

Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall

Oifig Riarthóir na gCruinnithe,
Aras an Chontae,
Leifear.

7ú Bealtaine, 2024

Fógra Cruinnithe

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall ar siúl **De Máirt 14ú Bealtaine, 2024, ag 11.30 r.n. in Ionad Serbhísí Pobail, Bhaile Dhún na nGall.**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS DÚN NA nGALL

A Chara,

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

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Padraig O'Sirin
Riarthóir Cruinnithe

Municipal District of Donegal

Office of Meetings Administrator,
County House,
Lifford.

7th May 2024

NOTICE OF MEETING

The next Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal will be held on **Tuesday 14th May 2024 at 11.30 am in the Donegal Public Services Centre.**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL

Dear Councillor,

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

Yours sincerely,

Pauric Sheerin
Meetings Administrator

AGENDA

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 09th April 2024.
2. Consideration of the Minutes of the Municipal District of Donegal Housing Capital Workshop held on the 11th April 2024.
3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Municipal District of Donegal Minor Tourism Related Grant Scheme Workshop held on the 18th April 2024.
4. **Update Reports from Council Services:**
 - 4.1 Housing & Corporate Services
 - 4.2 Roads & Transportation
 - 4.3 Economic Development, Information Systems and Emergency Services
 - 4.4 Environment Services
 - 4.5 Community Development
 - 4.6 Planning Services
5. **Date of Next Meeting(s) / Workshop(s)**
 - MD of Donegal Annual General Meeting – June 2024 – date to be confirmed following the Plenary Council AGM

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL
HELD AT 11.30 AM ON TUESDAY THE 09TH APRIL 2024 IN THE PETER
KENNEDY CHAMBER, DONEGAL PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE**

MDD/043/24 MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MDD/044/24 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Garry Martin, Director Designate, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Pauric Sheerin, Area Manager, Housing & Corporate Services
Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Roads/Transportation
Ms. Tara Quinn, Executive Architect, Housing Capital
Ms. Deirdre Harte, Project Manager, Economic Development
Ms. Suzanne Bogan, Environmental Awareness Officer, Environment
Section
Mr. Paddy Doherty, Divisional Manager, Community Development
Ms. Aideen Quinn, A/Executive Planner, Planning
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate
Services
Ms. Caroline Britton, Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

MDD/045/24 VOTES OF SYMPATHY

Votes of sympathy were passed in respect of the following;-

- The late Colin Geagan, 7 Silverhill, West End, Bundoran
- The late Joe O’Gorman, The Hollow, East End, Bundoran

**MDD/046/24 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 12TH MARCH
2024**

On the proposal of Cllr Kennedy, seconded by Cllr Naughton the Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 12th March 2024 were confirmed.

**MDD/047/24 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ROADS WORKSHOP OF
THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 19TH MARCH
2024**

On the proposal of Cllr Jordan seconded by Cllr Sweeny the Minutes of the Roads Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 19th March 2024 were confirmed.

MDD/048/24 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

CORPORATE SERVICES

Road Safety Authority

Cllr Naughton referred to previous correspondence that had issued to the Roads Safety Authority (RSA) in relation to a direct contact number for elected representatives to make representations on behalf of driving test applicants. Cllr Naughton noted that in the past elected representatives were able to make representations, however, due to data protection legislation, elected members are unable to do so now. Cllr Naughton referred to Donegal's geographical location, that unfortunately is not serviced by trains and highlighted the need to expediate driving test dates for young applicants, particularly for students who have no choice but to remain in the family home due to the shortage of accommodation in urban centres where third level colleges are based. Despite the appointment of two additional driving testers within the county there are still long delays in receiving a driving test date and Cllr Naughton suggested, going forward, the RSA make available a contact number or e-mail address for elected representatives to facilitate direct contact with the Authority.

In light of the comments raised, Mr Sheerin agreed to issue a further letter to the RSA.

HOUSING SERVICES

Progress reports on Casual Vacancies, Grants, Loans, Tenant Purchase Scheme 2016, HAP Tenancies, Housing Need, Housing Capital, Approved Housing Bodies Development, and Lease & Repair Scheme

Mr Sheerin advised the follow ups from the previous meeting were completed and correspondence issued to the Office of Public Works. The Housing Capital Workshop has been arranged for the 11th April 2024 and along with housing capital projects, emergency accommodation and homelessness will be discussed at the start of the workshop.

Mr Sheerin referred to the Housing report circulated with the agenda and noted that a number of the casual vacancies have progressed since the preparation of the report with two due to be allocated shortly. The energy retrofit works have been tendered and the contractor has been appointed to commence works within the Bundoran area. It is expected engagement with tenants will take place this week and the works will be completed over the summer months. The Painting Programme has also been tendered.

Housing Capital

In terms of Housing Capital, Ms T Quinn advised that the majority of the projects will be discussed further at the Housing Capital Workshop, however, noted that a letter of intent has issued to the contactor in relation to the SI in Kilcar and there are a few outstanding items to be addressed in relation to the Laghey housing development which is expected to be on site in June 2024.

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

Gaelic Park, Bundoran

Cllr McMahon welcomed the commencement of the energy retrofit works in Bundoran and noted that he has spoken to a number of the households within the Gaelic Park Estate who have expressed their positivity in relation to the scheme. Cllr McMahon submitted that the Gaelic Park residents have sought additional car parking spaces within the Estate and it has been suggested a small section of the green area could be utilised to construct five or six car parking spaces. In addition it was noted that the green area contains two trees that have been badly damaged in recent storms and suggested these be removed; the Tidy Towns Committee have agreed to replace the trees. The road surface within the park also needs repair in places, particularly the potholes and the surface area around manholes.

Mr Sheerin noted the comments in relation to the energy retrofit works and submitted that the scheme has to date been successful within the Donegal MD, with only minor issues arising due to tenant management of heat and ventilation. It is expected these improvement works will have a positive affect on forthcoming maintenance budgets.

Mr Sheerin agreed to relay the comments in relation to the Gaelic Park Estate to the Housing Engineer and review the points raised.

Fencing

In response to Cllr McMahon's query in relation to broken fences, Mr Sheerin advised that a significant budget has been spent in relation to fencing repairs and noted that the Council, where possible, refrain from using panel fencing as it is prone to storm damage. Mr Sheerin submitted that, where broken fences are deemed to be a safety risk, these will be prioritised.

Housing Workshop

Cllr Naughton welcomed the forthcoming Housing Capital workshop and asked that the land acquisition in Pettigo be also included on the agenda along with the Laghey housing development. Mr Sheerin submitted that a good overview of each town will be provided at the workshop.

MDD/049/24 ROADS / TRANSPORTATION SERVICES REPORT

2024 Roadworks Programme Status Report

Members noted the reports on the Road Works Programme circulated with the agenda and advised that a number of projects have commenced.

Follow up Issues from the previous meeting

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

- **Investigate road surface issues along the old Tullaghan Road and on the Ballure Lane and Rowantreehill Road.**

The old Tullaghan Road will be repaired shortly. The pothole at the Ballure Lane Junction has been repaired. The Rowantreehill needs a restoration improvement job on it but there is insufficient funding available in the budget this year to do these works. We will arrange for the potholes to be filled and look to include the road in next year's programme.

- **Seek an update on the Bus Shelters.**

Works are ongoing with the National Transport Authority in relation to developing bus shelters at bus stop locations where there are more than 5 scheduled daily stops. Each of these locations within the MD has been reviewed and designs are currently being developed by the NTA.

- **Seek clarification in relation to the Dunkineely funding award of €50k.**

The €50k, Active Travel Minor Works - N56 Dunkineely funding being queried relates to the Dunkineely Active Travel Scheme. This funding is there to facilitate the continued development of the proposed Active Travel Scheme in Dunkineely.

- **Seek an update on the Halls Junction project.**

Halls Junction is the No. 1 priority on the Donegal MD Specific Grant Funding priority list. The Council have designed a scheme, but the Department want the Council to look at this again to reduce the scope of what was initially designed, i.e. improve the junction but reduce the length of road that was initially intended to be realigned on the approach to the junction. There is no funding allocated for this project in 2024 but the Council are waiting on a meeting with the Department to discuss likely funding / scale of funding for specific grants going forward for Specific Grant projects.

- **Review the number of waste bins within the vicinity of Ballyshannon.**

There are 30 bins on the streets and parks throughout Ballyshannon. Several months ago, the two bins that were located at the foot bridge under the Cathleen's Falls bridge were vandalised and were found to have been removed from their bases and thrown down the steep embankment towards the river. These two bins have not been replaced but there is a bin near the old community welfare building opposite side of the road to the Cathleen's Fall bridge.

- **Arrangements for the CIS Roads Workshop on the 19th March 2024.**

This workshop took place as scheduled.

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

Bins

Cllr Sweeny submitted that a series of bins have not been replaced in Ballyshannon over the years, particularly in strategic locations and it was agreed Mr Sweeney would review same with Cllr Sweeny.

Dunkineely Road Safety Issue

Cllr Jordan noted the response received from the TII in relation to the road safety measures in Dunkineely National School and expressed his disappointment at the speed of progress. Mr Sweeney advised that a feasibility study is being prepared and depending on the extent of the works identified, they may or may not require planning permission. Also, any change, temporary or permanent, to infrastructure on the National Secondary Road will require TII approval.

Donegal Town Bus Stop

Cllr Jordan referred to the reluctance by the National Transport Authority (NTA) to progress the relocation of the Donegal Town bus stop and noted that the current location is not fit for purpose, particularly for disabled passengers who are unable to access or disembark the bus at this location. Cllr Jordan asked that correspondence issue to NTA to advise the elected members will not be supporting a Part VIII application at the existing location. Mr Sweeney advised that there is an online meeting scheduled to take place with the NTA and agreed to pass on the comments raised and issue correspondence. Mr Sweeney also submitted that much of the congestion being experienced in the town at peak times originates from the Diamond and committed to working with the NTA to see if a solution can be found to help resolve this issue.

Storm Damage

Cllr Jordan and Cllr Kennedy submitted that storm damage had occurred at the following coastline locations:-

- Shore Road, Mountcharles

- Ballysaggart
- St John's Point
- Cassan Sound

Cllr Jordan submitted that the sea walls along the Shore Road in Mountcharles require reinforcement measures and noted that the Marine Section were only responsible for piers and harbours. Cllr Kennedy noted that some houses are being affected due to the damage caused to the shoreline and queried if it was possible to progress the taking over of the road leading to Cassan Sound.

Mr Sweeney agreed to follow up with the Marine Section and noted that the maintenance budget has not increased despite additional projects coming on board. Mr Sweeney advised that engagement is ongoing with the OPW in relation to coastal protection and the repair of the barrier at Mountcharles.

Bus Shelters

In response to Cllr McMahon's query in relation to the funding source for bus shelters, Mr Sweeney advised the shelters are funded by the NTA. Cllr McMahon noted that the Ulster Bus service also utilizes two of the bus shelters in Bundoran and suggested an additional bus stop along Main Street. Mr Sweeney noted that the bus can stop in locations, that are of an inadequate size to accommodate a bus shelter and consideration must also be given to the households who may be located beside the bus stop.

Road Painting

Due to road safety concerns, Cllr McMahon asked that the yellow box at the Drumacrin junction be repainted. Mr Sweeney agreed to investigate same.

Cavangarden Junction

In response to Cllr McMahon's and Cllr Sweeney's road safety concerns in relation to the Cavangarden junction, Mr Sweeney submitted that it was not appropriate to erect a bus shelter for school children along the National Primary route, due to traffic volumes and speed. Mr Sweeney advised that the realignment of this junction was considered in the past, however, the local landowner was reluctant to give permission to change the layout of the junction. Mr Sweeney agreed to pass on the comments to the TII.

Bundoran Car Park

Cllr McMahon advised that the car park along the shore front in Bundoran attracts anti-social drivers during nighttime hours which has resulted in the car park surface becoming hollow in places. Cllr McMahon noted the strategic importance of this car park and queried if measures could be put in place to prevent these users from accessing the car park at nighttime. Mr Sweeney submitted that it was difficult to manage this issue unless the car park was locked at night

and this measure would also bring implementation issues. It was agreed Mr Sweeney would arrange a site meeting to discuss the issue further.

High Road Kilcar and Halls Junction

Cllr Kennedy sought an update on the taking in charge of the High Road, Kilcar and asked that the Halls Junction remain top of the agenda. Mr Sweeney submitted that he has not yet had the chance to progress the taking in charge process of the High Road, Kilcar to date due to workload but said it will be completed in due course. Mr Sweeney also advised that Halls Junction is the number one priority on the DMD specific grant funding list but no funding has been allocated for this project this year but a meeting is being arranged with the Department to discuss this project.

Killybegs – Car Parking

Cllr Kennedy submitted that issues are arising with car parking along Bridge Street in Killybegs and sought an update on the possible conversion of the Council yard to car parking facilities. In response, Mr Sweeney advised the Area Roads Office are currently in the process of trying to identify a suitable alternative Council yard site and advised unauthorized car parking should be referred to the An Garda Síochana.

Velocity Patcher

Cllr Sweeney commended the staff who recently completed the works along Bishops Street and asked could patching works be completed on the road leading to Rossnowlagh and an area at Wardtown. Cllr Sweeney agreed to provide Mr Sweeney was the exact locations.

Market Yard Car Parking

In response to Cllr Sweeney's comment in relation to the restriction of long-term car parking at the entrance to the Market Yard, Mr Sweeney advised that in the absence of local bye laws this would be difficult to enforce and suggested the erection of signage or a public relations exercise to encourage the use of the car parking spaces at the rear of the car park.

National Speed Limits

In response to Cllr Sweeney's query in relation to the implementation of the new national speed limits and Cllr Naughton query in relation to speed limits outside schools, particularly, Scoil Aodh Rua agus Nuala and Pettigo National School, Mr Sweeney advised that the Council are waiting on the new legislation and Department of Transport guidelines advising on speed limits and the application and conditions around the implementation of special speed limits to be issued from the Department before they can progress with the implementation of same.

Funding Allocations

In response to Cllr Naughton's query in relation to funding allocations for the Glenmore Bridge and the breakdown of the Bus Enhancement Programme, Mr Sweeney agreed to seek clarification.

Footpaths

Cllr Naughton was cognisant of the staffing difficulties within the Area Roads Office, however, expressed his disappointment that the Pettigo footpath works have moved to Quarter 4, 2025.

Rossylongan

Cllr Naughton welcomed the excessive numbers visiting the Rossylongan Forest Park outside Donegal Town and queried if ramps could be installed to slow down traffic entering the park and advised that locals are happy for the road to be taken over by the Council. Mr Sweeney submitted that he would add this road to the list of roads to be considered for the taking in charge process and pointed out that the installation of ramps was not prevalent in rural areas, however, agreed to consider alternative traffic calming measures if the road is taken in charge.

MDD/050/24 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFORMATION SYSTEMS & EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT

Ms Deirdre Harte, Project Manager, Shared Island Project presented the report for the Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services, as circulated with the Agenda with topic headings noted below:-

- Economic Development
- Local Enterprise Office
- Information Services
- Emergency Services
 - Fire Service

Ms Harte referred to the successful Tourism Seminar held on the 6th March and submitted that a Scottish Diaspora Event will be held later in the month and a London Irish Centre Jobs Fair will take place on the 16th May 2024. A new tourism brochure has been launched and a four-week shoulder season campaign has also taken place. A Golf Tourism networking event has been arranged for the 2nd May and the TOURBO Project has released a call for experts in the field of innovation for sustainability, digitisation, and energy transition with a tourism focus. Ms Harte also submitted that the LEO, National Enterprise Awards, have selected 'Living Green' from Quigley's Point as this year's Donegal representative.

The members agreed to hold the Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme Workshop on Thursday the 18th April 2024 at 10am.

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

Tourism Brochure

Cllr Sweeny welcomed Ms Harte to the Donegal MD meetings and referred to the new 2024 tourism brochure which includes the new Kildoney Loop Walk which starts and finishes at Creevy Pier. Cllr Sweeny submitted that he has been working with the local community group to progress this project and is delighted that the walk is now open and being recognised by Sports Ireland.

TOURBO Project

Cllr Sweeny referred to the call for experts under the TOURBO Project and suggested if there was a possibility to include a pilot project via the Shared Ireland Regenerative Tourism Project. Cllr Sweeny further suggested the Pettigo Plateau or the Knader Forest as suitable sustainability projects. Ms Harte agreed to relay the comments raised to the Tourism Unit.

Disability Strategy

Cllr Sweeny welcomed Donegal Tourism's role in terms of feeding into the Disability Strategy consultation process and noted that a number of tourism attractions throughout the county lacked accessibility measures. Cllr Sweeny submitted that accessibility measures were incorporated into the recently opened Kildoney Loop walk and suggested additional tourism projects should incorporate accessibility initiatives into their designs.

Bundoran Outdoor Dining Project

Cllr. McMahon noted the delays in the implementation of the Outdoor Dining Project and asked that the works to the wheelchair accessible toilets be progressed. Cllr McMahon submitted that these delays have a negative impact on the level of interest of the community representatives on the Discover Bundoran Committee. Mr Martin advised that the tendering process has been complex, and negotiations are currently taking place with Fáilte Ireland. Mr Martin further advised that the lettering 'BUNDORAN' will not be proceeding and agreed to discuss same with Cllr McMahon separately.

Minor Tourism Grants Workshop

Cllr McMahon welcomed the forthcoming Minor Tourism Grants Workshop and highlighted that the West End Pool in Bundoran requires remedial works.

Fire Personnel Fire Stations

In response to Cllr McMahon's query in relation to the retirement age for staff grades in the Fire Service, Mr Martin advised that the retirement age was originally 58 years and this has been extended to 60 years; this criteria is based on national policy as well as associated health and safety risks and is unlikely to change.

Supports for Small Businesses

Cllr Kennedy highlighted the difficulty small businesses are experiencing due to increased costs and low footfall and queried if the Cost of Business Grant Scheme will be extended beyond the 1st May 2024. Cllr Kennedy noted that this scheme provided assistance to qualifying businesses with a commercial rates bill of less than €30,000. Businesses who had a commercial rates bill of less than €10,000 in 2023 will be eligible to receive supports at the rate of 50% of the business's commercial rates bill for 2023. Cllr Kennedy noted that the revaluation of the rates has taken place and although some larger businesses have seen their rates bill decrease, the smaller business have noted an increase in their rates costs. In light of the increasing costs within the small business sector, Cllr Kennedy sought additional supports from the LEO office. Mr Martin agreed to relay the comments raised with the Finance Section.

