expenditure contribution towards the cost of reopening or keeping a business operational and re-connecting with employees and customers. The closing date for applications has been extended to November 13th. 12 applications have been received of which 6 were approved.

Eligibility Criteria

This fund is open to operating businesses who self-declare that they meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Have suffered a 30% reduction in turnover due to COVID-19 restrictions or downturn in trade
- Commit to remaining open and to hiring and sustaining employment;
- Employed between 2 and 10 full-time employees (or full-time equivalents) on their payroll at the
- 29th February 2020;
- Have an annual turnover of less than €2 million as per the latest set of annual accounts;
- Have a commercial focus excluding ineligible sectors:
- Are not eligible for the COVID-19 Restart/Restart Plus Grant or similar COVID-19 business restart
- grants from other government departments.

Microfinance Ireland Supports for COVID-19

The **COVID 19 Business Loan** from Microfinance Ireland (MFI) in association with the Local Enterprise Office is a government funded initiative to support small businesses through the current period of uncertainty and protect job creation/sustainment in Ireland. If any micro-enterprise is impacted or may be impacted negatively by COVID-19 resulting in a reduction of 15% or more in turnover or profit, AND they are having difficulty in accessing Bank finance, the **MFI COVID-19 Business Loan** may be an alternative funding solution for them. Loans up to €25,000 are available with a reduced interest fee of 4.5% as opposed to 5.5% available, if the application is submitted via the Local Enterprise Office. Interest Free and Repayment Fee for 6 months is available. For more information, click [here](#).

Progress: 23 applications have been received by the Local Enterprise Office of which 16 have been approved to date. The scheme has reopened for applications.

*In addition, there is a **COVID-19 Working Capital Loan available from SBCI**. This is for eligible businesses impacted by COVID-19. Loans from €25,000 up to €1.5m will be available at reduced rates (max 4%), with up to the first €500,000 unsecured. Applications can be made through the SBCI website <https://sbci.gov.ie/>.*

Other Supports

New Stimulus Package

A new stimulus package valued at €8-10m has been announced in the Border region for LEO M1 clients who are engaged in manufacturing and internationally traded services.

Measure 1: Financial Supports

- Start Up/Business Expansion

For existing companies and potential start-ups that meet eligibility criteria (such as manufacturing/added value/internationally traded services, employing 10 or fewer people with the potential for growth and job creation), the Local Enterprise Office offer three types of financial supports:

- Feasibility/Innovation Funding

Up to 60% of the cost of undertaking a feasibility study on an innovative new product or service may be considered subject to a maximum of €20,000.

- Priming (Start Up) Grant Aid

Our Priming Funding is designed to assist a micro-enterprise within the first 18 months of start-up. It covers 50% of eligible costs, subject to a maximum contribution of €80,000.

- Business Expansion Grant

Our Business Expansion Funding is designed to assist a micro-enterprise that has been trading for over 18 months. It covers 50% of eligible costs, subject to a maximum contribution of €80,000.

Progress: In 2020, 27 Feasibility, Business Start Up and Expansion grants have been approved €600,060 funding creating a projected 72 jobs over the 3 year period.

BREXIT

With less than 1 month to Brexit, firms should now be taking the necessary preparations and actions for the substantial changes that will arise on 31st December 2020. The recent “Are You Brexit Ready?” events organised to reinforce the need for businesses to take action attracted over 500 businesses across Ireland in online talks and “1 to 1” sessions with relevant Brexit experts.

Over 50 businesses took part in the Customs Training Workshops held in November, helping local businesses to prepare for Brexit.

Brexit Stimulus Package

Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation has announced an additional budget allocation of €8 -10m to the border LEOs in 2020 as a stimulus measure to mitigate any Brexit related slowdown. Six programmes supporting local businesses are at advanced planning with tendering completed or underway. The programmes of support will include a Scaling Programme, a Green Energy Programme, a Retail Programme, an Export Programme, an Innovation Programme and a Scaling Programme.

Measure 2: Capability Development

The Local Enterprise Office provides a broad suite of training, management development, mentoring and peer-learning programmes all aimed at increasing the capability of owner managers and their key internal staff. During COVID 19 many of these Programmes have moved online and are in huge demand.

These include:

Profitnet

Profitnet is a highly successful business development and

support programme which has benefited 180 Donegal businesses to date. The programme runs for a period of up to 18 months and involves monthly group meetings with peer business owners, which are facilitated to ensure there is an exchange of innovative and creative business solutions. The Engineering Profitnet meeting has hosted 8 online meetings since the COVID -19 restrictions have been put in place.

Training

Over 2700 people have attended a range of tailored training programmes in 2020 to date including online courses on Preparing for the Return to Work Post COVID 19-Key Considerations for Business, Start your Own Business, Preparing for Brexit, Getting your Business Online.

Gateway to Growth International Export Programme – Led by Derry City and Strabane District Council and Donegal County Council, the programme comprises of export workshops, one to one reviews and a North West Trade Mission financed by The Executive Office and the Irish Government. The second programme concluded in October with the businesses presenting their export plans at an online session in November.

Technical Study for Marine Development Works at Killybegs Harbour- The Study has commenced with the contract awarded to ByrneLooby Ltd. The draft report is due early December 2020.

AMBITION- Pre Accelerator for Women

An exciting new programme to develop female entrepreneurship in Donegal –has commenced. AMBITION is a pre-accelerator programme run by Local Enterprise Office Donegal, in partnership with NDRC, which sources and builds digital startups to invest in and work with. The AMBITION programme was open to female founders, entrepreneurs, or those with a strong start-up idea, who have links to Donegal.

	<p>The business idea with the most potential will be awarded €10,000. 41 applications were received by the closing date and 11 Female led teams, 3 of which are Donegal Diaspora have been selected to participate on the 6 week pilot programme. The Final Showcase and announcement of the €10,000 award winner is scheduled to take place online on 10 December 2020.</p> <p>3.0 Enterprise Promotion</p> <p>Under the Service Level Agreement between Enterprise Ireland on behalf of the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation, a key area of activity of the local Authority/Local Enterprise Office is the promotion of an enterprise culture and entrepreneurship within the county. Activities under this include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Enterprise Week • Business Information Session • Student Enterprise Programme • Enterprise Awards <p>4.0 Economic & Other Initiatives</p> <p>The LEO is engaged in a wide range of other initiatives, including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Food Coast – Donegal’s Good Food Initiative, • The Food Coast – Mark of Origin • The Creative Coast • Enterprise Europe Network • Donegal Diaspora • EU Programmes
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3. Information Systems

Activity/Project Update

Activity / Project Title	Information Systems COVID-19 Response
Activity / Project Description	<p>The Information Systems Department has implemented a range of services and solutions to deal with internal staffing and work rearrangements, and solutions for public information and communications.</p> <p>A range of planned key information systems have been implemented in parallel.</p>
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last month-inclusive of current status	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continued increase in the volume of structured and un-structured IS support tasks in the period January – September 2020 over same period in 2019 due to Covid 19. 2. Dungloe PSC connected to 1GB Government Networks Infrastructure. 3. Setup of County Council WiFi networks offsite at John Bosco Centre & Aura Leisure Centre to facilitate Council & MD meetings. Introduction of extra screens at AURA Leisure centre. 4. Strategic deployment of IS Staff at PSC’s & HQ to manage network infrastructure, systems and data for critical services. 5. Secure ongoing remote working solutions for key staff in a range of departments to ensure that critical work can be processed in all COVID-19 eventualities. 6. Facilitating ongoing widespread segregation of staff members in buildings under social distancing guidelines. 7. Facilitating ongoing home working arrangements across a number of Departments. 8. Continual adaption of DCC website for public COVID-19 information, including detailed covid19 mapping dashboards and show my 5km map. 9. 437 online meetings on GoToMeeting in October, with roll out of GoToMeeting functionality to 94 admin users. 10. Ongoing deployment of electronic return to Work COVID-19 forms & notices for Council staff in conjunction with HR as staff return to offices. 11. Implementing return to work protocols for staff returning “on to Network” from Working from Home, to ensure data and systems integrity. 12. Former Army Barracks campus in Lifford added to the Wide Area Network and setup up transferred hardware completed. 13. eTenders procurement process completed for the Supply

	<p>and Installation of a SD-WAN Solution for Donegal County Council HQ and 25 x county Wide Remote Sites.</p> <p>14. 1st Draft of Donegal County Council – Migration to O365 Project Statement of Work received and currently being reviewed</p> <p>15. Implementation of remote Interviewing platform, testing and training for HR upcoming interview competitions.</p> <p>Systems Programme</p> <p>16. Support of COVID19 Restart Grant online system and backend electronic support system. 2,589 applications via website to date.</p> <p>17. Ongoing development and support of major online and backend support systems to facilitate management of the Defective Block Scheme which opened on 29th June.</p> <p>18. Ongoing upgrade of Dynmaics CRM for a number of solutions to facilitate in house development of mobile applications.</p> <p>19. New car parking management system installed for management of parking function. E-Parking system app launched on 22nd June for on-street payment of parking charges. 7,327 registered users since June on eParking App. 19,999 parking requests made.</p>
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Activity/Project Update

<p>Activity / Project Title</p>	<p>WiFi4EU</p>
<p>Activity / Project Description</p>	<p>WiFi4EU is an EU sponsored initiative to create free public WiFi spaces within the Digital Single Market. Municipalities across Europe had the opportunity to apply for a max of 4 Vouchers. DCC were successful in winning 4 vouchers to the value of €60,000. The Department of Rural & Community Development will match fund each voucher +€60,000. DCC to invest additional €30,000 to create budget total of €150,000 or €30,000 per Municipal District.</p> <p>Propose to install 75 outdoor public WiFi access points</p>

	throughout County Donegal to create centres of public connectivity.
Budget <i>(if applicable)</i>	€150,000
Progress to date within the last month-inclusive of current status	Broadband lines have been ordered and checked for minimum 30mbs threshold. Where fibre connections are available, they are being ordered. KN have started installations. Routers have been posted to locations.
Project Targets for the next monthly reporting period	Installation of WiFi devices in Donegal MD to commence December with other ready locations in other MDs to follow.
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Activity/Project Update

Activity / Project Title	NBP – National Broadband Plan
Activity / Project Description	<p>The NBP was signed by Government in November 2019 and will deliver High Speed Broadband to all rural Premises as defined in the Amber areas of the National Broadband Plan Map. The NBP will invest €135m in fibre infrastructure in County Donegal over the 7 years of the rollout and will connect 32,130 premises.</p> <p>National Broadband Ireland (NBI) is the consortium which will deliver the network and the NBP contract is managed by the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment.</p> <p>Liaison with NBI is through the Broadband Officer in Donegal County Council and the Department of Rural and Community Development.</p> <p>Early implementation of the NBP in 2020 will see the rollout of Community Broadband Connection Points (BCP's). These centres will act as locations where High Speed Broadband is</p>

	<p>available in a local community setting or strategic site until the NBP Fibre is implemented.</p> <p>During 2020 NBI will be carrying out route proofing and surveying in preparation for the main fibre rollouts commencing in 2021.</p>
Budget <i>(if applicable)</i>	
Progress to date within the last month-inclusive of current status	<p>WiFi hardware installations have taken place at Leghowney Community Hall, Meenreagh hostel & Cranford Community Centre.</p> <p>NBI Surveying of Network continuing</p> <p>Pole installation at Malin Head and Sliabh Liag with Wireless backhaul connections installed on 27th/29th November.</p> <p>Contractor appointed to install cabinets at Malinbeg Old School and Malin Head public convenience building</p> <p>Meeting with NBI and Elected Members</p>
Project Targets for the next monthly reporting period	<p>Wifi services to be installed at Sliabh Liag and Malin Head</p> <p>Backhaul connectivity at MalinBeg to be secured.</p>
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	<p>Daragh McDonough – Broadband Officer dmcdonough@donegalcoco.ie 074 9172450</p>

4. Division: Emergency Services

4.1 Fire Service

Activity	Number of: (October)*	Total for year
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	65	672
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	64	752
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	7	76
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	17	139
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	7	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from Applicant / Agent:	36	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	13	123
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	0	9
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	0	2
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	0	14
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	4	122
Fire Safety Complaints received:	1	16
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	1	16
During Performance Inspections carried out:	0	0
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	0	0

* Current data only available up to end of October 2020./** Provisional Figures.

