

**Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall**

Oifig Riarthóir na gCruinnithe,  
Aras an Chontae,  
Leifear.

5ú Iúil, 2022

**Fógra Cruinnithe**

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall ar siúl **De Máirt 12ú Iúil, 2022, ag 11.30 r.n. in Ionad Serbhísí Pobail, Bhaile Dhún na nGall.**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS DÚN NA nGALL

A Chara,

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

Mise, le meas

Padraig O'Sirin  
Riarthóir Cruinnithe

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**Municipal District of Donegal**

Office of Meetings Administrator,  
County House,  
Lifford.

05<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

The next Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal will be held on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 11.30 am in the Donegal Public Services Centre.**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL

Dear Councillor,

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

Yours sincerely,

Pauric Sheerin  
Meetings Administrator

## AGENDA

1. Consideration of Minutes of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022.
2. Consideration of Minutes of the Planning & Roads Workshop held on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022.
3. **Update Reports from Council Services:**
  - 3.1 Housing & Corporate Services
  - 3.2 Roads & Transportation
  - 3.3 Economic Development, Information Systems and Emergency Services
  - 3.4 Environment Services
  - 3.5 Community Development
  - 3.6 Planning Services

### **Motions**

4. Cllr Michael McMahon  
*“That this MD call on the Minister of Health Stephen Donnelly for the retention of the Cat Scan Sligo Universal Hospital”.*
5. Cllr Barry Sweeny  
*“That this MD seeks a solution for repair work, drainage and additional lighting at the Rock Steps in Ballyshannon. The worsening condition of the steps is a safety concern to local residents, school children and many visitors who use the route at sporting and other events”.*

### **Questions**

6. Cllr Tom Conaghan  
*“What road safety measures can be put in place at the dangerous crossroad junction at Ballydevitt (old school)? A number of accidents have happened at this junction recently”.*
7. Cllr Tom Conaghan  
*“What are the current guidelines regarding use of electric bikes/scooters on footpaths in towns?”*
8. **Date of Next Meeting(s) / Workshop(s)**
  - MD Meeting on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 11.30 am in the Peter Kennedy Chamber (as per standing orders)

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD AT 11.30 AM ON TUESDAY THE 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022 IN THE PETER KENNEDY CHAMBER, DONEGAL PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE**

**MDD/081/22 MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MDD/082/22 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr. Garry Martin, Director Designate, Municipal District of Donegal  
Mr. Pauric Sheerin, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal  
Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Roads/Transportation  
Mr. Paddy Doherty, Divisional Manager, Community Development  
Ms. Aideen Quinn, A/Executive Planner, Planning  
Mr. Niall Togher, Graduate Planner, Planning  
Mr. Barney McLaughlin, Administrative Officer, Tourism Unit  
Ms. Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer, Environment Section  
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services  
Ms. Caroline Britton, A/Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

**MDD/083/22 STANDING ORDERS**

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

**MDD/084/22 VOTE OF SYMPATHY**

The late Joseph (Joe) Keeney, 23 Fairgreen Hill, Longlane, Letterkenny – father of Grace Korbelt, Local Enterprise Office, Letterkenny

The late Arthur Rafferty, West End, Bundoran

The late Deirdre Walsh, Gaelic Park, Bundoran

**MDD/085/21 OUTGOING CATHAOIRLEACH'S ADDRESS**

As outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr Sweeny reflected on the year passed and noted that although the country is going through uncertain times in terms of the transition from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ukraine War, BREXIT and the increase in the cost of living, the year seen positive developments such as the return to work for many

employees, increase in outdoor dining facilities, and the holding of excellent festivals and events. Cllr Sweeny, although disappointed that the Ballyshannon Regeneration Project was unable to submit an application for the next tranche of funding, welcomed the progression of the Killybegs Project along with the many other capital projects ongoing throughout the Municipal District including the Historic Towns Initiative Projects. During the latter half of Cllr Sweeny's term as Cathaoirleach, he submitted that he was in a position to attend various events such as the opening of the Bluestack Shack, the Lough Derg Visitors Centre, a Weaving Course in Kilcar and the launch of the Atlantic Technical University (ATU). Cllr Sweeny wished to relay his ongoing support to the fishing industry and was dismayed that 2021 did not see a progression in the Fire Stations in Ballyshannon, Bundoran and Glencolmcille. Cllr Sweeny welcomed the formation of the Donegal, Fermanagh & Omagh Cross-Border Working Group, noted the good working relationship with his fellow Municipal District Councillors and wished to thank the staff of Donegal County Council for their work and commitment.

Cllr Sweeny wished the incoming Cathaoirleach all the best for the year ahead.

#### **MDD/086/21 ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH**

On the proposal of Cllr Jordan and seconded by Cllr Naughton, the Members agreed to elect Cllr Kennedy to the position of Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Donegal for the coming year. The Members paid tribute to the outgoing Cathaoirleach in terms of his availability, transparency and work commitment and wished Cllr Kennedy well in her new role.

Cllr Kennedy took the Chair and thanked the Members for electing her to the position of Cathaoirleach. Cllr Kennedy complimented Cllr Sweeny for his dedication to the role over the past year and noted his fair and transparent approach. Cllr Kennedy looked forward to the forthcoming year and welcomed the progression of projects such as Fintra Bridge, Cycle Routes, Halls Junction in Kilcar, the continuing upgrade of the Pettigo Road as well as works to the Laghey junction. Cllr Kennedy referred to the Regeneration Projects in Ballyshannon and Killybegs in her remarks and the success of the Town & Village Renewal Programme. Cllr Kennedy also referred to the need for a specific Community Development Officer for the Donegal Municipal District and wished to place housing as one of the key priority areas to work on for the coming year and suggested all Members can assist by identifying vacant buildings within our towns and villages. Cllr Kennedy also mentioned the new ATU and suggested that there may be a possibility of developing student accommodation at the Killybegs campus. Cllr Kennedy also wished to convey her ongoing support to the fishing industry in Killybegs.

**MDD/087/21 ELECTION OF LEAS-CATHAOIRLEACH**

Cllr Kennedy called for nominations for the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach. On the proposal of Cllr Naughton seconded by Cllr McMahon, Members agreed to elect Cllr Conaghan as Leas-Cathaoirleach for the Municipal District of Donegal for the coming year.

The meeting was adjourned to facilitate the taking of photographs.

**MDD/089/22 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022**

On the proposal of Cllr Sweeny, seconded by Cllr Jordan the Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were confirmed.

**MDD/090/22 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

Mr Sheerin wished to pass on his congratulations to Cllr Kennedy and Cllr Conaghan and thanked the outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr Sweeny for his work and commitment during his term in office.

**CORPORATE SERVICES**

**Follow up Issues from previous meeting**

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

- a) Correspondence issued to the HSE regarding the Podiatry Service in Ballyshannon. A response was received from the HSE and forwarded to the Members.
- b) A response from the Minister for Foreign Affairs Office regarding a Passport Office in Donegal was forwarded to the Members.
- c) Correspondence issued to the Minister of Housing, Local Government & Heritage requesting a meeting to discuss the housing issue in the Donegal Municipal District and the progression of the Fire Stations. The Department of Housing has reverted to advise that a meeting with the Department Officials can be arranged to discuss the Fire Stations; the Department is seeking additional information on the agenda for the proposed housing meeting with the Minister and members of the Oireachtas, TDs and Senators.

**Rural Social Scheme**

Cllr Jordan referred to the 2017 decision to allow new entrants to the Rural Social Scheme (RSS) to participate in the scheme for six years. Cllr Jordan noted the important contribution the participants make to the local communities and asked that the six-year rule be overturned to allow participants to remain in their role until retirement. Cllr Jordan also referred to the TUS programme and noted that it can be difficult

to fill places and, as there is extensive training involved, participants may only be available to the community group for approximately six months. Cllr Jordan asked that a letter issue to the Minister for Social Protection to highlight the disadvantages in relation to the terms and conditions of the TUS Scheme and to overturn the six-year rule for new entrants to the RSS Scheme.

Cllr Sweeny submitted that he brought a motion before the Plenary Council to carry out a review of the TUS Scheme as it is difficult to fill places and recommended that Ukrainians be offered the chance to participate in the scheme. Cllr Kennedy also referred to the Community Employment Scheme and suggested a total review of the schemes should take place.

Mr Sheerin advised that correspondence had issued to the Department of Social Protection in the past regarding the TUS scheme and agreed to forward additional correspondence to deal with both matters raised.

## **HOUSING SERVICES**

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

Members noted the update reports. Mr Sheerin submitted that the Housing Office is currently assessing a number of casual vacancies and will have them costed in due course and funding sources for same identified. A large amount of resources has been committed to the assessment of the 49 houses approved for the deep retrofitting works and it is envisaged correspondence will issue to the tenants shortly to outline the works to be completed. Mr Sheerin further submitted that a response is expected by the end of the week from the Department regarding the Bundoran Phase 1 housing project Stage 3 approval. The contractor is on-site at Railway Park Phase 3 and it is anticipated that Phase 2 of the development at Oak Meadows will be completed by the end of June 2022. It was noted that the turnkey development in Ballyshannon is progressing, and it is expected to be completed by late Autumn.

In relation to the response received from the Minister of Housing's Office regarding the agenda for the proposed Housing meeting, Mr Sheerin informed the Members he had responded to the Department to advise that the issue would be raised at the next Municipal District meeting. Mr Sheerin referred to the previous response to the motion which outlined the Housing Delivery Action Plan submitted to the Department which contained details of the increase in the construction and acquisition of houses within the Donegal Municipal District in conjunction with the enhanced land acquisition process. Mr

Sheerin informed the Members that he has carried out an analysis of the housing need for the Donegal Municipal District over a five year period and noted that although there is an increase in those on a transfer list for housing, there is a small increase in the need net for housing eg it has increased from 170 in 2018 to 174 in 2022. In light of the ongoing work in terms of the Housing Delivery Action Plan, the forthcoming Housing workshop, the increase in HAP discretion rate to 35% and the relatively low increase in the net housing need, Mr Sheerin suggested the meeting with the Minister for Housing and others could be postponed to a later date in the year to allow adequate time to monitor and review the impact of the measures already outlined.

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

### **Meeting with the Minister of Housing & Others**

Cllr McMahan thanked Mr Sheerin for his report and highlighted the ongoing issue in relation to housing and noted that on a regular basis he is receiving calls from people who are on the verge of being made homeless. Cllr McMahan expressed his desire to meet with the Minister to convey the seriousness of the situation in the rural counties.

Cllr Sweeny noted the massive stress on individuals who are on the verge of being made homeless and referred to the number of policies in place that require implementation as soon as possible. Cllr Sweeny suggested measures should also be put in place to develop temporary emergency accommodation within the south of the county. Cllr Sweeny emphasised the importance of pushing for a meeting with the Minister to discuss the Fire Stations and suggested postponing the proposed housing meeting until later in the year.

Cllr Jordan noted that in light of the housing need figures, it was more appropriate to wait until the internal Housing Workshop has taken place before pursuing a meeting with Minister of Housing.

Mr Sheerin noted the comments made and agreed to revert to the Department of Housing to advise a meeting will be sought at a later date.

### **Derelict Buildings**

Although the Minister for Rural and Community Development has announced funding to support the purchase of vacant buildings, Cllr McMahan referred to a contractor in Bundoran who was willing to carry out works to a derelict building to create four apartments has received a connection invoice for €38,000 from Irish Water. Cllr McMahan asked that correspondence issue to Irish Water regarding these inflated costs. Cllr McMahan further queried if a dedicated Officer could be appointed to consider derelict buildings.

In response, Mr Sheerin advised that discussions have taken place between the Housing Section and Planning regarding vacant buildings and it is envisaged a Vacant Homes Officer will be recruited in due course.

## **MDD/091/22 ROADS / TRANSPORTATION SERVICES REPORT**

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

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

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

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

#### **Arrangements for the LIS Workshop scheduled to take place on the 17th May 2022.**

This workshop proceeded as scheduled and a priority list of schemes was agreed. The Workshop Minutes will be available for adoption at the next Municipal District Meeting. In the meantime, Cllr Naughton proposed, and Cllr Jordan seconded the LIS allocations for 2022.

#### **Visit the Tullan Strand site in Bundoran to identify a solution for the restriction of camper van parking.**

An onsite meeting was held on 12th May 2022 to discuss this matter and it was agreed that bollards were to be installed along the grassed area between the edge of road and the fence line, subject to consent being forthcoming from the landowner.

#### **Refer the request for placement of ramps on the Main Street in Bundoran to the Design Team.**

As advised at the Municipal District meeting the provision of ramps on Regional distributor roads is not in keeping with the Council's position paper on Road Safety Measures but the speeding issue along Main Street in Bundoran will be investigated and referred to the Road Safety Engineer to see what other measures can be implemented to help address the speeding issue. An Engineering Student is due to be appointed and will be asked to carry out surveying works.

#### **Investigate the water ingress issue at the Old Barracks in Ballyshannon.**

This issue is being investigated. One of the gullies has been checked and cleared and further works are needed on the other gully. When this is done, we will continue to monitor the area to see if this has resolved the issue. If not, then we will then consider what other works can be done to help alleviate the problem. It is noted however, as mentioned previously, the Old Barracks is a very old building located at the bottom of the hill on the river bank in Ballyshannon and the



water ingress into the basement could be as a result of water flowing through natural fissures in the subsurface rock.

Mr Sweeney further advised the Members that Leitrim County Council are currently updating the Section 85 agreement between the two Local Authorities. The original agreement is over twenty years old and it is expected a recommendation will be presented to the members to consider for adoption at the July Plenary meeting. The Section 85 agreement will assign Leitrim County Council as the lead Authority responsible for the completion of the proposed works to the Lennox Bridge.

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

#### **Signage at Brownes Garage**

Cllr Naughton submitted that a number of large coaches travelling to the two hotels (namely, Harveys Point and Lough Eske) are using the road at Brownes Garage. As recently as last week, a coach got into difficulty due to the narrowness of this road infrastructure and recommended additional signage be erected to encourage large vehicles to use the second access road.

Mr Sweeney agreed to consider additional signage at the Brownes Garage junction.

#### **Local Schools – Safety Issues**

Cllr Naughton welcomed the commencement of the works to St Francis National School under the CLAR programme, however, highlighted a safety issue and recommended the existing ditch be removed to create additional space. Mr Sweeney advised that there is limited funding for this project and the works had to be revised to reflect the level of funding received, however, he agreed to consider options.

Cllr Naughton further advised that there are ongoing safety issues with the road crossing at Scoil Nuala and Cllr Conaghan suggested the Guards should have more presence at this location and perhaps parents could use the car park and walk the children to the school gates. This would alleviate the parking of cars along the footpath. Mr Sweeney advised that numerous meetings have taken place regarding this school and the issue is that motorists are driving through the pedestrian crossing when the lights are red despite the numerous improvements works that have already been carried out. Mr Sweeney advised that Scoil Aodh rua agus Nuala has submitted an application under the Green Schools programme and it is hoped that funding can be obtained through this programme to provide further school safety measures to help address this issue.

### **LIS Scheme**

Cllr Naughton wished to highlight the inadequate funding made available for LIS projects and noted that over four hundred lanes in the Donegal Municipal District were in need of upgrading works but only four to five projects were in a position to proceed this year. Cllr Naughton recommended correspondence issue to Minister Humphreys regarding the allocation of additional funding.