Caravan & Camping Sector Support

Despite previous requests, Cllr Naughton expressed his frustration that the elected members were not furnished with a list of recipients of the caravan and camping sector grant supports. Cllr Naughton highlighted that a business outside Donegal Town is intending to develop a camping site, however the planning application requires the payment of a planning fee of €8,000. Due to the relatively low return on investment within this sector, Cllr Naughton sought a reduction in the planning fee or an alternative form of grant support. Ms A Quinn advised that there is no remit to reduce planning fees unless it is being submitted by a voluntary / community group and Mr Martin referred to the policy adopted by Donegal County Council and agreed to seek a schedule of grant payments made to the caravan and camping sector for the Members.

VAT Rate within the Hospitality Sector

Cllr Naughton referred to the low footfall within the hospitality sector especially over the Easter period and noted increased costs including the increase in the minimum wage and the need to repay the warehouse debt before the 1st May 2024 are having major financial implications for businesses. Cllr Naughton asked Donegal Tourism to release a 'Donegal Value for Money' campaign and write to the Catherine Martin, Minister for Tourism regarding the restoration of the 9% VAT rate within the hospitality sector. Mr Martin submitted that the Council provides significant support to the tourism sector and noted the value this sector brings to the county. The Tourism Unit are currently progressing a number of marketing initiatives including the promotion of the county for golf tourism.

MDD/051/24 ENVIRONMENT SERVICES REPORT

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

- Climate Action
 - Publication of the Donegal County Council Climate Action Plan 2024-2029
 - Community Climate Action Fund
 - Global Action Plan – Climate Heroes Community Challenge
 - Energy Efficient and Sustainable Living Information Evening
- Waste & Litter Management
 - Waste Enforcement Personnel present at National Conference
 - National Food Waste Recycling Project
 - Video Content for IWMA Conference
 - Court Case
 - Household Waste Presentation Bye Laws

Ms S Bogan informed the Members that the Climate Action Plan is available to view in all public libraries and online on the Council's website. The Community Climate Action Fund is now closed for applications and an assessment is taking place of the applications received. As part of the National Food Waste Recycling Project, Ms Bogan submitted that Donegal household waste collectors will be taking part in the project and have been provided with kitchen caddy packs to distribute to customers. The Environment Section were involved in a court case in February relating to the unauthorised end of life vehicle operation / scrap yard within the Donegal MD and the Household Waste Presentation Bye Laws are available for public inspection up to the 28th May 2024.

Section 183 Request – Disposal of land at Parkhill, Ballyshannon

Ms Bogan sought approval from the Members for the disposal of plot of land at Parkhill, Ballyshannon to Mr Rossa O'Neill. On the proposal of Cllr Sweeny, seconded by Cllr McMahon, Members confirmed their agreement to the proposed Section 183 and noted the matter would be on the Agenda for the forthcoming Plenary Council meeting.

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

End of Life / Scrap Cars

Cllr Kennedy referred to a Tidy Towns Committee, who with permission from the An Garda Síochána, sold an end of life car that had been abandoned at a local beauty spot. The funds obtained were lodged to the Tidy Towns Committee bank account and Cllr Kennedy queried if local community groups could continue with this process, if the situation arises again. Ms Bogan agreed to seek further clarification.

Uisce Éireann

Cllr Jordan referred to the ongoing water issues within the townlands of Cullionboy and Leghowey and noted that the existing water treatment plant was not fit for purpose. Cllr Naughton, who submitted that he lived within this catchment area, concurred with Cllr Jordan in relation to the need for an upgrade to the water treatment plant.

Cllr McMahon expressed his frustration with Uisce Éireann in relation to water connection charges and noted that a charge of €53,000 has been quoted for a household within the Ardfarna catchment area.

Ms Bogan agreed to relay the comments raised with the Senior Management Team.

Rossnowlagh

Cllr Sweeny welcomed the commencement of the lifeguard service and their agreement to carry out regular checks on the public convenience facilities, however, expressed his dissatisfaction at the portaloo maintenance service. Cllr Sweeny submitted that the Friends of Rossnowlagh are a very active community group and noted that Rossnowlagh would benefit from an upgrade in facilities such as the Surf Centre at Strandhill in Sligo.

Cllr Naughton concurred with Cllr Sweeny and queried its value for money being achieved for the existing maintenance contract and suggested that a purpose-built public convenience facility is more appropriate.

Cllr McMahon wished to also be associated with the comments in relation to the facilities at Rossnowlagh and sought clarification on bin collection service.

Ms Bogan commended the work carried out by local community groups and agreed to relay the comments raised to the Senior Management Team.

Litter Control

Cllr Sweeny wished to acknowledge the contribution made by local volunteers, who have and are, participating in local litter collections. Cllr Sweeny queried if the litter fines collected are covering the costs of taking the legal action. Ms Bogan agreed to seek clarification.

Cllr Conaghan submitted that due to the level of litter along the Barnes Gap Road, an additional litter collection date has been arranged for Sunday the 14th April 2024 between 6.30am and 7.00am.

Murvagh Beach Walkway

In response to Cllr Naughton's comment that Storm Kathleen had caused damage to the Murvagh Beach walkway, Ms Bogan agreed to relay the issue to the Coastal Officer.

CCTV Legislation

In response to Cllr McMahon's query in relation to the implementation of the CCTV legislation, Ms Bogan submitted that the Commencement Order has been signed and staff are currently liaising with the Regional Waste Enforcement Authority.

MDD/052/24 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING SERVICES

Community Development

Mr Doherty noted the report included with agenda as follows:-

- Playgrounds
 - Donegal Town
 - Ballyshannon
 - Killybegs
- Fáilte Ireland Platforms for Growth & Destination Towns
 - Bundoran Destination Towns
 - Platforms for Growth Tullan Strand
- Walks & Trails
- Leader / RDP Programme Update
- Public Participation Network
- Social Inclusion
- Rural Programmes
 - Sliabh Liag Mountain Path
 - Largy Coastal Walk
 - Laghey Sensory Garden
 - Glenlee Forest Trail
- Social Inclusion

Mr Doherty advised that Knader Forest has received ORIS funding and the LCDC are due to meet tomorrow to approve the allocation of €3m under the Community Recognition Fund 2024.

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

Bundoran Improvement Works

Cllr McMahon welcomed the installation of the roundabout features and queried if these works were now complete. Cllr McMahon wished to express concerns regarding the ongoing delays and sought an update on the overall project.

Community Development Officer

Cllr Kennedy and Cllr Sweeny expressed their frustration that this MD is without a Community Development Officer and noted that there are groups who have received funding, who are not in a position to move the project forward without the assistance of a Development Officer. In response, Mr Doherty submitted that the Community Development Officer position is top of his agenda and is aware staffing was discussed at a recent SMT meeting.

Community Trails Plan & ORIS Funding

In response to Cllr Kennedy's query in relation to the Community Trails Plan, Mr Doherty submitted that he would follow up with the Capital Projects Development Officer. Cllr Sweeny welcomed the allocation of €30,000 for Knader Forest.

Mall Park, Ballyshannon

Cllr Sweeny welcomed the commencement of the refurbishment works to the Mall Park playground and looked forward to the upgrade of the outdoor gym.

Rossylongan

In response to Cllr Naughton's query in relation to Rossylongan signage, Mr Doherty agreed to follow up with the Outdoor Recreation & Maintenance Officer.

Community Recognition Funding

In response to Cllr Naughton and Cllr McMahon's query in relation to the criteria for the Community Recognition Funding, Mr Doherty advised that it is anticipated the funding will be for communities that have welcomed people from Ukraine and other countries. In relation to Cllr McMahon's Mens Shed query, Mr Doherty suggested making contact with the DLDC.

Community Development Workshop

Cllr Naughton requested a Community Development Workshop is arranged to discuss a number of projects including a possible development project for Rossnowlagh. The Members agreed to hold a Community Development Workshop on Thursday the 18th April 2024 at 11am.

Summer Student Scheme

In response to Cllr McMahon's comment in relation to the employment of students to assist with the progress of projects, Mr Doherty submitted that the Council conduct a summer student scheme on an annual basis.

Planning Services

Ms A Quinn noted the Planning Service Reports, which were taken as read:-

- Development Applications
- Enforcement
- 2024 Planning Clinics
 - 11th April 2024
 - 25th April 2024
 - 9th May 2024
 - 23rd May 2024
- Regeneration & Development Team Report
- Capital Projects Delivery Unit

Ms A Quinn submitted that there has been an increase in the number of planning applications received and over 100 submissions have been made in relation to the Proposed Material Alterations to the County Development Plan. As a follow up from the last meeting, Ms A Quinn advised that the Croí Conaithe Scheme is applicable for residential purposes only.

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

Regeneration & Development Fund

Cllr Sweeny welcomed the progression of the Killybegs 2040 project and hoped that the Backing Ballyshannon project will be included in the next round of Category 1 applications.

CPO Activation Fund

Cllr Sweeny noted that 1,723 properties initially identified to date as vacant, were surveyed, and 770 of these properties were deemed not vacant and felt it important to highlight this.

Rosstownlough

Ms A Quinn noted the comments made in relation to the further development in Rosstownlough and agreed representatives from the Planning Section would participate in the Community Development Workshop.

MDD/053/24 REQUEST FOR AN UPDATE ON ‘OUTDOOR DINING’

The following question was submitted by Cllr Conaghan: -

“What is the current situation on ‘outdoor dining’ within the Donegal MD for the year 2024?”

Cllr Conaghan received a response from the Director of Service, Economic Development, Emergency Services & Information Systems

MDD/054/24 Date of Next Meeting / Workshops

- A Housing Capital Workshop to held on Thursday the 11th April 2024 at 11am in the Peter Kennedy Chamber.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal on 09th April 2024

- A Minor Tourism Related Grant Scheme Workshop to be on Thursday the 18th April 2024 at 10am followed by the Community Development Workshop at 11am in the Peter Kennedy Chamber.
- MD Meeting on Tuesday the 14th May 2024 at 11.30 am in the Peter Kennedy Chamber (as per standing orders)

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Area Manager
Municipal District of Donegal

Cathaoirleach
Municipal District of Donegal

Minutes of Housing Workshop of Municipal District of Donegal held on Thursday the 11th April 2024 in the Peter Kennedy Chamber, Donegal Public Services Centre, Donegal commencing at 11.00 a.m.

Members Present:

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

Officials in Attendance:

Mr. Pauric Sheerin, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal
Ms. Linda McCann, Homeless Prevention Coordinator
Mr. John Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Housing Capital
Mr. Jim Bonner, Senior Executive Engineer, Housing Capital
Ms. Claire Burke, Senior Executive Architect, Housing Capital
Ms. Margaret Doherty Executive Engineer, Housing Capital
Ms. Angela Gallagher, Staff Officer, Housing Capital
Mr. Paul Patton, Area Housing Engineer, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

Apologies

Ms. Tara Quinn, Executive Architect, Housing Capital

Minutes

1. Emergency Accommodation

Members welcomed Ms. Linda McCann, Homeless Prevention Co-ordinator to the workshop. Ms. McCann did a detailed presentation to the workshop in relation to Homeless Services in County Donegal and in particular in relation to the following matters;-

- Clients(numbers) currently availing of homeless supports
- Clients(numbers) currently availing of homeless supports by Municipal District
- Key Challenges
 - Service Users staying longer in homeless services due to a number of factors
- Mental Health / Addiction
- Prevention
- Support
- Progression to Housing
 - Social Housing Provision
 - Approved Housing Body
 - Tenancy Sustainment Services
 - HAP Support
 - Extending Housing First
- Emergency Accommodation
 - St. Vincent de Paul Colmcille Hostel, Letterkenny

- B & B Vouchers
- Options being explored to increase availability of emergency accommodation

A number of comments / queries were dealt with at the meeting. Members welcomed the efforts and discussions ongoing in relation to homeless in Donegal and also noted in particular the importance of securing properly managed emergency accommodation.

Members thanks Ms. McCann for attending and for her efforts in this area.

2. Housing Capital – Overview of Housing Capital Programme

Members welcomed staff who were in attendance to brief Members on the work of the Housing Capital Office in relation to the Municipal District of Donegal. Members were given a detailed update on proposed housing construction, house purchases, Part V Housing, and land acquisition in relation to the follow location in the District-;

- Ballintra
- Ballyshannon
- Bruckless
- Bundoran
- Carrick
- Donegal
- Drimarone
- Dunkineely
- Frosses
- Glencolmcille
- Kilcar
- Killybegs
- Laghey
- Mountcharles
- Pettigo

A number of detailed comments / queries were dealt with at the workshop. Members welcomed the ongoing works in this area and stressed the importance of pursuing all and any potential options to provide social housing in the Municipal District and in particular in the smaller villages/towns.

This concluded the business of the Workshop.

**Area Manager,
Municipal District of Donegal**

**Cathaoirleach,
Municipal District of Donegal**

**Minutes of the 2024 Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme Workshop Donegal MD
Thursday April 18th at 10:00 am in the Peter Kennedy Chamber, Donegal Public Service Centre,
Donegal Town**

Members Present:

Cllr Niamh Kennedy
Cllr Noel Jordan
Cllr Barry Sweeny
Cllr Micheál Naughton

Officials in Attendance:

Mr. Marion Callaghan, Tourism Unit
Ms. Mary Daly, Tourism Unit

Apologies:

Cllr Tom Conaghan (Cathaoirleach)
Cllr Michael McMahon (Leas-Chathaoirleach)

Minutes:

As the Cathaoirleach and Leas- Chathaoirleach were unable to attend the workshop, agreement was sought from the Members in attendance as to who will chair the workshops. Cllr Niamh Kennedy was appointed as Chair for the Minor Tourism workshop. Cllr Kennedy welcomed all to the Workshop.

Marion Callaghan advised members of the funding available i.e., €50,000 for Community led applications and €50,000 for Council led applications.

Marion Callaghan informed members of the Community groups and Council services who had submitted applications. She provided an overview of each application, including a project summary, cost of project, funding required and estimated completion date.

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

Community Led Applications	
Group name & Project title	Funding agreed
Ballyshannon Folk and Traditional Music - Lamppost Banners	€ 5,791.75
Donegal Dragons - Cabin Replacement	€ 8,200
Dunkineely Community CLG (DCL) - McSwyne’s Slab Recreation	€19,026.50
Mountcharles Tidy Towns Community Development -Village and Tourism enhancement works.	€16,981.75
Community groups Funding Allocation	€50,000

Council Service Led Applications	
Council Service & Project title	Funding agreed
ENVIRONMENT -West End Pool Bundoran	€13,500
ROADS- Folk Village/Beach Carpark	€36,500
Council Services Funding Allocation	€50, 000

Total funding allocated €100,000

The proposed funding for both community groups and council services will now be submitted at the May Donegal MD meeting to be formally adopted.

This concluded the business of the Workshop.

**Area Manager,
Municipal District of Donegal**

**Cathaoirleach,
Municipal District of Donegal**



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

Municipal District of Donegal

14th May 2024

Housing & Corporate

REPORT

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Casual Vacancies

Area	BED	Dwelling Vacated	Comment
Bundoran	3	Keys returned 22/02/2024	Tender Assessment
Bundoran	2	Keys returned 08/03/2024	Tender Assessment
Ballyshannon	3	Keys returned 14/12/2023	Construction Stage
Pettigo	3	Keys returned 12/02/2024	Tender Assessment
Laghey	3	Keys returned 13/04/2022	Assessment Stage
Donegal Town	1	Keys returned 08/11/2023	Construction Stage
Donegal Town	3	Keys returned 07/12/2023	Allocation Stage
Donegal Town	2	Keys returned 20/03/2024	Assessment Stage
Drimarone	3	Keys returned 03/01/2024	Allocation Stage
Killybegs	3	Keys returned 11/04/2024	Tender Stage

Position as at 1st May 2024

HOUSING GRANTS

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED \ INVALID	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HO	2023	121	104	3	8	6
HO	2024	63	28	0	8	27

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED \ INVALID	REAPPLIED UNDER HM GRANT	FURTHER INFO.	REF. TO OT	REF. To ENGINEER	PENDING
HD	2023	70	55	8	0	2	4	0	1
HD	2024	32	12	0	0	1	3	0	16

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED \ INVALID	REAPPLIED UNDER HD GRANT	REF. TO OT	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HM	2023	39	25	1	9	0	3	1
HM	2024	13	4	0	3	0	0	6

HOUSING LOANS

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	PENDING	Further information
Housing Loans	2023	15	3	2	10	0	0
Housing Loans	2024	5	0	2	2	1	0

Tenant Purchase Applications 2023 - 2024

Year	No. of Apps Received	Incomplete Returned	Open Applications	Refused/ Not Eligible	Offer letters Issued	Completed
2023	22	0	2	2	18	0
2024	8	1	6	1	0	0

HAP/PRD	
HAP Tenancies	
Municipal District	Number
Donegal	197
Letterkenny	698
Glenties	112
Stranorlar	279
Inishowen	417
Sub Total	1703
Tenancies Closed	3042
Overall Total	4745
Updated 03/05/2024	

Housing Need by Location

Municipal District	Waiting List (Net Need)	Transfer List	Total Gross Need
Donegal	207	204	411
Ballintra	10	7	17
Ballyshannon	40	52	92
Bruckless	5	2	7
Bundoran	45	56	101
Carrick	0	3	3
Donegal	77	49	126
Drimarone	1	1	2
Dunkineely	2	4	6
Frosses	0	1	1
Glencolmcille	3	0	3
Kilcar	2	2	4
Killybegs	14	15	29
Laghey	3	3	6
Mountcharles	3	7	10
Pettigo	2	2	4
Total	207	204	411
Updated 03/05/2024			

**Housing Capital Update Report
Donegal Municipal District Meeting
14th May 2024**

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		
<u>Drumacrin</u> Bundoran Phase 1	<p>Contractor appointed and works have commenced on site. Contract period for the works is 20 months.</p> <p>Foundations ongoing and installed to 40no. units. Radon and concrete slabs installed to 8 no units.</p> <p>Block-laying substructure completed 34no Units and commenced superstructure of 6 no units.</p> <p>Main foul drainage works complete across third part lands and main foul and storm drainage works within site 80% complete.</p>	42
Design / Tender Stage		
<u>Largymore</u> <u>Kilcar (SI)</u>	<p>The closing date for receipt of tenders was 9th February 2024.</p> <p>Tender evaluation has commenced.</p> <p>Following completion of Tender evaluation. Letter of notification of contractors issued March 2024.</p> <p>An application has been submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for approval to appoint a contractor.</p>	1
Preliminary Design Stage (No of units subject to change)		
<u>New Row,</u> <u>Fintra Road,</u> <u>Killybegs</u>	<p>Proposal presented to the Donegal MD Elected Members at a workshop on 11th April 2024. Project presented to the Department of Housing on 23rd April 2024. Engagement ongoing with <u>Uisce Eireann</u> regarding their requirements.</p> <p>Tenders are being prepared for specialists to carry out advanced detailed ground investigations in conjunction with preparation of the Part 8 application. Part 8 is to be advertised in June 2024.</p>	16
<u>Laghey</u>	<p>Proposal presented to the Donegal MD Elected Members at a workshop on 11th April 2024. Project presented to the Department of Housing on 23rd April 2024. Part 8 to be advertised in May 2024.</p>	2
Total		61



Image 1 - Progress photograph: Drumacrin, Bundoran

2. House Acquisition Programme & Buy & Renew Programme

The completion of the sale of 2 properties in Donegal Town is expected imminently. Significant improvement works to bring these properties back into use can then be procured and undertaken. The tender process has been progressed as a means of being able to commence works upon sale completion.

