

**Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall**

Oifig Riarthóir na gCruinnithe,  
Aras an Chontae,  
Leifear.

2ú Aibreán, 2019

**Fógra Cruinnithe**

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall ar siúl **De Máirt 9ú Aibreán, 2019, 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

Seosamh O'Piopla  
p.p. Riarthóir Cruinnithe

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**Municipal District of Donegal**

Office of Meetings Administrator,  
County House,  
Lifford.

2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2019

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

The next Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal will be held on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2019, at 11.30 a.m. in the Donegal Public Services Centre.**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL

Dear Councillor,

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

Yours sincerely,

for Joe Peoples  
Meetings Administrator

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## AGENDA

1. Consideration of Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.
2. Consideration of Minutes of Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.
3. Consideration of Minutes of Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.
4. Clean and Green Awards – Donegal Town Tidy Towns Committee
5. **Update Reports from Council Services:**
  - 5.1 Housing & Corporate Services
  - 5.2 Roads / Transportation
  - 5.3 Economic Development
  - 5.4 Environment Services
  - 5.5 Community Development & Planning Services
6. Attendance of Deputation Residents from Rossylongan, Drimark and adjoining Townlands

### **Motions**

#### 7. Cllr Noel Jordan

“I’m calling on this municipal to seek the necessary funding for a footpath from the small pier to the big pier on the shore road Mountcharles.”

8. **Date of Next Meeting/Workshop**
  - MD Meeting at 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD AT 11.30 A. M. ON TUESDAY THE 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019 IN THE PETER KENNEDY CHAMBER, DONEGAL PUBLIC SERVICES CENTRE, DONEGAL**

**MDD/031/19 MEMBERS PRESENT**

Cllr Michéal Naughton, Cathaoirleach  
Cllr Niamh Kennedy  
Cllr Noel Jordan  
Cllr Tom Conaghan  
Cllr Séamus Maguire  
Cllr Barry O'Neill

**MDD/032/19 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr. Pauric Sheerin, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal  
Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Roads/Transportation  
Ms. Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer, Environment Section  
Ms. Alana Greene, Executive Planner, Central Planning Unit  
Mr. Barney McLaughlin, Administrative Officer, Community & Development  
Mr. Sean Canning, Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

**MDD/033/19 APOLOGIES**

Mr. Garry Martin, Director Designate, Municipal District of Donegal  
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

**MDD/034/19 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019**

On the proposal of Cllr. Conaghan, seconded by Cllr. Maguire, the Minutes of the meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019 were confirmed.

**MDD/035/19 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019**

On the proposal of Cllr. Kennedy seconded by Cllr. Maguire, the Minutes of the workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019 were confirmed.

**MDD/036/19 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019**

On the proposal of Cllr. Conaghan seconded by Cllr. Maguire, the Minutes of the workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019 were confirmed.

**MDD/037/19 HOUSING CORPORATE AND CULTURAL SERVICES REPORT**

**Matters arising from the previous meeting**

**Follow up Issues from previous meeting**

Mr. Pauric Sheerin provided updates on unauthorised parking of caravans, social housing provision in areas of need, and the Section 183 in Glebe, Killybegs

**Motion from previous meeting.**

Members noted the motion adopted in relation to Irish Water matters at the previous meeting had been referred to Irish Water for attention and that the response to same from Irish Water is awaited.

**Housing Services**

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

Members noted the update reports on Grants, Loans, and Casual Vacancies, Tenant Purchase Scheme, Housing Assistance Payments, Private Rented Inspections and Social Housing Support Programme, Housing Need in the MD and Leasing & Repair Scheme as circulated with the Agenda and presented by Mr. P Sheerin. Members also noted further updates on the matters since the reports had been prepared as provided by Mr. Sheerin including Casual Vacancies, Loan Applications and also in relation to Grants and the Social Housing Investment Programme.

**Lease & Repair Scheme**

Cllr. Jordan raised a query in relation to the numbers of applicants and the perceived issues with the scheme; he asked that the Municipal District write to the Department to seek an increase in the €40,000.00 repair threshold that currently applies to each dwelling under the scheme.

Cllr. Kennedy queried the criteria involved in the scheme and the process involved in having assessments carried out.

Mr. Sheerin responded to the queries, providing clarification on the lease and repair scheme and agreed to follow up with the Department as per the Members' request.

### **Corporate Services**

#### **X Ray Units – Killybegs and Donegal Town**

Cllr. Conaghan wished to note that the issue regarding staff for the X-Ray Units in Donegal and Killybegs Community hospitals was close to being resolved, and that a recruitment process for the required staff is in progress.

#### **Request for the Freedom of the County to be extended to Mr. Charlie McGettigan**

Cllr. O'Neill made a proposal to extend the freedom of Donegal to singer/songwriter Charlie McGettigan in order to commemorate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Eurovision win. This was seconded by Cllrs. Naughton and Jordan. Mr. P Sheerin advised he would follow up on this matter and revert to Members in due course.

#### **Request for an update on request for a Civic Reception for Katie George Dunleavy**

Cllr. Jordan referred to a previous request he had made for a civic reception to be provided for Paralympian Katie George Dunleavy. Mr. P Sheerin agreed to follow up on this matter and to revert to Members.

## **MDD/038/19 ROADS / TRANSPORTATION SERVICES REPORT**

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

Members noted the update report on the 2019 Road Works Programme circulated with the Agenda as presented by Mr. M Sweeney. This included an update on the LIS and CIS scheme in relation to priority lists.

Cllr. Naughton expressed concern at the amount of funding for the LIS scheme and queried the volume of applications; he also requested that an application be made to the Department for more funding. Mr. Sweeney confirmed that there are 2,013 applications countywide with works completed on 265 schemes. At present there 313 applications in the Donegal MD with 54 new applications received in 2019.

Cllr. Kennedy also commended the work of staff in relation to the scheme and queried whether the scheme should be re-advertised given the current backlog. Mr. Sweeney confirmed that it was open to Members to decide not to accept new applications until the backlog had been addressed.

Cllr. Jordan asked if a report could be carried out on the level of funding and applications in other rural counties, Mr. Sweeney agreed to follow up on this.

Cllr. Maguire submitted it was unfortunate that there was not more funding available given the level of demand.

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

Mr. Sweeney provided an update on parking bye laws in Ballyshannon, Tyrconnell bridge, one-way system for Bridge St. in Killybegs, parking issues in Ballyshannon, viewing shelter in Rogey, installation of a memorial seat for Cllr. Frank Kelly, Clár funding and the requested meeting with Department of the Marine.

Mr. Sweeney also provided an update on Fintra Bridge and stated that it was due to go through the next stage of which is Detailed Appraisal & Completion of Route Selection Report. This was welcomed by Cllr. Naughton and Cllr. Kennedy.

### **Other Roads Matters**

A number of other Roads matters were dealt with as follows:

#### **Memorial plaque for the late Mr. James White, former TD**

Cllr. Conaghan proposed that a memorial plaque for the late Mr. James White be located in Donegal Town; this was seconded by Cllr. Maguire and Cllr Naughton who referenced another forthcoming event in memory of the late Mr. James White.

#### **Workshop for Local Improvement Schemes**

A workshop for the LIS schemes was agreed to take place on 29<sup>th</sup> March at 10 a.m.

#### **Traffic Lights in Ballyshannon**

Cllr. Maguire asked for an update on installation of traffic lights in Ballyshannon, Mr. M. Sweeney confirmed that these were due to be in place by Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

#### **Commencement Date for West End Walk, Bundoran**

Cllr. Maguire also asked for an update on the West End walk commencement date, Mr. Sweeney confirmed that this works are due to start shortly but he did not have a commencement date.

#### **Parking at Donegal Community Hospital and adjacent school**

Cllr. Conaghan highlighted the issue of parking at Donegal Community Hospital and the adjacent school. He confirmed that he had been in discussion with local groups and was assured that the issue would continue to be monitored and followed up.

## **MDD/039/19 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

### **Tourism Unit Report**

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

1. Marine Tourism Officer Report
2. Donegal Walks & Trails Report
3. Leader Update
4. Playground Maintenance Update
5. T & V Update Reports
  - Dunkineely
  - Kilcar
  - Mountcharles
  - Donegal Town
  - Killybegs

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

Cllr. Naughton thanked Mr. McLaughlin for his presentation and commended the works on the viewing platform at Slieve League and welcomed the appointment of a new manager at the tourism centre. He queried if proposed Footbridge at the River Eske and walk at Barnesmore could be council-led projects, as the Department seems to favour this approach.

Cllr. Kennedy queried if the “light up green” scheme was in operation for St.Patrick’s Day, Mr. McLaughlin stated that this was being left to businesses themselves to decide.

Cllr. Jordan commended the recent work carried out by the Tourism Unit. He mentioned the success of the Malin Waters project and queried if a similar project could be organised with Northern Ireland counterparts under projects like Interreg. In response to same Mr. McLaughlin advised that projects like this were of a capital nature and should such a fund open, this could be pursued.

Cllr. Maguire highlighted the increase in tourism numbers for “mammal watching” and identified this as a potential growth area with possible implications for the environment in relation to plastic and litter pollution. Mr. McLaughlin advised that upcoming training would be provided by expert bodies involved in the area, to Tourism Operatives so that awareness of this issue would be increased.

### **Access to Tullan Strand**

An update was provided to members in relation to access to Tullan Strand, this was acknowledged by Cllr. Naughton, Cllr. O’Neill and Cllr Jordan.

Members requested that a timeline for proposed works be provided at the next meeting so that definite targets could be communicated to the relevant stakeholders. Members also commended the work that has taken place on the project to date.

## **MDD/040/19 ENVIRONMENT SERVICES REPORT**

### **Matters arising from the previous meeting**

Ms. Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer, Environment provided an update on littering & illegal dumping at bottlebanks and other areas, unauthorised close banks, flushers on disabled toilets, ongoing work with community groups on dog bins, Section 183 for lands at Parkhill, Ballyshannon and Ballyshannon public conveniences including where works are planned to repair the roof.

### **Requested Section 183 for lands at Parkhill, Ballyshannon**

Cllr. Barry O'Neill raised the issue of the Section 183 in relation to lands at Parkhill, Ballyshannon. He submitted that several items of correspondence had been sent to DCC on the issue and he had also submitted a letter to the Director of Service on the matter. He asked that this issue be placed on the agenda for the next MD meeting and a meeting with the family also be agreed. In response to the issues raised, Ms. Bogan confirmed she would relay these issues to management.

### **Environment reports**

Ms. Bogan then presented the reports circulated with the Agenda in relation to the following updates:-

- Waste and Litter Management
  - #Big Donegal Clean Up '19
  - Waste / Recycling Talks
  - Grants for Community Groups
  - Recycling Bring Banks Update
- Coastal Management
  - Clean Coast Roadshow
  - Think Before You Flush

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

### **Request for a meeting of all groups in relation to Tidy Towns**

Cllr. Kennedy commended the work carried out on behalf of the tidy towns and requested that a meeting is organised for all groups in the Donegal Municipal District to assist with applications.

### **Advice for Local Businesses**

Cllr. Maguire mentioned the work carried out by local businesses in relation to the environment and asked if they could contact



Ms. Bogan re advice and obtaining information. Ms. Bogan agreed to this request.

### **Rossnowlagh Beach**

Ms. S Bogan briefed Members in relation to the request at the previous meeting for a Workshop on Rossnowlagh Beach and she advised that the Environment Section is arranging for the issues raised to be addressed. She advised the Members as follows;

The administration, management and maintenance of the Rossnowlagh Blue Flag will be addressed by David Friel at next MD meeting workshop. Planning will also participate, advising on development issues, including casual trading.

A subsequent workshop will be held by Eamon Boyle, advising on Village Renewal potential for Rossnowlagh.

Following a short discussion, Members agreed to hold the workshop on 29<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30 a.m.

Cllr. O'Neill noted that Rossnowlagh had been included in the next round of funding for the Town & Village renewal programme in order to improve infrastructure in the area and that a wider view would need to be taken to address infrastructure and facilities at Rossnowlagh. He urged that the Council look at this again.

Cllr. Kennedy agreed and suggested work is carried out on the road going into the area in relation to flood prevention.

Cllr. O'Neill also welcomed funding for the playground at Rossnowlagh under the Peace programme.