Mr Sweeney advised that the Department have been in touch to query if Donegal County Council would be in a position to submit further LIS schemes, should additional funding become available. The Roads Section has responded to confirm they will be a position to forward additional projects; Mr Sweeney advised a Workshop may be required to agree a new list of LIS projects, if and when additional funding is announced.

Due to other work commitments, Mr G Martin joined the meeting at this point and congratulated Cllr Kennedy on taking up her new role.

### **Lennox Bridge**

Cllr McMahon welcomed the proposed improvement works to the Lennox Bridge and expected a positive response from the adjacent landowner.

### **Lisachully Road**

Cllr McMahon submitted that the Lisachully Road has a very poor surface in areas and advised that some cars have been damaged due to the level of the road.

Cllr Sweeney advised that a section of this road is being upgraded, however, noted the section close to the N3 requires improvement works.

Mr Sweeney informed the Members works are being completed this week and agreed to talk to his colleagues in the North regarding a possible joint road maintenance project.

### **Bundoran Tidy Towns**

Cllr McMahon commended the recent landscaping and improvement works carried out by the Bundoran Tidy Towns Committee and asked that funding in the region of €1,000 be sourced from Bundoran car parking charges to re-imburse the Committee. This figure was agreed by the Members collectively and Mr Sweeney agreed to oversee the allocation of the funding to the Bundoran Tidy Towns Committee.

### **Public Realm Works**

Cllr Jordan welcomed the proposed public realm works to the Diamond area in Donegal Town and suggested ESB be contacted to

discuss the reduction in the visual impact of the ESB kiosk located opposite the entrance to the Abbey Hotel.

Mr Sweeney agreed to arrange a meeting with the ESB to discuss the kiosk.

### **Ballyshannon Footpaths**

Cllr Sweeny expressed his frustration at the slow progress in the completion of the footpath works in Ballyshannon and noted that individuals are receiving injuries due to uneven surfaces. Cllr Sweeny asked that the footpath works receive immediate attention and recommended appointing additional resources to allow the works to be commence.

Mr Sweeney advised that the footpath improvement works are due to commence next week.

### **Active Travel Project**

Cllr Sweeny queried if the traffic issue at the Rock in Ballyshannon could be put forward as a project under the Local Transport Plan Scheme. Mr Sweeney agreed to consider this area under the Active Travel Plan.

### **Potholes**

Cllr Sweeny submitted that the access road to Rossnowlagh has a number of potholes. Mr Sweeney agreed to consider same.

Cllr McMahon noted the new Velocity Patcher in use in the Bundoran area and queried if the Council had purchased the machine. Mr Sweeney advised the machine is currently on hire with consideration being given as to whether to hire or buy the machine. It was noted that it is a highly specialised machine which will require appropriately trained staff.

The Members wished to thank the Area Engineer, D Murphy for his work within the Donegal Municipal District and passed on their good wishes for his new position.

## **MDD/092/22 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFORMATION SYSTEMS & EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT**

Mr McLaughlin updated the meeting with the reports from the Divisions within the Directorate namely:-

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

2. Local Enterprise Office
3. IS Services
4. Emergency Services: Fire Service

Mr McLaughlin referred to the positive response to the Remote Working Holiday campaign with over 100 sign-ups and to the ongoing work of the Killybegs Marine Cluster. The Donegal Signature Seafood Event held in Killybegs showcased all things seafood in Donegal, with five local chefs preparing seafood dishes using local produce. Mr McLaughlin advised that Bundoran Waterworld will be opening their doors shortly and the Rosapenna Golf Tournament in August 2022 is capturing good interest. The first call for Caravan, Camping & Campervan funding for the business sector has closed and it is expected a further call will be launched shortly for the community sector.

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

#### **Bundoran Waterworld**

Cllr Naughton welcomed the reopening of Bundoran Waterworld and passed on good wishes to the new manager Áine Temple. Cllr Sweeny also wished the new manager well and thanked the previous manager Anderson Keys for his dedication and commitment to the role. Cllr McMahan wished the new manager well and thanked G Martin for his leadership.

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

Cllr Naughton noted the importance of all stakeholders working together to welcome caravan and camping visitors to our county and agreed that the further development of suitable sites is required.

Cllr Sweeny queried the number of applications received to date and Cllr McMahan submitted that Bundoran offered two sites and consideration is currently being given to the development of a third site. In order to identify gaps in the market, Cllr Kennedy queried if details of the applications received to date could be released.

B McLaughlin submitted that the comprehensive Caravan & Camping survey garnered over 1,400 submissions and the Economic Development Team are currently working through the funding applications. Fáilte Ireland are also considering accepting the Code of Conduct developed and recommending other counties use the same template. G Martin advised that a survey will be conducted to identify the gaps in due course.

#### **Tourism Sector**

Cllr Naughton referred to the negative press the hospitality sector is currently receiving and wished to convey the message that Donegal welcomes visitors and offers value for money in terms of hotel

accommodation costs. Cllr Naughton noted the high costs for accommodation in the capital city, the increased car rental costs and suggested the Irish Hotel Federation should be called before the Finance Committee to discuss the increasing prices in Dublin.

Cllr Sweeny concurred with Cllr Naughton and noted the importance of continuing to promote Donegal. G Martin submitted that value for money can be obtained by booking flights from Donegal Airport to Dublin rather than staying overnight in the city and noted that local car hire companies are offering competitive prices for car rental. B McLaughlin advised Donegal Tourism has recently ran a marketing campaign promoting the north west.

### **Remote Working**

Cllr Sweeny welcomed the 100 sign-ups for the remote working campaign and noted that there are two hubs in Letterkenny and one hub in Ballyshannon available for this service.

### **Festival & Events**

Cllr Sweeny referred to the successful Rory Gallagher Festival which had taken place at the weekend and noted the high attendance numbers coming from over twenty different countries. Cllr Sweeny commended the hard work undertaken by the committee including B O'Neill, various volunteers, and the technical and support staff.

Cllr McMahon noted the importance of the Rory Gallagher Festival to Ballyshannon and advised that the tickets are selling well for the Sea Sessions festival which is due to take place in Bundoran next weekend.

### **The Battle of Pettigo/Belleek**

Cllr McMahon submitted that the commemorative event to mark 100 years since the Battle of Pettigo / Belleek was a renowned success and extremely well hosted by both Fermanagh and Donegal.

### **Donegal International Car Rally**

Cllr Naughton wished to congratulate the Donegal International Car Rally on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and hoped everyone would have an enjoyable and safe weekend on our roads.

### **Cruise Ships**

Cllr Kennedy wished to convey her delight in seeing the cruise ships returning to Killybegs and noted the economic benefits the ships brings to the local area.

## **MDD/093/22 ENVIRONMENT SERVICES REPORT**

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

- Waste & Litter Management
  - FREE Compost Giveaway Events as part of National Food Waste Recycling Week
  - Half Price Bulky Goods Events
  - WEEE Collection Day Opportunities
  - Leave No Trace – Love this Place Summer Campaign
- Coastal Management
  - Blue Flag Success
  - Water Safety Programme
  - Beach Lifeguard Service
  - Dog Restrictions on certain beaches
  - Coastal Management
  - Blue Flag Success
- Central Laboratory
  - Public Service Announcements
  - Caravan Parks
  - Septic Tanks – National Inspection Plan
  - Catchment Investigations

In relation to the follow ups from the previous meeting, Ms Bogan advised:-

- The emptying schedule for textile bring banks is on a weekly basis
- The Sand Dune Protection Project is ongoing, and the straw bales are offering sand dune protection
- There is a positive working relationship with the Friends of Rossnowlagh Beach Group
- The comments regarding the relocation of the Portaloo facilities at Rossnowlagh was relayed to the Coastal Management Team

Ms Bogan highlighted the free compost giveaway event that took place as part of the National Food Waste Recycling Week and noted that the Recycling Centres are offering a half price bulky goods two-week promotion. Ms Bogan advised that new measures are being rolled out on a number of Donegal beaches limiting where and when dogs may be brought on to the beaches and she also provided details on the septic tank inspection programme.

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

#### **Portaloo Facilities / Service**

Cllr McMahon asked that a member of the Coastal Management Team make direct contact with the owner of the hotel in Rossnowlagh to discuss the relocation of the Portaloo facilities. Ms Bogan agreed to relay the request to the Coastal Management Team.

Cllr Sweeny noted that a new Portaloo service provider has been procured for the county and looked forward to a good maintenance service.

### **Dog Restrictions on Certain Beaches**

Cllr McMahon noted the erection of signage regarding dog restrictions on the beaches and queried if these new arrangements were now enforceable and if so, during what time period.

Ms Bogan advised the signage was erected to fulfil the blue flag status criteria and it is anticipated the bye-laws will be enforceable in 2023.

### **Central Laboratory**

Cllr McMahon queried if a potential pollution incident occurred at the weekend, what services were in place for water testing. Ms Bogan agreed to refer the query to the Central Laboratory.

### **Beach Wheelchair**

Cllr McMahon welcomed the new beach wheelchair for Bundoran and noted that some users who had never accessed the beach before, were now able to do so. Ms Bogan agreed to relay the comments to the Coastal Management Team.

### **Blue Flag Beaches**

Cllr Sweeny welcomed the announcement by An Taisce that Donegal has been awarded blue flag success for twelve beaches and two marinas in the county.

### **Septic Tank – National Inspection Plan**

Cllr Jordan referred to the septic tank inspection programme and queried how applicants can access grant aid for tanks that have been condemned. Ms Bogan advised those who had registered their septic tank prior to February 2013 were eligible to apply for a grant and agreed to consider an information sharing campaign in this regard.

### **Recycling Facilities**

Cllr Kennedy noted the journey people living in the Glencolmcille area had to make to reach the Recycling Centre in Laghey and suggested that Kilcar had the potential to provide recycling services. Ms Bogan advised that she was not aware of any funding for the development of additional recycling centres in the county and noted that WEEE have indicated they may have a number of WEEE collection days later in the year.

### **Glencolmcille Folk Village Car Park**

Cllr Kennedy submitted that the car park adjacent to the Glencolmcille Folk Village requires upgrading and proper access to the beach is also required. Ms Bogan agreed to relay the issue to Senior Management.

## **MDD/094/22 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING SERVICES**

### **Community Development**

Mr Doherty presented the update reports for the Community Development Section, as circulated with the Agenda dealing with the following matters:-

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

Mr Doherty submitted that an application for funding has been submitted to the Department under the ORIS 2022 Measure 1 for the upgrading of existing walks within the Rossylongan Estate as well as the development of a shore walk at Largy, Killybegs. Mr Doherty further submitted that CLAR funding has been sought for a riverside walk enhancement and reproofing of the MUGA pitch in Pettigo. A call for expressions of interest under the town and village renewable programme is open with a closing date of the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

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

### **Bundoran**

Cllr McMahon sought an update on the Destination Towns funding application. Mr Doherty advised the tender documentation is currently being finalised.



### **Proposed Delegation**

Cllr McMahon submitted that an American with connections to Pettigo wishes to make a presentation to the Members either on-line or in-person. P Sheerin advised that the preferred option for the delegation is in-person and same can be facilitated subject to the agreement of the Members.

### **Planning Services**

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

- Development Applications
- Enforcement
- Q2 2022 Planning Clinics
  - 15<sup>th</sup> June, 29<sup>th</sup> June, 13<sup>th</sup> July & 27<sup>th</sup> July
- Regeneration Report
- Building Control & Taking In Charge
- Central Planning Unit
  - Letterkenny Plan & Local Transport Plan
  - County Development Plan 2018-2024 (As Varied)
  - Four Year Review / County Development Plan 2024 - 2030
- Further Information

Ms Quinn advised the public consultation on the Proposed Variation in Respect of A Wind Energy Policy Framework for the County Development Plan 2018 – 2024 (As Varied) has closed and a report is currently being finalised for the Chief Executive's Report. Ms Quinn further advised three projects in Donegal has been selected by the 2022 RIAI Public Choice Awards, including the Killybegs Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan and encouraged the Members to share the voting details amongst their contacts. The Regeneration Unit will be in touch to arrange a workshop to discuss the Ballyshannon project.

Ms Quinn acknowledged the Roads Area Managers assistance with the Rossnowlough Workshop held on the 17<sup>th</sup> May and for also progressing the Part VIII application for the Diamond in Donegal Town. Mr Niall Togher, Graduate Planner was welcomed by the Members.

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

### **Casual Trading Workshop**

The Members agreed to hold an on-line Casual Trading Workshop on Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 10am.

### **Building Control & Taking In Charge**

### **Taking in Charge of Private Residential Estates**

Ms Quinn referred to the Building Control Activity Report and presented the Taking in Charge Report as circulated with the Agenda and approval was sought from Members to complete the following Taking in Charge processes: -

#### **Highfields, Ballyshannon**

On the proposal of Councillor Sweeny seconded by Councillor McMahon 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 Highfields, Ballyshannon as set out in the attached maps, to enable it to proceed with the taking in charge of the estates.

On the proposal of Councillor Sweeny seconded by Councillor Naughton 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 Highfields, Ballyshannon to be public roads 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.

#### **Silver Hill, Bundoran**

On the proposal of Councillor McMahon seconded by Councillor Jordan 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 Silver Hill, Bundoran as set out in the attached maps, to enable it to proceed with the taking in charge of the estates.

On the proposal of Councillor McMahon seconded by Councillor Sweeny 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 Silver Hill, Bundoran to be public roads 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.

### **Glebe, Donegal Town**

On the proposal of Councillor Conaghan seconded by Councillor Naughton 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 Glebe, Donegal Town as set out in the attached maps, to enable it to proceed with the taking in charge of the estates.

On the proposal of Councillor Naughton seconded by Councillor Conaghan 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 Glebe, Donegal Town to be public roads 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.

### **MDD/095/22 Date of Next Meeting / Workshops**

- Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme Workshop at 10am on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022
- Casual Trading Workshop (Virtual) at 10am on Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022
- MD Meeting at 11.30 am on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022 (as per standing orders)

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

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

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

# **Donegal Municipal District**

## **Roads & Transportation Workshop**

**Date:** 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** Donegal PSC - Council Chamber

**Present:** Cllr Sweeney, Cllr Naughton, Cllr Kennedy,  
Cllr Conaghan, Cllr McMahon. Cllr Jordan.  
Aideen Quinn, Mark Sweeney.

**Topic discussed:**

- 1. Flooding Issue at Rosstownlough – Update to Members**
- 2. 2022 Local Improvement Schemes – Agree priority list**

### **Flooding Issue at Rosstownlough – Update to Members**

As a follow up to the workshop held on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021 at which the flooding issue at Rosstownlough was discussed the Members were updated of the following:

- Climate Adaptation funding was secured in 2021 to carry out the emergency repair works that were necessary following storm damage to the existing outfall at Durnesh lake.
- These emergency repair works were completed in 2021 and the new outfall is operating well.
- The repaired outfall however still gets blocked from time to time due to shifting sand during storm events, but the new flap valve is preventing sand from blocking the outfall channel.
- A draft tender has been prepared to appoint a consultant to review the entire catchment with a view to identifying measures that will resolve the flooding issue while also been mindful of the impact the measures will have on the SAC at Durnesh Lake.
- In 2022, further Climate Adaptation funding was sought to cover the cost of the design consultant, but we were unsuccessful on this occasion.
- Funding will be sought again in 2023.
- Members were again advised that from a planning perspective it is best to consider new applications as premature until such time as the flooding issue has been addressed.