A number of further acquisitions are being considered by Donegal MD.

3. Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition

The Council has a current county-wide turnkey acquisition process open, which will remain open until the 30th of September 2026. ETenders (reference RFT 2461070) refers, where all documentation and information can be obtained. Submissions are being accepted and must be made in strict accordance with the requirements of the procurement documentation.

The process has been opened to help address social housing needs across the county. Proposals are being accepted for 1, 2, 3 & 4 bedroom housing units in towns or villages throughout the county, on lands suitable for housing purposes.

Council staff are currently engaging with a number of Developers in the Donegal MD. Information and guidance is being provided on an individual basis to Developers to guide them through the process. This is a competitive tender process and therefore, specific details can only be shared upon receipt of a final tender.

Separately, and in addition to completed turnkey developments at Donegal Town and Ballyshannon, Members are aware of an additional turnkey proposal at Drumrooske, Donegal Town for 35 units. The contract stage for this turnkey acquisition is nearing completion. The commencement of works is dependent upon the signing of contracts and works are programmed to commence on site in May 2024. Members will be kept up to date on this matter.

4. Lands / Property for Social Housing Purposes

The Council is actively pursuing the acquisition of lands suitable for housing purposes, in towns and villages where there is currently not a social housing solution available. In the Donegal MD, the following provides an update:

1. An offer to acquire lands in Ballyshannon has been agreed, subject to contract and availability of utility connections.
2. Additional lands are being considered across Donegal MD and Members will be informed of same upon the Council progressing to make offers to acquire.

Repair & Lease Scheme Summary

Applications

MD	Received	No. of Units	Awaiting assessment	Rejected	Progressing	Total
Inishowen	25	28	2	23	0	25
Donegal	19	46	0	19	0	19
Glenties	23	23	2	21	0	23
Letterkenny	35	60	8	27	0	35
Stranorlar	26	83	3	23	0	26
Total	128	240	15	113	0	128

Updated 29/04/2024

**Donegal Municipal District
2024 Roadworks Programme
Status Report – 14th May 2024**

Donegal Municipal District

2024 Road Maintenance (Surface Dressing) Programme

2024 Regional & Local Road Surface Dressing Programme

Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	RSS Area	Year	Length (m)	Width (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)	Status
1	LP	LP1565-1	Hillhead To N56	14	2024	1100	5	5500	€ 30,250.00	Started
2	LP	LP1575-3 & LP1585-1	Killian NS towards R262	14	2024	2000	4	8000	€ 44,000.00	Started
3	LS	LS5835-1	Drumletterfinn	14	2024	1000	3.2	3200	€ 17,600.00	Started
4	LS	LS6045-1	Drimagra (Eany)	14	2024	1400	3.5	4900	€ 26,950.00	
5	LP	LP1415-4	Dunkineely - Calhame	14	2024	500	5.5	2750	€ 15,125.00	Started
6	LS	LS5595-1	Bogside Dunkineely	14	2024	1300	3.2	4160	€ 22,880.00	Started
7	LP	LP1885-1	Beef - Park	14	2024	1000	5	5000	€ 27,500.00	Started
8	LP	LP1855-1	Rosssylongan - Ballyboyle	14	2024	700	6.5	4550	€ 25,025.00	Started
9	LS	LS5745-3	Corraduffly - Killian	14	2024	600	3.20	1920	€ 11,927.00	Started
									€221,257.00	
1	LP	LP1025-3	Meenaveen	15	2024	1200	4.5	5400	€ 30,063.00	
2	LS	LS5095-1	Malinmor (Salhull)	15	2024	1000	3.6	3600	€ 22,000.00	
3	LP	LP1365-2	Tullenteane	15	2024	1000	3.5	3500	€ 17,500.00	
4	LP	LP1375-2	Tullenteane towards Ural	15	2024	1500	4	6000	€ 33,000.00	
5	LP	LP1025-1	Drumaghy	15	2024	250	8	2000	€ 11,000.00	Started
6	LS	LS5465-1	Straleeny	15	2024	800	5	4000	€ 22,000.00	Started
7	LS	LS5435-1	Balbane	15	2024	700	3.5	2450	€ 13,475.00	Started
8	LS	LS5065-2	Drim	15	2024	1500	3.7	5550	€ 30,800.00	
9	LP	LP1345-1	Binroe	15	2024	1100	4.5	4950	€ 27,225.00	
10	LP	LP1115-2	Roxbouragh	15	2024	1300	5	6500	€ 35,750.00	
11	LP	LP1395-2	Calhame towards Meenabrook	15	2024	1300	5	6500	€ 35,750.00	
									€278,563.00	
1	L	L7845-1	Ross Road Carty's Quarry	16	2024	1100	5.23	5760	€31,680.00	Started
2	L	L2515-1	Magheracar	16	2024	1100	3.50	3850	€21,175.00	Started
3	L	L8055-1	Lisahully (L8055-1)	16	2024	447	3.30	1475.1	€8,113.05	
4	L	L7985-1	Lisahully (L7985-1)	16	2021	553	3.30	1824.9	€10,036.95	
5	L	L7615-2	Garvanagh	16	2024	2000	3.30	6600	€36,300.00	
6	L	L2225-8	Mullinagoad - Bannus	16	2024	1750	4.00	7000	€38,500.00	Started
7	L	L77452	Coolcholly	16	2024	1300	5.40	7000	€38,500.00	Started
8	L	L7265-1	Killangel Beg - Lurgan	16	2024	1000	3.34	3340	€18,700.00	
9	R	R231-3	Killangel Beg	16	2024	1000	6.50	6500	€39,000.00	
10	L	L7485-2	Kildoney	16	2024	200	3.40	680	€3,740.00	
11	L	L7245-1	Glasbolie	16	2024	200	3.30	660	€3,380.00	
									€249,125.00	
1	LS	L6735-2	Tully Rd Mc Mullins	17	2024	1800	3.5	6300	€34,000.00	Started
2	LP	L1955-2	Killymard rd to Harveys Point entra	17	2024	1400	5.5	7700	€42,000.00	Started
3	LP	L2185-2	Ballydermot Aghadowey	17	2024	1000	4.5	4500	€24,000.00	
4	LP	L1995-2	Drumlonagher-Drumlat P Kanes Rd	17	2024	650	4.5	2925	€16,087.50	
5	LS	L6535-1	Spierstown Tin Shop	17	2024	1500	3.5	5250	€28,633.00	Started
6	LT	L22452	Drumheriff	17	2024	900	3.5	3150	€17,325.00	Started
7	LT	L22451	Aghnahoo	17	2024	1000	3.5	3500	€19,250.00	Started
8	LS	L6865-1	Greagh	17	2024	1200	3.5	4200	€23,100.00	
9	LS	L6865-2	Trummon East	17	2024	1000	3.5	3500	€19,250.00	
10	LS	L8035-2	Grouse Hall	17	2024	1000	3.5	3500	€19,250.00	
11	R	R267	Lurganbot (Abbots)	17	2024	750	7	5250	€31,500.00	
12	LS	L67251-0	Tullyearl	17	2024	350	3.5	1225	€6,737.50	
									€281,133.00	
									€1,030,078.00	

Donegal Municipal District

2024 Road Improvement Programme

2024 Restoration improvement Programme

Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	RSS Area	Year	Width	Length (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)	Status
1	R262/3	Frosses - Glenties (Binbane)	14	2024	750	6	4500	€185,000.00	
2	& LP1655-	Main Street Mountcharles	14	2024	300	8	2400	€120,000.00	
3	LP1845-3	Ballydevitt - Altadoo	14	2024	700	6	4200	€132,000.00	Started
4	LP1515-2	Ardaghey - Ardara	14	2024	720	7	5040	€184,000.00	Started
5	LP1875-2	Shore Road Mountcharles	14	2024	750	4.75	3563	€115,000.00	Started
6	LP1575-2	Keelogs - Killian	14	2024	1100	3.2	3520	€95,000.00	Started
7	LS5695-3	Drumfinn - Drumadart	14	2024	900	3.75	3375	€60,213.00	
8	LS5905-1	Tullycumber	14	2024	600	3	1800	€40,000.00	
9	LS5975-1	Drumgorman	14	2024	500	3	1500	€37,000.00	
								€968,213.00	
1	LP1175-1	Kilbeg, Kilcar	15	2024	400	5.5	2200	€70,000.00	Started
2	R263 - 2	Killybegs streets	15	2024	550	11	6050	€195,000.00	Completed
3	LP1345-2	Binroe	15	2024	850	3.3	2805	€110,000.00	Started
4	LP13151	Stragar	15	2024	150	3.3	495	€18,000.00	
5	LS5325-2	Drumreagh	15	2024	500	3	1500	€36,000.00	Completed
6	R263-13	Cashel hill	15	2024	300	7.5	2250	€97,000.00	Completed
7	R263-6	Kill, Largy	15	2024	320	6.3	2016	€124,000.00	
8	LP1245-1	High road fintra	15	2024	970	3.5	3395	€138,241.00	Started
9	R263-9	Bogagh	15	2024	620	8.5	5270	€190,000.00	Completed
10	LS5235	Chruchtown Lower at factory	15	2024	400	3	1200	€31,000.00	Completed
								€1,009,241.00	
1	R267	Bundoran Street (West End)	16	2024	210	9.50	1995	€70,000.00	
2	L2485-1	Ballyshannon Street (College Street)	16	2024			0	€60,363.00	
3	R231	Rossnowlagh RD	16	2024	360	7.2	2592	€91,000.00	
4	L7615-1	Garvanagh	16	2024	1400	3.50	4900	€147,000.00	Started
5	L2225-5	Belault North (JM Joinery)	16	2024	170	5.00	800	€28,000.00	Started
6	L2225-6	Mullinagoad	16	2024	37	6.00	225	€10,000.00	Started
7	L2335-4	Derries	16	2024	800	3.50	2800	€85,000.00	
8	L7875-3	Ardloughill to Clontyseer	16	2024	1000	3.30	3300	€72,000.00	Completed
9	L2365-3	Carricknahorna	16	2024	1500	3.50	5250	€115,000.00	Completed
10	L2535-2	Higginstown (Ballymunterhiggin)	16	2024	500	5.00	2500	€65,000.00	
11	L7485-2	Kildoney	16	2024	1100	3.20	3520	€112,000.00	
12	L7775-2	Tullyhorkey	16	2024	400	6.50	2600	€82,423.00	
13	L7265-1	Lurgan	16	2024	650	3.30	2145	€70,000.00	
14	L77452	Coolcholly	16	2024	50	4.00	200	€6,400.00	
								€1,014,186.00	
1	L-1925-3	Donegal Streets Railway Road	17	2024			0	€65,000.00	
	L2085-3	Donegal Streets (St. Joseph's Ave)	17					€55,000.00	
2	R232	Pettigo Road	17	2024	1000	7	7000	€158,602.32	
3	L6775-1	Whitehill Drumlast	17	2024	1500	3.5	5250	€97,125.00	Completed
4	L7375-1	Kimmid Rd to Drumnaskea Reids Yard	17	2024	1000	3.5	3500	€64,750.00	Started
5	L80451-1	Drumnawark	17	2024	750	3.5	2625	€48,562.50	Started
6	L2125-4	Ranenney Barr	17	2024	1000	3.5	3500	€64,750.00	Completed
7	L6835-1	Moyne Alt	17	2024	750	3.5	2625	€48,562.50	Completed
8	L8065-1	Lettercran Rd Chapel	17	2024	1000	3.5	3500	€64,750.00	Started
9	L8035-3	Grouse Hall	17	2024	500	3.5	1750	€32,375.00	
10	L6675-2-3	Drummenny Middle Upper	17	2024	2000	3.5	7000	€129,500.00	Started
11	L2125-1	Laghey Barr	17	2024	500	4	2000	€78,531.95	Started
12	L2175-1	Tobernaheery - Bridgetown	17	2024	1000	6	6000	€172,000.00	Started
13	L6935-1	Knockbane	17	2024	550	3.5	1925	€35,560.73	Completed
								€1,115,070.00	
								€4,106,710.00	

Donegal MD footpath repair & public lighting infill works

3 Year Programme

Footpath Works										
RSS Area	Location	Year 1 Budget 2018	Year 2 Budget 2019	Year 3 Budget 2020	Overall Total Amount	Spent to date Year 1 2018	Spent to date Year 2 2019	Spent to date Year 3 2020	Overall total spent	Remaining balance
14	Mountcharles	€5,729.00	€16,600.00	€24,350.00	€46,679.00	€5,729.00	€17,515.99	€1,873.82	€25,118.81	€21,560.19
	Dunkineely			€23,432.00	€23,432.00			€9,650.00	€9,650.00	€13,782.00
	Frosses		€16,600.00	€23,432.00	€40,032.00		€2,759.75	€0.00	€2,759.75	€37,272.25
15	Killybegs	€15,568.00	€16,600.00	€50,000.00	€82,168.00	€15,575.78	€16,600.00	€51,817.02	€83,992.80	-€1,824.80
	Kilcar			€3,200.00	€3,200.00			€2,958.60	€2,958.60	€241.40
	Glenclumbkille		€8,300.00	€16,314.00	€24,614.00		€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€24,614.00
	Carrick		€8,300.00	€1,700.00	€10,000.00		€7,919.45	€1,772.90	€9,692.35	€307.65
16	Ballintra			€11,214.00	€11,214.00			€11,214.00	€11,214.00	€0.00
	Ballyshannon	€95,244.00	€16,600.00	€35,000.00	€146,844.00	€82,908.07	€10,375.66	€30,966.14	€124,249.87	€22,594.13
	Bundoran		€16,600.00	€25,000.00	€41,600.00		€16,600.00	€25,000.00	€41,600.00	€0.00
17	Donegal Town	€32,897.00	€16,600.00	€47,214.00	€96,711.00	€24,048.08	€17,500.00	€586.70	€42,134.78	€54,576.22
	Laghey		€8,300.00	€8,000.00	€16,300.00		€9,450.16	€0.00	€9,450.16	€6,849.84
	Bridgetown			€6,000.00	€6,000.00			€19,788.65	€19,788.65	-€13,788.65
	Pettigo		€8,300.00	€10,000.00	€18,300.00		€880.35	€0.00	€880.35	€17,419.65
Totals		€149,438.00	€132,800.00	€284,856.00	€567,094.00				€383,490.12	€183,603.88

DMD 2022 Footpath Repair works

RSS Area	Location	Budget 2022	Overall spent	Remaining balance
14	Ardaghey Area	€6,347.00	€0.00	€6,347.00
15	Killybegs Area	€17,246.00	€14,894.81	€2,351.19
16	Ballyshannon Area	€105,492.62	€34,957.06	€70,535.56
17	Donegal Area	€36,424.34	€0.00	€36,424.34
		€165,509.96	€49,851.87	€115,658.09

Public Lighting Infill Works

Area	Location	Description	Total Cost	Status	Total Spent	Remaining balance
14	Drimark, Donegal Town	Infill lighting - 7 additional lights at Drimark on Local Road L	€10,871.00	Completed		
	Mountcharles	Lower End Mountcharles –	€6,750.00	Completed		
	Mill Park Hotel, Doonan	Proposed lighting from Doonan Roundabout to entrance to	€9,500.00	Completed	€27,662.46	-€541.46
15	Kilcar	Lighting improvement works at	€10,650.00	Completed		
	Killybegs	Old Fintra Rd near Glenlee	€18,725.00	Yet to commence	€11,181.57	€18,193.43
16	Ballyshannon	Rossnowlagh Link Road. Lighting	€30,000.00	Completed	€25,864.00	€4,136.00
17	Killymard, Donegal Town	Extend existing public lighting past the school and church to	€11,600.00	Completed		
	Tirconnail Street & Castle Street, Donegal Town	Infill lighting needed along the public road at Tirconnail Street on local Road L-1925-3 between	€10,000.00	Yet to commence		
	Killymard, Donegal Town	Killymard Church to Drumrooske Housing Estate.	€22,500.00	Completed	€26,025.48	€18,074.52
Total amount			€130,596.00		€90,733.51	€39,862.49