## **MDD/041/19 PLANNING CONTROL REPORT**

### **Planning Update Reports**

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

- Development Applications
- Staff changes
- Enforcement
- Planning Clinics – next ones on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 27<sup>th</sup> March & 10 April 2019.
- Central Planning Unit
  - Regeneration and Growth Agenda and ongoing work – Letterkenny Local Area Plan
  - Bunrana and Bundoran Local Area Plans
  - Ongoing Town and Village Renewal Programme (2017/18) Projects

- Hericoast Project – partners to visit on 25<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019
- Further Information

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

**Request for a workshop with Agents**

Cllr. Naughton enquired if a workshop with Agents could be accommodated in relation to planning applications. He also enquired as to whether quarterly planning workshops could be arranged. Ms. Green addressed this by confirming that implementation training was being planned for Architects, Agents and businesses and that this training will need to be completed before workshops of this nature could be rolled out at MD level, and she agreed to follow this up with the Senior Planner.

**MDD/042/19 DISCUSSION ON A REQUEST FOR A VOLUNTARY BAN ON ELECTION POSTERS**

On the proposal of Cllr. Maguire, seconded by Cllr. Conaghan the following motion was adopted;-

" That the municipal district of Donegal calls for a voluntary ban on the erection of single use plastic posters during the forthcoming local election period and will communicate the same to all candidates."

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

In speaking to his motion, Cllr Maguire submitted that given the environmental issues in relation to "single use" posters including landfill, littering and the life cycle of the posters, he would encourage councillors to voluntarily refrain from putting up election posters. He confirmed that he also plans to bring the motion to the Plenary Council.

Cllr. Conaghan in seconding the motion confirmed that he does not put up election posters but stated that it was a candidate's personal choice on the matter.

Cllr. Kennedy stressed the need for new candidates to advertise their standing in the local elections and stated that she planned to re-use previous election posters and give unused posters to various groups for other uses.

Cllr. Naughton stated that he understood the merits of the motion and said he would also be re-using older posters. He also stated the importance of candidates adhering to regulations in relation to the erection and taking down of posters.

Cllr. O'Neill supported the motion and called for a ban on all single use posters for any advertising purpose within the county and said signage of this nature needs to be regulated. Cllr. Kennedy confirmed that she had brought up this issue at Plenary Council level previously.

Cllr. Jordan stressed the need for candidates to be responsible for adhering to the regulations in relation to erecting and taking down election posters. He confirmed that he would also be re-using old posters and stressed that there was a difference in having a ban prohibiting advertising to that of the occasional use of similar signage by clubs and sporting organisations.

In acknowledging the support from other Members, Cllr Maguire submitted that the adoption of such a motion could have a very positive impact on the environment as it would reduce single use plastic posters by 8000 in the Municipal District of Donegal alone.

**MDD/043/19 DISCUSSION ON A REQUEST FOR TAKEOVER ROAD LEADING TO CASSANSOUND PIER, ST. JOHN'S POINT**

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

"I'm calling on this municipal to take over the road leading to Cassansound pier St.John's Point".

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

In proposing his motion, Cllr Jordan submitted that the pier at Cassan Sound is a prime location for deep sea diving and various fishing activities. Given the issues with the road leading into the area and the absence of parking facilities at the pier itself, he asked that funds be allocated to improving the infrastructure of the area.

Cllr. Kennedy in seconding the motion submitted that this area was regularly used and appropriate for a takeover by the Roads area. Cllr Kennedy highlighted the issue of Coastal / Cliff rescue being delayed due to the inadequate infrastructure in the area.

Mr. Mark Sweeney highlighted the council's response to the motion and confirmed that this was a private road and that local landowners had been contacted by the council and that discussions were ongoing.

Cllr. Naughton acknowledged this response and highlighted that the site was vital to tourism in the area.

**MDD/044/19 DISCUSSION ON A REQUEST TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR ORH CONSULTANTS REPORT ON FUTURE OF BALLYSHANNON AND BUNDORAN FIRE STATIONS**

On the proposal of Cllr O'Neill, seconded by Cllr Jordan the following motion was adopted;-

"That the Donegal Municipal District discuss the Terms of Reference that was the basis for the commissioning of the ORH Consultants Report for the case for the future of the Ballyshannon and Bundoran Fire Stations".

Members were given a response to the motion by the Director of Emergency Services, Information Systems and Economic Development.

In speaking to his motion, Cllr. O'Neill submitted that the report was in contradiction to the terms of reference and did not meet the criteria set down in the commissioning of the report. He stated that the report was incomplete due to the fact that only two of the three available options had been considered and that this report could not be brought to the attention of the Department as a result.

He questioned the overall expenditure on the report and highlighted the amount of work involved by staff in its completion. He went on to state that the Chief Fire Officer's submission based on the report had been rejected by all County Councillors by a margin of 21-0 and that the people of Ballyshannon would not accept the option to merge both fire stations at a site in Bundoran. He also submitted that he felt the Director of Emergency Services should have been in attendance at today's meeting albeit his apologies have been noted. He concluded by stating that it was the reserved function of Members to sanction capital programmes and the funding of such works and that this report should be properly completed before Members could meet the Minister.

Cllr. Naughton stated that he felt a sense of being let down by the report and wished to state that the item would be kept on the agenda until it is resolved.

Cllr. Jordan said that he felt the report was a waste of time and money and also pledged to keep the item on the Municipal District agenda following the upcoming elections. He felt that local Fire Fighters had not been properly consulted in the process and questioned the cost and size of the report.

Cllr. Maguire echoed the sentiments of the other councillors and said that he would continue to support the public in both areas as his predecessor, Mr. John Campbell, had done during his time on the Council.

**MDD/045/19 Schedule of Municipal District Works 2019**

Mr. P Sheerin briefed Members in relation to the Schedule of Municipal District Works as circulated with the Agenda and referenced the suite of documents sent to Members in advance of the meeting.

On the proposal of Cllr Kennedy seconded by Cllr Maguire, Members resolved “that the Municipal District of Donegal hereby adopts for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019, the Schedule of Municipal District Works as set out in the schedules presented at the Municipal District meeting of the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019 as required by Section 103A of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) and in line with requirements of Circular LG27/2014/Fin21/2014.”

**MDD/046/19 Correspondence received – Request for a Deputation from Residents of Rossylongan, Drimark and adjoining townlands**

Members noted the correspondence circulated with the Agenda from residents of Rossylongan, Drimark and adjoining townlands. Following a short discussion, on the proposal of Cllr Conaghan, seconded by Cllr Naughton, Members agreed to receive the deputation at the next MD meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

**MEMBERS NOTED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:-**

**MDD/047/19 Serviced site policy within the Municipal District of Donegal**

The following question was submitted by Cllr Maguire;-

“To ask the planning directorate, what steps have been taken to advance the policy of serviced site provision within the municipal district of Donegal?”

Cllr Maguire received a response from the Area Manager, Housing & Corporate Services in relation to the above.

**MDD/048/19 Financial Assistance to Residents Associations for estate maintenance**

The following question was submitted by Cllr Maguire;-

“To ask the housing directorate whether they provide financial assistance to residents' associations to assist with the cost of grass cutting and maintenance of the estates?”

Cllr Maguire received a response from the Area Manager, Housing & Corporate Services in relation to the above.

**MDD/049/19 Date of next Meeting/Workshops.**

**Members agreed the following dates for next meeting/workshops;-**

- **Members confirmed their agreement to a workshop on the LIS scheme at 10.00 a.m. on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019.**
- **Members confirmed their agreement to a workshop on Rosnowlagh beach at 10.30 a.m. on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019.**
- **Members confirmed their agreement to a DFI Workshop on Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019 commencing at 10.00 am.**
- **Members also confirmed that the MD Donegal meeting would be at 11.30 am on Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019 (as per standing orders).**

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

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**Area Manager  
Municipal District of Donegal**

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**Cathaoirleach  
Municipal District of Donegal**

**Minutes of Workshop of Municipal District of Donegal held on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019 in the Peter Kennedy Chamber, Donegal Public Services Centre, Donegal commencing at 10.00 a.m.**

**Members Present:**

Cllr Micháel Naughton Cathaoirleach  
Cllr Tom Conaghan,  
Cllr Noel Jordan  
Cllr Niamh Kennedy  
Cllr Séamus Maguire  
Cllr Barry O'Neill

**Officials in Attendance:**

Ms. Pauric Sheerin, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal  
Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal  
Mr. Daragh McDonough, IS Project Leader, Information Systems  
Mr. Brian Boyle, Head of Information Systems  
Mr. Sean Canning, Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services  
Mr. Thomas Fox, Executive Engineer, National Roads Office  
Mr. Oisin Duffy, Engineer, National Roads Office

**Also in Attendance:**

Mr. Johnny Gorman, Department of Community & Rural Development

**Apologies**

Mr. Garry Martin, Director Designate, Municipal District of Donegal  
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

**1. Rollout of a free public wifi network across the County under the EU Funded WIFI4EU Scheme**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Darragh McDonough and Mr. Brian Boyle from I.S. and Mr. Johnny Gorman for the Department of Community & Rural Development to the workshop. Mr. Boyle gave an overview of the EU Funded WIFI4EU project and Mr. McDonough gave a detailed presentation on the rollout of a free public WIFI network across the County under the Scheme. Members welcomed the scheme and a number of comments/queries were dealt with at the workshop. A brief discussion on the SIRO broadband programme and its implications for the Donegal Municipal District also took place.

**2. Ten-T Priority Route Improvement Project, Donegal Update – Emerging preferred route corridor.**

Mr. Thomas Fox presented the update on the Ten-T Route Improvement Project and emerging preferred route corridor. Members noted the route selection would be discussed further at a workshop for members on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and the issue will be formally dealt with at Plenary Council. Mr. Fox also stated that it is hoped the preferred route corridor would be approved in April 2019. A number of queries in relation to the timing of the project and how the works would be phased were dealt with at the workshop.

Workshop - Municipal District of Donegal on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019

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

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**Area Manager,  
Municipal District of Donegal**

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**Cathaoirleach,  
Municipal District of Donegal**



**Minutes of Workshop of Municipal District of Donegal held on Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019 in the Peter Kennedy Chamber, Donegal Public Services Centre, Donegal commencing at 10.00 a.m.**

**Members Present:**

Cllr Micháel Naughton Cathaoirleach  
Cllr Tom Conaghan,  
Cllr Noel Jordan  
Cllr Niamh Kennedy  
Cllr Séamus Maguire  
Cllr Barry O'Neill

**Officials in Attendance:**

Ms. Pauric Sheerin, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal  
Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal  
Mr. Paul Christie, Senior Executive Planner, Central Planning Unit  
Mr. David Friel, Coastal Manager, Environment Section  
Mr. Eamon Boyle, Executive Engineer, Community Development  
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

**Apologies**

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

**1. Local Improvement Schemes**

Apologies were noted from Mr. P Sheerin for this item who did not attend due to having an interest in an LIS application. Mr. M Sweeney circulated the lists of LIS for the MD of Donegal by Roads Supervisor areas and a lengthy discussion took place in relation to the prioritisation of the schemes for 2019. The purpose of the workshop was to agree the priority list for the 2019 LIS funding. Members noted that once the funding amount is known the agreed list of priority schemes would be provided to Members.

**2. Taxi Rank – Bundoran**

Mr. M Sweeney briefed Members in relation to the proposed taxi rank in Bundoran and the public consultation process that had taken place. Members confirmed it is in order to proceed to draft the byelaws for the proposed taxi rank and Mr. M Sweeney confirmed that this process would be commenced shortly.

**3. Rossnowlagh Beach**

Mr. David Friel, Coastal Manager and Mr. Paul Christie were in attendance to brief Members in relation to Rossnowlagh Beach as discussed at previous MD meetings.

Mr. D Friel did a presentation on the ongoing role that the Environment Section undertakes in relation to Rossnowlagh Beach which dealt with the following;-

- Designated Bathing Areas
- Beach Promotion Initiatives
- Blue Flag Beach Compliance
- Environment Education and Information Provision

- Water Quality
- Bathing Water Quality
- Rossnowlagh Beach Water Quality
- Environmental Management
- Waste Management
- Facilities for the Separation of Recyclable Waste
- Public Conveniences
- Sustainable Means of Transportation
- Safety & Services
- Beach Access
- Beach Byelaws
- Public Safety Control Measures
- Irish Water Safety
- Lifeguards
- Coastguard
- Irish Water Safety Media Campaigns

Mr. P Christie then briefed Members in relation to the overlap between Casual Trading Bye-laws and the Beach Bye-laws, including the exemption under the Casual Trading Bye-laws for the selling of hot food. He submitted that these bye-laws could be reviewed in time by the newly established Regeneration Unit. A number of comments / queries were dealt with at the workshop.