## 2022 Local Improvement Schemes:

The Members were presented with a complete list of Local Improvement Schemes (LIS) and were asked to prioritise a list of works for the 2022 funding.

The funding available to the DMS this year is €144,995.00.

Detailed below are a list of the schemes that were prioritised.

This programme is to be formally agreed at the DMD meeting scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

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

## Donegal MD – 2022 Agreed list of Local Improvement Schemes

**Budget - €144,995.00**

| RSs Area | Location     | Priority | LIS No | Townland             | Cost Estimate (€) | Notes    |
|----------|--------------|----------|--------|----------------------|-------------------|----------|
| 14       | Ardaghey     | 1        | 170111 | Drimconnor           | €24,000.00        |          |
|          |              | 2        | 170827 | Castleogary          | €12,481.00        |          |
|          |              | 3        | 190232 | Rossylongan          | €18,336.00        |          |
| 15       | Killybegs    | 1        | 170750 | The Breas,<br>Fintra | €38,278.00        | Phase 1. |
| 16       | Ballyshannon | 1        | 170105 | Carricknahorna       | €33,000.00        |          |
| 17       | Laghey       | 1        | 171039 | Sessiaghkettla       | €18,900.00        |          |

**This concluded the business of the Workshop.**

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Donegal County Council

## Municipal District of Donegal

12<sup>th</sup> July 2022

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### **Housing & Corporate**

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## **REPORT**

1. Casual Vacancies
2. Housing Grants
3. Housing Loans
4. TP Applications
5. Approved Housing Bodies Developments
6. HAP Tenancies
7. Household Need by Location
8. Lease & Repair Scheme Summary

## Casual Vacancies

| Area           | BED | Dwelling Vacated                               | Comment  |
|----------------|-----|--|--|
| Laghey         | 3   | Tenant deceased - keys returned 13/04/2022     | Feasibility report completed                   |
| Laghey         | 2   | Tenancy surrendered - keys returned 03/06/2022 | Assessment Stage                               |
| Ballintra      | 3   | Keys returned 17/06/2021                       | Tender Stage                                   |
| Ballintra      | 3   | Keys returned 09/07/2021                       | Tender Stage                                   |
| Ballintra      | 1   | Tenant deceased - keys returned 19/06/2020     | Tender Stage                                   |
| Ballintra      | 1   | Tenant deceased on 09/01/2020                  | Tender Stage                                   |
| Ballyshannon   | 3   | Keys returned 08/07/2019                       | Funding in place - project proceeding          |
| Donegal Town   | 2   | Keys returned 1/6/22                           | Tender Stage                                   |
| Donegal Town   | 3   | Keys returned 12/05/2022                       | Tender Stage                                   |
| Mountcharles   | 1   | Tenant deceased - keys returned 11/04/2022     | Tender Stage                                   |
| Dunkineely     | 3   | 25/08/2017                                     | Assessed and funding source being investigated |
| Dunkineely     | 3   | 15/12/2017                                     | Assessed and funding source being investigated |
| Killybegs      | 1   | Tenant deceased - keys returned 23/05/2022     | Assessment Stage                               |
| Carrick        | 3   | Tenant returned keys 17/12/2021                | Tender Stage                                   |
| Pettigo        | 1   | Tenant returned keys 23/12/2021                | To be re-offered                               |
| Glencolumcille | 1   | Keys returned 10/5/22                          | Tender Stage                                   |

Position as at 30th June 2022

**HOUSING GRANTS**

|    | YEAR | TOTAL RECEIVED | APPROVED | REFUSED \ CANCELLED\INVALID | FURTHER INFO | PENDING |
|----|------|----------------|----------|-----------------------------|--------------|---------|
| HO | 2021 | 111            | 97       | 8                           | 2            | 4       |
| HO | 2022 | 43             | 21       | 6                           | 6            | 10      |

|    | YEAR | TOTAL RECEIVED | APPROVED | REFUSED \ CANCELLED\INVALID | REAPPLIED UNDER HM GRANT | FURTHER INFO. | REF. TO OT | REF. To ENGINEER | PENDING |
|----|------|----------------|----------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|------------|------------------|---------|
| HD | 2021 | 57             | 46       | 1                           | 1                        | 0             | 7          | 0                | 2       |
| HD | 2022 | 28             | 4        | 3                           | 0                        | 5             | 8          | 0                | 8       |

|    | YEAR | TOTAL RECEIVED | APPROVED | REFUSED \ CANCELLED\INVALID | REAPPLIED UNDER HD GRANT | REF. TO OT | FURTHER INFO | PENDING |
|----|------|----------------|----------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------|--------------|---------|
| HM | 2021 | 39             | 28       | 4                           | 6                        | 1          | 0            | 0       |
| HM | 2022 | 24             | 15       | 2                           | 2                        | 0          | 1            | 4       |

**HOUSING LOANS**

|               | YEAR | TOTAL RECEIVED | APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE | APPROVED | REFUSED \ CANCELLED | PENDING | Further information |
|---------------|------|----------------|-----------------------|----------|---------------------|---------|---------------------|
| Housing Loans | 2021 | 13             | 0                     | 2        | 10                  | 1       | 0                   |
| Housing Loans | 2022 | 2              | 0                     | 0        | 1                   | 1       | 0                   |

**Tenant Purchase Applications 2021 - 2022**

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



| Approved Housing Bodies Developments - Donegal Municipal District |                          |             |                       |                             |
|---|--------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Funding Programme   | Scheme / Project Name    | No of Units | Approved Housing Body | Current Status              |
| CAS Construction  | Drumrooske, Donegal Town | 10          | Oaklee                | Construction works complete |

| HAP/PRD   |             |
|---|-------------|
| HAP Tenancies   |             |
| Municipal District                                    | Number      |
| Donegal   | 227         |
| Letterkenny   | 712         |
| Glenties  | 114         |
| Stranorlar  | 267         |
| Inishowen   | 445         |
| Sub Total   | 1765        |
| Tenancies Closed                                      | 2382        |
| <b>Overall Total</b>                                  | <b>4147</b> |
|   |             |
| <b>2022 Private Rented Dwelling Inspections (MDD)</b> | <b>100</b>  |

| Municipal District |                      | Waiting List (Net Need) | Transfer List | Total Gross Need |
|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| <b>Donegal</b>     |                      | <b>172</b>              | <b>226</b>    | <b>398</b>       |
|                    | <b>Ballintra</b>     | <b>4</b>                | <b>5</b>      | <b>9</b>         |
|                    | <b>Ballyshannon</b>  | <b>34</b>               | <b>52</b>     | <b>86</b>        |
|                    | <b>Bruckless</b>     | <b>6</b>                | <b>1</b>      | <b>7</b>         |
|                    | <b>Bundoran</b>      | <b>37</b>               | <b>62</b>     | <b>99</b>        |
|                    | <b>Carrick</b>       | <b>2</b>                | <b>1</b>      | <b>3</b>         |
|                    | <b>Donegal</b>       | <b>63</b>               | <b>69</b>     | <b>132</b>       |
|                    | <b>Dunkineely</b>    | <b>4</b>                | <b>4</b>      | <b>8</b>         |
|                    | <b>Frosses</b>       | <b>1</b>                | <b>2</b>      | <b>3</b>         |
|                    | <b>Glencolmcille</b> | <b>4</b>                | <b>0</b>      | <b>4</b>         |
|                    | <b>Kilcar</b>        | <b>3</b>                | <b>3</b>      | <b>6</b>         |
|                    | <b>Killybegs</b>     | <b>7</b>                | <b>14</b>     | <b>21</b>        |
|                    | <b>Laghey</b>        | <b>1</b>                | <b>5</b>      | <b>6</b>         |
|                    | <b>Mountcharles</b>  | <b>4</b>                | <b>6</b>      | <b>10</b>        |
|                    | <b>Pettigo</b>       | <b>2</b>                | <b>2</b>      | <b>4</b>         |
|                    | <b>Total</b>         | <b>172</b>              | <b>226</b>    | <b>398</b>       |
| Updated 30.06.2022 |                      |                         |               |                  |

| Repair & Lease Scheme Summary |            |              |                     |           |             |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| Applications                  |            |              |                     |           |             |            |
| MD                            | Received   | No. of Units | Awaiting assessment | Rejected  | Progressing | Total      |
| <b>Inishowen</b>              | 22         | 24           | 5                   | 17        | 0           | <b>22</b>  |
| <b>Donegal</b>                | 16         | 40           | 0                   | 16        | 0           | <b>16</b>  |
| <b>Glenties</b>               | 19         | 19           | 3                   | 16        | 0           | <b>19</b>  |
| <b>Letterkenny</b>            | 24         | 30           | 8                   | 16        | 0           | <b>24</b>  |
| <b>Stranorlar</b>             | 22         | 70           | 10                  | 12        | 0           | <b>22</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>103</b> | <b>183</b>   | <b>26</b>           | <b>77</b> | <b>0</b>    | <b>103</b> |
| Updated 30/06/2022            |            |              |                     |           |             |            |

**Donegal Municipal District  
2022 Roadworks Programme**

**Status Report -12th July 2022**

# Donegal Municipal District

## Agreed 2022 Road Maintenance (Surface Dressing) Programme

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

# Donegal Municipal District

**2022**

| Road Class | Road Number | Road Name and/or Townland Name             | Engineering Area | Year | Width | Length (m) | Total Area of work (sq.m) | Estimated Cost (EURO) | Status    |
|------------|-------------|--|------------------|------|-------|------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| R          | R262-3      | Frosses - Meenagran                        | 14               | 2022 | 5.8   | 750        | 4315                      | €128,000.00           |           |
| LP         | LP1845-3    | Ballydevitt - Altadoo                      | 14               | 2022 | 5.0   | 800        | 4000                      | €90,000.00            | Completed |
| LP         | LP1875-1    | Station Road Mountcharles                  | 14               | 2022 | 4.5   | 500        | 2250                      | €45,000.00            | Completed |
| LP         | LP1515-3    | Ardaghey - Ardara Road                     | 14               | 2022 | 7.0   | 500        | 3500                      | €76,000.00            | Started   |
| LS         | LS6175-2    | Salthill                                   | 14               | 2022 | 3.8   | 1000       | 3750                      | €83,000.00            | Completed |
| LP         | LP1825-3    | Lacrom - Ogherbeg                          | 14               | 2022 | 3.2   | 1000       | 3200                      | €54,000.00            | Completed |
| LP         | LP 1815-1   | Glencoagh                                  | 14               | 2022 | 5.0   | 500        | 2500                      | €62,000.00            |           |
| LS         | LS5695-2    | Killmacreddan                              | 14               | 2022 | 5.0   | 100        | 500                       | €22,310.00            |           |
| LP         | LP1485-2    | Brenther - Tieveoooly                      | 14               | 2022 | 3.0   | 1000       | 3000                      | €44,500.00            | Completed |
| LS         | LS675-1     | Lissavaddy                                 | 14               | 2022 | 3.3   | 1000       | 3300                      | €51,419.00            | Completed |
| LS         | LS5945-1    | Creevins to Roses Fish Farm                | 14               | 2022 | 3.2   | 700        | 2240                      | €40,000.00            | Completed |
| LS         | LS5955-1    | Doorin (Michael Meehans)                   | 14               | 2022 | 3.2   | 500        | 1600                      | €27,000.00            | Completed |
| LP         | LP1645-1    | Doorin (Eagles nest)                       | 14               | 2022 | 3.2   | 500        | 1600                      | €27,000.00            | Completed |
| LT         | LT64452     | Drumgorman                                 | 14               | 2022 | 3.2   | 500        | 1600                      | €32,000.00            | Completed |
| LT         | LT64451     | Newtown (Sean McGroarys Road)              | 14               | 2022 | 3.2   | 300        | 960                       | €19,200.00            | Completed |
| LS         | LS5925-1    | Bonyglen                                   | 14               | 2022 | 3.2   | 680        | 2200                      | €40,000.00            | Completed |
| LS         | LS5825-1    | Curraduff - Killian High Road              | 14               | 2022 | 3.2   | 1000       | 3200                      | €58,000.00            |           |
| R          | R263-14     | Glen streets                               | 15               | 2022 | 6.0   | 300        | 1800                      | €60,000.00            |           |
| LP         | LP1275-5    | Killybegs streets                          | 15               | 2022 | 5.7   | 700        | 4000                      | €131,543.88           |           |
| LP         | LP1295-1    | Balbane                                    | 15               | 2022 | 3.0   | 800        | 2400                      | €44,000.00            | Started   |
| S          | LS5525-1    | Aghayeeveoge at the 5 points               | 15               | 2022 | 6.0   | 400        | 2400                      | €53,000.00            | Started   |
| LP         | LP1365-1    | Drumaghey towards curraghfagan             | 15               | 2022 | 4.5   | 1000       | 4500                      | €135,000.00           | Completed |
| R          | R263-11     | Meenaveen to Carrick                       | 15               | 2022 | 6.3   | 800        | 5000                      | €140,000.00           | Completed |
| R          | R263-6      | Bavin                                      | 15               | 2022 | 7.0   | 400        | 2800                      | €90,000.00            | Completed |
| LP         | LP1415-2    | Loughmult                                  | 15               | 2022 | 4.0   | 800        | 3200                      | €45,000.00            | Completed |
| LS         | LS5335-1    | Bavin Gate to shalwey road ( Link rd)      | 15               | 2022 | 4.0   | 200        | 800                       | €25,000.00            | Completed |
| LP         | LP1025-3    | Meenaveen                                  | 15               | 2022 | 5.0   | 1000       | 5000                      | €110,000.00           | Completed |
| R          | LS5065-2    | Kinakillew                                 | 15               | 2022 | 3.0   | 400        | 1200                      | €54,000.00            | Completed |
| LP         | LP1265-1    | Drumbraity                                 | 15               | 2022 | 5.0   | 350        | 1750                      | €50,000.00            | Completed |
| R          | R 231       | Rossnowlough RD                            | 16               | 2022 | 7.0   | 750        | 5250                      | €118,081.94           |           |
| R          | R 267       | Bundoran Streets                           | 16               | 2022 | 9.0   | 500        | 4500                      | €73,649.84            |           |
| R          | R267        | Ballyshannon Streets                       | 16               | 2022 | 7.0   | 350        | 2450                      | €80,000.00            | Started   |
| LP         | L-2225-1    | Ballintra Streets                          | 16               | 2022 | 6.0   | 300        | 1800                      | €36,000.00            |           |
| LP         | L 7665-1-2  | Carricknahorna-Tober                       | 16               | 2022 | 3.5   | 1000       | 3500                      | €70,000.00            | Started   |
| LP         | L 7745-1    | Ardgillew                                  | 16               | 2022 | 3.5   | 1100       | 3850                      | €65,450.00            | Started   |
| LP         | L 7875-2    | Rathmore                                   | 16               | 2022 | 3.7   | 1100       | 4070                      | €67,155.00            | Completed |
| LP         | L 7795-1    | Cashelard Lough colm Cille                 | 16               | 2022 | 3.5   | 1000       | 3500                      | €57,750.00            | Completed |
| LP         | L 7765-1    | Behey                                      | 16               | 2022 | 3.5   | 600        | 2100                      | €35,700.00            | Started   |
| LP         | L 7935-1    | Ardfarn                                    | 16               | 2022 | 3.5   | 1400       | 4900                      | €80,850.00            | Started   |
| LP         | L7125-1     | Drumoske                                   | 16               | 2022 | 3.3   | 1000       | 3300                      | €54,450.00            | Completed |
| LP         | L2535-1     | Ballymunterhiggin                          | 16               | 2022 | 5     | 630        | 3150                      | €63,050.00            |           |
| LP?        | L7985-1     | Lisahully South                            | 16               | 2022 | 3.5   | 1000       | 3500                      | €70,000.00            | Started   |
| LP?        | L7645_1     | Laheen                                     | 16               | 2022 | 3.5   | 1000       | 3500                      | €70,000.00            | Started   |
| R          | R267        | Donegal streets (Old Laghey Road Donegal T | 17               | 2022 | 7     | 500        | 3500                      | €97,650.00            | Completed |
| R          | R232        | Pettigo Road                               | 17               | 2022 | 7     | 500        | 3500                      | €133,326.60           | Completed |
| L S        | L 8065-2    | Crilly Lettercran                          | 17               | 2022 | 3.5   | 1000       | 3500                      | €57,750.00            |           |
| L S        | L8015-1     | Drumnawark                                 | 17               | 2022 | 4.5   | 1100       | 4950                      | €99,000.00            | Started   |
| LP         | L2075-1     | Old Laghey Rd (West)                       | 17               | 2022 | 5     | 750        | 3750                      | €75,000.00            | Started   |
| LP         | L1945-1     | Killymard Rd                               | 17               | 2022 | 5     | 650        | 3250                      | €68,250.00            | Started   |
| LP         | L1835-1     | Harveys Point entrance towards Greenan     | 17               | 2022 | 4.5   | 1300       | 5850                      | €88,750.00            | Started   |
| LP         | L2135-2     | Murvagh crossroads to salmon inn junction  | 17               | 2022 | 3.5   | 1500       | 5250                      | €86,625.00            | Completed |
| LS         | L6685-2     | Meenadreen                                 | 17               | 2022 | 3.5   | 1000       | 3500                      | €57,750.00            | Completed |
| LT         | L21951      | Trummon                                    | 17               | 2022 | 3.5   | 750        | 2625                      | €38,062.50            | Started   |
| LS         | L7065-1     | Carrick Breeney                            | 17               | 2022 | 3.5   | 1600       | 5600                      | €88,441.00            | Completed |
| LS         | L6765-2     | Joel Mc Creas junction towards Drumcroagh  | 17               | 2022 | 3.5   | 1300       | 4550                      | €68,250.00            | Completed |
| LS         | L7345-3     | Kimmid Depot to Lough Derg Rd              | 17               | 2022 | 3.5   | 1100       | 3850                      | €77,000.00            | Started   |
|            |             |  |                  |      |       |            |                           | <b>€3,814,965</b>     |           |