Donegal Municipal District

2024 Drainage Grant

RSS Area	Budget	No	Description of Works	Road No.	Estimated Cost €	Status
14	€59,314.00	1	Spamount Dunkineely, Pipe roadside with 300mm pipe for 150m	LP1425-4	€13,904.18	Completed
		2	Meenataggart strengthen road edge and upgrade drainage	LP1825-1	€20,500.00	
		3	Calhame, Pipe open drain with 750mm pipe to prevent damage to road	LP1415-3	€12,409.82	
		4	Doorin Line extend existing drainage (450mm pipe) to suitable outfall	LP1645-4	€5,500.00	Completed
		5	Ashtree Garden Centre Road - pipe existing drain with 300mm pipe.	LP1865/1	€7,000.00	Completed
					€59,314.00	
15	€61,827.00	1	Carrick - Roxborough Glebe - pipe existing roadside drain for 120m	LP1115-2	€25,000.00	
		2	Meenbradden - replace existing culvert crossing the public road.	LS5645-1	€16,000.00	
		3	Tawny Kilcar, pipe existing open drain and upgrade existing drainage network.	215-2 & LT12	€20,827.00	
					€61,827.00	
16	€62,130.00	1	Kildoney	L-7485-2	€20,000.00	Started
		2	Banus	L-2225-6	€10,000.00	
		3	Carrickboy (Industrial Estate)	L-2525-4	€10,000.00	
		4	Corker Road Coolbeg	L-7495-2	€12,130.00	
		5	Coolbeg	L-7675-1	€10,000.00	
					€62,130.00	
17	€68,310.00	1	Shannagh RD crossing and drainage 1Km	L6915-1	€8,310.00	Completed
		2	Drumgowan Drainage and Laybys for 1.5 Km	L6715-1	€10,000.00	Completed
		3	Carnbeagh-Finnadoose Drainage pipe Rd side 1.5Km	L6625-1-2	€9,000.00	
		4	Lacklom Rd crossing 900mm and drainage	L7145-2	€9,000.00	Completed
		5	Drumadoney Pipe Rd side and drainage	L6665-1	€4,000.00	Completed
		6	Rossmore PipeRd side and drainage	L2035-1	€9,000.00	
		7	Tullylark Drumnawark drainage 2 Km	L8045-1	€9,000.00	
		8	Cashelenny Drainage and rd crossing	L8075-1	€10,000.00	Completed
					€68,310.00	
	€251,581.00			Totals	€251,581.00	

Donegal MD Active Travel Projects

Jan	Project Name	Project Description	Project Band	Current Phase	Phase 6 Construction Date planned	DCC Comments
DL/21/0002	Proposed Footpath between the Niall Moore National School & Foresters Hall carpark Killibegs	Construct a footpath leading from a drop off carpark to the main entrance of the Niall Moore National School	Band 1 <0.5mil	Phase 7 - Close Out and Review	Q4 2021	Works completed - Final Close out report issued to NTA
DL/21/0008a	Ballyshannon, Bishop Street	Provision of footpath on (L-2465-1)	Band 1 <0.5mil	Phase 3 - Preliminary Design	Q4 2025	TOBINS Consultant Engineers appointed , preliminary design ongoing, public information evening complete, introducing a One-Way system could be challenging in order to achieve the project objective.
DL/21/0008b	Donegal Town, Killibegs Road	Provision of infill section of footpath on the Killibegs Road (R925)	Band 1 <0.5mil	Phase 5 - Detailed Design and Tender	Q4 2025	TOBINS Consultant Engineers appointed, Planning received Nov 2023, detail design and land requirements to be progressed 2024.
DL/21/0008b	Donegal Town, Lough Eske Road	Provision of infill section of footpath on the Lough Eske Road (L-1915-2)	Band 1 <0.5mil	Phase 5 - Detailed Design and Tender	Q4 2025	TOBINS Consultant Engineers appointed, Planning received 2022, detail design and land requirements to be progressed 2024.
DL/21/0008c	Killybegs, Church Road	Construction of infill section of footpath, drainage and public lighting on Church Road (LP1315-1)	Band 1 <0.5mil	Phase 7 - Close Out and Review	Q3 2022	Works complete - Final Close out report to be issued to NTA
DL/21/0008d	Kilcar	Proposed footpath extension to Kilcar National School (R263-8)	Band 1 <0.5mil	Phase 7 - Close Out and Review	Q4 2021	Works complete - Final Close out report issued to NTA
DL/21/0008e	Kilcar	Proposed footpath extension past local church to nearby car park (R263-8)	Band 1 <0.5mil	Phase 7 - Close Out and Review	Q3 2022	Works complete - Final Close out report issued to NTA
DL/21/0008f	Donegal Town, Old Golf Course Road	Design associated with the construction of an infill section of footpath on the Old Golf Course Road (L-2155-1) linking a large residential area to the school, town centre etc.	Band 1 <0.5mil	Phase 5 - Detailed Design and Tender	Q4 2025	TOBINS Consultant Engineers appointed, Planning received 2022, detail design and land requirements to be progressed 2024.
DL/21/0008g	Bundoran	Construction of an infill section of footpath along the L-2575-1 to link the Crest of the Wave housing estate to the existing public footpath.	Band 1 <0.5mil	Phase 7 - Close Out and Review	Q3 2022	Works complete - Final Close out report issued to NTA
DL/21/0009a	Glencolumbcille	Proposed footpath improvement works in Glencolumbcille (R263)	Band 1 <0.5mil	Phase 7 - Close Out and Review	Q2 2022	Works complete - Final Close out report issued to NTA
DL/21/0009b	Carrick	Proposed footpath improvement works in Carrick (R263 & L1125)	Band 1 <0.5mil	Phase 7 - Close Out and Review	Q4 2021	Works complete - Final Close out report issued to NTA
DL/21/0023	Safe to Schools Programme - Scoil Aodh Rua & Nuala	Safe to Schools Programme	Band 1 <0.5mil	Phase 2 - Concept and Options	Q4 2024	Green Schools delivery plan received Q4 2023 Prelim design ongoing. Planning likely required.
DL/21/0024a	TOWNPARKS BALLYSHANNON PED CROSS	Low Cost Junction Tightening / Pedestrian Crossing Schemes	Band 1 <0.5mil	Phase 7 - Close Out and Review	Q3 2021	Works completed - final close out report required 2024
DL/21/0024b	BUNDORAN TOWN PED CROSSING LIGHTS UPGRADE	Low Cost Junction Tightening / Pedestrian Crossing Schemes	Band 1 <0.5mil	Phase 7 - Close Out and Review	Q3 2021	Works completed - final close out report required 2024
DL/21/0024c	ROCK RD BALLYSHANNON, PED CROSSING	Low Cost Junction Tightening / Pedestrian Crossing Schemes	Band 1 <0.5mil	Phase 7 - Close Out and Review	Q3 2021	Works completed - final close out report required 2023
DL/21/0024d	COLLEGE ST BALLYSHANNON, PED CROSSING	Low Cost Junction Tightening / Pedestrian Crossing Schemes	Band 1 <0.5mil	Phase 7 - Close Out and Review	Q3 2021	Works complete - Final Close out report issued to NTA
DL/22/0001	Cycle Parking Donegal Town MD	Installation of bike parking facilities.	Band 1 <0.5mil	Phase 7 - Close Out and Review	Q2 2022	Works complete - Final Close out report to be issued to 2024
DL/22/0002	Donegal Town One Way system	It is proposed to introduce a One-Way System onto Tirchonaiil Street, Castle Street, Water Street and New Row within Donegal Town. The scheme will provide crossing points, new wider footpaths, widening of existing footpaths, landscaped pedestrian refuge islands, traffic calming.	Band 2 <10mil	Phase 6 - Construction	Q4 2023	ACS Civil Ltd have been appointed to carry out the works. Works to be completed by Q2 2024.
DL/22/0005	Ballyshannon to Bundoran Active Travel Scheme	Old N15 (now R267) Bundoran to Ballyshannon Cycling Greyway	Band 2 <10mil	Phase 5 - Detailed Design and Tender	Q3 2024	TOBINS Consultant Engineers appointed , Planning received Nov 2023, detail design ongoing.
DL/22/0006	Pettigo National School Footpath (R232)	Upgrade of existing substandard footpath including undermining of the existing footpath. There is a school located on one side and the local church is located on the town side. A solution in line with DMURS to include for the provision of a footpath and traffic calming would be beneficial to this section of road and also to the areas amenities.	Band 1 <0.5mil	Phase 5 - Detailed Design and Tender	Q4 2025	TOBINS Consultant Engineers, Planning received and detail design & land acquisition ongoing.
DL/22/0003	Laghey Village (Old Laghey Road) Footpath	Infill section of footpath on the Old Laghey Road, Laghey including a footbridge across the river to link the Riverbank Avenue housing estate to the existing footpath leading to the nearby national school. Consultant appointment and inception report	Band 1 <0.5mil	Phase 2 - Concept and Options	Q4 2025	Options to be considered to deliver footpath link in 2024
DL/22/0014	Malinmore Footpath , Glencolumbcille	Glencolumbcille - provision of a footpath along the R263 West of Glencolumbcille in the direction of the Folk Village.	Band 1 <0.5mil	Phase 5 - Detailed Design and Tender	Q4 2025	TOBINS Consultant Engineers, detail design ongoing.

Donegal MD Community Involvement Schemes 2024

Project Number	RSS Area	Road Number	Road Name	Length of work (m)	Total Area of work	Overall Cost of work	% LC	LC	WIL	Budget	Status
434	14	L-6335-2	Eglish (Phase 1)	900	2737	€58,186.50	20		€11,637.30	€46,549.20	
476	15	L-54751-0	Old Road Lough Head Killybegs	600	1800	€48,581.00	20		€9,716.20	€38,864.80	
518	16	L-2465-1	Bishop Street, Ballyshannon - Footpath (Phase 1 - 90m of 280m)	90	180	€48,500.00	10	€4,850.00		€43,650.00	
491	17	L-2075-1	Old Laghey Road Drumbar	200	600	€69,000.00	20		€13,800.00	€55,200.00	
										€184,264.00	

Donegal MD

2024 LIS Priority List -

2024 Budget

To be agreed when funding is announced

DMD %

18.6715%

DMD Budget

										Total
RSS Area	Location	Percentage of budget	Budget	Priority	LIS No	PSCI Rating	Townland	Engineers cost estimate	Notes	Status
14	Ardaghey	44.73%	€0.00							
15	Killybegs	27.64%	€0.00							
16	Ballyshannon	9.82%	€0.00							
17	Laghey	17.82%	€0.00							
								Total	€0.00	
								Budget	€0.00	
								Balance	€0.00	

2024 Other Works					
2024 Specific Improvement Grant					
MD	Road Number	Location	Description	LA Allocation	Status
Donegal	R232	Glenmore Bridge	Detailed Design	€75,000	
2024 Strategic Regional & Local Road Grant					
MD	Road Number	Location	Description	LA Allocation	Status
Donegal	R263	Killybegs	Fintra Bridge & Road Realignment	€1,500,000	
2024 Safety Improvement Works on Regional and Local Roads					
MD	Road Number	Location	Description	LA Allocation	Status
Donegal	R267	Bundoran, Main Street	Installation of speed ramps	€30,000	
2024 Former National Road Rehabilitation Works					
MD	Road Number	Location	Description	LA Allocation	Status
Donegal	R267	Finner	Road rehabilitation Works	€250,000	

2024 Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Works					
2024 Specific Improvement Grant					
MD	Road Number	Location	Description	LA Allocation	Status
Donegal	L-2275-1	Durnesh & Rathfragen, Rossnowlagh	Appoint consultant to review the catchment and to design a new outfall from Durnesh lake to address flooding issue.	€100,000	
Donegal	R267	Lurganboy, Donegal Town	Upsize culvert crossing the road	€28,000	



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Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services Directorate

Master Municipal District Report **May 2024**

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1. Economic Development

1.1. Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location / Further Info	Point of Contact
25 th April 2024	Scottish Diaspora Event showcasing Donegal Tweed and Local Businesses	Event organised in conjunction with ETB, LEO and Irish Consulate Service in Edinburgh to develop connections between Donegal and Scottish Tweed and strengthen connections with Donegal and Irish Diaspora in Scotland.	Daniel McChrystal – dmcchrystal@donegalcoco.ie
16 th May 2024	London Irish Centre Jobs Fair	London Irish Centre, Camden, London. Focusing on promoting high-quality employment opportunities in Donegal. This event will also offer opportunities to network and build further London Irish connections.	Daniel McChrystal – dmcchrystal@donegalcoco.ie
2 nd Wed of Each Month	Innovation Campfire	<p>Hosted by Alpha Innovation - this series provides employees and entrepreneurs an opportunity to take a moment out of their busy days to see the world through a different lens. Over the coming months, our 10-minute sessions will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Showcase inspiring innovation stories from around the world. ● Learn from the experiments, tests, fails, quick wins, and big successes of others. ● Enable participants to be part of a growing community of like-minded individuals. ● Allow participants to shape future sessions by volunteering to tell a story they are passionate about. <p>You can watch back by visiting ALPHA Innovation Innovation Campfire — ALPHAInnovation.eu</p>	Kevin Sexton - kevinsexton@alphainnovation.eu
Sat mornings across	Startup Bootcamp 2024	ALPHA Innovation's second edition of Startup Bootcamp is taking place throughout May & June at CoLab, ATU Campus, Letterkenny. Bootcamp will	Conor Doherty conordoherty@alphainnovation.eu

<p>May and June</p>		<p>bring a selected team of like-minded pre-founders and founders through a 7-workshop programme, where they will cover areas which can help propel their propositions forward. The programme is FREE for successful applicants looking to set up and grow their venture from Donegal.</p> <p>Bootcamp takes place on Saturday mornings to accommodate those working full-time to dedicate time working on their proposed startups. Throughout workshops, co-ordinators will cover problem framing, customer development techniques, crafting a compelling value proposition, developing a customer deck and pitch practice. The programme will culminate in a showcase day, where participants will present their propositions to mature businesses, peers and potential customers. (Date TBC)</p> <p>More details can be found at www.alphainnovation.eu/bootcamp</p>	
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1.2 Economic Development Unit

Marketing & Campaigns Updates

Invest Donegal Communications Update

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

Impressions (last 28 days)		Total Followers
Linked In	12,567	5,116 (+32)
Twitter	2,576	3,578
Instagram	1,723	4,346 (+74)
Facebook	4,417	2,107 (+16)
Donegal.ie	4.2K Web Users (+100)	

8 News Items Published.

28th March 2024 – 29th April 2024

Inward Investment Brochure

The Economic Development team are currently progressing work to develop a new brochure promoting the value proposition for inward investment in County Donegal and highlighting County Donegal as a great place to live, work, study and do business. This brochure will be available in print and digital format and is due for completion in June 2024.

Relocation Marketing Campaign

Donegal County Council will shortly be appointing a marketing agency to develop a new marketing campaign promoting Donegal as a great place to live, work, study, invest and do business. This campaign will be a follow-on campaign building upon the success of the previous #MovetoDonegal relocation campaign.

Economic Development Business Supports Flyer: An information flyer with details on the various Economic Development business supports such as the concierge service, marketing campaigns including Buy Donegal and Love Donegal along with details of membership of Donegal Tourism CLG was distributed to all rates payers in the County in March 2024. This was a collaborative initiative with the income collection team in Finance to raise awareness amongst rate payers of the support available from Donegal County Council. Approximately 4600 flyers were sent out along with information on the grant scheme known as ICOB (Increased Cost of Business Grant).

#LoveDonegalDay: #LoveDonegal day 2024 will take place in September, in conjunction with other events promoting the county including Disrupt by the Sea and the Tip O’Neill Irish Diaspora Awards. The 2023 campaign reached a global audience of 85 million across social media, this year’s campaign hopes to achieve the same level of success. Further details to be disseminated as they are confirmed.

#BuyDonegal: The 2024 #BuyDonegal campaign will launch in November of this year and will run over a series of 6- 8 weeks, covering a range of sectors, themes and events promoting Donegal businesses to a global audience.

Donegal Tech Advocates: Donegal County Council, in collaboration with regional stakeholders, developed and launched the Donegal Tech Advocates group in April 2024. The aim of this group is to promote, grow and empower the dynamic and innovative tech sector across the county in order to develop, retain and attract new high-quality talent to the region, and showcase the tech industry as a highly effective cluster.

Business Concierge Service

The Councils Economic Development Division provides a Business Concierge Service for businesses looking at access Council Services and supports. This service can be accessed by emailing economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie

Donegal 2040 DAC

Board and Corporate Governance

The enhanced Board of Donegal 2040 DAC is progressing a range of areas including putting in place mechanisms to ensure good corporate governance and establishing a clear strategic framework.

Update on Projects:

Alpha Innovation Centre and Beta Business Centre

Current Status: Enabling works / Demolition works on site are ongoing. Main construction contract was released for tender in Q1 2024, with tender assessment process currently being undertaken. Estimated project completion date: Q3 2026, subject to funding.

Remote Working Hub Carrigart:

Status: In operation. Annual management agreement in place.

Details: One storey building with 18 Hot Desks in an open space floor plan. Meeting room, private phone booths, kitchen facilities and bicycle parking.

Operation & Management of Island House, Killybegs (Post Construction)

Current Status: Under Construction. Estimated Completion Date: July 2024

Marketing Campaign: to commence Q2 2024.

Operation & Management of Burtonport Enterprise Centre (Post Construction)

Current Status: Contractor appointment. Construction to commence Q2 2024.

Current Estimated Completion date: Q2 2025.

Operation & Management of The Ritz, Ballybofey (Post Construction)

Current Status: Detailed design.

Current Estimated Completion date of overall Seed Project: Q1 2026.

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Inward Investment Activity

North West City Region

Golden Bridges and the US Trade Mission 2024

Plans for Golden Bridges and the US Trade Mission 2024 are under review in collaboration with partners and stakeholders in Donegal and the wider North West City Region.

The NWCR Inward Investment Strategy

Continuing to progress the NWCR Inward Investment Strategy working in collaboration with Derry City and Strabane District Council including the development of digital and non-digital promotional material including videos and building on online social media and websites.

NWCR on LinkedIn has 744 followers.

NWCR on X (formerly Twitter @NwIreland) has 249 followers.

Website: www.irelandnw.com

NWCR Information Dashboard

An online dashboard for sharing information related to living, working, studying, investing and doing business in the NWCR is in development and will be shared with partners such as INI and the IDA to provide a store of information on the various aspects of the value proposition of the NWCR for potential investors.

Service Land Initiative at The Commons, Lifford

Planning application for enabling infrastructure has been approved An Bord Pleanála and detailed designs are complete. Procurement for construction of enabling infrastructure will take place in the coming weeks. The EDU is engaging with various potential site users including Social Housing, Community Health, Recreation and businesses and it is expected that enabling infrastructure will be complete by Q4 2024.

Disposal of Council owned land to support Economic Development

The team are dealing with several requests for disposal of lands for economic development in Ballyshannon, Letterkenny and Bunrana.

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1.2: Tourism Marketing Unit

Project Activity

New Tourism Brochure 2024

The new Donegal Tourism 2024 brochure has been distributed to accommodation providers, attractions and airports throughout Ireland. With the environment and sustainability in mind, a limited amount of printed promotional material with QR codes for the brochure will also be distributed to tourism businesses to make it easy for visitors to access information.