In particular Members acknowledged the ongoing work of the Environment Section at Rossnowlagh Beach. Members also submitted that Rossnowlagh Beach is a good news story for the County and that improved facilities such as;-

Footpaths, Car parking, Toilets/Showers, Regulation of Trading and the provision of Units for trading, Traffic Management etc, will require a major investment in Rossnowlagh and should involve funding from EU/Peace, Failte Ireland, DCC etc.

Mr. D Friel also informed Members that discussion had taken place with the EU Funding Unit. He submitted that there are private sector development proposals for Rossnowlagh and that the appropriate development of facilities at Rossnowlagh with either public or private funding would be for the betterment of the Area.

#### **4. 2019 Town & Village Renewal Scheme**

Mr. Eamonn Boyle circulated and presented a report on 2019 Town & Village Renewal Scheme where it is expected funding will be made available for 2019 and it is assumed that the criteria and the process will be similar to previous years. Mr. Eamonn Boyle suggested that Members select 2 to 3 town/villages in the District so that some background work could be undertaken with those T & V's to be ready to submit applications. A lengthy discussion took place in relation to the scheme and Members referred to the ongoing important preparatory work in Towns & Villages such as;- Laghey, Mountcharles, Bundoran, Donegal Town, Rossnowlagh, Glencolmcille, and Carrick. Members also noted that in the previous T & V schemes the economic

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impact of same was an important consideration and that by selecting 3 today, it did not preclude any of the other T & V's in the District from submitting applications. In conclusion, Members selected the following Towns & Villages for the T & V 2019;-

1. Laghey
2. Rossnowlagh
3. Bundoran
4. Glencolmcille

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

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**Area Manager,  
Municipal District of Donegal**

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**Cathaoirleach,  
Municipal District of Donegal**

# Municipal District of Donegal

## Housing/Corporate Update for 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019

1. Casual Vacancies
2. Housing Grants
3. Housing Loans
4. TP Applications
5. Social Housing Support Programme
6. HAP Tenancies
7. Private Rented Inspections
8. Household Composition by MD & Area
9. Lease & Repair Scheme Summary

Location of Vacancy	Area	BED	Dwelling Vacated	Current Status
SI Cottage at Ballinacarrick	Ballintra	3	Legal issues etc - Keys received on June 1st 2018	Technical option appraisal re costs
64 Forge Avenue	Ballintra	3	Tenant Deceased - Feb 2017	Application for funding submitted
28 Forge Avenue	Ballintra	1	Keys returned 09/05/2018	Application for funding submitted
60 St Benildus Avenue	Ballyshannon	2	Reposessed on 28/04/2010	Offer will issue in April 2019
11 Lawne Park	Ballyshannon	3	21/12/2017	Works to be completed in April 2019
12 Lawne Park	Ballyshannon	3	Keys returned by tenant 12/11/18	Application for funding submitted
26 Lawne Park	Ballyshannon	3	Tenant Deceased - Mar 2018	Application for funding submitted
32 Lawne Park	Ballyshannon	3	13/07/2017	Works to be completed in April 2019
64 Lawne Park	Ballyshannon	3	30/04/2018	Application for funding submitted
67 Lawne Park	Ballyshannon	2	27/01/2019	Minor works required for temporary letting
6 St Theresa's Terrace	Bruckless	2	Tenant deceased - Keys returned on 20/02/2019	Referred for inspection and costing.
1 Gaelic Park Drive	Bundoran	2	Tenant in long-term residential care - 01/03/2019	Referred for inspection and costing.
25 Ben Wisken View	Bundoran	3	Tenant returned the keys on 07/02/2019	Application for funding submitted
259 St Josephs Avenue	Donegal	3	13/03/2018	Works due to start in April 2019
453 O'Duignan Ave	Donegal	1	Tenant deceased - keys returned 28/06/2018	Application for funding submitted
28 Millrace Crescent	Donegal Town	3	Keys returned to office by post on 28/12/2017	Works due to start in April 2019
211 Castleview	Dunkineely	3	25/08/2017	Application for funding submitted
216 Castleview	Dunkineely	3	15/12/2017	Application for funding submitted
54 St Cummins Hill	Killybegs	1	Temporary tenancy expired 19th Nov	Application for funding submitted
SI Gortward	Mountcharles	3	Tenant Deceased on 20/12/2016	95% complete - certification process to be finalised
9 St Patricks Terrace	Pettigo	3	2/2/2017 - tenancy surrendered	Application for funding submitted
14 Termon Villas	Pettigo	1	Tenant deceased - 13/3/2017	Application for funding submitted

Position as at 26th March 2019

**HOUSING GRANTS**

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED\INVALID	FURTHER INFO	PENDING		
HO	2018	74	62	10	0	2		
HO	2019	14	8	2	0	4		
	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED\INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	REF. TO OT	REF. To ENGINEER	PENDING
HD	2018	62	13	28	0	0	0	21
HD	2019	14	0	6	0	0	0	8
	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED\INVALID	FURTHER INFO	PENDING		
HM	2018	2	1	1	0	0		
HM	2019	7	0	2	0	5		

**HOUSING LOANS**

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	PENDING	Further information
Housing Loans	2018	12	0	3	9	0	
Housing Loans	2019	4	0	0	0	2	2

**Tenant Purchase Applications 2018 - 2019**

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

**SOCIAL HOUSING SUPPORT PROGRAMME**

Position at 29th March 2019										
Scheme	2 bed	2 bed	3 bed	4 bed	Total	Status				
	apts (own door)	2 storey	2 storey	2 storey		Design	Planning	Tender	Under Con	Completed
<b>Building Programme 2015 - 2017</b>										
Donegal Town	8	8	6	2	24	24	01/07/2016	Contr Appt	Apr-19	
Killybegs	2	3	4		9	9	29/01/2017	Feb-18	Sep-18	
<b>Purchases 2018</b>										
			1	2	3					
<b>CAS 2016/2017</b>										
2 Com Group Homes					2			Aug-18	Apr-19	
1 Com Group Home							Alternative site being examined			
<b>CALF Approved</b>										
Ernedale Heights Ballyshannon					11					Jan-19

<b>HAP Tenancies</b>										
Municipal District	Number									
Donegal	216									
Letterkenny	705									
Glenties	131	<b>Private Rented Dwelling Inspections (MDD) to 29/3/2019</b>							<b>233</b>	
Stranorlar	250									
Inishowen	428									
Sub Total	1730									
Tenancies Closed	1100									
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>2830</b>									

<b>Municipal District</b>	<b>Waiting List (Net Need)</b>	<b>Transfer List</b>	<b>Total Gross Need</b>
<b>Donegal</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>352</b>
Ballintra	3	4	7
Ballyshannon	29	36	65
Bruckless	4	4	8
Bundoran	24	41	65
Carrick	2	2	4
Donegal	71	67	138
Drimarone	2	0	2
Dunkineely	3	2	5
Frosses	3	1	4
Glencolmcille	2	0	2
Inver	1	1	2
Kilcar	1	1	2
Killybegs	12	11	23
Laghey	3	6	9
Mountcharles	8	6	14
Pettigo	1	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>352</b>
updated 29/03/2019			



<b>Lease &amp; Repair Scheme Summary</b>						
	<b>Applications</b>					
<b>MD</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>No. of Units</b>	<b>Awaiting assessment</b>	<b>Rejected</b>	<b>Progressing</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Inishowen</b>	15	18	0	15	0	<b>15</b>
<b>Donegal</b>	13	29	1	12	0	<b>13</b>
<b>Glenties</b>	13	13	0	13	0	<b>13</b>
<b>Letterkenny</b>	20	25	7	13	0	<b>20</b>
<b>Stranorlar</b>	11	25	5	6	0	<b>11</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>72</b>
Updated 26/03/2019						

<b>Donegal Municipal District</b>					
<b>2019 Roadworks Programme</b>					
<b>Status Report - 9th April 2019</b>					

## Donegal Municipal District

### 2019 Regional & Local Road Restoration Maintenance Programme

#### Regional Roads Restoration Maintenance - Budget €165,591.52

No	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Year	Length (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)	Status
1	R	R262/5	Frosses - Glenties (Meenagran)	14	2019	500	2875	€14,671.54	
2	R	R263-16	Malinmore malinbeg	15	2019	800	3600	€19,800.00	
3	R	R230-4	Braidge	15	2019	1000	4000	€22,000.00	
4	R	R263-12	Lime kill towards Meenaveen	15	2019	750	5250	€27,572.86	
5	R	R231-3	Rossnowlagh Rd	16	2019	900	6300	€34,958.12	
6	R	R267-1	Drumgowan	17	2019	250	3250	€18,065.00	
7	R	R233	Lough Derg Rd	17	2019	1000	5200	€28,524.00	
<b>Total</b>								<b>€165,591.52</b>	

#### Local Roads Restoration Maintenance - Budget €555,868.91

No	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Year	Length (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)	Status
1	LP	LP1895-1	Beef Park - Medical Centre Mtcharles	14	2019	1200	6000	€27,000.00	
2	LP	LP2615-1	Mtcharles Town To The Bypass	14	2019	660	3960	€17,820.00	
3	LP	LP1515-5	Ardaghey - Ardara	14	2019	800	4400	€19,800.00	
4	LP	LP1685-1	Frosses - Drumbarron	14	2019	800	3000	€13,500.00	
5	LP	LP1645-4	Doorin Line, Leonards C/R - Phonebox	14	2019	1380	5796	€26,082.00	
6	LP	LP1395-5	Thower	14	2019	850	3188	€14,343.75	
7	LP	LP1535-4	Drumfinn - Castleogary	14	2019	650	2080	€9,360.00	Started
8	LP/LS	LP1645-3	Muntermees - Drumcoe	14	2019	750	2813	€12,444.75	
9	LP	LP-1385-1	Gilbertstown	15	2019	1000	3,000	€13,500.00	
10	LP	LP-1185-1	Cougish school	15	2019	1000	3,000	€13,500.00	
11	LP	LP-1125-2	Meenaneary	15	2019	850	5,525	€24,800.00	
12	LP	LP-1025-1	Malinmore	15	2019	950	3,800	€17,100.00	Started
13	LP	LP-1045-1	Sliabh Liag	15	2019	500	3,000	€13,500.00	
14	LP	LP-1215-1	Towney	15	2019	1000	3,000	€13,500.00	
15	LP	LP1315-2	Faiafannan- Carricknamoghill	15	2019	500	2,500	€13,576.38	
16	LP	LP- 1395-1	Meenabrock-Croagh	15	2019	800	3,600	€16,190.00	
17	LP	L2225-4	Rushen	16	2019	1600	5,120	€23,040.00	
18	LP	L2485	Knader	16	2019	1550	7,750	€34,875.00	
19	LS	L7715-1	Kildoney	16	2019	1600	4,800	€21,600.00	
20	LS	L7385-1-	Ballymagorty Scotch	16	2019	600	1,920	€8,640.00	
21	LS	L7435-1	Ballinacarrick	16	2019	1000	3,200	€14,400.00	
22	LS	L7835-1	Corlea-Derrykillew	16	2019	1600	5,120	€23,040.00	
23	LT	L76751	Cashel	16	2019	1000	3,000	€13,946.02	
24	LP	L2185-1	Lismintan	17	2019	500	2,500	€11,250.00	Started
25	LP	L2095-3	Ballykilloven	17	2019	500	2,000	€9,000.00	Started
26	LP	L2175-1	Drumaneel	17	2019	800	5,000	€22,500.00	Started
27	LP	L2165-1	Drumnacroil	17	2019	750	2,625	€11,812.50	Started
28	LS	L6725-2	Drumgowan	17	2019	900	3,150	€14,175.00	Started
29	LS	L6785-1	Cuilly	17	2019	500	1,700	€7,650.00	Started
30	LS	L6695-1	Rarooey	17	2019	700	4,200	€18,900.00	Started
31	LS	L6565-1	Clogher	17	2019	850	4,675	€21,037.50	Started
32	LS	L6535-1	Spierstown	17	2019	500	1,750	€7,875.00	Started
33	LS	L6525-1	Clardrumnaghan	17	2019	400	1,800	€8,138.20	Started
34	LT	L80451-2	Drumnowark	17	2019	1200	3,960	€17,972.81	Started
<b>Total</b>								<b>€555,868.91</b>	