## Donegal MD footpath repair & public lighting infill works

### 3 Year Programme

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

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

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

| 2022 Donegal MD Safety improvement Works |                 |  |                                      |                |        |
|--|-----------------|--|--------------------------------------|----------------|--------|
| 2022 Donegal MD Safety improvement Works |                 |  |                                      |                |        |
| MD                                       | Road Number     | Location                                     | Description                          | LA Allocation  | Status |
| Donegal                                  | L-1845 & L-1865 | Ballydevitt Cross Roads                      | Safety improvement works to junction | €30,000        |        |
|  | R267-7 & L-1058 | Junction at Finner Road / Tullan Strand Road | Safety improvement works to junction | €15,000        |        |
|  |                 |  | <b>Total</b>                         | <b>€45,000</b> |        |

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

**Donegal Municipal District**

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

**2021 NTA Active Travel Funding**

**Donegal Municipal District**

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

**2022 Active Travel Projects**

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



## Donegal MD Community Involvement Schemes 2022

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

## Donegal MD

### 2022 LIS Agreed Priority List -

2022 Budget **Yet to be announced**

DMD % **18.6715%**

DMD Budget **€144,995.00**

**Total**

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

## 2022 DMD Clar Schemes

| No. | RSS Area | Location | Project                               | Budget     | Status  |
|-----|----------|----------|---------------------------------------|------------|---------|
| 1   | 17       | Donegal  | St Francis National School Barnesmore | €48,300.00 | Started |

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

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



**Comhairle Contae  
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Donegal County Council

**Economic Development, Information Systems and  
Emergency Services Directorate  
Donegal Municipal District Report July 2022**

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# 1. Division: Economic Development

## 1.1 Economic Development Unit

### Project / Activity Report

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| Title             | Economic Development Unit  |
| <b>Countywide</b> | <p><b>Property Solutions:</b> The team is progressing 13 property solution opportunities across the county. This involves working closely with local business or inward investment opportunities to provide suitable property solutions including Council owned land or property as well as opportunities for acquisition.</p> <p><b>Remote Working:</b> The Remote Working Holiday campaign has received a fantastic response since launching on May 18<sup>th</sup> with over 160 sign-ups to date. Each of the 12 digital hubs across Donegal has received a number of requests from which to remote work. The campaign is due to run until the end of September and help to extend tourism traffic while also promoting awareness and usage of Donegal’s network of digital hubs. Sign-ups have included remote workers based across Ireland, the UK, US and even Australia from a number of blue-chip companies including Twitter, Apple, Salesforce, Deloitte and Morgan Stanley.</p> <p><b>Killybegs Marine Cluster:</b> To support the development of the Blue Economy, the Economic Development Unit are working with key stakeholders to develop the potential and to drive awareness about the opportunities presenting in new and emerging growth sectors. This involves working collaboratively with Enterprise Ireland, the Atlantic Technological University and the Local Enterprise Office and key stakeholders on the Killybegs Marine Cluster.</p> <p><b>Caravan, Camping and Campervan Study:</b> In 2021, Donegal County Council commissioned KPMG Future Analytics to undertake a study, which provided a number of recommendations and actions for the future sustainable development of the Caravan, Camping and Campervan sector in the county. Several actions are currently being developed, with each being coordinated with both internal and external stakeholders. These include:</p> |

- **The Caravan, Camping, Campervan and Motorhome Facilities grant Scheme:** the second phase of this grant scheme, targeting the Community and Voluntary sector closed on June 30<sup>th</sup>. The scheme is aimed at supporting an increase in the overnight accommodation options for those visiting the county, especially in areas currently underserved.
- **Code of Conduct:** Donegal County Council have finalised a draft Code of Conduct with key internal divisions and external stakeholders including Motorhome Ireland, Total Camping Ireland, Failte Ireland, Irish Caravan and Camping Council and Donegal Camping and Caravan Parks Association. The Code of Conduct will be promoted across the county and stakeholders will be asked to promote to their members and visitors to the county to ensure a positive experience for all stakeholders.
- **Marketing:** The Tourism Unit have redeveloped the GoVisitDonegal website with a dedicated caravan, camping, campervan and motorhomes webpage for the sector. This section will include a map for visitors pinpointing accommodation, Aire de Services, recycling centres, dining out options etc.
- **Aire de Service review:** The Donegal County Council are continuing to review the workings, ongoing issues and the management of existing Aire de Service units and will consider a plan for the future of these units once the review is complete.
- **Signage:** The Donegal County Council have set up a working group to look at the issue of signage in the sector, to identify where issues of concern are located, where camping/campervan use is an issue, to dissuade bad practice and encourage responsible camping/campervan usage. An audit of priority locations is ongoing.

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

|           | Impressions (last 28 days) | Total Followers |
|-----------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Linked In | 39,100                     | 3,676 (+103)    |
| Twitter   | 98,000                     | 2,051 (+58)     |
| Instagram | 3,063                      | 2,120 (+47)     |
| Facebook  | 16,293                     | 1,369 (+21)     |

Donegal.ie 4.4K Web Users (4 weeks 23 May – 20 June)

14 News Items Published

### **North West City Region**

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

- **Inward Investment Strategy:** both councils have worked with OCO Global to develop a three-year Investment strategy for the region. Follow up actions and potential funding options are being actioned on this.
- **Talent Solutions:** both councils are working with Abodoo to develop a mapping platform to demonstrate the range of skills in the region to help attract FDI to the Northwest of Ireland. DCC and DSCDC are next launching a campaign to seek online survey feedback from both businesses and employees on current skills in the region as well as any future skills needs.
- **Communications:** The EDU continue to collaborate with DCSDC on promoting the North West City Region for investment and business opportunities including via LinkedIn and Twitter platforms. This work will tie into the Inward Investment Strategy in the coming year, with a focus on the Talent Solutions survey in July.

You can follow respective LinkedIn and Twitter Platforms  
NorthWestCityRegionIreland

**Atlantic Economic Corridor:** The Donegal County Council are working with Local Authority partners along the western coast to progress mutually beneficial projects and initiatives. Donegal County Council and the WDC recently met to ensure coordination between the DCC Remote Working Holiday and the Governments Remote Working Voucher scheme. This will see visitors offered up to 4 days free access to digital Hubs in the county.

**Concierge Service:** The EDU are available to support existing businesses, potential business start-ups or businesses looking to relocate or wishing to expand and who need advice on accessing a wide range of Council services

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|                | and supports. Please contact the EDU by email <a href="mailto:economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie">economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie</a> .   |
| Contact Person | Ciaran Martin - <a href="mailto:ciaran.martin@donegalcoco.ie">ciaran.martin@donegalcoco.ie</a> (086) 8261760<br>Rosita Mahony – <a href="mailto:rosita.mahony@donegalcoco.ie">rosita.mahony@donegalcoco.ie</a> (087) 2510128 |

**1.2 Tourism Unit**

**Project / Activity Report**

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| <b>Donegal MD</b> | <p><b>Sea Sessions Ticket Competition</b></p> <p>In early June, Tourism Unit ran a competition giving away 10 pairs of festival tickets and promoting the upcoming festival. There were 476 entries for this competition. All winners have come forward and received the tickets.</p> <p><b>Bundoran Marketing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2022 brochure printed and being made available in outlets in the area. Online version also being made available for download.</li> <li>• Finalising summer marketing campaign.</li> <li>• Weekly podcast production.</li> <li>• Monthly newsletter sent.</li> <li>• Launch of beach wheelchair in Bundoran.</li> <li>• Promotion of Blue Flag being retained for Bundoran.</li> </ul> <p><b>Bundoran Tourist Office</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tourist Office open 7 days a week.</li> <li>• Currently two TÚS employee working and one volunteer.</li> <li>• Recommended free weekly Historical Walking Tours on Thursdays.</li> </ul> <p><b>Website and Social Media</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintaining a social media presence for the town on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Generating content and repurposing other content. Users of discoverbundoran.com up 63% Jan 1<sup>st</sup> – Jun 26<sup>th</sup> v 2021, Page views up 74% on same period and Sessions up 133% on same period.</li> </ul> |
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**Waterworld/Seaweed Baths**

- Waterworld open since June 24<sup>th</sup>. Marketing plan activated.
- Promotion of further job vacancies and lifeguard courses on WW social media channels.
- Booking system up and running.
- Photo session for new PR images.
- Live broadcast from Ocean FM for opening.

**Other**

- Working with DCC team on Bundoran Oceanside project/Public Toilets.
- Draft Tourism Masterplan for the town presented to trade in town for comment.
- Working with Failte Ireland on finalising other elements of Oceanside project above.
- Working on potential music event later in the year.
- Working with organisers of Vintage and Classic Car Show for event on July 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Countywide****Go Visit Donegal - Digital and Online Marketing****Data range: 1<sup>st</sup> – 26th June 2022****Countywide****Social media - Numbers overview for May**

- We have gained 551 new followers across Facebook, Instagram and Twitter
- Total impressions: 7,691,633 across Facebook, Instagram and Twitter
- Total Reach: 4,217,20 across Facebook, Instagram









**GoVisitDonegal.com Website****Year to Date Stats since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 (until 26th June)**

|                   | <b>May</b> | <b>Performance vs same period in 2021</b> |
|-------------------|------------|---|
| <b>Page Views</b> | 350,951    | <b>+61%</b>                               |
| <b>Users</b>      | 127,625    | <b>+65%</b>                               |



### **In June website views by country:**

- Traffic came from **139 countries** in total
- Top Ten Countries include:

| Country   | Users  | % Users |
|---|--------|---------|
| 1.  Ireland        | 12,621 | 51.3%   |
| 2.  United Kingdom | 7,789  | 31.3%   |
| 3.  United States  | 1,555  | 6.25%   |
| 4. (not set)  | 326    | 1.31%   |
| 5.  Germany        | 313    | 1.26%   |
| 6.  France         | 193    | 0.78%   |
| 7.  China          | 174    | 0.70%   |
| 8.  Australia      | 172    | 0.69%   |
| 9.  Canada         | 171    | 0.69%   |
| 10.  Spain         | 157    | 0.63%   |

### **Marketing Updates:**

#### **Festivals and Events on the Go Visit Donegal Website**

Festivals and Events are regularly updated on the website, currently there are 27 events published on the page. The Tourism Unit continues to receive Festivals and Events submissions that are published in the calendar of events on the Go Visit Donegal website. We encourage festival organisers to submit information using the online form:

<https://form.iotform.com/220192334059350>

#### **Social Media platforms – Followers (May)**

Facebook Page Followers: 54,853

Instagram Followers: 21,718

Twitter Followers: 15,968

LinkedIn Followers: 500

#### **Blog**

Recent blogs include:

- Launch of Earagail Arts Festival

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|                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Official Opening of Tír na Draíochta – The Land of Magic</li> <li>- The Flight Connections Corridor at Dublin Airport</li> </ul> <p>It can also be access via Go Visit Donegal website:<br/> <a href="https://www.govisitdonegal.com/festivals-and-events">https://www.govisitdonegal.com/festivals-and-events</a></p> <p><b>Working Holiday in Donegal</b></p> <p>Tourism Unit provided support to Economic Development Unit with the design of the Working Holiday Brochure. A promotional banner features on the Go Visit Donegal Home Page and redirects the Users to donegal.ie website. A feature is also published on the Blog and promoted via social media platforms.</p> |
| Contact Person | <p>Barney Mc Laughlin - Head of Tourism Unit<br/> <a href="mailto:barney.mclaughlin@donegalcoco.ie">barney.mclaughlin@donegalcoco.ie</a><br/> 074 9724465</p>   |

### 1.3 Strategic Funding Unit

#### Project / Activity Report

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| <b>Title</b> | <b>Strategic Funding Unit – exploring EU and National Funding Opportunities that support the objectives set out in the Donegal County Council Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024</b>   |
| All MD's     | <p><b>New EU Project Application Submitted to support Biking Tourism</b></p> <p>Donegal County Council has joined The Sustainable Arctic and Peripheral Biking Tourism (SUB) project consortium and an application for funding has been submitted under the EU NPA (Northern Periphery and Arctic) programme. SUB project seeks to create a cluster of businesses in the tourism sector and then provide them with appropriate supports such as training, mentoring and assist them with developing new products such as cycling tourism packages, linking with other tourism sector providers to create an experience e.g. accommodation, other activity providers such as watersports or walking/hiking. News on the funding application will be available in Q4 2022.</p> |

### **Associate Partnership on Target Circular EU project**

Donegal County Council is also an associate partner on a new EU project submitted by way of application for under the recent NPA call 'Target Circular' which seeks to provide support and mentoring for businesses in relation to the circular economy. The lead partner is the Hincks Centre for Entrepreneurship Excellence at MTU Munster Technological University.