Meitheal 2024

The Tourism Unit attended Meitheal networking meeting in Killarney. This is a two-day face-to-face workshop that gives the Irish tourism industry and overseas tourism buyers from over 20 different countries the opportunity to meet and do business. Over 10,000 appointments are conducted over two days with many new and important contracts signed. This global Travel Trade Fair takes place annually in March. In total 10 Donegal businesses attended Meitheal.

Marketing initiative with Ireland West Airport Knock

A Trade mission/Industry Showcase is planned to meet 50 overseas travel agencies in Milan, Italy and Cologne and Germany on the 10th of June. Three trade members will be invited to attend this. This will be done in association with the other local authorities from Sligo, Leitrim, Mayo, Galway and Roscommon.

Balmoral Show

Donegal Tourism will once again exhibit at the Balmoral Show in Belfast, Northern Ireland's biggest trade show, from May 15th to May 18th. 22 members of the trade have expressed an interest in attending under the Go Visit Donegal umbrella for this 4-day event.

Meet the Team

On Tuesday 30th April a "Meet the Team" event will be held in the Inishowen MD area for members of the trade to find out more about Donegal Tourism and how they can support them. This event will be open to trade members from across the county.

Dungloe to Glenties Cycleway

Donegal Tourism continue to participate in the newly formed working group to organise and market an official opening and to promote the 25km cycleway going forward will take place on the 25th of April. A production company is currently doing the final work on videos to coincide with the launch. Donegal Tourism assisted in the production of a brochure for the launch as well.

TOURBO

A steering meeting for the TURBO project (which DCC is a partner) which aims to support the sustainable growth of digitalisation within the tourism MSME sector, took place in Lapland from the 8th to 12th April. Donegal County Council took two stakeholders to the event, Donegal Airport and Donegal Local

Enterprise Office, who presented a best practice example, Green for Business. Green for Business has now been published in the Interreg European Policy Platform good practice database.

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/tourbo>

Sustainable Arctic and Peripheral Biking Tourism Project

Donegal County Council along with partners from the Faroe Islands continue to work on a methodology and a questionnaire for project partners to collect data for a Gap Analysis within the sector in their regions.

Golf Fam Trip

In partnership with Donegal Airport, Emerald Airlines and Failte Ireland Donegal Tourism will host a fam trip of four Irish golf journalists from the 23rd to the 25th of April. This trip offers these prestigious journalists the opportunity to experience playing on four of Donegal's great golf courses.

Supporting the Development of Golf Tourism

A networking event between clubs and hotels in Donegal has been arranged for 2nd May with the aim of building stronger connections between the two. The next quarterly meeting of Donegal Golf Providers is to be held on the 15th of May in Ballybofey and Stranorlar Golf Club with the intention of electing a Donegal Golf Cluster committee.

GoVisitDonegal.com Website

Go Visit Donegal website

A tender was published on eTenders for the redesign of the Go Visit Donegal website. These tenders are now being assessed with a view to work commencing on this project in May.

2024 (Mar 20 – Apr 16) - Users 25K- Page Views 69K

Festival and Events is the most viewed page – views 5.5K

Online & Social Media Updates – Go Visit Donegal Mar 19 – April 16, 2024

Facebook: Facebook had a reach of 22.1K

Instagram: Instagram had a reach of 224K. 27.9K followers

LinkedIn: 1,581 followers. 58 new followers in the last 28 days.

X: 10.4K posts. 16.3K followers.

TikTok: TikTok has 306 followers.

Donegal Tourism CLG

Donegal Tourism CLG and the Associated Members Committee continue to enable meaningful engagement, co-ordination and collaboration of key stakeholders in the tourism sector in Donegal. The next Associates Committee meeting of Donegal Tourism is scheduled for May 9th. The date for the AGM of Donegal Tourism is June 11th.

Grant Schemes

Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme

The 2024 Minor Tourism Grant Scheme is now closed for applications and workshops for each MD are being scheduled with the members.

Regional Festival & Events Grant Scheme

County Donegal has been allocated funding of €49,750 under the 2024 regional festivals and events grant scheme. 36 applications were submitted under the 2024 scheme. This scheme is now closed for applications.

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1.4: Strategic Funding Unit

Strategic Funding Unit – Exploring EU and National Funding Opportunities that support the objectives set out in the **Donegal County Council Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024**

New INTERREG Europe Projects – Green Hydra and EDIN

The Green Hydra project focusing on the barriers and opportunities around innovation in hydrogen as a renewable energy source kicked off in April 2024. The scope of this project is to improve national, regional or local policies for involving SME's across the whole hydrogen value chain. The EDIN project focusing on promoting Donegal to remote workers and digital nomads commenced on 9 and 10 April. Both projects are of 4 years duration and offer opportunities for collaboration, shared learning, knowledge exchange, study visits and influencing policy.

ICC – Intelligent Cities Challenge

Donegal County Council is a partner along with Derry City and Strabane District Council on the EU funded Intelligent Cities Challenge project led by ERNACT. This project looks at working with experts from Europe and local SME's to develop LGD's (Local Green Deals), which are commitments to support the transition towards carbon neutrality.

AER (Assembly of European Regions) Summer Academy 2024

Donegal County Council hosted the Summer Academy in Donegal in 2022 in partnership with Udarás na Gaeltachta. The next Summer Academy youth focused event will take place in Norway in August 2024. Donegal County Council will be hosting a workshop at this event focused on opportunities for young people in the Blue Economy.

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2. Local Enterprise Office

Summary of April 2024 Outputs/Events:

Summary of April 2024 Outputs/Events:

Grant Aid (M1) –Two EVAC meetings have taken place for 2024 with the following approvals:

- 20 Businesses have been approved Grant Aid for Feasibility (5), Business Expansion (8), Priming (1) & TAME (Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters) (6).
- The total value of Grant Aid Approvals YTD (Year to Date) is €372,342.
- Next EVAC meeting will take place on 13th June 2024.

Trading Online Vouchers – YTD: 22 Businesses approved support to a value of €49,910.

Mentoring – YTD: 114 applicants approved for this support.

Training – YTD: 837 Attendees on 36 Courses held.

Digital Start – YTD: 1 application approved for this support to a value of €4,500.

Green for Business – YTD: 10 applicants approved for this support to a value of €22,140.

Energy Efficiency Grants - YTD: 4 applicants approved for this support to a value of €20,000.

Lean For Business – YTD: 11 applicants approved for this support to a value of €49,000.

Export Development Programme

6 LEO clients are currently undertaking an export readiness diagnostic exercise with Full Circle Consultancy to establish how ready they are to explore export markets. This exercise will give the individual businesses a report and a broader report for LEO Donegal on next steps recommended.

Food Coast Donegal

Restaurant/Chef and Producer Cluster meetings were held at the LEO offices on the 10th and 15th of April 2024. Food Coast Donegal hosted a stand at Failte Ireland's Network event at Harvey's Point on 25th April 2024, showcasing clients' products and services.

Donegal Engineering Network

Engineering ProfitNet meeting took place on the 10th April 2024 at the Radisson Hotel and followed by a workshop on Time Management and Prioritisation.

Upcoming Events/Programmes:

National Enterprise Awards 2024

Living Green from Quigley's Point will this year be representing Donegal at the LEO, National Enterprise Awards Competition 2024. The National Enterprise Awards Gala Dinner is taking place in the Mansion House, Dublin on 23rd May 2024.

Start Your Own Business Programme 2024

The fourth Start Your Own Business programme for 2024 will be commencing on 7th May and is fully booked with 24 participants registered to attend. The next programme is taking place in June and places are still available at [Online Bookings - Donegal \(localenterprise.ie\)](https://www.localenterprise.ie).

LEO Business Supports Clinic

The next in-person clinic will take place on Friday April 26th in Killybegs. As well as learning of LEO supports, all attendees will get the opportunity for one-to-one business advice. Two further clinics are planned for May, virtually on Friday May 10th and in-person on May 24th.

Enterprise Europe Network (EEN)

LEO Donegal is a partner in the delivery of the Enterprise Europe Network programme, along with Enterprise Ireland, and the Chambers of Commerce in Dublin and Cork. LEO Donegal is supporting Irish SMEs by identifying relevant international business partners using EEN Partnership Opportunities Database. LEO Donegal engages EEN hubs around the world on behalf of Irish SMEs to avail of localised expertise, access to market research, and to facilitate networking opportunities.

LEO Donegal is facilitating an EEN Mission to the Smart Manufacturing and Engineering week in the NEC Birmingham, 5th - 6th June. Businesses from Donegal and all Ireland will be attending the event, where insights, solutions & connections for their manufacturing & engineering projects can be found. Shortly, we will be inviting clients from areas such as agriculture, food and beverage, marine, automotive, aerospace and more to join us on this valuable trade mission.

Donegal Stories: Website highlighting the businesses of Donegal that have been supported by the LEO. <https://donegalstories.ie/>

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3. Information Services

Information Services (IS)

National Broadband Plan Fibre Network

Both the Letterkenny, Creeslough and small Island deployment areas are complete and actively connecting customers. This deployment area covers 6,028 premises or 18% of the Intervention Area. Network build is in progress in the 3 deployment areas of Bunbeg, Tamney and St. Johnson totalling 16,965 premises or 51% of the IA. Surveying is complete in the Bundoran, Ballyshannon, Fintown, Moville, Carndonagh, Tory Island and Bunrana deployment areas covering 1,665 premises or 5% of the IA.

8,521 premises, or 26% of the IA, in the deployment areas of Donegal, Kilcar, Ardara, Pettigo, Arranmore and Ballybofey/Stranorlar are at survey pending stage.

NBI are currently planning Active Equipment Module builds on the islands to connect to the mainland. To keep informed of the rollout plan in Donegal we encourage people to register their interest with; <https://www.nbi.ie>. Up to date information for each Deployment Area in Donegal is available at <https://www.nbi.ie/reps>

Mobile Phone Network Infrastructure

3 Ireland

An online meeting with Three Ireland was held to discuss their Mobile infrastructure plans. Three confirmed that progress is being made on new sites which will bring coverage to up to 93% of the population. Improvements to the 5G network will bring coverage to around 84% of the population. We would advise people to use the ComReg coverage map to check different providers' mobile coverage. <https://coveragemap.comreg.ie>

Other Fibre Networks

OpenEir are actively deploying fibre in some towns and villages, but no deployment plan is available due to commercial sensitivities. Fibre is now available in Lifford.

Link to Map of Digital Hubs in the County

<https://donegal.maps.arcgis.com/apps/View/index.html?appid=5d17160136374274b4791afccb84446f>

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4. Emergency Services

4.1 – Fire Service

Fire Service Monthly MD Report (May)

Activity	Number of: (March) ¹		Total for year	
<u>Fire Service Operations</u>				
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	53		181	
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	66		212	
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	9		28	
<u>Operational Activity Breakdown February 2024</u>				
	Turnouts		Incidents in County	
	Fires	Special Services	Fires	Special Services
Donegal Fire Service	31	35	21	26
Northern Ireland Fire Service	3	6	1	5
Sub Total	34	41	22	31
Total	75		53	
<u>Fire Prevention</u>				
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	15		49	
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	29		N/A	
Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from Applicant / Agent:	66		N/A	


Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	8	35
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	1	6
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	0	1
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	5	8
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	3	26
Fire Safety Complaints received:	0	4
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	0	4
During Performance Inspections carried out:	0	0
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	0	0

1. **Current data is only available up to the end of March 2024.**





ENVIRONMENT MD REPORT – MAY 2024

CLIMATE ACTION

Activity / Project Title	Donegal County Council Climate Action Plan 2024-2029
Project Description/ Activity	 <p>The Climate Action Coordinator and Officer are setting up implementation processes for the actions contained in the Local Authority Climate Action Plan.</p> <p>The team attended a Climate Action Networking Event hosted by the Climate Action Regional Offices in Ennis, Co. Clare on 10th and 11th April. The purpose of the event was to formally launch the 31 Local Authority Climate Action Plans by Minister Eamon Ryan and to discuss next steps in terms of implementation with the support of the CAROs in each region. Further information is available here gov - Minister Ryan launches all 31 Local Authority Climate Action Plans in Ennis, County Clare (www.gov.ie)</p>
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Activity / Project Title	Community Climate Action Fund
Project Description/ Activity	<p>The application process for the Community Climate Action Fund closed on 22nd March 2024.</p> <p>The objective of the CCAP is to build low carbon, sustainable communities, which will, in turn contribute to the national climate and energy targets.</p> <p>There are two strands of funding available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strand 1: focuses on direct climate action building low carbon communities • Strand 1A: focuses on cross-border projects in partnership with communities and organisations in Northern Ireland.

	<p>There was a very high level of interest from community groups in Donegal in relation to this fund.</p> <p>Donegal County Council are currently assessing the applications received and will submit a report of recommended projects to the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) in May 2024. An evaluation committee has been established to review and assess applications in accordance with criteria set out by DECC.</p> <p>Final decision on projects to be funded rests with DECC. It is anticipated that projects will begin Q4 2024 with an 18 month delivery period.</p>
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<p>Activity / Project Title</p>	<p>Beaches & Dunes for Climate Adaptation – Donegal Training Dates</p>
<p>Project Description/ Activity</p>	<p>There was a great turnout recently from communities from Fanad and Rossnowlagh, who attended Day 1 of the Beaches & Dunes for Climate Adaptation Course which aims to develop skills and knowledge in relation dune systems, climate change and nature adaptation providing a means for communities to protect and preserve their coastal ecosystems.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">   </div>

This two-day course covers topics from assessing Dune Health through to Marram Grass Planting and Stewardship and is for anyone who wants to protect their local dune systems and who want to learn more about nature based solutions.




Next training dates are planned for the 8th June in Fanad and 9th June in Rossnowlagh. Registration is through www.leavenotraceireland.org/dunes-2024


ENVIRONMENT

Activity	Waste Enforcement Personnel present at National Conference
Project	<p>On the 6th March 2024 delegates from all over Ireland directly involved in environmental legislation and in particular waste enforcement came together at an event organized by the Network for Irelands Environmental Compliance and Enforcement (NIECE) in conjunction with the Waste Enforcement Regional Local Authorities (WERLA's).</p> <p>Donegal County Council presented at this event alongside speakers from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the WERLAs, the National Trans Frontier Shipment Office (NTFSO), the National Waste Collection Permit Office (NWCPO) and local authorities throughout Ireland.</p>

	<p>This event was attended by more than 200 delegates from all corners of the Country and Donegal County Council Waste Enforcement personnel shared the top table with representatives from the EPA, DECC and the NWCPO.</p> <p>Excellent connections have been made and a number of multi agency work areas are now being developed.</p>
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Activity	Internal Environment Networking Event
Project	<p>For the first time since the enhancement of the section with waste enforcement and climate action personnel a team event was held that included presentations on a range of themes including smoky coal and air pollution, waste enforcement court cases, the exceptional work of the litter teams who support tidy towns groups throughout the county, litter and waste enforcement, national priority work areas, reporting systems and processes, beaches, recycling facilities and Climate action.</p> <p>There were external speakers at the event and it was a great opportunity to learn about the work being undertaken by other organisations operating in the County and to discuss opportunities for synergies.</p>
	
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Activity	National Food Waste Recycling Project
Project	<p>The EPA estimates that Ireland generated 753,000 tonnes (t) of food waste in 2021. Growing, processing and transporting food uses a huge amount of resources, such as land, water, energy and fertiliser. If food is wasted, these resources are wasted too. The EPA estimates that food waste costs the average Irish household about €60 per month or €700 per year. That's an annual national cost of €1.29 billion.</p> <p>In order to help households to separate their waste and to reduce contamination in the food waste stream Donegal household waste collectors will be taking part in the National Food Waste Recycling Project this year.</p>

	<p>This project is funded by the Department of Communication, Climate Action and Environment (DCCA) and is being led by the Regional Waste Management Planning Authorities** under the guise of mywaste.ie.</p> <p>Through the project Donegal collectors will be provided with thousands of kitchen caddy packs to distribute to their customers.</p> <p>Each pack consists of a 7 litre kitchen caddy, a starter pack of compostable liners and an information leaflet. Householders can use the caddy and liners to separate their food waste in the kitchen and when the liner is full, place it in their kerbside food waste bin.</p> <p>In addition to the caddy packs there are a range of toolkit supports available for the collectors to use at https://www.mywaste.ie/food-waste-campaign-toolkit/</p> <p>The toolkit includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posters • Stickers • Leaflets • Social media images • E-Newsletter header • Information Videos  <p>The number of households in Donegal reported as being provided with a three bin service at the end of March 2024 was 18,557..</p>
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<p>Activity</p>	<p>Video content</p>
<p>Project</p>	<p>The Irish Waste Management Conference was held on the 14th March in the Aviva Stadium Conference centre in Dublin. The main theme of the conference was The Circular Economy and there is no event in the ROI that compares to The Irish Waste Management Conference in the waste and resource management space.</p> <p>Pauline McDonagh, Senior Executive Scientist/ Southern Region Waste Management Office presented at this conference on the findings of the DECC funded Household Food Waste project. The environment team provided video content for the presentation.</p>



Statement from Pauline-

A huge thank you from the Regional Waste Planning Offices to Matthew and Donna in Donegal County Council for participating in the production of video testimonials to support the DECC funded National Food Waste Recycling Project and for their ongoing work to enforce food waste separation across Donegal County Council whilst also ensuring householders accept food waste recycling bins and participate fully in segregation.

This project has been the ongoing for two years and has seen 140,000 household caddy packs distributed nationwide. 5,000 of these since January 24 across Donegal.

The distribution of caddy packs is only successful where local authorities amplify the awareness raising and education that is needed to support this change and staff in the Environment Section at Donegal County Council have been equally progressive in this area.

It is vitally important that this works continues as other member states that didn't continue to educate and raise awareness have found that presentation rates slip quickly and in some instances contamination can increase from a low of 2% to an unsustainable 10%.

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Activity

Court

Project

In February a court case was heard involving an unauthorised end of life vehicle operation/ scrap yard. The operator was found guilty of a number of breaches of the Waste Management Act. Fines were imposed and costs awarded to the LA.

Figures collated for work in 2023 show that waste enforcement personnel attended court more than 70 times in 2023. In the majority of cases fines were imposed and costs awarded to the LA.