# Donegal Municipal District

## 2019 Agreed Restoration Improvement Programme

**2019**

### Regional Roads

No	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Length (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)	Status
1	R	R-262-2	Frosses - Gargrim	14 - Dunkineely	600	3,600	€77,000.00	
2	R & LP	R-263 & LP	Killybegs Streets (Various locations)	15 - Killybegs	500	3,000	€88,000.00	
3	R	R-263-7	Leitir, Kilcar	15 - Killybegs	400	2,100	€65,000.00	
4	R	R-263-5	Largysillagh (Kitty Kellys)	15 - Killybegs	250	2,250	€58,000.00	
5	R & LP	R-263, LP 1215	Kilcar Streets	15 - Killybegs	250	1,500	€50,000.00	
6	R	R-263-10	Carrick- Meenavean	15 - Killybegs	500	3,500	€58,166.78	
7	R	R267	Ballyshannon Streets	16 - Ballyshannon	600	4000	€160,000.00	
8	R	R267-7	Finner Roundabout	16 - Ballyshannon		1800	€40,778.68	
9	R	R233-2	Lough Derg Rd	17 - Laghey	1000	4700	€77,550.00	
10	R	R267-3	Donegal Town Streets	17 - Laghey	300	2000	€40,000.00	
11	R	R232	Pettigo Rd	17 - Laghey	430	2500	€50,310.00	
12	R	R232	Laghey Street	17 - Laghey	130	1170	€28,000.00	
							<b>€792,805.46</b>	

**2019**

### Local Roads

No	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Length (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)	Status
1	LS	L-6575/1	Summerhill - Ballyboyle	14 - Dunkineely	1500	6,000	€66,000.00	Started
2	LS	L-6435-1	Tullinagreena - Orbeg (In The Farm)	14 - Dunkineely	850	2,550	€33,000.00	
3	LP	L-1845-4	Doonan - Ballydevitt	14 - Dunkineely	530	3,445	€70,000.00	
4	LP	L-6445-2	Newtown - Ballydevitt	14 - Dunkineely	1000	3,250	€48,750.00	
5	LT	L18251	Owenboy - Meenataggart	14 - Dunkineely	1050	3,150	€44,800.00	
6	LP	L-1575-2	Keeloges - Killian	14 - Dunkineely	1000	3,000	€45,000.00	Started
7	LS	L-5835/1	Drumletterfinn - Altcor	14 - Dunkineely	1000	3,000	€45,090.00	Started
8	LP	L-1515/5	Ardaghey - Ardara (Patching)	14 - Dunkineely	500	4,800	€40,000.00	
9	LP	L-1445/1/2	Ballybodonnell - Ballyederland St JnPs	14 - Dunkineely	1000	3,000	€45,000.00	
10	LS	L-6115-1	Drumbeagh - Drumkeelan (N McGroar)	14 - Dunkineely	1000	3,250	€48,750.00	
11	LP	L-1875-1	Station Road Mountcharles	14 - Dunkineely	750	3,250	€81,538.24	
12	LP	LP-1825-1	Meenatagart - Altileo	14 - Dunkineely	1000	3,200	€44,540.00	
13	LP	LP- 1315-3	Carrickmamohill	15 - Killybegs	800	3,200	€51,000.00	
14	LS	LS-5635-2	Corkermore	15 - Killybegs	800	2,400	€40,000.00	
15	LP	LP-1025-2	Meenaveen - Malinmore	15 - Killybegs	700	3,500	€51,000.00	
16	LP	L-1125-2	Meenaneary - Carrick	15 - Killybegs	550	2,750	€50,000.00	Started
17	LS	L-5235-2	Drumreagh - Kilcar	15 - Killybegs	800	2,200	€33,000.00	Started
18	LS	L-5285-1	Ballymoon - Crownarudda	15 - Killybegs	600	1,100	€25,000.00	Started
19	LP/LT	L-1095-2	Carrick back lane & cottages	15 - Killybegs	250	1,500	€53,000.00	
20	LP	L-1175-1	Kilcar - Kilbeg	15 - Killybegs	650	3,100	€50,000.00	
21	LS	L-5551-1	Tullaghacullion (Saltbarn)	15 - Killybegs	140	840	€22,518.00	Started
22	LS	L-5565-1	Gilbertstown	15 - Killybegs	500	1,500	€24,000.00	
24	LS	LS7885-1	Rathmore	16 - Ballyshannon	900	2700	€37,800.00	Started
25	L	L7965-1	Clontyseer 3 patches	16 - Ballyshannon	470	1645	€23,200.00	
26	LP	LP2175-1	Ballintra Streets	16 - Ballyshannon			€35,000.00	
27	LS/LP	LS7755-1 /LP2375-1	Behey-Cavancarden	16 - Ballyshannon	600	1980	€25,740.00	
28	LS	L7775-2	Ardgillew	16 - Ballyshannon	400	1600	€20,800.00	
29	LS	LS7245-1	Glasbolie	16 - Ballyshannon	1300	4290	€63,972.00	Started
30	LS	L7195-1	Killinangle	16 - Ballyshannon	1300	4290	€53,625.00	
31	LT	L22751	Dumish	16 - Ballyshannon	800	2640	€36,830.00	
32	LS	L7115-1	Drumlongfield	16 - Ballyshannon	1100	3300	€42,900.00	Started
33	LS	L7745-1	Tullymore	16 - Ballyshannon	1000	3300	€42,900.00	
34	LT	LT22151	White Rock	16 - Ballyshannon	1000	3300	€42,900.00	
35	LS	L7655-2	Cashel	16 - Ballyshannon	1200	3600	€46,800.00	
36	LP	L2225-4	Rushen	16 - Ballyshannon	900	2880	€48,960.00	
37	LP	L2265-1	Tamlagh	17 - Laghey	1300	5200	€67,600.00	Started
38	LS	LS6985-1	Drummus Glebe	17 - Laghey	900	3150	€40,950.00	Started
39	LS	LS6765-1	Tullyloskan	17 - Laghey	1200	4200	€54,600.00	Started
40	LP	LP1915-2	Drumroosk West (Killymard Road)	17 - Laghey	950	5225	€70,537.50	Started
41	LP	LP2095-3	Ballykillowen	17 - Laghey	1000	4500	€58,500.00	Started
42	LP	LP2185-1	Ballintra Chapel	17 - Laghey	120	720	€20,160.00	Started
43	LP	LP1945-2	Lough Eske Demesne	17 - Laghey	700	3290	€56,700.00	Started
44	LP	LP1955-2	Lough Eske Demesne	17 - Laghey	900	4500	€60,750.00	Started
45	LS	L6675-1	Tully - Old laghey Road	17 - Laghey	500	3000	€75,000.00	Started
46	LS	LS6765-2	Cuilly	17 - Laghey	500	1750	€22,750.00	Started
47	LP	LP2095-5	Leghawny	17 - Laghey	770	3465	€46,975.68	Started
48	LP	LP1995-2	Drumlaght	17 - Laghey	500	1750	€23,663.00	Started
							<b>€2,131,599.42</b>	

**Donegal Municipal District**

**2018 Local Improvement Scheme Priority List - Tranche 2 funding**

RSS Area	Budget	No	LIS No	Cost Estimate	Total	Local Contribution paid	Status	
14		1	170110	€12,042.00	€63,858.00	Yes	Completed	
		2	170856	€33,129.00		Yes	Completed	
		3	170183	€18,687.00		Yes	Completed	
15			4	170405	€13,770.00	€40,860.00	Yes	Completed
		5	170256	€10,620.00	Yes		Completed	
		6	170177	€8,370.00	Yes		Completed	
		7	170881	€8,100.00	Yes		Completed	
16			8	170106	€13,320.00	€26,820.00	Yes	Completed
		9	170269	€13,500.00	Yes		Completed	
17			10	170816	€22,837.50	€52,526.25	Yes	Completed
		11	170696	€29,688.75	Yes		Completed	
<b>Total</b>	<b>€181,703.20</b>				<b>€184,064.25</b>	<b>(including local contributions, no admin cost)</b>		

**2019 Safety Improvement Works**

No	Road Number	Description	Engineering Area	Location	Estimated Cost of work (EURO)	Status
1	N15	Vision line improvement works at junction of N15 with L7145-2 at Drumnacroil, Ballintra	17	Laghey	€ 30,000.00	Started

**Donegal Municipal District**

**3 year Footpath Repair and Public Lighting Infill Works Programme (2018 -2020)**

Budget Information	Planned Budget	Actual Budget Received to date
County Budget	€1,400,000	€1,000,000
DMD portion of budget	16.60%	16.60%
DMD budget	€232,400.00	€166,000.00
% for footpath repairs	90%	90%
% for public lighting	10%	10%
Amount for footpath repairs	€209,160.00	€149,400.00
Amount for public lighting	€23,240.00	€16,600.00

**2018 Footpath Repair Works**

Planned Budget	Location	Actual Budget received to date	Status
€21,795.00	Killybegs	€15,568.00	Works commenced
€8,020.00	Mountcharles	€5,729.00	Planned for February/March
€46,031.00	Donegal Town	€32,897.00	Started
€133,314.00	Ballyshannon	€95,244.00	Works commenced 65% completed
<b>€209,160.00</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>€149,438.00</b>	

**2018 Public lighting infill works**

Planned Budget	Location	Actual Budget received to date	Status
€23,240.00	Locations to be agreed with Members when costings are available	€16,600.00	Waiting on prices from Airtricity

**Donegal Municipal District**

**Agreed list of projects to be funded from the 2019 Drainage Grant**

<b>County Budget</b>	€1,348,500.00
<b>Donegal MD %</b>	20.68%
<b>Donegal MD Budget</b>	€278,923.74

Area	Job No	Budget	Description of Works	Road No.	Estimated Cost €	Area totals	Status
14	1	€65,760.00	Drainage between Ballydevitt Crossroads and The Ambulance Center, (Mullans, Doonan)	LP1845/4	€31,760.00	€65,760.00	
	2		Upgrade Road Crossing to 750mm S&S Pipe at Disert, Drimarone ( Flooding )	L6015/1	€6,000.00		Completed
	3		Drainage at Keeloges, Inver. (Billy Cassidys), Up Grade Stone Culvert to S&S Pipe	LP1575/2	€7,500.00		Completed
	4		Drainage at Keeloges, (Jim Lesleys) Inver. Pipe Roadside Drain with 300mm Twinwall	LP1575/1	€5,000.00		
	5		Drainage at Port Inver, (Jordans) Pipe roadside drain with 300mm pipe and provide gullies	LP1535/1	€7,500.00		
	6		Drainage at Summerhill, Pipe roadside drain with 300mm dia twinwall	LS6575/1	€8,000.00		Started
15	7	€68,546.00	Drainage works Crove - pipe sections of existing drain to prevent damage of road edge.	R-230	€18,260.00	€68,546.00	Started
	8		New drainage works from chapel towards junction Drumfinnagle Kilcar	R-263	€25,000.00		
	9		Drainage works Croagh - Repair/replace damaged pipe, extend existing pipe & provide gullies	L-1395-2	€7,000.00		Completed
	10		Mc Causl Croaghbeg (install new drainage with solve flooding issue on public road.	L-1215-4	€10,000.00		
	11		Loughraherk/Meenasillagh upgrade drainage system.	L-5015-2	€8,286.00		
16	12	€68,883.00	Tully - Station Road Ballyshannon - raise a 60m section of road and resurface	LS-7965-1	€6,000.00	€68,883.00	
	13		Rushen - Raise a 50m section of road and place new road crossing	LP-2225-6	€12,000.00		
	14		Garvanagh - Place new drainage system	LS-7615-2	€12,000.00		
	15		Rossnowlagh - Place drainage system to collect water rising in middle of road to the Sandhouse	LP-2295-1	€6,883.00		
	16		Lacloim - Clean stream and strenghten roadside currently being undermined by stream	LS-7115-2	€22,000.00		Started
	17		Ballintra - Replace road crossing and reopen drains	LP-7155	€10,000.00		
	18		Drumrooske East - Install new road crossing to address existing flooding.	LP - 1935-2	€3,000.00		Started
17	19	€75,734.00	Mullins - repair existing storm drain and place protection slab	LP-1925-2	€3,734.00	€75,734.00	
	20		Tullyearl (Taylors) - Replace existing crossing, raise the road and resurface.	LP-2035-1	€24,400.00		
	21		Cullionboy - Replace/upsized existing road crossing	LP - 1985-1	€10,000.00		
	22		Carrick West - Raise road level and install new drainage system to alleviate flooding.	LP-2145-2	€20,600.00		
	23		Haugh - Install new road side drain to collect water from draining off lands higher than road level.	LP-1945	€6,000.00		
	24		Drumgowan Road - Install new road crossing to address existing flooding.	LS-6715-1	€2,500.00		
	25		Tullyearl - Install new road crossing to address existing flooding.	LT-67251	€2,500.00		
	26		Shannagh - Install new road crossing to address existing flooding.	L P-2185-4	€3,000.00		
				€278,923.00	<b>TOTAL</b>		