### **AER Summer Academy event in Donegal**

Plans for the Assembly of European Regions Summer Academy event in Donegal on the week of 29<sup>th</sup> August 2022 are progressing. Tickets are now on sale via Eventbrite for both youth and adult delegates, with approximately 100 delegates from across EU member states expected in attendance. Donegal County Council will co-host the event in partnership with Udarás na Gaeltachta and celebrate Ireland's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of joining the EU and the European Year of Youth 2022. This event is also part funded via the Communicating Europe Initiative 2022 from the Department of Foreign Affairs. More details can be found on <https://donegal.ie/en/aer-summer-academy-2022>

### **CPMR General Assembly**

Our Political Representative on the CPMR, Councillor O'Fearraigh attended the CPMR Political Bureau meeting on 16 June 2022 in Helsingborg (Skåne, Sweden). A brokerage event on innovation and coastal tourism (i3) co-organised with DG MARE was also attended. Other topics for discussion included EU funding, marine tourism, fisheries, renewable energy, Atlantic Action Plan 2.0 and macro-regional strategy development.

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

The new Brexit Blue Economy Enterprise Support Scheme is now open to businesses only, within a 10km distance from the coast. It is 50% funded. The call is currently open for online applications at the following link: <https://bim.ie/fisheries/funding/brexit-blue-economy-enterprise-development-scheme> FLAG will reopen until 2023.

### **SFU Webinars 2022**

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|            | <p>The next series of SFU webinars will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> September and 23<sup>rd</sup> November.</p> <p><b>Project Partnership and Development</b></p> <p>There are several new EU project proposals being reviewed on a daily basis. The SFU is receiving invitations to join consortiums from a number of sources. These are being reviewed and sent to the relevant Directorates on an ongoing basis.</p> <p><b>Other areas of work include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EU Funding Programme Reviews</li> <li>• Participation in project scoping meetings with potential partners</li> <li>• Participation in EU network meetings such as CPMR, AER etc.</li> <li>• Funding Needs Analysis of Council Divisions</li> <li>• Regular Strategic Funding Newsletters</li> </ul>   |
| Donegal MD | <p><b>Donegal Diamond – Outdoor Public Space Scheme</b></p> <p>Part 8 planning is ongoing in relation to the enhancement work on Donegal Diamond funded under the Outdoor Public Space Scheme 2021. Capital works/construction procurement is in preparation and the project must be completed within 12 months i.e. before the end of 2022 pending successful approval of Part 8 planning. The Part 8 for the Donegal Diamond is expected to go before the September Council Plenary meeting for approval.</p> <p><b>Donegal Town Pier and Diamond Masterplan</b></p> <p>The Masterplan for both the Pier and the Diamond is well developed and nearing completion of the first draft, which will be made public following the Part 8 process for the Diamond with a view to further stakeholder consultation before the draft Masterplan is finalised and approved.</p> <p><b>Fáilte Ireland Local Authority Weatherproofing and Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Scheme</b></p> <p>The project to develop Bundoran Oceanside, an outdoor dining and entertainment facility in the West End car park is ongoing. The existing toilets located at the Tourist Office will be refurbished to include disabled access toilets. This is funded by Fáilte Ireland’s Local Authority</p> |

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|                       | Weatherproofing and Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Scheme. Part 8 planning is ongoing, and it is expected to go out to public consultation on 28 <sup>th</sup> June. Pending approval, this will be followed by capital works/construction procurement. The Part 8 for this project is expected to go before the September Council Plenary meeting for approval. Procurement of 'Bundoran' lettering as a focal point/photo opportunity in the town is also underway. |
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#### 1.4 Project: Trail Gazers Bid

##### Project / Activity Report

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

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

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS**

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

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

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

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

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

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#### **PROGRESS**

- Our last monthly communication and coordination meeting with all transnational partners was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022. These meetings are led by Donegal County Council and provide a great opportunity to ensure that progress in delivering key project outputs remains on track.
- On the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> May, Trail Gazers hosted our transnational Steering Meeting and Project Monitoring Meetings in Merthyr in Wales. All partners presented updates on their work packages and set out a plan for the remainder of the project deliverables. Some of the highlights of the trip were: a presentation from the Sustrans Group in relation to setting up trails and partners having two opportunities to walk the Taff trail to hear about their development options and look at best practice. The Trail Gazers team were also welcomed and had lunch with the Mayor and members of Cabinet.

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|  | <p>Mary McBride (Project Manager) gave the members an overview of the Trail Gazers project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Recreational trail development within different geographical contexts of the European Atlantic area as a determinant for local economic impact” – this presentation was presented by the University of Algarve at our Steering Meeting in Merthyr showing the initial multiplier from some of our pilot trails (including Inch). The multiplier outlines the potential return for investment on our trail sites.</li> <li>• Our Trails Forecasting Dashboard was officially launched at our Steering Meeting in Merthyr on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June by the University of Ulster. This dashboard is a web-based monitoring tool that incorporates data from multiple walking trails across the European Atlantic area and shows counting technology, data visualisations and footfall analysis.</li> <li>• In line with our development options arising from our stakeholder engagements, Informational Signage for key sites around Inch Levels is currently at tender stage.</li> <li>• All partners are currently developing and populating their Community Trail Plans for each of our pilot sites. These plans will form an integral part of the legacy of the Trail Gazers project as they can be adapted by any trail going forward.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Project Targets for the next quarterly* reporting period</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuous uploading of information on project results to the Atlantic Area Website.</li> <li>• All Community Trail Plans to be uploaded to our website.</li> <li>• CTAP event for July and September.</li> <li>• Preparations for Navarra closure event 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> June.</li> <li>• Draft final report for the project including chapters on all the work packages will be worked on over the next number of weeks.</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>Contact Person</b></p>   | <p>Mary McBride<br/> <a href="mailto:marymcbride@donegalcoco.ie">marymcbride@donegalcoco.ie</a></p>   |

1.5 1.5 Diaspora Unit

**Project / Activity Report**

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| <b>Title</b>          | <b>Donegal Diaspora Unit</b>  |
| Countywide            | <p><b>Donegal Connect 2022</b></p> <p>Donegal Connect 2022 will take place from 23 to 25 September as part of the Global Irish Festival Series (Fáilte Ireland in conjunction with the Department of Foreign Affairs). An international launch event took place at the Irish Embassy in London on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Further information is available at <a href="http://www.donegal.ie/en/donegal-connect">www.donegal.ie/en/donegal-connect</a></p> <p><b>Tip O’Neill Irish Diaspora Awards 2022</b></p> <p>The Tip O’Neill Irish Diaspora Awards 2022 will take place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September in the Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana. The Tip O’Neill committee met for the first time this year on 21<sup>st</sup> June. A ‘Save the Date’ will issue shortly with tickets due to go on sale in the coming weeks via Eventbrite.</p> <p><b>Donegal Diaspora Website</b></p> <p>A communications plan on the use of the Diaspora website and associated Diaspora social media channels is currently taking place with further updates to follow. <i>Donegal Diaspora social media statistics as of 23/06/2022 are as follows:</i></p> <p>LinkedIn – 953 connections</p> <p>Twitter – 3,863 followers</p> <p>Facebook – 5,500 followers</p> <p>Instagram – 206 followers</p> <p><b>Diaspora CRM</b></p> <p>We are also working with the IT department to introduce a new CRM system for tracking and managing our interactions with our Donegal Diaspora.</p> |
| <b>Contact Person</b> | <p><b>Eoin Leonard</b><br/> <b>Diaspora Officer</b><br/> <b>Mobile:</b> +353 (87) 360 5678<br/> <b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:eleonard@donegalcoco.ie">eleonard@donegalcoco.ie</a></p>   |



## 2: Division: Local Enterprise Office

### Project / Activity Report

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

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| <b>Outline of Work</b> | <p><b>General Overview – Highlights:</b></p> <p><b><u>Summary of May Outputs:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grant Aid –<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Value of total Grant Aid Approvals YTD is €469k.</li><li>○ Grant Aid Evac meeting took place on the 21<sup>st</sup> June, five projects were approved grant aid to a value of €132k.</li><li>○ Next evac meeting will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> September.</li></ul></li><li>• Trading Online Vouchers – 13 attended information session in June</li><li>• Mentoring YTD – 81 Participants</li><li>• Training 738 Attendees YTD.</li></ul> <p><b><u>Upcoming Activities:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Start Your Own Business Programme – starts on 13<sup>th</sup> September – evening course – online. Book <a href="#">here</a></li><li>• Small Business Accounts Programme – starts on 6<sup>th</sup> September – evening course – online. Book <a href="#">here</a></li><li>• Food Starter Programme – starts on 19<sup>th</sup> September – online. Book <a href="#">here</a></li><li>• Trading Online Information Session – 13<sup>th</sup> July - Book <a href="#">here</a></li></ul> |
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|                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business Information Session &amp; Grant Aid workshop –Next one is 29<sup>th</sup> July at 10am – online. Information &amp; Booking <a href="#">here</a></li> <li>• Prepare Your Business for Customs – workshop on 27<sup>th</sup> July – online. Book <a href="#">here</a></li> <li>• Food Photography &amp; Styling Workshop – 12<sup>th</sup> September - Book <a href="#">here</a></li> </ul> <p><b><u>Donegal Stories:</u></b> Website highlighting the businesses of Donegal that have been supported by the LEO. <a href="https://donegalstories.ie/">https://donegalstories.ie/</a></p> |
| <b>Contact Person</b> | Grace Korbel, Business Advisor<br>Local Enterprise Office<br>074 9160735<br>grace.korbel@leo.donegalcoco.ie   |

### **3: Division: Emergency Services: Fire Service**

| Activity  | Number of:<br>(May)* |                  | Total for year      |                  |
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| <b><u>Fire Service Operations</u></b>                               |                      |                  |                     |                  |
| Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:                     | 63                   |                  | 354                 |                  |
| Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:                 | 61                   |                  | 385                 |                  |
| Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**: | 10                   |                  | 30                  |                  |
| <b><u>Operational Activity Breakdown May 2022</u></b>               |                      |                  |                     |                  |
|   | Turnouts             |                  | Incidents in County |                  |
|   | Fires                | Special Services | Fires               | Special Services |
| Donegal Fire Service  | 21                   | 40               | 18                  | 35               |
| Northern Ireland Fire Service                                       | 5                    | 5                | 5                   | 5                |

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| <b>Sub Total</b>   | 26   | 45 | 23  | 40 |
| <b>Total</b>   | 71   |    | 63  |    |
| <b><u>Fire Prevention</u></b>  |      |    |     |    |
| Fire Safety Certificate applications received:   | 14   |    | 49  |    |
| Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:   | 9    |    | N/A |    |
| Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from Applicant / Agent:                          | 45   |    | N/A |    |
| Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:  | 9    |    | 48  |    |
| Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:  | 0    |    | 1   |    |
| Dangerous Substance Licences issued:   | 1    |    | 1   |    |
| Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:  | 3    |    | 14  |    |
| Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007): | 7    |    | 31  |    |
| Fire Safety Complaints received:   | 1    |    | 5   |    |
| Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:   | 1    |    | 5   |    |
| During Performance Inspections carried out:  | 0    |    | 0   |    |
| Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:   | 78** |    | 78  |    |

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

**\*\*Primary School Programme**

As part of its community fire safety programme Donegal Fire Service delivers the Primary Schools Programme (PSP) each year to 3<sup>rd</sup> year classes in the County's primary schools. The programme was delivered to 78 schools via Microsoft Teams in May 2022.



**ENVIRONMENT MD REPORT – July '22**

**WASTE AND LITTER MANAGEMENT**

**Activity /  
Project Title**

**Buncrana community encouraged to participate  
in 'Donate Don't Waste' textiles research pilot**

**Project  
Description  
/Activity**

*Take the survey, donate clean and dry clothing & home textiles*



Photo 1: Margaret Bell (Vincent's Buncrana manager), Sorcha O'Brien (CRNI), Former Cathaoirleach Jack Murray, Noreen Turner (Vincent's Buncrana shop assistant)

Buncrana has been selected as a pilot area for the Donate Don't Waste separate textiles collection pilot, part of [Community Resources Network Ireland's \(CRNI\)](#) innovation & demonstration project, *Developing a Circular Textiles System for Ireland*, which will inform national policy. This project is funded by the Environmental Protection Agency's [Green Enterprise: Innovation for a Circular Economy](#) grant-aid funding programme. CRNI, Vincent's Buncrana and Donegal County Council are involved in the pilot project.

The Donate Don't Waste pilot in Buncrana aims to make clothing and home textile donations easier by sharing where and what to donate on [www.donatebuncrana.ie](http://www.donatebuncrana.ie) and to understand attitudes and behaviours around unwanted clothing and home textiles through an online survey.

All clothing and home textiles have value and keeping them in circulation for longer within Ireland has potential to save environmental resources and create new local jobs, training and business opportunities. The fashion industry is responsible for 10% of annual global carbon emissions. In Ireland, about 68,000 tonnes of textiles are discarded every year by householders and commercial users. By comparison, about 14,500 tonnes of textiles are reused by Charity Retail Ireland members. If just 15% of discarded textiles were reused, there could be environmental savings of over 100,000 tonnes of carbon.

Charity shops are the main drivers of textile reuse and Charity Retail Ireland's members include Vincent's charity shops, who support the work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVP), the project's charity partner.

Christine Costelloe, CRNI's Circular Textiles Research Lead, said "We're delighted that the Buncrana community is getting involved in the project by taking the survey and donating clothing and home textiles, which will positively contribute to environmental, social and economic change."

Dermot McGilloway, National Retail Development Manager for SVP, said "At Vincent's charity shops, we are an essential link in the circular economy, enabling local donors to pass on pre-loved items for reuse in our local communities. We are committed to tackling the twin problems of poverty and deprivation on the one hand and the excessive consumption of fast fashion on the other."

**Take the survey** on unwanted clothing and home textiles at [www.donatebuncrana.ie](http://www.donatebuncrana.ie). Respondents could win one of six €50 One4All gift vouchers.

**Donate clean and dry clothing and home textiles** at existing collection points, including charity shops, on the map at [www.donatebuncrana.ie](http://www.donatebuncrana.ie) and at an additional clothing bank to be established during the pilot.

**Share survey and Donate Don't Waste information** with friends, families, students, staff members, customers and community group members, for example.

To get involved, view the map of collection points and the latest announcements, visit [www.donatebuncrana.ie](http://www.donatebuncrana.ie), contact [info@crni.ie](mailto:info@crni.ie) or 087 173 5184, follow #DonateDontWaste and @CRNIreland on social media.



Photo 2: Former Cathaoirleach Jack Murray



Photo 3: Margaret Bell (Vincent's Buncrana manager), Noreen Turner (Vincent's Buncrana shop assistant), Sorcha O'Brien (CRNI)

# Donation list for Clothing & Home Textiles



## Please Donate Clean & Dry:



CLOTHES



VESTS & PYJAMAS



SHOES & SOCKS



BAGS & WALLETS



ACCESSORIES



BED LINEN



THROWS & BLANKETS



KITCHEN & BATH TOWELS



TABLE LINEN



SMALL RUGS



CURTAINS



CUSHION COVERS

COVERS ONLY!