4.2 Civil Defence

Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Response – Donegal Civil Defence

Resources: The availability of resources remains the same for Civil Defence however, we are mindful of the recent increase in the number of positive COVID 19 cases in Donegal in recent weeks and have revised our COVID action plan again, with our members, to ensure the service can continue to be provided to the community.

Volunteers (All Garda vetted and completed TUSAL Child Protection Training)	Accumulative Monthly Deployment of Vols. from 01/11 - 30/11	Total Task Deployment up to 30 / 11	Total Accumulative Manhours from 01/ 11 – 30/11	Manhours up to 30/11
56	62	3480	122	2206

Vehicles Used:

Equipment (4WD Vehicles)	Equipment (Van)	Equipment (Ambulance)	Equipment (Minibus – Fitted with polycarbon screen to prevent spread of COVID)
4	0	1	2

Taskings:

Donegal Civil Defence continues to provide the following services to the HSE and other agencies on a need basis;

1. Assisting GP's with the transportation of suspect COVID 19 patients from primary care centre's to the COVID Test Centre, Kilmacrennan Road, Letterkenny using screened Minibus. – 4 transfers for the month of November.
2. Collection of medications from local pharmacies and deliver to 3 Multiple Sclerosis patients in their own homes. This service continues to be provided on a once a month basis, to 3 patients who live alone and have no transport and the option of use of public transport is not a reality.
3. Transportation of patients under the care of the National Council of the Blind (NBC) who are registered blind, to hospital appointments in Sligo University Hospital for eye appointments. During the month of November, this service has been provided to 7 patients from various locations in the county.
4. Transportation of 1 No. patients to hospital appointments in Scally Practice, Letterkenny to the Eye Clinic.

5. Transportation of 1 No. patients to the outpatient's department of Letterkenny University Hospital for eye appointment.
6. Assisting the Irish Blood Transfusion Service (IBTS) with the blood clinic at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny daily for the week of the 9th to the 12th November, 2 clinics per day. This support included assisting the IBTS manage social distancing by meeting donors with their appointments and managing the flow going into the Clinic.

Response:

The COVID19 pandemic in recent weeks, has shown a gradual increase in the number of cases nationally and particularly so in Donegal. Civil Defence stands ready to assist the relevant agencies and review any requests assigned to them, taking into consideration the volunteer capacity and capability at that time.

Training:

Training in specific areas which is deemed essential training, continued during the month of November in First Aid, Drones, Auxiliary Fire Service and Missing Person Searching. It is anticipated that induction training for new recruits will be delivered in early December.

Immunisation against Influenza: A scheme to provide for the annual influenza vaccination of Civil Defence members was introduced in 2018, Circular 12/2018 refers, grant aided by the Department of Defence. This has been protection available again this year. Uptake on the vaccination has been slow, but is still available for members, through their own GP.

Ends
25th November 2020



ENVIRONMENT REPORT – December 2020

WASTE AND LITTER MANAGEMENT

<p>Activity / Project Title</p>	<p>School Bikes Africa - Great Success!</p>
<p>Project Description/ Activity</p>	<div data-bbox="565 646 1243 1066" data-label="Image"> </div> <p data-bbox="521 1108 1284 1142" style="text-align: center;">Sample of Bikes collected at Letterkenny Recycling centre</p> <div data-bbox="565 1146 1243 1642" data-label="Image"> </div> <p data-bbox="272 1684 1528 1822">The annual School Bikes Africa campaign has been another great success and it looks like the target of 50 strong sturdy bikes will be surpassed again this year. The campaign is a partnership between Letterkenny Rotary Club, Bryson Recycling and Donegal County Council. Bicycles were collected through all six recycling centres.</p>
<p>Contact Person</p>	<p>Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer suzannebogan@donegalcoco.ie</p>

National Reuse Month - October

Activity / Project Title

Project Description/ Activity

Repairmystuff : Promotion on social media



Reuse in the Garden:

Video series:

Joanne Butler from Ourganic Gardens has produced a number of short videos for social media, these excellent videos are all now available on the Councils You Tube Channel.

Pallet Workshop:

Joanne also **hosted an online workshop** on making a raised bed from pallets on Thursday 29th October, there were 23 participants on the day that joined the workshop.

An Athúsáid sa Ghairdín

Buail isteach le haghaidh Seisiún BEO maidir leis an Athúsáid sa Ghairdín, nuair a dhéanfaidh Joanne Butler ó OURganic Gardens leaba ardaithe as pailléid, agus fráma fuar as dramh-ábhair a úsáid.

Ceisteanna agus Freagraí ina dhiaidh. Is í mBéarla a DHÉANFAR AN SEISIÚN SEO.

Déardaoin 29 Deireadh Fómhair @1pm
Leis an nasc a fháil, déan teagmháil le suzannebogan@donegalcoco.ie





REUSE IN THE GARDEN

LIVE SESSION MAKING A PALLET RAISED BED FOR THE GARDEN

Join us for a LIVE Reuse session in the garden, where Joanne Butler from OURganic Gardens will be making a raised bed using scrap pallets and a cold frame using scrap materials. Q&A to follow

Thursday 29th October @1PM
For Link Contact suzannebogan@donegalcoco.ie





I Radio: Adverts on Reuse on I Radio as part of a regional package, focusing on Repair my stuff, Charity Shops and Fast Fashion.

Contact Person

Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer
suzannebogan@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	Green Schools
Project Description/ Activity	<p>Green Schools Online Teacher seminars – Tuesday 10th November:</p> <p>Green Schools Ireland are hosting an online training for schools working on the various Green Schools themes on Tuesday 10th November. They have also developed and distributed guidance documents on the implementation of the 7- step programme across all green schools themes in light of Covid -19.</p> <p>My Waste: The team at mywaste.ie have also produced guidance documents on managing waste at schools in light of Covid – 19.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer suzannebogan@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity / Project Title	Shortlisted - Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards
Project Description/ Activity	<p>The "Donegal Men's Shed Showcase 2019" has been shortlisted in the Supporting Sustainable Communities category in the Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards.</p> <p>The Excellence in Local Government Awards 2020 (ELG Awards), sponsored by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government, are held to recognise and celebrate the outstanding work being carried out by local authorities all over Ireland.</p> <p>For more info see our website https://www.chambers.ie/events/elg-awards/</p>
Contact Person	<p>Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer suzannebogan@donegalcoco.ie</p>

COASTAL MANAGEMENT

Activity / Project Title	Beach Maintenance
Project Description/ Activity	With our beaches quieter at this time of year there is now an opportunity to address a number of maintenance issues. DCC would request that visitors to the beaches be aware of contractors at work and keep at a safe distance.
Contact Person	David Friel 087 7801596

Activity / Project Title	Beach Ringbuoy Inspections
Project Description/ Activity	Inspections of our beach ringbuoys continue around our coastline. Recent storms had an impact on a number of such locations which will be assessed and addressed.
Contact Person	David Friel 087 7801596

Activity / Project Title	Fin Swim
Project Description/ Activity	<p>Launching recently in Carrickfinn Beach, Henry O'Donnell has embarked on a Finswim around the Island of Ireland in an effort to become the first person in history to circumnavigate a country by Finswimming.</p> <p>Donegal County Council is proud to support this project which will also help to raise funds for two National Charities;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Irish Cancer Society• Water Safety Ireland <p>Henry's progress around the Country can be tracked on the website www.finswim2020.com</p> <p>Following each stage Henry raises awareness of the importance of water safety. His landfalls have received great welcome and support including recent memorable events in Tory Island and Glengad.</p>
Contact Person	David Friel 087 7801596

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Activity / Project Title	Bundoran Public Conveniences
Project Description/ Activity	The tender process for access upgrade to the Seashell Unit, Bundoran, is complete. A contractor has been appointed and work will now commence. This will improve access to the facility to allow better use of the unit.
Contact Person	David Friel 087 7801596

Activity / Project Title	Bundoran Lifeguard Station - improvement works.
Project Description/ Activity	A contractor has been appointed to upgrade the Bundoran lifeguard station. This much needed work will leave the facility weather proof for the upcoming winter season and an improved base for the beach lifeguards in the 2021 bathing season.
Contact Person	David Friel 087 7801596

Activity / Project Title	Rossnowlagh Beach Lifeguard Stations
Project Description/ Activity	Both Lifeguard stations in Rossnowlagh have had necessary upgrade works completed ahead of the winter storms. The second hut, at the boardwalk, was re-roofed which was very necessary after previous storm damage.
Contact Person	David Friel 087 7801596



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8th December 2020

1. Town & Village Renewal – Donegal MD
 - Donegal Town
 - Glencolmcille
 - Killybegs
 - Rossnowlagh
2. Town & Villages Accelerated Measures
 - Bundoran- Round 1
 - Donegal Town- Round 2
3. Playground Maintenance
4. Peace IV Shared Spaces Project - Playgrounds in Bruckless
5. Sliabh Liag Development Project
6. Leader/RDP Programme Update
7. Walks & Trails update
8. Community Enhancement Programme- Community Centres and Buildings
9. Age Friendly Programme Update
10. YOURS Project
11. Donegal Youth Council



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Activity / Project Update: December 2020

Activity / Project Title	2018 T&V Renewal – Donegal Town
Project Description/Activity	Enhancements & Development Works Works consists of: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Provision of a footpath2. Provision of lining trail markings / App3. Installation of interpretative panels / signage
Budget (if applicable)	€100,000 – Department of Rural & Community Development € 25,000 – Own Resources
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.• Letter of Offer has been issued out to Group, signed and returned.• Design of the proposed footpath is currently been progressed and will be tendered in Q1 of 2021.• Designs and procurements are underway for the other elements of the project.• Tender assessment complete, successful contractor to be appointed in coming weeks.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	All works to be complete by Q2 2021.
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Mark Gallagher Executive Engineer Community, Development & Planning Services Tel: 074-9172493 E-mail: mark.gallagher@donegalcoco.ie



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Activity / Project Update: December 2020

Activity / Project Title	2019 T&V Renewal – Glencolmcille
Project Description/Activity	Enhancements & Development Works Works consists of: <ol style="list-style-type: none">4. Development of a Town Plan5. Upgrade existing footpaths6. Provision of directional and interpretative signage7. Provision of a bus shelter
Budget (if applicable)	€100,000 – Department of Rural & Community Development € 25,000 – Own Resources
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.• Letter of Offer has been issued out to Group, signed and returned• Designs of the proposed works are currently underway and will be presented to the community group.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	Works designed, agreed with community group, tendered and construction commenced. All works to be complete by Q2 2021.
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Mark Gallagher Executive Engineer Community, Development & Planning Services Tel: 074-9172493 E-mail: mark.gallagher@donegalcoco.ie



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Activity / Project Update: December 2020

Activity / Project Title	2018 T&V Renewal – Killybegs
Project Description/Activity	Enhancement of Streetscape Works consist of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Street Furniture➤ Information Panels / Directional Signage➤ Development of Food Hub➤ Enhancement of Bridge Street
Budget (if applicable)	€100,000 – Department of Rural & Community Development € 25,000 – Own Resources
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A number of meetings have been held with Killybegs Tidy Towns Committee to finalise the details of the project including the options available to deliver the various elements of the project.• Letter of Offer has been issued out to Group.• Advance Payment issued out to the Group.• Food hub works complete, food markets up and running.• Painting enhancement ongoing.• Works Tendered for proposed new shop fronts.• Enhancement signage, maps and brochures are currently at design stage.• Works are currently being completed.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	All works expected to be complete by Q4. 2020
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Mark Gallagher Executive Engineer Community, Development & Planning Services Tel: 074-9172493 E-mail: mark.gallagher@donegalcoco.ie



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Activity / Project Update: December 2020