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09<sup>th</sup> April 2019

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**Tourism Unit**

**Economic Directorate**

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**REPORT**

1. Donegal Tourism Marketing Officer Update
2. Gaeltacht Tourism Officer Update
3. Marine Marketing Officer Update
4. Bundoran Tourism Officer Update
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**Activity / Project Update –April 2019**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	Donegal Tourism
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	The Marketing aspects of Donegal Tourism / Go Visit Donegal
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	N/A
<b>Progress to date within the last 2 months-inclusive of current status</b>	<p><b>AIPCO</b></p> <p>The annual AIPCO Business Tourism Conference took place on 21-22 March in Lough Eske. The yearly event is a must-attend event for anyone involved in Business Tourism in Ireland.</p> <p>Over 180 delegates were in attendance including hotels, transport companies, restaurants, AV companies, EventTech suppliers, exhibition specialists and team building companies.</p> <p>Donegal County Council tourism unit organised a Taste of Donegal for the event where food and beverage companies exhibited such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Albatross Sea foods</li><li>• Shine Foods</li><li>• Muff Gin</li><li>• <i>Sliabh Liag Distillers</i></li><li>• Kinnegar Beer</li><li>• <a href="#">Donegal brewing</a> company</li><li>• Donegal Craft Bakery</li></ul> <p>The Inishowen carnival preformed a show stopping event for all in attendance and has subsequently received bookings from all over the country as a result.</p> <p>Donegal Tourism also exhibited at the conference, showcasing the fantastic properties, venues and activity providers that Donegal has to offer and encouraging attendees to come to Donegal and use their services and products for future events. The stand featured interactive demonstrations of Donegal using Virtual Reality.</p>



### ITB Berlin

The largest tourism event in the world took place in Berlin in Germany last week. 200,000 visitors from 187 countries were in attendance at the ITB travel show. Of these, about 120,000 were trade visitors – including leading tour operators, travel agents, airlines, travel media and bloggers – not just from Germany but from all over the world.

Donegal County Council Tourism Staff were in attendance within the Tourism Ireland region in a bid to grow the Donegal share of the German travel market.

German literature was designed and translated for the event including an 18 page National Geographic supplement.

This is part of the 2019 global marketing campaign that is underway and will run across TV, print, outdoor as well as tradeshows in conjunction with Donegal trade and Tourism Ireland and a very successful digital campaign has also kicked off internationally on Facebook and Instagram.





### **Chinese Map**

Donegal Tourism has taken out prominent advertisement in the 2019 Belfast Chinese Map/Guide. 10,000 of these guides will be published in March and distributed throughout Belfast, 8,000 of which will be distributed by the Visit Belfast Welcome Centre. The remaining 2,000 copies will be distributed to Chinese guests staying at city centre and 3\* and 4\* Airport Hotels, and also Belfast International Youth Hostel.

### **Donegal Tourism TV Advertisement with Virgin Media**

Donegal Tourism is kicking off a domestic campaign with an upcoming new TV advert. Running on Virgin Media on the 9<sup>th</sup> April this advert has been created to highlight what Donegal has to offer

The domestic market provides a bed-rock for many tourism businesses and sustains activity in the sector throughout the year. The advertisement focuses on the opportunity for Irish people to discover Donegal and truly get away from it all.

Donegal tourism will be enticing providers and tourism businesses to create Easter/ Summer packages on their websites to compliment the timing of the advert and hopefully entice visitors to book 'staycations' in Donegal.

### **Social Media**

Finally, Go Visit Donegal is being showcased across a range of marketing platforms including Instagram, Google Adwords, email marketing, and blog content.

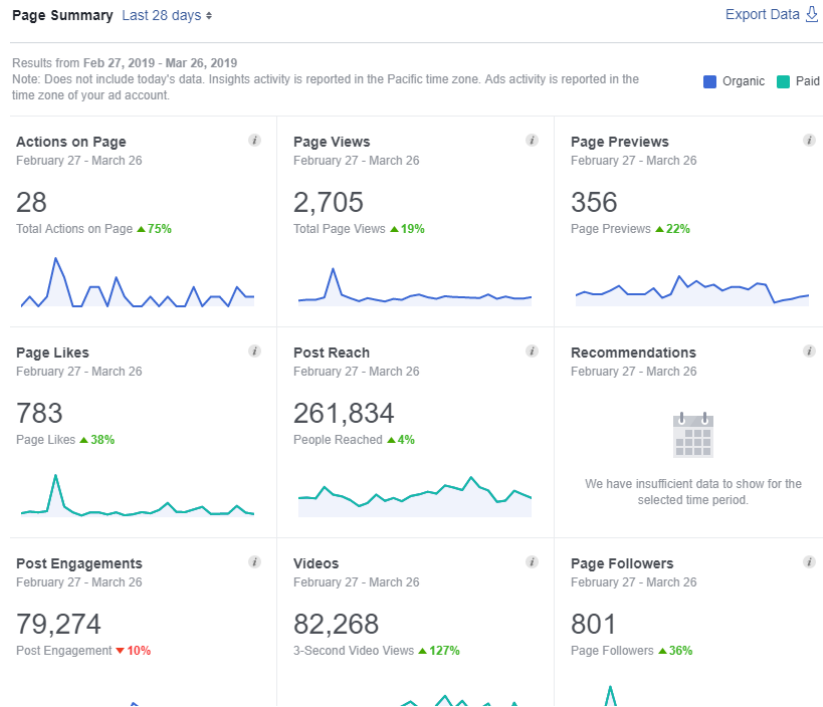
## Facebook

There has been considerable success with facebook in the last month

Followers are up by 36%

Video Views are up by 127%

Page views are up by 19%



## Instagram

Donegal Tourism has set up an instagram page in the last few months and it has had great success to date – within two months it has almost 3,000 followers and almost 600 posts about Donegal

### Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period

#### Donegal Tourism Seminar

Donegal Tourism will be hosting a tourism themed seminar with keynote speakers from the sector and attended by businesses from across Donegal who engage in tourism activities on May 1<sup>st</sup> in the Waterfront Hotel, Dungloe.

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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Gaeltacht Tourism</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	To promote tourism as a resource in the Donegal Gaeltacht and to ensure that the Gaeltacht is central in marketing the county.
<b>Progress to date within the last two quarters -inclusive of current status</b>	<p><b><u>Victoria Square</u></b></p> <p>For 6 days at the start of February Donegal Tourism took a stand in the Victoria Square Shopping Centre, Belfast. Each day 2 local businesses joined the Donegal Tourism team in promoting the businesses and the county and this included businesses from the Gaeltacht areas.</p> <div data-bbox="536 636 1374 1258" data-label="Image"> </div> <p><b><u>Loganair Trade Event</u></b></p> <p>Recently the Gaeltacht Tourism officer along with Donegal Airport attended a Loganair trade event in Edinburgh with over 100 Scottish Travel Trade, including: agents, tour operators and travel management companies in attendance.</p> <p>Loganair operates the flights between Donegal Airport and Glasgow International Airport up to 5 times weekly and this event provided the opportunity promote the Gaeltacht areas as an onward destination for Scottish passengers. There was great interest from the trade in Donegal as a destination</p> <p>The event was particularly focused on Loganair’s new air services, as an educational to the trade, and opportunities for them to drive outbound traffic from Scotland.</p>



## **Cologne**

Over the course of this year's St.Patrick's Day, Donegal Tourism along with tourism providers from the county attended an event organised by Tourism Ireland and Ireland West Airport in Cologne, Germany. The event was held to promote a new Ryanair route between Cologne/Bonn Airport and Ireland West Airport Knock.

Over 90 travel professionals working in the Cologne region attended a business networking event in Cologne Bonn Airport where the representatives from Donegal had the opportunity to inform the trade as to what is available in the county and why they should visit. There was also representatives from Leitrim, Mayo, Sligo, Galway and Roscommon in attendance.

The Donegal also attended also attended the 'greening' of Cologne's Lanxess arena, one of the largest arenas in Europe, which took part in Tourism Ireland's Global Greening initiative for the first time.



### **AIPCO Conference**

The *Association of Irish Professional Conference Organisers (AIPCO)*, the premier professional association for conference organisers in Ireland held their annual conference in Lough Eske Castle from 22-23 March with 200 delegates in attendance. Donegal Tourism was delighted to have the opportunity to showcase what the County has to offer to the business tourist. This included an event which highlighted local Donegal produce, including those from Gaeltacht areas.



Delegates were also given the opportunity to visit Sliabh Liag whose breathtaking scenery thoroughly impressed everyone that went





**Project Targets for the next quarterly reporting period**

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## Marine Tourism Marketing & Development Activity Report

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	Marine Tourism Marketing & Development
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	N/A – Multiple Budgets from Various Projects
<b>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 1 - inclusive of current status</b>	<p><b>WAOH Project</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A Marketing Plan for the WAOH Route has been finalised and submitted to the EU Commission for review.</li><li>• A new video has been developed promoting diving along the WAOH Route and will be launched mid March.</li><li>• New content for the destinations has been produced by Green Traveller and is currently being reviewed by partners.</li><li>• A new brochure has been produced for the WAOH Route project including both technical and leisure diving in Donegal, both wreck and scenic diving and was launched by the lead partner at a major trade show in Spain called Fitur Madrid 2019.</li><li>• Donegal County Council is working with SME's in the dive sector in Donegal to prepare for upcoming trade shows and we have confirmed attendance at the DIVE 2019 show in Birmingham in October 2019.</li></ul> <p><b>Wildsea Europe</b></p> <p>Donegal County Council has committed to continue to work on the Wildsea Europe project. Those listed on the website <a href="http://www.wildsea.eu">www.wildsea.eu</a> have reported receiving bookings for their businesses so it is important to continue to provide training and support for SME's and to continue to support the marketing activities to increase traffic and bookings on the website.</p>

	<p><b>CAPITEN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A new website for the CAPITEN project has been launched at <a href="http://www.capiten.eu">www.capiten.eu</a></li> <li>• Donegal County Council has completed the Marketing Plan for the festivals and events element of the project.</li> <li>• Donegal County Council has produced a suite of tools for partners to use when dealing with maritime festivals and events in their regions including templates for ‘calls for funding, post event reports, attendee surveys and reporting to the EU’.</li> </ul> <p><b>MalinWaters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A successful meeting of the MalinWaters partnership took place in the offices of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019 and the Marine Tourism Officer presented marketing activity for 2018 and marketing plans for 2019.</li> <li>• A total of 29 applications have been received via MalinWaters for festival and event funding</li> <li>• MalinWaters now has 16,600 likes on Facebook and 1017 followers on Twitter. 57% male and 42% female.</li> <li>• Top markets on social media - US, Ireland, UK, France and Germany.</li> <li>• Welcome Anchorages 2019 will again feature all marinas, pontoons and sailing facilities in Donegal plus an editorial about the MalinWaters regions.</li> </ul> <p><b>Cruise Tourism</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Procurement of a graphic designer to develop a new cruise tourism brochure showcasing all cruise destinations is almost complete. The finished design is due to be ready by the end of March.</li> <li>➤ A German cruise operator visited Donegal on 12<sup>th</sup> March to scope out the county as a potential cruise tourism destination where they can develop new unique itineraries to facilitate new routes for additional cruise ships they have purchased.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarter 2 2019 reporting period</b></p>	<p><b>WAOH Project</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A social media trip will be organised and delivered by Donegal County Council in May 2019.</li> <li>• Capacity building sessions and training workshops are due to be delivered by the lead partner in May 2019 in Donegal. More information will be available soon.</li> </ul>

**MalinWaters Marketing Activity**

- Following assessment of the 29 festivals and event applications. All events will be added to the website and promoted via social media.
- Marketing activity is ongoing to promote [www.malinwaters.com](http://www.malinwaters.com) across a variety of marketing channels. Further activities to promote the MalinWaters brand across a range of marketing platforms including e-mail, display, PPC, content, SEO and more will be ongoing in 2019.