Includes new, lightly used and well loved items (with rips, holes, light stains)

## Please Do Not Donate:



DIRTY, WET, OILY  
ITEMS



PILLOWS &  
CUSHIONS



DUVETS & QUILTS



CARPETS



TOYS

This project is funded by:



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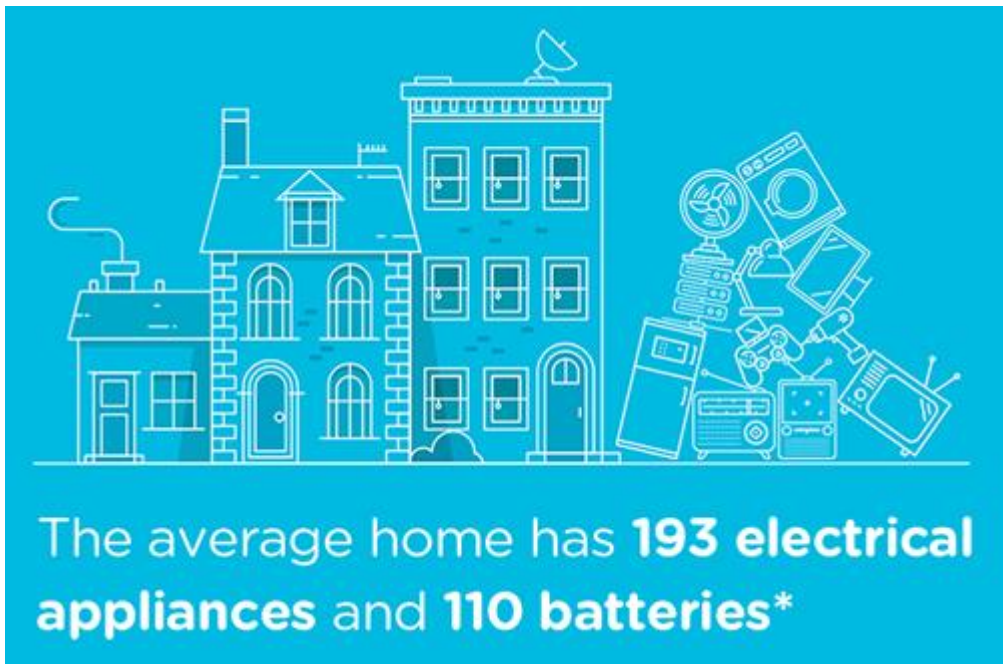


Contact  
Person

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| <b>Activity / Project Title</b>      | <b>Community Grants from Environment Section</b>   |
| <b>Project Description /Activity</b> | The annual Application Pack for the community grants from the Environment Section are being sent out to all Tidy Towns Groups / Community & Volunteer groups that receive financial support from the Environment Section. Applications will be sent out to over 50 groups. |
| <b>Contact Person</b>                | <b>Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer</b><br><a href="mailto:sbogan@donegalcoco.ie">sbogan@donegalcoco.ie</a>  |

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| <b>Activity / Project Title</b>      | <b>WEEE Collection day opportunities</b>   |
| <b>Project Description/ Activity</b> |  <p>The average home has <b>193 electrical appliances</b> and <b>110 batteries*</b></p> <p>WEEE Ireland have indicated that they may have a number of WEEE collection days in Donegal in the Autumn period. If local communities wished to have a collection day in their area there are a few things to consider;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• full collection days need to collect 10 tonnes of WEEE,</li> <li>• areas with large electrical retailers will not be selected,</li> <li>• areas with a Recycling Centre in the locality will not be selected,</li> <li>• WEEE Wagon ½ day events may be an option collecting smaller volumes,</li> <li>• options can be considered for interested communities.</li> </ul> <p>Communities wishing to be considered for WEEE collection days should get in touch with Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer <a href="mailto:sbogan@donegalcoco.ie">sbogan@donegalcoco.ie</a> to discuss options.</p> |
| <b>Contact Person</b>                | <b>Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer</b><br><a href="mailto:sbogan@donegalcoco.ie">sbogan@donegalcoco.ie</a>  |

| <b>Activity / Project Title</b>      | <b>Summer Campaigns</b>  |
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| <b>Project Description /Activity</b> | <p>Donegal County Council is a supporting partner of a number of national campaigns this summer, these campaigns will be promoted through the Council's social media pages.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Love this Place campaign</li><li>• Stop Food Waste</li><li>• WEEE recycling campaigns</li><li>• Holiday Makers to Donegal – campaign on waste management</li></ul> |
| <b>Contact Person</b>                | <p><b>Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer</b><br/><a href="mailto:sbogan@donegalcoco.ie">sbogan@donegalcoco.ie</a></p>  |

## COASTAL MANAGEMENT

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| <b>Activity / Project Title</b>      | <b>Beach Wheelchair Launch at Bundoran Beach</b>  |
| <b>Project Description/ Activity</b> | <p>A new service has been added to Bundoran’s Blue Flag Main Beach this season, a beach wheelchair. The wheelchair has been provided by Donegal County Council and will be available for booking on a daily basis throughout the summer season.</p> <p>The wheelchair which is adapted to suit soft sandy conditions will be available for people with mobility restrictions to take out for a few hours and experience the beach during this summer season.</p> <p>The beach wheelchair must be requested in advance and can be done so by calling the Salty Shell Café on +353 87 123 7779 who will then confirm the booking and times etc.</p> <p>This launch sees Donegal’s total number of beaches with wheelchair availability now reach eight, as part of Donegal County Councils continuous commitment to providing beach access to people of all abilities. The others can be found at Fintra, Rathmullen, Downings, Marble Hill, Carrickfinn, Rossnowlagh and Narin.</p> <div data-bbox="410 995 1451 1776" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>(L-R) John O'Connell (Chair Discover Bundoran), Michael &amp; Geraldine Patton (Salty Shell), Cllr Micheal McMahon, David Friel (Donegal County Council), Jamie Gallagher with his mother Anne (seated), Cllr Barry Sweeny, Cllr Niamh Kennedy, Lifeguards Odhran McGarrigle, Joe Danagher and Callum McKinney.</p> |
| <b>Contact Person</b>                | <b>David Friel</b><br><b>087 7801596</b>  |

**Activity /  
Project Title**

**New Step-Down Changing Place at Beach Carpark, Narin, Portnoo**

**Project  
Description/  
Activity**

The first Step-Down Changing Place for County Donegal has been installed, as part of a suite of toilets, at the Blue Flag beach front, Beach Carpark, Narin, Portnoo, Co. Donegal F94 HDX3.

The facility has all the features of a Changing Places such as a hoist, privacy screen and changing bench. A beach wheelchair is available and can be used safely with Hoist system. This facility is fully equipped with Braille Identification signage, Defibrillator and contact information in emergencies. The facility is open all year round, Monday – Sunday, including bank holidays, 9.00am – 9.00pm.



**Contact  
Person**

**David Friel  
087 7801596**

**CENTRAL LABORATORY**

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| <b>Activity / Project Title</b> | <b>Agri-Environment Training Scheme (AETS)</b>  |
| <b>Description/ Activity</b>    | <p>Donegal County Council's Central Laboratory team have been taking part in The Agri-Environment Training Scheme (AETS), a voluntary training scheme which is open to all current Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) applicants. The Scheme is part of Ireland's Rural Development Programme 2014-2022 and is available during the transitional period in advance of the next Common Agricultural Policy (CAP 2023 – 2027); it will ensure farmers are informed and better placed to participate in the range of environmental schemes which will be in place in 2023.</p> <p>The Council's Lab staff have been asked to focus on water quality and have delivered training in Kilcar, Donegal town, and Ballyshannon. Key topics discussed were the current water quality issues and the impact of nutrients &amp; pesticides, particularly spent sheep dip disposal.</p> |
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| <b>Activity / Project Title</b> | <b>Septic tank Inspection – EPA Annual Report</b>  |
| <b>Description/ Activity</b>    | <p>The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released its report on <a href="#">Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems Inspections in 2021</a>. This is a report of the 1,147 inspections of septic tanks and other domestic waste water treatment systems completed by local authorities in 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 53% (604) of the systems failed inspection because they were not built or maintained properly.</li> <li>• 29% (337) of systems inspected were considered a risk to human health or the environment, because faulty systems can contaminate household drinking water wells and pollute rivers.</li> <li>• 36% of inspections in Donegal resulted in failure</li> </ul> <p>The need to fix failing septic tanks has been repeatedly highlighted by the EPA as a concern. It is unacceptable that over 500 failed septic tanks are not fixed more than two years after inspection. Over half of these involve sewage ponding in gardens and discharging to ditches and streams, which cannot be allowed to continue.</p> <p>To date 82% of systems failed in the period 2013-21 have been fixed, but all local authorities including Donegal County Council have been asked to increase their enforcement effort to ensure failed systems are fixed.</p> <p>Septic tanks registered prior to the date as set down in the regulations, (1<sup>st</sup> February 2013) are eligible for the grant funding to repair systems.</p> <p>The next round of inspections will be carried out in September in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letterkenny MD – Cranford &amp; Woodlands areas</li> <li>• Inishowen MD – Roosky catchment</li> <li>• Stranorlar MD – Deelee catchment around Ballindrait</li> <li>• Glenties MD – Gweebarra catchment - Doochary area</li> </ul> |

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| <b>Activity / Project Title</b> | <b>Environment Section - Public Engagement activities</b>   |
| <b>Description/ Activity</b>    | <p>Donegal County Council’s Central Laboratory team have been placing a strong emphasis on engaging with the public this year on environmental matters, such as water quality, septic tanks, private wells and food waste among others.</p> <p>Following on the success of the New Build &amp; Rebuild Expo in Letterkenny, the Central Laboratory team had a stand at the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual <b>Finn Valley Show</b> on Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup>.</p>  <p>Fantastic engagement on issues such as local water quality, good farm practices and septic tank maintenance. Great interest was shown by Farmers in the use of integrated constructed wetlands for the treatment of farmyard effluent. A tray of river-flies created great excitement for younger visitors on the day.</p> <p>The next planned event is the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual <b>Clonmany Agricultural Show</b> on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2022.</p> |
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**12th July 2022**

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



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**Activity / Project Update: July 2022**

| <b>Activity / Project Title</b>   | <b>2018 T&amp;V Renewal – Donegal Town</b>  |
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| <b>Project Description/Activity</b>   | Enhancements & Development Works<br><b>Works consists of:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Provision of a footpath</li><li>2. Provision of lining trail markings / App</li><li>3. Installation of interpretative panels / signage</li></ol>   |
| <b>Budget</b> (if applicable)   | €100,000 – Department of Rural & Community Development<br>€ 25,000 – Own Resources  |
| <b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b><br><br><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i> | <u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A number of meetings have been held with Donegal Chamber of Commerce to finalise the details of the project including the options available to deliver the various elements of the project.</li><li>• Letter of Offer has been issued out to Group, signed and returned.</li><li>• Design of the proposed footpath is currently been progressed and will be tendered in Q1 of 2021.</li><li>• Designs and procurements are underway for the other elements of the project.</li><li>• Tender assessment complete, successful contractor to be appointed.</li><li>• Following further consideration, it is now proposed that footpath proposal at this time be deferred pending future development of adjacent lands</li></ul> |
| <b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Further engagement with the Department in relation to the overall project</li></ul>   |
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**Activity / Project Update: July 2022**

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| <b>Activity / Project Title</b>   | <b>2019 T&amp;V Renewal – Glencolmcille</b>  |
| <b>Project Description/Activity</b>   | Enhancements & Development Works<br><b>Works consists of:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Development of a Town Plan</li><li>• Upgrade existing footpaths</li><li>• Provision of directional and interpretative signage</li><li>• Provision of a bus shelter</li></ul>   |
| <b>Budget (if applicable)</b>   | €100,000 – Department of Rural & Community Development<br>€ 25,000 – Own Resources   |
| <b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b><br><br><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i> | <u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A number of meetings have been held with the community group for the area to finalise the details of the project including the options available to deliver the various elements of the project.</li><li>• Letter of Offer has been issued out to Group, signed and returned.</li><li>• Designs of the proposed works are currently underway and will be presented to the community group.</li><li>• The group have procured an architect/designer to progress the design and to prepare tender documents for a number of elements of the scheme.</li><li>• Works designed and currently out to tender.</li><li>• Tender evaluation report complete and successful contractor identified.</li><li>• Site meeting with successful contractor.</li><li>• Construction has commenced on site.</li><li>• Construction work is ongoing approximately 95% complete.</li></ul> |
| <b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contractor to complete works on site by end of July 2022.</li></ul>  |
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**Activity / Project Update: July 2022**

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

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

| <b>Activity / Project Title</b>   | <b>2020 T&amp;V Renewal – Carrick</b>   |
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| <b>Project Description/Activity</b>   | Enhancements & Development Works<br><b>Works consists of:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reinstatement of the pedestrian bridge crossing the Glen River</li><li>• Commission and prepare a Town Health Check</li><li>• Commission and prepare a Regeneration Strategy to inform the sustainable development of the town and immediate surrounding area</li></ul>   |
| <b>Budget (if applicable)</b>   | €100,000 – Department of Rural & Community Development<br>€ 11,111 – Own Resources  |
| <b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b><br><br><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i> | <u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A number of meetings have been held with the community group for the area to finalise the details of the project including the options available to deliver the various elements of the project.</li><li>• Letter of Offer has been issued out to Group, signed and returned.</li><li>• Designs of the proposed pedestrian bridge works are complete.</li><li>• The group are have procured and appointed a contractor to complete the pedestrian bridge</li><li>• Procurement documents prepared to appoint a consultant(s) to prepare a Town Health Check &amp; a Regeneration Strategy of the town and surrounding area.</li><li>• The pedestrian bridge crossing is complete.</li><li>• Consultant appointed to prepare a Town Health Check &amp; a Regeneration Strategy of the town and surrounding area</li></ul> |
| <b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Progress the Town Health Check &amp; a Regeneration Strategy of the town and surrounding area.</li></ul>  |
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| <b>Activity / Project Title</b>   | <b>2020 T&amp;V Renewal – Bruckless</b>  |
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| <b>Project Description/Activity</b>   | Enhancements & Development Works<br><b>Works consists of:</b><br>Landscaped garden park area with native trees, flowers, benches and pathways including the following. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Railway feature area</li><li>• Area with outdoor gym equipment</li><li>• Wheelchair accessible Sensory garden</li><li>• Wild meadow area</li><li>• Small public grass area suitable for casual sports and games</li></ul>   |
| <b>Budget (if applicable)</b>   | €100,000 – Department of Rural & Community Development<br>€ 11,111 – Own Resources   |
| <b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b><br><br><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i> | <u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A number of meetings have been held with the community group for the area to finalise the details of the project including the options available to deliver the various elements of the project.</li><li>• Letter of Offer has been issued out to Group, signed and returned.</li><li>• The group are have procured a design consultant to prepare contract documents to appoint a contractor to carry out the works on the proposed park.</li><li>• Design work commenced and preparation of contract documents also commenced</li><li>• Design of proposed park complete and approved by the community group.</li><li>• Project is currently on E-tenders.</li><li>• 2 Contractors have submitted tenders and the tender report will be issued this week.</li></ul> |
| <b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Appoint a contractor this month.</li></ul>   |
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**Activity / Project Update: July 2022**

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



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



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**Activity / Project Update No.4**