Activity / Project Title	2019 T&V Renewal – Rossnowlagh
Project Description/Activity	Enhancements & Development Works Works consists of: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Provision of a Traders Hub2. Provision of a Sheltered Community/shared meeting area3. Provision of Street Furniture & landscaping4. Upgrade existing paths5. Development of playground
Budget (if applicable)	€100,000 – Department of Rural & Community Development €25,000 – Own Resources €100,000- Peace IV Action Plan
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.• Design of the proposed works completed and presented to the community group.• The Part 8 planning application was approved by Members at the May Monthly meeting of Donegal county Council. The designs and tender documents for the Rossnowlagh playground and Town & Village works are complete and approved by the SEUPB.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tender evaluation report currently being prepared with contact made with the likely contractor regarding insurances etc, pending SEUPB approval and the lead in time for the playground equipment.• Works to commence in February and to be complete by Q2 2021.
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Mark Gallagher Executive Engineer Community, Development & Planning Services Tel: 074-9172493 E-mail: mark.gallagher@donegalcoco.ie



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Activity / Project Update: December 2020

Activity / Project Title	2020 T&V Accelerated Measures Round 1 – Bundoran
Project Description/Activity	➤ Project proposal provides for a marketing campaign to promote Bundoran as a domestic holiday destination for the remainder of the year
Budget (if applicable)	€17,990.46– Department of Rural & Community Development € 2,008.48 – Own Resources
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application submitted to Department in early July in amount of €19,998.94• Campaign will consist of Radio advertising to at least 8 local radio stations advertising Bundoran for the shoulder season of September and October• Social media advertising campaign generally using Facebook and Instagram to target 4 key audiences for Bundoran, families, young couples, adventure seekers and golden years• Funding granting in early August
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	Marketing campaign to be undertaken in Q1. 2021
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Mark Gallagher Executive Engineer Community, Development & Planning Services Three Rivers Centre Tel: 087-12289811 E-mail: mark.gallagher@donegalcoco.ie



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Activity / Project Update: December 2020

Activity / Project Title	2020 T&V Accelerated Measures Round 2 – <u>Donegal Town</u>
Project Description/Activity	➤ 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
Budget (if applicable)	€25,000– Department of Rural & Community Development € 2,780 – Own Resources
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application submitted to Department in August in amount of €27,780• 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• The supply and fit of 21m awning with Donegal 'foodie destination' branding• Funding granting in early September• Letter of offer issued to the local group in mid September
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	All works to be commenced by Q1. 2021
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Mark Gallagher Executive Engineer Community, Development & Planning Services Three Rivers Centre Tel: 087-12289811 E-mail: mark.gallagher@donegalcoco.ie



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Activity / Project Update: December 2020

Activity / Project Title	PLAYGROUNDS MAINTENANCE 2019/2020
Project Description/Activity	Annual maintenance of Playgrounds <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Glencolmcille.2. Mall Park, Ballyshannon.3. Mall Park Outdoor Gym, Ballyshannon.4. Waterworld Playground, Bundoran.5. St. John Bosco, Donegal Town6. Kilcar Playground.7. Killybegs Playground.
Budget (if applicable)) €11,030.16 (incl. VAT)
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Works consists of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Replacement of broken and damaged equipment.• Replace worn safety tiles and remove trip hazards.• Grease all equipment that contains bushes, bearings , shackles, etc.• Carry out repairs along edges of safety surfaces. <p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual Rospa Inspection Reports have been completed with necessary repairs identified.• Quick Quotes tender requests issued on 10th December, 2019 with a closing date of 10th January 2020.• Tenders assessed January 2020.• Annual Maintenance Tender awarded to Murphy Playground Services Ltd.• Contractor has commenced works on the various playgrounds throughout the county.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All works to be completed by Q4, 2020
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Mark Gallagher Executive Engineer Community, Development & Planning Services Tel: 074-9172493 E-mail: mark.gallagher@donegalcoco.ie



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Activity / Project Update: December 2020

Activity / Project Title	Peace IV Shared Spaces Project
Activity / Project Description	Development of Playgrounds in Bruckless
Budget	Budget €85,000 Bruckless €85,000
Progress to date within the last two months-inclusive of current status	The tender documents to appoint a contractor were completed and passed to the SEUPB for review and approval. The documents were issued on the etenders website as an open procurement on Friday 13 th March 2020, with an initial submission date of Friday 17 th April 2020 but was subsequently extended until Friday 1 st May 2020 due to COVID-19. We received three tenderers before Fridays 12:00 noon deadline, with one coming in that afternoon which will need to be returned and not assessed. The Council has a a pre-contract meeting with the Contractor for the Bruckless Playground on July 8th in the morning to discuss the plans before the letter of acceptance is issued. Followed by a meeting with the community group in the afternoon. The contract has now been signed with the successful contractor.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	The playground works are now complete, the safety inspection is currently being done which will be followed by the planned handover with the Contractor on Thursday 3rd of December with the playground to be added to the Council insurance cover. All going to plan (pending the safety inspection and insurances) the playground should be open next weekend.
Contact Person	James Kelly, 074 9153900



This project is supported by the EU's Peace IV Programme, managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB)





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Activity / Project Update: May 2020

Activity / Project Title	Sliabh Liag Development Project
Project Description/Activity	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
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status	<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>Visitor Management within the site requires the introduction of Car parking Bye-Laws to control traffic movement. The Council following a resolution of Donegal Municipal District Members initiated the procedure for making bye-laws (in accordance with Section 101(7) of the Road Traffic Act 1961, as amended) at the car parks in Sliabh Liag in November 2019. The closing date for submissions was 23rd December 2019 with 55 no submissions being received. The submissions are currently being considered by the Council with a view to bringing a report to the Donegal Municipal Meeting later in 2020. The centre closed to the public in March due to the Covid 19 pandemic. The centre re-opened to the public on June 29th in compliance with of the Covid 19 Roadmap. Huge numbers have visited Sliabh Liag during July and August which did give rise to serious traffic/parking issues. A workshop with Members was held in October in relation to the Car Parking Bye-Laws.</p>
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	The facilities have been closed on a temporary basis, this matter is now being reviewed having regard to the new Covid 19 guidelines. The Car Parking Bye-Laws will be brought before the Members at the January 2021 Municipal meeting for adoption which will provide a vital tool to control traffic management for the 2021 season.
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Paddy Doherty Community & Planning Services Station Island, Lifford



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Activity / Project Update- December 2020

Activity / Project Title	Rural Development Programme/LEADER
Activity / Project Description	Donegal Local Community and Development Committee are the Local Action Group for County Donegal, with responsibility for the LEADER/Rural Development Programme 2014-2020
Budget	€12,913,873 <i>Note: Project costs €9,685,406, administration and animation costs €3,228,467</i>
Progress to date within the last two months-inclusive of current status	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 programme on behalf of the LAG (Local Action Group). 217 projects in Donegal are now approved by Pobal and Letters of Offer have issued/are pending granting LEADER funding to a value of just over €9,336m. Donegal has the highest approved project spend nationally for the LEADER programme to date.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	The next LCDC/LAG meeting will be held on 18 th DEcember 2020, with further projects coming forward for approval. Monthly Evaluation Committee meetings are also being held in order to progress projects to LCDC/LAG stage and the development companies continue to engage with promoters on the ground to develop and assess potential applications and to promote the LEADER programme.
Contact Person	Seamus Canning 074 9172597 seamusc@donegalcoco.ie



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Activity / Project Update December 2020

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Walks and Trails
File:	
Project Description/Activity	Maintenance, development and promotion of walks & trails in Donegal including cycle routes and Greenways.
Budget <i>(if applicable)</i>	
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p>End of September Donegal County Council submitted 7 No. applications to Measure 1 of the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2020 with a project linking Creevy to Ballyshannon being one of the submissions. (RRO/ DLDC) has separately submitted 2 No. applications from Donegal Local Development Company.</p> <p>In October inspections completed of Lough Derg Pilgrim trail and Drumharrif forest trail.</p> <p>Putting together draft of works on Bealach na Gaeltachta for ORIS 2019 spend. To include some minor works on Sli Cholm Cille.</p>
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To visit more trails and complete the Bluestack Way• Need to arrange meeting with Coilte• Working on Tender docs for Bealach na Gaeltachta
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Darryl Connor (Outdoor Recreational Development Officer) 0873613811 dconnor@donegalcoco.ie



Activity / Project Update- November 2020

Activity / Project Title	Community Enhancement Programme 2020 – Community Centres and Buildings																																									
Activity / Project Description	Donegal LCDC received an initial fund of €77,231.72 for the Community Enhancement Programme 2020. Additional Funding was announced for the Community Enhancement Programme under the July Stimulus Package and Donegal LCDC has been allocated €234,073 for award.																																									
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Progress to date within the last two months-inclusive of current status	The applications for the initial tranche of funding were assessed and agreed by the LCDC at their meeting in September. The applications for the second round of funding were assessed and agreed by the LCDC at their meeting on 20 th October. The LCDC agreed to divide the funding equally between each MD.																																									
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Municipal District: All

Activity / Project Update

December 2020

Activity / Project Title	Age Friendly Project
File:	
Project Description/Activity	Social Inclusion Week – Radio Age Friendly Panel
Budget (if applicable)	NA
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p>Donegal Age Friendly Programme has created very busy phonedlines and emails in the last week. To open Social Inclusion week they arranged an Age Friendly full panel discussion on the Greg Hugh's show, Highland Radio. The panel comprised of members from the Age Friendly Alliance, agencies from Donegal County Council, the Health promotion and Primary Care from the HSE, Alone, Donegal Sports Partnership, Local-link and Education Training Board.</p> <p>The Interagency group talked about the Age Friendly Programme and how they have worked together as group in the last few years but especially this year through the Covid Pandemic. Each of the panel members explained all the different services available to Older People in Donegal and how they can avail of them. The group spoke about the importance for Older People to keep moving through doing simple exercises, how they can keep themselves healthy at home and reminded them if they were in need of anything to contact the free-phone Helpline. The local link explained that transport is still very much up and running but if Older People had any concerns about coming out and needed anything delivered to their homes to contact the Age Friendly Programme through the Helpline and they will arrange it. The radio interview ended on a positive note with a Competition for Older People.</p>
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Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	
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Activity / Project Update

December 2020

Activity / Project Title	Age Friendly Project / Creative Ireland
File:	
Project Description/Activity	Conversational Portrait for Older People
Budget (if applicable)	€5000
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p>Donegal Age Friendly, in partnership with Donegal County Council Culture Division and portrait artist Andy Parsons, is looking for participants for a Creative Ireland Creativity in Older Age Virtual Portrait Sitting. The project is currently taking place in four local authority areas in the North West – Donegal, Roscommom (Project Leader), Leitrim and Sligo.</p> <p>Invitations were sent out to over age 70 who are in a care home or cocooning at home, missing their cultural activities and interested in making new connections at this time. During these sessions, which will be conducted online through Zoom, Andy will create an artwork while getting to know each person and how they have responded to the last few months of Covid. In return for their time, the portraits will be delivered to the sitters who may display them in their own homes, for the enjoyment of family, friends and staff. Portraits will also be exhibited in digital form on Donegal Age Friendly, Donegal County Council and Age & Opportunity's Bealtaine Festival websites and facebook pages.</p> <p>To take part, the Older Person would need to have some way to access a computer or phone for a video zoom call, even if just for two to three mornings. If people wanted to take part and didn't have access to a computer or phone, Donegal Age Friendly Programme agreed to work with the Individuals to get them set up. There are 4 places available and we are hoping for a balance of people living at home or in a care home in the county, male and female.</p> <p>The closing date for this project was Friday the 23rd of October. 60 Older people registered for their portrait, this is currently going through a short listing</p>
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process, the 4 winning participants will be notified in the coming days. Because the project was so successful the Age Friendly Programme will seek further funding to run this project again in the future.

Andy Parsons has wide experience of working with older people and of working in care settings. He is currently the Artist-In-Residence at Sligo University Hospital, while last year he led a very successful Age & Opportunity-managed Artist's Residency at Killybegs Community Hospital. There he worked with residents and staff on a project exploring traditional hand crafts common to South and South West Donegal. You can see more information about Andy's work with Age & Opportunity here:
http://bealtaine.ie/news/show/conversations_a_virtual_portrait_project_with_andy_parsons



Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period

Contact Person

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Municipal District: All 5 MD's

Activity / Project Update No. 8

December 2020

Activity / Project Title	YOURS Project – Youth & Old, Understanding, Remembering & Sharing. New – Donegal Digital Media Project
Project Description/Activity	Intergenerational Project - PEACE IV Digital Media Project – PEACE IV
Budget	€150,000 €83,684.08
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status	Shared Past Local History – Online 'Back to the Future' Classes starting Tuesday 3 rd November, facilitated by Carol O'Callaghan, author and artist. There has been a huge interest in this theme, schools and older people taking part. End result will be the formation of 20 stories gathered from participants based on local Heritage from the County of Donegal and be published in booklet form as a resource for schools and other community groups.