**CAPITEN**

- A financial and technical report and claim will be carried out in March/April 2019.
- Donegal County Council is also developing innovative products for example VR technology.
- A Business and Action Plan will be developed by Donegal County Council for the CAPITEN project.

**Cruise Tourism**

- In 2019 continued promotion of Donegal as a cruise tourism destination will be ongoing.
- A brochure promoting cruise tourism in various locations in County Donegal will be developed.

**Marine Tourism Newsletter**

Further updates will be sent out to over 200 marine tourism contacts via the e-mail newsletter including details of any funding calls for maritime festivals and events and any other opportunities that may arise.

**Marine Tourism Conference 2019**

A Marine Tourism Conference will be held on 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> September 2019. This year the Marine Tourism Conference will be held over two days to incorporate more elements of the EU funded marine tourism projects.

**SeaFest 2019**

SeaFest will take place in Cork in July 2019 and Donegal County Council Tourism Unit will be taking a promotional stand at this event.

**DIVE 2019**

Through the WAOH! Route project Donegal County Council will be taking a promotional stand at the DIVE 2019 trade show event in Birmingham.

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**Activity / Project Update**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	Bundoran Tourism Officer Update
<b>Project Description</b>	Promotional Activities – February/March 2019
<b>Current Activities</b>	<p><u>Membership of Discover Bundoran Tourism Partnership</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Five new members have joined the partnership in the past month.</li> </ul> <p><u>Marketing of Bundoran</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newsletter for February and March sent out.</li> <li>• Attended Victoria Square Belfast promotion in association with Donegal Tourism to promote Bundoran (9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> February)</li> <li>• Attended Shannon Holiday Show, Limerick (17<sup>th</sup> February)</li> <li>• Arranged advertising feature for Bundoran trade in Irish News</li> <li>• Arranged advertising feature for Bundoran trade in Johnston Press</li> <li>• Paid ads on Facebook for special offers.</li> <li>• Attended Tourism Ireland/Ireland West Airport tour operators event in Cologne, Germany on St Patrick's Day.</li> </ul> <p><u>Brochure 2019</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brochure being distributed across the town, county and country.</li> </ul> <p><u>Other:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitating ongoing progression of Discover Ballyshannon brand – currently campaigning to get new members on board and website content.</li> <li>• Facilitating the establishment of Bundoran Town Team.</li> <li>• Assisting planning department to contact and get word out to community groups about Local Area Plan and forthcoming consultations.</li> <li>• Gave talk to Donegal County Council Share &amp; Learn social media group on podcasting and Facebook live broadcasts.</li> <li>• Facilitating Failte Ireland Customer Service Excellence Workshop in Bundoran in April</li> <li>• Promotion of Failte Ireland Local Experts workshop in Donegal with Bundoran trade.</li> <li>• PR and logistics for Think Before You Flush Bundoran ambassador town launch</li> <li>• Working with Tidy Towns/Donegal County Council environment section on installation and promotion of Ballot Bins at Main Beach.</li> </ul>

	<p><u>Events for 2019</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working with event organisers to programme “Bundoran’s Big Week By The Beach” festival in August. A number of events already confirmed for this.</li> <li>• Working with food trade to programme “Bia Bundoran” food festival September 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup></li> <li>• Assisted with logistics for Cara Bundoran Challenge (March 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>).</li> <li>• Helped to organise and coordinate Bundoran St Patrick’s Day parade and live Facebook broadcast</li> <li>• Planning for Easter Egg painting event (April 20<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• Assisting with logistics and promotion of Darkness Into Light event (May 11<sup>th</sup>)</li> </ul> <p><u>Discover Bundoran website and social media</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing management of <a href="http://www.discoverbundoran.com">www.discoverbundoran.com</a> and social media channels.</li> <li>• Following blog plan for 2019.</li> <li>• Following social media vision for 2019.</li> <li>• Regular posting/scheduling of content and video on Facebook page.</li> <li>• Cross promotion to our other social media channels.</li> <li>• Regular Friday “What’s on” video produced and delivered on Facebook/Twitter/You Tube continues. This appears at 11am each Friday.</li> <li>• Ongoing updating of website with event/gig guide listings.</li> <li>• Discover Bundoran Facebook page and other social media channels continues to grow. Facebook page has now surpassed 14,000 followers.</li> <li>• “Bundoran Weekly” podcast continues to attract new listeners and can be streamed/downloaded wherever podcasts are available.</li> <li>• Video highlights of St Patrick’s Day received 3.5k views in 12 hours.</li> </ul> <p><u>Marketing of Bundoran Waterworld &amp; Bundoran Seaweed Baths</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working through the marketing plan for 2019.</li> <li>• New Season starts on Good Friday April 19<sup>th</sup> at 12pm.</li> <li>• Radio ads voiced and produced for distribution.</li> </ul> <p><u>Management and Staffing of Bundoran Tourist Office</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 x TUS employee, 1 x volunteer. (1 new Tus employee starting April 2<sup>nd</sup>)</li> <li>• Rostering</li> <li>• Office remains open 7 days per week</li> <li>• Quieter during the week but still a good number of visitors around.</li> </ul>
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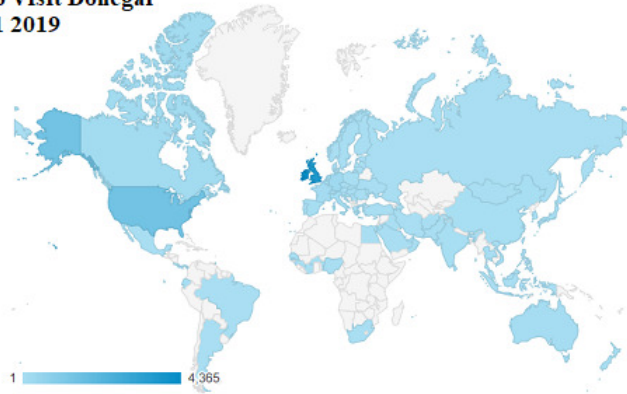
**Municipal District: Countywide**

**Activity / Project Update – March 2019**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	Website updates - Go Visit Donegal - Donegal Gathering
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<p><b>Go Visit Donegal</b> GoVisitDonegal.com is County Donegal’s Tourism Destination portal. The GoVisitDonegal website provides information on accommodation, festivals and events, visitor attractions, blue flag beaches and travel information. The website is free for service providers to register and promote their business.</p> <p><b>Donegal Gathering</b> – this platform is not only for professional acts but goes right down to the community level providing local festival &amp; events organisers with the opportunity to promote their events free of charge on the <a href="http://www.donegalgathering.com">www.donegalgathering.com</a> website to reach local, national and international audiences. - events (incl. short description, image or a poster) can be submitted via email to: <a href="mailto:igalawne@donegalcoco.ie">igalawne@donegalcoco.ie</a> or via Contact Us section on the website: <a href="https://donegalgathering.com/contact-us-2/">https://donegalgathering.com/contact-us-2/</a></p>
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	N/A
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status</b>	<p><b>Go Visit Donegal website performance – Q1 2019</b></p> <p>All time website Views: 1,543,746 All time Users: 404,823</p> <p><b>Q1 2019 (as of 25.03.2019)</b></p> <p>Website Views: 32,884 Users: 11,093</p> <p><u>Website Traffic – Top 10 countries</u></p>



**Go Visit Donegal  
Q1 2019**



Website traffic came from **86 countries** worldwide.

**Donegal Gathering website performance – Q1 2019**

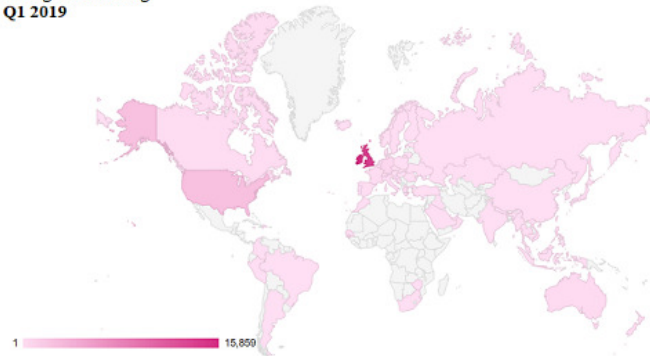
All Time Website views: 960,421  
All Time Users: 427,993

Q1 2019 (as of 25.03.2019)

Website Views: 33,921  
Users: 17,722

Website Traffic – Top 10 countries

**Donegal Gathering  
Q1 2019**



Website traffic came from **81 countries** worldwide.

**Upcoming changes**

The govisitdonegal.com website is currently undergoing a redevelopment. The website is expected to go live by 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019. Festivals and Events that are currently listed on the donegalgathering.com website are going to be merged as part of the new Go Visit Donegal website. As a result, the Donegal Gathering website will be gradually phased out and traffic will be redirected to the Event section of the Go Visit Donegal page.

**Project Targets for the next reporting period**

Website stats update for the month of April 2019


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**ENVIRONMENT MD REPORT – April 19**


**WASTE AND LITTER MANAGEMENT**


**Municipal District: All**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	#Big Donegal Clean Up '19
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	 <p>Community Clean-ups are well underway county-wide. Applications for clean-up equipment are available through the Council offices and on-line. We are encouraging as many groups as possible to promote their clean-up through DCC social media and by sending in photographs and details so we can also promote through the Council's website.</p> <p>For more information or to apply for equipment for #Big Donegal Clean Up '19 contact your local Council office or Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer on 074 91 53900 or by email at <a href="mailto:suzannebogan@donegalcoco.ie">suzannebogan@donegalcoco.ie</a>.</p>
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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Clean &amp; Green Awards 2018</b>
<b>Project Description/ Activity</b>	 <p>Five Tidy Town Committees in Donegal were honoured at a special event in the County House in Lifford on 1st April, 2019 when they were awarded the 'Clean &amp; Green Awards 2018' from Donegal County Council.</p> <p>These awards are aimed at recognising groups that have achieved high scores in the following three categories of the National Tidy Towns competition: Tidiness &amp; Litter Control; Approach Roads, Streets and Lanes and; Sustainability – 'Doing more with less'.</p> <p>The following groups received an award of €500 as they came out tops in these categories in the national competition for their own municipal district – Doochary, Donegal Town, Carraig Airt, Castlefinn and Malin. Donegal Town also received the overall County Award worth €1,000.</p>
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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Anti- Dumping Initiative 2019</b>
<b>Project Description/ Activity</b>	<p>The Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment launched the 2019 Anti-Dumping Initiative project on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March in Dublin.</p> <p>The Programme for Government contains a specific commitment to work with local authorities to tackle the problem of illegal dumping and to develop effective deterrents to discourage people from engaging in this anti-social behaviour. In accordance with this commitment, the Department developed an Anti-Dumping Initiative to work in partnership with local authorities and community organisations in identifying high risk or problem areas, developing appropriate enforcement responses and carrying out clean-up operations.</p> <p>A regional workshop to discuss ideas and options for potential projects will be held with the Connacht Ulster WERLA Office in the coming weeks.</p>
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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>St. Patricks Day Parade – Environment Float</b>
<b>Project Description/ Activity</b>	<p>An environment themed float was entered into the St. Patricks Day parade in Letterkenny to raise awareness of marine plastics with the tag line <i>'Please Keep our Seas Plastic Free'</i>. The float was organised by the Litter Warden and Mobile Litter Unit and was very popular among spectators.</p> 
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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Household Food Waste Bin - update</b>
<b>Project Description/ Activity</b>	<p>Donegal County Council continue to support the roll out of the household food waste bins/caddies.</p> <p>It is estimated that approximately 3,000 food waste bins have been distributed to householders across the county to date. The roll out will continue over the coming weeks and months.</p> <p>The provision of this service will ensure that food waste material is diverted for composting or renewable energy.</p> 
<b>Contact Person</b>	Donna Maskery, Waste Enforcement Officer <a href="mailto:Dmaskery@donegalcoco.ie">Dmaskery@donegalcoco.ie</a>