**July 2022**

| <b>Activity / Project Title</b>  | <b>Donegal Walks and Trails</b>   |
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| <b>File:</b>   |   |
| <b>Project Description/Activity</b>  | Maintenance, development and promotion of walks & trails in Donegal including cycle routes and Greenways.   |
| <b>Budget</b> (if applicable)  |   |
| <b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b> | <b>Glencolmcille</b><br><br>With all the relevant documents received from the contractor we now hope that the works will be able to commence on site before end of July. Contractor is almost ready to start as soon as we can arrange on site commencement meeting.  |
| <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>                                  | <b>ORIS 2021</b><br><br>The draft documents are been finalised for the supply and installation of counter units funded as ORIS 2021 measure 1. More detailed discussion needs to take place with suitable experts to ensure the appropriate units and software will be fit for purpose.   |
|  | The documents for Creevy trail are being reviewed and proposed issue for quotes in the following weeks.<br>These documents will now be issued out next week for quotation to a selection of local contractors with expected submissions returning mid-July.   |
|  | <b>ORIS 2022</b><br><br>We have submitted one application for the Donegal Municipal District out of a total of seven possible applications for the county from local Council. It is for a potential €30,000.00 for Measure 1 funding per project. However, DLDC have submitted two alternative applications one for the Donegal MD and the second for Letterkenny MD. |



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|  | <p><b>Inspections</b></p> <p>Sport Ireland have issued the inspection report with recommended works and advisory work. A brief discussion on the report was had between DCC &amp; DLDC it has highlighted that a meeting needs to be arranged with NPWS to agree on any improvement works etc as site is designated under SAC.</p> <p><b>Rossylongan</b></p> <p>A site visit took place last month and there has been tremendous works carried out by Coillte to open up the location and improve the experience of the visit revealing the old walls of the former House. If funding is successful, this will enable development of the trail surfaces around the estate.</p> |
| <p><b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b></p>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issue the tender docs for Quotes on Creevey trail.</li> <li>• Assessment of trails for maintenance</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Contact Person</b><br/><i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i></p> | <p>Darryl Connor (Outdoor Recreational Development Officer)<br/>0873613811<br/>dconnor@donegalcoco.ie</p>  |



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**Activity / Project Update: July 2022**

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| <b>Activity / Project Title</b>  | <b>Sliabh Liag Development Project</b>  |
| <b>Project Description/Activity</b>  | The project has included the development of a Visitors Centre, Ranger Station and toilets, 2.5km of mountain paths works together with road improvement works from Carrick Village which represents a total investment of approx €5m  |
| <b>Budget (if applicable)</b>  |   |
| <b>Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status</b>      | <p>The visitors centre opened to the public in May 2019 following the official opening. An operations manager was appointed in March 2019 together with 3 support staff since the summer of 2019.</p> <p>The visitor management system was implemented on July 10<sup>th</sup> with a shuttle bus service operating every 20 minutes from the visitors centre. This system has worked well eliminating the traffic congestion experienced in the summer of 2020 resulting in a much enhanced experience for the visitor. The shuttle bus service ceased operation on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 with approx. 12,000 visitors using the shuttle service. There was also significant usage at the car park at the Ranger station where visitors paid the appropriate charge and walked to the cliffs.</p> |
| <b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b>         | Further funding of €269k has recently been awarded in respect of further works to the mountain path. Remedial works nearing completion on site. The tender for the shuttle service has been finalised and is now operational  |
| <b>Contact Person</b><br><i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i> | Paddy Doherty<br>Community & Planning Services<br>Station Island, Lifford   |



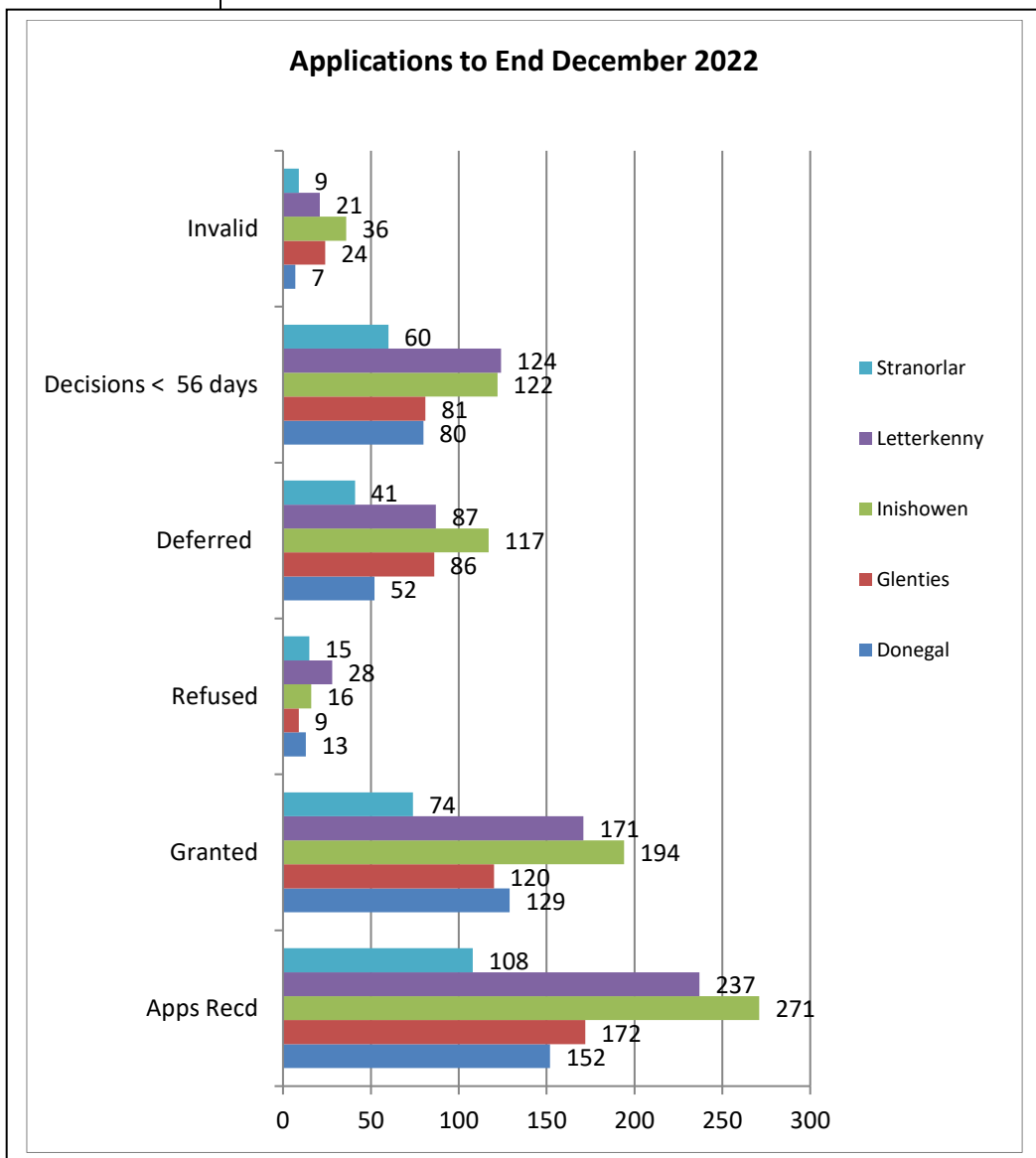
## Activity / Project Update- July 2022

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| <b>Activity / Project Title</b>  | Rural Development Programme/LEADER  |
| <b>Activity / Project Description</b>  | Donegal Local Community and Development Committee are the Local Action Group for County Donegal, with responsibility for the LEADER/Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 & Transitional LEADER Programme 2021-2022   |
| <b>Budget</b>  | €13,413,875 (Additional funding received 2019)<br><i>Note: Project costs €10,063,586, administration and animation costs €3,350,289</i>   |
| <b>Transitional Programme</b>  | 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021 – 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022<br>€2,861,598 project costs<br>€ 953,866 for Administration & Animation.  |
| <b>Progress to date within the last two months-inclusive of current status</b> | There are 4 Implementing Partners within the county; Donegal Local Development Company (DLDC), Inishowen Development Partnership (IDP), Údarás Na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán, who are rolling out the LEADER Transitional programme on behalf of the LAG (Local Action Group). The LEADER Transitional programme is effective from 1st April 2021 and runs until 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022. €45 million is allocated nationally for the Transitional Programme and €20 million from the EURI programme.<br>36 projects in Donegal are now approved by Pobal under the Transitional & EURI programmes and Letters of Offer have issued/are pending, granting LEADER funding to a value of €1,951,568. |

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| <b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period</b> | The next LCDC/LAG meeting will be held on 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2022. Monthly Evaluation Committee meetings will continue to be held to progress projects to LCDC/LAG stage and the LDCs will continue to engage with promoters on the ground to develop and assess potential applications and to promote the Transitional LEADER programme. |
| <b>Contact Person</b>   | Seamus Canning 074 9172597. <a href="mailto:seamusc@donegalcoco.ie">seamusc@donegalcoco.ie</a>   |

**Donegal MD Meeting**  
**12<sup>TH</sup> July 2022**

| Item                              | Update   |                       |     |         |     |         |    |          |    |                           |    |         |   |
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| <b>1 Development Applications</b> |  |                       |     |         |     |         |    |          |    |                           |    |         |   |
| (1) Statistics                    | <p><b>Donegal MD Totals Year to End May 2022</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Applications received</td> <td>152</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Granted</td> <td>129</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Refused</td> <td>13</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Deferred</td> <td>52</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Decided in under 2 months</td> <td>80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Invalid</td> <td>7</td> </tr> </table> | Applications received | 152 | Granted | 129 | Refused | 13 | Deferred | 52 | Decided in under 2 months | 80 | Invalid | 7 |
| Applications received             | 152  |                       |     |         |     |         |    |          |    |                           |    |         |   |
| Granted                           | 129  |                       |     |         |     |         |    |          |    |                           |    |         |   |
| Refused                           | 13   |                       |     |         |     |         |    |          |    |                           |    |         |   |
| Deferred                          | 52   |                       |     |         |     |         |    |          |    |                           |    |         |   |
| Decided in under 2 months         | 80   |                       |     |         |     |         |    |          |    |                           |    |         |   |
| Invalid                           | 7  |                       |     |         |     |         |    |          |    |                           |    |         |   |



| 2                                      | <b>Enforcement</b>   |  |            |                 |           |   |              |   |  |     |
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| Donegal MD                             | To end May 2022  |  |            |                 |           |   |              |   |  |     |
| New Cases                              | 8  |  |            |                 |           |   |              |   |  |     |
| Closed Cases                           | 3  |  |            |                 |           |   |              |   |  |     |
| Outstanding cases on record since 2012 | 194  |  |            |                 |           |   |              |   |  |     |
| 3                                      | <b>Notes &amp; Monthly Schedule</b>  | <p><b>Please note pre planning clinics during the Covid-19 restrictions are on a telephone call only basis between 09.00am and 12.30pm on the dates outlined below. Please also note that the pre planning clinic calls will be taken only by the Executive Planners and shall be for substantial applications only.</b></p> <p><u>Planning Clinics Q2/3 2022:</u><br/> 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022<br/> 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022<br/> 11<sup>th</sup> August 2022<br/> 25<sup>th</sup> August 2022</p> <p>Please see website for further dates.<br/> <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/planningclinics/">http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/planningclinics/</a></p> |            |                 |           |   |              |   |  |     |
| 4                                      | <b>Casual Trading</b>  | No Report  |            |                 |           |   |              |   |  |     |
| 5                                      | <b>Regeneration Report</b>   | See Appendix A   |            |                 |           |   |              |   |  |     |
| 6                                      | <b>Building Control &amp; Taking in Charge Community Development &amp; Planning Services</b> | No Report  |            |                 |           |   |              |   |  |     |
| 7                                      | <b>Central Planning Unit</b>   |  |            |                 |           |   |              |   |  |     |
|  | (1)<br>County Development Plan, 2018-2024 (As Varied)  | <p><b>Proposed Variation on a Wind Energy Policy Framework</b><br/> The Proposed Variation was published for public consultation from 29<sup>th</sup> April to 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022. The Chief Executive's Report under Section 13(4)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (As Amended) containing a summary of the submissions and the Chief Executive's responses was submitted to Members on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022.</p> <p><b>Anticipated Timeline</b><br/> It is anticipated that Members will formally consider the CE Report at the July Plenary Council meeting. The options available to Members at that meeting are that they may</p>                                   |            |                 |           |   |              |   |  |     |

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|  |   | <p>either: make the Variation without modification, or with minor modification only; agree Proposed Modifications which may or may not be material and that may or may not require revised/updated Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment procedures; or they may refuse to make the Variation.</p> |
| (2) Letterkenny Plan and Local Transport Plan  | <p><b>Letterkenny Plan and Local Transport Plan</b></p> <p>New Plans required in context of North-West City Region, Regional Centre status in NPF, and how the town is addressed in the NWRA's RSES. Draft Plans were agreed at the May 2022 Plenary Council meeting. Following Members' agreement of the content of the draft plans, the next step is to prepare/finalise the associated Environmental Report; Natura Impact Report; Strategic Flood Risk Assessment; and Transport Analysis.</p> <p><b>Anticipated Timeline</b></p> <p>Preparation of the aforementioned 'assessment' reports is ongoing with a view to presenting the said reports to a Plenary Council meeting in the near future to allow publication of the Draft Plan for public consultation thereafter. It was hoped to present these Reports at the July Plenary meeting. However, consultations with relevant consultants both for the Natura Report and Transport Analysis report confirmed that the relevant deadlines could not be met. As such, the Reports will now be submitted to the September Plenary meeting with a view to publishing the Draft in early November 2022.</p> |  |
| (3) County Development Plan, 2024-2030, Incorporating a Buncrana Local Area Plan, a Bundoran Local Area Plan, and Review of the Ballybofey/Stranorlar Local Area Plan (TEN-T Issues) | <p><b>County Development Plan, 2024-2030, Incorporating a Buncrana Local Area Plan, a Bundoran Local Area Plan, and Review of the Ballybofey/Stranorlar Local Area Plan (TEN-T Issues)</b></p> <p>The statutory pre-draft public consultation exercise was held between 8<sup>th</sup> April and 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022.</p> <p><b>Anticipated Timeline</b></p> <p>The Chief Executive's Report on the public consultation exercise is currently being prepared. This Report must be submitted to Members before end of July. There will be further intensive engagements with Members until Autumn/early Winter 2022 with a view to Members approving the Draft Plan around the turn of the year to allow publication and consultation on the Draft Plan across February, March and early April, 2022.</p>   |  |
| <b>8 Conservation Report</b>   | No Report   |  |

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| <p><b>9 Further Information</b><br/><i>Click on web links to access information.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Weekly List of applications and decisions:<br/><a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weeklyplanninglists/">http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weeklyplanninglists/</a></li><li>• Planning service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service): <a href="mailto:planning@donegalcoco.ie">planning@donegalcoco.ie</a></li><li>• Planning Webpage:<br/><a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/">www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/</a></li><li>• Planning Application Online Query – planning reference number required:<br/><a href="http://www.donegalcdb.ie/eplan/internetenquiry/rpt_querybysurforrecloc.asp">www.donegalcdb.ie/eplan/internetenquiry/rpt_querybysurforrecloc.asp</a></li></ul> <p>File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and when requesting planning searches:<br/><a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/file_retrieval/File%20Retrieval.pdf">www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/file_retrieval/File%20Retrieval.pdf</a></p> |
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## Appendix A



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# **July (2022) Municipal District Meetings Report to Elected Members**

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

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

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

This project proceeded to tender in February 2022 for the Island House and public realm works contract eTenders (RFT 208003) and closed on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022. The tender assessment and evaluation has been completed and a tender report has been submitted to the DRCD for Decision Gate 3 Approval to appoint the preferred tenderer and proceed to site.