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AN EXCITING NEW
INTERGENERATIONAL
ACTIVITY AS PART OF THE **YOURS Project**

(YOUNG AND OLD, UNDERSTANDING, REMEMBERING AND SHARING)
Developed by Donegal County Council and supported by the EU's Peace IV Programme,
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BACK TO THE FUTURE

Keeping Heritage *Alive*

FOR THE PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS

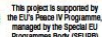
Are you under 18 or over 55? If so would you like to be part
of a new and exciting Shared Past Local History Project?

A series of workshops facilitated by artist Carol O Callaghan which will explore all the wonderful themes surrounding our heritage. This will take shape in the form of discussion on line using creative and investigative ways of exploring our heritage with fun activities and weekly creative projects. Together we will create and collaborate stories which will be published and shared.

Limited number of places

Share with us your stories and knowledge and take us back to the future.

For further information and to register please contact
SHARLEEN TINNEY, Project Co-ordinator, Donegal County
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Online Mindfulness Classes – Classes commenced Tuesday 6th October via Zoom facilitated by Mary Kara, Donegal Mindfulness. Topics such as self compassion, gratitude and self care and mindful walking have been discussed. Participants are finding the classes most rewarding and beneficial to their mental health especially during the current times.

Wellbeing & Physical Activity – ‘Generations United’ – Social Soccer – facilitated by Donegal Sports Partnership. 8 week programme planned covering, health and well being, history, nutrition and physical activity. Engagement with minority groups within the respective areas. Suitable for all fitness levels, targeting retired footballs (or those with an interest in the sport) and the youth. Theme has been postponed owing to public health guidance. Discussions ongoing with the Sports Partnership on an alternative way to deliver this activity.

One Donegal – Social Inclusion Week -Intergenerational seminars were held as part in Donegal Social Inclusion Week. Online Fitness Class for both generations facilitated by Paul Smyth Inclusive Fitness and Mindfulness Class facilitated by Mary Kara, Donegal Mindfulness.

Video – Pupils from a local school produced a short video for the YOURS Project, sending positive messages to older people, in particular grandparents on staying

safe and well. Posted on YOURS FB page and Donegal County Council FB page.

Link to videos hereunder

<https://www.facebook.com/YOURSintergenerational/videos/698296027738682?t=3>

<https://www.facebook.com/YOURSintergenerational/videos/675878566686858/?t=1>

Arts & Cultural – Intergenerational Dancing – complete.

Addressing Stereotypes – ‘Walk and Ponder’ – complete.

Bridging the Generation Gap - Male Active Programme - ‘Pass it on’ – complete. This theme is continuing with the assistance of the Donegal Sports Partnership and Inishowen Development Partnership.

Personal Skills – Past and Present – Craft Group – complete.

NEW - Digital Media Project - A local history project to capture the historical narrative of the social development of the county over the past half century, which will allow for the engagement of both young and older people in gaining an understanding of the past, which will assist in shaping the future. This Project is separate to the YOURS Project. Five schools in the county have expressed an interest in the Digital Media Project. Etenders have been received and are at evaluation stage.

All activities on the YOURS project can be seen on the FB page @YOURSintergenerational. Communication with past and present participants ongoing via phone, social media etc..

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Activity / Project Update No 7

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Youth Council
Project Description/Activity	
Budget <i>(if applicable)</i>	
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status	<p>Donegal Youth Council 2018-2020 are finishing up their two year term at the end of September. The Youth Council worked tirelessly on their three Topics over the two years as well as taking on extra work from other committees.</p> <p>The following are pieces of work that the group was able to finish regardless of the covid_19 crisis.</p> <p><u>Road Safety Working Group</u></p> <p>School Bus Seat Belt initiative launched by Donegal Youth Council</p> <p>The Donegal Youth Council are due to finish off their two year term in the coming weeks. During their term the Donegal Youth Council have worked closely with the Donegal Road Safety Working Group to promote road safety and have been involved in scripting and recording road safety adverts which have aired on Highland Radio, focusing on speed, the use of mobile phones when driving, planning a safe way home, and driving while under the influence of drugs - the first radio advert of its kind in Ireland. The Youth Council have also played a significant role in the "Live to Play Campaign" in association with the Road Safety Working Group and Ulster GAA; the promotion of the annual Road Safety Road Show for Post Primary Schools in Donegal; the "Keep the Race in its Place Campaign" for the Donegal Rally.</p> <p>The DYC along with the Donegal Road Safety Working Group have launched a campaign to inform students and parents on the importance of wearing seatbelts on school buses. The young group have designed Belt Up stickers which will be displayed on school buses outlining a step by step process for school children to wear their seatbelt on buses safely and securely. All school buses are fitted with seat belts, but it is vital to continue to encourage students to wear</p>

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these at all times. As there are multiple journeys made by school pupils through the School Transport system annually, safety should remain the absolute priority for all bus companies. The Donegal Youth Council have combined their efforts to make sure the safety messages are displayed in a manner that is easy for everyone, of all ages, travelling on buses to understand. A number of local bus companies have offered to display the belt up stickers and a pilot scheme has been launched as schools get ready to return with McGettigan Travel, Letterkenny.

Brian O'Donnell, Road safety Officer said "This campaign is not just about school children. It is vital that parents, guardians and teachers get on board to highlight the importance of road safety. They play a major role in conveying the message that it is normal to reach for your seat belt once you get on the bus. The seatbelt initiative that is being launched will give an important reinforcement of the messages that parents provide to their children, about wearing seat belts. Together schools and parents will make wearing seatbelts a normal part of travelling for children, and will establish lifelong safety routines."

Shauna Hoey, Foroige and Donegal Youth Council coordinator said "I am delighted to be involved in launching the campaign. The safety of our school children is obviously extremely important and I believe this initiative is a great way to get the message of 'belting-up' across to students and it was a pleasure working with members of the Youth Council as they developed this idea."

Doherty's Travel in Dungloe also supported Donegal Youth Council in this initiative. We would hope other bus companies will get involved. Donegal Daily covered the story and was shared on multiple social media platforms.

CYPSC

Donegal Youth Council worked alongside Anne Timony Meehan to collaborate the survey for young people of Donegal to get their feedback on what is working well and what need more attention for young people in Donegal. Over 200 young people completed the survey which will alter the CYPSC 2020-2023 Plan.

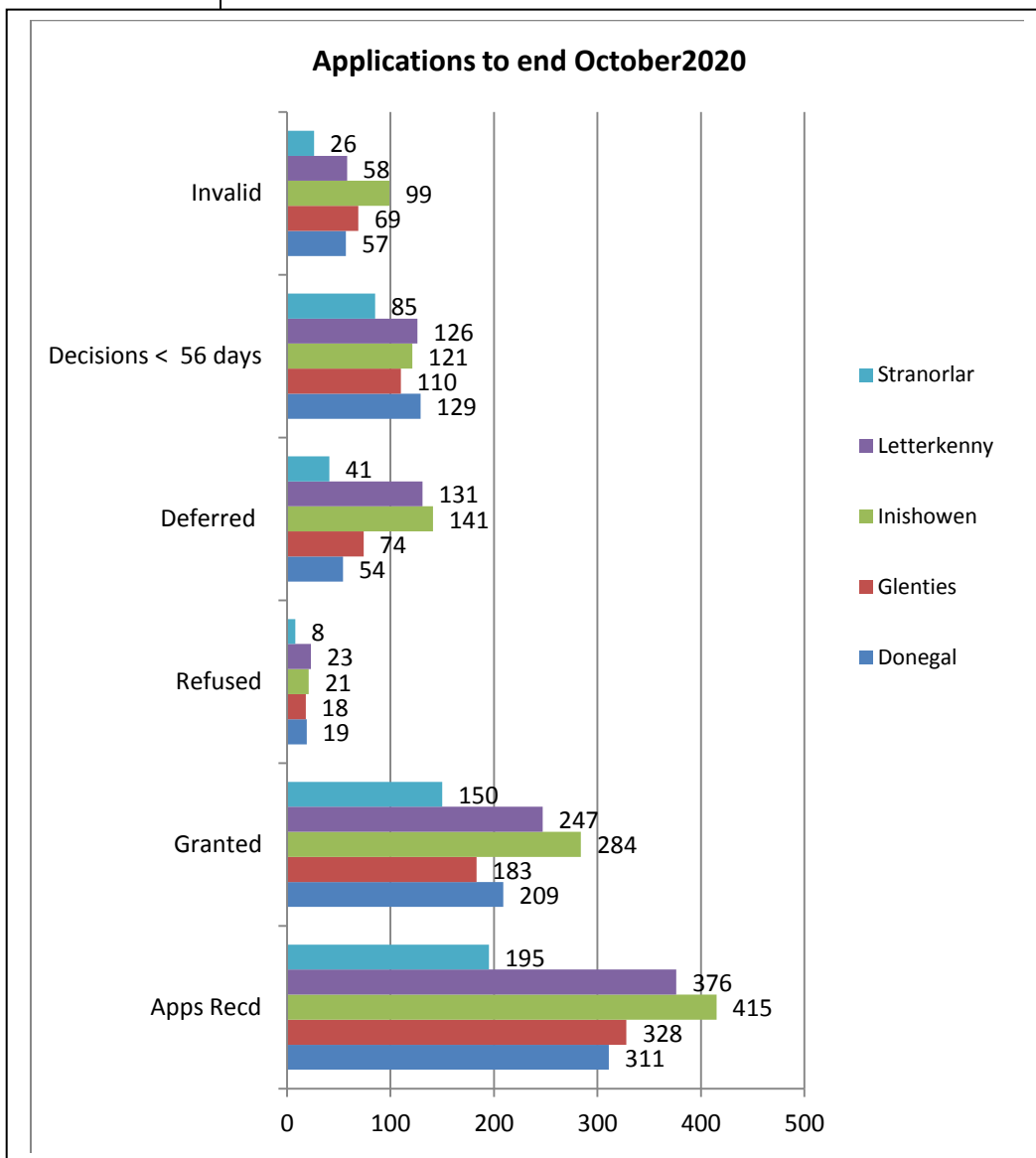
First Young Adult Representative to take her seat on Donegal CYPSC. The participation of Children and Young People is a fundamental principle of Donegal CYPSC. Donegal CYPSC will continue to work to strengthen the involvement of children and young people including seldom heard children and young people, young Travellers, young people from new communities and black and ethnic minority backgrounds as well as children and young people with disabilities, young people who are carers and young people who identify as LGBTI+.