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Activity	Household Waste Presentation Bye Laws
Project	<p>Donegal County Council propose that for the purpose of the proper management of waste and for the prevention or control of environmental pollution to make Bye-laws under Section 35(1) of the Waste Management Act 1996. These Bye-laws, if made, will require the holder of household or commercial waste to present that waste for collection or bring it to a facility in accordance with the Bye-laws.</p> <p>The Bye-laws address segregation, storage, presentation and collection of the different types of waste. Any person who contravenes these Bye-laws shall be guilty of an offence and will be liable to penalties as set out in the draft Bye-laws.</p> <p>The Bye-laws are currently out for public consultation.</p> <p>A copy of the draft Bye-laws will be available for Public Inspection at https://consult.donegal.ie</p>
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Activity	Anti Dumping Initiative 2024
Project	The DECC announced the 2024 Anti-Dumping Initiative (ADI) in April with a deadline of the 30 th April for project submissions to the CU WERLA. The Waste and litter team have a number of initiatives they are seeking funding for in all the MD's including reduced price bulky waste days, clean ups, a cinema advert campaign and resources for community and tidy towns groups throughout the County. More information will be made available when the environment team have been informed what projects are being funded.
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Activity / Project Title	Big Donegal Clean-Up in full swing!
Project Description/ Activity	A big thank you to all the groups and individuals taking part in local clean-ups throughout Donegal. The impact of these clean-ups is there for all to see. Each volunteer is having a positive impact on their local environment and influences those around them. Remember the Council will continue to support clean-ups all year around - just get in touch. To date there have been almost 80 clean-ups registered in Donegal with An Taisce's national spring clean campaign.







Recent clean-ups in Kilmacrennan, Trentagh, Murvagh & Narin.

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Activity / Project Title	<p style="text-align: center;">School Bikes Africa Another successful collection!</p>
<p>Project Description/ Activity</p>	<p>In April, Letterkenny Rotary Club organised a collection of bikes as part of their annual School Bikes Africa appeal in conjunction with Donegal County Council and Bryson Recycling.</p> <p>A total of 95 bikes were collected from Milford recycling centre for transport to Loughan House, Co. Cavan by Hegarty Transport, where they will be refurbished before being shipped to The Gambia. Rotary Ireland has for over 6 years collected bikes and sent them to schools in Africa. In the intervening years over 5000 bikes have been collected by Rotary Clubs across Ireland with the Irish Prison Service at Loughan House involved from the start.</p> <div data-bbox="630 850 1276 1713" data-label="Image"> </div>

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Activity / Project Title	<p align="center">National Food Waste Recycling Week 2nd – 9th June 2024</p>
Project Description/ Activity	<p>National 'Food Waste Recycling Week' will take place from the 2nd - 9th June 2024.</p>  <p>The Council are running some local events to celebrate this week in conjunction with Bryson recycling and Envirogrind. The Council will be distributing starter packs for households on food waste reduction and recycling and compost made from food and garden waste supplied by Envirogrind. Details are listed below.</p> 

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Activity / Project Title	WEEE Ireland Survey on WEEE Recycling
Project Description/ Activity	<div data-bbox="675 390 1154 869" data-label="Image"> </div> <p data-bbox="737 911 1092 940" style="text-align: center;">WEEE Ireland Press release</p> <p data-bbox="306 999 1490 1079">1.1.1.1.1 One in eight people in Ireland continues to dump small electrical items in household bins, new research shows today.</p> <p data-bbox="306 1125 1451 1213">And this figure almost doubles among younger age groups, which are perceived as more environmentally conscious.</p> <p data-bbox="306 1272 1479 1474">Oblivious to the serious environmental and public health risks posed by improper disposal, one in four 18-24-year-olds and one in five aged 35-44 get rid of common household electrical items such as smart watches, earbuds and blue tooth speakers in general waste bins.</p> <p data-bbox="306 1533 1495 1734">Laptops, mobile phones, gaming devices, power tools and e-cigarettes are also being tossed in alongside other waste, meaning they can never be re-used or recycled. The survey was conducted by Empathy Research on behalf of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Ireland.</p> <p data-bbox="306 1793 1398 1881">The proliferation of products powered by lithium batteries heightens these dangers, increasing fire safety risks for household waste collection companies.</p>

In the past five years, WEEE Ireland reports a 100% increase in lithium battery powered small electricals coming back for recycling.

“For those that recycle their e-waste, our survey shows 75% do so due to its positive impact on the environment, with over 50% citing concerns over the hazardous components present in some of these devices,” **said Leo Donovan, CEO of WEEE Ireland.**

“Despite this awareness, a significant number still opt to dispose of their waste electricals improperly, particularly when it involves smaller devices.

“Ireland’s impressive record for recycling larger household electrics needs to be matched when it comes to small electricals to ensure the safe and efficient recovery and reuse of materials they contain.

“Recycling these items is both free and straightforward, as they can be dropped off at numerous, authorised recycling centres and public collection days across Ireland.”

The low recycling rates for small electrics are echoed in global statistics, with the recent Global E-Waste Monitor revealing that less than one quarter (22.3%) of e-waste was properly recycled in 2022, falling sharply to just 12% for small devices.

In addition, a recent Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) study in Ireland revealed that over two-thirds of recyclable waste, including valuable electronic components, are wrongly discarded in general household and commercial bins.

“The demand for critical raw materials contained in electrical devices is expected to skyrocket,” said Mr Donovan, as he emphasised the urgent need to meet forthcoming EU targets and secure sustainable sources of critical raw materials.

“The EU’s aim to ensure that by 2030, at least 30% of critical raw materials consumed annually originate from European recycled sources underscores the imperative for swift and decisive action.

“Failure to address these pressing challenges not only risks our environmental and public health but also undermines our collective aspirations for a greener, more sustainable future.”



The Irish Waste Management Association (IWMA), whose members collect 95% of household waste in Ireland, echoed these concerns, highlighting the increased fire safety risks posed by lithium batteries in e-waste.

“If electronic waste containing batteries is placed in any of the household bins, it can become an ignition source for fires. That poses a risk to life as well as a threat of environmental pollution, so we ask people to always keep electronic waste out of their household bins.” **said**
Conor Walsh, Secretary of the Irish Waste Management Association (IWMA)

Please see our [Health & Safety Web Section](#) for more information on recycling waste electricals, batteries and lighting safely.

Anything with a plug, battery or cable can be recycled for free at hundreds of local authority recycling centres, public WEEE Ireland recycling collection day events and participating retailers. [Find your nearest recycling point on our interactive map](#)



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Municipal District of Donegal

May 2024

1. Playgrounds
 - a. Donegal Town
 - b. Ballyshannon
 - c. Killybegs.

2. Failte Ireland Platforms for Growth & Destination Towns.
 - a. Bundoran Destination Towns
 - b. Platforms for Growth Tullan Strand

3. Rural Programmes
 - a. Sliabh Liag Mountain Path - ORIS
 - b. Largy Coastal Walk - ORIS
 - c. Laghey Sensory Garden - CLAR
 - d. Glenlee Forest Trail - CLAR

4. Healthy Ireland

5. Community Recognition Fund 2024

6. Social Inclusion Update



Activity / Project Update: May 2024

Activity / Project Title	PLAYGROUNDS 2024
Project Description/Activity	Annual maintenance of Playgrounds
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p>1. Works consists of:</p> <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 Safety Inspection Reports have been completed with necessary repairs identified.• Repair works have been tendered with a submission deadline in February 2024 to appoint a playground Maintenance works contractor for 2024.• Tender submissions received and assessment underway.• Tender assessment complete, contracts being prepared.• Maintenance contractor appointed and repairs are underway across the County.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue repairs.
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Activity / Project Update: May 2024

Activity / Project Title	St John Bosco Playground Refurbishment (Donegal Town)
Project Description/Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Refurbishment of the St John Bosco Playground, funded through the Community Recognition Fund and Donegal Co Co
Budget <i>(if applicable)</i>	
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">• Site survey completed.• Design works have commenced on a plans to refurbish to the playground.• Plans developed and shared with community group.• Tender documents published on etenders, submissions due early March.• Tender assessment in progress.• Tender assessment complete.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appointment of contractor to undertake the works.
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Activity / Project Update: May 2024

Activity / Project Title	Ballyshannon Mall Park Playground Refurbishment
Project Description/Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Refurbishment of the Ballyshannon Mall Park Playground, funded Donegal Co Co & the Dept of Children and Youth Affairs
Budget (if applicable)	
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">• Consultation with the three Ballyshannon National Schools undertaken.• Draft designs in progress.• Tender documents have been published on etenders to seek submissions from suitable contractors. The tender return date is the 20th of October 2023.• Tender review process complete.• Meeting arranged with possible contractor to discuss works proposals.• Contact documents issued to successful tenderer.• Refurbishment works have commenced on site.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue refurbishment works.
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Activity / Project Update: May 2024

Activity / Project Title	Killybegs Playgrounds Refurbishment
Project Description/Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Refurbishment of the Killybegs Playgrounds, funded through the Community Recognition Fund and Donegal Co Co
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Initial meeting with community groups to discuss the project and their vision for the playgrounds.Donegal Co Co technical staff undertaking detailed surveys of each playground.Surveys complete.Initial design works in progress to develop plans for the playgrounds.Design proposals were shared with the Killybegs Community Council who got feedback from the local community. Minor design amendments are being made to address feedback.Design and tender documents ready to publish, awaiting confirmation from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine before issuing tender documents due to land lease conditions.Meetings held with the Killybegs Harbour Master to get their approval before publishing tender.Tender documents published to secure a playground contractor.Assessment of tenders in progress.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Appointment of contractor once tender assessment complete.
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Activity / Project Update: May 2024

Activity / Project Title	Bundoran Destination Towns (Fáilte Ireland Co-Funded)
Project Description/Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Installation of artwork on the three approach roundabouts to Bundoran; Tullaghan/Drumacrin/Finner• Installation of wayfinding signage throughout Bundoran• Streetscape improvement works to; Central Lane/Renisan's Lane/Meehan's Lane
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Architect appointed to delivery the project.• Part 8 Planning secured for the wayfinding signage and streetscape improvement works.• Tender documents/detailed designs being prepared for the wayfinding signage and streetscape improvement works.• Artist selected for the roundabout artwork, contract documents being completed.• Artist contract documents completed and issued, site meeting held with Artist and his engineer to discuss the works.• Consultation ongoing with TII regarding approval for Artwork on the N15 roundabouts.• Part 8 Planning Application for the installation of artwork on the Tullaghan, Drumacrin & Finner roundabouts opened to public consultation on the 15th September.• Reviewing detailed designs for the wayfinding signage and streetscape works.• Part 8 planning for the earwork on the Tullaghan, Drumacrin and Finner roundabouts secured at the November 2023 Council meeting. Review meeting

	<p>held with Artist's design team to commence fabrication of artwork in January 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing project cost estimates to keep within available budget. • Artwork installed on the Tullaghan roundabout, Drumacrin roundabout and Finner roundabout. • Tender documents published for a contractor to undertake the wayfinding signage and streetscape works.
<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of tender submissions after closing date.
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Activity / Project Update: May 2024

Activity / Project Title	Platforms for Growth Tullan Strand Funded by Fáilte Ireland
Project Description/Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development of a Facility Centre for Water Based Activities at Tullan Strand in Bundoran along with improved access to Tullan Strand Beach.
Budget (if applicable)	
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">• Cross departmental meetings being held with different sections of the Council to fully understand project requirements and future maintenance requirements.• Draft tender documents prepared to seek a Consultant to develop site specific designs and secure planning permission.• Discussions with local stakeholders and landowners.• Meeting held with local stakeholders from Bundoran.• Tender documents were published on etenders seeking a professional design team.• Submissions received and tender assessment process underway.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appointment of consultant to commence works to progress project towards planning application.
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	John Deeney Tel: 074-9172568 E-mail: jdeeney@donegalcoco.ie



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Donegal County Council

Activity / Project Update: May 2024

Activity / Project Title	Sliabh Liag Mountain Path
Project Description/Activity	Upgrade of Existing Cliff Walk
Budget (if applicable)	
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">• The Contractor is progressing well on site and work is on target to be completed in June of this year.• All stone has been airlifted into position. The gravel path sections are almost complete. The pitching works are ongoing.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	Works to be completed in June 2024
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Brian Keogh Tel: 074-9172568 E-mail: bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie



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Donegal County Council

Activity / Project Update: May 2024

Activity / Project Title	Fintra to Largy Coastal Walk
Project Description/Activity	Project Management Measure
Budget (if applicable)	€ 50,000
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">• Initial meeting has taken place with the community group and the landowners.• The draft brief to procure the consultant engineer is ongoing.• The Design Team are investigating the feasibility of the various potential trails.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	Tender process to appoint Consultant Engineer is progressing
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Activity / Project Update: May 2024

Activity / Project Title	CLÁR 2023 Measure 1
Project Description/Activity	Laghey Parish Hall Sensory Garden
Budget (if applicable)	€ 55,555
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">• Initial meetings with Community Group have taken place. Provisional letter of offer has issued.• The procurement process to appoint a consultant engineer has taken place.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	Procurement to be completed eight to ten weeks
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Activity / Project Update: May 2024

Activity / Project Title	CLÁR 2023 Measure 1
Project Description/Activity	Glanlee Forest Trail, Killybegs
Budget (if applicable)	€ 55,555
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">Initial meetings with Community group and Coillte to happen in coming days. Provisional letter of offer has issued.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	Procurement to be completed eight to ten weeks
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Brian Keogh Tel: 074-9172568 E-mail: bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie



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Coiste um Fhorbairt Pobail Áitiúil
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Donegal Local Community Development
Committee



Municipal
District: Countywide

Activity / Project Update

May 2024

Programme	Healthy Ireland Fund
Project Description/Activity	Healthy Ireland The objective of the Healthy Ireland Fund 2023 – 2025 is to improve the health and wellbeing of people of all ages and abilities living in Ireland through the implementation of the Healthy Ireland Strategic Action Plan 2021-2025.
Budget	€233,122.42 Round 4 Funding
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	Healthy Ireland Round 4 The Healthy Ireland Round 4 Programme (HIF 2023-2025) represents a more evidenced-based outcomes led approach, with a longer 3-year timeframe. The grant period for Round 4 will run from 1 June 2022 to 31 December 2025, with the outcomes led approach to be delivered from 2023-2025. Civic Dollars Project Following on from the resounding success of last year’s Civic Dollars Pilot Project, Donegal County Council is delighted to announce the extension of this innovative initiative over the next two years
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	



Cllr. Niamh Kennedy, Chair of Donegal LCDC pictured launching the Civic Dollars Project with (L-R) Stephen McPeake, CEO Civic Dollars; Margaret Fitzgerald, Healthy Ireland Coordinator and Paddy Doherty, Senior Executive Officer, Community Development, Donegal County Council at the Shore Front Walk, Killybegs.

Speaking from the Shore Front Walk, Killybegs - a newly added 'Earn Zone' - Chair of Donegal Local Community Development Committee, Cllr. Niamh Kennedy (pictured above) said "A measure of the success and popularity of the Civic Dollars project is in its growth from an initial five sites identified as 'earn zones' at our pilot launch in 2023 to over eighty sites across the County - including playgrounds, beaches, parks, trails, forest walks and the Shore Front walk along the Donegal and Shore Roads here in Killybegs". Cllr. Kennedy added, the Civic Dollars project aims to provide people with an incentive and support to improve their mental health, increase their physical activity levels, and encourage engagement with local community groups and support for the local business community.

Participants download the Civic Dollars mobile phone app (on Google Play or the App Store) and earn online credits by spending time in local outdoor resources that have been identified countywide. Credits can then be redeemed in exchange for local and countywide rewards provided by the local business community e.g., a discounted coffee or discounted entry into a local attraction OR donate them to a locally identified community group who can exchange them for rewards.

The app measures time spent in a designated 'Earn Zone' and does not record steps or distance to ensure the project is inclusive of participants with mobility or health issues. The technology used is non-invasive and privacy-friendly, by only using GPS data and allowing users to opt in once they enter an 'earn zone'. Data is anonymised, and a user's session will end automatically once they walk out of the 'earn zone' geo-fence.

See below for a list of the current 'Earn Zones'

Civic Dollars Project Earn Zones - Donegal

Ardara Playground	Fiddlers Bridge Miners Path Walk, Falcarragh
Ards Forest Park & Playground	Fr Tierney Park, Ballyshannon
Arranmore Island Beach	Glencolmcille Playground
Arranmore Shorefront Playground	Glenties Playground
Aura Centre, Letterkenny	Glenveagh National Park
Aura Playground, Letterkenny	Gweedore Community Playground
Backstrands Beach, Ards	Kilcar Playground
Ballyliffen Beach	Killea Community Playground
Ballyliffen Playground	Killybegs Playspace
Ballymacool Town Park	Killybegs Shore Front Walk, Donegal Road
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Barrack Hill Park	Killygordon Playground
Bernard McGlinchey Town Park	Kilmacreann Community Playground
Bernard McGlinchey Town Park Playground	Machaire Rabhartaigh (Magheroarty Beach)
Bluestack Shack	Maggie's Strand, Kincasslagh
Braade Strand	Mall Park, Ballyshannon
Bruckless Playground	Marble Hill Beach and Strand
Buncrana Amazing Grace Heritage Trail	Milford Playground
Buncrana Playground	Moville Playground
Bundoran Promenade	Muff Community Park
Carnboy Beach	Mulladearg Signal Tower Kincasslagh
Carndonagh Playground	Mullagdearg Beach, Kincasslagh
Carrick Playground	Murvagh Beach
Carrick River Walk	Owenea River Parade, Ardara
Carrickfinn Beach	Portnoo Playground
Carrigart Beach	Raphoe Playground
Carrigart Boardwalk (Donegal Boardwalk)	Rathmullan Beach
Carrigart Playground	Rathmullan Playground
Churchill Playground	Ray Community Playground
Cloghan Play Park	Rossnowlagh Beach
Convoy Playground	Rossnowlagh Community Playground
Creevy Coastal Walk	Rossylongan Estate, Donegal
Creevy Pier	St John Bosco Playground
Culdaff Beach	St. Catherine's Church & Well, Killybegs

Culdaff Playground	Stranorlar Playground
Downings Beach	Swan Park, Buncrana
Drumboe Woods	Tory Island Playground
Dunfanaghy Playground	Tramore Beach, Carrigart
Dungloe Foreshore Playground	Tullan Strand, Bundoran
Dungloe River Walk	Waterworld Playground, Bundoran
Falcarragh Playground	Westend Playground, Bundoran
Please note the 'earn zones' detailed can be subject to change.	