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>IFFPG Farm Plastic Collections (Irish Farm Film Plastics Group)</b> <b>www.farmplastics.ie</b>																											
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<p>IFFPG have nearly completed their calendar of Bring Centres for the bring back of farm plastics for Donegal in 2019. See below a list of confirmed dates and locations. Farmers are reminded to bring their labels with the code when returning farm plastics.</p> <p>Charges are €20 per half tonne with the code and €85 per half tonne without the code.</p> <p>Types of materials collected are silage wrap and sheeting, large fertilisers bags (liners removed), small fertilisers and feed bags, plastic drums (triple rinsed), netting and twine.</p> <p>Products manufactured from farm plastics are refuse sacks, piping, damp proofing, garden furniture.</p>																											
<b>Budget</b>	Organised and advertised by IFFPG. Farmers are sent a text the week before and the collections are advertised in local IFA branches, the IFFPGon Farmers Journal and Agriland.																											
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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Litter Enforcement Figures 2019</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<p><b>Jan – March 2019</b></p> <p>Litter Fixed Penalty Notices Issued: 32</p> <p>Litter Fixed Penalty Notices Paid: 18</p>
<b>Contact Person</b>	<p>Matthew Byrne, Waste Regulation Officer</p> <p><a href="mailto:matthewbyrne@donegalcoco.ie">matthewbyrne@donegalcoco.ie</a></p>


## COASTAL MANAGEMENT

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Launch of pilot project to address cigarette litter on beaches.</b>
	
<b>Project Details</b>	<p>Plastic filled cigarette butts are the most littered item in the world, causing devastating consequences for marine wildlife.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cigarette butts account for 60% of all street litter in Dublin City</li> <li>• Cigarette related litter makes up over 50% of all litter items nationally.</li> <li>• Cigarette butts are not biodegradable.</li> </ul> <p>A pilot initiative was launched in Bundoran to address this marine litter issue. Donegal County Council, Bundoran Tidy Towns and Discover Bundoran in association with Clean Coasts, are eager to see a reduction in the amount of cigarette butts in the seaside town, particularly along the beach front and on the beach itself. They are encouraging smokers in Bundoran to vote with their cigarette butts following the installation of two new “ballot bins” at the sea front.</p> <p>The success of the pilot projects will be monitored with a view to rolling it out at other locations.</p>
<b>Contact Person</b>	David Friel 087 7801596

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>World Water Day.</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<b>Bundoran becomes Donegal's First Think Before You Flush Community on World Water Day.</b>
	
<b>Project Details</b>	<p>Clean Coasts in partnership with Irish Water and Donegal County Council are running Think Before You Flush, a campaign aiming to tackle the problem of sewage related litter on Ireland's beaches. It is a public awareness campaign about the problem sanitary products and other items can cause in our marine environment and our waste water systems if they are flushed down the toilet.</p> <p>Not only does this campaign aim to raise awareness at a national level, there is also a strong emphasis on empowering communities directly to tackle the issues caused by sewage related litter.</p> <p>Bundoran became Donegal's first Think Before You Flush community, joining 14 other communities around the country.</p> <p>The success of the pilot projects will be monitored with a view to rolling it out at other locations across the county.</p>
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<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<b>Letterkenny Clean Coasts Roadshow</b>
	<div style="text-align: center;"> <p>CLEAN COASTS PRESENTS</p>  <p><b>ROADSHOW</b></p> <p><b>Bringing the Coast to Letterkenny</b></p> <p>Clean Coasts have teamed up with the Coastal Warriors to bring you the Clean Coasts Roadshow. It promises to be a morning of engagement in issues affecting our coast, what we can do to protect it, biodiversity and the power of community action.</p> <p><u>Included:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beckey-Finn Britton, Clean Coasts Officer with An Taisce, will discuss the Clean Coasts programme and steps to protecting our coast.</li> <li>• Rathmullan Green Coasts and Coastal Warriors on the power of working together to create change</li> <li>• Interactive exploration of seaweeds and shells found everyday on our beaches.</li> <li>• Launch of Coastal Warriors' marine litter information display.</li> <li>• Discussions over refreshments.</li> </ul> <p><b>11 am to 12:30 pm on Thursday 14th March 2019 upstairs in The Poppyseed Bakery and Café</b></p> <p>Contact Beckey-Finn on 087 414 8735 or <a href="mailto:bfbritton@eeu.antaisce.org">bfbritton@eeu.antaisce.org</a> to RSVP or for more information.</p> <p>With special thanks to Donegal County Council and the Central Library</p>    <p><a href="http://www.cleancoasts.org">www.cleancoasts.org</a></p> </div> 
<b>Project Details</b>	<p>A very successful Clean Coasts Roadshow was held in Letterkenny with An Taisce on March 14<sup>th</sup>. This was a free event for coastal communities which aimed to bring together all those with an interest in protecting their local beaches, seas and marine life. The packed Roadshow event was a mix of talks and workshops covering topics such as biodiversity, dune systems, marine litter, wildlife, sustainable developments, work by local groups and organisations, etc.</p>
<b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	<p>David Friel  087 7801596</p>

<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<b>Pilot Community Toilet Scheme launched in Twin Towns</b>
	
<b>Project Details</b>	<p>The Balor Arts Centre is the first business to sign up to the new pilot Community Toilet Scheme launched by Donegal County Council. This new scheme is about ensuring that clean, safe and easily accessible toilets are available to the public at no cost. In turn, participating businesses are paid an annual fee by Donegal County Council based on the facilities they have available. This scheme is being piloted by Donegal County Council in the Ballybofey/Stranorlar Twin Towns area and the aim is to increase the number of toilet facilities available to members of the public by working in partnership with local businesses across the county.</p> <p>Other businesses, community organisations and premises in the Twin Towns are now enquiring and following in the footsteps of the Balor and signing up to the scheme.</p>
<b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	David Friel 087 7801596

**CLIMATE CHANGE**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Climate Change Adaptation Strategy - Update</b>
<b>Project Description/ Activity</b>	<p>Donegal County Council is working on the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and the required Action List.</p> <p>Strategic Environment Assessment (SEA) consultants will begin work on screening the documents and have three weeks to carry out their work once they receive the Action List from Donegal County Council.</p> <p>The aim is that all Local Authorities in the Connacht Ulster Region go to Public Consultation in May / June 2019 for a 6 week period, to make the required revisions based on the submissions, and present it to the Council at the July meeting.</p> <p>The strategy will be returned, with adjustments following Public Consultation to the council for adoption at the September meeting.</p> <p>The Climate Action Regional Office Atlantic Seaboard North based in Mayo County Council are drafting guidelines on the Public Consultation.</p>
<b>Contact Person</b>	Éadaoin Healy <a href="mailto:eadaoin.healy@donegalcoco.ie">eadaoin.healy@donegalcoco.ie</a>

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**9<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

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<b>3</b>	<b>Notes &amp; Monthly Schedule</b>	<p><u>Planning Clinics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10<sup>th</sup> April</li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> May</li> <li>• 15<sup>th</sup> May</li> <li>• 29<sup>th</sup> May</li> </ul> <p>Please see website for further dates.</p>								
<b>4</b>	<b>Matters Arising from previous workshop</b>	<p>Agents workshops are currently being arranged with a provisional date of the 12<sup>th</sup> April identified for the first in a series of such events. Invitations are being prepared for issuing over the next few days and work is underway on a structure for the workshop that will facilitate a two-way conversation on the day.</p>								
<b>5</b>	<b>Central Planning Unit</b>									
	(1) Letterkenny Local Area Plan	<p>At the Letterkenny MD workshop on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019 it was decided to defer the discussion in relation to the Local Area Plan. A further workshop was agreed for the morning of Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April in Letterkenny PSC commencing at 9am and concluding by lunchtime. The ongoing work in relation to the Plan will be set out at the April workshop and this will include preliminary land use options.</p> <p>For information, ongoing work and discussion continues across a range of areas including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Assessment of 90 land areas in relation to readiness and appropriateness for development including neighbourhood assessment.</li> <li>▪ Recommendations in relation to identified conflicts between land use zoning and areas of flood risk.</li> <li>▪ Next steps in relation to land use provision for education following consultation with local schools and the Department of Education and Skills.</li> <li>▪ Ongoing engagement with Road Design and the local roads team in relation to accessibility and movement within</li> </ul>								

	<p>the town, inclusive of the provision of strategic routes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Preliminary engagement with TII in relation to lands at Carnamuggagh and Knocknamona.</li> <li>▪ Engagement with Development Management RE: relevant current planning applications and pre-planning enquiries.</li> <li>▪ Dissemination of a now up-to-date planning query.</li> <li>▪ Coordination with the preliminary work of the Regeneration Team in relation to inception of masterplanning under URDF.</li> <li>▪ Coordination with parallel work being undertaken within the Central Planning Unit in relation to derelict sites.</li> </ul>
(2) Local Area Plans	<p><b>Commencement of Local Area Plans for Buncrana and Bundoran</b></p> <p><u>Local Area Plan for Buncrana.</u> The timeline for the commencement of the public consultation period and preparation of the Plan for Buncrana has been amended slightly as a result of short term demands on current resources. Originally it was intended that public consultation events would be held during March 2019 in Buncrana both by way of a public drop event and a public workshop. However it is now likely to be somewhat later than indicated. In the interim, land use surveying in the town, mapping, detailed back ground work and analysis on the preparation of the plan is still very much underway to inform both the consultation and plan making process. Ongoing consultation is being carried out with internal staff and external agencies and detailed progress is being made. Notification and advertising for the rescheduling of the public consultation events will issue in due course.</p> <p><u>Local Area Plan for Bundoran</u> A workshop was held with the Donegal MD Members in relation to Bundoran on the 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019. The Workshop covered the statutory context, content and framework within which the Bundoran Local Area Plan shall be prepared.</p> <p>A focus for the consideration of particulars of the plan was discussed including; town renewal and regeneration, tourism, urban realm, infrastructural servicing, residential land supply and the local environment amongst others.</p> <p>Work is ongoing on the preparation of the Plan including the following:</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site survey work</li> <li>• Cross-directorate consultation</li> <li>• Identification of derelict sites and vacant sites</li> <li>• Preliminary dialogue with Stakeholders</li> <li>• Preparation of materials for the formal public participation process</li> <li>• Town Centre Health Check</li> <li>• Commencement of Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessments</li> </ul> <p>Members were advised that they will be kept up-to-date with any notification of the proposed timelines for the preparation of the Plan.</p>
	<p>(2) Ongoing Town &amp; Village Renewal Programme (2016) projects</p>	<p>Funded under the Town and Village Renewal Programme 2016, and following initial engagement with the town committees, the preparation of (i) a Design Guide for Ballyshannon and (ii) an Action Plan for the Renewal and Regeneration of Ramelton are currently being further advanced as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Ballyshannon Design Guide is now nearing completion and an event has been organised to mark the launch of this Guide. The Guide will be available online in the coming weeks and the launch will take place in Dorrian's Imperial Hotel on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm. The event will be opened by the Mayor of Donegal Municipal District, Councillor Michael Naughton followed by a short presentation on the guide itself by Mr Duncan McClaren, Dedalus Architecture. This Guide will provide technical assistance to those working in the construction industry, Planners, Architects, Property owners and those with an interest in conserving and restoring the historic built fabric of Ballyshannon.</li> <li>▪ Duncan McLaren of Dedalus Architecture is continuing the work to prepare the Ramelton Action Plan for Renewal and Regeneration including identification of proposals for enhancement of civic and public space. An updated timeline for the Action Plan is being currently prepared with a target of pre-summer period for delivery.</li> </ul>
	<p>(3) Hericoast Project</p>	<p>Two of the seven partners, Norway and the Basque Country (a total of 6 delegates) involved in the HERICOAST project were in Donegal on the 26th and 27th March, having obtained additional EU Interreg funding as part of Phase 2 of the</p>