Donegal CYPSC is delighted to welcome Éadaoin Nic Con Uladh from Dungloe, as the first Young Adult Representative on the committee. Éadaoin's Expression of Interest was approved at the CYPSC meeting on 1st Sept. Éadaoin brings a wealth of experience gained from her involvement in the current Donegal Youth Council, the Donegal Youth Voices Group, the Foroige Reference Panel, Foroige National Council and Foroige Financial Subcommittee. Éadaoin has also been a member

	<p>of the Jigsaw National Advisory Panel, the School Council and the National School council with ISSU. Éadaoin was also part of the Donegal Youth Council group who worked on the design, content and piloting of the CYPSC Young Peoples Survey to inform the new Children & Young People Plan 2021-2023. Shauna Hoey, Donegal Youth Council Coordinator commented "Éadaoin has been involved in many youth organisations throughout her teenage years. Her work is known throughout the county and she demonstrates so many traits of an inspiring role model within her peer group. Éadaoin has shown dedication and determination with her involvement on the Donegal Youth Council and she will thrive in this role as well."</p> <p>Éadaoin will be supported throughout the process and will have a direct link to the Youth Council as she will be returning as a Youth Leader for the new term. Donegal CYPSC Coordinator Anne Timony Meehan said "Eadaoin's presence on Donegal CYPSC will provide a fresh youth perspective that will enhance discussions and the work of CYPSC going forward." Éadaoin will attend her first Donegal CYPSC meeting on 29th Sept 2020. Éadaoin will be supported throughout this process.</p> <p><u>Pride of Place Awards</u> Members completed an interview explaining their work to the panel of Judges. Results will be released in later this year.</p> <p>List of Committees Donegal Youth Council are involved in;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakout • The Donegal Road Safety Working Group • LCAAP Committee • Ministry for Youth Northern Ireland • Alcohol Forum Committee • Health Forum Committee • Connect For Life • Jigsaw Youth Steering Committee (New Year) • Cruinniú na nÓg (New Year) <p>Social Media Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/donegalyouthcouncil/ Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/donegalyouthcouncil/ Twitter: https://twitter.com/DonegalYouth Comhairle: https://www.comhairlenanog.ie/local-comhairle/donegal/ Updated on a regular basis.</p>
<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>Closing Ceremony due to be held at the end of September. Key work will take place with link teachers to find a method of working together during this time. Elections will be held in October/November. The Annual General Meeting will be held in November.</p>
<p>Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i></p>	<p>Charles Sweeney on CHARLES.SWEENEY@donegalcoco.ie Shauna on 0867812720 or Shauna.hoey@foroige.ie</p>

Donegal MD Meeting
8th December 2020

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3	Notes & Monthly Schedule	<p>Please note pre planning clinics during the Covid-19 restrictions are on a telephone call only basis between 09.30am and 12.30pm on the dates outlined below.</p> <p><u>Planning Clinics:</u> 16th December</p> <p>Please see website for further dates. http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/planningclinics/</p>								
4	Regeneration Report	Appendix A								
5	Building Control & Taking in Charge Community Development & Planning Services	Appendix B								
6	Central Planning Unit									
	(1) <i>Letterkenny Plan and Local Transport Plan</i>	No further updates.								
	(2) <i>Buncrana</i>	No further updates.								
	(3) <i>County Development Plan 2018-2024 (CDP 2018-2024)</i>	<p><u>Policy Interpretation and Implementation: Plenary Workshops</u> No further updates.</p> <p><u>Proposed Variation on Foot of Adoption of Northern and Western Regional Assembly's Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy</u> The Proposed Variation was due to be presented at the November Plenary Council meeting.</p> <p><u>Proposed Variation re TEN-T Priority Roads Project</u> An update report was due to be presented to the November Plenary meeting.</p>								

		<p><u>Wind Energy Policy and Proposed Variation</u></p> <p>The new Wind Energy Guidelines had not been published at the time of writing and there are no further updates at this time other than to note that work is continuing on the possible contents of a Proposed Variation in anticipation of publication of the Guidelines.</p>
7	<p>Further Information <i>Click on web links to access information.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly List of applications and decisions: http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weeklyplanninglists/ • Planning service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service): planning@donegalcoco.ie • Planning Webpage: www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/ • Planning Application Online Query – planning reference number required: www.donegalcdb.ie/eplan/internetenquiry/rpt_querybysurforrecloc.asp • File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and when requesting planning searches: www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/fileretrieval/File%20Retrieval.pdf

Appendix A



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2040

Regeneration & Development Team Community Development & Planning Services

December Municipal District Meetings (2020) 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

Tenders for Architect Led Design Team services to deliver regeneration project ‘Killybegs 2040’ through the stages of detailed design and construction supervision to final certification and handover were uploaded to eTenders on 27th July 2020. The closing date for receipt of tenders was 31st August 2020 and has now passed. The tender box has subsequently been opened and a total of 3no. tenders were received. The tender assessment process is underway and the final stage of the tender evaluation process is now completing.

The next steps in the process are as follows:

1. Complete the evaluation of the tenders received.
2. The submission of a Tender Report to the DRCD for consideration (a report on the tender process, assessment and evaluation of tenders and a recommendation to appoint the successful tender), and
3. On receipt of DRCD approval the appointment of the Design Team and commencement of the detailed design stage. It is anticipated that this will complete over a 16 week period after which the Contractor will be procured and the formal launch of the project on site will take place. This is presently scheduled for Q2 2021 and the build period is currently estimated at 52 weeks.

1.1.2 Burtonport and Aranmore Island – Harbour to Island Regeneration

This project continues to progress in accordance with the Funding Approval Process set out by the Department of Rural & Community Development (DRCD).

A Refurbishment, Demolition & Asbestos Survey (RDAS) of the relevant buildings in Burtonport has been completed. Detailed design is also currently completing. Otherwise the CPO process is presently pending confirmation from An Bord Pleanála of the arrangement for Oral Hearing in accordance with the Covid-19 Regulations, guidelines and protocols. An Bord Pleanála have indicated that they intend to determine the CPO by 15th January 2021.

In respect of the Aranmore Island Shore Front Amenity, the early eradication, treatment and management of pockets of an invasive species which had been identified within the site has been completed. This work was informed both by a Natura Impact Statement and a Site Specific Invasive Species Management Plan.

Importantly Detailed Design has completed and the tender for an Architect Led Supervision Team to supervise the construction contractor opened on tenders with a closing date of 2nd October 2020 at 12pm. Evaluation has completed. 1no. bid was received and was deemed to be non-compliant. Alternative supervision arrangements are now being examined.

The tender for a construction contractor opened on 2nd October 2020. This tender had an initial closing date of 30th October 2020, however the deadline was extended by one week to 6th November 2020 further to requests from potential tenderers. This has now passed and three bids were received. Arrangements are being made to commence immediate tender assessment.

The next steps in the process are as follows:

1. Evaluation of the tenders received (Contractor/Aranmore Island).
2. The submission of a Tender Report to the DRCD for consideration (a report on the tender process, assessment and evaluation of tenders and a recommendation to appoint the successful tender), and
3. On receipt of DRCD approval the appointment of the Supervision Team and Contractor and commencement of the Aranmore Island element of the project on site. At present this is scheduled to commence in Q1 of 2021 with a 31 week build period.

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)

This project was submitted to the DRCD on 28th February 2020 and was one of the successful Category 2 projects announced by Minister Michael Ring TD On 25th June 2020.

The Category 2 project is now entering the ‘project development’ stage. Early feasibility work has commenced in respect of potential end project user(s) in advance of acquisition discussions and Part 8 preparations are underway.

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

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

This project was submitted to the DRCD on 28th February 2020 and was one of the successful Category 2 projects announced by Minister Michael Ring TD On 25th June 2020.

The Category 2 project is now entering the ‘project development’ stage. A detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy has been prepared and was submitted to the DRCD on Wednesday 30th September 2020. Approval to proceed to tender has now been received.

A tender process for fully integrated Architect Led Detailed Design & Supervision Services to bring this project through public consultation, part 8 planning and detailed design to a contract ready capital project opened on tenders on Tuesday 17th November 2020, with a closing date of 4th January 2020.

The estimated timeline for the completion of this work is approx. 48 weeks including the procurement processes.

1.3 **NEW CALL FOR CATEGORY 1 PROJECTS (SHOVEL READY) UNDER THE RURAL REGENERATION & DEVELOPMENT FUND (RRDF)**

1.3.1. **Ballybofey & Stranorlar**

The ‘**SEED**’ project – A sustainable, green regeneration project to Strengthen, Engage, Enable and Deliver transformational change in Ballybofey-Stranorlar.

This project was unsuccessful as a Category 2 application to the RRDF in February 2020 of this year. In July it was confirmed to Members that notwithstanding this set back, the Team remained committed to the Regeneration of the twin towns and the continued progression of the ‘SEED’ regeneration project in the towns as an important part of our regeneration work programme, which includes the delivery of a Regeneration Strategy for the twin towns.

A Part 8 planning scheme for the ‘SEED’ project was published on Tuesday 22nd September 2020. The Plans and particulars of the development were

available for inspection online and by prior appointment only at County House, Lifford and The Base Enterprise Centre, Stranorlar until Tuesday 20th October 2020. Submissions must have been made in writing before Wednesday 4th November 2020. The Part 8 was brought before the Council on Monday 16th November 2020 and a decision was made to proceed with the development.

QS project costing services and valuations have been completed. The Economic Appraisal & the preparation of CGI 3D photo real visuals are completing. This project will now be submitted to the DRCD (RRDF) by 1st December 2020 deadline.

1.3.2 Ballyshannon

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.

The work of progressing the ‘Back To Ballyshannon’ project towards ‘shovel ready’ status as a capital project has commenced, enabled by the Category 2 funding for project development announced in June. The Team has identified that a feasibility study of end users, acquisition, archaeological assessment, compliance with Fire Regulations and Disability Access requirements are all works elements which require further procurement, investigation and progress before a Part VIII planning scheme can be progressed for this project. The Team is committed to progressing the development of this project to shovel ready status in as timely a manner as possible with a view to achieving project readiness for future calls under the Fund.

1.3.3. Burtonport

An update on the status of the existing Burtonport – Aranmore ‘Harbour to Island Regeneration’ project was provided for in Section 1.1.2 of this report. The completion of this project requires the delivery of a new Harbour/Ferry Terminal Building in Burtonport which will provide, inter alia, accommodation for the Harbour Master, Ferry ticketing offices, public amenities and community space replacing much of the existing arrangements which are scheduled for demolition in the first phases of the scheme. The new Harbour Building, will also be augmented by a new enterprise building.

Public consultation has been completed in respect of the proposed new Harbour and Enterprise building in Burtonport and Part VIII planning has been secured. Accordingly this final element of the project is in a high state of application readiness for submission to the RRDF for Category 1 funding by the 1st December deadline. The project has now been costed and the preparation of photo real 3D CGI visuals of the project has been procured and is now completing. This project will now be submitted to the DRCD (RRDF) by 1st December 2020 deadline.

1.3.4. Carndonagh

Carndonagh is identified in the County Development Plan, 2018-2024 as a Tier 2 Strategic Town with the following identified ‘Special Economic Functions’: Development Centre with a focus on Tourism, Tourism and the Wild Atlantic Way and Centre for delivery of Local Authority Services and it is an objective of the Local Area Plan 2018-2024 to inter alia: “seek the development and renewal of areas within Carndonagh that are in need of regeneration..”

The Team is collaborating with Spraoi agus Sport in Carndonagh in the development of a regeneration project in the Diamond, Pound Street and town centre area of the town. The project envisages a new hub located in a regenerated heritage building, and proposes a range of uses including: a co-working space, a creative space, retail space, warehousing, youth space, public amenities etc. The project will directly address vacancy and dereliction and will be integrated with public realm interventions and accessibility improvements.

A Part 8 planning scheme for the Carndonagh Town Centre Regeneration Project was published on Tuesday 22nd September 2020. The Plans and particulars of the development were available for inspection online and by prior appointment only at County House, Lifford and the Carndonagh Public Services Centre until Tuesday 20th October 2020. Submissions must have been made in writing before Wednesday 4th November 2020. A Chief Executives Report on the Part 8 development was brought before the Council on Monday 16th November 2020 and a decision was made to proceed with the development.

Economic Appraisal is presently completing. QS project costing services, valuations & the preparation of CGI 3D photo real visuals have been completed. This project will now be submitted to the DRCD (RRDF) by 1st December 2020 deadline.

1.3.5 Rathmullan

The Team acknowledges the significant work done to date by the ‘Way Forward Group’ in Rathmullan in progressing a ‘future use feasibility study’ for the Napoleonic Gun Battery in conjunction with Pasparakis Friel.

The Team is exploring the opportunity to further progress this project towards shovel ready status as a capital project, which might then enable an application for Category 1 funding under future calls of the RRDF. This will require the progression of the project through further pre-planning, planning and detailed design/contract work. It has been agreed that Consultancy Services will be procured to progress these work elements and a request for tender documentation is currently being prepared.

The Team met with ‘The Way Forward’ Group on Thursday 24th September 2020 to discuss the road map, immediate next steps and timelines for the progression of this project. A further meeting is proposed in December.

1.4 REGENERATION STRATEGIES

The Regeneration & Development Team had undertaken with Members to progress Regeneration Strategies in a number of Tier 2 Strategic Towns as a part of our work programme. This work has been progressing through in house resources and capacities together with consultancy services. An update on this area of the work programme is provided hereinunder:

1.4.1 Ramelton

The Ramelton Action Plan was formally launched on 3rd July 2020.