The Civic Dollars project is funded under the Healthy Ireland Programme and supported by the Dept of Health.

For further information about the Civic Dollars Project and details of participating community groups and businesses see www.donegalcoco.ie/community/healthydonegal/civic%20dollars/. To download the app visit www.cividdollars.com

Donegal County Council Staff Walking Challenge

Donegal County Council Chief Executive, Mr. John McLaughlin launched the Step Up Staff Walking Challenge. The Step Up Challenge is a health promotion initiative being rolled out through Healthy Donegal in conjunction with the Staff Health and Wellbeing Office kicked off on National Workplace Wellbeing Day, Friday 26th April 2024, and will run over a four-week period until 24th May 2024. Now in its third year, this light-hearted, fun group event aims to promote the physical, mental and social benefits of exercise.



Pictured launching this year's Step Up Challenge: L-R: Health and Wellbeing Team Declan McKernan, Chief Executive John G. McLaughlin; Healthy Donegal Coordinator Margaret Fitzgerald, Director of Service, Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services Patsy Lafferty; Director of Service, Community Development and Planning Services Liam Ward.

Finn Harps - Football & Social Responsibility Programme

Donegal County Council through [Healthy Donegal](#) and funded by [Healthy Ireland](#) Programme are proud to support the Football and Social Responsibility Programme delivered through [Finn Harps FC](#). Healthy Donegal was delighted to be invited to the “More than Football Networks” League of Ireland Football & Social Responsibility (FSR) Conference” which took place in Dublin last month.



Stephen McNutt, Football & Social Responsibility Officer for Finn Harps funded by Healthy Ireland - receiving his certificate of completion for the FAI Football & Social



Derek O'Neill, League of Ireland Football & Social Responsibility Programme Manager with John Barnes, former Liverpool player.

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwcqNcNTWBCaRjEFGqSkOnA>

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**Comhairle Contae
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Donegal County Council

Municipal District: All

Activity / Project Update

May 2024

Activity / Project Title File:	Community Recognition Fund 2024
Project Description/Activity	Funding Programmed aimed to support the development of community infrastructure and facilities in recognition of the contribution being made by communities across the country in welcoming and hosting significant numbers of arrivals from Ukraine and other countries.
Budget (if applicable)	€3,391,917
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status	<p>The Community Recognition Fund 2024 was launched by the Minister of Rural & Community Development, Heather Humphries TD on Friday 15th March, 2024. This Fund aims to support the development of community infrastructure and facilities in recognition of the contribution being made by communities across the country in welcoming and hosting significant numbers of arrivals from Ukraine and other countries.</p> <p>The funding is specifically targeted at projects that are located in communities, towns and villages that are hosting the Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection and/or International Protection Applicants.</p> <p>Projects situated in towns or villages that do not have high levels of new arrivals will <u>not</u> be deemed eligible.</p> <p>The Fund aims to support the development of facilities that will be used in the future by all members of the community. It is separate in its objectives and scope to any other public funding streams which aim to support the development of public service needs arising from the significant number of arrivals from Ukraine. €50 million is available nationally under the Fund and this is allocated between each local authority based on the number of new arrivals located there. On this basis, the allocation to County Donegal is €3,391,917.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The scheme will provide large capital grants ranging from €50,000 to a maximum of €500,000 with a requirement that projects are fully complete by 4th September 2026. Applications in excess of €200,000 will require a completed business case.• Projects to be funded will be capital in nature, deliver tangible benefits for the communities in which they are located, and be capable of being delivered over the course of 2025 and 2026.• A minimum spend of 50% of the allocation must be incurred in 2025 with projects fully complete by 4th September 2026.
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible projects will receive funding for capital costs, but not for any ongoing operational or running costs. • Only expenditure incurred after the date of grant approval will be eligible. • The grant may cover all, or part of, the purchase or works in question. However, the full cost of the project must be provided on the Application Form. • This funding cannot be used to fund or co-fund any scheme operated by the Department of Rural and Community Development or any other Government Department or as a co-funding source for any project funded under CRF 2023. • Local authorities have scope to invest the funding based on their own distinct local needs as identified through a “bottom-up” approach. <p>The type of projects eligible for funding are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development, enhancement or refurbishment of community or cultural facilities including play areas, walkways, parks, community/sensory gardens allotments, and recreational areas; • Development, enhancement or refurbishment of local club and sports facilities including facilities such as community swimming pools, changing rooms, toilets, digital aids such as score / information boards etc.; • Enhancement to school/parish facilities which are open to use by all of the community after school hours; • Purchase of equipment for local clubs, festivals, community events and organisations e.g. music, arts or sports equipment; • Transport infrastructure such as the purchase of community vehicles, bus shelters and attendant information boards; any vehicle funded must be in good condition and not more than 5 years old) • Projects that help address dereliction and/or wider local economic and community development objectives; • Purchase and refurbishment of buildings and/or the purchase of land for the development of community use where a clear need is identified. • Purchase of land and associated works for the development of community facilities such as play areas/MUGAs or town parks/community gardens, recreational areas etc. (purchases must only be administered by the local authority) <p>Further details and application form will be available at:</p> <p>https://www.donegalcoco.ie/community/fundingforyourgroup/communityrecognitionfund/</p>
<p>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</p>	<p>The closing date for receipt of applications is 3pm on Thursday, 18th July 2024.</p>
<p>Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i></p>	<p>Ciaran Martin, Administrative Officer, Community Section crf24@donegalcoco.ie</p>



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Municipal District: ALL

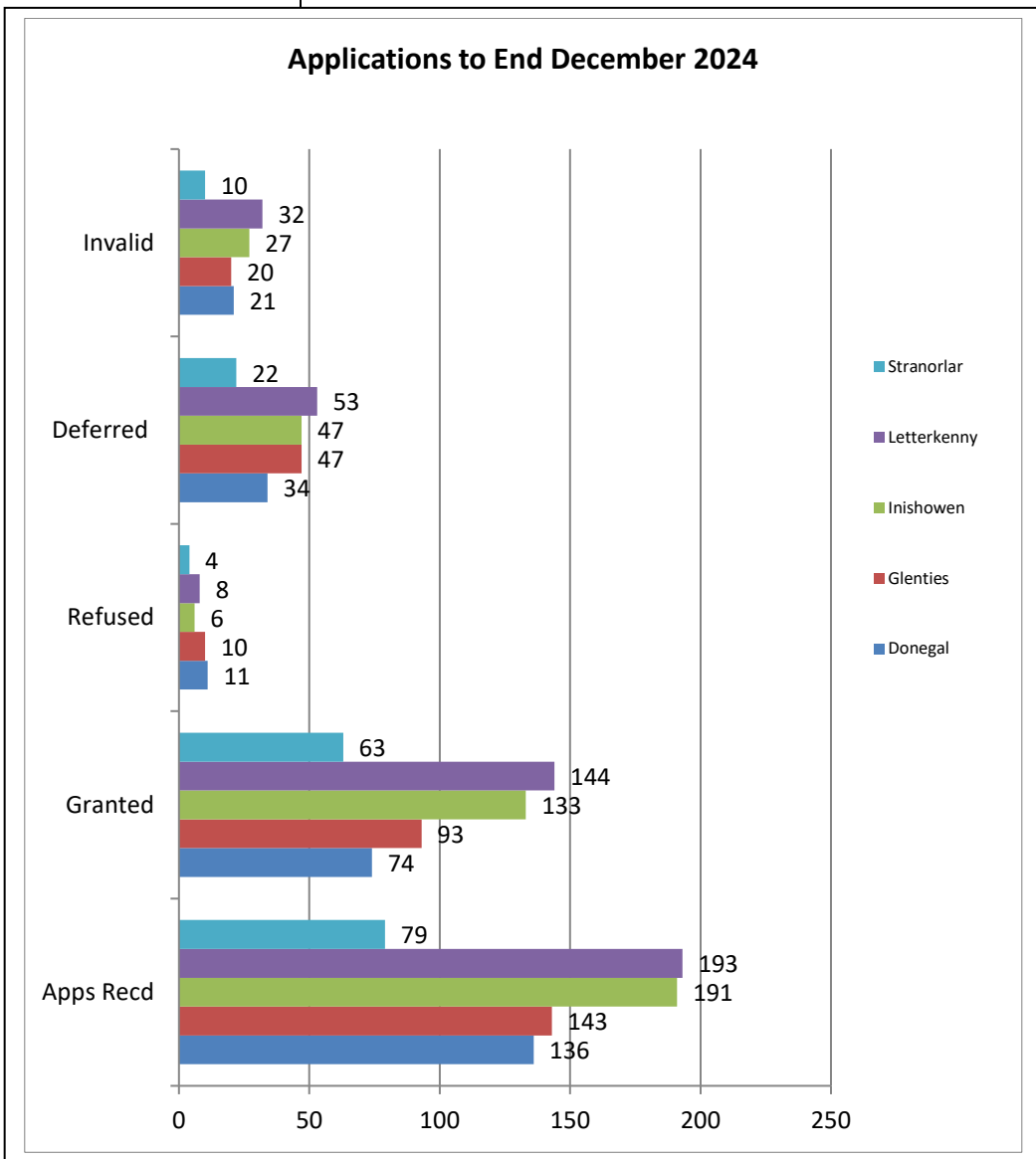
Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	Social Inclusion Unit
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 3 -inclusive of current status	<p>Donegal Africa Day and Street Feast 2024 Donegal County Council announced its plans for Donegal Africa Day and Street Feast 2024, which will include an exhibition and family fun day to celebrate the occasion.</p> <p>Donegal County Council, Letterkenny CDP and Donegal Intercultural Platform will host a free family fun day at An Grianan Theatre Plaza on Saturday 25th May from 1-5pm, which will include musical performances, a taste of African Food and kids games.</p> <p>Donegal Africa Day and Street Feast on 25th May, celebrates the richness of African cultures and the contribution of people of African descent to Irish life. Donegal Africa Day and Street Feast celebrations are organised by Irish Aid at the Department of Foreign Affairs in partnership with African Embassies in Ireland and Local Authorities around the country.</p> <p>Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion Strategy The secretariat held a meeting in April and all stakeholders will attend a meeting in May to review the work to date and plan priorities for next 6 months.</p> <p>EU Belong As Donegal is lead on Work Package 4, we are pleased to confirm the successful completion of tasks 4.1.1 and 4.1.2, marking significant progress in our project objectives.</p> <p>Task 4.1.1: Establishment of Regional Multi-Stakeholder Platforms: Each partner region has established a robust multi-stakeholder platform, bringing together regional and local authorities along with relevant stakeholders from key sectors focused on the integration of Third Country Nationals (TCNs). These platforms serve as collaborative spaces for sharing</p>

	<p>best practices, resources, and expertise, with the aim of enhancing TCN integration efforts at the regional level.</p> <p>Task 4.1.2: Multi-Stakeholder Co-Design Meetings: In cooperation with the established multi-stakeholder platforms, partner regions have developed work plans for consultation processes. These plans outline objectives, timelines and activities for engaging stakeholders in policy-making processes.</p> <p>The outcomes of these activities have been documented and are ready for submission to the Commission, demonstrating our commitment to transparency and accountability in project execution. We continue to work on the delivery of Task 4.1.3: Elaboration of the Intercultural Integration Strategy in 10 European Regions.</p>
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Donegal MD Meeting
14th May 2024

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3	Notes & Monthly Schedule	<p>Pre planning clinics are on a telephone call only basis (ring 074 9153900) between 9.00am and 12.30pm on the dates outlined below.</p> <p>The pre planning clinic calls will be taken by the Executive Planners and shall be for substantial applications only.</p> <p><u>Planning Clinics 2024:</u> 23rd May 2024 6th June 2024 20th June 2024 4th July 2024</p> <p>Please see website for further dates. http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/planningclinics/</p>								
4	Casual Trading									
5	Regeneration & Development	See Appendix A								
6	Building Control & Taking in Charge	See Appendix B								
7	Central Planning Unit									
8	Capital Projects Delivery Unit	See Appendix C								
9	Conservation									
10	Further Information <i>Click on web links to access information.</i>	<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 – https://www.eplanning.ie/DonegalCC/SearchTypes <p>File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and planning search requests: www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/fileretrieval/File%20Retrieval.pdf</p>								

APPENDIX A

Regeneration & Development Team Community Development and Planning Services

REPORT TO THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETINGS MAY 2024.

1.0 Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF)

Funding is provided from the Department of Rural and Community Development and calls for application to the Fund are sought under two categories. **Category 1** relates to projects with all necessary planning and other consents in place and which are ready to proceed, i.e shovel ready. **Category 2** projects are those which require further development to become ready for Category 1 status.

1.1 Summary update of Projects

Table 1 below provides a summary update on the current status and delivery of projects under the RRDF.

Table 1: Rural Regeneration and Development Fund Projects

Project	Type	Value (includes DCC co- funding)	Current Status/Delivery
Back to Ballyshannon	Category 2 (2020)	€247,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Site acquisition completed.• Team working towards the publication of a planning scheme.• To be targeted for future Category 1 Funding
Ramelton Re-imagined/Historic Town Centre	Category 2	€249,159	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Part 8 approved April 2022• Handed over to CPDU.
	Category 1 (2022)	€7,949,868	

Repowering Buncrana	Category 2 (3 rd Call)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sale agreed on former Garda Barracks property. • Handed over to CPDU.
Rathmullan (in partnership with The Way Forward Rathmullan CLG).			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 8 approved February 2023. • Submitted for funding under the Call 5 on the 8th February 2024.
Milford Town Centre First Plan		€100,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Centre First Plan launched November 2023 • GM Design Associates preparing a statutory planning scheme for the lands at Lower Mount Marian (including further public consultation) to be completed by Q2 2024. • DCC to progress other priority projects identified in the Plan. • Projects to be targeted for future funding calls.
Glenties Town Centre First Plan		€30,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding announced 28th February 2024. • Workshop held with Glenties MD 1st May 2024. • Procurement of services underway.
Creelough Village Plan and Community Regeneration Project (in association with the Creelough Working Group, Creelough Community Association and Arup).			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village Plan to be launched 21st March 2024. • Part 8 for Community Regeneration Project approved in September 2023. • Submitted for funding under Call 5 on the 8th February 2024.
Moville Health Check and Regeneration Plan		€24,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop held with Inishowen MD Members 23rd February 2024. • GM Design Associates appointed to prepare plan. • Preliminary works have commenced including engagement with "Reimagine Moville" group.
Bundoran Regeneration Plan		€15,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early inception meetings in-house being arranged.

2.0 Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF).

Funding is provided from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for towns with a population in excess of 10,000 which includes Letterkenny in this County, with calls for application to the Fund sought under two categories.

Category 1 relates to projects with all necessary planning and other consents in place and which are ready to proceed, i.e shovel ready. **Category 2** projects are those which require further development to become ready for Category 1 status.

2.1 Summary update of Projects

Table 2 below provides a summary update on the current status and delivery of projects under the URDF.

Table 2: Urban Regeneration and Development Fund Projects

Call	Value of Project (includes DCC co-funding).	Projects and current Status/Delivery
<p>Call 1 (approved September 2019)</p> <p>3 Sub-Projects</p>	€3m	<p>1 Prepare Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed 2022. <p>2 Letterkenny Urban Regeneration site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DCC took possession of the former ESB site and adjacent lands through a CPO in 2023. Site to be developed for the Alpha/Beta Office accommodation, public realm and Housing. <p>3 Public Realm/Linear Park Phase 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed and opened June 2023.
<p>Call 2 (May 2020 and approved March 2021)</p> <p>6 Sub Projects</p>	€19.3m (€4.8m DCC co-funding)	<p>1. Reimagine public space at Market Square.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please refer to report from the Capital Projects Delivery Unit Report who are delivering this project. <p>2. Cathedral Quarter Park and Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valuations obtained and land acquisition offers made.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avison Young appointed in Q4 2023 to take forward all previous engagement and act on Council’s behalf as regards further offers/acquisitions/CPO. • Council to consider further offers and advance any acquisitions/CPOs. • Proceed to procurement of architect-led team for all design stages (planning consent, detailed design and site supervision) – procurement process to open as soon as possible. <p>3. Renewal at Lower Main Street</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valuations obtained and land acquisition offers made. • Avison Young appointed in Q4 2023 to take forward all previous engagement and act on Council’s behalf as regards further offers/acquisitions/CPO. • Council to consider further offers and advance any acquisitions/CPOs. <p>4. Revival of the Courthouse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPIC Heritage Consulting Ltd appointed to prepare a Visitor Experience Plan/ Product Identification Plan and Business Plan for the development of a major visitor attraction at the Courthouse. • Funding of €10,000 secured in March 2024 from the Built Heritage Investment Scheme for minor repair works. • 3 Visitor Experience concepts at consumer testing phase. <p>5. Strategic acquisition to enable a Regional Transport Hub</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avison Young appointed to take forward all previous engagement and act on Council’s behalf as regards further offers/ acquisitions/ CPO. • Funding commitment secured from the NTA to enable the engagement of consultancy services to move the project forward to the next level as regards scale, scope, further engagement with transport providers and operational requirements.
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft tender package sent to the NTA in December 2023 for feed-in prior to opening of a procurement process. • Consultation with Local Link ongoing in relation to private bus operators. • Workshop arranged with Elected Members of the Letterkenny-Milford MD on the 14th May 2024 to provide an update. <p>6. Strategic acquisition to enable LK Green Connect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 8 in relation to the Cultural Corridor element of the project approved by Donegal County Council at the November 2023 Plenary meeting. • In-house team has commenced steps to develop a Part 8 for Phase 2 (from constructed Phase 1 to Pearse Road). • Valuation services of Avison Young being engaged in relation to phase 2 (from constructed Phase 1 to Pearse Road) and lands required for the Cultural Corridor element of the Scheme.
Call 3 (March 2023 and approved July 2023).	€4m	<p>Revolving fund for acquisition costs of long-term vacant property or sites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Majority of property owners have been identified and a number of meetings have taken place and others planned.
"The Eat Out' Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Project		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At construction stage. • Please refer to the report from Community Development who are delivering this project.
Letterkenny Cultural Corridor		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 8 approved November 2023. • Valuation services of Avison Young being engaged in relation to lands required for the delivery of the Scheme. • Services of Quantity Surveyor being engaged to provide cost estimates for the scheme. • To be targeted for future URDF funding call.
Youth/Community focused project at Lower Main Street		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early engagements with Letterkenny Youth Club and Donegal Youth Services have commenced. • Avison Young appointed in Q4 2023 to take forward all previous engagement and act on Council's behalf as regards further offers/acquisitions/CPO.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In tandem, targeted to carry out capacity testing of potential lands available to clarify viability of the project and to undertake further engagement with stakeholders- NB this is subject to availability of in-house architectural resources.
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3.0 Croi Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme.