		<p>project.</p> <p>Norway secured the funding to undertake a Seascape Character Assessment akin to that prepared by Donegal County Council, and which has been uploaded as a Best Practice example onto the EU Interreg Website. The purpose of the visit was to learn in more detail the methodology used in Donegal to undertake and inform the Seascape Character Assessment of the Vest-Agder Region of Norway.</p> <p>The Basque Region of Spain also secured funding under phase 2 of the project to learn in more detail how the evidence based assessment developed by Donegal County Council is being used to inform projects and plans, and thereby fully explain the process and functionality of the SCA and how this has informed further actions in Donegal.</p> <p>The 6th HERICOAST steering group meeting was held on the 3rd April in Amsterdam; all of the partners discussed, inter alia, monitoring of their Action Plans, deadlines, and budgets for the next semesters of the project. The funded pilot project undertaken by Norway and the Basque Region using Donegal's Seascape Character Assessment as a best practice trans-regional project, and as a basis for imminent projects in their region was also discussed.</p> <p>Donegal presented an update on the progress within the County during the previous semesters, ongoing work and the planned work going forward. This was discussed and agreed among the partner regions.</p>
5	<p><b>Further Information</b> <i>Click on web links to access information.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly List of applications and decisions: <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weeklyplanninglists/">http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weeklyplanninglists/</a></li> <li>• Planning service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service): <a href="mailto:planning@donegalcoco.ie">planning@donegalcoco.ie</a></li> <li>• Planning Webpage: <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/">www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/</a></li> <li>• Planning Application Online Query – planning reference number required: <a href="http://www.donegalcdb.ie/eplan/internetenquiry/rpt_querybysurforrecloc.asp">www.donegalcdb.ie/eplan/internetenquiry/rpt_querybysurforrecloc.asp</a></li> <li>• File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and when requesting planning searches: <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/fileretrieval/File%20Retrieval.pdf">www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/fileretrieval/File%20Retrieval.pdf</a></li> </ul>





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**Activity / Project Update: April 2019**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>PLAYGROUNDS MAINTENANCE 2018/2019</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<p><b>Annual maintenance of Playgrounds</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Waterworld, Bundoran</li> <li>2. St. John Bosco, Donegal Town</li> <li>3. Killybegs</li> <li>4. Westend, Bundoran</li> <li>5. Kilcar</li> <li>6. Mall Park, Ballyshannon</li> </ol>
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	<b>€14,731.44 incl. VAT</b>
<p><b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b></p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<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>• Annual Rospa Inspection Reports have been completed with necessary repairs identified.</li> <li>• Tender requests issued on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2018 with a closing date of 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2018.</li> <li>• Tenders assessed December 2018.</li> <li>• Annual Maintenance Tender awarded to Murphy Playground Services Ltd.</li> <li>• Contractor has commenced works on the various playgrounds</li> </ul>
<p><b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b></p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All works to be completed by June 2019.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i></p>	<p>Eamon Boyle Executive Engineer Community &amp; Planning Services Three Rivers Centre Tel: 087-1788623 E-mail: eamonb@donegalcoco.ie</p>



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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>T&amp;V 2017 - Dunkineely</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Commission of L.A. Plan, Health Check and</li><li>2. Refurbishment of Dunkineely Community Centre</li></ol>
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€100,000 – Department of Arts, Heritage & Gaeltacht Affairs € 25,000 – Own Resources
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>	<p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All refurbishment works in the Dunkineely Community Centre are complete.</li><li>• The Health Check has been finalised and approved by the DCL.</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>• All elements of the project are complete.</li></ul>
<b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	Eamon Boyle Executive Engineer Community & Planning Services Three Rivers Centre Tel: 087-1788623 E-mail: eamonb@donegalcoco.ie



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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>T&amp;V 2017 - Kilcar</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	3. Development of a Gaeltacht Digital Hub
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€42,000 – Department of Arts, Heritage & Gaeltacht Affairs €10,500 – Own Resources
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fionntarlann Cill Chartha has finalising the detail of the project and procuring contractors / suppliers to undertake the work.</li><li>• Procurement of equipment, furniture, doors etc., been completed.</li><li>• Doors installation works completed.</li><li>• Procurements are underway for the other elements of the project.</li><li>• Works currently ongoing.</li></ul>
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<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	The majority of the work is complete but the remaining painting works due to be complete in early April.
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	Eamon Boyle Executive Engineer Community & Planning Services Three Rivers Centre Tel: 087-1788623 E-mail: eamonb@donegalcoco.ie



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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>T&amp;V 2017 - Mountcharles</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	4. Enhancement of the Streetscape.
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€100,000 – Department of Arts, Heritage & Gaeltacht Affairs € 25,000 – Own Resources
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Paul Doherty Architects has been procured to manage the project on behalf of the Committee.</li><li>• Contractors have been procured to complete the works on the streetscape including painting of a number of derelict buildings.</li><li>• Works are currently ongoing.</li></ul>
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	All works due to be complete by end April 2019.
<b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	Eamon Boyle Executive Engineer Community & Planning Services Three Rivers Centre Tel: 087-1788623 E-mail: eamonb@donegalcoco.ie



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**Activity / Project Update: April 2019**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>T&amp;V Renewal Scheme 2018 – Donegal Town</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Enhancements & Development Works  <b>Works consists of:</b>  5. Provision of a footpath 6. Provision of lining trail markings 7. Installation of interpretative panels
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€100,000 – Department of Rural & Community Development € 25,000 – Own Resources
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>	<u>Current Status:</u>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An 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>• It is expected that a Letter of Offer will issued to the Group in early April.</li></ul>
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	
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**Activity / Project Update: March 2019**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>T&amp;V 2018 – Killybegs</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Enhancement of Streetscape  Works consist of: ➤ Street Furniture ➤ Information Panels / Directional Signage ➤
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€100,000 – Department of Rural & Community Development € 25,000 – Own Resources
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An 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>• A location for the 'Food Hub' is currently being secured which will allow works to commence.</li><li>• LOO issued at the end of March</li></ul>
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	
<b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	Eamon Boyle Executive Engineer Community & Planning Services Three Rivers Centre Tel: 087-1788623 E-mail: eamonb@donegalcoco.ie

**19<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**Mr. Alex Reid,  
Rossylongan,  
Donegal Town,  
Donegal P.O.,  
Co. Donegal.**

**Re: Request for Deputation from residents of Rossylongan,  
Drimark and adjacent townlands**

**Dear Mr. Reid,**

I refer to previous correspondence, on behalf of the above group, in relation to your request that a deputation attend a meeting of the **Municipal District of Donegal in April 2019.**

I wish to confirm that the Members have agreed to your request and will receive your deputation at their April meeting which will be held on **Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019**, in the Peter Kennedy Chamber, Donegal Public Services Centre, Donegal Town.

In the meanwhile I set out hereunder, for your information, an extract from the Municipal District of Donegal Standing Orders in relation to the attendance of a deputation,

### **Deputations**

- 55. The Municipal District members may by resolution decide to receive a deputation. Subject to the direction of the Cathaoirleach, up to a maximum of three (3) persons may speak on behalf of the deputation for not more than fifteen (15) minutes, unless permitted by the Cathaoirleach.**

**Request for a deputation to be heard by the Municipal District members shall not be considered unless the subject matter to be raised be notified, in writing, on the motion of a Municipal District member, or**



direct application by the body concerned, is sent to the Meetings Administrator at least fourteen (14) clear days before the date of the meeting.

The deputation may only be questioned by Municipal District members but shall not be entitled to ask questions.

When the members of a deputation have addressed the meeting, they shall withdraw from the meeting.

The Municipal District members may, by resolution, decide to receive a deputation without notice, provided three quarters (rounded up) of the members present vote for the resolution.

Please arrange to be in attendance on the **morning of the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 11.15 am**. Please also let me know the names of the three persons who will be speaking on behalf of the deputation.

If you have any documentation you wish to have circulated to Members in advance of the meeting, please forward same by e-mail to [enda.monaghan@donegalcoco.ie](mailto:enda.monaghan@donegalcoco.ie) and I will arrange for this.

If you have any queries in relation to this matter, please contact Enda Monaghan on 0749724401.

I look forward to seeing you on the day.

Yours sincerely,

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**Pauric Sheerin,**  
**Area Manager**  
**Municipal District of Donegal**  
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## **Submission from Rossylongan, Drimark and adjoining townlands MD Donegal of the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

In this deputation we are looking for a roundabout on the main road from Donegal Town to Mountcharles (N 56 ) where it intersects with the bye road to Drimark and other townlands on the right and the bye road to Rossylongan/Ballyweel and other townlands on the left , that is as one travels in the Mountcharles direction from Donegal Town.

The bye road to Drimark is along side Herron Auto Garage with the bye road to Rossylongan/Ballyweel a few yards away from Herron Auto Garage on the opposite side of the main road.

There is an old derelict building ( formerly Begley family home) and land owned by Donegal County Council in this area. A new house was built by Donegal Co. Co. for the Begley family when this main road was re-aligned some years ago.

At that time there were plans for a bye pass along the old railway line from Donegal Town to Mountcharles through the old railway cottage at Drimark and exiting at Cathal Herrons old garage at Eddrim Glebe. But apparently the existing main road was re -aligned instead. If this bye pass had gone ahead it would have eliminated traffic in the area we are now talking about.

### **DRIMARK AND SURROUNDING AREA**

Speaking for the Drimark and surrounding area I contend that:

The main road from Donegal Town to the South West of the County is now a very busy road with traffic.

It is the main gateway to the South West of the County to towns like Killybegs, Kilcar, Carrick, Glencolmcille , Dungloe etc. and further afield.

There is a lot of HGV ( heavy goods vehicle) traffic on this road due to the fishing port and factories in Killybegs etc.

The wild atlantic way and Slieve League has also created much traffic especially during the holiday season.

As one approaches the main road from the Drimark area , there is traffic coming from Mountcharles direction on your right and Donegal Town direction on your left. Traffic is also exiting from the Rossylongan/Ballyweel area on the far side of the road a short distance to the right.

Traffic from the Drimark area can be exiting onto the main road to the left and to the right at the one time, as there is room for this at the mouth of the junction.

There can be traffic stopped in the centre lane waiting to turn into Drimark and similarly traffic from Mountcharles side in the centre lane waiting to turn to Rossylongan/Ballyweel.

This results in a large gathering of traffic at these junctions and so good judgement is needed at times when entering Drimark or exiting from Drimark at this junction.  
( Similar from Rossylongan/Ballyweel junction)

The centre lane for traffic turning into Drimark is narrow and when traffic is passing on your left along with traffic coming from Mountcharles direction on your right, it is similar to being in a wind tunnel especially when HGV (heavy goods vehicles) are involved of which there are plenty on this stretch of road.

Drimark is a built up area with approximately 60 homes within a kilometre of this junction using this junction everyday. This does not include the wider surrounding area using the junction.

Entrance to the rear of Herron Auto, Aistree Garden Centre, Rory's Auto Factors, Garage and other Offices at the rear of Rory's Auto Factors is mainly via the Drimark Road.

I believe that a roundabout on the main road using the Council's lands incorporating the Rossylongan/Ballyweel by road and Drimark by road is needed in the interest of safety. As already stated good judgement is required at this junction especially when a large volume of traffic accumulates. It would only take one slight error by some driver to cause a major accident.

There is no doubt that traffic on this road will increase year by year.

Tom Lyons

Drimark, Donegal Town 07/04/2019



## Donegal Municipal District - 9th April 2019 Motions

**Agenda Item No.7**

Office Ref:DLMD-2019-03001

**Submitted By:** Cllr. Noel Andrew Jordan

**Assigned To:** Roads and Transportation

**Motion** "I'm calling on this municipal to seek the necessary funding for a footpath from the small pier to the big pier on the shore road mountcharles "

**Signed Off By:** MARK SWEENEY

**Response:** If this motion is adopted then specific funding will be necessary to facilitate the works associated with the provision of a footpath along the section of road identified. The section of road in question is 1.66km long and there is insufficient width along approximately half the length of this road to facilitate a footpath. It is likely that the following will be necessary to accommodate these works: 1. Land acquisition to acquire lands necessary to facilitate the construction. 2. Extensive accommodation works will be necessary as new stone walls will have to be rebuilt along the new land take line. 3. Alterations will be required to the location of the existing crash barrier. 4. The provision of fencing along the outside of the footpath that is suitable for a marine environment in an area that is prone to storm surges. 5. Detailed design will be necessary to determine the extent of the works necessary and land take required. 6. Part 8 Planning will be necessary given the length and likely cost of this development. A cost estimate can only be provided after the detailed design stage and extent of the works has been determined.