The Plan was funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme and is the result of collaboration with the local community, Donegal County Council and Dedalus Architecture.

The Action Plan provides a number of heritage led actions that have been developed in consultation with the local community and which are intended to support the renewal and regeneration of Ramelton. The Plan will assist and support a wide range of public and private stakeholders such as landowners, business owners, local community groups, statutory bodies and public authorities in providing heritage led guidance and dedicated actions for the regeneration, repair and future development of the town in a sustainable manner.

The Plan can be viewed at the following link:

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

1.4.2 Killybegs

In Killybegs, the Killybegs Regeneration Group were successful in 2019 in securing FLAG monies towards, inter alia, the preparation of a Regeneration Strategy. The Regeneration Team has partnered with this Group to assist in the preparation of the strategy, which will be delivered by consultancy services. A competition to procure the necessary professional services has been held and Pasparakis Friel emerged as the successful bid. They have been engaged and the work of preparing a Regeneration Strategy for Killybegs is progressing to the later delivery stages. A workshop with the Elected Members of the Donegal MD is planned in the near future.

1.4.3 Ballybofey

As was agreed in July the Team undertook to procure consultants to progress the preparation of the Regeneration Strategy. The procurement process has now closed and Pasparakis Friel Architects have been appointed. Work has commenced and is ongoing in relation to consultation, profiling and surveying due to the tight timeframe set down for delivery of a draft strategy and

alignment with the scheduled submission of a Category 1 application to the RRDF for the 'SEED' project by the 1st December 2020 deadline.

1.4.4 Ballyshannon & Dungloe

The work of commencing and progressing Regeneration Strategies for Ballyshannon and Dungloe has been impacted by the national public health emergency which has affected the ability to engage with the public, stakeholders and to hold further such events. As a result the timelines for the presentation of a draft strategy need to be adjusted accordingly.

In order to introduce momentum to this work and ensure timely progression and delivery it has been decided to advance Regeneration Strategies in Ballyshannon and Dungloe through the procurement of Consultancy Services. A tender for Consultancy Services in respect of both Ballyshannon and Dungloe opened on Monday 5th October 2020. The closing date was Friday 30th October 2020 after which the evaluation of the tenders received commenced immediately.

GM Design Associates Limited, 22-24 Lodge Road, Coleraine, Co. Londonderry, Northern Ireland, BT52 1NB were the successful bid in respect of both Strategies. They have been informed and arrangements for an inception meeting and immediate commencement of work are being made. Members have been advised of this appointment and that a workshop is planned with Members as soon as possible in December.

The timeline that this approach enables, is scheduled to deliver a Draft Regeneration Strategy by end of February 2021 and a Final Regeneration Strategy by end of April, 2021. The work programme proposed will include for public, community and Elected Member participation and consultation and further engagement with Members will be arranged to discuss the delivery of the Strategies once the award to the successful company has been made.

2.0 URBAN REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (URDF)

2.1 Application submitted to the Urban Regeneration & Development Fund

The URDF application Letterkenny 2040 (Phase 1) '**Re-energise and Connect the Historic Town Centre**' was successfully submitted to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government on Thursday 28th May 2020 in advance of the next day deadline.

The project is an ambitious, transformative and strategic step in Letterkenny's longer term regeneration goal to transform the core of the town as a liveable 'place for People and Public Life'. The sub-projects of the application are:

A. The Cathedral Quarter – Making a Creative District –

A re-imagined public space at Market Square
A revitalized and accessible Church Lane through delivery of a shared surface scheme
A 1,500 sqm Creative Design Hub with green urban parkland
A repurposed vacant building as a Tourist Office

B. Enabling Renewal at Lower Main Street

Strategic land assembly and acquisition package

C. Revival at the Courthouse

New enterprise space blended with a tourist attraction in the Historic Courthouse presenting 'Donegal: People and Place'.

D. Enabling a Regional Transport Hub

Strategic land acquisition

E. LK Green Connect

Connecting origins, destinations and targets inc. strategic land acquisition

The overall value is estimated at: €18.1m (approx.)

This application is now under the later stages of assessment. DoHPLG have indicated that a date for announcement is possible by year end.

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

This 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) Ongoing procurement process for consultancy services to prepare a Regeneration Strategy for Letterkenny Town Centre.

There has been significant progress in relation to the procurement process to appoint the consultants in respect of the Letterkenny Regeneration Strategy and to this end, we can now confirm that The Paul Hogarth Company have been advised that they are the successful tenderer. As the required standstill period has expired we will now proceed to complete the contract to appoint The Paul Hogarth Company as the lead consultant of a consortium. The consortium also consists of Hall Black Douglas Architects, Atkins and AV Browne.

The project will be a 12 month programme commencing in its initial phase with survey, analysis and consultation and this will include early engagement with the MD. There are 5 key deliverables across the 12 month duration:

1. An overall masterplan for the town centre. This will provide the skeleton for the entire town centre including identification of the optimum site for a Regional Transport Hub and the critical linkages between the historic town centre and newer retail areas (Complete around February/March 2021)
2. Concept design proposals for 10 key regeneration sites. The sites to be focused on for design concepts will emerge through the earlier phase of the project. (Complete around May/ June 2021)

3. A Linkages and Public Space Action Plan. This will prioritise the delivery of future public spaces and linkages and identify where the best value and benefit can be achieved from investment made (Complete around July/August 2021).
4. Tailored design guidelines to guide future development in relation to parameters like car parking, street frontage and building heights as examples. (Complete around July/August 2021).
5. Branding and communication- this will occur throughout the entire project and lead to a final project event around September 2021.

The contract with the Paul Hogarth Company has now been completed and the Council has published the Award Notice on etenders. As soon as the public health restrictions allow early engagement with the Elected Members and consultants is planned and arrangements will be made in due course.

(ii) Acquisition of key town centre regeneration site.

Negotiations have been progressing with intent with central landowner of the key regeneration site approved by DoH LG for acquisition. Progress has been affected by the National public health emergency associated with Covid-19 and its associated impact on what would be considered 'normal' market conditions. It is targeted to undertake further discussions with other relevant landowners during Q4 2020 in order to confirm the acquisition pathway. In the interim, the team has been making preparations to be in a ready position to formally commence acquisition following the appropriate level of negotiations with all relevant landowners.

(iii) Public realm in the area of the Social Enterprise Centre

Detailed design of the public realm approved is being carried out using in-house architectural resources. To this end, Donegal County Council is now appointed as PSDP on this sub-project and currently advancing detailed design including a topographical survey, ground investigations and structural design. At the time of writing it is anticipated that works will commence on site before year end, with a completion target of the end of May 2021.

2.3 Update in relation to an Architectural Competition to Re-imagine Market Square, Letterkenny.

Further to previous updates and information circulated, the Market Square Architectural Competition, funded by Letterkenny Chamber of Commerce, was launched on 27th July 2020 and has a closing date of 4th September 2020. There has been substantial interest in the competition registered by over 60 requests for the topographical survey of the Square. An evaluation panel is now required to evaluate and shortlist the submissions received in the context of the design brief for the competition and this was discussed with the Letterkenny Elected Members at a workshop on 15th September 2020. It is proposed that this will be followed by a further workshop on the shortlisted entries with Letterkenny Members together with a process of public consultation. This will inform the finalization of the winning design. The design brief for the competition clarifies that the competition is an open and

creative design process to seek innovation and inspire creative perspectives in relation to Market Square and that the winning design is not a commission. The design brief also clarifies that the winning design may or may not be taken forward to Part VIII or alternatively, it may be taken forward to Part VIII in adapted form.

2.4 Letterkenny Cultural Corridor project

As previously advised in the Chief Executives Report to the plenary meeting of Donegal County Council in September 2019, Letterkenny's cultural partners (Donegal County Museum, the Regional Cultural Centre and An Grianan Theatre) secured funding from the Irish Architectural Foundations 'Re-imagine' project to undertake the Letterkenny Cultural Corridor project. The objective of the project is to strengthen the connections between the three cultural institutions and to strengthen the concept of the area as a 'Cultural District.' The funding provided for the engagement of Pasparakis Friel Architects by the cultural partners to advance the project and this launched through an online survey and other consultation in early March 2020 with progress and briefing on the project subsequently impacted upon, to a degree, as a result of the national Covid-19 restrictions.

As discussed in our URDF workshops with Letterkenny MD in February and March 2020, the Regeneration and Development Team engaged with the cultural partners and Pasparakis Friel Architects so as to incorporate the project as a component of sub-project E (LK Green Connect) of the URDF application submitted to DoHPLG on the 28th May 2020, specifically in respect of the strategic acquisition of lands to enable the delivery of a direct physical connection between the three institutions.

To date, the architects have developed a number of short term and temporary sign posting interventions which have recently been installed to improve and enhance the existing physical connection between the three institutions.

Further work is required to develop the design concept in respect of the direct link proposed together with further consultation including the Elected Members of the Letterkenny MD and to this end a workshop took place on 8th October 2020 with the Letterkenny MD at which Pasparakis Friel Architects attended to give a presentation to Members.

**Regeneration & Development Team
December 2020.**

Appendix B



**Comhairle Contae
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Donegal County Council

Municipal District of Donegal
8th December 2020

Building Control & Taking in Charge
Community Development & Planning Services

REPORT

1. Building Control Activity
 - a. Commencement Notices
 - b. Disability Access Certificates
2. Taking in Charge of Private Residential Estates

Building Control Activity

a. Commencement Notices

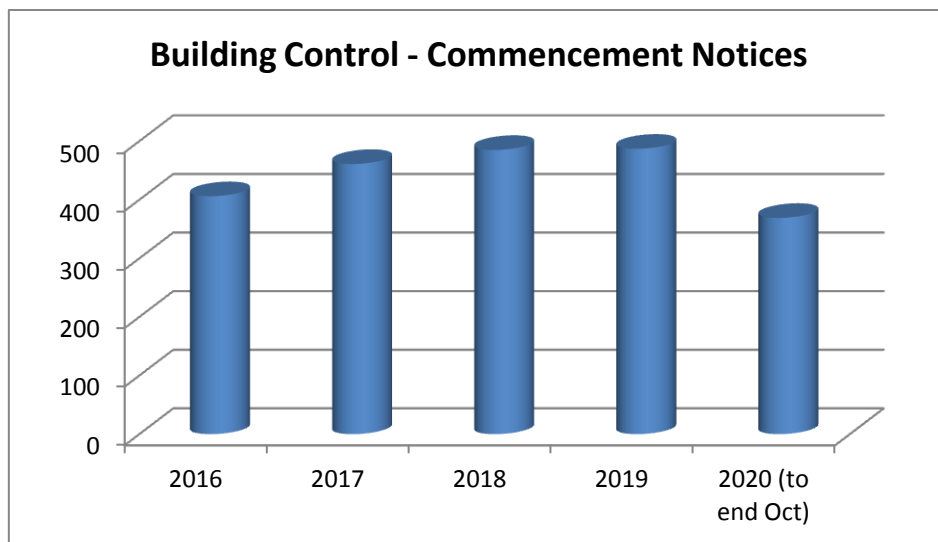
Types of Commencement Notices

- i)* Commencement Notice with Compliance Documentation: An Assigned Certifier is appointed to oversee the construction and to ensure that there is compliance with the Building Regulations.
- ii)* Commencement Notice with Opt Out: This can be used for single dwellings only. The owner is given the option to Opt out from the Certification Process. They are still legally obliged to comply with the Building Regulations. For this type of commencement notice, an assigned certifier is not appointed and the owner must sign a declaration to ensure that the building is constructed in accordance with the relevant Building Regulations.
- It needs to be stressed here that if this option is chosen, then the Owner is declaring that they are "Competent" and will ensure that the works comply with the Building Regulations. These are still subject to spot check inspections and must provide compliance documentation upon request.***
- iii)* Commencement Notice without Compliance Documentation: This is referred to as a Short Commencement Notice and requires minimal documentation. It cannot be used for:
- The construction of a new dwelling house.
 - An extension to a dwelling involving a total floor area greater than 40m².
 - Any works that require a fire certificate
- iv)* 7 Day Notice: This type of notice is used, where a fire certificate has been applied for but has not yet been granted.