The Croi Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme opened for applications in July 2022 and **Table 3** below provides further details of the applications received to-date.

Table 3: Summary of Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Applications

Applications Received	704
Applications Finalised	466
• Approved	444
• Deemed not eligible (eligibility criteria not met – vacancy/proposed works).	22
In progress (first technical inspection/awaiting information from applicant).	219
Withdrawn (by applicant)	19
Properties Refurbished	18
Grants Recouped	15
Requests for grant recoupment (in progress)	3

- Almost 40 drop-in events to promote the scheme have been held between September 2023 and April 2024.

4.0 Compulsory Purchase Order Activation Fund/Survey of Vacant Properties

In April 2023, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage launched the CPO Activation Programme for the activation of vacant and derelict properties. The main steps of the programme include:

- Step 1:** Identification of vacant and derelict properties
- Step 2:** Identification of and engagement with owners.
- Step 3:** Communication with owners regarding the supports available.
- Step 4:** Consideration of options available to owners and DCC.

The Council have undertaken Step 1 to identify vacant and derelict properties through the GEO Directory. This survey has been undertaken in the towns listed in **Table 4** below and will be carried out in further towns over the coming months.

Table 4: Towns Surveyed under the CPO Activation Fund

Municipal District	Towns		
Letterkenny-Milford MD	Ramelton	Carrigart, Manorcunningham	Rathmullan, Milford
Donegal MD	Donegal Town	Ballyshannon	Bundoran, Dunkineely
Glenties MD	Dungloe	Ardara	Faclarragh
Inishowen MD	Carndonagh	Buncrana	Moville, Malin
Lifford-Stranorlar MD	Ballybofey- Stranorlar	Lifford	Raphoe

The identification of property owners and engagement has commenced (Steps 2 and 3) and is ongoing. **Table 5** provides the current update which will be further updated as we progress Steps 2 and 3 in all towns.

Table 5: Delivery of CPO Activation Fund (to date).

Total Properties surveyed to date (Step 1)	1,723
Properties identified as being Vacant	890
Properties identified as being Derelict	63
Properties not vacant	770
Owner Identification/Engagement (Steps 2 and 3) in the following Towns:	
Ballybofey/Stranorlar	77
Carndonagh	42
Lifford	37
Malin	11
Total (to date)	167
Outcome/Responses (from Steps 2 and 3)	
1 st Letter issued	88
Hold/Monitor (e.g property for sale)	21
Closed out	12
Ongoing (e.g. investigations)	46
Total	167
2 nd Letter issued	15

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APPENDIX B

Municipal District of Donegal May 2024

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

In 2023, 583 Commencement notices were submitted, representing 616 new buildings and 167 building alterations or extensions.

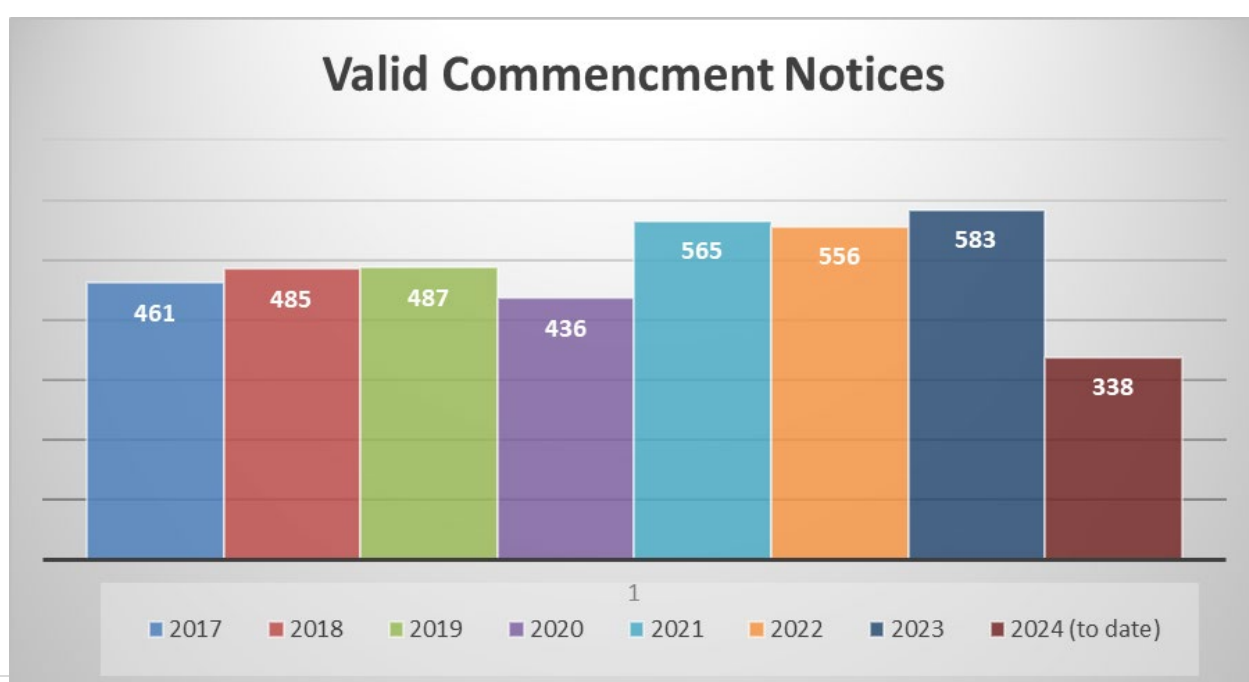
So far in 2024 (up until April 30th) there have been 338 Commencement Notices submitted, representing 656 new builds and 78 building alterations or extensions. The number of new builds notified as having been commenced in the first four months already exceeds the total figure notified in 2023.

This compares with 556 Commencement Notices in 2022 representing 429 new buildings and 127 building alterations or extensions and 565 Commencement notices in 2021 representing 634 new builds and 138 building alterations or extensions.

The number of "Opt-out" Commencement Notices submitted in 2023 was 299, 52% of the overall total submitted. Already in 2024, there have been 199 "Opt-out" Commencement Notices submitted.

As reported previously, this consistent level of submission of these type of Commencement Notices remains a concern. Where these types of Commencement Notices are being used the owners have declared themselves to be competent to ensure that the works comply with the Building Regulations and are therefore taking on ALL the responsibility for ensuring compliance with the Regulations.

The 2024 notices indicate that there is an increase in the number of multiple developments started so far as compared with previous years.



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.

2024- Jan 1st to April 30th				
Type	No. Of CNs	New Builds	Building Alterations/Extensions	Multi Dwelling
CN with Documentation	102	470	28	1 no. 28 unit, 1 no. 24 unit, 1 no. 20 unit, 1 no. 35 unit, 1 no. 5 unit, 1 no. 4 unit, 1 no. 10 unit, 1 no. 9 unit, 1 no. 35 unit, 1 no. 29 unit, 1 no. 23 unit, 1 no. 13 unit, 1 no. 36 unit, 1 no. 31 unit, 1 no. 8 unit, 1 no. 6 unit
7 day notice	9	3	6	
CN without Documentation	28	13	15	
CN with Opt Out	199	170	29	
Total	338	656	78	

b. Disability Access Certificates (DAC):

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.

Except for houses and certain agricultural buildings, a DAC 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 DAC has been granted or pending determination of an appeals process.

The Building Control Authority is obliged to determine all DAC applications within 8 weeks of receipt unless an extension of time is agreed with the applicant.

The Building Control Department received 96 DAC applications in 2023 which compares with 87 DAC applications in 2022, 99 applications in 2021, 58 applications in 2020 and 53 in 2019. So far in 2024, we have received 18 DAC applications.



Taking in Charge of Private Residential Estates.

The Taking in Charge team is today presenting the following estate in the Municipal District to Members seeking approval to complete the Taking in Charge process:

- Crest of the Wave, Magheracar, Bundoran

Where it is proposed to Declare a road to be a Public Road under Section 11 of the Roads Act, Members are obliged, under subsection (1)(b)(ii) to consider the financial implications for the Authority of the proposed declaration.



However, in the case of a development which has not been completed satisfactorily and an application for takeover has been received and the Planning Authority has not commenced enforcement proceedings within the appropriate period, subsection (1)(b)(ii) of section 11 of the Roads Act shall be disregarded.

In this instance however, the financial implications are not significant, with no specific issues within the estates being raised by the Area Roads Engineers.



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 **Crest of the Wave, Magheracar, Bundoran** 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 **Crest of the Wave, Magheracar, Bundoran** over which a public right-of-way will now exist, 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.

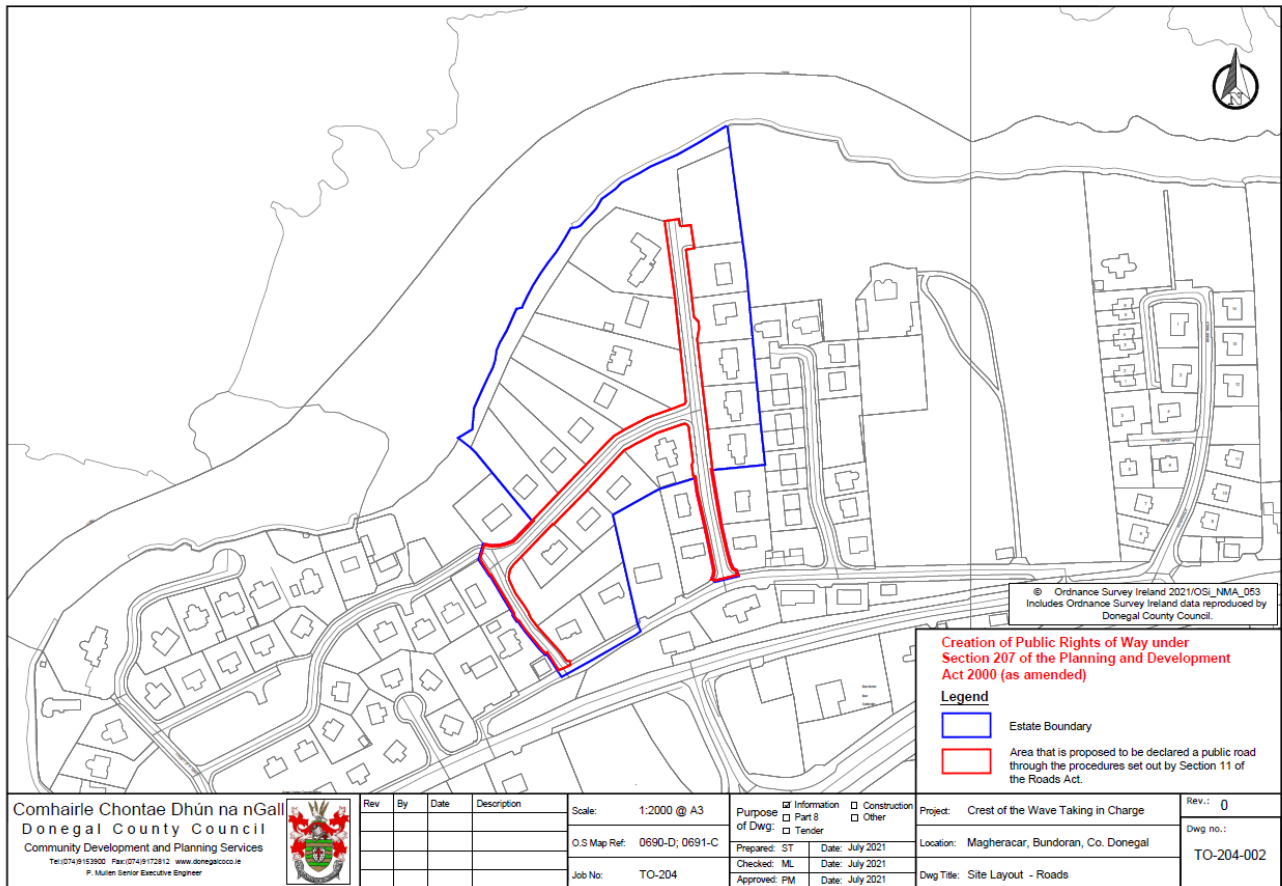
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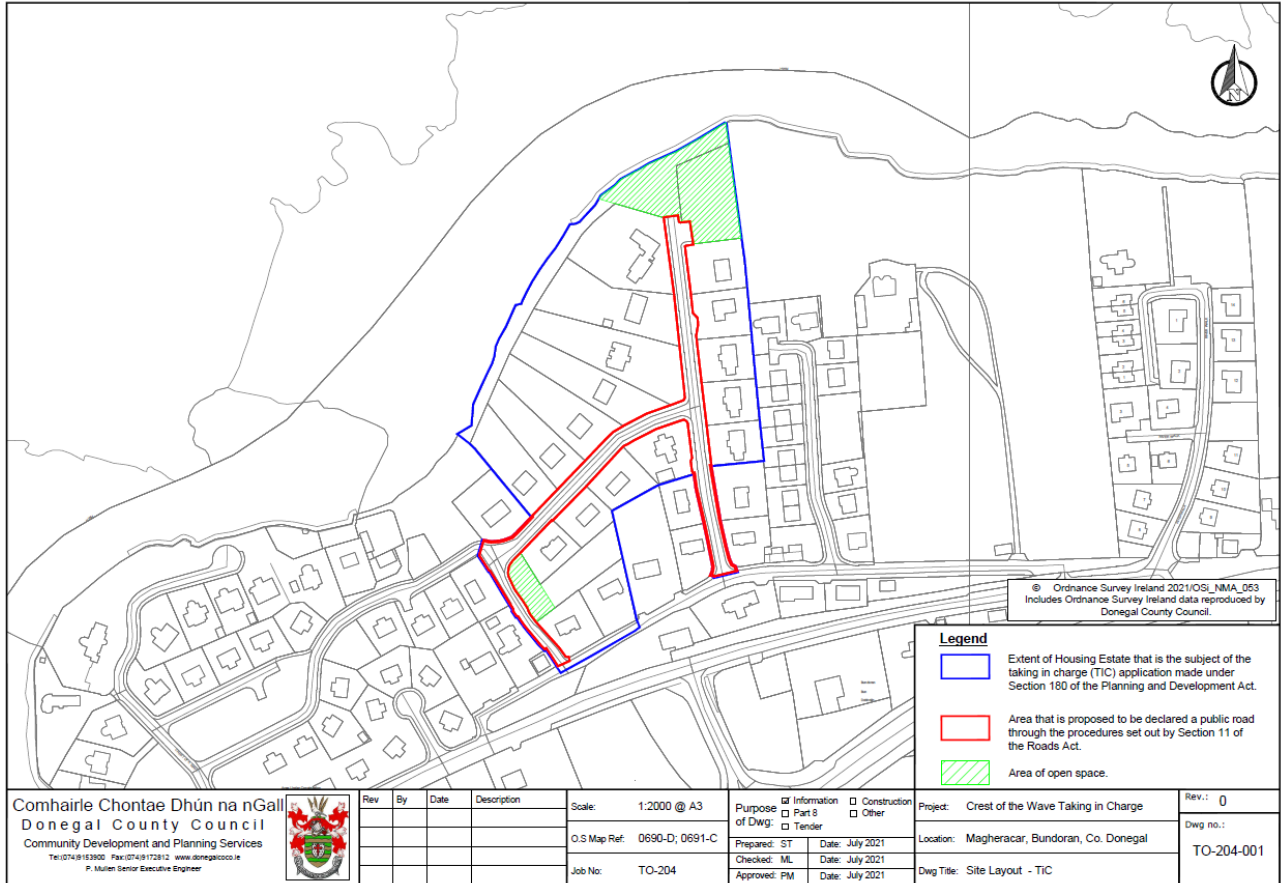
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Senior Executive Engineer
Community & Planning Services

On the proposal of Councillor _____ seconded by Councillor _____ it is **resolved** that the Council **make 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 **Crest of the Wave, Magheracar, Bundoran** as set out in the attached maps, to enable it to proceed with the taking in charge of the estate.

On the proposal of Councillor _____ seconded by Councillor _____ it is **resolved** that the Council **make an Order** in

accordance with Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act, 1993 to declare the estate roads within the housing estate **Crest of the Wave, Magheracar, Bundoran** to be a public road and **note** the consequential provisions contained 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.





APPENDIX C

CAPITAL PROJECTS DELIVERY UNIT

Community Development and Planning Services

Report to Donegal Municipal District Members: May 2024

Activity / Project Title	Killybegs 2040
<p>Project Description/Activity</p>	<p>Killybegs 2040 is a transformative town centre regeneration project which forms part of the longer-term regeneration strategy.</p> <p>The project elements are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The change of use, extension and modification of Island House (currently an existing derelict and vacant building) to provide a tourist information and reception centre, digital hub, public conveniences, café space, and all associated site development works. An extension is proposed at first and second floor levels and will include a glass viewing area. • Provision for a 1000 sq m civic space and alterations to road layout and car parking arrangements, including footpaths, open paved areas, planting, landscaping, public seating etc. The improved car parking and road layout will improve access to both Island House and the Civic Space to support overall regeneration plans. • Acquisition of key regeneration sites for the future delivery of appropriately located additional car parking and linkages between Main Street and Shore Road.
<p>Budget</p>	<p>€5.4m</p>
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status</p>	<p>Works are progressing on Island House. Window installation has been completed and scaffold removal is underway. External Rendering has commenced.</p> <p>Works on public realm are continuing, with sections along the Shore Road and Main Street substantially complete. Works to the main central realm area are continuing with structural concrete works underway to form the steps and ramps.</p> <p>The 'Coal Yard' temporary car park for the project is operational.</p>
<p>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly /</p>	<p>External rendering to be completed. Internal first fix works to be completed and internal rendering and floor screeds to be completed allowing second fix to commence.</p>



quarterly reporting period	Works on the public realm space will continue with the Diamond central civic space to be significantly progressed. Car Park to be completed and re-opened to cars. Paving works to commence around Tara Hotel area.
Contact Person(s)	Michael Quigley, A/Executive Engineer Ardal McDermott, A/ Senior Executive Engineer