The process of project handover to the Councils new Capital Project Delivery Unit (CPDU) has also commenced in anticipation of imminent progression to site. CPDU will manage the construction and handover stage of the project. Arrangements will be made in due course to update Members at a workshop and to hold a public information event in advance of the contractor proceeding to site and arrangements will be made in this regard at the appropriate time.

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

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

This project is now at an advanced stage and is approaching completion in June 2022. The Regeneration Team will liaise with all necessary stakeholders and the Elected Members in advance to confirm suitable and appropriate arrangements for formal and official opening.

## **Burtonport Harbour**

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

The process of project handover to the Council's new Capital Project Delivery Unit (CPDU) is completing in respect of this project. CPDU will manage the completion of construction and handover stages of the project and arrangements will be made to update Members in due course and once handover is complete.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Regeneration and Development Team subsequently completed the submission of a Category 1 capital funding application to the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund for the capital delivery of this project by the 12noon deadline on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2022. The submitted project has a total project value of €7,949,868 and is now under assessment.

### **1.3 THIRD CALL FOR CATEGORY 1 PROJECTS (SHOVEL READY) UNDER THE RURAL**

## **REGENERATION & DEVELOPMENT FUND (RRDF)**

### **1.3.1. Ballybofey & Stranorlar - The 'SEED' project – A sustainable, green regeneration project to**

Strengthen, Engage, Enable and Deliver transformational change in Ballybofey-Stranorlar.

**Value: €9,756,969.**

Due diligence has been completed on this project and the formal Funding Agreement received and confirmed. This project is now at Project Brief and Procurement Strategy Stage in advance of a tendering process and formal commencement. This stage will confirm the resourcing and Project Management arrangements for this Project with the newly established Capital Delivery Team and will ensure that onward delivery enjoys significant momentum. The necessary documents have been drafted and are presently undergoing final review. It is anticipated that this project will commence in Q3 of 2022.

### **1.3.2. Burtonport (Harbour to Island) Regeneration**

**Value: €2.3m**

Due diligence has been completed on this project and the formal Funding Agreement received and confirmed. This project is at an advanced stage of readiness given that consultancy services were previously procured using Councils own resources. On 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 a Project Brief and Procurement Strategy were submitted to the DRC for Decision Gate 2 Approval to recommence consultancy services to complete detailed design and proceed to tender stage in advance of construction. Approval to proceed was subsequently received on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 and the services of MH Associates have recently been re-engaged to complete the detailed design phase and subsequently progress to tender stage.

The process of project handover to the Councils new Capital Project Delivery Unit (CPDU) is completing in respect of this project. CPDU will manage the completion of the detailed design, construction and handover stages of the project and arrangements will be made to update Members in due course and once handover is complete.

### **1.3.3. Carndonagh Tús Nua Regeneration Project**

**Value: €9,542,852**

Due diligence has been completed on this project and the formal Funding Agreement received and confirmed. This project is now at Project Brief and Procurement Strategy Stage in advance of a tendering process and formal commencement. This stage will confirm the resourcing and Project Management arrangements for this Project with the newly established Capital Delivery Team and will ensure that onward delivery enjoys significant momentum. The necessary documents have been drafted and are presently

undergoing final review. It is anticipated that this project will commence in Q3 of 2022.

#### **1.4 THIRD CALL FOR CATEGORY 2 PROJECTS UNDER THE RURAL REGENERATION & DEVELOPMENT FUND (RRDF)**

On 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022 the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys announced that €1.17m had been awarded under the Third Call for Category 2 Projects of the RRDF for the “Repowering Buncrana” regeneration Project.

Due diligence has been completed on this project and a formal letter of Offer together with an associated Funding Agreement was received on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022. The Funding Agreement was subsequently accepted and formally returned to the Department on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022. The project will now progress to procurement of the required consultancy services before commencement of the planning and statutory consents stages of this project enabled by the funding award. A successful public information event in respect of this project was held in the Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2022.

#### **1.5 FOURTH CALL FOR CATEGORY 1 PROJECTS (SHOVEL READY) UNDER THE RURAL REGENERATION & DEVELOPMENT FUND (RRDF)**

On 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021 the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD announced the fourth call for Category 1 applications to the €1 Billion Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF).

**The closing date for the receipt of proposals was 12 noon on Friday 29th April 2022.**

As described at Point 1.2.2. above the Ramelton Re-Imagined regeneration project, with a value of €7,949,868 was submitted under this call and is now under assessment.

#### **1.6 REGENERATION STRATEGIES & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT WORK**

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

##### **1.6.1 Ramelton Action Plan**

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

The Plan can be viewed at the following link:

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

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

The Killybegs Regeneration Strategy was formally launched on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021 and is available at <https://bit.ly/KillybegsRegStrat>. It has also been circulated across Donegal County Council Directorates and to key stakeholders.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Draft an Clochán Liath (Dungloe) Town Centre Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan was made available for public consultation from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April until Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022. A drop-in public consultation event also took place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April from 2.00pm to 7.00pm at the Shopping Arcade, Main Street, Dungloe. Submissions and subsequently all information and feedback received during the public consultation period will now be

collated, analysed and integrated into the final Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan.

It is anticipated that a short report on the submissions will be brought to workshop with the Members of the Glenties MD in July 2022, to seek Members endorsement of the final Strategy & Action Plan. Thereafter, arrangements will be made for the formal launch of the an Clochán Liath (Dungloe) Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan. The Regeneration Team will make the necessary arrangements for the workshop directly at a Municipal District level.

#### **1.6.6 Rathmullan RRDF Project Development work**

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

## **2.0 URBAN REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (URDF)**

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

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

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

- The further enhancement of the Cathedral Quarter
- The re-purposing of the Courthouse
- Strategic land assembly towards:
  - Regeneration of Lower Main Street
  - Advancement of a Regional Transport Hub

- Enhancement of ‘LK Green Connect,’ walking, cycling and parkland infrastructure.

The Regeneration Team continue to work through funding approval steps in accordance with the Public Spending Code having prepared a Preliminary Business Case (PBC) in March 2022 and submitted to DHLGH for review and approval. The PBC remains under review by DHLGH.

Whilst the PBC is under consideration by DHLGH, work is progressing to prepare a Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy as also required under the Public Spending Code, for submission to DHLGH for approval. Submission of the Project Brief and Procurement Strategy is imminent. Approval of Preliminary Business Case, Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy will lead to pre-tender approval of DHLGH in line with the Public Spending Code and thereafter each project will advance at varying paces dependent on nature, scale and complexity.

Alongside the preparation of Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy, a number of steps are being taken to develop each sub-project further. The table below sets out this activity.

| Sub-project  | Immediate next steps   |
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| <b>A: The Cathedral Quarter-Making a Creative District</b> | See breakdown for each of the 3 elements   |
| <b>Creative Hub and Urban Parkland</b>                     | <p>Development of site-specific design concept via LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy commission- Design concept formed part of the third and final public engagement on the LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy which closed on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022. Consultants are currently working on submissions received and amendments arising.</p> <p>Design concept will in due course inform design process to prepare Part 8 or application to ABP as appropriate via procurement of architect led design and supervision team following pre-tender and tender approval by DHLGH.</p> <p>Engagement has been undertaken with Failte Irelands ‘Tourism Office Network Team’ and Letterkenny Chamber of Commerce in relation to the tourist office element of this project.</p> <p>Design concept is also informing acquisition processes. Early landowner consultation RE acquisition pathways has commenced.</p> <p>It is intended to commence topographical survey from September 2022 onwards where landowners have given permission to do so.</p> |
| <b>Market Square</b>                                       | <p>Architectural competition complete and winning design determined.</p> <p>In-house architectural and planning resources are currently being applied to prepare a Part 8 proposed development inclusive of detailed survey, engagement with businesses/occupiers at Market Square, preparation of drawings. This also involves EIA screening, AA screening, Road Safety Audit and exploration of issues arising as a result of identification of the site on the Sites and Monuments</p>  |

| Sub-project   | Immediate next steps  |
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|   | <p>Register.</p> <p>Stage 1 Road Safety Audit has been carried out and submitted by the consultants and problems identified are being addressed by the team.</p> <p>Consultancy services have been engaged for high level QS cost estimates and work in this regard has commenced.</p> <p>Significant consultation with Market Square users undertaken and with Letterkenny Chamber of Commerce.</p> <p>MD workshop held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 in relation to emerging Part 8 design achieved broad consensus to proceed to publication of Part 8. The target for publication of proposed part 8 is therefore scheduled for mid-July 2022 for a period of 4 weeks statutory consultation. Thereafter a Chief Executives Report will be prepared in relation to any submissions received and is expected to be submitted to the September plenary Council meeting for consideration.</p> <p>NOTE: This results in procurement of architect led design and supervision team for detailed design stage onwards rather than designs services for planning consent onwards</p> |
| <b>Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme</b>                | <p>Part 8 already secured is to be reviewed using in-house resources. Consideration of design elements/ accessibility together with relevant adaptations to be progressed using in-house resources.</p> <p>This project will be packaged with 'Creative Hub and Urban Parkland' as regards Architect-led design and supervision team following receipt of pre-tender approval by DHLGH.</p>   |
| <b>B: Strategic acquisition in Lower Main Street</b>    | <p>Development of site-specific design concepts via LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy commission-Design concepts formed part of the third and final public engagement on the LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy which closed on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022.</p> <p>Early landowner consultation RE acquisition pathways has commenced.</p> <p>Further engagement with existing and potential future partners on future project development has also commenced.</p>   |
| <b>C: Revival at the Courthouse</b>                     | <p>Draft terms of reference are currently being prepared for consultancy services to undertake a 'Product Identification/Visitor Experience Plan' to define the nature of proposed tourist attraction. Terms of Reference are being informed by ongoing consultation with Failte Ireland inclusive of 'Attractions Team' and 'Tourism Office Network' team. Target is to complete procurement process in readiness for appointment of successful consultant following DHLGH approval of Preliminary Business Case, Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy and consequently pre-tender approval so as to fast track this stage as soon as possible.</p> <p>This exercise includes consideration of concept options and identification of the preferred story to be told, analysis of potential markets, competitor analysis, best practice examples, preliminary pricing, preliminary revenue projections, operational model (public or private).</p>   |
| <b>Sub-Project D: Enabling a Regional Transport Hub</b> | <p>Preferred location for future Regional Transport Hub has emerged though the LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy process in the Pearse Road area and formed part of the third and final public engagement on the LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy which closed on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022. This has assisted in connecting with potential landowners affected.</p>  |



| Sub-project  | Immediate next steps  |
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|  | <p>Design concept will inform acquisition processes.</p> <p>Positive engagement with Bus Eireann at meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 with commitment for further engagement and communication. Further follow up communication to Bus Eireann issued on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022 to share the emerging design concept launched for public consultation and to seek further engagement. Follow up will issue to seek further engagement.</p>  |
| <p><b>Sub- project E:<br/>LK Green Connect</b></p> | <p>LK 2040 Draft Masterplan published for consultation identifies LK Green Connect concept.</p> <p>Design concept in respect of the project formed part of the third and final public engagement on the LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy which closed on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022.</p> <p>Part 8 proposed development targeted for the second half of 2022, subject to resources to progress the next phase of the project as far as Pearse Road to shovel ready status.</p> <p>Part 8 proposed development targeted for second half of 2022 in respect of the 'Cultural Corridor' section of LK Green Connect and Pasparakis Friel Architects have been appointed in this regard to provide Part 8 drawings. The Regeneration and Development team is managing and leading all other elements of the Part 8 process including AA and EIA screening. Timeline for this Part 8 is currently being confirmed with the appointed architect however is anticipated for publication during Q4 2022.</p> <p>Engagement with landowners identified as appropriate following Part 8 wherein greater certainty on need will be clarified.</p> |

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

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

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

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

The consultancy team, led by The Paul Hogarth Company are currently collating the consultation feedback and will present its findings to a workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD in July (to be arranged). In parallel, the consultancy team continue to bring together Design Guidelines (Work Area 3)

and a Public Spaces and Linkages Action Plan (Work Area 4) which have been submitted for review and will form technical documents associated with the Regeneration Strategy.

In addition, the testing phase in relation to Work Area 5, to create a Letterkenny 2040 brand is complete and received strong endorsement from all participants. The consultancy team thereafter prepared Brand Guidelines which have been reviewed and finalized and Brand Assets have also been developed. Consideration of options for implementation of the brand beyond the current commission are being explored.

Initial planning in relation to a launch event has commenced and this event is anticipated to be scheduled during September 2022.

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

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

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

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

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

Members turned the sod on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022 on the project to construct public realm in the area of the Public Services Centre and Joe Bonnar Road. ACS Civils LTD have been appointed and commenced on site on the week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 with a build period in the region of 6 months. The

development will deliver high quality walking, cycling and public realm infrastructure in the town centre. It forms the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the wider planned network known as 'LK Green Connect' that will ultimately connect across a series of town centre destinations.

### **2.3 Other**

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

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## Donegal Municipal District - 12th July 2022 Motions

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**Agenda Item No.4**

Office Ref:DLMD-2022-07003

**Submitted By: Cllr. Michael McMahon**

**Assigned To:** Corporate

**Motion** "That this MD call on the Minister of Health Stephen Donnelly for the retention of the Cat Scan Sligo Universal Hospital. "

**Signed Off By:** PAURIC SHEERIN

**Response:** In the event that this motion is adopted by the Members, arrangements will be made to issue correspondence to the Minister for Health, setting out the views of the Members in relation to this matter.

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**Agenda Item No.5**

Office Ref:DLMD-2022-07004

**Submitted By: Cllr. Barry Sweeny**

**Assigned To:** Roads

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

**Signed Off By:** MARK SWEENEY

**Response:** Subject to the motion being adopted the area office will look to carry out the repair works as requested but depending on the extent of the works that are necessary specific funding may need to be sourced.



## Donegal Municipal District - 12th July 2022 Questions

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**Agenda Item No.6**

Office Ref:DLMD-2022-07001

**Submitted By: Cllr. Tom Conaghan****Assigned To:** Roads**Question** "What road safety measures can be put in place at the dangerous crossroad junction at Ballydevitt (old school)? A number of accidents have happened at this junction recently."**Signed Off By:** MARK SWEENEY**Response:** In response to the accidents that occurred at this junction in 2021 the area roads office looked for and secured Low Cost Accident funding to provide additional safety measures at this junction in 2022. These measures have been designed and will be implemented later this year. In the mean time we intend speaking to the landowners with a view to cutting back some of the vegetation in the vicinity of the junction to open up the vision lines.

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**Agenda Item No.7**

Office Ref:DLMD-2022-07002

**Submitted By: Cllr. Tom Conaghan****Assigned To:** Roads**Question** "What are the current guidelines regarding use of electric bikes/scooters on footpaths in towns?"**Signed Off By:** MARK SWEENEY**Response:** Detailed below is the advise received from the Road Safety officer. There is no specific law in place at the moment covering e-scooters with regulations not expected to be introduced until 2023 under the Government's action plan for the National Sustainable Mobility Policy. The RSA has issued a number of reminders to e-scooter owners outlining that E-scooters are technically mechanically propelled vehicles (MPVs) and have also stated said that riding these vehicles on public footpaths should be considered illegal. The RSA had also issued advice for scooters to be used in cycle lanes, where appropriate. The RSA continues to highlight that E-scooters are a danger to pedestrians when used on footpaths. The Government published the Road Traffic and Roads Bill 2021 last October, which would regulate the use of e-scooters on Irish roads. The bill is still making its way through the Oireachtas and will give certainty for e-scooter users once it is signed into law.