Summary of Valid Commencement Notices submitted in Donegal up to 31st October 2020.

Type	No. of CNs	Number and Type of Buildings			
		New Builds	Building Alterations/ Extensions	Covid-19 Emergency Works	Multi dwelling
CN with Documentation	112	230	34	1	1 no. 21 unit, 2 no. 4 unit, 1 no. 38 unit, 1 no. 3 unit, 1 no. 5 unit, 1 no. 17 unit, 1 no. 15 unit, 1 no. 39 unit
7 day notice	14	10	7		1 no. 2 apartments
CN without Documentation	58	33	30	20	
CN with Opt Out	185	144	41		
TOTAL	369	435	112	21	109

In 2019, there were 478 Commencement Notices, representing 620 new build units, received. This compares with 483 valid Commencement notices representing 608 units in 2018.



It is a concern that 50% of the Commencement Notices submitted are ones where the owners have declared themselves to be competent to ensure that the works comply with the Building Regulations.

b. Disability Access Certificates:

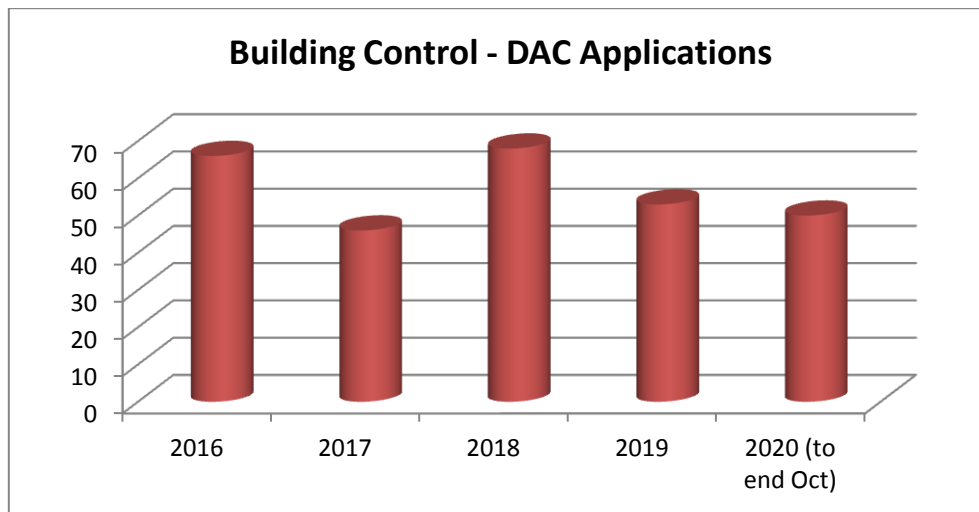
A Disability Access Certificate (DAC) is a Certificate issued by the Building Control Authority and states that the works or building to which the application relates will, if constructed in accordance with the plans and specifications submitted, comply with the requirements of Part M of the Second Schedule to the Building Regulations 1997 - 2011.

With the exception of houses and certain agricultural buildings, a Disability Access Certificate is generally required for all new buildings, including apartments and flats. A certificate is also required for material changes of use and certain alterations and extensions to buildings.

A building may not be opened, operated or occupied or permitted to do so unless a Disability Access Certificate has been granted or pending determination of an appeals process.

In 2019, the Building Control Department received 53 Disability Access Certificate applications.

So far in 2020, up to October 30th, there have been 50 DAC applications.



Taking in Charge of Private Residential Estates.

The Taking in Charge team is today presenting 3 estates in the Donegal MD to Members seeking approval to complete the Taking in Charge process.

These estates are:

- i) Old Mill, Pettigo;
- ii) Roseville Heights, Killybegs;
- iii) Ard na Carrage, Carrick.

In the case of Roseville and Ard a Carrage, the developers have completed a Deed of Dedication, which has dedicated a Public Right of Way over the roads within the estate.

In the case of Old Mill the Planning Authority is satisfied that there is a need for a Public Right of Way over the estate roads and is seeking approval from Members to make an order to create this Right of Way in accordance with Section 207 of the Planning & Development Act.

The Planning authority is then seeking approval from Members, in accordance with Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act to initiate the procedures under Section 11 of the Roads Act to declare the roads within the estates to be public roads and thereby complete the taking in Charge of the estates.

*Planning & Development Act (2000 as amended) – Section 207
Roads Act, 1993 – Section 11
Planning and Development Act, (2000 as amended) – Section 180*


The Planning Authority for the Donegal Municipal District is seeking a resolution for the making of an **ORDER**, in accordance with Section 207 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended), for the creation of a public right of way over the estate roads within the housing estate known as **Old Mill, Pettigo**, as set out in the attached maps, to enable it to proceed with the taking in charge of the estate.

Furthermore the Planning Authority for the Donegal Municipal District is seeking a resolution for the making of an **ORDER**, in accordance with Section 11(1) of the Roads Act 1993, that the roads within the housing estate known as **Old Mill, Pettigo**, over which a public right-of-way now exists, as shown on the attached map, are hereby declared to be a public road.

It is **noted** that consequent on the making of this Order the Council is required to take in charge any sewers, watermains, or service connections and the public open spaces or car park within the attendant grounds of the development in accordance with Section 180(4)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

When water services infrastructure is taken in charge by a Planning Authority pursuant to section 180(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), the water services legislation provides that it will be subsequently transferred to Irish Water by Ministerial Order.

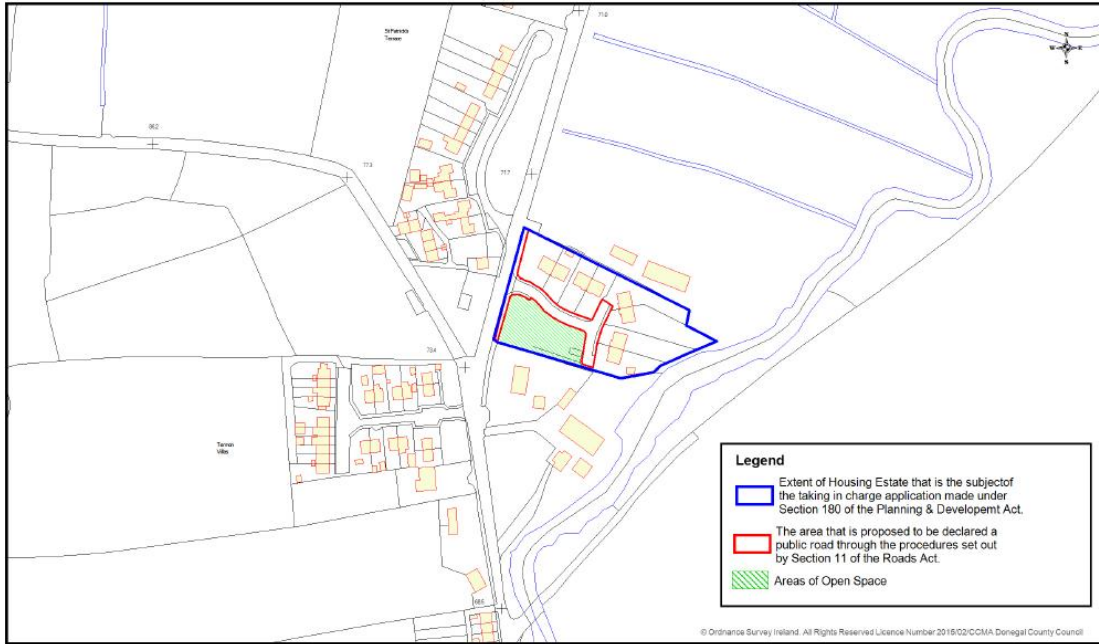
Section 11 of the Roads Act requires that the financial implications of the declaration as a public road be considered. The financial implications are not significant, with no specific issues within this estate being raised by the Area Roads Engineers.



Paddy Mullen
Senior Executive Engineer
Community & Planning Services

On the proposal of Councillor _____ seconded by
Councillor _____ it is **resolved** that the Council **make an
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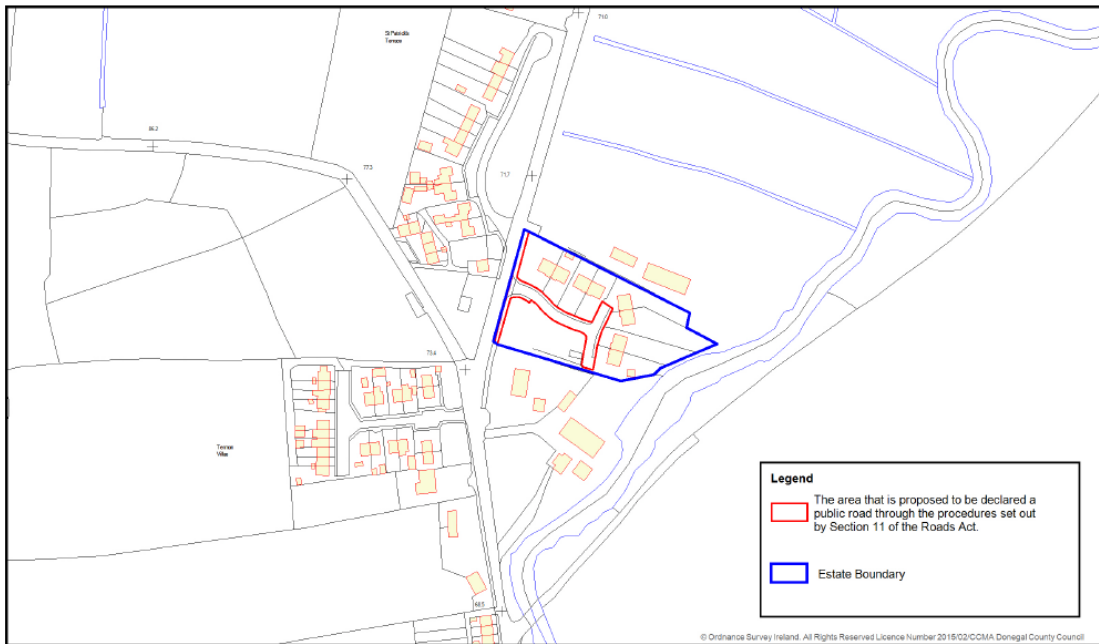
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in Section 180(4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended)
whereby this Council will also take in charge the water services infrastructure
and the public open spaces or car park within the attendant grounds of the
development and will subsequently transfer the water services within the
estate to Irish Water.



Application for taking in charge of Housing Estate

Estate Name: OLD MILL **Address: ARDNAGLASS, PETTIGO**

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Creation of public rights of way under S.207 of the Planning & Development Act 2000-2016

Estate Name: OLD MILL **Address: ARDNAGLASS, PETTIGO**

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Donegal County Council

Roads Act, 1993 – Section 11
Planning and Development Act, (2000 as amended) – Section 180

The Planning Authority for the Donegal Municipal District is seeking a resolution for the making of an **ORDER**, in accordance with Section 11(1) of the Roads Act 1993, that the roads within the housing estate **Roseville Heights, Killybegs** over which a public right-of-way now exists as shown on the attached map are hereby declared to be a public road.

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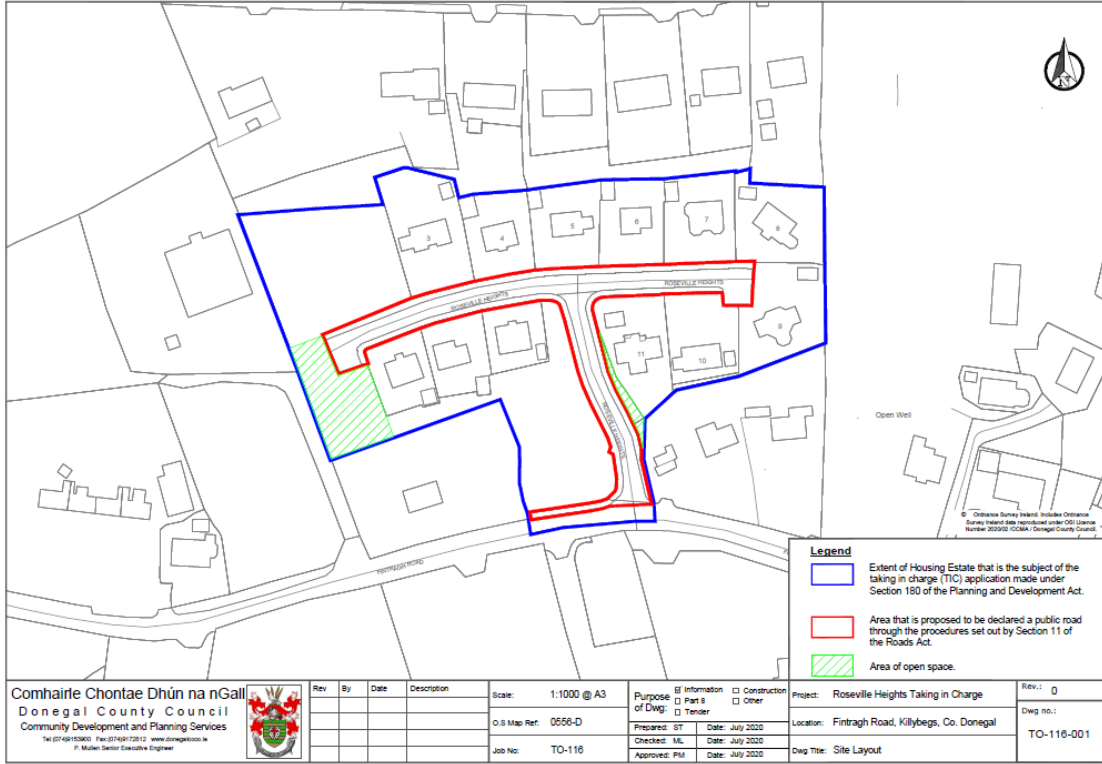
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Purpose of DWG: Information Construction Part 8 Other Tender
 Prepared: ST Date: July 2020
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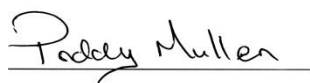
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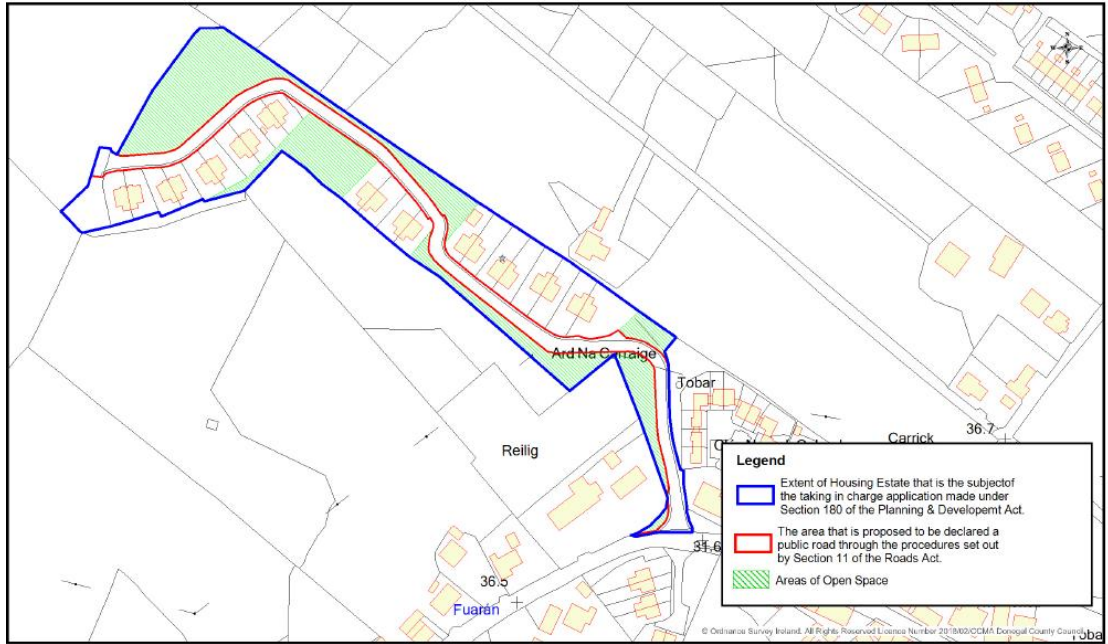
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Application for taking in charge of Housing Estate

Estate Name: ARD NA CARRAIGE

Address: CARRICK

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Donegal Municipal District - 8th December 2020 Motions

Agenda Item No.7

Office Ref:DLMD-2020-08003

Submitted By: Cllr. Niamh Kennedy**Assigned To:** Economic Development

Motion "That this MD and its Cllrs work together to compile a thorough list of potential tourism locations, hidden gems and outdoor recreational activities throughout the district. To highlight the potential of the region including the lesser known areas to be in a position to prepare for future funding mechanisms going forward. To start working on this during the winter period and to have an initial list by Summer 2021. This list to remain open to all new potential projects."

Signed Off By: GARRY MARTIN

Response: The Councils Tourism Unit currently has a digital repository of 230 accommodation providers and 431 activity providers across Donegal and this content is used to feed all marketing activity undertaken by the Councils Tourism Unit under the 'Go Visit Donegal' brand and this includes both offline as well as online digital marketing campaigns. There is a wealth of tourism attractions in the Donegal MD including many hidden gems and outdoor recreational activities and many of these came to the fore during the Summer 2020 season and the Council is committed to continue to capture details of all these assets in our tourism repository and to use this information in our various targeted marketing campaigns and in our engagement with various tourism partners including tour operators and media influencers looking for that special 'off the beaten track' experience. The Councils Tourism Unit will also work with other Council services to identify potential tourism locations in the Donegal MD area that require additional funding to facilitate their development as viable tourism locations.

Agenda Item No.8

Office Ref:DLMD-2020-08004

Submitted By: Cllr. Barry Sweeny**Assigned To:** Cultural Services

Motion "That this Municipal District calls on Minister of State for Heritage and Electoral Reform, Malcolm Noonan, to fund the Donegal Heritage office led "Thatch Repair Scheme" on an annual basis and that this project be evaluated as a pilot scheme to be rolled out in other counties nationally. "

Signed Off By: Eileen Burgess

Response: Subject to the Motion being adopted by the Elected Members, a letter will issue to Minister Noonan. Donegal County Council's Thatch Repair Grant Scheme was established to support homeowners/occupiers, business owners, thatchers, thatch growers and our diaspora to retain and conserve their historic thatch properties. The alarming decline in the number of historic thatch properties in recent years in County Donegal prompted Donegal County Council to establish its cross-directorate Thatch Repair Grant Scheme on a shoestring budget in 2019. Donegal County Council's Thatch Repair Grant Scheme won the Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Award in the 'Heritage & Built Environment' category in November 2020. The award recognises the best local authority initiative to promote public interest in, and knowledge, appreciation and protection of local heritage.



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Agenda Item No.9

Office Ref:DLMD-2020-08001

Submitted By: Cllr. Tom Conaghan**Assigned To:** Cultural Services**Question** "In relation to the Old Abbey Graveyard, Donegal Town, Can the Heritage Office provide funding and or assistance to rectify the wall at the entrance to the graveyard at the Pier side? It has been cordoned off for health & safety reasons."**Signed Off By:** Eileen Burgess**Response:** The Old Abbey Graveyard in Donegal Town is one of 50 historic graveyards in the guardianship of Donegal County Council and is maintained by the Roads & Transportation Directorate. The Abbey site (DG093-013002-) within the graveyard is a National Monument (No. 175) protected under the National Monuments Acts (1930-2004) and is in the care of the Office of Public Works on behalf of the state. There is also another archaeological monument, a church ruins (DG093-013003-) within the historic graveyard. As this historic graveyard is also a National Monument (DG093-013005-) in the guardianship of Donegal County Council, consent for any works to, or in the vicinity of, the historic graveyard will need to be sought from the Minister two months in advance of works. The Heritage Office and the County Museum can provide heritage advice and information on the consents required. Individual grave plots are owned by families themselves so consent for works may also be required from the owner(s) of the grave(s) which are supported by the cracked wall. Donegal Town Cemetery which is included in the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage and eligible to the Record of Protected Structures (#40843036) is very close to, or adjoins, the area of the cracked wall. The Conservation Office will be able to advise as regards appropriate works if it applies. The County Donegal Heritage Office does not manage a grant scheme and does not have a budget for works in historic graveyards. Grant assistance may be available if a local community group or the owners/guardians of the wall plan to undertake repairs. A guide to heritage grants is available on-line, and updated periodically, on the Donegal County Council website at: www.donegalcoco.ie/culture/heritage/heritagegrants/ It would be important that any works to the wall used appropriate materials and techniques in relation to its historic setting and heritage value, and that appropriate conservation supervision was enlisted to oversee such works.

Agenda Item No.10

Office Ref:DLMD-2020-08002

Submitted By: Cllr. Tom Conaghan**Assigned To:** Water and Environment**Question** "What are the Environmental Services immediate plans for the recycling centre in Donegal Town, how often is it inspected and how often is the recycling collected? At the moment its upkeep is unacceptable."**Signed Off By:** BRYAN CANNON**Response:** The bring bank site located in Donegal Town consists of 8 glass banks of which are currently available for use and 2 can banks which are currently available for use. There are a number of banks currently requiring repair at this site. There are also 2 textile banks located here. The glass and can banks are emptied once per week with additional servicing as required. This site is visited on a daily basis by the Mobile Litter Unit and regularly monitored by the Litter Warden. Since March 2020 there has been an increase in usage of the bring banks nationally. This increase has also been reflected in Donegal with 1,200 extra tonnes of glass collected so far this year compared to 2019. The Donegal Town site alone has collected 207 tonnes of glass so far this year. The Council manages 70 bring sites throughout the County providing a valuable recycling facility for the public. The Council wishes to remind the public that if the bring banks are full when they arrive to return at another time and not to leave materials at the bring bank site. The Council is investigating the possibility of a new site location in the Donegal Town area.

Agenda Item No.11

Office Ref:DLMD-2020-08005

Submitted By: Cllr. Barry Sweeny**Assigned To:** Cultural Services**Question** "Can DCC heritage office engage with the Insurance Federation of Ireland to request a reasonable scheme of insurance for thatched buildings be examined in the interest of making ownership and preservation of traditional thatched structures a viable option and, by extension, halt the decline of these traditional structures, the craft of thatching and the growing of materials. "**Signed Off By:** Eileen Burgess**Response:** The availability of thatch insurance and the affordability of thatch insurance are barriers to the

preservation and conservation of thatched structures. Few Irish-based insurance companies offer thatch insurance. Unlike car insurance, home insurance is not a legal requirement. Several thatch owners do not have any insurance on their homes or businesses. Several insurance companies will not provide quotations for thatch insurance. This makes it more difficult for potential owners to get thatch insurance and their inability to get thatch insurance or affordable thatch insurance means that they cannot get mortgages on thatched properties which acts to deter these people from acquiring, maintaining and conserving these historic properties. Thatch insurance rates are significantly higher in the Republic of Ireland than Northern Ireland or Britain. Indeed several members of our diaspora find it easier to get their UK-based insurer to extend their insurance to cover their property in Ireland than to get insurance in the Republic of Ireland. Even when insurers are willing to provide quotations, the ill-informed conditions placed by some insurance companies can be onerous and may damage the integrity of the historic thatch. The issue of thatch insurance has been raised by the County Donegal Heritage Office and the now Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage with the insurance industry in the past but the insurance industry does not consider that a problem exists. In consultation with the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage and The Heritage Council, the County Donegal Heritage Office is willing to engage with the Insurance Federation of Ireland but such an approach would require cross-party political support at county and national levels to be effective.

Agenda Item No.12

Office Ref:DLMD-2020-08006

Submitted By: Cllr. Barry Sweeney**Assigned To:** Roads and Transportation**Question** "Has progress been made in relation to the commissioning of a public art project under the Percent for Art scheme as part of the N56 Mountcharles to Inver Road scheme? "**Signed Off By:** MARK SWEENEY**Response:** The National Roads Office have advised that there has been no progress on this to date but they are planning to progress this in first quarter of 2021.